

BIRLA SCHOOL, PILANI (A CENTURY OLD HERITAGE RESIDENTIAL CBSE SCHOOL FOR BOYS)



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## From the Chief Editor's Desk

Ad Astra Per Aspera-Through hardships to the stars

The motto embodies the experiences and expectations that the school community had after the sudden halt and the return to new normal. This edition of our Annual School magazine showcases the quantum leap that we took and the imprints that we still bear.

We have worked tirelessly to bring you stories that reflect the diverse interests, achievements, and experiences of our students and staff. We believe that this magazine provides a platform for our community to share their voices and showcase their talents.

In this edition, you will find articles that highlight the happiness and togetherness that normalcy brought when we came back to holler in the school buildings, as if the lifeless came back to life. And thus, we began dancing, singing, playing, crying, painting, debating, studying,

#### CELEBRATING TOGETHERNESS!

We want to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to all the contributors, including writers, photographers, and designers, who have helped to make this magazine a success. Your hard work and creativity have brought the pages of this publication to life.

We hope that this magazine serves as a source of inspiration and motivation for our students and staff, and that it provides a glimpse into the vibrant and dynamic community that we are all a part of.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to sharing more stories and accomplishments with you in future editions.

#### Shivani Gupta





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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

With a rich legacy of over a hundred and twenty-two years, Birla School, Pilani is one of the leading CBSE schools in India.

I would compliment the faculty and staff for their efforts in sustaining a safe and nurturing learning environment for our students.

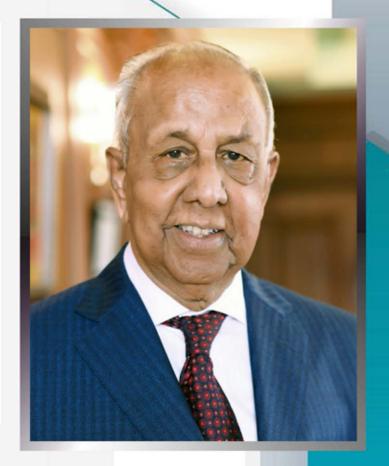
I want to assure the parents and guardians that our school provides your children with the top educational environment that will prepare them for a meaningful post school life.

Finally, to the students, I want to remind you that you are the focal point of the school. As you continue your educational journey, I urge you to embrace challenges, take risks, and pursue your passions.

I convey my best wishes to the staff and the students, in their endeavor, for the betterment of the school and congratulate them for bringing out this issue of the school magazine successfully.

Wishing everyone a rewarding academic year ahead!

Syt. S. K. Birla







## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



I congratulate Birla School, Pilani on the next edition of their Annual School Magazine. This publication is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students and staff, and I wish them good luck.

As the Director of this esteemed institution, I am proud of the accomplishments of Birla School community. We have a vibrant student body that is passionate about learning, and our faculty and staff provide the happiest and highest quality education environment.

As we continue to navigate the challenges of the current times, I want to assure you that our commitment to excellence remains unwavering. We will continue to adapt and evolve to provide our students with the best possible education and support.

I encourage everyone to take the time to read and appreciate the articles, stories, and artwork featured in this edition of Birla School magazine. It is a testament to the strength and resilience of our community, and a reminder of what we can achieve when we work together.

I wish the school, wonderful years ahead!

With Best Wishes

Maj. Gen. S. S. Nair, AVSM (Retd)





## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The latest edition of our Annual School Magazine is a celebration of the incredible achievements of our school community, and a testament to the remarkable triumphs and resilience of our school community. The bright, talented, and passionate learners who are dedicated to making a positive impact in their communities and beyond.

Birla School aims to provide a holistic learning environment whereby the pupils develop the fine attributes of the head, heart and hand, making them global citizens who are 'future ready'. Our philosophy at Birla School is to keep them deeply rooted to our Indian culture and heritage at the same time keep our pupils abreast with the latest trends and advances in the field of education. It is our endeavor to turn out fine gentlemen who will act as agents of peace, secularism, humanity and international brotherhood in the years to come. With well-equipped infrastructure at their disposal, the sky is the limit for them!

This magazine is a showcase of our students' achievements in academics, athletics, the arts, and more. It reflects the creativity, diversity, and innovation that are at the heart of our school. I hope you enjoy reading this edition of our school magazine as much as I did. It is a reminder of the incredible things we can accomplish when we work together. May the flag of Birla School always fly high!

**Dhirendra Singh** 







## MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRINCIPAL



As the Vice Principal of our school, I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our students, faculty, and staff in creating a positive and supportive learning environment. Our school is a community of individuals who are committed to excellence and the pursuit of knowledge.

Our vision is to foster students to be confident, responsible and self-reliant individuals who aspire to achieve greater heights and goals. We believe in providing a supportive and a well-equipped learning environment for our students in which each child is unique, is equal and every achievement is celebrated with full vigour.

This Experiential Learning that the child receives from school promotes a child's social, emotional and physical development. With technology as an aid to teaching, teachers' emotional bonding and connection with their students further enhances their potential to excel.

As we continue to shine in the education world, I would like to assure that our school is committed to providing a high-quality education for all students. We will continue to adapt and evolve to meet the needs of our students and provide them with the resources they need to succeed.

Thank you for your relentless support, and I wish the school the very best.

**VKSharma** 





## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

Albert Einstein said, "Education is not about learning of facts but training young minds to think." There is a big difference between cramming up facts and learning them so that they can be applied in productive ways. At Birla School, Pilani, we try to work towards holistic development of our students by providing them with the tools and experiences that encourage our students to think. The aim is to create empowered minds so that students are able to decide what is good for them, differentiate between right and wrong, choose opportunities that help build them up and enable them to live in harmony with all existence.

This magazine serves as a platform to showcase our collective achievements, milestones, and experiences. It is a reflection of the vibrant and diverse community we have built together. Through its pages, we celebrate the remarkable accomplishments of our students, the dedication of our teachers, and the unwavering support of our staff.

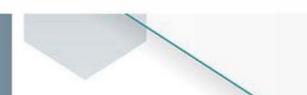
Beyond the accolades, this magazine is an opportunity to delve deeper into the stories that make our school unique. It is a space to explore our shared values, triumphs, and challenges. It provides a voice to every member of our community, allowing us to express our thoughts, insights, and perspectives.

As we peruse the magazine's pages, let us be reminded of the power of education. Each article, photograph, and artwork represent a moment of growth and learning. It is a testament to our commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals who will go on to make a positive impact in the world.

I encourage each and every one of you to keep striving for excellence, embracing opportunities for growth, and embodying the values that make our school community so special. Together, let us continue to create a legacy of success, resilience, and compassion.

#### SPAnand











## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD BOY



#### You are not a drop in the ocean. You are the entire ocean in a drop.

As the Head boy of the school, I am committed to upholding the dignity and decorum of our institution. I firmly believe that every student possesses unique abilities, and we must strive to exceed our limits in order to achieve great things. It is a great privilege to serve my school and contribute to its progress with all the skills and abilities I possess.

I encourage every student to dream big and not limit themselves to what they can think they can do or become. Let your dreams take you to new heights and open yourself up to new possibilities that you may have never seen before.

I extend special thanks to all our teachers for their cooperation and guidance, as well as to every member of our student council for their dedicated service.

To all the students, I urge you to work hard in your respective areas, so that together we can achieve great things and continue to make our Birla School Family proud. Let's soar higher and higher!

#### Manas Purnendu





#### **INVOCATION TO GOD**

Prayer is the progression to deeper values in life.

At our school, we believe in the transformative power of prayer and recognize the importance of cultivating the right attitude and intent in our practice. To this end, we have incorporated regular prayer meetings, known as Aradhana, into our Sunday morning routine. During these meetings, students learn about the values of gratitude, patience, focus, and optimism through the singing of bhajans and the viewing of motivational videos.

Additionally, we organize Sunderkand paath at the beginning of each new academic session and in the month of January 2023 to invoke the blessings of God. During these paaths, both our staff and students come together with complete devotion and dedication to seek the blessings of the almighty.

We believe that prayer is an integral part of our school's culture, and it helps us cultivate a sense of spirituality and mindfulness. Our commitment to prayer is just one of the ways we strive to create a holistic educational environment that promotes the growth and development of our students.









#### **AISSCE-2023 Excellence Achievers**







#### **AISSE-2023 Excellence Achievers**







#### **AISSE-2023 Excellence Achievers**

## Congratulations! Proud of you for your selection in BITS-PILANI, for the session 2023-24



DAKSH JAIN 95.40% (E-PCM-5th)



HERAMB KATYAYAN 92.80% (E-PCH-5th)



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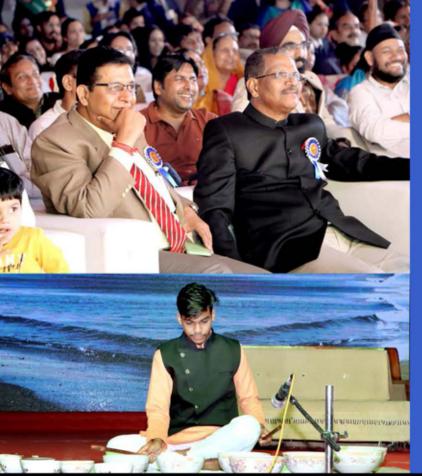


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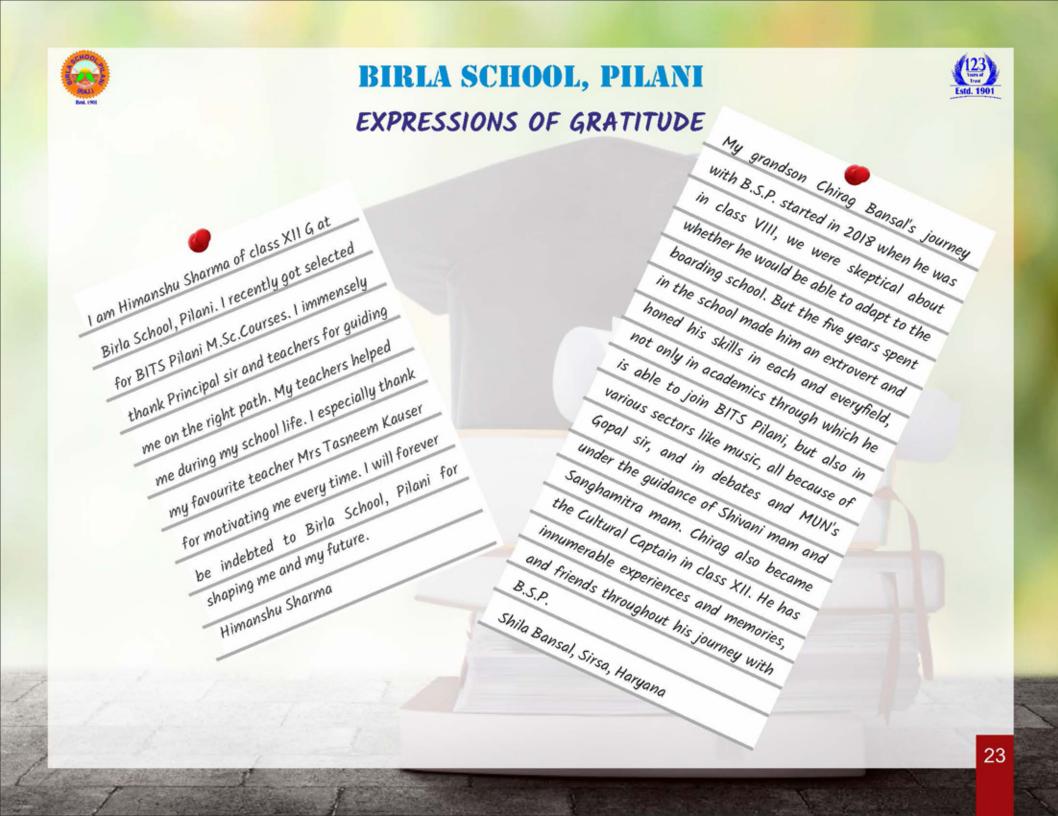
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## **BIRLA SCHOOL, PILANI** EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE



Being called a student at Birla School, Pilani, has always been a proud moment for me. I truly appreciate the opportunities provided by the school and the guidance of the teachers that made my selection in BITS Pilani possible. The prime lesson which I learnt studying here is that discipline and consistency are must for success. My respected teachers made every class interesting, and as a result I learnt and understood the concepts very well. All my teachers were there for me whenever I faced any problem in academics or any other co-curricular area. I remember, I was shy and introvert in the beginning but the school with all the passionate learning environment created which is the reason for where I am selected today. Respected principal and teachers were always there to motivate us to perform to our full potential. I just want to say THANK YOU to the school for giving me a platform where I developed my skills and performed good in academics which led to my admission in BITS, Pilani.

> Muskan (12th June 2023)



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# SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



#### REPORT BY THE BURSAR

As the school Bursar, I understand the importance of supporting the head of the institution to ensure that they can devote their time and energy to teaching and learning. My role involves serious management work, and I am responsible for the day-to-day operations of the hostel to ensure the wellbeing of our students. I oversee the financial services of the school, which includes collecting fees, managing accounts receivable and payable, and ensuring that all financial records are up to date. Additionally, I am responsible for maintaining contact with local authorities and ensuring that all stock registers are properly maintained and updated on a regular basis.

A typical school day for me involves dealing with a variety of issues related to students, including their health and safety. I also communicate regularly with prospective and current parents to address their concerns and ensure that their needs are met.

As the Bursar, I believe that my job is to take on all aspects of the school's operations that are not directly related to teaching and learning. To be successful in this role, one needs to be an expert juggler, as there are many tasks and responsibilities to manage. However, I am committed to fulfilling my duties with the utmost diligence and dedication, in order to help our school thrive and provide the best possible education to our students.

#### Mr. Anil Awasthi

#### REPORT BY THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

Dr. H S Sankhla, MBBS, MS(ENT)(RTD) with an experience of 36 years, heads the school Medical Department. Under his supervision, Mr. Sunil Kumar, GNM, (Senior male nurse) and Mr. Vinod Kumar, GNM, (Male Nurse) work to ensure best medical facilities are given to the students and the staff.

At our school, health and hygiene have always been a top priority, and in the post-pandemic era, we have taken even stricter measures to ensure a healthy and vigorous environment for our students. We conduct routine health checks twice a year to monitor our students' height, weight, and other health parameters. Additionally, we provide daily OPD services to any sick students who require medical attention. Our school is equipped with air-conditioned indoor facilities and an isolation ward for the observation and treatment of sick students. We also have 24x7 emergency services available to provide immediate medical assistance whenever needed.

To ensure the highest health and safety standards, our Principal initiates regular meetings with our medical staff. In December, we conducted an emergency meeting to take necessary action to prevent the spread of viral fever in the hostel due to the sudden cold wave. Our school also avails the services of other specialist doctors as and when required for our students' health needs. We believe that good health and hygiene are essential for our students' overall well-being, and we are committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for them to learn and grow.

#### Dr. HSSankhla





#### REPORT BY THE ACADEMIC COORDINATOR

The rich legacy of more than a century old school speaks itself. Our culture and traditions are so deep rooted that we fascinate others. Our School is a mix of traditional yet modern learning styles. We are nurturing young learners in an eco-system where curriculum transaction is designed in such a way that students learn without stress and fear of books. The boarding school is not confined to the four walls but extends far beyond. The Eco Park in Pilani introduces nature, and the rich flora; Birla Science Museum is like a blank canvas that excites and motivates students to be inquisitive; week long workshops are organized for the students on the concept "Learning by doing". The Birla School is further extended to another study station in Pilani called Birla Naturopathy Center where meditation and yoga are of prime importance, the concept here is to develop a healthy mind and body; Birla Farmhouse is another field trip often organized for the students where visualization of lush green fields, cattle amaze the students and indirectly takes them to the real time events as per their curriculum.

Educational Tours and treks are organized thus extending the learning beyond the classrooms. The students aspiring for JEE/NEET exam, are provided with special coaching classes to guide and mentor them by professional teachers. The student's involvement in morning assemblies and celebration of special international and national days, apprise them of various current and historical events and celebrations thus guide them to be confident and fluent speakers. In order to maintain a high physical standard, Horse Riding, Swimming, and Karate, Cricket, Football etc. are organized in the evening sports hour. There is a residential doctor who takes care of them.

Every Sunday special Aradhana (Prayer) is organized in the school hall. Such multiple learning pedagogy is coordinated only and only in a boarding school, where students learn so many aspects at one place. This factor is actually missing in Metro cities. As learning is a slow and continuous process, one must now understand that Boarding school provides the holistic development of a child polishing them to be confident and sparkling jewels of the society. Our faculty uses the best teaching practices to bring out the best in our students,

PC Ghildiyal





#### REPORT BY THE CHIEF WARDEN

The session started in April 2022 with reporting of the resident students along with the newly admitted students of classes V to IX and new students of Class XI joined us in the month of July 2022 as they had their Board exams up till mid of the May. The orientation session for the newly admitted students was organized in the Residential Wing. The students along with parents attended the session addressed by the Chief Warden, Bursar, Senior Academic Coordinator and the Principal. The parents were briefed about the functioning of the hostel, role of the pastoral care, medical support system, dining system, sports and other related timings.

The academic session started with full vigor along with co-curricular activities stalled by Covid in physical form and the students participated in all activities with excitement. We organized motivational sessions on behavior and anger management, subject selection in class XI and career choices for students. Our academic calendar includes Sunday Prayer (Aradhana) in the morning where students sing bhajans followed by motivational videos/lectures shown/given by pastoral team. Entire school staff and students participated in Sunderkand organized by school administration in the morth of July and January. Inter house games and sports were organized to keep up the competitive spirit among students where they represent their house and put their best to keep their house at the top.

Students were busy in games and sports along with academics and our Cricket team, Basketball team, Football team, swimming team, Judo team, volleyball team qualified different levels of State and CBSE competitions where they brought laurels to school. We had MUN sessions having delegates from different schools and representatives from BITS, and Manipal University attended the same giving exposure to the students to grow as future leaders and enhancing their skills to deal with different issues at different levels representing different nations. A boarding school gives supportive environment to students to develop 21st century skills. It also enables them to learn how to live more comfortably with people of different backgrounds. These connections with students of different backgrounds, cultures and ages will often last beyond their school years and benefit them in their future career and personal relationships.

#### Mr. R Khan





#### PATEL HOUSE ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

House InCharge: Mrs. Surbhi Sharma Members: Mr.A.B.Thakur, Mr. Dilbag Singh House Captain: Yeshal Ahmad House Vice Captain: Vansh Chauhan



Patel House is named after the great Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, known as the 'Iron Man of India' because of his commitment to national integration in the newly independent country. Same applies to the spirit of the house which is committed to excellence through diligence and perseverance. Its flag color is red signifying sacrifice, courage, action, energy and strong build.

Various Inter house activities were conducted in the school. Sports activities like basketball, football, volleyball and swimming were conducted in which Patel House students participated wholeheartedly to win and excel in them. Students also participated in co-curricular activities like Hindi Essay Writing, Debates, Calligraphy Competition during the term and brought honors to the house.

I compliment the House Captain Master Yeshal Ahmad for motivating and preparing the students for different competitions. All the house students participated in different activities enthusiastically and tried to prove themselves. Surbhi Sharma (House In Charge)

(House In Charge)

#### House Captain- Yeshal Ahmad

It is truly an honor and a privilege to write the Captain's Message. The Captain's Badge comes with a great deal of authority and responsibility. The process of selecting students for various events followed by preparing them can be tedious, and waiting excitedly for the results of the competitions can be nerve-wracking. However, it has been an incredible journey, and I am grateful for the opportunity. I would like to express my gratitude to my House InCharge, Surbhi Mam, and the selection committee for believing me. My housemates and I have experienced both bitter failures and sweet victories, but through it all, we have learned the importance of perseverance and teamwork. Patel House has not only selected the best players for events but has also worked hard to overcome the fear of participation, ensuring that every student has a chance. I am also thankful to all my fellow mates for their support and encouragement throughout the journey. It is an amalgamation of passion and hard work that is unbeatable, and I wish the future captain all the luck and success in their endeavors.

Once again, I would like to express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve as Captain, and I am proud to have been a part of this incredible journey.





**Basketball-**A true team game in which there are "five bodies but one mind". We put forth two teams, containing the juniors in one and the seniors in the other. The tournament, which was held on 1st October 2022, although expected to be a tough one between two of the houses, turned out to be both appreciations deserving and a surprising one for all the students. Appreciation deserved because there was a true spirit of sportsmanship which could be felt in both the player and the audience. Surprising because our house, having one of the best teams in school, almost entitled to win, lost it, placing us in the third place.

**Football**-The Inter-House Football Tournament was a wonderful stage to display unknown abilities of young minds wishing to be a part of their school team. The ball was kicked off on 14th of October 2022. With four teams losing, they were picked by the teacher to compete in a two-day elimination match. A team sends its best, but our house decided to send its young aspirants," THE JUNIORS" to let them experience one of their future battles Although, placed last out of the four, we fought as much as we can to bring forth even the slightest fear of defeat in the eyes of the opponents.

**Badminton**-One of the many common sports, played through our childhood in all kinds of weather, not knowing it is a semi-indoor game had a fair twist, which was not expected by the students, in the tournament. Players were not divided into one or two teams but "one player for each class representing their house". With a huge number of matches to hold and two courts to play with, the school began the tournament on 16th October 2022, which proceeded to continue for the whole day, from morning to evening. Our house, securing unexpected losses in both basketball and football, continued to win in all the categories except one, taking the overall win in the tournament, again, a surprising tournament to the list.

**Volleyball-**A game, which if played with the correct technique and skill would look like a beautiful piece of art from setting the ball to your teammates for a smash, to unlimited boundaries for the players until the ball touches the ground. The game was held on 3rd October 2022, with two teams from each house displaying their skills in the hopes of winning. Our house bagged the first position in the junior's category and third in the senior's category. Although the game is fair in its own way, the juniors set an example to the seniors on how to do it.

#### **SPECIAL MENTIONS -**

Patel house had an impressive performance in a variety of events, including Districts, States, and Cluster competitions, with many students participating and earning medals.

- \*A true sports person 'Arjun Gujjar' bagged 3 MEDALS in CBSE Athletics and was selected for Football State Level Competition.
- \* Mayank Dahiya not only bagged Bronze Medal in CBSE athletics but also WON under 17 Open State Level Cricket Tournament.
- \* Raghav Khandelwal was selected for Basketball State Level Competition.
- \*Daksh Jain was selected for District Lawn Tennis Tournament and bagged 2 MEDALS for the school.



#### **RAMAN HOUSE ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023**

House InCharge: Mrs. Nirmala Dalal Members: Mr. Hardeep Singh, Mrs. Sanghamitra Sengupta House Captain: Ashish Ahlawat House Vice Captain: Ridham Gupta

Raman House gets its name from the world-renowned scientist C.V. Raman, whose discovery of the Raman Effect won him the Nobel Prize for Physics. Its flag colour is blue. Blue is the colour of the ocean and the sky and is associated with open spaces, confidence, loyalty, sincerity, imagination, freedom, intuition, faith and intelligence. It often symbolises serenity, stability,





inspiration and wisdom. It is a calming colour and symbolises reliability. Various Interhouse activities were conducted in our school. Some sports activities like basketball, football, volleyball and swimming were conducted in which students of Raman House performed well and maintained their positions at different levels. In Inter House Hindi Calligraphy Competition, Naitik Jain secured first position. In Hindi Essay Writing Competition, Atharv Singhal and Prem Prakash got first and second positions respectively. In Hindi Speech delivery competition, Raj Verma bagged first place and in Hindi poem recitation competition, Devansh Yadav got third position. Through these competitions' students inculcate the values of cooperation, mutual regard, honesty, integrity, discipline and social skills. I appreciate the House Captain, Master Ashish and the House Vice Captain, Master Ridham for assisting me to motivate and prepare the students for different competitions. All the house students participated in different activities enthusiastically and proved their worth.

Nirmala Dalal (House InCharge)

#### **House Captain - Ashish**

#### "Being a captain teaches you how to be a mentor"

Being attached to Raman House for the past two years, becoming its House Captain was one of my dreams, which finally came true. I knew that leadership was not an easy task, and it required hard work and dedication. Being a House Captain was one of the best roles I could have taken on at the school level, as it taught me how to mentor, be a team player, lead others, and help them improve. It was a challenging role that required putting the needs of the team over personal preferences, managing different personalities, and keeping people motivated during times of poor performance. However, the best part of being House Captain was seeing the improvement in the team's performance through teamwork and dedication. This role has taught me valuable skills, including working with people and being a voice for the team. I believe that these skills are essential not only in academics but in all fields. Anyone who learns to lead a team can excel in any career or sport.

#### HouseVice Captain-Ridham Gupta

Being appointed as the Vice Captain during my first year at school was a significant accomplishment for me. It allowed me to take on responsibilities and develop valuable habits, such as public speaking, managing younger students, and facilitating communication between seniors and juniors. I participated in numerous district-level and cluster activities with the support of my House Captain, who mentored me like a younger brother and left a positive impact on me. Throughout this period, I learned many valuable lessons and can proudly say that my Captain and I worked hard for the betterment of our house and school.





#### SUBASH HOUSE ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

House In charge - Mr. Vinay Kumar Members: Priti Bhatnagar, Yash Srivastava House Captain: Gaurav Singh House Vice Captain: Tarun Rawat



#### "Motivation is what gets you started. Habit is what keeps you going."\_\_\_\_\_ Jim Ryun

Subhash House is named after one of our nation's most charismatic and inspiring leaders. A go-getter of all sorts, many of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose's qualities – his indomitable courage, fierce loyalty, undying patriotism and his dynamism – form the bedrock of the values of this House. He is a role model for the members of the House, who aspire to achieve the levels of passion, ambition and drive that powered his journey. His life and his values are the lights that illuminate the path of the students as they display their talents in the various fields of school life.

#### House Captain-Gaurav Singh

It is a great privilege and responsibility to lead such a talented and diverse group of individuals. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our members for active participation. We have already seen some excellent performances from our house in various events, and I urge all of you to continue striving for excellence. Let us work together to maintain our position as one of the best houses in the school.

Lastly, I would like to reiterate that being a part of Subash House is not just about winning events, but also about building lasting friendships, learning from each other, and having fun. Let us make this year a memorable one.

#### **House Vice Captain-Tarun Rawat**

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#### **TAGORE HOUSE ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023**

House In charge - Mr. Anurag Sharma Members: Mr. P K Nagwan House Captain: Pallav Bharti House Vice Captain: Anik Kumar Singh



The color green represents growth, harmony, fruitfulness, and creativity, which is why our school has a house system that fosters healthy competition among students and encourages them to discover their hidden talents. Each house is led by a team of teachers and the cooperation of the House Captain, Vice-captain, and prefects. Our school organizes various inter-house activities to build team spirit and encourages students to engage in community service and social work. The House System also provides opportunities for students to participate in inter-house competitions and events organized by other reputed schools. Our school offers a range of activities such as dramatics, quiz, group dance, declamation, poetic recitation, and singing to tap into the diverse talents of our students and widen their horizons. Regular competitions in sports, literary, dramatics, and music inspire students to strive for excellence, not just for their house or school, but for their future careers as well.

Mr. Anurag Sharma (HOUSE INCHARGE)

#### House Captain - Pallav Bharti

"A true leader is he who can lead and make precise decision for the wellbeing of their community."

To begin with, I would like to express my gratitude towards our Principal Sir, Mr Dhirendra Singh, my House InCharge, Mr Anurag Sharma, teachers and members of the student council for entrusting me with the responsibility of leading Tagore House. During my tenure, I made several decisions for the betterment of the house, and while some of them were challenging, they proved to be a learning experience for me. I learnt from my mistakes and remained resolute in the interest of the house, its members and the school. It is important that we carry out our duties with zeal and enthusiasm without worrying about the outcome.

As I pass on the baton to the next captain, I would like to leave them with a message from Rabindra Nath Tagore - "You can't cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water, so act wisely to achieve your goals."

#### **House Vice Captain - Anik Kumar Singh**

I am honored to have been selected as the Vice-Captain of Tagore House in this esteemed institution for the academic session 2022-23. With a strong

sense of pride and gratitude, I look forward to fulfilling all my responsibilities as a leader of the house.

My goal is to effectively execute my duties and work together with the team to achieve new heights and bring glory to our house. I am confident that with dedication and perseverance, we will achieve great success by the end of this academic year.





Tagore House believes in promoting intellectual self-reliance and freedom, with a belief that true freedom in acquiring knowledge and experience comes from forming one's own standards of judgement and producing original thoughts.

#### Activity Report:

- · Tagore House secured the runner-up position in the Inter-House Football Competition.
- · In the Senior Category of Basketball, we achieved the 4th position.
- · In the Inter-House Badminton, we were able to secure the 2nd position.
- During the Inter-House Hindi week, several students from Tagore House participated and were successful. Ayush from class 8 secured the third position, Dilip from class 8 secured the second position, Yashraj from class 7 secured the second position, and Yuvraj from class 11 secured the third position.

#### Experience of participants -

- As a student of class 7A, I, Manik, would like to share my experience of the **Inter House Volleyball Competition**. It was an amazing event filled with fun and excitement. Our team won two matches with the scores of 25-7 and 25-15, which made the event even more memorable.
- I am Niyan, a student of class 7A, and I want to share my experience of the Inter House Basketball Competition. The match was intense, and we had a lot of fun playing it. Our team won the match with a score of 6:2. The second half of the match was where we got the opportunity to score points and eventually led to our win.
- The Inter House Maths Quiz was a fantastic event held on November 25th to celebrate Maths Week. All four houses put up a great performance, but only one could win. Our team consisting of Lakshya, Himansh, and Shivansh secured the second position, and we are proud of our achievement.
- I am Shivam Singh, a student of class 9B, and I feel proud to share my experience of the **Inter House Football Competition**. Our opponent was Patel House, and we won the match with a score of 4:2. It was a great experience playing with my teammates and winning the match.
- My name is Piyush Kumar Chauhan, and I am a student of class 11C. I would like to highlight my achievement in the Inter House Swimming Competition. I secured the second position in the competition, and it was a great learning experience for me. I not only enjoyed the competition but also learned a lot from it.

Tagore House earned special mention in following activities -

- 1) In Inter House Football
- 2) In Inter House Maths Quiz
- 3) In Inter-House Badminton
- 4) In Inter-House Volleyball



#### BIRLA SCHOOL, PILANI ENGLISH DEPARTMENT



Members: Mr Aniruddha Kumar, Mrs Shivani Gupta, Mrs Nirmala Dalal, Mrs Surbhi Sharma, Mr Sunny Kumar

At the onset of the academic session an English Literary Week, an exciting annual feature in our school calendar, was organised by the department.

It was observed from 23rd April to 3rd May 2022 in our school. It aimed at infusing the students with understanding, appreciation, and love of the English language. The students participated in an array of activities with zest and zeal namely poetry recitation, essay writing, storytelling, paragraph dictation, turn coat culminating into staging of the play Merchant of Venice.

Beauty is the realm of poetry. Children enjoyed the beauty of expression, thoughts, feelings, rhyme, rhythm and music of words. Each participant prepared well and recited beautiful and famous poems.

Story telling is the most powerful way to put ideas into the world. The engrossing and exciting manner of the story tellers gripped the audience. The participants not only entertained the audience but also taught them moral values through their stories.

Class XII students performed exceptionally well and convinced the audience with their debating skills. It was stimulating to see them debating against themselves in Turn Coat or The Devil's Advocate. The debate truly tested the wits, knowledge, and power of words. Sameer, Varnit, Abhishek, Kumar Vaibhav, Aditya Pratap was amongst the few who performed exceptionally well.

The most captivating event of the week was the abridged version of the play The Merchant of Venice by Shakespeare. The students rehearsed for more than a week. They learnt many skills such as self-expression, teamwork, leadership, dialogue delivery. Through dramatization students find their unique voice that helps them explore their inner talents and competencies.

The spirit and zeal of the participants was high and their fellow house members cheered them on. The performance of Shylock mesmerized all and was recognized even by the Principal.

It was a true fiesta as all the students actively and enthusiastically participated in all the activities.



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#### MERCHANT OF VENICE

The students of classes IX and X rehearsed for about ten days to stage the famous court scene of an abridged version of the play THE MERCHANT OF VENICE by William Shakespeare.

While rehearsing, the students learnt not only about the dialogue delivery but also about the various aspects of staging the play like use and position of props, importance of costumes, clarity and tone of dialogues etc.

The performance of Shylock mesmerised all and was recognised even by the Principal. The character of Portia and her wit impressed all, Antonio and Bassanio along with the Duke stood out with their remarkable performance.

#### THE PENTANGULAR MEETS

"If you want to **learn** to **swim**, jump into the water. On dry land, no frame of mind is ever going to help you." Bruce Lee. Our students learnt and developed their language skills while preparing to participate in the Inter BET Literary Competition, which is the main aim of the competition. The students come out of their Comfort Zones and presented their views persuasively and confidently. The students were coached by the mentors and their performance had been appreciated in the form of prizes and accolades showered to them by the General S S Nair and all the principals of BET Schools. A pat on the back acts as a morale booster and hence we saw a rise in the prizes in the Second Meet wherein we received First prize in the much-coveted competition – Group Discussion.

#### ALL INDIA PLATINUM JUBILEE ENGLISH DEBATE

Our team of Daksh Jain, Shobhit, Chirag and Aditya Yadav made their presence felt in the Pan India Debate Competition organised by Birla Public School on an online mode. Among the 24 teams that participated, our team managed to clear the three preliminary rounds beating many talented and eloquent speakers from Mayo School, The Doon School, Scindia School for boys and many more. Our debaters not only showcased their public speaking skills but also honed them further during the competition. They learnt to be articulate while expressing their thoughts and opinions and the sessions were a kaleidoscope of different perspectives and styles on the art of debating. We are proud of our team's efforts and look forward to their future successes.

#### MANTHAN: AN INTER SCHOOL ENGLISH DEBATE COMPETITION

Two of our students participated in the debate competition held at Birla Public School, Kishangarh on the topic 'Freebies are a Real Hindrance for the Social and Economic Progress of a Country'. It was a unique learning experience for our debaters.

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भाषा-ज्ञान, व्याकरणिक और साहित्यिक-ज्ञान, व्यावहारिक भाषागत जानकारी को छात्रों के लिए सुगम्य रूप से प्रदान करना, बिरला स्कूल, पिलानी के हिन्दी-विभाग की सदैव प्राथमिकता में रहा है।पाठ्यक्रम पूरा होने, सीखने का स्तर, सतत मूल्यांकन, प्रश्न-पत्र का ब्लू-प्रिन्ट और विषय-वस्तु के लिए मासिक आधार पर हिन्दी-विभाग की बैठकें आयोजित होती हैं। बैठकों की अध्यक्षता विभागाध्यक्ष द्वारा की जाती है, जो विभाग के सदस्यों को शिक्षण सीखने की प्रक्रिया के साथ-साथ अन्य गतिविधियों की भी ज़िम्मेदारियाँ आवंटित करते हैं।

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हिन्दी-विभाग द्वारा सत्र-2022-23 में आयोजित गतिविधियाँ निम्नलिखित हैं-

1. हिन्दी सप्ताह उत्सव - 2022

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बिरला स्कूल, पिलानी में 12 सितंबर से 14 सितंबर तक ''हिन्दी दिवस ''के उपलक्ष्य में 'हिन्दी सप्ताह उत्सव-2022 'के अंतर्गत अंतर्सदनीय प्रतियोगिताओं का आयोजन किया गया। हिन्दी सप्ताह के प्रथम दिवस 'हिन्दी सुलेखन प्रतियोगिता 'और 'हिन्दी निबंध लेखन प्रतियोगिता 'का आयोजन हुआ। द्वितीय दिवस पर 'हिन्दी भाषण प्रतियोगिता 'और तृतीय दिवस पर 'हिन्दी काव्य-पाठ प्रतियोगिता 'के सफल आयोजन ने सबका मन मोह लिया।कनिष्क और वरिष्ठ वर्ग से छात्रों ने प्रतियोगिताओं में भाग लिया। जिसमें संयुक्त रूप से पटेल सदन और रमन सदन विजेता घोषित हुए।

2. बी.ई.टी. अंतर्विद्यालयी हिन्दी निबंध प्रतियोगिता-2022 – इस प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन बिरला शिशु विहार, पिलानी में 14 सितंबर को हुआ। इसमें कक्षा VI से VIII तक के छात्र-छात्राओं का विषय ''कहानी-लेखन ''और कक्षा-IX से XII तक के छात्र-छात्राओं का विषय''संस्परणलेखन⁄घटना प्रधान⁄यात्रा प्रधान''था।इसमें भी हमारे विद्यालय के छात्रों ने विशेष उपलब्धि प्राप्त की।

3. हिन्दी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता-2022 - शेखावटी सहोदय स्कूल कॉम्प्लेक्स संगठन द्वारा डूण्डलोद विद्यापीठ में आयोजित अंतर्विद्यालयी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता में हम प्रतिभागी बनें और हमारे विद्यालय के 🕽 छात्रों द्वारा प्रतियोगिता को जीतने के लिए किया गया प्रयास सराहनीय रहा । 39

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बिरला स्कूल पिलानी में दिनांक 26 जुलाई 2022 को प्राचार्य श्रीमान धीरेंद्र सिंह की अध्यक्षता में अंतर्सदनीय संस्कृत श्लोक वाचन प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया। जिसमें कनिष्ठ वर्ग में कक्षा छठी सातवीं व आठवीं के छात्र तथा वरिष्ठ वर्ग में कक्षा नवी व दसवीं के छात्रों ने मधुर व उत्कृष्ट प्रस्तुति दी। छात्रों ने गुरुवंदना, विद्या, बुद्धि, परोपकार, सज्जनता, व्यवहार कुशलता, परिश्रम तथा भगवत गीता से संबंधित श्लोकों का सस्वर पाठ किया। प्रतियोगिता में जूनियर वर्ग से सानिध्य ने प्रथम शौर्य बर्ज्ज्ज्य् प्रस्तुति दी। छात्रों ने गुरुवंदना, विद्या, बुद्धि, परोपकार, सज्जनता, व्यवहार कुशलता, परिश्रम तथा भगवत गीता से संबंधित श्लोकों का सस्वर पाठ किया। प्रतियोगिता में जूनियर वर्ग से सानिध्य ने प्रथम शौर्य बर्जी व प्रणव शर्मा ने द्वितीय और धैर्य गुप्ता ने तृतीय स्थान प्राप्त किया। वरिष्ठ वर्ग में तरुप,याम्या व डी प्रशांत राम ने क्रमशः प्रथम द्वितीय व तृतीय स्थान प्राप्त किया। मंच का संचालन प्रिंस ढाका व लक्ष्य जसूजा ने किया। अंत में प्राचार्य महोदय श्रीमान धीरेंद्र सिंह ने अपने पुष्प रूपी आशीर्वचनों उसे अनुगृहित करते हुए हमें बताया कि संस्कृत भाषा क्यों देववाणी के रूप में विश्व विख्यात है और श्लोकों के माध्यम से हम अपने जीवन को कैसे सुसंस्कारित कर सकते हैं। 16 नवंबर 2022 को बिरला पब्लिक स्कूल पिलानी में अंतर्विद्यालयी संस्कृत श्राव देववाणी के रूप में विश्व विख्यात है और श्रलोकों के माध्यम से हम अपने जीवन को कैसे सुसंस्कारित कर सकते हैं। 16 नवंबर 2022 को बिरला पब्लिक स्कूल पिलानी में अंतर्विद्यालयी संस्कृत श्रणा क्यो देववाणी के रूप में विश्व विख्यात है और श्लोकों के माध्यम से हम अपने जीवन को कैसे सुसंस्कारित कर सकते हैं। 16 नवंबर 2022 को बिरला पब्लिक स्कूल पिलानी में अंतर्विद्यालयी संस्कृत श्राव का उच्चारण प्रतियोगिता आनलाइन आयोजित की गई जिसमें बिरला स्कूल पिलानी से कनिष्य वर्ग से तनुष व्यास और वरिष्य कि कक्षा 5 से 11 तक के सभी विद्यार्थियों ने भाग लिया। परीक्षा का उद्देश्य छात्र एवं छात्राओं को भारतीय संस्कृति और नैतिक मूल्यों से अवगत कराना।

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### हिन्दी सप्ताह उत्सव-2022

विरला स्कूल, पिलानी में हिन्दी दिवस के अवसर पर तीन दिवसीय (12 सितंबर से 14 सितम्बर ) हिन्दी सप्ताह उत्सव -2022 मनाया गया। इस हिन्दी सप्ताह उत्सव में मुख्यातिथि विद्यालय के प्राचार्य महोदय श्री धीरेन्द्र सिंह जी थे। निर्णायक-मण्डली के सदस्यों में विरला बालिका विद्यापीठ, पिलानी से श्रीमती कल्पना सोनी तथा डॉ. पदमा सिंह, बिरला पब्लिक स्कूल, पिलानी से श्रीमती प्रीति शर्मा तथा बिरला शिशु विहार से श्रीमती नमिता पारीक ने अपनी विशेष उपस्थिति दर्ज़ करवाई। 12 सितंबर को आयोजित हिन्दी सुलेखन प्रतियोगिता में कन्ष्ठि वर्ग में प्रथम स्थान नैतिक जैन ( रमन सदन ), दिलीप कुमार ( टैगोर सदन ) द्वितीय स्थान तथा आयुष रंजन ( टैगोर सदन ) ने तृतीय स्थान प्राप्त किया। इसी प्रकार हिन्दी निबंध लेखन प्रतियोगिता में कन्षिठ वर्ग में प्रथम स्थान नैतिक जैन ( रमन सदन ), द्वितीय स्थान तथा जा वहीं प्रेम प्रकाश ( रमन सदन ) ने तृतीय स्थान तथा तृतीय स्थान विक्रांत आर्यन ( टैगोर सदन ) ने प्राप्त स्थान तथा जता ( टैगोर सदन ) ने प्रयोक्तम से प्रथम स्थान तथा आयुष रंजन ( टैगोर सदन ) ने तृतीय स्थान तथा तृतीय स्थान विक्रांत आर्यन (टैगोर सदन ) ने प्राप्त स्थान तथा तृतीय स्थान विक्रांत आर्यन ( टैगोर सदन ) ने प्राप्त स्थान तथा आया वर्का प्रियलिता में प्रथम स्थान शौर्य वनर्जी ( पटेल सदन ), द्वितीय स्थान यश राज ( टैगोर सदन ) और अभिषेक दास( रमन सदन ) को तृतीय स्थान मिला । 13 सितंबर को हिन्दी सप्ताह उत्सव-2022 के कार्यक्रम हिन्दी भाषण प्रतियोगिता में प्रथम स्थान शौर्य वनर्जी ( पटेल सदन ), द्वितीय स्थान यश राज ( टैगोर सदन ) और अभिषेक दास( रमन सदन ) को तृतीय स्थान मिला । 13 सितंबर को हिन्दी सप्ताह उत्सव-2022 के कार्यक्रम हिन्दी भाषण प्रतियोगिता में प्रथम स्थान श्राच र्य श्री भित्तल तथा तृतीय स्थान युवराज सिन्हा ( सुभाष सदन )को गूतीय स्थान में हिन्दी सप्ताह उत्सव -2022 के कार्यक्रम हिन्दी भाषण प्रतियोगिता में प्रथम स्थान और ( रमन सदन ), द्वितीय स्थान अश्वर माहेश्वरी ( टैगोर सदन ), द्वितीय स्थान के सिन्हा ( सुभाष सदन ) त्रो ग्रत तृतीय स्थान मंज्रय व्यास (पटेल सदन ) तथा लक्ष्य सिंघल( टैगोर सदन ) को संचुकरम के आयोजक हिन्दी विभाग का अं से श्री सदन ), द्वितीय स्थान धैर्य गुता ( पटेल सदन ) तथा न्रतियोगिताओं की निर्या त्या त्य हिल्दी सी स्था हिं व्या स्थान स्थान त्री प्रियन

#### MATHEMATICS

Members: Mr Yogendra Singh Shekhawat, Mr Ajay Sharma, Mr Ramesh Kumar, Mr Anurag Sharma

Apart from various classroom activities, the department celebrated the Mathematics Week from 21-26 November 2022. Maths week started on 21 Nov. 2022 with detailed introduction of great Indian Mathematician Srinivas Ramanujan and with briefing about his contribution in mathematics, it continued till 26 November 2022 during morning assembly. A handout activity "Tangram puzzles" was conducted from 21 to 23 November for grades VI, VII and VIII. A Mathematics puzzle activity "SUDOKU" was conducted for grade VIII and IX on 24 November 2022. A Mathematics quiz was conducted for grade X and XI on 25 and 26 November 2022. Students participated actively in all activities, and they were very enthusiastic. Overall Mathematics week was concluded Successfully

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#### SCIENCE

Members: Mr V K Sharma, Mr PC Ghildiyal, Mr Hardeep Singh, Mr AN Chidambaram, Mrs Priya Huda, Mr Vinay Kumar, Mrs Priti Bhatnagar

Science Department actively organizes Field trips, expert lectures, quizzes, and Olympiads to extend learning beyond the classrooms and to connect the knowledge of textbooks with real life. We conducted various field trips wherein one hundred ten students of Classes V to VIII visited Birla Science Centre, Eco. Park, Birla Naturopathy Centre and BET Farmhouse in the months of April, July and December. On 10th September and 15th October Birla Science Centre organized expert lecture on the topic *Smart Energy* by Mr. Rajveer Singh Shekhawat at Vijay Hall Auditorium and *Himalayan Ecosystem* by Dr. D.P. Uniyal at Birla Balika Vidyapeeth Auditorium respectively. Seventy-five students of classes IX-XII attended the session. About 75 students of classes 6 to 11 participated in the Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan (VVM) and 12 students from classes 6 to 8 participated in the International Value Education Olympiad (VEO).

If a school is a happy school, where everyone likes to come to learn, feel respected It signifies fundamentally everything is right and learning is happening. Regular classes at Birla School, Pilani are also a great fun. Children learn by doing work in labs, making models, doing experiments, and verifying various scientific concepts by performing experiments in lab. Going to labs for scientific experiments is a regular activity at BSP where students learn by doing.

#### BET SCIENCE QUIZ

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- Middle category: Aashiv Bupna, Kheljeet Haobam and Vibhuti Narayan bagged THIRD position
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- Junior category: Master Akshay, Ojas Gupta and Srijan bagged FIRST position.





#### **BIRLA SCHOOL, PILANI** SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT



Members: Mr. R. Khan, Mrs. Sanghamitra Sengupta, Mr. Supratim

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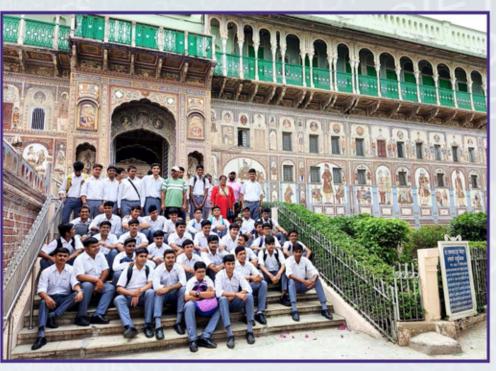
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The department of Social Science also carries out various activities throughout the academic year to promote the holistic development of students.

1) Social Science Week: One of the activities carried out by the department is the Social Science Week, which is organized once a year. Various activities such as Collage Making Competition, Quiz, Skit, Mock Parliament, and Model United Nations are organized to promote the growth and development of students.

- Collage Making Competition on the topic "Women Empowerment" saw the participation of five groups from classes 8 and 9.
- Social Science Quiz: Four groups consisting of four members from different classes participated in the quiz.
- The **Skit** activity involved Class VII students demonstrating how people belonging to different occupations contribute to society, which is an excellent example of living and growing together.



**Mock Parliament:** A model parliament (also referred to as a mock parliament) is a simulation of the parliamentary proceedings of a legislature or other deliberative assembly, often based upon the Parliamentary system. They can be like Model United Nations. Model parliaments can also be based on a specific national or subnational legislature. Model Parliaments are usually held as an educational tool to promote understanding of the working of government. Model Parliaments have also been established to promote the activities of community service programs or to advocate social or political change.

2) The department also organizes **Model United Nations**, which simulates parliamentary proceedings and international diplomacy. These activities help in promoting the activities of community service programs and advocate social or political change. The Model United Nations activity is a student-driven activity that instills leadership, interactive, communicative, and problem-solving skills among the students. Our school organized MUN in the month of October on 17,18 and 19 in which 150 students from five schools participated. Our students also participated in MUN organized by BITS Pilani and BKBIET Pilani in which they interacted with students from other schools and higher age groups.

In summary, the Department of Social Science is committed to promoting the holistic development of students and carries out various activities throughout the year to instill leadership, interactive, communicative, and problem-solving skills among the students





#### **COMMERCE & COMPUTER DEPARTMENT**

Members: Mr. Pramod Kumar Nagwan, Mr. Manoj Dharmdasani

Members: Mr. Dushyant Kumar, Mr. Kuldeep Kataria, Mr. Himanshu Sharma, Mr. Anil, Mr. Vikash

The Commerce department at Birla School, Pilani has been actively engaged in providing high-quality education to students in classes 11th and 12th. The department emphasizes the importance of understanding the functioning of commercial banks, cooperative societies, and manufacturing units in the localities near Pilani. In addition to classroom teaching, the department also organizes educational visits to places like the museum, gliding club, runway of Pilani, and Eco-Park to provide students with practical exposure to various industries and plants.

The department has a modern approach to teaching and uses audio-visual techniques to make learning more engaging and effective. The students are also encouraged to research and create project files on different subjects to prepare for examinations as per the CBSE requirements.

The department is proud of its students and their achievements. Many of the students have gone on to become Chartered Accountants, lawyers, and hotel managers in reputed organizations. The faculty members are always welcoming suggestions from parents to improve the efficiency of the department and provide a healthy and joyful learning environment for the students.

Overall, the Commerce department at Birla School, Pilani is committed to providing future employable education to students, which will help them become fit and sound citizens of India.







#### SPECIAL EDUCATION/ COUNSELLING (BEHAVIOUR & CAREER)

Activities Conducted:

1. RIASEC Assessment: RIASEC Assessment was done with the students of classes 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> all sections to get insights in their career interest areas.





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#### 2. Presentation on Personality Types:

The students of 11<sup>th</sup> grade prepared presentations on various personality types and represent them to their classmates for further discussions. The discussion enriches them with insights into the diversity and versatility of the people in society. It also inspires them to explore their own existing personality, so that it can further be facilitated in decision making for their career choices.

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#### 3. Leadership Talk:

A video was streamed to the students of V, VI, and VII grade on 'Leadership' to motivate children to think in an innovative way to cultivate entrepreneurship culture.





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#### 4. Conducting DTLD Test:

Diagnostic Tests for Learning Disabilities were conducted in order to identify children with learning difficulties so that they can be facilitated with special education services to reduce their learning gaps.





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# BIRLA SCHOOL, PILANI



#### LIBRARY

The library at Birla School, Pilani is a peaceful abode that offers an extensive collection of books, catering to the reading interests of students from all grades. The library is not just limited to traditional books, but it also offers access to digital content through multiple computers, which can be used for research and education purposes.

The library also plays a significant role in organizing activities to promote reading and learning. Activities like question of the day and best reader of the month encourage students to read more and enhance their knowledge. The best readers of the session 2022-2023 were Sadasivan (XI) and Nishant Latiyal (X).

Libraries are a valuable resource that promotes the process of learning and enhances our concentration levels. The peaceful atmosphere of the library helps students focus on their studies more effectively, and it broadens their thinking by exposing them to modern and diverse ideas. Overall, the library at Birla School, Pilani is a vital asset that provides students with a peaceful environment to read, learn, and grow.







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## **BIRLA SCHOOL, PILANI**



#### MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Our Music Department has always been a pillar in strengthening cultural identity, enhancing cognitive and creative abilities in individuals and increasing individual happiness. We have actively engaged students in various events and performances throughout the academic session. These events

provide an excellent platform for students to showcase their talents and also instill a sense of pride and belongingness to the school community. On the onset of the session, the new students were trained for **Fresher's Eve-Spandan**. The students of classes VI & VII were trained for Saraswati Vandana, group songs and a solo bhajan by Dewansh won everyone's heart.

The students of Music presented the welcome song 'Man ki Veena' on the occasion of Investiture Ceremony. The students presented cultural evening in the BSPMUN and sung the foot tapping songs- 'Bela Chao, Naino da Kasoor'. The bhajans 'Vaishnav Jan, Raghupati Raghav' mesmerized the audience on Gandhi Jayanti. Our students enthusiastically participated in the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav by singing patriotic songs thereby boosting our morale and fostering a spirit of love towards the nation. The music department once again came forward with enthusiasm to perform songs, bhajans and shloka chanting on Founder's Day. Thirteen of our students performed at Birla Science Museum during the celebration of Birla Science Week. They played trumpet and Congo to give live background music to the dance drama-Raja Reshamlal.

Our students also showcased their musical talent on the 122<sup>rd</sup> Annual function where the Rock Band displayed the fusion of Hindi and English songs, Utkarsh on drum and Chirag on keyboard proved their mettle. Jal Tarang – one of the oldest and most rarely heard instrument is a unique mix of ragas and light melodies- was played by Daksh Jain accompanied by Shourya Banerjee and Gauransh Sharma on Congo.

#### **INTER BET PATRIOTIC SONG COMPETITION**

The much awaited and the grand music competition, Birla Education Trust Inter-Institutional Patriotic Group Song Competition was held on August 13, 2022. 120 students at Birla School, Pilani enthusiastically participated in different categories, exhilarating the audience with their melodious renditions. Our students performed exceedingly well and had won the FIRST Position in both the Senior Hindi Group Song category and Junior Hindi Group Song Category, thereby winning the Overall trophy amongst all the six BET Schools.





#### **ART DEPARTMENT**

#### WALL PAINTING

An Art and Craft workshop was conducted by the Art Department of our school from 12<sup>th</sup> August to 15<sup>th</sup> August for four days respectively. This initiative was taken by our Honorable Principal, Mr. Dhirendra Singh to help promote art and craft, culture among the children. The programme was designed with the objective to learn how to paint on the wall to develop aesthetics value and appreciate the beauty of our national flag.



Students from Classes V to X participated in this workshop. Both the teachers as well as the students took active part in the workshop. They were filled with curiosity and enthusiasm. Apart from the various techniques, the students mirrored the cooperation, discipline and punctuality that they observed amongst the artists. Students had enjoyed painting the tricolour of "75 feet" to celebrate 75 years of independence.







#### **BET INTERNATIONAL ART MEET 2022**

3 November 2022: 7th International Art meet was organised by BET to provide limitless opportunity to the creative minds. Mrs. Babita Das was the curator of the event. The Director, Birla Education Trust, Major General (retired) S.S.Nair (AVSM) was the Chief Guest of the event. Artisans, freelancers, teachers at different BET schools were also invited to this program. 14 students from every class were actively involved in this workshop. Students painted cloth patterns on the Canvas and created different texture with the tissue papers. They painted extract painting on the Canvas in different ways. The students were highly motivated to learn, explore and grow.







#### SPORTS DEPARTMENT

Our team of energetic coaches and sports teacher motivated and coached the boys and the result was many achievements in Inter School, CBSE Clusters, District, State Championships.

- A team of ten students participated in **IInd West Zone Karate Championship** 2022 organised by WIKA at Anand, Gujarat. Master Yash Class VI won the BRONZE MEDAL
- Our team participated in the 6th Jhunjhunu Karate Championship under Sub Junior, Cadet, Junior Under 21 & Senior category held at Rajpura. Our School won 10 Gold Medal & 01 Silver Medal.
- Ten students participated in Junior, Cadet, and Under 21 & Senior Category- Rajasthan State Karate Championship held at Jaipur and won 02 SILVER, 03 BRONZE Medals.
- Seven students participated in North India Shotokan Karate Championship held at Bindal Vatika, Delhi. Our students won 8 GOLD, 1 SILVER, 3 BRONZE Medals.
- Two students (Daksh Jain and Palaksh Shekhar) participated in the **District Lawn Tennis Tournament** at Jhunjhunu Academy and secured RUNNERS UP Position and were selected for **STATE LEVEL** competition
- Our junior Football team secured SECOND Position in the District Football Championship. 04 students (Karan Kumar, Sumit Rana, Ansh Raj, Pranjal Saxena) were selected at State level Football Competition and THIRD position in the Senior category. 04 students (Manas Purnendu, Gaurav Singh, Ashish Ahlawat, Aman Poonia) got selected for the State level Football Competition.
- The Athletic team participated in **CBSE Athletics** Cluster at 'Raath International School- Behror, Nimrana. Our school team participated and performed well. Our school got 2 Silver medals (Master Abhay Singh 800 mt. Race, Master Rishit Raj 200 mt. race Silver medal) and 11 Bronze medals Under-17 Boys relay race (4×400 mt.) Bronze and Under-19 Boys relay race (4×400 mt.) Bronze.
- The School Cricket Team WON the 66th Inter **District Cricket Competition** held at Government School, Goth, Singhana, 6 students were selected in the U-19 category- Raman Kumar, Rahul Saini - U-17 category- Mayank Dahiya, Tarun Rawat, Harsh Raj, Dhruv Gupta for State Level Competition. held at Sawai Madhopur.
- Eleven students from classes VI to XII participated in Karate Championship 2022 held at Shimla, Indira Gandhi Sports Complex from 15 October
- Master Raghav Khandelwal was selected in the U-19 category for the State Level Basketball Competition.
- Four students participated in State Open Swimming Competition at Jaipur.
- School Football Team participated in CBSE Cluster held at Presidency School, Neemrana.
- Six Students participated in the CBSE West Zone Taekwondo.
- The School Volleyball team participated in CBSE Volleyball Cluster held at 'Vivek Techno School- Nagore.
- $\bullet \ The School \ Badminton \ team \ participated \ in \ Sagar \ International \ School, \ Bhopal \ U/17.$





#### **BET INTER SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Inter BET Swimming Competition:** Inter BET Swimming competition was held on 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at Birla School, Pilani. 5 BET schools participated in this competition. BSPians are the **BET SWIMMING CHAMPIONS** as our swimmers gave an overwhelming performance and won the competition in all the categories. Our school bagged first position in the under -12,14,17,19 Boys category, Girls- Senior-THIRD, Girls Junior-SECOND- winning the Overall Championship.

<u>Inter BET Football Competition:</u> - Inter BET Football competition was held on 26<sup>th</sup> July to 29<sup>th</sup> July at Birla School, Pilani. This competition was held in the Boys and Girls Senior and Junior category. The Girls Football Team made their debut in the Inter BET Competition. Our school was the **Winner** in the Junior Boys Category, **Runners Up** in the Senior Boys Category and the Senior Girls Category. In the Junior Girls Category, our school won the **III position**.

Inter BET Basketball Competition: The School Basketball Team participated in the 'Inter BET School Basketball Tournament" held at BPS Pilani securing FIRST POSITION in the U-17, U-14 and Second Position in the Category U-19; winning the Overall Championship.

<u>Inter Class Chess Competition:</u> - This Competition was held in the month of August. A total of 126 students took part in this competition. It was conducted in class wise as well as Junior and Senior category. The winner in the <u>Junior Category is</u> Daksh Balwan and in the <u>Senior Category is</u> Chirag Bansal.

Inter House Aquatic Meet: Birla School Pilani hosted the 20<sup>th</sup> Inter House Aquatic Meet on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> August 2022. As our school is the champion amongst all BET schools, our swimmers are extra enthusiastic and competitive about this Inter House Event.

Inter House Football Competition: All four houses participated in this competition. The first match was played between Raman House v/s Subhash House and Raman House won the Match by 5-0. Ashish Ahlawat was the top scorer of the match. The Second was played between Tagore House v/s Patel House and Patel House won by 5-0. The third position match was played between Subhash and Patel House. Subhash house won the match 2-0 and bagged Third position.

Inter House Volleyball Competition: This competition was held on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022. All four houses participated in this competition. The first match was played between the Raman House v/s Tagore House. Raman House won the match 2-0 and reached the final. The Second was played between Subhash House v/s Patel House and Subhash House won by 2-0. The third position match was played between Tagore and Patel house and Tagore house won the match by 2-0.

**Inter House Basketball Competition:** This competition was held on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022. All four houses participated in this competition. The first match was played between the Raman House v/s Tagore Hose and Raman House won the match and reached in the final. The Second was played between Subhash House v/s Patel House and Subhash House won the match and reached the Final. IIIrd Position bagged by Patel House.

Inter House Badminton Competition: This competition was held on 16th October 2022. All four houses participated in this competition. The first match was played between Raman House V/S Tagore Hose and Tagore House won the match and reached in the final. The Second was played between Subhash House V/S Patel House and Patel House won the match and reached the Final. Third Position was bagged by Subhash House.





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BET INTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL COMPETITION 2022-23

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# WINNERS OF U-17 DISTRICT CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP









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Horse riding is a valuable skill that every student should consider learning. When I first arrived at the school, I was eager to try horse riding even though I had no prior experience with horses. Joining the equestrian classes, I quickly discovered that riding is both fun and challenging, requires patience, practice, and dedication.

Initially, I was nervous around the horses, but over time, I became more comfortable and confident around my equine partner. Through practice, I learned to balance my body and develop core strength. Gradually, I also learned how to communicate effectively with my horse using body language and cues to guide it.

With the help of my coach, I learned how to jump over obstacles, each with varying levels of difficulty. Additionally, my coach taught me the three-point position, which is the basic balanced position on a horse, where a vertical line connects the ear, shoulder, seat, and foot. This position allows for three points of contact: your arms, your pair of legs, and your body position.

Through horse riding, I was able to build confidence and positive body language, which have helped me both on and off the horse.

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#### **CBSE Inter School National Band Competition**

Birla School, Pilani was adjudged as the Second-Best Brass band among the EIGHT selected finalists and performed live at the National War Memorial, New Delhi. The band was judged by a Jury appointed by the Ministry of Education, with experts from Defense Services, at Ministry level. Our cadets were judged on dress and equipment (Instruments), Quick March, Slow March, Formation, Standard of playing i.e., Quality of tune, Presentation and Timely completion of the performance. We were given 9 minutes to perform, and our Band Troop made us all proud by securing SECOND Position among the 100 band teams from various Indian States, Union Territories, KVS, NVS, ICSE and CBSE Schools. Our students showcased their mastery at trumpet, bass drum, cymbals, side drum, sousaphone etc.

Band Cadets Felicitation programme was organized to honor the 32 cadets who had brought laurels to the school. Their parents were also honored by the Director, BET. On 17th February 2023, School band comprising of 30 cadets gave a performance to the citizens of Pilani at the Talab Park.

#### **The Proud Band Leader**

The Dawn of New Year 2023 brought great news. Our band troop was one of the finalists for the Inter School Band Competition, amongst the 99 band troops Pan-India. We were invited to New Delhi to perform at the National War Memorial (NWM) during the Republic Day Celebrations 2023. My joy knew no bounds. Enthusiastic and excited, we started our practice under our Guruji and mentor Captain Hanuman Prasad. All the cadets were brimming with joy and gusto and didn't miss even a single practice. The team worked very hard and so did our mentor. When we reached New Delhi, we realized that the competition was tough as all the teams were well prepared. We performed with great passion and all the cadets were overjoyed when the result was announced. We won the hearts of all the officials and the dignitaries with our performance. Going to the Nationals and securing Second Position at National level is a dream come true. We learnt a lot of values during our visit to New Delhi. The competition has ignited the spirit of patriotism, leadership, teamwork, unity, and sincerity and has made us feel proud of our country, school and family. Visiting the Kartvaya Path and witnessing the Parade was a feast for the eyes.

#### We also got the opportunity to perform at Alcon Public School Delhi.

I am thankful to Director Sir, Principal Sir, Headmaster Sir and Hanuman Sir for supporting us all the time. Lal Sir always motivated us and boosted our morale and with his camera he made us popular at the National Level. On behalf of all the cadets I thank all the teachers for their motivation, guidance and support. Hanuman sir is not only our teacher but a father, friend and a great inspiration. I assure you all that in the times to come, we shall bring more name and fame for the school.

Jai Hind Jai Bharat! Ronak, XI, Band Leader



#### MEMORIES TO CHERISH

Being the vice band leader of the band troop gave me many opportunities to hone my leadership skills. I realized that it's not an easy task to keep the entire troop in discipline and perform under pressure. We travelled to Delhi for a National Band Competition on 17 January 2023. The competition on 19 January, besides excitement, our heart beat galloped and roared, we were on pins and needles.

On 22 January we were invited to the National War Memorial (NWM) for the prize distribution. We were 2nd all over India. We were all ecstatic because of our achievement, we celebrated at KFC.

We also got the opportunity to perform at Alcon Public School Delhi. When we entered the school campus the students there were teasing us "Band Baje walcangye" but after our performance they were speechless.

It was indeed a matter of great pride and privilege to watch the Republic Day Parade at Kartvaya Path and I really enjoyed the parade. We returned to Pilani on 27 Jan evening. We had a grand welcome by our Headmaster and other teachers. Special thanks to Principal sir and Headmaster sir for motivating us and giving us the wonderful opportunity. Hanuman sir: he is the man of honor, he trained us and put his efforts to reach at War Memorial Lal sir: He really took care of us and motivated us for the competition, he was very friendly and had a way with children.

Chetan Saini, XI

#### PERFORMING AT SWARNA JAYANTI STADIUM

On 15th August 2022, our band troop got a glorious chance to perform in Swarna Jayanti Stadium, Jhunjhunu where the Jhunjhunu district police and army personnel marched with their band. We were guided by Mr. Hanuman Prasad and Mr A.N Chidambaram to the ground in Jhunjhunu where apart from us there were also 3-4 bands performances. We didn't go on a practice day there, thus directly on 15 Aug to perform so we estimated that there would be some other bands also to compete and they were there. We were a total of 52 students who performed there with different melodies such as 'Saare Jahan Se Acha', 'Tipu Sultan', 'Sunday morning' and many more. There for the chief guest, the District Magistrate of Jhunjhunu was also present with whom we clicked a remarkable photo for our honorable school. We went there in the morning and came back to Pilani at nearby 2 p.m. What an astonishing memorable day it was!

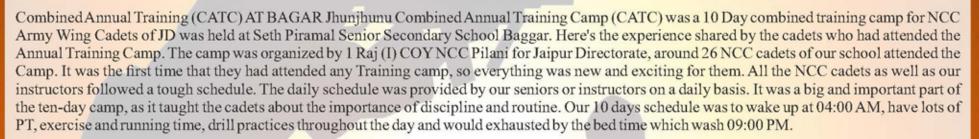
Harsh Raj Sinha, XI







## BIRLA SCHOOL, PILANI NATIONAL CADET CORPS ARMY WING



NCC Annual Training Camp was a platform where we got a chance to learn various subjects such as drill, weapon training, map reading, first aid, adventure, self- defense, military history, physical fitness, field craft and battle craft. Drill was a very important part of our camp training. We got a chance to learn drill from our drill instructor which is memorable. An interactive session was organised where officers of Indian Armed Forces and Commanding Officer Mr Rajiv Singh delivered motivational talk and answered our queries and asked many questions. We also shared our experiences with our instructors and sang NCC songs.

We also got to know the motto - UNITY AND DISCIPLINE - and aim of NCC- to develop qualities of Character, Comradeship, Discipline, Secular Outlook, Spirit of Adventure and Ideals of selfless service in the cadets. There was a session in which we learned about fire safety rules. There were also many interactive sessions organized by our PI STAFF and the Seniors where they shared their experiences about the time, they spent in NCC, other camps and about the activities they participated in and many other knowledgeable things they experienced. We got a chance to discuss our doubts with them.





# PROUD CADETS

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- I also got to know about the .22 rifle and about its parts. A cleanliness program was also held to encourage the people to keep their surrounding neat and clean, not to throw garbage anywhere on the road and use dustbin to make India Clean and Green.

- Many competitions and quizzes were held to increase cadets' knowledge and make them feel competitive so that they can give their best in every field. I have learnt many things throughout the camp

To be disciplined,

to be brave

to be competitive,

to create unity in diversity,

to make strong personality

to build a spirit of adventure.

I also got some time for enjoyment and met with many cadets who came from different places and came to know about their experience and view for NCC. One of the best enjoyable moments was Sipping tea sitting with friends. I specially want to show my gratitude towards Commanding Officer group captain Mr. Rajeev Singh and my CTO Sunny Singh, all the cadets and other unit instructors who conducted the Annual Training Camp and worked so hard to create a safe environment of learning. I also want to thank my parents with all my heart for their indubitable love and support.

#### NAVY WING

Annual Training Camp for Navy Cadets was held at Jaipur from 26 July to 4 August 2022. School Navy Cadets celebrated Navy Day in the school by planting trees.











#### **AIR WING**

A CATC camp was organized by 1Raj Air Sqn., Jaipur from 13 oct. 2022 to 20 oct. 2022 at Phagi (Jaipur). In this camp, ANO Mr. Ramesh Kumar and 34 cadets (27 boys and 07 girls) took part. In this camp many activities were organized. Cadets learn how to use point 22 rifles, drill and aeromodelling. Many cultural and sports activities were organized. In these activities our Birla school, Pilani. Cadets got positions in the camp.

- 1. 1<sup>a</sup> position in 4X100 relay (Kavya, Mohit, Rohit and Aryan)
- 2. 1<sup>st</sup> position in Solo Song. (Yashika)
- 3. 1<sup>st</sup> position in Group Song. (Yashika. Anusha, Tammana, Nandini, Pragati, Sunidhi and Kanishka)
- 4. 2<sup>nd</sup> position in Volleyball.
- 5. 3<sup>rd</sup> position in Football.









#### Annual Function- 'Abhivyakti-2022'

Our school celebrated the 122<sup>nd</sup> Annual Function 'Abhivyakti-2022' on 11 November 2022. The school had the distinguished honor of having its alumni as its Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour. The Chief Guest Dr. Sanchit Tyagi, IRTS Joint Director, Administration & Finance, National Book Trust, New Delhi (alumnus 2004 batch) and the Guest of Honour, Capt. Ankur Dhillon, Chairman Venkateshwar signature School, Raipur, Chhattisgarh (alumnus 119 batch) were overjoyed to be a part of 122<sup>nd</sup> annual function of their alma mater. They along with their family graced the function.

The lamp lighting ceremony marked the beginning of the programme followed by Devi Stuti invoking the blessings of God Almighty; Junior Bonanza bewitched the audience, the flawless performances by the tiny tots, their synchronized and confident movements mesmerized one and all.

The Principal, Shree Dhirendra Singh presented the School Annual Report, which featured the School Awards and outstanding accomplishments of the students in various academic and co-curricular events. Class X & XII Board Exam toppers were awarded certificates of excellence for their outstanding academic performance. The Principal welcomed the august gathering and heaped praises on the awardees for their remarkable feat. He also thanked the parents for their unstinting support. His far-reaching vision saw fruition through the remarkable achievements of the awardees.

A soulful rendition by the school musicians on Jal Tarang was a feat not only for our ears but also for the eyes. The English Play 'An Hour of Truth' was an adaptation of the play by Percival Wilde. The Group Song perfectly showcased the amalgamation of east with west. The Sword Dance by Kheljit displayed the indigenous martial art of Manipur in the form of dance. The highlight of the function was the cultural extravaganza: a musical drama reflecting the rich and imitable culture of India in the form of classical dances.

The Chief Guest praised the show and called BSP as the trailblazer which has acquired many educational feats in this session and credited it to the relentless and dedicated efforts of management, principal and teachers at the school. The Guest of Honour congratulated the students for their outstanding performances and urged them to aspire for excellence in their future endeavors. The vote of thanks was proposed by the Head girl Ishaani. The celebration concluded on a blissful note encouraging students to mark further milestones in their journey of success.

The school band offered a repertoire of tunes of musical maestros titled 'Sur Sarang', reflecting the music of the past and connecting it with the present,







#### **INVESTITURE CEREMONY**

"Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing with others."

It is indeed a matter of great pride and prestige when the buds of yesterday bloom into flowers and start spreading their fragrance. Birla School, Pilani was proud and enthralled with the promise of a new beginning when a new batch of 34 students took oath as the office bearers. The Chief Guest for the ceremony, Group Capt. Siddhartha Mondal (Retd.), General Manager Production (BrahMos)Aerospace, congratulated the office bearers and reminded them that with position comes responsibility towards themselves, their School and peers. He advised them never to be in their comfort zone as sustaining the post and completing its responsibility is a greater task and encouraged them to uphold the values and ethos of the institution and earnestly fulfill the duties assigned to them in a humble manner.

The ceremony was also graced by Capt. Alokesh Sen (IN), Principal BPS, Mr Pawan Vashsishta, Principal BSV, Mr Kapil Sharma, Legal Officer, BET. The students' council members were bestowed with sashes and badges by the dignitaries followed by the oath of office administered by the Principal, Mr Dhirendra Singh. He congratulated the newly elected student leaders and motivated them to aim for excellence and even surpass their predecessors with their grit and renewed determination.

The Head Boy, Manas Purnendu, in his impassioned speech addressed the newly sworn in student body to lead by example and be compassionate leaders. He talked about the importance of being humble, responsible and self-disciplined and urged the students to interact with each other and seek help whenever required. The function concluded with the National Anthem. The occasion was one of great pride and prestige for Birla School, Pilani as it welcomed a new batch of leaders.





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#### **CHEERIO- FAREWELL CEREMONY**

Messy rooms, last minute notes, midnight chats, knock of the warden, These things will never happen again, but will stay on as memories forever ......"

A farewell ceremony was organized to bid a lively and joyful farewell to their seniors. The ceremony commenced with an address by the Principal, Mr. Dhirendra Singh, who has always generously guided them towards the right path. He commended the seniors for smoothly taking on responsibilities and setting a remarkable example for their juniors. He wished them happiness and success in all future endeavors and inspired them to leave an indelible mark on society and make the school proud. The Vice-Principal, Mr VK Sharma, congratulated the outgoing batch on completing the most crucial formative phase of their life and expressed his desire to see them flourishing in their distinguished careers and fields.

The Hindi Choir presented a rich and melodious performance accompanied by nostalgic images of the merry times experienced by the seniors at school and the hostel. The students put forth a graceful performance on a fusion song. A humorous skit was prepared and presented by students of Class XI. Various playful, as well as serious accolades and awards, were given out to the hostel seniors by the comperes. The House Masters, tutors and other teachers bid their beloved students a warm goodbye and wished them the best of luck for their future. They expressed their joy at having spent a wonderful time with all the hostellers and how they will always hold a special place in their hearts. Finally, the outgoing batch students re-lived their bittersweet memories at the hostel through a short sentimental video and expressed their heartfelt gratitude to this great institution for being instrumental in shaping their personalities and providing them with stellar opportunities.

Overall, a heartwarming farewell was organized by the juniors that strengthened the bonds between the two groups of students. It is a testament to the strong relationships and sense of community that exists within the school, and it serves as a reminder of the lasting impact that the seniors have had on the junior students.





#### SPANDAN 2022

#### "To express yourself in a better way, you need to have faith in yourself"

To welcome our new friends to this school we organize an event known as Fresher's Party. What is a fresher's party you may ask? It is an event that our school organizes, every year, to welcome our new friends. It is an event that is enjoyed by the new as well as old students, moreover, the new students have an opportunity to showcase their talents in various cultural activities.

A unique tradition of our school, you may call it, is to give this event a different name every year. This year it was named "Spandan". Spandan is an Indian origin name which means the sound of the heart.

Our versatile students were so excited for this event and due to large number of participants it was decided that it would be a two- days event. On the first day of the event, we witnessed various activities, some of which were, solo dance, music, speech and many other exuberating performances.

On the second day of the event, we were entertained by a group dance, solo song, ghazal, mime, skit.

It was a red-letter day of my life, and I am really lucky to have such talented group of friends. *Maulik Swami, Daksh Balwan* 











## VISIT TO BIRLA NATUROPATHY CENTER AND FARMHOUSE

In the month of April the students were taken to Birla Naturopathy Center and BET Farmhouse.

The purpose of the activity was to see various agricultural equipments, different modern irrigation systems, different horticultural plantations, and to generate awareness about different agricultural practices and crop management.

It was an endeavor to link learning at school with the life outside and to discourage rote learning.

Under the supervision of teachers, students saw different irrigation techniques drip and sprinkler irrigation systems, different plantations like that of jojoba, Ber, Beal, Kinnow, pomegranate, lemon and learnt the concept of mixed cropping. Students noted row to row and plant to plant distance and its relevance. Students learnt about sustainable agricultural techniques and the natural way to increase soil fertility by intercropping and saving water, space and soil quality like growing gram as an intercrop with kinnow and ber plantations.

Students got a privilege to see various tools and equipment used in agricultural practices and were able to establish relations of learning through their observation and real life. Students learned the utility and relevance of the equipment like harrow, planer, rotavator, disc plough, moors plough, pit digger, bund former, combine harvester etc. in farms.

At Birla Naturopathy Center, yoga sessions were organized by Yog Acharya Shri Sumit where they learnt a few yoga techniques, strategies to increase focus and remain fit and healthy. Special thanks to our Principal, Bursar Sri Anil Awasthi and coordinator for organizing such trip for providing happy experiential learning. The visit to the Yoga Centre helps the students understand the basic yoga postures and the importance of keeping mind and body healthy.



# BIRLA SCHOOL, PILANI VISIT to BIRLA SCIENCE CENTRE

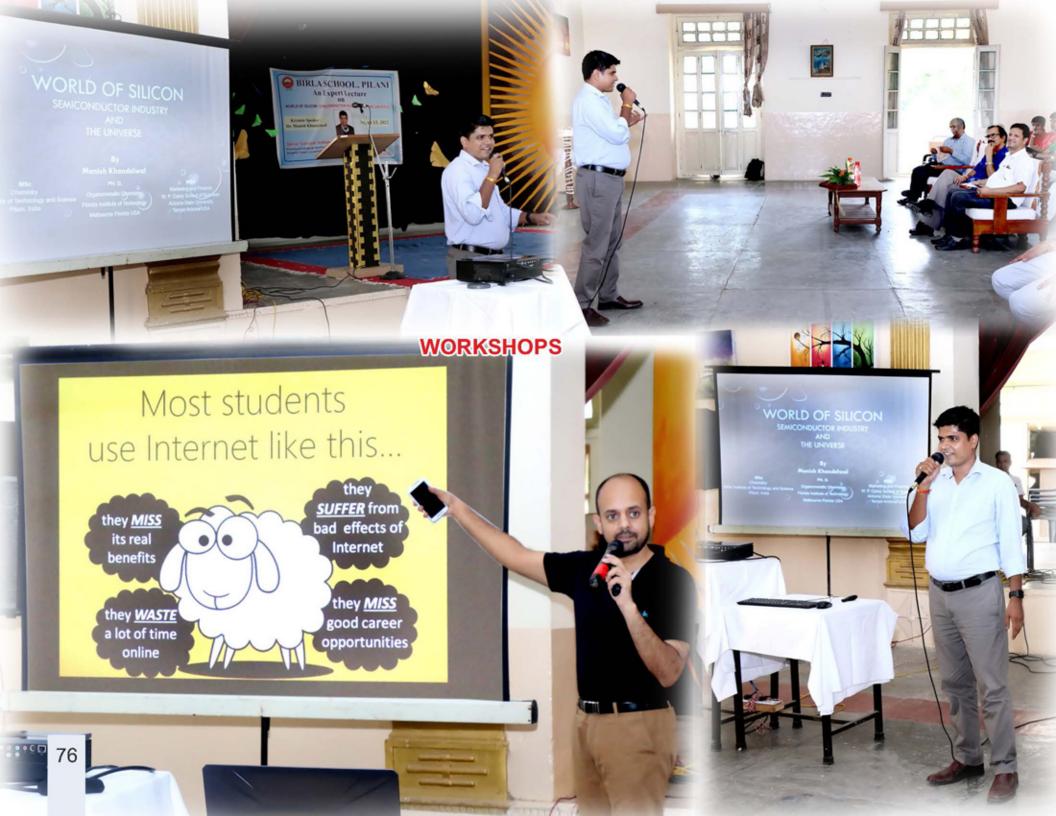
The visit to the world-famous Birla Science Museum is an eye-opening experience for the young enthusiastic minds. Inquisitive students learn, observe and understand the various science concepts in a play way method. The Innovation Hub, Aerodynamic Gallery, Metallurgy and Mining gallery are amongst the few that let the students get a hands-on educational experience of basic scientific principles as well as the working of complex gadgets and machinery. The students saw various sections like energy section, metallurgy section, space section, Pilani gallery, coal mine, geology section, transport section, biology section, industries and manufacturing, agricultural practices and crop management section. Students also visited innovation hub where they enjoyed beautiful documentary films. Every exhibit was well explained by the guides of Birla Science Center.

Birla science center is a huge treasure of knowledge it explains different scientific concepts in a very simple interesting way. This visit heralds in a way for understanding of more complex scientific processes that haven't yet been introduced to the students and ensures that they understand them and instill a scientific temperament, love for science and inquisitiveness in the students. Under the guidance of our teachers, we look forward to more such educational visits as they provide an enriching learning experience in a very joyful way.



#### VISIT to BET ECO PARK

The students visited Eco Park on different dates according to the set schedule of school calendar. To enhance experiential learning, create a classroom beyond the classroom walls and encourage happy learning in a play way method, Birla School, Pilani organizes regular trips to Eco Park. The students gain knowledge about the various flora and fauna, understand the eco system of the region and gain insight into the agricultural pattern of the area. In the Eco Park, they saw different ornamental plants, succulents, how they are grown and taken care of. Eco Park is a beautiful, well maintained lush green park which provides a great learning experience for students as they saw various ornamental plants grown and beautifully displayed there. Students saw different plants from herbs, shrubs, trees, climbers and creepers their names and were able to connect their learning with what given in their textbooks. Students saw fish point, fed the fish, enjoyed beautiful scenery there and understood fragile balance of nature in different ecosystems.



#### EXPERT LECTURES



On 10th September and 15th October Birla Science center organized expert lecture on the topic *Smart Energy* by Mr. Rajveer Singh Shekhawat and *Himalayan Ecosystem* by Dr. D.P. Uniyal respectively. Seventy-five students of class 9th and 12th along with the escort teachers from Birla School Pilani attended the session.

In this session, students learnt about the intelligent optimization of energy costs efficiency and using innovative technology to build and operate a sustainable energy management system. The topic Himalayan ecosystem essentially explained about the varied topography, soil types and biodiversity and how to sustain this fragile and diverse ecosystem. It was an enlightening experience which aimed at developing environmentally sensitive students who can think more about sustainable development and can be future ready. These lectures were highly interactive and informative.

One day Cyber Safety Workshop was attended by the students of classes V to XI by Cyber Safety expert Mr. Raghu Pandey. The students were made aware of the threats posed by the Internet and how to safeguard themselves. The workshop was an instant hit among students who listened attentively and interacted enthusiastically with the resource person.



Main Bhi Banu Kalam (MBBK)- Five students attended a day workshop organized by CSIR-CEERI, Pilani in association with Vigyan Bharati, Rajasthan and CEERI Vidya Mandir Pilani. Prof Chandra Shekhar Chancellor- ACSIR-Chief Guest, Dr. Arvind C Ranade, National Secretary, Vigyan Bharti, New Delhi was the Guest of Honour. The workshop provided a platform for our young kids who have basic creative sense, original ideas and think out of box for developing technical solutions and creating societal impacts.

Our Alumnus-Dr. Manish Khandelwal, settled in New jersey USA took a session on *Building Scientific Temperament and Importance of Patents*. He urged the students to develop a scientific aptitude and work in the research industry. His passionate speech motivated the students as he introduced new avenues for the Science Stream students.





#### SCIENCE WEEK- 2022-2023

#### **Dance and Drama Activity**

Science week was celebrated from 11 to 16 February 2023 in Birla Science Museum. I was in the dance and drama activity. Our mentor was Mr. Neeraj Kumar from Lucknow. 36 students from different BET schools participated in the activity. We were divided into groups and were given roles and dialogues. Apart from the technicalities of dance and drama, we were also taught how to be confident and to face the crowd and not to hesitate. Our rehearsals culminated into the program on 16<sup>th</sup> of February where BET Director and all BET Principals and officials were present, we got the prize of the best program and some students got prize for this acting. *Garv Joshi, IX* 

# **Aero Modelling Competition**

In the Aero Modelling workshop, we were taught the creation of working aircraft models and controlling them. We were also acquainted with the world of drones, gliders, and biplanes. Participants were first given training in planes propellers etc. we will send to the workshops to make our planes. A competition was held between all the BET schools. We were given the required equipment such as sun board, propellers, motor etc. We met total of two planes and named them with their features, later our planes were exhibited. This was a whole new experience, and we learnt a lot about things.

# **3D Art Skill**

Our mentor, Mr Deepak Kumar, was a creative person and had taught us perfect use of things like acrylic colors, pencil shading and paper folding and many more. We learnt the art of making 3D objects and an exhibition was put up of our work on 16<sup>th</sup> of February 2023. We are proud to be a part of such an exhibition.

Raghvendra Singh, IX

# Lantern Making

I learnt lantern making using different materials provided to us by our instructors. The instructors were polite to us and helped us a lot. The colorful lanterns we made were appreciated by all. I was amazed to receive third rank in my activity and my happiness doubled when we were served good, tasty refreshments and lunch. It was a completely new experience for me. *Raghav Maheshwari, IX* 

# **Mechatronics and Creteil**

It was a totally new experience for my partner Aditya Upadhyay and me. We learnt to use different switches, fuses, censors and how to build the body of a car. We both worked together to make a remote-controlled car. We were helped by our mentor, Mr Kundan. It was quite an enriching experience. We secured third position in the competition. Atharva Maheshwari, IX

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# **SCIENCE DAY-2022**

# **POSTER MAKING** SCIENCE DAY-2022



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# BIRLA SCHOOL, PILANI OLYMPIADS



SEVEN Olympiads were held in the session 2022-2023. The students participated enthusiastically in each of them. 15 students had qualified for the second round. The Second Level Olympiad was held at Sikar on 12 February 2023. International English Olympiad (IEO) was held on 14 October 2022 wherein 133 students had appeared. 158 students appeared in the National Science Olympiad (NSO) organized on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022, IGKO (International General Knowledge Olympiad) was organized on 20 October 2022, a total of 59 students up to class X participated. 143 students appeared in the International Mathematics Olympiad (IMO) on 10 November 2022- The National Cyber Olympiad (NCO) was organized on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022 in which 15 students appeared. The International Social Studies Olympiad (ISSO) was held on 24 January 2023 and 34 students appeared in it. 17 students appeared in the International Commerce Olympiad (ICO) that was held on 24 January 2023. 17 students appeared in the State Talent Search Exam at Jhunjhunu.



# **GK QUIZ COMPETITION**

The GK Quiz competition was organized in July 2022. Mr. Raghu Pandey (Chief Guest and Guest Speaker on Cyber Security), Principal Mr. Dhirendra Singh, Bursar Mr. Anil Awasthi, staff and students were all present to motivate the teams.

Three teams participated from 3 residential blocks of Birla School, Pilani. Team A from Bhaskar block, Team B from Kalam block and Team C from Bhabha block. It was interested to see the team mates enthusiastically discussing before answering the questions. The Teams gave their active participation and, in the process, learned many new things. The engrossing manner of the Quiz Masters, Mr. Yash Srivastava and Mrs. Priya Hooda captivated one and all.

After an hour of neck-to-neck competition between Team A and Team B, the First prize was bagged by Team B of Kalam Block.



# VALUE OLYMPIAD CLASS-5 TO 8

Education is complete when it comprises three aspects...

Knowledge, skill and values, it is true that without sound character and strong values, competence can even be dangerous. To instill values, enhance environmental concerns, and sensitize students for sustainable development and its relevance in present scenario, on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022 twelve students from classes sixth to eighth successfully registered and completed international value education Olympiad in association with (UNEP'S) United nations Environmental program launched by ISKCON. The test was completed in 11 steps which included-

- 1. Registration,
- 2. Receiving of online kit which includes study material and videos,
- 3. Studying from the kit,
- 4. Submission of assignment related to environmental issues,
- 5. Receiving of unique roll number,
- 6. Mock Examination on 9th October 22,
- 7. An hour MCQ exam on 16 October 22, 8. Receiving of certificate.
- All 12 students received certificates of participation in the school assembly.



# **AMARJEET SINGH SCIENCE TROPHY TEST**

To prepare the children for future and to explore their interests and to measure logical reasoning, aptitude and to enhance the skillset on 26 November 2022 Under the aegis of Birla Education Trust Dr. Amarjeet Singh Science Trophy Test (Jr.) was conducted by Birla Balika Vidyapeeth, in which 25 students from class 7th and 8th of BSP (RW) took part in it. Our School won the FIRST POSITION in the Quiz Competition.



#### VIDYARTHI VIGYAN MANTHAN (VVM) - 2022

'India's Largest Science Talent Search Examination for New India Using Digital Devices'

Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan (VVM) is an initiative of Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA), in collaboration with Vigyan Prasar, an autonomous organization under the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India and National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT).

It is a national program for popularizing science among school students of standard VI to XI, conceptualised to identify the bright minds with a scientific aptitude among the student community.

The students appeared in mock tests from November 1,2022 onwards till the final exam for which two dates were assigned i.e.,27<sup>th</sup> And 30<sup>th</sup> of November, the student could choose one date. It was an online MCQ examination of 90 minutes.

The winners will be given cash prizes along with merit certificates and chance to participate in State level and National level camps. All participants will get certificates.



Total 108 (45 from RW) sstudents of Birla School, Pilani participated in it with full enthusiasm. The result will be declared on 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2022. Himanshu of Class XI was declared the DISTRICT TOPPER and selected for State Level Camp at Jaipur.

# DCIM CLUB

Digital Citizenship and Internet Maturity club was inaugurated by CSIR Scientist Dr. Anil Saini. The club is responsible for educating the students about the pros and cons of the internet and how to surf through it as well as maintaining respect online. The club was formed to sensitize the staff and the students regarding the dangers posed by the internet. A group of students and teachers, were officially recognized by the school administration to work towards achieving its objectives viz Ensuring students' online safety & wellbeing, Inculcating digital discipline in the school, Enrichment of school's social media assets, Enhancement of school's online reputation, Excellence in online education processes. Apart from this, the club organizes competitions to involve the student- teacher community in spreading awareness. Dr Saini highlighted the importance of being internet literate and being proactive.







# MODEL UNITED NATION

# YPS MUN-2022

My MUN journey started with Birla School. I had assumed that it would be like normal discussions and debates but was surprised to experience and then later be a part of the heated debates and discussions. I was enthusiastic about YPS MUN 2022 hosted by Yadavindra Public School, Patiala. Four of my 11th batchmates and 2 of our seniors (class 12) participated at YPSMUN along with our teacher Mr. Supratim Sengupta. I was in the United Nation General Assembly (UNGA) Committee representing as Slovenia and our topic was 'Countering Terrorism in Middle East'. As it was my first time participating in an MUN, I was observant of the proceedings, learnt the protocols, made sure I was heard, and also supported and countered the views expressed by other delegates. I learned a lot by this experience, but it was pretty exciting to see the Delegates of Israel and Russia as their information and speaking skills were outstanding, at the end the latter won the best Delegate award. But kudos to my classmate Antriksh Kaushik for not letting us go empty handed, he won the SPECIAL MENTION in G-20 Committee. Credits to the organizer Mrs. Sangamitra Ma'am to make it all possible.

## **BKBIET MUN**

B K Birla Institute of Engineering and Technology hosted a three-day MUN from 22nd April -24th April 2022. The Inaugural was held on 22nd April 2022 at 3:00 pm at BPTRC. Students from Birla School Pilani, Birla Public School, Birla Balika Vidyapeeth – Pilani, Mody School – Laxmangarh, Delhi University and B K Birla Institute of Engineering and Technology participated in this three-day event. Around 95 delegates from all committees such as All India Political Parties Meet (AIPPM), United Nations Security Council (UNSC), United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), and International Press (IP) were present in the conference that was organized on a virtual platform. Our delegates were honored for their unstinted contribution. Hardik Sinha –HIGH COMMENDATION, Himesh Mishra- SPECIAL MENTION, Sumonit Sengupta - SPECIAL MENTION by the Principal-

#### BITSMUN

It was exciting to be a part of one of the oldest colleges MUN conferences in India, the 12th edition of **BITSMUN**. Twenty-four delegates participated in the five committees. It was a great learning experience for school students who participated at the college level MUN

#### **BSPMUN**

Our school organized MUN in the month of October on 17,18 and 19 in which 150 students from five schools participated. This is one of the activities students love to take active part in and at the same time it is completely student driven activity right from the conception to the completion they play an active role by working on different committees, assigning different roles. Students from different schools are invited to be a part of the MUN where they showcase their potential in representing the different nations.





**REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION** 







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# INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



# FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES THE THEME- LEARNING IS TO BE VISIBLE- FOR THIS YEAR'S FDP.

An educational bonanza where more than 450 teachers from six BET schools discussed and deliberated for four days on myriad topics ranging from assessment reforms in CBSE schools by Dr Sanyam Bhardwaj, the Subliminal Beliefs and Actions that make a school special by Mrs Jyotsana Brar to Skill Based Learning by Dr. Biswajeet Saha. The who's who of the Education world were a part of the Annual Faculty Development Programme enriching the lives of the teachers who in turn burn themselves to dispel darkness. The changing times and technology have made it necessary for teachers to keep abreast of the trends. NEP 2020 also focuses on the need for continuous reinforcement for the educators. Birla Education Trust focuses on the Faculty Development Programme as a means to provide exposure and food for thought to the educators. TWENTY-TWO resource persons and FORTY-THREE teachers from BET shared their knowledge and wisdom with our faculty members.

## **INHOUSE TRAINING SESSIONS**

A Five-day Training Programme was organised for the staff of Birla School, Pilani. The following sessions were taken by the faculty members covering a wide area. Dealing with Adolescents/ Inclusion of Sports in different Subjects by Mr BJ Singh & Mr Lal Sahab Singh. Cognitive Behaviour Therapy by Mr Dipak Prasad, Happy Classrooms by Mr Rajan Kumar, Reflective Teaching by Mr Vinay Kumar, Stress Management by Mr Dhirendra Singh (Principal) Apart from this, on the last day Mrs Hema Joshi and Mrs Achla Verma, The National Awardees took a session for the staff members of Birla School, Pilani.



# NINTH 'ONE-DAY' ANNUAL CONFERENCE

BET Teachers on Progressive Educational Practices was conducted at BPS on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023 with the theme NEP 2020: ACTION PLAN FOR BET SCHOOLS and the Sub Theme: Schools of Tomorrow with Special Reference to Residential Schools and AI & Chat GPT — the Storm ahead. Syt. Sidharth Birla, Vice President, Birla Education Trust in his opening address talked about '*senpai and kohai*' culture and to develop it in our institutions to augment an amicable relationship amongst all. Maj. Gen. S. S. Nair (Retd.), Director, BET put forth the opening remark and introduced the underlying objectives of the conference. He gave brief introduction of Col. (Retd) Atma Ram Shekhar, Principal, The Hyderabad Public School, Kadapa who was invited as the keynote speaker. There were 23 presenters from six BET School to address all the aspects of NEP 2020. The principals of all addressed the CUET, Chat GPT and Al. The Prime take away of the conference was to inculcate Social, Emotional and Ethical Learning among the children. Teachers must abreast themselves with ICT and Al. Value system is the foundation of education and need of hour is to help the children in its development.



# SCHOOL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Five teachers of Birla School, Pilani undertook the **School Innovation Ambassador Training Program** which is a collaborative effort by the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) for 50,000 schoolteachers through online mode and helped teachers evolve with the latest digital technologies and new methods of teaching and learning. About 25 more teachers were trained to be change-agents and ambassadors of innovation, and in turn, nurture lakhs of students with innovation capabilities, develop a culture of innovation and lay the foundation of a new and vibrant India.

Under the school innovation ambassador program, the school organised an expert lecture by **Mr. Anurag Singh**, Founder and Chief Design Engineer @AMEM for class X and XII students on the theme 'Entrepreneurial Design Thinking'.

The school started a Life Entrepreneurship Programme for students under Startup Your School Partnership Programme. The first batch commenced with 15 students. The programme is designed to prepare students to be lifelong learners. This unique online programme offers a blend of Leadership, Innovation and Business concepts proven to cultivate and nurture an entrepreneurial mindset.







# **Students' Expressions**

# My India: A Hundred Years of Independence

It was my India where all the people of different castes lived together It was my India where we welcomed every religion It was my India where the history begins from thousands of years and continuing in the same manner It was my India where British, Mughal ruled over us for a long period And I am very glad to say It was my India where freedom fighters made their mark It was my India where non-violence by Gandhiji is our pride It was India where aggression by Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and many more is also our pride

It was my India which was called a 'Golden Bird' It was my India which was robbed of all the expensive goods It was my India where leaders were inactive It was my India where financial instability occurred

It was my India where development saw a downward trend It was my India where we had a chance to take independence on January 26, 1930, but unfortunately, we couldn't It was my India where freedom fighters bled a lot of and so we got independence on 15 August 1947 It was my India after independence broke down, but our leaders raised us both financially and economically It was my India which had developed relations across the globe It was my India where the terrorist tried to pull us down, but we perceived and moved forward It was my India where riots occurred due to caste and religion, but the brotherhood of our country made everything stable It was my India where leaders changed and so the thinking of the people, we put a step forward to be technically sufficient And I am very glad to say It is my India which is now capable of manufacturing its own weapons It is my India where the new generation can step ahead in everything It is my India which successfully reached Mars in its maiden attempt It is my India which can defend our own land It is my India which was able to perform an impossible task revoke article 370 and thus ensuring equality It is my India which was able to provide covid vaccines and medicines all over the world It is my India which is now making its mark in every sector such as agriculture and industry



It is my India where the G.D.P is growing and the MNCs are reaching new heights

And I am very glad to say

It will be my India giving a ray of hope to the other countries

It will be my India shining in the thousand midnights

It will be my India being superpower and dominating the World It will be my India stabled and developed financially and economically It will be my India which will be establishing new heights in the field of robotics

It will be my India celebrating the hundredth year of independence with tremendous joy and flourishing the culture and tradition

It will be my India which will shine like thousand shining sun and dispel darkness

It will be my India would rebuild the name as 'Golden Bird' And I am very glad to say

This is how my country India will be celebrating the hundredth year of independence with a heart full of proud, joy and prosperity.

#### Riddham & Divyanshu, XIA



#### India 2047

Oh no...! In the air, there's a lot of traffic, Is this a magic or are times tragic. Screens are there in everyone's eyes, Instead of blues, there are cars in the skies.

There are tracks to mars and stars, Going there by bus, trains, and cars. 100 years before, got freedom from British reign, 100 years after, got captured in a Robotic brain.

Dinosaurs would be back, Life will lose its track. Trains in the air, planes on the ground, Beggars will be having, tons of dollars and pound. I wonder, would there be any tree, I wonder, the life then would be valued free, Robots will be loved, Animals will be greeted, This is how, humans will be treated.

If all this is true, I wonder, How India and the Earth would be then, India for me in twenty forty-seven, I wonder, will it be a Hell, or a Heaven.

Saksham, VIIIA





# **TWO ROADS**

I've travelled on roads where you feel like you're travelling through the wind, and I've travelled on roads where you feel nauseous cause you're riding on a raging Bull.

I've travelled on roads where the white lines indicate the borders, and I've travelled on roads where the lines indicate the age of the road.

I've travelled on roads where the flowers are sold for adoration, and

I've travelled on roads where the garbage is kept for decoration.

I've travelled on roads which are laid straight,

but you can never go straight on it.

I've travelled on roads made from concrete and tar and

I've travelled on roads made from nothing but sand.

I've travelled on roads which don't have punctuality because the vehicles reproduce so quickly, or at least that's what I think.

I've travelled on roads carved out of mountains and I've travelled on roads which are carved themselves just not in the way we like.

I've travelled on roads which allow the plane to go up but don't allow the water to go down.

I've travelled on roads where the fallen leaves are resting, and I've travelled on roads where the fallen lives are resting.

I've travelled on roads where the animals are willing to be your view out of the window and I've travelled on roads where the sound of a horn is the music at your disco ball.

I've travelled on roads where the crowd of laughter is almost unbearable, and I've travelled on roads where the sound of cows is the only melody for your ears.

I've travelled on roads where the flowers are thrown out to celebrate a couple uniting and I've travelled on roads where the flowers are thrown out to sob for the memories of the person who departs.

G. Pranesh, XII A

# **FUTURE ME**

"Nothing is far away from us when we give our 100% to achieve it" Our future belongs to us and to make it better, we must plan and prepare well in advance. We all know the competition has increased in today's times; every sector bubbles with smart, competent and qualified individuals. It is difficult to make a mark for ourselves these days. If we wish to build a strong and prosperous future, we should take the onus, be responsible and take effective decisions. The hard work which we put in currently will result in a better and happier future for us.

I, too, ponder and brood over the future like many of my age do. Hence, I had started my planning in the beginning of the year. I had planned and studied most topics of class XI and also the topics for JEE MAINS and JEE ADVANCED examination. I now realise that it was a wise decision as now when I study them in class with other students, I understand them a bit better.

The students will appear in competitive exams after class XII hence everyone should utilise this time wisely and start preparing for them now only. First, we must set our goal; it should be realistic and achievable. DO NOT PROCRASTINATE. Do not wait for tomorrow to start the preparation. We should work in a smart manner- manage time well, complete school tasks, participate in various activities, play active sports and still, manage to achieve our bright shining goal.

Harsh Raj Sinha Class - XIA





#### **BEING HUMAN**

Interests, values, hobbies and intelligence are what make us differentiable from other living creatures. The brain of a human is complex but to understand it is useful. As humans we should know who we are, and I'm not talking about genders or names. I'm talking about individuality. Who you are as a person and what impact you have on others around you. The world as we know it now is. We smile to look pretty, travel for a vlog and go out with friends so we can post it somewhere on social media to get likes. Basically, all for validation. This is a concept which I believe has always been there, maybe ever since we started feeling better when given a little validation. Human beings are social animals, they crave little interactions with humans, but now the interactions have been shifted to social media platforms. Listening to visionaries from the 20th century, I've come to the conclusion that no one in that age and time imagined our life would be such. Where I'm going with this is that we need to be authentic people. The most ideal artists such as musicians, writers, painters are famous because they're authentic. Their work is something unique, something no one has seen yet, they imagined it. Being human is not being like what everyone is or forcing interests to be validated. BEING HUMAN IS BEING AUTHENTIC! Being authentic is a skill, it is hard to be authentic because it could be lonely to have ideas or interests nobody around you share, and that's the exciting part, that can get you connected to more people maybe not near you but exciting ones. That is what it is about. When YOU have something bright and fresh to share with the world, that will make you 'authentic'. And if you still want validation, I assure you, being authentic will make you much happier sooner or later, which some likes on social media never can.

Aditya Yadav, XIA

#### **TWO PIECES OF ADVICE**

While traveling on the train journey back home, I met an interesting group of co-passengers who would accompany me for the next 21 hours. Had it not been for the amiable, middle-aged lady, the journey would have been a silent and rather lonely one, like many others before. Our group consisted of five people including myself, there was a married couple, a young and well-built man who had a relaxing look on his face and a calming vibe to him along with the aforementioned lady. As the journey continued, so did our conversations. The lady was actually a businesswoman, reopening her business in Kolkata after many years. The young man was a defense officer, and the married couple were returning from a visit to their hometown. That day I got to understand two pieces of advice. Firstly, I had asked the defense officer for any advice as I know a lot of people who wish to go down the same path, filled with pride and sacrifice, as him. He replied: Army is a way of life not a job, so don't treat it like a job, Sahi intention rakho, or else you would want to quit. Don't treat it like a job 'Sahi intention rakho,' or else you would want to quit. Don't treat it like a job." That hit me hard. I understood the passion that we all should have for our job.

The second piece of advice which I understood was that even the smallest acts of hospitality can turn a faded journey into a cheerful memory, and complete strangers into acquaintances.

Palaksh Shekhar, XIA





New sectors in technology, business and trade have not only made our lives easier but also are opening new avenues for jobs. But as a great man once said

> "In this world where light shines, Shadows are sure to be found And the brighter the light shines, The greater the shadows will be."

We humans who have reached the pinnacle of all the organisms that walk this earth; have achieved unbelievable technology, discovered cures of vicious diseases which would have been considered sorcery or acts of God half a century ago are still clinging and arguing over impractical topics such as sexual identify which in itself is not a problem but the excessive increase in the amount of arrogant as well as ignorant people who do not fully understand the concept of the things, moreover, they commit themselves completely to these motions under the delusion of fighting for a noble cause.

Every day we see the leaders of the world arguing over the most pointless topics misleading the youth- the only ones who can find alternatives for our better future. These worthless notions ruin the future of not only a community, caste or a country but of the entire humanity.

#### " The darkest place in hell are reserved for those who maintain neutrality in times of moral crisis"

The people who know about these propagandas and misconceptions and those who have the power to fix it but don't want any dirt to fly towards their direction are the ones who are the true scum of society.

And when I hear people say 'ignorance is bliss', I say absolutely right but it's bliss for those who are weak and choose to stay weak.

Antriksh Kaushik, XI

#### **CBSE CLUSTER WEST ZONE**

Taekowndo CBSE Cluster is reputed competition in which schools from all over India participate and compete with each other to win the most coveted first prize.

I have had an interest in Taekwondo ever since I was little and this school and our respected teacher, Rajender Sir, gave me the opportunity to participate in the Taekwondo CBSE Cluster West Zone which was a dream come true.

On our journey to Jaipur, where the tournament was held, all eight participants from our school not only had lots of fun but also discussed our strategies at S Vidya Sagar School where the tournament was held. The tournament started on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022. I cleared the first 2 rounds and was selected for the final round, and I bagged 3rd position. It was really a proud moment for me when we took our bus, after the prizing ceremony, back to our school.

In a nutshell, it was a great experience during which I interacted and observed many participants and their style of learning.

Anik Kumar Singh, XI







#### MY EXPERIENCE AT L N BIRLA CRICKET TOURNAMENT

It was a delightful morning on the second of December. We were all set to go. First, we reached the dining hall where we had our breakfast. After that, the bus arrived at the main gate and our cricket team departed from the school along with our cricket coach, Mr. Ashish Kashyap. Soon, we reached the L N Birla Cricket Stadium. All of us were nervous yet excited at the same time. As our young school team was going to face the experienced BITS-B team. As soon as we reached the ground, the team started the warm-up. Later, the match umpire called the captains of both the teams for a toss. Our captain, Raman Kumar won the toss and elected to bat first. Within a few minutes, the BITS-B team captain set his field and our openers guided with some golden words of our coach our openers departed early with golden duck. Our team faced a drastic loss of confidence but I along with my teammates knew that our batsmen would finish with a respectable total. I was sent in the middle-order to bat by our coach. Finally, with some small contributions, we managed to build up a total of 129 in front of a strong BITS bowling line-up. I also felt that total was respectable, and we could defend it. After setting up the fielder, the captain took a delightful wicket and got some breakthrough for us but because of the strong batting line up of BITS-B team we lost a nail-biting match. It was an enriching experience for us.

Athary Singhal, XI

#### THE LIES OF THE MEDIA

How many times have you seen 'good news' in comparison to bad news? Very few I assume. So, does this tell us that the world is just filled with hatred? No, it doesn't. It's far from the truth.

We might be suffering from 'mean world syndrome'. The term has been coined by Dr. George Gerbner, and through his research he found that heavy exposure to violence can lead to a sort of cognitive bias that makes us perceive the world as more dangerous than it actually is. Since negative news tends to be on the news more frequently, we develop a view that is highly skeptical and pessimistic.

Fearful people tend to be easily manipulated, so is negative news shown more to influence us? Even if that is not the case, the media knows people are more engaged towards negative news and thus use it to their advantage to increase their revenues by bombarding us with the negatives. Of course, the bad news needs to be shown, it's not a wrong thing per se. But when we are constantly bombarded with only the negatives through social media, news channels, etc. we tend to forget there are millions of people out there who help each other selflessly.

In the end, I would like to conclude by saying that we should come out of the bubble that the media created and believe in the human species because we humans are a species which flourished mainly through our cooperativeness.

Novaid Akhtar, XI





#### IT FEST (WIZKID) EXPERIENCE

On 4th February,2023. Birla Public School organized the first online Inter BET IT Fest. Six BET schools participated in the competition which was comprised of 6 events. We (Yuvraj Sinha and Aditya Agarwal) participated in the IT Whiz Kid competition in which we had to design 3 programs in Python within the given time period of 2 hours. The competition started with the melodious Ganesh Vandana followed by our event. All the teams looked well prepared to compete with each other. We, too, did our best and submitted our programs within the stipulated time.

The last event was the IT quiz which was watched by all the participants of various events. Our school bagged a total of 3 prizes. We secured **SECOND** position which was up to our expectations. Overall, it was a wonderful experience for both of us and we got a lot to earn from the competition. Kheljit and Narendra of class 7th secured **THIRD** position in the Cartoon Making Competition.

Yuvraj Sinha and Aditya Agarwal and Divyanshu Khoiya and Ayush Kumar of class 11th bagged **SECOND** position in the Whiz Kid and IT quiz respectively.

Yuvraj Sinha and Aditya Agarwal

#### **IT FEST QUIZ**

An Inter BET IT Fest was organized by BPS on 4th February 2023. We participated in the quiz consisting of 5 rounds each. We had 7 teams from different BET schools to compete with. It was a great experience to have a healthy competition among all the schools. The quiz consisted of 5 rounds which included a rapidfire round, abbreviations, identification of CEOs and LOGOs of various IT companies, and a Programming round. Our teachers Mr. Dushyant and Mr. Kuldeep contributed a lot to our preparation. They ensured everything was on track. The Quiz was heated up because of the appreciable performances of every team. Our school stood SECOND in the quiz. We were awarded well too. It was a great feeling to represent our school at the IT festival. We were really obliged to have had this opportunity and we would definitely like to go again.

Ayush Kumar and Divyanshu Khoiya

#### **CRICKET DISTRICTS**

On 5th November, we went to a District Level Cricket Competition, held at 'Goth'. This was my first experience of a competition at this level. The players of the team were super excited as well as enthusiastic for the game. Our teams were divided into two U-15s and U-17s. I was a part of the U-17s team. Our first match was played by our U-15 team. They won the toss and settled a good score of winning by taking easy wickets handsomely.

The next game was ours; the team was very energetic. Opponents gave a tough fight to us. But our players stood calm and played smartly; the game and as well as the whole competition taught me how to stay calm and work cleverly in critical conditions.

The U-15 team won the tournament by bagging **FIRST** position. And the U-17 team won the **SECOND** position. It was an amazing experience, and I would like to be a part of such an amazing experience in future.

Prince Sharma, XI





#### SHIMLA TOURNAMENT

I, along with, our troop of 20-25 students, were escorted by our karate coach 'Sensei' Rajinder Singh to participate in All-India Siko Kai Karate Championship, which was held at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh on 30-31st of October 2022. In the tournament many teams had come from various places. The competition of all categories was really tough. I got a **SILVER MEDAL** and a certificate. I learned various fighting tricks which'll surely help me get 1st position next time.

After my game we went to visit many tourist places and we enjoyed ourselves very much.

The thing I liked the most about the tournament was the sportsmen spirit of other participants. They participated with us even though they were from opponent teams. The standard of this tournament was very high and fascinating.

This was the tournament that I liked the most in my 4-year Karate experience.

-Manshay Vyas, XI

#### MY EXPERIENCE at the NATIONAL LEVEL COMPETITION

I was a part of the National Level Inter School Band competition that was held on 19th January 2023 at National War Memorial (N.W.M). When I was going to Delhi from Pilani, I was very excited for the competition because it was a national level competition. On reaching Delhi, we, the cadets of band, stayed at 'National Bal Bhavan', the food was very good there.

At sunrise, some of us went jogging and later in the day we had an exciting cricket match.

The date of the competition was near, our practice was up to the mark and the other teams were no less. We were totally impressed to see other teams performing.

The day of the competition, 19th January, all the cadets were a little nervous including Band Master Mr. Hanuman Prashad, but he shared some words of encouragement which motivated us and lightened our mood.

We had to reach the 'National War Memorial' opposite to 'India Gate'. It was time for us to perform and we impressed one and all. Our display was very good, nice dressing, good variation, and nice leading by Captain Ronak.

Later the result was announced on 22nd January, and I was very proud to know that our band was placed 2nd all over the country in that particular event. The band was very happy that day. As we were leaving, we gave a performance at a school in Delhi and visited a museum. All over, the experience was delightful.

Krishna Sharma, XI





# THE OLDER COUSIN TO EARTH

The newly discovered Kepler-452b is the smallest planet to date discovered orbiting in the habitable zone -- the area around a star where liquid water could pool on the surface of an orbiting planet -- of a G2-type star, like our sun. The confirmation of Kepler-452b brings the total number of confirmed planets to 1,030.

"On the 20th anniversary year of the discovery that proved other suns host planets, the Kepler exoplanet explorer has discovered a planet and star which most closely resemble the Earth and our Sun," said John Grunfeld, associate administrator of NASA's Science Mission Directorate at the agency's headquarters in Washington. "This exciting result brings us one step closer to finding an Earth 2.0."

Kepler-452b is 60 percent larger in diameter than Earth and is considered a super-Earth-size planet. While its mass and composition are not yet determined, previous research suggests that planets the size of Kepler-452b have a good chance of being r

While Kepler-452b is larger than Earth, its 385-day orbit is only 5 percent longer. The planet is 5 percent farther from its parent star Kepler-452 than Earth is from the Sun. Kepler-452 is 6 billion years old, 1.5 billion years older than our sun, has the same temperature, and is 20 percent brighter and has a diameter 10 percent larger.

"We can think of Kepler-452b as an older, bigger cousin to Earth, providing an opportunity to understand and reflect upon Earth's evolving environment," said Jon Jenkins, Kepler data analysis lead at NASA's Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, California, who led the team that discovered Kepler-452b. "It's awe-inspiring to consider that this planet has spent 6 billion years in the habitable zone of its star; longer than Earth. That's substantial opportunity for life to arise, should all the necessary ingredients and conditions for life exist on this planet."

To help confirm the finding and better determine the properties of the Kepler-452 system, the team conducted ground-based observations at the University of Texas at Austin's McDonald Observatory, the Fred Lawrence Whipple Observatory on Mt. Hopkins, Arizona, and the W. M. Keck Observatory atop Mauna Kea in Hawaii. These measurements were key for the researchers to confirm the planetary nature of Kepler-452b, to refine the size and brightness of its host star and to better pin down the size of the planet and its orbit. The Kepler-452 system is located 1,400 light-years away in the constellation Cygnus. The research paper reporting this finding has been accepted for publication in the astronomical journal

In addition to confirming Kepler-452b, the Kepler team has increased the number of new exoplanet candidates by 521 from their analysis of observations conducted from May 2009 to May 2013, raising the number of planet candidates detected by the Kepler mission to 4,696. Candidates require follow-up observations and analysis to verify they are actual planets.

Twelve of the new planet candidates have diameters between one to two times that of Earth, and orbit in their star's habitable zone. Of these, nine orbit stars are like our sun in size and temperature.

"We've been able to fully automate our process of identifying planet candidates, which means we can finally assess every transit signal in the entire Kepler dataset quickly and uniformly," said Jeff Coughlin, Kepler scientist at the SETI Institute in Mountain View, California, who led the analysis of a new candidate catalog. "This gives astronomers a statistically sound population of planet candidates to accurately determine the number of small, possibly rocky planets like Earth in our Milky Way galaxy."

Suraj Pandey, XI





#### **EDUCATION SHOULD BE FREE OF COST**

Education is a fundamental human right, and it is essential for the overall development and progress of any society. Despite its importance, many people around the world struggle to access education due to financial constraints. This is particularly true for individuals from low-income families who may not have the means to pay for tuition fees, books, and other essential supplies.

There are several reasons why education should be free of cost. Firstly, education is a public good that benefits not just the individual but also the society. When people are educated, they are more likely to contribute to the economy and engage in meaningful activities that benefit the community. Therefore, it is in the best interest of society to ensure that education is accessible to all, regardless of their socio-economic background.

Secondly, education is a key factor in reducing income inequality and promoting social mobility. When education is free, it allows people from all walks of life to have equal opportunities to learn and succeed. This is particularly important for marginalized communities who may not have the financial resources to access quality education. By providing free education, governments can help to level the playing field and give everyone a fair chance to succeed.

Thirdly, free education can help to reduce the burden of student debt. Many students today are saddled with enormous amounts of debt due to the high cost of tuition fees. This debt can have a detrimental impact on their financial well-being and may even prevent them from pursuing higher education. By making education free, students can focus on their studies and not worry about how they will pay for their education.

In conclusion, education should be free of cost to ensure that it is accessible to all, irrespective of their socio-economic background. It is a public good that benefits both the individual and society, and it is essential for reducing income inequality and promoting social mobility. By making education free, governments can help to provide equal opportunities for all and reduce the burden of student debt. *Akshar Maheshwari*, X

#### THE LIBERTY TO PICK SUBJECT

Students should have the right to be able to choose their own subjects as it is helpful for career paths. Parents put a lot of pressure on what career path they would like to have in their future. As a result, the child is neither able to pay attention to the subject he isn't interested in, nor is he able to study the subject that he is interested in. Thus, adding on to the stress of a student. If the student chooses the subjects that he is passionate and interested in, he will work harder and be more prone to do their homework. They would study adequately and acquire more knowledge eagerly.

As a last note, I'd want to provide my succinct opinion on the issue, which is that kids should be allowed to select their subjects, have support from adults, and have the information they need to make a choice.

Madhav Periwal, XI







#### THE SPRING'S TRUTH

When I saw the spring 's light shining bright The blooming flower shines with the light Like the truth being discovered, Highlighted by the warmth of spring.

Remember the summer's cheerful flowers, With the memorable buzzing bee's tunes. When the water splashes, gleaming with the Sun But soon the memories are faded by the grunts.

The autumn being a little rough The cheerful flower dies Like the truth being burnt The pretty dark roses bloom with the sign of love When touched, scarlet blood flows and dooms the sign of love.

The winter's endless night begins As I gloom Gloom with thoughts of doom. The branches of winter Though they seem rough and tough; But toughened shatters the ego's grunt.

The scarlet wounds made by the scarlet rose; Is now clotted with a maroon spot. Though it took time, But eventually filled with those clots so soon. Same goes with your lies, Covered by the glance of ice, As the spring comes with smiles, Certainly, the ice melts by the shines. Now the truth rhymes And glooms with blooms of pine. *Kheljit Haobam, VII* 

#### CONTRIBUTION OF TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION

Technology has played an important role in the life of students. And in recent times we have faced with one of the deadliest viruses.

Many people have lost their lives. And even schools had online classes. And yes, because of this virus we have understood that there is a major role of technology in education.

Children who desperately wanted to study, they have used the best use of the online education, but some have been addicted to online games.

So, in many ways there are advantages and disadvantages of technology in school education.

So, the technology always changes a person in many ways, sometimes it is good and sometimes it is addictive.

So, I would conclude by saying that using technology is not bad but using it irresponsibly is bad.

Prashanth Rao Dugyala, X







#### **CHANGE IS NOT ALWAYS BAD**

The sun was rising, its orange rays cascading through the window of Eloise's bedroom. She groaned as she opened her eyes, dreading the day ahead. She had been living in this small town for months now, but it still felt so strange and uncomfortable. It seemed to always be raining here, the grey sky looming over her like a heavy blanket.

Eloise slowly pushed herself out of bed, making her way to the bathroom. As she looked in the mirror, she saw how tired and pale her face had become since moving to this place. She splashed some cold water on her face before heading downstairs for breakfast.

It had only been a few weeks since Eloise's family moved here from their home city of San Francisco; they were looking for a fresh start after years of struggling with financial issues. Her parents hoped that by moving away they could find better job opportunities and give their children a better life than they'd ever had before. But things were not going according to plan - her father had not found any work yet and there did not seem to be much hope of him doing so anytime soon.

Eloise sighed as she ate her breakfast in silence, thinking about what might have been if they had not moved here. But then she remembered something else - today was the day of the big summer fair! The fair came around every year and was always full of fun rides and stalls selling all sorts of trinkets and treats. It was one thing that made this town bearable - it gave Eloise something to look forward to when everything else seemed so bleak. She quickly finished breakfast before getting ready for school. On the way out, she grabbed an umbrella from beside the door; it would most likely be raining later when she got back from school anyway.

When Eloise arrived at school that morning, everyone was abuzz with excitement about the fair; apparently there were going to be some special attractions this year too! Even though Eloise was not usually one for crowds or large events like this, she could not help but feel excited thinking about what kind of surprises lay in store at the fair tonight...

After school ended that evening and Eloise made it back home safely (despite their indeed being rain), it was not long until darkness fell across the town, and it was time for the fair! After eating dinner quickly with her family, Eloise rushed out into the night towards all the lights and sounds of fun awaiting her at the fairgrounds.

As soon as she stepped inside, Eloise knew why everyone loved coming here each year; colourful decorations filled every corner while lively music echoed throughout the air as people laughed and enjoyed themselves on all sorts of different rides and activities! She smiled widely as she took everything in; maybe moving to this new town had not been such a bad idea after all.

Amritanshu Shandilya, X





#### STARS

Stars are the most widely recognized astronomical objects and represent the most fundamental building blocks of galaxies. The age, distribution, and composition of the stars in a galaxy trace the history, dynamics, and evolution of that galaxy. Star Formation.

Stars are born within the clouds of dust and scattered throughout most galaxies. A familiar example of such as a dust cloud is the Orion Nebula. Turbulence deep within these clouds gives rise to knots with sufficient mass that the gas and dust can begin to collapse under its own gravitational attraction. As the cloud collapses, the material at the centre begins to heat up. Known as a protostar, it is this hot core at the heart of the collapsing cloud that will one day become a star. Three-dimensional computer models of star formation predict that the spinning clouds of collapsing gas and dust may break up into two or three blobs; this would explain why the majority the stars in the Milky Way are paired or in groups of multiple stars.

As the cloud collapses, a dense, hot core forms and begins gathering dust and gas. Not all of this material ends up as part of a star — the remaining dust can become planets, asteroids, or comets or may remain as dust. Stars and their fates.

In general, the larger a star, the shorter its life, although all but the most massive stars live for billions of years. When a star has fused all the hydrogen in its core, nuclear reactions cease. Deprived of the energy production needed to support it, the core begins to collapse into itself and becomes much hotter.

Tarush Mittal, X

#### **MY MOM-MY STRENGTH**

Feeling quite low in the morning heat Got a glimpse of some shade under a tree I couldn't control and jumped underneath "Finally getting some space to breathe," I said to myself.

Closing my eyes, I began to recall As I got away from the crowd And able to enjoy the joyful solitude Something flashed before me.

I remembered the time when I enjoyed life living with my mom Her motivation & her song While remembering those moments, I Recalled my goal- enough of rest, it's time to perform

I got up to move, remembered mom, and made the move. Scaling the Everest is my dream- ah--- not a dream but my goal Ready to climb, perhaps fall, but determined to reach my goal. Chanting your name gives me courage Love you mom Love you mom

Rohan Chatterjee, VIII





#### INTER SCHOOL PATRIOTIC SONG COMPETITION

During one of my regular music classes our teacher enquired if anyone of us wants to participate in the BET Inter School Patriotic Song Competition.

I gave the audition hesitantly but was pleasantly surprised when I was recommended by my teacher. I was overjoyed as I loved music from the depths of my heart.

We toiled a lot, and sacrificed studies, practised every day during prep hours and in the music room in the  $7^{th} \& 8^{th}$  period. And in the end, it was all worth.

After a few days of intense practice, we went for selection in BPS (Birla Public School) and lo! We got selected! Everyone appreciated our performance but at the same time we were also asked to improve on certain areas like our entry, exit on the stage and to be in sync at few places in the song.

We practised to better ourselves and finally were ready for the final competition. When the final competition was over, all our efforts weren't for naught for we won the all-rounder trophy!!

After our return, we celebrated grandly. Our entire school praised and cheered every one of us and there was a joy all around.

I was exhausted but at the end of the day I knew that our efforts bore fruits. We were the winners.

#### MY CBSE TAEKWONDO CLUSTER EXPERIENCE

CBSE Taekwondo Cluster was held at Jaipur from 5th December 2022 till 8th December 2022. There were many matches that took place in different weight categories in which schools from all over the country participated. I fought in the Under 14+ age category and 75 below weight category. On the first day, under 9 and below 25Kg weight category fights took place. On the second day of the event my bout started with an opponent from U.P. I was feeling nervous and losing my confidence, but my coach calmed me down and told me it is okay to lose, and I won't know about the outcome unless I try. Sadly, I lost the fight, but I was proud I tried.

Vedant Garg, IX

#### **EXPERIENCE OF SCIENCE WEEK**

Science Week was held at Birla Centre from 11th Feb to 16th Feb 2023. All the BET Schools participated in the event in the program. Many activities such as Dance and Drama, 3D Art Skill etc. were held. I was on the Dance and Drama Programme. In this activity, we enacted a drama of King Rashemal. I played the role of the Mahamantri in that programme. I got a GOLD MEDAL and certificate in the Dance and Drama activity.

Aarav Mishra, VIII







#### DREAMS

The dreams comes in eye When they are close, They do not flourish mind But are simple magic. They are pretty Sometimes horrible, They might have seen What you can't. They are mighty They won't lose any game, Dreams help you to Know who you are, They are simple like a And till the farthest extent They would be in fame. Tiny little star. Amritansh Bhardwaj

#### TEARS

Tear are something That never die, They come whenever They try . Tears say a lot And water they bought, Into your eyes. Tears can be good or A movement that should , Never repeat. Tears are a way To describe feeling, It is they way Without any spiking. The movement we cry Tears are out, Soaking our Face's drought. by :- Amritansh Bhardwaj





#### Staff Corner TO CHAT GPT OR NOT TO

In January 2023, when I heard the conundrum regarding ChatGPT, I decided to try it and was surprised to notice that it is rather a valuable resource for my classroom. I discovered that I can use ChatGPT to achieve a variety of learning objectives depending on my students' needs and goals. It can help students practice various language skills, receive immediate feedback, and engage in active learning.

Many times, the students are hesitant to ask questions, not able to understand how to answer a question, give irrelevant details while answering a question, cannot remember the new word/ phrases taught in the class and many such problems are faced by our students. It can now be easier if they can use ChatGPT constructively.

As teachers it is our responsibility to teach our students to use a resource for their benefit. For language class, if we can ask the students to do things in a certain manner, I am sure it would be helpful for them to be independent learners. Here are some examples:

#### Develop Close Reading Skills

Students can read short passages/ poems and then ask questions to explore and deepen their understanding of the text like, "identify the key theme, ideas, or literary devices, arguments presented in the chapter/ poem", "Summarise the text" or "Expand a particular point with everyday examples"

#### Help in preparing the Short Research Project

Students of classes 11 & 12 can now use ChatGPT to develop questionnaires, ask for feedback on their report and thus prepare the research project well.

#### Helpful in Writing Process

Many students are wary of writing and if it comes to writing an essay, an article or a report, they get anxious but if they are given a few prompts or an introduction by ChatGPT, they will know how to begin, which points to cover and how to end their writing question.

#### Edit Students' work

We can ask our students to upload their essay and ask ChatGPT to identify and correct errors or areas for improvement, proofread, remove redundant words, check for coherence and underdeveloped arguments, to generate alternative phrasing or wording for specific sentences or paragraphs, which can help to refine writing style and improve the clarity of argument.

#### Getfeedback

This valuable resource can not only point out mistakes, but also give appropriate feedback on the quality of work- appropriate use of words, alternate vocabulary, sentence structure, tone of writing etc, and improve the overall coherence and effectiveness of your argument.

However, it is important to remember that technology is not inherently good or evil. ChatGPT itself is a neutral tool, and how it is used depends on the intentions of those who use it.

Shivani Gupta, PGTEnglish

#### **BIRLA SCHOOL, PILANI** COMMERCE EDUCATION: A STEPPINGSTONE FOR A PROMISING CAREER

Commerce education has been gaining immense popularity among students in recent years. With the rapid growth of the economy and the emergence of new industries, the demand for skilled professionals in the field of commerce has also increased. Commerce education encompasses a wide range of subjects such as accounting, finance, economics, business studies, and management. These subjects equip students with the necessary knowledge and skills to understand and analyze financial transactions, prepare financial statements, and make informed business decisions. One of the major advantages of pursuing commerce education is the vast array of career options it offers. Commerce graduates can opt for careers in accounting, banking, finance, insurance, stock market, and taxation, to name a few. They can also choose to become entrepreneurs and start their own businesses. In addition to career opportunities, commerce education also helps students develop various life skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, decision-making, and communication skills. These skills are essential for success in any field and are highly valued by employers. To excel in commerce education, students need to have a strong foundation in mathematics, good analytical skills, and the ability to work with numbers. They also need to stay updated with the latest developments in the industry and have a sound knowledge of computer applications. In conclusion, commerce education is a steppingstone for a promising career. It provides students with a strong foundation in finance and accounting, equips them with valuable life skills, and offers a wide range of areer options. So, if you are interested in pursuing a career in finance, accounting, or business, commerce education is definitely worth considering.

PK Nagwan, PGT Commerce

#### **CHERISHING THE MEMORIES**

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When the entire world was recovering after Covid-19, we got a lucrative chance to participate in a trekking and adventure camp in Jhandi Dhara village in Kalimpong, Darjiling district in West Bengal. Jhandi Dhara is a village on the bank of the confluence of five rivers- Geet Khola, Chel khola, Ghees Khola, Reel Khola and Jholdhaka. Our trekking trip started on 21" May 2022 under the guidance of Durgapur Mountaineering Association, an institute that has successfully celebrated its golden jubilee. The trip was organized for age groups ranging from age 5 to 55. Various activities were planned according to the age groups. Ages 5 to 12, were taught to read compass, learn directions, star gazing in the night sky, learn local music and dance, survival in harsh conditions and identifying local flora and fauna. The best thing was that they became familiar with lichens and survived in a place where lichens were common. We, the elders, learned the tricks for trekking and were familiarised with the local lifestyle and daily routine. Main occupation of the village is cardamom cultivation, other than cultivating maize and rearing cattle. People communicate in Lepha language. It is very impressive that local people use symbolic sounds to communicate in emergencies. There are 70 families sharing a strong bond. The food habits are the same as the people of West Bengal like rice, dal, egg, chicken, and fish for lunch. And on foggy nights, they eat roti and sabji. The months of May and June witness heavy rainfall and sudden temperature fall especially in the evenings and mornings. It was fascinating to see them getting water supply from natural streams and thus sharing a close relation with flora and fauna. As a social science teacher, it was fascinating experiencing nature too closely and enjoying every moment. I felt so rejuvenated to see the kids enjoying being with new friends, adventure, and sports. Another commendable thing is that all the children collected polyethene from the area. 25th May was our last day in Jhanti Dhara, so children organized a campfire with many songs and cultural activities. This trekking trip was a freshening experience for us. I hope more and more of us undertake such a summer camp with our kids as it is good for the Mind, Body and Soul.

Sanghamitra Sengupta, TGT, Social Science



#### KNOWING OUR LEARNERS

Every child is unique vis-à-vis social-economic backgrounds, behavior, capabilities, learning styles, and value systems. It is imperative for a teacher to know their students, how they learn best, what they do well, how to cater to diverse needs and meaningful access to curriculum, student accomplishments, and what to assess. In my opinion, the challenges to learning are: -

Multiple means of engagement to tap into learner's interests, challenge them appropriately, and motivate them to learn.

Multiple means of expression to provide learners alternatives to demonstrate their knowledge.

Multiple means of reflection: to give learners various ways of getting information and enhancing knowledge. It is essential to ensure that no child is left behind.

Our students learn both visually and socially, quickly collaborate with unique conversation through words images, videos, multimedia (memes, gifs etc.) which drives them to learn. We observe changes in not only learners but also their learning process, and hence becomes significant to change our teaching methods and learning tools, adoption to technology is inevitable to bridge the learning gaps.

I find that as I moved from behaviorist-cognitivist-constructivist continuum, there is a drastic shift from passive transfer of facts and following general routines to active application of ideas to more authentic and real-life problems. It helped me to know which theory is most effective in fostering mastery of specific tasks by specific learners and helped me to recognize it touches which domain of bloom's taxonomy. Humanist theory helped me gauge whether my student is sad, or distressed and cannot focus (Maslow's hierarchy of needs): what alterations in the classroom environment can create a safe, learning environment. Gardener's theory of multiple intelligence enables me to know that each learner is different and possesses a different learning style. Theories of learning are the spine of fundamental pedagogical approaches; and also pave the way for instructional design which helps to decide the adoption of teaching -learning strategies which enhance learning.

For resolving inattentiveness and increasing participation, I use the strategy think pair and share, move physically closer, regrouping. For argumentative behavior, the five golden points are staying composed, using break time to talk, confer privately, avoid heated discussion, and providing feedback. For unpreparedness: give short surprise quizzes, share common study questions with time limits—more particular and timely correction of work. For avoiding rambling and reluctance to participate, treating students with respect, refrain from any embarrassment, help them to motivate and focus by breaking a massive task into small bite-sized manageable tasks (eat the elephant), getting ahead by getting started (pick off goblins), eliminating distractions (ignore siren's song), no procrastination (using egg timer method), For difficult situations without judging, after encouraging the expression of discomfort seek the help of a counselor, by using emotional vocabulary tools like mood-o-meter, wheel of emotions, confidence walk we should try to instill confidence, create safe, trustful environments and expression of emotions.

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#### परोपकार – मानव–कल्याण की भावना

परोपकार का अर्थ है-दूसरों की भलाई करना। परोपकार के समान कोई धर्म नहीं है। परोपकार ऐसा कार्य है, जिससे शत्रु भी मित्र बन जाता है। यदि शत्रु पर विपत्ति के समय उपकार किया जाए तो वह भी सच्चा मित्र बन सकता है। सच्चा परोपकारी वही व्यक्ति है, जो कभी फल की भावना न रखते हुए परोपकार करता है। एक बार एक संत आम के पेड़ की छाया में आराम कर रहे थे, तभी कुछ बच्चे आम तोड़ने के लिए पेड़ की ओर पत्थर फेंकने लगे। इसी बीच एक पत्थर संत के सिर पर लगा और खून बहने लगा। अब बच्चों को यह डर सताने लगा कि अब संत उन्हें डाँटेंगे। इस डर से बच्चे वहाँ से भागने लगे, लेकिन संत ने उनको अपने पास बुलाया और कहा, तुमने वृक्ष पर पत्थर मारा और उसने तुम्हें आम खाने को दिए, लेकिन मैं तुम्हें कुछ भी नहीं दे पा रहा हूँ। संत की परोपकार की भावना सुनकर बच्चे उनके आगे नतमस्तक हो गए। असल में, सूर्य, चंद्रमा, वायु, अग्नि, जल, आकाश, पृथ्वी, पेड़-पौधे आदि सभी मानव कल्याण में लगे रहते हैं। ऐसे में हर मानव का भी कर्तव्य है कि वह दूसरों के काम आए। समाज में ऐसे अनेक त्यागी, संन्यासी हुए हैं जिन्होंने मानव-सेवा और मानव कल्याण में अपना सारा जीवन समर्पित कर दिया। उन्होंने उसके बदले में कुछ नहीं चाहा, बल्कि स्वयं अपार कष्ट सहकर भी अपना मार्ग नहीं छोड़ा। जीवित रहते हुए दूसरों की सेवा करना और मरने के बाद भी दूसरों की पीड़ा दूर करने वाले पुरुष नहीं बल्कि महापुरुष होते हैं।

अधर्व माहेश्वरी, कक्षा-नौवीं'अ'





मुझे बिरला स्कूल, पिलानी में पढ़ते हुए एक वर्ष हो गया है। यहाँ मुझे छात्रावास और विद्यालय में अनोखा अनुभव प्राप्त हुआ। सुबह से लेकर शाम तक की दिनचर्या ने मुझे अनुशासित कर मेरे जीवन को नई दिशा प्रदान की है। यहाँ न केवल शिक्षा अपितु खेलों में भी बच्चों को बढ़-चढ़ कर भाग लेने के लिए उत्साहित किया जाता है। यहाँ का वातावरण दूसरे विद्यालयों से भिन्न है, जो छात्रों में उमग और उत्साह का संचार कर उन्हें जीवन में आगे बढ़ने के लिए उत्साहित करता है। यहाँ के अध्यापक और अध्यापिकाएँ छात्रों का विशेष रूप से ध्यान रखते हैं। मेरा अनुभव कहता है कि छात्रों का यहीं पर सम्पूर्ण विकास संभव है।

मयंक बिजरनिया, कक्षा-नौवीं 'अ'





मैं स्नेहांश राज, बिरला स्कूल पिलानी में कक्षा आठवीं का छात्र हूँ। यहाँ आने से पहले मैंने बिरला स्कूल का खूब नाम सुना था और वैसा मैंने पाया भी। मैंने अपने पापा को कहा कि मुझे इसी स्कूल में दाखिला चाहिए और उन्होंने मेरी इच्छा पूरी भी की। इसके लिए मैं उनका सदैव आभारी रहूँगा। यहाँ के अध्यापक और अध्यापिकाओं के पढ़ाने का तरीका इस स्कूल को विशेष बनाता है। यहाँ मैंने पढ़ाई के अलावा खेलों में भी भाग लिया और साथ-ही-साथ स्कूल के अन्य सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम में प्रतिभागी बना। यहाँ हमें नैतिक मूल्यों के बारे में बताया जाता है, जिसे हम अपने जीवन में उतार कर मानवता की राह पर चल सकें। मेरा हॉस्टल अनुभव भी अच्छा रहा है, इसलिए मेरा यहाँ आने का निर्णय सही रहा।

स्नेहांशराज, कक्षा-आठवीं 'ब '







बिरला स्कूल, पिलानी पिछले 122 वर्षों से शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में अग्रणी है। यही सोचकर मेरे पिता जी ने पिछले साल मेरा दाखिला बिरला स्कूल में छठी कक्षा में करवाया। यहाँ छात्रावास का वातावरण अनुशासित है, जिस कारण से हम अनुशासित हुए और समय-अनुसार हमारी पढ़ाई भी हो जाती है। यहाँ शिक्षक पढ़ाते भी हैं और जरूरत पड़ने पर हमारी समस्याओं को दूर भी करते हैं। उनका साथ होने से कभी भी हमें घरवालों की कमी महसूस नहीं होती। यदि हमसे कोई गलती हो भी जाए, तो हमारे शिक्षक हमें उनसे दूर रहने के लिए कहते हैं। यहाँ सभी त्योहार मिल-जुल कर मनाते हैं। मुझे यह सब देखकर खुशी होती है।

जय भारद्वाज, कक्षा-छठी'अ'



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# **BIRLA SCHOOL, PILANI**



मैं विभूति नारायण, बिरला स्कूल, पिलानी में कक्षा सातवीं का छात्र हूँ। मैं इस विद्यालय में कक्षा पाँचवीं से पढ़ रहा हूँ। मैं यहाँ स्कूल की वॉलीबॉल जूनियर टीम का सदस्य हूँ। यहाँ मैंने बहुत सारे बी.ई.टी. इवेंट में भाग लिया है और बहुत कुछ सीखा। यहाँ छात्रावास में बच्चे बड़े प्रेम-भाव से परिवार की तरह रहते हैं। यहाँ के शिक्षक भी बच्चों के साथ अच्छा व्यवहार करते हैं और हमें अपने बच्चों की तरह रखते हैं। मुझे अपने घर से ज्यादा यहाँ रहना अच्छा लगता है।

विभूति नारायण, कक्षा-सातवीं'अ'



#### हम नवीन कोपलें बी. एस. पी. की

सभी बिना मतलब के अड़े हैं दिमाग में अनेक अनमोल नगीने जड़े हैं परन्तु कइयों के दिमाग में आते ही विचार बड़े हैं खज़ाने तो हृदय में प्यार, सहयोग और अपनेपन के भरे पड़े हैं भाई जिगर में नफ़रत, घुणा और हाशों में बम-बन्दुक लिए खड़े हैं अरे !ईश्वर ने तो अपनी शक्ल और अक्ल पर हमें बनाया है परन्तु मनुष्य सर्वोपरि मानकर अहम् में भरमाया है। हाय !क्यों इन बनावटी रंगों के साथ खेलकर हम होली मनाते हैं ? क्यों नहीं अपने व्यवहार का रंग दिलों में भर, अपनी अमिट छाप छोड़ पाते हैं ? काश !बालक सी मुस्कान समान रूप से बिखेर पाएँ हे ईश्वर, एक नेक राह को आज और अभी से अपनाएँ। श्यामा पारीक, अध्यापिका

आज हम किस चौराहे पे खडे हैं

हम नवीन कोपलें बी. एस. पी. की, हम नव - निर्माण करेंगे ।। उच्च स्वप्न, नवीन सोच, हौंसला बुलंद हो । श्रेष्ठता की ओर अग्रसर, अपना हर कदम हो । पथ - प्रशस्त अपना हो, कंटक को हम दूर करेंगे ।। कर्म हमारा धर्म हो, कर्म हमारी वंदना । परिश्रम पर हम आश्रित हो, भाग्य बने ना विडम्बना । प्रगति की ओर बढ़कर, अवसाद को हम दूर करेंगे।। लक्ष्य को कर निर्धारित, ध्येय की ओर बढ़े चलें। दामन थामे साहस का, हर अवरोध का सामना करें। जोश हृदय में भरकर हम, हर मंजिल को प्राप्त करेंगे ।। परिश्रम की ऋतु आते ही, हम आनंद का रसपान करें। जीवन का फल हो रसीला, ऐसा नवल उत्थान करें। सुखा की दे छाया भरपूर, ऐसा सघनवृक्ष बनेंगे ।। डॉ. दीपा भारद्वाज, अध्यापिका



#### 'मातृभाषा हिंदी हूँ मैं

सुहावना मौसम था, सोचा मैंने थोड़ा <mark>घूमूँ</mark> ,आनंद लूँ ,प्रकृति का चल रही थी मन आह्लादित था, रुख भी अच्छा था, हवा का ।। तभी सडक पर प्रकट हुआ एक साया - सा । मैले - कुचले वस्त्र थे उसके, लेकिन मुखड़ा चाँद - सा ।।

पूछा - मैंने कौन हो, आई हो कहाँ से, लगती तो बड़ी संभ्रांत हो ! नयनों में नीर भरे बोली - हूँ, मैं !वह माँ जिसकी संतान को उससे प्यार नहीं ।। बाहरी आवरण में खोये मेरे बच्चे, मेरा सम्मान स्वीकार नहीं । पहचान बतलाओ तुम अपनी, मैं समझाऊ बच्चों को तुम्हारे ।। सम्मान करें, जन्मदात्री का, यही संस्कार हमारे ।।। वक्र - दुष्टि से वह स्मित मुसकान मुसकाई वहीं । भारत की मातृभाषा-हिंदी हूँ मैं, है पहचान यही ।। स्वेद - सिक्तवदन मेरा लगा काँपने उसी समय । व्यावसायिकता की इस दौड़ में हार गई है वह निरामय ।। मैंने कहा- छोड दो उनको, उसने कहा माँ हूँ, छोड नहीं सकती देखो ,आज हिंदी दिवस मना रहें, सम्मान ना सही, यादों में तो हूँ बसती ।। हर दिन मेरा ना सही, इसको स्मरण - दिवस मान लूंगी मैं । प्रगति करें, आगे बढ़े संतान मेरी ऐसी प्रार्थना करूँगी मैं ।। तभी अंतर्मन से उठी आवाज, मातृभाषा होओ, तुम व्याकुल नहीं । है कौन ? इस जग में ऐसा, जिसे मातृत्व से प्यार नहीं ।। कुछ भूल गए, कुछ भटक गए, पर सद्मार्ग पर आयेंगे। माँ ! तुम्हारा हरगुण अपनायेंगे, तुम्हारा सम्मान लौटायेंगे ।। समन्वय का गुण सीखेंगे तुमसे, देश - जाति का भेद नहीं । गर्व करेंगे हिंदी पर, इससे इत<mark>र</mark>, भारतवासी की पहचान <mark>न</mark>हीं ।। डॉ. दीपा भारद्वाज, अध्यापिका

#### शिक्षक – महिमा

जो नन्हें पौधे को. विशाल रूप दे पाता वही इतिहास बदलने की, योग्यता रख पाता इस योग्यता का, आधारस्तम्भ है शिक्षक वह आरंभ है ज्ञान की, अनगिनत दीपमालाओं का विद्यामंदिर को जो, बुँद-बुँद से सागर बनाता न जाने कितनी आँखों के. सपनों को सच करा जाता शिक्षक-योगदान अविरल, माँ सरस्वती की साधना में शिक्षक-लौ वरदान, जीवन के गहन अंधकार में धुव-तारे सम, वह दिशा दिखाता सबको ज्ञानपथा पर, मंजिल तक पहुँचाता प्रलय और निर्माण, जिसकी गोद में पलते शिक्षक नहीं वह साधारण, माँ शारदा का आशीर्वाद जिसने पाया। राष्ट्-निर्माण में सहायक बन, मैं शिक्षक, गौरवान्वित हो पाया। दिलबाग सिंह, - अध्यापक





#### नैतिक शिक्षा ही वो शिक्षा

एक शिक्षा ऐसी हो, जो इंसानियत सिखा जाए माँ बहन और बेटी की, रक्षा करना जो सिखलाए बुजुर्गों और अपंगों की, सहायता करनी सिखा जाए छोटों के प्रति स्नेह, बड़े-बूढ़ों का आदर करना सिखलाए परिस्थितियाँ जैसी भी हो, धैर्य रखना सिखला जाए शिक्षा परोपकार की देकर, जीवन धन्य हमारा करा जाए वसुधैव कुटुंबकम का पाठ पढ़ा, भाईचारा जो बढ़ा जाए अनिवार्य हो यह शिक्षा, जो मानवता का पाठ पढ़ाए नैतिक शिक्षा ही वो शिक्षा, जो मानव को मनुज बनाए। दिलबाग सिंह, अध्यापक

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फिर प्यार से सिर पर हाथ फेर कर खाना परोसती हैं और दूसरे पेपर की तैयारी में कमर कस कर जुटती हैं। परीक्षा ख़त्म होते ही ये फॉर्म भरो, वो फॉर्म भरो की रट लगाए रहती हैं

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जीवन-पथ पर चलते-चलते घनघोर अंधेरे घिर जाएँ, लड़ने का एक संकल्प लिए तु राहें अपनी चुनता चल ३.. ना देख चमकती लौ को तु वो तेरी किस्मत का खेल नही , शोडे से उजालों की खातिर जुगनु का सहारा लेता चल ३. सुरज और चाँद को छुने की गर इच्छा हो मन में भूले से, ये भूम है बस उस अम्बर का खुद का ही उजाला लेता चल ३.. कुंठित-कुंठित जब जीवन हो सपने ट्टे और बिखारे से, नीरस से मन के पन्नो पर तु गीत प्रेम के लिखता चल ... तूड्ता-मुड्ता जीवन तेरा जब साँसों पर भी भारी हो , एक साया मिट्टी का बनकर अपनी मस्ती में चलता चल३... ओ पशिक ! अकेला चलता चल राहों को यूँ ही छलता चल , संघर्षों की बलिवेदी पर खुद को भी अर्पण करता चल३.. ! मंजू भौमिया, अध्यापिका

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