# Newsletter

February 2024





A peep into the activities of the month

Teachers' Workshop (Beyond the Classroom: Subject Teachers as Educational & Career Mentors)

Mrs Sandhya Mudgal, Mrs Reshma Bhattacherjee, Mrs Sunita Gupta & Mr Kamlesh Kumar participated in this workshop on 2nd & 3rd February 2024. A two-day intensive workshop on 'Beyond the Classroom: Subject Teachers as Educational and Career Mentors was insightful and empowering. Attended by educators from diverse backgrounds, it emphasized the pivotal role teachers play in guiding students towards academic and career success. Discussions revolved around personalized mentoring approaches, leveraging subject expertise and fostering holistic student development. On day one Dr Amrita Dass, Founder, ICS, elucidated upon the 'Dynamic Career GPS-ICS Methodology.' She said, there are various courses beyond the traditional ones and students must be guided accordingly. Other Speakers highlighted the importance of nurturing students' interests, providing career guidance and fostering a supportive learning environment. The webinar emphasized the need for ongoing professional development to enhance mentoring skills. Ms Pooja Ahuja, Senior Counsellor and Mrs. Deepali Srivastava, Head India Admissions and Senior Career Counsellor at ICS stressed that every subject holds intrinsic value in shaping well-rounded individuals. Each subject contributes uniquely to students' cognitive, emotional and social development, enriching their educational journey. Through the clipping from the movie, 'Taare Zamin Pe' a speaker clearly mentioned that we must understand the students psychology and every child is different, so treat them accordingly. Day two started with warm greetings and a quick recapitulation of day one. Later, Ms Nitina Dua, Head Career Guidance Centre at Shiv Nadar School, shared her insights and told the educators how each child possesses unique strengths, weaknesses, interests and learning styles. Varied backgrounds, experiences, and abilities influence their academic journey. Some thrive in hands-on activities, while others excel in analytical tasks. Recognizing and accommodating these differences fosters inclusive and effective teaching, maximizing each child's potential for success and fulfillment in education and beyond. Ms Nitina mentioned the importance of joining micro credential courses and she discussed that in India, many Universities and Colleges are offering these courses during Summer break and how the students can be encouraged to opt for these courses. The second speaker, Ms Anshoo Mishra, School Counsellor and Studie Abroad Counsellor at CMS IDA branch discussed the significant role of well-crafted essays. She specially mentioned that students must know how to write essays. Middle section teachers can contribute in this successfully. The next speaker, Mrs Sapna Sharma defined a LoR. She said, when writing a letter of recommendation, teachers should emphasize the student's strengths, character and achievements relevant to the intended opportunity. Tailoring the letter to the recipient's needs and highlighting the student's potential for growth and contribution is crucial for a compelling recommendation. She also mentioned that fake achievements should never be the part of LoR. She shared various examples as well. Overall, it was a stimulating session that underscored the transformative potential of teachers as educational and career mentors. "End of these two days should be the beginning of a new journey and let's be co-travellers in it". Well said by Dr Amita Dass.









### SERVICE ENDEAVOUR (In collaboration with INDEED Foundation)

Edutainment Fair of Gout. Schools of West Rajasthan was organized on 3rd February 2024, by INDEED Foundation in collaboration with RKKGPS and Mahatma Gandhi Government School, Chainpura. 26 students from RKK along with 3 teachers enthusiastically involved to support the wholesome learning opportunities. The event consisted of several interactive activities. Over 2500 students from around 40-50 government schools of Jodhpur interconnected for various fun filled learning activities like Doodling, AR-VR, Robotics, Wall Painting, Mathematicians Lab, Aero-modelling show, Mosaic, Comic and Wall Art and Fashion Show. Books were donated to the students of different Government schools as per the grades. The students of RKK brought a burst of creativity through a unique artistic contribution — Doodle Art and Wall Painting. This innovative endeavor aimed to blend education and entertainment, showcasing the artistic talents of our students. The Doodling Wall served as a canvas for students to unleash their imagination and artistic prowess. The concept revolved around the idea of promoting creativity and expression in an engaging and unstructured manner. Students from Class VIII (Interact Club) and Class XI (Fine Arts) zealously contributed to the evolving masterpiece, transforming a blank wall into a vibrant tapestry of stories, imaginations and ideas. The project fostered a sense of collaboration among students, encouraging them to work together and build upon each other's creations. The teachers and students also participated in the musical spree. They performed on some famous motivational medley songs to entertain and inspire the crowd. Students from other schools also participated in the cultural event and showcased their dancing and singing talents. The Doodling Wall, especially the logo of Taabar, attracted attention not only from students but also from parents and visitors attending the Edutainment Fest. It became a focal point for conversations, sparking interest.





### MUSIC MONTAGE (An Initiative By Mayo College for Round Square Schools)

The online collaboration of multiple schools for the "World Music Montage" was a remarkable initiative taken by Mayo College that aimed at celebrating the diverse musical cultures from around the world. This collaborative project brought together students, educators and musicians from various schools in a unique virtual setting. Participating schools were asked to record a video of students singing the song "I'd like to teach the world to sing" on a music track created by Mayo College.

Two students, Tulika Harshwardhan of Class 12th and Suhasini Harshwardhan of Class IX were trained for the project by Mrs Swati Bhati, Music faculty of RKK. The Video Shoot happened on 19th October 2023 in Badanrangshala Auditorium. Students wore traditional attire and a beautiful picture of Mehrangarh Fort was displayed in the background. The videos and recordings of the song from different schools were edited together to create a coherent "World Music Montage" Video by Mayo College. Now it is available to a global audience through online platforms and Social Media. The project exemplified the power of music to transcend geographical boundaries and bringing people together, resonating with the philosophy of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' – one earth- one family – one future.





#### Neerja Modi School, Mansarovar, Jaipur (Inter School Debate on 'The Union Budget 2024')

On the **5th of February 2024**, **Neerja Modi School**, **Jaipur** held its fourth annual online Union Budget Debate. The debate focused on the interim budget announced by the Finance Minister of India on the 1st of February.

The host school organised an exclusive expert session with Professor Saumil Shah on the 4th of February. Prof Shah, an expert in the field of Economics, and a senior lecturer at Amrut Mody School of Management, Ahmedabad University, interacted with the participants, enlightening them on the impact the interim budget which will have on India's economy. His expertise and knowledge helped the students the next day in preparing their topics. With bated breath, on 5th Feb, participants waited for their topics. The moment the topics were declared, no one left any stone unturned in their preparation.

Proposition and opposition teams were assigned different breakout rooms to debate on their respective agendas. It was an enriching experience. RKKGPS team members, Ananya Vikram Singh and Ishita Gumatsa of Class XI presented their viewpoint on the topic, 'This House supports the government's decision to increase the Budgetary Allocation for MGNREGA.' They opposed Sanskriti School, Delhi, who were also the winners of the debate. This event was definitely a platform for winning in terms of learning.



# Debate-Budget 2024

Awarded to Ishika Gumasta
of Rajmata Kushna Kumari Girls' Public School,
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on 5th February, 2024



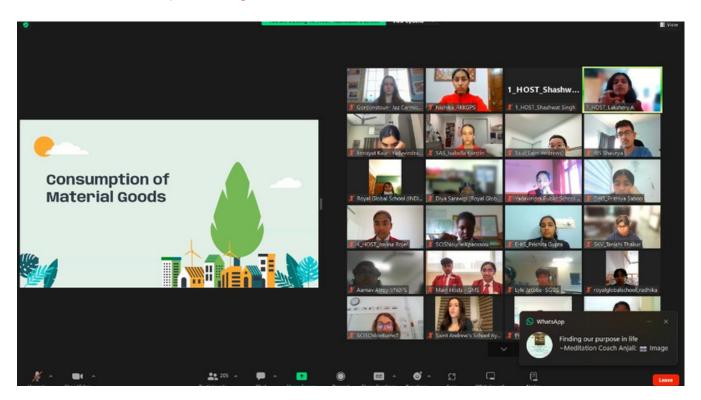
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### GEMS Millennium School Sharjah, UAE (RS Zoom Postcard)

On **7th February 2024**, 6 students namely, *Sanvi Birla, Kruti Rathi, Nishika Pagaria, Nishika Kumbhat, Aaditri Bhattacharjee and Sneha Bansal,* along with their Leader, Aarohi Bhattacherjee participated in the RS Zoom Postcard organised by GEMS Millennium School, Sharjah. The Postcard Call was on the topic 'Learning to Unlearn Consumption'. The Zoom Call commenced with an engaging quiz on sustainability, after which the students were divided into breakout rooms for brief discussions. The call was very enlightening and helped the students attain a lot of knowledge and awareness.







## Rising Leaders' Summit (ScooNews in association with IIT Gandhinagar)

The Rising Leaders Summit, curated by Ms Aditi Misra and Ms Amrita Burman and hosted by ScooNews, took place from **8th to 10th February 2024.** The summit brought together eminent educationists who shared their insights and expertise on various crucial aspects of leadership and education. From RKK two Deans participated – *Mrs Seema Baxi, Dean Academics – Seniors & Mrs Neeta Johari, Dean Academics – Juniors (Pre Primary & Primary Department).* 

#### A brief overview of the speakers and their topics:

- 1.Lt Gen S Kulkarni delivered a session on "Comprehensive Crisis Management: Anticipating, Preparing for, and responding to Diverse Emergencies, Including Conflict Resolution and POCSO ACT." He emphasized the importance of making connections and investing in people.
- 2. Prof Manish Jain spoke about the "Relevance of School Education in the Era of GPT, Social Media, and Short Attention Spans." He highlighted the significance of experiential learning and unlocking the potential in every individual.
- 3. Mr Vishnu Kartik discussed "7 Leadership Levers to Improve Student Learning", focusing on data-driven instruction, observation and feedback, instructional planning, professional development, student and staff culture, and developing instructional leadership teams.
- 4.Dr. Arunabh Singh addressed "Building Trust Through Culture and Effective Communication," emphasizing competence, honesty, and reliability as the pillars of trust.
- 5.Dr. Gunmeet Bindra spoke about "Effective Stakeholder Management: Navigating School Leadership, Teachers, Students, Parents, Partners, Vendors, Media, and More The Art of Communication and School-Parent Partnership Building." She emphasized the importance of effective communication and highlighted the 7 Cs of Communication.
- 6.Lt Col A Sekhar stressed the importance of "Effective Structures of Accountability: School Organization Structure that is Effective," discussing accountability, responsibility, and ownership.
- 7. Mr Anand Krishnaswamy provided insights on "Crucial Confrontations: The Role of Middle Leaders in Vital Cultural, Pedagogic, Academic, and Operational Negotiations."
- 8. Mrs Anju Chazot & Mr Pascal Chazot shared their expertise on "Human-Centered Organizational Alignment" through various activities, highlighting the importance of self-improvement before leading others.

The Rising Leaders Summit provided a platform for thought-provoking discussions and valuable insights into leadership and education, empowering attendees to lead with confidence and effectiveness in their respective roles.





#### **SERVICE ENDEAVOUR**

(A day spent with guiding light for the Generations to come)

#### "In giving, we receive." - Saint Francis of Assisi

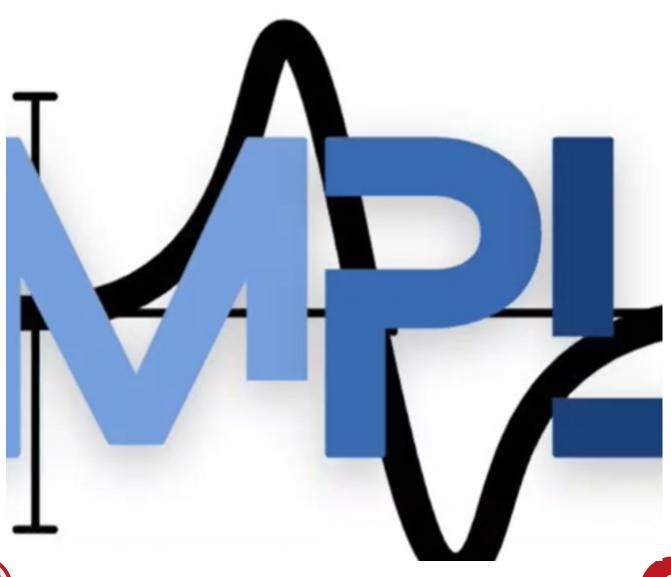
Interact Club of RKK radiated the spirit of compassion during their visit to **Anubandh Old Age Home** on **10th February 2024.** Guided by the thoughtful leadership of teachers Mrs. Mukta Singh, Mrs. Radhika Singh, Mr. Navdeep Parihar and Mr. Manoj, 46 dedicated students from VIII grade actively participated in this enriching event.

Anubandh Old Age Home, a heaven for more than 100 elders, not only provides them with a home but also generously covers their medical expenses. Fueled by a shared desire to bring joy to the residents, the children orchestrated an array of engaging activities. From the timeless 'Guess the Song' and 'Guess the Food' to heart warming sessions of singing and dancing, the atmosphere resonated with laughter and shared moments of happiness. This initiative not only mirrors the unwavering commitment of the Interact Club to Community Service but also underscores the profound impact that small acts of kindness can have on the lives of those in need. Together, we stand united in our commitment of making a positive difference in the lives of others.



#### Singapore International School, Mumbai (Mathematics Premier League : MPL - 2023-24)

On 10th & 11th February 2024 (9.30 AM to 5:00 PM), Singapore International School, Mumbai organised Mathematics Premiere league. The competition was dedicated to celebrating the contributions of Srinivasa Ramanujan, Godfrey Harold Harvey, Vashishtha Narayan Singh and Maryam Mirzakham in the field of Mathematics. RKK's team consisted of Hiya Rathore of IX B, Laxmi Bishnoi of X B, Anika Chaturvedi of XI A and Moulee Patawari of XII D. The name given to the team was 'Math Megaminds' after the animated pixar character, Megamind. Preparations for the competition started well in advance with Awdhesh Sir and Kuldeep Sir giving abundant material and guidance to ace the competition. The Maths Premiere League was held with the collaboration of American Mathematics Competitions through a website called Arete Labs. 33 schools participated from all across India, which were divided into pools of 4 schools each, out of which one team would go on to the semi-finals. Participants had to go head to head with all teams in their pool in the Preliminary Round. The final points tally ended in a tie between RKK's team and the Narayana Group. The nail biting tie breaker ended up going to Narayana group who edged out narrowly. Though RKKians missed out by an inch to qualify for the Semi-Finals, the experience was truly one of a kind. The competition helped the participants sharpen their critical thinking and problem solving skills and tested them beyond textbooks. The level of questions was very competitive which made it all the more fun to solve them.



### Providence Day School, USA (RS Zoom Postcard)

Providence School, USA: The 60 minute online postcard event on Zoom Call brought together students from various corners of the globe to celebrate the universal bond between food and affection. Representing RKK, a team comprising 7 students, Adwitiya Saxena as team leader, Samridhi Charan, Arohi Bhattacharjee, Bani, Tapur Mishra, Manui Champawat and Vaniya Solanki actively participated in the enriching exchange. The event commenced on 14th February 2024 at 10:30 pm, as participants were allocated breakout rooms, each hosted by a student ambassador from Providence School. Engaging ice-breaking sessions like "2 Truths and a Lie" set the tone for insightful discussions. Thought-provoking questions posed by the hosts sparked dialogue on diverse culinary experiences, including preferences for home-cooked versus school meals, the variety of foods offered at schools and desired additions to school menus. The RKK contingent shared unique insights into their school's dining culture, emphasizing communal dining practices and the inclusive approach to catering for students with dietary restrictions. They underscored the familial ambiance of mealtime, where prayers precede shared meals and special dietary needs are attentively addressed. The exchange of traditions, practices and preferences among participating schools fostered crosscultural understanding and appreciation. The active engagement and articulate expressions of RKK students underscored their enthusiasm for global dialogue and cultural exchange.







### Pathways World School, Aravali, Gurgaon (Round Square Conference)

The five days RS Conference themed "Myriad of Cultures, One Beautiful World" at the Pathways World School, Aravali from 15th to 19th February 2024 had been a wonderful experience since the moment the team reached Gurgaon on the 15/2/24 early morning at the break of dawn. They were warmly welcomed and escorted to the campus by Mr. Akash Dutta followed by the allotment of rooms to them. A campus tour was organised wherein the team explored the enormous and beautiful Pathways World School campus situated at the majestic foothills of the Aravali, Gurgaon. The entire campus was a sight to behold with its lush green atmosphere and modern architecture but their favourite was the petting zoo as well as the energetic welcome with Tilak, garlands, goodie bags and the beats of Punjabi dhol followed by the registration. The day ended on a great note with an amazing storytelling session by Ms. Rituparna Ghosh that comprised 3 heart touching, joyful stories from across the world which brought along laughter, love and life altering lessons.

The next four days were jam packed with varied amusing and insightful activities which began with the formal Opening Ceremony of the conference where a representative from all the participating delegations along with the host school partook in the Flag March. RKK's flag was proudly carried by Rutvi Choudhary of Class VII. Keynote Session by Chief Guest, Mr. Parmath Sinha was very enlightening. It was followed by a Conference Photograph, Barraza Session and a fun filled outing to Vishalgarh Farm.

Day 2 comprised a cheerful game of Musical Chairs, second round of lively baraza session, keynote address by Mr. Prateek Jalan, who shared his experience and knowledge on internationalism and globalisation. A glamorous cultural gala was hosted where the participants witnessed marvellous cultural performances inspired by various dance, music and art forms from all over the world leading to a spectacular Director's Dinner and DJ. An extraordinary ventriloquism session by Mr. Santosh Kumar, various enriching recreational workshops, fabulous movie and popcorn time and an exciting game of Treasure Hunt were held on the penultimate day.

It ended on a high note with Maggie, electrifying DJ and Dance night. The trip was concluded with a memorable Closing Ceremony wherein achievements were celebrated and participants were encouraged to apply the knowledge and experience gained. The event served as a reflection of the transformative journey everyone had undertaken together leaving everyone inspired and motivated for their future endeavours with the conference statement. In conclusion, this five days' conference was an enriching and enjoyable experience that combined learning, networking and entertainment. The well organized itinerary and diverse range of activities ensured that every student had a holistic and memorable experience making it a resounding success.





### The Lawrence School, Sanawar (BSAI Workshop for Housemistresses / Housemasters)

BSAI Workshop for Housemistresses / Housemasters, organized by **The Lawrence School, Sanawar** was held from **16th to 18th February 2024**. It was attended by **Mrs Gulab Kanwar** (**House Mistress**) & **Ms Aparna Raman** (**Warden**).

Following sessions were a part of this wonderful workshop:

**Session -1:** Role, Responsibilities and Challenges of the Housemistresses/Housemasters in the 20th century by Mr. Himmat S. Dhillon, Head master, The Lawrence School, Sanawar.

- 1. How to deal with Non- understanding Parents?
- 2.Some areas where you face challenges.
- 3. Turning challenges into opportunities
- 4. Key to success.

**Session -2 :** Team building and team spirit by Mr. Philip Burrett, Former Deputy Headmaster, The Doon School, Dehradun.

- 1.Team work.
- 2.Good team and bad team.
- 3. What makes a good teacher?
  - Academic
  - Pastoral
  - Administrative
  - Personal
  - Understanding adolescent psychology.
  - Team work.
- 4. How teams works best.
- 5. Why work as a team?
- 6.Team principles and cultures.

**Session 3**: Leadership by Philip Burrett, Former Deputy Headmaster, The Doon School, Dehradun.

- 1.Leadership direction and types.
- 2. What leaders do?
- 3. How to tackle conflicts?
- 4. How do children learn?
- 5.Some sayings

**Session 4**: Empathy and compassion by Mr. Vineet KKN 'Panchhi', an accomplished film maker, communication expert, motivational speaker, writer and poet and Ms. Niti Gupta, counseling psychologist based in Singapore:

- 1. How empathetic are you?
- 2.Barriers to Empathetic Communication.
- 3. Why Empathy is important?

Session 5 and 6: Consisted of case studies, group discussion and sharing best practices

Session 7: Child Rights and Child Abuse by Ms. Talish Ray, Managing Partner, TRS Law Offices

**Session 8 :** Captain A J Singh, Executive Director, Pinegrove School, Dharampur, Vice-President, BSAI presided this session as the Guest of Honor.

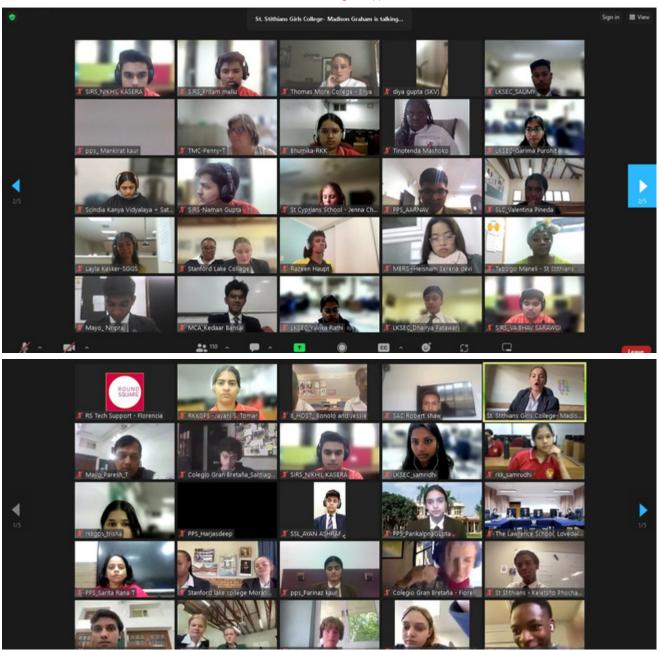
He shared his experiences with the participants.

To sum up the take away from the entire workshop was that one should be an active listener and a good team leader.



### St Stithians Girls' College in South Africa (RS Zoom Postcard)

On 21st February 2024, 7 students comprising – Trisha Talesara, Kanchan Kanwar, Samruddhi Surana, Bhumika Jalora, Pari Heda, Priyanshi Singhvi with their Leader, Jayani Singh Tomar participated in RS Postcard hosted by St. Stithians' College on the theme, Community Service" A brief on the theme was given as soon as the call commenced. It started on a fruitful note of the initiatives taken and a presentation displayed by the host school. Next, students were divided into different breakout rooms. Questions were asked from each participant such as, How does your school serve the community? Why is your school active in promoting community service. What is the need? RKKians actively participated in discussions and were able to relate to the theme as RKK has conducted and promoted many community service programmes to raise awareness and answer why it is important for people to help the needy. RKK has always encouraged raising utilities for old age homes, planting trees in sponsorship with rotary clubs, the effect of Project Shakti which includes employing rural people to earn for themselves etc and has fostered a positive environment for open community awareness among all. It was a very encouraging and innovative conference to work towards a better tomorrow and how small initiatives can make huge differences.





### Teachers' Workshop (English & Hindi Department) by Mrs Jyotsana Brar

A workshop with English and Hindi Department teachers was conducted on 26th February 2024 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am, facilitated by our esteemed founder Principal, Mrs. Jyotsna Brar, also a language expert and a champion of debating world. Ma'am commenced the workshop with an insightful introduction to the art of debating, highlighting its significance in developing well-rounded public speakers from an early age.

Ma'am Brar through her Power Point Presentations delved into the intricacies and nuances of debating highlighting on practicality and reality rather than being loud. She focussed on art of rebuttal teaching how to respond to opposing arguments and counterpoints. Ma'am emphasised on honing public speaking right from class I by giving simple examples and discussed pros and cons of many questions put forth by English & Hindi departments. It was an enriching, engaging and insightful session with valuable takeaways.





#### SGFI Basketball

SGFI Basketball

Date - 28th January 24 to 1st February 2024

Venue- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Coaches - Dr. Manjeet Singh Rathore Mr. Prasanjeet Jangid

**Result** – In U-19 category Santosh Kanwar of Class XII B participated & reached the Semi-Final.





India Sports Young Achiever of the Year Award

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Venue – Mumbai

Date - 03rd February 2024

Coach - Dr. Sita Kumari

**Result** – Pooja Bishnoi of Class VII C participated and won, 'Young Achiever of the Year Award 2024'.





#### **Open Badminton Tournament**

# **SPORTS**EVENTS

**Open Badminton Tournament** 

Date: 4th February 2024

Venue - Dream Badminton Academy, Airforce Area, Jodhpur

- Kiara Goyal of Class V A participated in U-15 category (Individual) and won Gold Medal.
- Anaya Agarwal of Class V B participated in U-15 category (Individual).
- Khushi Rathi of Class III B participated in U-11 category (Individual) and won Gold Medal.
- Pratishtha Agarwal of Class III A participated in U-11 category (Individual) and won Silver Medal.
- Bhavya Agarwal of Class I D participated in U 8 category (Individual) and won Silver Medal.



11th National Amateur Chess Championship Open

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Date- 13th to 17th February 2024

Coach- Mr. Manoj Trivedi

Venue - SMS Indoor Stadium, Jaipur

Results - Naavya Rathi of Class VIII C participated in Open Championship. Kiyaansh Chopra of Class IV B participated in Open Championship.









#### SGFI National Badminton Tournament (Under 17)

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Date - 16th to 21st December 2023

**Venue - District Sports Complex, Vadodara** 

Coach – Mr Vincent Trevor

Result: Under - 17 - Srishti Singh & Shaagun Singh of Class XII D

participated in Individual & Team Event.



TEAM IPSC



19th National Inter District Junior Meet (NIDJAM)

Date: 16th - 18th February 2024

Venue - Sardar Patel Sports City, Gujarat University, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Coach - Dr. Sita Kumari

An initiative of the Athletics Federation of India (AFI), NIDJAM is supported by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sport (MYAS) and conducted in partnership with the Gujarat State Government. National Inter District Junior Athletics Meet (NIDJAM) is an annual (U/14 & U/16) meet conducted in 500+ districts amongst 50000+ athletes, drawing 5000 athletes for the finals.

**Result -** Pooja Bishnoi of Class VII C participated in Under 14 category - 600 m, 60 m, Kids Javelin, Long Jump and stood on 12th position in all over India.



SGFI National Football Tournament (Under – 17)

Date - 25 - 29 December 2023

Venue - Sports Academy, Chappra Bihar

Coach - Mr Vincent Trevor

**Result**: UNDER - 17 - Avani Modi of Class X B and Anjali of Class IX D participated in the Football Tournament.





# PRE-PRIMARY & PRIMARY EVENTS

#### Junior Founder's Day

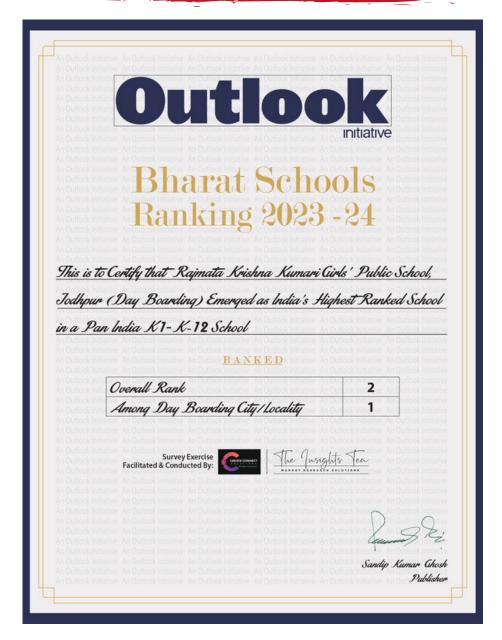
Rajmata Krishna Kumari Girls' Public School celebrated its Junior Founder's Day with great fervour and excitement on 16th & 17th February 2024, at the Badan Rangshala Auditorium.

The event featured captivating performances by students from Classes I and II, highlighting the importance of the five elements of nature through enchanting music, vibrant dances and engaging enactments. Their performances left the audience enthralled and captivated. The day also witnessed the recognition of outstanding achievements in various fields, honouring the exceptional performances of the students. Marwar, the Board of Governors, distinguished guests and parents graced the occasion with their esteemed presence, adding charm and elegance to the event. Members of the royal family of also attended, making the celebration a truly memorable affair.





### Awards & Accolades



### **Bharat Schools Ranking 2023-2024**

India's Highest Ranked School in Pan India K1 – K12 School Overall Rank No.2 in India

Rank No.1 in Day Boarding - City / Locality

### Congratulations RKK Family ...

