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## 1.0 Introduction

Good Morning Ladies and Gentlemen.

On behalf of the staff and students of Rane Vidyalaya, I take immense pleasure in welcoming this august gathering, to the **Third Annual Day Celebrations**, a significant landmark in the journey of the Institution. I am extremely privileged and honored to welcome our Chief Guest Mrs. B.Rajalakshmi, Correspondent, Rane Vidyalaya. I also welcome my beloved colleagues, students, parents and other distinguished guests.

## 2.0 Rane Group

Rane's CSR Vision is "to be a socially and environmentally responsible corporate citizen". The endeavour of the group is to channelize efforts towards addressing key societal issues. Rane Vidyalaya was established in June 2018 at Trichy with a mission of providing quality education for rural children. The school began functioning from the academic year 2018-19 and follows CBSE curriculum.

# 3.0 Academic Highlights:

The school got its AFFILIATION from CBSE in the month of April amidst lockdown. We are very proud to state that we are one of the first schools to have achieved this in a short period of time.



# The academic year 20-21 started amidst the pandemic lock down.

The schools were shut down in our state on 16<sup>th</sup> March, which threatened to throw our whole curriculum plan out of sync. We decided to take some quick decisions, declared the End Term results, and advanced the vacation from May to Apr. We decided to use the time productively and started with a training program for the teachers. Our teachers took up courses in Swayam, Diksha, epathasala and Coursera to groom their skills while they could not spend time with the school kids directly. They still kept in touch with the children with some fun holiday work, asking them to make Charts on their understanding of Corona, make a bird feeder and do something creative with hand painting etc.

In the end of April, we realised that we had to start classes back in some shape or form and started on 27<sup>th</sup> April, with Whatsapp lessons and revision classes. The students and parents were more than eager to participate and respond with Covid-19 tying them inside their homes in the lockdown. Every day the mornings started with the Thirty minute activity from "The Hindu" for the students. It had so many interesting components from KG children to middle school like cross-words to science DIY experiments. The kids also got their daily dose of stories, thirukural and hand-writing exercises. The participation and whatsapp groups extended to 70% of the students by May 2020.

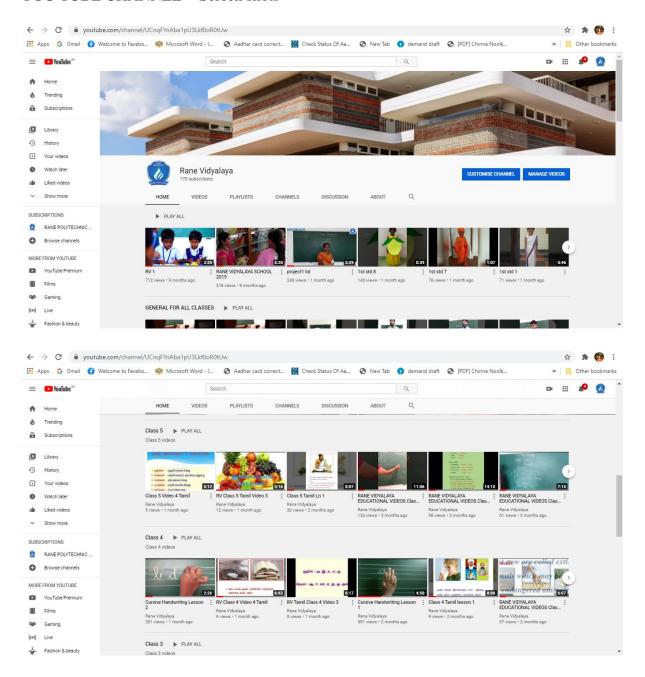
The teachers learnt new technology when faced with the challenges. They were quick on the learning curve and tried multiple video platforms like Jitsi Meet, Goto Meeting and Zoom. After initial trial and error, from June 1<sup>st</sup> week classes were scheduled on Zoom.

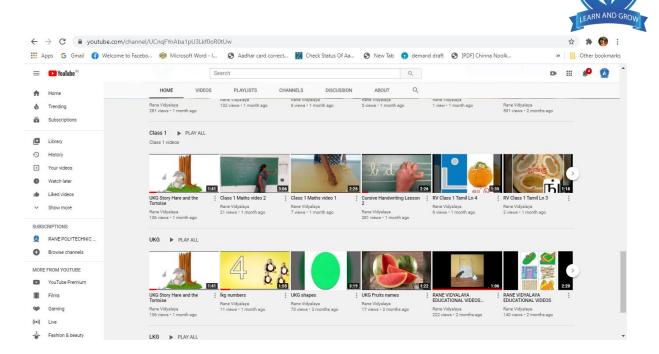
The time –table was a challenge. Out of the 350 plus kids, 135 were siblings in various classes. The timetables were made with the maximum complicated algorithm such that the siblings in various classes, did not have a clash in their classes. We stuck on to the 45 minute 2 sessions per day for all classes from first to sixth and twice a week for the KG kids. It was a different ball game when it came to the 3 year olds, as it required innovative engagement methods to make them sit in one place to follow the teacher. The batch-size was restricted between 5 and 7. Even while the teachers were mastering the Zoom sessions, they had to learn a few tricks from the kids to not annotate on the board, not impersonate as some other child by changing the display name, so on and so forth. They were given training in privacy, where they would always schedule their meeting, keep children in waiting room and allow after verification of their video etc. When kids started seeing their familiar teachers every day at a fixed time, they were more interested and excited about their work and work sheets.

In the first week of creating video lessons, we asked parents (most of whom were also staying home due to the lockdown) to spend 30 minutes a day with their kids walking them through the video lessons. The "Rane Vidyalaya" You tube channel has close to 70 videos made on various subjects including Yoga and Crafts. They are neatly classified into Play lists for various classes. This has also helped in the students who joined the school in the months of July and August to cope up with the lessons.



#### YOU TUBE CHANNEL - Screen shots

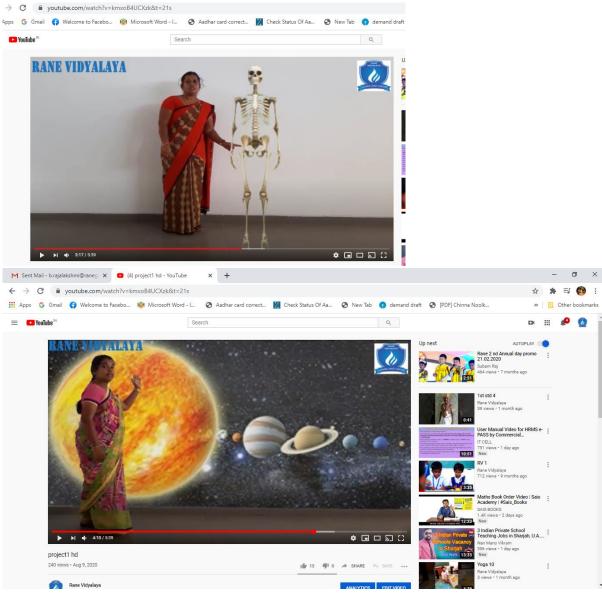




Our joy knew no bounds, when teachers discovered their hidden creativity in creating "AUGMENTED REALITY" videos.



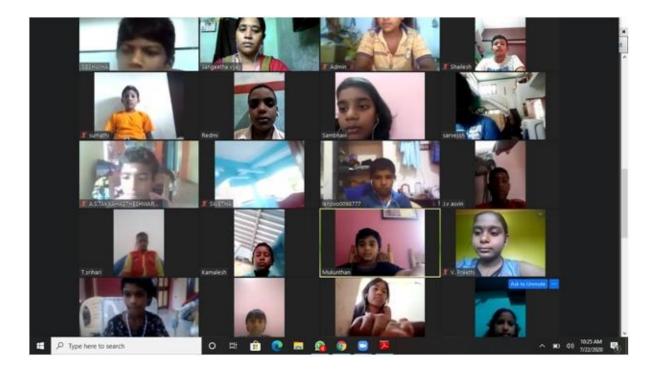




#### **ZOOM CLASSES**

These live classes were a classic example of flipped classrooms, where the learning happens at home before the class begins, and the class time is used for problem solving and discussion. We were surprised by how well it worked. We are proud to say that 95% of the children attend the online classes. The number of children without access to online classes are < 15 and we have reached out to them by mailing the lessons and contacting them through non-smart phones.





In the Zoom platform, most of the teachers and students joined using their cell phones. The sketch and screen-share features are a part of their standard free offering. Seeing their friends online after a lockdown period from Mar to June, the kids were thrilled and were always keeping the Chatline busy. We also added spice to the online classes with Music in the morning and Yoga/Karate in the evening. With the online task tracker, video lessons and the web video calls, it seemed like the regular classes were going pretty smoothly.

We also have given them the AHA GURU learning app, which ensures that online assessments in English and Maths are submitted online in parallel without any interruption. We thank the Management for enabling this arrangement and it is definitely an intervention which students in rural schools cannot dream off. This has definitely enabled the slow learners and laggers to cope up with the classes. The first UNIT test conducted showed that 80 percent of the kids scored 80% above in the Unit test.

In our school, we ensure that we teach kids about our culture through action. Since we live in a very diverse community, we enlist the help of our parents to teach kids about the festivals that their community celebrates. We worked with our parent volunteers to ask them to send videos of the KG kids dressed as Radha or Krishna for Janmashtami.





We inaugurated our literary clubs online in the first week of August and had the English oratorical competition coinciding with 15<sup>th</sup> of August, Independence Day. We were flooded with videos and photographs of the kids who participated in the English Oratorical competition. We also celebrated the Ganesh Chathurthi, with "Make your own Ganesha" and the kids enthralled us with their creativity.















The Icing on the cake was conducting the oral assessments online in record time. With meticulous planning and neatly executed, 350 students were tested 3 of the four LSRW skills (Listening, Reading and Speaking skills) one on one, with a team of teachers who split themselves into panels, armed with screen based testing kits based on each standard.

Teachers in RV, are continuously working round the clock, equipping themselves with new skills everyday. They are responsible for the parents in reposing the faith in the just budding school. We place on record our appreciation for their service and commitment. The children showered the teachers with unique Greeting Cards on Teachers Day, which stand testimony to this. The online classes will continue till the Lockdown is enforced. Do we miss the children in the school environment? Definitely yes. But like all tough times, the challenges will be faced and we will keep reinventing ourselves and come out triumphantly.











This academic year started with a strength of 380 students from Pre.K.G to VI standard and 14 teachers, 1 Physical Education Teacher, 1 Librarian, Principal and 9 office staff.

## **Academics**

Term-wise progress reports have been shared with the parents in the PTA meetings and we are proud to say that 80% of the students have achieved the Annual Goals set for the respective classes. The credit of the excellent performance is attributed to the hard work of the **teachers**.

Academics has been our focus. To benchmark our inputs, we encouraged our students to participate in the Olympiads conducted by reputed Institutes. The Energy Research Institute of India, TERI, conducted the GREEN OLYMPIAD to bring about awareness about the environment. 20 Students participated and 2 Students were received



Distinction Certificate. 3 Students were received Meritorious Certificates. We are proud to announce their names:

- 1. Ananya S of IV Standard
- 2. Rakshitha G of VI Standard

#### Meritorious Certificate for

- 1. Ashwanth R of IV Standard
- 2. Preethi V of V Standard
- 3. Rithvik SD of VI Standard

We are sure that in the coming years we will reach greater heights in these Olympiads.

Ticklinks in partnership with DAV Chennai and Ramakrishna mission Science Centre conducted the Vivekananda Young Explorer contest for English, Maths and Science for children of 3 age groups — Std 1-3, 4-6 and 7-9. Students submitted projects through charts and videos. In this competition there were 8600 project submissions all over India. One student has won the Excellence award, 29 students got the Appreciation awards which are very high numbers for a new school. Congratulations to all the students.

# **Co- Curricular Activities**

Club activities are an integral part of any School. Literary clubs in English, Tamil and Arts and Science were inaugurated on 01 – Aug 2020. The students were encouraged to participate in competitions held as part of club activities to increase their confidence, knowledge & enhance their all-round development.



Many competitions like Fancy Dress, English Elocution, Tamil Elocution and Junk Art, Postal ?? (poster ?) designing and Vegetable carving were conducted. I take this opportunity to congratulate all the students who have shed their inhibitions and participated in those events. The meritorious will receive the prizes today.

## **Extra-Curricular Activities:**

Beyond school curriculum, specialized training in Games and Arts were provided to willing students beyond the school hours. ??

### **Celebration of Functions and Events**

Various events were celebrated with a lot of enthusiasm and fun throughout the year like

- 1. Independence Day, Republic Day, Teachers day and Children's day.
- 2. Festivals like Gokulashtami, Christmas, Diwali and Pongal, Colours Day and Navarathri.

We have met our parents at the beginning and end of each term thru PTA meetings and taken their valuable inputs from time to time.



## 5.0 Concluding remarks.

To conclude, this year, we have taken lots of collective steps towards our vision and while one step was taken, many more are to go and it is certainly achievable with your cooperation. We sincerely thank all the parents who have been with us in this journey this year and will support us in the years to come.

THANKS.