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"Life without liberty is like a body without spirit."- Khalil Gibran





## Our Trip to the City of Joy- Kolkata

With our hearts ready to explore and souls filled with enthusiasm and new energy, we began our journey to Kolkata on August 23, 2022.

After travelling for more than eleven hours, we finally reached our destination 'The City of Joy' – Kolkata. We were warmly welcomed by Suparna Ma'am and Madhumita Ma'am at the airport which made us even more excited about the trip. We were escorted to Birla Park where we got the golden opportunity to meet our Respected Chairperson Madam Manjushree Khaitan who made everyone smile with lot of gifts. We also met Ma'am Patjoshi who interacted with us joyfully. Next few days were devoted to explore Kolkata which is still today the cultural hub of the country. We visited Radha Krishna Temple, Netaji Museum, Birla Planetarium, Victoria Memorial, Industry House, Aircraft Museum, Kala Mandir, Netaji Indoor Stadium, Howrah Bridge and many other notable sites of importance. However, something that stood out for all of us was our visit to the Kali Godam Badabazaar and the Birla Building. Kali Godam Badabazaar has been the place where the Birla Business Empire was established. The foundation which was laid then has become one of the nerve centres of the country's economy today.

We visited the Birla Building where [Late] B. K. Birla, a visionary par excellence in business as well as philanthropy had his office. The visit to his office surely left permanent imprints on our minds and hearts which will be cherished by us for the rest of our lives. Also, our visit to Ashok Hall Group of schools, Birla Academy of Art and Culture, Swarsangam office made us understand Birla's immense contributions in the field of Education, Art and Culture.

For this wonderful trip, we are indeed grateful to our Honourable Chairperson, Respected Madam Manjushree Khaitan whose love for children knows no bounds. Our heartfelt thanks to all the others who made our stay in Kolkata a memorable one.

Arpit Jain, XII – Comm.

## **Mathematics Week**



Mathematics Week was conducted from 29th August to 3rd September. Various activities related to number, equations and calculations were carried out to create interest for the subject among the students. For the Seniors, activities like Quadratic Rush, Collage Making Competition on Indian Mathematicians, Math Aptitude Test, Order of Operation, Rubik's Cube to test 'eye, hand and brain coordination', Symposium on 'Impact of Mathematics on Computer Applications' were organized by the Mathematics Department.

For the Juniors, Show and Tell, Guess the Measurement, 'Who Am I?' related to the Mathematical Terms, Mathematical Antakshari, Find the Missing Number, Complete the Mathematical Term by giving the initial letters of the same were a few activities during this Week.

To ensure more students' participations during the Week, the competitions went on in two groups – Juniors and Seniors respectively. The activities surely diluted the difficult topics and made mathematics less fearsome and more enjoyable for all.

Garvit Rautela, XII – Sc.





Manas Nainwal, recipient of Red Belt from Uttaranchal Taekwondo Association



Outdoor Painting Study in Nature's Lap



## **Exam Worry**

Tests and exams take away our restful nights as a thought about exams gives us sleepless nights and at times even nightmares when we do not prepare well for the same. It is easy to ask, 'Why to worry about exams?' but it is difficult to answer why there will not be a fear about the D-day. Mostly, this anxiety is self-driven. Obviously there are various reasons for this state of mind.

Our performance in academics not only concerns to us but also to our parents which in fact increases our stress because no parent will be happy in his ward's poor performance even in snap tests. However, it is a hard fact that as a student, my worry is not going to help me in any way rather it takes away even some energy left in me thus I am a loser once again. At this juncture, we have to keep this in mind: 'No need to hurry, no need to sparkle, no need to be anybody but oneself'.

The sayings of this nature may act as a soothing balm to the wounded heart. However, the real cure for a student to get away from fear of assessment is 'hard work' which will put at rest all his anxieties. Parth Bhagat, XII – Sc.

Inter School Cricket Tournament at Aryaman Vikram Birla Institute of Learning, Haldwani