

# **St. Mary High School, Durgapur**

## *Annual School Report 2024-25*

**When you focus on being a blessing, God makes sure that you are blessed in abundance.**

A heart filled with aspirations is all that we knew since the very existence of the school and that's what gave us the ambition of marching forward till excellence is achieved in all our endeavours.

It is the changes that we all go through our lives that constantly improve us. We acknowledge the Almighty lord for giving us strength in fulfilling our objectives to upgrade the level of school's standard for handling over the children and guiding all of us to establishing an educational Hub.

St. Mary High School has been stepping from success to success all through the years. The session 2024-25 is a year of progress and achievements. The school is continuously growing from strength to strength since its inception in 1982. It has witnessed an improvement in its infrastructural facilities, academic standards, quality of teaching and learning, assessment pattern and enrolment. We are committed to make our students confident and responsible citizens of the country and promoting their holistic development in all spheres.

This report is a sincere attempt to showcase our progress in terms of achievements and activities during the year and also set the goals to execute in coming years.

We set standards and goals for ourselves and strive to achieve them – be it in the area of academics, sports, discipline, leadership and more.

### **Infrastructure and facilities :**

**We shape our buildings; thereafter they shape us.**

Our prestigious institution St. Mary High School is established in well developed region, crafting and educationally enriching environment, with 978 students, 38 teaching staff and 9 non-teaching staff. Our infrastructure consists of three-storied building with 27 classrooms. We reconstructed massive entrance gate for the school as well as we constructed a beautiful play garden for our pre-primary kids in the session.

We have upgraded facilities including Physics lab, Chemistry lab, Bio lab and Computer lab with internet facilities, a fully equipped library, and play ground facility for the Pre-primary, primary and high school students, hygienic atmosphere with an uninterrupted supply of drinking water and well-maintained toilets for boys and girls.

E-learning is important and essential component in today's education. Under the smart class project, we have converted our all classes into digitally smart classes and introduced Extra marks also, which enables the teaching-learning process both interesting and interactive. In this academic session we purchased 5 LED panels for the pre-primary and high school with Extra Mark teaching content. Also we could show teaching content from You Tube as high speed internet 5G connection is available now in the school.



### **Staff Development :**

***"It's the teacher that makes the change, not the mere classroom".***

SMS family consists of well-trained, experienced and dedicated teaching staff, administrative staff and supporting staff. Staying updated is the key to success in any field especially in the field of education. Our teachers including our Principal



constantly strive to stay updated by undergoing a process of continuous development by undertaking a number of training sessions on different portals of CBSE, organized by COE Pune as well as on DIKSHA platform. Our teachers are attending online and offline training courses to stay updated. They are always eager to learn and accept the recent trends in education and ensure maximum learning outcomes.

Regular staff meetings are conducted to evaluate our quality of performance and plan for the future with more innovative methods of teaching and learning programs.

**Success and achievement of SSC :**

**"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do." —Pelé**

Achieving academic excellence is at the heart of our endeavor as educators. Academic achievements reflect a demonstrated ability to perform to the best of one's ability by developing one's intellectual potentials and skills with diligence and ardors.

Our school is committed to the pursuit of knowledge and the service of truth and justice.

Excellence in academics is the hallmark of any good institution and CBSE class 10th result of the school prove without any doubt that our students made us proud.

Following are the rank holders of academic year 2021-22:

<b>Mas. Durvesh N. Chitade</b>	<b>- 94.2%</b>	<b>- I</b>
<b>Mas. Rehan B. Ansari</b>	<b>- 94%</b>	<b>- II</b>
<b>Mas. Uwaish S. Sheikh</b>	<b>- 94%</b>	<b>- II</b>
<b>Mas. Vinayak V. Maske</b>	<b>- 93.4%</b>	<b>- III</b>

Following are the rank holders of academic year 2022-23:

<b>Mas. Pushpendra Awari</b>	<b>- 91%</b>	<b>- I</b>
<b>Miss. Rutuja</b>	<b>- 88%</b>	<b>- II</b>
<b>Mas. Piyush Biswas</b>	<b>- 87%</b>	<b>- III</b>

Following are the rank holders of academic year 2023-24

<b>Mas. David Gawande</b>	<b>-92.6%</b>	<b>- I</b>
<b>Mas. Parth Chamate</b>	<b>-92.4%</b>	<b>- II</b>
<b>Mas. Ritwik Bisane</b>	<b>-92.4%</b>	<b>- II</b>
<b>Miss. Tanvi Pohankar</b>	<b>- 91.2%</b>	<b>- III</b>

**Reopening Day :**

***"You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great."***

The school reopened on 1st April for the session 2024-25, students entered the schooling phase of their lives with much hope & aspiration to revive again after long and rejuvenating summer break. In order to welcome children the school held a special prayer service in the church for every class. Special prayers were done for the progress and upliftment of the school. All were eager for the upcoming academic year and with new zeal and energy to shoulder new responsibilities.

Tiny tots wrote alphabets in rice as per Indian tradition which means a good start for their prosperous future.

**Scholastic and Co-scholastic functions:****School is a building which has four walls with tomorrow inside.**

We strive for the holistic development of our students. For this, students are evaluated on various parameters through oral and written Class tests, Activity tests and daily class performances throughout the term for all the subjects. Special emphasis is laid to enhance reading, writing and conversation skills in both English and Hindi. Various competitions such as Hindi and English Handwriting, Essay writing for High school, Story narration and Poetry recitation for Pre-primary and primary were organized to make the evaluation system more activity oriented. This way we are shifting our focus from rote learning to comprehensive learning.

In terms of Continuous Evaluation, Art and Craft competitions, Music and Dance Competitions, Sports activities are also used as an evaluation tool. The students also participated in various physical activities and are assessed by the teachers accordingly.

The academic session is divided into two terms:

I Term : June to October

II Term : November to April

Each child is assessed in both scholastic and co-scholastic areas. For the assessment of the scholastic areas, each term has two Periodical exams and Term exam.

Science, Maths and English and G.K. Olympiad are conducted every year and the students perform excellently. The main purpose behind this is to encourage students to participate in various competitive exams so as to improve their concentration, time management skills, sharpen their mental ability and problem solving techniques.

As per the CBSE circular for implementing Art Integrated learning for the students, a number of activities were planned and conducted for the students of classes I – X. In this academic year, as per the new CBSE guidelines, State of Orissa is integrated for the students of Maharashtra. These activities are a strong pedagogical tool for experiential and joyful learning in the Classroom.

**Parents' and Teachers' Association:**

A General Body Meeting of parents was held on a regular basis and new members of the PTA were nominated for the year 2024-25 Thereafter Parents'-Teachers' Executive Meeting was arranged to discuss about teaching learning process and smooth running of the institution. Also days are set apart for parent teacher interaction after the exams, in which parents are called class wise to meet the teachers.

### **School Houses and Clubs:**

***"Strength does not come from physical capacity, it comes from unity."***

The students of the school are divided into four different houses, Red, Blue, Green and Yellow. Each House is managed by Teachers and Students as House Leaders. The House on duty performs its duty of conducting the activities, competitions in systematic and disciplined manner.

Various Co-Curricular Activities are held under different Clubs to develop a child physically, morally, socially and mentally and to hone skills in co-scholastic areas. Regular Club Activities are held in which the students participate and display their caliber.

The different Clubs are Eco Club, Sports Club, Art and Cultural Club, Literary Club, Science Club and Maths Club.

### **Co-curricular activities and Celebrations:**

***"Life is a celebration. We just need persons to celebrate it."***

The school not only focuses upon the intellectual development of our future generation, but also takes care of their emotional and behavioral development in their early ages of development by inculcating sound moral values, responsibility and social awareness. And also to foster national integration, international understanding, religious and cultural awareness, various national, religious and cultural festivals and occasions were celebrated with due pomp and grandeur.



### **International Yoga Day:**

International Yoga Day was celebrated on June 21, 2024 to raise awareness about this ancient practice and to celebrate the physical and spiritual prowess that yoga has brought to the world. Students as well as teachers took part in this celebration and performed yoga under the guidance of Mr. Babuji Sonkar. The students were excited and took benefits of Yogasanas.

## **Vidyarambham:**

### **The Divine first letters to the world of knowledge**

Celebrating first step of the child in his journey towards school education, St. Mary High School on 4th July 2024 organized Vidyarambham Ceremony for tiny tots. Students with their parents were welcomed to the programme and the students were helped by the teachers to write the letters as the first step of Introduction to education.



## **Investiture Ceremony :**

**“Leadership is the capacity to translate the vision into reality”**



The Investiture Ceremony was celebrated in a befitting manner and responsibilities were given to all the elected students to develop the sense of Leadership. It was held in the school by conducting a small program. On this day the chief guest for the program was Mr. Prajyot Jagdish Punekar. The elected cabinet leaders took

the oath to fulfill their duties and responsibilities. Mas Dishant Khandalkar was elected as Head boy and Miss Parinita Gajbhiye as Head girl.

## **Feast Celebration:**

The Principal of St. Mary High School, Rev. Sr. Tomcy's feast was celebrated which included prayer service, various programs and distribution of sweets.



## **Rakhi Making Competition:**



With the view of Rakshabandhan occasion and to enhance creativity among the students, Rakhi Making Competition was organized in the school campus. The students participated with full enthusiasm and zeal and displayed their talents through their colorful Rakhis.

## **Independence Day :**

**Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it....**

**It flies with the last breadth of each soldier who died protecting it**

St. Mary High School celebrated 78th Independence Day, with great enthusiasm on 15th August 2023. The school campus was beautifully decorated with flags, festoons and balloons to commemorate the day. The tri-colour flag was unfurled by the honourable chief guest Mr Aizaaz Sheikh Principal of S P Law College. Cultural programme filled the entire area with Patriotic Spirit.



## **Clay Modeling Competition:**

Students participated with a lot of gaiety and enthusiasm in Clay Modeling Competition which was conducted in the school. Topic given to students were Lord Ganesha idol. The little hands worked smoothly and efficiently to fulfill their heart's desires

and fantasies. They pounded, squeezed, rolled and blended the clay to make some unique and amazing creations.

## **Janmashtami festival**

As lord Krishna is loved world wide, we arranged dahi handi for the students of our school. Tiny tots came feully dressed as Radha and Krishna which made us believe in the cultural diversity of our country.



## **Pola Celebration**

On the occasion of Tanha- Pola, students of class 1 and class 2, decorated themselves as farmers and brought Nandi bail fully decorated and added colours to the celebration.

### Teacher's Day:

**It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.”**

To pay tribute to Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan on his birthday, school celebrated Teacher's Day. Small function was organized by the high school students to show respect and love for their beloved teachers.



### Hindi Diwas:

September 14 is the day to remember and honour the adoption of Hindi language as the language of the Indian masses. Our school celebrated this day by organizing programme and various competitions on this day as hindi handwriting competition, kavita

vachan spardha etc.

### Poshan aaahar :

Rashtriya Poshan Abhiyan', Our Prime Ministers' overarching Scheme for Holistic nourishments was celebrated by the students in the school. We have planned that every 3rd Saturday of the month will be celebrated as nutrition day. Students brought various healthy diet food in their Tiffin's just like fruits , sprouts, fermented foods and steam cooked food on the day.



The aim of this initiative is to have a unified comprehensive strategy to develop practices to nurture health and Wellness.

### **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat:**

As per CBSE protocols we also conducted 'EK Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' various activities for the students in our school. This programme aims to enhance interaction and promote mutual understanding between people of different states and Union Territories through the concept of state and UT pairing. The states carry out activities to promote a sustained and structured cultural connect in the areas of language learning, culture, traditions & music, tourism & cuisine, sports and sharing of best practices, etc. at present we are understanding the customs and traditions of Orissa state.



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### **Rally on cleanliness**



As per the CBSE guidelines the school arranged Rally and street play under the theme of cleanliness. Class 7 to class 10 students participated in the rally, made flex. Rally marched with slogans from St. Mary School to Kondi Urjanagar- Ambedkar chowk. Their the students performed street play also with a manifesto about conserving

natural resources, putting a ban to single use plastic, segregation of dry and wet waste etc.

### **Gandhi Jayanti:**

In memory of our great father of our nation, Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated to mark his birth anniversary with patriotic fervor. To imbibe the true meaning of the day and follow glorious trails of the noble soul towards evolving a peaceful and prosperous world, a special prayer service was organized by the teachers



and students. A cleaning drive was done in school campus by all the students under the guidance of their teachers as per the vision of Gandhiji.

### Diwali Celebration:



Our school kids enthusiastically took part in the Diwali celebrations. They demonstrated that ability and ingenuity know no bounds. Diwali celebrations in school began with a prayer to the almighty and a lovely idea that brought peace and love into our hearts and thoughts. Students discussed the significance of the celebration, how virtue has always triumphed over evil,

as well as the origins and traditions of Diwali in India. Rangoli Competition, lamp making competition was also arranged for the students of primary and high school students.

### Children's Day:

**“Children are the beautiful flowers of the school garden”.**

We celebrated the Children’s day on the Jayanti of Chacha Nehru, November 14. On this day teachers conducted assembly and entertained the students with variety of programs including songs, dance and comedy skit.



### Science Exhibition:

A science exhibition was held in our school on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Rev. Sr. Tomcy D.M inaugurated the exhibition. The exhibition was organized as part of their academic activity. The students of classes V to IX participated and displayed their innovative talents. The key objective was to bring out their hidden talents and creativity and with a focus on creating awareness on science and technology.

### **St. Mary's Day:**

We celebrated the feast of Immaculate Conception of our Patroness Mother Mary December 8 2022. Different programs were held based on the importance of the day. Rev. Fr. Denny David Chittilappilly was the guest of honor of this special day. Devotional song, dance, prayer service and speech by guest marked the day.



### **Christmas Celebration:**



Christmas brings cheer and love and we celebrated it with the same fervor, spreading the message of love and joy among our children. The school wore a festive look with bells, streamers and a beautifully decorated Christmas tree. This day we were honoured with the presence of Rev. Fr Boris, CMI as a chief guest of the programme. There was a carol, skit and dance presented by our students. At the end Christmas cakes were distributed to the students.

### **December is the season of Picnic's too.**

So Students Picnic and Excursion were arranged this month, to Shivthirth. It's a lovely place in the outskirts of Nagpur. It consists of water part, amusement park and so many other entertaining concepts, keeping in view the liking of the children. Class 1st to class 10th students enjoyed the trip. Kindergarten students went to Bhadrawati Water Park and enjoyed fully.



### **Vaccination:**

Our school organized a vaccination drive for the students falling in the age between 9 and 15 years in the school campus. The students were accompanied by their parents/ guardians. The school authorities took the parents' written consent before the shot as specified by the Central Government. Under the guidance of the local PHC, TD vaccine was given to the students of class IV and class X was administered.

## Sports:

***"All work and no play make Jack a dull boy"***

Sports competitions inculcate the spirit of positive challenges & sportsmanship among the students and prepare them for the life ahead. Sports, Games and Physical Fitness occupy a place of importance in our curriculum. Our students actively participated in different sports competitions.

Our students went for various District Level competitions, they are :

1. Chess.... We are the District level winner
2. Nehru Cup Hockey..... we are the District level runner up
3. Shot put (Athletics).... We are winner in Taluka Level
4. 200 Meter Running Race (Athletics)..... we are Taluka level winner.



## Charity:

***"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."***

As a Catholic School our mission is to support everyone in a Christ like way. Our students have a sense of compassion to those people who are less fortunate than them. They are not only taught to excel academically but also we try to mould them as socially sensitive human beings. To pay tribute to the philanthropic deeds of the great saint and social worker Mother Teresa, we celebrated 'Joy of Giving Week' with enthusiasm and benevolence by visiting a remote village in Chandrapur district 'UDIYATOLA'. The village has been adopted by the school management and like every year, this year too, students from different classes donated things of everyday use and stationery to the school students of the village as well as food items to the people from the school of Rs. 10000/-.

St. Mary's Church had organized Bhajan Competition, where the 2nd prize of Rs. 4500/- was given to the winner, in the loving memory of, Rev. Mother Mary Kallarackal , the Co-Foundress of the Daughters of Mary Congregation.



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Responding to our social conscience, we have been offering scholarships and fee concessions to our students from financially handicapped families and to the children of our staff. Within this one year, we provided scholarships and concessions to our students, amounting to Rs. 7,10,525/-. Our school also helped in constructing a house to a needy, incurring an amount of Rs 50000/-. Apart from this we spent an amount of Rs 25000/- in providing Medical Aid. Again we contributed to Natural Calamity Fund an amount of Rs 50000/-. Donated to Siktiya Hostel an amount of Rs 10000/-, and to Pro-life Rs 5000.

### **Renovation work**

Within this tenure, we constructed entrance gate, garden for our pre-primary, paved our playground with interlocking tiles, and completed painting of our school both inside and outside. Furthermore we covered the entire terrace with galvanized sheets; also we did repairing of third floor completely. Now, we started with the Lift construction as per directions of the CBSE Board.



### **Conclusion:**

**"Don't tell us sky is the limit when there are footprints on the moon"!**

Many milestones have been achieved and many still have to be reached. We at St. Mary High School will continue our unceasing efforts to mould the young minds into well balanced personalities with confidence and zeal befitting the standards of this portal of education and promise to commit ourselves to do our best at all times to honorably serve the institution. Here I conclude my report by entrusting our school into the divine hands of Mother Mary.

***"The capacity to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill; the willingness to learn is a choice".***

