



# BPS RETROSPECT

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## Editorial

*'I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.' says Mark Twain. Truly, education is when the young minds are directed to training by that which amuses their minds. To cater to the need, students in BPS are exposed to methods which help their understanding and learning take a quantum leap through rich curricula.*

*With the commencement of this session, we have a slew of events to commemorate the platinum jubilee year of our school. The celebrations have already kick-started with the Cycle Tour to Leh. The formal inauguration of the Platinum Jubilee by ISRO's Moon and Mars man, Dr. Annadurai, was yet another vistas in the school's illustrious journey right from its inception.*

*For the last few months the school has been a ground for simulation of battle of words to ensure discovery of the peculiar bent of the genius of children and their thought process with accuracy. We keep opening new doors as our development and progress lead us down the new paths.*

*The issue covers the take-off of another glorious session.*

- Deepika Shekhawat

## Inauguration of Platinum Jubilee Year



Dr. M. Annadurai interacting with boys



Still from Science Skit

Dr. M. Annadurai, Padmashree, graced the occasion of Investiture Ceremony as the chief guest. Dr. Mylswamy Annadurai is a distinguished scientist with the Indian Space Research Organisation and served as Director, ISRO Satellite Centre, Bengaluru. Maj. Gen. (Retd.) S.S. Nair AVSM Director BET, Principals of BET Schools from Pilani and other dignitaries also witnessed the programme. The Investiture ceremony was held on 5th August. The ceremonial pinning of the badges on the uniform of the young leaders was done by the chief guest. They took the oath to dispense their duties to the best of their abilities.

Investiture Ceremony was followed by Inauguration of Platinum Jubilee Year by Dr. Annadurai on 6th August. The journey of BPS from 1944 till date was showcased. The students presented a skit on advancement of Science in India. In the morning the chief guest visited science exhibition and appreciated rocketeering project by BPS boys. The chief guest inaugurated the maiden Science Magazine on the same day.

## All India G. D. Birla Memorial Platinum Jubilee English Debate 2018

The Vidya Niketan All India G. D. Birla Memorial Platinum Jubilee English Debate 2018 was inaugurated on 31st August. The debate convened panels that engaged 14 teams from different schools all over the country in a robust exchange of views on issues that matter to the people of India and the world.

The new modified Cambridge debate format was highly gripping. All the teams shared their views and countered the opposition attack in a number of sessions on various topics of concern. The young debaters got countless opportunities to showcase their debating skills on the platform provided by the new format. Rashtriya Military School Ajmer, Mayo College Girls Ajmer, The Mann School and Birla Public School entered the Semi Final Round. In the final round on 2nd September, BPS Pilani stood first and the runner-up was The Mann School, Delhi. The Best Speaker was Kumar Kishlay, followed by Vikramaditya Kulhari at second position and Aryaman Dave third.





## Manali - Leh Cycle Expedition



*Well begun is half done. Miles to go yet.*

The BPS cycling expedition team of 15 students escorted by Mr. V. S. Rathore and Dr. A. Shukla started with a motive to spread awareness on the themes- Curb Global Warming and Save Glaciers.

They left from Manali on 22 July 2018 to explore Manali-Leh route. The cycle expedition covered 7 passes to reach Laddakh, the highest and coldest desert of the world. Three of these passes are world's highest motorable roads with altitude of 13000ft to 18380 ft.

The boys interacted with Mr. Sonam Wangchuk about the functioning of his unique alternative school SECMOL. Mr. Wangchuk also talked about the need of reusing natural waste and using solar energy in daily life. It was an experience to work on irrigation project with students of SECMOL. They also had an opportunity to lend helping hands at campus of HIAL and SECMOL.

Our expedition team was given a warm welcome and felicitation by Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP). DIG ITBP Mr. Jaipal Yadav, an alumnus of BPS organised a function with a view to motivate the team. The team also paid visit to Batalik sector of Kargil region where Yogi Sheoran, Brigade (192) Commander and alumnus of BPS

welcomed them. Brigadier Sheoran organized the team's visit to Boulder Post on Pakistan border, the post where Kargil war was fought. The BPS team stayed in Tiger Hill Brigade.

Our students also had a unique opportunity to familiarize themselves with Indo Aryan culture, life, language, livelihood and history when they visited Red Indo Aryan village mostly unexplored by civilians as the region is a military base. The last destination was the famous



Pangong Lake near China border. The Pangong Lake is unique for its location, length and beautiful colours in water because of reflection of clouds.

When our youth experience the rare aspect of our country's geography, like the mighty Himalayas which has always played a role of foster mother to Indians, they start loving the nature more than ever. As an appreciation, Maj. Gen. (Retd.) AVSM S.S. Nair, Director BET, Capt. (IN) Alokesh Sen Principal BPS, Dr. M. Kasturi Principal BBVP, Mr. Sanjay Srivastava Principal BHS, Mr. Pavan Vashishtha Principal BSV and other dignitaries congratulated and felicitated the team for their outstanding accomplishment.

## BPSMUN

BPS brought together enthusiasts and experts of MUN on 18th August this year. The chief guest was Mr. K. K. Pareek, Dy. Director Finance BET Pilani. The young delegates from 8 schools all over India talked on 7 different agendas in their 6 committees.

United Nations Security Council (UNSC) discussed the agendas- *Rising aggression and threat of Communist*



*State through expansionist policies (1987) & International peace and Security (1987). UN Office on Drugs and Crime showed its concerns on Coordinating the provincial platforms supporting drug law enforcement across Latin America and the Caribbean & Associations between illegitimate drugs trafficking and other methods of organized crime. United States Senate heated up the*



## Inter School Shloka Recitation Competition 2018

BPS conducted *Sanskrit Shlokocharan* Competition 2018 on 23rd August. Dr. Ramakant Shukla, Padmashree and founder president of Indian (Sanskrit) Journalists Union, inaugurated the competition. Dr. Chandrabhushan Jha from St. Stephen's College, Dr. Rishiraj Pathak from Indraprastha College and Mr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee from St. Stephen's College formed the panel of judges. Capt. (IN) Alokesh Sen, Principal BPS presided over the event. Students from 17 schools participated in the competition.

Gaurika Munjal from O.P. Jindal School Hisar stood first in Junior Group. Gauri Chaudhary from Dalmiya School Chirawa secured second position and Saurabh Chaukhani from Birla Public School got third position. In Senior Group, Niharika Dubey from O.P. Jindal School secured first position. Himankini Misra from Maharani Gayatri Devi School Jaipur stood second followed by Pragya Kumari from Dalmiya School Chirawa at third position. Running trophy of the competition was lifted by O.P. Jindal School Hisar.



## Youth (IN) Parliament

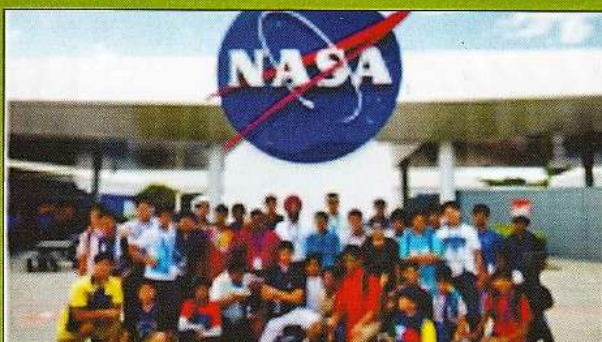


*BPS boys with Sumitra Mahajan, Lok Sabha speaker*



*Youth Parliament in BPS*

A team of BPS boys visited Parliament of India on 28th July. They interacted with our present leaders to know about the functioning of parliament. The Middle Section Youth Parliament of BPS brought students together to participate in debates, dialogues and deliberations on a host of issues. 20 best students were selected in the two-day event of simulation of Indian Parliament. The young boys proved themselves a reservoir of energy and intelligence during the sessions.



## Global Tour to NASA

Thirty students along with three teachers went on a global tour to the United States of America from 7th to 19th June this year. They visited Florida (NASA), Niagara Falls, Washington DC and New York.



conversation on *Evaluation of America's role in the Vietnam war*. International Civil Aviation Organisation had the agendas-*Improving aviation safety in civil and military sectors & Environmental impacts of aviation*. The Marvel Summit was an exciting new committee with delegates as actual superheroes with their stories and identities. The delegates in Press Corps represented news agencies and reported the proceedings.

The sessions of negotiations, entertainment, information, ideas and opinions with light handed fun along with serious formal conference came to a halt on 20th August. The MUN assembled a roll call of representatives from the globe on the mentioned burning issues.

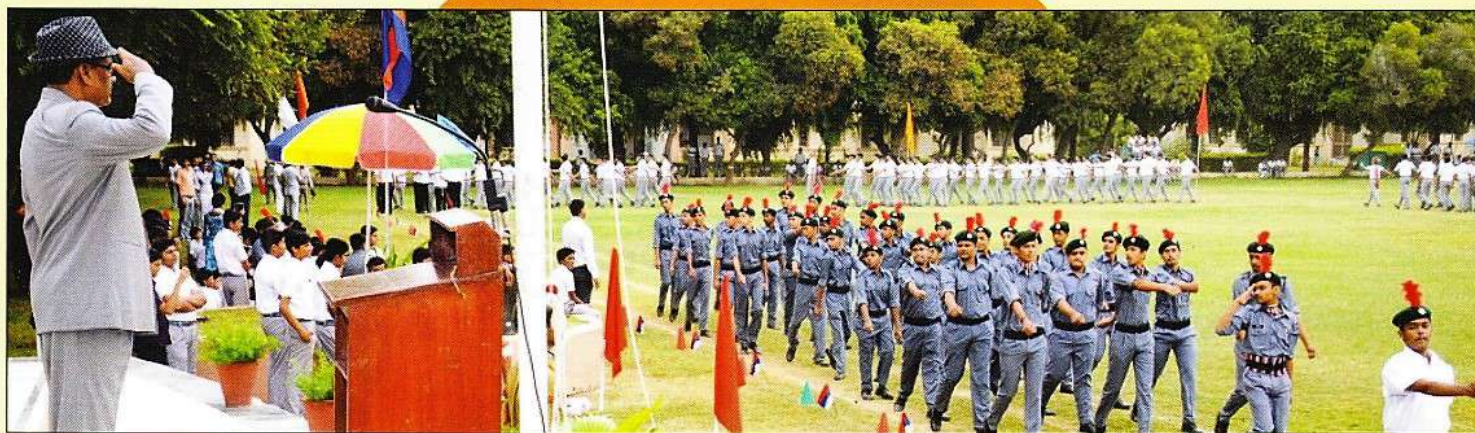


## Montessori Day

The Montessori Day this year was celebrated on 30th August. Maj. Gen. (Retd.) S.S. Nair AVSM, Director BET was the chief guest of the occasion. The students performed Skating Stunts, Martial Art Exercises, Band Display and Science-Mathematics-Arts Exhibition as outdoor programmes. They presented Montessori speech, Hindi Skit, English Skit, Sanskrit Song, Dance-drama and dance in Vijay Hall.



## Independence Day



The 72nd Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and fervour. Principal Capt. (IN) Alokesh Sen unfurled the national flag and took salute of the parade.

## BET Patriotic Song Competition

The Birla Education Trust Patriotic Song Competition was organised in BPS on 14th August to celebrate the brimming patriotic fervour around Independence Day. All the BET Schools demonstrated love for their country through songs in Hindi as well as regional languages to glorify sacrifices, history and ideals. The elocution on Dr. Kalam added an extra charm to the programme. Birla Public School stood first in the competition.





## Educational tours and Trekking

All the students, escorted by the staff members proceeded for educational tours and treks from 26th March to 3rd April to their respective destinations. The junior classes enjoyed tours to historical places and national parks while seniors got engaged with more adventurous activities making their way through the varied kind of trails in Himalayan region. A group of class XI went on the Thar expedition.

## AISSCE & AISSE Result 2017-2018

Kumar Vinayak of Science stream secured first position with 95% in AISSCE 2018. Sarthak Agarwal stood second followed by Siddharth Bhadauriya. School average for the Science stream was 80.10%. Vineet Dahiya and Gagandeep Chopra shared first position in Commerce Stream with 86.40%. Khagesh Tibra Stood second followed by Raghav Agarwal who stood third. For the Commerce stream, school average was 73%.

AISSE 2018 top scorer, Akshat Singhal secured 97.60%. Second was Anurag Mukherjee followed by Deepanshu Gupta at third position. School average for AISSE 2018 was 76.94%.



*BET Felicitation high achievers in  
CBSE Board Examination*

## BPS Third in Cryptic'18

Abhishek Anand and Mudit Khandelwal stood third in Cryptic Crossword Contest City Round 2018 held in KY No. 2, Jaipur on 13th July 2018. The contest was open for IX to XII. It is to enhance lateral thinking so that one learns to look at word formation in different light.

## BET IT Quiz

Birla Public School bagged the first position in BET Inter Institutional Quiz hosted by BPS. Maj. Gen. (Retd.) S.S. Nair AVSM Director BET presided over the programme, Dr. Navneet Goel Professor ITD BITS was the guest speaker. The second and third positions were secured by Birla International School and Birla Shishu Vihar respectively.



## Theatre Workshop

A Theatre workshop was organized in BPS for honing the stage skills of theatre aspirants. Around 160 students participated in the workshop held from 10th to 16th April 2018. The participants staged two shows on the concluding day of the production workshop.





## Mathematics Quiz 2018

Three students namely Venkat Sai Pawan, Prateek Kumar and Deepanshu Gupta participated in IPSC Mathematics Quiz 2018 on 28th July hosted by BRCM, Bahal. BPS secured third position in the quiz.

## Recitation and Elocution Competition

Class-wise Recitation and Elocution Competition of Middle Section was held on 26th and 31st July. Kartik from Buddha House stood first for class VIII while Ranjan of Mahaveer House stood first in Hindi Recitation for class IX. Ishan Dhar secured first position in Recitation Competition of class VIII and Anshul Yadav stood first in the class IX English Elocution Competition.

## Welcome to New Students

A Freshers' Welcome Party was organized on 3rd May 2018 in Vijay Hall. New students introduced themselves and presented dance and songs. Principal BPS attended the programme and appreciated the efforts made by students.

## Nelson Mandela Day

BPS dedicated a day to Nelson Mandela on 20th July, 2018 to mark centenary year of his birth. It was to reflect on his life and legacy and talk about his contribution towards world peace and new world order. Lecture, declamation, skit, poem, song and audience quiz with attractive prizes mesmerized the audience. Maj. Gen. (Retd.) AVSM S. S. Nair Director BET, all BET School Principals and other dignitaries graced the occasion.



## Faculty Development Programme



A Faculty Development Program was organized for all the BET teachers from 14th to 17th May 2018. Teachers from schools of BET gave presentations on 'Teaching Learning Process, Pastoral Care & Parental Confidence'. A cultural eve by teachers was also held on 16th May in Vijay Hall.



## Felicitations by BET

BET congratulated and celebrated NABET accreditation of BPS on 11th July 2018. Maj. Gen. (Retd.) S.S. Nair AVSM, Director BET, all the principals of BET schools from Pilani and teachers were present in the high tea hosted by BSV. Capt. (IN) Alokesh Sen appreciated the efforts of the NABET team led by Mr. D. C. Misra Accreditation Coordinator NABET and Ms. Varsha Ratta Dy. Accreditation Coordinator NABET. The principal also offered help to the sister concerns.



## Inter-House Tournaments

Inter-House Football Tournament for senior section was organised from 18th to 27th July. The tournament was knockout cum knockout basis. The final match was won by Panini House. Vyas House stood second followed by Patanjali House.

Inter-House Football Match Jr. Sec. was held on 31st July. Kishore House won the final match against Bal House by 4-2.

In Inter-House Volleyball Tournament held from 11th to 21st August, Vashishtha House knocked out Panini in the

finals by 3-2. Katyayan House stood third in the tournament.

The Middle Section Inter-House Handball Tournament commenced on 24th July. Dayanand House lifted the trophy by winning the finals against Buddha House.

## Yoga Competitions

Seven boys of junior section participated in Yoga Competition held at Birla Naturopathy Centre on 8th April. Parjanya Agarwal won Gold medal and Ankit won Silver medal.

## Orientation Course for Teachers of BET

A group of 8 teachers from BPS attended an educational workshop in The Institute of Sri Sathya Sai Education (India), Dharmakshetra, Mumbai from 21st June to 4th July 2018. The workshop covered topics on teaching-learning, wellness of teachers and students, role of environment and parents in the making of future society.



*Pahari visit, the local trekking*



*Labour Day: Students serving food*



*Cleanliness is Godliness*



*Spic Macay – Presentation by Padmashree Ustad Wasifuddin Dagar*



## Appointments for the Session 2018-2019

School prefectorial body is a conduit between the students and the staff. The team at times takes charge of representatives of school and acts as a liaison between school and society. The student body's governance, planning and execution of school events give them leadership opportunities. They, in no time become role models for younger students. The school office bearers of the session are:



### School Captain- Uttkarsh Sharma

Sports Prefect- **Yatharth Pandya**  
 Academic Prefect- **Akshat Gupta**  
 Event Management Prefect- **Aumkar Iyer**  
 Mess Prefect- **Vansh Mor**  
 Day Scholar Prefect- **Amulya Gupta**  
 School Prefect (Kanad)- **Kuldeep Rajpurohit**  
 School Prefect (Panini)- **Varun Panwar**  
 School Prefect (Patanjali)- **Parth Bafna**  
 School Prefect (Katyayan)- **Gopal Sharma**

School Prefect (Vashishtha)- **Jitesh Lakra**  
 School Prefect (Vyas)- **Manoranjana**  
 House Prefect (Kanad)- **Arghya Banerjee**  
 House Prefect (Panini)- **Manish Chaudhary**  
 House Prefect (Patanjali)- **Shivam Singh**  
 House Prefect (Vashishtha)- **Madhav Chauhan**  
 House Prefect (Katyayan)- **Karan Yadav**  
 House Prefect (Vyas)- **Dinesh Singh**

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