Introduction:

The Sanskaar School in Talwandi Sabo, Punjab, is a prestigious educational institution that stands as a beacon of academic excellence and all-inclusive development. Nestled in the heart of Punjab, this school is dedicated to nurturing young minds, imparting values, and fostering a spirit of innovation. With a commitment to providing a world-class education, The Sanskaar School is known for its state-of-the-art facilities, dedicated faculty, and a nurturing environment that empowers students to excel academically and grow into responsible, well-rounded individuals. This introduction offers just a glimpse into the educational journey that awaits students at The Sanskaar School, where tradition meets modernity, and where each child's potential is carefully nurtured.

Infrastructure:

The school's focus on infrastructure development has likely encompassed modern classrooms with smart class, well-equipped laboratories, libraries, sports facilities, and more. Such a phased approach ensures that each addition meets the evolving needs of the growing student body. It also allows for the integration of advanced teaching methodologies and technologies.

Furthermore, this growth is indicative of The Sanskaar School's reputation for quality education, which has likely attracted more students and garnered the trust of parents and the community. As the school continues to evolve and improve its infrastructure, it remains dedicated to its mission of nurturing young minds and preparing them for a bright future.

Academic Excellence

Our institution has continued to excel academically, with a significant increase in student performance and achievements. We have maintained a high graduation rate and have been recognized for our contributions to educational excellence. Twenty-one Students from classes V to VIII participated in SOF Olympiad Examination scored well. Many students attained gold whereas some were selected for Level-2 Olympiad Examination. Our commitment to student success is unwavering. We have implemented various support programs, resulting in a decrease in dropout rates and an increase in student retention.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION IN TEACHING PRACTICE

Innovation in teaching practice is all about breaking the monotonous environment of the classroom. To be at pace with the technology, online classroom management tools and digital teaching strategies are used by the teachers for which teachers training are conducted periodically to cater the needs of the learners irrespective of their learning style, i.e. word smart or visual smart. For kinesthetic learners experiential learning is promoted while guiding them with the projects. Online customized platform is used in the school to bridge the gap between the learner and the facilitator. Even in this difficult times of Covid, school has achieved the results

WALKING HAND IN HAND WITH THE GOALS LED BY UNITED NATIONS - SUSTAINABILITY DEVELOPMENT GOALS and STEAM Activities

To enable learners to ponder about scientific phenomena that occur in nature and to relate it with classroom teaching STEAM sessions are conducted. This inquiry based learning activates critical thinking and develop scientific skills among the pupil. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the United Nations General Assembly are concatenated through inclusive education to eradicate the threating situation that could create social and ecological instability. Using models and statistics, importance of quality education, conservation of natural resources, clean water and Sanitation, Rain water harvesting, and many more activities were conducted by the school STEAM & SDG team.

Student Empowerment Program

Student Empowerment Programs (SEP) has also been a part of the curriculum, helping children to build character, developing personality, inculcating etiquettes and improving body language. The student empowerment program encompasses "**Masti Ki Pathshala**" wherein different clubs are introduced as per the interest of the students.

To develop enthusiasm among young learners and adaptation to their surroundings, general awareness activities were conducted on concepts like day and night, seasons and weathers, community helpers, etc. To make children aware of oneself and their needs an activity was led online entitled know yourself where little children talked about themselves. Other activities like clay modeling, art integrated and creative writing projects, online quizzes, math magic, poster making competitions, etc are held online at The Sanskaar School, Talwandi Sabo.

Personal Learning Experience (PLE) sessions

To imbibe social and behavioural skills and to inculcate the practice of listening among children, **story-telling sessions** are organized. Different methodologies like shadow puppetry, role play, stick puppet, paper and clay craft and various other props are used for story-telling. Age appropriate **Personal Learning Experience (PLE) sessions** were conducted to develop proper attitude towards the life. Some of them were the use of magical words, packing up the bags, hand washing activity so as to keep oneself safe and prevent diseases.

Physical Fitness and Health: Programs like Gatka and gymnastics promote physical fitness, flexibility, and strength. They encourage an active and healthy lifestyle, contributing to the overall well-being of students.

Cultural and Artistic Expression: Dance, music, and art allow students to express themselves creatively. These activities are essential for nurturing artistic talents and helping students develop a sense of cultural awareness and identity.

Teamwork and Discipline: Many of these programs involve group activities, fostering teamwork and interpersonal skills. Additionally, they often require discipline and practice, instilling a strong work ethic in students.

Confidence and Self-esteem: As students develop their skills in these programs, they gain confidence and a sense of achievement. This newfound confidence can extend to other areas of their academic and personal lives.

Diversity and Inclusivity: These programs embrace diversity by allowing students of various interests and abilities to participate. They are often inclusive and accommodate different skill levels, ensuring that every student can find a program that suits them.

Overall, the introduction of these student empowerment programs enriches the educational experience and prepares students for a well-rounded and balanced life. It not only contributes to their personal growth but also helps in creating a vibrant and dynamic school community

Special assemblies and festival celebrations are conducted online so as to tell them about the social, religious and national festivals. Everyone has lost the count of days in this pandemic and to fill it with gratitude is of utmost importance which we do through online assemblies.

Coding is one of the subjects that is a part of the 21st century skills according to NEP 2020 to elevate the creativity. Keeping it in view coding has been introduced in the school. Coding has also been introduced for classes VI-VIII to attain digital literacy.

<u>SPORTS</u>

The young sportsperson of The Sanskaar school are molded with determination to carry their life on a great path. Sports help in achieving great things and teaches to play the game of life with morals and true sportsman ship.

- Karman Singh of Std V got 3rd position in 1 Lap and 1000 m in Skating at District Competition
- Sarajinder Singh of Std IV got 1st position in 1000 m, 2nd position in 500 m and 2nd position in 1 Lap at district level Skating Competition. He has been selected for state level competitions.
- <u>Avneet kaur of Std IV</u> got 2nd position in Shotput event at district level and had also been selected for state level competition.
- Ms. Navbir Kaur got 1st position in State Level Football Competition under category-11.
- Vansh Bansal of Std VII secured 3rd position in Skating Competition at District level.
- Paramjeet Kaur of class VIII has secured 1st position in 500 m, 1000m and 2000 m at zone level.
- Under-11 football boys team secured 3rd position in block games.
- Under-14 Volleyball team of the school has secured first position at zone level.
- Under-14 Tug of War boys secured 3rd position whereas girls secured 2nd position
- Jyotveer Kaur and Ms. Mansirat Kaur of VIIth standard achieved 1st position in Tug of war Competition at district level.

Community Engagement Initiatives

At The Sanskaar School, Talwandi Sabo we believe in making a difference in the lives of our community members. Our commitment to community engagement remains unwavering, and in the year 2022-2023, we actively participated in various initiatives aimed at creating a positive impact. Here are some key activities and events we were involved in:

Roti Daan (Food Donation Drive): every year school organizes a food donation drive to combat hunger and food insecurity in our local community. Thousands of meals were distributed to those in need, making a meaningful contribution to eradicating hunger.

Eradicate Poverty Workshops: We conducted workshops and awareness campaigns to educate community members about poverty alleviation strategies. These efforts aimed to empower individuals with the knowledge and skills needed to improve their socioeconomic conditions.

Nasha Virodh Rally (Anti-Substance Abuse Rally): Our organization actively participated in a rally against substance abuse, emphasizing the importance of a drug-free community. We collaborated with local authorities and other stakeholders to raise awareness about the dangers of addiction.

Traffic Safety Seminar: A traffic safety seminar was organized to promote safe driving habits and reduce accidents in our community. Renowned experts and law enforcement officials shared valuable insights, and interactive sessions were conducted.

NGO Visits: Our team visited various non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working towards different social causes. These visits allowed us to understand their work, share knowledge, and explore potential collaborations.

Lecture on Fire Safety: We hosted a comprehensive lecture on fire safety to educate our community about fire prevention and safety measures. Practical demonstrations and discussions on emergency preparedness were included.

Rally on Maa Boli Punjabi (Preserving the Punjabi Language): We organized a rally to celebrate and preserve our rich Punjabi culture and language. The event emphasized the importance of preserving "Maa Boli" (mother tongue) and cultural heritage.

Impact and Future Endeavors

These community engagement initiatives have allowed us to foster stronger bonds with our local community and contribute to social welfare. We believe that through such efforts, we can create a more inclusive, prosperous, and safe environment for all. In the upcoming year, we remain committed to expanding our community outreach and engagement efforts.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteers, participants, and partners who supported these initiatives. Together, we will continue to strive for positive change in our community.

Sustainability and Environmental Initiatives

At The Sanskaar School, Talwandi Sabo, we are committed to creating a sustainable and eco-friendly environment for the community. Every year, we continued our efforts towards this goal by actively participating in various environmental initiatives. Here are some key activities and projects we were involved in:

Our institution has taken significant steps to raise awareness about the United Nations **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** among students, faculty, and the local community. We have integrated SDG-related content into our curriculum and organized awareness campaigns.

Buta Daan (Tree Plantation Drive): Each year, we conduct the Buta Daan, where we plant as well as donate trees in our community to promote afforestation. This initiative not only enhances green cover but also raises awareness about the importance of trees in maintaining a healthy environment.

Save the Bees Project: In line with our commitment to biodiversity conservation, we initiated the "Save the Bees" project. This project focused on raising awareness about the critical role of bees in pollination and implementing measures to protect and support bee populations.

Green Initiatives: Sustainability is at the core of our campus operations. We have implemented several green initiatives, such as reducing energy consumption, waste management, and promoting eco-friendly transportation.

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Value The Perspective of Others



Equality



Reducing Inequalities



Diversity, Equity and Inclusion



Equality



Reducing Inequalities



Calculating Health Score



Waste Reduction



Environmental Sound Management of Chemicals



Peace Justice and Strong Institution

Impact and Sustainability

These environmental initiatives have not only contributed to a healthier environment but have also raised awareness about the importance of preserving nature. The positive impact of these activities extends beyond our community and influences the broader region. As we move forward, we are committed to expanding our efforts and continuing to advocate for environmental sustainability.

School Management Committee

Various issues were discussed during the year.

Agenda 1: The issue of unregulated private vehicle parking on school premises has been causing disruptions. Designating parking areas for staff, parents, and visitors was discussed along with the van norms to ensure the safety of students during transportation.

Agenda 2: School bus safety is of utmost importance. Meeting was to ensure that all school buses meet safety standards, including its regular maintenance, and rigorous driver background checks.

Agenda 3: Strategies for innovative activities to be taken up for improvement of both academic and non-academic performance of the children in the school. Activities which could compel students to think critically, collaborate and perform certain projects based on sustainable research. Inter School Competitions and Sports Meet must be organised in order to cater the opportunities to young children to showcase their ability.

Agenda 4: Under Student Empowerment plan, clubs are introduced to identify hidden potential of the Sanskaarians and steer them to grow with adequate opportunities, according to their skill for the holistic development of the student. These development opportunities run the gamut, from formal training programs to mentorship.

- Mental Activities Getting friendly with books, reading and comprehending text, vocational training, technological advancements, Programming, logical reasoning, etc. To develop the critical thinking, logic building ability among the students, to accelerate the child's thinking and analytical ability, vocabulary enhancement, certain activities would be held every alternate month.
- Physical Activities Gymnastics, Gatka (Punjabi Martial Arts), Skating, Athletics and various sports.

Parent Teacher Association

Agenda 1: The post-COVID-19 scenario has brought about changes in the education sector. The school needs to adapt accordingly, which may include continued online learning options, improved hygiene measures, and potential changes in the academic calendar. Parents need to be kept informed and engaged in the changes done to ensure hygienic practice. We should establish clear communication channels and provide necessary support to students and families who may still be affected by the pandemic.

Agenda 2: In light of concerns about students carrying heavy bags, we should explore ways to reduce the load. This includes ensuring that textbooks are accessible digitally and promoting the use of lockers for storage. We should also encourage teachers to coordinate on the timing and quantity of assignments to minimize the number of books students need to carry.

Agenda 3: Discussion on National Education Policy (NEP) and National Curriculum Framework (NCF) was scheduled wherein detailed analysis on how the NEP and NCF influence our teaching methods and curriculum. It's essential to align our educational practices with these frameworks to maintain the quality of education. It's imperative to provide continuous training to our teaching staff so they can adapt to the changes brought about by the NEP and NCF. Workshops and seminars focusing on the new frameworks should be organized.

Agenda 4: In order to enhance the quality of education, we should provide comprehensive training to our teachers. Mental wellness and stress management should be part of this training, ensuring our teachers can recognize and address students' emotional well-being. Moreover, training in multiple intelligence and 21st-century skills will help our teachers provide a more holistic education that equips students with the skills they need for the future. We should also arrange for first aid training for our staff to handle medical emergencies within the school premises. Collaborating with local health institutions may be a beneficial approach. Structured training calendar encompassing all these aspects to ensure our teachers receive the necessary training has to be created.