

EXTRA - CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Chief Guest
Neeraj Chopra



February was an exciting month in the Birla High School calendar as it provided the six houses of the school to engage in fair competition. Online Virtual Sports Meet was aired on Facebook on 19th February, 2022. Despite the Sports being virtual, the vigour and enthusiasm was visible amidst the students as well as the teachers. The welcome address was delivered by the undersigned and Maj. General V N Chaturvedi (Retd), Secretary General, Vidya Mandir Society hoisted the flag and declared the Sports Meet 2021-22 open. The Chief Guest for the event was Athlete, Javelin Thrower, Tokyo 2020 Olympic Gold medalist Mr. Neeraj Chopra. He addressed the students online, expressed his words of encouragement, and motivated the students.



Birla High School has been certified as a 'Fit India School' by CBSE. The use of the logo has been approved. The teachers and students will undertake a series of workshops to further pursue this.



ACHIEVEMENTS & ACCOLADES



It was a proud moment for the school as Education Today ranked Birla High School as No. 1 in Kolkata and West Bengal and ranked No.4 in India in the India's Top 5 Boys Day Schools (2021-22) category. Ms. Mukta Nain, Director and Mrs. Farida Singh, Headmistress received the award at the ceremony held in Bangalore on 11th March'22.



Times NIE Felicitation

Times NIE Reunite felicitated our Principal, Ms. Loveleen Saigal on 16th March'22 at the Hyatt Regency.

ACADEMIC MATTERS

■ Due to a sudden rise in covid cases the school shifted classes to the online mode in the month of January once again.



■ Virtual Visits

Virtual tours were organized for the children of Birla High School with the help of Google Earth where they were taken to Rann of Kutch in Gujarat and Kanha National Park in Madhya Pradesh in order to create varied experiences for the children.

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■ The first leg of the Annual Sports Meet 2021-2022 was held online on Saturday, 29th January. Dr. Rahul Jain graced the occasion as our Chief Guest.

■ Students of Birla High School took part in the MBWA 'Seussotopia' fest, an Annual Literary Festival which celebrates nuances of the languages and nurtures the unique creativity of each student. Birla High School bagged the overall 2nd position.

■ E Incarnation - B.D. Memorial hosted a Festival on E-waste where students took part in all the 5 categories starting from making craft project out of E-waste to a Fashion Show. It was an awareness festival where children participated with a lot of enthusiasm.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES



■ Makar Sankranti

A special assembly was held on 14th January by the Senior Section.



■ Republic Day

A virtual Flag hoisting ceremony was conducted along with a special assembly on the 73rd Republic Day by classes IX and X. The programme was aired on Facebook.

■ Parakram Diwas

The students from the Senior wing celebrated the 125th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose through an online assembly on the heroic life of Netaji.



ACHIEVEMENTS

■ Avsar 2022

The boys of Birla High School participated in Avsar 2022 , Senior School Fest organised by Akshar School for the students of VI – VIII , IX and XI. They have bagged prizes in many events.

Saksham Sarogi of class 9 has secured the 1st position in Art Installation (Class 9 and 11 category). In the same event Md. Ahbar Khan of class 7 secured the 2nd position in the class 6-8 category. In English Creative Writing, Aarav Kumar of class 8 secured the 2nd place, Devansh Surana of class XI has bagged the 2nd position in Western Solo Music. The Story Telling team has secured the 3rd position.

Quiz:

● DPS Ruby Park had organised ‘QUIZZINIUS’ and the boys of the senior team secured the 1st position. The participating students were Ram Daftari and Kannv Dhandhanian from Class X, Rohitaswa Das from Class XI and Yudhajit Ghosh from Class XII. Ram Daftari was also adjudged the best quizzer.

● The senior section quiz team comprising Ram Daftari and Kannv Dhandhanian from Class X, Rohitaswa Das from Class XI and Yudhajit Ghosh from Class XII participated in the **India Heritage Quiz** and secured the 1st Position.



MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

Stress and Time Management – The students of class X attended a workshop on Stress and Time Management organized by Pratham, the session was conducted by Mr. Sourabh Nanda, an internationally acclaimed counsellor.

ACADEMIC MATTERS

- Coding activities such as debugging, algorithm, decomposing, decoding and sorting were integrated with teacher-made worksheets where children solved them during classes thus enhancing their logical, analytical and reasoning skills.

- Artificial Intelligence apps like Nearpod, Quizizz, 3D Bear, Arloopa, Autodraw, Worldwall continued to be used effectively across classes in the primary Section.



COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS

Saraswati Puja

Vasant Panchami is a festival celebrated to invoke the blessings of Goddess Saraswati. It marks the beginning of preparations for the spring season. On 6th February the puja was organized in school and it was also telecast live on Facebook for the students and teachers.



SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

- The students from Class XI presented a short assembly on the auspicious occasion of Saraswati Puja on 5th February, 2022 and the junior section on 3rd February, 2022.
- A special assembly was held on Monday, 21st February to celebrate Bhasha Dibosh by the students of classes II, IV and IX as the **International Mother Language Day**, as declared by the United Nations in 2000.

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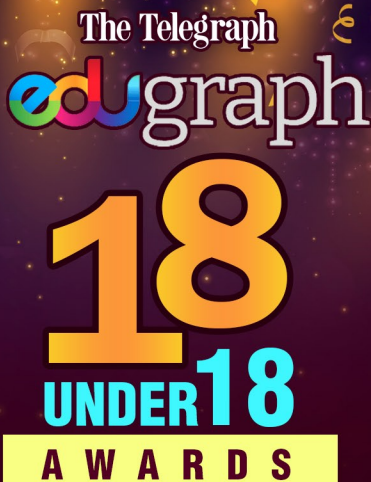


- Jatin Poddar, an ex-student of Birla High School got the all India 3rd Rank in the IPCC (Integrated Professional Competence Course) exam of the Chartered Accountancy degree held in December 2021.
- **NSHM Centre for Language & Communication** organised an online essay and elocution contest on 5th February and 12th February respectively. In the elocution contest, Ram Daftari – Class X of Birla High School secured the 3rd position.
- **Quiz-** The ongoing **Friends FM quiz** for the month of February was won by Adi Majumdar (Class VI) and Aarav Kumar (Class VIII)

ACADEMIC MATTERS

- Term I CBSE Board results were declared for classes X and XII. Raafey Aziz and Devesh Konnur of class XA secured 99.5%. Angad Riat, XII SC A was the overall first securing 98.93%.
- A Virtual Orientation for parents of the Nursery students for the session 2022-23 was held on Saturday 19th March.

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- The '18 Under 18 Awards' was an initiative by Telegraph EduGraph to recognize the 18 brightest students from across Eastern India. It was held at G. D. Birla Sabhagar on 22nd March '22. Ram Daftari (Class X) from Birla High School got the award for quizzing and debating.

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A Trip To Barrackpore

A field trip was organised by the BHS Alumni and the VidyaMandir Society on 5th March'22 to Barrackpore Army Cantonment to instill within the students the feeling of patriotism and have a real life experience of this historical site. The trip included a visit to the Museum, Police Academy, MotiJheel Lake, Tomb of Lady Canning, Mangal Pandey Memorial and the Bindi Tiwari temple.

- **Awareness Programme on East Kolkata WetLands**—A programme was organised by BITM and BHS on 14th March 22. This was an effort to initiate the conservation of an endangered biodiversity. Two teachers, Ms. Debanjali Gupta and Ms. Ruma Chatterjee were present in the program along with five other students from class VIII.
- An orientation programme was organised on 7th March'22 by **The Calcutta Heritage Collection Team**. A project was initiated on Heritage Spots of Kolkata, inception and architectural specialities. Students visited the places near and on Park Street. They conducted a survey and prepared a write up, which will be published in the organisation's Booklet.
- **Fun with Science** - Experiments, hands on activity, exploring new strategies, igniting curiosity and instilling within the young minds the love for Science were the objective of the fun filled show organised in the AVR on 15th, 21st and 22nd March'22 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day for classes VI-VIII. Mr Binay Biswas (Asst. Teacher, Physics Department) conducted the show.

Quiz

- The 1st semi-finals of the ongoing Friends FM School Quiz was held on 6th March'22. The participants Adi Majumdar (Class VIB) and Aarav Kumar (Class VIIIA) have won against St. Xavier's Collegiate School and beat La Martiniere for Boys in the 2nd Semi-Finals held on 27th March'22 and have moved into the finals.
- Ram Daftari (Class X B) and Kannv Dhandhanian (Class X D) participated in the Ultimate Sports Quiz organised by Harsha Bhogle in the Filmalay Studios, Mumbai. Though the team could not qualify for the finals, yet it was a great experience and exposure for our boys as it was an all India Quiz.



- **Holi Special Assembly** - Students of Birla High School came together to put up a Special Assembly on Holi to spread happiness and joy on this festival of colours.

HAPPY RETIREMENTS

The following retirements took place on 31st March, 2022 :



Mr. Joseph Arokiaswamy
Asst. Teacher – English



Ms. Renuka Arora
Afternoon Activities In-charge

MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

Staff / Faculty or Team Building Day – 28th March'22 at Princeton Club was a day set aside for team building. It was an all-new experience to have a combined gathering of the primary and the senior section. The objective of the various fun filled events was to break the ice and inculcate a feeling of togetherness among the members of the staff.





Education East Summit 2022 – was held on 25th and 26th March '22. It was initiated by the CII in collaboration with its co-initiators namely the Vidya Mandir Society, Shri Shikshayatan Foundation, MCKV, Akash Institute and many more focussing on the ever-changing face of education and measures to enhance the adaptation of the education ecosystem to the pertinent changes for the best possible benefit of the learners.

- Farewell for the Batch of 2022** – Birla High School bid adieu to the batch of class 12 of 2022 on Saturday, March 26. After two long years, circumstances allowed us to arrange a farewell programme for the students. The farewell programme took place in the school ground. The students of class 11 had organised a fun-filled and an engaging programme, making the evening a memorable one for their seniors.

