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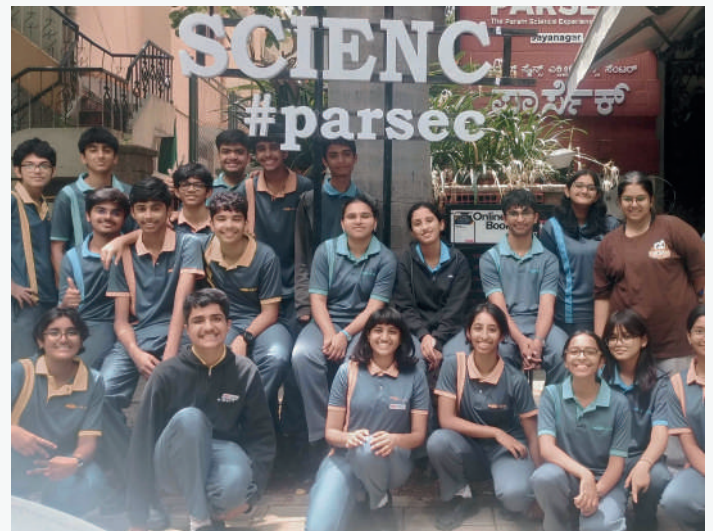


# THE BULLETIN - 2024

## FIND OUR STORY

The year 2024 began on an inspiring note as we proudly stepped into the 15th year of Ekya Schools a journey dedicated to redefining education and shaping young minds. This milestone year has been one of transformation, innovation, and growth, marked by events and achievements that reflect our unwavering commitment to excellence.

From student achievements to cultural and academic celebrations, 2024 has been a testament to the spirit of Ekya Schools – a community that continuously strives for excellence. As we reflect on this memorable year, we look forward to an even brighter future, filled with opportunities to learn, grow, and thrive together.





# Inauguration of Ekya Nava



The grand inauguration of **Ekya Nava**, India's pioneering Purpose-Based school of Innovation, Creativity, and Design, was one of the biggest milestones of 2024.

The event was graced by eminent leaders in education and governance, including **Shri Madhu Bangarappa**, Honourable Minister of Primary and Secondary Education, Government of Karnataka; **Dr. K. P. Gopalkrishna**, Founder & Chairman of TISB and National Public Schools; **Dr. K. C. Ramamurthy**, IPS (Retd.), Chairman of CMR Group and Former Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha; **Dr. Sabitha Ramamurthy**, President of CMR Jnanadhara Trust and Chancellor of CMR University; **Shri K. R. Jayadeep**, Director of Ekya Schools and CEO of CMR Group of Institutions; and **Dr. Tristha Ramamurthy**, Founder of Ekya Schools, Provost of CMR University, and Vice President of CMR Group of Institutions.





✦ **FIND Festival 2024: A Celebration of Learning, Learners, and Educators**



The **FIND Festival 2024**, the second edition of India's first and only festival celebrating learning, learners, and extraordinary educators, was a landmark event. Organised by Ekya Schools, this year's festival revolved around the theme "**Children and the Future**", creating a platform for meaningful discussions about the evolving landscape of education and the role of young learners in shaping the future.

A highlight of the festival was the **inauguration of the Ekya Nava campus**, a pioneering institution designed to embody purpose-based pedagogy and foster innovation, creativity, and design. The festival featured a range of engaging activities, including panel discussions, a **Design Thinking challenge**, **interactive workshops**, a learning area showcase, and the **Human Library**, offering participants a unique and enriching experience.

The **FIND Festival 2024** successfully brought together educators, students, and thought leaders, celebrating the spirit of learning and innovation while redefining the future of education in India.





This year, our students ventured beyond the familiar walls of their classrooms to discover the limitless opportunities the world has to offer. Through field trips, outbound learning programs, and visits to diverse places, they embraced new perspectives and experiences. These journeys not only brought learning to life but also encouraged curiosity, empathy, and a deeper connection with the world around them.

## Exciting Field Trips for Our Students

The year began with exploration and learning at enriching field trips. Our students of grades 1 and 2 from Ekya JP Nagar visited the **Big Barn Farm**, where they experienced the joys of farm life. From feeding cows and petting small animals to gardening and enjoying truck rides, the day was filled with hands-on activities that brought them closer to nature.

Similarly, Grade 6 students from JP Nagar explored the world of music at the Indian Music Experience Museum. They delved into various genres, learned about legendary musicians, and even tried playing instruments. For many, the experience was both educational and therapeutic, as they discovered the healing power of music.



## Memorable Field Trips: Learning Beyond Classrooms

Field trips at Ekya JP Nagar combined hands-on learning with joyful exploration. Ekya Early Years students visited **Prani, the Pet Sanctuary**, where they interacted with animals like snakes, rabbits, hedgehogs, and emus.

Meanwhile, Grade 3 and 4 students explored the **Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium**, marveling at space models like Chandrayaan and enjoying an immersive ceiling show while engaging in experiments at the science park. These trips offered students invaluable opportunities to connect with nature and science in meaningful ways.





## Parent-Child Trek to Bidarkatte

The **Parent-Child Trek to Bidarkatte** was a delightful outdoor adventure involving 56 parent-child pairs, 5 teachers, and TrekNomads. The experience fostered stronger bonds through shared moments, meaningful conversations, and a 15-minute sensory reflection activity to encourage mindfulness. Each pair received a memory journal to capture their reflections, making this trek an unforgettable journey of connection and cherished memories.



## Field Trip to Bee Global Farms

Our Grade 5 students had an exciting and educational experience during their visit to **Bee Global Farms**. The trip offered a fascinating insight into the world of bees and sustainable farming practices. Students explored the life cycle of bees, their critical role in pollination, and their importance in maintaining ecosystems. They observed honey harvesting and the intricate structure of beehives, while an interactive session on organic farming sparked curiosity about eco-friendly agricultural practices. The day was filled with hands-on learning, leaving the students with a deeper appreciation for bees and their vital role in our environment.

## Dussehra Trips: Adventure Meets Learning

This **Dussehra break**, our students set off on exciting journeys to Rockspport and Auroville. At Rockspport, they took on thrilling activities like rappelling, ziplining, and obstacle courses, fostering teamwork and resilience in the great outdoors. Meanwhile, senior students experienced Auroville's unique lifestyle, participating in workshops on sustainable living and mindfulness. Both trips offered a blend of adventure and learning, leaving students with unforgettable memories and fresh perspectives on nature, community, and their role in building a better world.







Learning took on vibrant new forms this year as we explored creativity, innovation, and collaboration. From the energy of Sports Day and Annual Day to hands-on workshops and experiential programs, students discovered that learning is about so much more than just academics. These moments brought joy, connection, and growth, making education a truly enriching journey.



## Learning Showcase: Celebrating Talent and Skills

The **Learning Showcase** across campuses was a vibrant celebration of student achievements, creativity, and talent. Students demonstrated their skills across academics, co-curricular activities, and clubs, including areas such as dance, art, PE, cooking, Nukkad Natak, skating, mime, gymnastics, karate, and more. The event provided students with an opportunity to reflect on their learning journey and share their accomplishments with confidence and enthusiasm. Parents were thrilled to witness their children's progress and gain a deeper understanding of the school's educational approach.

## Learning Festival at Ekya ITPL: Inspiring Innovation in Education

The **Learning Festival** 23-24 at Ekya ITPL showcased innovative teaching practices and insights into modern education. Parents were invited to explore how educators are transforming classrooms through **SEE learning, UbD integration**, and strategies to enhance 21st-century skills. Teachers shared impactful practices, such as the benefits of rearranging seating, the power of visualisation in learning, and methods to improve English language proficiency.





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## Kids MBA Program Launch Across Ekya Campuses

This year, Ekya proudly launched the **Kids MBA** Program across our campuses, introducing students to the exciting world of entrepreneurship, teamwork, and innovation. Through this program, students created business plans, designed brand logos, and even launched mini-enterprises, bringing their ideas to life.

By engaging in hands-on projects and real-world scenarios, students gained valuable insights beyond traditional classroom learning. It was an enriching experience, fostering creativity and preparing our future business leaders for success.



## Science Day: Montessori Experiment Day at Ekya Byrathi

The **Montessori Experiment Day**, held at Ekya Byrathi, was a captivating experience that celebrated curiosity and hands-on learning. Students enthusiastically participated in experiments exploring concepts such as static electricity and buoyancy, sparking their imagination and fostering a love for science.

Guided by their teachers, the young learners embraced experimentation, building confidence and developing critical thinking skills. Parents had the opportunity to witness their children's excitement and learning journey firsthand, further deepening their connection with the school's educational approach.



## Love to Read Program Launch

This year's Love to Read program was launched across Ekya campuses with inspiring events aimed at fostering a love for reading among students. **At Ekya ITPL**, the program featured **Ms. Shubha Das and Ms. Meenu Shivaramakrishnan**, who captivated students with their storytelling and insights on making reading engaging. **At Ekya BTM Layout**, the program was launched by author **Anupam Manur, known for his book "We the Citizens."** His engaging talk highlighted the importance of regular reading habits, inspiring middle school students to delve deeper into the world of books. **At Ekya Byrathi, author and publisher Archana Mohan** led the event with an insightful discussion on her publishing journey and the creative potential of attentive reading.



## Exploration Day 2024

Exploration Day was a vibrant and enriching experience, offering students opportunities to delve into diverse areas of learning. Parents led fascinating sessions on topics like Automation, Architecture, Drug Research, and Cooking, giving students unique insights into these fields. Sessions on Innovation and fostering a Learner's Mindset fueled creativity, while traditional games like **Pagade** and **Kavade** encouraged cultural appreciation. Younger students enjoyed a delightful storytelling session, while the Narrative Hub allowed for creative expression through storytelling. Also the yoga session at the end added mindfulness and gratitude to the mix.





## Ekya JP Nagar Primary Annual Day: "All the World's a Stage"

The Primary Annual Day at Ekya JP Nagar, themed "All the World's a Stage", was a spectacular celebration of creativity and talent. The event began with a vibrant opening ceremony, setting the stage for an array of captivating performances by students from Grades 1 to 4. The young performers brought beloved stories like Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Tenali Rama, Malgudi Days, and Aladdin to life through drama, music, and dance, leaving the audience enthralled. The joyous atmosphere and the students' enthusiasm made it a truly memorable occasion for everyone involved.



## Annual Day Celebration: Aikyam – Together as One

Ekya BTM Layout also started their year with vibrant celebrations as they hosted their Annual Day with the theme 'Aikyam – Together as One', portraying the beauty of Indian festivals and the spirit of unity. The enthusiastic efforts of students and teachers came to life on stage through captivating performances, reflecting the joy and togetherness of celebrating as one community. The event concluded with beaming parents and proud teachers, marking a delightful start to the year for the Ekya BTM Layout family.



## Annual Sports Day at Ekya Early Years JP Nagar

Ekya Early Years JP Nagar displayed a unique spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie at their Annual Sports Day. The young participants amazed everyone with their agility, coordination, and enthusiasm during an array of track and field events. Parents and grandparents added to the day's charm, cheering on the little stars and even joining in the fun games planned for them. The event was graced by **Dr. K C Ramamurthy and Ms. Ayesha Sirajuddin**, who awarded medals and certificates to the winners, making it a memorable celebration of sportsmanship and community spirit.



## Middle School Annual Day Celebration at Ekya ITPL

The Middle School Annual Day Celebration at Ekya ITPL was a grand success, bringing to life the theme "Epic Echoes of Indian Eras" through a captivating time-travel journey of India's rich history. Over 300 students showcased their talent and teamwork through exceptional performances in storytelling, music, and dance, leaving the audience mesmerised. The event began with the Annual Report presented by the Head of School, highlighting the year's achievements, followed by vibrant, meticulously choreographed performances that celebrated India's cultural and historical heritage. The hard work and collaboration of students, teachers, and staff ensured a memorable event, reflecting the spirit of excellence that defines Ekya Schools.





## Graduation Day: Celebrating Success Across Campuses

The **Graduation Day** 2024 celebrations at Ekya JP Nagar, ITPL, and BTM Layout marked a proud milestone for students and parents alike. At JP Nagar, the Early Years Graduation Ceremony celebrated three years of learning. The event featured the lighting of the lamp by **Ms. Ayesha** and **Ms. Sreepriya**, heartfelt student performances, and certificates awarded with teachers sharing each child's progress. Parents also shared their experiences, making it a joyous occasion.

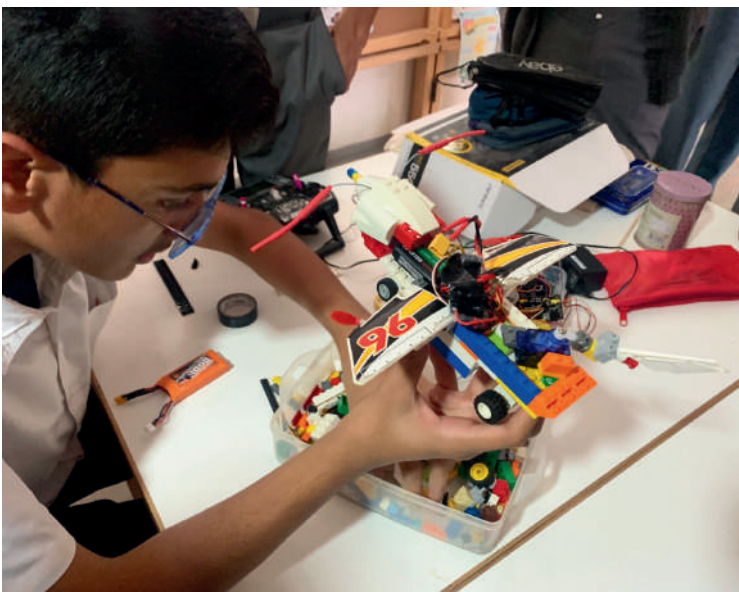
At ITPL, 154 graduates walked the stage, pledging to uphold Ekya's values. The event, graced by **Ms. Rashika Rao**, **Dr. KC Ramamurthy**, and **Dr. Sabitha Ramamurthy**, began with a stunning invocation dance by Grade XI students, marking the start of a promising journey for the graduates. At BTM Layout, the Grade XII Graduation Day celebrated years of dedication and growth. Dr. Sabitha Ramamurthy inspired the batch with motivational words and the distribution of aspiration sheets, encouraging students to envision their future.



## Inauguration of Multi-Purpose Sports Arena

The **Sports Day cum Inauguration of the Multi-Purpose Sports Arena** at Ekya ITPL was a momentous occasion, graced by **Chairman Sir KC Ramamurthy**, **Dr. Tristha Ramamurthy**, and **Chief Guest Padma Shri MP Ganesh**. The event featured power-packed drills by students, showcasing their athletic prowess, and the unveiling of the state-of-the-art sports arena, which promises to elevate sports activities at Ekya. Adding to the excitement, Agni House emerged as inter-house champions, demonstrating teamwork and determination.

## Inauguration of Makerspace Across Ekya Campuses



The launch of the Makerspace across Ekya campuses was marked by creativity and innovation. **At Ekya ITPL, Prof. Muralidhar, Director of CMR University School of Architecture**, inspired students with his address on the importance of 'making' and creative thinking. Students participated in a Design Thinking challenge, showcasing innovative ideas for urban furniture. **At Ekya Byrathi, Mr. Seshadri Vasudevan inaugurated the facility alongside Ms. Jinu Pavithran, HoS, and Mr. Murli, a key member of the curriculum team.** Students engaged in a miniature furniture design challenge, guided by faculty members, and presented their creative models to parents and faculty.





This year, through meaningful conversations and inspiring stories, our students discovered role models who shaped their perspectives and aspirations. Be it expert talks, author interactions, or Parents' Day celebrations, each event reminded us of the power of human connection and guidance. These interactions encouraged our learners to look up to heroes while finding the hero within themselves.



## Parents Day Celebration: INNOV8 at Ekya Byrathi

The Parents Day Celebration – INNOV8, 2023-24 at Ekya Byrathi was a grand occasion that embodied the spirit of “**Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam**”, meaning “The World is One Family”. The event began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by **Sri K.C. Ramamurthy** and **Dr. Sabitha Ramamurthy**, followed by a mesmerising Invocation Dance by the Pre-Primary students, who captivated the audience with their adorable performance.

## Family Day Celebration at Ekya Byrathi

The Family Day celebration at Ekya Byrathi was a memorable event this year, bringing parents and children together for a day filled with fun games and activities. The event fostered a strong sense of community and collaboration, allowing families to bond and create lasting memories. It was a joyful occasion that highlighted the importance of togetherness and strengthened the connection between the school and its families.







## Parent Appreciation Day: Celebrating the Pillars of Support

At the Ekya JP Nagar campus, students celebrated **Parent Appreciation Day** to honor the love, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment that parents bring into their children's lives. As a heartfelt gesture of gratitude, students created beautiful thank-you cards, thoughtfully reflecting on the meaning behind the gifts they would carry home.



## Community Helpers' Day

**Community Helpers' Day** was also a highlight of this year, celebrated with enthusiasm at Ekya Byrathi and JP Nagar. This special day honored the individuals who help keep our community safe and running smoothly. Children actively participated by dressing up as various community helpers, proudly representing their roles and contributions. The event was a wonderful blend of gratitude, learning, and fun.



## Menstruation & Sex Education Awareness Day

This year, Ekya Schools hosted a **Menstruation & Sex Education Awareness Day**, an initiative aimed at equipping students with essential knowledge about puberty, menstruation, and sexual health. The event featured an expert talk by **Dr. Sameera S. Rao and Dr. Rashmi Patil from Motherhood Hospital**, who provided valuable insights into these important topics. The interactive session allowed students to openly discuss their doubts and gain clarity from the experts in a safe and supportive environment.





## ★ Teacher's Day Celebration



This year, **Teacher's Day** was celebrated with enthusiasm across all Ekya campuses. Students came together to organise vibrant performances, including captivating dances, melodious songs, and engaging games, to honor their teachers. The thoughtful efforts of the students turned the day into a memorable experience, making it a special occasion for teachers everywhere.

## Medical Camp for Students



This year, Ekya Schools conducted a **Medical Camp** exclusively for students across all campuses, focusing on their health and well-being. The camp offered comprehensive health check-ups conducted by experienced medical professionals, ensuring students had access to essential healthcare services within the school environment. This initiative aimed to promote awareness about personal health and hygiene while encouraging students to prioritise their well-being.





## YOUR PLACE IN THE WORLD

This year, our learners gained confidence and purpose through programs like the Work Exposure Program (WEP), which provided hands-on experience in various careers. The Career and College Guidance (CCG) initiatives offered personalised support, including job shadowing and webinars like "Studying in Australia." These opportunities helped students align their aspirations with actionable steps, preparing them to contribute meaningfully to their communities.



### Work Exposure Program 2024

**Work Exposure Program 2024**, launched in April, provided high school students with real-world experiences. We partnered with **25 local organisations** to offer **130 internships and job shadowing opportunities**. The internship program comprised organisations spanning various fields such as Coding, Electronics and Robotics, Digital Marketing, Space Research, MIS reports, Digital Marketing, NGO, Cyber safety, and Design. A total of **97 interns** completed the program, gaining valuable insights, developing professional skills, and reporting a significant boost in confidence and clarity regarding their future career choices.

### CCG Initiatives: Supporting Academic and Career Aspirations

This year, the **College and Career Guidance (CCG)** organised several key programs to support students in their academic and career journeys. Students explored Job Shadowing through monthly sessions, gaining real-world insights into various professions. Regular General Check-Ins across campuses provided opportunities for students to discuss their goals, seek guidance, and stay on track with their career planning. Additionally, a Webinar on Studying in Australia offered students and parents valuable information on admissions, courses, scholarships, and the student experience in Australian universities.







2024 was a year of self-discovery and growth as we encourage our students to embrace their individuality and well-being. Through wraparound activities, wellness programs, and counseling sessions, each student found the space to reflect, express, and connect with their true selves. These moments reminded us that every voice matters and that our uniqueness is our strength.

## Service Learning Program Launch

This Independence Day, Ekya Schools **launched the Service Learning Program (SLP)** across all campuses, encouraging students to address real-world challenges and create a meaningful impact in their communities. Each campus chose impactful themes like **Zero Hunger, Solid Waste Management, E-Waste Management, and supporting Cataract Eye Surgeries**, focusing on building a better tomorrow. Through hands-on work and awareness campaigns, the program empowers students to step up as change-makers, making every effort count toward a brighter and more sustainable future.



## Trashonomics Session: Service Learning Program

As part of our **Service Learning Program (SLP)**, students at Ekya JP Nagar participated in an engaging session on Trashonomics, presented by the **Solid Waste Management Round Table (SWMRT)**. The interactive session included a fun quiz and games, making learning about solid waste management practices enjoyable.

Students explored strategies for reducing, recycling, and reusing waste, gaining valuable insights into adopting a zero-waste lifestyle. By the end, they were inspired to implement these principles in their daily lives, pledging to contribute to a more sustainable future.







## Leadership Bootcamp: Cohort 2024

The Ekya Schools **Leadership Bootcamp** 2024 brought together student council members from all campuses to enhance their leadership skills and align with the school's core values. The camp was led by **Suraj Moraje**, Co-Founder of Inner Compass Village and a seasoned leader with extensive experience in fostering growth and leadership. The event focused on fostering ethical leadership, collaboration, and resilience while equipping students with tools to lead effectively. Through engaging exercises, hands-on activities, and collaborative projects, the bootcamp empowered student leaders to lead with empathy, integrity, and confidence, leaving them inspired and better prepared for their roles.



## Wrap Around Program 2024

The **Wrap Around Program** at Ekya commenced in July this year, offering a range of after-school activities designed to cater to diverse student interests. From STEM clubs and robotics to dance classes and creative writing workshops, the program aims to provide a holistic educational experience. These activities not only allow students to unwind and enjoy themselves after school but also help develop essential life skills such as creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration. Students and parents are encouraged to register at their respective campuses to take full advantage of this enriching program.



## Well-Being Initiatives: Promoting Holistic Health

The Well-being Department conducted several impactful programs focused on fostering holistic wellness among students and parents. A comprehensive session on health and routine was held for Grades 1-10, helping students establish healthy habits for their overall well-being. Regular student and parent check-ins provided opportunities to address individual concerns and offer guidance. Additionally, the first **Parent Wellbeing Session of the year** focused on "**Creating a Healthy Routine for the Family**," emphasizing the importance of aligning family routines with health goals. These initiatives reinforced the significance of holistic wellness across campuses, creating a positive impact on the school community.



## Triton 4.0: A Milestone Event of the Year

**Triton 4.0**, the interschool Sports Fest hosted by Ekya School ITPL, was a significant milestone in this year's calendar. Spanning three days, the event brought together over 1000 participants from various schools who competed in five sports – **basketball, football, throwball, volleyball, and table tennis**. The event showcased the spirit of competition, teamwork, and athletic excellence, leaving a lasting impression on everyone involved. Triton 4.0 truly celebrated the passion for sports and set the stage for more such exciting events in the future.





## Co-Curricular Activities at Ekya NICE Road

Ekya NICE Road, the youngest campus of the Ekya School network established in 2022, provides a modern and vibrant environment where young minds can realise their potential. Offering a progressive academic programme under the **CBSE curriculum**, the school caters to students from **Montessori** through to grade 10, ensuring a well-rounded education that balances academic and practical learning experiences.

The year commenced with engaging **Co-Curricular Activities (CCA)**, including competitions such as **Origami, Memory Games, Fancy Dress, and Storytelling**, all themed around "Mythology" as part of the Love to Read initiative. Notable highlights included a visit from **Mr. Bhaskaran** of **SOS Children's Villages of India**, which fostered compassion among students, and an inspiring talk by **Ms. Aanika**, a 16-year-old Scholastic-published author, who shared her journey of balancing academics and writing.

These activities significantly enriched students' creativity and empathy, aligning perfectly with Ekya NICE Road's mission to nurture well-rounded individuals.



## Investiture Ceremony: Honoring the Leaders of Tomorrow

The **Investiture Ceremony** was celebrated across all our campuses, marking a significant milestone as our young leaders took the oath of responsibility and commitment. This meaningful event symbolised the beginning of their journey as they stepped into roles that represented leadership, integrity, and excellence.

Adorned with their badges, the newly appointed student council members pledged to uphold the values of Ekya and lead their peers with dedication and enthusiasm. It was a proud moment for the entire Ekya community to witness these future leaders embrace their roles with confidence and grace.



## Bhoomi Habba 2024

On June 8th, Ekya School Byrathi celebrated Bhoomi Habba, themed '**From Earth to Earth**', in collaboration with Visthar. Integrated with World Environment Day and the **Service Learning Program** on Waste Management, the event featured eco-friendly workshops, traditional games, and organic food stalls. It inspired the Ekya community to adopt sustainable practices and work towards a greener future.



# OUR STARS OF 2024

This year has been nothing short of extraordinary, as our students have achieved remarkable milestones, making 2024 a true highlight in Ekya's journey. From global recognitions to innovative breakthroughs, their achievements have inspired us all and set new benchmarks for excellence.



## Niharika Nair Shines on the Global Stage

**Niharika Nair**, a Grade 12 student from Ekya ITPL, has made us immensely proud by being featured on **'Better India'** for her exceptional project, Tribali. Her innovative work was even showcased at the **United Nations**, a remarkable achievement that highlights her dedication and talent.

## Aisiri Sriharsha Brings Glory to Ekya ITPL and India

**Aisiri Sriharsha**, a Grade 6C student from Ekya ITPL, has made history by winning the **Gold Medal for India** at the **World Karate Championship** held in **Tashkent, Uzbekistan**, on November 4, 2024. This incredible achievement is a proud moment not just for Ekya ITPL but also for the entire nation. Aisiri's dedication, discipline, and hard work have truly made 2024 a year to remember.



## Aditi Vijay Muruvalu Skating Star of Ekya

Aditi Vijay Muruvalu of Grade 2A from Ekya JP Nagar excelled at the **State Ranking Skating Competition**, clinching a **Bronze Medal** in the 500m and a **Gold Medal** in the 1500m events.

## Chess Champion of Ekya JP Nagar

This year, **Stuti Pradeep** of Grade 7 from Ekya JP Nagar was crowned the **CISCE U14 Nationals Chess Champion**. She secured 1st Place at the **CISCE Regional Sports and Games - Chess**, winning all 10 rounds and qualifying as one of the top 5 from 243 participants to represent Karnataka at the Nationals. Karnataka also won the **Best Team title in the U14 and U17 Girls categories**, making it a memorable year for chess at Ekya.





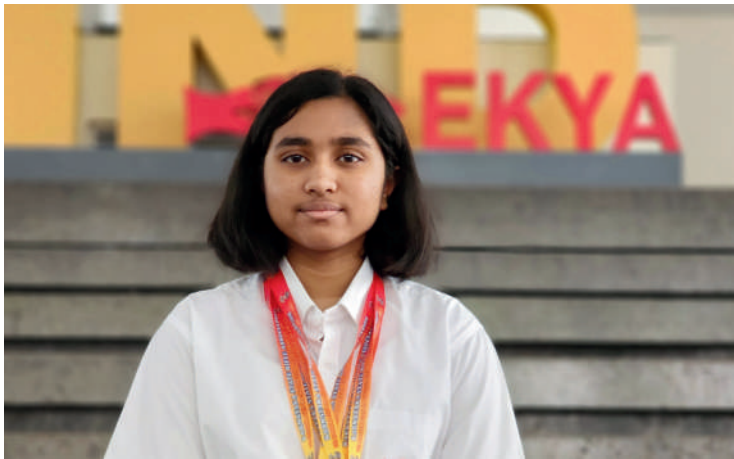


## Aarav's Outstanding Achievements

**Aarav Lad from Ekya JP Nagar** has excelled in multiple fields this year. He won **1st place in the Fanny Mendelssohn Piano Competition and Music of the World 2024**, 2nd place in the Beethoven Young Music Competition 2024, and 3rd place in the London Classical Music Competition. He also cleared his Grade 5 Piano Practical and Theory exams with distinction in 2023 and is preparing for Grade 7. In academics, Aarav earned **silver medals in both the National and International rounds of the Thailand International Math Olympiad (TIMO)**. He also secured 3rd place in a World Cube Association Competition, solving the 2x2 cube in 3.54 seconds.

## Outstanding Achievement in Swimming Competitions

**Dhruv Krishna from Ekya JP Nagar** delivered an exceptional performance in **swimming competitions in 2024**, winning 3 gold medals and 2 bronze medals at events hosted by Pratham International School and Viva, Vibgyor School.



## Shooting Achievements

**Ria Vijay Khanchanale** student of Ekya JP Nagar, achieved an impressive **1st place in the 10m Air Rifle State Shooting Championship** in the Junior U-16, Sub Junior U-21, and Senior 21+ categories. Also, at the **3rd Karnataka Mini Olympics 2024**, held from November 14 to 20 and organised by the Karnataka Olympic Association with the state government, Ria secured 1st place in the 10m Air Rifle Women's Team competition.

## Silver Award at Queen's Commonwealth Writing Competition

**Aadya Rao**, a student of Ekya JP Nagar won the **Silver Award** in the Junior category (Under 14) at the **Queen's Commonwealth Writing Competition 2024**, conducted by the Royal Commonwealth Society. The competition, the **world's oldest international writing contest for schools**, began in 1883 and sees participation from over 55 countries globally. Aadya's fictional piece on the theme of **climate change/environment** earned her this recognition among thousands of entries.





# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

At Ekya, we recognise the invaluable role teachers play in shaping the future and empowering our children. We celebrate and support them, providing professional development opportunities, resources, and a collaborative community that fosters growth and excellence with the help of our 'Professional Development Institute'.

## Educator Retreat

We started this New Year with an Educator Retreat hosted by the **Ekya PDI Team**. Teachers got together to reflect, celebrate and have fun. A range of activities and games were organised and our teachers also got to showcase their talent with Open Mic. We hosted a training session for our Coordinators with a focus on **Evidence-based Teacher Growth**.



## Academic Orientation

The '**Professional Development Institute**' team of Ekya Schools is tasked with supporting our educators through the year. This year, as always, we conducted a two week long beginning of the Year - Academic Orientation.

Educators across grades and learning areas underwent rigorous training covering curriculum, instruction, culture, and more, to be prepared for delivering excellent learning in their classrooms.

## Professional Development Sessions

This year, the Professional Development Institute (PDI) at Ekya conducted a variety of sessions tailored to meet the needs of educators, campus and academic coordinators, and other teams across campuses. These sessions focused on enhancing leadership skills, evidence-based teaching practices, and collaborative strategies. Campus and academic coordinators participated in specialised training to strengthen their roles in supporting teachers and driving academic excellence. Additionally, teams across different campuses engaged in workshops on curriculum planning, classroom management, and integrating technology into teaching. These sessions ensured continuous professional growth and alignment with Ekya's commitment to delivering high-quality education.







## LOOKING AHEAD TO A WORLD BEYOND BOUNDARIES

As we wrap up another incredible year at Ekya Schools, we reflect on the achievements, growth, and connections that have defined 2024. From academic milestones to creative explorations and community initiatives, we have continually strived to inspire our students and educators to transcend limits and embrace a world beyond boundaries. With unwavering dedication, we will continue to foster holistic education, innovation, and mindful living as we step into the new year, ready to create more meaningful experiences and a brighter future together.

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