

## **Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony**



On 16th July, Birla Vidya Niketan celebrated its much anticipated Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony. The meritorious students of the session 2018-19 were appropriately felicitated in the presence of CBSE Secretary, Mr. Anurag Tripathi, and Mr. Amit Bahl, the President of the Birla Old Students' Association. Staying true to its motto, BVN recognised the exceptional achievements of its students in both academic and non-academic activities. As the programme drew to an end, the Guests of

Honour dispensed a few words of wisdom to the audience. While Mr. Amit Behl reflected on his personal experiences and encouraged the students to keep working diligently, his ideas were complemented by Mr. Anurag Tripathi, who noted the importance of creativity and innovation in shaping the leaders of the future.

All-in-all, the ceremony culminated as yet another promising and successful event to grace the much-venerated halls of Birla Vidya Niketan.

Sanya Sud

### Investiture Ceremony

"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

On 24th July, 2019, BVN hosted its Investiture Ceremony. The ceremony commenced with the school prayer, following which the new members of the Student's Council were bestowed with the pristine badges. The President then administered the oath, officially indicting the new Student's Council. The Principal Ms.Minakshi Kushwaha gave the students good advice so as to guide them onto the new journey. Her ideas were complemented by the Chief Guest Ms.Bhavna Saxena, Commissioner of Police, who emphasised that students shouldn't hesitate in exploring and researching new avenues.



#### **Events**

### Bharat Ke Veer — An Ode to the BSF



On the eve of Independence Day 2019, the huge audience cheered as 50 BSF jawaans made their entry into our school to be a part of the 'Bharat Ke Veer' celebrations.

The show commenced with a beautiful hymn followed by few patriotic dance performances featuring exquisite choreography. The gathering was then stunned into silence by the energetic melodies of the qawwalis, and left thunderstruck by a fusion of Odissi and belly dancing.

'Yognatyam' - a unique blend of Bharatnatyam and Yoga - was performed with the utmost grace. It was followed by a street play that emphasized on Gandhiji's teachings. A glorious show by the band 'Amethyst' managed to pull every string of the heart. The myriad performances successfully showcased India's diversity while also celebrating its unity.

The occasion concluded with the speech of BSF Commandant Ashok Kumar Yadav praising the enthusiasm of the students and also filling them with optimism for the future. Everyone walked out of the hall with their hearts filled with love for India.

Pratishtha & Saumya

### Birla MUN



The Birla Intra-MUN took place on 18th and 19th July and was a two-day event which saw a huge participation amongst the

students of classes 9th, 10th and 11th. The Intra BMUN comprised of 3 committees- United Nations General Assembly, United Nations Security Council and All India Political Parties Meet. To make the conference a successful and fruitful one our school's alumni participated in the conference as the executive boards. Their past experiences and expertise in the field were of utmost importance in running the committees efficiently. Owing to their efforts in providing the best experience to the delegates, each committee saw the enthusiastic participation of a majority of delegates.

The MUN was brought to and end by the award ceremony.

Ramsha Anwar

## Sarala Birla

The third edition of the Sarala Birla conclave was held on August 19, 2019. Eleven schools from Delhi participated in the same. The judges for the event were Mrs

Meera Balachandran, an



eminent educationist and BVN alumni Mr Prateek Pankaj and Ms Urvi Sikri. The conclave was extremely interesting with extempore, turncoat, a critique, a panel discussion and the final round of block

The first position was bagged by Amity International, Saket and the runner up was the team from the Indian School.

# Inter-School Swimming and Badminton Competition



The 19th BVN Inter-school Badminton and Swimming Competition was a festival in itself with students coming and participating from more than over 30 schools.

The participants not only developed a healthy attitude for sports but also got an opportunity to interact with students of different schools. Our teams competed fiercely showcasing their talent. They bagged first, second and third positions in various categories.

Mayank Pathak

### Author's Meet with Srijan Pal Singh



Renowned scientist and author Srijan Pal Singh visited BVN to interact with the students of classes VI to XII and 70 students from other schools. Mr Singh, who is currently the CEO of the Kalam Foundation, taught children few concepts of space science and technology through videos. He inspired children to ask questions and told them it is never late to learn new things.

Overall, it was an enriching experience for the students. The avid readers also got a signed copy of the book from the author.

Mayank Pathak

### Football Zonals

BVN played host to the students from various school in the zone who came to participate in the zonal football competition.

It was a very well organized competition. Firstly the sub-junior category had their football matches, followed by the junior and then the senior category. The event helped in developing a very healthy spirit of competition among the students. Truly, a scintillating football event.

Mayank Pathak



## POCSO Workshop



In order to effectively address the heinous crimes of sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children through less ambiguous and more stringent legal provisions, the Ministry of Women and Child Development championed the introduction of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012.

To create awareness about this act, a one-day workshop was organised by our school specially for the students.

Child abuse being rampant in schools, neighbourhoods as well as numerous public places, it is crucial for children to be aware of the salient

features of the act like complete privacy and gender neutrality which were discussed in detail creating awareness about the correct definition of sexual abuse so that they know when to raise the alarm.

Different forms of sexual abuse, including penetrative and non-penetrative assault, as well as sexual harassment and pornography were thoroughly explained to the children.

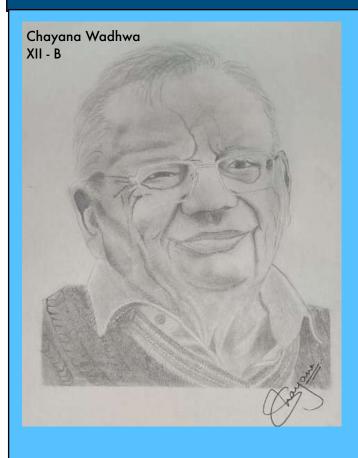
The workshop also threw some light on the processes under the POCSO Act like processes at the police station, processes at the Child Welfare Committee, processes for the medical examination of the child and processes at the Special Court.

The workshop was very informative and actively engaged the children

Romila Singh



### **Creative Corner**





Lately, I feel like something else A replica of burnt cigarettes A hollow feeling constantly growing "Bottle it up, the tears are showing."

When people are around I shush myself, not a sound A perfect smile and a laugh While everything I value is torn apart

Everyone would rather not be lied to For they dislike facts that are untrue Yet the truth, to them, is quite volatile Alas, acceptance isn't one of their qualities

As I sit by myself, eerily silent I struggle to push away thoughts so violent How would they understand me? For I am somebody, who's dying to be set free

Words calculated enough to please you all If anything goes wrong, I'll take the fall Suffocating is I hate the home I live in If nihilism is unacceptable, I'm guilty of a sin

I'd rather be buried alive
Than be chained here
I'm over god now, even the Antichrist
A simple request to end this
To set me free
For I am chained, and it's killing me

Ankush PalXI-D

### **Creative Corner**



Swallowed by the darkness all around, She sits alone, not making any sound. A single tear rolls down her cheek, She feels broken and so very weak. Thinking, "I'm sorry, so sorry I am me."

Her brain is numb and her hands are cold, Is there any good here on earth for those with a heart of gold?
She's been through so, so much,
But no one understands her as such,
Thinking, "Is there anyone left who's good and just?"

She feels as if she's drowning,
She is done with her eyes bawling.
Sinking down in an unknown place,
There's a strange look on her face.
Now, just thinking, "I've had enough of this race."

Tripti KritiXI-B

