



Birla Open Minds International School, Hyderabad

ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

Birla Open Minds International School, Kollur is a part of the prestigious Birla Group which is being run under the aegis of DSR Educational Society.

Our school apart from being ranked the 6th best school in Hyderabad and Telangana, ranked 27 in the country by Education World Top School Survey and 5th best in Best International Curriculum in the academic sector also focuses on extra-curricular activities for every student.

Scholastic Report 2018-19.

Excellent performance is not an exception but an expectation at Birla Open Minds.

The academic session in the Primary years was inaugurated with the Bridge sessions to help the students ease into the next grade-level learning. In Middle years, a diagnostic test was conducted for all students to check their competency under various parameters.

The highlight of the academic session was the Student Led Conference. Students engaged the parents with presentations and activities that showed their proficiency on the given topic.

Sports final-1

Sports are just as important as academics. We are extremely thankful for the vision the school management has for us and that is evident from the fact that this year alone we participated in more than fifteen sports related events.

Few honorable mentions are Telangana State Level Swimming Championship, Telangana State Equestrian Championship, Sahodaya Cluster Matches, CBSE South Zone Badminton Cluster Tournaments, Greater Hyderabad Inter-school Taekwondo Championship, Community Events and many more.

At SFA, Sports for All Championship, held in the month of November, our school had enlisted 215 students in more than 10 events such as Athletics, Tennis, Table tennis, Football, Basketball, Kho Kho, Swimming, Martial arts and Chess. We won 4 golds, 12 silvers and 10 bronzes. The SFA website ranked us 13th in a medal tally that consisted of more than 300 schools.

We thank the parents who have been encouraging and supporting us for sports programs like parasailing and the brilliant young minds who have learned the art of striking a perfect balance between Scholastics and Co-scholastics.



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Inter-house Competitions

What better way to strengthen the connection between academics and co-curricular activities than Inter-house competitions?

It is said that “Strength does not come from physical capacity, it comes from unity.” The house system at Birla Open Minds is one of the most amazing aspects of my school.

This year we crafted our way into the IHC by designing Greeting Card for soldiers. Various competitions followed like Coloring, drawing, House Logo designing, Anmol Kavi – poetry recitation, story writing, Pick and Speak, Extempore, Debate and Spell Bee, Ignited Minds Quiz Competition.

WORKSHOP

We have had more than 15 workshops for teachers which included the ones for Birla Edutech Limited, Cambridge International, Leadership and Personality Development training; workshops on Anti-Bullying, Leader in Me, Multiple Intelligence, Autism, etcetera. More than 8 workshops were organized for the students which focused on Model United Nations, Effective communication, Career counseling, caring for pets, among others.

We also conducted parenting workshops, and safety & hospitality training for the support staff at Birla Open Minds.

FIELD TRIP

Field trips are those exciting rides we take to the very temple of learning. This year, we visited AA Agrifarm, Gulmohar Park, Shilparamam, Sudha Car Museum, Golconda Fort to explore and study creations of a mason, farmer, tribal artists and learn more about our historical heritage. On Science day, we paid a visit to National Remote Sensing Agency.

Community Service

Gratitude being the theme of our school year and understanding our responsibilities in the society, Birla Open Minds International School took a step towards community service. We donated umbrellas to the security guards in various communities, drivers and support staff at the school. It is worth mentioning that our dear parents Ms Namrata Heda, Mr Arun Madnani, Ms Shalini Kaushal, and Ms Amrutha helped us organize the event in their communities.



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As a part of the program, Soles for Souls, students from Grade 1 to 11 donated shoes for the less fortunate ones. In August, all the members of Birla Open Minds, staff and children alike, poured in help with a grateful heart to aid the Kerala flood victims.

We actively participated in the noble cause of a Recycling Program spearheaded by ITC WOW and GHMC. With a thoughtful intention to express their gratitude, students of grade 10 willingly served food in the dining hall giving the kitchen staff a break from their regular routine and experiencing the joy of extending help.

External and Internal Events

For the other festivities, it is not just Sports and Academics that are the priority at our school. Birla Open Minds creates sunny days for External and Internal Cultural Events too.

Internally, the events commenced with the STUCO Nominations declared open on 12th June. The selected student council leaders were felicitated on the Investiture Ceremony held in July.

Leading the young souls on a sound path, and following into the footsteps of our nation's gift to the world, we celebrated International Yoga Day on June 21st.

We made Rakhis for Rakshabandhan and relived the life of Krishna during the Janmashtami celebrations. On Independence Day, we took an oath to treat our fellow human beings with utmost respect. The celebrations that followed were the eco-friendly Ganesh Chaturthi, Teachers' Day, Dussehra, Bathukamma, Diwali, Children's day, and Sankranti. It continues to be a festive year full of joy and positivity.

FILLER WEEK

Report on interesting and interactive Filler Weeks at our school.

This year, we began with Rhetoric Rhapsody 2018 where we laid the foundation of our first interschool literary fest. More than 300 students from 15 schools of Hyderabad participated in the event. Competitions included Poetry recitation, Quiz, Debate, Monologues etc.

During Aurora, the Social Science fest, we organized Birla Open Minds Model United Nations and Model Lok Sabha. Students right from Grade 1 to Middle Years participated in Math-a-ron, the Mathematics fest and created interesting stalls and games.



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Our Science fest, Alpha to Omega and the Club Carnival are being held in February 2019.

CLUBS

Every individual is born with a passion. To nurture that talent and help it flourish, we have nine clubs for the budding artists.

One of them is, Fotoknights, the Photography club where we learned to compose the shots, using various photography techniques. In Cinematics, the videography club, we learned the intricate art of filming various emotions and composing each shot to tell stories effectively. We studied the works of many eminent directors.

Students learned to create poetic works, intricacies of debate, ad libs, Poseidon etc. in WOW club, short for World of Words, school's Literary club.

We enjoyed setting up the kitchen garden and making bird feeders as a part of the Eco Warriors Club. We had our fair share of fun and learning in other clubs too, namely, Cuisine Club, Drama Club, Melody Club, Techno Club, Artisan Club and Indian Heritage Club initiated this year.

Scholastic & Co-scholastic External Events

And now, for the Scholastic & Co-scholastic External Events. We are happy to share the details of the commendable performances of our students.

It began with Ashish Sodadasi of Grade 9B bagging the Jury award at the prestigious Gopi Birla Model United Nations at Mumbai in the month of July. Sai Sanjeev of Grade 9B was honored with the medal of Excellence at the Indian International Model United Nations.

Among other scholastic events, our school participated in Innoventure 2018; World Wisdom Quiz; various subject specific Olympiads; NIE, NTSE Exam, Spell Bee International, Sakshi Spell Bee, and Gray Matters Exam.

We proudly announce that ideas pitched by Rishit and Hrithvik Reddy of Grade 6 are among the best 32 ideas selected across country for Schoolpreneur Summit Finale 2018 which is organized by Metamorphosis.

We also took part and brought laurels from BHEL Cluster Art Competition and DESAFIO, an interschool competition held at Delhi School of Excellence.

NEW INITIATIVES



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“You don’t have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great.”

New initiatives at Birla Open Minds International School are yearly practices to stay ahead of every other educational institution.

Keeping this in mind, ROOTS - Responsible Outbound Organic Training for Schools was introduced which has garnered much appreciation by all the partakers in Primary Years.

Apart from this, the Leader in Me program which adopts themes from the famous book by Stephen R. Covey, ‘7 Habits of Highly Effective People’ saw the Sun at Birla Open Minds in 2018.

Understanding the need of effective communication with the drivers, we have initiated Communication Workshop for them this year.