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General Manager (Franchise Relations K12)***Birla Open Minds: Where Purposeful Education Meets Operational Excellence**

In an increasingly dynamic and competitive education landscape, schools that succeed over the long term are those that align academic vision with operational discipline and financial sustainability. Birla Open Minds International School exemplifies this balance building institutions that are purpose-driven in philosophy and robust in execution.

At its core, Birla Open Minds follows a learner-centric academic approach designed to nurture curiosity, confidence, and critical thinking. The curriculum integrates national and international frameworks, supported by structured academic calendars, standardized lesson planning, continuous assessments, and regular academic reviews. This ensures consistent learning outcomes while allowing flexibility to meet the diverse needs of students and local communities.

Enabling this academic vision is a strong operational backbone. Clearly defined Standard Operating Procedures guide every aspect of school functioning, including admissions, fee management, academic delivery, compliance, and parent engagement. Technology-enabled school management systems provide real-time visibility into performance indicators, empowering leadership teams to make data-driven decisions, improve efficiency, and optimize resources.



Teachers remain central to the Birla Open Minds ecosystem. A structured approach to recruitment, onboarding, and professional development ensures high-quality classroom delivery. Ongoing training programs, academic mentoring, and performance management frameworks not only enhance teaching standards but also promote stability and long-term retention critical factors for both academic continuity and operational effectiveness. From a business perspective, Birla Open Minds offers a scalable and sustainable school partnership model. Centralized academic support, marketing guidance, and operational frameworks allow partner schools to benefit from brand equity while maintaining local adaptability.

Predictable enrollment growth, disciplined cost management, and strong governance contribute to long-term financial viability for education entrepreneurs.

Equally important is the school's focus on parent engagement. Transparent communication, structured feedback mechanisms, and regular interactions foster trust and confidence. High levels of parent satisfaction translate into strong retention and organic growth through referrals, reinforcing the institution's reputation within the community.

By integrating educational purpose with operational excellence and strategic growth planning, Birla Open Minds International School is building future-ready institutions. It stands as a strong example of how modern schools can deliver meaningful learning experiences while operating with the foresight, efficiency, and professionalism of a well-managed enterprise.

Mukesh Mishra
General Manager -
Franchise Relations K12





Pitstop 2026

"Excellence in education is never a coincidence it is the result of meticulous design and absolute alignment.

PITSTOP 2026 (7th – 9th January, 2026) was our three-day immersive programme for our teams to realign, refocus, and recharge for the academic year ahead. By bringing together Curriculum Developers, Academic Trainers, and Relationship Managers, we bridged the gap between visionary design and ground-level implementation. The goal was clear: to ensure that every academic rollout across our schools is seamless, standardized, and impactful.

The Pillars of Academic Readiness

The three-day intensive was structured around four critical pillars of school success:

Mastery of the Academic Framework

- A comprehensive walkthrough of the Pre-K to K–12 academic guidelines ensured strong alignment across teams, enabling every member to operate with a shared pedagogical vision and common academic language.
- The sessions further included in-depth exploration of Curriculum and Assessment Frameworks, providing clarity on their structure, intent, and effective classroom integration.

- A focused orientation on the Report Card aligned with the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) Holistic Progress Card, along with Learner-Led Conference Guidelines, highlighted their purpose and practical implementation in schools.

For trainers, this deep understanding is crucial it builds conceptual clarity, ensures accurate interpretation of policy expectations, strengthens their ability to mentor educators confidently, and enables them to guide schools in seamlessly aligning classroom practices with national standards.

Clarity in Deliverables & Accountability

Transparency is the bedrock of trust. This session mapped out the entire academic lifecycle, providing a clear blueprint of timelines and support systems.

By defining exact accountability structures, we have empowered our schools with the certainty they need to execute their annual calendars without friction.

Product Deep Dive: Learner Kits & Experiential Learning

One of the most engaging highlights of Pitstop was hands-on exposure to academic resources such as Demonstration of Learner's Kit and Experiential Learning Books:

- Understanding purpose, integration, and classroom application
- Demonstration of how Learner's Kits support inquiry-based learning
- Discussion on logistics, usage, and implementation best practices
- Explanation of pedagogical framework in Experiential Learning Books (Kolb's Experiential Cycle and Design Thinking Process)

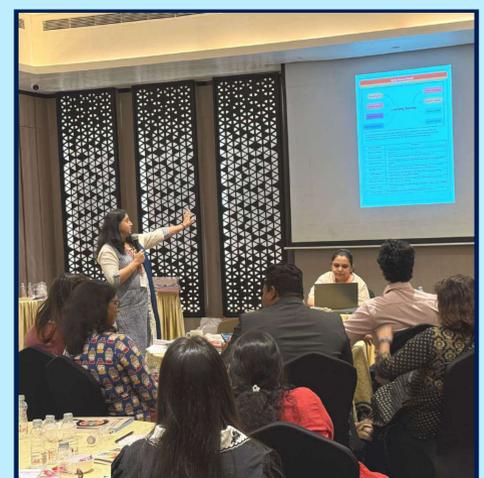
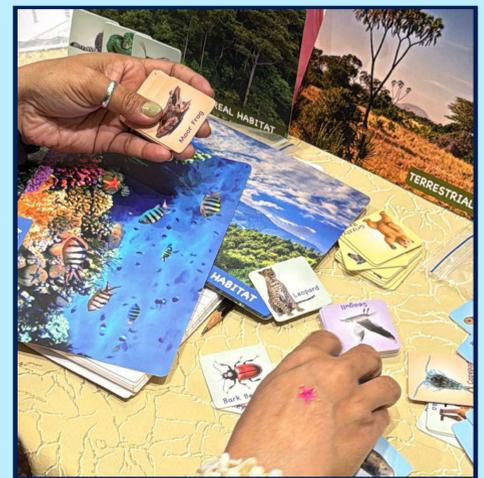
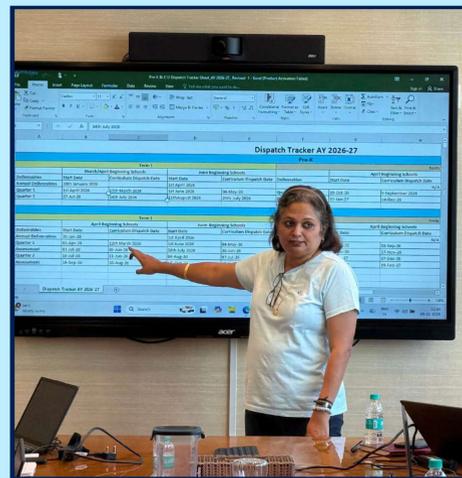
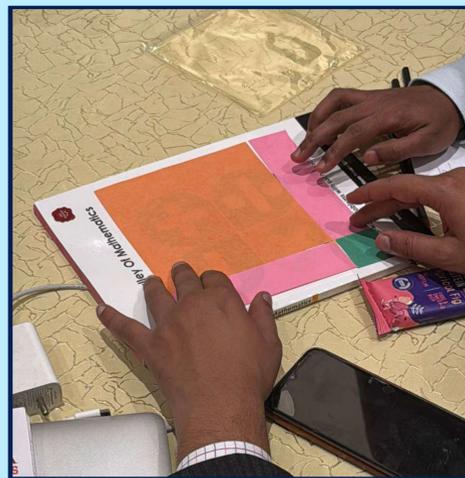




Operational Excellence & Process Discipline: Strategy is only as good as its delivery. The final day focused on the 'gears' of the machine -

- Detailed explanation of academic and administrative workflows
- Use of digital tools to streamline communication and documentation
- Standard operating procedures for smooth coordination with schools
- Understanding dispatch timelines and tracking mechanisms
- Strengthening coordination between Head Office and Schools

This session reinforced the importance of process discipline in ensuring seamless academic delivery.





Pitstop 2026



Most Prestigious Brand Award 2025-26 Marksmen Daily

We were honoured to receive the **Most Prestigious Brand Award 2025-26** from Marksmen Daily under the category of Previous Education Brands 2025-27.

This recognition reflected our continued commitment to excellence in education and strong brand leadership. The award stood as a testament to the trust placed in us by students, parents, and partners.





From Classrooms to Rashtrapati Bhavan

29 December 2025

From Classrooms to Rashtrapati Bhavan: A Journey of Vision and Values

Every school is unique, distinguished by the vision of its management. At Birla Open Minds International School, Bandlaguda Jagir, the vision of our directors Mr Sandeep Yalamanchili & Mr Dega Vishnu Vardhan Reddy is rooted in holistic development- an approach that goes beyond academics to nurture character, discipline, leadership, and a deep sense of responsibility.

One of the important steps in this journey of growth is the Scouts and Guides programme, along with the active participation of our students in Model United Nations (MUN) and the Birla South Zone Interschool Sports Meet. Engagement in such activities not only strengthened their leadership and teamwork abilities but also contributed meaningfully to their psychological well-being ensuring that our young students grow into balanced, empathetic, and responsible global citizens.

This year, we celebrated our Annual Day “AURORA: Illuminating the Pathways to Tomorrow” on the theme of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Through vibrant performances of plays, music and dance our students brought the SDGs to life showcasing their relevance and inspiring the audience with creative interpretations of global responsibility.

Each act was a reminder of our promise to parents that education at Birla Open Minds International School, Bandlaguda Jagir, is about nurturing global leaders who are prepared to lead the world with compassion and purpose.

This year also brought a special moment of pride as our student delegation (Akshaya Reddy Pathi, Keyvan Khanna, Kapishwar, Ahaana Khandelwal, Ms Manasee Unniyal) visited Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi and interacted with the Honourable President of India, Smt.Droupadi Murmu as part of Children’s Day programme on 14 November 2025. Accompanying these young and shining stars to Rashtrapati Bhavan as their Principal was deeply meaningful. The President’s words of wisdom left an indelible impression on our students.

This experience is more than a milestone. It is a reaffirmation of our commitment to holistic education and Nurturing India’s Tomorrow. It inspires us to continue nurturing young minds who will grow into compassionate leaders and responsible global citizens of tomorrow.

From classrooms to Rashtrapati Bhavan, our journey affirms that true education is measured not only in knowledge, but in the values and vision we carry forward.

Ms. Nishi Rana

Principal,

Birla Open Minds International School, Bandlaguda Jagir



**“A proud moment at Rashtrapati Bhavan:
our student delegation guided by their Principal - Ms. Nishi Rana
and inspired by the Honourable President’s words of wisdom.”**





Netaji Subhas Chandra Award 2025 (November) and the Principal of the Year 2025

It is with immense gratitude and humility that I accept the Netaji Subhas Chandra Award 2025 (November) and the Principal of the Year 2025 honour conferred at the prestigious Education Conclave in Kolkata. These recognitions symbolize our institution's unwavering commitment to academic excellence, progressive pedagogy, and value-driven education.

At Birla Open Minds International School, in Singur we believe leadership is about empowering educators, inspiring learners, and building future-ready global citizens. These accolades belong to our dedicated faculty, supportive parents, and aspiring students whose collective vision drives our continuous pursuit of innovation and holistic development.

Together, we will continue shaping excellence with integrity and purpose.

Mr. Abhijit Chakraborty
Principal,
Birla Open Minds International School, Singur





Shaping Young Minds with Purpose and Possibility

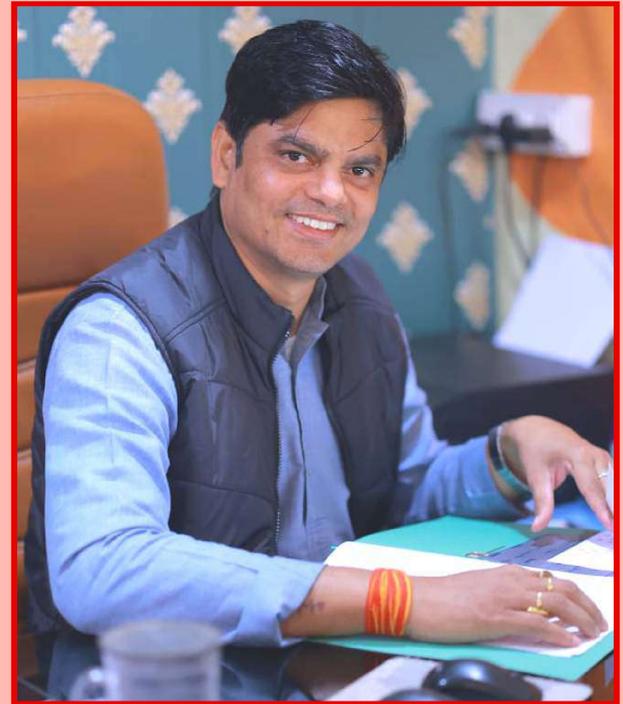
The early years are a child's most delicate yet powerful phase a time when curiosity blooms and character begins to take shape. At **Birla Open Minds Preschool, Ambedkar Path**, we believe that education must reach far beyond books, boundaries, and routine lessons. It should touch the heart, ignite the mind, and inspire a lifelong love for learning.

In our classrooms, children do more than recite letters and numbers; they explore ideas, experiment with imagination, and discover the joy of expressing themselves. Every activity whether storytelling, art, sensorial play, or group interaction is thoughtfully designed to nurture confidence, empathy, and independent thinking.

Our educators serve as gentle mentors, creating an environment where children feel valued, understood, and encouraged to question the world around them. Through a balanced blend of structured learning and meaningful free play, we ensure holistic growth social, emotional, cognitive, and creative.

At **Birla Open Minds Preschool, Ambedkar Path**, we're not just preparing children for school; we're preparing them for life. With care, compassion, and a clear vision for their future, we help them step into the world as confident, curious, and joyful learners.

Mr. Pravin Kumar
Director,
Birla Open Minds Preschool, Ambedkar Path



Birla Open Minds' Commitment to Global Citizenship and Holistic Education

Birla Open Minds believes education extends beyond academics to nurturing empathy, cultural awareness, and global citizenship. Reflecting this vision, the school celebrated International Day an immersive, five-week experiential learning journey where students explored world cultures through research, collaboration, and creativity. The campus transformed into a vibrant global village showcasing countries through landmarks, performances, art, cuisine, and interactive activities. Symbolic passports added excitement and authenticity. The celebration reinforced values of respect, unity, and harmony, beautifully echoing Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam the world is one family while shaping confident, compassionate, future-ready learners.

Ms. Narmada Ravulapalli
Headmistress,
Birla Open Minds International School, Bandlaguda Jagir





"Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think, the heart to feel, and the soul to awaken." Albert Einstein

At Birla Open Minds International School, we hold a steadfast belief that education, in its truest sense, must transcend the conventional boundaries of academics. It must strive to cultivate the complete human being mind, body, and spirit. The New Education Policy (NEP) 2020 resonates deeply with this ethos, articulating a vision that prioritizes holistic development through cognitive depth, emotional maturity, and ethical grounding. In pursuit of this ideal, we have embraced and integrated the profound philosophy of Soul Science an approach that harmonizes contemporary pedagogy with ageless wisdom, nurturing not only intellect but also character and conscience.

Spirituality, as we interpret and impart it through Soul Science, is not a matter of religious instruction but an awakening of the inner self a cultivation of self-awareness, empathy, and universal values that unite rather than divide.

In an age increasingly driven by competition and performance metrics, it becomes imperative to restore balance by nurturing introspection, gratitude, resilience, and a profound sense of interconnectedness. Empirical research continues to affirm what timeless traditions has always known: students who engage in mindful practices, ethical inquiry, and soulful reflection exhibit greater focus, emotional intelligence, and a genuine sense of purpose. We aspire not merely to educate proficient individuals but to nurture enlightened, compassionate beings.

The NEP's emphasis on experiential learning, critical thinking, and life skills serves as a strong foundation for our holistic framework. Through a carefully curated blend of contemplative practices, creative expression, physical vitality, and community engagement, we endeavor to create an educational ecosystem that shapes future leaders who are not only intellectually agile but morally grounded. Our vision is of learners who possess not just knowledge, but wisdom; not just ambition, but integrity; not just capability, but compassion.

"The highest education is that which does not merely give us information but makes our life in harmony with all existence." Rabindranath Tagore

As we continue to walk this transformative path, may our collective efforts as educators, parents, and learners ignite the mind, nurture the heart, and awaken the soul ushering in a generation of individuals whose education reflects the deepest harmony between knowledge and being.

Ms. Vibha Ahuja
Principal,
Birla Open Minds International School, Ayodhya Road



In an era of rapid change, education must evolve from information delivery to meaningful learning. Schools should foster analytical thinking, creativity, and adaptability while grounding students in strong moral values. By integrating knowledge with real-world applications, we empower learners to become independent thinkers and responsible citizens. The goal of education is not only academic success but the holistic development of individuals who are prepared to lead with wisdom, empathy, and purpose.

Ms. Sonal Sharma
Principal,
Birla Open Minds International School, Yavatmal





Fairies on the Move

Fairies and Witches,
Slip past ditches and hedges,
Drifting over bridges.
Pass a fierce battle,
Startling cattle,
Children scramble for brambles.
Along the dusty road,
The magic lands are loaded
Worth gazing, yet truly dazing
Through meadows bright green,
More wonders can be seen,
Past rooftops earthy brown,
Where dreams never drown.



Hitharshi, Grade 6

Birla Open Minds International School, BKT Sitapur Road, Lucknow



BEYOND THE BLUE

The inspiring journey of Shubhanshu Shukla, an individual driven by dreams beyond the ordinary.

The prologue, “263 Miles Above Lucknow,” symbolically places his story far above his hometown, representing ambition, vision, and the courage to look beyond limitations. It sets the tone for a journey that rises from the ground to the skies.

In “The Boy Who Watched the Sky,” we see Shubhanshu as a curious and determined child who is fascinated by the vastness of the sky. His early interest in flight and space shaped his goals and motivated him to aim higher than most.

“The Edge of the Envelope” highlights the phase where he pushed his physical and mental limits. It represents discipline, risk-taking, and the demanding training required in aviation and space-related fields. This stage reflects his commitment to excellence and precision.

“Training for the Void” symbolizes preparation for space, uncertainty, and extreme challenges. It shows resilience, focus, and the ability to remain calm under pressure.

The conclusion brings together his journey of dedication, perseverance, and belief in oneself. Shubhanshu Shukla’s story inspires young minds to dream big, work hard, and never fear the unknown.



Siddhi Manya, Grade 7

Birla Open Minds International School, Daltonganj





Global Warming

In a bustling coastal city, young Maya grew up watching the sea level rise along the beach, each year claiming a little more land to the rising tide. Scientists had been sounding the alarm about global warming for decades, but people were caught up in their busy lives and short-term thinking.

One summer, the annual monsoon brought not just rain but an unprecedented storm surge that flooded the city centre, leaving families stranded and causing widespread destruction.

Maya helped coordinate local relief efforts, witnessing firsthand the devastating consequences for the environment.

The community realized that their inaction had a heavy price. They began implementing sustainable practices: planting mangrove forests as natural barriers, transitioning to solar power, and campaigning for stricter climate policies.

The moral of the story is that the consequences of ignoring global warming are real and devastating. Collective action, though delayed, is essential for our survival and future resilience, and every small effort counts towards safeguarding our shared home.

Aastha Gupta, Grade 5
Birla Open Minds International School, Hajipur



Mike – The Resolute

A small boy named Mike lived in a small town near a village in Africa. He was just 10 years old. He had a little sister who was 5 years old. Mike had many friends in both the village and the town. His sister's name was Summer. Summer was a very good girl who loved to draw. Mike loved playing football a lot.

Mike and Summer's father was a hunter named Hooper. Sadly, he was killed by a tiger in the forest while hunting. Hooper was 40 years old when he died. He was a good person who had saved many people's lives when a fire broke out in the nearby village nine years ago. That was when Mike was just one year old, Summer was not yet born, and Hooper was 31 years old.

Mike and Summer's mother, Rose, was a brave and kind woman. She was 36 years old and had also saved many children's lives during the same fire. She was known for her strength and courage. Mike and Summer loved their parents very much.

Every year, their birthdays were celebrated happily. Mike grew up to become a great football player. He made his country proud by becoming the highest goal scorer of all time, with 997 goals in 2026. He even played in the 2026 World Cup and won it for Africa. He retired in 2027 as a famous and respected player.

From his story, we learn that a person with strong determination and willpower can reach great heights.

Niranjana, Grade 5
Birla Open Minds International School, Kollam





Story: Raju the Rag Picker and the Magic Chapati

Raju was a little boy who worked as a rag picker. Every morning, he walked through the streets with a big bag, collecting old papers, bottles, and cans.

One day, Raju felt very hungry. He had not eaten since morning. As he walked, he saw a family throwing away food-rice, chapatis, etc.-into the dustbin.

Raju picked up a chapati carefully. He smiled and said, "Ah! This chapati is still good. Why throw it away? Food is magic-it gives us strength!"

He ate it happily, and suddenly he felt like a superhero. His tummy was full, and he had the energy to run, jump, and laugh.

That evening, Raju told the children in the park, "Friends, please don't waste food. When you throw food away, someone like me feels hungry. If you can't eat it, share it with others, or take only what you need."

The children listened carefully and promised that they would not waste food. They also added that they would share extra food with those who needed it.

Raju clapped his hands and laughed, "Hooray! No more food in the dustbin. Food belongs in our tummy, not in the garbage!"

Moral of the Story: Food is precious-eat what you take, share what you can, and be a superhero.

Sourced by,
Kriyansh Sharma, K1
Birla Open Minds Preschool, Bhootnath



Krishna and Kans Story:

Kansa was the king of Mathura. His sister Devaki was married to his friend Vasudeva. When Kansa was taking Devaki and Vasudeva in a chariot after their wedding, a divine voice from the sky announced that Devaki's eighth child would cause Kansa's death. Hearing this, Kansa imprisoned Devaki and Vasudeva.

Whenever a child was born to Devaki, Kansa killed the infant. When Devaki's eighth child was born at midnight, Kansa was asleep. Vasudeva then secretly exchanged the newborn with the child of Nanda. After this, Vasudeva returned to the prison, the doors closed automatically, and the guards awoke. As soon as Kansa came to know, he rushed to the prison and tried to kill the eighth child, who was a girl. At that moment, the child transformed into Goddess Durga and said, "O Kansa, the one who will kill you has already been born," and then disappeared.

Kansa became even more furious but released Devaki and Vasudeva. Devaki's eighth son was Lord Krishna, who grew up in Nandgaon with Yashoda and Nanda Baba. Later, Krishna went to Mathura, killed Kansa, freed his parents from prison, and became the king of Mathura.

Sourced by,
Nitisha Saxena, K2
Birla Open Minds Preschool, Gwalior





The Tortoise and the Hare

Once, a hare and a tortoise decided to have a race.
The hare was very fast, so he thought of taking some rest midway.
The tortoise kept moving slowly but steadily.
The hare fell asleep, and the tortoise went ahead.
In the end, the tortoise won because he never gave up.

Moral: Success comes through slow and steady effort.

Sourced by
Honey Singh, Learning Year-2
Birla Open Minds Preschool, Pilibhit



My Sun

My little sun up in the sky,
Smiles at me and says hi-hi.
It gives me light, it gives me

cheer,

I love my sun, it stays so near.

Arna Shahi, Learning Year-2
Birla Open Minds Preschool, Taramandal





Hindi Diwas Celebrations

हिंदी सबसे सहेज भाषा है। अपनी भाषा के प्रति प्रेम न केवल आज, बल्कि हर दिन बाँटें। हिंदी दिवस की शुभकामनाएँ!

Respecting every language & encouraging kids to hone up their language skills is a daily routine at Birla Open Minds International School. Hindi Diwas was celebrated on 14th September 2025.

Principal gave a short speech on the importance of Hindi as a national language. This was followed by speeches, poem recitations, and songs.



Old Age Home Visit As A Part Of Soul Science Project.

“Old age is just a record of one’s whole life.” Give yourself entirely to those around you. Be generous with your blessings. A kind gesture can reach a wound that only compassion can heal.” Child should be sensitized to situations and should understand the feelings of compassion, sharing, understanding feelings of others and should understand the need and joy of giving and taking.

“To enhance these qualities of the hostel kids were taken to an Old Age Home where kids interacted with the residents who shared their life memoirs with the students, and enjoyed the happiness of giving and sharing. They students also showed them the play which they did on the social dogmas & every resident could connect it with their real-life incidents. Their anecdotes left an indelible mark on our young one’s minds; they promised to bring a change in the society they live in.



Birla Open Minds International School, Karnool





Sports Day 2025

Sports Day celebrates physical fitness, teamwork, and discipline through fun competitions, encouraging healthy lifestyles and showcasing athletic talent, while teaching valuable lessons in sportsmanship, perseverance, and leadership, making it a day of joy, community spirit, and recognition for the children.



Drawing and Craft activities, Pre-primary

Children learn creativity, fine motor skills, problem-solving, emotional expression, and confidence through art and crafts, which also boosts cognitive skills like focus, critical thinking, and literacy by engaging both brain hemispheres and encouraging imagination, planning, and communication. These hands-on activities help develop coordination, patience, and the ability to follow instructions, supporting overall growth and readiness for writing and academics.



Birla Open Minds International School, Purnea





Voice of Virtue

As part of Soul science Project, students of middle grades (Grades 5 to 8) visited an orphanage with the aim of nurturing values such as compassion, empathy, and social responsibility. The visit began with students introducing themselves and engaging in warm interactions with the children, building a friendly and comfortable environment.

A key highlight of the visit was a series of moral skits, including mythological skits, through which students conveyed important values such as honesty, kindness, sharing, and respect. Interactive games were also conducted, followed by prize distribution, spreading joy and excitement among the children.

Through this enriching experience, students learned the importance of sharing, kindness, empathy, and caring for others. The visit proved to be informative, meaningful, and deeply value-oriented.



Grandparents' Day Celebration

The school celebrated Grandparents' Day with warmth, respect, and cultural significance, honoring the special bond between grandparents and grandchildren. Students welcomed their grandparents with badges as a token of love and gratitude.

The meaningful highlight of the celebration was Padha Puja, a traditional gesture of reverence where students respectfully sought their grandparents' blessings by washing their feet and offering flowers and garlands. This touching ceremony beautifully reflected values of respect, humility, and gratitude.

Another special feature was the Blessings Tree, where kids wrote heartfelt blessings and wishes, creating a memorable and emotional moment. The celebration concluded with fun games, cheerful interactions, and prize distribution, making the day joyful and meaningful for everyone.



Birla Open Minds International School, Rajahmundry





Field Trip to Palm Village

Birla Open Minds Pre School, Alipore organized a field trip to Palm Village on 20th December 2025 for mothers and children. The visit was planned as a picnic and an educational experience to introduce children to nature.

The children explored the garden and park areas and were introduced to different flowers, trees, and plants. Open-air games and engaging activities were also organized, allowing children to enjoy physical play and social interaction. The trip provided a refreshing learning experience and created joyful memories for both children and parents.



Birla Open Minds Preschool, Alipore Kolkata

At our pre-school, we strongly believe that the foundation of a child's future lies in character building and joyful experiences, not in academic pressure. Early childhood is a time to explore, imagine, play, and grow with happiness.

Our focus is on helping children develop confidence, kindness, curiosity, and social skills through play-based learning, activities, stories, music, and hands-on experiences. When children enjoy learning, academics naturally follow.

We strive to create a safe, loving, and stimulating environment where every child feels valued and encouraged to express themselves freely. Each day is designed to bring new discoveries, smiles, and small successes that shape lifelong learning habits.

With love, care, and a nurturing environment, we aim to make every child's early school journey full of fun, warmth, and meaningful learning.



Birla Open Minds Preschool, Hoshiarpur





Our school hosted a series of engaging and joyful activities that created meaningful learning experiences for our children. We celebrated Fruit Salad Day, where children explored healthy eating habits by identifying, preparing, and tasting a variety of fruits in a fun, hands-on manner.

The spirit of joy continued with Children's Day, celebrated with games, music, storytelling, and special surprises, making every child feel valued and cherished. Adding to the excitement, a Zoo Visit on 28th November 2025 provided children with a wonderful opportunity to observe animals up close. The trip enhanced curiosity, and the children thoroughly enjoyed the outing, making it a memorable learning experience outside the classroom environment.

The festive season was marked by the Advent Christmas Celebration on 2nd December 2025, where children learned about the values of love, sharing, and kindness through songs, stories, and creative activities in a beautifully decorated environment. The month concluded with a delightful Pyjama Party on 12th December 2025, where children participated in storytelling, music, dance, and simple games. The Pyjama Party created a joyful break from routine, helping children bond with peers and enjoy learning in a relaxed environment.

As we move into the winter break, we wish all our students and families a safe, joyful, and refreshing holiday. We look forward to welcoming our students back after the long break in January, filled with renewed energy, happy smiles, and enthusiasm for learning.



Birla Open Minds Preschool, Dimapur

Children's Day Celebration

Children's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and joy to honour childhood and help children understand its significance. As part of the celebration, students participated in painting activities based on Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. Teachers explained, in an age-appropriate manner, who Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was and why his birthday is celebrated as Children's Day, highlighting his deep love for children. The day was filled with fun and excitement as students enjoyed lively dance sessions in the ICT area along with their class teachers. Chocolates were distributed, and engaging activities were conducted, making every child feel special, happy, and valued.



Birla Open Minds Preschool, Gola Road





Annual Day Celebration (Session 2025–26)

The Annual Day celebration was organised with the theme “Magic of Music,” highlighting how music connects cultures and spreads joy. Through vibrant dance performances, our little champs beautifully showcased the magic of music by presenting diverse cultural dance forms from across India. The performances represented the North, South, East, and West, with students dressed in colourful costumes reflecting each region. The event emphasised unity in diversity and provided children with early exposure to India’s rich cultural heritage. The celebration reflected teamwork, enthusiasm, and creativity, as students confidently expressed themselves while experiencing the joy and power of music through rhythm and movement.



Grandparents’ Day & Christmas Day Celebration

Grandparents’ Day was celebrated along with Christmas Day with the theme “Grandparents as Secret Santa,” portraying grandparents as the silent givers of love, care, and blessings in a child’s life. Due to weather conditions, consecutive school events, and the school’s scheduled closure, it was not feasible to organise a large on-campus celebration or invite grandparents. Parents were therefore requested to share photographs of children engaging in simple activities with their grandparents at home. These moments were acknowledged and discussed in school. The celebration continued with Christmas activities, helping children understand family values, gratitude, sharing, and the joy of togetherness in a warm, festive environment.



Birla Open Minds Preschool, Gola Road





Our school celebrated a series of vibrant and meaningful festivals between 1st November 2025 and 15th January 2026, fostering cultural awareness, joy, and unity among students. Christmas was celebrated with carols, skits, and messages of love and kindness, spreading the spirit of sharing. Lohri marked the celebration of harvest and prosperity, where students learned about traditional customs and folk songs. Makar Sankranti was observed by highlighting the importance of gratitude, seasonal change, and togetherness. All the festivals were celebrated with devotion and creativity, emphasizing the value of knowledge, learning, and art. These celebrations enriched students' understanding of India's diverse culture and strengthened values of respect, harmony, and joy.



Birla Open Minds International School, Dholpur

As an educator, I see Makar Sankranti as more than a festival it is a quiet lesson from nature. It marks the Sun's northward journey, bringing warmth slowly and steadily, teaching students that real growth often happens with patience. Known by different names Pongal, Uttarayan, Magh Bihu, and Lohri it reflects India's diversity united by shared values. The tradition of sharing sesame and jaggery reminds us that life blends strength and sweetness. Through this festival, students learn that change is gentle, hope returns, and steady effort always leads to progress.

Diwali is not just a festival; it is a feeling that fills our lives with warmth, joy, and togetherness. As it approaches, homes begin to glow with cleanliness, lights, and carefully placed diyas, creating an atmosphere of quiet happiness. On Diwali day, families come together to pray, share sweets, exchange smiles, and reconnect with loved ones. Beyond the decorations and celebrations, Diwali carries a deeper message of forgiveness, fresh beginnings, and choosing light over darkness. It reminds us that even the smallest light, lit with love, has the power to brighten many lives.



Birla Open Minds International School, Koderma





Phantom Fest, the school's Children's Day celebration at Birla Open Minds International School, Indore, blended Halloween magic with joyful festivities. The campus came alive with spooky decorations, creative costumes, haunted rooms, themed games, and storytelling for younger students, while senior grades set up engaging game and food stalls that fostered teamwork and entrepreneurial skills. The Annual Sports Meet Mary Madly Meet further extended the festive spirit, with races for younger students and competitive matches like kho-kho, football, and cricket for seniors. The events concluded with certificates, a Christmas feast, and unforgettable memories of unity, fun, and achievement.



Birla Open Minds International School, Indore

Sports Day celebrates physical fitness, teamwork, and discipline through fun competitions, encouraging healthy lifestyles and showcasing athletic talent, while teaching valuable lessons in sportsmanship, perseverance, and leadership, making it a day of joy, community spirit, and recognition for the children.



Birla Open Minds International School, Rewari





Christmas is a celebration of joy. The event held at the school was filled with festive decorations and cultural programs that taught values of love, peace, and sharing through carols, plays depicting the birth of Jesus, and Santa Claus appearances. Students came together to enjoy joyful activities such as crafts, games, and festive treats, fostering unity and excitement before the winter break.



Birla Open Minds Preschool, Jaripatka

On the auspicious day of Basant Panchami, we at Birla Open Minds Pre-School, Ashopur celebrated the festival with children, teachers, and staff.

The children performed the Aarti of Maa Saraswati at the school and enjoyed refreshments. Teachers explained the significance of this auspicious day to all the children, helping them learn about our culture and traditions.



Birla Open Minds Preschool, Ashopur





Birla Open Minds Preschool Saharsa celebrated various festivals with great enthusiasm, creating a joyful and inclusive environment for students and staff. The celebrations helped children understand the importance of cultural values, sharing, and togetherness. Students participated enthusiastically in creative activities, performances, and festive decorations. These celebrations promoted happiness, unity, and holistic development among learners.



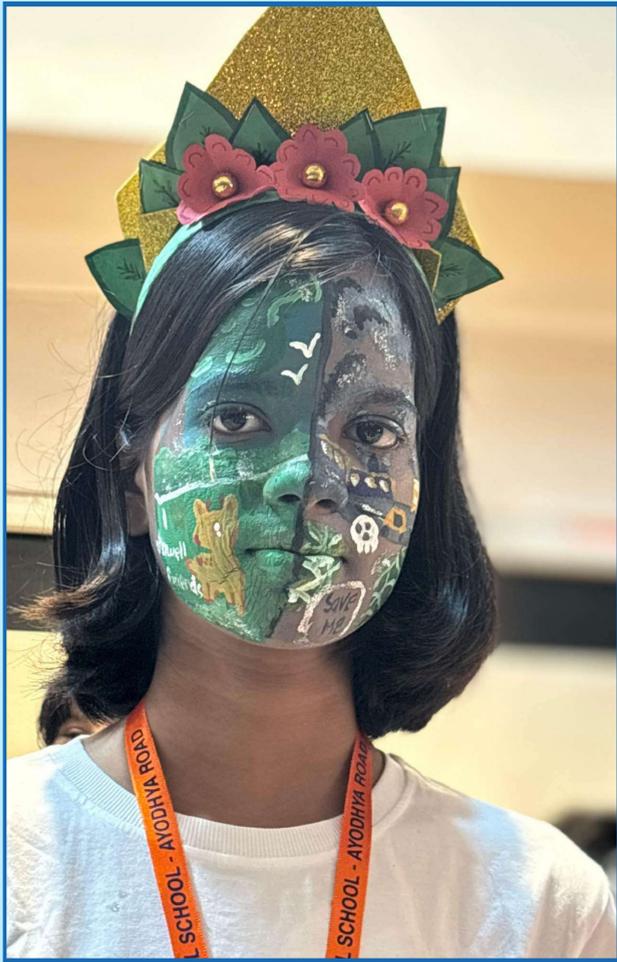
Birla Open Minds Preschool, Kailashpuri, Saharsa

Christmas Celebration at the Play School was a joyful event that enriched children's holistic development. The campus was beautifully decorated with lights, ornaments and a vibrant Christmas tree, while children arrived in festive colours, adding to the cheerful atmosphere. The programme began with melodious Christmas carols, followed by teachers explaining the significance of Christmas and values like love, kindness, sharing and compassion. A visit from Santa Claus, who distributed gifts and treats, thrilled the children. Creative activities like making cards, colouring and tree decoration, along with sharing sweets and snacks, nurtured social skills, friendship and lasting memories.

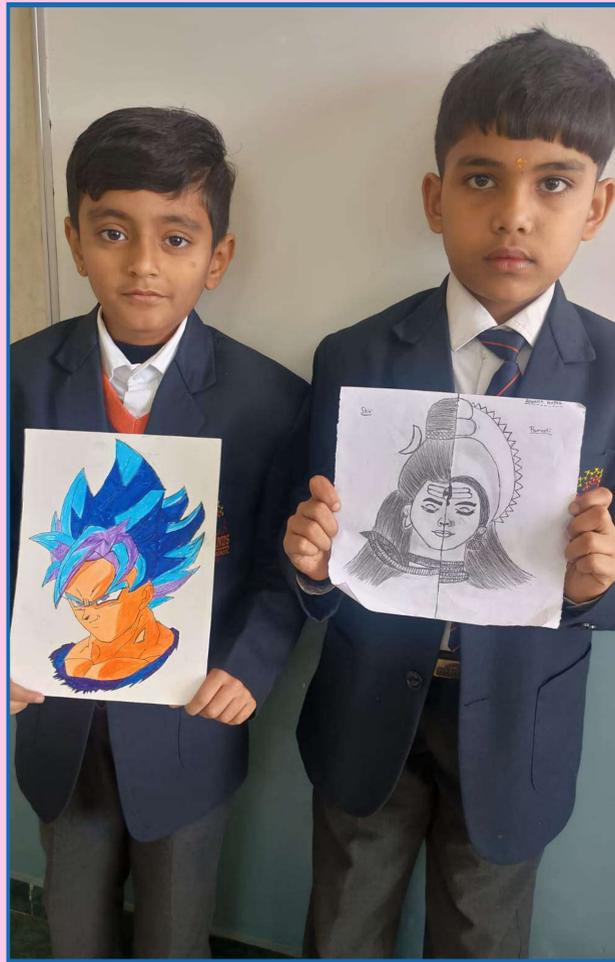


Birla Open Minds Preschool, Patel Nagar



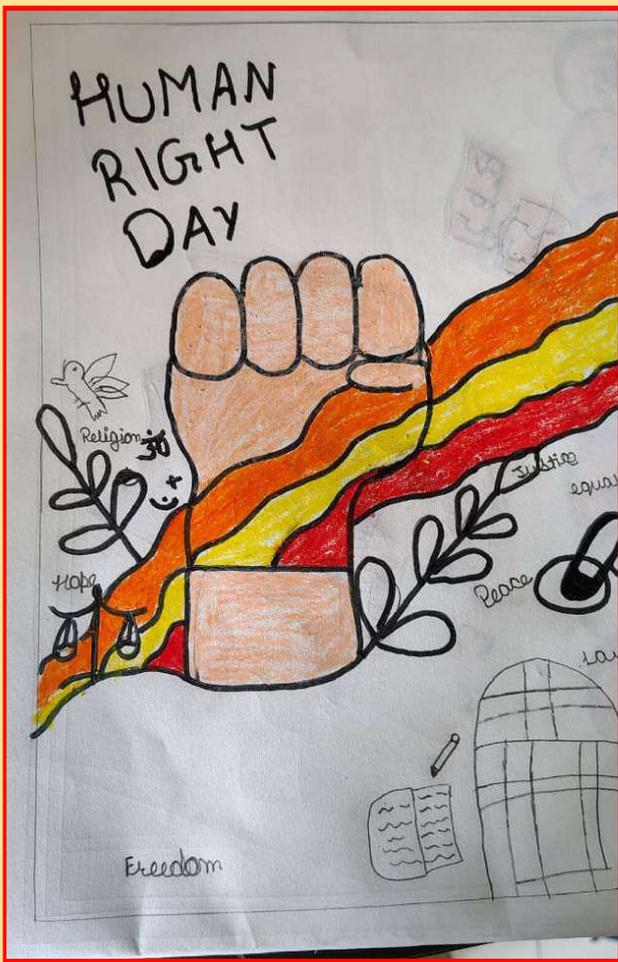


Birla Open Minds International School, Ayodhya Road



Birla Open Minds International School, Dehradun, Uttarakhand



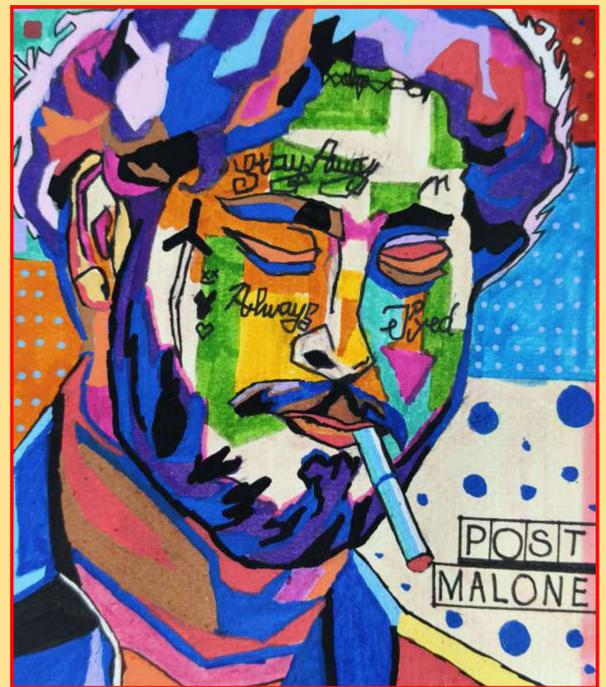
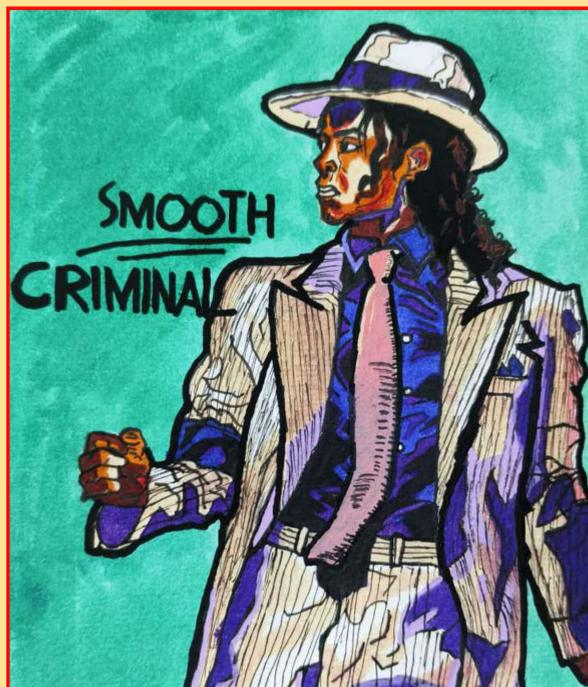
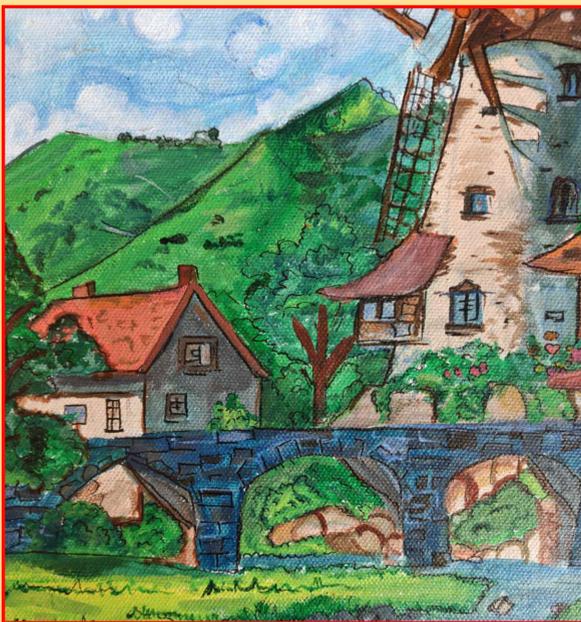
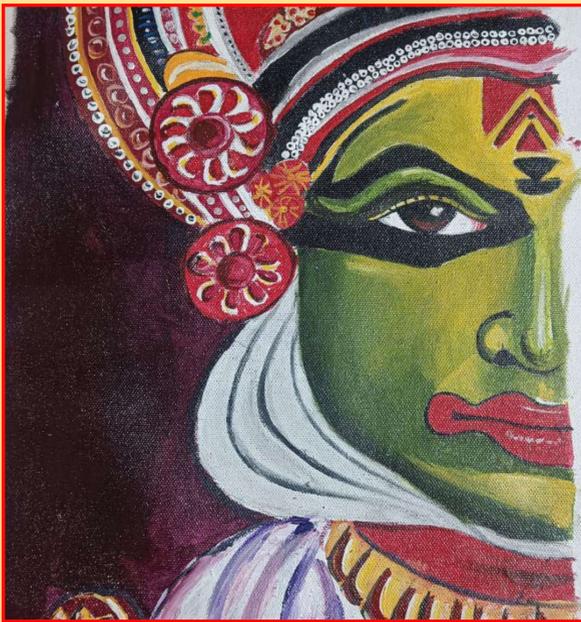
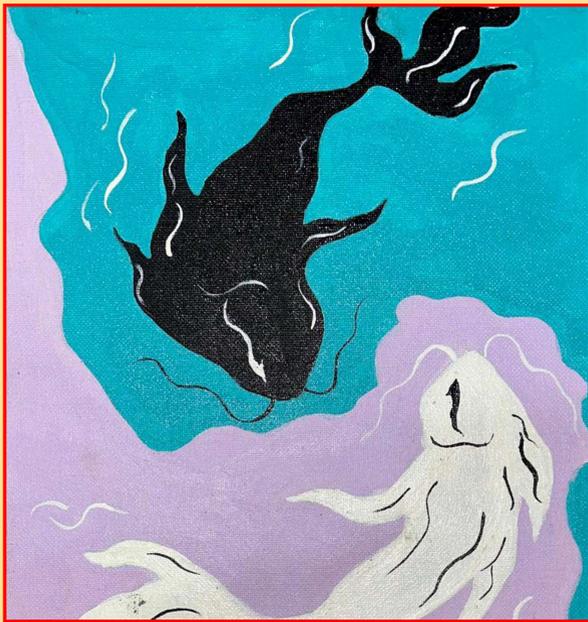


Birla Open Minds International School, Hiranagar



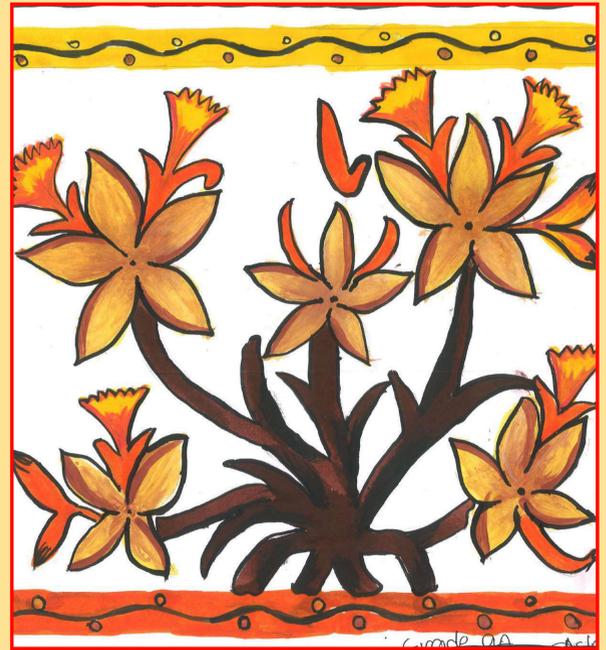
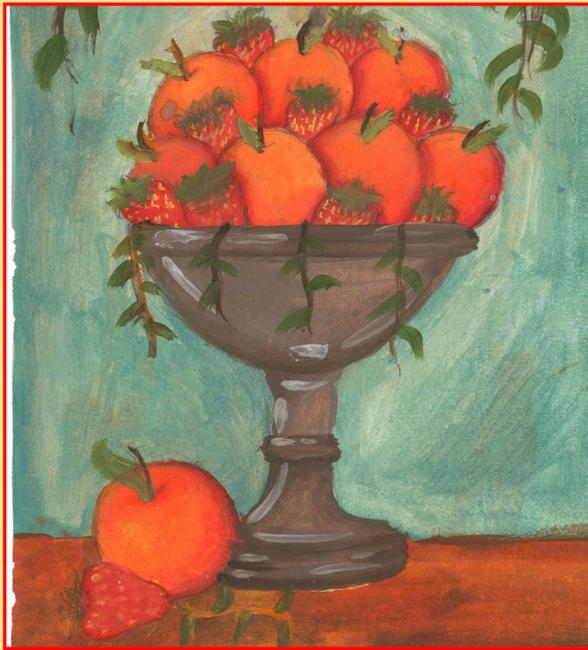
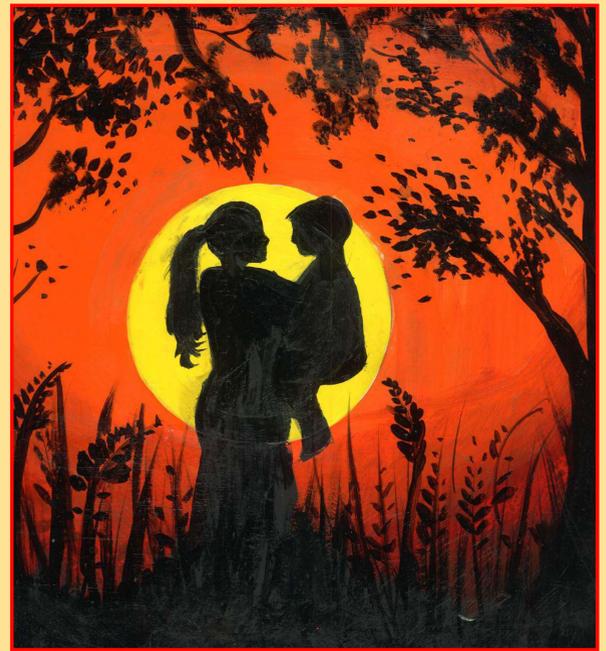
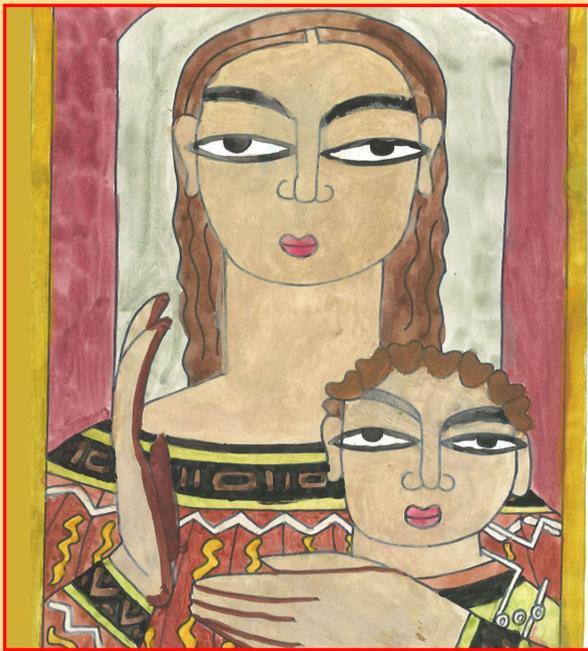
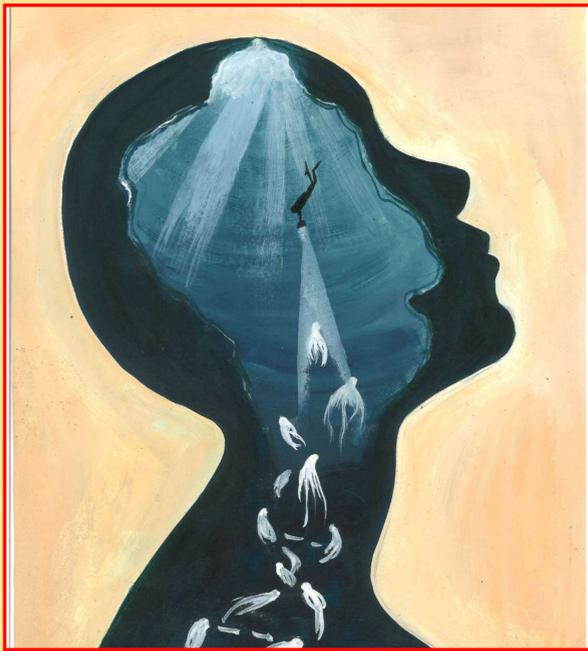
Birla Open Minds International School, Tirupati





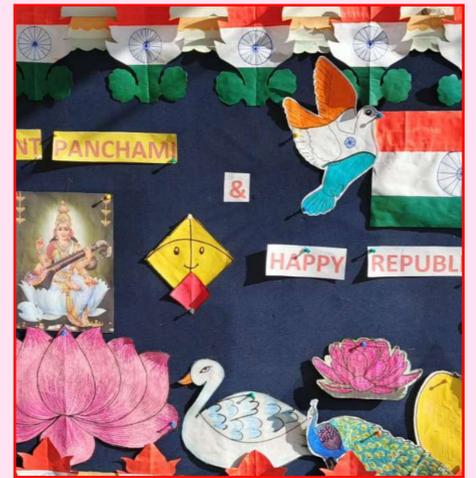
Birla Open Minds International School, L B Nagar





Birla Open Minds International School, Kollur





Birla Open Minds Preschool, Laksar Road



Birla Open Minds Preschool, Ranebennuru





Today, more children are growing up anxious, stressed, and unsure of themselves. Jonathan Haidt, in his book *The Anxious Generation*, explains that childhood has shifted from an outdoor, play-filled, social world to an indoor, screen-driven, overstimulated one. He describes this as the “**great rewiring of childhood**”, where children are protected from small real-world risks but exposed to huge online dangers. This creates young people who appear busy and connected but feel emotionally fragile. Parenting and schooling both feel the impact: parents are constantly worried, children rarely get unstructured time, and teachers face students who are distracted, sleep-deprived, and struggling with self-esteem shaped by social media.

This is exactly where **Birla Open Minds’ pedagogy offers a healthy balance**. The school’s approach naturally supports many solutions Haidt recommends. For example, Birla Open Minds emphasises **experiential and hands-on learning**, which brings children back into real-world problem-solving instead of only virtual stimulation. The focus on **outdoor play, sports, physical exploration**, and creative arts directly counters the screen-heavy lifestyle that Haidt warns against. At Birla Open Minds, children are encouraged to take small risks whether during outdoor games, collaborative projects, or experiential activities because these experiences build confidence and resilience in the way Haidt describes.

Another strength is the school’s emphasis on **holistic development instead of mere academic pressure**. Haidt argues that constant competition and marks-based stress worsen anxiety. Birla Open Minds, however, uses a child-centred approach that values emotional intelligence, communication skills, and social interaction. The classrooms encourage group discussions, reflection, peer learning, and hands-on tasks, which help children stay grounded and connected rather than isolated online. Teachers also pay attention to students’ emotional wellbeing, which aligns with Haidt’s reminder that children today need more guidance in managing feelings shaped by the digital world.

Birla Open Minds also tries to rebuild what Haidt calls “**the village**” a warm community around the child. With strong parent-school partnerships, frequent communication, community events, and a supportive atmosphere, children feel they are growing up within a caring network. This is important in a time when many urban families are nuclear and busy. The school’s open environment encourages children to interact freely, build friendships, and express themselves without judgment.

Most importantly, the pedagogy gently encourages **responsible technology use**, not blind exposure. Screen time is purposeful and limited, and real-life interaction is prioritised. This naturally follows Haidt’s key advice to protect the early teen years from excessive social media and to create more offline, real-world experiences.

In many ways, Birla Open Minds is already practising what *The Anxious Generation* urges the world to adopt **a balanced childhood that blends freedom with safety, learning with play, and technology with human connection**. By giving children movement, creativity, independence, and emotional support, the school helps transform today’s anxious generation into a confident, curious, and resilient one.



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FUN FACTS ABOUT SUMMER

Many summer and harvest festivals like Makar Sankranti, Pongal, Lohri, and Baisakhi are connected to the Sun. They celebrate the time when the Sun begins its journey northward (Uttarayan), bringing longer days, warmth, good harvests, and new beginnings. That's why these festivals thank the Sun for energy, food, and life on Earth.

BEAT THE HEAT-3 HEALTHY HABITS



Drink Plenty of Water

Keep sipping water throughout the day to stay hydrated.



Protect Yourself from the Sun

Wear a cap or use an umbrella when you go outside in the sun.



Eat Light and Healthy Food

Enjoy fruits like watermelon, mango, and cucumber to stay cool and energetic.

SUMMER WORD SEARCH

Find and circle the summer words hidden below.
(Words can be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal.)



FIND THESE WORDS:

VACATION | MANGO | SUNSCREEN | HOLIDAY | SUMMER | BEACH | SUN | WATER

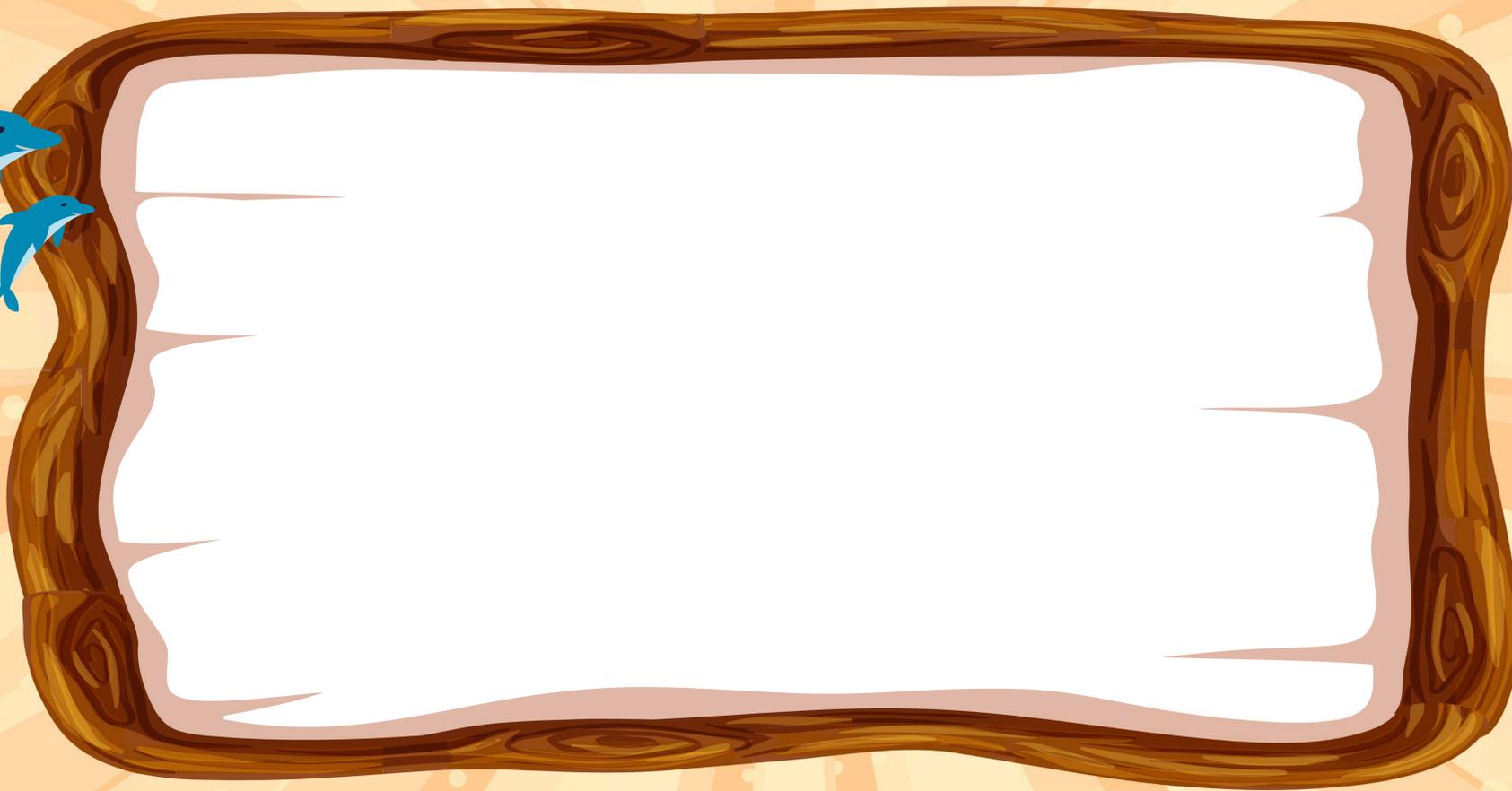
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DESIGN YOUR DREAM VACATION

DRAW:



Draw a picture of your dream vacation place. It could be a beach, mountains, forest, or any place you love.



WRITE (4-5 LINES):



Where would you like to go?
Who would you travel with?
What fun activities would you do there?

Tip: Use bright colours and let your imagination fly!