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Our values guide our decisions, shape our culture, and define the way we teach, learn, and lead.
THRIVE isn't just an acronym — it's a mindset we nurture in every individual across our learning ecosystem.

Team Centric | Harmonious | Resilient | innovative | Versatile | Empathetic

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Subject Enrichment Activities

28.7.26 – 6.8.26



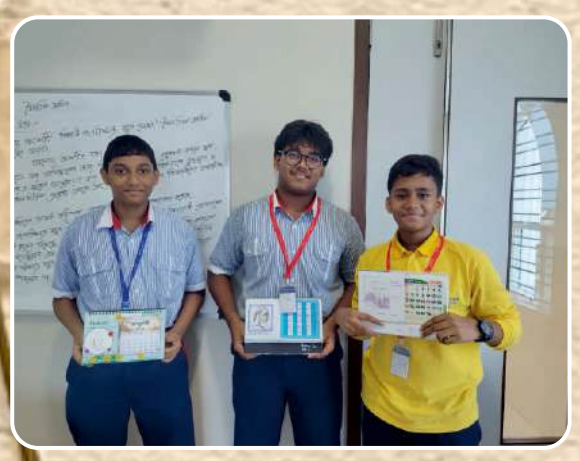


Enrichment activities for Classes V–IX transformed learning into an engaging journey of discovery. Blending subject knowledge with hands-on experiences, these activities nurtured creativity, critical thinking and collaboration enabling students to explore concepts beyond textbooks and turn learning into meaningful experiences.



















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Independence Week Celebration

10.8.26 – 15.8.26





The young learners of Balvatika and Classes I–IV celebrated Independence Week with immense enthusiasm, patriotic fervour, and joy. Through flag-making, patriotic songs, dances, Show and Tell presentations, group recitations, skits and the inspiring Veer Gatha dance drama, students explored India's freedom struggle, national heroes, rich heritage and unity in diversity. The week-long celebrations beautifully blended learning and creativity nurturing patriotism, confidence, cultural appreciation and a deep sense of respect for the nation's history and values.















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Fine Arts Educational Visit to Emami Art Gallery

12.08.2026

On 12 August 2026, Fine Arts students visited Emami Art Gallery at Kolkata Centre for Creativity (KCC), exploring three contemporary art exhibitions—Elemental Encounters, Nitya-Notun and ShohorNama. The visit offered valuable exposure to diverse artistic expressions, followed by an insightful tour of the Conservation Lab where students learnt about the techniques and processes involved in preserving and restoring artworks.











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Choreo Canvas

A Journey Through Time

Blending nostalgia with contemporary flair, our students of Classes XI and XII enthralled the audience at National High School's Signature Event 2026, Choreo Canvas. Bringing the theme "Retro to Modern – A Journey Through Time" to life, their energetic choreography and captivating stage presence made the performance a vibrant celebration of music, movement and changing eras.











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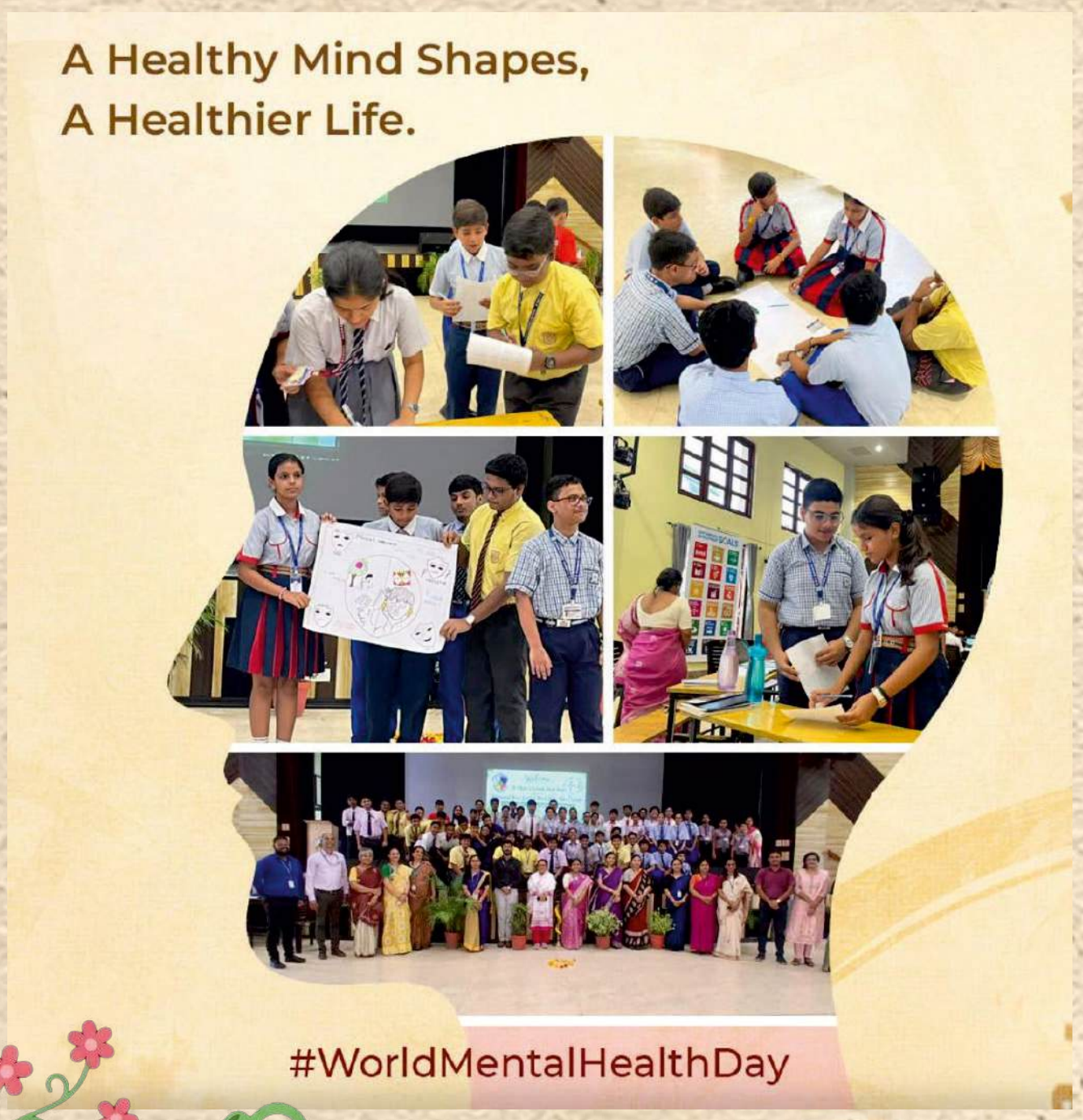
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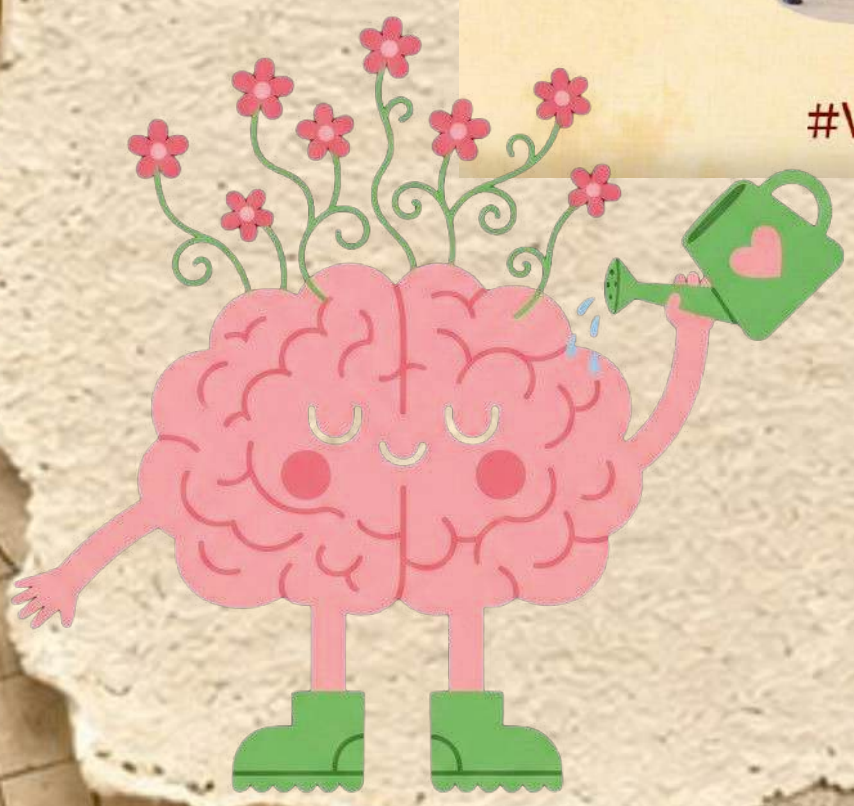
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Bhu Utshob Nurturing Emotional Well-being

Promoting the importance of emotional well-being, our students actively participated in Bhu Utshob, a mental health awareness programme. Akshat Ganeriwal and Navya Saraf of Class VIII B represented the school and received a Special Mention for their participation. Through engaging interactions, the programme highlighted stress management, emotional expression, empathy and positive relationships, reinforcing the importance of mental well-being in the holistic development of young minds.





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Independence Day Celebration

VI-XI - 15.8.26



The school campus resonated with patriotism as Classes VI–XI celebrated Independence Day on 15 August. The ceremony commenced with flag hoisting by the Principal and esteemed members of the Management followed by an impressive Inter-House March Past with Teresa House securing first position. Patriotic songs, a graceful dance celebrating the spirit of freedom, a meaningful Viksit Bharat skit and the newsletter release added warmth and significance to the celebration.













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FOOTBALL COMPETITION : SPORT-A-THLON 2026

21.8.26



SPORT-A-THLON - The Inter-School fest was on 21st August at DPS Howrah School campus.

Our Boys' Football Team marked a significant milestone with its first participation in an Inter-School Tournament. Nine students from Classes VIII–XI competed among 15 schools in a 6-a-side knockout format. The tournament provided valuable exposure, strengthening teamwork, communication, camaraderie and sportsmanship, while inspiring the players to return with greater confidence and a renewed determination to achieve the championship.







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SWIMMING COMPETITION : SPORT-A-THLON 2026

21.8.26

On 21 August 2026, DPS Howrah organised its SPORT-A-THLON. A Class VI girl student from our school participated in the 50m Freestyle and 100m Freestyle Swimming events. She completed both races with great confidence and determination, recording good timings in both events. Her performance reflected her hard work, discipline and enthusiasm for swimming.







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INTER HOUSE HINDI ELOCUTION COMPETITION

21.8.26

On 27 August 2026, the young learners of Balvatika celebrated Raksha Bandhan with joy, exploring the cherished values of love, care and togetherness. Through storytelling, festive songs and creative rakhi-making, Nursery, LKG and UKG children expressed their affection and celebrated the spirit of siblinghood. The activities beautifully blended creativity, cultural awareness, sharing and social interaction, nurturing respect and togetherness among the little learners.











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The Telegraph Young Metro Force 2026–27

21.8.26



Marking the 10th edition of The Telegraph Young Metro Force, our students Drashti Kalwani (Class VIII A) and Shatakshi Daga (Class VIII B) were selected to represent the school at the programme held on 21 August 2026 at Birla High School. Their appointment as Young Metro Ambassadors marks a proud achievement offering them a platform to voice young perspectives and nurture leadership beyond the classroom.





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Friends FM School Ambassador Programme



Recognising young talent and encouraging emerging leadership, the Friends FM School Ambassador Programme provided a wonderful platform for our students to shine. Jia Das (Class IX A) and Neha Shaw (Class XI Humanities) proudly represented our school demonstrating confidence, communication and leadership. Their selection as Friends FM School Ambassadors is a moment of pride and a testament to their enthusiasm and potential.







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RAKSHA BANDHAN CELEBRATION

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Sobar Pujo, Durga Pujo
A Celebration of Giving



Embracing the true spirit of Durga Puja, our students participated in YES BANK's *Sobar Pujo, Durga Pujo* initiative by donating new clothes for children in NGO-run orphanages. With the active involvement of students and teachers, the initiative became a heartfelt expression of compassion, sharing and social responsibility reminding everyone that the greatest joy lies in spreading happiness.





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রাখি বন্ধন উৎসব

রাখি বন্ধনের দিন হরষিত মন,
ভাইবোনের মধুর অটুট বন্ধন।
ভগিনী ভ্রাতার হস্তে রাখি বেঁধে দেয়
ভগিনী চরণ ছুঁয়ে আশীর্বাদ নেয়।

ঘরে ঘরে আজি হয় রাখী উৎসব,
সবাকার মুখে তাই হাসি কলরব।
মহা ধুমধাম হয় আজিকার দিনে,
ভগিনী ভ্রাতার তরে রাখী আনে কিনে
রঙিন সুতোয় বাঁধা রাখী,
ভালোবাসার মধুর আঁখি।



ভাইয়ের হাতে রাখী পরে,
খুশির হাওয়া ওঠে ঘরে।

বোনের মনে স্নেহের টান,
ভাইয়ের মুখে মিষ্টি গান।

সুখে-দুঃখে পাশাপাশি,
থাকব মোরা ভালোবাসি।

রাখী শুধু সুতো নয়,
সম্পর্কেরই মধুর পরিচয়।

ভেদাভেদ সব দূরে সরাই,
স্নেহের বন্ধন শক্ত করি তাই।

হিংসা-দ্বেষ ভুলে গিয়ে,
চলব মোরা একতা নিয়ে।

রাখীর এই পবিত্র দিনে,
শান্তি ছড়াক সবার মনে।



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स्वाधीनता
एक आत्ममंथन

रक्त से सींची उस भोर को नमन,
जिसने परतंत्रता की रात्रि चीरकर
स्वाधीनता का सूर्य हमारे आकाश में उतारा था।
वीरों ने अपने प्राणों की आहुति देकर
हमें स्वतंत्र गगन में साँस लेने का अधिकार दिया था।
पर आज भी अंतर्मन पूछता है—
क्या हमने उस स्वतंत्रता को सच में जिया है ?
यदि विचारों पर रूढ़ियों की बेड़ियाँ हों,
यदि सत्य के अधरों पर भय का ताला हो,
यदि स्वार्थ मानवता से बड़ा हो जाए—
तो फिर कैसी स्वतंत्रता, कैसी मुक्ति ?
जब भ्रष्टाचार व्यवस्था की शिराओं में बहता हो,
जब द्वेष मनुष्य को मनुष्य से दूर करता हो,
जब कर्तव्य पीछे छूट जाए और अधिकार आगे खड़े हों—
तो क्या तिरंगे की ऊँचाई ही राष्ट्र की स्वतंत्रता की ऊँचाई है ?
स्वतंत्रता तो उस चेतना का नाम है,
जहाँ विचार निर्भीक हों और कर्म निष्कलंक,
जहाँ हर हृदय में मानवता का दीप जले,
जहाँ सम्मान मनुष्य होने का अधिकार बने,
और सेवा केवल दायित्व नहीं - संस्कार बने।
आओ, केवल स्वतंत्रता-दिवस न मनाएँ,
उस स्वतंत्रता को अपने आचरण में उतारें,
आओ, उस स्वतंत्रता को अपने आचरण में उतारें—
और स्वतंत्रता का अर्थ केवल न बोलें,
बल्कि स्वतंत्रता का अर्थ यथार्त में जिएँ |





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JANMASHTAMI CELEBRATION

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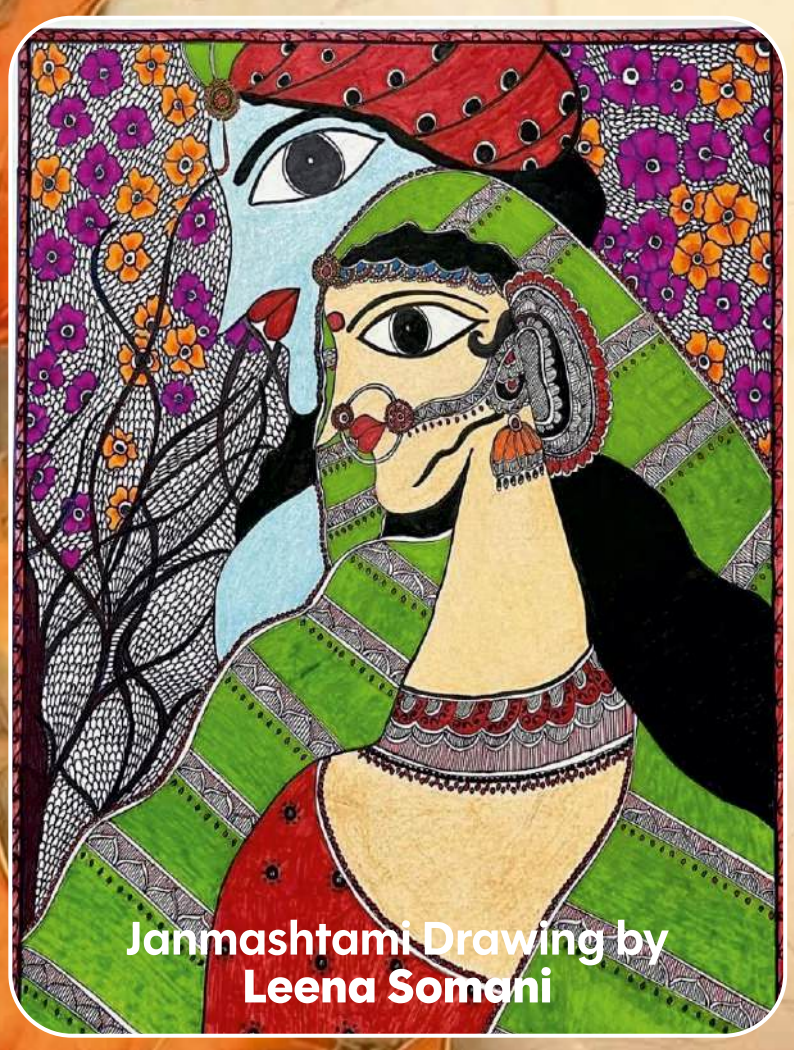




On 2 September 2026, Balvatika celebrated Janmashtami with devotion and festive cheer. Classrooms came alive with Krishna-themed decorations while children created crowns, matkis and colourful artwork. Through stories, devotional songs, dances and traditional attire the young learners explored the festival's significance, nurturing creativity, cultural awareness, confidence and joyful self-expression.









Janmashtami Drawing by
Leena Somani



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Admission Tree Conversations 2026

Exploring Future Pathways

2.9.26

Broadening horizons and opening doors to new possibilities, students of Class XI attended the AdmissionTree Conversations 2026 Masterclass at ITC Sonar on 2 September 2026. Through insightful sessions and interactions with industry experts, students gained valuable perspectives on emerging trends, career opportunities and professional skills, making the experience both informative and enriching as they explored future pathways.

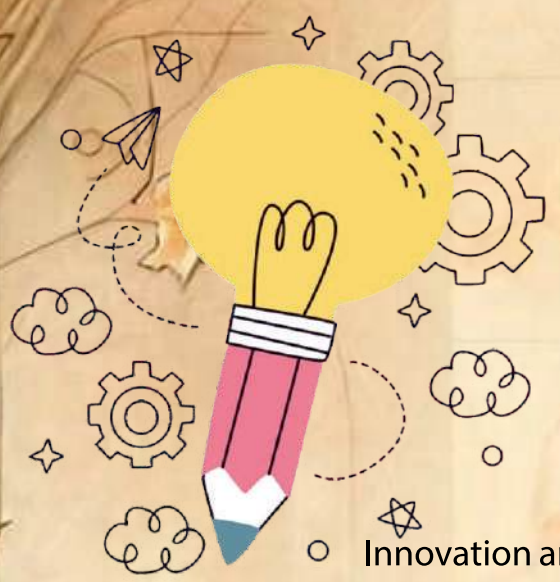






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FutureScape 2047 Innovating for a Greener Tomorrow

2.9.26

Innovation and environmental responsibility took centre stage as five students from Classes VIII and IX participated in FutureScape 2047, a Science Fest organised by AdmissionTree on 2 September 2026. Presenting their concept, "Intelligent Decarbonization: Smarter Roads, Cleaner Cities," our students showcased a forward-looking approach to tackling pollution. Their project earned a place among the Top 20 Outstanding Projects, bringing home a Certificate of Excellence and a moment of pride for the school.









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September 2026

TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION



3.9.26

Teachers' Day was celebrated with warmth and gratitude, acknowledging the dedication and invaluable role of teachers in shaping young minds. Students presented soulful songs, graceful classical dances and a heartfelt performance expressing their appreciation for their teachers' constant guidance and support. The celebration included a warm welcome, cake cutting and thoughtful gifts from the Management, followed by the Principal's heartfelt wishes and words of appreciation.









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GANESH CHATURTHI CELEBRATION

11.9.26

With little hands, joyful hearts and the spirit of devotion, Balvatika celebrated Ganesh Chaturthi with warmth and enthusiasm. Young learners discovered the festival's significance through stories, songs and creative activities. From colouring Ganesha sketches and crafting clay idols to creating peepal-leaf artwork the celebration beautifully nurtured creativity, cultural awareness and artistic expression.











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September 2026

CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

TRAINING ON Competency-Based Assessment

12.9.26 – 13.9.26



A two-day CBSE Capacity Building Programme on Competency-Based Assessment was held on 12–13 September 2026 at our school. Teachers from our school across PRT, TGT and PGT levels, along with educators from G D Goenka Public School, Dakshineshwar and Apeejay School, Salt Lake, participated enthusiastically. The sessions, led by Mrs. Sharmistha Chandra Paul, Principal, India International School, and Mrs. Puja Choudhury, PGT, Mahadevi Birla World Academy, explored assessment, MCQs, free-response questions, question-making and rubrics enriching teachers' understanding of competency-based assessment.













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CBSE DRAWING COMPEPITION

29.9.26



The CBSE–Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) Poster Making Competition 2026 was held on 30 September 2026 on the theme "**सत्यनिष्ठा से समृद्धि – Probity for Prosperity**." Fine Arts students of Class XI, along with selected students from Classes VIII and IX, participated enthusiastically. Through creative posters, students highlighted honesty, integrity, ethical values, and responsible citizenship, promoting the importance of integrity in building a prosperous society.











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ঘুড়ি

ইচ্ছে ঘুড়ি ইচ্ছে ঘুড়ি কোথায় তুমি উড়বে;
সাদা মেঘের ভেলায় চড়ে কোন সুদূরে ঘুরবে?

তুমি কি ওই পাখির মতো আকাশ পানে ছুটবে;
চাঁদের মতো জোছনা দিয়ে হৃদয়টাকে লুটবে?

তুমি কি ওই নাওয়ের মতো নদীর জলে ভাসবে;
ভোরের রাঙা সূর্য হয়ে মিটমিটিয়ে হাসবে?

ইচ্ছে ঘুড়ি ইচ্ছে ঘুড়ি হৃদয় তীরে ভিড়বে;
দেশ বিদেশে ভ্রমন শেষে আপন নীড়ে ফিরবে



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শরতের সাদা চিঠি

স্বাতী নন্দী

বর্ষাকে বিদায় দিয়ে,
শরৎ চলে আসে।
নীল আকাশে পেঁজা তুলোর,
মেঘগুলো থাকে ভেসে।

শিউলি ফুলের গন্ধ যেন,
চারদিকে ভেসে বেড়ায়।
দক্ষিণা ওই মিষ্টি হাওয়া,
হৃদয় ছুঁয়ে যায়।

ধানের ক্ষেতে সবুজ পাতার,
রঙ হয় আরও উজ্জ্বল।
নদীর ধারে কাশের দোলায়,
প্রকৃতি করে ঝলমল।

আগমনীর সুরটি জাগায়,
সবার মনে সুখ।
খুশি আর আনন্দে ভরে,
উঠবে সবার মুখ।

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14 सितंबर

हिंदी दिवस

हिंदी : अपनी मिट्टी की आवाज़

जब मन के आकाश पर भावों के बादल घिरते हैं,
तो शब्द नहीं - संवेदनाएँ हिंदी में बरसती हैं।
दुख की गहराइयों में जब स्वर काँप जाता है,
सबसे पहले अधरों पर माँ का नाम आता है।
शायद इसलिए मातृभाषा भी माँ ही होती है।
जो मौन को स्वर और भावों को पहचान देती है,
जो हृदय से निकलकर हृदय तक पहुँचती है ।
यह भाषा केवल अक्षरों का अनुक्रम नहीं,
पीढ़ियों की स्मृति और संस्कृति की धरोहर है,
यह नदी है - जो समय के साथ बहती है,
पर अपनी मिट्टी की सुगंध नहीं खोती।
आओ, विश्व की हर भाषा सीखें,
ज्ञान के प्रत्येक क्षितिज को स्पर्श करें;
पर अपनी जड़ों को विस्मृत करके
ऊँचाइयों का अभिमान न करें।
हिंदी को केवल बोलें नहीं, उसे अपने
विचारों, व्यवहार और स्वाभिमान में जिएँ,
क्योंकि अपनी भाषा का सम्मान
अपने अस्तित्व का सम्मान है।





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ACHIEVERS 2026



Miss SANANDA DAS of Class 4 B of GD Goenka Public School, Kolkata partcipated in 3rd SIKF KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP 2026. Organised by SHOTOKAN INTERNATIONAL KARATE FEDERATION. She secured a Gold medal in the Competitions.



Master - Advait Dev of 5 A of GD Goenka Public School, Kolkata partcipated in WIZ Spell Bee. He secured 9th rank in the National Mega Final of WIZ International Spell Bee 2025-2026.



Master Viaan Agarwal of UKG-D of GD Goenka Public School, Kolkata partcipated in 10th International Karate Championship Indian Challengers Cup 2026. Organised by SEISHINKAI SHITO-RYU KARATE-DO FEDERATION. *He secured a Bronze medal* in the Competitions U- 6yrs category.



Miss Aadya Mohta of 4A of GD Goenka Public School, Kolkata partcipated in 10th International Karate Championship, Indian Challengers Cup 2026. Organised by SEISHINKAI SHITO-RYU KARATE-DO FEDERATION. She secured a Gold & a Bronze medal in the Competitions U- 35kg category.



Miss Saptaparna Sarkar of 11Sc. Of GD Goenka Public School, Kolkata partcipated in JIS School of Management Studies CANVAS 2026- CHITRANKAN 3.0 . She has been awarded in the Top 10 of the entire Art Competition*



Students of GD Goenka Public School, Kolkata* partcipated in JIS School of Management Studies CANVAS 2026 - CHITRANKAN 3.0, Art Competition

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Miss Sananda Das of 4 B of GD Goenka Public School Kolkata, has won the Art Competition and got published in the TeleKids Artist Work newspaper.



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Swimming

1. Ayishi Mistry- 6B

Football

1. Saaksh Gupta (GK)- 11Com. 2. Anish Soren- 8A 3. Naman Kumar Sharma- 11 Com. 4. Jai Vardhan Ramgarhia- 11Com. 5. Ayush Kumar- 8A 6. Aaradhyo Chaudhury -8A 7. Trishaan Das (Captain) - 8C 8. Manav Sultania- 11 Sc. 9. Aryav Arora- 9A



Master Tisyo Maiti of class 6C of G.D. Goenka Public School,Kolkata participated in CBSE Shooting Competition Eastern Zone securing 7th Rank in the competition.



DANCE COMPETITION - CHOREO CANVAS

Theme : Retro to Modern

Organised by the National High School on 26th Aug, held at G.D. Birla Sabhagar



Celebrating the art of expression and the power of storytelling, **Bhavya Jhunjhunwala of Class IV A** secured Third Position at the Inter-School Storytelling Competition organised by National High School at G.D. Birla Sabhaghar. Her confident narration and engaging presentation earned her well-deserved recognition, bringing laurels to the school and making the occasion a proud moment.