

These are a few highlights of the events that have taken place in the second quarter of this academic session:

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

Sushila Birla Girls' School has consistently demonstrated excellence through various prestigious awards and achievements. On 6th July 2024, at the National Library, the high achievers of the school were honoured by 'Prabhat Khabar' with the Pratibha Samman while Principal Mrs K. Dey received the Guru Samman. Mrs Dey was also awarded the Swami Vivekananda National Principals' Award on 27th July 2024, acknowledging her innovative leadership.



The school shone at the Telegraph School Awards on 10th August 2024, earning certificates for Excellence in Academics, Social Service and Extra-Curricular Activities. Several students were recognised for all-round excellence and outstanding talent in sports. On 7th September 2024, two teachers, Mrs Joyeta Saha and Mrs Sanchaita Bhui, received recognition at the IIHM Teachers' Day Awards. Finally, Sushila Birla Girls' School secured the top spot among CBSE schools in Central Kolkata in 'The Times School Rankings' on 10th September 2024, further solidifying its reputation for academic and holistic achievement.



FELICITATION OF THE HIGH ACHIEVERS OF AISSCE

On 15th August 2024, the Felicitation Ceremony for the high achievers of AISSCE 2023-24 was held at the Vidya Mandir Auditorium. The programme was graced by dignitaries, teachers, parents and students. Five meritorious students from Sushila Birla Girls' School were awarded by Vidya Mandir Society with a medal and a certificate each for their exemplary performance. Vedisha Goyal and Vasundhara Bagri, the school toppers from the Commerce stream, Pari Tibrewal, the school topper from the Science stream, Sheetoshna Pattnaik, the school topper from the Humanities stream and Saanvi Jain for Overall Excellence were the awardees for the day. The Alumni Association of the school also presented the students with a gift voucher each in recognition of their brilliant results.



L.N. BIRLA DEBATE

On 10th July 2024, the 25th L. N. Birla Memorial Invitational Debate was conducted by Birla High School, Moira Street at the Vidya Mandir Auditorium. Eight schools participated in this reputed debate. The session was chaired by eminent physician and debater Dr Kunal Sarkar who kept the audience enthralled with snippets of wisdom. The participants of Sushila Birla Girls' School surpassed everybody by acquiring two impressive positions. Aishee Majumder bagged the Runner-up Speaker Trophy. The team comprising Aishee Majumder and Laksshha Khanna, with Pritha Bhojnagarwala as a Q Panelist, won everybody's heart by securing the position of the Best Team.



CONVERGENCE

Convergence 2024, the biennial fest of SBGS, was a significant event in the school's annual calendar. It offered the students a break from routine and provided them with the opportunity to showcase their talent. The event comprised a series of cultural, sporting and academic activities designed to foster creativity, camaraderie and healthy competition among students. The off-stage events took place on Saturday, 13th July and the on-stage events took place at the Vidya Mandir Auditorium on 16th July. The programme was hosted by renowned anchor Shayne David Hyrapiet. Mr Nicholas Facino, Director, Alliance Francaise du Bengale graced the occasion with his presence. 15 schools participated in the fest comprising a plethora of events including titles like 'How to Get Away with Murder', 'Slam Dunk', 'Pitch and Pleats', 'Grip and Rip', 'Swar o Sanglap', 'Work it Out', 'Architech', 'Sherlocked' and 'Tag Art'. The students of Sushila Birla Girls' School participated in the events but did not compete for any prizes. The trophy for the overall winner was bagged by Modern High School for Girls.



JAPANESE EXCHANGE

The first phase of the in-person cultural exchange between Ogawa High School, Japan and Sushila Birla Girls' School and Birla High School, Kolkata took place from 27th July to 3rd August 2024. This exchange between Japan and Kolkata created a dynamic and enriching dialogue between two distinct yet complementary cultures through various avenues such as art, literature, cuisine and education. It was marked by numerous discussions on the differences as well as similarities between the culture and pedagogy of the two countries, visit to various places of historical interest, participation in both academic and co-curricular activities and finally a memorable hi-tea at the official residence of the Consul General of Japan in Kolkata.



UNIVERSITY FAIR

Sushila Birla Girls' School hosted a University Fair for students of Classes XI and XII on 9th July 2024, aiming to provide them with a platform to explore many career options. 118 universities participated in the event, with 45 prestigious institutions from India. Some of the universities that took part included Flame University, Ahmedabad University, St. Xavier's University, Essex Business School and the New York Film Academy. Schools in attendance included BHS Mukundapur, Abhinav Bharati, Ashok Hall Girls' Higher Secondary School and BHS Moira Street. Overall, the fair hosted 800 students, including those from the host school. Informative brochures and pamphlets about various courses and colleges were distributed, aiding students in gathering essential information and giving them a clearer perspective of their future academic path.



ANNUAL BLOOD DONATION CAMP

The Annual Blood Donation Camp was conducted by Sneh, the social service unit of Sushila Birla Girls' School, in collaboration with Project Life Force on 27th September 2024. Dr Amrit Pipara and Dr Priyanka Pipara, Chief Guests of the programme, jointly inaugurated the same and inspired the students with their motivational speeches. The donors included parents, teachers and staff and the donated blood was collected by Lion's Club Blood Bank.



SCIENCE FIESTA

On 24th and 25th September 2024, Sushila Birla Girls' School organised a 'Science Fiesta' in the school premises. Students from Classes II-XI participated in the event. The objective of the event was to prove how Physics, Chemistry and Biology provide us with solutions to improve our daily lives. The inauguration of the fiesta on 24th September was followed by a sharing session on India Junior Science Olympiad, West Bengal Olympiad and innovations in the field of Chemistry by academician Dr A. K. Mitra, Government General Degree College, Singur. It was followed by the launch of computer games along with a demonstration and briefing by the students of Classes IX and X. The various offstage and onstage activities by Classes II - XI included origami, fun activities based on making of 3D models and clay models, toy pedagogy and gamified activities like Connect Four and Escape Room, presentation of research papers by Class XI and performance of Science Drama on artificial intelligence, designer babies, nano-nightmares and accidental discoveries.



TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

Vidya Mandir Society organised a grand Teachers' Day Celebration on 7th September 2024 at The Park Hotel to felicitate teachers from Sushila Birla Girls' School, JD Birla Institute, Birla High School, Moira Street and Mukundapur branches. It was a momentous occasion dedicated to honouring educators who have played a pivotal role in the growth and development of students.

The felicitation ceremony commenced with warm and heartfelt opening remarks by Major General V.N. Chaturvedi, Secretary General, Vidya Mandir Society. It was followed by a speech by the Chief Guest, Professor Rudrangshu Mukherjee, renowned historian and Chancellor, Ashoka University.

The following teachers from SBGS were felicitated on that day:

Best Overall Performance: Mrs Diana Banerjee

Outstanding Performance: Mrs Sumana Sanyal

Most Innovative Teacher: Mrs Shradha Seth

Contribution to Co-curricular Activities: Mrs Sonal Prasad

Best Class Teachers: Mrs Sameera Pasricha and Mrs Bibhabari Chatterjee.

Perfect Attendance:

Mrs Jyoti Agarwala

Mrs Sanchaita Bhuin

Ms Preeti Bhatia

Ms Sudha Sharma

Mrs Nabonita Sen



HAPPY CLASSROOM

On 17th August 2024, Sushila Birla Girls' School hosted a Capacity Building Programme, 'Happy Classroom', an initiative by CBSE. The primary objective of the workshop was to equip educators with practical techniques and tools to promote a journey of joyful learning in the classroom. The facilitators from CBSE, Ms Sakshi Khetrapal and Ms Bandana Bharti shared their knowledge and experience with teachers from numerous schools, creating a productive exchange of ideas which left a lasting impression on all attendees. The session was more than just a learning experience because the attendees regarded it as a celebration of the joy and passion that drives the educational community.

