

## ACHIEVEMENTS & ACCOLADES

### Business Excellence Awards



At the **Business Excellence Awards** organized by The Times Group at ITC Royal Bengal, Kolkata on 19th June, 2024 the following awards were received as enlisted below:

- Birla High School received the 'Best Boy's School of Central Kolkata in the field of Education' award.
- The Principal was felicitated for her significant contributions to the education sector.
- The Times Group honoured the top achievers of Class X and the three top achievers of Class XII from each stream.



### National School Awards

The Director received the award for '**Best Management System and Most Qualified Faculty**' on behalf of the school at the National School Awards 2024 held on 23rd June, 2024 in Bangalore.



### Times Edu Shine Awards

At the **Times Edu Shine Award Ceremony 2024**, organized by the Times of India on 5th July, 2024 at ITC Royal Bengal, the following awards were received:

- The Principal was felicitated for her successful leadership and guidance in leading the students to success.
- The top achievers of the Class X and Class XII board examinations were felicitated.

Class X - Kshrugal Bhattacharjee, Srishank Bhattacharya, Kanishk Pilaniwala, Aarav Kumar, Debarshi Bhattacharjee,  
Class XII - Ram Daftari, Kannv Dhandhanian, Raafey Aziz and Shivam Krishna.





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### NUMBER 1 RANK

#### Top Schools - Central Kolkata

At the **Times Now School Ranking** event held on 10th September, 2024 at ITC Royal Bengal, Birla High School was awarded the **Number 1 Rank** for Top Schools (CBSE) in Central Kolkata.



### Acharya Samman Award

Birla High School was presented with the '**Acharya Samman Award**' for its consistent effort and commitment to education at The Educators' Conclave organized by the **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** on 13th July, 2024 at Taj Raajkutir, Kolkata.

### The Telegraph School Awards

The **The Telegraph School Awards 2024** were held on 10th and 24th August, 2024 in South City International School auditorium and Science City auditorium respectively.

Our school received following certificates/honours :

- Honour certificate for Excellence in Academics (CBSE)
- Honour certificate for Social Service.
- Honour certificate for Excellence in Extra Curricular Activities.



### Pratibha Samman & Guru Samman Award

At the **Pratibha Samman & Guru Samman 2024** organized by the Kolkata edition of Prabhat Khabar on 6th July at the National Library Auditorium, eight students from the outgoing Class X batch and ten students from the outgoing Class XII batch received awards. Mr. N N Mishra was honoured with the prestigious **Guru Samman 2024 award**.





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### Medha Samman Award

**M**s. Sreemati Sen, Coordinator – Class IX & X was felicitated with the **Medha Samman** for the support extended to her students throughout the year. It was organized by Sankalp Shruti at Mahajati Sadan on 14th July, 2024. Class toppers from Classes I - XII for the session 2023-24 were also honoured with certificates of merit.



### Teacher par Excellence Award

**M**rs. Dipika Gomes, Academic Coordinator - Classes LKG to II received the award for '**Teacher par Excellence**' at the Teachers' Day Award Ceremony 2024 organised by IIHM, Kolkata on 7th September, 2024.



**M**r. Sunny Thomas from the senior wing received an award in the category '**Teacher par Excellence**' at the Teachers' Day Award Ceremony 2024 organised by and held at the IIHM, Kolkata on 7th September, 2024.



### Swami Chinmayananda Award

**A**t the Educators Felicitation Programme organized by Chinmay Mission, Kolkata on 4th August, 2024 Birla High School was awarded and Ms. Ankita Chakraborty (Sanskrit teacher) was felicitated with '**Swami Chinmayananda Award**' for Excellence in Indian Cultural Education and Values through Education.

### Ram Avatar Gupt Award

**A**t the **Ram Avatar Gupta Excellence in Education Award** programme organized by the Sanmarg newspaper on 9th June, Jayesh Sharma of Class XII was awarded the Arjun Award for securing third place in the debate competition, and Ms. Rashmi Tiwari, a faculty member of the Hindi department, received the Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan Award in recognition of her dedicated service to education.



### Ultimate Sports Quiz Award

**O**n 19th April, 2024 the Ultimate Sports Quiz team felicitated class XI students, Aarav Kumar and Debarshi Bhattacharjee, for emerging as the National Champions last year in the **Ultimate Sports Quiz 2023** with the Winner's Trophy, a cheque worth **Rs. 35 lakhs for the school**, medals and an Apple MacBook. The management also presented them a cheque of Rs. 31,000/- each.





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### Technology & Innovation AWARD

On 16th April, 2024 two students from Class X were honoured for their remarkable achievements in a competition. They received the **Technology & Innovation Awards** 2023 from Vivo, in collaboration with NCERT and IIT Roorkee. Additionally, the school received commendation and was presented with a trophy for fostering a deep passion for science and innovation among its students.



### Sikar Nagarik Parishad & Sikar Jila Welfare Trust

In the inter-school competition at Utsav Mancha, Kankurgachi on 10th August, 2024 organised by **Sikar Nagarik Parishad and Sikar Jila Welfare Trust**, Tejas Kumar Jha (Class VIII), Arzaman Parwal (Class VII), and Pratyush Kothari (Class VII) received a collective consolation prize of Rs. 1500/-, a participation certificate, a gift from Rupa and a memento of Ayodhya Temple for the school. Ms. Ankita Chakraborty (Asst. Teacher) was awarded Rs. 1100 and a gift from Rupa for her role as mentor to the students.



### QUAESTIO

On Wednesday 7th August, 2024, Birla High School hosted their flagship event, **QUAESTIO**, an interschool quiz competition. 20 schools battled it out from all across the city in this competition of wit and knowledge. The host school represented by Debarjya De of Class V D, Aditya Ghosh of Class V C and Aadwik Dikshit of IV D emerged as winners!



### Unmesh Quiz

BHS secured the **second position** among six schools in the Vocabulary and **Spelling Quiz** at **UNMESH**, organized by Indus Valley World School on 12th July, 2024. Participants Samriddha Mondal (Class VIII), Navoneer Bhattacharya (Class VII), and Ritabrata Dasgupta (Class VI) received certificates and medals.



### Yuvakarshan Fest

**Arya Bhattacharya, Aarav Kumar and Nevan Nag** from Class XI secured the 1st position in the quiz event 'Jiggyasa' in the Yuvakarshan Fest organized by DPS New Town on 25th July, 2024.



### Gita Sinha Trophy

On 30th April, 2024 five students from Classes VIII to XII were awarded the **Gita Sinha Trophy** by Mr. Supriyo Sinha for demonstrating outstanding life skills. The winners were Aarav Jhutani – Class VIII; Arman Gangwal - Class IX; Arya Bhattacharya – Class X, Kushal Jhawar – Class XI and Kannv Dhandhanian – Class XII.







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## INTER-SCHOOL FESTS



### Manas Mahotsav

The students of classes IV & V proudly secured the 2nd prize at this year's **Manas Mahotsav** held on Saturday 20th July, 2024. Their captivating performance and melodious shlokas were simply outstanding.

### Vanmahotsav

The talented students of classes III, IV and V of Birla High School won the prestigious Best School Award at **Vanmahotsav**, a fest organised by St. Xavier's Collegiate School held on Thursday, 11th & Friday, 12th July 2024.



### Model United Nations

In the **Jadavpur University Model United Nations**, 2024 held from 19th - 21st April, 2024, Kshrugal Bhattacharya of Class XI won the "Honorable Mention" prize at the MUN, which recognizes his exceptional diplomacy, negotiation skills, and understanding of the committee's topic.

### ExeBIT IT Fest

At the **ExeBIT IT Fest** organized by LakshmiPat Singhanian Academy on 27th July, 8th and 9th August, 2024 BHS secured the 1st Position in Photography (Classes VI-VIII), 2nd Position in Photography (Classes XI-XII) and Vlogumentary (Classes XI-XII).



### Sanskriti Fest

At the **Sanskriti Fest** organised by St. Xavier's Collegiate School on 9th and 10th August, 2024 Birla High School received the 2nd position in Debate, Stand-Up Comedy and 3rd position in the Quiz Competition.

### JACO-IZ Quiz

Two students from Class X (Niilesh Ghosh and Aritra Kumar Bhuniya) and two students from Class XI (Nevan Nag and Pratyush Chakraborty) participated in the **JACO-IZ quiz** event on 5th July, 2024 where Birla High School secured the second position and received certificates, a set of books, a pen, and a coffee mug as awards.





## INTER-SCHOOL FESTS

### Kalakosh Fest

At the **Kalakosh Fest** organized by South Point School at G.D. Birla Sabhaghar on 24th June, 2024 1st position in Debate went to Arya Bhattacharya and Kshrugal Bhattacharya from Class XI, 'The Best Actor' award went to Aamer Pratap from Class IX and 3rd position went to the Quiz team.



### Prakritinama Fest

At the **Prakritinama Fest** organised by the Fellowship of Sustainable Services (FFSS) Club of Sri Sri Academy on 27th July, 2024 Birla High School earned the 1st position in Prakriti Vigyaapan (Ad Spoof) and Prakriti Srijan (Best Out of E-Waste).

### JUBILARE Fest

On 4th May, 2024 senior school students participated in the inter-school fest '**JUBILARE**' organized by Shri Shikshayatan School where three students from Class XI achieved the position of 1st Runner-Up in Quiz, and two students secured the joint First Runner-Up position in Science Model Making.



### IIHM Young Chef India

Arghya Ghosh secured the 1st Runner Up in the **IIHM Young Chef India Finals 2023** and won a cash prize of Rs. 15,000/- along with a certificate. In the IIHM Teacher Chef India School 2023 Finals, Leena Acharya Chowdhury, P.A. to the Principal was the winner and received a cash prize of Rs. 15,000/- along with a certificate.

### Incredible Premier League Quiz

Mridul Sharma and Sneheel Kar from Class X participated in the **Incredible Premier League Quiz 2024** held on 20th May in Mumbai. BHS won the 2nd position. The quiz was aired on Star Sports.



### SRI GUROTSAV Fest

A team of 37 teachers of Birla High School attended a **teachers' fest 'Sri Gurotsav'** hosted by Sri Academy on 11th May, 2024. Birla High School bagged the Champions trophy for overall performance.





## ACADEMIC MATERS

### BOARD RESULTS



The AISSE and AISSCE had published their results on 13th May, 2024. All our students passed with flying colours. The results for the AISSE (Class X) and AISSCE (Class XII) 2023-24 are given below:

#### AISSE – CLASS X RESULTS AT A GLANCE

No. of students appeared	156
No. of students passed	156
No. of students secured 60% and above	156
% of students secured 90% and above	36.54%

**School Mean**  
**86.12**

TO ALL CLASS X STUDENTS FOR THEIR EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE IN  
AISSE – 2024 (Class X)

School Toppers

**DEBARSHI BHATTACHARJEE**  
2<sup>nd</sup> - 97.6%  
488/500

**AARAV KUMAR**  
1<sup>st</sup> - 98.4%  
492/500

**KSHRUGAL BHATTACHARJEE**  
2<sup>nd</sup> - 97.6%  
488/500

**SRISANKHA BHATTACHARYYA**  
3<sup>rd</sup> - 97.4%  
487/500

**KANISK PILANIWALA**  
3<sup>rd</sup> - 97.4%  
487/500

Total No. of students appeared	156
No. of students securing 1 <sup>st</sup> Division	156
Perfect Scores 100%	08
No. of Students scoring 90% above	57

#### AISSCE – CLASS XII RESULTS AT A GLANCE

No. of students appeared	178
No. of students passed	178
No. of students secured 60% and above	177
% of students secured 90% and above	51.69%

**School Mean**  
**88.05**

**SCHOOL TOPPERS**

**RAAFEY AZIZ**  
1<sup>st</sup> - 98.6%

**KANNV DHANDHANANIA**  
2<sup>nd</sup> - 98%

**ASHMIT GUPTA**  
3<sup>rd</sup> - 97%

**YASH VARDHAN**  
HAMIRWASIA 3<sup>rd</sup> - 97%

**RAM DAFTARI**  
3<sup>rd</sup> - 97%

**STREAM WISE TOPPERS**

SCIENCE				COMMERCE				HUMANITIES			
RAAFEY AZIZ 1 <sup>st</sup> - 98.6%	RAM DAFTARI 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 97%	SOMIL SEN 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 96.8%	MOKSH AGARWAL 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 96.8%	KANNV DHANDHANANIA 1 <sup>st</sup> - 98%	ASHMIT GUPTA 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 97%	YASH VARDHAN HAMIRWASIA 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 97%	RAJVEER MOTWANI 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 96.8%	SHIVAM KRISHNA 1 <sup>st</sup> - 95.2%	DEBARPAN BHATTACHARYA 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 94.2%	KUSHAD CHAKRABORTY 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 90.4%	



## HIGHLIGHTS

# Annual Day & Prize Distribution Ceremony

## A Ray Of Hope



On 2nd and 3rd May 2024, the Annual Day and Prize Distribution ceremony for the senior section took place at the Vidya Mandir Auditorium. To commemorate the legend Satyajit Ray's birth anniversary and his incredible work in the field of cinema, the students of classes VI to XII staged - **A Ray of Hope** integrating the Sustainable Development goals. The Chief Guest on 2nd May was Ms. Sujata Sen and on 3rd May was Mr. Barun Chanda.



The **Annual Day** and **Prize distribution** ceremony of the junior section was held on Friday, 12th April, 2024 for the session 2023-24. The students received prizes and certificates in a number of categories. **Pratap house** was declared as the Best House!



## Annual Day Prize Distribution



On 1st July, 2024 Birla High School celebrated its **Annual Day** for classes X and XII. The Principal presented the **annual report** for the session 2023-24, which was followed by the felicitation of the board toppers: Aarav Kumar, Raafey Aziz, Kannv Dhandhan, and Shivam Krishna. Various accolades, including the S.P. Banerjee Award and the Alumni Trophy, were also awarded to deserving students.



## HIGHLIGHTS

### ORIENTATION PROGRAMME



An **Orientation** for the session 2024-25 for the parents of classes VI- X on 13th April and classes XI-XII on 20th April.

**O**rientations for parents of Lower KG to Class V were held in the month of May. Parents were briefed about the school rules and regulations and many of their queries were addressed by the Headmistress.



### Election For Student Council Members



**O**n Thursday, 2nd May 2024, all students of class V exercised their franchise right and voted for their leaders!

### INVESTITURE CEREMONY

**T**he **Investiture Ceremony** for the Junior Section, for the academic year 2024-25 was held on Saturday, 29th June 2024. Twenty two students took the oath as Student Council members in the presence of the Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General, Principal and Headmistress.



**O**n April 15th, 2024 the **Investiture Ceremony** for the Middle School took place in the School Prayer Hall. Twelve boys from Class VIII were bestowed with the prestigious badges of Prefects for the academic year 2023-2024. Investiture Ceremony of the senior school was held on 4th July, 2024.



## HIGHLIGHTS

### FIRST FOOTPRINTS



#### LOWER NURSERY

Birla High School expanded its wings to introduce the **Lower Nursery and Upper KG classes** from the session 2024-2025. Aligning with the vision of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, students will now be 6+ at the entry to Class I.



#### UPPER NURSERY



#### LOWER KG



#### UPPER KG

### PARENT TEACHER MEETING

The **Parent Teacher Meetings** in the primary section were held in the month of July over two Saturdays. It helped parents to get an insight into their child's overall progress. For the new parents of Lower Nursery the meeting was held with a difference where parents were acquainted with the sensorial activities that their toddlers do at school. The delight and pleasure on the faces of these parents said it all!



### ECO DRIVE

The **Well-being Warriors** of Birla High School created sturdy, newspaper bags to replace plastic bags and distributed them to local shopkeepers, explaining the environmental benefits. This project reduced the usage of plastic and sensitized students. It inculcated skills like teamwork, communication, and problem-solving.



### Fit N Fun Classes



In an effort to promote fitness and agility among students, BHS launched its **Fit and Fun classes**, for classes III, IV and V which started in July. The initiative offers a variety of activities aimed at enhancing physical and mental well-being. Students have the opportunity to participate in sports like football, cricket, basketball, and skating, while also engaging in chess to sharpen their strategic thinking. Additionally, karate classes are available for those interested in learning self-defense. The program has been well-received, providing a balanced mix of physical fitness and mental stimulation.



## COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS

### L.N. BIRLA DEBATE



Birla High School celebrated the **Silver Jubilee** of the **L.N. Birla Memorial Debate** at the Vidya Mandir Auditorium on 10th July and 11th July respectively. The Chief Guests for both the days were Mr. Atri Bhattacharya – Secretary – Dept. of Water Resources & Information and Cultural Affairs, Govt. of West Bengal and Major General Atul Pannu, MG AOC Eastern Command respectively. Guest of Honour for the 10th was Mr. Juan Clar, Deputy Director, American Centre, Kolkata. Dr. Kunal Sarkar was the Chairperson on day 11th of July showcased ex-students of Birla High School against esteemed debaters from the Calcutta Debating Circle. Mr. S. V. Raman was the Chairperson. The motion was "**The Generation Gap Is Glaringly Evident Today More Than Ever Before**".

All participants received a cheque of Rs 2500/ each, a book coupon worth Rs.500 from Storyteller bookstore, L.N.Birla plaque and a participation certificate. Nikhilesh Mukherjee from La Martiniere For Boys, adjudged as the best speaker, received a cheque of Rs. 11000/-, the Alumni Trophy, L.N.Birla shield, the One Plus android cell phone and a certificate. Aishee Majumder from Sushila Birla Girls School, the Runner Up Speaker was given a cheque of Rs. 5000/-, the L.N.Birla Shield and a certificate. Each participant from the best team received a cheque of Rs.11000, an Apple ipad and a certificate. Sushila Birla Girls School walked away with the best team trophy. On the second day, all participants, moderator & chief guest received the L.N.Birla plaque and the hamper worth @rs. 10000 each.

## Calcutta Debating Circle



The **Calcutta Debating Circle (CDC)**, in association with Birla High School, organized a workshop-cum-debate under their Debating Excellence programme on 20th and 21st June, 2024 at the Vidya Mandir Auditorium. The event featured three participating schools: Birla High School, Sushila Birla Girls' School, and Birla High School, Mukundapur. The winners of the debate were Nilesh Ghosh from BHS, Yugaditya Sharma from BHSM and Aishee Majumder from SBGS.



## COMMEMORATIVE EVENT



Birla High School celebrated India's **78th Independence Day** on 15th August, 2024 with the hoisting of the National Flag by the Secretary General, followed by a cultural programme and felicitation ceremony to honour the outstanding accomplishments of the outgoing batch of 2023-24. Five exceptional students—Shivam Krishna, Kannv Dhandhanian, Raafey Aziz, Ram Daftari, and Samir Ribiwala received the L. N. Birla Medal of Excellence a silver medallion with a gold biscuit, a certificate of appreciation, and book vouchers from Starmark, provided by the school alumni.

Vidya Mandir Society proudly celebrated **Teachers' Day** on 7th September, 2024 at The Park, bringing together the esteemed educators of Birla High School, Sushila Birla Girls' School, Birla High School Mukundapur, and J.D. Birla Institute. The event was graced by the presence of Prof. Rudrangshu Mukherjee, a distinguished historian, author and former Chancellor of Ashoka University who served as the Chief Guest and delivered an inspiring keynote address. The highlight of the event was the felicitation ceremony where teachers who showcased exceptional contributions during the academic year 2023-24 were specially recognized.

## Teacher's day







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## COMMEMORATING SPECIAL DAYS



### Hindi Diwas

The pride associated with their '**Rashtriya Bhasha**', **HINDI** was meaningfully brought out by students of Classes III, IV and V through a skit performed on the **Hindi Diwas** on Thursday, 12th September 2024.

### Rath Yatra

On Monday, 8th July 2024, the tiny tots of Birla High School celebrated **Rath Yatra** with great enthusiasm. The children joyfully chanted "Jai Jagannath" and pulled their own decorated chariots.



### Roald Dahl's Birthday

On 13th September 2024, the students of Classes IV and V celebrated **Roald Dahl's 108th birthday**. They narrated "The Enormous Crocodile" to classes I, II & III using storyboards, puppets, and voice modulation. This engaging activity sparked a love for reading among the budding readers.

### World Yoga Day



**World Yoga Day** was observed on Friday, 21st June 2024, where all classes performed some asanas and learnt much about the benefits of practising Yoga on a regular basis.

**International Day of Yoga** on 21st June, 2024 for Senior section.



Students of the Lower Primary classes celebrated **National Sports Day** on Monday, 29th August, 2024 with immense energy and excitement, uniting students and teachers for a day full of enjoyment and physical activities.

### National Sports Day







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## SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

A Special Assembly on **Founder's Day** was held on 9th July, 2024 by students of classes IX and X. The event paid tribute to the visionary founder of our institution. The assembly included reflections on the founders' values, a presentation on the school's history, and a commitment to uphold their ideals in academic and personal growth.



### Janmashtami

The students of Upper Nursery celebrated **Janmashtami**, the birthday of Lord Krishna on Friday, 23rd August 2024, with a musical medley of a song, a dance and a skit.



### Independence Day

On Friday, 13th August, 2024 the students of Class V C presented a special assembly on **Independence Day** through which they spread the message of patriotism and love for our country.



### Martyrs Of India

12th April, 2024 - Jallianwala Bagh massacre and paying tribute to the **Martyrs of India** by Class X.



### Poila Boishakh

The students of Class V D ushered in the new year and the spring harvest festivals through a special assembly held on Wednesday, 10th April 2024. The brief programme showcased the significance, customs and traditions of **Baisakhi, Bihu, Vishu, Puthandu and Poila Boishakh**.



### Rabindra Jayanti

On Monday, May 6th 2024 the students of Class III C celebrated the birthday of the **Bard of Bengal** through a medley of his compositions.





## INTER-HOUSE COMPETITIONS



### STEAM Competition

The students of classes III, IV & V proudly participated in the **Inter-house STEAM Competition** on Wednesday, 24th July 2024. Through their innovative projects they showcased creativity and sustainability, by envisioning transport technologies that minimized harm and maximized benefits to both people and the environment.

### Tell-A-Tale – The Inter-House Role Play Competition

Students from classes I and II contested in the **Inter-House Role Play Competition – ‘Tell A Tale’** on Wednesday 14th August 2024. The competition saw enthusiastic participation from all houses, each showcasing a unique Panchatantra tale, bringing the timeless morals to life.



### Inter-House Quiz ‘Brainbuster’



Students from classes III, IV and V contested in the **Inter-House Quiz – ‘Brainbuster’** on Friday, 5th July 2024. The event showcased the intellectual prowess and quick thinking of students.

### Inter-House ‘Global Goal Getters’ Competition

The Inter-House Puzzle Competition ‘**Global Goal Getters**’ on Wednesday, 11th September 2024, fostered teamwork, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills among the students. By engaging in activities that spanned various subjects, students were able to connect classroom knowledge with real-world issues represented by the SDGs.



### Annual Inter-House Quiz Competition

The **Annual Inter-House Quiz Competition** was held on 5th August, 2024. Pratap House won the middle school session while Tagore House claimed victory in the senior school session. Niilesh Ghosh (Class X) and Shaswat Agarwal (Class VIII) were awarded Best quizzer from the Senior and Middle school sections, respectively.



## SEMINAR & WORKSHOPS



### Workshop 'Young Curious Mind'

Five students from class XI & XII attended a Neuroscience Masterclass **Workshop** titled 'Young Curious Mind' conducted by the Institute of Neurosciences, Kolkata on 29th June, 2024.

**A**man Poddar - Class X and Arya Bhattacharya - Class XI attended the **Times NIE Workshop** from 29th to 31st May, 2024. This training offered an in-depth understanding of the media industry, focusing on the editorial and marketing functions.



**F**our students from Class XI attended a seminar organized by the **Manipal group of Hospitals** on 6th July, 2024 at Vivanta, Taj for aspiring doctors. It included interactive sessions with doctors to provide a deeper understanding of the profession.

**T**he Indus Valley World School organized multiple workshops focussing on the culture of Bengal, titled "**UNMESH**". Mr. Soumya Kundu and Mrs. Jayeeta Basu accompanied nine boys from our school who participated in the event.



**H**arshit Banka and Garvjeet Singh (Class XI) accompanied by Mr. Tuhin Majumder, attended the Inaugural Ceremony of the **Sangharsh Campus Ambassador Programme** conducted by the Sangharsh Empowerment Foundation at Apeejay School, Saltlake, on 22nd July, 2024.

## SOCIAL SERVICE INITIATIVES



### Daan Utsav

**A**s the festive season approaches, Birla High School continues its tradition of spreading kindness through the annual '**Daan Utsav**' – the Joy of Giving. This year, once again, we extended our support to various communities across the city and suburbs, reaching out to those in need.

### Aam Ki Gutli Collection Revolution

**T**he students and staff from across classes generously donated washed and dried mango seeds to the '**Mango Wonder Man**' – **Mr. Jasmit Singh Arora** of Gram Samriddhi Foundation on 24th July, 2024 to make his mission of donating one lakh mango trees to the farmers all over West Bengal possible.







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## CONNECTING BEYOND CLASSROOMS



### Upper Nursery

Upper Nursery children took part in the '**Cool Crusader**' activity, learning how plants help cool the environment and making lemonade as part of the lesson. Their partner school, Bal Bharati Public School, Noida, introduced students to the healthy food options provided by millet, a staple grain in the region, through engaging student activities.

### Lower KG

**E**nvironment Day was observed by the students of Colegio Somar, Brazil by engaging in an Environment Day Walk. Our students created folders and gift boxes using newspaper, instilling the idea of reusing newspapers productively.



### Upper KG

Students from Choithram School, Indore, and our school celebrated **INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC BAG FREE DAY** by creating paper bags from recycled newspapers. These bags were distributed to the school staff to raise awareness about the importance of reducing plastic usage and promoting eco-friendly alternatives.

### Classes I and II

**O**n **International Tiger Day**, Classes I and II delved into the world of Royal Bengal Tigers and their habitat in the Sunderbans, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Class I designed posters inspired by Bengal's traditional 'Patachitra' art, while Class II created jungle scenes using shoebox cutouts. Students from Kun Shan Elementary School in Taiwan also participated by sharing their efforts to protect local wildlife, fostering a global connection in conservation.



### Classes III and IV



**C**lass III students of Yeonyang Elementary School, South Korea, and Birla High School participated in a cultural exchange. The partner school shared insights on Korean festivities like Samiljeol, Hangul Proclamation Day, and Lunar New Year. Birla High students shared festivities of '**Poila Boishakh**,' the Bengali New Year.



**S**tudents of Class IV shared the festivities of '**POILA BOISHAKH**', the Bengali New Year. Their partner school, Dyman Vidhyalaya Nursery & Primary School, Tamil Nadu shared glimpses of Tamil New Year celebrated at the partner school.



## EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES



On 29th June, 2024, nine students from class VIII visited the Goethe Institut/Max Muller Bhavan to participate in the **"Football German with Moves"** workshop. The workshop was organized in celebration of the UEFA Euro Cup, hosted by Germany.

Sankalp Saffar from Class IX has been awarded a scholarship by Goethe-Institute to attend a **Youth Camp in Dresden, Germany** from 27th July -18th August'24.



## Japanese Exchange

BHS and SBGS participated in an exchange programme with **Ogawa High School, Japan**, from 27th July to 3rd August, 2024. Eight students and two teachers from Japan visited to explore Indian culture and education. During their visit, the team from Japan were taken to various cultural and historical landmarks in Kolkata. They also engaged in school activities such as teaching learning sessions, yoga, creative cooking and art classes, gaining insights into Indian education. The programme fostered mutual learning and strengthened international collaboration.



## FIELD TRIP

Six class XI science students accompanied by Dr. Sreetamaa Gupta, HOD – Biology had gone for a 2-week internship from 17th – 31st May, 2024 to the **Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru**. The internship mainly involved lab visits, understanding of research ethics and principles, and supervised involvement in some research work.





## FIELD TRIP

The students of Class VIII were taken on an educational excursion to **BITM** on 16th July, 2024. They attended live demonstration lectures, practiced hands-on activities covering Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics, and were given a guided tour of the museum.



The Geography Department organized a field trip for the students of Class VI to the **MP Birla Planetarium** on 26th July, 2024.



## ALUMNI INITIATIVE

### Funtakshari

The Annual Musical Competition, '**Funtakshari**,' was hosted by the Birla High School Alumni on 14th September, 2024 in the Vidya Mandir Auditorium. The winning team featured two members from St. Xavier's (ALSOC) while Birla High School Alumni and Gyan Bharti Alumni secured the 1st and 2nd runners-up positions, respectively.



### Talk Show



The Alumni Association of BHS organized a **talk show** on entrepreneurship featuring Mr. Utsav Parekh, an investment banker and alumnus, and Mr. Avelo Roy, a serial tech entrepreneur, on 18th July 2024. The event aimed to inspire aspiring entrepreneurs from all three schools under Vidya Mandir Society.