

# Annual Appreciation Day- *The Epiphany*



## APEEJAY SCHOOL, FARIDABAD

e-NEWSLETTER – Special Edition

### Our Inspiration...

We at Apeejay are committed to quality education of global dimensions leading to man-making and nation-building. Guided by this vision and with the blessings of our revered Chairman Sir, Dr Stya Paul ji and his only child, his illustrious daughter, Mrs Sushma Paul Berlia, we continue in our endeavours to hallmark our efforts with excellence.

Dr. Stya Paul's life's work and achievements, and the lasting legacy of excellence that he leaves behind, will continue to inspire and guide us in all our endeavours, as we strive to achieve the goals to which he devoted his life. Like the ever-soaring falcon of Iqbal's couplet that inspired Dr. Stya Paul throughout his life's journey, his spirit will live on forever.



DR. STYA PAUL  
(OCTOBER 4, 1919 - JUNE 7, 2010)  
FOUNDER CHAIRMAN, APEEJAY EDUCATION

Madam Berlia sent her blessings and best wishes to the Apeejay family for a successful conduct of the evening.

We are indebted to Madam Berlia, who demonstrates excellence and the highest standards of ethical conduct, integrity and civic and social responsibility for her contribution in the area of education and industry. She has been recognised as the one who exemplifies the promise to the Indian education ecosystem for nurturing it and taking it to global standards. With her personal example, Madam reinforces the significance of criticality of innovation and flexibility to change. With a firm focus on adding value to all we undertake, Madam teaches also to 'mine the knowledge' and relevant enrichment from a plausible information overload. We at Apeejay School, Faridabad salute our respected President Madam for having lent to education varied dimensions that make it a dynamic and ever evolving process.

Her dynamic leadership provides us with a clear sense of direction to further ensure that school becomes an effective learning community—a community of awakened minds and compassionate hearts. We thank her for invaluable support and guidance provided to us in all our efforts and endeavours.

### From the desk of the Principal ...

The old order changeth, yielding place to new...and God fulfills Himself in many ways... As we continue to navigate through this changing world, we have learnt many new lessons. We have learnt to re-think the way we work, the way we study, the way we live our lives. It has been a dramatic change and a steep learning curve, involving a tremendous amount of upskilling and relearning by all stakeholders in the system. This time has taught us not just deal with the current emergency, but also build foundations of resilience to face such difficult events in the future. Synergy between technology, curriculum and pedagogy has been our key area of focus this year to ensure our children continue to learn and grow.

In addition to academic programmes, celebration of national days, festivals, events, we have been organising a variety of activities, on the virtual platforms. Celebrating Annual Appreciation Day on this platform is yet another significant milestone that we have achieved. We pride ourselves on our collective strengths and on how this strength has translated into tangible benefits for our children.

I take this opportunity to place on record my heartfelt gratitude to our respected President Madam Sushma Paul Berlia, and Mr. Aditya Berlia, Co-Promotor, Apeejay Stya & Svrán Group, Co-Founder & Pro-Chancellor, Apeejay Stya University, for their constant support and visionary guidance in all our endeavours. I commend the creativity and confidence of our students and team efforts of teachers who worked tirelessly to make this mega event a success.



MRS. SUSHMA PAUL BERLIA  
Chairman, Apeejay Education Society  
Co-Promoter & President, Apeejay Stya & Svrán Group  
Co-Founder & Chancellor, Apeejay Stya University  
Chairperson, Apeejay Stya Education Research Foundation



DR. PARUL TYAGI

# Transformational leadership.... our Presiding Dignitary

We were privileged to have amongst us, our dynamic leader, Mr Aditya Berlia, Co-Promoter of the Apeejay Stya & Svrán Group to preside over the function. A young entrepreneur who balances his role in the corporate world with his philanthropic dedication to education inspires us with his keen sense of commitment and focus. A graduate of Stanford University and an MBA from the Harvard Business School, he has to his credit several innovative industrial and educational initiatives.

An exalted sense of purpose...a progressive, far sighted vision...a vivid sense of duty, an indefatigable love of work...is what lends him his distinctive aura...and brings him numerous prestigious national and international awards, some of which have been

- 'Outstanding Educational Entrepreneur' Award at the World Education Congress Global Awards 2013
- 'Educlusion Award' in Singapore for including best global practices in higher technical education of ASU
- 'Edupreneur Award' by Digital Learning in Elets 10th Education Summit 2017
- 'Asia One 40 Most Influential Indians under 40' Award
- 'Educationist Thought Leader of the Year' Award at the Elets 2018 World Education Summit
- Visionary Leader of the Year Award 2019 at 5th Higher Education Summit 2019
- Dainik Jagran – Inext Iconic Award 2019
- Education Visionary of the Year 2020



**MR. ADITYA BERLIA**  
CO-PROMOTOR, APEEJAY STYA & SVRÁN GROUP  
CO-FOUNDER & PRO-CHANCELLOR,  
APEEJAY STYA UNIVERSITY

## Words of inspiration and encouragement ...

Mr Aditya Berlia, in his address mentioned while education in Apeejay schools is about innovation, curriculum planning, teacher training, creating an environment of academic excellence, it is also essentially about nurturing character and values. While thanking the Parent community for their unstinted support to school, he emphasized the school community encourages its students to imbibe self-discipline & inculcates in them the desire to rise beyond the self and make a difference with their efforts.

## Distinguished guests, who lent grace to the function ...

The Chief Guest, Mr. Yashpal Yadav, IAS, Deputy Commissioner Faridabad, while addressing the audience mentioned that the global pandemic taught us resilience and brought to fore many innate strengths. Appreciating the role of teachers for their dedication and hard work in refining students towards becoming better human beings, Mr. Yadav also highlighted that schools must provide opportunities to students to have real life experience, beyond the school campus for a better understanding of life. He congratulated all the prize winners and motivated others to put in efforts to reach greater heights.



**MR. YASHPAL YADAV, IAS**  
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, FARIDABAD



**MR. VIJAY YADAV**  
FORMER CRICKETER

Mr. Vijay Yadav, the Guest of Honour, reminiscing his own school days at Apeejay School emphasized the significant role education plays in shaping one's life. Addressing the students, he reiterated they must work hard and make the most of the vast spectrum of opportunities the school offers, to grow and make their own place in the journey of life.

# Our Alumni, Our Special Guests



DR. ABHISHEK CHANDANA

Dr Abhishek Chandana is Academic Senior Resident, Department of Urology, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh. A brilliant student right from his school days, Dr Abhishek earns appreciation for his dedicated efforts and spirit of service. He was awarded the Vattikuti Robotic surgeons council scholarship in 2019. Dr. Chandana, blessed with a galaxy of talents, is a role model for the student community.

Ms Yuganshi Sharma is Senior Associate, Samagra, Consultant, Dept. of Education, Uttar Pradesh, Consultant, CMO, Govt. of Haryana. She has been working closely with the central and state governments on large scale governance transformation projects across sectors like education, skilling, health etc. She was actively working with the Central Government on COVID-19. Currently she is working with the Agriculture Department, Govt of Odisha on improving service delivery to farmers in the state.



MS. YUGANSHI SHARMA



MS. CHETNA SEHGAL

Ms. Chetna Sehgal, an internationally acclaimed Hindustani Classical artist considers herself blessed to be not only a vocalist but also an instrumentalist and plays instruments as Sitar, Harmonium and flute. Ms. Chetna has exhibited her aptitude and forte for music at several music concerts in Europe & India.

## Moments of Pride & Glory

In our earnest commitment to achieve the goal symbolized in our school motto “Soaring High is my Nature”, we are in complete concinnity with Madam Berlia’s firm belief that education is a comprehensive process where “holistic education” implies purposeful integration of rigorous academic content with experiences that are intended to go beyond academic scores enhancing critical, creative and cognitive thinking, preparing the base for lifelong skill development to understand and participate in a globally connected world.

In the Annual Report read out by Principal Dr. Parul Tyagi, the awards bestowed upon the school and achievements of the students in all domains of educational landscape were shared with the audience followed by the Prize Distribution ceremony, which is a celebration of excellence and character.

The ceremony is a true representation of the values we stand for, at Apeejay, Faridabad. The industrious, articulate young students being honoured epitomize the ethos of the School and make us all proud of their successes and achievements and in their hard work we see the competence, high expectations and commitment of all stakeholders.

Our endeavour is to nurture our students as ethical human beings with the highest standards of honesty, humility and integrity and intellectual curiosity. We pray our students continue to soar high on strong roots!

## Celebrating Academic & Human Excellence!



# The Epiphany...The Cultural Extravaganza

*The power of dreams and the influence of the human spirit.... the potential for greatness lives within each of us!*

Nothing awe inspiring has ever been accomplished but by those who harkened to the call.

The cultural extravaganza celebrated on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021 unfolded the journey of the protagonist, symbolizing each one of us, stepping out of individual predicament, to embrace the larger self. The evening dedicated to reinforcing the need to align ourselves with the infinity within was an attempt to make man aware of his real nature....to rouse the sleeping soul for then goodness will come, glory will come, purity will come and everything that is excellent will come ....

## Kaleidoscope of the vibrant evening...



## In Gratitude...

Vice Principal, Mrs Anita Yadav, in her Vote of Thanks, expressed deep sense of appreciation and thanked the distinguished guests, Chief Guest, Mr Yashpal Yadav, Deputy Commissioner, Faridabad, the Guest of Honour, Mr Vijay Yadav, Presiding Dignitary, Mr Aditya Berlia & the Special Guests - the Alumni, who spared time from their busy schedule to grace the occasion. She also expressed gratitude to President Madam, Mrs Berlia, Mr Nishant Berlia and Dr Neha Berlia, in absentia, for their invaluable support and guidance to the school community. Mrs Yadav further thanked Members of the Apeejay Education, the Parent community, the Staff and the Students for being a part of the special event of the school calendar.