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CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Independence Day Celebration

Students at BTM joined hands with Ekya in celebrating the Independence Day celebration. Students enthusiastically participated by performing a group dance and a group song. The mindblowing performance of students in spite of their quarterly test was highly appreciated by the parents and all others who were present on campus.



Parent-Teacher Meeting

Quarterly Tests were conducted from the 9th of August to the 14th of August 2024. There were two tests conducted on a single day for 35 marks. Students though a little nervous about facing their tests challenged themselves and attended. The students of PU 1 and PU 2 completed their Quarterly examination on the 14th of August 2024. Parents attended the PTM on 24th August. This meeting facilitated a fruitful discussion on the progress of their children in the first Quarterly test conducted by the PU Board. Teachers had a great opportunity to provide effective feedback to help students improve their academic performance by suggesting a clear action plan and also informing parents about the Remediation classes between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm.





CULTURE AT CAMPUS

BASKETBALL PRACTICE:

Basketball practices held in the campus fosters personal growth, interaction and helps students form durable bonds and friendships.

It helps students develop their communication skills and social skills. It gives them an understanding of the different abilities of other people. These practices help students to be active and increase self-esteem and self-confidence. It is a great alternative for students as it helps in reducing stress, improving mood and has other health benefits.



CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES:

There are various ways where students engage with each other in learning tasks, and engage actively in other activities such as classroom presentations, weekly quizzes and other activities that helps students to interact with the community and the teachers also encourage innovative ideas and build a stronger foundation among the students.





LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Field Trip Rollouts

Our Field trips for the upcoming month are sure to be both fun and fascinating! We've lined up some incredible experiences that will take our students from the world of science to the heart of the army. Students will explore mind-bending exhibits at the Science Gallery that will help them to rethink everything that they know about science. A visit to the Paper Money Museum, will give them an insight into some of the oldest and rarest currencies from around the world—think of it as a trip back in time through the lens of money! It's a unique way to understand history, economy, and the art behind currency design.

Ever wondered what it's like to be in the army? Here's a chance for our students to get a glimpse of the discipline, training, and teamwork that go into protecting our nation where?.

Students will get a firsthand experience of how news is created, from the newsroom to the studio where?. It's a great opportunity for anyone considering a career in this fast-paced field. September's going to be one for the books!



Leadership Bootcamp

The much-awaited Student Leadership Bootcamp is just Around the corner! Our student council members are given an opportunity to gear up and dive into a world of leadership like never before. Happening in the month of September, this bootcamp isn't just about workshops and sessions; it's about transforming ideas into action. Student council members will be exploring what it means to lead with integrity, think creatively, and make a real impact on our school community. Plus, we've got some inspiring guest speakers lined up who'll be sharing their own leadership journeys. But it's not all work and no play. Expect interactive activities, team challenges, and even a few surprises along the way. Let's make this bootcamp an experience to remember!





College and Career Guidance Initiatives

In August, the College and Career Guidance (CCG) department organized several initiatives to support students' academic and career goals.

Monthly Student Sessions: This month, the focus for PU students was on 'Popular Examinations and Top-Ranked Institutions'. The session provided essential insights into competitive exams and prestigious institutions, helping students plan their next steps strategically toward higher education and career success.

General Check-Ins: Regular check-ins were conducted across all campuses to ensure students are on track with their academic and career planning. These sessions allowed students to discuss their goals, seek guidance, and address any concerns related to their college and career preparations.

Webinar on MBBS and Allied Health Science Programs: On August 24th, a webinar was held for parents and students across all campuses, focusing on studying MBBS and Allied Health Science programs at Manipal University College Malaysia. The session offered a detailed overview of the programs, along with opportunities for research, internships, and clinical experiences.

PU BTM Campus: The Literacy Club, in collaboration with the CCG Team, hosted an interactive session on time management and interview skills for all students. These initiatives reflect our ongoing commitment to providing comprehensive support and guidance, helping students navigate their academic journeys and prepare for successful careers. The CCG department will continue to offer a range of activities and resources to ensure our students are well-equipped to achieve their aspirations.



Wellbeing Initiatives

Wellbeing sessions across all campuses were conducted for the PU students. This session was designed to address the management of emotional distress, focusing on equipping students with strategies to support both themselves and their peers. The session addressed several critical and sensitive topics, including self-harm, extreme sadness, and panic attack issues that are of considerable concern among teenagers. By providing targeted information and practical coping strategies, the session aimed to enhance students' ability to handle these challenges effectively. This initiative underscores our commitment to addressing the complex emotional needs of students and fostering a supportive environment for managing mental health concerns.

Additionally, the HOSs from the PU colleges participated in a Professional Development (PD) day led by the Wellbeing team and PDI. This PD day was dedicated to sensitizing school management to the mental health concerns of students. The focus was on increasing awareness regarding due process and appropriate responses to mental health issues. The training aimed to enhance the management's capability to handle mental health concerns with greater sensitivity and effectiveness, ensuring a supportive and informed approach to student wellbeing.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

August was filled with an array of Professional Development sessions across teams. It started off with a Professional Development Day for our Senior School educators of Ekya and CMR NPS. During the 4-hour training educators participated in the session around maximising student engagement by using questioning and discussion tools and study skills for senior graders.



We worked with our school leadership on how to make data informed decisions and met our Head of Schools and Student Counsellors to reinforce the criticality of student wellbeing at our campuses.



STUDENT EDGE

Breaking the Silence

"Don't go alone for your walks beyond the building gate. The place doesn't seem safe." This common caution highlights a persistent issue: women's safety. Despite efforts to address violence and discrimination, ensuring safety remains a challenge in India. This article examines three pivotal cases—the Nirbhaya case, the Moumita Debnath case, and the Bhanwari Devi case—while addressing the broader crisis of unreported rape cases.

The Nirbhaya Case: A Defining Moment On December 16, 2012, Nirbhaya was brutally gang-raped in Delhi, leading to her death. The crime shocked the nation, prompting widespread protests. The government's response included the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2013, which introduced harsher penalties for sexual offenses and a broader legal definition of rape. Fast-track courts were also set up to expedite trials. Although the perpetrators were convicted and executed, the delayed legal process raised concerns over justice delivery.

The Moumita Debnath Case: A Recent Tragedy In 2024, Moumita Debnath, a 31-year-old woman from West Bengal, was abducted and brutally raped in Kolkata. This case, which drew widespread attention, exposed the persistent threats women face. It underscored the need for a more robust legal system to address ongoing violence against women.

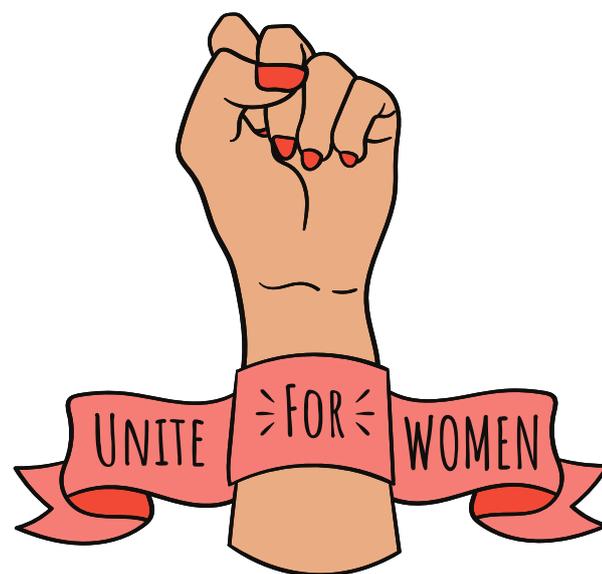
The Bhanwari Devi Case: A Catalyst for Reform In 1992, Bhanwari Devi, a social worker, was raped for opposing child marriage. Her case led to the Vishaka Guidelines (1997), addressing workplace sexual harassment, later formalized in the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013. Despite these reforms, enforcement remains a challenge, and societal stigma endures.

The Crisis of Unreported Cases One major challenge in addressing sexual violence is the high number of unreported cases. Fear of retaliation, societal stigma, and lack of faith in the legal system often prevent survivors from coming forward. This hidden crisis distorts the true scale of the problem, making it difficult to develop effective solutions.

Recommendations for Change To address sexual violence, the Indian government must strengthen legal frameworks, improve reporting mechanisms, and enhance support systems for survivors.

Public awareness campaigns and sensitivity training for law enforcement can shift societal attitudes and reduce victim-blaming. Comprehensive reforms will not only ensure justice but also help foster a safer environment for women.

As Ban Ki-Moon aptly stated, "Violence against women is never acceptable, never excusable, never tolerable."



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TEACHER BLOG

Space tourism – “Where Sky Isn’t The Limit”

sub-orbital or maybe beyond Earth’s orbit as well. Captain Gopichand Thotakura made history as India’s first civilian space tourist returned home after a successful journey to space from Blue Origin’s New Shepard – 25

How Did Space Tourism Start?

Space tourism has a surprising history, beginning in the 2000s. A Russian company took 10 tourists to space but halted operations in 2010. Dennis Tito, an American, made history in 2001 as the first space tourist after paying millions to the Russian Space Agency for his flight.

Elon Musk’s SpaceX is now expanding its horizons in this field. While many companies focus on space flights, SpaceX has a track record of launching successful space missions and pushing boundaries.

The idea of exploring space has always fascinated us, even as kids, though it once seemed impossible and costly. Today, space tourism is becoming a reality, turning childhood dreams into attainable experiences. Scientists have proven that the sky isn’t the limit; it’s just the beginning.

Space is no longer reserved for astronauts. It’s now accessible for recreational purposes. Recently, Space Perspective introduced the idea of a "space wedding," allowing people to get married among the stars. The future of space tourism is more thrilling than ever!

You will not be taken into a rocket like astronauts do, instead, you will be lifted with the help of a space balloon.

How cool is that?

Besides, you will get a 360-degree view of the space while sipping your cocktails. Isn’t that the best destination wedding ever?

What Exactly Is Space Tourism?

Space Tourism is all about sending the general public to space for recreational purposes, either on government space flights or on space flights owned by various private companies. These space flights could be orbital, prioritizes lunar tourism and other forms of space travel, which extends beyond the orbit of the Earth. In the year 2017, Elon Musk revealed his intentions of sending two tourists on a trip

around the moon as part of the inaugural lunar tourism mission but it has been delayed.

Orion Span

Orion Span is a space travel company of the United Space that has come up with the idea of Space hotels, so you can not only travel to space but also stay there in a hotel. Can you believe it?

How To Book Your Space Flight?

Now you can book your space flight and fly to the moon, for real this time. Elon Musk has already mentioned that the price for traveling to space will be somewhere around \$500,000 but with the increasing flights and services, the prices may go down as well.

We’re lucky to live in a time where space travel, even taking a selfie in space, is possible. Technology keeps surprising us, and now space travel by balloon is a reality.

What’s next? A house on the moon?



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