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Earns Silver Citation for LogiQids 2025–26



Silver Citation for 2025-26 awarded to MIS International School



Ms. Shubhangi Saxena awarding the Silver Citation to Dr. Monika Chhabra

MIS International School, Balewadi conducts LogiQids examination every year for its students. The examination encourages students to develop logical reasoning and analytical thinking skills. It provides a platform for students to challenge themselves through engaging and thought-provoking questions.

MIS International School was recognized with a Silver Citation for 2025-26.

The certificate acknowledges the school's learning culture and students' achievements in logical reasoning and problem-solving. This achievement reflects the school's commitment to nurturing future-ready and innovative learners.

A Prestigious Achievement by Ishna Ghuge



Dr. Monika Chhabra with Ishna Ghuge

Heartiest congratulations to Ms Ishna Ghuge, from Grade 6 on her outstanding performance in LogIQuids- Logical Reasoning & Computational Thinking Program 2025–26.

Her dedication, analytical skills and problem-solving abilities have earned her a place in the next round of Ideathon 2026

Aarul Thalor Shines @ District-Level Roller Skating Competition



Dr. Monika Chhabra with Aarul Thalor

MIS International School proudly celebrated the outstanding sporting achievement of Aarul Thalor from Grade 5 at the School District-Level Roller Skating Competition. Demonstrating exceptional speed, determination, and sporting spirit, Aarul delivered a remarkable performance across all four events.

- 1000m Rink – Gold Medal
- 2000m Road – Gold Medal
- 1 Lap Road – Gold Medal
- 500+D Rink – Gold Medal

With an impressive four Gold Medals, Aarul showcased his dedication, perseverance, and commitment to excellence. His achievement brought immense pride to the entire MIS family and served as an inspiration to fellow students.

Congratulations to Aarul on this remarkable accomplishment. We wish him continued success and many more victories in future competitions.

A Prestigious Achievement by Hitansh Momaya



Hitansh Momaya at Lord's Cricket Ground

Hitansh Ashish Momaya from Class X has brought immense pride to MIS International School, Balewadi, being selected as one of the Top 4 Grand Prize Winners in India of the prestigious Times of India Lord's Quiz Challenge.

The educational campaign was conducted in partnership with Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) and supported by Yippee Noodles and The Times of India. The competition invited students aged 13–17 years from across India to participate in enriching quiz challenge. As one of the four national winners, Hitansh earned a fully sponsored five-day educational trip to United Kingdom.

The trip offered a unique blend of educational, sporting and cultural experiences. A major highlight of the journey was attending the India vs England

ODI at the iconic Lord's Cricket Ground in London on 19 July. The experience provided Hitansh with an opportunity to witness international cricket at one of the world's most historic sporting venues.

Alongside the match, he participated in various educational and cultural activities designed to broaden his learning beyond the classroom. The opportunity enabled him to explore new perspectives, interact with fellow young achievers and experience British culture.

Hitansh's achievement reflects his dedication, curiosity and enthusiasm for learning. His success is a proud moment for his family and the entire MIS community. We congratulate Hitansh on his remarkable accomplishment and wish him continued success in future endeavors.

Times of India -Principals' Conference

Promoting Reading Habits among Children & Fostering a Culture of Learning



Dr. Monika Chhabra felicitated by Ms. Inderjeet Kaur

A thought-provoking panel discussion on “Promoting Reading Habits Amongst Children” organized by Times Of India-NIE brought together eminent school leaders and educationists to deliberate on the growing challenge of nurturing reading habits among children in an increasingly digital world.

The panel featured Dr. Monika Chhabra, Principal, MIS International School, Balewadi, along with Devyani Mungli, Founder and Director, Sanskriti Group of Schools; Aarti Patil, Principal, Sadhu Vaswani International School; Dr. Rashmi Gupta, Principal, C P Goenka International School; and Rohit Raskar, Trustee, Karmayogi Shaishanik Va Samajik Sanstha. The discussion was moderated by Gaston D’Souza, anchor, inspirational speaker, corporate trainer and NLP practitioner.

Dr. Monika Chhabra, shared valuable insights from her experience as an education leader, highlighting importance of creating a positive and engaging reading culture in schools and at home. She emphasized that reading should not be treated merely as an academic requirement, but as a habit that develops curiosity, imagination, comprehension and independent thinking.

The panel acknowledged that children today face strong competition for their attention from smartphones, social media, online games and short-form digital content. Rather than viewing technology as an enemy, the discussion stressed the importance of creating a healthy balance between digital engagement and reading. A key message emerging from the discussion was that children should not simply be told to “read more”. Instead, books should be



The panel discussion featuring Dr. Monika Chhabra, Ms. Devyani Mungli, Ms. Aarti Patil, Dr. Rashmi Gupta, Mr. Rohit Raskar, moderated by Mr. Gaston D'Souza,

made accessible, interesting and relevant to their interests. Schools can encourage this through reading corners, storytelling sessions, book discussions, library activities and opportunities for students to recommend and explore books of their choice.

Dr. Monika Chhabra also reinforced the important role of families in developing reading habits. When children see parents and other family members enjoying books, reading can naturally become a part of everyday life. Even a few minutes of regular reading can help children develop concentration and a lasting interest in learning. The panel further challenged the perception that storybooks are separate from education. Reading fiction and stories can strengthen language, vocabulary, creativity and critical thinking while allowing children to explore different ideas and perspectives.

The discussion also emphasized that reading should be a joyful, voluntary discovery, never a punishment or chore. The discussion gave parents and educators practical ways to build strong reading habits, while Dr. Monika Chhabra emphasized that school leaders must create environments where curiosity and a love for books can thrive.

The session concluded with the Times of India felicitating panelist Dr. Monika Chhabra. The overarching message of the event highlighted that when schools and families unite to make reading both enjoyable and meaningful, books transform from mere sources of information into lifelong companions on a child's educational journey.



Logic & Time Management Workshop: NIE session



Mr. Chandrakant Choubey addressing Class X students

MIS International School, Balewadi, organized a Logic & Time Management Workshop for the students of Class X on 2 September 2026. The workshop aimed at developing students' logical thinking, decision-making and time-management skills, competencies that are especially valuable during their crucial Class X academic year.

The session was conducted by Mr. Chandrakant Choubey, a renowned JEE educator, author and mentor with 18 years experience in student psychology.

The workshop was highly interactive, with students actively participating in discussions, responding to situations and engaging with thought-provoking questions and activities. The interaction encouraged them to analyze problems logically, think beyond obvious solutions and reflect on their own approach to managing academic and personal responsibilities.

A key focus of the session was effective time management. Students learnt how to prioritize tasks, minimize distractions, plan their schedules and use their time productively. The practical nature of the session enabled students to connect these strategies with their everyday academic routine and examination preparation.

The workshop also highlighted the school's commitment to holistic education. By providing students with opportunities to learn from experienced educators and mentors beyond regular curriculum, MIS International School strives to develop skills that contribute to both academic success and personal growth.

The session proved highly beneficial for the students, leaving them with greater awareness of the importance of logic, planning, focus, prioritization and disciplined use of time. It encouraged them to approach their goals with greater confidence, clarity and responsibility.

Pre-Primary Ganpati Celebration @MIS



MIS International School celebrating the festival of Ganesh Chaturthi

MIS International School celebrated the festival of Ganesh Chaturthi with great enthusiasm and devotion. The celebration brought together students and teachers to enjoy the festive spirit while learning about the cultural significance of Lord Ganesha.

The programme began with a traditional Ganpati pooja, where students and teachers offered prayers and sought the blessings of Lord Ganesha. The atmosphere was filled with devotion and joy as everyone participated in the prayers.

The celebration also included a lively dance performance by the students. The

energetic performances added colour and excitement to the occasion and showcased the students' talent and confidence.

An engaging art activity was also organised for students. They created colourful Ganpati-themed artwork, expressing creativity while connecting with the festival.

The celebration was a wonderful blend of devotion, creativity and cultural learning. It helped students understand the importance of our traditions and encouraged them to celebrate festivals with joy, respect and togetherness.



MIS International School students created colourful Ganpati-themed artwork

Wisdoms of Ganesha – Assembly by Grade 6A



A beautiful classical dance performance by MIS students

A morning assembly on the topic “Wisdoms of Ganesha” was conducted by Grade 6A with great enthusiasm, devotion and confidence. The assembly aimed at highlighting the timeless values and life lessons represented by Lord Ganesha and encourage students to incorporate these qualities into their everyday lives.

The assembly began with a disciplined prayer and the National Pledge, followed by an inspiring thought for the day that focused on wisdom, patience, humility, and perseverance. The news presentation kept the audience informed. Adding grace and cultural richness to the assembly, the students presented a beautiful classical dance performance dedicated to Lord Ganesha.

With elegant movements, expressive gestures, and rhythmic footwork, the dancers beautifully brought alive the divine qualities and symbolism associated with Lord Ganesha. A meaningful and engaging skit was also presented to portray the various qualities symbolised by Lord Ganesha. Through relatable situations and lively performances, the students highlighted important lessons

such as listening carefully, thinking wisely, respecting others, overcoming obstacles, staying humble, and persevering in the face of difficulties. The performance successfully demonstrated that true wisdom lies not only in knowledge but also in understanding, patience, kindness, and the ability to make thoughtful choices.



A meaningful and engaging skit performance by MIS students

The presentation also brought attention to the symbolism associated with Ganesha—the large ears reminding us to listen more, the small eyes encouraging concentration, the large head representing wisdom and thoughtful thinking, and the mouse symbolising control over desires. These meaningful interpretations helped students connect traditional wisdom with practical values in modern life. The assembly concluded with an inspiring address by the Principal and the National Anthem. The efforts of Grade 6A were highly appreciated by the teachers and students. The assembly was informative, engaging, and inspiring, successfully conveying the message that true wisdom lies in listening, learning, and thinking wisely.

Ganapati Bappa Art activity



MIS Pre-primary students participating in Ganapati art activity

MIS International School organised a colourful Ganapati art activity for the Pre-primary students. The activity introduced children to creative ways of decorating and painting Lord Ganapati using brush painting and sponge dabbing techniques.

The students first sketched Ganapati and then used paintbrushes to add bright colours and fine details. They also used sponges to dab different shades of paint, creating beautiful textures and attractive backgrounds. The children enjoyed experimenting with colours and patterns while learning how different painting techniques can create unique effects.

The activity encouraged creativity, imagination and fine motor skills among the students. Everyone participated enthusiastically and proudly displayed their colourful Ganapati artwork.

It was a joyful and enriching experience that combined art, creativity and festive spirit.



CCA- Ganapati Bappa Morya

(Eco-Friendly Ganesh Idol Making Competition) - Grade 1 & 2



**MIS Grades 1 and 2 students participating
Eco-Friendly Ganesh Idol Making Competition**

MIS International School organised an Eco-Friendly Ganesh Idol Making Competition for students of Grades 1 and 2 as part of the Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations. The activity aimed at helping young learners understand the importance of celebrating festivals in an environmentally responsible manner while nurturing their creativity, imagination and awareness of sustainable practices.

Students enthusiastically participated in creating beautiful idols of Lord Ganesha using natural and biodegradable materials such as clay, leaves, flowers, seeds, pulses, twigs and eco-friendly colours. They displayed great creativity and originality while carefully designing and decorating their idols. The activity also encouraged students to make thoughtful use of

available resources while maintaining neatness and uniqueness in their creations.

The competition provided a wonderful opportunity for students to learn that celebrations can be joyful while also being kind to nature. It sensitised them towards avoiding materials such as plastic, thermocol, glitter and Plaster of Paris and encouraged them to adopt eco-friendlier choices.

The activity was an engaging, creative and meaningful learning experience for the young participants. It beautifully conveyed the message, “Celebrate with Faith, Create Without Waste!” The event concluded on a cheerful note with the winners being awarded with certificates and small tokens of appreciation in recognition of their creativity and efforts.

CCA- Ganapati Bappa Morya (Spoken Skills Competition) - Grade 3 to 5



MIS International School organised a Spoken Skills Competition for students of Grades 3 to 5 to celebrate the auspicious occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi. The competition provided students with a meaningful platform to express their thoughts confidently while developing their communication and public speaking skills.

The theme of the competition encouraged students to reflect on the timeless virtues associated with Lord Ganesha, such as wisdom, patience, kindness and perseverance, and connect these values with their everyday lives. Students spoke about how such qualities help to become responsible, compassionate and confident individuals.

Each participant was given one minute to deliver an original speech without referring to paper or cue cards. The students introduced their chosen virtue, explained its importance and shared how it could be practised in daily life. They demonstrated enthusiasm, confidence and creativity while presenting their ideas.

The competition also focused on clarity of speech, pronunciation, expression, eye contact, overall presentation and time management. Students made sincere efforts to communicate their ideas effectively and displayed impressive confidence on stage.

The activity was a valuable learning experience that encouraged students to look beyond the celebration of Ganesh Chaturthi and understand the importance of incorporating positive values in daily lives. It helped nurture speaking skills, self-confidence, creativity and value-based thinking.



MIS Grade 3 to 5 students showing exceptional communication skills

The event concluded on a positive note, with the winners being awarded certificates and small tokens of appreciation in recognition of confident and impressive performances.

CCA- Ganapati Bappa Morya

Celebrating Lord of Wisdom) - Grade 6 to 9



MIS Grade 6 to 9 students made beautiful Royal Maharashtrian decorative Pheta (Turban)

MIS International School organized a creative CCA competition, “Celebrating Lord of Wisdom”, on Wednesday, 2nd September 2026, for students of Grades 6 to 9. The activity was conducted in the respective classrooms during the CCA period and was spread over two periods.

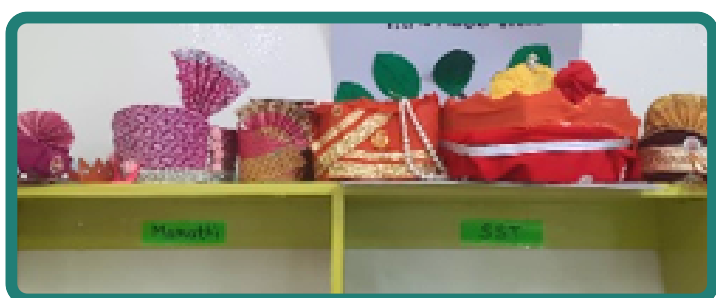
The objective of the activity was to transform simple and reusable materials into a beautiful Royal Maharashtrian decorative Pheta (Turban) for Ganpati Bappa using creativity and imagination. The activity encouraged students to appreciate Indian culture and traditions while developing art and craft skills. It highlighted the importance of reusing materials and promoting creativity through handmade festive decorations.

Students formed their own groups of 4–5 members and enthusiastically participated in the competition. Within the given 45-minute time limit, each group worked collaboratively to design and decorate an attractive and traditional Pheta for Ganpati Bappa. The classrooms were filled with excitement, creativity, colours, and innovative ideas as students used the materials they had brought from home.

The entries were evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Creativity
- Colour Scheme
- Neatness
- Resourcefulness
- Utility

The activity provided an excellent platform for students to showcase imagination, teamwork, artistic abilities, and colour coordination. It also helped enhance fine motor skills and develop an appreciation for handmade festive decorations.



Krishnas at Dahi Handi Celebration



MIS Students dressed as little Krishnas and Radhas on the occasion of Janmashtami

MIS International School, Balewadi celebrated Janmashtami with great joy and enthusiasm. The celebration introduced our M-sites to the beautiful story and traditions associated with Lord Krishna's birth.

The highlight of the celebration was the Dahi Handi activity. Students dressed as little Krishnas and Radhas, enjoyed the traditional Dahi Handi in a safe and child-friendly manner, learning the importance of teamwork, cooperation and sharing.

The celebration was filled with music, dance, laughter and happy smiles. Our little Krishnas & Radhas enthusiastically enjoyed the festive atmosphere and made wonderful memories with their friends and teachers. Students also enjoyed making janmashtami peacock feather bookmark by paper snipping activity.

It was a joyful and colourful celebration that brought the spirit of Janmashtami alive! The celebration also featured melodious devotional songs, cheerful dances and festive activities that created a vibrant atmosphere across the school. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and enthusiastically joined the festivities.

The Janmashtami celebration was a wonderful blend of tradition, learning and fun, giving our M-sites an opportunity to experience the cultural significance of the festival in an engaging and memorable way. The smiling faces of the little Krishnas & Radhas made the celebration truly special. Students were grooving to the beats of music. Overall the day was full of enthusiasm. It was a pleasure to gaze at our M-sites ones enjoying ardently!

Hawaiian Fiesta: Grandparents' Day



MIS Students and their Grandparents together celebrated Hawaiian Fiesta: Grandparents' Day

MIS International School, Balewadi transformed into a colourful tropical paradise as the school celebrated Grandparents' Day with a vibrant Hawaiian theme. The celebration was organised to honour the love, wisdom and invaluable contribution of grandparents in the lives of their grandchildren. The event began with a warm welcome to all the grandparents, who added to the festive spirit by dressing in colourful Hawaiian outfits and wearing beautiful floral leis.

The students presented a delightful array of presentations & dances dedicated to their beloved grandparents. Their energetic performances received enthusiastic applause and appreciation from the audience. The students' efforts beautifully expressed their love and gratitude towards their grandparents.

A series of fun-filled games and engaging activities were also organised especially for the grandparents. They participated with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship, filling the venue with laughter and joy. The grandparents proved that age is no barrier when it comes to having fun and making wonderful memories.

One of the biggest highlights of the celebration was the dance performance by the grandparents, dressed in colourful attire. They took to the stage with confidence and enthusiasm. Their lively moves and energy delighted everyone and became a memorable moment of the day. The winners of the various games and activities were felicitated with prizes. The programme concluded on a warm and cheerful note with snacks distributed to all the grandparents and students. Everyone enjoyed the refreshments while sharing smiles, conversations and memorable moments. A special moment of the celebration was when the students personally gave away souvenirs to their grandparents as a token of love and gratitude. The grandparents were touched by such thoughtful gesture and blessed the students.

It was a day filled with music, dance, laughter and happiness, leaving everyone with cherished memories to take home. The celebration truly reflected the beautiful message that grandparents are the treasured roots of every family.

Rakshabandhan Celebration



MIS students' Raksha Bandhan celebration with their Rakhi drawings

Rakhi is a beautiful festival that celebrates the special bond between brothers and sisters. As part of the Rakhi Celebration, MIS International school students participated in a creative drawing activity. They drew beautiful rakhis in their drawing books and decorated them with colourful patterns and creative designs.

This activity encouraged students to explore creativity and develop drawing and colouring skills. Students enthusiastically used different colours and

patterns to make their rakhis attractive and unique. The celebration was made even more enjoyable as the students shared and relished delicious snacks together.

The activity was enjoyable and helped students understand the significance of Raksha Bandhan while celebrating the special bond between brothers and sisters.



It was a fun and creative activity. Everyone participated happily and enjoyed the celebration.

Star Employees Felicitation – Independence Day 2025–26

On the occasion of Independence Day, MIS International School, Balewadi, felicitated its Star Employees for their dedication and contribution to the school.

Ms. Kavita Gandhi, Pre-Primary Coordinator, was honoured for her sincere efforts and commitment.



Lt. General Surendra Kulkarni (Retd.) and Dr. Monika Chhabra, Principal, felicitating Ms. Kavita Gandhi

Ms. Devaki Kashikar, PRT Teacher, was also felicitated for her hard work and valuable contribution to the school.



Lt. General Surendra Kulkarni (Retd.) and Dr. Monika Chhabra, Principal, felicitating Ms. Devaki Kashikar

Ms. Jyoti Ghuge, Senior Administrative Officer, received recognition for her dedicated service and efficient administration.



Lt. General Surendra Kulkarni (Retd.) and Dr. Monika Chhabra, Principal, felicitating Ms. Jyoti Ghuge

The felicitation ceremony was conducted in the presence of the Chief Guest (Retd) Lt. General Surendra Kulkarni and Dr. Monika Chhabra, Principal.

The dignitaries appreciated the awardees for their consistent efforts and commitment to excellence. The recognition served as an encouragement to all staff members to continue working with dedication and enthusiasm. The ceremony concluded with appreciation and pride for the Star Employees of MIS International School.



Team Building Activities on Teachers' Day



MIS Teachers celebrating Teachers' Day at Meher Retreat

On the occasion of Teachers' Day, MIS International School, Balewadi, organized a memorable trip for all the teachers on 5th September 2026. The trip was sponsored and arranged by the school management as a gesture of appreciation for the teachers.

The destination was Meher Retreat, Yavat, which provided a refreshing and enjoyable atmosphere away from the routine of school life. The teachers reached the venue with great enthusiasm and excitement.

The day was filled with various games, fun activities and entertaining group events. The teachers also enjoyed the water park and made the most of the recreational facilities. The activities encouraged team spirit, friendship, and bonding among the teachers. A wholesome lunch was served, giving everyone time to relax and interact with one another.

The trip offered teachers a much-needed break from regular academic responsibilities. It was a wonderful opportunity to relax, rejuvenate and create happy memories together. The entire day was filled with laughter, enjoyment and a strong sense of togetherness. The Teachers' Day trip was a memorable and thoughtful initiative by MIS International School, Balewadi and was thoroughly enjoyed by all the teachers.

