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# Newsletter

## Events in March



### Primary Section

**3rd - 7th March, Monday – Friday** - Author Week for Primary Section

**8th March, Saturday** - PTM for Grade Pre- Nursery

**12th March, Wednesday** - Primary Section Spring Assembly

**13th March-18th March, Thursday –Tuesday** - Spring Break

**19th March, Wednesday** - School reopens after Spring Break

**22nd March, Saturday** - PTM Grades Nursery and Upper Nursery



# Newsletter

## Events in March



### Junior Section

**8th March, Saturday** - PTM Grades 2 and 5

**12th March, Wednesday** - Junior Spring Assembly, Junior Choir and Grade 3

**13th March-18th March, Thursday –Tuesday** - Spring Break

**22nd March, Saturday** - PTM Grade 3

**25th March, Tuesday** - Junior School Basketball Teams friendly Match for Boys

**27th March, Thursday** - Vernacular Language event Grades 1 - 3

**28th March, Thursday** - Vernacular Language event Grades 4 - 5

**27th March, Thursday** - Junior School Basketball Teams friendly Match for Girls

**29th March, Saturday** - PTM Grades 1 and 4

**30th March, Sunday** - Id Ul Fitr Holiday



# Class Excursion

CIS organizes educational field trips to enrich learning beyond the classroom, and this year, the students had the wonderful opportunity to observe and learn about various animals in a zoo setting.

On 31st January 2025, students of the Primary Section set out on an engaging learning journey to Harinalaya Mini Zoo.

The adventure began with a cheerful bus ride, setting the tone for a day of discovery. Throughout the visit, students eagerly discussed the unique characteristics and features of each animal comparing their sizes, colours and behaviours. The learners discovered more about the striped zebra, tall giraffe, colourful birds, playful monkeys, spotted deer, alligators and a hippopotamus. Along the way, they compared similarities and differences, deepening their understanding of the animal kingdom and their habitats.

Amidst the lush greenery, the students enjoyed in open spaces, playing freely and soaking in the natural beauty around them. Sharing their favourite snacks added to the joy, making the day even more special. The visit was a truly enriching and memorable learning experience for our young explorers

## Pre Nursery A and B



## Nursery A and B



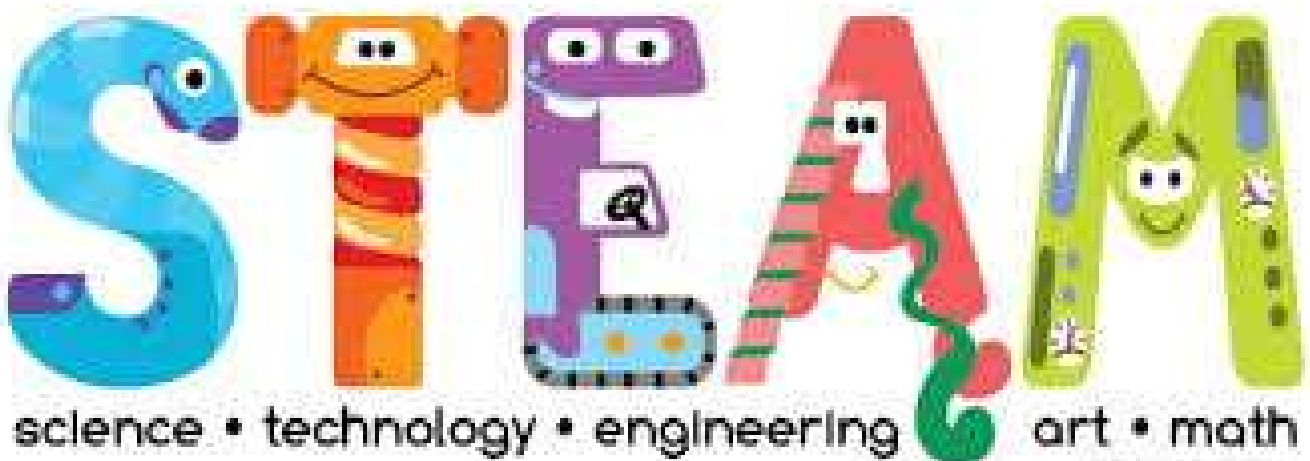
## Upper Nursery A and B



# STEAM Week

“STEAM is not just about subjects, it’s about sparking curiosity and creativity to solve real-world problems.” We celebrated STEAM week in the Primary Section from the 10th to 14th February within our classrooms.

Students were introduced to STEAM and how Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics intertwine in meaningful ways. They learned that each subject plays a vital role in the hands-on projects they would be exploring throughout the week.



## Pre Nursery Explored Shapes through STEAM

STEAM week was an exciting learning journey for the students of Grade Pre Nursery as they explored shapes through hand-on activities. They created various shapes using ice-cream sticks and play dough, developing their creativity and fine motor skills. Building bridges with blocks introduced basic engineering concepts, demonstrating how columns provide strength and support.

Additionally, these interactive experiences encouraged problem-solving, logical thinking, and a deeper understanding of abstract concepts in a fun and engaging way.

We were also delighted to have parent visitors for Grade Pre Nursery A– Mrs. Dhaundiya, Mrs. Roy, Mrs. Das and Mrs Mall who shared valuable insights on the topic, making experience even more enriching and for Grade Pre Nursery B - Mrs. Patwari, Mrs. Rathi, Mrs. Saha, and Mrs. Jain—who enriched the discussion with their perspectives and knowledge, adding depth to the learning experience. The session was filled with joy and excitement, igniting curiosity and fostering meaningful learning.

# Pre Nursery A and B





## **Nursery Explored Time through STEAM**

The students of Grade Nursery A thoroughly enjoyed STEAM Week, engaging in fun and educational activities. They learned about time by becoming the hands of a big clock and crafted their analogue clocks with their teacher's guidance. We were also delighted to have parent visitors during the week—Mrs. Jalan, Mrs. Pasari, Mrs. Singhvi and Mrs. Kothari—who enriched the experience with interactive and enlightening sessions for the students.

As part of the STEAM week, students of Grade Nursery B explored the concept of time across all subjects. They created analog clocks and a human clock through art and craft activities. In the music lesson, they learned songs about time, while PE lessons included mini basketball and hula hooping, timed with a stopwatch.

Mrs Gupta and Mrs Kapoor organized an engaging lesson on the Earth's rotation around the Sun to illustrate the concept of day and night teamed up with a role-play activity and a game using picture cutouts for students to categorize daytime and nighttime activities.

Mrs Somani and Mrs Dhillon conducted an engaging lesson planned on the making of a cardboard Sundial, providing templates to create their own models. To enhance the learners understanding of how shadows are formed, they used a torch to simulate the sun's rays.

To show their appreciation students presented handmade cards to the parents to express their gratitude.

## **Upper Nursery Explored Symmetry through STEAM**

Students of Grade Upper Nursery delved into the fascinating world of symmetry, learning to define it, recognize examples in nature, and create symmetrical designs using everyday materials. Engaging hands-on activities, such as mirror reflections, helped deepen their understanding of the concept. The learners also designed and built symmetrical structure, created symmetrical artwork and identified symmetrical shapes and patterns using mathematical concepts.

These activities provided a well-rounded understanding of symmetry and its applications, fostering a genuine appreciation for the concept.

Adding to the excitement, parent visitors introduced students to simple yet engaging STEAM-based projects, enriching their learning experience.

Mrs. Seksaria and Mrs. Kankaria conducted a session in Grade Upper Nursery A on symmetry in architecture implementing the element of engineering. Students' work was combined to create a city with different symmetrical buildings and structures.

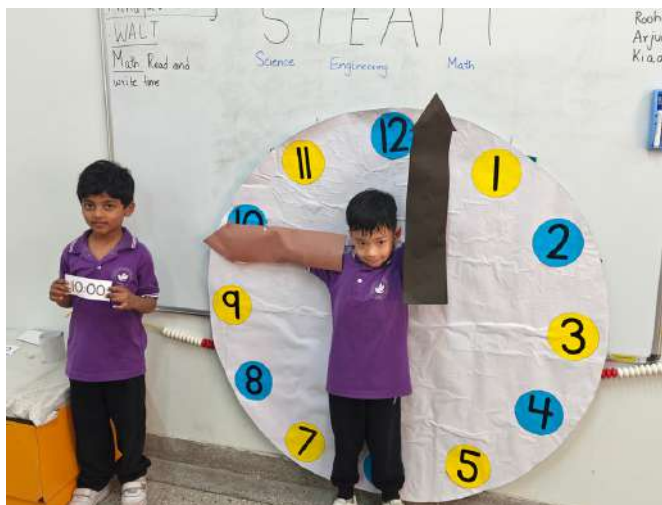
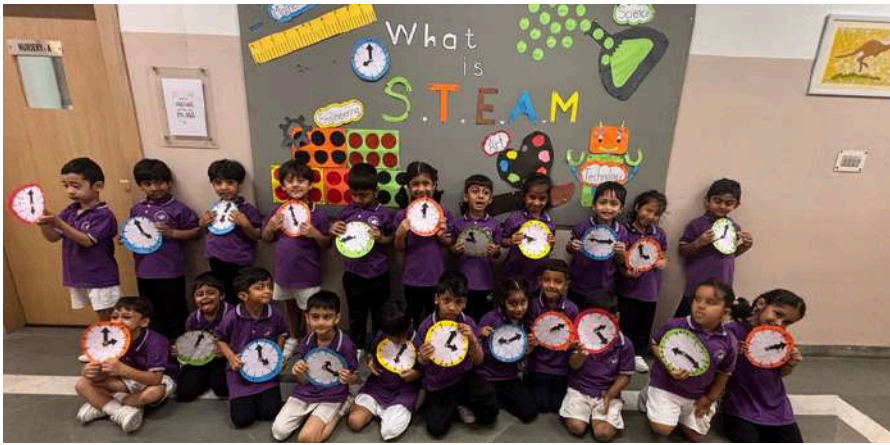
Mrs. Jain and Mrs. Kothari led a session on symmetry in nature with Art. Students made paper origami sunflowers, keeping symmetry in mind.

Mrs. Bansal and Mrs. Agrawal guided students of Grade Upper Nursery B in a Symmetrical Valentine's Day craft, where they practiced simple origami and wrote heartfelt messages inside handmade cards.

Mrs. Jeloka and Mrs. Jalan brought joy to the classroom with a paper plane origami activity. The young learners were thrilled to design and launch their own aeroplanes.

STEAM Week was a wonderful opportunity for students to engage in interdisciplinary learning, develop critical thinking skills, and most importantly, have fun while exploring the wonders of STEAM.

# Nursery A and B



# Upper Nursery A and B



# Abhivyakti

“Every effort counts, and every step forward is a win” it is well said as the young learners from the Primary and Junior Section of Calcutta International School enthusiastically took part in the Inter-School Fest, ‘Abhivyakti’, hosted by DPS Ruby Park on 15th February 2025.

The event showcased remarkable performances and outstanding displays of talent. Aaryan Jain, Divisha Manot, Inaaya Bagchi, Aarzu Bhutoria, Ishanjit Dawn, and Atharv Gupta of Grade 1 captivated the audience with their energetic dance performance on ‘Western Waves’, using smileys, hats and wave ribbon wands as props securing the 3rd position.

In the event ‘Twisted Tale’, Veer Agarwal and Atharv Tulsyan from Grade Upper Nursery impressed everyone by creatively narrating the classic story of ‘The Enormous Turnip’ with a twist, earning 2nd position.

Meanwhile, Kabir Goenka (Grade Pre-Nursery) and Aaryav Tantia (Grade Nursery) brought their imagination to life by designing a magical garden for the off-stage event ‘The Enchanted Garden.’ Adding to the charm of the fest, Saiisha Agarwal (Grade Pre-Nursery) and Vaani Jalan (Grade Nursery) delivered an adorable recitation of ‘Medley’ with delightful props for the event ‘Rhyme Roulette.’

Beyond the competitions, students had a fantastic time engaging in fun activities like tattoo-making and face-creating games. The event was a truly enriching and memorable experience for all who had participated.

In a special assembly held in school on February 24th, Mrs. Nayar felicitated the participants and winners. The students showcased their performances during the assembly and received praise from Mrs. Nayar, Mrs. Choudhary (Junior Section Head), Mrs. Majumder (Primary Section Head), Mrs. Mazumder (Science Coordinator) and Ms Sharmin Hussain (Fest Coordinator) as well as the teachers and students of the Primary Section.





# Hindi Diwas

The Literary Meet, organized by the Ramgopal Sohini Devi Nagori Charitable Trust, reaffirmed its dedication to promoting Hindi language and literature through an Elocution Competition held on Sunday, 5th January 2025. The event aimed to cultivate a love for Hindi among young learners while enhancing their public speaking skills.

Four talented students from the Junior Section proudly represented the school: Atharv Gupta (Grade 1), Arohi Kedia (Grade 2), Ananya Kundalia (Grade 3), and Aryan Newar (Grade 3). The competition provided them with a valuable platform to recite their poems confidently in Hindi and refine their oratory abilities.

To further enrich their experience, the students also had the opportunity to recite their poems and share their reflections with their peers and teachers during a special assembly session. Their dedication and enthusiasm were met with appreciation and encouragement from all.

A special congratulations to Aryan Newar (Grade 3) for securing the second prize in his category, demonstrating remarkable eloquence and confidence. All participants were recognized for their hard work and perseverance with certificates and trophies.

Mrs. Choudhary, who attended the event at Rotary Sadan, expressed immense pride in the students' achievements. Mrs. Nayar applauded their efforts and encouraged more students to participate in similar competitions, emphasizing the importance of developing strong language and public speaking skills.

The event was a true reflection of the school's commitment to fostering a deep appreciation for Hindi language and literature while empowering young learners with essential communication skills.



# Exploring and Sharing

## Class excursions come to life!!

After an exciting series of class excursions enjoyed by students of Grades 1 to 5, the experiences were brought back to school and showcased in class assemblies throughout February. Each class enthusiastically shared their learnings, memorable moments, and favourite experiences, inspiring their peers to explore these destinations as well. The assemblies not only celebrated adventure and discovery but also encouraged students to appreciate the educational value of real-world experiences. These presentations fostered curiosity, reflection, and a sense of community, making learning beyond the classroom both meaningful and fun!

### Grade 1



### Grade 2



## Grade 3



## Grade 4



## Grade 5





# Interschool Cricket Tournament

On 28th and 29th January 2025, the CIS campus buzzed with energy as it hosted its 2nd Interschool Cricket Tournament. This league-cum-knockout event brought together junior school teams from three prominent city schools, featuring talented young cricketers from Grades 3 to 5.

The tournament followed a 10-over format, ensuring fast-paced, action-packed matches. The league stage witnessed intense competition, with each team giving their all to secure a spot in the finals.

In a thrilling final league match, CIS faced BDMI School in a hard-fought contest. Both teams showcased exceptional skill, teamwork, and determination, but BDMI emerged victorious, clinching the championship title.

Beyond the competition, the tournament served as a platform to nurture a love for the sport among young players. Kabir Arjun Suri (Grade 5, CIS), who emphasized the importance of teamwork, was awarded the “Man of the Match” title for his outstanding performance.

Congratulations to all the participants for their sportsmanship and dedication!





# Eloquentia

## A Celebration of Literary Brilliance and Collaboration!

Calcutta International School proudly hosted Eloquentia, an inter-school literary fest that redefined student competitions by fostering collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking. Held on January 31, 2025, under the leadership of Ms. Tanbir Datta, English Coordinator of the Junior School, the event welcomed enthusiastic participants from Modern High School for Girls, South Point School, Birla High School (Mukundapur), Indus Valley World School, and CIS.

Unlike traditional fests that focus on fierce competition, Eloquentia provided a platform where students could express themselves through teamwork, oral skills, and creative storytelling in a friendly environment. The fest featured three engaging events:

- Skit Savvy in which students collaborated in groups to script and enact original skits. The winner was Team 5, followed by Team 2 and Team 3.
- Verse Ventures – Budding poets crafted poetry on selected themes. The winner was Birla High School (Mukundapur), with Modern High School for Girls and CIS securing second and third positions.
- Cover Story – Teams designed book covers and bookmarks, blending artistic and literary creativity. The winner was Team 1, followed by Team 3 and Team 5.

The event was judged by an esteemed panel, including Ms. Amita Prasad, Ms. Baisali Chatterjee Dutt, Mr. Kaushik Bose, Ms. Ayesha Begum, and Mrs. Preeti Roychoudhury. Their valuable feedback encouraged students to refine their skills further.

The warm and welcoming atmosphere at CIS left a lasting impression on the participants, who shared that they learnt “new vocabulary”, “made new friends” and “found the teachers kind and supportive”. Many expressed that the CIS students were “friendly”, making them “feel at home”.

Each participant received a certificate of participation, while winners were awarded certificates of recognition and medals. As the eventful day concluded, participants eagerly anticipated the next edition of this literary extravaganza!





Setting the  
Stage  
...welcome and registration



# Judges and Emcee



# Event : Cover Story



# Event : Skit Savvy



# Event : Verse Ventures





# Unleashing Creativity

## CIS Creative Writing Contest

The Junior School English Department celebrated the power of words by organizing a Creative Writing Contest in February. Open to students from Grades 1 to 5, the competition provided a platform for young writers to express their thoughts, creativity, and imagination through a variety of engaging topics.

Students showcased exceptional writing skills, originality, and clarity of thought, making it a truly inspiring event. The winners were recognized for their outstanding efforts and awarded certificates of achievement.

Congratulations to all our budding writers! Keep exploring the magic of words and storytelling





# Echoes of Expression

## a parent-student theatre collaboration

On the 20th and 21st of February, Calcutta International School witnessed a heartwarming and exciting parent-student collaboration through drama-based activities across different grades. The initiative aimed to strengthen the bond between students and their parents/grandparents while fostering creativity, teamwork, and leadership. Each grade level worked on a unique theme that encouraged students to take the lead, guiding their parents in the creative process.

### GRADE 1 - SPELLBOUND TOGETHER



The youngest participants embarked on an enchanting journey as they teamed up with their parents to create magical adventure skits.

Each group of eight members—four students and four parents—developed a storyline filled with wonder, mystery, and excitement.



Dressed as adventurers, they worked with simple yet imaginative props, including hats, scarves, umbrellas, and magical items, to enhance their performances.

The event was a delightful showcase of young imaginations soaring high, with students confidently guiding their parents through the realms of fantasy.

## GRADE 2 - FASHION FORWARD

Creativity and sustainability took center stage in Grade 2, where students and parents collaborated to design unique outfits using recycled materials. With teams consisting of three students and three parents, participants arrived dressed in black, carrying accessories and old clothing items to upcycle into innovative designs. Scraps of cloth, ribbons, buttons, lace, and even old CDs transformed into stunning fashion pieces. This activity not only encouraged artistic expression but also instilled the importance of sustainable fashion and mindful resource utilization.



## GRADE 3 - THE HAPPINESS CHRONICLES

Grade 3 students and their parents explored the theme of happiness through engaging and vibrant skits. Each group of eight participants—four students and four parents—came dressed in their favorite "happy" colours like yellow, orange, pink, or green. Props such as flowers, toys, and books added warmth and liveliness to their performances. The young leaders took charge in weaving beautiful narratives that emphasized joy, kindness, and the little moments that make life special.



## GRADE 4 - THE FRIENDSHIP QUEST

The Grade 4 drama activity highlighted the theme of friendship with a multilingual twist. Teams of six participants (three students and three parents) worked together to create skits incorporating Hindi or Bengali, one foreign language (French or Spanish), and English. This engaging approach not only strengthened the bond between parents and students but also encouraged a deeper appreciation of cultural diversity and language learning. Through creative storytelling, the students showcased how friendship transcends barriers and helps overcome challenges.



## GRADE 5 - THEN AND NOW

History came alive in Grade 5 as students and parents collaborated to enact scenes from historical periods such as the Gupta Empire, Ashoka's Reign, and the Delhi Sultanate. The groups creatively drew comparisons between past and present, highlighting how historical advancements continue to shape modern society. From the Gurukul system of education to Ashoka's moral governance and the architectural marvels of the Delhi Sultanate, the performances were a testament to the rich legacy of history and its relevance today.

Over the two-day event, the school was filled with laughter, learning, and meaningful interactions. The collaboration allowed parents and students to step away from their busy schedules and engage in a shared creative experience. Watching the students take charge and guide their parents in storytelling, costume-making, and performance planning was truly inspiring. The event reinforced the importance of quality time and meaningful engagement between families, leaving everyone with cherished memories and a renewed appreciation for learning through drama and teamwork.



# Interhouse Throwball and Cricket Tournament

February was a month of thrilling competition and team spirit at CIS as students participated in the Inter-House Throwball and Cricket Tournaments. These events not only showcased athletic talent but also encouraged teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship among students.

In the Throwball Tournament, the matches were filled with energy and determination. In the Throwball Girls category, Red House emerged as the champions, while Yellow House secured the runner-up position. In the Throwball Boys category, Green House emerged victorious with Yellow House in the runner-up position.

The Cricket Tournament (Boys) witnessed intense matches, with Red House once again claiming victory, and Green House finishing as runners-up.

Congratulations to all the players for their dedication and enthusiasm! These tournaments reinforced the importance of healthy competition, teamwork, and resilience, making sports an integral part of the CIS experience.





# CIS Shines at iNAVMO & iMMO 2024-25

The prestigious 10th Annual International Abacus and Vedic Maths Olympiad (iNAVMO) and International Mental Maths Olympiad (iMMO) 2024-25, organized by Mind Power Education LLP, concluded with a grand celebration on 4th February 2025, recognizing young mathematical talents worldwide.

We are thrilled to announce that 23 students from Grades 1-5 secured the National Champions Trophy. Many students participated in both the Alpha and Gamma categories, earning medals and trophies at multiple levels.

A special congratulations to Aryan Newar and Ayaan Kasera, who achieved outstanding success by securing 2nd and 3rd place nationally, winning the Champion's Champion Trophy for their exceptional performance.

These Olympiads, open to students from KG to Grade 12, focus on enhancing speed and accuracy in mathematics. The ranking system evaluates both time and accuracy, comparing students' scores with national toppers.

The event unfolded in three stages:

- ◆ First Round – Online (before 20th November 2024)
- ◆ Semi-Final – Online via Zoom (November/December 2024)
- ◆ Final Round – Online via Zoom (December 2024)

With over 2,000 participants from schools and learning centers across India, the competition was intense. Based on our students' stellar performance, Calcutta International School was honored with the prestigious Best School Award and secured 7th Rank at National Level.

Mrs Antara Banerjee was awarded the Best Coordinator Award 2024-25.

Congratulations to all our winners! Your hard work and dedication continue to make us proud.



# SOF IGKO – GK Olympiad Results!

We are thrilled to announce the results of the SOF International General Knowledge Olympiad (IGKO)! A total of 62 students from Classes I–V participated in this prestigious competition, demonstrating their knowledge, curiosity, and enthusiasm.

We are especially proud to celebrate the achievements of 15 students who have been recognized with awards for their outstanding performance.

Congratulations to all participants and winners for their dedication and hard work!

ANAAYA PATODIA

I B

ISHANJIT DAWN

I A

DIYA SINGHVI

II A

AISHA BANSAL

II B

HRIDAAN GAURAV VORA

II A

ANAY CHURIWAL

II B

DEETYAA JALAN

II B

SAMARTH SANYAL

III A

KAVEER AGARWAL

III B

ABIGAIL SHUHAN CHUNG

IV B

AARAV AGARWAL

IV A

ANAYA SHREE MOHTA

IV A

AARYAV GUJRAL

IV B

SAMAITA PRAHARAJ

V A



# Celebrating Excellence

## ECA Star of the month - February 2025

The second round of the "ECA Star of the Month" initiative was held on 4th February 2025 in the Junior School, recognizing students for their dedication, improvement, and hard work in extracurricular activities (ECA). This initiative has become an integral part of fostering a positive and encouraging environment, allowing young learners to thrive beyond academics.

Designed to motivate and inspire, the program highlights students' progress and commitment to their chosen activities. The selection process was carefully structured to ensure fairness and inclusivity, evaluating students on a range of criteria that reflect their overall growth and engagement.

Key factors considered included: Class size, Discipline and behaviour, Completion and quality of homework, Peer interactions and Understanding and participation in the activity

By taking a holistic approach to assessment, the initiative ensures that each recognition is well-earned and meaningful.

The "ECA Star of the Month" continues to inspire students to excel, reinforcing the Junior School's commitment to nurturing talent and ensuring that every child feels valued, encouraged, and empowered to reach their full potential.

Congratulations to all our young achievers!

**Football** - Meher Bhatia Mukherjee/ Rishaan Beri

**Chess** - Amay Pasari

**Taekwondo** - Tara Ghai/ Vaanya Fatesaria

**Cricket-**

Promising Batsman - Aarav Agarwal

Promising Bowler - Aaryav Gujral

Promising Fielder - Reyansh Sureka

**Basketball** -

Boys Advance category- Daksh Jain

Girls Advance category- Eira Jhunjhunwala

Boys Beginners- Uraaz Ali Shah

Girls Beginners- Pearla Yonzone

**Table Tennis** - Vaanya Jain Chojar

**Western Dance** -

Arohi Agarwal/Anaya Shree Mohta

**Vocals** - Keivan Desai/ Tamanna Bhutoria

**Robotics** - Asahi Ito/ Taher Rampurawala



# Empowering Change

## national conference on suicide prevention

On 3rd and 4th February 2025, Mrs. Gargi Sinha Mitra, Special Educator at CIS, attended a two-day National Conference on 'Suicide Prevention', organized by Anjali, a leading NGO advocating systemic change in the mental health sector.

The conference featured insights from distinguished experts, including:

- ◆ Dr. Lakshmi Vijaykumar (Psychiatrist/Suicidologist)
- ◆ Dr. Anurudhha Deb (Psychiatrist)
- ◆ Dr. Soumitra Pathare (Psychiatrist)
- ◆ Dr. Anuttama Banerjee (Psychologist)

Key discussions focused on identifying individuals at risk, recognizing warning signs, and utilizing a five-question assessment tool to evaluate suicidal tendencies. Experts highlighted the significance of early intervention, mental health support, and community engagement as crucial suicide prevention strategies.

The conference reinforced the urgent need for awareness, empathy, and proactive measures to create a supportive environment for those struggling with mental health challenges.

At CIS, we remain committed to fostering mental well-being and emotional resilience within our community.



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