

OUR FOUNDERS

B. K. BIRLA & SARALA BIRLA.

Birla Bharati was established in 2001 by the illustrious industrialist B.K.Birla and Sarala Birla. It is an exemplary, co-educational studentfocussed institution catering to holistic development of the student community through meaningful events which nurture environmental awareness, excellence in academics, sports and performing arts.

The motto of the school is

"Knowledge is the Greatest Wealth"

*Knowledge for the sake of knowledge, without benefitting fellow beings, is a dead end and only leads to the blind alley of unfulfilled frustrations. Education is a meaningless ritual unless it can mould the character of students and give them values of life."

- by Sarala Birla



PRINCIPAL SPEAK

MS APALA DATTA



...It was the best of times, it was the worst of times" "It was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope When we started the Academic Year 2021-22, the world had already been fractured by a virus. Its unsettling, uncertain...yet in some ways decisive and firm. I had plans of developing our online platform even better, so that Birla Bharati gains more ground and more amplification, locally and globally. With lockdowns easing out slowly, Unlock is the key word and stepping with trepidation, our Mantra now. So, here I am with our school's Special Edition Fest Newsletter of 2021-22, to showcase the wonderful work that our school is doing, supported by good mileage from some of the leading dailies of our city. The year is still full of uncertainties, with the Pandemic playing peek-a-boo with our plans

Fests are the best way to stay connected with fellow students in the city and beyond, when schools have not yet opened up physically. Our Senior and Junior Departments have gone out of their ways to showcase some of the best online School Fests of the city, backed up by an impressive list of top-end schools and elite, as well as celebrity judges. All the above are showcased in our Newsletter, bearing ample testimony to the sincere and dedicated spirit of our School team. Happy reading

Warm Regards Apala Datta



VICE PRINCIPAL SPEAK

Mrs Rupan Cahudhury

As a Vice Principal, throughout this pandemic situation, I have witnessed how our teachers and students have worked tremendously hard and wonderfully adjusted to unfavorable circumstances with the help of technology. Our teachers have made online learning an extremely enjoyable experience for students and have incorporated new softwares to create an effective learning environment. Students have also played a major part in adjusting to this situation under the guidance of their teachers and parents

Online festivals and events were also conducted and planned by the teachers which created a platform for students to interact with other students of their age group from various corners of the country and learn from each other. The esteemed judges who graced the events also shared their experiences with students which helped them to acquire knowledge and confidence to face challenges in their near future

Apart from this, students also actively participated in special assemblies, class activities and charity programmes conducted by the school

This has been a very difficult time for all of us, but it did not hinder the learning opportunities and experiences of students. As a matter of fact, it has enhanced participation from students and parents and created a wonderful teaching-learning experience in our Birla Bharati family



COORDINATOR SPEAK

MRS. DIPANITA KOLEY



Covid-19 forced us to make many changes since March last year—we had school on-line, had virtual events and missed the physical company of our friends. Overnight, the pandemic imposed a radical switch to remote teaching and learning, that many hoped would be short lived

We stood strong and brave in the midst of a pandemic and watched as the .world united to save lives, find a cure or a vaccine

Almost every aspect of our professional lives changed due to this global .epidemic, and I am grateful for the way we responded

Teachers had to develop comfort with a whole new pedagogy. Kids struggled with remote learning and so did teachers. Parents often had to take a more active role in their child's education to keep them on track, but education continued

.Connecting with children through a screen was a challenge

daily physical gathering at school and the comfort that came with that. It also took away the aspect of peer learning which is very important to the ...entire education process

The times we are experiencing will be the subject of history and in economics and social lessons for generations to come. The work we are doing every day is groundbreaking, and it will be recognised as a watershed period in many walks of life

The last one year and a half have challenged us and offered us new opportunities every single day. Together, we have responded to the best of our ability and in the best interest of our students

To the students I would like to say that as we move forward, you continue to demonstrate diligence, motivation and determination to work to the best of your ability

A shout-out goes out to your respected parents and guardians, who made your homes your school, while they were trying to carry on their own work from home





Achievers' corner for junior school



".WINNER
AVSAR - AKSHAR SCHOOL
1st Position 09.12.2020
Speaking Stones
Joyjit Das - Class 5
Parnavi Dey - Class 6

The Magic of Creativity

The Primary Section of Birla Bharati organized an online Inter school fest for three days, from 26th August to 28th August, 2021. The fest was named "Abhigyata" ... A Magical Experience, which indeed was quite magical as it accomplished to showcase various kinds of creative bent of kids aged between 8 to 10 years. The fest was a grand affair where around 200 students participated from 17 schools .all over India

RESTORING THE ART OF STORYTELLING (Workshop UNLEASH THE POWER OF STORYTELLING



Taratalla Santoshpur New Road, Near Nature Park, P. O. Bidhangarh, Kolkata 700066.

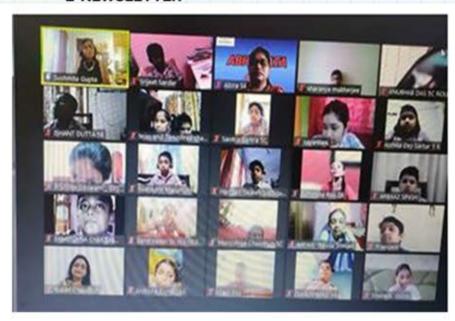
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MAHADEVI BIRLA WORLD ACADE-MY 21.1.21 Consolation Prize – Mysteriously Marvellous Yogmaya SrimoyeeBagchi Class 5





APEEJAY SCHOOL 7.8.21 1st Position Jai Hind - Ye Jo Desh Hai Mera -Solo singing)Saptajit Dutta (Class 5

For centuries, puppets have been used as a valuable teaching tool and telling stories is one of the most powerful teaching aids that can influence, teach and inspire children. Storytelling is an effective tool for learning and the usage of puppets turns the entire experience magical. A storytelling workshop was organized for the students of class 5 on 26th of August, 2021 to create connections among students and between them and their ideas. Ms. Sushmita Gupta, the resource person, conveyed culture, history and values through her story merging all the elements. Puppets were designed to represent the characters of the stories. Children enjoyed the workshop thoroughly

HASYA KALA ABHIVYAKTI





This virtual event witnessed enthusiastic performances by the participants of classes 3 & 4, where children recited humorous poems and class 5 children displayed humorous skits

- The schools which received the certificates of merit for this event are

Birla Bharati B.D.M International Birla High School



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Mahadevi Birla World Academy La MartiniereFor Boys Birla Vidya Niketan .Delhi Public School, Ruby Park

All the students participated joyfully and this event also helped them develop awareness on various social issues. The judges had also appreciated their efforts. All the participants had a good time and learnt to express their creative and imaginative thoughts while interacting with different students from other schools

CHHANDER MAYAJAL







Little Leap Olympiad 9.21 .3 3rd Position)Shreshtha Verma (Class 5





The event ChhanderMayajal was conducted with a vision to encourage the participants to explore their imagination and creative writing skills. It aimed at enabling the participants to compose poems by themselves incorporating the style of Rabindranath Tagore as per the suggested themes of childhood, rain and travelling. The platform gave the students a space to express their minds through words in a beautiful way with the inclusion of colourful drawings complementing their poems. The judges appreciated the creative skills of the students through their poetry and also praised their efforts. The schools which received the certificates of merit are

Birla Bharati .Apeejay School, Salt Lake Mahadevi Birla World Academy Shri Shikshayatan School La MartiniereFor Boys Sarala Birla Gyanjyoti, Guwahati



ADDING WINGS TO IMAGINATION





Storytelling opens children's minds, unleashes their creativity, enhances their communication skills and develops the inner world of imagination and creative thinking in them. Using puppets to tell stories is a wonderful technique that can lead children to discover the joy of literature and learning. Fantastical Fables with Puppetry gave the students the opportunity to bring their stories to life and to captivate the audience's attention, the little narrators used props like puppets. The young storytellers from class 5 enjoyed making bright and colourful puppets for their narration which helped them to develop a lifelong skill and filled them with confidence

 The schools which showed exemplary performances were Birla Bharati

Delhi Public School, Ruby Park



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SPEECH WEAVERS-SPEAK TO LEAD! TALK...SPEAK KICK THE MINUTE





Speaking allows us to form connections, influence decisions, and motivate change. This online event gave the students of class 5 an opportunity to express their ideas and improve their communication skills. The students participated with a lot of energy and enthusiasm and spoke spontaneously on their chosen objects within the duration of a minute. Children built up confidence and developed a challenging attitude in them. This activity enhanced their thinking skills, oral communication .skills and ability to manage time

—The schools that were awarded certificates of merit are Apeejay School, Salt Lake Sunbeam School, Annapurna, Varanasi



MY READING CORNER



It was an online event where the students from 17 different schools had participated. Young readers were all set with their story books, journals, articles etc to create their own comfortable and decorative reading corners

Each participant spoke about his/her favourite story character. They came up with innovative ideas to describe their favourite story character. Our esteemed judges appreciated the effort of every participant. All the participants enjoyed being a part of this event

The aim of the event was to inculcate the habit of reading bookseveryday and encourage the little ones to read more and .more story books

 The schools which were felicitated with certificates of merit are Birla High For Boys

Shri Shikshyatan School







(SARALA BIRLA GROUP OF SCHOOLS)

Presents

VATANTRYAM 2021

DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, HOWRAH

DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, RUBY PARK

HARIYANA VIDYA MANDIR

LAKSHMIPAT SINGHANIA ACADEMY

MAHADEVI BIRLA WORLD ACADEMY

SARALA BIRLA GYAN JYOTI, GUWAHATI

SARALA BIRLA PUBIC SCHOOL, RANCHI

SHRI SHIKSHAYATAN SCHOOL

SUSHILA BIRLA GIRLS' SCHOOL

THE BSS SCHOOL

ABHINAV BHARATI HIGH SCHOOL

AKSHAR SCHOOL

APEEJAY SCHOOL SALTLAKE

APEEJAY SCHOOL, PARK STREET

ASIAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

B.D.M. INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

BIRLA BHARATI

BIRLA DIVYA JYOTI, SILIGURI

BIRLA HIGH SCHOOL

BIRLA VIDYA MANDIR, NAINITAL

BIRLA VIDYA NIKETAN, NEW DELHI

10 EVENTS 21 SCHOOLS 12TH AUGUST- 14TH AUGUST

Achievers' corner for senior school



Planetary Science has always motivated Mayank Pradhan of Class 8 A right from his childhood. Having been selected by Mars-Moon Astronautics Academy & Research Science (M-MAARS)California,USA, to promote TRAINING COMMERCIAL

ASTRONAUTS for a NEW SPACE ERA, Mayank sets an example for others to follow. His hard work and unwavering spirit to explore has been rewarded. Mayank's training programme will consistthe following topics:

"SVATANTRYAM – AN UNTOLD SAGA"

India has emerged as the largest democracy in the world overcoming a plethora of challenges to earn global recognition. We have come a long way since independence, leaving behind a string of landmarks that defines its journey from the agony of partition to a strong powerful and developing nation. So it is our prime duty to sensitize the young generation of the rich and momentous legacy which needs to be preserved. Keeping this in mind, Birla Bharati hosted "Svatantryam -An untold saga", a three day virtual fest for the students of classes IX to XII. The fest, an amalgamation of aesthetics and academics, aimed at motivating the young learners to "Explore, Learn and Respect" the diverse cultures of our econo-

The inauguration ceremony witnessed by the principals, teacher and student representatives of twenty participating schools from Kolkata, Delhi, Siliguri and Nainital, gave an insight into the aim and vision behind "Svatantryam". Major General Pranab Chakraborty, VSM graced the occasion as the Chief Guest of the ceremony The ten competitive events of the fest titled "Mock Shock", "Contrivance", ""Spice it up", "Khola Chithi, Emancipation

Chiaroscuro", "Voyage", "Business Evolution", "Jashn-e-Azadi and Battle of Opti-" mism were a fusion of talent, imagination, creativity and alertness. Whether it was the political satire and dance, spice craft or debate, fashion show or quiz, the activities helped to bring out the uniqueness of each individual. The students left everyone awe-struck as they presented their talent so immaculately and effortlessly. Spontaneity and confidence were the hallmark of the competition. They were ap-"plauded by the eminent judges for their superb performance



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A. Introduction to Astronautics, Analog Types, Architecture of an Analog Mission Remote Teams

B.Becoming A Multi-Planetary Species With Exponential Technologies

C. Space Medicine / Space Medics, Robotic Surgery (AvatarMEDIC), SpaceTeleanesthesia-Telesurgery

D. Space Health & Wellness (AstroWellness Program, Space Psychology & Human Factors

E. Extravehicular Activities (E.V.A.) Protocol, HabCom & Communications, Spacesuit Donning & Doffing Protocol

F. HabCom & Communications, Spacesuit Donning & Doffing Protocol Medical E.V.A

G. Geological E.V.A. (Exploratory Terrain Scouting, Scientific Soil Sampling Protocol, Rover & Drone)Support H. E.V.A. (Astronavigation, Astro-

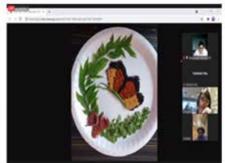
h. E.V.A. (Astronavigation, Astrophotography,InteractiveObservato-.ries) Space Food



Fests are not always organized to give a prezzie of memories to students, it lends a platform to enhance and explore the inherent skills. The digital platform is an excellent channel for tech fests offering students multitudinous scope to explore. Lakshmipat Singhania Academy's IT fest was a magnificent doorway to prove their mettle. Our middle school kids outshined in the various events with Aarush Paul of Class 8B bagging the CREATIVE GENIUS AWARD in the event named bidgO-MANIA

SPICE IT UP. A CRAFT OF INFINITE VARIETY





DATE OF THE EVENT: 12th August 2021

.MODE OF CONDUCT: Online on Zoom meeting, was also live streamed on YouTube On the 12th of August 2021, Spice it up: A Craft of Infinite Variety, was held through a zoom meeting at 2:00pm. The event was livestreamed on YouTube.Renowned personalities like Mr. Subhajit Bhattacharya, Ms. Sharmila Basu Thakur and Ms. .Swastika Mukherjee graced the event as judges. In this event, participants

had to display an image or logo made with spices and herbs.16 schools participated in the event

All the participants completed their presentation within the 30 minutes provided to them. The presentations were very innovative. Spices and herbs were used as a medium to express the different perspectives of the participants about freedom. Sarala Birla Gyan Jyoti, Guwahati emerged as the winner. Apeejay School, Salt Lake and Lakshmipat Singhania Academy bagged the second and third position respectively

KHOLA CHITHI: REACH OUT TO THE MASSES





DATE OF THE EVENT: 12th August 2021

MODE OF CONDUCT: Zoom meeting and livestreamed on YouTube

KHOLA CHITHI:REACH OUT TO THE MASSES took place on the 12TH of August 2021 at 10:30am. The whole event was conducted via Zoom meeting and was livestreamed on YouTube. Participants were asked to write a letterin the Pre-Independent Style of Letter



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Writing.Reputed personalities like Mr. UjjalBandopadhyay, Mr. Padmanabha Dasgupta and Ms. Srabonee Chakraborty were the judges of the event



Spardha 21-22....divulging the might and vigour of budding hearts was a fest for middle school, organized by Mahadevi Birla World Academy. The brilliance and zeal of our kids were unmatched. This was acknowledged by the award of the MOST PROMISING ENTRY in the event Terpsichorean

Sixteen (16) schools participated in the event . A small step towards the recovery of lost art of letter writing was successfully carried out by the participants who explored the art of letter writing and displayed a handwritten letter of their own. All the letters were presented in a Pre independent style of letter writing accompanied with an elegant traditional aesthetic appeal. The event was truly one of its kind and was thoroughly appreciated by all. Hariyana Vidya Mandir secured the first position. The second position was jointly shared by Birla Bharati and Mahadevi Birla World Academy. Birla High School stood third .in the competition

MOCK SHOCK... MARK THE SPARK WITHIN YOU

DATE OF THE EVENT: 12th August 2021

MODE OF CONDUCT: Online

It was a competition to draw cartoons on topics based on several political issues. Ten topics were given, out of which, every school had to choose one. In a team of twoone had to draw the cartoon in 40 minutes time and the other hadto explain. what they wanted to portray through their illustration in front of the eminent judges According to Quaish Hossain Molla, one of the participants of Mock Shock, "Participating in this event was an all-new experience for us and we really enjoyed doing it. Althoughwe did not win, the valuable advice of the judges and their encouragment will surely encourage us in our future endeavours

CONTRIVANCE: IGNITE THE FIRE OF CREATIVITY

DATE OF THE EVENT: 12th August 2021

MODE OF CONDUCT: Online on Zoom meeting; was also live streamed on YouTube

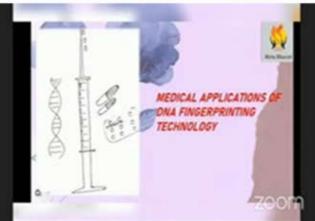
On 12th August, Contrivance, was held via Zoom meeting at 1.45pm. The event was live streamed on YouTube. The event was judged by prominent personalities like Ms Vaijayanti Pugalia, Dr Srinwanti Mukhopadhyay, Dr Amitava Chatterjee and Ms Mousumi Sengupta. The participants had to choosea hypothetical topic related to the theme of the event, Modern Indian History: Freedom Movement and Independence. Within a span of three minutes, the participants had to put forward their opinions on the topics they had chosen. Various topics like The Non-Cooperation movement, the Bengal division by Lord Curzon and Reform of Indian society by Raja Rammohan Roy and Vidyasagar were discussed. The event began with a brief introduction of the judges and the event rules. The three minutes speaking time given to the participants was followed by a question-answer session by the judges asking them 'What if' questions. Thirteen schools had participated in the event

All the participants spoke confidently and passionately within the time limit provided to them. The question-answer session saw the judges and participants both agreeing and disagreeing on different points. The entire event was very thought-provoking and inspiring .Delivering an excellent speech, Birla Bharati bagged the first position, Delhi Public School, Howrah took the second place and Mahadevi Birla World Academy was right behind in the third place



CHIAROSCURO - INVENTIONS IN REELS





DATE OF THE EVENT: 13th August 2021

MODE OF CONDUCT: Online on Zoom meeting; live streamed on YouTube

On 13 August 2021, Chiaroscuro (Inventions in Reels) was held via Zoom Meeting at 1:00 PM. The event was live streamed on YouTube. There were 8 schools that participated in this event. The participants were asked to research on one of the given topics related to the scientific and technological developments that have touched the lives of common people in the last 7 decades. They created a short innovative movie reel in MP4 format on the story behind the scientist and how the invention has helped India to shape her economic progress down the years. The competition was judged by three eminent personalities - Dr Ratul Chowdhury, Mr Arup Kumar Das and Dr Anupam Sinha. The participants had performed brilliantly and their presentations were highly appreciated by the judges. Overall the event was very engaging, enjoyable and informative at the same time. Birla High School secured the third position, Birla Vidya Niketan, New Delhi stood second and the winner of the event was Birla Bharati

JASHN E AZAADI - ILM KI BULANDI







DATE OF THE EVENT: 13th August 2021

.MODE OF CONDUCT: Online on zoom meeting; also live streamed on Youtube An interschool quiz competition was organized by Birla Bharati as a part of the online fest Svatantryam. The quiz Jashn E Azaadi —Ilm ki bulandi was themed around "74 Years of India's Independence". Around 17 schools from all over .India participated in this competition



Each school was represented by a 2 member team and the quiz was open to all students from classes 9th to 12th. The participants were told to report at 10:30. The quiz was conducted in two stages: Prelims and finals. The quiz consisted of both oral as well as audio-visual rounds in which the logical intellect of the participants were tested. The intense prelims resulted in elimination of 12 schools after which only 5 schools qualified for the finals. The quiz winded up around 5pm

The quizmaster for the event was Mr Parnab Mukherjee who is an independent media analyst, a knowledge resource curator and a performance consultant. The questions prepared by him were not only insightful and challenging but interesting too. The professionalism displayed while conducting the quiz was phenomenal

All the schools showed exemplary performance but some were just exceptional. The winning schools were Birla High School who bagged the first position ,Mahadevi Birla World Academy came second and third was Shri Shikshayatan School

Three exceptional participants received titles of Best quizzer – Kanny Dhandania (BHS School) Most promising quizzer –Gargi Dutta(MBWA) and Best individual Answer-Aryapratim Sen – DPS,Ruby Park. Overall, the quiz was huge triumph

BUSINESS EVOLUTION: A FUSION OF VISION AND HERITAGE





DATE OF THE EVENT: 14th August 2021

MODE OF CONDUCT: -Online on Zoom meeting; was also live streamed on YouTube

On 14th August, Business Evolution, was held via Zoom meeting at 9:00am. The event was livestreamed on YouTube. The judges were Dr. Goutam Das, Mr. Sabyasachi Bhattacharya and Dr. Debashis Mazumder. The participants had to choose an Indian company which has been in existence and working since Pre- Independence days. Within a limited timeframe, they had to show the transition of its work and culture; how the company adapted itself with the changing environment and ever-changing demands of the customers. The event began with a brief introduction of the judges and the event rules. Students had to showcase their power point presentation followed by a question-and-answer session. 16 schools had participated in the event All the participants spoke eloquently within the time limit provided to them. The questions asked by the judges were tactfully answered by the participants. It was very inspiring to see the innovative ideas and the efforts of the young minds. The event was a grand success with AksharSchool emerging as the winner. Sarala Birla Public School, Ranchi stood second. The third position was shared by Shri Shikshayatan School and The BSS School



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BATTLE OF OPTIMISM: VERBAL COMBAT OF THE INDIVIDUALS







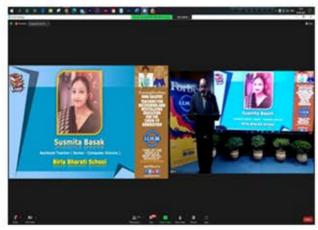


DATE OF EVENT: 14th August 2021

MODE OF CONDUCT: Online on Zoom Platform; live streamed on YouTube

Battle of Optimism aimed to provide an opportunity to the young debaters to display the talent of articulation in a confident, convincing and courteous manner. The event was held in two rounds, the Prelims and the Finals. The Prelims had a total of 17 participating schools that was narrowed down to 6 in the Finals based on the performance in the Prelims. Mr. Pradeep Gooptu was the moderator of the event. The eminent judges of the event were Miss Moyuree Mukherjee and Dr. Baijaeek Sain(for the Prelims) and Mr. Shankar Ramalingam and Dr. Sandeep Chatterjee(for the Finals). Each school had 3 participants, one speaking for the motion, one against the motion and the third a refuter. It was encouraging to see the young debaters put forward their ideas and express their opinions so confidently and eloquently. The questions that were asked to the participants were also answered quite articulately. The winners of the event were Birla High School, followed by Mahadevi Birla World Academy as the First Runner up and Shri Shikshayatan School as the Second runner up. Tamanna Ghosh of Mahadevi Birla World Academy won the Best Speaker for the Motion while Yudhajit Ghosh of Birla High School won the Best Speaker against the Motion

IIHM Teachers' Day Award







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Teachers are the heart of the educational system." Ms Sushmita Basak, the senior Computer Science teacher, having a career span of over 14 years and Ms Mithu Bhattacharya, the senior Bengali teacher, having a career span of over 25 years were chosen for the I.I.H.M Teachers' Day Award 2021. Each of these teachers have been chosen based on their positive approach, alacrity, sensible nature, composure, dedication and for imparting holistic and high standard of education to the students. Both Ms Basak and Ms Bhattacharya were felicitated with the 'Award of Excellence in Education' along with a certificate as a gesture of appreciation and recognition of their commitment and enthusiasm. The ceremony was held online on 17th of September, 2021





A teacher affects eternity, he can never tell where his influence stops.' To celebrate the unique contribution of the teachers and to honour those who through their commitment and industry have enriched the lives of their students, I.I.H.M has chosen Ms Shipra Das, the Pre Primary teacher having a career span of over 17 years, Mr Atanu Chakraborty, the Primary Computer teacher having a career span of 6 years and Ms Sukanya Tapaswi, the Primary English teacher having a career span of over 7 years for the I.I.H.M Teachers' Day Award 2021.Each of these teachers have been chosen for their positive approach, innovative ideas, adaptability, flexibility and commitment in shaping the young minds and promoting love for learning



Ms Shipra Das, Mr Atanu Chakraborty and Ms Sukanya Tapaswi were felicitated with the 'Award of Excellence in Education' along with a certificate as a gesture of appreciation and recognition of their wholehearted efforts. The ceremony was held online on 17th of September, 2021

Birla Bharati family applauds the teachers in this hour of glory