



### **From the Principal's Desk**

November 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Helping students realize their true potential is the cornerstone of our work as parents and educators. Teaching and learning is a home and classroom team effort. In the subsequent pages you will read how the school is taking diligent steps to ensure that meaningful learning is happening in the classroom and in the school environs. As partners in this journey we hope these endeavours are reinforced at home.

Children's Day was celebrated with gaiety and fervour on 14<sup>th</sup> November to mark the birth anniversary of Pundit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India and to celebrate his efforts to campaign for the rights and education of children.

PYP teachers let their students know that they are treasured and cherished by organizing a special lunch and an extravaganza filled with music, dance and some fun filled activities. Students were elated to see their teachers on the stage performing and celebrating the day with zeal and enthusiasm.

Celebration in the MYP and DP blocks started with a film screening in respective classrooms. This came as a pleasant surprise to the students and they enjoyed the entertaining animation. Each class celebrated the event with extreme gusto indulging in class parties.

Post lunch the school campus pulsed with a mood of celebration with a reverberating dance show put up by teachers of DP & MYP for their beloved students. The dance performance ended with students taking part along with their teachers as a mark of celebrating childhood on this special occasion.



### **PYP:**

Grade 3 has been inquiring into the central idea - 'Plants are a life sustaining resource for all living things' under the Transdisciplinary theme, 'Sharing the planet'. We thank Mr. Gaurav Malhotra who is an environmental engineer, for taking time off his busy schedule to speak to our students regarding the importance of using environmentally friendly resources, and shared ways in which we can conserve our natural resources. It was an enriching experience for the students and they made deeper connections with the central idea.

The PYP 3 Way Conference was held on 17<sup>th</sup> November where parents engaged in a discussion with the teachers and students regarding his/her progress and goals for the next term. Parents had the opportunity to view their child's learning journey through the displayed work pieces in the portfolio. The feedback from the parents was positive and appreciative of the hard work put in by the students and teachers. We also thank parents who made time to give us feedback regarding the PYP Standards and Practices. This will further help us in the self-study process in preparation for the PYP evaluation to be held in March 2019.

**ACER IBT:** ACER International Benchmark Test (IBT) in Science and Reasoning was conducted for students of Grades 3 to 8 on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November. IBT is a standardized test to evaluate the achievement of students on a global scale and provides a detailed report on specific skills that students should strengthen in the subject tested.

**MYP:**

On 17<sup>th</sup> November, teachers attended a workshop on collecting daily feedback using a tool called Plickers. This would be used to obtain feedback on learning and address misconceptions in a prompt manner with the view of strengthening learning. In order to gauge the robustness of the tool, identify glitches and streamline the process of feedback and learning, this mode of collecting feedback has been implemented in all grades with immediate effect.

At Indus International School Bangalore, we take pride in providing quality education and a safe environment for all students. The academic, physical, social and emotional wellbeing of our students will always remain our number one priority. Students of Grade 6 and 7 attended a workshop conducted by Cadabams on 26<sup>th</sup> November, with a view to strengthening their emotional well-being in the light of the VUCA world they live in.

We also had students attend substance abuse workshops to increase their awareness about the dire impact of drugs on their physical and mental abilities. Cadabams are pioneers in the field of psychiatric and behavioral counselling. The doctor from Cadabams De-addiction Centre spoke at length about the side effects including lower IQ levels, poor concentration and memory which leads to lower academic performance. He also spelt out the lifelong risks that some of these drugs bring about like schizophrenia, lung disease and cancer.

In addition, auditions for Senior School Indus Day have commenced and all students are encouraged to appear for auditions. The schedule for auditions have been communicated during morning assembly by the Coordinators.

The Grade 9 students of Indus International School participated in the Greenwood High School fest, IGNITE. It was held on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October. Indus International School won first place for both the theatre events. Aman Sharma, Shriya C and Madhav Prakash participated in the 15 minute play. Sahith Daglur won the first place in the monologue category. Anaaya Dalal bagged first place for Ad Lib and Navya Agarwal finished at the third place for Visual Art. Krithik Dinakaran and Rishab Sharma participated in the Hackathon.

## **IGCSE:**

IGCSE classes commenced in full swing after Diwali Break. The month of November was focused on academics with teachers completing the syllabus for half yearly exams. Emphasis on coursework completion for vocational subjects was also given priority as per the deadlines shared with parents.

Mr. Hector Leon, Director-Placements and Career guidance conducted career counselling and guidance sessions on 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November with Grade 10 students to give clarity on the expectations from universities across different regions and how students should commence planning for the same. Various effective strategies and important facts were laid out to students on how to build their resume and the benefits of utilizing their summer vacation in programmes and activities that will enhance their resumes.

To enhance the emotional well-being of each and every child, Grade 10 students attended the series of workshops conducted by Cadabams. The first session on peer relationships was conducted on 13<sup>th</sup> November where students were advocated on the significance of healthy peer relationships and ways to build these organically.

Grade 10 half yearly exams commenced on 29<sup>th</sup> November. The half yearly exams will see students giving exams for all paper components in each subject. All question papers have been prepared absolutely in line with IGCSE guidelines to expose students to the expectations in each paper component.

Trisha Harithsa of Grade 10 performed solo in a concert at Alliance Francais, Hyderabad where she got the opportunity to study under three musical maestros- Rebecca Raimondi, Urska Horvat and Alessandro Viale from Italy and Slovenia. Participants came from different parts of India and some parts of Europe and Trisha represented Karnataka in this prestigious event. Congratulations!



### **DP:**

After they returned from the Diwali break, Grade 12 students were grouped as per their choice of essay topic and spent five days writing the Theory of Knowledge (TOK) essay. Most of them came up with the final draft and are in the process of wrapping up their TOK essays. Some students met the second college deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> November and 30<sup>th</sup> November and are busy writing the college essays. English IOCs are around the corner and the end of the month saw students preparing for the same by giving IOCs. Second CAS interviews are also in progress for Grade 12 students.

The Grade 11 students have now settled in IB and are getting used to the demands and rigour of the IB Curriculum. As they are completing their home assignments and research work, they are also gearing up for the half yearly examination. Most of them are working hard and the results will be only too evident in the half yearly examinations.

### **CAS:**

The students of the four houses have been actively pursuing organic farming and they have started the process for vermicomposting. A few vegetables have also been harvested.

The Orion house students have been working on a one on one basis with the Ammas to ensure progress in the Communicative English Course classes. Students working on the Indus International Community School (IICS) Magazine have initiated collection of articles from the students of IICS. Students have edited articles that they have received and conducted a second workshop at IICS on 30<sup>th</sup> November to assist the students in creating content for the magazine. Our students will showcase the various ways the concept of Tikun Olam can be interpreted in various forms of art.

The Pegasus house students have been overseeing the vocational training in tailoring which has been introduced as a part of the women's empowerment projects. The beautician course for the under-privileged women in the community is another project for which regular classes are poised to start.

Working towards their house vision task which includes the womens' empowerment project of producing low cost sanitary napkins, the Phoenix house students have been trying to improve the sanitary napkin quality produced. They are trying to use natural alternatives like banana fiber which they hope will improve the quality.

The Hercules house students continued with their project to make useful products out of recycled paper. They exercised their creativity and entrepreneurial skills by selling them during school events.

### **Placements:**

Whilst working with senior students to make sure that their UC application and CSU applications are ready to submit, the Placements department hosted several university visits in November, and continue to prepare for December visits. The universities who visited include: O.P. Jindal Global University, Trinity College Dublin, University of South Wales, Universidad de Navarra, Bard College and The London School of Economics and Political Science to name a few. They continue to work on evaluating applications and getting the students ready both logistically and emotionally for the colleges and universities of their choice.

### **Sports:**

Indus hosted the IBSO Nationals from 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November. We had ten International schools compete in Under 14, Under 17 and Under 19 categories in Tennis and Badminton. This event provided students from different schools an opportunity to showcase their potential and enjoy healthy competition and sportsman spirit. Apart from hosting a well-organised event, we are proud to announce that Indus Bangalore won all the awards in all the categories. This is a huge achievement for the school which gives us national recognition. The results are attached in Appendix 1.

This event also served as a selection platform for IBSO Badminton (Under 14 Boys and Girls) and Tennis (Under 17 and Under 19 Boys and Girls). The team formed will participate in the 64<sup>th</sup> National School Games which will be conducted as per the calendar of School Games Federation of India (SGFI).

We are happy to announce that Avni Bansal of Grade 8 got silver medal in 100m and 200m in the 1st IBSO National Athletics meet organised by MIT, Pune from 24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November. She participated in the Under 17 girls category and brought laurels to the school by getting medals in two events. She will now represent International Board Schools Organisation (IBSO) in the 64<sup>th</sup> National School Games 2018-19 organised by Sports Games Federation of India (SGFI) from 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> December at Delhi.



We are proud to inform you that Sathvik Ishaan Sampath of Grade 9 signed up to play for Bosch Basketball Team in Bangalore and played in the Senior Association Cup organized by Karnataka State Basketball Association, which was held at Kanteerva Stadium from 18<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> November.



Snigdha Goswami of Grade 8 performed very well in the Bangalore Junior Golf Tournament held on 19<sup>th</sup> November, at Bangalore Golf Club. She won in Category B Girls (13 to 15 years) and came runners up in Category A Girls (below 18 years).

### Eagle Cup:

We at Indus International School believe in creating leaders of tomorrow and one of the ways through which we seek to achieve this is through the pursuit of excellence in sports. The **“Eagle Cup 2018”** which is an invitational inter-school sports fest held on 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> of October 2018, was a platform to share our school vision and core values with members of the community including students from other schools. This two-day event provided students from different schools an opportunity to showcase their potential and enjoy healthy competition and sportsman spirit.

The two-day sports fest saw the participation of over 1500 students from 30 top schools from Bangalore. Students participated in various sports such as Football, Basketball, Cricket, Badminton and Tennis.

This annual inter-school sports fest was entirely student-driven and was led and organized by our very own Grade 12 students under the guidance of teachers with a purpose to develop leadership skills. Also, the sports fest provided a platform for the students to connect with other schools. There were 20 categories on the whole, from six different sporting events. The event was graced by our CEO, Lt. Gen. Arjun Ray and other dignitaries from the school. They felicitated the winners and awarded the ‘best player of the tournament’ trophies. Each team was awarded according to their ranks in their respective sports category. The Eagle Cup Trophy for the year 2018 was awarded to Delhi Public School – East for the second consecutive year.

The results are attached in Appendix 2.



## **Boarding:**

November has gone by in the blink of an eye and the boarding has seen much activity this month. Children's Day was celebrated with great gusto on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November, when singing and dancing was the order of the day.

Our MYP boarders, Justin Ralte & Tarang Vankar from Grade 7, participated in the IBSO - SGFI Badminton tournament hosted by the school. Shivam Udani from Grade 8 and Aryan Gupta from Grade 9 represented IBSO Tennis tournament Under 14 category. We are proud to inform that Justin Ralte got qualified for the badminton SGFI Nationals and Aryan Gupta won the Under 17 & Under 19 tennis tournament and got qualified for the tennis SGFI Nationals.

We also had a baseball match for the Grade 9 boarders and the senior students enjoyed a friendly football match during one of the weekends. The boarders also enjoyed fun and interesting activities in November like the Blind Tie Eating Competition. Apart from intriguing the students, the activity stirred an awareness about nutrition and social etiquette.

Junior boys in the boarding started a gardening project this month. They went to the nearby nursery to pick up a variety of saplings and seeds. They were involved in cleaning of the land assigned to them, sowing seeds and saplings and watering the shoots.

On the day of Chote Eid celebration, students who were observing this festival were taken out for dinner at Big Brewsky. They also offered their morning prayers in the boarding. The month has also seen much focus on the preparation of the upcoming half yearly examinations.

After writing about all that the school has been involved in the last one month the first thing that strikes me is the knowledge gained. The school provides its students myriad opportunities to explore the world around them and change it into something better. It develops in its students a perspective of looking at life. It helps its students build

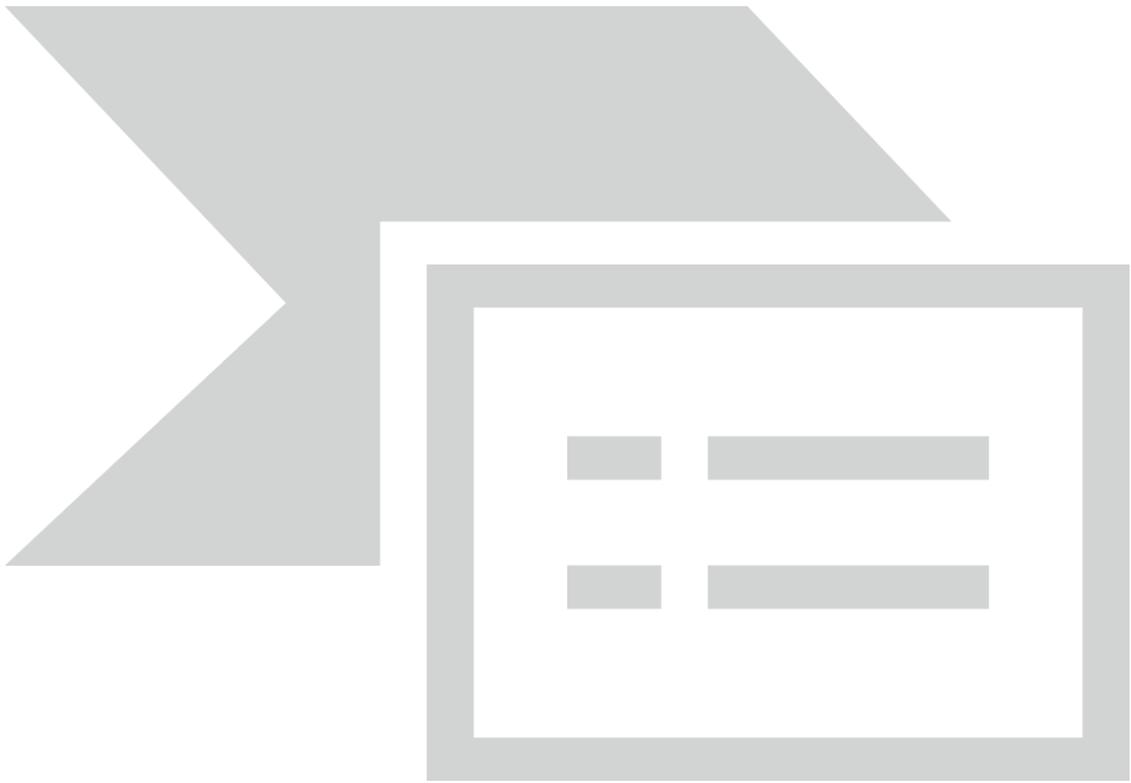
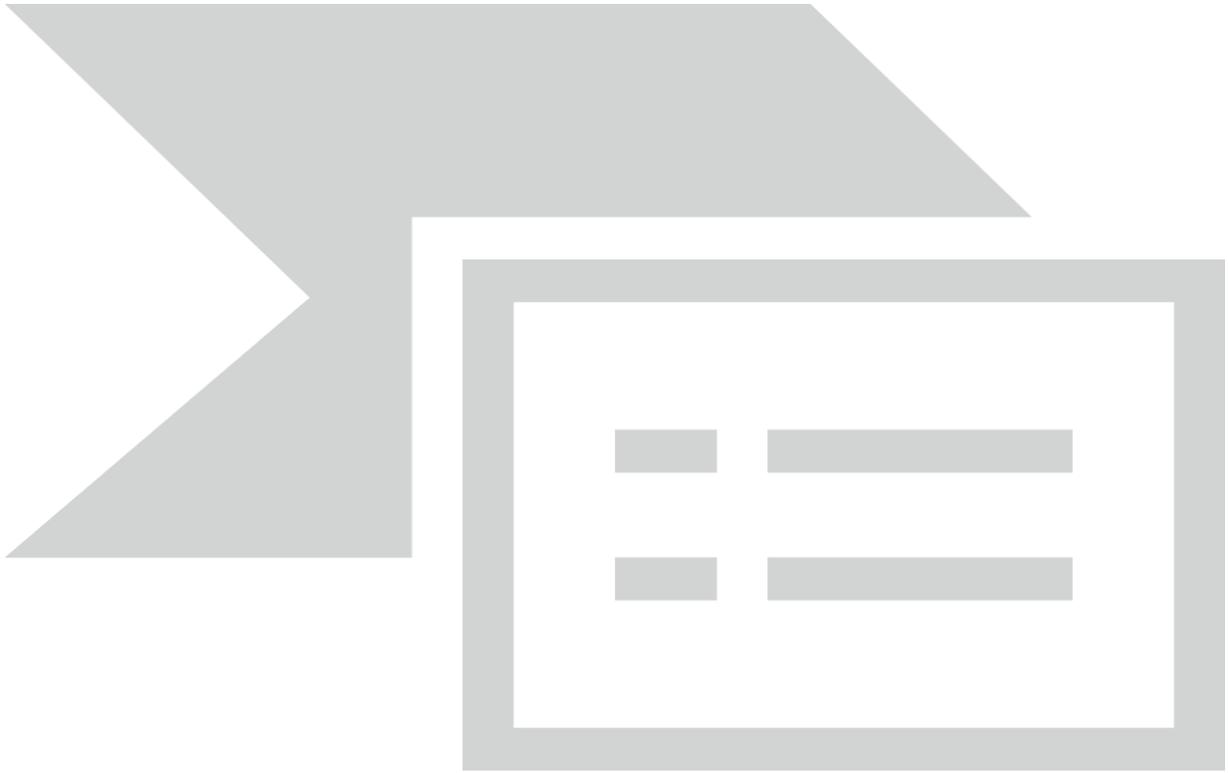
opinions and have points of view on things in life. People debate over the subject of whether education is the only thing that gives knowledge. Some say education is the process of gaining information about the surrounding world while knowledge is something very different. They are right. But then again, information cannot be converted into knowledge without the right kind of education and critical thinking. Indus I believe, in its holistic approach makes students capable of interpreting things, learn from their experiences and know how to apply the knowledge gained in real life scenarios. Hence, as evident, education in Indus is not just about lessons in textbooks. It is also about the lessons of life.

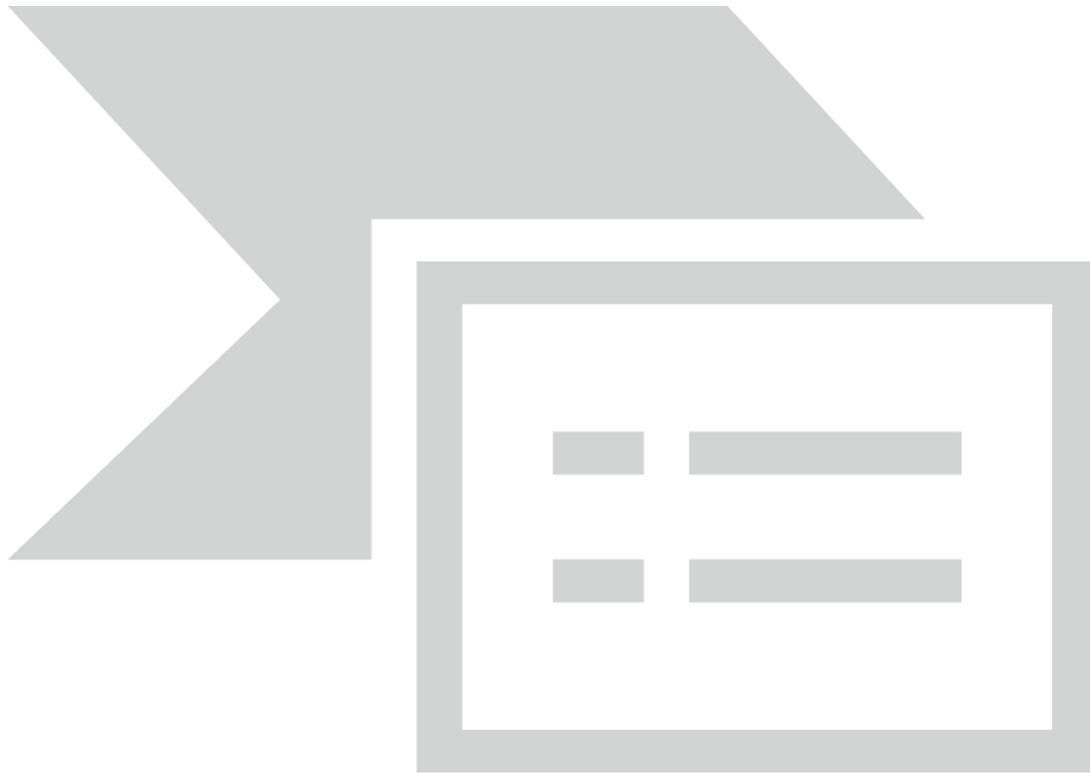
Regards,  
Sarojini Rao  
Principal

<b>Dates For Your Diary: December 2018</b>	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Grade 6-9 &amp; 11 Half-yearly exams commence</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>PYP Indus Day (Reception to Grade 2)</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Working Saturday for teachers; PYP Indus Day (Grade 3 to Grade 5)</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Winter Break commences; Boarders airport drop off</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>Central Leadership Retreat</b>

**Appendix 1: Results of IBSO Nationals (14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November)**







## Appendix 2: Eagle Cup 2018 Results

Game	Category	Name of the school	Position
<b>FOOTBALL</b>	Boys grade 12 & below	Delhi Public School - East	<b>Winner</b>
	Boys grade 12 & below	Indus International School - Pune	<b>Runner Up</b>
	Boys grade 10 & below	Inventure Academy	<b>Winner</b>
	Boys grade 10 & below	Indus International School - Bangalore	<b>Runner Up</b>
	Boys grade 8 & below	Head Start	<b>Winner</b>
	Boys grade 8 & below	Inventure Academy	<b>Runner Up</b>
	Girls Open	Greenwood High School	<b>Winner</b>
	Girls Open	Indus International School - Bangalore	<b>Runner Up</b>
<b>BASKETBALL</b>	Boys grade 12 & below	Delhi Public School - East	<b>Winner</b>
	Boys grade 12 & below	The International School Bangalore	<b>Runner Up</b>
	Boys grade 10 & below	Bishop Cotton Boys School	<b>Winner</b>

	Boys grade 10 & below	The International School Bangalore	<b>Runner Up</b>
	Girls grade 12 & below	The International School Bangalore	<b>Winner</b>
	Girls grade 12 & below	Indus International School - Bangalore	<b>Runner Up</b>
	Girls grade 10 & below	Deccan International School	<b>Winner</b>
	Girls grade 10 & below	Indus International School - Bangalore	<b>Runner Up</b>
<b>CRICKET</b>	Boys grade 12 & below	Ebenezer International School	<b>Winner</b>
	Boys grade 12 & below	Indus International School - Bangalore	<b>Runner Up</b>
	Boys grade 10 & below	Ebenezer International School	<b>Winner</b>
	Boys grade 10 & below	Indus International School - Bangalore	<b>Runner Up</b>
<b>TENNIS</b>	Boys grade 12 & below	Delhi Public School - East	<b>Winner</b>
	Boys grade 12 & below	Bishop Cotton Boys School	<b>Runner Up</b>
	Boys grade 9 & below	Greenwood High School	<b>Winner</b>
	Boys grade 9 & below	Indus International School - Bangalore	<b>Runner Up</b>
	Girls grade 12 & below	Delhi Public School - East	<b>Winner</b>
	Girls grade 12 & below	Gopalan International School	<b>Runner Up</b>
	Girls grade 9 & below	National Centre of Excellence	<b>Winner</b>
	Girls grade 9 & below	Greenwood High School	<b>Runner Up</b>
<b>BADMINTON</b>	Boys grade 12 & below	Treamis World School	<b>Winner</b>
	Boys grade 12 & below	Delhi Public School - East	<b>Runner Up</b>
	Boys grade 9 & below	Delhi Public School - East	<b>Winner</b>
	Boys grade 9 & below	Harvest International School	<b>Runner Up</b>
	Girls grade 12 & below	The International School Bangalore	<b>Winner</b>
	Girls grade 12 & below	Indus International School - Pune	<b>Runner Up</b>
	Girls grade 9 & below	Delhi Public School - East	<b>Winner</b>
	Girls grade 9 & below	The International School Bangalore	<b>Runner Up</b>
<b>Tug of War</b>	Boys Open	Indus International School - Bangalore	<b>Winner</b>
	Boys Open	Greenwood High School	<b>Runner Up</b>
	Girls Open	Indus International School - Bangalore	<b>Winner</b>
	Girls Open	Delhi Public School - East	<b>Runner Up</b>