

# WAYPOST 2017

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DIRECTOR'S  
MESSAGE

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2017 closes with great satisfaction, as I see our Tenderpetalians bloom into beautiful flowers, each one unique and special in their own way. Recognizing and appreciating individual potential and facilitating the little ones to move ahead with confidence and freedom has been our endeavour and mission and as we accomplish one more successful year, I find much peace and take this opportunity to express my gratitude to each and everyone associated with us. I am elated that our kindergarten graduates have been able to grab a seat in the most sought after formal schools in the city they live in. This has been possible because of their endless potential coupled with confidence and a positive self esteem. I wish them all luck for their future...



Vasavi Acharya Bora

The year started with the Grand Finale of the North East Creative Dressing Contest in February. The event was designed to involve parents and children together and make their bonding strong. It aimed at making parents involved in the lives of their child, so that they get a scope to help the child develop holistically. We had very enthusiastic parent who came up with varied creative concepts for their child/ren. They were all happy to be a part of the event. I had come up with this idea because we generally see that though parents are very involved in their child/ren's lives, they have not much scope of participation. This platform enabled them to display their creative talents, participate and build a rapport/bonding with the child/ren. Children today like collaborative learning and discovering things together. Creative Dressing Contest was a platform for the family to explore, discover and bond.

Another truly unique effort to bring into focus the real issues of today's young generation such as childhood obesity, improper nutrition, screen addiction and lack of ample physical exercise was our "Walk for our Children", a walkathon aimed at raising Children Health Awareness, that invoked wide participation and very positive response from all quarters. Tender Petals has always endeavored to take up causes for the greater welfare of the society through its initiatives. We have been organizing Carnivals from the past few years for children to provide them a platform for interaction and to showcase their talents.

Tender Petals Research & Development team, which I have been heading for the past many years, is focusing on many unexplored or less explored aspects of early childhood development, for the holistic growth of children.

With positivity and celebration I wind up my foreword...may love, light, and prayers be with you always.

# TENDER PETALS SPOTLIGHT 2017:

We believe in impactful learning

## 1. NORTHEAST CREATIVE DRESSING CONTEST GRAND FINALE:

The North East Creative Dressing Contest was concluded with a Grand Finale which was held on 10<sup>th</sup> Feb '17 at District Library Auditorium, Guwahati, with much hype and fun. The auditions of the North East Creative Dressing Contest were held in 2016, in different phases, throughout the year. The finalists from all Tender Petals centres spread over NE Region participated in the finale.

The Grand Finale Chief Guest Mr. Kopil Bora noted Assamese Cinestar said that “This is a unique concept and for the first time an event with this concept has taken place in Assam. This appealed to me. Additionally, I have always been very keen about the events related to children, especially pre-schoolers. Therefore, when I was approached for this event, I agreed. All of the participants have worked really hard on their presentation and have come up with creative concepts. The one



which appealed to me the most was with “The Make in India” theme. I love the name itself of “Tender Petals”. Judge Of the evening Meghna Rai Medhi, Fashion Designer said “All the attires were expressions of the individuals. A lot of them were in the different traditional *clothing*.” Roshni Hassan, Mrs. United Nations 2017, Mrs. India Earth 2016 2nd Runner Up said “Women, especially the married ones, need to come out of the boundaries and experience the platforms that can take them to a new milestone. After getting married, we women tend to take a back seat when while considering the family’s happiness. But I’m equally thrilled and

happy to see that a lot of mothers have actually participated along with their child and come out to the stage. This is the amazing part of this event. “Tender Petals” is doing a good job. This Creative Dressing Content has a unique concept lining it, i.e. having a parent also a participating partner with the child. All of them have unique attire. I’m happy to be a part of the panel of judges.” Juri Saikia, Director, Sunshine Academy of Makeup & Styling was another esteemed judge of the event.

The Winner of the TITLE–BEST DRESSED PRESCHOOLER 2017- was KRISHAV DAS who was accompanied by his father Dr. Hirak Das. They were from Tender Petals Ananda Nagar Centre, Guwahati. The First runners up was the father daughter duo Ms. Aradhya Chakraborty and her father Mr. Abhijit Chakraborty from Tender Petals Ananda Nagar Centre, Guwahati. The second Runners Up was Navya Soni and her father Mr. Rakesh Soni from Tender Petals Tezpur Centre.

## 2. WALK-A-THON FOR CHILDREN HEALTH AWARENESS “WALK FOR OUR CHILDREN”– TEZPUR / GUWAHATI / JORHAT

Tender Petals Preschool in association with DN Acharya Foundation, organized a Walkathon for Children’s Health Awareness- “WALK FOR OUR CHILDREN” as a part of their Children’s Day Program. The prime objective of this walk-

athon is to foster children as ambassadors of good health through physical activities and sports. It is very evident in today’s world of gadgets that children refrain from outdoor activities which is an integral part of their physical and mental health. Many organizations, institutions and schools also participated in the event. Tender Petals school students along with their parents attended the event in large numbers to spread the awareness for the need of an active and energetic future generation. The Walkathon was flagged off from the



Tender Petals ground at Zoo Narengi Road by the Chief Guest of the event IAS Rajiv Kumar Bora (Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Assam). School students cheered along the way with colourful banners and slogans. Many distinguished personalities such as Srutimala Duara (HOD, English, Handique Girl’s College), Asha Kothari Chaudari (Professor, English, Guwahati University), and Tinat Atifa Masood (Writer, Anchor) were also present during the event. The Children Health Awareness Walkathon (phase 1) happened on 4 th Nov in Tender Petals, Tezpur city from Ban Theatre ground and was followed by a walkathon by the Tender Petals Jorhat Centre 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017, and the Azara Centre 30 th Dec 2017” (phase 3 and 4). The Tezpur walkathon was flagged off

from the Ban Theatre ground and ended at Polo Field. It was followed by a Yoga session and annual sports. Walkathon at Jorhat was followed by Yoga session for physical fitness and an Art competition and dance and song performed by children.



## **WITHIN & BEYOND THE CLASSROOM:** Learning happens everywhere

### **TENDER PETALS DO-RE-MI BUTTERFLIES:**

A 3 month long Music Campaign was conducted from March-May across all TP Centres. The children were taught English, Hindi and Regional songs. It was overwhelming to see the active participation of parents during the campaign

### **HEALTH CAMPS:**

Health camps for children were conducted at Zoo Road and Anand Nagar Centre by doctors from the Guwahati Dental College. A health camp was also conducted at the Nongpoh Centre by the pediatrics department of Ayursundra Hospital.

### **FIELD TRIPS:**

Various field trips were organized by all Tender Petals centres across Assam. Some students visited parks as well as students of the Tezpur centre visited Durga Idol making workshops

### **MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION:**

Mother's Day was a zealous event across all centres which involved programs like rangoli, cooking, mehendi competition, celebrations in the park, card making competition to name a few.

## **SCIENCE WEEK:**

Science Week was conducted across Tender Petals Centres in the month of August, where children witnessed and performed easy science experiments such as 'Sink & Float', 'Seed Germination' etc.

## **ANNUAL SCHOOL WEEK:**

The Annual School Week which consisted of competitions like Recitation, Fancy Dress, Sports and Dance was held across all centres in the month of October. Sports and creative games like musical chair, running race, balance race, balloon race were held in all centres.



## **POOL SPLASH PARTY:**

The Splash Party was held for the children in September at the Zoo Road and Anand Nagar Centre. It was a day filled with some serious fun!!!

## **PARENT INVOLVEMENT PROGRAMS:**

Parents participated with a lot of enthusiasm as participants and volunteers at various events and celebrations such as the Music Campaign, School Week, Grandparent's Day etc.

## **RANGO KA MELA:**

A Mother and Child Rangoli competition was held on 11<sup>th</sup> March as part of the Holi Celebrations. Many parents and children participated among vibrant colors, music and lots of fun!

## **CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION:**

Children's Day was celebrated across all centres with a lot of zeal and excitement.

## **ANNUAL DAY FUNCTIONS:**

The grand finale to the school year was marked by the Annual day functions hosted by various centres: Tezpur Centre @ Ban Theatre on 4<sup>th</sup> November, VIP Road Centre @ Sri Madhabdev International Auditorium on 26<sup>th</sup> November, Jorhat Centre @ NCC Ground NEFA Tiniali on 10<sup>th</sup> Dec and Azara Centre on 30<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017.



# OUTREACH PROGRAMS:

‘Stretching beyond the boundaries’

## KITCHEN MUNCHKINS:

A cookery workshop was conducted at Palacio Hotel Guwahati, for mom and kid bonding fun on 30<sup>th</sup> July. The workshop included cooking lessons, food tasting and demo sessions for children and ladies.

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE:

“Investing in Young Minds”- A donation drive was held on the event of Independence Day across Tender Petals centres in Guwahati and Tezpur from 7<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> August. The items collected were then donated to the Snehalaya orphanage in Guwahati and another orphanage in Tezpur.

## FUN @ BOUTIQUES OF INDIA EXHIBITIONS:

A fun corner with toys, games zone, art & crafts was hosted by Tender Petals at the Boutiques of India Exhibition held at Taj Vivanta on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of September. The response was immense where children enjoyed while their mothers shopped!



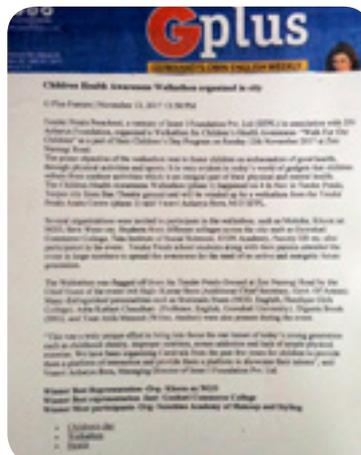
# FACILITATORS TRAINING PROGRAM:

Upscaling our teaching practices

Facilitator Training Programs were held at various stages during the year for the educators of the existing centres as well as the newly recruited facilitators of the upcoming centres across Assam.



# IN THE NEWS





# ADDITIONS TO THE TENDER PETALS FAMILY:

We are overjoyed to welcome the new centres at Nongpoh Meghalaya, Sorbhog, Assam, Rihabari, Jatia, Bashishtha Guwahati, Assam and other upcoming centres to the Tender Petals Family.

