

## Annual Report

2020-21

On 24 March, 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a 21-day nation-wide lockdown to curb the spread of COVID-19. Initially, the sentiment of the staff was that the lockdown would end after 21 days. But it did not happen. Instead, the lockdowns became more severe.

The main concern of the school management was the education of our students. How do we provide classes to students when they are physically present at school? The only option available with us was to provide online classes.

### **Online classes**

Even though we were aware of the solution, we were facing difficulties in providing online classes to our students. We contacted our software service provider (MOBIMP) to develop an app for us. With great effort from them, we were able to provide online classes using a mobile app. Classes were recorded and uploaded on YouTube, and the class videos were embedded in the app. Students had to login with their id & password to access the classes. Class Notes were also uploaded on the app. Since students were accessing the classes using their personal id & password we were able to determine whether the students were watching the classes or not. It may be noted that we were the only school in Kakching that was providing classes using an app.

Parents were very happy that we were providing online classes to students. However, some students were facing difficulties watching the recorded classes. It was because they did not have smartphones, and their parents could not afford to buy smartphones for their children. The difficult aspect of this circumstance was that we did not have sufficient resources to help the parents. In spite of financial difficulties most parents managed to purchase smartphones for their children over time.

Teachers were excited as well as apprehensive about experimenting with the new method of instructions. Teaching with no students present was odd for the teachers. They felt like they were talking to a camera. It took them a few classes to adjust to the new mode of instruction. The other aspect was learning to record classes using their phones. This required them to be tech savvy. Older teachers found it difficult to learn the nuances of technology. Eventually, they managed to acquire the basic skills. Despite the difficulties faced by the teachers, they gave their best to instruct students in the best way possible. The efforts of the teachers were commendable.

Students were also adjusting to the new mode of learning. The absence of physical presence of teachers was affecting their learning. Doubt resolution was an issue for them because all the classes were recorded classes. Keeping this in mind, the classes for lower primary students were

conducted live on Whatsapp. However, it could not be implemented for the upper primary and secondary students.

Distractions were a huge issue for students. With smartphones in their hands, they could explore whatever they wanted whenever they wanted. Many students neglected classes and used their phones to consume content on YouTube and other social media sites/apps.

Yes, 2020-21 was a difficult year for students, parents and us. An unprecedented pandemic disturbed our lives. We had to adjust to a new way of living and learning. Students did not receive the kind of education that they used to receive before COVID. But we utilised the resources available with us to provide the best possible education to our students.

### **Home-based Examinations**

Since physical examinations were not possible, assessments had to be home-based assessments. Whatsapp groups were mainly used to conduct the examinations. Questions would be uploaded on the appointed day of the examination. Students would attempt the questions and upload the answer sheets on the Whatsapp groups. Oral examinations were also conducted via Zoom.

### **Tree Plantation**

To break the monotony of being confined at their homes, we encouraged the students to plant trees at their respective homes and upload pictures of them planting trees. It was an initiative for the Environment Day celebration. We received positive responses from students. The Whatsapp groups were flooded with pictures and videos of students planting trees.



## **Quarantine Centre**

The Government of Manipur requested us to provide the school campus to quarantine the Manipuris returning from other states. Our campus was a quarantine centre for more than 2 months. We also provided school buses to transport the returnees. It was an honour to serve the people of our state during the COVID pandemic.

## **Board Exam**

The CBSE cancelled the Board Exam for the year 2021 due to the COVID-19. The announcement came as a relief to students and parents. Students were assessed on how they performed in the internal school assessments. It may be noted that physical classes for students of classes IX & X were permitted towards the end of the year. So, we had the opportunity to conduct exams to assess the students.

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of Registered Students</b>	<b>No. of Students Passed</b>	<b>Pass Percentage</b>
2021	135	135	100%