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CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT OF FESTIVALS AT BIRLA BHARATI

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At Birla Bharati, every festival is more than just a day of celebration — it is an opportunity to learn, share and grow together as one big family. Our school believes that festivals are the heartbeat of our culture, reminding us of our shared values of love, harmony and respect for diversity.

What makes our celebrations truly special is the wholehearted involvement of everyone — students, teachers, administrative staff and our ever-supportive sub-staff. Each festival becomes a collaborative effort where creativity, teamwork and joy blend seamlessly.

From decorating classrooms and corridors with handmade artwork to staging cultural performances, skits and traditional songs, our students take the lead in bringing each festival to life. Teachers guide them with enthusiasm, helping them understand the deeper meanings behind every custom and tradition. The administrative and support staff, too, play a vital role in ensuring that every event runs smoothly — from setting up the venue to spreading smiles all around.

Whether it's the lights of Diwali, the colours of Holi, the devotion of Saraswati Puja, or the spirit of Christmas — each celebration at Birla Bharati reflects unity in diversity. These moments of togetherness strengthen our school community and teach our children that joy multiplies when it is shared.

At Birla Bharati, we don't just celebrate festivals — we celebrate life, togetherness and the values that make us who we are. Let's salute the festive spirit together.

Warm regards,
 Apala Datta
 Principal

Sumana Mukherjee
 Vice Principal



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NURTURING NATURE: JOYFUL VAN MAHOTSAV CELEBRATIONS BY PRE-PRIMARY STUDENTS

Pre-primary students celebrated Van Mahotsav on 4th July 2025, with great enthusiasm and joy. The event began with watering tree saplings, symbolizing love and care for nature. A lively welcome song and skit highlighted the importance of trees. Children dressed as trees, flowers and animals, used handcrafted props made during art sessions. A colourful dance performance added energy and excitement. The celebration ended with a pledge to plant and protect trees, inspiring everyone to care for the environment and appreciate the value of nature.

CRAFTING A GREENER WORLD: WHERE CREATIVITY MEETS SUSTAINABILITY

On 12th July, Class 2 students celebrated International Paper Bag Day by decorating paper bags with sequins, beads and flowers. The activity promoted creativity and sustainability, encouraging students to reduce plastic use and adopt eco-friendly habits. Through this fun and artistic project, they learned the value of protecting the environment while showcasing their imagination. The beautifully decorated bags reflected their commitment to a greener future. Kudos to the students and teachers for inspiring eco-consciousness in such a creative and meaningful way.



ITRASHI KANJILAL

"Crafting Dreams from Discarded Things" - A beautiful village made from waste by Itrash Kanjilal of 2C — where every pencil shaving and stick tells a story of imagination, sustainability and joy.



AVIRAJ MUKHERJEE

Aviraj Mukherjee of Class 1A received a Certificate of Appreciation for participating in the Children's Art Exhibition at the Birla Academy of Art and Culture.



CREATED BY NURSERY CHILDREN

"Smiles on Sticks: A Nursery Delight!" - From giggles to googly eyes, our little artists used everyday things to craft a masterpiece of joy!



SWEET CELEBRATIONS: MANGO MADNESS

On 22nd July, the little stars of Birla Bharati from Nursery, LKG, UKG and Class 1 joyfully celebrated National Mango Day with a burst of juicy fun! The children relished the sweetness of ripe mangoes while learning about their nutritional benefits and the many varieties found across India. The celebration included a series of exciting mango-themed activities from storytelling sessions and colouring sheets to taste tests and guessing games, all designed to spark curiosity and excitement among the young learners. From fun games to creative crafts the day was packed with laughter, learning and lots of mango love. Teachers encouraged students to express their thoughts about healthy fruits and share their favourite mango treats. This delightful event not only introduced the kids to the king of fruits but also helped them appreciate the importance of balanced eating and mindful choices. It was truly a fruitful and memorable day filled with smiles, sunshine and valuable lessons for the little ones.

FROM FAIRY TALES TO SUPER TALES: A CELEBRATION OF CHILDHOOD FAVOURITES

The "Go As You Like" activity was held on 28th July 2025, for the Nursery and LKG students, celebrating their favourite superheroes, fairytale figures and cartoon characters. The tiny tots arrived dressed as Spider-Man, Elsa, Chhota Bheem, Cinderella, Batman and many more, transforming the stage into a lively world of imagination. Each child confidently walked up to the stage, introducing their chosen character with enthusiasm and charm. The event aimed to enhance self-confidence, creativity and public speaking skills in an enjoyable and interactive way. Parents and teachers were overjoyed to witness the little ones' vibrant energy, expressive performances and adorable costumes. The school campus was filled with laughter, applause and cheerful smiles. Every participant received a token of appreciation, making them feel proud of their efforts. The celebration truly encouraged self-expression, imagination and joyful learning, leaving behind beautiful memories for all.



STYLE ACROSS TIME: A FASHION TALE OF TWO GENERATIONS

On 28th July 2025, Birla Bharati hosted a lively Parent-Child Fashion Show for Nursery and LKG on the theme "Gen X vs Gen Alpha." Parents and children walked the ramp together, showcasing fashion and culture from their generations. The event was filled with energy, smiles and applause, boosting children's confidence while fostering family involvement. It created joyful memories and strengthened the bond between parents and the school community.



FOSTERING WILDLIFE AWARENESS: INSPIRING CONSERVATION THROUGH ART AND LEARNING

On 29th July 2025, the Nursery, LKG and UKG children enthusiastically celebrated International Tiger Day by colouring origami tiger faces provided by their class teachers. Through this creative activity, the young learners enjoyed discovering fascinating facts about the majestic tiger, including its habitat, unique characteristics and crucial role in the ecosystem. The fun and engaging session helped foster awareness and respect for these endangered species, encouraging the children to appreciate wildlife and the importance of conservation from an early age.



BEST OUT OF WASTE: CREATIVE CATERPILLARS

Class 1 students engaged in a creative and enjoyable activity where they transformed egg trays into colourful caterpillars using wool, fevicol and fevicyl colours. This hands-on project not only sparked their imagination but also helped develop fine motor skills as they carefully painted and decorated each segment of the caterpillar. Through this activity, the children enhanced their colour recognition and coordination while expressing their artistic talents. The vibrant caterpillars they created brightened up the classroom and gave the students a sense of accomplishment. Such creative exercises play a vital role in nurturing young learners' cognitive and motor development in a fun and interactive way.



SAY NO TO SCREEN TIME, SAY YES TO PLAY TIME!

To encourage healthy habits among toddlers, the pre-primary teachers organized an engaging skit for Nursery, LKG and UKG students on 2nd August. The interactive performance focused on raising awareness about the harmful effects of excessive mobile phone use. Key messages included the risks of eye strain, the importance of outdoor play, social interaction and the dangers of too much screen time. This fun and age-appropriate enactment helped children understand the value of balanced screen use, responsible behaviour and making healthy lifestyle choices in an enjoyable and memorable way.

SPEAK, LISTEN, GROW: LIFE SKILLS FOR YOUNG LEARNERS

From 18th to 20th August 2025, a series of engaging communication and life skill workshops were conducted for students from Nursery to Class 2 by our School Counsellor. Nursery, LKG and UKG children participated in "Talking Together: The Art of Communication," where they enjoyed songs, role plays, flashcard games and action-based learning. They practiced polite phrases like "please," "thank you," & "sorry" proudly taking the English Star Promise. Class 1 explored self-discipline, respect and standing up for oneself through an interactive counselling session. On 20th August, Class 2 attended "Speak Smart, Listen from the Heart!"—a workshop focused on kind, effective communication. They learnt the importance of listening, using magic words and expressing emotions respectfully. Across all sessions, students built confidence, empathy and essential life skills in a fun and meaningful way.



EMPOWERING EDUCATORS: WORKSHOPS ON INCLUSIVE TEACHING AND FOUNDATIONAL LEARNING



On 28th August 2025, Ms. Farishta Dastur Mukerji conducted a workshop at Birla Bharati for pre-primary teachers on Understanding Red Flags and Supporting Diverse Learners. The session focused on identifying behavioural signs like restlessness, anxiety and autism-related behaviours. Strategies such as empathy, sensory accommodations, movement breaks and visual schedules for Nursery to Upper KG were discussed to promote structure, engagement and inclusivity in the classroom. Teachers were encouraged to use creative approaches, interactive storytelling and observation techniques to support all learners effectively.

On 10th September 2025, a Capacity Building Programme for Foundational Educators was held at Ashok Hall Girls' Higher Secondary School, attended by teachers Jhumur Saha and K. Hemavati. Led by Ms. Ujjawini Sikhdar and Mr. Sanjoy Chowdhury, the session highlighted NCF 2005's facilitative teaching, learner types, Panchkosha Vikas and the Panchaadi learning process. Activities included resource management, use of pockets and puppets and a peer-assessed evaluation to reinforce learning, understanding and practical application.



LITTLE STARS SHINE FOR INDIA

The pre-primary students of Birla Bharati (Nursery to Class 2) celebrated Independence Day with great enthusiasm and patriotic spirit. The day began with creative craft activities where children made tricolour kites, India-themed headbands and beautifully decorated maps using bright and colourful materials. These hands-on tasks not only sparked imagination but also helped enhance their fine motor skills. The celebration continued with storytelling sessions about the history of Independence Day and the brave leaders who fought for the nation. Children also participated in group games and patriotic songs which filled the environment with joy and energy. The celebration concluded on a heartfelt note with the singing of the National Anthem filling the atmosphere with a sense of unity and pride. It was a joyful and meaningful occasion that allowed young learners to connect with the essence of Independence Day in a fun creative and memorable way while learning about the importance of freedom and togetherness.



GRANDPARENTS' DAY: A CELEBRATION OF LOVE AND LEGACY

On the occasion of Grandparents' Day, the little ones at Birla Bharati expressed their love and gratitude through a range of creative activities. They designed and decorated heartfelt photo frames filled with cherished memories, crafted red heart-shaped cut outs symbolizing their grandparents' love and completed thoughtful worksheets to honour their wisdom and guidance. These engaging activities not only enhanced the children's fine motor skills and creativity but also instilled important values of love, respect and appreciation for their grandparents, making the celebration truly meaningful and joyful.



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QUIZPIRATION – TINY SCHOLARS, MIGHTY MINDS

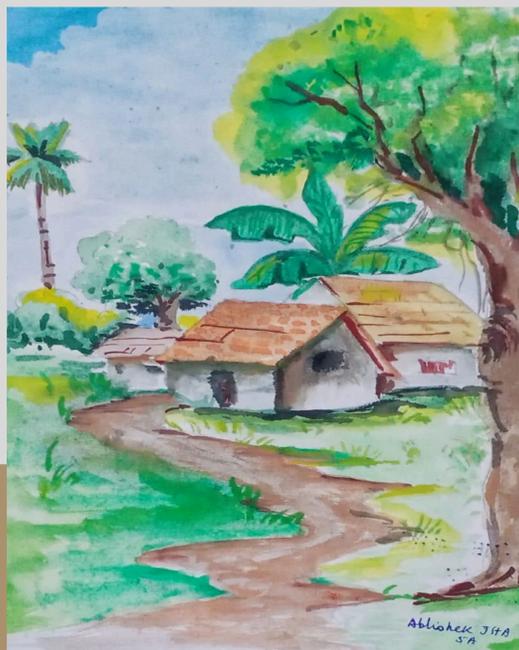
On 12th August, the Primary Section organized an exciting Inter-House Science and Social Studies Quiz Competition to promote learning, teamwork and friendly collaboration. All four houses—Emerald, Ruby, Sapphire and Topaz—participated enthusiastically, showcasing impressive knowledge and quick thinking. The quiz featured four engaging rounds—General, Clue, Rapid Fire and Audio-Visual—testing both subject understanding and coordination. After a close contest, Ruby House secured first place, followed by Sapphire and Emerald, celebrating curiosity, confidence and sportsmanship.

STUDY SMART: MEMORY, MINDFULNESS & MORE

In August 2025, Primary Section students participated in a series of engaging workshops conducted by School Counsellor Ms. Payel Chatterjee. Class 3 students participated in “Read, Write, Remember,” filled with fun games and creative activities to build focus and retention. Class 4 explored the 3 R’s of Memory through interactive strategies designed to enhance understanding and recall. Class 5 attended “Exam Ready,” where they learned stress-busting techniques and practised positive affirmations. Each session was tailored to the students’ level, helping them build confidence, develop smart study habits and enjoy the process of learning.



ADITYA KUMAR SINGH
Class III C



ABHISHEK JHA
Class VA



ANUSA TAHASIN
Class VB



EMPOWERING EDUCATORS: WORKSHOPS ON EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING AND STUDENT WELL-BEING

In August 2025, teachers from the Primary Department attended two insightful workshops focused on enhancing classroom practices and teaching effectiveness. On 22nd August, the session titled “Concepts are Caught, Not Taught” was held at Hotel Niharika, Kolkata, conducted by Mr. A.T.B. Bose and attended by Ms. Archita Aich and Ms. Ankita Ghosh. The workshop introduced strategies such as digit value, number strips, partial quotient and lattice division, emphasizing experiential learning to make mathematics enjoyable and meaningful for students. Teachers explored hands-on methods to engage learners and promote deeper understanding.

On 28th August, another session on “Identifying Red Flags” by Ms. Farishta Dastur Mukherji guided teachers to recognize early signs of behavioural or emotional concerns, distinguishing them from disciplinary issues. It promoted collaboration with counsellors, encouraged empathy, inclusivity and emotional support, helping create classrooms where every child feels safe, valued and confident. These workshops strengthened teaching practices and the department’s commitment to holistic student growth.

A HEARTFELT TRIBUTE TO FREEDOM: INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS BY THE PRIMARY SECTION

The Primary Section of Birla Bharati celebrated Independence Day with heartfelt enthusiasm, grace and patriotic fervour. The young students captivated the audience with a mesmerizing dance performance on the iconic Vande Mataram, followed by a soulful and melodious rendition of Muktiro Mondir Sopanotale. Dressed in vibrant tricolour-themed costumes and radiating national pride, the children showcased a perfect blend of creativity, coordination and cultural harmony. Their spirited performances not only reflected artistic excellence but also conveyed deep reverence for the nation’s heritage and the sacrifices of the freedom fighters. Through expressive music, rhythm and movement, the students paid tribute to India’s glorious journey of independence. The celebration beautifully inspired young minds to cherish the values of unity, peace and love for their motherland while nurturing a lifelong respect for the nation.



LEARNING THROUGH GRATITUDE: APPRECIATING COMMUNITY HELPERS

Class 3 students participated in a gratitude activity by dressing up as their favourite community helpers and giving short presentations on their roles. The experience helped them understand the important contributions of these helpers in keeping society safe and functioning smoothly. Through this hands-on activity, students developed appreciation, respect and empathy for everyday heroes. The interactive session was educational, inspiring and encouraged active learning among the young learners.



THE ART OF LEARNING: STUDENTS' CREATIVE JOURNEYS

THREADS OF TALES, HUES OF DREAMS

Inspired by the enchanting tale *The Quiltmaker*, Class 5 students transformed simple handkerchiefs into vibrant canvases of imagination and meaning. With each thoughtful brushstroke, they explored patience, focus and creative expression, turning fabric into storytelling art. As colors blended and patterns emerged, they discovered how emotions and ideas can be beautifully conveyed without words. This art-integrated activity not only deepened their understanding of the story's message but also inspired a lasting appreciation for literature, creativity and the joy of artistic discovery, leaving a meaningful impact on young minds.



SHABDO O SHILPO: LEARNING WITH CREATIVITY

To strengthen students' thinking skills, vocabulary and confidence in the topic 'Somarthok Shobdo' (Synonyms), Class 5 Bengali students participated in an engaging Art Integrated Learning activity. Using colourful chart papers, fabrics and decorative materials, they creatively merged language learning with artistic expression. The activity seamlessly combined art and academics, helping students enhance their vocabulary while exploring creativity through design, colouring and decoration. The vibrant and lively classroom atmosphere made learning joyful, enriching language knowledge and fostering aesthetic appreciation among students.



PORCUPINES, POTATOES AND THE POWER OF BOND

Class 4 students took a delightful journey into Ruskin Bond's enchanting world through his story *Potatoes and Porcupines*. They discovered the gentle magic of nature that Bond so lovingly captures in his writing. Inspired by his deep affection for the natural world, the students brought the story to life by turning ordinary potatoes into imaginative porcupines. This unique art-integrated activity combined literature, creativity and hands-on learning, encouraging self-expression and a deeper appreciation for nature. As they shaped each porcupine, the young learners not only explored their artistic side but also connected emotionally with the themes of the story. The experience left them enriched—with joyful memories, greater sensitivity toward the environment and a newfound love for storytelling and artistic expression.

A DAY OF DISCOVERY: SCIENCE CITY EDUCATIONAL TOUR

On 12th September, students of Classes 4 and 5 went on an exciting educational trip to Science City — a full day of learning, fun and exploration.

They eagerly explored interactive galleries and hands-on exhibits, discovering fascinating facts about science, technology and innovation. The vibrant fish aquarium, working models and science demonstrations especially captivated their attention, making complex concepts engaging and easy to understand. Students also participated in creative workshops, exploring experiments in Physics, Chemistry and Biology, which enhanced their curiosity and problem-solving skills. A major highlight was the thrilling Dark Ride, where students journeyed through prehistoric times, observed life-sized dinosaurs and witnessed the evolution of life on Earth. Throughout the trip, students were filled with wonder, excitement and unforgettable memories, actively discussing what they learned and sharing their observations with peers. The experience not only expanded their understanding of scientific concepts but also sparked a deeper interest in inquiry, exploration and continuous learning. Students returned with bright smiles, buzzing with stories, new knowledge and already looking forward to their next adventure filled with discovery, fun and inspiration.



**HALL OF FAME:
OUR PROUD ACHIEVERS**



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ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY 2024-25

The Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony for middle school students of Birla Bharati was held on 9th July 2025, celebrating their academic achievements of 2024-25. Principal Ma'am, in her inspiring address, emphasized on holistic education and applauded the dedication of the winners. The school choir presented "Unstoppable", inspiring resilience and confidence. Students were presented with trophies, medals, certificates and books by Principal and Vice Principal Ma'am. The event concluded with the School Song, marking a proud celebration of effort and progress.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS SESSION FOR CLASS 8

An insightful session on Mental Health in the school context was conducted by Ms. Farishta Dastur Mukerji, Psychotherapist, for Class 8 students on 10th July 2025. Through an interactive and age-appropriate dialogue, students learned about emotional awareness, stress management and the importance of seeking support. Such initiatives strengthen our commitment to building a safe, supportive and emotionally healthy school environment.



ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

The Middle School celebrated its Annual Prize Distribution, honoring students for academic, sport and co-curricular achievements. The event was filled with applause, inspiring speeches and joyful recognition of their hard work.



ASSEMBLY ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Middle School held a Special Assembly with inspiring speeches, presentations and activities celebrating freedom, values and creativity.



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TURNING CONCEPTS INTO CREATIONS BY CLASS VIII

On 22nd July 2025, Class VIII students showcased their creativity in Geography by designing detailed dam models. Under the guidance of teachers, they explored the constructional process and learned about the importance of dams in irrigation, water storage, flood control and power generation. The activity encouraged hands-on learning, teamwork and a deeper understanding of environmental and engineering concepts.

This activity made learning engaging and meaningful, reflecting the students' dedication, creativity and originality while highlighting the important link between human innovation and nature. It encouraged teamwork and practical thinking, inspiring students to critically explore concepts of sustainability, resource management and environmental responsibility, fostering a deeper understanding of how human actions impact the natural world.

CELEBRATING ART AND NATURE: SAVE OUR DOLPHINS

On 23rd July 2025, Birla Bharati hosted a National Level Painting Competition at the school level on the theme "Save Our Dolphins" for Classes 6-8, organized by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and the National Museum of Natural History under Project Dolphin. The event aimed to raise awareness about the importance of marine life and the need to protect dolphins and their habitats from pollution and climate change. A short educational video on dolphin conservation inspired students to create vibrant, imaginative and meaningful artworks reflecting their care for nature, biodiversity and the environment.

Winners:

- Vidhi Seth (7C, Ruby),
- Aaradhya Singh (8A, Emerald),
- Arisa Tasneam (6A, Topaz) & Reeshabh Mondal (8A, Sapphire).

The event celebrated young talent while promoting environmental awareness in a fun and educational way.



SHOWCASING CREATIVITY THROUGH CLAY MODELS OF STONE AGE TOOLS

Class VI students took part in a History activity on 25th July 2025, creating clay models of Stone Age tools and weapons like mallets, axes, flint knives, cleavers and spears. The models showed how early humans used tools for hunting, cutting and protection. The activity enhanced creativity while deepening their understanding of Stone Age life and innovations.



BIRLA BHARATI SHINES AT “TANJAM” GOKHALE MEMORIAL GIRLS’ SCHOOL’S ANNUAL FEST

Birla Bharati students made the school proud at the Inter School Fest hosted by Gokhale Memorial Girls’ School on 26th July 2025. The event brought together talented performers from across the city to showcase their artistic excellence. Our participants secured the 2nd runner-up position in the Junior Vocal Music Competition with a soulful rendition of a Nazrul Geeti in Raga Lalit beautifully aligned with the theme “Poncho Kobi’r Gaan.” Their performance reflected perfect coordination, musical depth and heartfelt expression that resonated with both the judges and the audience. The talented team comprising Aishika Dey Sarkar (IXA), Aditya Dasgupta (IXC), R. Siddhani (VIA), Siddharth Duraili (IXA) and Sampad Das (IXB) earned high praise for their melodious tribute to the great poets of Bengal. Their achievement added another proud moment to the school’s growing list of cultural accomplishments.



CLASS VIII BAGLESS DAY: NATURE TRAIL AT NATURE PARK

On 2nd August 2025 Class VIII students celebrated a vibrant Bagless Day through an Experiential Learning Nature Trail at Nature Park near the school under the guidance of their Science teachers. The activity offered students an opportunity to connect with nature and learn beyond the classroom. They explored the rich biodiversity of the park, observed various plants and insects, collected leaf and flower samples and admired the sight of migratory birds resting on tall trees. Back at school they created beautiful herbarium sheets, carefully classifying the leaves according to their shapes, edges and textures as part of a hands-on Biology session. The activity fostered curiosity, observation skills and environmental awareness among the students. The day concluded with Principal Ma’am’s inspiring address appreciating their keen interest, teamwork and enthusiastic participation in this unique learning experience.



CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT OF UNITY: A TRIBUTE TO THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

On 4th August Class VI presented a special assembly on the history of the Indian National Anthem. Dressed in colourful traditional attires representing different states, the students showcased India’s vibrant cultural heritage and unity in diversity. The presentation beautifully highlighted Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore, the revered composer of the anthem and explored the deep meaning and inspiration behind its creation. Narrated in both Hindi and Bengali, the assembly paid heartfelt tribute to Gurudev while emphasizing the anthem’s timeless significance in promoting national pride, harmony and integration. The performance was an engaging blend of music, narration and visual expression that reflected patriotism and respect for the nation.





BUILDING CONFIDENCE & SAFETY THROUGH SELF-DEFENCE SKILLS

On 7th August 2025, Class VIII attended a Self-Defence Skills session conducted by School Counsellor Ms. Payel Chatterjee, designed to build awareness, confidence and preparedness in unsafe situations. Students learned that self-defence involves protecting both body and mind, setting personal boundaries and seeking help when necessary. Key takeaways included recognizing potential dangers, distinguishing safe versus unsafe situations, using assertive communication, practicing simple physical defence techniques and following digital safety tips. The session emphasized the importance of vigilance, responsibility and self-confidence, empowering students to navigate daily life with caution and assurance.

GROWING UP AND MANAGING SELF

On 8th August 2025, Class VII attended an insightful workshop on “Growing Up and Managing Self” conducted by School Counsellor Ms. Payel Chatterjee. Through interactive activities, group discussions and worksheets, students explored the physical and emotional changes that occur during adolescence. They learned to manage moods effectively using the Traffic Light Technique, build a strong sense of self-identity, respect personal and others’ boundaries and say “NO” assertively in challenging situations. The session encouraged self-reflection, critical thinking and resilience, empowering adolescents to navigate growing up with confidence, care and heightened self-awareness, preparing them for social and academic challenges ahead.



MIDDLE SCHOOL INDEPENDENCE DAY ASSEMBLY: HONOURING THE SPIRIT OF FREEDOM

On 11th August 2025 Middle School celebrated Independence Day with a special assembly that highlighted the true meaning and significance of freedom. The event began with Principal Ma’am’s inspiring and heartfelt address followed by the school prayer, the national pledge and a thought-provoking student speech that beautifully expressed the spirit of independence. The choir presented a melodious rendition of “Dhono Dhannye Pushpe Bhara” which filled the hall with patriotic fervour and a graceful dance performance to “Amar Desh” further reflected the values of unity, pride and devotion to the nation. The students showcased confidence, discipline and artistic excellence through their performances which captured the essence of India’s journey to freedom. Principal Ma’am lauded the students for their sincere efforts, appreciated their teamwork and encouraged them to uphold the ideals of integrity, harmony and dedication towards their country.

A TRYST WITH DESTINY

On 18th August 2025, the Middle School held a vibrant and inspiring morning assembly carrying forward the spirit of Independence Day. It began with the school prayer and pledge, followed by excerpts from Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's historic and iconic speech "A Tryst with Destiny" presented eloquently by Atreyee Das (7A) and Samadarshi Roy (8A). Students actively reflected on the deep significance of freedom, unity, courage and civic responsibility in their lives. The assembly concluded with a soulful and heartfelt rendition of "Vande Mataram", evoking immense pride, patriotism and a renewed sense of national spirit, gratitude and commitment among all students and staff members present.



MAKING FRIENDS AND BEING A GOOD FRIEND

On 22nd August 2025, Class VI attended an extensive and insightful workshop on "Making Friends and Being a Good Friend" conducted by School Counsellor Ms. Payel Chatterjee. Through fun, engaging, lively and interactive activities like Pass the Compliment Ball, Two Truths and a Friendly Wish and collaborative team games, students explored the joy and importance of kindness, inclusivity and cooperation in friendships. They reflected on essential qualities of true friendship—trust, respect, loyalty and empathy—through discussions, role plays and group interactions. The session emphasized that good friends bring out the best in us, foster support, understanding, teamwork and a positive school environment and help build meaningful, lasting and enriching relationships. It also encouraged students to be mindful of others' feelings, practice empathy and communication skills and recognize that nurturing friendships contributes significantly to emotional growth, social development and overall well-being.



INTER HOUSE DECLAMATION COMPETITION

The Inter House Declamation Competition was held on 22nd September 2025 in the Assembly Hall with enthusiastic participation from Classes VI–VIII. Ms. Sheersha Banerjee, State Champion of Bengal Debating Star 2023 judged the event. The participants impressed everyone with their confident delivery, clear articulation, expressive gestures and powerful speeches that reflected thorough preparation and deep understanding of their topics. The judges appreciated the originality of ideas, creativity of expression, clarity of thought and the ability to engage the audience through persuasive arguments. The results were as follows: VI – Hamdaan Gaus (1st), Shadan Alam (2nd), Izaan Mahmood (3rd); VII – Atreyee Das (1st), Madhushree Das (2nd), Mariya Afreen (3rd); VIII – Kunal Shaw (1st), Ekalabya Sengupta (2nd), Sourav Kumar Singh & Aratrika Sarkar (3rd). The event concluded with applause, cheer and a sense of pride that encouraged all participants to continue honing their public speaking skills.



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TRIPLE CROWN GLORY: BIRLA BHARATI'S STELLAR WIN AT NIRMAAN

Birla Bharati shone bright at Mahadevi Birla World Academy’s inter-school fest, Nirmaan 2025, on July 2025, clinching victories in Rhapsody, Bizzine and Bizlogo. Rhapsody featured Khunje Pherar Maane, an original composition by Aishika Dey Sarkar (IXA) performed with Aditya Dasgupta (IXC), Neev Guha (IXA), Debanik Biswas (IXA), Sampad Das (IXB) and Rajarshi Guha (XIIB). In Bizzine, Asraar Ahmed (XIIA) and Palak Aggarwal (XIIC) crafted a magazine blending visuals and business insight. Bizlogo saw Ankita Ghosh (XIB) and Vivek Kumar Singh (XIIB) impress with a futuristic logo proving Birla Bharati’s talent and spirit.

UNMASKING THE MIND: TALK • SHARE • HEAL

On 10th July 2025, students of Classes 11 and 12 at Birla Bharati participated in an insightful session on Mental Health in the School Context led by Ms. Farishta Dastur Mukerji, renowned Psychotherapist. The session encouraged open conversations around stress, emotional balance and self-care during the crucial senior years. Students explored strategies to manage academic pressure, cultivate resilience and maintain emotional well-being. The initiative reflected the school’s commitment to nurturing academic success alongside emotional health, preparing young minds to face challenges with confidence, empathy and self-awareness. The key highlights of the session were Stress Management, Emotional Balance, Self-Care Practices and Breaking the Stigma. Through sessions like these, Birla Bharati continues its mission of empowering students not just with knowledge but also with the emotional skills, coping strategies and awareness to thrive in life.



BATTLE OF BOARDS : GREAT SOFTBOARD SHOWDOWN



SCIENCE
Class XI



COMMERCE
Class XI



HUMANITIES
Class XI



VOICE OF WISDOM: GURU PURNIMA AT BIRLA BHARATI

A special assembly on Guru Purnima was held on 10th July in the school auditorium expressing respect and enthusiasm. The event aimed to honour and express gratitude to teachers and mentors, reflecting the age-old Indian tradition of respecting the 'Guru' as a guide and torchbearer. The programme began with a soulful prayer and musical performance symbolizing the dispelling of darkness through knowledge. This was followed by a brief introduction on the significance of Guru Purnima, tracing its origins to the ancient Indian sage Maharishi Vyasa, considered the Adi Guru. The emcee for the programme presented a beautiful speech in English, Sanskrit and Hindi. A classical dance rendition showcased the theme of Guru Bandana. The performances highlighted the invaluable role of teachers in shaping character and imparting wisdom. Principal Ma'am addressed the gathering by citing examples of Guru Shishya relationship from the Mahabharata. The assembly concluded with an atmosphere filled with reverence and appreciation making the occasion truly meaningful and memorable.

HONOURING ACADEMIC CHAMPIONS: SENIOR SCHOOL PRIZE DAY 2025

The Senior School Prize Distribution Ceremony(2024-25) was held on 5th July, 2025. The event honoured the outstanding achievements of Board Exam Toppers along with stream and subject toppers from classes 9 and 11. The event commenced with a powerful rendition of "Unstoppable" followed by the traditional lamp lighting ceremony by the Principal, Vice Principal and Admin Officer.

SSE (Class X) Toppers:

1st Position:

Farhana Tabassum and Susmit Mondal- 97.2%

2nd Position:

Ipsita Das and Antarik Nandan- 96.4%

3rd Position:

Anshuman Nayak and Soumi Parui – 96.2%.

SSCE (Class XII) Toppers :

Commerce Stream and School Topper:

Niyati Sarawagi – 96.2%

Humanities Topper: Adrita Ghosh – 95.8%

Science Topper: Shreya Saha- 95.2%.



The top performers of SSCE were felicitated with a certificate, cash prize and a smart watch while the SSE toppers received a certificate and an electronic gadget for their accomplishments. The event concluded with the felicitation of Classes 9 and 11 toppers, who were acknowledged for their consistent efforts and academic excellence. The proud moment reflected not only their hard work but also the constant guidance and motivation provided by their teachers and parents. Each awardee was applauded for setting an inspiring example for their peers and for demonstrating that perseverance and dedication always lead to success. The ceremony stood as a proud testament to the commitment and determination of the students and their mentors, celebrating the spirit of achievement that defines Birla Bharati's pursuit of excellence in education and holistic growth.

STRINGS OF TRUST: RAKHI, RESPECT & COMMUNAL HARMONY

On 8th August Senior School hosted a special assembly dedicated to Raksha Bandhan—a festival that transcends familial ties to celebrate protection, respect, love, unity and solidarity. The assembly began with a meaningful introduction, highlighting how a sister's Rakhi symbolizes a prayer for her brother's well being and how that brother, in turn, vows for safety of his sister. Nobel laureate Tagore transformed Raksha Bandhan into a symbol of communal harmony by urging Hindus and Muslims to tie Rakhi to one another in protest against the partition of Bengal in the year 1905. The movement unified communities and became a powerful statement of secular solidarity. A well-designed PPT kept the audience attentive and made the assembly more relatable. Students tied Rakhi among themselves—and even to the Principal Ma'am. It was a wonderful way to cultivate unity, respect and inclusivity during the Raksha Bandhan assembly symbolizing gratitude and trust. A musical performance symbolizing the song "Banglar Mati Banglar Jol..." emerged as a powerful anthem during the Bangabanga Rodh movement. Principal Ma'am addressed the gathering with her enriching words on the importance of the beautiful festival that reflects the rich cultural fabric of our country and the historical importance of the occasion.



GASTRONOMIC GLORY: TRIUMPH AT CHRYSALIS 2025

Shristi Jain of Class 12 E bagged the 1st prize in CHRYSALIS 2025, a fest organised by DPS Ruby Park, on 19th of July in the event 'Flurry of Flavours'. The event focused on non-fire cooking, where Shristi showcased two unique dishes namely 'Bread Chom Chom' and a 'Cucumber Boat'. The first dish was a dessert where every bite offered a sweet escape, delighting the taste buds with its flavor, texture and presentation. The second dish was a refreshing detox salad served in a cucumber boat, filled with pomegranates mixed with curd, honey and corns, providing both nutrition and visual appeal. Judges were impressed by the taste, presentation and nutritive value of both dishes, praising Shristi's creativity and skill. Alongside Birla Bharati, seven renowned schools from Kolkata participated in the fest, including Birla High School, Ruby Park Public School, Delhi Public School Ruby Park which was the host school and Heritage School among others, making the competition challenging and prestigious. In addition, the Birla Bharati girls' team won the 2nd prize in the Tug of War event, showcasing teamwork, strategy and determination, reflecting the school's commitment to nurturing talent, confidence and holistic development.



EXPLORING NEW VISTAS: BIRLA BHARATI IN MIND CRAFT QUIZ



On 31st July 2025, six students from Birla Bharati, accompanied by two teachers, participated in the Mind Craft Quiz conducted at the esteemed Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I). This event was a fabulous experience for our students, offering them a unique learning opportunity which enriched them beyond the school curriculum. It prompted them to expand their horizons by looking at the world around them and stepping outside their familiar zone, primarily, the academic arena. Around 25 reputed schools across Kolkata participated in this prestigious event like Shri Shikshayatan School, South Point High School, Dolna Day School, GD Goenka Public School and many more. The event tested the students' overall awareness and understanding across a range of myriad topics. The students took away a gamut of knowledge with their minds expanded and hearts full.





FROM RECOMPENSE TO ROPE RIVALS: BIRLA BHARATI'S MPBLITZ SUCCESS

We are thrilled to announce the remarkable achievements of Birla Bharati at MPBLITZ, the annual fest of M.P. Birla Higher Secondary School held on 1st and 2nd August 2025.

Some of the participating schools included M.P. Birla Higher Secondary School, Lakshmipat Singhania Academy, Bhawanipur Gujrati Education Society, Ruby Park Public School, Garden High School, Shaw Public School, Shri Shikshayatan School, South Point High School, Sushila Birla Girls' School and several others.

Students of Birla Bharati secured the 1st position in 'Recompense' (Crisis Management) and 'Rope Rivals' (Tug of War); 2nd prizes in 'Cacophonix' (Western Band), 'Camerana' (Photography) and 'Express Express' (Hindi Creative Writing); and 3rd prizes in 'Flipcoat' (Turncoat Debate), 'Ramp Edge' (Fashion Show) and 'Valorant' (Computer Gaming).

The remarkable display of talent by Birla Bharati at the event reflected the tireless efforts of our teachers and students and showcased their brilliance across multiple domains.

TRIUMPH & TRICOLOUR: CELEBRATING INDIA'S 79TH INDEPENDENCE DAY

Birla Bharati celebrated the 79th Independence Day of India with great enthusiasm and fervour. The school premises were adorned with tricolour flags and banners. The festivities started with the solemn flag hoisting ceremony at 9 am by the honourable Principal, Ms Apala Datta. The programme in the auditorium began with Principal Ma'am's insightful words on Digital transformation and the importance of becoming 'Atmanirbhar'. The cultural programme commenced with a soulful rendition of 'Vande Mataram'. A patriotic drama 'Azaadi Aaj, Azaadi Kal' showcasing the heroic sacrifices of Indian freedom fighters and the massacre of Jallianwala Bagh highlighted the Importance of unity and courage. It was followed by a mesmerizing fusion dance performance on numerous regional patriotic songs. The young performers delivered powerful dialogues and left everyone inspired, reminding us that true freedom comes with responsibility. This was followed by an alluring fusion dance on the songs of 'Vande Mataram', 'Ekbar bidai de Maa', 'Durgomogiri', 'Jodi tor Dak sune keo na ase' - arousing patriotic feeling in all. The entire programme was extremely riveting which left the audience enthralled.



TRAILBLAZERS IN AWARENESS: BIRLA BHARATI STUDENTS IN STATE-LEVEL RED RIBBON QUIZ

Two students from Birla Bharati, Pubali Ghosh and Manya Jha of Class XI, took part in the Red Ribbon Quiz, conducted jointly by NACO (National AIDS Control Organisation) and WBSAP & CS (West Bengal State AIDS Prevention & Control Society) under the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal. In this highly competitive quiz, open to students of Classes VIII, IX and XI across all schools (government, government aided and private) in West Bengal, they achieved the Second Position at the District Level for in the entire state. Furthermore, among all participants from Kolkata district, they secured First Position. Along the way, they competed against students from some of Kolkata's most renowned institutions, including Shri Shikshyatan, Lakshmipat Singhania Academy, Bhavan's Gangabux School and others, demonstrating exemplary knowledge, skill and confidence while exhibiting remarkable expertise, analytical ability, teamwork and proficiency in this state-level competition. Their outstanding achievement highlights Birla Bharati's commitment to fostering academic excellence, social awareness and holistic development and empowering students to become responsible, informed and capable individuals who can contribute meaningfully to society.

INTERACT CLUB ACTIVITY

MAHAMAYA 2.0: BLESSINGS & BENEVOLENCE: SPREADING LIGHT IN HONOUR OF MAA DURGA ON MAHALAYA

The initiative : It took place on the day before Mahalaya, which marks the start of Debipokkho and the beginning of the Durga Puja festival. Mahamaya is an annual event which we started in 2023. Mahalaya is traditionally the day when Goddess Durga begins her journey to Earth, signalling a time of celebration, positivity and the triumph of good over evil.

The participants: A team of 17 core student members from the Interact Club of Birla Bharati, accompanied by two teachers, travelled to the Sunderbans to conduct their charitable work.

The location: The team visited Bali Island, Gosaba, which is part of the Sunderbans, a large mangrove forest area located in the Ganges Delta. The journey included sailing through the serene rivers of the region.

The activity: Upon arrival, the volunteers were greeted with a cultural performance by local children. They distributed 120 school bags to BPL children of daily wage labourer, farmers etc who study in the primary school situated there, 100 new sarees to women and essential medicines to families.

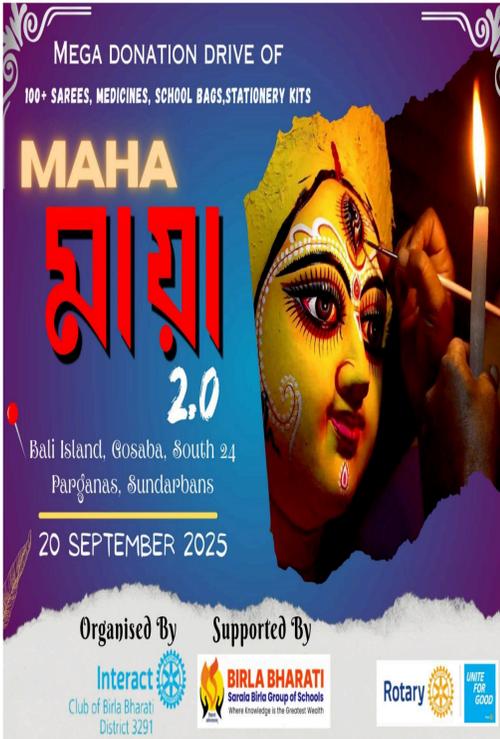
The funding: The funds for the initiative were jointly raised by students from the school's faculty and administrative staff.

The inspiration: The distribution of 100 new sarees to the women (referred to as "Maa"-s or mothers) of the Sunderbans was done in honor of Maa Durga, acknowledging and paying respect to the power and divinity of women.

The impact: The event was described as a celebration of compassion, teamwork and humanity, leaving a lasting impression on the volunteers.

This yearly initiative of the Interact Club of Birla Bharati " Mahamaya" in the Bali Island of Sunderbans, received extensive coverage from The Telegraph on 4th October 2025.

This is the 3rd year of this noble project Mahamaya, which takes place just before Mahalaya every year.



Idols being immersed at Judges Ghat on Friday afternoon. Picture by Bishwarup Datta

amta, Nimtala, and Uwadaha but expressed concerns about smaller sites such as Sovabazar Ghat. Metro reporters also spotted floating idol frames at Kumartuli, Champatla, and Madanmohantala ghats, highlighting gaps in post-immersion cleanup. At Baje Kadamtala — where the largest idols and activist Subhas Datta, who surveyed several ghats on Friday afternoon. Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) officials said that four hydra cranes were stationed at Baje Kadamtala, one at Nimtala, and another kept on standby. These heavy-duty cranes lifted idols within minutes about 2,200 idols were immersed in Calcutta, with over 1,800 in the Hooghly ghats alone. "Most idols immersed on Thursday belonged to household (barir puja) and small community celebrations," said a KMC official.

STUDENTS ON SUNDARBANS TRIP FOSTER BONDS

City kids gift school bags, bring back lessons

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festive season. Last year, students had taken saris for the women in the community. "They were moved by the condition of the children and wanted to do something for them this time," said Apala Datta, principal of Birla Bharati. The children at the local school, up to Class IV, run by the NGO Sunderban Foundation, come from families of migrant labourers, fishermen, or farmers. The children are also given computer training. "We teach them Word, Paint, PowerPoint, everything a child their age in a city students makes a difference. "When they meet children from the city, it sparks aspirations in them," he said. Their school in the Sunderbans often bears the brunt of storms and cyclones. "There's a calamity almost every year. Last year, we finally received funds for a concrete building," Mandal said. For the visiting students, the trips have been an eye-opener. "They saw the school last year when it was made of wood. They realised that some children study in such unstable conditions," said principal Datta. But the experience left more than just an impression. They came back with a sense of gratitude and a desire to do more. Some students have now expressed interest in taking online English classes for the children they met, the principal said. "We don't want our students to just send things. We want them to spend time, understand, and realise that life is very different, and difficult, for many others," she said. The students returned not just with memories, but with a mission.

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