



G. D. BIRLA MEMORIAL SCHOOL, RANIKHET

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"It's easy to stand in the crowd but it takes courage to stand alone."
Mahatma Gandhi

From the Principal's Desk

The month of October is the time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if Nature is waiting with its bated breath for calling it a day. This is a month in the school's annual calendar which is a blend of studies, festivities and celebrations. Apart from academics, the students were involved in the Annual Day Celebration – a sort of acme of children's creativity and originality. The festivities like Dusshera and Diwali remind us that man is not a single tree in a clearing but one of the many trees in the woods that share the breeze as well as the storm. We, as teachers try to teach our children all about life but the children without making any effort teach us what the attributes of life are and should be. After all, 'Give and Take' is an effortless means of sharing knowledge.



Mohd Asim Ali

The Triumph of Truth over Evil

Wisdom is the knowledge of good and evil was the central idea of of Dussehra Celebration. The effigy of Ravan was burnt on this day. A skit from the Ramayan – the killing of Raven by Lord Ram and Lakshman's seeking wisdom from the dying Raven – was enacted in Field – B. The symbolic representation of 'good' is the ultimate winner brought the show to an end.

Rahul Raj, XI – Sc.

Light a Flowerpot of Happiness

Diwali, a festival of light and light-heartedness, was celebrated with usual enthusiasm on the school campus. An inter-house 'Rangoli' competition was organised at about 11.30 a.m. In the afternoon, the boarders went to Ashok Hall Girls' Residential School, Majkhali to attend fete. In the evening, lighting the campus with oil lamps, candles was a joyous pastime to the students. Lakshmi Pooja was organised in the school Gym. Hall at about 6.30 p.m. which marked the end of the celebration.

Ashwin Agarwal, XI-Sc.



Leave the Road, Take the Trails

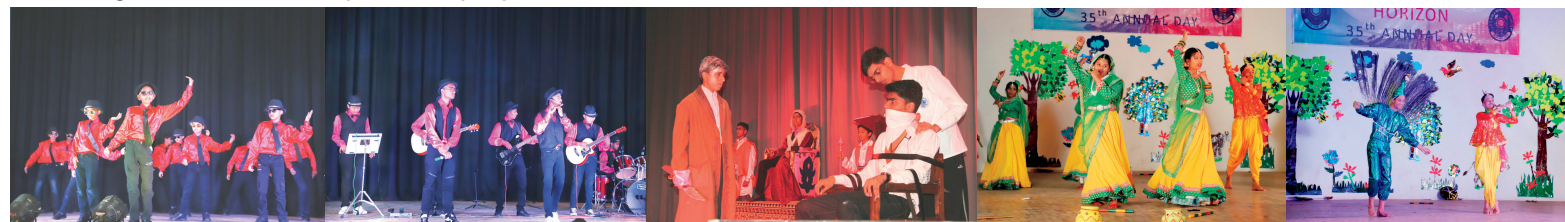
We, the boarders had a chance to go on a picnic on 26th October, 2022 to a nearby Nature's abode. The tall and erect pine and deodar trees in a valley with a stream flowing adjacent extended their warm welcome to us. We enjoyed our outing with a welcome warm sun in a slight pinch of cold. It was a realisation that on earth there is no heaven, but there are pieces of it. After having lunch amidst the Nature's splendour, we returned to school.

Yashica Reddy, Class-VIII



The 35th Annual Day Celebration - HORIZON

G. D. Birla Memorial School, Ranikhet celebrated its Annual Day on 20th October, 2022. Mr. Chance Keishing, IG, SSB, Ranikhet Frontier was the Chief Guest on this occasion. The Principals, teachers and students of our sister institutions, parents were the special invitees. The Cultural Programme started sharp at 10.30 a.m. and it was a mix of monologues from Shakespearean plays, music, dance and drama.



Dance 'Asto Maa Sadgamay' by our students depicted the 'Shanti Mantra'. It was a type of contemporary social improvised dance style to create an aesthetic sense. The School Orchestra was a blend of light music of flute with western beats. The trial scene of 'The Merchant of Venice' enacted on the stage by the students had Shylock's evil design as its central point which was nullified by Portia with her wit and insight of the case. The Hindi Skit 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahatsav' was a kind of comparative study between the period before the independence of the country and the present day India. Hamlet's famous monologue 'To be or not to be' was stage managed by a junior student. Similarly, Dr. Jekyll's split character of good and evil of a man was acted out by a senior boy. Micheal Jackson's 'We are the world, we are the children' was presented by the students of junior wing in the style of an action song. Lord Krishna's 'Maharass', a spiritual dance in which the Lord replicated himself and danced with Gopis individually was a vibrant dance move by the seniors. In the Field Activities - March Past, Taekwondo, Gymnastics, and Horse Riding - the participants justified their role by showcasing their skills in areas of their interest.



The Chief Guest in his address mentioned the concerted efforts of the students in making the Annual Day Celebration a success by their participation in different activities with dedication and single-mindedness. The Vice-Principal sir, proposed 'Vote of Thanks'. Thus, the celebration came to an end.

Parth Bhagat, XII - Sc.

Indoor Games

In the month of October, tournaments of four indoor games namely Table Tennis, Badminton, Pool, and Carrom were organised for the Seniors. All the four houses took part in each of the tournaments. In all, Himalaya House emerged as the winner. Ankit Kadel with his grit and tenacity in the game saw his house flag fly higher than those of other houses.



The results of the same were as follows:

1. Table Tennis - Himalaya vs Vindhya - Finals - Himalaya secured the first position.
2. Badminton - Himalaya vs Vindhya - Finals - Himalaya got the first position.
3. Pool - Himalaya vs Aravali - Finals - Himalaya bagged the first position.
4. Carrom - Himalaya vs Aravali - Finals - Himalaya again retained its first position.

Vijay Singh, XI - Sc.

IPSC IT Fest

Eight senior students represented our school in the IPSC IT Fest organised via online on 13th, 14th, and 15th of October, 2022. They participated in competitions such as 'Composite Video Making', 'Digital Poster Making', 'Computer Programming', 'Computer Quiz', and 'Shape the Photo'. The video editing skills of Arpit Jain and Tanmay Adhikari were distinct to be noticed and appreciated by the organisers. Videos created by the boys were uploaded on YouTube. All these contestants were also awarded the 'Certificates of Participation'.

Arpit Jain, XII - Comm.