

PODAR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, YADRAV (ICHALKARANJI)

ANNUAL REPORT (2023-24)

“Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another.”

"Success is the sum of small efforts - repeated day in and day out."

Podar school is committed to excellence in overall development of students. With great pleasure, we can proclaim that we have been able to succeed in the objectives set in the beginning of this academic year. We could achieve it with the dedication and hard work of the teachers.

School not only prepares the children for academic upliftment, but focuses on preparing them to be competent, confident, disciplined and valued citizens of the nation. We prepare them to be able to stand unique in the competitive world.

We are thrilled to present the brief Annual Report of our school for the academic year 2023-24.

MISSION

TO DEVELOP AND EQUIP THE CHILDREN OF INDIA FOR THE CHALLENGES OF THE 21ST CENTURY.

VISION

TO BE THE BEST AND BE RECOGNISED AS RAISING THE TRADITIONAL STANDARDS OF EDUCATIONAL POSSIBILITIES AND OUTCOMES FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS AND SOCIETY.

VALUES

- ***INNOVATIVE***
- ***OPEN***
- ***COMMITTED***
- ***LONG-TERM***

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.”

1. **Podar Education Network:**

We feel proud to be part of an organization that is often awarded and appreciated on the pan-India level. Some of the significant achievements are -

- 1) Podar Education Network has been awarded with MIMANSA Group Award 2023 for Chains of Schools with Highest Number of Students . Being part of PODAR group of schools, we feel extremely proud and we would like to thank all the parents, teachers, staff and students for supporting us every step of the way
- 2) Podar Education Network is also honored by Most Trusted Brand of the Nation 2023 Award in INDIAN BRAND & LEADERSHIP CONCLAVE. We are appreciative of the love and support all of you have shown us and continue to show us through the years.
- 3) Podar Education Network has secured Leading Pre-school Chain 2023 award.
- 4) Podar International Schools have been declared as 'One of the 10 Most Promising Schools in India 2023 SILICON INDIA Magazine. We are extremely elated and would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire Podar team, students and parents for their unwavering support.
- 5) We are delighted to announce that Podar Education Network has been felicitated with the Best Education Brands' Award by Economic Times. We are overjoyed with this accomplishment and would like to thank all of the staff, well-wishers, parents, and students for consistently making this brand iconic in every way!

2. **Swaccha Vidyalaya Award:**

A proud moment for our school as Podar International School, Ichalkaranji has received the ***"Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar"*** District Level Award.

The Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar is instituted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India to recognize, inspire and celebrate excellence in sanitation and hygiene practice in Schools. Our school has a 5 Star Rating with an overall 105.5 % score. Our Housekeeping Staff was felicitated for their continuous efforts of keeping the school safe, healthy and hygienic.

SCHOOL ACHIEVERS (2023-24)

Grade I to X (Grade wise Best Academic Performers) :-

Sr. No	Name of the student	Grade
1	Miss. Ovi Halgali	I
2	Mast. Shivansh Karn	II
3	Mast. Advait Rangate	III
4	Mast. Paras Patil	IV
5	Mast. Rajvardhan Vankore	V
6	Miss. Maithili Patil	VI
7	Mast. Akshat Karwa	VII
8	Mast. Shreya Magdum	VIII
9	Miss. Yogita Maheshwari	IX
10	Mast. Tanmay Kowad	X

Special Awards

1. Student of the Year :- Mast. Atharv Jakhotia
2. Concordant Performer :- Mast. Tanmay Kowad
3. Emerging Articulate :- Miss. Swapnali Kulkarni

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

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CBSE EXAMS

We feel proud to state that students of Grade X have brought laurels to the school with their excellent academic performances. **Consecutively for three years, we have achieved 100% pass result.** We appreciate and congratulate the combined efforts of our teachers, students and parents. It was the 3rd batch of Class X students who appeared for board exams in March 2023.

Details of the results -

Students appeared: 36 **Passed:** 36

Percentage-wise Distribution	
90% & Above	11
80% to 89%	11
70% to 79%	06
60% to 69%	04

Toppers of Batch 2022-23

1. Mast. Chirag Baldawa	96.2%
2. Miss. Arya Amane	95.6%
3. Miss. Supriyaraj Mehta	94.2%
4. Miss. Soundarya Mete	93.4%
5. Mast. Mayank Lahoti	93.4%

COMPETITIVE EXAMS

School emphasizes giving maximum opportunities to students to explore their potential and passion. This year our students participated in the Innoventure Challenge, SOF Olympiad, Homi Bhabha Competition and Scholarship exams. We could achieve a few milestones this year and those are –

- **Science Olympiad Foundation (SOF)** :- 392 students of our school appeared in Olympiad exams this year and secured 12 Gold Medal of Excellence in IGKO ; 12 Gold Medal of Excellence in IEO. 7 students are qualified for 2nd level in IMO along with 2 Medals of Distinction and 20 Gold medalists. Hearty Congratulations and All the best for Level-2 exams.
- **Innoventure Challenge 2023-24:** Innoventure is India's 1st national-level Ideation and Entrepreneurship Challenge for children 9 to 14 years old. It is organized by Intelligence Plus every year. This competition allows students to have insightful performance reports on creativity, innovation and critical thinking. The Innoventure Challenge is aligned with the Skill India and start-up India Mission. 07 students participated in it. Out of these 02 students have qualified for the second round.

We are proud to announce that ***Tanvi Jhavar and Palak Kabra from grade IX*** are qualified in the final round which will be conducted in the month of February, 2024.

- **Homi Bhabha** : Students of VI and IX participated in this exam. Tanishka Karwa & Shivam Sawant of Grade IX, Rijul Patil & Charvi Heda of Grade VI qualified in Homi Bhabha Exam.
- **Scholarship** : This exam is conducted by Maharashtra State Council of Examination, Pune which gives students an opportunity to showcase their academic skills and rewards them with different benefits in their journey of education. A total of 17 students from Grades 5th and 8th are preparing for this exam under the guidance of teachers.

SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

Sports play a dominant part in one's life: to understand one's potential and to understand the competition level one must move out and see where the world's moving. Such exposure is certainly given to our students. Our students participated in various sports activities conducted by various organizations and district-level events:

1. **Mast. Dhananjay Hiremath** : from Grade 7 has participated in the - DSO Yoga Championship and secured Gold medal in Individual and Rhythmic pair. He has participated in State level 4th State Sports Yogasana Championship and bagged Silver medal in Individual and Rhythmic pair. He has also participated in Block level DSO Yoga championship and ranked 2nd in Traditional Yoga, 1st in Rhythmic Yoga. He has secured 1st rank in District level DSO Yoga Competition.
2. **Mast Atharva Jakhotia** : from Grade 8 has secured 1st rank in Inter School Chess Competition and 2nd rank in District level Chess Tournament held for Under 14 Boys.
3. **Miss. Radha Lele** : from Grade 7 has participated in Block level DSO Yoga championship and ranked 1st in Traditional Yoga
4. **Mast. Tanmay Kawad** : from Grade 10 has participated in Block level Chess Competition and bagged 1st rank in Under 17 Boys
5. **Miss. Diya Jaju** : from Grade 9 has participated in Block level Chess Competition and bagged 1st rank in Under 17 Girls. Also she has participated in District level Chess Competition and secured 2nd rank in Under 17 Girls
6. **Miss. Yugandhara Mete** : from Grade 7 has participated in Lawn Tennis - DSO District Level 2023 in the under - 14 age group and secured 1st rank.
7. **Miss. Atreyi Kale** : from Grade 1 has participated in VIVA swimming competitions and bagged Silver medal in 25 m freestyle Under 8 girls ; Gold medal in 25 m Breaststroke Under 8 girls ; Gold medal in 25 m Butterfly Under 8 girls
8. **Miss. Gargi Gurav** : from Grade 3 has participated in Inter School Chess Competition and bagged Best Academy Player award.
9. **Mast. Nimesh Jogad** : from Grade 8 has participated in Krishna Sahodaya Complex Sangli Football Tournament and received the Best Goalkeeper award.

This academic year we emphasized maximum participation in various sports activities on different levels, which resulted in a total of 219 ***students participating in DSO competitions as well as 17 students participated in competitions held by CBSE.***

IMPORTANT PROGRAMS

Podar Education Network follows a tagline, More Than Grades. This can be reflected in the different programs curated for the students. Out of many grade-wise programs few important programs are

1. **Integrated English:** Under integrated English we celebrated four (4) themes -

The first theme was **TECH IT-UP! A world of Gadgets and Gizmos** :- Under this theme, we learned about the devices and revolution in communication media. School organized a field trip for the students of I to VIII at Reliance Electronics and ICO Spinning mill for the real life experiences.

The next theme was **Young Entrepreneurs – Discovering the businessman in You** and it was concluded with the culminating event The Bizkids Bazaar. Children learned to make and use their business tricks in the Bazaar organized in school.

In the second half of the year, we dived into the next theme Mythbusters – Uncovering Myths, Fairy Tales and Legends Engraved in Time'. The students learnt about myths and are able to differentiate between Myths and Legends. It was concluded with the event Believe it or Not. Students showcased their learning through dances and skit acts.

Our ongoing theme – **Significant People – Characters and Events that changes the world'** started with jumpstart activities. The module has been designed for the students to know about the famous personalities and their contributions for human welfare.

2. **School Club:** After School Club at PIS is not merely a collection of school activities, but a well-formulated and comprehensive plan to help the development of each child's excellence beyond the classroom.

This year we had Gourmet Club, Treasure Trove Club , Music & More. All students across grades I to VIII were divided into 3 clubs to hone their passion and reach their potential.

3. **Vocational Guidance :** From the last 7 years, Podar is providing the Vocational Assessment for students of grades IX and X. This program helps the students to understand their IQ, Aptitude and Interest to make better choices in selecting a career.

4. **Annual Sports:** School has organized the most awaited event i.e Annual Sports Day with great enthusiasm and zeal. Shri. Ganesh Naykude, Founder and Chairman of Gurukul Academy, Abdul Lat graced the occasion as chief guest.

The day is meant to commemorate the legend and create awareness of the importance of sports, fitness and health. Our students and parents thoroughly enjoyed the event. Students have energetically participated with great team spirit. The event included a Welcome dance, March Past, Torch Run, Students' class-wise displays, student hits, sports events for Parents and Teachers, and a Closing dance.

5. **Investiture Ceremony:** Investiture Ceremony is an occasion where the newly elected Prefect Body of Student Council steps into the leadership role and takes an oath to deliver their duties promptly this striving to impact the school community positively on the success path.

Shri Anway Chikate, Principal, PIS Karad , Col. SP Kulkarni sir, GM, Kolhapur Hub and Mr Ishwar Patil Sir, Principal, Podar International School, Ichalkaranji were the chief guests for this occasion.

The investiture ceremony is an important occasion where a school entrusts its upcoming leaders with certain roles and responsibilities. Delegation of responsibility and giving authority to children is important as it teaches them lifelong skills of being powerful and caring at the same time.

Students were feeling glad to achieve their positions in the Students Council and carried a feeling of pride with a promise to abide by their roles and responsibilities.

6. **Fire Mock Drills:** Mock fire drills and evacuation drills were executed for the entire school to create awareness and preparedness during calamities. The students were trained to be alert, quick and responsible, follow instructions, maintain calm and avoid panic to avert stampedes and casualties. The purpose of conducting fire drills is to ensure that in the event of an actual fire-related emergency at a school building, all staff and students will know how to evacuate the school buildings in the shortest possible time and without confusion. The entire staff and all the students actively participated in it by following all safety precautions. Mock situations were created to arouse awareness among students.

Students were briefed about the usage of fire extinguishers, and safety measures to be taken in case of fire and evacuation.

7. **Transport Mock Drill:** Students were also oriented with transport-related safety measures with the time bounded demonstration and hands-on experience to use the related aids.

CO-SCHOLASTIC EVENTS

Every activity in school life plays a significant role in the development of students. Co-Scholastic activities are an essential part of school life and help in enhancing the learning process of students at school. They are designed and balanced with the academic curriculum so that every student gets to learn beyond subjects. Some of the events are -

a) **Environment Awareness Day**

It was celebrated on 5th June to spread awareness about the environment in the society.

b) **Yoga Day**

Podar International School, Ichalkaranji has celebrated International Yoga Day with great enthusiasm and zeal.

The idea of an international day to recognize and respect the practice of yoga was first made on 27th September 2014 by the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modiji at the UN General Assembly. It is observed on June 21 to spread awareness about the benefits of yoga. The theme for this year was 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'.

Students followed common yoga protocol and performed various yogasanas and understood their importance.

c) **Teachers Day** : : was celebrated in the school on 5th September. The students of Grades IX and X planned and executed a wonderful show for teachers.

d) **Children's Day** : was celebrated in the school on 20th November. The teachers performed skit and dance for students and wished them with badges.

e) **Festivals**

- **Guru Purnima** was celebrated on 3rd July 2023. Indian academics celebrate this day by thanking their teachers as well as remembering past teachers and scholars. Students participated enthusiastically in the event with Group Songs, Group Dances, Student Speeches etc. Teachers were felicitated by Respected Principal Sir for their valuable contribution to the field of Academics.
- **Ashadhi Ekadashi** was celebrated for the first time in the school enthusiastically on 29th June 2023. A Series of events were planned along with students' speech, Student group song, and Teacher's speech and all the students were in the attire of various saints. Students were glad to understand the importance of Lord Vitthal and his teachings for the betterment of society.
- **Shri Krishna Janmashtami** was celebrated on 6th September 2023. It is the day to celebrate the birth of Lord Krishna. Our students from Grades I and II participated

enthusiastically in the attire of Shri Krishna and Radha, Group dance and Dahi Handi celebration. Students understood the importance of the celebration and enjoyed it thoroughly.

- **Ganesh Chaturthi** was a spiritual celebration on the school campus on 26th September 2023. Energetic Events were conducted like Lezim, Zanjh Pathak, Traditional Group Dance and Students skit. The whole environment of the campus seems to be more spiritual and aesthetic with the arrival of Lord Ganesha.
- **Navratri Celebration and Dandiya Raas** were organized on 20th October. Competition Rounds were conducted from Nursery to Grade X and all the parents. Students, parents and grandparents were invited to the event. The event was successfully supported by our Sponsors, PTA members, SDC members and Reporters. Students and parents enthusiastically participated in the competition rounds and thoroughly enjoyed the event.
- **Diwali festival** was celebrated on 4th November 2023. Students were engaged in different activities like Diya-making and lantern-making competitions before going for a Diwali vacation. The entire school premises were decorated with the creativity of students.
- **Christmas Celebration** was on 21st December 2023. Our students sang Christmas carols and performed group dances. They were overjoyed by the presence of Santa Claus with chocolates.

f) **Marathon:** Around 130 students of Podar International School, Ichalkaranji have participated In Jeeto Ahimsa Marathon and IM FIT Marathon with full enthusiasm and zeal.

Training for a marathon will inevitably boost our general health and fitness. Running is great for improving cardiovascular fitness and bone density, and combined with other complementary activities such as yoga, swimming and cycling can lead to increased muscle strength and flexibility. Students were glad to be successful Finishers for 5km, 10 km, 21 km etc and received their medals.

g) **Outreach Programs Or Volunteer Programs :** Students of our School, have enthusiastically participated in the Book Donation Drive, Donation Drive for the orphanage conducted under Podar Volunteer Program. Heartfelt Gratitude to our Respected Principal, Mr Ishwar Patil Sir for providing such wonderful opportunities to help our society for a noble cause.

INTRA SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

To showcase the potential of students: Podar always gives a platform. By providing a conducive & encouraging environment the students are mentored to participate in a variety of Intra & Inter-school activities and competitions. Co-curricular activities are meant to bring social skills, intellectual skills, moral values, personality progress and character appeal to students. **Some of the competitions are as follows:**

Sr. No	Competition Name	Date	Participants (Grade)
1	Show & Tell	19/6/23	I - II
2	Spell Bee	19/6/23	III - IV
3	Yoga Competition	21/6/23	VI-VIII
4	English Calligraphy	19/6/23	IX-X
5	Singing Competition solo on occasion of World Music Day	24/6/23	III-VIII
6	Fancy Dress (related to technology)	7/7/23	I-II
7	Recycle waste materials into space related items	7/7/23	III-V
8	On the spot Painting Competition	13/7/23	VI-VIII
9	HOT Math competition (Create e-magazine)	13/7/23	IX-X
10	Rangoli competition on theme technology	28/6/23	III-X
11	Skit / Drama competition on theme Gurupurnima	3/7/23	I-X
12	Shloka Competition (Sanskrit, Hindi, Marathi)	8/8/23	I-II
13	Rakhi making competition	25/8/23	I-II
14	Poetry Recitation competition	7/8/23	III
15	Solo dance Competition on theme Patriotism	11/8/23	VI-VIII
16	History Quiz Competition	18/8/23	IX-X
17	Moral story Telling (Hindi , English)	4/9/23	I-II
18	Kavita Pratiyogita	11/9/23	III-V

INTER SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

Sr. No	Competition Name	Date	Participants (Grade)
1	Poetry Recitation Competition (Virtual), Hub Level competition hosted by PIS Ratnagiri	4/12/2023 (result declared)	III - VIII
2	Anuvrat Creativity Contest 2023 on theme Asli Azadi Apnao	28/8/2023	V-X
3	Knowledge Knock Out 2023 (Virtual) hosted by PIS Belgavi	26/10/2023	IX-X
4	Yellow Conclave organized by AB Patil School, Sangli	21 & 22/12/2023	VI-X

TEACHERS TRAINING PROGRAMMES

"It's the teacher that makes the change, not the mere classroom".

Various programmes for the leaders and teachers were organized by our Podar Innovative team and also by the CBSE Empanelled agency. Our teachers continuously undergo rigorous training for empowering themselves.

1. **In-house Training** :- Professional Ethics and Etiquettes: The school organized this workshop on 1st week of June 2023 to re-brush Professionalism among teachers. All teachers participated in this session, in which Mr. Ishtar Patil, Principal PIS, Ichalkaranji and Ms. Amita Patil, Sr. Coordinator were the resource persons.
2. **ICC Orientation** : The session was conducted by Ms. Khot and Ms. Amita Patil along with the external resource person Adv. Rohini Kamble.
3. **POCSO Act Orientation**: One of the sensitization activities for the teachers under the orientation programme on the POCSO Act was organized in the school and it was conducted by Mr. Abhijit Dive.
4. **Classroom Management** : Teachers were trained for the classroom management techniques in this session. It was conducted on 19/8/2023 by Ms. Swati Kanase, Principal, PIS Kankavali and under the guidance of Mr Ishwar Patil, Principal, PIS Ichalkaranji.
5. **CBSE Trainings** :- Teachers registered themselves for online training sessions for the topics on NEP, Library, Teaching subjects and methodologies etc. Besides these in-person sessions, teachers are attending virtual sessions framed by CBSE training portals and Podar Innovative Cell. This reflects in their daily teaching-learning process which is allowing them to nurture 21st-century learners.

*Thank
you!*