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## Annual Report (2018-19)

Sarala Birla Public School, Ranchi has advanced in leaps and bounds in the recent years and has made its presence marked in the cosmos of education. With the core philosophy of imbuing the students with quality education, the lessons are always entwined with life skills and moral values to make them future-ready. During the session 2018-19, our students represented the school in various competitions and made the alma mater proud by putting their best foot forward.

### Our Pride-

A moment to gleam with pride came when SBPS promulgated the result wherein the students of grade X and XII brought laurels and accolades by manifesting commendable performance in the finals. The determination, diligence and devotion of the pedagogue and the pupils expounded itself with the proclamation of the result. In AISSE 2018-19, Diksha Raj emerged as the school topper with 97%. A total of 129 students appeared for the exam out of which 47 scored more than 90% marks.

In Science stream (AISSCE-2019), Nancy Agarwal became the school topper with 93.8% in Commerce stream while Abhishek Anand secure 92.8% in Science stream. A total of 114 students scored more than 90% marks in different subjects. It is wonderful to see that the hard work of the mentors and the mentees have paid such dividends. Their footprints remain engraved in the golden pages of SBPS for the juniors to tread on.

Rupesh Raj of Grade XII made us proud by qualifying the final stage of KVPY (Kishore Vainika Protsahan Yojana), a program organised by the government of India to encourage pupils who are studying Basic Science to take up research career in science. The interview was held at ISI College, Kolkata which he cleared and got selected for the scholarship.

In the Inter-school knowledge convergence meet -SHABD 2018– conducted at DPS Bokaro on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2018, the students of our school came out with flying colours. There were various competitions viz-creative writing, G.K. Quiz, Visual Art Installation, Short Play enactment, debate and extempore. The students secured the 1<sup>st</sup> runner up position in ‘The Wisdom of Bhasha’: Inter School Experimental Short Play Enactment. The theme given to them was “Be the change what you want to see.” Four students of our school, Sonal Singh, Adarsh Pandey and Anushka Mukherjee of Grade 10, and Pritisha Dey of Grade 12 represented a remarkable play on the topic ‘Respect for Women’

Pranjal Pratyush ,Abhishek Anand, Gaurav Oraon, Adarsh Anand, Keshav Jhavar, Utkarsh Nanda ,Rupesh Raj have all made their almamater proud by qualifying for the IIT JEE Advanced Exams.

“There are obstacles. There are doubters. There are mistakes. But with hard work, there are no limits.” The outstanding pupils have proved this saying true by their prodigious performance in varied Olympiads. They have brought in laurels and accolades to the school by attaining top ranks in the Olympiads. The students who secured State Rank 1<sup>st</sup> are Devansh of Std. IV in IIO, Tejas Oraon of Std. IV in ITHO, Pragati Priyadarshini of Std. V in IIO and Aditya Ranjan of Std. IX in ITHO. They were felicitated with Gold Medals and Pierre Cardin pens. Students who secured State Rank 2<sup>nd</sup> are Ayush Goyal of Std. III in IOM, Vijay Laxmi of Std. II in ITHO, Akhoury Shauryam of Std. X in ITHO and Devansh of Std. IV in ITHO. They received Silver Medals and Pierre Cardin pens. Students acquiring State Rank 3<sup>rd</sup> are Shivansh Joshi of Std. IV in IOEL, Mimansha Prasad of Std V in ABHO, Sanat Ujjain

of Std. I in ITHO, Saurya Murarka of Std. III in ITHO, Mehul Krishna of Std. X in ITHO and Yashveer of Std. IV in ITHO. They were awarded with Bronze Medals and Pierre Cardin pens.

Great opportunities seldom come without us seeking them but such a rarity became a reality when 26 students of our school participated in Indian International Model United Nation (IIMUN) at DPS, Ranchi from 27th April to 29th April 2018. Around 420 pupils belonging to 30 different schools participated in the event. The participating pupils donned the hats of UN diplomats while trying to solve global issues in the academic simulation of United Nations while being members in committees ranging from World Trade Organisation to Security Council and many more. Around 20 pupils qualified for the championship conference. The winners of the championship conference will participate in the international level to be held in New York (UN Headquarters). Sejal Kaur of Std. XII E made us proud by bagging the 'Best Delegate Award' in ECOFIN committee [representing Canada]. She was felicitated with Gold Medal. Sidhak Singh of Std. X A received 'High Commendation Award' again in ECOFIN committee [representing Singapore]. He was felicitated with silver medal.

The diligence and consistent effort of the pupils of our school helped them in bagging medals and certificates for their stupendous performance in various competitions. In Spell Bee competition, the pupils won 13 Gold, 12 Silver and 12 Bronze medals. In Akhil Bhartiya Hindi Olympiad (ABHO), the pupils bagged 7 Gold, 7 Silver and 7 Bronze medals. In International Olympiad of English Language (iOEL), the pupils won 8 Gold, 6 Silver and 5 Bronze medals respectively. In International Talent Hunt Olympiad, the pupils bagged 10 Gold, 9 silver and 7 Bronze medals. In NSTSE-2018, 14 pupils received the medals and certificate of appreciations and 4 pupils bagged the pre-paid scratch card of 'mapmystep.com' CDs in addition to the medals and certificates of appreciation.

Five students of our school qualified NEET-2018, Rishika Sinha, Shivani Mahto, Anupriya Oraon, Rashmi Oraon and Ankita Kumari brought laurels to the school by qualifying the NEET - 2018.

We feel proud to declare that Shatakshi Das Gupta of grade 8 has qualified for the State level prestigious scholarship by CCRT (Centre for Cultural Resource and Training) for Fine Arts and has been selected for the National level.

The students added another feather to the school's cap by their remarkable achievements in various Olympiads conducted by SOF. Ariba Iram Fatima of Std.I received a gold medal in NSO and a cheque of `5000. She also received a gold medal in NCO and a cheque of ₹2500 and a gift voucher in IEO. Devansh of Std. IV received a gold medal in IGKO and a cheque of ₹5000. Students receiving bronze medal in IGKO are Ehan Alam of Std. I, Adya Ojal of Std. I and Aryaman .V. Verma of Std. VII. In IMO Rupesh Raj of Std. XI bagged a zonal bronze medal along with a cheque of ₹1000. Md. Ammaar Ahmad received a bronze medal and a cheque of ₹1000 in NSO. 9 students also received a gift voucher for various Olympiads.

The students participated in the Startup Edge, a programme created by Entrepreneurs for entrepreneurs, organised by the World Youth Council at Sapphire International School, Ranchi. The participants were divided into groups, were briefed about the programme and then were asked to choose an industry theme of their choice. Our pupils chose the themes as 'Food and Agriculture', 'Health and Wellness', 'Travel and Hospitality' etc. Almost ten schools participated in the event from Ranchi. The pupils of our school, Yash Raj Mohta, Yash Madhogaria, Shivam Agarwal, Madhuram Sharma and Riya Madhogaria with the theme 'Food and Agriculture' naming their group as SNACK YOGA bagged the second runner up prize. Ujjwal Mohata of grade 11 was awarded best school ambassador.

Active participation by our students in the Sarala Birla Group of Schools conclave held at Mahadevi Birla World Academy Kolkata from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> of August 2018 have brought laurels to the school. Mehul Kumar Srivastava of Std. XII bagged the 1<sup>st</sup> runner up trophy in the event, 'Different Strokes' by his staggering badminton strokes. Students also bagged the 1<sup>st</sup> runner up trophy in the event 'Futurista - Sci-Fi Fashion Show with Soundscape', 'Confluence- Performing Arts Convergence' and in 'Dhara- Vocal Harmony (duet)'. The conclave helped in strengthening the bond of camaraderie among the students and teachers of Sarala Birla Group of Schools.

Our students took part in DPS 'Vanijya', an Inter-school Commerce festival-2018 and emerged as the winner. In the final event of 'Inventive Poster Making', Rishika Mittal and Prerna Angel Kujur of grade XI got the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up prize. In 'Mock Stock' (an intellectual game of investment) Shristi Agarwal and Mohit Jain of grade XII bagged the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up prize. In 'Shark Tank' (a start up plan), Yash Raj Mohta and Yash Madhogaria of grade XII bagged the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up prize. In 'Bizmania' (The Business Quiz) Ishan Lohia and Nancy Agarwal of grade XII got the participation certificates. Our school won the 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up Trophy. Our students took part in 13<sup>th</sup> DOX Inter School competition at St. Xavier's School and emerged as winner in several competitions. Khushi Jaiswal of Std. X bagged the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up prize in the Flower Arrangement competition. In the English Spelling competition, Nabhya Lal bagged the 1<sup>st</sup> runner up prize in Group C and Shatakshi Dasgupta bagged the 1<sup>st</sup> prize in Group B. Pranjal and Karan Dalania of Grade IX secured the 1<sup>st</sup> prize in Mahamana Malviya Inter-school Quiz Competitions held at Bridgeford School organized by Alumini Association of BHU. They won the champions trophy. Two students, Sejal Kaur and Ridhi Jain of Std. XII after winning the city level round, qualified and participated in the 7<sup>th</sup> iteration of the National Conference of IIMUN held at Mumbai wherein more than 30 schools from across the country participated. They represented Seychelles on UN Human Rights Committee.

The students brought laurels to the school by participating in the Handwriting Olympiad and showing their remarkable performance in it. Bhargav Kumar of Std. V and Saumya Agarwal of Std. II bagged the 1<sup>st</sup> position followed by Nishka Raj of Std. V and Khushi Kumari of Std. I at 2<sup>nd</sup> position and Hanshika Agrawal of Std. V and Arushi Mehta of Std. III at 3<sup>rd</sup> position.

The budding artists of our school have given incredible presentation in the State level Painting Competition, 'Lokmanthan' held at Khelgaon State museum. All the schools of Jharkhand participated in the competition. A total of seven students participated from our school and presented their paintings on the topic 'Water Conservation'. Shilpi Shreya of Grade VII-G has added another feather to her cap by winning the 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the entire competition. She received a cheque of ₹3100 as a token of appreciation. Sehej Garodia of grade VII-B has also made us proud by securing the 2<sup>nd</sup> position in the competition. She received a cheque of ₹2100.

Our students have performed stupendously in the SOF- International General knowledge Olympiad (2018-19). They have bagged 17 medals of distinction for achieving zonal ranks. In addition, they have won 10 gold, 10 silver and 10 bronze medals.

With the objective of fostering love for Sanskrit language in children, the school organised the City Level 'Chinmaya Geeta Chanting Competition'. The competition, each year, involves recitation of specific verses from the chapters of Bhagvad Gita, for which this year the eighteenth chapter has been chosen. The school level competition was already conducted in the month of August and 271 students from grade KG1 to IX were shortlisted for the city level competition. The students were divided into four groups. Group A comprised of the pupils from Grade KG to STD. II; group B, grade III to V; Group C, grade VI to VII and Group D, grade VIII and IX. A panel of judges comprising scholars of Sanskrit decided the winners, based on the students' pronunciation, memory and presentation abilities. In group A, the first position was secured by Prishni Dey of Std. II B. Pahel Chaudhary of Std. I E and Anvi Gupta of Std. II B secured 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions respectively. In group B, the first position was secured by Akshita of Std. III D. Sweekrity Singhania of Std. V F and Kushagra Pandey of Std. III H secured 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions respectively. In group C, the first position was secured by Pragati Mukherjee of Std. VI B. Himanshu Gadhyan of Std. VI D and Avishi Jaiswal of Std. VII F secured 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions respectively. In group D, the first position was secured by Shatakshi Dasgupta of Std. VIII C. Khushi Singh Chauhan of Std. VIII A and Shreya Sharma of Std. VIII C secured 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions respectively. All the above students have been selected to participate in the Inter-City Level Geeta Chanting competition. In addition, 36 consolation prizes were received by our students.

It was indeed a matter of joy as the students qualified for the State Level Inspire Award MANAK Scheme 2018. The first round was held on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 at Amar Sahid Takhur Vishwanath Shahdeo, Zila School, Ranchi. Various schools of Ranchi and Khunti district participated in the exhibition and our school qualified for the State Level to be conducted on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2019. Ashutosh Anand of IX-C and Pranjal of IX-F of our school participated in the first round where they exhibited a

project named 'Milk Saver'. Ashutosh Anand was awarded with silver medal and a participating certificate.

The school received a trophy for outstanding performance in the Chinmaya Geeta Chanting Competition - 2018. Prishni Dey of Grade II B and Akshita of Grade III D secured the 1st runner up and 2nd runner up positions respectively in the Intercity Level Geeta Chanting competition held at JVM Shyamali, Ranchi. The prizes were received by the students on the occasion of Geeta Gyan Yajna on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 in the presence of the the World Head of Chinmaya Mission, H. H. Swami Swaroopanandaji.

Students added another feather to the cap by their excellent performance in the SOF-International English Olympiad (IEO). Students who bagged the medal of distinction are Sanat Ujjain of Std. II, Soumya Kashyap of Std. II, Kshitij Kumar of Std. VI, Ritwika Khaitan of Std. VIII, Pulkit Mohata of Std. IX and Akshat Kumar of Std. IX. Apart from this 14 students bagged gold medals, 12 students bagged silver medals and 12 students won bronze medals.

It's yet another proud moment for SBPS as 69 students have qualified for the national level in the Concours Roman Roland and French Word Power organised by the Prayatna Educational Society and Alliance Francaise de Rouen, France. In the State Level Concours Romain Rolland 2018, Pracheta of grade VII secured the 1st position. Akarsh Kumar Singh and Sakchi Raj Laxmi, both of Grade VII secured the 2nd and 3rd positions respectively. In the State Level French Word Power (Group A1), Piyush Agarwal of Grade VI bagged the 1st position and Palak Bagla and Aditya Kumar Parhi, both of Grade VI scored the 2nd and 3rd positions respectively. In the State Level French Word Power (Group A2), Akshata Mohan of Grade VII bagged the 1st position. Apurbo Roy and Ridhima Berlia, both of Grade VII secured the 2nd and 3rd positions respectively.

Students of SBPS gave their excellent performance in the SOF - National Science Olympiad 2018-19 in level one and brought laurels to the school. Students who received the medal of distinction are Vinayak Kumar of Std. IV, MD. Ammaar Ahmad and Shreya of Std. V, Vartul Anand Jaiswal of Std. VI, Rohan of Std. X and Rupesh Raj of Std. XII. Apart from this 11 students bagged Gold Medal, 11 students bagged Silver Medal and 11 students received the Bronze Medal. Kudos to the students for making the school proud.

Yash Mittal of Std. V brought laurels to the school by securing 1st position at the district level in Hindustan Olympiad-2018 presented by Life Insurance Corporation of India. Kudos to the child for his excellent performance!

The students of SBPS participated in the National children's science painting competition Organised jointly by the United Schools Organisations of India, UNESCO and CSIR – NISCAIR. The competition was held nationally on the World's Students' Day i.e. on 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2018. Soumya Bakshi of Grade 6 received a certificate and medal of special mention. Dhruv Agarwal, also of Grade 6 received the school level winner certificate.

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Siddhant Kumar Jha of Std. X has brought laurels to the school by qualifying for 2<sup>nd</sup> level National Standard Examination conducted by IAPT for Astronomy.

Piyush Agarwal of Grade VI brought laurels to the school by securing the 3<sup>rd</sup> rank in India and UAE in the National French Word Power A1 organised by Prayatna Educational Society, India in collaboration with Alliance Française Rouen Normandie wherein 4797 students participated. He has achieved this rank not only in India but also in UAE by securing 94% marks.

Md. Ammar Ahmad, a student of Std. V added another feather to the school's cap by his stupendous performance in National Cyber Olympiad (NCO) 2018-19. He secured Zonal Rank 1 in Jharkhand and International Rank 3. He was awarded a cheque of ₹3333, International Bronze Medal and a certificate of outstanding performance by SOF. Aryan Kumar Singh of Std. V secured Zonal Rank 2 and International Rank 8. He is awarded a cheque of ₹5000, a Zonal Gold Medal and a certificate of Zonal Excellence. Ariba Iram Fathima of Std. II secured Zonal Rank 1 and International Rank 22. She is awarded a cheque of ₹5000, a Zonal Gold Medal and a certificate of Zonal Excellence and Devansh of Std. V secured Zonal Rank 4 and International Rank 142. He is awarded a cheque of ₹1000, a Zonal Bronze Medal and a certificate of Zonal Excellence. Kartavya Kumar Bala of Std. II secured Zonal Rank 4 and International Rank 59 and is awarded gifts worth ₹1000, a medal and certificates of distinction and Zonal Excellence. Arhit Aditya Mahato of Std. III secured Zonal rank 3 and International rank 43. He received gifts worth ₹1000, a Zonal Bronze Medal and a certificate of Zonal Excellence.

Students of SBPS participated in the SIP Arithmetic contest – 2018 and showcased their phenomenal performance. Samarth Raj of Std. IV received a trophy, certificate and a cheque of ₹7000/-. Along with this 34 students from Std. II to Std. IV received medals.

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### **Internal Activities-**

The dawn of 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018 witnessed the smiling faces of students ready to make the most of the opportunities waiting for them in the new session i.e. 2018-19. A special assembly was conducted on this occasion wherein the students presented motivating thoughts. The assembly began with the invocation to the Goddess of Knowledge, Maa Saraswati and Ganesh Vandana, followed by an enchanting dance performance by the students.

Ambedkar Jayanti was observed in the school to commemorate the memory of Dr. B.R Ambedkar on his 127<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary on 14<sup>th</sup> of April. A special assembly was conducted in the school premises in which a prayer was sung. A speech was also cited about Dr. Ambedkar's contribution in framing our constitution. The preamble was also read out by the students during the celebration.

To show their love towards Mother Earth and the environment, the school observed 'World Earth Day' by participating in various activities. The pupils of KG I and KG II participated in Badge making competition. They filled colours in the Badges with theme 'Go-Green' and decorated it with their best imaginative and creative ideas. The students of other classes showcased their artistic skills in painting competition. The topics were given on the spot which included 'Save Earth', 'Peace on Earth', 'Green Earth Clean Earth' and 'Earth-then and now.' Some Students from Std. III-V were selected as green volunteers and badges were presented to them. The students also took an oath for saving the Mother Earth. They visited the Rain water harvesting system and the vermicompost pit in the school followed with plantation of saplings in the school premises. In addition 'Face Painting Competition' was organised for the pupils of Std. VIII & IX.

Health is wealth, keeping this thought in mind, the school observed the fourth International Yoga Day with great enthusiasm and vigour by organizing a special Yoga session led by Yogacharya Rakesh Parashar. The yoga session was inaugurated by the chief guest, Swami Nityavrata Nandji Maharaja, Secretary, Bharat Sevashram Sangh, Dumka, Jharkhand by planting a tree in the school campus. Pupils of grade VI to VIII performed Yoga. The main aim behind this was to raise awareness and ignite a passion for fitness and Yoga among the students. On this occasion, Dr. (Prof.) R. K. Singh, Registrar, Sarala Birla University was also present. Different asanas such as Tadasana, Trikonasana, Padahasthasana, Kati Chakrasana, Vrikshasana, Shashakasana, Bhujangasana, Ushtrasana, Ardachakrasana, Bhadrasana, Vajrasana, Wakrasana, Makarasana, Shalabhasana, Setubandhasana, Uttanpadasana, Ardhalasana, Pawanmuktasana, Swasana Nadi Shodhan, Kapal Bhati and Bhramari, Anulom Vilom and Shitali Pranayam were demonstrated to the pupils.

Ojass is a celebration of the magnificent accomplishment, of their determination and persistence of the scholars and achievers in different spheres, and also of their successes yet to come. On 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2018, SBPS, Ranchi held a special ceremony to honour last year's (2017-18) scholars and achievers. The ceremony took place at B K Birla Auditorium and was officially initiated by the lighting of the lamp by the chief guest Mrs. Usha Pandey, Chairperson, Jharkhand Samaj Kalyan Samiti, Mr. Arvind Prasad Singh, Chairman, Jharkhand Academic Council and the Principal Mrs. Paramjit Kaur followed by the welcome song- 'Sur Se Sur Milao'. Around 1500 students were felicitated for their outstanding performance in academics. These scholars and achievers were awarded with certificates, badges and trophies. The programme was adorned with enthralling dance performances-Ganpati Vandana by the students.

It is a matter of pride for the school when students face day to day challenges and attend the school everyday without fail. 223 students have secured 100% attendance in the session 2017-18. To felicitate the students, 'Prawaah'-Regularity Award Function was held in the school premises on 6th of April 2018, in which students were rewarded with medals and certificates to motivate them to continue their endeavours. The event commenced with the welcome song and cultural dance followed with the release of the Academic Planner 2018-19 by the school secretary Shri B.K. Dalan in the presence of School Head Personnel & Admin. Shri Pradeep Varma and Principal Mrs. Paramjit Kaur. The planner is adorned with the paintings made by the budding artists of SBPS on the theme 'Incredible Jharkhand'.

The Investiture ceremony signifies the reliance and confidence that the school consigns in the newly invested office bearers. The sunrise in the school premises today witnessed a very important event of the year – The Investiture Ceremony for the academic session 2018-19. The office bearers were conferred with the badges and sashes for the post of Head Girl, Head Boy, Vice Head Girl, Vice Head Boy, the Sports, Cultural, Discipline and Literary Secretaries and the Deputy, Vice and Assistant Sports, Cultural, Discipline and Literary Secretaries. The House Wardens of the four houses Rigveda, Samveda, Yajurveda and Atharvaveda delegated the duties to the pioneers for the stature of House Captain, House Vice Captain, House Prefect and House Vice Prefect.

To raise awareness among the students related to the global population issues, the school observed the World Population Day on 11<sup>th</sup> July. A painting competition was organised for the pupils of Std. IV based on the theme 'World Population Day'. They depicted the related problems through their art.

The dawn of 27<sup>th</sup> July witnessed the celebration of Gurupurnima in the school premises with complete divinity and piousness. A special assembly was conducted wherein students recited prayers, slokas, thoughts and speech on importance of Guru Purnima. Students planted trees in the school campus. They also visited 'Guru Nanak Home for handicapped Children under the community outreach program. The plantation was done by SBPS students who are the members of 'The Bharat Scout and Guide'.

An Inter-House Patriotic song competition was organised on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas. Mr. Vikash Ranjan an eminent singer was the judge for the competition. The students of grade VI to XII participated and presented their mastery over voice modulation, sur and rhythm. All houses performed splendidly in the competition in which Atharvaveda emerged victorious in the group song competition. In the solo song competition, 1<sup>st</sup> position was bagged by Prisha Roy Lal of Atharvaveda followed by Tanisha Gupta at 2<sup>nd</sup> position of Rigveda and Himanshi Kejriwal at 3<sup>rd</sup> position of Samveda. Aditi Singh of Yajurveda was awarded with a consolation prize.

The school premises witnessed the most awaited celebration Vatsalyam-2018 on 28-07-2018 by the pupils of grade II. The programme commenced with Shloka and Maitrybandhan of the guests followed by lighting of ceremonial lamp by the Honourable Chief Guest Mr. Shambhu Thakur, IG Police, Jharkhand, special guest Mr. Rajdeo Singh Yadav, School Head P&A Shri Pradip Varma, Principal Mrs. Paramjit Kaur, along with the other dignitaries. The students of Std- II-E gave live performance on the song 'Swayam Siddha- Chal Akela Re' followed by another dance performance named 'Entertainment Now & Then' by the students of Std- II-C and II-F. The pupils of Std. II-D and II-G also captured the attention of the audience by a dance drama named 'Beat Pollution, Go Green'. The students of Std. II-A and II-B performed a dance drama on 'Namami Gange' All the programmes were based on the theme 'Change The students of I E presented a prayer dance 'Shanti Shankalpam' based on Sanskrit Mantras with the

message of driving out darkness from within. The students of Grade I A thanked God for His unconditional love through prayer dance- 'Eternal Voice'. 'Sunahre Sapne' by the students of Grade I F was based on theme- 'Importance of Education'. Students of I B and I D, through dance drama – 'Feed Your Dreams' came up with the message of building a better world by realizing one's potential and having self confidence in one's ability. The next programme 'Ek Lakshya' by the students of Grade I C depicted a son's dream to follow his father's footprints who devoted his life to our motherland- INDIA. A beautiful dance performance 'Krishna Leela' based on Janmashtmi , the birth of Lord Krishna was also presented by the students of grade VI to VIII. The students of Grade KG I-C presented a lovely dance performance. The students of KG I-B spread the vibes of zest by their energy packed performance on the song-'Better When I am Dancing'. The students of KG I-A presented a dance 'Anand Dhara'. Students of KG II-D and KG II-F captured the attention of the audience by a dance drama named 'Beneath the wings' The students of KG II-A and KG II-C presented a dance performance named 'Rhapsody'

The feeling of patriotism and the love for motherland was brought to life with the celebration of Independence Day with unprecedented patriotic fervour on Aug 15, 2018 in the school premises. Dignitaries from SBPS, SBU and MBINCT graced the occasion. The Indian Tricolour was unfurled in the presence of the Admin. Head & Personnel, Shri Pradip Varma, Principal, SBPS, Mrs. Paramjit Kaur, Principal, MBINCT, Mrs. Subani Bara and Controller of Examination, SBU, Prof (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Singh, followed by the national anthem. The programme began with the group song 'Desh Ke Tarane' which filled everyone with pride. The pupils presented a dance on the songs 'Rashtra Aradhan' and 'Vande Mataram'. The song 'Mera Bharat Mahan' enthralled the audience with patriotic fervour. The students also talked about a few female unsung heroes and enlightened everyone by making them aware of the sacrifices made by them in making the country independent.

To instill the virtues of love and harmony among the students, Rakhi Making Competition was organised in the school premises for the students of Std. III. Children participated with great zeal and zest in the event. The Rakhis made by the students were of vibrant colours blended with their creativity. In this competition Navya Aprajita bagged the 1st position followed by Ganeve Kaur, Aditi Rani Tirkey and Arushi Mehta at the 2<sup>nd</sup> position; Pratibha Kumari and Aadarsh Rauniar at the 3<sup>rd</sup> position. The consolation prize was bagged by Rafey Ahmad Khan.

The school celebrated the Indian National Sports day on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2018 to mark the birth anniversary of Indian hockey wizard Major Dhyan Chand. To commemorate the event various sporting events were conducted in the school premises. A cricket match was organised which was played between teachers and students. An inter-house wushu competition was also organised in which the 1<sup>st</sup> position was bagged by the Samveda house followed by Rigveda house at 2<sup>nd</sup> position, Atharvaveda house at 3<sup>rd</sup> position and Yajurveda house at 4<sup>th</sup> position.

To express their love and gratitude towards their mentors, the students celebrated 'Teachers' Day' amidst zeal and exuberance. Tribute was paid to Dr. Saravpalli Radhakrishnan by lighting the lamp. The celebration by the students commenced with a welcome song and the presentation of flowers to the teachers as a token of respect followed by the Cultural programme which included dance, songs depicting their love for the teachers by the school band and a comedy skit.

To commemorate the 149<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of the father of our nation-Mahatma Gandhi, the students observed his birth anniversary with great zeal and patriotism. A special assembly was conducted in the school premises to pay tribute to Gandhiji which commenced with a prayer song followed by speech delivered by the students through which they shared anecdotes from Babu's life.

The school celebrated Navratri with great joy and vigour. The celebration commenced with a prayer song and speech by the students. The children also gave enthralling dance performances depicting Maa Durga in nine forms. They performed the 'Durga Stuti' and Dandiya Dance which filled everyone with energy and positivity.

National Unity Day was celebrated on 31<sup>st</sup> October to commemorate the birth anniversary of the Iron Man of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, one of the founding leaders of Republic of India. The intent was to pay tribute to Vallabhbhai Patel, who was instrumental in keeping India united. National Unity Day

was observed in the school premises with great enthusiasm. A special assembly was organised wherein the students were reminded of the great contributions made by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The students and the staff of the school together took an oath of Unity and pledged to remain united. Students participated in the 'Run for Unity' organised to pay tribute to the great leader who had united 565 self-governing princely states of India in 1947 and laid foundation of the Indian Republic.

The celebration of Diwali, the festival of lights, came alive in the school premises with the on 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 with the Inter- house rangoli-making, flower arrangement, salad arrangement and competitions. The celebration continued on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 as well. The day embarked with festivity and vibrancy. A special assembly was organized wherein the pupils presented marvelous songs, 'Ayi Diwali Aayi', and 'Jai Maa Kali Jagtarni' facts and speech based on Diwali. Quiz was also organized to enhance pupil's information about diwali. The merchandise brought by the students of Deepshikha, an institute of child development and mental health was displayed and put up for sale in the school premises. The students of our school worked hard and made decorative diyas to be given to the less fortunate and to bring happiness in their lives. The pupils of grade VI went to St. Michael's Blind School to distribute sweets and diyas. Students also went to the Arogya Bhawan- an Old Age Home with decorative diyas and sweets, spent time with them and shared the essence of diwali. The pupils of Rajkiya Utkramit Vidyalaya, Mahilong were invited to our school to celebrate diwali with SBPS students. They were also gifted with sweets and diyas made by our students. Diyas were also sent to Karuna Orphanage. In the flower-arrangement competition, the 1<sup>st</sup> position was bagged by Yajurveda house. In the Salad-arrangement competition too Yajurveda secured the 1<sup>st</sup> position. In the Rangoli Comp. (Junior Group VI-VIII), again Yajurveda bagged the 1<sup>st</sup> position. In the Rangoli Comp. (Senior Group-IX-XII), Rigveda house bagged the 1<sup>st</sup> position.

'Kite is taken as a symbol of having high aspirations and elevated vision'. Considering this, on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January, 2019, a contest of kite flying was held on the sprawling field of the school on the eve of Makar Sankranti. The competition took place in two groups, junior (Grade VI-VIII) and senior (Grade IX-XII). There were two participants from each house in both the groups. In the junior group Samveda house emerged victorious. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> positions were bagged by Rigveda and Atharvaveda house respectively. In the senior group, again Samveda house emerged victorious. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions were bagged by Atharvaveda and Rigveda respectively.

The 70<sup>th</sup> Republic Day was celebrated with zeal and grandeur in the school premises on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2019. The students took pride in glorifying and celebrating the spirit of unity and brotherhood. The programme commenced with the hoisting of the Indian National Flag followed by the National Anthem and the march past. The pupils presented an orchestra 'Sur-Sangam' which was followed by a patriotic song 'Hari Bhari Ye Dharti Ho, Neela Asmaan Rahe'. Then some students presented a speech on 'Essence of India' which aroused a sense of pride in being the citizen of the country with a rich cultural past. The skit- 'Jharkhand Ki Shaan' was presented followed by the dance performance 'Our Pride, Our Protector'. Through the speech and the skit, the students emulated the teachings of Gandhiji.

With zeal in their heart and tears in their eyes, the pupils of Grade XI gathered to bid adieu to the Grade XII batch 2018-19 on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2019. The theme of the valedictory party was 'Filmfare Awards'. The outgoing students were treated as Bollywood Stars. The young ladies glowed in sarees whereas the gentlemen carried themselves smartly in suits. The Std. XII students were welcomed with a melodious instrumental song, followed by a series of interesting skits, captivating group dances and solo performances. The ramp walk was just an icing on the cake. The titles Miss and Mr. SBPS were awarded to Kumari Riya Soni and Abhishek Kumar Tiwary, Miss and Mr. Versatile to Trisha Malhotra and Mehul Kumar Srivastava and Miss and Mr. Popular to Soumya Shreya and Yash Raj Mohta.

With an objective to provide an opportunity to students and to get them introduced to the values and principles of life, SBPS observed National Integrity Day. In this special event the members of Junior Chamber International (JCI), Ranchi were present. It was an honour to have JC Siddharth Jaiswal, Vice President of JCI, JC Vikram Kumar, JC Ankit Jain, JC Wrt Deepa Banka, Chairperson of JCI and JC Wrt Suchi Jain, Director of JC Wing with us. The students were informed about the importance of the day by JC Vikram Kumar who also made the students took an integrity oath to keep a healthy and moral

environment in their school and home complying with all the principles in which the honour of the country will increase.

The blessing ceremony for the pupils of standard 10 was organised by SBPS on 20th February, 2019. The programme commenced with the Saraswati Vandana and a motivational song 'Saathi badhte jaana' sung by the teachers for encouraging the pupils to keep on working hard. Then the Principal, Mrs Paramjit Kaur Blessed the pupils. After that, the teachers of varied subjects give tips to the students so that they can perform better in their upcoming examinations. After listening to their teachers, the students left the campus with credence and determination to give their best.

SBPS organised an Induction programme to welcome the parents of the new students of session 2019-20. The programme commenced with a welcome song 'Abhinandan' and a scintillating dance performance by the students. They were introduced to the class teachers of their wards and were apprised about the rules and regulations of the school. Parents were also given information about the various apps of the school like SBPS child app 'गणनाक्ष', GPS Bus tracking, etc.

The SBPS' Flag off assembly was conducted with great zeal and enthusiasm on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2019. The assembly commenced with Saraswati Vandana by the pupils of Grade I and II which was followed by a speech and thought for the day. Then an inspirational song 'We shall overcome' was mellifluously sung by the pupils of Grade III, IV and V. followed by a skit 'Together We Can' presented by Grade VII. The Best House for the session 2018-19 was declared which was won by Atharvaveda house.

The dawn of 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 witnessed the Graduation Day – Chrysalis 2019 @ SBPS organised for the students of pre-primary wing. The programme commenced with the lighting of the lamp by the eminent guests followed by a welcome song 'Abhinandan'. An English skit 'Feed Your Dreams' was also performed by the students followed by a dance 'Shanti Sankalpam' with a message of world peace. The star child award, 100% attendance award, best in academic award and best in co-curricular activities award was also given to the students. Apart from these awards every child of Std. KG II graduating from kindergarten to primary school was dressed in the Indian attire to receive the certificates on the stage.

### **Inter-House Competitions-**

The school conducted Painting competition & Food quiz for the students of KG I to Std. II. The students answered questions in 4 different rounds- based on eatables, blindfold round- where they identified objects using their senses, questions on healthy & unhealthy food, recognise and fill colours in the picture.

“Poetry is the rhythmical creation of beauty in words. And the discipline of Taekwondo leads to increase energy, better health, and fitness, greater co-ordination and higher self- esteem.” To reiterate this thought English and Hindi Recitation and Taekwondo Competition for grade VI to XII was organized in the school. For English Recitation, the pupils were asked to recite poems penned by the prolific writers like Sarojini Naidu, Rabindranath Tagore and William Shakespeare. For Hindi, they were asked to recite poems penned by illustrious writers like Hariwansh Rai Bachhan, Suryakant Tripathi Nirala and Mahadevi Verma.

To invigorate the students to become better calligraphers, handwriting competition was organised in the school for students of grade III-V. Father's Day was observed in the school wherein the students expressed their love and affection for their fathers by participating in Inter- house Card Making and Drawing & Colouring Competition.

An inter- house Debate, Extempore and Football competition for the pupils of grade VI to XII and Speech competition for the pupils of grade III to V was organized. The pupils enthralled the audience with their oratory skills in Debate, Extempore and Speech competition.

To bring out the hidden talents of students Hindi Rhymes Competition for KG-I and KG-II as well as Hindi Handwriting Competition for Std.-I and II was organised in the school premises. Students of KG-I and KG-II recited the poem while displaying their lovely thoughts by using different props related to the theme whereas students of Std. I - II participated in Hindi Handwriting Competition.

To keep alive the heritage and culture of our country, the school organized an Inter house patriotic dance competition for the students of Grade IV & V. Students expressed their love and respect for their country through their exemplary dance performance.

An Inter-House PowerPoint Presentation Competition was held in the school for the students of grade VI to XII. The competition was a good opportunity to display the exploratory and collaborative effort of the students from different houses. The competition was divided into two groups; group 1 for grade VI to VIII and group 2 for grade IX to XII. The competition brought forth a lovely amalgamation of intelligence, research, and creativity. The PPTs encompassed a vast variety of topics, namely 'Transgenders and Law', 'Freedom from fear', 'Expanding Universe', 'Sustainable Living', 'Child Rights' and 'Kashmir Status'. Vibrant templates, dramatic background effects, rich and informative content – the works! All the Houses put up great presentations and faced the Question-Answer round bravely. Not only did the students gather information on the topics but also found innovative ways of putting them across.

With the aim of honing the dancing skills of the students, an Inter- House dance competition was organized in the school premises. The competition was divided into two categories. The senior group (grade IX to XII) performed solo dance and their theme was 'Western dance' wherein Rigveda performed freestyle; Atharvaveda, Break Dance; Yajurveda, Hip-Hop and Samveda, Jazz. The junior group (grade VI to VIII) presented a group dance competition with the theme 'Indian Folk Dance' wherein Rigveda performed Sambalpuri; Atharvaveda, Bihu; Yajurveda, Kashmiri and Samveda, Bamboo dance form. The vivacious dancers set the floor on fire with their energetic performances.

To instill the principles of Mahatma Gandhi and to hone the creative skills of the students, an Inter-house collage making competition using waste materials was organized for the students of Std. III-V. The activity boosted the divergent thinking among the students as they had to decide how to make the best use of the waste materials to express their thoughts. The topic for Std. III was Diwali, Std. IV was Chhath and Std. V got the topic of Durga Puja. Observing the 149<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the school organized the Science Fiction Fashion Futurista & Soundscape in the school campus. To begin with one of the ideas of Gandhiji- 'use of waste materials', the fashion walk was organized in which the pupils wore attires made up of waste materials. The four houses chose the characters to represent from science fiction books like 'Martian', 'Bicentennial Man', 'The Time Machine' and 'Nineteen Eighty-Four'. The event included live music which was performed by the students using waste materials and daily use items like utensils, buckets, sticks etc.

Fancy Dress Competition as well as an Inter-House Hindi and English Recitation competition was held in the school. The competition was held in three categories, Fancy Dress Competition for KG-I & KG-II, English Recitation for Std.-I and Hindi Recitation for Std.-II. Students were dressed up colourfully and depicted the characters flawlessly.

An inter-house Fancy Dress Competition was organized for the students of Std. III, in the school. The topics selected for the competition were- Inventions and Discoveries, Food Items, Hollywood & Bollywood Characters, Famous Personalities and Fairy Tale Characters. The students mesmerized everybody present, in their colourful and fascinating costumes.

“Spellings help to cement the connection that is shared between sounds and letters.”

Considering this, an Inter- House Spelling Competition was held in the school. The competition was held in two groups, the junior group (grade VI to VIII) and the senior group (grade IX to XII). Each group from each house comprised of 3 students. Various rounds based on the topic Food, Science and Technology, Geographical Features, Musical Instruments, Movies, Sports, History, Homophones etc. were conducted. The competition also helped in enriching the vocabulary bank of the students.

With an aim to 'Catch them Young' and to construct this connectivity the tiny tots of KG I and KG II participated in Inter-house Group Song Competition that was organised in the school premises. The auditorium resonated with the melodious voices of the young vocalists. They presented Bhajans like 'Hum Parampita ke Bachche Hain', 'Jaun Tore Charan Kamal Par Wari', 'Naman Karu Sadguru Charana', and 'Bhavsagar Taran Karan Hey Gurudev'. They mesmerised the audience by their brimming talents.

'Winners don't wait for opportunities, they grab them' To inculcate a feeling of healthy competition, Maths and Science Quiz was organised in the school premises. The students of Std.I & Std.II actively participated and manifested their knowledge about Maths and Science facts. Two participants from each house of Std. I & Std. II were selected for the final round. They answered questions based on 4 different rounds - question & answer round, audio round, video round and buzzer round. The participants displayed their confidence and talent to the best of their ability.

'Self confidence is the key to success and the key to self confidence is preparation'.To reiterate this thought and build confidence among children Inter-House English Recitation, Storytelling and Speech Competition was organised from KG-I to Std. II in the school. One participant from each house of KG I to Std. II was selected for the final round. In English Recitation, tiny tots of KG I recited the poems while displaying their lovely thoughts through props, students of KG II beautifully narrated the stories like 'The Proud Rose', 'The Monkeys and the Capseller', 'The Greedy Man' and 'Two Frogs' whereas the participants of Std. I and Std. II were provided chits with various topics like 'Famous Indian Personalities', 'Favourite Animal', 'My Hobby' and 'Why Is Republic Day Important?' The students showcased their speaking skills through this competition. An Inter-house Orchestra competition - 'SUR SANGAM' based on patriotic theme was organised in the school. Pupils of grade VI to XII participated and presented their skills using varied musical instruments like guitar, trumpet, flute, triple, synthesizer, drum etc. The competition took place in four groups and there were approximately 10 participants in each group. All the groups performed stupendously and mesmerized the audience with their presentation.

### **Sports Activities-**

Students of our school along with 2 teacher attended the 383<sup>rd</sup> National Adventure Programme conducted at National Adventure Institute, Panchmarhi from 15<sup>th</sup> April to 21<sup>st</sup> April 2018. 56 participants from different states i.e. UP, MP, Maharashtra, Telangana and Jharkhand were present, Sarala Birla Public School being the only school to represent Jharkhand. Activities such as Rock Climbing, Obstacles Crossing, Rifle and Pistol Shooting, Archery, Horse Riding etc. were undertaken. The participants enjoyed trekking to Bee fall, Tata Shankar, Rajendra Giri and Pardav cave. On 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018, a session on 'Free Being Me' was conducted. The school received 1<sup>st</sup> runner up prize in the event AND was honoured with the 'Overall Best Performance Award'.

The students showed their remarkable performances and brought laurels for the school by participating in '22nd All India Inter-School and Club Yoga Championship 2018' held on 28th and 29th of April 2018, under the banner of Ranchi Yoga Culture at Yogda Satsanga Society of India, Ranchi. Around 1000 participants took part from all over India out of which 22 students were from our school. Malay Dwivedi of Std. I secured 1<sup>st</sup> position in Group A (Boys). Kritika Gupta of Std. VIII secured the 8<sup>th</sup> position in Group D (Girls). Risha Roy Lal of Std. IV secured the 9<sup>th</sup> position in Group C (Girls) followed by Anushka of Std. VIII in 9<sup>th</sup> position in Group D (Girls).

A total of 250 student athletes from 12 schools of Ranchi participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> Inter-School Wushu Championship, 2018 held at Shahid Birsa Munda Stadium, Morabadi, Ranchi on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2018. The 48 participants from our school made us proud by attaining the 'Champion' position with 8 Gold, 9 Silver and 13 bronze medals.

Pupils from our school participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathmandu Open Taekwondo International Championship – 2018 held from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and Ishu Prasad of Grade VIII bagged the silver medal in the senior category and made the country proud.

8 pupils of SBPS participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> Bhagwan Mahaveer Open International Taekwondo Championship – 2018 held at Jaipur from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and 2 pupils namely Ishu Prasad of Grade VIII and Sakhi Bangar of Grade X bagged Bronze medals.

It was yet another proud moment for the school as Krishna Tulsi of grade V- B secured the 1<sup>st</sup> position in U-9 Girls category in '18<sup>th</sup> Jharkhand State Kalawati Devi Memorial Chess Championship' held at Dhanbad from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2018 whereas in U-11 boys category, Tirth Shresth of grade VII bagged the 1<sup>st</sup> position.

In another chess championship 'Aditya Jalan Memorial Chess Championship' held at district level, Hritik Verma of grade XI bagged the 1<sup>st</sup> position in U-25 category. In the same category, Tirth Shresth of grade VII secured the 2<sup>nd</sup> position.

Falak Chawla of Grade VII added another feather to the cap of SBPS by bagging the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up prize in the 25 meter free style inter school swimming competition held during 'Rendezvous Inter School Meet 2018-19' at Sapphire International School. Falak Chawla participated enthusiastically in the Jharkhand State Junior Aquatic Championship organised by Jharkhand Swimming Association.

The pupils of our school have shown exemplary performance in the 'CBSE East Zone Rifle Shooting Championship' held at Sapphire International School from 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018 to 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Rashi Singh and Rashvi Santosh of Std. VIII qualified for the nationals in the individual event. Arnab Gupta of Std. VI, Utkarsh Agrawal of Std. VII, Ayush Saraf and Piyush Mohta of Std. VIII, Ashwini Kumar of Std. X and Ujjwal Mohta of Std. XI qualified for the nationals in the team event.

Students participated in the much awaited CBSE cluster III Football tournament 2018-19 held at PITTS Modern School, Bokaro, Jharkhand. The Under-19 boys' team competed and bagged the second runner up position. Amit Akela was declared the Best player of the tournament and received the 'Golden Boot' trophy 2018. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> CCL Inter-school Invitational Football tournament, Akash Kumar Mahto of Std. IX was declared the 'Man of the Match'. Students participated in the 'Rendezvous Sports Competition' held at Sapphire International School. Our school's Under- 19 boys' football team competed and bagged the Champion's trophy.

Students participated in the CBSE Zonal Chess Championship held at Sunbeam School, Uttar Pradesh. 8 students bagged silver medals in different categories. Shashank Pandey, Mangalam Dwivedi, Hritik Verma and Harsh Kumar won in Under-17 category and Aryaman Vikram Verma, Ansh Kumar, Tirth Shresth and Rishu Raj in Under-14 category. Shashank Pandey made the school proud by bagging gold medal in the individual Board Prize category. They also participated in the CBSE East Zone Taekwondo Championship held at Rosy Public School, Farrukhabad (UP). Sakhi Bangar bagged gold medal, Ankita Kumari bagged silver medal in the under 17 category, Nivedita Raj bagged silver medal in the Under-19 category and Kumari Sapna won the silver medal in the Under-14 category.

The Inter house cricket and basketball competitions were held in the school, where there were 4 groups in both competitions, specifically – Junior Team Boys (Std. VI-VIII), Junior Team Girls (Std. VI-VIII), Senior Team Boys (Std. IX-XII) and Senior Team Girls (Std. IX-XII). In the basketball competition in both Senior and Junior Girls Team, Rigveda emerged victorious whereas in the Boys Senior team, Atharvaveda and in Junior team, Rigveda won the match. In the cricket competition, in the senior boys team, Samveda and in junior team Yajurveda won the match whereas in senior girls team, Rigveda and in junior girls team Yajurveda emerged as winners.

In this technology-dominated era, it is believed that outdoor education in many forms can contribute social awareness, cognitive development and help to improve our understanding of the world around us. In order to inculcate different life skills, the school organised an eight days adventure camp for the students of grade KG to IX. Students gained new perspective as they got to face different obstacles in the form of activities like Bamboo Bridge, Burma Bridge, Double Log Crossing, Parallel Rope, Flying Fox, Tyrolean Traverse, Double Jumaring, Commando Net, Cat Walk etc. It helped to make them stronger and build their personality, be unique and distinguishable.

An Inter- house chess competition was held in the school on 7th of December, 2018. The competition undertook in four categories i.e. grade VI to VIII (boys), grade VI to VIII (girls), grade IX to XII( boys) and grade IX to XII (girls). In the category VI to VIII (boys), Yajurveda house emerged victorious. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions were bagged by Rigveda and Atharvaveda houses respectively. In the category VI to VIII (girls), Atharvaveda house bagged the 1<sup>st</sup> position. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions were bagged by Samveda and Rigveda houses respectively. In the categories, IX to XII (boys) and IX to XII (girls), Samveda house emerged victorious. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions were bagged by Yajurveda and Rigveda houses respectively.

Our students participated in the 6<sup>th</sup> Ranchi District Inter-school Taekwondo championship 2019 and 3<sup>rd</sup> B. K. Birla Taekwondo Trophy organised by Ranchi District Taekwondo Association. 312 students from 24 varied schools from in and around Ranchi participated in the championship and our school emerged as the overall champion by winning 15 gold, 7 silver and 11 bronze medals. The competition took place in three categories: U-14, U-17 and U-19. The school was declared the winner in the U-17 category wherein the pupils grabbed 3 gold, 9 silver and 5 bronze medals.

Students participated in the 64<sup>th</sup> National School Game Korfball Championship held at New Delhi Public School, Ambikapur, Chattisgarh. In totality, 411 students participated in three different categories U-14, U-17 and U-19 from 10 states. In U-14, Jharkhand defeated Gujarat. Ashwin of Grade VIII D secured 1 point for the team. In U-17, Jharkhand defeated Telangana. Arpit Kumar Dubey of Grade IX E and Swyam Shreyansh of Grade IX B played well and secured 1 point each for their team. Korfball is a new game for the pupils of SBPS but they endeavoured to give their best.

Sakhi Bangar of grade 10 has added another feather to the cap of Sarala Birla Public School by winning silver medal in the Jharkhand Olympic State Games Taekwondo Championship - 2019. She participated in the senior category (weight category -67 kg) held at Khelgaon. Sakhi was one of the nine candidates from all over Jharkhand to be felicitated. She was felicitated in the presence of the chief guest, Mr RK Anand, Senior Vice President of Indian Olympic Association.

Annual Sports Day, UDAAN-2018 was celebrated at SBPS amidst great ebullience and camaraderie on 29th December, 2018. The spirit of the occasion was ushered in with a grand reception of the eminent guests, march past, hoisting of school flag and oath taking ceremony. The eminent guests Mrs. & Mr. Dau Lall Binani, Treasurer, Bharat Arogya & Gyan Mandir declared the Annual Sports meet open and released balloons in the presence of the dignitaries. Mr. Chanchal Bhattacharya (cricket coach) former coach of M. S. Dhoni, Shivendra Dubey, President, Youth Hostels Association of India and Treasurer, Jharkhand Olympiad Association and Wushu Association of India, Mrs. Rashmi Sinha, Principal, Guru Govind Singh Public School, Kamare, Mr. V. K. Singh, Principal, DAV Bariatu , Dr. V. K. Singh, Controller of Examination, Sarala Birla University, Mr. Pradip Varma, Head Personnel & Admin. and Principal Mrs. Paramjit Kaur graced the occasion. Melodious motivational song followed by the school song was rendered by the school choir. The audience witnessed the yoga display followed by various sports events like 100 mts race, 200 mts race, shot put, relay race. There were cultural programmes which included Uchiwa dance, a Japanese dance form using fans and Mile Sur Mera Tumhara, depicting various folk dances of India. The highlight of the programme was 'Chhau Dance', Karate, Taekwondo And Wushu were displayed to the audience in a synchronized way in a programme entitled 'Kiai- Twi-Mambo'. Musical chair and relay race for the teachers were also organized. During the Prize Distribution Ceremony, the eminent guests gave away medals and trophies to the winners. The sports day was declared closed by the chief guest after the jumbled march. The Rigveda house was adjudged the Best House in sports. The trophies for the Best Athlete (VI to VIII) were awarded to Jitendra Kumar Mahto of Grade VIII A (Yajurveda house) & the best athlete (IX to XII) to Ankit Kumar of Grade XII A (Rigveda House) and Prerna Angel Kujur of Grade XI D (Rigveda House).

Naina Srivastava of grade-VI has brought laurels to the school by securing the 1st runner-up position in the event 10.1 to 12 years Girls Colour Belt Kata and 10.1 to 12 years Girls Colour Belt Kumite in the 9th IMAA CUP Jharkhand State Open Karate Championship, 2018 held at St. Joseph's Club, Ranchi, organised by International Martial Arts Academy. She has received certificates as a token of appreciation.

## **Beyond the Books-**

Under the International Cultural Exchange programme, Principal Mrs. Paramjit Kaur visited Blackett Public School, Australia. The cultural exchange was undertaken to develop an understanding of the teaching methodologies used in both the schools. Mrs. Kaur had a discourse over the pedagogical techniques with principal, Ms. Susan Bywater and her team members. Cultural exchange through video conferencing along with students' visit was proposed in the meeting in order to provide exposure to the students of both the schools. They also had a discussion over the international issues like global warming, sustainable development etc. and decided to join hands for the betterment of mankind.

In order to immerse learners in an experiential and encouraging reflection about developing new skills, new attitudes and new ways of thinking, the school organized an experiential learning for the Pupils of Grade III to IV, V and IX. The pupils of Grade III to V visited the 'Science Centre', Ranchi wherein the pupils learned science through fun. They saw the musical bars, Interactive Sundials, Models of Resources of Jharkhand, Agriculture and Wildlife of Jharkhand, the working of Ispat Iron Industry and Production of Crude Steel. They visited the fun science section where they visualized sound, mirror effect and learnt how machines like refrigerator, wheels, lever etc work.

The pupils of Grade IX visited Hindalco Industries situated in Muri, which is considered to be the world's largest aluminum rolling company and one of the biggest producers of primary aluminium in Asia. The pupils were shown a presentation at Alumina Club about the extraction of alumina from bauxite ore. They went for tour around the plant and learnt the varied processes of extractions.

The school organised a visit to the Ranchi local office of SEBI (The Securities and Exchange Board of India) for the pupils of commerce stream of grade XI and XII. The main objective behind the visit was to make the students aware about SEBI and its role as a regulator of Capital Markets. Mr. Gyanendra Niraj, AGM and office incharge, SEBI, Jharkhand presented a slide show to impart basic understanding regarding securities market which included: -Basic Essential core ideas on saving investment, how to choose the right investment options, the mechanism and functioning of securities market and understanding chit funds and Ponzi schemes. In addition, the pupils were made aware of the SEBI ACT, DEPOSITORY ACT and Securities contract regulation act. A Discussion about future expectations and challenges also took place which was followed by a question answer session. The pupils also understood the difference between investment and insurance. The visit was enriching and exciting.

An experiential trip to 'Jharkhand Government Mini Tool Room and Training Centre', a project under 'Make in India' (Education cum skill development policy), was organized by the school for the students of class 8. Nearly 150 students visited the Rapid Prototyping and Tooling where they learnt about CNC Milling Machine (Cannon Project) and Computerized Numerical Control, the 'Production unit' and EDM (Electric Discharge Machine). They gained knowledge about Bench Vice, Shaper, Lathe machine, Milling machine, Slot machine, Mould machine and grinding machine. In the 'Welding' section, the students were shown DC machine, cylinder, Spot Welding, MIG, TIG used for different types of welding. They saw the 'Control Room' used for providing electricity and voltage control. Finally P.P. T. was shown to the students related to Ministry of Small Mini and Micro Enterprises (MSME). The session ended with the question and answer round by students and vote of thanks by Mr. Mangal Toppo.

The school organized a field trip to Central Tasar Research and Training Institute, Nagri, Ranchi for the pupils of grade 11 and 12. The pupils visited the museum and were briefed about the four different types of silk grown in India and places where they are cultivated. They learnt the method of silkworm cultivation and were also shown the post cocoon technology. They learnt about the copulation of silk moth, their breeding patterns, their longevity, difference between male silk moth and female silk moth, and the fertilized and unfertilized eggs, the techniques of bio- technology. The pupils were shown the live demonstration of steps of DNA extraction process in lab.

The students of our school actively participated in the Sarala Birla Group of Schools conclave held at Mahadevi Birla World Academy Kolkata from 2nd to 6th of August 2018 and showed their astounding performances in various inter school competitions. Mehul Kumar Srivastava of Std. XII bagged the 1<sup>st</sup> runner up trophy in 'Different Strokes' by his staggering badminton strokes. They bagged the 1<sup>st</sup> runner

up trophy in 'Futurista - Sci-Fi Fashion Show with Soundscape', 'Confluence- Performing Arts Convergence' and 'Dhara- Vocal Harmony (duet)'. The conclave helped in strengthening the bond of camaraderie among the students and teachers of our school.

With an objective to inculcate Gandhiji's principles of love, peace and belongingness among the students, the school celebrated the 'joy of giving' week by collecting items like pen, pencils, erasers, soaps, notebooks etc. and donated it as a token of love among the needy children of the society. Students visited the organizations which work for the upliftment of the poor, and weaker sections of the society, like Rajkiyakrit Utkramit Madhya Vidyalaya, Mahilong; Karuna Orphanage Bariatu, Ranchi and St Michaels Blind School, Bahu Bazar, Ranchi, Deepshika Institute for Child Development and Mental Health, Ara Gate and Guru Nanak Home for Handicapped Children, Bariatu, Ranchi which work for the betterment of the differently-abled children and exchanged their views and talents with the children of these special organizations.

To keep pace with the rapid changing world, an Experiential learning trip to Russia was organized for the pupils of our school, accompanied the Principal, Mrs. Paramjit Kaur. Their sight-seeing included Kremlin, Gorky Park Tour, St. Basil's Cathedral, Mosfilm Studio tour, Red square tour. The students visited the Moscow metro stations adorned with scriptures and carvings depicting the rich cultural heritage of Russia and got a chance to witness the Russian circus which included diverse cultures of the world. Students were mesmerized on seeing the artists dance on the verses of the Hanuman Chalisa and Ganesh Vandana. They visited the Russian Cosmonaut museum and learnt about the working of astronauts world wide and moved on to St. Petersburg and visited the Grand Market-Mini Russia, Hermitage Museum, Peterhof. They attended a workshop on making Matryoshka-doll and experienced painting their own dolls. They learnt about the rich cultural history of the country and were inspired by the Russians love for sports especially football.

'Colours are the smiles of nature.' Red is the colour of love and compassion. It symbolizes courage and strength. To apprise the students about the importance of red colour day -The InspiRED was observed by students of KG-I and KG-II on 05.11.2018. Students as well as teachers were dressed in scintillating red coloured attire and various activities related to red colour were organised like clay modelling, colouring activity etc. where they had to identify the images and colour them with red. Teachers explained about the various objects associated with red colour. Cut outs and flash cards of post office, post van, fire truck and fire extinguisher were shown to enhance the knowledge. Students brought red coloured fruits like water melon, apple, cherry, strawberry etc. Red cap race was enjoyed by the tiny tots.

An experiential learning trip was organised for the students of class II. They went to Ranchi Aquarium, Ormanjhi on 8.12.18 and got an opportunity to enhance their knowledge, regarding exotic and indigenous fishes. It showcased 1,600 fishes of 120 varieties. An array of herbivore, carnivore, omnivore and scavenger fishes, were displayed in 58 quarantine tanks like Exotic Gold fish, Cat fish, Alligator Gar fish, Aquarium Sharks, Tin Foil fish, Amazon River Biotope fish etc. Students penned down all the information regarding various types of fishes. The questions raised by the students were duly answered by the guide.

The school organized an experiential learning for the pupils of Grade VI & VII. They visited 'Ranchi Science Centre', and saw the musical bars, Interactive Sundials, Models of Resources of Jharkhand, Agriculture and Wildlife of Jharkhand. 'Picnic' was arranged for the students of K.G I to Std. I. Students took part in memory game, fire on the mountain, passing the ball etc. The little toddlers tapped their feet at the beat of the music. 'Rainbow Day' was organized for the students of Std. II where students and teachers came dressed up in colourful dresses on the theme of RAINBOW colours i.e. Violet, Indigo, Blue, Green, Yellow, Orange and Red. Teachers explained the importance and significance of seven colours of the rainbow.

To inculcate a sense of love and benevolence among the students, the school organized a community outreach programme 'Shubheksha': 'Donating for a cause' wherein the students went to 'Badam Village' and donated blankets to the people belonging to the less fortunate section of the society.

The pupils of Grade XI visited the Indian Institute of Natural Resins and Gums, Namkum, Ranchi. The students enthusiastically visited and observed various lac based coating technologies. They saw variety of trees like Kusum, Palash etc. which can sustain lac. They learnt about the reproduction of lac. They even learnt the process of removal of lac from trees. In addition, the pupils learnt the varied ways of watering the plants like by rainwater harvesting and drip irrigation.

The students of SBPS attended the JIFA, 2019, an award function which focuses on discovery, promotion, and support of filmmaking of all genres – thus bringing together the diversity of the forms, aesthetics, and contents. The award function was held at Khelgaon, Ranchi on 2nd and 3rd of February, 2019. The students enjoyed various short movies, documentary movies and video albums. They saw the screening of motivational films based on social evils like 'Hunger', 'Line of control', 'Kafan', 'Silent Statue' and 'I am Kalam'. The students also enjoyed a dance session with Marianne Borgo, Vice President, Goa Film Alliance. They learnt varied dance forms which included salsa, cha cha cha and tango.

### **Awards-**

On October 8, 2018, the Regional Research Center, University of Asia on the nomination of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Research & Development Centre, India bestowed the Degree of Honorary Doctorate-'Doctor of Letters (D.Litt.)' upon Mrs. Paramjit Kaur, the principal of our school as a symbol of tribute and honour for the contribution made by her in the field of education. The ceremony was held at Kathmandu, Nepal in the presence of renowned luminaries of India.

'Cleanliness is next to Godliness.' It was a splendid moment as the school was rewarded the 'Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar' 2017 at the District level in the sub- category of 'Hand washing with Soap' conferred upon the school by the Ministry of Human Resource and Development (MHRD), Government of India.

SOF has awarded Mrs. Paramjit Kaur, the 'Best' Principal Award- Jharkhand state' for her leadership, initiative and perseverance. The best zonal teacher award has been bagged by Mrs. Nidhi Pareek. NSTSE has also conferred the school with the 'Best Participating School Award'.

With a galaxy of educators and dignitaries, Brainfeed's 5<sup>th</sup> Acharya Devo Bhava Awards-2018 in association with SPAES (Society for promotion of academic excellence of schools) felicitated some of the finest mentors of India on 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018 in New Delhi. Out of 300 participants competing for the award from across the country, 50 were shortlisted and were assessed on several parameters. They were given varied topics to deliver an extempore speech. Mrs. Paramjit Kaur expressed her views on the topic 'Importance of Research in Education'. Her ideas were highly appreciated by the members of the jury and she became one of the 17 mentors who were selected for the award. In commendation of her teaching practices and pedagogical innovation, motivation to learners and outstanding services for the cause of education, Mrs. Paramjit Kaur was felicitated with a trophy, citation, cash prize and a shawl by the Chief Guest, His Excellency Dr. Deepak Vohra, IFS. Retd., special adviser to Prime Minister, Lithuania, Guinea, Poland, a renowned Doordarshan artist & Quiz Master and the Guest of Honour, Dr. Chukha Ramaiah, educationist, ex-member MLC. The members of the jury who graced the occasion were Mr. Suraj Prakash, Ex-Principal, CRPF Public School, member NPS, Miss Marie Elangovan, a Canadian choreographer who calls herself a 'Can Indian'. She is a Bharatanatyam dancer who pursued religious studies at University of Montreal and Mr. Premchand Palety, Founder Chief Executive, C-fore - a popular survey company.

Yet another splendid moment arrived as the school received the International School Award (ISA), an accreditation scheme run by the British Council, particularly designed for schools to embed an international dimension into their curriculum. In a glittering award ceremony, around 250 schools from all over the country were felicitated. The programme involves forming a partnership with schools across the globe, during which students collaborate with the students of other nations, on a variety of projects with global dimension throughout an academic year. The students of our school interacted with the students from across the world either through video conferencing or actually visiting them. They conducted the activities dealing with the international issues. The award ceremony took place in Delhi on 5th of December, 2018. The ISA has also awarded the Principal of the school with a certificate for

'Leading the Integration of International Learning in the School'. The co-ordinators of ISA, Mrs. Kanak Singh and Mrs. Nisha Singh also received certificates for 'Co-ordinating the Integration of International Learning in the Curriculum'.

### **Other Activities-**

Realizing the importance of professional development of teachers, SBPS organised a Capacity Building Programme on NCF - 2005 for teachers conducted by Mr. Naveen Ranjan, an educator, trainer and career counsellor. The aim of the programme was to equip teachers in content and pedagogical competence such that they can seamlessly blend the same into classroom practices. The teachers were made aware of 'objective', 'content', 'how to teach' and 'how to assess'. The guiding principles of NCF like the ways to connect knowledge to life outside school, shifting of learning from rote methods, overall development of the pupils and making examination flexible & integrated in classroom life were discussed.

A Vedic Maths Workshop was conducted in the school to enable the students to solve numeric problems quickly using vedic tricks and methods. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Devesh Kumar from Mathematical Institute for genius, Jamshedpur. He conducted proactive interactive session with the students to eliminate their fear of numbers introducing shortcuts of maths on various mathematical topics which gave tremendous benefit to develop confidence among the students. He also organized an interactive session for parents on 'Good Parenting' and came up with effective and innovative solutions to solve the day to day problems faced by the parents. The Annual School Magazine Sahastranshu-Vol-2 was released in the presence of Shri Pradip Varma Sir, School Head Personnel and Admin, Mrs. Paramjit Kaur School Principal, Mr Devesh Kumar, the resource person and the parents.

Under GSP, a workshop to educate and motivate the students about joining 'Indian Armed Forces' was organized in the school on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018. The resource persons, Capt. Nupoor Sanjiv and Capt. Jogendra Malik who have been serving the Indian Army since 2005 made the pupils aware of the challenging life, professionalism and other aspects of the Indian army. They also informed about the entry scheme for joining the forces.

With an aim of reviving interest towards indigenous art and art forms among the new generation, a fifteen day workshop was organised by the school on Sohrai Painting, the traditional art of Jharkhand. Students were trained by the guest faculties from STAMBH organization who taught the pupils motifs from wildlife and nature, symbolic representations and bold strokes.

On 27<sup>th</sup> of December, 2018 the Art & Cultural Trust of India and Bhojpuri foundation organized the release and distribution ceremony of the Pre-Primary Bhojpuri Book by Shri Jagdishwar Goburdhun, the Mauritius Ambassador at SBPS campus, Ranchi. The function took place in the presence of many renowned personalities which included Mr. Jagdishwar Goburdhun, the Mauritius Ambassador, Dr. Ajay Ojha, Chairman, Bhojpuri foundation, Shri Shulpani Singh, Chairman, the Art and Cultural Trust of India, Shri Chandreshwara Prasad Singh, Minister of Urban Development, Housing and Transport Development Jharkhand, Shri Ramchandra Chandrawanshi, Health and Family Welfare Minister, Dr. Ramesh Kumar, Chancellor, Ranchi University, Dr. Jung Bahadur Pandey, Head of the Hindi Deptt., Ranchi University, Mr. Devendra Singh and Mr. Santosh Kido, Chief Editors, Dr. R.P. Singh, Chancellor, Kolhan University, Chaibasa and Mrs. Paramjit Kaur, Principal, SBPS Ranchi. Highlighting the importance of Bhojpuri language Mr. Jagdishwar Goburdhun said that Bhojpuri is an ancient language and it is our responsibility to conserve and propagate the language.

To assess the mathematical skill & proficiency of the students, the school organised the Inter-house Maths Quiz Competition. The quiz took place in two groups: junior group (Std. VI to VIII) and senior group (Std. IX to XII), comprising of interesting rounds: Basic Maths, Reasoning, Who Am I, History of Maths and Rapid Fire round. In the Who Am I round, pupils recognised the pictures of famous mathematicians and solved picture puzzles. Their speed was tested in the rapid fire round. At the end of each round, a question was posed to the audience that kept the interest alive among them. After the neck

to neck competition, Atharvaveda house grabbed the first position in the senior group. The Second and third positions were taken by Yajurveda and Rigveda houses respectively. In the junior group, Rigveda house emerged victorious. The second and third positions were bagged by Samveda and Yajurveda houses respectively.

With an objective to encourage students to look beyond their textual knowledge, an Inter-house Quiz Competition was organised in the school for the students of Std. III-V. The questions were based on the culture and heritage of India. Three students from each house participated with full zest and enthusiasm. The auditorium buzzed with the cheers of the enthusiastic audience. In the competition, Yajurveda house bagged the 1<sup>st</sup> position followed by Atharvaveda house at 2<sup>nd</sup> position and Rigveda house at 3<sup>rd</sup> position.

On 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019, more than 1000 pupils saw the live telecast of 'Pariksha Pe Charcha 2.0', the second edition of Honourable Prime Minister's interaction with students, teachers and parents about examination and related stress. A short film on initiatives taken by the Ministry of human resource development was also screened highlighting the steps taken since last year's 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' to discuss issues related to exam life. This would help the little 'exam warriors' to face the exam boldly and understand that exams are not wars. The PM's advice would help the children to fight stress during exam.

"A goal without a plan is just a wish." Considering this, an effective and comprehensive workshop on life skills and goal setting was conducted in the school on 30<sup>th</sup> of January, 2019 for the pupils of Grade X and XI. The resource person was Brig Inder Mohan Singh Parmar, a learned and accomplished army officer with 30 years of rich and diverse experience in the field of military matters, personnel management and administration. The workshop commenced in the presence of Mr. Abhay Kumar, Principal, Army Public School, Ranchi. The programme aimed at providing guidelines to the students to manage the challenges and questions of our daily lives, increasing confidence, assertiveness, develop critical thinking and decision making. The students were also upskilled to be adaptive and develop a positive behaviour towards life and learn to manage stress. Brig Parmar enlightened the students about the career scope in the field of defence. He reiterated on identifying ones strengths and weaknesses, clarifying ones values, removing all the roadblocks and always be ready to take actions.

One should break one's own record and not follow the crowd. Be self-confident and do not judge your work on the basis of your competition – says PM Modi. One of our teacher Mrs. Aditi Chauhan Rao got a golden opportunity to meet PM Narendra Modi in the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of 'Pariksha Pe Charcha-2.0'. PM Narendra Modi talked with selected students, teachers and parents across the globe related to examination issues. In this edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha, a total of 2000 students, parents and teachers participated in Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi out of which only 14 students, 2 teachers and 2 parents were selected from Jharkhand.

We believe that the purpose of education is not mere mastery of academics, but also imbibing traditional values and empowering the students to choose good over bad in every thought and action. Our motto remains to impart quality education which goes beyond academics and extra- curricular activities to meet the objective of creating global citizens.