

# BIKANTI MALI

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Annual Attendance- 351 out of 366 days

Report- 2023-24 (Second Term)

## Academics



I'm in my 2<sup>nd</sup> year of MA (English Hons.). Currently, I am preparing for my exams scheduled for April. I'll be appearing for one exam MEG 05 (Literary criticism), which I was supposed to give in December. I did not appear for it in December as I wasn't prepared. This time too, I'm not







multiplication table in the Courage group. I learnt that we need to be really very patient with the children.

From December onward, I've adapted to a modified timetable. I still dedicate one hour to the Perseverance group's English session and started going for their geography class from December. I help them out with reading, writing,



very prepared and am dedicated to working hard and will do my best in this examination. I am also preparing for my entrance exam of B.Ed, and that has taken precedence over my M.A, as of now.

## Volunteering

From October to December I followed the old time table, until it underwent a change again. I went to Victory, Courage and Progress group to help them with maths and helped the Perseverance with English. I enjoyed working with the younger kids of Courage and Victory for maths. It was a great experience teaching



grammar and even learning songs, carols, poems and plays during the English period. I collaborate with Sangita didi, Bina didi and Kamli didi for carrying out these activities in the class. Most of the time I'm just checking their notebooks during the class as there are 21 children and each child has a lot for checking at one time. I still enjoy their class as I also get to learn many things along





a lot of repetition, I could cover only this much. I was not feeling confident enough initially, as I didn't know how to present the contents to the children as they too were studying geography for the first time. As the classes begun, I became more confident. I go for the class well prepared. I explain the content, give them notes and homework. I also show them pictures and videos when required. I had to put a lot of effort in the chapter of Latitude and

with the children. I always interact in English with the children during the class as well as outside the class to inhibit a habit of speaking in English in the children. This is helping me too.

In their geography class Neela is there with me. I've done only two chapters- 'The Solar System' and 'Latitude and Longitude'. I wanted to cover up a lot but due to interruptions in the class and also because the children needed



Longitude as the children were finding it tough to understand. I'm trying to give all my best in this class.



I dedicate the other three hours in the Receptivity group- two hours for maths- one in the morning and the other in the evening, and the other hour for their English session. In the morning classes, the children are usually introduced to new concepts and solve questions from the book of class 3. Initially I found it challenging



to explain concepts and questions to the children as it was the first time that I dealt with maths of that level. In the English class I make them do reading, writing and grammar of level 3. I enjoy classes with the Receptivity group. I get new ideas to present different concepts to the children with my everyday experience.

### **Shramdaan (Work Offering)**

#I have been dedicating this time to teach a specialized Math class



these students to study and provide as much assistance as I can.

### **Celebrations & Festivals**

Over the past few months, the school hosted several celebrations but I participated in only 2 of the programmes.



since July. This class is attended by children whose exams are nearing, and they need to cover the syllabus. There are 5 students, each studying Maths at different levels - 7, 8, and 10. I genuinely enjoy this class. I explain concepts to students when they have doubts and review their notebooks. I am confident in teaching Maths for the 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades, but I sometimes face challenges explaining 10<sup>th</sup>-grade Maths topics. I consistently encourage







29<sup>th</sup> November- Pranjal Bhaiya's Birthday – I sang some songs along with my friends of Faith group, as an offering to our dear Pranjal Bhaiya. 5 songs (Aa chalke tujhe, Tere Mandir ka hun Deepak, Pighla hai sona, Kisiki muskura haton pe, Jaise Suraj ki garmi se) which we sang, were taught by him. We also sang a new song 'Suraj re jalte rehna', which we had learnt by ourselves. We sang some songs with the karaoke. I enjoyed singing all the songs.

21<sup>st</sup> Feb- The Mother's birthday- This was The Divine Mother's birthday. I had taken the responsibility to do the stage decorations before the final day along with my friend Tulsia. Both of us had worked hard for completing the decorations as we had to do most of the work, although some children helped us briefly. I sang a song 'Nandan Ban hai' as an offering to The Mother on her birthday. I participated in a play 'In search of riches' with the



Receptivity group. I played the role of a father. I tried to give my best in my acting and speaking the dialogues although I was feeling shy and a bit uncomfortable too with the painted moustache. I felt confident on the stage for the first time.



## Annual Sports Day



dance. The children first learnt to beat the bamboos in a rhythm, and I too learnt with them. After that they learnt to dance between the bamboos. I learnt along with them. I took more time than the children to learn. After learning, it was really fun doing the dance. The plan was that only the children will be performing, but more participants were required for



This year the Annual Sports day was held on 4<sup>th</sup> February. Many sports corners were performed in front of our esteemed guests – Tara didi and others. There were some new sports corners (Bamboo dance, Lezium and Army drill). All the volunteers had to take responsibility of a corner and make the children learn and perform. I was very eager to learn bamboo dance, so I chose to go for bamboo dance along with Gauri and Bhavna. The practise had begun in December only. We were making the children of Courage group practise the



the dance. So, the three of us also participated. All of us had to really work hard to bring perfection in the children as well as in ourselves. I tried to give time to help the children in making the headgears and for other things that were required for the programme.

There were a number of items prepared for the day. Therefore, some took place in the





children which were performed just after marching. I had no plan of participating in it although I wanted to. The children of Receptivity – Gratitude were performing and Srinath Bhaiya and Hari were making them practise. They needed more people to help them during the practise. So I willingly went to help along with Bhavna and Malti. I tried to give as much help as I could. The final day of the event was approaching and one of the participants- Sasmita was absent till almost the final day as she was unwell. So, I decided to perform in her place to fill the gap. I was happy participating. I faced challenges doing some asanas

morning while the rest were performed in the afternoon. Every year, the event of the day is begun by giving salutation to The Divine Mother through marching in the morning. I did not take part in marching and instead sang the song 'Taqat watan ki hum se hai' for the marching along with Pranjal Bhaiya and some of my friends. We sang the song along with the drum beat. We got little practice but we sang well on the final day. I had great fun singing the song.

I took part in yogasana as well which was performed in the morning after 2 programmes of the small







as I had practised only for 4-5 days before the performance. I tried to give my best in the performance.

I had participated in yet another item, which was also planned only a few days before the final day. It was a small welcome dance which I performed with some of my friends and some girls of Gratitude group. When the practise of other corners was in full swing, Suparna didi once told me, "We should also have an item for welcoming the guests before the programme starts in the afternoon". I thought it was a nice idea, so I searched for welcome songs and I liked the song 'Swagatam Shubh Swagatam' a lot. I shared it with didi as well as my

friends and asked whoever was interested to participate. A group of 13 girls was formed and we prepared a kathak dance of 2 minutes. Suparna didi helped us with the steps and some of us also gave some ideas. We got little time for practise, but I tried to give my best on the stage although I was quite nervous. This was because the dance had undergone changes for the ending part only a few hours before the performance. I was worried the most about the ending, because the changes were made by me, and the biggest issue was that everybody







had not got a chance to practise and had to perform the changes on the stage itself.

This year I also got a chance to speak a few lines as an anchor for the programme. Along with these different physical activities, I also learnt a little bit of technical things. I learnt to edit music with my own efforts. I had edited the music for bamboo dance and yogasana. To edit the music for yogasana was quite simple as I only had to merge a few chants together. But the music which we had chosen for bamboo dance had to be trimmed from the middle and it was really a challenging job for me but I did it. I had to do the editing about 15 times to get the final result as the music had only

beats and was quite confusing. I took time but I'm happy that I got a chance to learn it.

### Trip

I went for a trip to some states of North-East India from 24<sup>th</sup> February to 14<sup>th</sup> March in a group of 36. We visited some places in the states of Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim.

In Assam, we went to Kamakhya Temple, Gandhi Mandap, War Memorial, Guwhati Zoo, an art and







craft gallery named Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalakshtra, Science Museum, Baladeswar Temple, Kaziranga National Park and also visited a Tea Garden. All these places were beautiful but I enjoyed visiting the art and craft gallery the most. The elephant ride in Kaziranga National park was really amazing. I had great fun sitting on an elephant and going round the park to see other animals.

Our next visit was to Meghalaya. We went to places like Cherapunjee, Mawsmi Cave, Thangkharang Park, Dawki- border of India and Bangladesh, Mawlynnong-The

cleanest village in Asia. We also saw a living root bridge which was near the village. It was unbelievable, how clean the village was and also the root bridge. The view of Cherapunjee was beautiful. I found the cave quite interesting. Apart from these places we also visited some other places in Meghalaya such as Ka Phan and Nonglait park and Animal land, Police Bazaar and a Church.

After Meghalaya, we went to Arunachal Pradesh. In Dirang we stayed a night in the hostel of Sarada Mission school, Sangti Valley. I liked the location of the school and even the children there. I made many friends. On the way to







Tawang from Dirang we halted at Sela, Jung fall and Jaswanthgarh War Memorial. It was very windy and cold in Sela but I enjoyed walking on the snow. The waterfall was a great sight. In Tawang we had our two nights stay in an army camp and visited Bumla, a show in the war memorial and the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest monastery in the world. On seeing the soldiers there, a feeling of patriotism rose in me. Bumla which is Indo-China border was very beautiful with the snow covered mountains all around. It was a lot of fun playing with the snow. On the way back we visited the Dirang Monastery which was really very beautiful.

From Arunachal we returned to Assam and took a train to our next destination- Sikkim. There we stayed for 2 nights in Hotel Tiara Regency. We reached there in the evening. After freshening up, we visited the Palace Monastery which was





nearby our hotel. We got to see how Buddhist prayers are conducted and also got some information about Sikkim from Pranjal Bhaiya. The next day we went to Nathula, New Baba Mandir- war memorial of Lt Gen Sagat Singh. Nathula is also Indo-China border which was also very beautiful. On the way back from Nathula, I enjoyed the yak ride. On the next day we visited Temi Tea garden and Chaar Dhaam. The tea garden was really beautiful. I had great fun going around the garden. The chaar dhaam was also very nice. The statue of Lord Shiva which was the biggest there mesmerised me. I had a great time having darshan of the 4 dhaams and the small temples along with my group- Pranjal Bhaiya, Parul and Prerna. After returning from Chaar Dhaam, we visited a garden which







was for flower exhibition. It was full of varieties of flowers and looked very beautiful. I liked it so much that I did not want to come back from there.

On the way to and fro from the North-east, we visited some places in Kolkata too. These places are- Botanical garden, Victoria memorial, Kali temple at Dakhineshwar, Belur Math-Ramakrishna Mission, Science City and NICCO park. The



Botanical garden was beautiful with varieties of species of plants, trees and flowers. The most amazing thing that I found in the garden was the Great banyan tree. I enjoyed seeing the 3-d shows in the Science City. I really had great fun taking the thrilling and adventurous rides such as Sky diver, roller coaster, river caving, car







crash, moon raker, twist and turn, cyclone, etc in NICCO park. The scariest but thrilling were Sky diver and cyclone. When we played for the first time, I was scared but after





doing it for 2-3 times I had no more fear. I thoroughly enjoyed all the rides we took.

Overall, it was really an amazing trip although travelling by bus for hours and hours continuously was a bit hectic. I feel very happy and lucky too as I got a chance to visit the various places and enjoy the beauty of those parts of the country. The beautiful memories of those places will never fade away.

