

Government Model Sanskriti Sn. Sec. School, Sushant Lok, Gurugram

Govt. Model Sanskriti Sn. Sec. School, Sushant Lok -1, Sector 43, Gurugram was established in 2007 under the initiative of Haryana Government to provide quality education to the students (with nominal fees or no fees for classes 1-8). It is a co-educational English medium school which is now affiliated to CBSE (classes 6, 9 and 11). It has a beautiful campus of about 5 Acres, situated in the heart of Gurugram with ample greenery and open spaces.



Introduction of School

Name of School: Government Model Sanskriti Sn. Sec. School, Sushant Lok, Gurugram, Haryana

School location: Urban

School Type: Government

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Key challenges faced by school during lockdown (Covid 19) in the year 2020-2021

COVID-19-led lockdown in 2020-21 presented multiple challenges in education, for students, teachers, and parents. The key challenges faced by our school were-

- **The absence of human interaction and social connectivity** – The face-to-face school and social environment provided our children with the opportunity to engage with their classmates, and to sustain friendships outside of school contributing to their welfare and wellbeing. Today, many students find it challenging to sustain social interactions through the virtual mode.
- **Adapting to a changed home environment** as parents and their children work, study and play at home together.
- **Getting used to the norms of learning in a virtual setting**—establishing a daily routine, finding a quiet, undisturbed space for studying, keeping their systems on mute when participating in class, keeping their videos on, and learning how to be even more self-disciplined.
- **The temptations of virtual distractions** – the novelty of being connected online can distract children by prompting them to access other websites while attending their class.



- **Impact on child's health**— while we monitor the number of hours our children are exposed to 'screen time', many children spend more hours outside of the 'classroom' engaging with their friends, playing games online, interacting on social media. Such extended hours of screen time can result in various physical problems such as frequent headaches, bad posture and eye strain. Essential family agreements on how to be virtually are important.
- **Lack of physical exercise** – with school occurring virtually and buildings and societies locked down, many children no longer have access to physical exercise in the sports grounds as they did before.
- **Lack of access to Internet** services and electronic devices to view online content.

Innovations (along with teachers and community) brought about to ensure school functioning and student learning as a school leader

- To ensure school functioning and student learning our school was quick to implement new educational pedagogy — learning through digital means.
- In this situation, the teacher's role was challenging. Besides, teaching online, they also had to support students to complete assessments and tests. They stayed in constant touch with parents about their wards' progress through WhatsApp groups, and virtual parent-teacher meetings. This blurring of professional and personal boundaries took a toll but they got the opportunity to gain more knowledge and skills. Parents had to invest in seamless wi-fi connectivity and ensure that their children paid attention to classes. Even if students missed a session, teachers shared recorded sessions.
- The government has also encouraged digital learning through initiatives such as DIKSHA, eVidya, AVSAR, EduSAT. Students and parents were made aware and encouraged to use these digital platforms.
- Class WhatsApp groups
- Students Celebrating Yoga Day at home
- Online Activities and competitions



School and teachers collaborated with SMC, community members and parents/families to facilitate learning of students during lockdown

The Lockdown period during the Covid-19 Pandemic was completely unprecedented for everyone. During the lockdown virtual SMC meetings were conducted so that the school functioning is not hampered. Parents were told about the Covid appropriate behaviour and various precautions like physical distancing, emphasis on hygiene and sanitation that should be taken to keep Covid-19 infection away. We decided to involve the SMC and PTA for smooth conduct of online classes also. Virtual meetings of SMC members were conducted where

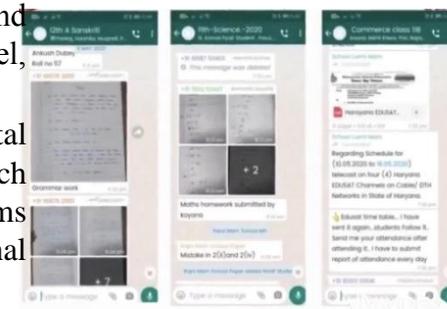


they were made aware of challenges faced by Teachers.

Parents were given complete information about ShikshaMitra Program and it helped students who did not have access to personal smartphones. The SMC actively participated in bringing awareness among other parents about how to manage the studies of students at home. PTMs were conducted on monthly basis online during Lockdown and offline when situation became normal.

Prepared the school to face the Covid 19 challenges in the year 2021-2022 and ensure student learning

- Formulation of academic calendar in the beginning of the session.
- Providing active support and guidance to the students. Regular Counselling of students is done to help them excel in academics and cope up with the anxiety and stress.
- Maintaining teachers' records like lesson plan, teacher's diary, students' attendance registers and students' progress efficiently at school level, periodically monitored by me.
- Online assessment of students, adoption of digital classrooms and use of ICT in teaching. Teachers teach online also with the help of various digital platforms like Google Classrooms, Zoom app, and personal YouTube channel.
- Active participation of students in community service an environmental safety through NSS, SPC, Scouts & Guide, Balikamanch and Eco-Club.
- Active involvement and participation of parents through PTA and SMC.
- Facilitating sports, yoga, and meditation to encourage healthy competition, character building, concentration and physical stamina in students. Every morning 100-120 students come for sports activities in school playground. Our school has India's second regular Baseball ground.
- The school is now affiliated to CBSE, so activities are conducted according to the CBSE guidelines and circulars
- In the current session the following facilities were introduced in school:
 - ✓ Establishment of 2 Smart classes for Science stream. We hope to convert all the classes into Smart classes as soon as possible.
 - ✓ Establishment of Capgemini Inno STE(A)M & Coding for Girls, Lab.
 - ✓ Establishment of a Multi-purpose hall.
 - ✓ Construction of classrooms on first floor of school building.



Plan to collaborate with SMC, community and parents/families to facilitate continuous learning of students in the year 2021-2022



Covid-19 pandemic was one such phase that provided us diverse experiences in various fields of life. We've learnt to learn new things, love and cherish simple things in life, hope for better future and be grateful to the Almighty for the life we are bestowed with. We are trying hard to make today better so that our students get a best tomorrow. We plan to take help of SMC and parents to overcome the hurdles caused by the Pandemic and ensure continuous learning of students. We hope to complete the construction of rooms and establishment of digital boards in all the classrooms by the end of this session. We are also following the mode of Hybrid Learning that ensures uninterrupted high quality learning for students in all circumstances. We hope that following the best practices in school we will take our students to such realms of knowledge where they not only make successful careers but also become good human beings and try to make this world a better place. It is well said that *“the best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today”*.