

From the Head's desk - November 2020



Dear parent,

Milestones are important and significant in one's journey. These milestones signify a level of achievement and serve as an impetus to move further on, in our journeys.

And that is what happened during our Navarathri break. Akshar Arbol International School completed 9 years of existence and stepped into the 10th year. So officially, we rang in the 10th year on Vijayadasami this year. Many of our staff and students were excited by this news. Some of them wrote on our Social Media pages and many more wrote to us that they had been with the School for 5 or more years. They have not only grown individually, but also collectively, with the institution.

A few of you had asked us how the School came into being. Though we all often repeat the story on several platforms I thought I should probably start my reminiscing about this by sharing the story of our birth.

Nine years ago, in October 2011, a speck of an aspiration took a small shape. The aspiration was to provide quality, holistic, affordable education that would help every child grow up to be a confident, responsible and sensitive young adult. And with these well-developed sensibilities, each one would actualise his/her potential as they step into their world. At that time, it was sheer blind faith and trust in our undiluted and unadulterated dream that made us plunge into this ocean.

The tagline 'nurturing young minds' was important and came from our own belief in education and learning. As the idea of AAIS began to take shape, one of our Board members asked, "what do you envision? Give us a metaphor." Our immediate response was: imagine a tree, a giving and nourishing tree, with deep roots signifying that we are steeped in a value system, with multiple branches reaching the limitless skies signifying that possibilities are limitless. The trunk that connects the roots and the branches is the education at Akshar Arbol that nurtures one with the appropriate knowledge, skills and dispositions.

The School logo was depicted with a tree, having deep roots and extending branches; and the confluence of two words from two cultures - "akshar" (meaning 'alphabet' and limitless in Sanskrit) and "árbol" (meaning a 'tree' in Spanish); aptly captured the core.

The vision and mission of Akshar Arbol is kept alive by every one of our staff members, our students and each of the parents who have reposed faith in the institution; and our Board members who are our constant guiding stars. Each moment has been exciting, fulfilling and today when we see some of our alumni taking on the challenges of University and beyond, we indeed feel proud and this reaffirms our commitment to this institution. Do see the timeline given below.

At this point, the lines of Robert Frost's poetry comes to my mind:

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,

But I have promises to keep,

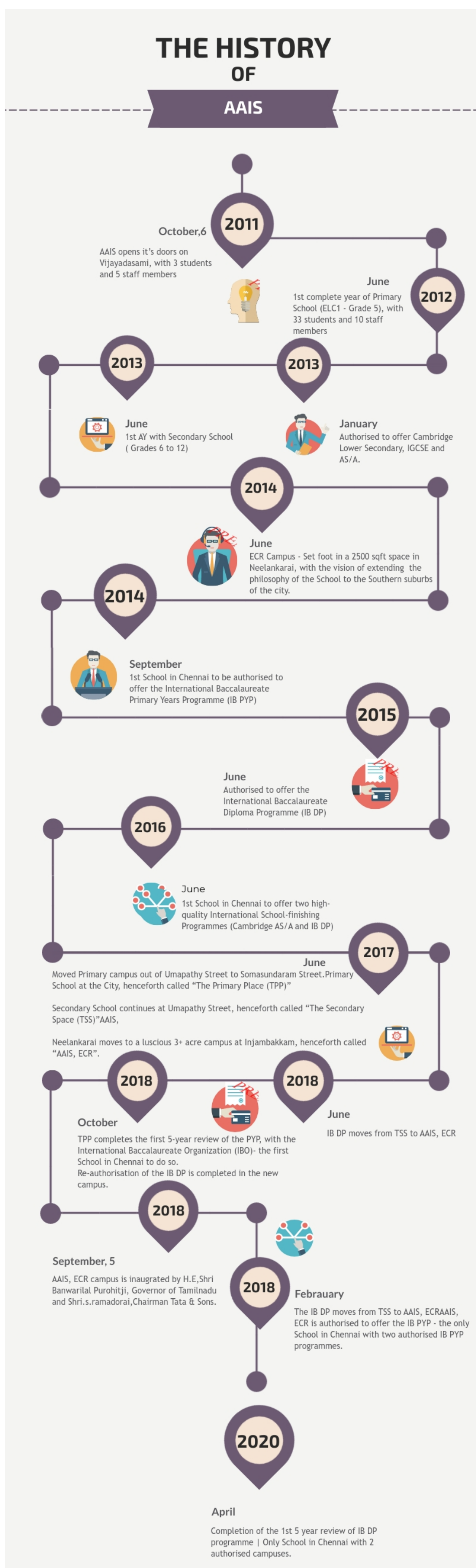
And miles to go before I sleep,

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Wishing you and your family a happy and safe Diwali!

Warm Regards,

Priya Dixit



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