

SYNERGY

From the Principal's Desk

As we emerge successful from yet another splendid year, it is an absolute delight to see our students blossom into more enlightened, skilled and confident individuals, ever striving towards perfection. Our young learners have made the school proud, excelling in every field. With the aim to raise the benchmark, we seek to stimulate the students to extend their roots deeper into the earth, so they can touch the sky. With this note, I wish you all the very best for the thriving year ahead.

From the Editor's Desk

With every New Year comes an opportunity to scale new heights. With the first issue of 2019-20, we hope to constantly strive for success. In just three months, our school's schedule has been jam packed with activities, events and competitions; with our students excelling in almost every field.

— Ankush Pal, Meghna Deb, Navan Chauhan,
Ramsha Anwar, Saumya Dudeja & Vrinda Verma

CBSE CLASS X & XII RESULTS



BVNites have done it again as all students passed with flying colours in the CBSE results declared recently. 130 of the 255 class XIIth students achieved brilliant scores of 90% and above.



Vrinda Sahai of class XII secured 98.4% in the humanities stream and became the school topper. Ishaan Mittal topped the commerce stream with 97.6% while Aditi Sejal topped the science stream with 96.6%.



In class X, 50 students scored 95% and above. Pratishtha Khandelwal secured 98.4% and topped the school.

Trips

Chandrakhani Pass



32 students of Birla Vidya Niketan stand in the school foyer, eyes lit with a certain amusement, carrying hefty loads of baggage on their shoulders unfazed. It was 4 PM on the evening of the 31st of May and the Manali Trekking Trip which had aroused excitement in students and teachers alike had officially begun.

After 22 hours of travelling, the students finally filed out of the bus and proceeded towards the Naggar Base Camp, their home for the next two days. During the trek which covered approximately 7,000 meters, the students passed Naya Tapru, Chandrakhani Pass and Chaklani and were encouraged to carry their own backpacks and camping material. While, the first few days had been reserved for acclimatisation and activities like rappelling and rock climbing, the major part of the 7 day trip involved students trekking to much higher grounds and staying at camps in the night. The lush green surroundings and the company of friends, had many students exclaiming that the Manali Trekking Trip was indeed the most gratifying, and even congenial trip yet.

— Ramsha Anwar

Russia



When we first landed in Moscow, we were greeted by our tour guide at the Moscow airport who was very kind and very knowledgeable. We first visited the Kremlin and then visited the Red square, which is considered as the epicentre of Russia. The architecture of the building was exquisite and the interior didn't fail to match up with it either. Later we headed towards Lenin's tomb, St. Basil's Cathedral where it is said that the mummified body of Lenin is kept. We visited a Russian school where we interacted with the students and were also taught about the Russian War History along with various weapons. We also visited the old trade house, Neva River, St. Isaac Church, winter palace. Our next two days were spent visiting different museums and street markets where we did our shopping. On our last day we departed

Kyari Village Trip



The trip to Kyari was "ineffable". The trip to the laps of nature made us aware the drastic global changes. We learnt the traditional art of making ropes and baskets from the locals. The trip to the

local school simply turned out to be one of the best experiences. Along with this the lunch at the house of locals and helping them in household chores was a great experience. To top the simply amazing trip, we did a bit of trekking at the end.

— Mayank Pathak

Chemistry Open House

The 'Chemistry Open House' was held in Birla Vidya Niketan on 7th May 2019 where students of class XI-C showcased the wonders of chemistry to an audience which included the students on classes VII and VIII. There were a plethora of activities conducted and some of the best ones left the young students' mouths agape like - The Harry Potter Magic Potion, The Elephant's Toothpaste and The Secret Message Writing. The Slime Making activity especially amused the students with many of them promising each other to try the activity at home! All the experiments were conducted with care and could be done by the children even in the comfort of their own home. As the event was coming to an end, there was a spark of awe clearly visible in the eyes of the students which promised a new appreciation for science in the young minds and brought the event to a successful end.

— Dhruv Bhatia

Workshop on Communication and Reading Skills

Recently a workshop on the importance of reading and communication skills was conducted by Ankush, Divya and I. We held multiple sessions with different sections of the eight grade with the aim of inculcating the nuances of effective communication. In the current generation, communication and reading skills seem to be dwindling. To address the issue, we held sessions with the classes informing them of the psychological aspects behind efficient communication. These were highly successful as we were able to direct students towards communication and reading.

— Mayank Pathak

Inter-House Choreography Competition



An inter-house choreography competition was held on 24th May at Birla Vidya Niketan where six teams had to choose a social issue and create awareness about it through their performance. It was an exhilarating experience for both, the participants and the spectators. The Nilgiri Team secured the first position with this performance focusing on the issues faced by the LGBTQ+ community. The runner up and the second runner up were Annapurna and Kailash respectively. A few other issues which were taken up were rape, #METOO, environmental pollution, etc. It was a healthy competition amongst the participants, with the crowd portraying their enthusiasm for the participants.

— Anisha Gupta

Author's Meet with Ashwin Sanghi

Our school was recently host to Mr. Ashwin Sanghi, one of India's most renowned historical fiction writer. The seminar began with a portrait of Mr. Ashwin Sanghi being presented to himself made by a student, as a token of appreciation. A man who claimed to not be a historian, but all of his work being very sound and immaculately researched speaks volumes about his skills as a writer. During the seminar, not once could anyone stray their eyes off of him. He's an engaging and thought provoking man who explained the true history of India in layman's language. He touched about topics like *the Indus Valley Civilisation* and *the Aryan Invasion*, along with other topics related to the subject. The seminar was concluded by taking up the doubts of students and a book signing session.



— Rishi Raj

Committees

The school introduced several committees during the investiture ceremony with the aim of ensuring the proper management in school in several areas and enlisting the students to play a vital role in doing so.



Legal Literacy

As Plato once said, "Justice in the life and conduct of the state is possible only if it resides in the hearts and souls of the citizens." Education isn't confined only to academics, it also has a purpose to enhance our knowledge and understanding which may make it possible for us to live peacefully in a law abiding society.

Therefore, the legal committee of BVN aims at inculcating awareness about various social-legal issues like sexual offences, the violation of traffic rules, substance abuse, juvenile justice, the basic fundamental rights and duties etc. and instil respect for laws among the budding minds of our nation who will therefore become more responsible.

— Romila Singh (President)
Ramsha Anwar (Vice-President)

Daily Management

Management is a skill which we all require in our daily lives. It's the backbone of every institution, be it a large multinational company, a hospital or even a small retail store, proper management provides the basis for it to grow and develop. The Daily Management committee aims to instill basic management skills in the students. Members of this committee will be responsible for supervising the everyday functioning of the school, assisting our visitors and ensuring that the school upholds its sanitation standards at all times.

— Toshak Sharma (President)
Tripti Arora (Vice-President)

Event Management

From competitive inter-school conventions, educational workshops, academic simulations and recognition days, to the occasional festivities like the annual Teachers' Day celebration and the post-citation dance party, Birla Vidya Niketan has a history of celebrating everything from its students' smallest milestones to the culmination of their 14 year long journeys. Amidst the daily hustle and academic pressure, these events allow the students to step outside of their comfort zones, recreate, and at the same time pause and realise the importance of the passing moments. The Event Management Committee of BVN aims at making these days as special and memorable as they truly deserve to be, encouraging co-curricular participation of students, efficiently using school's resources and pulling off events from somewhere behind a myriad of responsibilities and stacks of untouched to-do lists.

— Shirley Khurana (President)
Abhimanyu Sharma (Vice-President)

Birla Green

The Birla Green committee will empower students to participate and take up meaningful environmental activities and projects. Our committee aims at pursuing energy savings, conservation and waste minimisation, promoting programs for students with respect to environmental preservation, creating a 'clean and green' consciousness among students through various innovative methods. In order to subdue littering in school the BIRLA GREEN COMMITTEE will introduce waste free lunches programme wherein we'll reduce the waste generated each day in school canteen.

— Navkiran Kaur (President)
Mohisha Malik (Vice-President)

Social Outreach

An integral part of Birla Vidya Niketan, the Social Outreach Committee aims at the collective good of the school with the motto 'Service before Self'. With the zeal, enthusiasm and motivation, we harbour an altruistic approach to give back to the society, the members of the social outreach committee initiates a new project every month. We have recently launched 'Project Annshree' with the aim of providing food and money amongst other basic necessities for all those who work hard enough yet aren't able to earn a square meal.

— Ramanjeet Singh (President)
Madhav Sharma (Vice-President)

Science Innovation

The Science and Innovation Committee will work towards the upliftment of science at the school level and will encourage a more fun, exciting and engaging perspective on the scientific principles that we otherwise study in our textbooks. We would organise interactive workshops on a variety of topics for different classes. Furthermore, inter-class science competitions for classes 6-10 will also be organised on a bi-monthly or tri-monthly basis and would include demonstrations of scientific principles, quiz competitions, etcetera. We could also organise excursions to museums and planetariums or for special lectures by college professors and scientists.

We hope that we are able to inculcate a positive attitude in students towards science and become harbingers of innovation in the field of science.

— Gurmehar Kaur Sibal (President)
Rahul Sharma (Vice-President)

Cultural Committee

In today's world, a student's life is often restricted solely to academics which barely leaves them with enough time to pay attention to their hobbies. The cultural committee has been formed for this very purpose, maintaining a perfect balance between a student's academic and extracurricular life by encouraging students to take part in cultural programmes.

— Navya Malhotra (President)
Kaashvi Gupta (Vice-President)

Literary Committee

English is a language that we all use in our daily lives, and is, one of the necessary criteria to attain a job. So, to develop skills of grammar, writing, speaking, etc. are beneficial to all of us, irrespective of what line of work you want to venture into. We plan on conducting workshops, from basic grammar to writing haikus; competitions, on slam poetry, declamation, story-writing, etc; visits to literary events, like plays and authors' meets. Our goal is to do our best to inculcate into every participant, the skills to debate incisively, write effectively, and speak passionately so that we may prepare you for your coming years.

— Aakanksha Sundar (President)
Bisma (Vice-President)

Mental Health

Even though our nation is a developing one, the one thing which stills bounds the nation in shackles is its stigma towards Mental Health. It plays an integral role in a person's well-being, yet it is often overlooked which makes it a need to normalise talking about it. It's a pressing issue which requires proper attention and care as much as the physical aspects of health, if not more. Our primary agenda is encouraging children who may or not be struggling to come forward and share their thoughts in a safe space. We also hope to enlighten our peers about the importance of mental health during these formative years.

— Nikita Dodeja (President)
Vrinda Verma (Vice-President)

Creative Corner

Tormented Lunacy

I'm sitting in the smallest room
While the air is filled with gloom
Falling into an impending doom
Where my thoughts can bloom

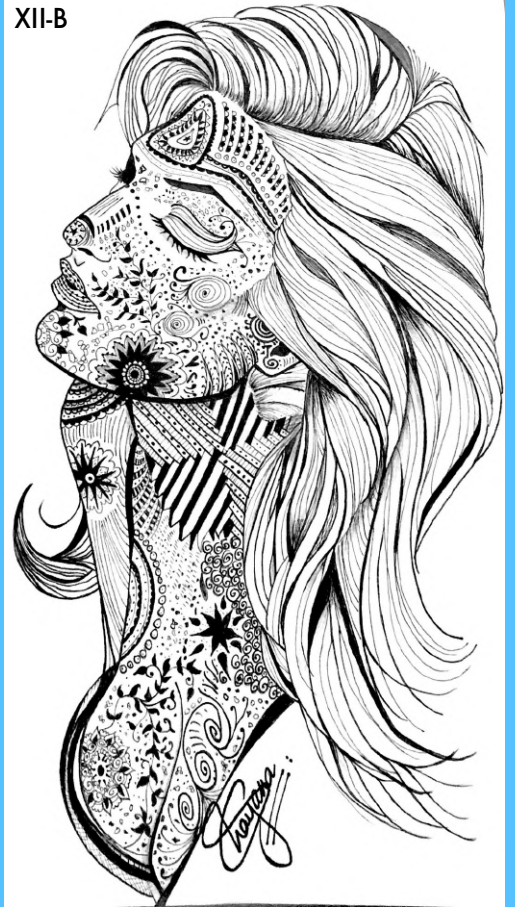
Talk to me about your favourite memories
All your beautiful treacheries
I promise to hide them cleverly
While you fall into a reverie

Why won't you say anything
Dissolve the quiet, soothe the sting
Liquid ruby dripping over your aquamarine
ring
Your flight constrained by your disheveled
wing

My favourite sound's a blood-curdling scream
Or an eerie silence, a perfect dream
While we both try to bring down my self-
esteem
Flowing along the wild stream

— Ankush Pal, XI-D

Chayana Wadhwa
XII-B



Spellbound

I'm standing in the corner
Secluded from the crowd
Alone with my thoughts
Screaming out loud

My fantastical world consumes me
What is reality I cannot tell
All I feel is the yearning
To break free of this tyrant spell

Entrapped by this alluring world
With no means of elusion
I find myself wondering
Is this reality or is this an illusion?
— Maahi Gupta



Debopam Paul
XII-B

