

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

MEMORIAL DAY - MONTAGE

The Sushila Birla Memorial Day, celebrated on 4th October 2024, at the Vidya Mandir Auditorium, was a magnificent tribute to Bengal's rich cultural and historical heritage. The event, titled Montage, featured a breathtaking performance that showcased Bengal's contributions to art, literature, the freedom movement and social reforms. With 250 students participating, the performance beautifully combined choral recitations, music and dance to narrate Bengal's vibrant legacy. Leading up to the event, workshops on traditional Bengal art forms such as *alpona*, terracotta pottery, *shola pith* and *shara* painting were held. Students also engaged in outdoor photography at Kumortuli and Chhau dance sessions, deepening their connection to Bengal's artistic traditions. Their works were displayed in an immersive art installation in the auditorium foyer. The evening was a sensory feast, with stunning folk performances like Jhumur, Baul, Raibeshe, Jatra and Chhau, leaving the audience spellbound. Montage truly captured Bengal's legacy in all its glory.



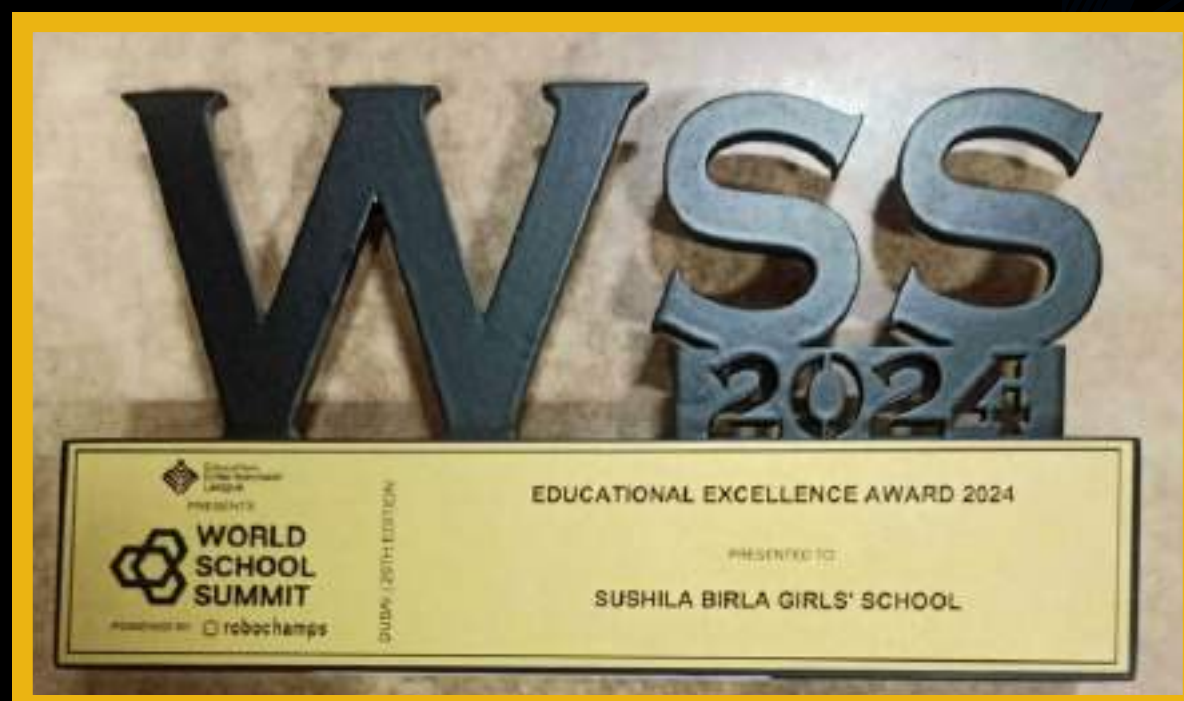
EDUCATION WORLD INDIA SCHOOL RANKINGS

On 18th October 2024, Sushila Birla Girls' School was honoured with the EducationWorld India School Rankings 2024-25 award in the Girls' Day Schools category at a prestigious ceremony held at The Leela Ambience Gurgaon Hotel & Residences. The school proudly secured the 3rd position in West Bengal and the same in Kolkata, a remarkable achievement that reflects its unwavering commitment to educational excellence. Headmistress Ms Vidisha Panja represented the school and graciously received the awards on behalf of the institution. These rankings highlight the school's dedication to fostering holistic development and academic brilliance, as acknowledged in the EWISR 2024-25.



WORLD SCHOOL SUMMIT

On 19th October 2024, Sushila Birla Girls' School was honoured with the Educational Excellence Award 2024 at the 20th edition of the World School Summit in Dubai. The school received this prestigious recognition for its outstanding commitment to fostering a holistic learning environment, promoting global citizenship and implementing innovative teaching practices that cater to the needs of a dynamic world. Ms Koeli Dey, Principal, represented the school and proudly accepted the award, marking another milestone in the school's journey towards excellence. This accolade highlights the school's continuous efforts to shape well-rounded, future-ready individuals.



EXCHANGE - PILANI AND SHANTINIKETAN

From 2nd November to 10th November 2024, a group of 20 Class VI students and 2 teachers from Sushila Birla Girls' School participated in an enriching week-long exchange programme at Birla Balika Vidyapeeth, Pilani. The theme, 'Toy Pedagogy and Vocational Education', encouraged students to explore innovative learning methods and develop practical skills. The programme included thought-provoking academic sessions, hands-on workshops like pottery and morning yoga sessions that fostered both creativity and well-being. A major highlight was the opportunity to participate in the International Art Meet where students interacted with peers from various cultures, strengthening cross-cultural connections. Additionally, the group visited Mandawa, immersing themselves in the town's rich cultural heritage and stunning architecture which deepened their appreciation of Rajasthan's history and artistic traditions.

On 20th November 2024, Sushila Birla Girls' School welcomed a delegation of 13 students and 3 teachers from Patha Bhavana, Santiniketan, for a memorable two-day exchange. The students explored the legacy of Rabindranath Tagore through discussions, a visit to heritage sites in Kolkata and interviews with filmmaker Sandip Ray. They also participated in a theatre workshop and studied Abanindranath Tagore's painting style, further enriching their cultural and educational experience.



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST: A MAGICAL CELEBRATION OF TALENT

Sushila Birla Girls' School hosted a delightful concert featuring a marvellous rendition of *Beauty and the Beast* by the students of Lower Kindergarten. The little actors brought their unique energy and enthusiasm to the stage, creating a magical retelling of this beloved tale.

The audience was captivated by Belle's kindness and the Beast's transformation into a charming prince, beautifully portrayed by the little stars. Their confidence and creativity lit up the stage, leaving everyone spellbound.



EDUCATIONAL TRIPS TO SHANTINIKETAN, DELHI, DHAUJ AND NEPAL

The recent educational trips for students from Classes V to XII were a blend of learning, cultural exploration and fun. Class V students embarked on a memorable journey to Shantiniketan, visiting Amkhoi Fossil Park, Visva Bharati University and a tribal village. They engaged in an art workshop with local artisans, bonded with Santhal children through games and songs and participated in a 'No Plastic Drive' promoting eco-friendly practices. They also explored Sonajhuri Market, practising financial literacy and teamwork.

Classes VI to VIII travelled to Delhi and Wild Camp Dhauj near the Aravalli Hills. In Delhi, they visited iconic landmarks like Jantar Mantar, Qutub Minar and India Gate. At Wild Camp, they enjoyed adventurous activities, including trekking, zip-lining, pottery and non-flame cooking.

A group of 29 students from Classes XI and XII visited Kathmandu and Pokhara in Nepal. They explored the Shambhunath and Pashupatinath temples, enjoyed a cable car ride over the Annapurna range and toured Bhaktapur and Nagerkot. The trips fostered cultural appreciation, personal growth and unity, leaving students with lasting memories and valuable experiences.



FIELD TRIPS- RABINDRA SAROVAR AND VICTORIA MEMORIAL

On 5th December 2024, the students of the Science and Nature Club of Sushila Birla Girls' School took part in an enriching bird-watching activity at Rabindra Sarovar Lake, a biodiversity hotspot known for its serene environment and diverse avian population. The activity aimed to instil curiosity about ornithology, encourage ecological awareness and enhance observational skills among students.

On 4th December 2024, the students of Class IV embarked on an enriching field trip to the iconic Victoria Memorial, a historic marvel that stands as a testament to India's colonial past and artistic brilliance. The outing began with a guided tour of the museum housed within the Victoria Memorial. Not only was it a visual treat but also a treasure trove of learning, helping the students to seamlessly integrate lessons in History and Science. The students came back with a sense of achievement and pride soaking in the knowledge this majestic monument had to offer.



SMAYAN

Sneh, the social service unit of Sushila Birla Girls' School organised Smayan 2024, a fest for children with special needs, on 30th November and 3rd December with the tagline, 'Every hand held, every heart included'. The 13 schools that participated in the fest were Manovikas Kendra, Akshar, Mentaid, Julien Day, New Mission School, I Can Flyy, Indus Valley World School, Asha Eastern Command, Oral School for Deaf Children, Autism Society, Behala Bodhayan, Noble Mission and the host school. The programme was inaugurated by Mr Subhro Joardar, the Captain of Divyang Cricket Control Board of India (DCCBI) also known as the world's first blade cricketer who inspired the audience with his motivating anecdotes.

The offstage events like rangoli, t-shirt painting, wristband making, flower arrangement, computer quiz and paper bag making were conducted in the school premises on 30th November while the onstage events like Bengali elocution, Step Up (dance) and Dress to Impress (fashion show) were organised at the Vidya Mandir auditorium on 3rd December which also marks World Disability Day. Oral School for Deaf Children won the overall trophy. All participants were given participation certificates along with refreshments and goody bags.



ALUMNAE MEET

On 14th November 2024, former students of Sushila Birla Girls' School reunited under the aegis of the Sushila Birla Girls' School Alumnae Association to remember, reminisce and relive old memories of their school days. The event featured a musical performance, fun games and a quiz based on school trivia. Everyone enjoyed a spread of sumptuous 'chaats', adding a flavourful touch to the evening and offering a perfect blend of nostalgia, camaraderie and celebrations. Ex-students were handed over respective House badges, sponsored by the school and a diary given by the Alumnae Association as a takeaway. It was an evening that strengthened the timeless bond between the school and its cherished alumnae.



EDUCATORS' ROUND TABLE WORKSHOP

Sushila Birla Girls' School, in association with UNODC, organised the Educators' Round Table Workshop on 9th November 2024. The workshop aimed at promoting a culture of peace, health integrity and the rule of law in young minds. The meet also laid emphasis on integrating SDG 16 in classrooms which was a part of the RiseUp4Peace initiative. Over 70 educators from 18 schools participated in the workshop. The programme commenced with the viewing of an exhibition of work related to SDG 16 by the students of SBGS. Presentations were made by Mr Samarth Pathak, Communication Officer (South Asia) at UNODC and Dr Satya Bhushan, Assistant Professor (International Relations Division) at NCERT.



ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

On 20th December 2024, Sushila Birla Girls' School organised its Annual Sports Day at the Gitanjali Stadium. The meet was declared open by the Chief Guest, Brigadier P. Sunil Kumar, SM**, at present posted at the HQ Eastern Command Fort William. Brigadier P. Sunil Kumar has had an illustrious career, having been awarded twice with the Sena Medal for Gallantry. The occasion was also graced by other dignitaries, guests, ex-teachers, parents and students. The day began with the march past of the four houses, resplendent in their house colours. A plethora of races witnessed the competitive and sportsman spirit of the participants. The junior school students participated in novelty races, cheered on by their excited parents. The much awaited ex-students' race, parents' race and staff's race had everyone on their feet. The day drew to an end with the declaration of the results and with the Chalukya House winning the dual trophies for March Past and Sports.



LITERARY FEST

On 25th November 2024, Sushila Birla Girls' School organised a Multilingual Literary Fest, inaugurated by Principal Mrs K. Dey and Headmistress Mrs V. Panja. The event included an exhibition showcasing student-created models, illustrations and book covers in English, Hindi, Bengali, German and French. This was followed by a panel discussion by renowned authors on the topic 'Journey of the Creative Impulse: The Change in Reading Habits in the Age of Proliferation of Digital Content'. Students also enacted scenes from renowned literary works bringing the classics to life with engaging performances. The fest was a resounding success, inspiring love for literature and celebrating creativity and cultural diversity.

