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**“THE WORLD WOULD ALAS BE SO
MUCH DULLER, IF WE WERE OF ONE
COLOUR ”**





From its inception in 1998, Akshar has had a unique approach towards learning. We dared to dream, with courage and confidence, of opening an ISC school that would provide a common platform for children with varying abilities and needs to grow together. 25% of seats are reserved for children with Additional Needs.

Akshar upholds diversity and inclusion, ensuring access to quality education for all students by effectively meeting their diverse needs in a way that is responsive, accepting, respectful and supportive.

Our School is a non-profit organization, run by the Rajpal Khullar Memorial Trust. Late Professor Yashpal, a doyen and visionary amongst scientists and academicians of our country, recipient of the Padma Bhushan award, also a National Research Professor, was the founder member of AKSHAR. He had been distinguished with India's second highest civilian honour Padma Vibhushan.

More than two decades after Akshar opened its doors the relevance of Prof. Yashpal's educational vision remains undiminished. His landmark 1993 report "Learning Without Burden" still remains the cornerstone of Akshar's education system.

National recognition for school's inclusive ethos



Akshar School has been conferred the prestigious "Inclusion Ke Sitaare" Award by the Jai Vakeel Foundation in collaboration with Arth, standing out among nearly 600 schools nationwide for its sustained commitment to inclusive education offered by a mainstream ICSE school.

This award was presented by actor Aamir Khan lending national significance to Akshar's achievement.

In a rapidly changing world shaped by AI, automation and relentless competition, the definition of success is undergoing a quiet but powerful shift. Academic excellence alone is no longer enough. Today's world demands emotional intelligence, empathy, adaptability, collaboration and ethical leadership. For 27



the "Buddy System". Both neurotypical and neurodiverse children grow up together learning that differences are not weaknesses but strengths that powers

ual attention, teachers are able to recognize not just academic potential but emotional, social and creative needs as well. Learning at Akshar extends far beyond textbooks.



Teacher Training Workshops- Empowering Educators, Inspiring Learners

Workshops for Teachers

- ▶ “Teaching and Practicing Language” conducted by Mini Joseph at the British Council.
- ▶ “Making independent learners” conducted by British Council which emphasized on ‘Task Based Learning’.
- ▶ ‘Teaching and Practicing language’ at the British council which aimed at teaching grammar in a more meaningful manner.
- ▶ “Developing Games and Sports” conducted by CISCE.
- ▶ Thriving With ADHD – A conference conducted by Manovikas Kendra on 10th Feb, 2026.
- ▶ “Enhancing Mental Health and Wellbeing in Schools” by the Teachers Centre.
- ▶ “History for Peace Conference” at The Tollygunge Club.



Workshops for Teachers

- ▶ “Spelling Workshop” for primary teachers.
- ▶ “Ethical dimensions of AI” organised by Teachers Centre.
- ▶ ELT Workshop on dynamic teaching by Madhuban.
- ▶ ADHD Awareness Workshop- An Outreach Program by Akshar
- ▶ Workshop by Anasuya Sirkar and Parijat Roy – “Economics of War with a Historical perspective”
- ▶ Wonders of Light and it's application. By our Physics teacher Mr. Sudip Ranjan Bose.
- ▶ Different teaching-learning methodology for Junior School.
- ▶ Workshop on “You Matter Too: A Teacher’s Journey To Self-Love & Boundaries” by Mrs. Neha Budhia.
- ▶ Using the Google Calendar to coordinate Teacher's activities in school





Hands-On Minds-On: Experiential Learning and Workshops For Students

Knowledge Capsule

A World of Wisdom

Using quizzing and stories to spark curiosity and inspire young minds, Knowledge Capsules, a Kolkata based education initiative founded by Mr Rajeev Poddar and Aditya Poddar, conduct quiz classes with interactive sessions every week in school and an on - line inter-school quiz is also held every Sunday.



Haldi Day Celebration



Pink Day Celebration



Hindi Diwas Celebration



Earth day



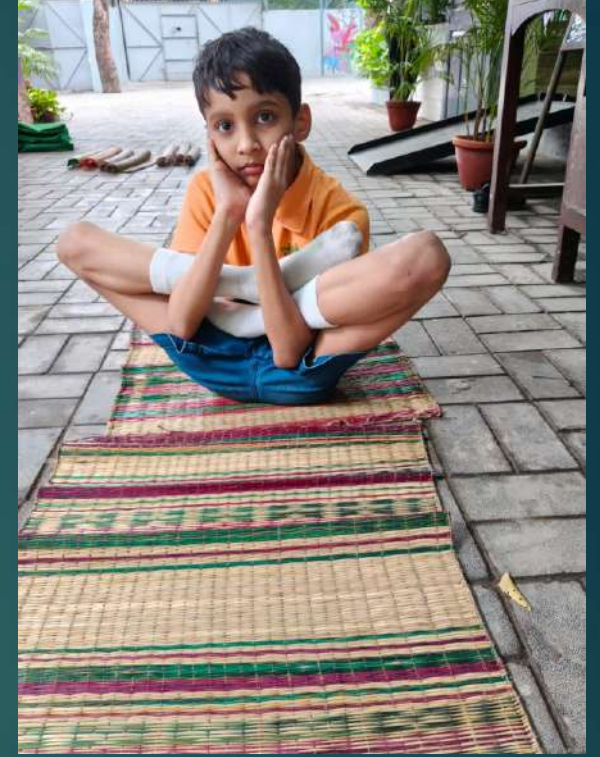
One Earth One Chance !
Earth Day came alive at Akshar on 22nd April, with energy, creativity and a shared promise to protect our planet. With hands-on activities like planting saplings, making bio-enzymes and book marks , cooking healthy dishes, painting and using recycled material to create works of art, every student played a part in celebrating nature. The day was not just about learning - it was about taking responsibility, spreading awareness and making small changes for a greener, brighter future.

Reducing My Carbon Footprint

- ▶ Children of Class V used old cardboard and paper scraps to design bookmarks. The activity encouraged children to think about sustainability in everyday life and inspire small but impactful habits, like reducing waste and valuing nature. These handmade bookmarks spread awareness and remind the child about his promise to take care of the Earth whenever he opens a book.



World Yoga Day



The International Day of Yoga is a day in recognition of Yoga that is celebrated around the world annually on 21 June following its adoption by the United Nations in 2014. As Yoga exercises have shown significant benefits for physical and mental well-being, it was considered important by Akshar to popularize this wellness practice, which originated in ancient India.

Celebrating Pie Day



Pi Day: A Mathematical Mission

Who knew a number could have its own celebration? Akshar School marked Pi Day on 22 July (22/7), the famous fractional approximation of Pi, with varied activities which included making pi streamers, pi day cards and an exciting quiz organised by the Class 10 students. The event followed a thrilling storyline in which the villain, Zero, stole the digits of Pi, leaving participants to solve challenging puzzles and mathematical questions to save the day. Four teams—Alpha, Beta, Gamma and Delta—competed enthusiastically through twenty-five intense rounds. Team Gamma emerged victorious, restoring the stolen digits. The celebration concluded with delicious pies, cheerful smiles and a renewed appreciation for mathematics.

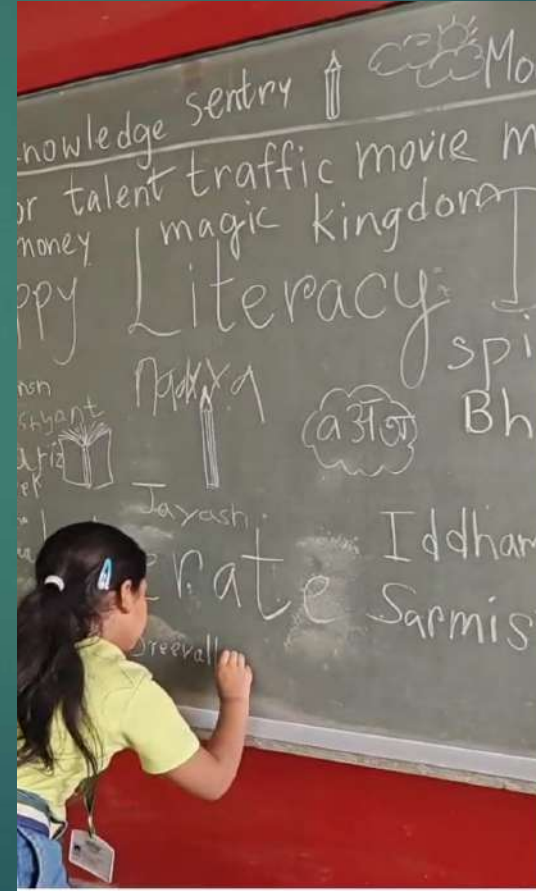
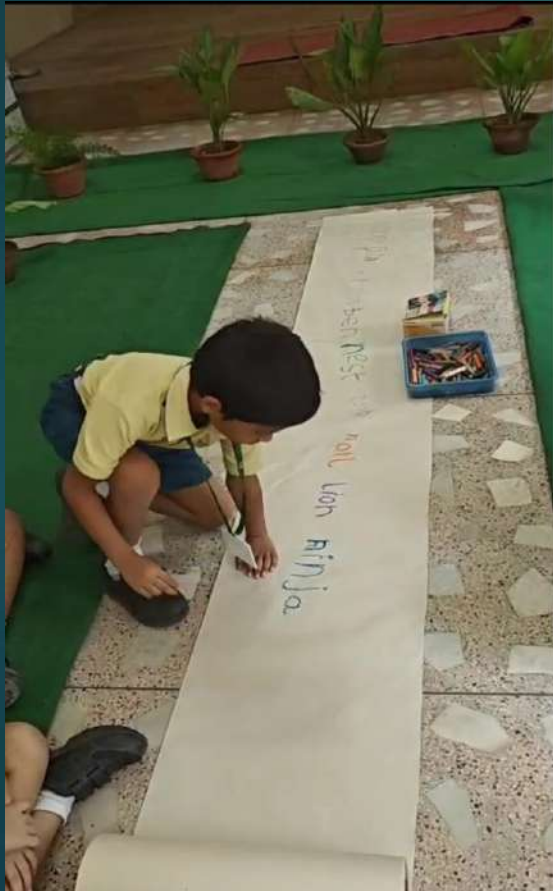
Celebrating Pie Day



Endocrine Glands -Role play in class



Celebrating World Literacy Day



Since 1967, the annual celebrations of International Literacy Day (ILD) have taken place on 8 September around the world to remind policy-makers, practitioners, and the public of the critical importance of literacy for creating more literate, just, peaceful, and sustainable society.

Literacy is a fundamental human right for all. It opens the door to the enjoyment of other human rights, greater freedoms, and global citizenship.

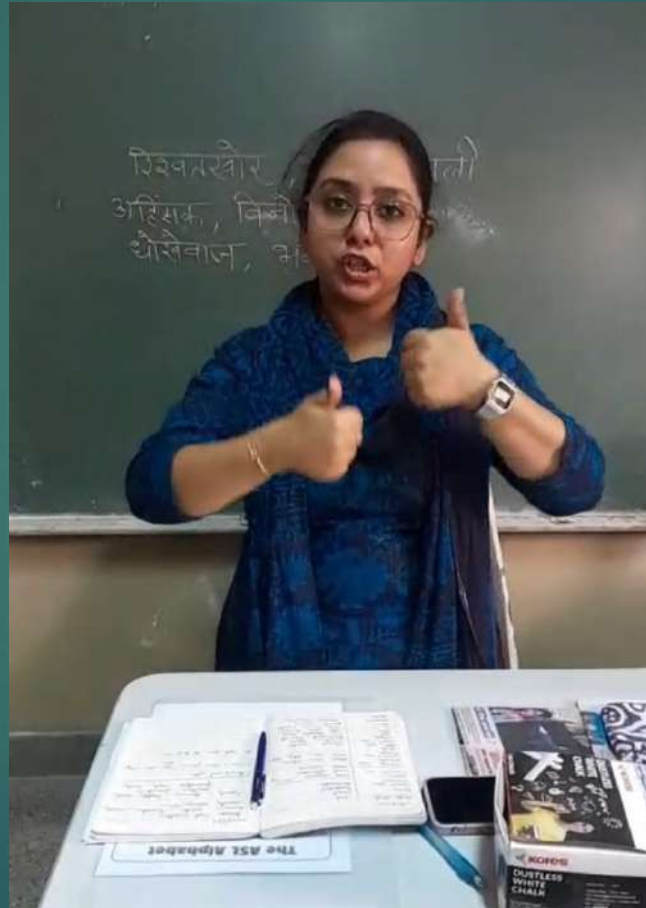
Clay Modelling: creating tiles for the school walls



Reminiscences of the Past...
The student exhibited their families
inherited / oldest artifacts,
garments, gadgets ...



Teaching sign language to our students



An excellent experience of using sign language for the students. The teacher explained and demonstrated various way of communications through sign language.

Christmas Celebration



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The Christmas Celebrations in School were a blast! Students decked the halls with colorful decorations, sang carols, and enjoyed festive treats they participated in Christmas-themed crafts, games, and plays, showcasing their creativity at a special assembly. The school also conducted community service projects, teaching the children the true spirit of giving.

Let's spread joy, laughter, and festive vibes to make the season brighter for everyone



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Saraswati Puja



The Pollinator Workshop

In an interactive program on 24th April 2026, in continuation with the World Earth Day, students of Akshar School got an opportunity to learn about butterflies, bees and other pollinators without whom the world would starve to death.



Yug Parashari's workshop on animal behavior



Yug Parashari, one of our ex-students conducted an excellent workshop on animal behaviour for the senior students. He brought his own pet dog with him and explained hands on experiences on animal behaviour.

A fabulous workshop by Flute Theatre

- ▶ Flute theatre is a theatre charity based in London, United Kingdom. Flute practices the Hunter Heartbeat Method in which individuals are exposed to a series of drama games, which allow them to share how it feels to be alive and celebrate their identity.



Support your soldier – Be an Info Warrior



An in-house workshop conducted by the Indian Army officers to train the children about the cyber safety.

The Importance of Global Mud and Marine Life In Global Carbon Cycle





Where learning meets life

World Disability Day

World Disability Day had a different meaning this year for Akshar. Hitherto we have always invited other schools to our campus. This year, to raise awareness that “every child brings something to the table”, we partnered with IIHM for an inclusive day. IIHM hosted the event at their campus in Salt Lake. Our children were warmly welcomed.

Chef Siddhi and Chef Garima taught them how to make cupcakes and decorate them beautifully.

The IIHM Principal, Mrs. Bose went out of her way to make the event special. One of their students, Radhika Sharma says, “It’s the first time that we have experienced such an event and it gives us great pleasure to work with them.”

The novelty of working in a professional kitchen also had tremendous learning inputs. Some of our children have already decided that they would like to join IIHM as future students.

We all need to join hands to give these children many such opportunities to showcase their talent and master their skills in various fields.

– Geeta Lall
School Coordinator, Head Special Educator



At Tollygunge Ramdhanu Social Welfare Society Spreading Christmas cheer



All Heart ! All Smiles!

A celebration with a difference!
We at Akshar believe in holistic inclusion , Inclusion for us goes beyond our school walls too.
And so keeping with Akshar's tradition, this year too the Class 10 students visited an old age home as part of our social service initiative.



Visit to KCC

(Kolkata Centre for Creativity) An Exhibition of Textiles from Bengal – A Shared Legacy by Darshan Shah, Weavers Studio



Past in Print

The students of Class IX participated in a 6-day workshop organized by the DAG Group and Victoria Memorial on the 79th year of Independence. It was titled 'Past in Print'. The outcome was an exhibition, which delved into the pivotal role of print culture in India's fight for independence, offering a unique blend of history, art and civic education. The students explored the role of printmaking in shaping narratives of resistance, identity and dissent through historical posters and prints.





Rendezvous with Anupam Kher

AT THE SCREENING OF 'TANVI
THE GREAT', MADE BY ANUPAM
KHER.

Bird watching



From the Soil to the Pot: Creating their own plants at the nursery



Educational Trips

Murshidabad



Scouts and Guides Trip to Jhargram



IAYP trip to Panchalingeswar





**Some of our very own special
events**

AVSAR – The Interschool Fest



The show stopper event is always the inclusive fashion show – a riot of colour, verve and rhythm. From music to dance to theatre and debate, the sky is the limit for all children, each with his/her ability to create excellence.

In Akshar, we seize every opportunity to make a difference. Avsar is one such invaluable moment in time, when our inter-school fest involves partnering with differently abled children in most events. In the first edition, it was viewed with some trepidation, subsequently it has become the most delineated learning curve.

Sports Day



Inclusive Cricket



ORGANISING AN INTER SCHOOL INCLUSIVE CRICKET MATCH SAMPLE INVITATION LETTER FORMAT

To
The Principal
Dear Sir/Madam,
We take great pleasure in inviting your school to an 'Inter-School Cricket Tournament' to be held on _____. The Tournament spread over 3 days aims at the importance of inclusion and building friendship. On the first day, we are organising an Integrated Cricket Tournament where Mainstream Schools will team up with 'Additional Needs' children from other schools. Teams will be formed on the spot. The Mainstream Tournaments will be held thereafter.

RULES FOR THE TOURNAMENT

Players : 6 Additional Needs + 5 Mainstream + 1 substitute
(Integrated Cricket tournament)

Players : 11 + 1 - 4 (Mainstream Cricket Tournament)

Maximum 2 players from Classes XI and XII combined . Remaining Players from Classes VI to IX. Maximum 5 Players from each class.

Matches to be played in round robin, league or knock out basis, as decided by the crew. Your school representative will be notified before the Tournament. 15 overs aside.

No bowler to bowl more than 3 overs a match

Teams must be accompanied by a teacher/coach of their school.

We look forward to your participation.

Yours truly,

PRINCIPAL



Interschool Events... **where Students Unite, Learn and Share**

Inter School Events

- ▶ Inter School Painting competition on Feb, 2026– organized by The Future Foundation School. Suhasini of Class VIII received 3rd prize and a standing ovation.
- ▶ FELICITY : Inter School Annual Literary Festival on Feb, 2026 – organised by Mahadevi Birla World Academy. Class III, IV and V participated.
- ▶ Times NIE Colour Splash: Inter School Painting competition in association with Jockey Juniors on Nov, 2025– organized by The Times NIE. Class IV and V participated.
- ▶ The Heritage Quiz Competition
- ▶ Calcutta Heritage Collective Quiz Competition.
- ▶ Breathing with history, celebrating rural heritage stories at Indian Museum.
- ▶ National Moot Court Competition at Future Foundation School.
- ▶ SAIoC Inter School Competition at Future Foundation School.

SMAYAN

- ▶ Akshar participated in a few Fests this month and our students made us proud by winning laurels in many of them. Well done and keep up the good work !!
- ▶ Vyaan Bahety won the 1st position in the Elocution event in SMAYAN
- ▶ Akshar was ranked 3rd in the Dance event in SMAYAN



KALAKRITI



Vyaaan Bahety bagged the 1st position in the elocution event in KALAKRITI



Arjun Ghose was ranked First in the Best Out of Waste event in KAKAKRITI

KRISHTI



**Abherii Ghosh and
Dviti M Thacker won
the 2nd position in the
On the Spot Vlogging
event in KRISHTI**



**Kiya Ghosh Dastidar won
the 3rd prize in the Vocals
category in KRISHTI**



**Akshar's Amit sir was ranked 3rd
in the carrom event in KRISHTI**

13th Edition of Model United Nations Conference, THS MUN 26 at The Heritage School



Abheri and Dviti received a special mention at the MUN : A wonderful achievement, specially for first timers.

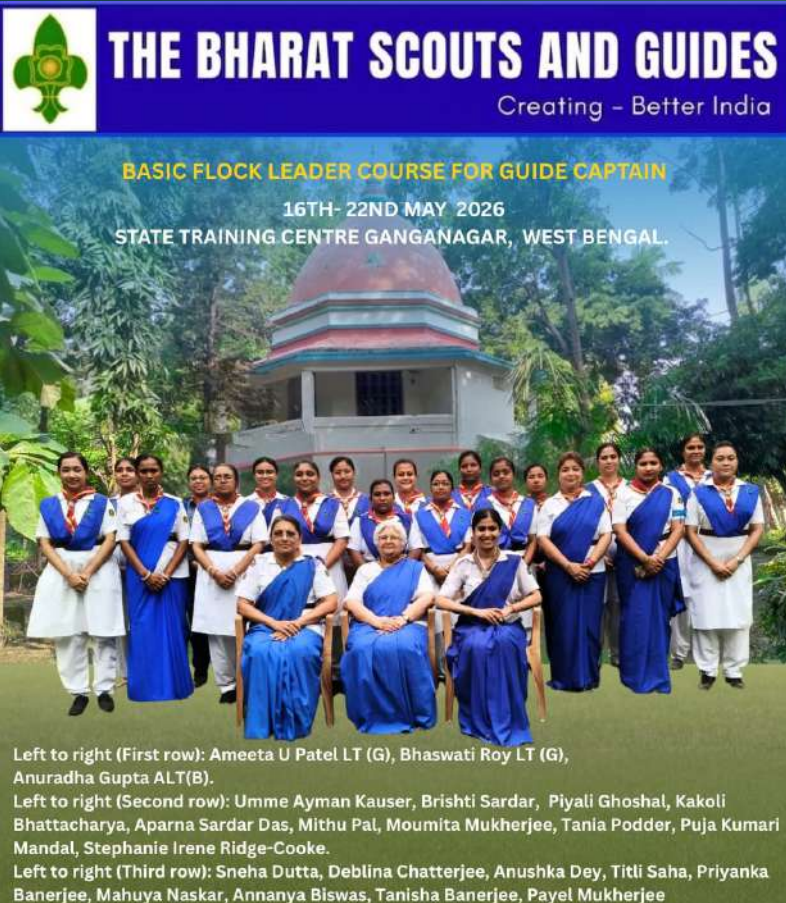
Aviskar – Beyond Atoms





We Are Proud Of

Cubs and Bulbuls, Scouts and Guides



Nachiket Pundilik of Class 8 and Jahnvi Ghosh of Class 9 have won the First Prize at the Times of India Young Journalist Event



Dalhousie Annual Meet

Veer Tandon gets the following medals:

3rd in 18 lengths
1st in butterfly
2nd in freestyle
1st in Backstroke
3rd in medley



Abheri Ghosh

Abheri emerged as the winner of the prestigious YLAC (Young Leaders for Active Citizenship) High School Achiever title. Selected from a diverse group of 35 high school students representing renowned schools of India she distinguished herself through simulations, debates, role plays, and collaborative activities while exploring themes of identity, inequality, governance, leadership, and social change. Her achievement reflects her exceptional leadership, critical thinking, and commitment to creating a positive impact.



Nachiket Pundlik

- ▶ Nachiket Pundlik (8th) has won trophies in local leagues. He is a registered amateur player in AIFF.
- ▶ Currently he is playing in Nursery League (U-14), a tournament organized by IFA Kolkata



CISCE Interschool Girl's Swimming, 2025

Result: 2nd Position



ICSE Zonal Badminton Tournament

Parth Tungar – 2nd Position



ICSE Zonal Skating Tournament

Divi Mehta – 2nd Position



CISCE Interschool Girl's Handball 2025: Result: Champion



CISCE Interschool Girl's Throwball, 2025. Result: 2nd position



Infinity

- ▶ The ultimate math showdown, INFINITY i This prestigious annual competition is organised by The Aditya Birla World Academy, in association with the renowned BITS Pilani.
- ▶ Akshar won several prizes in different categories.
 - 1.Clash Of Mathematicians.
Bronze Award-Dviti M Thacker (2nd Runners up)
 - 2.Individual Round Merit Award
 - i. Anmolika Ghosh
 - ii. Rujval Shah
 - 3.Lastly Team Akshar got the award for being in the top 30% schools.



The Telegraph in School Awards

- ▶ Akshar is so proud to receive "The Telegraph in School Awards"

Certificate of Honour to Akshar for Excellence in Maintenance and Eco-Friendly Initiatives.

- ▶ Shreyan Banerjee - Courage certificate.

Abherii Ghosh (Writing) - Certificate of Honour For Outstanding Talent.



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

ICSE 2026 TOPPERS

ISC 2026 TOPPERS



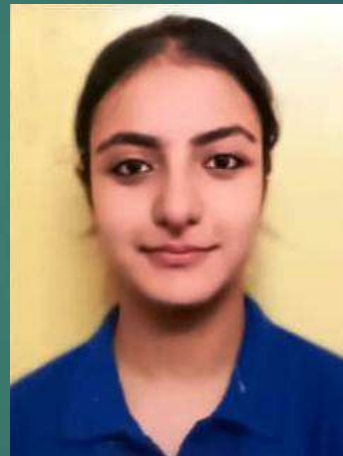
Rajarshi Bhunia
(96.2%)



Anik Paul (95%)



**Jihan
Chakraborty**
(94.2%)



**Simran
Sadhwani**
(97.5%)



**Dhanya
Sumbria**
(94.25%)



Pari Wankhede
(93.25%)



SOME SUCCESS STORIES

ASHISH SIR

The Genius In Me

- ▶ From a very young age Ashish Shaw was very responsible and took care of his younger siblings. His parents went to various doctors across the city to find out about his disability. Finally after much struggle he was diagnosed with having hearing impairment (80%) and having no speech.
- ▶ Ashish was in Manovikas Kendra, a school for Special Children from the year 1996 – 2003. After 7 years he changed his school and went to Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy (IICP). He spent two years learning extra-curricular activities especially Screen Printing. He has successfully completed his NIOS, both Class X and XII. He was working at IICP as a part time in the screen printing unit for 3 years.

My Window of Opportunity

- ▶ Ashish Shaw joined Akshar School as an Art and Crafts teacher in the year 2011. He is in charge of the block printing and screen printing unit. He makes paper bags and envelopes and other things related to screen printing, which is sold at exhibitions and made to order. He also prepares paper bags with the logo for restaurants in Kolkata.
- ▶ Ashish has successfully carried his work beyond Akshar too. He has set up various exhibitions across the city along with his wife. Ashish is an aspiring entrepreneur with ambitions to reach greater heights.

Testimonial

- ▶ A young gentlemen with a profound hearing disability was employed in Akshar 2011. He is a coordinator in the screen and block printing unit, a pre-vocational unit at Akshar. He has been very skillful from the inception to the finishing of the printing on paper bags, cloth bags and also printing on table cloths for various restaurants across Kolkata.
- ▶ Ashish uses technology to his advantage by communicating through Whatsapp and other social media platforms. He is more than willing to take on additional work beyond his working hours. He is an asset to the school.



Dhruv



The Genius In Me

- ▶ Dhruv Vir Khullar was born with Trisomy 21. Dhruv did his ASDAN, a life skills training programme affiliated to The London Education board. He has two diplomas, one on hospitality and the other in sports management, golf being the focus.
- ▶ Today, Dhruv is 35, a confident young man. He participates in golf tournaments and has been inducted as an independent member of the club. Highly independent in his thinking, he makes his own choices in every area. Entertaining friends and social gatherings make him very happy. He is currently developing his working skills in the family restaurant. Both he and his younger brother are partners.

My Window of Opportunity

- ▶ Joined Akshar in the year 1998. Till date gives a few hours in the department of administration.
- ▶ Over the past two years he has been learning to interact with guests at the family restaurant. Dhruv has excellent communication skills. Being very overtly, Dhruv enjoys interacting with others. He is very polite and has over the years been trained to develop his hospitality skills.

Testimonial

- ▶ Dhruv Vir Khullar has been appointed with the title and responsibilities of a Guest Relations Executive. In the course of two years, he has built a friendly rapport with our clients. His candid approach while addressing guests make patrons feel comfortable and enhance their overall dining experience at our establishment.
- ▶ Mr. Khullar is an asset to our organisation and we hope to cultivate his passion for hospitality.

Saloni



The Genius In Me

- ▶ When Saloni Solanki was nine months old her parents were informed that she has special needs and was diagnosed with Down Syndrome. Saloni graduated from Akshar School and has successfully completed 'A' Levels in the Open Basic Education. She is an active learner.

My Window of Opportunity

- ▶ Saloni is a special crew member of the I Can Flyy Cafe. A young lady who greets and serves all cafe guests with a bright and cheerful smile. She shows diners to an available table, hands the guests the menu, and informs them to order at the counter. Once the order is ready and set on a tray, she carries the tray to the table and then sets down the ordered food items and/or beverages. After the guests complete their meal, she hands them a feedback form and requests them to fill it in.
- ▶ Several guests at the cafe have commented positively on her cafe service skills, especially highlighting her warm greetings and her cheerful demeanour.

Testimonial

- ▶ Saloni has blossomed into a energetic young lady who is able to communicate well with those in her immediate surroundings. Her confidence level has grown manifold to the point.
- ▶ Her learning curve makes me immensely happy as she represents all that is possible when special needs individuals are given a chance.

SALONI

- ▶ "Guests at the cafe have commented positively on her cafe service skills, especially highlighting her warm greetings and her cheerful demeanour."

Paras

The Genius In Me

- ▶ Paras Raj Walia was diagnosed with Down Syndrome when he was born. He completed his primary education from Akshar School. It was here that he found his passion for cricket and participated in all interschool sports tournaments. Paras graduated with a Diploma in computers from Dinabandhu Andrews College.
- ▶ In 2015, Paras received the Ma Baba award from the prestigious media house, The Telegraph. Paras with the help of his family and friends has grown into a friendly, understanding and social adult. He is ambitious and has voiced his future aspirations of buying a home for his parents.

My Window of Opportunity

- ▶ Paras Raj Walia joined M.P. Birla Eye Clinic in August 2015 as a Trainee and was promoted to Office Assistant in 2017. During his tenure as a Trainee, Paras' job responsibilities were limited to medical record maintenance.
- ▶ Upon being promoted to Office Assistant his job profile included looking after the discharge of admitted patients and the medical record maintenance of patients. In the absence of a senior employee, he is capable of taking care of the entire Out Patient Department including billing, patient handling, recording and coordinating with the ward about the arrival and departure of patients.

Testimonial

- ▶ Paras is a sincere, dedicated and disciplined employee. He came to be known as one of the most responsible employees within the very first year of his employment. In early 2017, we decided to give him another level of exposure by exploring his skill sets.
- ▶ Upon being promoted, the management was surprised to see an array of abilities.
- ▶ His performance in the work place has always superseded his disabilities. Paras has continued to be an asset and has proved himself extremely competent in comparison to any other employee in the organisation.

PARAS

- ▶ "He came to be known as one of the most responsible employees within the first year of his employment."



Inclusion is for all



Inclusion-where human beings with every kind of ability work and play together. In an inclusive school I find a symbiotic relationship. Children with special needs and mainstream children learn from each other. A child knows intuitively how a differently abled buddy will learn. This ability to interact with everybody draws on his leadership qualities. A differently abled child begins to realize that he is a part of a world in which his contribution matters. A mainstream child understands that too.

— Nandita Gupta Librarian

