



Mithalal M. Shah

SHANTI NIKETAN as you all know has been established and is being administrated by M.G. Charitable Trust on 'no profit no loss basis' and over the years has earned both name & fame as a premier institution dedicated for imparting quality education with a view to preparing better citizens of tomorrow who are blooming with the virtues like international brotherhood, religious tolerance; patriotism; national emotional integration, non-violence and love for eternal moral values enshrined in our hoary tradition and culture. Its really a matter of great satisfaction that during a very short span of time, Shanti Niketan has progressed not only in the field of achieving very high academic standards but also in the field of co-curricular and extra curricular activities. The beautiful cultural items like Solo & Group Dances; Songs and one act play presented to day by the students & Kids are the fine examples of their artistic tastes & skills. With a view to encouraging & motivating them, the school management very generously gives prizes, momentous and certificates every year to all such students who achieved ranks and merits in academic; physical and culture activities on the annual day. I congratulate all the students who have been awarded prizes on this occasion. I would also like to express my appreciation to the dedicated services rendered by the director and the members of staff in preparing and shaping the kids for presenting such a nice matured cultural Programme.

I have vision to provide excellent facilities and teaching aids to impart education and give rural students & kids of Nursery to std XII a background and taste of a public school of vepute. I am extremely pleased to note that this year Nine students of our school (Shanti Niketan Senior Secondary School Balotra) have passed in CA examination. Besides this Shanti Niketan has the pride privilege of producing 9 Doctors / Engineers during the last three years. The academic standard of our students is quite high yet our efforts are on to further increase it. For this we have recently recruited highly paid, qualified & experienced lectures in science subject and accountancy.

I appreciate the love affection, co-operation and zeal shown by management in all the activities of this school & I thank all of you for this.

As you are already aware ladies & gentlemen, our trust, besides education has contributed significantly in providing medical facilities. (A complete cardiac centre named after. my wife Smt. Sumitra devi Mithalal Cardic Centre at Rajasthan Hospital, Ahemadabad.

In the end, I would like to assure parents / guardians of our dear students that we will do our best to make Shanti Niketan - an educational institution of higher learning of its own kind.

Thanking you
Jai hind

Mithalal M. Shah
Chairman

1. Historical Background:

Shanti Niketan – a Govt. recognized co-educational English Medium Upper Primary School, was established on 21st July, 1988 with 15 students in the cherished memory of Late Shri Bachhraj Ji, Shri Multanmal Ji, Shri Mukanchand Ji and Shri Badarmal Ji renowned and rich Anyav family of Balotra. It is managed by Mithalal Gautam Kumar Charitable Trust. The school follows the N.C.E.R.T. Syllabus and is a Model Public School in Balotra, District – Barmer. Later it was raised to a Secondary School in 2006 – 07 and Senior Secondary School in 2008 – 09 with Science & Commerce streams and is affiliated to the Board of Secondary Education, Rajasthan, Ajmer.

Shanti Niketan is located in Balotra on Jodhpur Barmer Road. It is situated in a massive eco-friendly environment and aesthetically designed School Building free from pollution and is conducive to concentration and study without any disturbance. The whole serene campus is surrounded by shady trees and plants. At present there are 26 well furnished spacious and ventilated classrooms with tube lights, fans, central audio system, cameras and colourful and functionally designed articles of furniture of different shapes, sizes and colours. The arrangement of seating in the classrooms is such that dynamic interaction is possible between the teacher and the students.

Our Vision – Aims and Objectives:

- ❖ To impart education for excellence in studies, games and sports, co-curricular activities and for all-round development of personality.
- ❖ To foster the intellectual, social, emotional, physical, spiritual and aesthetic development of the students in order to enhance their quality of life.
- ❖ To evoke and inculcate in students love and pride for ancient cultural heritage and traditions (good sanskars), besides developing virtues like character-building, patriotism, sacrifice, temper, respect for all religions, peaceful co-existence, brotherhood and belief in 'Vasudhev Kutumbkam.'
- ❖ To draw out the best within the child by nurturing and developing one's natural skills, talents and creativity.



Seth Shri Bachhraj Ji



Seth Shri Multanmal Ji



Seth Shri Mukanchand Ji



Seth Shri Badarmal Ji

3. The Pioneers:-



Shri Mithalal M. Shah, a renowned industrialist – popularly known as BABUJI, a visionary, a kind hearted, noble soul: the father of Shanti Niketan, Chairman of both the M.G. Charitable Trust and the Board of School Management of Shanti Niketan School played an instrumental role in the opening of this temple of learning with English Medium.

Besides promoting and developing the cause of value based education for excellence, he has contributed significantly for the development of Rajasthan Hospital (G.R.M.I.) in Ahmedabad and is actively associated with the educational, social, cultural and Relief activities of Rajasthan Sewa Samiti – an institution of high repute.



His wife **Smt. Sumitra M. Shah** a religious, kind hearted and affectionate lady with firm determination has always been an inspiring spirit behind all the benevolent projects of Babuji. She regularly visits Shanti Niketan and takes keen interest in the activities of School. She has proved this proverb that after the success of every great man, there is a lady at the back and Smt. Sumitra M. Shah is the Inspiring Force for the success of Shri Mithalalji.

4. At the Helm:-



The school presently at his helm has – the Retd. Dy. Director of Education, an eminent educationalist having vast experience in the field of education, author of several Text Books in English for Secondary and Higher Secondary students, who has very adroitly given Shanti Niketan a tremendous impetus to academic excellence and divisional fame, from its multifarious innovative co-curricular activities and high standards of academic achievements. He is everything for Shanti Niketan.

S.N. Dadhich, Director M.A. English Lit., B.Ed., M.A. Ling. & ELT. (Leeds, U.K.) P.G. Dip. TE. CIEFL, Hyderabad, Recipient of State Award for Teachers

5. Our New Principal:-



He has recently joined Shanti Niketan as a principal. He is an experienced man and a good administrator.

Mr. D.D. Tripathi, Principal
M.A. (Hindi, Sanskrit), M.Ed. Retd. Principal.

6. School Calendar & Timing:-

Shanti Niketan follows the calendar issued by the Department of Education, Govt. of Rajasthan. At present the timing are as follows: (Subject to change)

1st April to 31st October

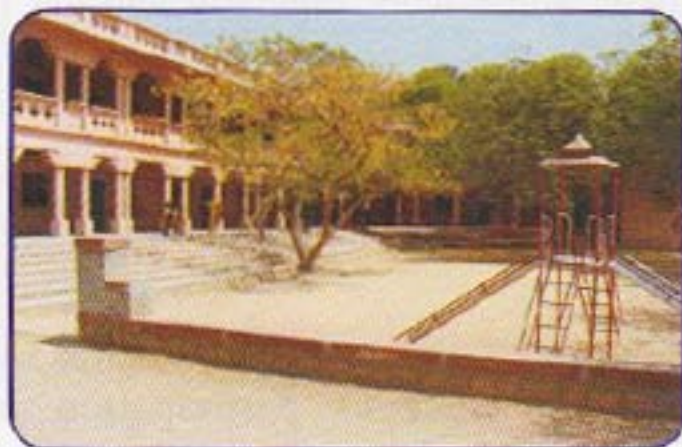
I Shift (7.00 am to 12.15pm)

1st November to 31st March

II Shift (12.15 to 5.30 pm)

Session:- So far Shanti Niketan has been observing the academic calendar from 1st July to 15th May but from 2010 the new session will start from 1st May to 30th April.

Morning Assembly: Our morning assembly programme lasts for 20 minutes in both the shifts and is unique one in many respects. With the beating of the drum, all the students and teachers assemble for the morning prayer. After the prayers, National Songs, reading out of Hindi & English News, thought for the day and Celebrating Birthday of the students, are the regular features of prayer programme.



7. Rules & Regulations:-

Expectation from our students: Students should –

1. Reach the school well in time and regularly. Late comers will be penalized and/or punished. Leave of absence may be noted in the student's diary. If a student is absent for ten days continuously, his name will be struck off from the rolls without any notice.
2. Wear the prescribed complete uniform of the school everyday during the school hours.
3. Complete their home work assigned by the teachers regularly and systematically.
4. Bring the copies, books and school diary according to the time table.
5. Not bring with them costly articles and money. School will not be responsible for any loss of them. The use of mobile in school is strictly prohibited.
6. Not make a noise or shout when the tuitional work is going on. They should maintain the perfect discipline in the class.
7. Not damage or break any school property. Loss if any will have to be made good by them.

Expectation from Parents/Guardians: Parents should –

1. Send their wards in neat, clean & complete uniform fully equipped with all required materials like copies, books, diary, lunch box etc.
2. Attend the cleaning of teeth, trimming of hair and proper nails etc of their wards.
3. Maintain regular contact with the School for all round development of the child either through the Student' Diary or through the personal presence.
4. Attend all parent's – teacher's meet and discuss student's progress with the teachers. They should come to school & see the concerned teacher on Saturdays above the problems of their wards.
5. Read the diary daily and sign the diary notes without any gap.
6. Not enter the class rooms during school hours.
7. Inform the school authorities in case of change in address or phone number.
8. See that their wards complete the given home work regularly and get it checked by the teacher concerned.
9. Pay the School Fee well in time.
10. Not send their wards for Private Tutions.

8. Co-curricular Activitie:-

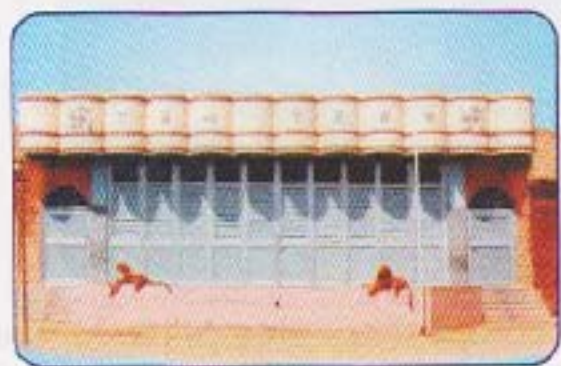


Besides imparting quality education, we also lay much stress on student's participation in multifarious co-curricular activities organized house wise round the year for the all round development of students.

Academic Activities:- Debates, Essay Writing Competition, Poetry Recitation, Drawing and Painting, Quiz Competition, Science Fair, Celebration of National Festivals & Birthdays of Great Leaders, Rangoli, Mehandi and General Knowledge Competition are regularly organized.



Cultural Activities:- Dramas, Dances, Mono-acting, One-act plays, Songs, Fancy Dress Shows etc. The school provides the modern and up-to-date indoor as well as outdoor games, equipments rarely found in other schools for kids. The School is equipped with all types of play equipments for small children which will go a long way for the development of personality of the children.



Rajendra Rangmanch:- A spacious open air auditorium having stage with curtains, lighting & sound system, musical instruments, band and green rooms for performance of dramas etc. Socially useful and productive work camp and educational fairs are organized every year on campus. Houses who stand first in various performances are rewarded for encouragement.

9. Examination & Tests:-

At present Examination and Tests are based on the pattern of the Department of Secondary Education, Govt. of Rajasthan which has two tests, two home work assignments, Half Yearly and Annual Examinations. Very soon, like the Board's Examination, we are going to have grading system.

10. Library and Reading Room:-

We have a good library containing more that 2500 Books on varied subjects and General Knowledge. We also subscribe a number of daily newspapers and Weekly/Monthly periodicals to enhance the habit of reading.

11. Meritorious students winners of co-curricular activities:-

Students with merit performance in education and other activities are given prizes, awards and certificates every year at the time of Annual Function for encouragement. One unique feature is that the Trust grants cash prize to all the students of different Schools and Colleges who have secured highest marks in the Board's or Universities Final Examination.

12. Academic Structure:-

The school is affiliated with the Board of Secondary Education, Rajasthan, Ajmer and offers quality education from Play Group to XII. As per norms the classes have been bifurcated into (I Shift – IX to XII & II Shift P.G. to VIII). A brief overview of the different sections in the school is given below:

Pre-Primary Section: It comprises of Play Group, Nursery, K.G. and Prep Classes. Here the raw talent is identified at the young age of 2½ years and groomed through systematic training under the affectionate guidance of experienced female teachers using the Fun and Play way interactive methods charts models toys, swings electronic gadgets like T.V., DVD and other visual aids. In Play Group students don't carry any bag as burden free education is imparted to them.



Upper Primary Section(I to VIII): This section comprises of classes I to V. The NCERT syllabus is being used in these classes. AS the toddlers grow into young individuals and move from Play Group to class rooms. The academic curriculum becomes more challenging incorporating subjects such as Mathematics, English, Hindi, General Science, Social Studies, Computers (From class IV onwards), Art and Craft, General Knowledge. We believe that basics of education are most important en route to higher education in Senior Classes.

This section consists of classes VI to VIII and the curriculum based on the fundamental learnt in the Primary Section goes forward to prepare than for Senior Classes. Special emphasis is, therefore, laid down on Mathematics Skills and Physical Development through participation in games & sports. They are also given however of the third language Sanskrit.



Secondary Section: Here, the true mettle of the students, now growing adolescents, is tested, as a rigorous Academic Curriculum in Synchronization with the specifications of the Board of Secondary Education, Rajasthan, Ajmer.



They have to study the subject like languages (Hindi, English, Sanskrit) Mathematics, General Science, Social Studies, Environmental Studies, Physical & Health Education and Computer. All the subjects are compulsory. At this stage the students of class X appears at the Board's Examination for the first time to get their knowledge certified by the Exam. They are groomed to make than self-reliant to appear at the Board's Examination.

Senior Secondary Section: At this stage the students of classes XI and XII have the choice to offer elective subjects either Commerce or Science. They choose the Faculty taking into consideration their taste and aptitude and morose the career they want to adopt in their future life. In Commerce, they have to study – Accounting, Business Organization, Computer or Commercial Mathematics. In Science, the subjects are – Physics, Chemistry, Biology or Mathematics. School has the infrastructure for these subjects. A new Science Block named Sumitra Devi Mithalal Science Block has been got constructed which includes Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Air Conditioned Computer Laboratory fully equipped with the material required to conduct experiments by our young scientists under the highly educated and experienced faculty members.



The main aim of the school in this section is to mould these individuals into self confident determined conscientious and independent citizens. The teacher can only play the limited role of a faciliator, a person who manages the environment and materials to help the students. *and 90% of the effort is put in by the students themselves.* The Examinations of the Board are a crucial point in the student's academic lives and require concentrate amounts of study and preparation. Shanti Niketan is proud to have always achieved outstanding results both qualitatively and quantitatively in Board's Examinations – a solid proof of the quality of education imparted here.



13. Admission Procedure:-

Admissions are generally given in Play Group/Nursery Class without any distinction of caste, class, creed or rank. In other classes admission depends upon the vacancies. A school leaving certificate and a copy of the progress card are a must to get admission to classes I to IX and XI. Those seeking admission should fill in the prescribed form, submit Birth Certificate and paste on passport size photo. They should also attach a medical fitness certificate from a doctor

14. School Uniform

There is a prescribed dress for both boys and girls. All students must come in school uniform daily, without which they will not be allowed to attend the classes.

15. Fee Schedule For 2009 - 2010

Subject to change from time to time.

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| 1. PLAY GROUP TO PREP | : Rs. 6450/- P.A. |
| 2. I TO III | : Rs. 7950/- P.A. |
| 3. IV TO VIII | : Rs. 8450/- P.A. |
| 4. IX TO XII | : Rs. 10700/- P.A. |

(Caution money amounting to Rs. 250/- in each class is refundable.)

