



**Shigally Hill
International Academy**

Girls' only Boarding School

Principal's Message

Shigally Hill International Academy Dehradun is an exclusive Girls Residential school which aims to empower a girl child. It is our endeavour that our girls go out into the world with the strength and commitment and excel in their professional careers, gaining aspiration but remaining to be wonderful human beings. Our mission in Shigally is to transform our girls into rational thinkers, competent and law abiding citizens. We prepare our girls for future roles in societies by stressing on moral values.

It is essential that we adopt a life cycle approach for our girls-right nutrition, quality education and care with no discrimination for the girl who steps into the threshold of serene and eco-friendly environment.

In the words of Abraham Lincoln – “The best way to predict your future is to create it...”

Mrs. Anjana Kapoor, Principal

Welcome to Shigally Hill

- Shigally Hill International Academy is nestled in the picturesque and serene foothills of the fabled Doon Valley. With a backdrop of the majestic Himalayas and a perennial river flowing on three sides of the campus, the school's location away from the hustle and bustle of the urban environment makes it a truly unique place.
- Shigally Hill International Academy is accredited as the Top Girl's Boarding school, Uttarakhand, and has received North School Merit Award by Education Today in the category: Individual Attention to Students.
- Shigally Hill International Academy has received the prestigious India School Merit Award, from Education Today for being ranked no. 7 in India. Ranked no. 5 in Uttarakhand. Ranked no. 4 in Dehra Dun, for exemplary contribution to the field of education.
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- Hostels are designed to give the growing girl privacy. The large, well-lit, ventilated classrooms and ample playing fields offer an ideal environment. The institution is designed to give individual specialized care to a young girl.
- SIA is an eco-friendly campus with an emphasis on sustainable living.
- Solar panels provide hot water to both Senior and Junior Dormitories. Biogas plant supplies 25% of the kitchen's gas needs and Waste-Warriors an NGO recycle the rubbish generated in the school.
- Rain water harvesting and tree planting scheme has contributed to a clean unpolluted environment.



Why Shigally?

This is the right place for your daughter. **OUR ETHOS!**

- Shigally has been educating young girls for over 20 years.
- The school offers both CBSE and ISC curriculum.
- Shigally girls are taught perseverance, tenacity, confidence and compassion.
- Shigally strives to develop its young girls into confident young ladies with high self-esteem, Critical thinking, Creative thinking, Problem solving, Analytical thinking and the ability to transfer and transform information in addition to highly developed communication skills have been rated as the most essential skills for the 21st Century and beyond.
- The campus is a pollution free environment, custom built to ensure that girls feel at home and are safe in school. A shigally girl is the 'Unafraid child', through the hard work and dedication of the highly professional staff, With the small teacher student ratio of 1:15 for every girl to receive the care and attention she deserves.
- Higher Order Thinking Skills is driven by debates and participation in The Doon School Model United Nations (DSMUN) and the Harvard University Model United Nations (HMUN) as well as the three In-house Annual Forums and Summits on International affairs.
- The newly launched Google classroom platform will transform the whole learning experience for our girls and open the classroom for the parents; thereby encouraging full participation; transparency and accountability of all stakeholders.



Life @ Shigally Hill

“There is no illusion greater than fear”

Shigally Girl – The Unafraid Child

She is tenacious, persistent, hardworking, confident, compassionate and humble. Once at Shigally she has to learn that she must participate in all the activities and that success is the result of her hard work, self belief and persistence. She is an intentional learner who enjoys her learning experience and has a curiosity to experience new things in her life.

Sports

“Sports do not build characters. They reveal it.”

Sports are an integral part of Shigally curriculum. Playing a sport is a great way for children to take a break from academics, and release the pent-up energy.

We at Shigally cater to wide variety of sporting events:

Indoor: Chess, Table Tennis, Carom Board etc.

Outdoor: Swimming, Skating, Horse riding, Rugby, Basket ball, Volley ball, Cricket, Cabbuddy, Kho kho and other track and field events.

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Achievements

“All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them”.

Shigallians have every year participated in The Annual Athletic Meet held at Dehra Dun.

In Basket Ball, Shigallians have always excelled, Buddhimaya and Sangay Lepcha were selected for State Championship. Sangay was declared the best player of the State Level Tournament and then represented Uttarakhand Team in the Nationals.

- Deepti Gurung played for State Uttarakhand – She was in the Winning Team.
- Deepti also played for 10th Uttarakhand State Youth U-16 Basket Ball Championship. Played in the 17th Uttarakhand State Junior U-18, the team was the winner.
- Ashika Chettri played 69th Juniors National Basket Ball, under Federation of India at Ludhiana.
- Rugby team brought laurels. Arpita Gautam, Khushi Khampa, Soniya Bhandari, and Anshu Kumari were selected for IRFU's Junior National Rugby Championships for under 18 boys and girls.

Co-curricular Activities

“A hobby a day, keeps the Doldrums away”.

Art and painting, pottery, drawing, handicraft, digital filming, sculpture, gardening, caring for animals, birding, are some substantive activities important in academics at Shigally and envisage a broad vision in personality development.. SIA believes that every child has inbuilt creativity and is unique in thoughts and actions. We ensure that every child is appreciated for their individuality.

Facilities

- Shigally Dormitory System is designed to give Ample space to the growing teenager.
- There are two Dormitory Blocks, one for the juniors housing students from classes IV to X. The second block is for classes XI & XII There are 6 to 8 girls in one dormitory room of the juniors and the cubicles of the seniors accommodate 3 girls.
- Entertainment is provided through television, movies and daily news for current affairs.
- Both the blocks are well equipped with Air Conditioners and fans in the summers and heaters in the winters.
- A Solar system panels provides hot water, but during monsoons geysers supply the required need of hot water.
- Water supply is sufficient, as bore-wells have been dug to provide 24 hours of water supply, with Filter plant maintaining the purity of the bathing and drinking water.
- A 1000 KV generator backup the electricity failures.
- Shigally has in-house laundry, which has modern washing machines.

Life Skills

Life Skills are important for the girls, because an honest heart, a perfect individual cannot exist in society if she cannot fight for herself and know self importance. Self awareness helps the students to recognize themselves. It is also a prerequisite for effective communication and interpersonal skills. These skills impart humanity; brotherhood and serenity to understand the potential of one's own self.

Moral values, inter religious festival celebrations, teachings of Vedas, and Bhagvat Geeta is inculcated in the students for overall mental growth and peace.

Trips & Treks

Education is congruent to learning and knowing. At Shigally we are not confined to our text books and classroom learning. We organize well planned trips and treks which is a valuable part of our curriculum. Excursions provide the students with an opportunity to explore new geographies and various cultures which paves the way to broaden their minds. SIA strongly believe that with rapidly increasing competition in all spheres, such educational trips offers a means to acquire professional and leadership skills and the most vital part is it teaches survival techniques.

Food & Nutrition

- Nutritious, Quality food is served in our mess. Students receive a well-balanced diet.
- Our menu presently has a variation in the food. All food is cooked in-house and the ingredients are carefully sourced.
- Student Body is often consulted to bring about changes in any dish not liked by majority of students.
- A mixture of Continental, Southern, Chinese and North Indian cuisine is offered to meet the expectations of the modern child.
- Our mess caters both Vegetarian and Non- vegetarian meals, for these separate Bain-Maries are placed at distance to serve quality food.



Safety & Security

- The school is surrounded by hills and situated away from crowded habitation, with river Tons flowing on the three sides of the school.
- No outsiders are allowed into the school after 5.30pm. All access to the girls is only through the permission of the parent and principal.
- The school is under 24x7 CCTV surveillance, continuous patrolling is done by armed guards.
- The students remain under supervision of matrons at all times.
- Single entry and exit is ensured at the main gate.
- Vigilant guards are equipped to make the premises of the institution safe and secure.
- No one can trespass as there are multiple checks through multi- tier gate system.

Health & Medical

"A healthy outside, starts from the inside."

- The presence of a fully trained army retired staff nurse is on call 24 hours, who takes complete medical examination of the new girls. Routine checkup is undertaken by the nurse.
- Proper record of the girls' height and weight is maintained regularly, every time the girls come back from their vacations their height and weight is taken.
- The visiting doctor visits the school thrice in a week to ensure that all minor cases receive personal attention.
- The infirmary with twenty beds is fully equipped with essential medical facility; all emergency equipments are available in the infirmary.
- The school is only 10 minutes away from Max hospital where any emergencies can be referred to the specialists.



Boarding Life

“Life at boarding school makes you independent, virtuous and self conscious.”

- SIA girls go through the boarding life with utmost contentment, sharing each other's experiences in a positive manner and the parents feel confident that their daughters are safe and part of a happy family and community.
- Both the dormitories are supervised by the House Mothers.
- Girls are taught how to value themselves in society and cultural values are imbibed in girls through constant counseling and motivational sessions.
- Support staff is present during day and night to assist the House mothers.
- For entertainment purpose each dormitory floor has a common room to view the Television, pleasure reading and play indoor games.
- Girls forge great friendship with their peer groups, learning to be independent and at the same time developing a mutual support system.
- A student becomes self sufficient and independent in the 'Gurukul' form of education. In Shigally, the students ought to maintain health and hygiene by washing their own intimate clothes.



“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.”

Academic Overview

- The School follows both CBSE and ICSE curriculum.
- Finland Education System: This system is undertaken to facilitate effective teaching learning process. Some important factors are:
 - Transversal Skills - Learning how to learn, cultural competence, interaction and self expression.
 - Multidisciplinary Learning - Theme that combines the content of different subjects and deals with the selected theme from the perspective of several subjects.
 - Differentiation - Teachers differentiate their lessons, as students are all individuals.
 - Diversity in Assessment - Assessment that guides and promotes learning.
 - Active role for students - Teachers should talk less and let the students do more.
- Academic session begins in April and ends in March.
- We provide Remedial classes for the weak students.
- Tuition classes are conducted for extra study in the subject.
- We felicitate coaching for Competitive Exams such as Medical, Defense, and Engineering.
- SIA uses the latest educational aids and makes maximum use of the latest technology .The overall teacher student ratio of 1:15 helps in providing individual attention to the student.
- The medium of instruction in school is English.

Admission Procedure

Shigally has its gate open for deserving candidates, who visit Shigally to seek Admission.

Management's Philosophy – Our endeavour is to uplift and groom not only bright, but below average students.

The basic requirements are the need to converse in English.

Admission to any class is based on written exam followed by an interview, those who clear basic IQ are inducted in the school. There are necessary documents required at the time of Registration:

1. Three recent passport photographs of the candidates.
2. Candidate's AADHAR card.
3. One each passport size photographs of the parent\guardian.
4. Parent/Guardian's AADHAR card and PAN card.
5. Pass result of the previous class.
6. Transfer Certificate.
7. Birth Certificate.
8. Immunization records of the candidate.

Admission to Class XI is based on the Board Result of Class X (ICSE) and any other Board illegible to the CISCE norms and personal interview \ counseling with the Principal.



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