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From the desk of the -

General Manager – Preschool Sales & Operations

My vision for Birla Open Minds Preschool is to build a strong, sustainable, and quality-driven preschool network that creates meaningful learning experiences for children while enabling our franchise partners to achieve long-term success. I believe that the true measure of growth is not merely the number of schools we establish, but the strength, quality, and sustainability of the network we build.

Our growth strategy is therefore centred on a balanced approach that combines expansion with consolidation. It begins with identifying the right franchise partners, understanding market potential, evaluating business viability, and ensuring that every new centre is aligned with the philosophy and standards of Birla Open Minds. Equally important is strengthening our existing centres through continuous support, operational improvements, enrolment growth, and consistent quality enhancement.

An important step towards this vision has been the introduction of **Wonder Care – A Day Care by Birla Open Minds**, a new business segment designed to address the growing need for structured, safe, and development-oriented daycare services.



With changing family structures and an increasing number of working parents, daycare has become an important extension of early childhood education. Wonder Care enables us to offer a more comprehensive solution to parents while creating additional revenue streams and business opportunities for our franchise partners. Our objective is to develop this segment as a sustainable offering that complements the preschool ecosystem and strengthens the overall value proposition of our network.

At the heart of everything we do is the child. We remain committed to creating child-friendly learning environments that prioritise safety, engagement, exploration, and holistic development.

Academic quality, age-appropriate infrastructure, trained educators, and adherence to the Birla Open Minds philosophy are essential elements of this commitment.

We recognise that institutional quality is shaped by educator capabilities and a strong academic ecosystem. Through initiatives such as **Avinaya and We Care**, we strengthen educators, foster collaboration, and promote best practices across our centres. Beyond academics, we prioritise franchise partner engagement and operational excellence through structured processes, performance reviews, teacher development, enrolment support, quality monitoring, and proactive guidance.

Our commitment goes beyond school launches, supporting partners in establishing, stabilising, and growing sustainably.

We envision a trusted network built on quality, consistency, and innovation, where every centre becomes a preferred educational destination, children flourish, educators grow, and partners succeed confidently.

Sulabh Jain
General Manager – Preschool Sales & Operations

02 HO CHRONICLES

Ganapati Festival Celebrations Across Birla Open Minds Offices

Birla Open Minds offices celebrated Ganapati with a special activity that brought together creativity and tradition.

The highlight was a Ganapati idol-making activity, where employees made their own eco-friendly Bappa idols using terracotta clay. Dressed in traditional attire, everyone got a chance to try their hand at idol-making and celebrate the festival in a different way.

The activity was a lovely mix of tradition, creativity, and spending time together as colleagues. It also encouraged everyone to celebrate in an eco-friendly way.





Onam celebrations across Birla Open Minds offices

Birla Open Minds offices celebrated Onam on August 26, 2026, with festive outfits, homemade food, and lots of togetherness.

Employees came dressed in traditional attire and brought homemade dishes to share. From family favourites to delicious festive treats, the food brought everyone together for lovely conversations and a chance to enjoy the celebration with colleagues.

It was a lovely way to celebrate Onam, share a little bit of home with everyone, and enjoy the festive spirit together.







02 HO CHRONICLES

POSH Training 2026 at Birla Open Minds

Birla Open Minds conducted a POSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment) training session on August 21, 2026, for employees across locations.

The session covered POSH guidelines, how to recognise workplace harassment, employee rights, and the process for reporting and resolving concerns. Employees also got the opportunity to ask questions and clarify their doubts during an interactive session with the trainer.

The training reinforced the importance of creating a workplace where everyone feels safe, respected, and comfortable speaking up. Building such a workplace is a shared responsibility, and it starts with awareness and understanding.



Teachers' Day & Janmashtami 2026 celebrations at Birla Open Minds offices

Birla Open Minds offices celebrated Janmashtami and Teachers' Day 2026 with lots of warmth, gratitude, and togetherness.

One of the highlights was the **Gurudakshina Board Wall – A Wall of Gratitude.** Employees wrote heartfelt messages on sticky notes for the people who have made a difference in their lives — teachers, mentors, colleagues, and loved ones who have guided and supported them along the way.

It was a lovely way to pause and appreciate the people we learn from every day and to remember that behind every learning journey, there is someone who inspires us, encourages us, and helps us grow.





The Architecture of a Young Mind



Education is not the art of filling minds; it is the wisdom of creating space for them to think. In early childhood, every question opens a window, every mistake builds resilience, and every discovery lays a foundation for independent thought. As a Centrehead, I believe our responsibility extends beyond curriculum to shaping environments where curiosity is respected and individuality is nurtured. We must teach children not merely to find answers, but to ask better questions.

Less instruction, more exploration;

Less comparison, more celebration.

When we educate with intention, we do not simply prepare children for school; we prepare them to engage thoughtfully with life.

Ms. Raksha Jha
Centrehead
Birla Open Minds Preschool, Gola Road

Nurturing Young Minds, Shaping Bright Futures



Birla Open Minds Preschool, Rajendra Nagar, has been a wonderful platform for nurturing young minds and laying the foundation for lifelong learning. With a child-centric approach, innovative teaching methodologies, and a warm, stimulating environment, the preschool encourages children to explore, express, create, and grow with confidence. My journey as the Head of Birla Open Minds Preschool, Rajendra Nagar has been an enriching and rewarding experience filled with learning, challenges, and achievements. Being part of this esteemed institution has allowed me to grow as a leader, work with a dedicated team, and contribute to shaping young minds. Every achievement reflects our collective efforts, commitment, and passion for excellence. The most rewarding part of this journey has been witnessing our children grow in confidence, creativity, and knowledge. I firmly believe that every child is unique and capable of achieving greatness when nurtured with love, care, and encouragement. Our children are our future, and together, we can empower them to dream big, believe in themselves, and create a brighter tomorrow.

Ms. Raj Bharti
Centrehead
Birla Open Minds Preschool, Rajendra Nagar



Pedagogy in Action: Transforming Potential into Purpose

"True education does not merely deposit knowledge into passive minds; it ignites inquiry, builds resilient character, and equips learners to navigate an interconnected world."



True learning must be transformative. Educational leadership and institutional practice must transcend routine syllabus completion to cultivate an ecosystem where conceptual depth meets experiential application. When learners are empowered to think critically and inquire fearlessly, academic excellence becomes a natural byproduct rather than an isolated target.

In an era defined by artificial intelligence and rapid technological transformation, educational environments must prioritize active inquiry over passive consumption. Cultivating scientific thinking, problem-solving competencies, and technological literacy equips students to frame hypotheses, build thoughtful models, and address real-world challenges with confidence.

Equally vital is the development of kinesthetic intelligence and sportsmanship, which serve as foundational pillars for neuromuscular discipline, collaboration, and emotional resilience. True sportsmanship instills collective responsibility and grace under competitive pressure.

Ultimately, educational laurels and academic distinctions are milestones along a larger continuum. The primary mission of modern education is to nurture self-directed learners who possess the moral clarity to act responsibly and the intellectual agility to thrive in an interconnected global landscape. When ambition is aligned with ethical purpose, potential seamlessly translates into meaningful lifelong impact.

Mr. Jay Prakash
Principal
Birla Open Minds International School, Warangal







04 VOICES OF TOMORROW

Butterfly, Butterfly, Fly So High



Butterfly, butterfly, fly so high,

Spread your wings and touch the sky.

Fly over flowers, fly over trees,

Dance with the sunshine and feel the breeze.

Butterfly, butterfly, colourful and bright,

You make the world a lovely sight.

Fly here, fly there, happy and free,

A beautiful gift for all to see!

Sourced by,
Mikhu, Learning Year-3
Birla Open Minds Preschool, Dasratha

The Future I Dream Of



When I think about the future, I think it will be very different from today.

Maybe there will be cars that can fly. Maybe robots will help us at home. Maybe people will travel to the Moon again. I think these things will be very exciting.

But I don't want only new machines. I want people to be happy too.

I want every child to go to school. I want everyone to have food, water and a home. I want clean rivers and many trees. I also want animals to be safe.

I know I am still a child. I cannot change everything. But I can do small things.

I can study properly. I can save water and electricity. I can keep my school and home clean. I can help my friends and share my things.

I don't know what I will become when I grow up. Maybe I will be a doctor, teacher or scientist.

Whatever I become, I want to help people.

I think if we all do small good things, our future can become better.

Aryama Shukla, Grade-4
Birla Open Minds International School, Shri Banshidhar Nagar

04 VOICES OF TOMORROW

Dreams of Tomorrow



Beneath the stars, where shadows lie,
A thousand dreams begin to fly.
Beyond the hills, beyond the sea,
Awaits the world we're yet to be.

Through storms of doubt and nights of fear,
The voice of hope rings ever clear.
With hearts of fire and spirits strong,
We march ahead, where we belong.

Tomorrow calls with golden light,
A world of wonder, bold and bright.
Where knowledge blooms and peace shall reign,
And love outshines the darkest pain.

Let mighty minds explore the skies,
Let broken dreams once more arise.
Let rivers flow through fields of green,
And heal the wounds we have not seen.

For every seed that we sow today,
Will shape the dawn along our way.
Let courage rise, let wisdom grow,
And light the paths where brave hearts go.

Though time may test and fate may bend,
The dreamer's flame shall never end.
For those who dare, who strive, who do,
Can make the distant dream come true.

So raise your eyes, let courage grow,
And plant the dreams you wish to sow.
For tomorrow waits beyond today,
A brighter world not far away.

Let every soul its purpose find,
With hope in heart and peace in mind.
For dreams are stars that guide our way,
And build the dawn of a brighter day!



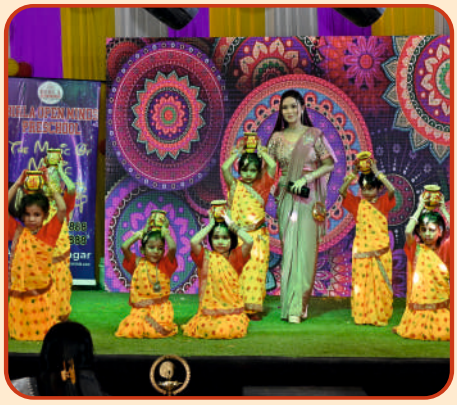
Krushna Kale, Grade-5 Alpha
Birla Open Minds International School, Amravati

05 ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

Celebrating Culture and Caring for Our Environment

Our Annual Function was a beautiful celebration of culture, creativity and environmental awareness. Our young learners presented a vibrant Jhijhiya dance, showcasing the rich cultural heritage of Bihar with enthusiasm and confidence. They also presented a meaningful act on environmental awareness, highlighting the importance of protecting nature, keeping our surroundings clean and making responsible choices for a greener future.

The performances beautifully reflected our belief in learning through creativity, culture and meaningful experiences. Ms. Gauri Nanda, Centrehead of Akhilesh Nagar, was also present with the children, encouraging and appreciating their efforts. The event was a memorable celebration of talent, tradition and responsibility.





Birla Open Minds Preschool, Akhilesh Nagar

International Mud Day

International Mud Day is celebrated on 29th June every year. It is a fun and meaningful day that encourages children to connect with nature and enjoy the simple joy of playing with mud. Children love getting messy, exploring, creating, and enjoying outdoor activities with their friends.

Playing with mud helps develop their creativity, imagination, sensory skills, and curiosity. It also gives children an opportunity to learn through hands-on experiences. Most importantly, such activities keep children away from mobile phones, television, and other screens, encouraging them to spend more time outdoors.

International Mud Day reminds us that learning can be joyful, creative, active, and full of wonderful experiences.






Birla Open Minds Preschool, Bhoothnath

05 ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

Science Centre Field Trip

Birla Open Minds Preschool, Rajendra Nagar organised a fun and educational field trip to the Science Centre for the children of Learning Years 3 and 4. The children explored different science models, watched interesting demonstrations and learned how science is connected to our daily lives. They got an opportunity to see, observe, ask questions and learn through real-life experiences.

The visit helped children develop curiosity, observation skills and logical thinking. They learned to explore new things, ask questions and understand simple scientific concepts. The trip also encouraged teamwork and made learning fun, interactive and memorable.





Birla Open Minds Preschool, Rajendra Nagar

Aharam Evam Poshanam Celebration

Birla Open Minds International School, Ballari organised Aharam Evam Poshanam – Food and Nutrition Fiesta with great enthusiasm and active participation from students. The celebration aimed to create awareness about the importance of healthy eating, balanced nutrition, hydration, and healthy lifestyle habits. Students participated in colourful presentations, dances, skits, ramp walks, and creative activities related to nutritious food and its benefits. Different food groups, including carbohydrates, proteins, healthy fats, vitamins, minerals, and water, were beautifully represented. The programme provided children with an enjoyable and meaningful learning experience. It encouraged students to make mindful food choices and understand that healthy eating plays an important role in their growth, energy, and overall well-being.







Birla Open Minds International School, Ballari

06 CELEBRATING HARMONY

Bonalu 2026

At Birla Open Minds Preschool, Kukatpally Bonalu was celebrated with great devotion on the 7th of September. The children explained the significance of celebrating Bonalu. During the transition of seasons, people succumb to viruses, like chicken pox, smallpox and several other viral diseases. In order to ward off these diseases, we pray to the Goddess by offering food in a pot, named as BONAM. We offered Curd rice in a pot to the Goddess. The children along with their Mentors offered Prayers for good health and prosperity.

The children enjoyed the artwork created by their teachers. Dressed in vibrant colors, the children took pictures. The Day concluded on a devotional note.





Birla Open Minds Preschool, Kukatpally

Janmashtami Celebration

Our preschool celebrated the auspicious festival of Janmashtami with great joy, enthusiasm, and devotion. The celebration began with an introduction to the birth of Lord Krishna and the importance of this beautiful Hindu festival.

The school was beautifully decorated with colourful flowers, peacock feathers, and pictures of Lord Krishna. Our little ones looked adorable dressed as little Krishnas and Radhas, adding charm and excitement to the celebration.

The children enjoyed listening to the stories of Lord Krishna's childhood, his love for butter, and his playful nature. They participated in devotional songs, dance performances, and fun-filled activities related to the festival. The celebration helped them learn about Indian culture and traditions in an enjoyable way.

Through this celebration, the children learned valuable lessons from Lord Krishna's life, such as kindness, love, honesty, and helping others. It was a wonderful opportunity for our little learners to understand the significance of Janmashtami and appreciate the rich cultural heritage of India.

The day was filled with smiles, laughter, and festive spirit, creating beautiful memories for our little ones. The Janmashtami celebration was a delightful blend of learning, devotion, and fun!





Birla Open Minds Preschool, Silchar

06 CELEBRATING HARMONY

Ganesh Chaturthi

The school celebrated Ganesh Chaturthi by bringing a clay idol that was devoid of any artificial paints and materials. The eco-friendly Ganesha inspired students to become more aware of their environment and consumption habits. The students wore colourful dresses and their best garments to welcome the Lord and participated in the aarti. They helped with the decorations and rangoli, making the occasion more vibrant. The programme ended with the distribution of prasad and seeking blessings.






Birla Open Minds International School, Bibinagar (Residential School)

Festival Celebrations at Nashik

Our school celebrated all major festivals with great enthusiasm and joy. The school was beautifully decorated with flowers and decorations made by our teachers.

As a part of Ashadhi Ekadashi celebration students dressed up as various saints and spiritual personalities of Maharashtra brining their teaching to life.

For Gurupurnima celebration all the teachers were warmly welcomed with flowers from the students and a special assembly was conducted by the students where they danced and sang melodious song in honour of the teachers.

Rakshabandhan was celebrated in school with great zeal and enthusiasm where the girls tied Rakhi on the wrists of the boys and exchanged sweets.

One of the most awaited festival of the year Janmashtami. Girls and Boys competed with each other to break the Handi first after which all the students of the school danced to some wonderful Dahi handi music.

Ganesh Chaturthi was celebrated beautifully in school where students from Grade I and II made the image of Lord Ganesha with craft paper, paper glass, leaves and modak shaped incense stands.

The objective was to make students aware of Indian culture and the importance of unity in diversity.





Birla Open Minds International School, Nashik

06 CELEBRATING HARMONY

Mirchi Vriksha Bandhan – Celebrating Our Bond with Nature

This Raksha Bandhan, young learners of Gopi Birla Memorial School celebrated a beautiful and meaningful bond—not just with their siblings, but with **Mother Nature**

As part of the **Mirchi Vriksha Bandhan initiative,** our students lovingly tied Rakhis to trees, symbolising their promise to nurture, protect and care for our environment.

With joyful hearts and a strong sense of responsibility, our little environmental champions celebrated the spirit of **Raksha Bandhan** in a truly unique way—by strengthening their bond with nature.

A small Rakhi, a meaningful promise, and a big step towards a greener tomorrow!

Together, let us protect the trees that protect us.



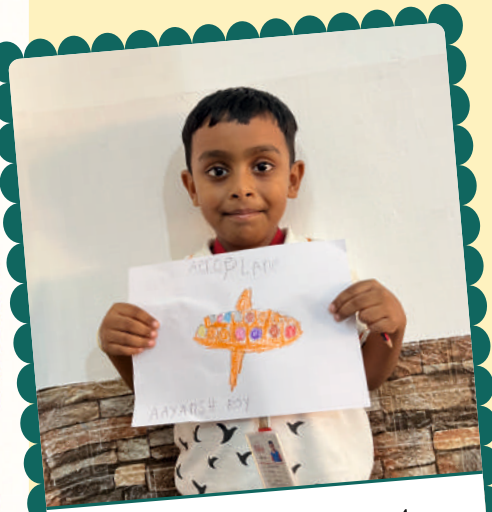






Gopi Birla Memorial School, Mumbai

ART & CRAFT ACTIVITY



Aayansh-Learning Year 4



Learning Year 3 & Learning Year 4



Prayan-Learning Year 4



Ezra-Learning Year 4



Delilah-Learning Year 2



Group Activity-Learning Year 4

Birla Open Minds Preschool, Dimapur

ART & CRAFT ACTIVITY



Group Activity-Learning Year 4



Khushi-Learning Year 1



Group Activity-Learning Year 2



Group Activity-Learning Year 3



Group Activity-Learning Year 3

Birla Open Minds Preschool, Ranebennuru

ART & CRAFT ACTIVITY



Smayam-Grade 6 Beta



Arohi Ram-Grade 5 Delta



Jeshna Nihitha Reddy-Grade 9 Beta



Hritika Gude-Grade 9



Anika M-Grade 9 Alpha



Darsh Deep-Grade 6

Birla Open Minds International School, Bandlaguda Jagir

ART & CRAFT ACTIVITY



Anubhav Pathak-Grade 5



Ansh Kumar-Grade 7



Ananya Kumari-Grade 4



Aryan Yadav-Grade 7



Sonali Kumari-Grade 8



Palak Kumari-Grade 7

Birla Open Minds International School, Shri Bansidhar Nagar

ART & CRAFT ACTIVITY



Minakshi Sabarinath-Grade 5



Ayidin Muneer-Grade 2



Group Activity-Grade 5

Birla Open Minds International School, Kollam

ART & CRAFT ACTIVITY



Grade 2



Grade 3



Grade 4



Learning Year-2



Learning Year-3



Learning Year-4

Birla Open Minds International School, Sitamarhi

08 FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK-

Beyond Screen Time: Raising Thinkers, Not Just Digital Natives

Every parent today has a smart phone. Every child has access to it.

The greatest danger of smartphones is not simply that children spend too much time looking at screens. It is that they may be spending too little time learning to think independently, manage emotions, build relationships and solve problems.

The OECD's PISA 2025 findings should concern every parent. Across OECD countries, average reading scores fell by 28 points between 2015 and 2025, while mathematics scores dropped by 22 points.

One in five 15-year-olds now struggles to reach basic proficiency in science, mathematics and reading. These findings do not prove that smartphones cause declining achievement, but they raise important questions about how children learn.

What happens when instant stimulation replaces real-world experience?
Critical thinking develops when children question, investigate, make mistakes and persist through challenges. Creativity grows through experimentation and the freedom to be bored. Emotional intelligence develops when children navigate disagreements, recognise feelings and learn empathy through face-to-face interactions. Yet, when screens routinely replace play, conversation, reading and independent exploration, children lose valuable opportunities to practise these essential skills.

The consequences may extend beyond academics. PISA 2025 found that digital distraction was associated with less positive attitudes towards learning and a weaker sense of belonging at school. This matters because a child's development cannot be measured by marks or technological fluency alone. The ability to manage frustration, communicate respectfully and understand another person's perspective is equally vital.

Parents must therefore look beyond screen-time statistics. Set sensible boundaries, protect family conversations and encourage reading, outdoor play, hobbies and unstructured exploration. Ask children to explain their reasoning rather than simply supply answers. Let them experience boredom, overcome difficulties and discover solutions independently.



At Birla Open Minds, we have critical thinking and problem solving in our curriculum. Our Soul Science program instils introspection and communication with the self, prior to others.

Smartphones are not inherently making children less intelligent. The real danger lies in allowing convenience and constant entertainment to displace the experiences through which intelligence, resilience and empathy develop.

The question is not whether our children are digitally connected, but whether they are becoming intellectually curious, emotionally secure and socially capable human beings.

As adults nurturing the next generation awareness and conscious parenting is the only way ahead.

Priya Gopal
General Manager - Training
Birla Open Minds Education Ltd.

WINTER FUN & GAMES

Game 1: Winter Word Scramble

Grades 2–5
Word Game

Unscramble the winter words!

1. WONS = _____ 
2. RASCF = _____ 
3. TBOOS = _____ 
4. VOGELS = _____ 
5. GUNIPEN = _____ 

Play here, get every answer right, and a Certificate of Excellence comes your way!

WINTER FUN & GAMES

Game 2: Help the Penguin!

Grades 1–4
Visual challenge

HELP THE PENGUIN TO FIND THE SNOWMAN



Challenge a friend to find the correct path without crossing any walls.





Draw a simple maze with a penguin at the start and a cosy igloo at the finish.

Game 3

Build a Winter Story

Grades 4–8 · Group activity

Start a story with:

"On the coldest morning of the year,
I discovered a mysterious box
outside my door..."

Each child adds two sentences. Include a secret message, a surprising character, and an unexpected ending.



Crack the Winter Code

Grades 3–6

Each letter has a number: A = 1, B = 2, C = 3, and so on.

Decode these winter words:



19 – 14 – 15 – 23 = _____

6 – 18 – 15 – 19 – 20 = _____

19 – 3 – 1 – 18 – 6 = _____

Write a story using these words but with a twist. The story should be based in Summer.

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Play here, get every answer right, and a Certificate of Excellence comes your way!

Grades 1–2

Colour Your Winter Buddy

Creative Corner

Skills: Creativity, drawing and early writing

