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"The human bird shall take his first flight, filling the world with amazement, all writings with his fame, and bringing eternal glory to the nest whence he sprang."

-Leonardo Da Vinci

Dear All,

The light of education, once ignited, illuminates the entire world and spreading the luminous radiance of knowledge, kindness and compassion. It gladdens our hearts to witness the soaring rise of Bal Bharatians, who have not only conquered the sphere of academic excellence and scientific innovation but have also emerged as committed humanitarians, enlivening the spirit of hope and optimism and bringing respite to countless lives.

'The Inspiring Roots' is a compendium of extraordinary feats accomplished by the most integral members of Bal Bharati fraternity – our alumni. The newsletter provides a glimpse into the most pioneering minds who have carved a niche for themselves and continue to be valuable members of our shared community. We believe that their stellar accomplishments and insightful thoughts shall be celebrated and relished by all the stakeholders, associated with this illustrious institution.

Warm Regards

Suruchi Gandhi
(Principal)

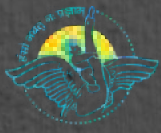
THE INSPIRING ROOTS

An Old Bal Bharatian Association Initiative

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"The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence."

-Denis Waitley



Bal Bharati
PUBLIC SCHOOL
Sector 12, Dwarka

The seeds of this luminous institution were sown with the intention of nurturing the future inheritors of the nation with the spirit of true education and learning. Our children have been groomed with the soil of passion, dedication, commitment and perseverance. The true success of an endeavour that transforms the heart, mind and soul of a generation takes a tangible shape only after years of labour and toil. Today, as our alumni spearhead the waves of change across the globe through their unique vision and tireless devotion, we can proudly boast to have ignited in them the fire to achieve the impossible and cultivated the skills to turn their audacious dreams into reality.

It is a source of great pride to us that Bal Bharatians have not only attained excellence in their respective professional fields but also continue to uphold and carry forward the distinctive values and principles of the institution, while strengthening the ties of respect and loyalty with their alma mater. Our students have made a prominent mark in the domain of science, law, art, humanities, along with corporate & political leadership, and continue to inspire the contemporaneous batch of learners with their stupendous talent, dexterous skills and indomitable zeal. As mentors, collaborators and valuable members of the institution, our alumni wholeheartedly contribute to school activities and events at various crucial junctures. At Bal Bharati, we have purposefully forged a culture where mutual exchange of ideas, innovation and expertise takes place uninhibited, where present is led by the future and where the youth of the country are given the wings to carve out their glorious destinies.

Suruchi Gandhi
Principal



STAR ALUMNI – ADDING FEATHERS TO THE BAL BHARATIANS' HAT

SANIL JAIN

Batch (2015-16)

Sanil Jain, school alumnus from the 2015-16 batch, emerged as a gold medalist in the Double Dutch Speed event at South Asian Rope Skipping Championship held in Kathmandu, Nepal. He also won the silver medal in the freestyle event, displaying his spectacular athletic prowess. A devoted sportsman, Sanil brought international accolades to the nation and credits his school coach, Mr. Vivek Soni, for inculcating in him a passion for the game and helping him hone his innate skills to scale the heights of success.



DHANANJAY RAMAN

Batch (2020-21)

A child prodigy, Dhananjay Raman has distinguished himself in the field of science, attaining All India Rank 2 in the most prestigious IIT JEE advanced examination. Dhananjay also holds the exclusive distinction of creating history by winning three International Olympiads namely:-

1. International Chemistry Olympiad, Japan
2. International Astronomy Olympiad, Romania
3. International Junior Science Olympiad Botswana.

Hailing from a humble background, Dhananjay Raman has epitomized a rare combination of humility and eclectic intellect.



HARSHEEN KAUR

(Batch 2015-16)

Hasheem is the founder of **Studio Muse**, launched in September 2020. Through the innovative venture, she aims at providing inspiration and motivation to budding artists. She has always boasted of a creative bent of mind and displayed her ingenious instincts in everything she did. Her startup was featured in 'I Own' Magazine, presenting her commendable work in the field of art.



POOJA TAYAL

(Batch 2017-18)

Pooja Tayal is a renowned professional Bharatanatyam dancer. She received the "National Nritya Mani Award" at International Dance and Music Festival during the 10th Cuttack Mahotsav Festival in 2019.

She has had the distinguished honour of performing at the closing ceremony of the International Centre for Information Systems and Audit



NEHA BAMBAH

(Batch 2010-11)

Neha Bambah was awarded the Best Mentor award at **Youth Ideathon**, India's largest Festival of Ideas for Class 6-12 students organized by CBSE, in association with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and ThinkStartup. Its aim was to develop a spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship in school students. An empowered mentor, Neha has been deeply invested in encouraging her juniors to achieve their true potential.





ANSHUL BHARDWAJ
(Batch 2013-14)

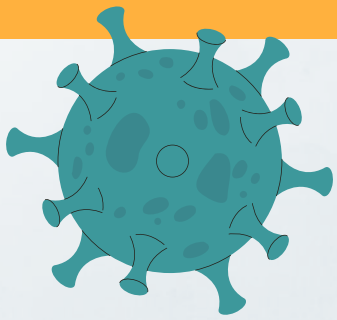
A lawyer, an author and an entrepreneur, Anshul has redefined the idea of success and brought numerous accolades to his alma mater. He is a practicing advocate in the High Court of Delhi and the founder of law firm, **Armitage Legal Associates**. He has written research papers on Data Protection & Privacy Laws like GDPR, LDGP, etc and was awarded the Asia Legal Innovations Award 2020. In April 2020, Anshul published his second book titled, **Rape – A Critical Study in the Current Scenario and Social Transformation**. In April 2021, he was awarded the **Lex Falcon Award 2021** at the Global Hybrid Conference 2021 in Dubai, UAE for his work in Data Protection Laws and International Labour Law



PRIYANSHI MISHRA
(Batch 2019-20)

Priyanshi Mishra volunteered as Alumni Moderator for the Tony Blair Institute's Global Citizenship Education Programme - Generation Global. She assisted the Generation Global team in evaluating the performance of students with diverse backgrounds. She also volunteered for the Alumni Impact Stories Project of Generation Global and got her video featured on their newsletter and other social media handles.





NOBLE ENDEAVOURS SPEARHEADED BY OUR ALUMNI

COVID BBPS, HELPLINE



**CHAITANYA
GAMBHIR**



**MANVEEN
KATHURIA**



**SHREYA
GANDHI**



**DEEPANJALI
BATRA**



**DHRUV
SHARMA**



RAGHAV ARORA



DHIREN DHAWAN



SAKSHI AHUJA



PRANAV BATRA

MESSENGERS OF HOPE

It was three in the morning, an hour yet to go before refilling of oxygen would begin in some parts of Delhi & Gurugram. It was also the time when at other places, oxygen refilling had just been finished. It was also the hour when hopeful families were scrambling all over India to seek hospital beds for their loved ones since with dawn comes a new list of empty beds, the ones left by those that perhaps found a place in the heaven above us. It was also the hour when an empathetic brother, a headstrong sister, a proud father, a resourceful mother and a true friend tried to get their eyes shut for a bit with hopes in their hearts that their prayers would be answered by God. At the same hour, a few thousand strangers unbeknownst to each other, connected by sympathy, humanity and a good internet connection were carrying on with their tedious task of finding hope in the bleakest corner of their lives and updating an excel sheet. Thousands of such excel sheets proved to be the bridge between life and death when all day long, volunteers (both young and old, both women and men, both poor and rich and both illiterates and literates) used it to call multiple vendors engaged in oxygen refilling to the ones providing life saving drugs to the ones operating an ambulance to the ones providing essential supplies.

What everybody lived through in the second wave of COVID-19 can be described only by the saints and sages. It's trauma can only be captured by the poets who are able to catch rain and fire in their words, it's effect on humanity manifested itself when enemies became friends, when bonds of friendship became stronger than ever and when we realized that what and who we are is as simple as what and who we call our family. We belong with our families, we are our families and that we all our part of this one big family - humanity.

Families are of all kinds, we can choose to distance ourselves but sooner or later it catches up with us. We are defined by where we come from and where we come from is exemplified by our actions, inactions, thoughts and expression. One such family that we somehow leave behind is the ones we grew up with, whose lunches we all stole to tease but always ate together, whose smiles and cries made the first and most lasting of impressions on our heart, mind and soul. The ones we saw everyday from the time we were quite young to the ones we said goodbye with teary eyes and long hugs when we were a bit older. The family that met in one uniform each day to stand together, praying to the Lord to bless us, the family we played and pranked with. The family for which we yearn forever once we move on, our mother-like teachers and our fellow friends and us all being called the most notorious of students.

One such noble initiative undertaken by our BBPS Dwarka Family was to create a "Covid-19 HELP" group on whatsapp and other social media platforms, where we all connected in real time to seek and provide all the information available with any of us in real time. 24 hours a day, students both former and present ones resolved and acted upon with only one objective: to make sure that whosoever reaches out for help gets authentic aid at the earliest possible. Students selflessly devoted many crucial weeks seeking oxygen, beds, medicines, ambulances and providing a space for the vulnerable and most affected ones to speak of their plight in a safe space and without any hesitancy; even while they themselves could've been in trauma for the calamity was unprecedented indeed.

"The darker the night, the brighter the stars, The deeper the grief, the closer is God!" In the end, it only came down to the point when a faint smile came to us in the middle of excruciating empathetic sadness that amongst many who needed help, some indeed found help from the group set up by students and teachers of Bal Bharati Public School, Dwarka. It helped many to sleep, knowing their contribution wasn't in vain and accepting that their contribution means much more than they'd ever know, for who is saved by god's will through our mere physical acts must have a need for God to make this World of ours a better place and perhaps a more humane place after all.

VIRTUAL ASSEMBLIES

Theme: Women Empowerment Day Celebration

The school alumni Manveen Kathuria, Ananya Malhotra, Ananya Sundriyal, Avanya Sundriyal, from the academic batch 2015-16, enchanted the audience with an enthralling dance performance. Through the medium of art, they shed light on the powerful social message of women's empowerment.



Prateeksha Singh from the 2017-18 batch thanked the school teachers for lending their unrelenting support and helping her grow into a successful journalist. She has interned with a number of news networks and is currently working with Republic TV India.



Theme: How to overcome stage fear

Deergha Sachdeva and Nandini Sahai, from the batch 2019-20, shared their journey on gaining confidence and honing their talent through participation in school events such as Dhoom. They elaborated how lucrative opportunities and platforms, offered by the school, aided their personal growth and helped them discover their hidden potential.





Pooja Tayal from the batch 2019-20 presented a beautiful Bharatnatyam dance performance, inspiring students to overcome their fears and nurture their skills to achieve their goals.



Shubham Mody, from the batch 2018-19, presented a melodious musical performance and gained enthusiastic appreciation from the audience.



Shubhangana Viswanathan from the batch 2012-13 gave a scintillating Bharatnatyam performance during the special assembly on the topic 'Self Discipline'. Her gracious movements and elegant gestures were testament to the rigorous practice and regular regimen needed to perfect a skill or an art. The stupendous dance presentation taught learners the importance of discipline and earned unanimous applause by the student and teacher fraternity alike.



ANNUAL FAREWELL: THROUGH THE CORRIDORS OF PRECIOUS MEMORIES





As we bid adieu to each cohort of Bal Bharatians at the end of an academic session, we often ponder what the future holds for our young adventurers off to seek out their individual destinies. Over the years, our students have left us stupefied with the vigour and dynamism through which they have built a wondrous life for themselves. Interacting and collaborating with our alumni for academic as well as cultural initiatives is a truly rewarding experience, with many of them voluntarily bringing their unique expertise and stories to the table and providing meaningful guidance to their juniors. We consider ourselves fortunate to have witnessed the extraordinary growth our learners have undergone, which is not only reflective of the teachings and morals inculcated in them but also of their allegiance and deference to their teachers and the school at large. Our alumni carry the mantle of representing their alma mater across the globe and they do so with panache.

**Bhawna Katyal
(PGT Commerce)**

“Not all soldiers carry guns to save their country, some carry stethoscope.” Right now, our healthcare workers are on the frontlines of battling the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) that’s spreading rapidly throughout our city, state and nation. They are putting themselves in the path of this virus in this unprecedented crisis. Our doctors, nurses, technicians, transporters, EMTs, pharmacists and everyone who supports patient care are rising to the occasion and caring for our most vulnerable populations. This edition of INSPIRING ROOTS focuses on the contribution given by our alumni in such situations. Thank you from everyone at Old Bal Bharatian Association to our warriors, for the sacrifices you make every day and especially during this pandemic. Your dedication, commitment and courage deserve our deepest gratitude and admiration. Your service to patients is saving countless lives, making a tangible difference in the world.

**Neha Bambah
(Batch of 2011)
(President of Old Bal Bharatian Association)**

