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Supporting Youth Initiatives

MIS International School, Balewadi, Pune hosted The WSRO Regional Championship at a large scale on Saturday, 8th August 2026.

The championship commenced with an official inauguration ceremony on Saturday morning. Dr. Monika Chhabra, Principal of MIS International School welcomed and felicitated the Chief Guest, the Honorable Mayor of Pune, Mrs. Manjusha Nagpure. whose presence showcased her support towards education and youth. She emphasized the growing importance of integration-level STEM education and praised the participants for technical curiosity.

The event successfully brought together the region's brightest young minds, nurturing an environment of healthy competition and technical excellence. Top-performing teams and individuals from these tracks have secured their qualifying slots for the upcoming higher-level national robotics competitions.



**Dr. Monika Chhabra, Principal Welcomes
Mrs. Manjusha Nagpure, Honorable Mayor of Pune**

The tournament featured six diverse challenges designed to test coding mechanical engineering, aerodynamics and analytical problem-solving skills, bringing together the region's brightest young innovators. These tracks included the Jr. Robo Race for high-speed rover steering, Jr. Line Following (Non-Lego) for autonomous sensor-based navigation and the Young Scientist (All STEM Open) track for original research presentations. Additionally, students competed in the Blix Robo Sprint time-trials, the Blix Robo Precision task-handling challenge and the STEM Balloon Car project, which introduced junior participants to foundational physics and aerodynamics.

MIS Earns National Spot at WSRO Regional Championship



Dr. Monika Chhabra with Master Shreyan Tuteja and Mr. Amey Chavan

MIS International School, Balewadi, Pune, proudly hosted the WSRO Regional Championship on Saturday, 8 August 2026.

Students participated enthusiastically in various STEM and robotics challenges. A moment of immense pride for MIS International School was the selection of Master Shreyan Tuteja of Grade 8 for the Nationals.

Master Shreyan secured his place in the Young Scientist category at the WSRO Regional Championship 2026. LUNA-X is an AI-powered VR Lunar Exploration Rover designed to simulate remote exploration of the Moon. It uses a dual-ESP32 architecture with ESP-NOW communication for reliable wireless control and real-time data exchange.

A GoPro camera system provides an immersive first-person lunar exploration experience. The rover features a 360° radar

scanner, ultrasonic obstacle detection, and environmental monitoring for safer autonomous exploration. A TFT mission displays and the wireless web dashboard provides live sensor data, rover controls, and mission status. The project combines robotics, embedded systems, wireless communication, sensors and IOT into one integrated exploration platform.

His achievement reflects his dedication, curiosity and passion for science and innovation. The selection is a remarkable milestone for Master Shreyan and a proud moment for the school.

MIS International School congratulates Shreyan on his outstanding accomplishment and wishes him success at the Nationals. The event celebrated the spirit of innovation while inspiring young minds to explore, create and excel in STEM.

Independence Day celebration



**Dr. Monika Chhabra felicitates
Lt. General (Retd.) Surendra Kulkarni**

MIS International School, Balewadi, celebrated Independence Day on 15 August 2026 with great enthusiasm and patriotic spirit. The celebration was graced by Retired Lt. General Surendra Kulkarni as Chief Guest and attended by the parents of Grade 1 students.

The Chief Guest was warmly welcomed by Dr. Monika Chhabra, Principal. The programme commenced with flag-hoisting ceremony, followed by the National Anthem played on the flute. The School Students Council presented March Past enchanting the audience and showcasing leadership and patriotic spirit.

The cultural programme in the Grand Avenue Hall featured patriotic songs by the M-sites showcasing JUGALBANDI and energetic patriotic dances by the Grade 1 students.

The principal addressed the gathering, highlighting India's achievements and inspiring everyone to contribute towards



the nation's progress. The Chief Guest spoke about the responsible use of technology, the importance of continuous learning, and the role of parents in setting positive examples for their children. He emphasised that patriotism begins at home.



The celebration concluded with an energetic finale performed by the students of Grades 7, 8 and 9, beautifully portraying their love for the nation and the spirit of Independence Day. The programme was a memorable celebration of patriotism, unity and national pride.

Students from Grade 4 to 8 enjoy Picnic to KidZania and Khopoli



The students of Grades 4 to 8 of MIS International School, Balewadi, embarked on an exciting and enriching picnic to KidZania, Mumbai, followed by an overnight stay at Khopoli. KidZania, a realistic indoor miniature city, provided students with an opportunity to explore more than 100 immersive role-playing activities.

Students enthusiastically experienced various professions, completed practical tasks, and developed important skills such as teamwork, decision-making, and financial literacy.

After an enjoyable day at KidZania, the students travelled to Khopoli for overnight stay. The evening was filled with fun and excitement.



The next morning began with a range of adventurous and recreational activities. Students enjoyed thrilling experiences such as zip-lining and vertical obstacle challenges under proper supervision.

Indoor activities and outdoor games further added to the excitement and encouraged team spirit among the students. A special highlight of the trip was an inspiring interaction with Dr. Rajesh Ghangurde, President and Head of the Space Program at Antariksh Society India.

As a Fellow Analog Astronaut Trainer and Instructor Trainer for long-duration human spaceflight missions, he shared valuable insights into India's space exploration journey. He motivated students to explore exciting career opportunities in ISRO, NASA, and the growing space sector.

Dr. Ghangurde also introduced students to the basics of rocket design and encouraged them to build their own rockets. The students participated in a rocket-making and rocket-launching competition. The activity sparked curiosity, creativity, scientific thinking, and a keen interest in space exploration.



The picnic offered a perfect blend of experiential learning, adventure, recreation, and inspiration. It helped students develop confidence, collaboration, independence, and problem-solving skills in an enjoyable environment.

The memorable experiences at KidZania, Khopoli, and the adventure activities created lasting memories for all the students.



Kalakriti Art Exhibition



MIS International School, Balewadi, Pune, organized the Kalakriti Art Exhibition on 22 August 2026, providing students with a wonderful platform to showcase their creativity, imagination, and artistic talents. Students enthusiastically participated in the exhibition and displayed a wide variety of artworks, including beautiful sketches, paintings, creative craftwork, and innovative art pieces.

A special attraction of the exhibition was the Art from Waste section, where students creatively transformed waste materials into useful and decorative items such as decorated bottles, pen holders and other attractive articles. Each artwork reflected the students' imagination, patience, dedication and artistic skills. The students confidently presented their work and explained the ideas and techniques used in creating their artworks.

The dedicated guidance and encouragement provided by the Art Team played an important role in helping the students develop and present their creative ideas. Parents were invited to visit the exhibition and were delighted to see the impressive work created by their wards. They enthusiastically explored the different displays and appreciated the creativity efforts

and hard work of the students and the Art Team. Parents particularly admired the innovative use of waste materials and the thoughtful presentation of the artworks.

The exhibition encouraged students to express themselves freely through art while developing their confidence, imagination, observation, and fine motor skills. It also demonstrated how creativity can make learning enjoyable, meaningful, and engaging. The colorful displays created a vibrant atmosphere and reflected the immense talent of the young artists.



The event provided students with a sense of achievement and encouraged them to explore new ideas and artistic techniques. It also strengthened the bond between students, parents, teachers, and the Art Team. The enthusiastic participation and appreciation from parents made the event even more special.

Overall, Kalakriti Art Exhibition was a successful and memorable celebration of creativity, imagination, and joyful learning, showcasing the remarkable efforts and artistic talents of the students of MIS International School, Balewadi.

MIS International School, Balewadi wins the NIE Quiz



Principal Dr. Monica Chabra with winners

The Times Newspaper in Education (NIE) organised its annual Critical Thinking Quiz Competition on 20th August, 2026 at MIS International School, Balewadi. The event provided students with an exciting opportunity to test their logical reasoning, analytical thinking, general awareness, and problem-solving skills. The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation from students representing around 28 schools.

The competition primarily targeted students from Classes 6 to 10 and was conducted in multiple stages. The first round was a qualifier, held within the participating schools. Students answered a series of challenging questions designed to assess their general awareness, logical reasoning, and critical-thinking abilities. The top-performing participants progressed to the regional final.

The regional final, held at MIS International School, Balewadi, was an energetic and engaging event featuring exciting buzzer rounds, rapid-fire questions, and challenging logical matrix puzzles. Participants had to

think quickly, remain focused, and make accurate decisions under pressure while competing against talented students from various schools.

After a closely contested final, MIS International School emerged as the winner of the NIE Critical Thinking Quiz. The victory was a proud achievement for the school and reflected the students' strong reasoning abilities, teamwork, confidence, and quick thinking.

With nearly 28 schools participating, the competition created excitement. The event encouraged students to develop important skills such as analytical reasoning, decision-making, teamwork, and problem-solving in an engaging environment.

Overall, the NIE Critical Thinking Quiz was a highly enriching and memorable experience. MIS International School's win added special highlights to the event, making the occasion a proud moment for the students, teachers, and the entire school community.

Scholastic Interns at MIS



Dr Monika Chhabra with Ms Akanksha Datta, Ms Roopali Bhargava, Mr Rohan Bhalerao and the students

A celebration of books, teamwork and student leadership came alive at MIS International School as Grade 9 students successfully organised a Scholastic Book Fair as part of the Scholastic Internship Programme (SIP). The initiative was led by the students through their BookLore team, who took up the responsibility of planning, coordinating and managing various aspects of the Book Fair.

From preparing for the event to ensuring its smooth conduct, the students worked together with enthusiasm, commitment and a strong sense of responsibility. A four-week programme held every Wednesday, with the first three sessions online and the fourth session as the Book Fair event, online sessions conducted by Ms. Pritika Khandpur, provided students with practical learning in team building, project planning, campaign execution, presentation, logistics and event management. Each week built on the previous learning and prepared students to organise their final showcase event.

The book fair was held on 22 August 2026 and was inaugurated by Ms Akanksha Datta, a storyteller, book blogger and puppeteer. The event was made possible with the guidance of Dr Monika Chhabra, Principal, the mentorship of Mr Rohan Bhalerao, Librarian and the support by Ms Roopali Bhargava, Assistant Manager, - Scholastic Coordinator Pune branch.

The successful organisation of the Scholastic Book Fair demonstrated the students ability to transform an idea into a well-executed event. Their enthusiasm, initiative and teamwork made the book fair a memorable and meaningful experience.

The event reflected the true spirit of the Scholastic Internship Programme (SIP), where students learn by taking responsibility, working together and gaining real-world experience. The BookLore team showed how students can take the lead, contribute actively and help create a stronger and more engaging reading culture within the school community.

M-Sites Exploring Beyond Classroom: Science Park, Pune



MIS International School organised an educational visit to Science Park, Pune for the students of Grades 2, providing young learners with an exciting opportunity to explore science beyond the confines of the classroom.

The visit aimed to nurture scientific curiosity, encourage observation and inquiry, and help students connect classroom concepts with real-life applications. During the visit, students explored a variety of scientific models,

exhibits, and activity-based installations under the guidance of their teachers and resource people.

The interactive exhibits made learning enjoyable and meaningful. Students observed, discussed, and explored different scientific concepts, developing a deeper appreciation of how science and technology are connected to everyday life. The visit also encouraged teamwork, communication, discipline, and responsible behavior.

The experience helped students strengthen their observation and analytical skills while inspiring them to ask questions and discover new ideas. It was a refreshing and engaging learning experience that brought science to life in a fun and practical way. The visit to Science Park was a successful and memorable educational experience, leaving students with greater curiosity, enthusiasm, and a keener interest in scientific learning.



Little Shoppers, Big Learning!



MIS International School, Balewadi pre-primary students had a wonderful hands-on learning experience during their trip to the grocery store. Students were excited to see colourful mini supermarket with fruits, vegetables, snacks and other everyday grocery items displayed. The children explored different sections of the store, observed a variety of fruits and vegetables and learned about healthy food choices. They enjoyed identifying familiar items and discovering new ones. The trip also gave them an opportunity to practice important skills such as counting,

comparing, following instructions and communicating politely.

The little shoppers thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The visit was a delightful blend of play and education, giving the children valuable lessons that they can relate in their everyday lives. This visit helped the children understand where food comes from and how a grocery store works.

The experience was filled with curiosity, excitement and lots of smiles. Our little shoppers returned to school with new knowledge and happy memories from their grocery-store adventure.

Freedom Fighters in Action: History Through Young Minds

MIS International School organized a role play competition on the theme “Freedom Fighters vs Present Leaders of India”. Students enthusiastically dressed up as famous freedom fighters and present-day national leaders. The event provided an opportunity for students to learn about the lives, contributions and values of inspiring personalities in an engaging and creative way.



Students dressed in colourful and meaningful costumes & confidently portrayed personalities such as Mahatma Gandhi, Rani Lakshmibai, Subhas Chandra Bose, Bhagat Singh, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and many more leaders.



Every student introduced the personality they portrayed and shared important facts about their lives, achievements and message to society. The activity helped students understand the importance of courage, patriotism, leadership, unity and responsibility.



The event was both educational and enjoyable. It encouraged students to respect the sacrifices of our freedom fighters and appreciate the responsibilities of today's leaders. The programme concluded with a renewed sense of pride and patriotism among the students and teachers. The activity not only showcased the students' creativity and confidence but also helped them understand the values of patriotism, courage, sacrifice and unity.

The competition was an enriching and memorable experience for everyone. It encouraged students to learn from the lives of our national heroes and develop a deeper sense of pride and respect for the country.

Battle of Bands

Interclass Singing Competition: “Mera Karma Tu Mera Dharma 'tu” – My Nation, My Pride



As part of the Independence Day celebrations, MIS International School successfully conducted the CCA activity “Mera Karma Tu Mera Dharma Tu” – My Nation, My Pride- Battle of Bands on Wednesday, 12th August 2026, for students of Grades 1 to 9. The activity was conducted as an inter-class competition for grades, providing students with an exciting platform to express their patriotism and showcase their musical talents through music.

The activity was organized in the form of a Student-Led Battle of Bands, where students formed musical groups and presented patriotic and patriotic fusion songs. The bands showcased their musical talents through vocals and a variety of instruments such as keyboard, guitar, percussion, flute, violin, and other musical instruments. Students demonstrated creativity and enthusiasm while presenting their performances.

The activity encouraged students to work collaboratively, plan and rehearse their

performances independently, and coordinate effectively as a team. Their confidence, stage presence, vocal and instrumental abilities, and overall presentation added to the spirit and energy of the celebration. The performances reflected a strong sense of patriotism and appreciation for Indian culture and musical heritage.

The event was conducted smoothly with the active support and cooperation of the teachers. Their guidance ensured proper discipline, coordination, and enthusiastic participation throughout the activity. Students participated with great excitement and displayed remarkable confidence and team spirit.

The activity helped students enhance their musical and performance skills, develop teamwork and leadership qualities, build confidence and stage presence, and encourage creativity and self-expression. It also provided an opportunity for students to celebrate the spirit of Independence Day in a meaningful and engaging manner.

Manthan 2026 – Grade 2 & 3



Grade 2 and 3 students enthusiastically participated in Manthan 2026, an interactive learning exhibition held on 11 August and 24 August 2026. The event provided students with a wonderful platform to showcase their knowledge, creativity, confidence and communication skills through innovative models and demonstrations. Parents were invited to witness the presentations and were delighted to see their wards confidently explain their projects and respond to questions.

The Grade 3 students presented engaging concepts across various subjects. In Mathematics, they showcased models on Place Value, Solid Shapes, and Addition, making mathematical concepts interactive and easy to understand. In English, students presented “Adventures of Jaggu: Exploring Prepositions” and a creative Homophones project, strengthening their grammar and vocabulary skills. In EVS, they demonstrated the Human Respiratory System and Movement of Water in Plants through practical models and experiments. The Robotics presentation featured an Automatic Doorbell using a Q-Brick Controller, IR sensor, and buzzer, highlighting the practical application of technology.

The Grade 2 students presented a variety of interesting and age-appropriate concepts. In English, they explored Verbs and Rhyming Words, while in EVS, they presented Types of Plants and Internal Organs. Mathematics projects focused on Money and Shapes, helping students connect classroom learning with real-life applications. The Robotics presentation on Smart Goggles showcased their understanding of technology and innovation. In Hindi, students presented “Rituyein – Prakriti Ke Rang”, beautifully connecting language learning with nature and the changing seasons.

Students confidently explained their models, demonstrated concepts and answered questions with enthusiasm. Parents appreciated their confidence, conceptual understanding, communication skills, creativity and active participation.

Manthan 2026 successfully promoted experiential learning, creativity, critical thinking, teamwork and presentation skills, reflecting the school's commitment to activity-based and holistic education. The event concluded with heartfelt appreciation for the students and teachers for their remarkable efforts and enthusiastic participation.

MIS International School Triumphs at Dance-A-Thon 4



MIS International School proudly celebrated a remarkable achievement at Dance-A-Thon 4 – Inter-School Dance Competition, securing prizes across all three participating categories. The competition was hosted by S.B. Patil Public School, Ravet, Pune.

Students delivered outstanding performances and showcased their creativity, dedication, and exceptional talent, earning the following accolades:

- Grades 3–5 | Save the Planet: First Position
- Grades 6–8 | Relationship: Third Position
- Grades 9–10 | Dreams & Aspirations: First Position

The achievement was a testament to the students' hard work, discipline, and passion for dance. Special appreciation was extended to the Dance Department, teachers, choreographers, and everyone working behind the scenes for their tireless efforts and guidance.

With three categories and three victories, Dance-A-Thon 4 became a truly proud moment for the entire MIS International School family, celebrating the spirit of teamwork, creativity, and excellence.

A twin win for Ishaan



Master Ishaan Ghatak grade 8 has won one Gold and one Silver Medal in the Kyurogi and Poomsae Taekwondo in Interschool Annual Independence cup held in Balewadi Stadium on 09th August 2026. Congratulations Ishaan. We are proud of you.