



Birla Vidya Niketan SYNERGY

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It's Raining Awards
These months surely brought in a lot of cheer as our extremely dedicated staff won honourable awards. Most importantly, the erudite Chairperson, Ms. Jayashree Mohta was conferred with the Outstanding Achievement in Education Leadership Award, 2017 while, Ms. Sumana Ganguly received the State Teachers' Award, 2017 at the Thyagraj Stadium. Ms. Aloka Bose and Ms. Fay were awarded with the Teaching Excellence Award, 2017 by the S.Chand Group of Publishers and Progressive Teachers in the category of Innovative Teaching Methods.



Sarala Birla Critical Thinking Conclave

Don't Hate Debate

(A Ten Day English Workshop)

Never failing to surprise us with his vast expanse of knowledge and expertise, Mr. Parnab Mukherjee helped us comprehend the basics of addressing an audience, posture on stage, voice modulation and also the importance of gestures and correct tone to enhance the impact of a speech. Satisfied with the progress made in each session, we went home each day with recommendations on what magazines and newspapers to refer to. Poetry and intellectual discussions laced our experience together into a fruitful one. By the end of the workshop, our confidence had grown by leaps and bounds, and it's left us eagerly waiting for another one in which we could explore the the horizons of debate and public speaking more.

~Tara Kalra XB

(Participant in the workshop)

Visit By Ms. Jayashree Mohta

The school Chairperson, Ms. Jayashree Mohta, visited the school in the month of September. She interacted with the teachers, School Council members and had a one on one discussion with the academic scholars and special needs students.

Sarala Birla Critical Thinking Conclave

The first Sarala Birla Critical Thinking Conclave was held in the month of August. Many reputed schools namely Vasant Valley, Springdale, Pusa Road, Indian School, Delhi Public School RK Puram & Mayo College, Ajmer participated in the day long repertoire of literary bonanza. The Mayo College, Ajmer bagged the first position while the Indian School was the runner up.



Chairperson's Visit

Investiture

~From the Old to the New~

Dr. Jitendra Nagpal, an eminent psychiatrist, graced the event on 12 July, as the chief guest. The hall thundered with applause as Prateek Pankaj and Poorvasha Kar were appointed as Head Boy and Head Girl, respectively. It was a moment of pride and honour for the school as well as for the students who'll take forward the blazing torch of the school's legacy. The Investiture Ceremony is one of the most prestigious days on the school calendar, when the baton of upholding the name of the school is passed on from the Students' Council to their successors.



School Council 2017

Annual Prize Distribution

The Annual Prize Distribution ceremony, held on 14 July, was presided over by Mr. K.K. Sharma (Director General of Security Forces) and Mr. Amit Behl (BOSA President). The students were awarded for their meritorious performance in school as well as CBSE. They were congratulated for their determination and tenacious hard work which had remained constant throughout the year.



Annual Prize Distribution



BIRLA MODEL UNITED NATIONS

The most anticipated event of the school year, the BMUN was held in the month of August. The school teachers as well as MUN council worked extremely hard to put up 6 committees of over 350 students. The esteemed guests for the inaugural ceremony were Mr. Shivnath Thukral, renowned Journalist and Managing Director of Carnegie Endowment of International Peace of the Indian Centre, Ms. Meena Narula, Country Director and Managing Trustee of Water for People (India) and Mr. Kumar Sanjay Krishna, IAS Officer and Additional Secretary in Ministry of Agriculture. Ms. Rhea Mahanta, Political Scientist specialising in Conflict Resolution and International Relations graced the Valedictory Ceremony. Principal, Ms. Minakshi Kushwaha congratulated the winners of the Best Delegation Award for their commendable effort.



BMUN

UTSAV

~A LITERARY CULTURAL FEAST

UTSAV 2017, an annual inter school competition that revolves around unfolding creativity, showcasing analytical powers and skills challenging the capabilities of students, while applauding and rewarding commendable performance, was held in our school on 17 August and 18 August.

A vast array of events were conducted, ranging from movie making and Nukkad Natak to coding in C++ and chemical technology. Each part of the competition saw enthusiastic participation from a surfeit of schools and was judged by a panel of proficient guests. All the segments of Sciences, Economics and Commerce, Mathematics, and French as a language were celebrated with complete reverence. As many as 20 schools participated in the Birla Utsav in various events.

UTSAV served as a confluence of melody and rhythm with competitions such as Sangeet Sadhana and Cloud Burst. In another event, the teachings of the Bhagavad Gita and the prevalence of a link between the holy book and a variety of life skills deemed necessary in life were profoundly discussed.



Birla Utsav



Teachers 'Day Celebration

TEACHERS' DAY

On the occasion of Teachers' Day, the students of class XII put up a cultural programme to entertain teachers and the rest of the school. A number of dance and musical performances, along with various games and other fun filled activities kept the audience engaged. A rock band performance culminated the ceremony. Principal, Ms. Minakshi Kushwaha took this opportunity to highlight the achievements of the school and thanked the teachers and the students for their support in taking the school to great heights.

SOS Internship

~GIVING BACK TO THE SOCIETY~

Twenty students of classes X and XI participated in an internship programme by SOS children's village of India from 28 May to 4 July. It is a very unique organisation that has many different ideals. During the internship, the students worked as fundraisers for the organisation. It was a very enriching experience as all the students were able to do something for the children in need. Their motive was to gain sponsors for the children in the villages. Throughout this internship, the students had to show hard work, perseverance, dedication and discipline. This internship made them work for the society and benefit it. In return they were awarded with certificates, trophies and an experience that was forever etched in their hearts.

INDIA INTERNATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATION

IN CONVERSATION WITH MS. MUNMUN

Ms. Munmun (TGT, History) accompanied the students to the United States of America and she was the guiding force behind them. We caught up with ma'am to find out more.

Mehak: How and when did you find about the IIMUN?

Ma'am: I came to know about it through a colleague and took it up with ma'am. She was very positive about it and encouraged me to go ahead.

Sheena: What was the reaction of the students, keeping in mind that it was their first international MUN?

Ma'am: They were extremely upbeat about it. They had participated within India on a number of occasions but never outside, so they saw it as their golden chance.

Mehak: How did they prepare?

Ma'am: Well, in this I must thank the senior secretaries who came to their aid whenever asked. Of course, I was always there but in the end it was their effort and dedication. We won two Special Mention awards as well so it is quite evident that our students were at par and capable of taking on anyone.

Mehak: Would this opportunity be available to the students next year as well?

Ma'am: I would really like that. I mean, our school has always been supportive and given the students the best, so why not the next year too...

MUN in New York- An experience of a lifetime

When eight of us landed at the JFK airport in New York for the IIMUN we were anxious yet, no doubt prepared to take on the students from the various other schools.

Through the course of 5 days, we discussed various issues ranging from human rights to global disarmament.

The conference hosted more than 650 participants, including students from all around the globe. We also got a chance to interact with the Dean of the University of Texas, Dr. Hassan Pirkul and the President of the Cooper Union, Mr. Jamshed Bharucha.

At the end of the trip, we participated in an interactive panel discussion conducted by UN Women Organisation.

We landed back in India not only with satisfaction of a job well done but two awards in our hands; 'the Special Mention'.

-Jasjyot Singh Bhogal XB (One of the participants who was awarded the Special Mention)





Hello Japan Programme

HELLO JAPAN!

To celebrate Japan's vast culture, our school organised a workshop in association with the Embassy of Japan- 'Hello Japan Programme'.

Ms. Ikuyo Shimakura from the embassy, who is conversant with the traditions of her nation conducted the session and demonstrated various activities like wearing of Yukata, origami and calligraphy, capturing the attention of the students and stimulating their interest in the subject.

LIVING IN VIRTUAL REALITY

A Virtual exchange programme was held with a Mexican school- The Gestalt Institute. The topic chosen for discussion was-Geographical Locations of India. A quiz competition was also conducted between the two schools. It was an extremely exciting exchange.

LANDING IN JAPAN

Prateek Pankaj (XII) and Ashmita Nandi (XI) were invited to take part in the Asian Youth Development and Network Building Programme as the representatives of India along with 12 other Southeast Asian countries. The two students got the opportunity to participate in this prestigious programme on a 100% scholarship provided by the government of Japan. The most important takeaways from this enriching experience were virtues of leadership and teamwork mixed with cultural and historical enhancement.



Yale Internship

INTERNSHIP AT YALE

Yale Young Global Scholars Programme empowers the next generation of leaders by building a global community that fosters intellectual curiosity across all borders. The International Affairs & Security (IAS) session, attended by Umang Kamra [XII], was designed to deepen interest in international relations and security studies. It challenged students to think strategically and negotiate potential responses to complex international dilemmas by drawing from a wide range of historical and contemporary issues.



Japan Trip

SMALL BYTES

International Education Fair

In collaboration with the Qounditst, the international education

department of the Pratham group, organised an education fair in the school for parents and students of classes X, XI and XII. Those

participating were from universities of US, Uk, Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand and information counters for Germany and Singapore.

This helped the students to seek admission related information from each of the countries participating in the fair.

Entrepreneurship Programme

After a fabulous turn out in 2016, the school once again organised this programme to introduce the students to the concept of business building and management in a fun yet educational way. An intra class competition was conducted for classes IX & XI. The students came up with wonderful ideas and some chosen few were moved to the next round of the competition.

Good Evening India- Panelist

Principal, Ms. Minakshi Kushwaha made an appearance on Doordarshan in the programme 'Good Evening India' telecast on the occasion of Teachers' Day.

Interact Investiture

The Interact Club organised the Investiture Ceremony to bestow the newly inducted Interact Council for the session 2017-18 with their badges, duties and responsibilities. Interact council 2016-17 and the latest batch of ladies of the tailoring classes was felicitated for their hard work and determination Programme 2017

Plantation Drive

In the month of August, the students of the Environment Club participated in a plantation drive with Mr. Saurabh Bhardwaj (MLA of Greater Kailash) in the Jahapanah City Forest.



Plantation Drive



Welcoming Peepal Baba

Session with Peepal Baba

Our guest speaker for the event, Peepal Baba, a man who has contributed veritably to our planet by making it a crore trees greener, emphasised on the need to plant more and more trees in order to save our future. He talked about the changing weather patterns and expanded on how crucial it was to spread awareness. In a move to encourage the children to adopt a greener lifestyle, saplings were given to each of them.

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Sheena & Mehak XB

