

The Scholarly Scoop

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BUILDING LEADERS · ENCOURAGING DIALOGUE · SHAPING TOMORROW

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE ACROSS EVERY FIELD

CHAMPIONS OF THE WEST ZONE

Hockey girls take bronze at the West Zone

Reported from the School Sports Desk

The Under-19 Girls' Hockey Team of Birla Shishu Vihar, Pilani has done the school proud, securing the 3rd position at the CBSE West Zone Hockey Competition 2026. Battling strong sides from across the zone, the team's discipline on the field and spirit off it were praised by coaches and officials alike.

Every player returned wearing a medal, a fitting reward for months of early-morning practice on the school turf. The Principal congratulated the squad in the morning assembly, calling their run "a lesson in teamwork the whole school can learn from."



BET ENGLISH PENTANGULAR

Season 6, Chapter 1: A Grand Celebration of Language and Expression

Birla Shishu Vihar, Pilani had the privilege of hosting BET English Pentangular – Season 6, Chapter 1 on 8 August 2026, bringing together more than 585 students from Classes VI to XII representing seven prestigious schools managed by the Birla Education Trust. The event was envisioned as a vibrant platform to hone students' communication skills, imagination, creativity, confidence and expressive abilities through a diverse range of literary and speaking activities.

The event featured a stimulating array of competitions in both Closed and Open Categories. Students showcased their talents through Poetry Recitation, Role Play, Storytelling and Extempore in the Closed Category. The Open Category included Show and Tell, Persuasive Speech, Extempore and Group Discussion, providing participants with opportunities to demonstrate their command over language, spontaneity, critical thinking, articulation and creative expression.

BSVMUN 3.0

Birla Shishu Vihar, Pilani, inaugurated BSVMUN 3.0, a three-day Model United Nations conference aimed at developing leadership, critical thinking, communication and diplomatic skills among students.

Prof. S. K. Barai, Director, BITS Pilani Campus, attended the inaugural ceremony as Chief Guest. Addressing students, he encouraged them to develop a global perspective, engage thoughtfully with contemporary issues and respect diverse viewpoints.

Students, teachers and school representatives participated enthusiastically. The conference provides students an opportunity to understand the functioning of the United Nations, represent different countries and engage in meaningful debates on global issues.



Scenes from BET English Pentangular – Season 6, Chapter 1, hosted at Birla Shishu Vihar on 8 August 2026.



LIFE AT B.S.V

INDEPENDENCE DAY SPECIAL

Tricolour Tales of Celebration

School Reporter, Art & Culture Desk

In the run-up to the 80th Independence Day, NCC cadets picked up their brushes for an open-air poster-making activity. Under the shade of the campus trees, tricolour skylines, the Red Fort, India Gate, Ashoka Chakras and patriotic slogans took shape on paper.

The finished posters were held high for a group photograph — a proud wall of orange, white and green that captured, in the students' own words, what freedom means to their generation.



NCC cadets display their hand-painted Independence Day posters on the school lawns.



NCC Cadets assemble for the "Har Ghar Tiranga" rally outside the school gate.

To celebrate the spirit of patriotism and the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, the NCC cadets of Birla Shishu Vihar, Pilani, organised a Tiranga Rally across the school campus. With pride and enthusiasm, 40 NCC cadets participated, carrying the Tricolour and spreading the message of unity, patriotism and respect for our National Flag.

ON STAGE · MUSIC & MELODY

Cultural Affairs Correspondent

AFS Online Singing competition was held for which the trio of student musicians — Keyur Prashant Manohar on the tabla, Oyshee Sarkar on vocals, and Sankarshan Mukhiya on the harmonium — brought a classical thumri to life for the school community, performing in Raag Yaman (Thaat Kalyan) set to Teen Taal.

The piece, "Main Vaari Vaari Jaaungi Preetam Pyare," is a traditional composition rich with longing and devotion — no small undertaking for young performers, who held the raag's mood with a poise well beyond their years.



Keyur Prashant Manohar, Oyshee Sarkar, and Sankarshan Mukhiya perform a classical thumri in Raag Yaman.

GOLD IN NATIONAL YOGA CHAMPIONSHIP

BSV student "Akshita Agarwal" stood tall on the podium at the 25th Rajasthan Yoga Sports Championship 2026, held under the aegis of Yoga Sports Association of Rajasthan. Competing with quiet focus, she received her certificate from championship officials to warm applause — a proof that discipline learned on the mat travels well beyond it.



Akshita Agarwal receives her certificate at the 25th Rajasthan Yoga Sports Championship 2026.

CLASS ACTIVITIES

SPEAKING WITH CONFIDENCE · CLASS VI

Five young storytellers took turns before their classmates in a Class VI storytelling exercise, using nothing but voice, expression and imagination to hold the room. The activity builds public-speaking confidence, sequencing, and creative expression.



Class VI students prepare to present their stories to the class.

POSTER MAKING & PUBLIC SPEAKING · CLASS VII

Students took up pencils, sketch pens and poster paper for a values-based poster-making activity on girls' education and empowerment — each paired with a short spoken presentation to the class.



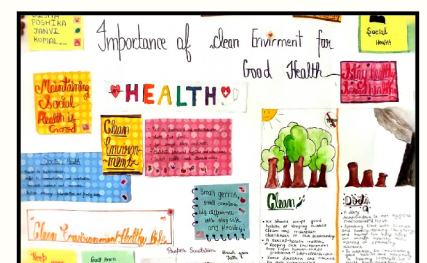
Class 7th Students present their hand-made posters on the theme "Educate Daughters, Empower the Nation."

GROUP POSTER PROJECT · CLASS VIII

A Class VIII group project on public health saw students design a collaborative poster on the Importance of a Clean Environment for Good Health, combining research, illustration and teamwork into a single, colourful presentation.



A Class VIII student team presents their group poster on clean environment and good health.



HANDS-ON LEARNING

ATL LAB ACTIVITIES

Circuits & Curiosity

Objective: To understand LED polarity and observe that an LED allows current to flow only in one direction.

Skills learned: Circuit building, observation, logical thinking, experimentation and troubleshooting.

Using Snap Circuit kits, Class VI students connected LEDs into simple circuits and flipped the components end to end to see for themselves what "polarity" really means — the LED glows one way and stays dark the other, a small experiment with a big lesson in how current actually flows.

Suck, Spin, Learn

Objective: To understand the working of a simple vacuum cleaner and the conversion of electrical energy into mechanical energy using a motor.

Skills learned: Designing, prototyping, creativity, problem-solving, teamwork and hands-on skills.

Working in teams, students built a working model vacuum cleaner from scratch, wiring a small motor to spin a fan and generate suction — a hands-on introduction to how everyday appliances turn electricity into motion.



Students demonstrate their electronics project at the ATL Exhibition — the same lab where the LED and vacuum cleaner activities took place.

WHY ATL MATTERS

Atal Tinkering Labs, set up under NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission, give school students access to tools and equipment to build, test and iterate on their own ideas — the same instinct that drives real inventors.

KAUSHAL BODH ACTIVITY

Life Forms · Medicinal Plants

School Reporter, Science Desk

Birla Shishu Vihar, Pilani, successfully conducted another enriching Kaushal Bodh session for the students of Class VI under the theme "Life Forms." The session focused on Medicinal Plants, introducing students to the remarkable healing properties of nature and the importance of preserving traditional knowledge.

The interactive session was led by Dr. Ramesh P. Jaju, a renowned Ayurvedic Consultant, who shared valuable insights into the uses, benefits, and significance of medicinal plants in promoting a healthy and sustainable lifestyle.

Through engaging discussions and practical examples, students developed a deeper appreciation for nature's healing treasures and the role of Ayurveda in holistic well-being. At Birla Shishu Vihar, the school remains committed to nurturing environmentally conscious, skilled, and responsible learners through meaningful experiential learning opportunities.

"Heal with Nature, Live with Wellness!"

Kaushal Bodh is a CBSE skill-education initiative that brings in outside experts to give students hands-on exposure to real-world domains — from Ayurveda to entrepreneurship — beyond the standard syllabus.

PUPPET MAKING ACTIVITY

An activity around Puppet making was organized in Class 3, under the guidance of the teacher in-charge, Mrs Laxmi Singh. The activity combined creativity, craftwork, and speaking skills, giving the students an enjoyable opportunity to create and present their own puppets.

The students began by using paper bags, pencils, colour pencils or sketch pens, woollen threads, and gum to make their puppets. They folded the base of the paper bag and carefully designed the puppet by drawing its lips, face, and other features.

Once their puppets were ready, the students placed their hands inside the paper bags and moved their fingers to make the puppets open and close their mouths and appear to speak. Each student then presented three lines with their puppet in front of the class.

The activity helped enhance their crafting, drawing, colouring, imagination, and speaking skills, while also building confidence and encouraging creative expression.

HANDS-ON LEARNING

Whether it's wiring an LED or drawing a puppet's face, this page's activities share a common goal: giving students a chance to learn by doing rather than simply reading about it — the kind of experiential education Birla Shishu Vihar continues to invest in.



SPORTS

CHAMPIONS IN ACTION

SCHOOL SPORTS * COMMONWEALTH GLASGOW 2026

SCHOOL SPORTS

Runners-up in Two Categories

Birla Shishu Vihar, Pilani, showcased an impressive performance at the BET Inter-School Football Tournament 2026-27, demonstrating exceptional sporting spirit, teamwork and competitive excellence. The Under-17 and Under-19 teams of Birla Shishu Vihar emerged as Runners-up in their respective categories.

The teams were honoured with Silver Medals and Certificates by the Chief Guest, Maj. Gen. S. S. Nair, AVSM, Director, Birla Education Trust, Pilani, in recognition of their commendable performance. The school also earned individual accolades: Aakarsh was adjudged Best Midfielder (U-14), Rudra received the Best Promising Player award (U-14), and Anitej emerged as the Golden Boot/Best Striker (U-17).



A player is congratulated by the Chief Guest and School Principal as medals and certificates are presented.

The teams were meticulously prepared under the guidance of Mr. Bijender Singh, Sports Coordinator, and Mr. Tejender, Physical Education Teacher, whose dedicated coaching and consistent efforts contributed significantly to the students' success.

COACH'S CORNER

Mr. Bijender Singh, Sports Coordinator, credits this season's Runners-up finish to consistency: "The boys showed up for every single session, rain or shine. That's what a Silver medal is really made of."

Mr. Pavan Vashishtha, Principal, Birla Shishu Vihar, appreciated the remarkable efforts of the players and congratulated the teams, individual award winners and coaches, encouraging the young footballers to continue striving for excellence while upholding the values of discipline, teamwork, perseverance and sportsmanship.

AWARD ROLL

Runners-up: Under-17 & Under-19 teams

Best Midfielder (U-14): Aakarsh · Best Promising Player (U-14): Rudra

Golden Boot / Best Striker (U-17): Anitej



The Birla Shishu Vihar football squads with the Chief Guest and coaches at the BET Inter-School Football Tournament 2026-27, "Champions" banner behind them.

Bringing home National Glory in Yoga

A proud achievement during this period was the participation of six students in the Yoga Federation of India State-Level Yoga Championship, held on 8th and 9th August at Sikar, Rajasthan. The participants were Akshita Agarwal, Vaanya, Charvi Verma, Divyanshi, Ananya, and Vanshika Agarwal. Their dedication and sincere efforts reflected the school's commitment to excellence in yoga.

Bringing great honour to the school, Akshita Agarwal won the Gold Medal in the 8-10 years age category and earned selection for the National Level Yoga Championship. Her remarkable achievement reflects her dedication, consistent practice, and the expert guidance of Mrs. Priyanka Agarwal.

The school congratulates all the participants for their enthusiastic efforts and extends its best wishes to Akshita Agarwal for the National Level Yoga Championship. The achievement has brought pride to the school and inspired many students to pursue yoga with dedication.

WORLD SPORTS · GLASGOW 2026

World Watch

Ten events, one medal

At Glasgow 2026, Tejaswin Shankar won India's first Commonwealth Games decathlon medal – bronze, earned across ten events in two days. No single skill wins a decathlon. It rewards the athlete willing to be a beginner ten times over.

Two medals, one Games

Gulveer Singh returned from Glasgow with a silver and a bronze, becoming the first Indian track and field athlete to win two individual medals at a single Commonwealth Games. Distance running gives nothing away quickly.

The first gold of the Games

Weightlifter Mirabai Chanu, who carried India's flag at the opening ceremony, won the country's first gold of Glasgow 2026. She has now been lifting competitively for more than a decade – long after most beginners stop.

Seven golds in one ring

India's boxers took seven of the ten finals they entered – the most golds any nation has won in boxing at a single Commonwealth Games. Five of the seven came from the women's categories.

Beating the champion

Featherweight Jaismine outpointed defending champion Michaela Walsh to add a Commonwealth title to the World Championship she won in 2025 – then carried India's flag at the closing ceremony.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

WORD BANK

Dichotomy

Say it: dai-kaw-tuh-mee

Meaning: a division of a single whole into two opposing, mutually exclusive parts.

Origin: Greek *dichotomia* – *dicha* ("two") + *tome* ("cutting").

Try it: There is a strong dichotomy between the hero and villain in the story.

Pantheon

Say it: PAN-thee-ahn

Meaning: a group of especially famous or notable people.

Origin: Greek *pan* ("all") + *theos* ("god").

Try it: She joined the pantheon of great athletes after her win.

Garrulous

Say it: GAIR-uh-lus

Meaning: (adj.) very talkative, especially about trivial things.

Origin: Latin *garrulus*, from *garrere*, "to chatter."

Try it: My garrulous friend turned a quick chat into an hour-long story.

Decimate

Say it: DES-uh-mate

Meaning: to destroy a large part of something.

Origin: Latin *decimatus*, "to punish every tenth man chosen by lot."

Try it: The drought decimated the region's crops.

Ferocity

Say it: fuh-ross-uh-tee

Meaning: (noun) the quality of being extremely fierce or violent.

Origin: French *férocité*, from Latin *ferocitatem*, "fierceness."

Try it: Their ferocity on the hockey field caught every opponent by surprise.

SPELLING BEE

This month's tricky spelling:

N-E-C-E-S-S-A-R-Y. Remember

— one collar, two sleeves! (One c, two s's.)

OUR STUDENT SPEAKS

In an interview with Birla Shishu Vihar topper Shiksha Singh, she attributes her success to consistent, priority-based study rather than strict timetables or study hours. She emphasized clear conceptual understanding over rote memorization, utilizing textbooks, class notes, and previous years' question papers. To manage stress and avoid burnout, Shiksha prioritized quality study, regular breaks, and self-belief over comparing herself to others.

STORY TIME

A Tale from Japan

Long ago, an old woodcutter freed a crane caught in a hunter's snare. That evening, a beautiful young woman knocked on his door, asking for shelter from the snow. She stayed on and, in time, wove the old man the most exquisite silk cloth he had ever seen — but she made only one condition: he must never watch her weave.

The old man kept his promise for many months, and the family grew comfortable selling her beautiful silk at market. But one snowy night, his curiosity won out, and he peeked through the door — only to see, at the loom, not a woman at all, but a crane plucking her own feathers to weave the thread.

Discovered, the crane could stay no longer. She thanked the old man for his first kindness, spread her wings, and flew off into the winter sky, never to be seen again — a gentle reminder that some promises are kept not out of fear, but out of trust.

THINK ABOUT IT

Why do you think the old man broke his promise? Discuss with a partner: was his curiosity understandable, or was trust more important than knowing the truth?

READER'S CORNER

Enjoyed this issue's story? Ask your school librarian for more folktales from around the world — Japan, India and beyond all have their own tales of kindness rewarded.



The Sawan-themed artworks beautifully captured the charm of the monsoon season through representations of rain, clouds, greenery, peacocks, water bodies and the beauty of nature.

YOUNG ARTISTS · GALLERY WALL

This month's gallery features a student's own pencil portrait, colored in saffron and green, this sketch is a quiet, careful tribute to the National heroes, made ahead of Independence Day.



GAMES & PUZZLES

WORD SEARCH

Find these words hiding in the grid: HOCKEY, TIRANGA, YOGA, MELODY, CRANE, MEDAL

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D	Y	E	N	G	E	G	R
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SUDOKU · 4 × 4

Fill the grid so every row, column and bold 2×2 box contains the numbers 1–4 exactly once.

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WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble these letters to reveal words from this issue. Answers at the foot of this page.

Hint: All words are related to parts of a news article.

1. elhdnaie
2. itlcra
3. ptoinca
4. ybleni
5. uotqe

Answer Key: 1. headline · 2. article · 3. caption · 4. byline · 5. quote

TRY THIS YOURSELF : FUN WITH ELECTRICITY

ACTIVITY 1

An LED has two legs of different lengths. Connect it one way in a simple circuit and it lights up; flip it around and it stays dark. That's polarity — the LED only lets current flow one way!

ACTIVITY 2

Attach a small motor to a fan blade inside a tube. When the motor spins, the fan pulls air (and dust!) in through one end — electrical energy turning into the mechanical energy of suction.

TONGUE TWISTER

Say it five times fast — no giggling allowed!
"Six sharp students studied circuits swiftly and silently."

BRAIN TEASERS · RIDDLES

1. I have keys but no locks, space but no room, and you can enter but never go inside. What am I?
2. The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?
3. What has to be broken before you can use it?
4. What travels around the world but stays in one corner?

(Solutions at the foot of this page — no cheating!)

5. I have a face and two hands, but no arms or legs. What am I?
6. What has many keys but can't open a single door?

(5. A clock · 6. A piano)

SCHOOL GIGGLES · JOKES FROM THE CORRIDORS

Q: Why did the hockey stick go to school?

A: Because it wanted to improve its "striking" grades!

Q: What did one Independence Day poster say to the other?

A: "Let's stick together — we're framed for greatness!"

Q: Why was the dictionary always calm during exams?

A: Because nothing could rattle its composure — it had a word for everything.

SPEAK UP FOR THE PLANET

Pick one issue that matters where you live — single-use plastic on the roadside, water wasted from a running tap, stubble smoke in the winter air, or the shade a single planted tree gives back — and design a poster in the box below. One clear drawing, one honest slogan and get a chance to be featured in our next issue.

EDITOR'S TIP

Your turn: Have a drawing, poem or photograph you'd like to see printed here? Hand it to your class teacher — the best entries appear in the next issue of the Bulletin!

TRIVIA CORNER

Q: How many players are on a hockey field for one team at a time?

A: Eleven, including the goalkeeper.

Q: Which Country was the first country to use paper money?

A: China

Q: Who wrote a famous diary while hiding from Nazis in Amsterdam?

A: Anne Frank

Q: Who painted The Mona Lisa?

A: Leonardo da Vinci

SOLUTIONS

Riddles: 1. A keyboard · 2. Footsteps · 3. An egg · 4. A postage stamp

Sudoku: Row 1 — 1 2 3 4 · Row 2 — 3 4 1 2 · Row 3 — 2 1 4 3 · Row 4 — 4 3 2 1