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The students of Sarala Birla Public School, Ranchi began with the new academic session 2023-24 with renewed zeal and enthusiasm. To infuse the young minds with cheerfulness and a sense of belongingness towards the school, the school conducted a dedicated assembly programme for the students. The assembly began with a prayer song, followed by an inspirational thought and news headlines shared by the students. The Principal interacted with the students and encouraged them to uphold the values of the school. The year was dedicated to Sustainable Development Goals to align with India's Presidency in the G-20 summit.

The school planned a heart-warming welcome for the tiny tots.

The students of SBPS performed exceptionally well in AISSCE -2024. Palak Keshri became the school topper with 97.2% followed by Bhumi Keshri who secured 97% marks in Science Stream. Vidhi Bhalotia secured 96.8% followed by Avani Choudhary with 95.8% in the Commerce stream. Pratistha Gupta secured 95 % followed by Tuhina Mukherjee who secured 94.4% in Humanities. In AISSCE and AISSE, the students with the constant support of their parents and the guidance of the Principal, Mrs. Paramjit Kaur, did exceptionally well.

EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES

At the onset, the choir group of 8 students from SBPS, Ranchi brought laurels to the school in the Sansad Sanskritik Mahotsav 2023. Sriyansh Mishra of Std. IV, Ananya Sachan of Std. VII, Rajshree Verma of Std. VII, Hardik Srivastava of Std. VIII, Ruchi Mishra of Std. VIII, Aayush Barua, Sarthak Lal and Aditi of Std. IX bagged the first runner up prize and received trophy, medals and certificates. To commemorate the 3rd anniversary of NEP 2020 and to celebrate India's presidency at the G20 Summit, Ranchi Sahodaya School Complex has organised the G20 Presidency Summit: The Creativity Conclave. Amidst great verve and enthusiasm, the inaugural ceremony of the coveted event was held in the premises of SBPS, Ranchi on 8th August 2023. The Chief Guest for the event was Mr. Arvind Kumar Mishra, Regional Officer, CBSE Patna. Dr. Pradip Kumar Varma, Head Personnel & Admin. SBPS, Ranchi and Prof. Dr. Gopal Pathak, V.C. Sarala Birla University graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. Prof. Dr. Vijay Kumar Singh, Registrar, SBU, Ranchi, Mr. Samarjit Jana, Principal JVM Shyamli, Dr. Subhash Kumar Principal, Taurian World School Mr. Niraj Sinha, Principal, Firayalal Public School and S.K. Sinha, Principal, DAV Gandhi Nagar along with the Principals of various other schools of Ranchi graced the occasion. The day commenced with invoking Lord Ganesha and by seeking His blessings for the success of the event. This was followed by a fusion dance promoting SDG no 5 - Gender Equality. The Chief Guest along with the other dignitaries inaugurated the second phase of SBPS Skill Hub for the course Assistant Beauty Therapist. The most awaited segment of the inaugural day was the Fashion Cosmos event which initiated with the five teams of SBPS presenting the concept of sustained fashion made out of waste and recycled goods. It was followed by 12 participating schools presenting their notion of the fashion of the future. They

portrayed characters from the worlds of Frozen, Avatar, Chronicles of Narnia, Star Wars, etc. The fashion walk was accompanied by a live soundscape orchestra. Segment of Kalanjali- The Exhibition under Art Integrated Learning projects exhibited by the students of SBPS, Ranchi again echoed the theme of sustainability and was the centre of attraction. The day culminated with the message of empowering India towards a greener and sustained nation.

Vatsal Arya of Std VI emerged victorious and won the coveted SOF Academic Excellence Scholarship 2022-23 by SOF. He was awarded with a trophy, a cash prize of Rs. 5000 and a citation.

Achievers of Science Olympiad Foundation, Unified Council and Silver Zone Olympiad were felicitated by honourable Principal, Mrs. Paramjit Kaur, for their astounding performances. They were awarded with Medals of Distinction (Gold, silver and bronze); Medals of Excellence (Gold, silver and bronze) along with Certificates of Appreciation.

The students of SBPS, Ranchi were recognized for their exemplary performance in various Olympiads. They received medals, trophies and cash prizes from Silver Zone Olympiad, Commerce Olympiad and SOF. The school was also felicitated with the trophy from Silver Zone and award for appreciation from Commerce Teachers' Foundation.

The Principal, Ms. Paramjit Kaur was awarded with the Best District Principal Award and one of our faculties, Ms Nidhi Pareek was accorded the Best District Teacher Award by Science Olympiad Foundation.

The students of SBPS Ranchi outshone in International General Knowledge Olympiad conducted by SOF. 3 students secured the medals of distinction along with certificates of distinction and certificates of zonal excellence. 28 students were awarded with gold medals of excellence and certificates.

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SBPS, Ranchi hosted a two-day Induction Programme, 'Guru Dakshta', on 6th and 7th October, 2023, in the B.K Birla Auditorium. The resource persons for the training programme were Ms. Paramjit Kaur, Principal, SBPS, Ranchi and Ms. Neelkamal Sinha, Principal, Sant Nandlal Smriti Vidya Mandir, Ghatsila. 54 participants from different schools of Jharkhand attended the session with a zeal to be the pioneers in the field of education.

SBPS Ranchi hosted several Capacity Building Programmes and PRP programmes in the B.K Birla Auditorium on the topics like, 'Happy Classrooms', 'Adolescent Education Programme', 'Career Guidance', 'Inclusive Education', 'Critical & Creative Thinking, Inclusive education, Cyber Safety and Security', 'Strengthening Assessment & Evaluation Practices', 'Learning outcomes and pedagogies', etc.

Tanvi Rungta of Std. VIII added yet another feather to the school's achievement by bagging the Critic's choice award for Discursive Writing competition in Aspirations: Third edition of inter-school online literary challenge organised at Varanasi. It was a national level event in which participants from 27 schools all over the country participated. Our school received Best Delegation award for the same category for the collective effort of Ananta Sinha and Tanvi Rungta.

In the final phase of IIMUN Jharkhand Conference organised at Ranchi, students of SBPS, Ranchi exhibited extemporary performance. Chinmay of Std. XII won a silver medal for High Commendation for being one of the best delegates representing Germany. Mimansa Prasad of Std XI also got a special mention for her all-round performance at the conference.

The students of SBPS Ranchi brought laurels to the school by participating in BIZGALA: an inter-school Commerce fest organized at Ranchi. The students secured the 1st runner up position in the 'Sociopreneur' category which was a strategic trading competition with limited Human Resources, raw materials and cash. In the nukkad natak competition 'The Street Chronicles', the students exhibited their acting prowess on the theme 'The Entrepreneur Within' to secure the 1st runner up position. The school ended up with the 2nd runner up position for all the events.

Students of SBPS, Ranchi outshone in the CBSE Science Challenge 2023-24. The hybrid competition was conducted in two phases. Md. Ammar Ahmad and Devansh of Std 10 performed exceptionally and received certificates for their outstanding performance.

The students of SBPS, Ranchi participated in an Inter-school competition on Painting organized by Bhaktivedanta Vidyabhavan Gurukul, Muri, Kutam, in Jharkhand and brought laurels to the school. For the Junior's category, Suryansh Minz, Yash Maken and Riddhima Pragya of Std V bagged the first position. In the senior's category, Rituraj Roy and Deeksha Rani of Std. X secured the first prize. 35 other students also bagged 2nd runner up position in the competition.

It was a proud moment for the school as Rituraj Roy of Std. X performed exemplarily in the Inter-State Kala Ustav 2023-24 organised at Jharkhand Council of Educational Research & Training, Ranchi. He received the first prize in the Visual Arts (2-dimensional) category among the 29 participating districts. He also qualified for the national level of the event.

The students of SBPS, Ranchi outshone in an inter-school conclave Razzmatazz-2023 held at Lucknow. 58 schools all over the country participated in the competition. Aarthav Kumar Singh of Std. V and Vinit Kumar Mishra of Std. IV secured the second position in 'Futuroez' which was a digital painting competition on the theme 'Superheroes of the Future'.

The students of SBPS Ranchi added another feather to the school's achievement by securing the third prize in Bharat ko Jano 2023 Inter-school Quiz competition organized at Ranchi. Nischay Ratan and Jairaj Katkar of Std. IX secured the third position in the senior's category of quiz.

The students of SBPS Ranchi participated in 16th Doranda Old Xaverians Inter-School Co-Curricular Competition held at Doranda, Ranchi. In Flower Arrangement, Vrishti Arya in the Group-D category secured the 1st position and in English story writing category, Vanya Arya in the Group-C category bagged the 2nd runner up position.

The students of SBPS, Ranchi left their indelible mark in the Inter-School Technical Bonanza organized at Morabadi in which more than 500 students from 15 schools participated. Aditya Kumar of Std. XII received the 1st prize in Pythagoras Pro- a Mathematics competition and was awarded a cash prize of ₹7000. Shivansh Joshi of Std. X received the 1st prize in Pythagoras Star along with a cash prize of ₹7000. Lal Rupak Nath Shahdeo of Std. X received the 3rd prize in Pythagoras Star along

with a cash prize of ₹3000. Khushee Kumari of Std. IX received the 3rd position in Tech Art- a technical drawing competition with a cash prize of ₹3000. Vibhu Anand of Std. X got 3rd appreciation prize in Pythagoras star. Nischay Ratan of Std. IX got the 3rd Appreciation prize in Curiosity- General Quiz. Overall, the school was awarded the 1st runner up trophy.

The students of SBPS, Ranchi outshone in various events of Seventh Edition of Manthan Redux: Online Literary Dialogues -2023. Students from 22 schools from 7 states participated in the event. Pratyusha Preshti Lakra of Std. VIII was awarded the Most Promising Performer for the event Whirl-A Yoga and Dance Duologue. Atishya Singh of Std. XI and Prajnashree Hota of Std. X secured the 1st runner up position in English Creative Writing category (Overall Delegation). Prajnashree Hota also got the critic's choice award for her writing spree. Rituraj Roy and Deeksha Rani of Std. X got the Judge's Choice Award for Visual Art Installation.

The students of SBPS, Ranchi yet again outshone in Online Annual Inter-school literary event 'Speak Out-2023' organized in Amritsar. It was an international level event in which more than 46 schools participated. Nishka Raj of Std. X was conferred with the title of Best Writer for the Creative Writing category. SBPS Ranchi was also awarded the Overall Best Delegation Award for Slam Poetry category in which Atishya Singh of Std. XI and Prajnashree Hota of Std. X participated.

SBPS, Ranchi emerged victorious in the city level of INTACH Heritage Quiz organised by INTACH Ranchi and Jharkhand Chapter at Ranchi. Nischay Ratan of Std. IX and Vaishnava Singh Kashyap of Std. X secured the 1st position in City level Heritage Quiz and 2nd position in State level Heritage Quiz.

The students of SBPS, Ranchi won accolades in the CBSE National Adolescent Summit, 2023 at National Bal Bhavan, New Delhi. Siddhant Vikram Singh of Std. IX received certificate of merit and medal for securing the 2nd position in the event 'Pathshala Nukkad Ki' which was based on contemporary themes. Shivansh Singh of Std. IX, Sparsh Ranjan of Std. XI and Shashank Sourav of Std. XI received Special Jury Award in the event National School Health and Wellbeing Exhibition. The Principal, Mrs. Paramjit Kaur, was honoured with Citation of Honour for distinguished participation.

The students of SBPS, Ranchi brought laurels to the school with their outstanding performance at Spardha- an inter-school competition organised in Ranchi. Khushee Kumari proudly secured the first position in Splash, a painting competition based on the theme 'humanity'. Soumya Bakshi and Palak Garodia secured the third position in Floral Symphony, a flower arrangement competition. Nischay Ratan and Atharv Gupta also got the third position in Brainiac Blitz, a quiz competition.

The students of SBPS, Ranchi exhibited outstanding performance in the 7th edition of Critical Thinking Round Table- an inter-school online conclave organised in Varanasi. In Creative Critical Ideation- an oath writing competition, Priti Agarwal and Shivangi Kumari of Std. XI was accorded with the Overall Best Delegation award. In Unframed- a creative writing competition, Arushi Raj of Std. VIII secured the third position in the Individual category of Poetry. In Polity- multi format debate, Adyan Malick of Std. XI was accorded with the Best Speakers award for the preliminary round. In overall delegation, SBPS, Ranchi secured the Overall Second Runners up position.

The students of SBPS, Ranchi left their indelible mark in the 4th Edition of Online Thought Huddle 2023-24 organized at Varanasi. Bharti Williams of Std. XI was accorded with the Judge's choice Award for Scriptorium, a creative writing competition with theatre monologue as a thematic framework. Sneha Kumari and Bharti Williams of Std. XI were also awarded the position of Overall 2nd best delegation for the same event. In addition to this, Mohona Mukherjee and Rishika Sinha of Std. XI secured the 2nd runners up position for text delegation in Imaginarium, a theatre scenography competition as art installation.

SBPS, Ranchi in the Overall conclave, secured the joint best delegation award.

The students of SBPS, Ranchi performed exceptionally well in Vivekotsav 2023. In English story telling competition, Aradhya Parashar of Std. V got the first position. In English recitation competition, Tanya Mantri of Std. VIII got the third position. In English Speech competition, Ananta Sinha of Std. IX secured the third position. The school also bagged 2nd position in the Group Dance competition.

Lal Rupak Nath Shahdeo of Std. X exhibited phenomenal performance in the Āryabhaṭa Ganit Challenge introduced by the Central Board of Secondary Education. He was selected amongst the top 100 students in the country from the Patna region. In the competition around 5,50,000 students witnessed the enthusiastic participation from around 5000 schools at the school level and 8,590 students in level at the second stage. Upon successful completion of the second stage, the top 100 students were conferred with a Merit certificate.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

To inculcate the spirit of selfless service among the students, the Student Council members took their oath and pledged at the Investiture Ceremony 2023 to maintain discipline & unity. The Head Boy administered the oath of allegiance and the other office bearers affirmed the council's mission and pledged to keep the flag of the school flying high.

SBPS, Ranchi observed Ambedkar Jayanti and celebrated the festival of Baisakhi, Bihu and Poila Baisakh. The students paid homage by offering flowers to the Father of our Indian Constitution, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. To commemorate the day, an array of activities was conducted by the students of our school. It started with the reading out of the Preamble which is the crux of the Indian Constitution. The students put up a skit, dressing up as different millets, to celebrate the harvest festival of Baisakhi and it was based on the theme of 'International Year of Millets'. An enactment was put up by the students to remember the sacrifices of the innocent people during the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre.

The students of standard VI - XII enthusiastically participated in various Creative Writing and Poetry Writing Competition. The little story tellers of Std. III-V participated in an inter-house story telling competition. The theme of the competition was 'Tales from Panchatantra'. Three participants from each house narrated stories with moral values and didactic messages.

To commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the architect of national integration of independent India, the students of SBPS, Ranchi celebrated Rashtriya Ekta Diwas on 31st October, 2023. The students participated in the event 'Run for Unity' to foster and strengthen unity, integrity and security of our nation. The students led by the NCC cadets also took the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas pledge.

World Press Freedom Day was observed in the premises of SBPS, Ranchi by the students of Media and Communication club. A special assembly was conducted where students shared their views on the importance of media. They also conducted an interview of the Principal where she elaborated on NEP 2020, post pandemic challenges and the paradigm shift in the curriculum. She also apprised them about the skills that they would have to inculcate to be a good public speaker. The students also displayed placards with slogans on media freedom.

The students of SBPS Ranchi relived the principles and morals of Gautam Buddha by conducting a special assembly on the occasion of Buddha Purnima. The assembly was conducted in Sanskrit where the students enacted the life and teachings of Buddha and chanted prayer in Pali. The students vowed to follow Lord Buddha's Eight-fold path and they related them to their everyday lives.

'Extravagance'- Summer camp 2023 was inaugurated in the premises of SBPS, Ranchi on 10th of May by honourable Principal, Mrs. Paramjit Kaur. More than 500 students had enrolled for the summer camp. It was a week-long camp filled with a range of Art-Integrated and fun-filled activities like aerobics, coding, robotics, art and craft, taekwondo, Zumba, Vocal and instrumental music, rifle shooting, dance, cricket, chess, basketball, abacus, NCC& Scouts. Special workshops on Sohrai paintings were planned with the motive of informing the participants about the story behind each painting and trying to connect them with their cultural roots. The camp was conducted with great enthusiasm and vigour.

The academic planner for the session 2023-24 was released on 15th June, 2023 by the students of SBPS, Ranchi in the presence of the Principal, Mrs. Paramjit Kaur. The planner was designed by the student artists of the school and is based on the Sustainable Development Goals. The illustrations on the planner are reminder to the students to conserve the planet Earth and consume its resources in a more responsible way.

To express the love and gratitude to their mothers, the students of SBPS celebrated Mother's Day with great exhilaration. The students conducted a special assembly on the occasion. Through a small enactment, students tried to show that how a mother dedicates all her life to give the best to the children. They also sang songs on the occasion and prepared hand-made 'Thank you cards' to gift to their mothers. Students also clicked the pictures of the treasured moments of celebration at home and shared with the SBPS family.

On the occasion of Van Mahotsav, the students of SBPS conducted a wide range of activities. They organized Circle time activities to discuss the relevance of the day. They also had Open House discussions and JAM sessions on the need to observe the day and its relevance in the present times. The students of classes VI - XI participated in it enthusiastically and learnt the significance of the day.

To commemorate the birth anniversary of the Noble Laureate, Malala Yousafzai, the students of SBPS conducted a special assembly. The students spoke about the contributions of the young activist and Noble prize winner in the field of human rights.

The tiny tots of SBPS, Ranchi participated in a fancy-dress competition on the theme of Good Health and Well Being (SDG-3). They were dressed up as yoga enthusiast, book of knowledge, superhero of cleanliness, millets etc. to impart the message of good health and hygiene. It was a visual treat watching the little ones promoting the novelty of Health and Well Being.

The students and teachers of SBPS, Ranchi witnessed the live streaming of Pariksha Pe Charcha 2024 wherein PM Narendra Modi addressed the key questions on examinations with the objective to create a more joyful and less stressful learning experience for our future nation builders and exam warriors enlightening them about the diverse growth opportunities in the country.

Various career counselling sessions under 'Jaltarang' were conducted in the premises of SBPS, Ranchi. Ms. Himi Purkayastha, was one of the the Guest speakers who spoke to the students about career prospects in Liberal Science, Pure Majors, Interdisciplinary Majors and Minors and the process of admission in various universities. The students were eager to explore these unconventional forms of career paths.

A career counselling session was organised for the students of SBPS, Ranchi as a part of 'Jaltarang'- Guest speaker programmes. The guest speaker for the session was Mr. Chandra Shekhar Mahtha. He guided the students about the right career decision in the fields of science, commerce and humanities. The students were made aware of different career options like optometry, fashion design, mechanics, robotics, automobile engineering, journalism, hospitality management etc. Students became aware of the varied career options which guided them in making the right career choice.

A counselling session was organised for the students of SBPS, Ranchi on the topic 'Cyber safety and security' with emphasis on Deepfake. The guest speaker for the session was Ms. Tanushri Sarkar, Chairperson of Child Welfare Commission (Khunti, Jharkhand). The session was very informative and made students aware of the effective strategies to ensure safety measures in the cyber world.

The students of SBPS, Ranchi celebrated the 'Festival of mangoes' with great pomp and delight. Children dressed up in yellow attires, sang songs and recited poems on 'Mangoes' during the special assembly. They made craft items like mango emojis and sunflowers and took them home to gift it to their parents. The campus reverberated with merriment and jubilation.

To celebrate the showers of monsoon that enhance the lush greenery, the students of SBPS, Ranchi celebrated Green Day. Students wore green attire, carried lunch boxes with green food items and made tree book marks as a take away. The whole campus was coloured with the hue of green symbolising prosperity and growth. They also watched a documentary on the same theme.

The students participated in various activities on the occasion of World Emoji Day. They prepared emoji tree for their class, made badges, book marks, wall hangings, emojis in the smart board etc.

SBPS, Ranchi organised various activities in the school campus for holistic development of the students. Students of different clubs including Science & Maths Innovation, Skating, Debate, Leadership & Vigilance, Global Partnership, Legal Literacy, Shramdaan, Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat, Satyajit Ray Film Club, IT/Coding etc. participated in the activities with great zeal and fervour. Debate, leadership and vigilance club invited Mrs. Poonam Anand as a guest speaker who spoke about how to hone leadership skills in students.

To observe World Nature Conservation Day, the students of SBPS Ranchi organised a plantation drive in the school premises. The students planted saplings with medicinal values to foster the spirit of this year's theme 'Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet'. They were also taken for a

nature walk to the Rainwater harvesting plant in the school premises. A special assembly was also conducted on the occasion wherein the students recited poems on Nature Conservation and enacted as elements of nature like the bees, butterfly, ant etc.

To raise awareness about the magnificent but endangered big cat, International Tiger Day was celebrated in the premises of SBPS Ranchi. The students made tigers with origami and created 3D images of tigers of different shapes and colours. They also watched documentaries on tiger conservation. It was an initiative to conserve our natural resources and to prevent the beautiful animal from becoming extinct.

An orientation workshop was conducted in the premises of SBPS, Ranchi wherein the students were made familiar about the different national level exams including NTSE. The students were informed about the process of registration to appear for these national level exams and how to prepare for the same. The students' queries were also addressed by the guest speakers.

SBPS, Ranchi organised a career guidance and education fair in its premises to give the students an opportunity to interact with representatives from various universities and gain valuable insights. More than 15 universities across the country participated in the fair. The students benefitted from this incredible opportunity to pursue their dreams and expand their horizons.

Kalanjali- an art-integrated exhibition was organised at SBPS, Ranchi. The learning and working models exhibited by the students were based on the concept of 'through the arts' and 'with the arts' to be integrated into the curriculum. The students worked in an inclusive environment to display models and projects on topics like Solar system, motion, fossils, auto switch off water pump, digital distance measurement device, JCB and laser light alarm. The students also displayed miniature models of the Parliament, Gram Panchayat, Vriksh Purana. These Art-Integrated learning projects are important components of the pedagogical practices incorporated to facilitate assimilation of concepts.

An interactive guest speaker programme under Jaltaranj was organised at SBPS, Ranchi on the topic of Space Science and Technology. The guest speakers for the session were Dr. Unnikrishnan Nair, the Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre & Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology and Dr. Prof. Radhakant Padhi, the Chair Professor in the Department of Aerospace Engineering, HAL. They spoke about the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 and its implications in the fields of science and technology.

The students of SBPS, Ranchi celebrated World Lion Day by watching a documentary and participating in an Inter-house Drawing and Colouring Competition. These celebrations created awareness among the students about our natural wildlife and also emphasized on the need to conserve them.

The tiny tots of SBPS, Ranchi observed World Elephant Day by watching a documentary on the theme and they also participated in an Inter-house Drawing and Colouring Competition. Observance of such days created an awareness among the students about our natural wildlife and also impressed upon them the need to conserve our wildlife.

The students of SBPS, Ranchi were shown the telecast of the majestic landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the moon's South Pole on 23rd August, 2023. The students were inspired by the giant leap of India which will be etched forever in the history. Earlier, all the students, parents and teachers were also encouraged to watch the live telecast of the landmark incident which re-established India's quantum step in the field of Science, Engineering, Technology and Industry. It was a proud moment for the entire nation and SBPS was exhilarated to be a part of it.

Raksha Bandhan is a festival that celebrates the bond of love between siblings. On the pious occasion of Raksha Bandhan, the tiny tots of SBPS Ranchi made beautiful and vibrant rakhis which adorned their wrists. Through this activity, students got the opportunity to create unique and beautiful Rakhi designs using various craft materials and colorful threads. The values of love, care, and togetherness were imbibed in our students during this activity, along with embracing our rich cultural heritage. This activity aimed to engage and encourage our students to indulge in the charm of this traditional festival as well as to promote creativity.

A special assembly was conducted in the premise of SBPS, Ranchi on the occasion of Sanskrit Diwas. The students recited Sanskrit shlokas and remembered the importance of this language which is considered to be the mother of all languages. A Sanskrit shlok calligraphy competition was also conducted on the occasion.

On the occasion of Guru Purnima, to pay a tribute to their first guru, the students of SBPS, Ranchi prepared hand-made cards dedicating it to their parents and grandparents. It was their own way of respecting their guru at home.

The students of SBPS, Ranchi celebrated National Philately Day during National Postal Week, 2023. On the occasion, a drawing competition was organised by India Post on this year's theme, 'Together for Trust' and the students of our school participated in it. The competition was organised in two categories- Category I in which students of Std. 5, 6 & 7 participated and Category II in which students of Std 8, 9 & 10 participated. The best drawings of the competition would also be awarded by the judges of India Post. Thereafter, the students also attended an exhibition where all the postal stamps of different events and for different purposes like Gandhi Jayanti, Cricket World Cup, Jharkhand tourism were displayed. This day created awareness about the postal service's role in the everyday life of people and businesses, as well as its contribution to global, social and economic development.

A two-day book fair was organised in the premises of SBPS, Ranchi. The fair was inaugurated by the Principal, Mrs Paramjit Kaur along with the parents. Various genres of books were available for the students to choose from. The students visited the fair with their parents and procured books of their choice. It was a great learning experience for the students as they got a wide range of options to choose from.

SBPS, Ranchi collaborated with Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. to felicitate the toppers of Half-Yearly Examination 2023-24. Keeping in mind the motto of global sustenance and conservation of Life on Land (SDG 15), they were given plants by the Principal, Mrs Paramjit Kaur. This will motivate the students and help them to learn the virtue of patience and care that is essential to nurture these plants.

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Festivity fervour prevailed in the campus of SBPS, Ranchi as the whole school joined in for the Navratra celebration. The day came with the shower of blessings of Maa Durga upon the students. A special assembly was conducted wherein students presented various songs and dance performances. They also presented a performance depicting the significance of the nine forms of Goddess Durga. The campus reverberated with the pious chanting of the shlokas and was followed by special dandiya sessions which was organised for both the students and the teachers. A special 'dhunuchi' dance performance was also put up by the students. The students sought the blessings of the Goddess of Power, who steers us away from the vexation of life.

Vigilance awareness week was observed by the students and teachers in the premises of SBPS, Ranchi. Being the future of the nation, it is the need of the hour that the students understand the role and function of vigilance in curbing corruption in our country. With this aim, several activities were organized for the students to make them aware of the ill-effects of corruption. Highlighting the issues of corruption, nepotism etc., the students took the e-pledge on the CVC website. They also took an oath to be honest in all walks of life and denounce all forms of mal practices and duplicity. Students also participated with vigour and zeal in different event on the theme 'Let's fight against Corruption' organized in the school campus. The events included cartoon making, essay writing, slogan and story writing and painting, all raising the question as to how India can be cured from the perils of corruption, delinquency and dishonesty.

The students of SBPS, Ranchi celebrated Diwali, the festival of lights with great exultation and enthusiasm. The students sang songs to celebrate the pious festivals of Diwali and Chhath. The school organized a plethora of Inter-house activities for the students. The students participated in a Diya Decoration activity. They decorated the diyas using colours, beads, laces, etc. exhibiting their creativity. The students along with the teachers also participated in an Inter-House Floor and Tech Rangoli Making, Flower Arrangement and Salad Arrangement Competitions. The theme for Rangoli Making Competition was to celebrate Diwali and Chhath adhering to the sustainable development goals. Students prepared beautiful and attractive rangolis using vibrant colours spreading the vibes of mirth and blissfulness. For Flower Arrangement Competition, the students used a wide variety of flowers and arranged them beautifully into various kinds of bouquets. The students exhibited their creativity and presented beautiful creations. Emphasizing good health and importance of nutritious food, the students presented wholesome salads, making extensive use of the millet family. A special tableau was put up by the tiny tots to celebrate the return of Shri Ram, Mata Sita, Laxman and Mahabali Hanuman to Ayodhya after fourteen years of exile. Along with this, in order to spread the warmth and smile on the faces around us, the school invited the students of Rajkiya Utkramit Madhya Vidyalaya, Mahilong to our school to be a part of our Diwali celebration and shared sweets and beautifully decorated diyas with them.

In 2024, the nation commemorated the 155th birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation- Mahatma Gandhi. The students of SBPS, Ranchi offered a heart-warming homage to the Father of the Nation by organising Gandhi Darpan- an exhibition on the life and values of Gandhiji. Ahimsa, Truth, Peace, Nai Taleem, Sarv Dharm Sam Bhav, the various Satyagrahas led by him, and the spirit of nationalism were showcased in the form of rangoli, paintings, miniature flags, kites, badges, masks, calendars, letters, collage, models of the charkha etc. The ambience of celebrating the life of Man of the Millennium was set by the live musical rendition of his favourite bhajans like Vaishnava Janato and Raghupati Raghav Rajaram in the backdrop of a village setting. Other attractions were the nail art/tattoo and mehendi corner and the Sankalp Vriksh on which were tied leaf- shaped resolutions written by students, parents and teachers. Visitors were appreciative of the efforts of the institution to bring the young generation closer to the ideals that shaped Gandhiji's life. 'My life is my message' is what we should aspire to emulate: that will be the richest tribute to Mahatma Gandhi.

To observe Constitution Day, a number of activities aimed at highlighting and reiterating the values and principles enshrined in the Constitution was organized in SBPS, Ranchi. The students, teachers and parents of our school read the Preamble to the Constitution and uploaded their certificates. The Preamble was also read out in the assembly and its significance was explained to the students. The students also participated in essay writing and poster making competitions on the occasion.

In observance of World AIDS Day, students of SBPS, Ranchi organised a special assembly in which they sang songs on togetherness. They decorated their class boards and were shown documentaries to sensitize them about the problem.

To observe International Day of People with Disabilities (IDPD), SBPS, Ranchi organised an Indoor Tournament with the students of Deepshikha, an Institute for Child Development and Mental Health. It was a friendly sporting event in which SBPS students teamed up with the students of the visiting school and played the Young athletes games in which Hurdles, crawling the Circles, jump on the number sequence, umbrella game, cricket etc. were included. Mr. Harbhajan Singh, an International Basketball player, Olympian 1980 Moscow, Retd. HOD Sports Tata Steel and President of Jharkhand Basketball Association graced the occasion with his dignified presence. Mr. Arun Datta, Retd. Tata Steel Qualified Table Tennis Coach and other qualified Athletes officials were also present for the event.

On the same occasion, an Orientation programme on Special Olympics was also hosted at SBPS Ranchi where Mr. Satbir Singh Sahota was the guest speaker. He is a retired Tata Steel Qualified Cycling coach and an international cyclist who had represented our country five times at the National Cycling championship. He sensitised the students about the people with intellectual disabilities. He also informed them about the objective of Special Olympics which is to empower the people with intellectual disabilities so that they can discover new strengths and abilities, skills and success.

The students of SBPS, Ranchi observed Armed Forces Day to honour both active-duty soldiers in India's armed forces and veterans. They also procured token flags and car stickers received from Armed Forces for the welfare of retired army personnel, their widows and dependents.

Indraprastha, an exciting two-day event extravaganza, was organized in the premises of SBPS, Ranchi. The event provided the students with an opportunity to witness the world of business and finance. It encouraged the students to showcase their innovative ideas and entrepreneurial skills. The event had

three main highlights- The Hungry Wolf: an innovative event related to stock simulation; Bid your bet: an entertaining auction competition and Hatch-Pitch: A unique business plan competition. It provided a platform for students to showcase their talent, explore their potential, and gain invaluable experience in the field of trade and commerce. With its blend of innovation, strategy, and competition; Indraprastha proved to be an unforgettable journey

The students of SBPS Ranchi enjoyed a bagless day wherein club activities were held to invigorate the children. The students participated happily in various clubs like carrom, skating, carpentry, global partnership, Animation & Graphic designing, IT/Coding club etc. bursting with joy and energy! There were guest speakers from the fields of media, robotics, filmography and cinematography who addressed the students and informed them about the nuances in these fields. Debate and leadership and Vigilance Awareness clubs visited Audrey House. The students of Science and Maths club went to Building Construction Lab and Geo-Technical Engineering Lab of SBU. First Aid & Health Club students went to the MBINCT. Dramatics and Script writing and Satyajit Ray film clubs invited Mr Kamal Kumar Bose, theatre artist, Reader of Hindi as the guest speaker. Media and communication club had the privilege of inviting Mr. Shambhu Nath Choudhary, Editor in Chief IDTV. Junk Modelling club invited Mr. Praween Karmakar, Sr. Faculty JNKK Kala Kendra, Mecon, and the Electronics and Robotics club got the opportunity to learn from the alumni members of our school- Shreyansh Dubey of IIT Ropar and Rohan of IIT BHU Varanasi. Students also enjoyed a motivational movie to culminate the day. It was a day of great learning and creativity.

A parent orientation programme was organised for the parents of Std. V in the B.K Birla Auditorium of SBPS, Ranchi. The programme commenced with a special awareness session on Cyber safety and security in which the guest speaker was Ms. Tanushri Sarkar, Chairperson of Child Welfare Commission, Khunti, Jharkhand. Thereafter, the parents were apprised about the options of electives and third languages (Korean and French) that students will be offered for the next academic session. The guest speaker for the session was Mr. Shashi Kumar Mishra, Assistant Professor, Department of Far East Languages (Korean). The programme culminated with a very productive question and answer session.

SBPS, Ranchi celebrated the Mini Sports Day 'FUNATHON-2023' on 16th December 2023 with great enthusiasm and vigour. The school was decked with vibrant colours giving an ostentatious look. The eventful day commenced with the welcome song by the school choir which set the mood of the day. Then the event was declared open with the release of balloons by the Principal and the guests, Mr. Harbhajan Singh, President, Jharkhand Basketball Association, Mr. Satbir Singh Sahota, Regional Director, Special Olympics Bharat (SOB), Jharkhand, Mr. Inderjeet Singh, National Champion in Powerlifting and Ms. Tina Bodhanwala Sood, Area Director, Special Olympics Jharkhand, Director Tarapore School & JH Tarapore School. The sports included a variety of fun-filled races like Candy race, Balloon race, Cone race, Frog race and Hurdle race. Once the races began, the air was filled with cheering and tons of encouragement for the young athletes. The zealous and ever-enthusiastic parents of pre-primary section also participated in several child-parent races like Puzzle solving race, U & Me race and Pyramid making race. It was exciting to see the agility and alertness of participants in the races. The hurdle race in which the students of Std. III participated along with the students of Deepshikha, an Institute for Child Development and Mental Health, reverberated with enthusiastic applause from the spectators. The little shining stars also presented an escort Jhoomar dance and

enchanted everyone with their rhythmical movements. The cultural programme which was an amalgamation of folk dances of the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Kerala, brightened up the whole environment. The show stealer of the entire event was the teachers' musical chair race which was highly appreciated and cheered by the audience. The winners of different categories of races were awarded with medals and certificates.

The students of SBPS, Ranchi observed National Mathematics Day to mark the birth anniversary of Srinivas Ramanujan. They participated in a series of activities. A special assembly was conducted to commemorate the day. Inter-house quiz and sudoku competitions were also conducted. A short biography depicting the achievements and contributions of Srinivasa Ramanujan was also shown to the students.

The students of SBPS, Ranchi paid tribute to the sons of Guru Gobind Singh Ji who were also known as 'Sahibzades'. The students narrated the story of the great valour and the supreme sacrifices of Guru Gobind Singh Ji and his four sons. They also sang Shabd, 'Mittar Pyare Nu', and the Shaheedi geet that reflected the sacrifices of the two young Sahibzades, Zorawar Singh Ji and Fateh Singh Ji. To pay tribute to the martyrs, they also performed 'Gatka'. Dr. Pradip Varma, School Head Personnel & Admin., Mrs. Paramjit Kaur, Principal, Mr. Gurvinder Singh Sethi, Mr. Surendra Mahto, Mr. Navjot Singh Alang and other dignitaries were also present to witness the momentous occasion. Mr. Gurvinder Singh Sethi shed light on the sacrifices made by Guru Gobind Singh Ji, his Father and his Four sons. A live telecast of the National Programme was watched by the students and the teachers. In addition to this, Essay writing competition (English & Hindi), Speech competition and Painting competition were also organized in the premises of the school to commemorate the event.

The students commemorated the birth anniversary of our pioneer, mentor and founder, Shri Basant Kumar Birla. Students were made aware of the contributions of Shri Basant Kumar Birla in the field of education. A tribute was paid to him in the assembly and a PPT on the life history of Shri Basant Kumar Birla was shown to all the students.

The students of SBPS, Ranchi celebrated the festivals of Makar Sankranti, Lohri, Sohrai, Bihu, Tusu and Pongal with an array of activities. They prepared and decorated hand-made kites to celebrate the harvest festival with pomp and grandeur. Inter-house kite making and kite flying competitions were also organised to add to the celebration. A tableau was also decorated on the occasion.

Sarala Birla School, Ranchi celebrated India's 75th Republic Day with great fervour and enthusiasm. The students took pride in glorifying and celebrating the spirit of freedom and unity. To mark the importance of this day, a grand celebration was held in the school which commenced with the unfurling of the national flag by the school Head Personnel & Admin, Dr. Pradip Varma and the Principal, Mrs. Paramjit Kaur followed by the national anthem. The students of the four houses led by the NCC marched rhythmically to the drum beats. They saluted the National Flag and pledged to uphold the honour and dignity of the country. This Republic Day was even more special as the alumni of the school were invited to celebrate the day and relive the golden moments of their school days. Students also watched the live telecast of Republic Day parade. The school echoed with patriotic fervour as a special tribute was paid to the freedom fighters through the songs and dance by the students.

The father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi was remembered on his 76th death anniversary by the students and staff of SBPS, Ranchi. Students observed a 2 minutes' silence in the honour of Bapuji. They also watched a documentary which highlighted the significance of Martyrs' Day. On this day,

students were made aware about the ideals which governed Gandhiji's life. This day also reminds the youth of the nation about the pioneer of truth and non-violence who led the country on the path of freedom.

Marking the completion of a successful academic year dedicated to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals, SBPS, Ranchi celebrated the Annual Day 'Shraddha' on the theme 'Mera Sara Tujhpe Wara: the patriotic journey of Sardar Udham Singh' with great elation and gusto. The spectacular evening commenced with the welcome of the Chief Guest, Shri Babulal Marandi, Member of the Jharkhand Legislative Assembly (Ex. CM), Prof. (Dr.) Savita Sengar, Vice Chancellor, Jharkhand Rai University, Ranchi and other dignitaries followed by auspicious lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the eminent guests. This was followed by the inauguration of the heritage book-Ranchi, my city. The cultural programme began with the welcome song 'Subh Swagatam' accompanied by the Orchestra. The audience was highly appreciative of the soulful symphony of the budding musicians. The highlight of the programme was the dance drama which depicted the patriotic bravery of Shaheed Udham Singh. The act also depicted the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters for the freedom of our country. The Jallianwala Bagh Massacre and sacrifices of great leaders like Bhagat Singh along with the revenge of Shaheed Uddham Singh were the pivotal part of the narrative. Beats of Bhangda, symphony of orchestra, synchronisation of steps in Chhau, Gatka, Kalaripayattu, cultural dances of various foreign countries reverberated in the air. The title song 'Mera Sara Tujhpe Wara' diffused in the air and captivated the audience. The tiny tots dressed up as various freedom fighters, unsung heroes and Bharat Ratna achievers, paid tribute to them. It ended on an optimistic note that the future is hopeful and promising as we take inspiration from our great leaders who laid their lives down for their motherland. The cultural programme was an amalgamation of snippets of struggles of freedom befitting the theme wondrously. The grandeur of the programme left the audience enthralled. The programme culminated with the proposal of the vote of thanks followed by the national anthem.

Cherishing the memories that last a lifetime, the ex-students of SBPS, Ranchi visited their alma mater for an alumni meet. The students were invited to celebrate 75th Republic Day and relive the golden moments of their old school days. An interactive session with distinguished alumni was also organised. They also got good networking opportunities which helped them form connections in their professional fields.

The Flag-Off ceremony was conducted in the premises of SBPS, Ranchi to wind up the academic session 2023-24. A special assembly was conducted to mark the occasion on the theme 'Hard work and self-belief leads to success'. The assembly commenced with a motivational song. The students shared inspirational thoughts illustrative of the successful culmination of the current session. Students who represented the school in various competitions and won laurels were felicitated. Based on the active participation of the students in various activities carried out throughout the year and the points earned, the Principal announced Yajurveda as the Best House for the session 2023-24 and Std. II A, V A, VI G and IX A were declared as the Best Classes for the 2nd Term. The assembly concluded with the Principal congratulating everyone for the various achievements of the current year, motivating them to perform even better and excel in all spheres in the upcoming year.

INTER-HOUSE ACTIVITIES

The little orators of SBPS, Ranchi participated in Inter-house Recitation Competition. They recited poems of Rabindranath Tagore, Swami Vivekanand and William Wordsworth. They connected the poems with the varied Sustainable Development Goals.

Inter- House Hindi Declamation competition was organized at SBPS, Ranchi. The students declaimed speeches of famous dignitaries like Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, Subhash Chandra Bose, Lal Bahadur Shastri and Kailash Satyarthi.

An array of Inter-house competition was conducted in the premises of SBPS, Ranchi. The group competitions were based on different art forms like Madhubani, Warli, Mandala and Sohrai art forms. For the individual category, students painted pots, t-shirts, book covers, mobile covers etc. There was a segment of face painting which was based on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The students of SBPS participated in an inter-house G.K Quiz competition organised in the premises of SBPS. The theme of the competition was 'Jharkhand and Telangana' and it helped students know about the diverse culture, history and traditions of the two states. There were five rounds in the quiz.

Students of Std. III - XII enthusiastically participated in a special assembly and Chess Tournament to mark the occasion of International Chess Day. It was day filled with great exuberance and excitement.

An Inter House Nukkad Natak Competition was organised in the school. It was a group event in which students of std VI - XII participated with great fervour and enthusiasm. The four participating teams/houses through their performance highlighted the importance of various Sustainable Development Goals. The teams performed 'Nukkad Natak' on topics like No Hunger, Zero Poverty, Equality and Conservation of Resources.

The students of SBPS participated in an inter-house drawing and painting competition on the theme Climate Action (SDG-13). The students through their paintings, conveyed the message to conserve the planet.

The students of SBPS participated in an Inter-house spelling competition based on SDG No. 14 & 15 i.e., Life below water and Life on land. There were various rounds including choosing the correct spelling, unscrambling the words, listen and spell, homonyms etc.

The students of SBPS, Ranchi participated in an Inter-house Cryptic Crossword and Word Scrabble Competition on various topics like the World around us, History, Sports, Movies and documentaries, and Science and technology. Inter-House Dance and Song Competition@ SBPS

Inter house group dance and group song competition were organized in the school on the theme - Patriotism to mark the 76th year of Indian Independence.

The group song competition was based on the various raagas like Raag Jaunpuri, Raag Shankara, Raag Miya Malhar and Raag Bhairavi. The group dance competition was based on various international dance forms like Cleopatra Pharaonic Egyptian dance form, Russia folk dance, Amazing Flamenco and Jarabe Tapatio traditional Mexican dance.

In the primary wing as well the students of SBPS Ranchi participated in an inter-house group song and group dance competition. The theme for the group song competition was festivals of states like Bengal,

Bihar, Gujarat and Jharkhand and for the group dance competition the theme was tribal dances like Koli, Jhoomar, Elelakkardi and Popir.

The students of SBPS, Ranchi participated in an Inter-house Basketball competition organised in its premises.

An inter-house spelling quiz competition was conducted at SBPS, Ranchi. The spellings for the quiz were from the different academic areas of Literature, Science, History, Technology, Movies, and Sports.

The students of SBPS, Ranchi participated in an Inter-house Cricket tournament which was conducted for Boys and Girls in two categories i.e. Std. VI-VIII and Std. IX-XII.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Ishani Dutta of Std. IV performed exceptionally well in the 13th State Level Roller Competition organized by Roller Skating Association of Jharkhand in association with the Education Department of Jharkhand. She won silver medals in (U-11) 100 metres & 500 metres category. She also bagged bronze medal in 200 metres category.

The students of SBPS exhibited exemplary performance at 2nd HDCA All India Open FIDE Rating Chess Tournament 2023 held at Hazaribagh organized by Hazaribagh District Chess Association. Ansh Kumar of Std XII-E increased his rating performance and was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 4000 under Rating Category below 1500. Abhiraj De of Std. VII C, Shlok Singh of Std. IX A, Shudhanshu Ashok Singh of Std. VII E, Aarav Sharan of Std. VI D and Chirag Sahu of Std. VI F got Certificates of Participation.

Subhrodip Banerjee of Std. VI made the school proud by winning 2nd runner up position in the U-13 Boy's singles category in Ranchi district Inter-school Table Tennis Association held at Ranchi.

Thirty students from SBPS, Ranchi participated in the 1st Bhagwan Birsa Munda Ranchi District Taekwondo Championship. Competition held at the Ranchi Press club from 19th to 20th May, 2023. The splendid performance of the students resulted in our school bagging the first runner up position with 15 students being accorded with gold medals, 9 with silver medals and 5 with bronze medals. The school revels at the proud achievement of all the students.

The students of SBPS Ranchi outshone at the third stage of Ranchi District Inter-School Badminton Championship 2023 held at Mega Sports Complex, Khelgaon, Ranchi from 26th to 28th July 2023. Pranit Ranjan Sinha IX F U-15 secured second position in Boys' individuals category. In the Girls Team Championship category, our school team secured the second position.

The students of SBPS exhibited exemplary performance at 22nd Jharkhand State Junior FIDE Rated Chess Championship held at Sarala Birla University, Mahilong from 27th to 31st July, 2023 organized by AII Jharkhand Chess Association. Ansh Kumar of Std XII-E got the 4th position and was awarded a cash prize of ₹ 1500 and has been selected for junior nationals. Aditya Tanmay Sharma of Std VII E secured the 7th position with a cash prize of ₹ 1000. Yash Ranjan of Std VII-D bagged the 10th position with a cash prize of ₹ 1000.

The students of SBPS, Ranchi exhibited outstanding performance at the 23rd State Sub-Junior & Junior Kyorugi Taekwondo Championship 2023 held at Dhanbad. More than 450 students from all over Jharkhand participated in the State level event. Seven students from SBPS, Ranchi bagged Gold medals and two of them bagged Silver medals.

An Inter-house Volleyball competition was organised in the premises of SBPS Ranchi. All the four houses played with great vigour and enthusiasm. Samveda got the first position followed by Rigveda bagging the second and Yajurveda the third position. The fourth position was accorded to Atharvaveda.

The students of SBPS, Ranchi outshone in the 2nd Bhagwan Birsa Munda Trophy and 14th Open National Taekwondo Championship-2023 held at Harivansh Tana Bhagat Indoor Stadium, Khelgaon Ranchi. Two students bagged gold medal, six students got silver medal and thirteen students were accorded with bronze medal.

Riddhima Singh of Std. VIII and Hrishita Choudhury of Std. XII, students of SBPS, Ranchi excelled at the CBSE East Zone Taekwondo Championship-2023 and qualified for the CBSE Nationals Taekwondo Championship-2023.

The students of SBPS, Ranchi excelled at the CBSE East Zone Taekwondo Championship-2023 held at Babatpur, UP. Riddhima Singh of Std. VIII won gold medal at the tournament and Hrishita Choudhury of Std. XII bagged silver medal. Naman Kumar Gulgulia of Std. XII, Siya Shukla of Std. VIII, Shradha Kumari of Std. IX and Anwasha Gupta of Std. XI also bagged bronze medals.

Sarthak Singh of Std. IX, Arnav Gupta of Std. X, Prashant Kumar Singh of Std. XI and Rashmit Singh Malhotra of Std. XII excelled at the CBSE East Zone Shooting Championship-2023 and qualified for the CBSE National Shooting Championship-2023.

The students of SBPS, Ranchi excelled at the CBSE East Zone Shooting Championship-2023 held at Ranchi. Sarthak Singh of Std. IX, Arnav Gupta of Std. X and Prashant Kumar Singh of Std. XI bagged silver medals. Priti Agarwal of Std. XI, Aarshya Gupta, Adya Mishra and Ishit Raj of Std. VIII, Dev Karan Singh and Rajshree Verma of Std. VII, bagged bronze medals. Apart from this, Rashmit Singh Malhotra of Std. XII got selected among the top 5 students in individual category.

Aashita of Std. V won the Yonex Sunrise Jharkhand State Mini & Sub-Junior Badminton Championship cum Selection Trials Tournament-2023 held at Lohardaga. Aashita secured the first position in the Under-11 Girls category.

The cricket team of SBPS, Ranchi participated in the Shri Mohan Lal Ji Nopany Memorial Cup Inter-school Cricket tournament U-17 category at Ranchi. 13 schools from all over the city participated in the tournament and our school qualified for the next round by defeating the opponent school. SBPS students, Antash of Std. X G made 111 runs and Adutiya Raj of Std. X D took seven wickets in just five overs.

The cricket team of SBPS, Ranchi yet again outshone in the Shri Mohan Lal Ji Nopany Memorial Cup Inter-school Cricket tournament U-17 category held at Ranchi. They defeated the opponent school and moved up to the next round. Harshdeep Singh of Std. XI scored an unbeaten century for our team.

The cricket team of SBPS, Ranchi left their indelible mark in the Shri Mohan Lal Ji Nopany Memorial Cup Inter-school Cricket tournament U-17 category at Ranchi. They triumphed over the cricket team of the opponent school in the quarter finale round and qualified for the semi-finale. Harshdeep Singh of Std. XI scored half a century for our team and made us all proud.

The cricket team of SBPS, Ranchi outshone in the Shri Mohan Lal Ji Nopany Memorial Cup Inter-school Cricket tournament U-17 category organised at Ranchi. They triumphed over the cricket team of the opponent school in the semi-finale round and qualified for the finals. Manthan Salunkhe of Std. X scored 73 runs and led to the victory of our cricket team.

The Annual Training Camp of NCC was organised at Ranchi wherein 322 cadets from the third battalion of Jharkhand participated. The cadets were given various trainings including weapon training and camp training. Students also participated in cultural events and cleanliness programmes. They were divided into four teams- Alpha, Bravo, Charlie and Delta. Students of SBPS were in team Alpha which was declared as the overall winner of all the events. Students of SBPS, Ranchi also excelled in various cultural events. Shrilina Dey won the first prize in Solo Dance competition. Akshaya Gurung and Soumya Burman were a part of the group which secured the first position in the group song competition. Amrit Raj Pandey and Anshuman Tudu were the part of the group which secured the first position in Tug-of-war. Shivansh Shiva outperformed in shooting. The exemplary performance of the students in the above events made alpha, the team..the overall winner of the camp.

The cricket team of SBPS, Ranchi played exceptionally well in the Venture Skill U-16 Cricket Tournament 2023-24 organised by Ranchi District Cricket Association on 27th January, 2024. SBPS, Ranchi team won by 162 runs and qualified for the next round by defeating Taurian World School, Ranchi. Shouryamaan Singh of Std. VII was declared the Player of the match for getting 115 runs in 71 balls.

BEYOND THE BOOKS

The power of giving is greater than the joy of receiving. To experience the real joy of giving, the students contributed for the treatment of a student of our school suffering from Nephrotic Syndrome. The students went to Marwari Arogya Bhawan and distributed basic items of everyday use to the needy people of the neighbourhood. They also went to Karuna Orphanage where they distributed items of daily use. They also spent quality time with the inmates who were mostly of their age groups and played games with them. Students went to various other organisation/institution like Guru Nanak Home for Handicapped children in Bariatu, an orphanage- Adim Jati Seva Mandal in Niwaranpur, Apna Ghar old age home and also visited Rajkriyakrit Utkramit Madhya Vidyalaya, Ara for the same purpose. The students of Rajkiya Utkramit Madhya Vidyalaya, Mahilong were invited at SBPS and presented gifts by the Principal, Mrs Paramjit Kaur. Through these activities, students learn the importance of sharing and enjoying the joy of giving.

The students & teachers of Deepshikha, an institute for child development and mental health, were invited at SBPS, Ranchi for display and sale of Rakhis and other handmade items.

Under the Skill Hub initiative of CBSE and Government of India, SBPS, Ranchi has started the next phase of Skill Hub classes in the school campus, which was inaugurated by Regional Officer, CBSE, Patna, Mr. Arvind Kumar Mishra. The candidates who had enrolled for the Assistant Beauty Therapist course attended the ceremony and were presented with beauty kit to motivate them to learn a new skill and utilize it to make their lives better and the society a better place to live in.

To observe Mental Health Week under the initiative of Manodarpan by the Ministry of Education, Government of India and the 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan' initiative, the students of SBPS Ranchi watched a documentary to understand the necessity of promoting mental health and well-being in

school education. Yoga, Meditation and Nature Walk sessions were also conducted. They also created awareness slogans to reinforce the importance of the same.

Dr. Kiran Seth, Padma Shri Awardee and founder of SPICMACAY, visited the campus of SBPS, Ranchi for an interaction with the students. He addressed the students and made them aware about classical music and other forms of Indian art and culture. He made them understand the importance of conserving our natural resources and how great people like Einstein have worked towards the same. He also spoke about his cycling expedition which he had started with the vision of spreading Mahatma Gandhi's message of simple living and high thinking to the younger generation. It was an enlightening and motivating session for the students.

SBPS, Ranchi witnessed the presence of Shri Nirmalya Sharma, a renowned artist in the field of Kathak dance. A four-day art-integrated workshop was conducted by the maestro based on 'Teen Taal' in the B.K Birla Auditorium of SBPS Ranchi. More than 60 students and teachers attended the workshop with great enthusiasm. The workshop was about the basic knowledge and origin of kathak, Bhumi pranam, Tatkaar, Tehai. The participants were trained about Vilambit, Madhya, Drut laya, Kram laya, Guru Vandana Durga Stuti. They were also informed about Chakkradar Toda, Chakkradar Tukda, Tehai, Kavitt - Varsha, Guru Vandana, Durga Stuti. The final day culminated with a stage performance on Guru Vandana and Durga stuti. It was a great learning experience for all the participants as they were informed about the Kathak Katha by the learned artist.

An experiential learning trip was organised for the students of Std. I & II to Aqua World, Ranchi. Students got an opportunity to enhance their knowledge by seeing exotic and indigenous aquatic animals. An array of herbivore, carnivore, omnivore and scavenger fishes like Exotic Gold fish, Cat fish, Alligator Gar fish, Aquarium Sharks, Tin Foil fish, Amazon River Biotope fish etc. were displayed in quarantine tanks. They enjoyed rides and shared their lunch with each other. The tiny tots of SBPS, Ranchi experienced a day filled with excitement and exploration. A series of outdoor games and activities were arranged to stimulate their senses. They participated with great energy in treasure hunt, trampoline jump and other activities. They enjoyed rides and shared their lunch with each other.

SBPS, Ranchi organized a get together for the students of Std. XII batch of 2023-24. The students were taken for an overnight trip to Kushal Palli Resorts, Ayodhya Hills, Purulia. It was a fun-filled trip in which the students participated with great zeal and fervour. They started the journey from school and once they reached their venue, they were greeted with the traditional dance and a refreshing welcome drink. After enjoying a scrumptious lunch, the students joined for a pool side party to rejuvenate themselves. Students enjoyed various games and activities like Go Carting, Basketball etc. In the evening, a stand-up comedian, Piyush Sharma entertained them with some rib-tickling jokes. This was followed by the students swaying to a foot-tapping DJ night. To culminate the night, they participated in some games and recollected the memories of their journey at SBPS. The evening was replete with nostalgia and fostered the spirit of unity and teamwork. The bonfire was calming with some soothing music and dance. The following morning, the students left for their school after having breakfast and enjoying some games. It was a new learning experience for the students which taught them the qualities of independence, team spirit, time-management, and discipline.

The students of SBPS, Ranchi were enthralled by the musical performance presented by Loknaad - people's voice at the B.K. Birla Auditorium. The two performers Charul Bharwada and Vinay Mahajan sang songs on various social causes which moved the audience to tears. Their songs revolved on the themes of eradication of child labour, celebration of diversity and other pertinent social issues. The songs Zindagi Ke Geet, Salt of the Earth, Humlog- we are the people touched the hearts and soul of the audience.

The students of SBPS, Ranchi witnessed a Chau Dance Performance in the school organized by The Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture among Youth (SPICMACAY). The school provided the students with a golden opportunity to behold the live Chau Dance performance by Sri Tarapada Rajak and his troupe who has been honoured with many awards and recognitions. The dance performed by the troupe was captivating. The students were enlightened about the exquisite folk dance form Chau and also were taught some exquisite dance steps by the great maestro.

Holding onto the tradition of the school of making the lives of the needy a little comfortable, SBPS, Ranchi organized a community outreach programme 'Shubheksha: Donating for a cause'. The students escorted by their teachers, went and distributed blankets in Baram, Jaratoli and Bisa village in Ranchi district. They felt elated and satisfied after contributing for a good cause.

To go beyond the four walls of the classroom, an experiential learning trip was organized for the students of SBPS, Ranchi. Students were taken to Usha Martin Wires Ropes Division in Tatisilwai, Ranchi. At the venue, students were given exposure of the different factories of Usha Martin, and the usage of their products in everyday life. Students were told about the history of Usha Martin and the process of steel wire making in factory. After that they experienced the live demonstration of the process of steel wire making. The students made notes of the information for preparing projects on the same. They also watched a movie and enjoyed open floor activities. It was an enriching and fun-filled learning experience for the students.

SBPS provided a tremendous opportunity to its students by taking them on a week-long experiential learning trip to UAE. The students were accompanied by the Principal, Mrs. Paramjit Kaur and the school teachers. With the help of a trained tourist guide they went on an enthralling desert safari, visited the Burj Khalifa and enjoyed adventure rides and snow activities at Ski-Dubai. They visited the Museum of the Future and enjoyed the enchanting Dhow Cruise. They also had a relaxing time at various beaches. They went on to Abu Dhabi and enjoyed at the Ferrari World and also visited Sheikh Zayed mosque.

The students of SBPS, Ranchi went to SAA Vishnu Bakers Pvt. Ltd., Khunti Road, Ranchi for an enriching experiential learning visit. The processes of manufacturing and packaging of Parle-G Biscuits and chocolates were demonstrated. They were also shown a video regarding the foundation of Parle-G. It was an extremely informative and constructive experience for the students.

Following the principles of NEP 2020 which focuses on skill development, an experiential trip to Jharkhand Government MSME Tool Room was organized for the students of SBPS, Ranchi. The students went to Rapid Prototyping and Tooling where they gained hands on learning experiences about CNC Milling Machine (Cannon Project) and Computerized Numerical Control. They also went to the 'Production unit' and learnt about EDM (Electric Discharge Machine) which enhanced their ability to learn by doing things. These inquisitive minds visited the workshop where 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 which are used for different types of welding. They also visited the 'Control Room' which is used to provide electricity and voltage control. A PowerPoint presentation was shown to the students related to Ministry of Small Mini and Micro Enterprises (MSME). The trip was extremely informative and knowledgeable for our students.