

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

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

The second quarter of the academic year was a period of pride for Sushila Birla Girls' School, with several awards recognising its excellence and innovation. The school was ranked No. 1 in Central Kolkata and No. 5 in West Bengal at the Times School Awards 2025 and was also recognised as the No. 1 CBSE school in Central Kolkata at the Times School Rankings East 2025. At the Telegraph School Awards for Excellence 2025, the school received certificates of honour for academics, social service and extracurricular activities while students earned individual awards for all-round excellence and sports achievements in roller skating, basketball and athletics.

Adding to these achievements, at the Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan National Awards, the school won the Award for Excellence in Holistic Education and Principal Mrs Dey was honoured with the Principal's Award for visionary leadership. Students of Class XI also shone at the Young Entrepreneur of the Year Challenge hosted by Invictus International School, Amritsar, with teams emerging as Gold and Silver Finalists and two teams winning the Best Power Pitch Award. These accolades stand as a testament to the school's commitment to academic excellence, holistic growth and leadership development.



FELICITATION CEREMONY FOR HIGH ACHIEVERS OF SSCE 2024–25

On 15th August 2025, Sushila Birla Girls' School hosted a grand Felicitation Ceremony for the High Achievers of SSCE 2024–25 at Vidya Mandir. The event served as a heartfelt celebration of the hard work, perseverance and outstanding academic accomplishments of the students who brought glory to the school through their exceptional results.

The ceremony began with a warm welcome and a note of appreciation for the students' relentless efforts and determination. Proud parents, teachers and staff members joined in the celebration, applauding the achievers for their consistent pursuit of excellence and commitment to learning. Certificates and tokens of recognition were presented to the students, acknowledging their success and inspiring others to follow in their footsteps. The school extended its best wishes to all the achievers, hoping they carry forward the same passion, dedication and excellence in all their future endeavours.



SCIENCE FIESTA

On 31st July 2025, Sushila Birla Girls' School hosted a Science Fiesta, celebrating the creativity and scientific curiosity of students from all three sections — Primary, Middle and Senior. The entire school participated enthusiastically, showcasing a wide array of science experiments and models designed by the students themselves. Middle School students presented AI-based innovations, including motion-sensored models and interactive online games, demonstrating their technical skills and inventive thinking. The event also featured an informative session by Dr Ruchi Pipara and Dr Vineeta Kaul, which enriched the experience and inspired participants to explore science and technology further. The fiesta highlighted the school's commitment to fostering curiosity, innovation and hands-on learning in all students.



UNIVERSITY FAIR AND CAREER AWARENESS WEEK

On 3rd July 2025, Sushila Birla Girls' School hosted the Fourth Edition of its University Fair, welcoming representatives from 104 universities across 15 countries. Students had the opportunity to interact directly with university representatives, explore diverse programmes, understand admission processes and take important steps towards making well-informed decisions for their undergraduate studies. The event provided a comprehensive platform for students to envision their future academic paths.

Following this, from 14th July to 22nd July 2025, the school organised a Career Awareness Week for Classes XI and XII. Students were guided on the scope, requirements, preparation strategies and formats for various competitive examinations such as CLAT, JEE and entrance examinations for specialised colleges like NIFT. They were also informed about the different degrees offered, how these can be applied in real-world careers and how to plan their future academic and professional journeys strategically. The initiative aimed to equip students with knowledge and clarity to make informed career choices.



JAPANESE EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

From 19th to 27th July 2025, thirteen students from Ogawa High School, Japan visited Sushila Birla Girls' School as part of the Indo-Japanese Exchange Programme involving Ogawa High School, Birla High School and Sushila Birla Girls' School. They received a warm welcome with a 'Brikkho Ropon Utsab' (Sapling Plantation Drive) and a traditional dance performance. During their stay, they participated in workshops on Mathematics, Art, Singing and Coding alongside attending the Science Fiesta. The visitors were also taken on a city tour to explore landmarks such as St. Paul's Cathedral and Victoria Memorial Hall. On 22nd July, Consul General ISHIKAWA Yoshihisa attended the signing ceremony of a Memorandum of Agreement on educational collaboration between the three institutions and delivered a speech. The programme fostered cultural exchange, mutual learning and enduring friendships, creating a memorable and enriching experience for all participants.



DAAN UTSAV

On 14th July 2025, 10 students and 3 teachers from Sushila Birla Girls' School visited the remote village of Silingda in Purulia, West Bengal, distributing groceries and food items to 80 families. They also went to Vidyasagar Shishu Shiksha Niketan, Jadugora, where they spread awareness on menstrual hygiene and good touch-bad touch. Fun art and craft activities were conducted with the children and prizes like mugs, stationery, hoodies and bags were given. Donations of blankets, bedsheets, groceries, sanitary napkins and stationery were made for the 250 resident children. The next day, they visited another remote village, Jiling Sereng, distributing groceries to 85 families. They also toured a hospital run by the Rotary Club of Purulia, gaining insights into its operations. The experience fostered teamwork, discipline and curiosity, while encouraging students to appreciate their privileges and contribute meaningfully to society.



MERAKI 2025

The much-anticipated Meraki 2025, an Inter-School Primary Fest was held on 1st August 2025 at Sushila Birla Girls' School, transforming the campus into a vibrant celebration of creativity, talent and friendship. This year, the fest embraced the exciting theme 'Adventure Island', setting the stage for a day filled with imagination, exploration and spirited performances. Ten leading schools came together to participate in a spirited mix of on-stage and off-stage events. From graceful dance performances and melodious musical recitals to imaginative storytelling and the ever-popular 'Go-as-You-Like', the day was a spectacular showcase of young talent and boundless enthusiasm—all reflecting the adventurous spirit of the theme. The event was honoured by the presence of Mrs Rita Tondon, owner of Miranda House, as the Chief Guest. The judges, who ensured a fair and enriching experience for all participants, were enthralled by the energy and talent on display. Shri Shikshayatan was announced the runner-up, while the host school, in a proud and gracious gesture, handed over the championship trophy to the runner-up team, amid thunderous applause and cheers. Meraki 2025 not only celebrated youthful talent but also brought alive the thrill and magic of an adventurous journey—making it a truly unforgettable experience for everyone involved.



GRANDPARENTS' DAY 2025

Sushila Birla Girls' School celebrated Grandparents' Day on 2nd August 2025, in collaboration with the SBGS Alumnae Association. The event, for grandparents of students from Playgroup to Class V, included a talk show with stories and reflections and a sound healing session. This year's event was held at the Vidya Mandir Auditorium from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. The alumni came together to organise a memorable Grandparents' Day, celebrating the invaluable role of grandparents in everyone's lives. The event featured an engaging talk show filled with stories and reflections, followed by a soothing sound healing session that created a sense of peace and togetherness. It was a beautiful morning of warmth, gratitude and cherished memories for everyone.



MAITREYEE 2025

On 7th August 2025, the students of Class IV hosted 'Maitreyi' —a unique Raksha Bandhan celebration blending Friendship Day with empathy and inclusion. Children from Parijayee Pakhi (supporting underprivileged children) and Sanchar India, (working for children with special needs) and three of the school's cherished alumnae, joined the event, sharing smiles, stories and creativity. Activities like Rakhi and poster making, cultural performances and a short film on friendship fostered collaboration and connection. A shared tiffin session encouraged free conversations, breaking barriers and building bonds. The day reflected the school's core values, reminding everyone that friendships transcend boundaries and differences, creating lasting memories of warmth, respect and togetherness.



TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION 2025

Vidya Mandir Society organised a grand Teachers' Day Celebration on 6th September 2025 at The Park Hotel to felicitate teachers from Sushila Birla Girls' School, Birla High School, Birla High School, Mukundapur and JD Birla Institute. 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 Major General V.N. Chaturvedi, Secretary General, Vidya Mandir Society, thanking the teachers for their dedication to the students and the school. It was followed by a speech by the Chief Guest, Professor Bibek Banerjee, Head of School of Management, Ashoka University and advisor to J.D. Birla Institute. Mr Banerjee spoke about the inclusion of AI in education, the enduring human element in teaching and the changing role of teachers. He ended his address with the important role played by teachers in shaping the future of students.

The following teachers from SBGS were felicitated on that day:

Best Overall Performance: Mrs Prashansa Gurung

Outstanding Performance: Ms Garima Rajora

Most Innovative: Mrs Sukalpa Guha Majumdar

Contribution to Co-Curricular Activities: Mrs Subhra Kundu

Best Class Teachers: Mrs Sayantani Samanta and Mrs Dipti Chowdhary



Perfect Attendance:

Mrs Ranjana Ghosh
Mrs Aparna Chandra
Mrs Arpita Bhowmick
Mrs Amrita Gaur Swaroop
Ms Preeti Bhatia
Mrs Sameera Pasricha
Ms Pradyooti Das
Ms Nabonita Sen



SAPLING PLANTATION DRIVE

On 26th July 2025, students from the Middle and Senior sections marched from the school premises to Minto Park to participate in a sapling plantation drive and thereby contribute to a greener, sustainable environment. The Japanese students from Ogawa High School also accompanied them to this 'Brikkho Ropon Utsab'. By planting saplings, they took a step towards giving back to the Earth what humanity has taken — restoring balance and ensuring a greener tomorrow for generations to come. The plantation drive served as a thoughtful gesture of unity, highlighting the importance of collective responsibility in addressing global environmental challenges.

