

## ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25





Prof. M H Dhananjaya 1934 - 2024

# UPHOLDING THE LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE AND RELEVANCE

Excel Public School is proud to stand by the vision laid down by our Founder Chairman, Prof. M H Dhananjaya, a renowned educationalist, visionary and passionate advocate of holistic education. Over six decades of his illustrious career, Prof. Dhananjaya was instrumental in shaping the educational landscape by establishing and nurturing Excel Public School to focus on the shared dream of creating a transformative learning environment that aligns with contemporary global standards. With the belief that "Education is meaningless if it cannot meet the needs of society." Guided by our Chairman's philosophy, Excel Pubic School strives to create a dynamic, future-ready learning environment that equips students with the knowledge, skills and values required for a globalised world. His visionary leadership laid the foundation for an institution that blends knowledge with social responsibility, discipline with creativity, and intellect with empathy.



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As we celebrate another year of growth and achievement, we honour our thought leaders for their commitment to holistic development, innovation, and humane schooling, transforming EPS into a leading educational hub. Their foresight positions Excel Public School as a trailblazer in 21st-century learning, equipping the students for both academic success and meaningful societal contributions.

This Annual Report of the academic year gone by encapsulates the students' diverse accomplishments, innovative endeavours, and milestones, alongside the school's prestigious recognitions and awards during the academic year. From achieving excellence in academics, sports, and cultural pursuits to gaining recognition for our commitment to holistic education, this year has been a testament to the unwavering dedication and spirit of the Excel Public School community.

As you read through this report, we warmly invite you to join us in celebrating the pride and joy of our school community's remarkable achievements. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated students, committed faculty members, supportive parents, and esteemed stakeholders for their invaluable contributions to our school's success. Your continued support and encouragement empower us, as we strive to nurture the next generation of leaders and innovators.

#### STUDENTS AND STAFF STRENGTH

Excel Public School was incepted in the year 2009 with 29 students and 6 teachers. From that humble beginning, we stand here today with 2,525 students from the Foundational Stage to the Senior Secondary Stage. The staff strength stands at 319, comprising 156 teaching staff, 28 administrative staff, and 135 ancillary staff. Unified in their commitment to professionalism, dedication, and discipline, our cohesive team ensures the highest standards of service and support for our students' holistic development.



**CLASS X AND XII** 







It is with immense pride and joy that we share the exceptional performance of our students in the CBSE Examinations 2024, showcasing their hard work, dedication, and academic excellence. Pritham S Rao achieved an impressive 99.60% in Grade 10. A perfect score of 100 out of 100 was scored in various subjects by 16 students, while 60 out of 138 students secured more than 90%, with the batch average whooping at 86%.



Srinivas I B topped the Science stream with 97.60% and Angelina Prabhu led the Commerce stream with 96.80%. The Grade 12 results were remarkable with the batch average of 81%. stream with 96.80%.



A heartfelt congratulations to all the students for their dedication, hard work, and perseverance. The unwavering support of the parents along with the committed faculty who extended their support and guidance is the cornerstone of these accomplishments. The achievements reflect the vision and mission of nurturing young learners towards a progressive and humane society. This year, the 12th cohort of 145 Grade 10 students and the 7th cohort of 75 Grade 12 students are appearing for their Board Examinations, who will continue to bring laurels to the institution with their exceptional performances.

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR TEACHERS

Teacher empowerment remains the cornerstone of our institutional philosophy. Throughout the academic year, a series of enriching workshops and training sessions were conducted. Workshops by the faculties of the Regional Institute of Education (RIE), Mysuru, focused on NEP 2020 implementation, reflective teaching, and holistic education. We had workshops conducted by 'iBeam' on contemporary teaching-learning practices and by 'Bhaavtarang' on Socio-Emotional Learning. Training in areas such as higher-order thinking skills, digital pedagogy, and Learning Management Systems helped enhance teaching effectiveness. A special session on vocal health was conducted by Dr Reuben Thomas Varghese, a Speech-Language Pathologist from AliSH, Mysore. Additionally, the teachers actively participated in various professional development programmes conducted by CBSE (CoE), NCERT, and on-line platforms like Shiksha and Deeksha. These initiatives have strengthened our teaching-learning process, ensuring our educators remain at the forefront of contemporary pedagogical advancements.



#### ADVANCING INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR ENHANCED LEARNING

This year witnessed significant investments in infrastructure and technology to elevate the learning experience. A dedicated School App was launched to streamline communication and foster seamless collaboration among parents, teachers, and students. The school website underwent a comprehensive revamp, introducing a modernised interface that effectively represents our ethos, achievements, and educational vision. Additionally, learning facilities were upgraded with interactive display boards, advanced digital resources, and an expanded library collection, ensuring a more engaging and immersive academic environment.

We are also delighted to share that our new academic block, equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure and world-grade learning facilities, will be ready by the beginning of the next academic year. Constructed at a handsome investment, this facility will house the Secondary and Senior Secondary sections, providing an enhanced learning environment. Further, to support extracurricular and sporting activities, a roofed open-air theatre cum indoor sports complex with a seating capacity of 1,800 is set to be completed before the end of the next academic year, offering students an expansive platform for cultural and sports engagements.

# MAJOR MILESTONES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

**EXCEL PUBLIC SCHOOL:**A PINNACLE OF BRILLIANCE

Excel Public School takes pride in achieving continuous excellence and leading in education. We received the Yi Principal's Award in Entrepreneurship at the Youth Ideathon 2024, held at IIT Delhi. This recognition stands as a keystone for exceptional leadership and commitment to nurturing innovation and entrepreneurial skills among students.







Excel Public School was ranked as the Top educational institution in Mysore, securing first place at the Education World School Ranking Awards 2024. Further solidifying its reputation, the school is ranked #9 in India, #2 in Karnataka and #1 in Mysore for Technology Integration at the EW School Awards 2024. The accomplishment reflects a strong assurance of adopting technological advancements and equipping students with the critical skills required to succeed in the digital age.

Excel Public School has been acknowledged as a Futuristic AI Ready School by THINK INDIA and The Future of Technology Forum 2024, thereby highlighting our integration of cuttingedge AI-driven learning and commitment to future-ready education.

Excel Public School is also distinguished as one of Karnataka's Top 5 CBSE Schools, earning the ET TechX Trailblazer School of the Year 2024-25 Award. This accolade recognises us as one of the Top 5 CBSE Schools in Karnataka that celebrates excellence in STEM/STEAM initiatives and Innovative Practices.



# **ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER THE AEGIS**OF ATL AND INNOVATION CENTRE

#### PROGRAMMES AND INITIATIVES AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

Excel Public School students showcased their innovation on global platforms. Three innovative projects - AgriFeed Pro, Al RoadCare, and Rationease - reached the final round of the Global Innovation Challenge 2024. These projects were presented online at the Global Innovation Field Trip (GIFT) alongside participants from 26 countries. Our students received the prestigious Bold Idea Award, the International Kids' Conference Presenters' Award, and several accolades in seven other categories.







Further, NINE innovative projects of our students were selected for The Zebra Pitch Thailand 2024, where they collaborated with global experts and showcased their projects virtually.

#### PROGRAMMES AND INITIATIVES AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

Excel Public School continues to shine in national innovation and entrepreneurship programmes, showcasing students' ability to develop impactful solutions and earn prestigious recognition.

#### ATL TINKERPRENEUR BOOT CAMP SUCCESS

The Atal Tinkering Labs programme, under the Atal Innovation Mission, hosted a 40-day virtual summer boot camp from June to July 2024. Yadhunandan Chowdary of Grade 7 ranked among the top 100 participants and was selected for an advanced 5-week mentorship programme with the Indian School of Business, enhancing his entrepreneurial abilities.

#### ATL STUDENT INNOVATORS BOOTCAMP

Students across India developed innovative solutions for community challenges as part of the Atal Innovation Mission's ATL Marathon. Out of 12,000+ innovations, the top 400 projects received internship opportunities with leading corporates and incubators. Excel Public School's innovation-driven approach was reaffirmed as ELEVEN projects of our students were selected for the prestigious Student Innovator Program (SIP) under ATL Marathon, granting them national recognition and internships with leading organisations. These teams are now actively participating in further boot camps and training sessions to enhance their skills.



#### NATIONAL LEVEL CBSE SKILL EXPO & GUIDANCE FESTIVAL 2024



The innovative project Marvel Kart, designed by Grade 9 students Ronith Chetan Raj and Uzair Arafath Shaikh, earned a place at the National Level CBSE Skill Expo & Guidance Festival 2024, held in Jodhpur on February 6, 2024. Their selection followed an impressive performance at the Bangalore Regional Event, where their project was ranked among the best. This prestigious platform provided our students with an opportunity to showcase their skills and gain expert career guidance.

### ANYTIME EDUCATION: RECOGNISED AMONG THE TOP INNOVATIONS BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

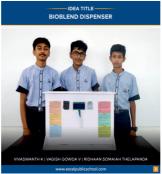
'The Anytime Education' device, an innovative learning solution developed by Eshanvi Nandeesh Preetham, C B Swarna, and Divya Satish, was recognised among the Top 20 innovations in the School Innovation Contest 2023-24. This outstanding project received Rs. 43,500 in funding from the Ministry of Education, further enabling its development and impact.



### SCHOOL INNOVATION CONTEST: REMARKABLE FEAT

We are immensely proud to announce that 18 projects from Excel Public School have been shortlisted for the next round of the School Innovation Contest, an initiative by the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC) – AICTE – UNICEF – AIM, designed to inspire and support students with bright ideas and enable them to transform their innovations into tangible products, technologies, and start-ups – the E-Pitching Round of the School Innovation Contest and School Innovation Marathon. This is a significant milestone, considering that out of 1,520 selected projects nationwide, only 140 projects were chosen from Karnataka, and 25 from Mysore district. EPS's contribution to this achievement is remarkable, with 13 projects from our school and 5 from Government Schools that participated in the Vikasa Parva Workshop conducted by EPS.







#### GREEN INNOVATION: EXCEL PUBLIC SCHOOL AT IIT MUMBAI'S TECHFEST 2024-25

Intending to foster young innovators, Techfest, in collaboration with the Science Olympiad Foundation (SOF), organised a national-level Innovation Challenge. This highly competitive platform attracted brilliant student minds from across the country. Dishaa Arjun of Grade 8 secured a place among the Top 20 finalists and proudly represented Excel Public School at IIT Mumbai from December 17th to 19th, 2024, showcasing her ground-breaking sustainable technology project.

#### YOUTH IDEATHON 2024: EXCEL PUBLIC SCHOOL TEAMS IN THE TOP 500



Encouraging entrepreneurial thinking among young minds, Youth Ideathon 2024 (YI24) invited school students from across India to develop, prototype, and pitch their innovative ideas to an expert panel. Demonstrating their remarkable creativity and problemsolving skills, three teams from Excel Public School were ranked among the Top 500 teams nationally, reinforcing our commitment to fostering entrepreneurial excellence.

#### AGRIFEED PRO AT UDYAMOTSAV 2025: A NATIONAL-LEVEL RECOGNITION

Among 37 ground-breaking ideas presented at Udyamotsav 2025 Pitch Fest, Bangalore was hosted by the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell on National Startup Day, AgriFeed Pro emerged as a standout innovation. Bhuvan P M of Grade 11, delivered a compelling pitch for the project, solidifying Excel Public School's reputation as a centre for cutting-edge studentled innovations.

Excel Public School continues to be a trailblazer in strengthening innovation, entrepreneurship, and intellectual property creation through its proactive



engagement with the School Innovation Council (SIC). Intensifying its commitment, EPS has embraced the Kalam Program for IP Literacy and Awareness (KAPILA), to enhance awareness of intellectual property filing. Excel Public School has successfully filed five patents, showcasing the ingenuity and problem-solving capabilities of the students. The patented projects include Marvel Kart, Agri Feed Pro, Mythic Movers, Traffic Rerouting during Floods and Ahara Dhara.



The Nutrition Vending Machine project of Excel Public School conceptualised as part of the ATL Marathon under the esteemed mentorship of DELL Technologies and the Learning Links Foundation, has been successfully patented and published. With a PCT application underway for global scalability, this ground-breaking innovation not only advocates millet consumption but also fortifies allied sectors, including agriculture, processing, and packaging, thereby stimulating sustainable industry growth.

Demonstrating pioneering efforts in 3D printing technology, a team of students - Divya Satish, Saanvi Bojamma, Amritha Biligiri, Vibha Kadlimatt, Dishaa Arjun, and Manogya Jain

from Grades 8 to 11—secured seed funding through the Seed the Future Entrepreneurs Programme 2024, showcasing their creativity and entrepreneurial spirit.

In recognition of their achievements and contributions, Excel Public School mentors Ms Chitra Uthaya, Mr Gopinath Subramaniam, and Ms Jyoti Joseph, along with ATL finalists Ms Tanvi Girish, Mst Abhinav A, and Mst Nandan Hegde, were invited as special guests by the Atal Innovation Mission to attend the 78th Independence Day celebrations in New Delhi, a prestigious honour reflecting the school's commitment to innovation and creativity.

Further highlighting the exceptional contributions of schools within the ATL Community, Excel Public School's



Innovation Centre was recognised as one of the top-performing ATLs in the country and awarded the title of "ATL School of the Month" for February, March, June, October, and December 2024 by the Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog.

# PROGRAMMES AT THE SCHOOL LEVEL

#### **ICTRC REGIONAL SUMMIT**

Excel Public School had the privilege of partnering with the Institute of Counsellor Training Research and Consultancy (ICTRC), New Delhi, to host the Regional Summit for School

Principals in January 2025. Centered on the theme "Motivating Students in Changing Times," the summit brought together nearly 100 school leaders and senior teachers from across the state. The event served as a collaborative platform for discussing key challenges in contemporary education and exploring practical solutions to enhance student motivation and engagement in an evolving academic landscape.



#### **EXCELLENCIA'24: CELEBRATING TALENT AND TEAMWORK**



Excellencia'24, the premier inter-school competition brought together 26 schools and approximately 300 participants, fostering a spirit of healthy competition and camaraderie. Organised by the student-led Excelerate Club, under the leadership of CEO Laasya Swamy and COO Savi Kiran Holla, the event served as a vibrant platform for students to showcase their skills

across six innovative events, spanning academics, arts, and innovation. The success of Excellencia'24 reaffirmed Excel Public School's commitment to fostering creativity, collaboration, and leadership among students.

#### STUDENT COUNCIL: EMPOWERING LEADERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY



The Student Council at Excel Public School serves as a dynamic platform for student leadership, teamwork, and civic engagement. Under the leadership of Head Girl Impana V and Head Boy Harshith Gupta, along with House Captains and Vice-Captains, the council played a pivotal role in organising events, upholding discipline, and ensuring active student participation. Additionally, student-

led committees - Discipline, Campus Cleanliness, Cafeteria Management, and Transport Facilities - ensure a culture of collaborative governance. To enhance their leadership skills, council members regularly participate in training sessions that equip them with decision-making, communication, and organisational skills, preparing them to take on responsible leadership roles in the future.

#### **EYE PITCH FEST 2024: NURTURING YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS**

The EYE Pitch Fest 2024 provided Grade 9 and Grade 12 Commerce students with a platform to pioneer their innovative business ideas, showcasing their creativity to address real-world challenges by demonstrating their ability to think strategically and articulate impactful solutions with an entrepreneurial mind-set. As a true reflection of Excel Public School's founding principle to nurture future leaders, the event empowered students to cultivate innovation, critical thinking, and entrepreneurial acumen, equipping them to thrive in a dynamic, solution-oriented world.

#### 'ARGHYAM' - STEAM FEST 2024

The 7th edition of our flagship STEAM FEST - 'ARGHYAM' attracted over 5,000 visitors, showcasing multidisciplinary student projects centered on the theme of "Water". Students from all grades showcased their projects that presented a unique integration of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics to present ground-breaking projects and create innovation to address water conservation, efficient water management, and sustainability.

From sensor-based automation that demonstrated the role of engineering in sustainable

water rationing to scientific models that explored novel water-saving techniques, the projects reflected the interdisciplinary thinking nurtured at Excel Public School. Beyond technology, students expressed their insights through art and literature, painting evocative depictions of water ecosystems and composing poetry on the cultural and ecological significance of water.



#### THE EXPERT EDGE: INSPIRING INTERACTIONS

As part of an ongoing endeavour to expand students' intellectual horizons and expose them to diverse career trajectories and academic disciplines, Excel Public School orchestrated a series of enlightening sessions throughout the academic year, each designed to inspire, inform, and empower. The facilitators included our parents, alumni and external resource personnel.



A 'Workshop on Study Techniques' by Ms Arati Varadachar and Mr Srinatha Narayana provided Grade 12 students with strategic insights into enhancing focus, time management, and productivity, equipping them with essential tools for academic excellence.

Alumni Aarush Achar and Angelina Prabhu conducted an insightful session for Grades 11 and 12 on strategies for CLAT by highlighting the importance of disciplined preparation and strategies for excelling in the law entrance examination.

Emphasising the significance of intensive and systematic study methodologies, Manas Kudlapur Rakesh, a distinguished alumnus of Excel Public School and a student at JIPMER Pondicherry, provided invaluable guidance to Grade 11 and 12 aspirants on effective NEET preparation techniques. His expert insights equipped our students with strategic approaches to mastering the exam, and motivating their confidence to ensure a disciplined study mindset.

Addressing critical environmental challenges, Grade 11 students Bhuvan P M, Sreenandhini Das, and Abhinav Sajith spearheaded an insightful discourse on Desertification – A Global Challenge, shedding light on its underlying causes, far-reaching consequences, and effective mitigation strategies.

Mr Santhosh Venkatesh's session on Exploring Forensic Science sparked curiosity among our Grade 11 Psychology students by delving into its history, specialisations, and career prospects.

Prof. Raghuraman's thought-provoking discourse, The Beauty of Language and Literature, captivated Grade 12 students and cultivated a profound appreciation for literary heritage.

As part of World Population Day, research scholar Mr Sayar Chatterjee engaged Grade 9 students in a thought-provoking session on the crucial role of population control in fostering sustainable development. His insights highlighted the interconnectedness of population dynamics and environmental sustainability, inspiring students to adopt responsible and eco-friendly living practices.

An artistic lens was introduced through a session on Photography for Grade 11 and Mimics of Nature for Grade 9, where Dr Vineeth Kumar inspired the students to explore visual storytelling and the marvels of biomimicry.



A team led by Mr Girish Ballolla, CEO of Gen Next Education, conducted an enlightening session for Grades 10, 11, and 12, offering invaluable insights into diverse career pathways in India and abroad.

Students explored global education opportunities, gaining expert guidance on international academic prospects, scholarship avenues, and strategic career planning. Experts from AIISH Mysore, including Dr Rushi and Ms Simran Soni, conducted a vital session for Grades 10 to 12, focusing on mental health awareness and the prevention of deliberate self-harm. The workshop underscored the importance of seeking help, supporting peers, nurturing emotional resilience, encouraging students to prioritise their well-being and cultivating a compassionate support system.

Ms Megumi Paul, the Official Educational Counsellor to KUAS, laid insights on specialised courses and international opportunities and introduced our 11 and 12 students to unique engineering and undergraduate programmes in Japan.

Prof. Keshav Singh's, coordinator of the Global Project at ICTRC, conducted a seminar on the Scientific Career Process of Career Planning and the World of Work encouraging Grade 10 students to align personal aptitudes with career aspirations, ensuring informed decision-making.



Additionally, Dr Malathi Priya IFS's session on Forest Conservation instilled in Grade 9 students a sense of environmental stewardship.

As an integral component of the Senior Secondary Programme focused on career readiness, the Excel Edge Career Internship

Programme provided students with invaluable real-world experience, effectively bridging the gap between academic learning and professional life. Over the summer, participants had the opportunity to explore a wide range of fields. We are delighted by the enthusiastic participation, with 43 students interning at 9 esteemed organisations across diverse fields such as design, architecture, law, finance, marketing, human resources, artificial intelligence, information technology, programming, and medical research.

We sincerely appreciate the mentorship and guidance extended by Excelsoft, DIDACS, InsideOut, Queens School of Design, Kshidi Interiors, Dr. Kumaran, Aashritha Foundation, and Skoda during the internship period. Through these meticulously curated engagements, Excel Public School continues cultivating a culture of exploration, intellectual rigour, and career readiness, empowering students to navigate their future confidently and purposefully.

#### **EXTENDED LEARNING ACTIVITIES**

Extended learning at Excel Public School goes beyond classrooms, fostering curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking through diverse activities. This year, students engaged in field trips to museums, industries, and research institutions, gaining



hands-on experiences that reinforced classroom learning. With 74 Literary and Cultural Competitions and 226 Sports Events, co-curricular and extracurricular activities nurtured talent, confidence, and resilience. Weekly assemblies provided a platform for self-expression and discussions on values, with senior students leading thought-provoking sessions and younger ones showcasing creativity through dance, music, and drama. These initiatives cultivate a culture of discovery, holistic growth, and lifelong learning.

#### SCHOOL LIBRARIES AND RESOURCE ROOM

Excel Public School has two Libraries and a Resource Room stocked with a wide selection of reading materials, reference books, and manuals for students and staff. With a total collection of 11,000 books, including 3200 reference books, our libraries offer a diverse range of subscriptions to 8 Newspapers and 27 Periodicals, providing access to up-to-date information on diverse subjects to support academic pursuits and nurture a love for reading. The management has invested a total of Rs. 1,46,478 to update the library with books, and periodicals to ensure that our libraries remain as research hubs of learning and exploration.

#### **CLUB ACTIVITIES**



Excel Public School takes immense pride in its students and teachers for their unwavering commitment to innovation, creativity, and impactful initiatives across diverse fields. At Excel Public School, we believe in holistic development, and our student clubs provide the perfect platform for exploring interests beyond the classroom. The Readers and Writers' Club, Cyber Club,

Eco Club, Astronomy Club, EYE Club, Excelerate Club foster creativity, teamwork, and leadership and also provide students with hands-on experience and exposure in various fields. The remarkable achievements in competitions, scientific research, and community service reflect not only their talent but also the guidance and mentorship that nurture excellence. These experiences transcend the classroom, preparing them not just for academic success but for a future of leadership, innovation, and meaningful contributions to society.

#### ACTIVITIES UNDER NATIONAL CADET CORPS (NCC) AT EXCEL PUBLIC SCHOOL

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) at Excel Public School, established in the academic year 2021-22, has now grown into a platform that nurtures discipline, character, teamwork, and selfless service among our students. With 16 Cadets in the Senior Division and 150 in the Junior Division, the NCC has achieved remarkable



milestones through impactful activities. This year, cadets participated in 12 diverse events, blending adventure, social awareness, and community service. Cadets actively participated in national commemorations like Kargil Vijay Diwas, Independence Day, Democracy Day

in national commemorations like Kargil Vijay Diwas, Independence Day, Democracy Day and Republic Day with pride and profound respect towards the nation. Their empathy was shone during a visit to the Little Sisters Home, while their support for the STEAM Fest, Blood Donation Camp, and NCC Raising Day heritage walk underscored their commitment to social and environmental causes. Through these activities, the NCC at Excel Public School continues to instil values of leadership, resilience, and community service, making a meaningful impact within and beyond the school community.

#### **NCC ACHIEVEMENTS**

Sergeants Soha Yajaman and Aahana A brought immense pride to the school by representing at the prestigious National Level All India Thal Sainik Camp after clearing a rigorous selection process.

Company Sergeant Major Saanvi Thangamma and Cadet Shriya K Menon excelled by advancing to the Inter-Group Level of the Republic Day Selection Camp, showcasing their leadership and skill.



Sergeant Soha Yajaman and Cadet Jyeshta R P clinched first place at the Vijay Memorial Shooting Competition. At the same time, Sergeant Aahana Vasan secured third in the NCC Junior Wing 10m Open Sight Air Rifle category.

Sixty-three cadets showcased their discipline and resilience through rigorous NCC Combined Annual Training Camps, emphasising skill-building and physical fitness. These cadets have also written their A' Certificate Exam.

First Officer Gayatri C K Kumar, our school's Associated NCC Officer, earned the 'Excellence Award in .22 Rifle Firing' during the Comprehensive Refresher Course at the NCC Officers' Training Academy, Gwalior.

Ithe EPS family congratulates the Mysore NCC Group, the First Officer Gayatri C K Kumar, Hav Subbiah (Retd), and all EPS NCC cadets for their unwavering support and remarkable achievements during the Academic Year 2024-25. Their dedication and excellence have been instrumental in upholding the values and objectives of the NCC, inspiring a sense of pride and commitment in our cadets.

#### **SOCIAL OUTREACH INITIATIVES**

The Social Outreach Committee embodies the philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam - the world as one family. Through impactful initiatives, the committee by visiting organisations such as the Savi Nenapu Foundation, Good Wish Foundation, and Sanidhya Old Age Home provided opportunities for intergenerational bonding through group activities, performances, and meaningful contributions of essential items. The committee's endeavours reinforce Excel Public School's vision of cultivating compassionate, socially responsible global citizens.

#### VIKASA PARVA: EMPOWERING FUTURE INNOVATORS

As part of our unwavering commitment to creating an inclusive and socially responsible learning environment, Excel Public School, in collaboration with the Excel Empathy Foundation, conducted Vikasa Parva, a transformative six-week entrepreneurship and design thinking workshop. Held from October 23 to November 29, 2024, this pioneering initiative engaged



186 students and 36 teachers from 36 government schools across the Mysuru district.

In recognition of their dedication and achievements, all 186 students and teachers were invited to attend the TIE Global Summit 2024 at Bangalore TYECON-TGS2024, offering them an unparalleled opportunity to connect with industry leaders, gain exposure to global innovations, and further develop their entrepreneurial aspirations.

Students developed 36 impactful projects in areas such as healthcare, renewable energy, smart cities (smart household technologies), disaster management, environmental conservation, sustainable agriculture, and social innovation. These 10 projects will now be presented at TYECON-TGS 2024, Bengaluru, while all 36 projects were submitted as entries for the School Innovation Marathon 2024, India's largest innovation challenge, and FIVE



projects have been selected for the next round of the competition.

By providing the students access to our state-of-theart facilities, Excel Public School reaffirmed its belief in democratising quality education and its mission to bridge educational disparities and empower future innovators

#### **INCLUSIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMMES**

As a cornerstone of Excel Public School's mission to nurture an inclusive and supportive environment. Celebratory events such as the Language Exchange Activity and the Display of Culturally Oriented Items highlighted linguistic and cultural diversity, enriching students' perspectives to take pride in their heritage and promoting unity in diversity. The International



Day of Persons with Disabilities featured inspiring performances and interactive sessions emphasising inclusion and respect for all. The 'You Are One Among Us' initiative culminated with 13 children with differential abilities actively participating in regular classroom activities alongside our students, creating mutual understanding and shared learning. These initiatives strengthened the school's inclusive ethos, celebrating diversity and creating a nurturing environment for all learners. We thank the Director and Faculty of the AllSH for helping us to organise this meaningful programme.

#### SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Students from Grade 6 showcased exceptional performance in the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) Multidisciplinary Assessment 2023-2024. Niharika Gowda received a medal for English, while Parnika Aadya Sujith was recognised for English, Reasoning, and Science. Prisha Vivek Nanda excelled in English and Reasoning, further highlighting the school's commitment to academic excellence.

The ACER International Benchmark Tests (IBT) 2024-25 at Excel Public School revealed a consistent upward trend in student performance, with more students achieving higher bands. The results indicate a significant improvement in overall competency levels, positioning students for greater success at National and International Levels.

A comparison with previous years highlighted notable progress in reasoning and cognitive skills, reflecting effective curriculum enhancements. The assessment provides valuable insights for refining teaching strategies and further strengthening learning outcomes, reinforcing Excel Public School's commitment to academic excellence.

Our students have excelled in various Olympiad competitions, demonstrating excellence at both International and Zonal Levels. In the National Cyber Olympiad, students from Grade 9 and Grade 11 displayed outstanding problem-solving skills, securing top international ranks within the first 100 and achieving some of the highest zonal ranks in Karnataka. The analytical abilities of our students were further reflected in the International Mathematics Olympiad, where they earned commendable positions among the top 1,200 globally and ranked within the top 10 at the Zonal Level. The International English Olympiad saw impressive performances, with students attaining notable ranks at both International and Zonal Levels.

The Science Olympiad Foundation (SOF) Examinations for the Academic Year 2024-25 witnessed stellar participation from Grades 3 to 12. The legacy continues as our students get selected for the Level 2 Olympiads in English, Mathematics, and Science, to showcase their academic brilliance. In English, 26 out of 368 participants advanced to Level 2. In Mathematics, 20 out of 554 secured a coveted spot, while in Science, 24 out of 475 progressed to the next level.

Seventeen students from Grades 3 to 10 enthusiastically participated in the prestigious Raman Young Science Innovator (RYSI) competition, a nationally acclaimed platform that fosters hands-on scientific exploration. Demonstrating exceptional ingenuity and curiosity, four students were selected as National Finalists for their ground-breaking projects. Among

them, Nivedha V of Grade 5 earned the distinction of Runner-Up, receiving her award from Mr. Vivek Radhakrishnan, grandson of Sir C.V. Raman.

Reflecting the commitment to scientific curiosity and innovation among students, Excel Public School was recognised asa 'School of Science Excellence' for the prestigious Raman Awards 2024. These achievements stand as a testament to our students' dedication, intellectual excellence, and competitive spirit, making the school proud on a global platform.



# EXCELLENCE

#### TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS IN CULTURAL AND LITERARY COMPETITIONS

At India's International Movement to Unite Nations 2024 (IIMUN), hosted by Manasarowar Pushkarini Vidyasharama, students from Grades 9 to 12 showcased exceptional diplomacy, negotiation, and public speaking skills, earning multiple accolades, including the Best Delegation Award, High Commendation Awards, Special Mention, and Verbal Mention Awards. We also received the Overall Championship Trophy for showcasing exemplary diplomacy, negotiation, and public speaking skills.

Excel Public School's quizzing champions have showcased their brilliance across multiple prestigious competitions, securing top honours and bringing pride to the institution. At the THINQ 2024 National Level Quiz Competition, organised by the Indian Navy, Sreenandini Das and Bhuvan PM from Grade 11 were among the top eight finalists, honoured by distinguished naval officials, including Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi and Vice Admiral Vennam Srinivas.

Students excelled at the Commerce Fest – Vitt Parv 2024, hosted by Delhi Public School, and secured top positions across multiple categories, with Harshul Kaushal and



Sankalpananda from Grade 12 and Tanish Tejaswi and Arun Balan from Grade 11 winning the first prize for the APP Development Competition, Devanshi Darla and Neha from Grade 11 secured the first prize in the Shark Tank Innovation Competition, while Avni R from Grade 11 secured the second prize in the commerce research paper presentation.

Team Excel also earned twelve prizes at the 9th edition of the Mysuru Children's Literature Festival 2024, securing the Overall Championship Trophy. Vedanth V from Grade 3 and Sreenandini Das from Grade 11 won first prizes in their respective categories.

These achievements reflect the unwavering dedication, sharp intellect, and relentless pursuit of knowledge that define our students, reaffirming Excel Public School's legacy of academic excellence.

#### INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Aman Srivastava was conferred with the title of 'IBR Achiever' in recognition of his exceptional achievements in rendering the National Song 'Vande Mataram', playing the tabla, demonstrating Taekwondo steps, and winning First Place at the National and Statelevel Pencak Silat Championships.

Aman Srivatsa of Grade 7, ranked third in the International Mental Arithmetic Competition 2025.

At Techfest IIT Bombay, Dishaa Arjun from Grade 8 ranked among the top ten participants in Asia's most prominent tech competition.

Saanvi Bojamma K M from Grade 9 authored the book Embers of Empire: The Odyssey of the Kohinoor, which was nominated for the Limited Edition 21st Century Emily Dickinson Award.

Saanvi Gundapi from Grade 7 emerged as the Class Topper, School Topper, and Interschool Topper in SpellBee International.

In the Fact Fiesta National Level Inter-School Quiz Comptition 2024, organised by Creya Learning and Skill Sphere Education in collaboration with IIT Delhi, Team Excel comprising



Sreenandini Das and Bhuvan PM from Grade 11 and Chirag S and Chinmay J from Grade 9 secured the Third Position.

Ms Jabeen Taj S and Ms Suma Panini demonstrated their exceptional knowledge and expertise in education by securing the third prize at the Inter-School Teachers' Quiz Competition 2024, organised by the Sahodaya CBSE Committee, Mysuru.



#### A LEGACY OF TRIUMPH

The inter-school and junior college staff throw ball tournament, hosted by Pramati Hill View Academy, was another proud moment as our women's team, under the leadership of Ms Pavithra Somayya K, dominated the league matches and emerged victorious. They showcased impeccable coordination and skill, defeating St. Francis School in the semi-finals and Pramati Hill View Academy in the finals to claim the championship title.

Adding another feather to our cap, the Pramati Men's Cricket Cup saw our cricket team triumph, defeating SMS School Periyapatna and East West International School, Mysore. Their dedication and sportsmanship shone through, with Mr Manjunath B P being named both the player of the tournament and the man of the match for his outstanding contributions. The tournament was a true celebration of camaraderie and excellence in sports.

The sporting spirit of our students shone brightly across multiple tournaments this year, with our students showcasing exemplary talent, teamwork, and determination and sporting excellence on the court and field.

Our Middle School girls' and boys' basketball teams demonstrated remarkable prowess at the Independence Day Cup Basketball Tournament, organised by the National Sports Club, Mysore. The Girls' Team displayed outstanding coordination, securing the Second Prize, while the Boys' Team put up a commendable performance, claiming the Third Prize.



At the Talent Splash Inter-School Sports Meet 2024, organised by the CBSE and State, Private Schools Management Association of Mysore, Mandya, Chamarajanagar, and Coorg, our sports stars carved a niche in the district sports arena. The Girls' Basketball Team clinched the Third Prize, while the Boys' Basketball Team emerged as champions. Our Boys' Cricket Team displayed exceptional skills and teamwork, securing the First Prize.

In the District-Level Independence Day Basketball Tournament 2024, our High School teams exhibited outstanding determination and dominance on the court. The High School Girls' Team (Grades 8-10) showcased superior coordination and gameplay, clinching the First Prize. Likewise, the High School Boys' Team (Grades 8-10) emerged victorious, securing the First Prize. Our Junior College Girls' Team (Grades 11-12) demonstrated exceptional dribble control, precise passes, and strategic gameplay, ultimately winning the First Prize and asserting their dominance on the court.

The sporting excellence extended to National Sports Day, where the Department of Studies, Physical Education, and Sports Science organised a Badminton Tournament. Our students delivered stellar performances across multiple categories. Moulya M N (Class 10) secured First Prize in both the Singles and Doubles categories. Tashvi Vijay Jayadeva (Class 10) won the First Prize in Doubles and Second Prize in Singles. Samith Hegde dominated the competition, securing First Prize in both Singles and Doubles. Rochan S (Class 9) demonstrated excellent court presence and agility, winning the First Prize in Doubles.

#### **STATE STALWARTS**

Our students continue to shine across diverse sporting arenas, bringing pride and joy to our school community.

Aahana A Vasan of Grade 9 displayed remarkable precision and focus, securing the Bronze Medal in the Shooting Team Event at the Second Nagaraj Rao Jagdale State Level Shooting Competition in the Open Sight Category. Her dedication positions her as a rising star in the shooting arena.

Bhaavni D Katkar of Grade 5 reached an impressive milestone as a semi-finalist in the Under-11 Girls Doubles Badminton Tournament at the Yonex Karnataka State Ranking Tournament in Bangalore. Her exceptional footwork, grips, and passion for the sport led her to a Bronze Medal, inspiring young badminton enthusiasts.

Ishana Pykera of Grade 9 demonstrated outstanding athleticism at the CBSE Cluster Level Athletic Meet, held at PSSEMR School in

Davangere. She earned a Silver Medal in the 800-metre and a Bronze Medal in the 400-metre Running Events in the Under-17 Category.

At the CBSE Cluster VIII Badminton Tournament, hosted by Sri Kumaran Children's Home, Bengaluru, Samith Hegde of Grade 10 and Rochan of Grade 9 showcased their skill and determination, securing the Runners-Up Trophy in the Under-17 Category with outstanding backhand smashes and drop shots.

Aarav Y. Jagadeesh of Grade 6 impressed at the 2nd Open State Level Karate Championship 2024, organised by the Youth Martial Arts Academy, Mysuru. Competing in the 11-year-old boys' category, Aarav's focus and precision earned him Second Place in the individual Kata event, demonstrating both mental and physical strength.

Munjadira Nirvi Poonacha of Grade 7 displayed exceptional technique at the 2024-25 State Sub-Junior Swimming Championship, securing Third Place in the 50m Butterfly Stroke. Her success continued at the KSA Swim Meet 2024, where she won a Silver Medal in the 50m Butterfly Stroke and a Bronze Medal in the 50m Freestyle, impressing with her seamless strokes and powerful technique.

Siddhanth Srinivasan of Grade 7 brought pride to the school at the 16th Karnataka State Kickboxing Championship 2024, securing a Silver Medal in the Cadet Category for Boys under 60 kg. His technical proficiency and unwavering spirit made a strong impact in the competition.

Nishanth G Gowda of Grade 10 displayed exceptional skill at the 2nd Karnataka State Finn Swimming Championship 2024, earning Third Place in the Mono Fin 100-metre event with an impressive time of one minute and five seconds. His strength and precision highlighted his versatility in competitive swimming.

#### **NATIONAL TRAILBLAZERS:**

Angad Sagar Bijlani of Grade 4 and Druv Pykera of Grade 5 shone at the PKD Open National Level Submission Grappling Championship, with Angad clinching a Silver Medal and Druv securing a Bronze Medal. Their dedication and resilience in grappling reflect their exceptional talent and commitment to martial arts.



Parinitha V of Grade 4 showcased remarkable martial arts prowess at the 7th GKA Open National Level Championship, winning a Gold Medal in Kata (9-10 girls) and a Silver Medal in Kumite (9-10 girls). Her discipline and technical mastery in karate serve as an inspiration to her peers.

Charith Aprameya of Grade 5 excelled in the 7th GKA Open National Level Championship, earning a Gold Medal in the Kata 9-10 Boys' Category. His unwavering commitment, precision, and dedication to karate have rightfully placed him among the best.

These stellar performances exemplify the ethos of excellence that defines our school, inspiring students to push their boundaries and strive for greatness. Congratulations to our national champions!

### RISING STARS

#### **BASKETBALL SENSATION- SHRAVANI S**

Shravani S showcased exceptional talent in basketball, achieving remarkable milestones at national and international levels. In the under-16 category, Shravani won a gold medal in the 39th Youth Basketball National Championship 2024 in Calcutta and secured a silver at the 38th Youth Basketball National Championship in Pondicherry, the Youth Basketball State Championship in Bangalore, and the Dasara CM Cup in Mysore. On the international stage, she secured fourth place at the IYBC, International Youth Basketball Championship in Thailand. Her dedication earned her a complete scholarship for three years at the American Corvus



International School, Maharashtra, through NBA trials. Currently, she is attending the National Youth Basketball Championship Selection Camp and has participated in the Khelo India Khelo Basketball Assessment Camp, with results awaited. Her perseverance, skill, and passion make her an inspiration to all.

#### TENNIS PRODIGY- PADMAPRIYA RAMESHKUMAR



Padmapriya Rameshkumar of Grade 7 established herself as a rising star in tennis with outstanding performances in major tournaments. At the OIL-AITA Super Series Tennis Tournament 2024 in Guwahati, she reached the semi-finals in under-14 girls' singles, finished runner-up in under-12 singles, and won the under-14 doubles title. She continued her success in the All India National Series, securing victory in the under-14 girls' doubles. At the Sania Mirza Tennis Academy, she dominated the under-12 National Series, winning both singles and doubles. Her achievements at the Zoho Salem under-14 Super Series Tennis Championship and the AITA National Ranking

Championship further showcased her skill, as she reached the semi-finals in under-12 and under-14 singles and claimed the under-14 doubles title. Her determination, strategic play, and sportsmanship are truly commendable.

These remarkable achievements reflect the unwavering commitment and excellence of our students. Their dedication and hard work continue to inspire the school community.

### SPECIAL EVENTS AT EXCEL PUBLIC SCHOOL

### A YEAR OF CELEBRATION AND INSPIRATION

At Excel Public School, special events serve as vibrant milestones that celebrate our core values, foster unity, and create unforgettable experiences for students and staff alike. Each occasion is thoughtfully curated to blend tradition with innovation, ensuring that every celebration is not just an event but a meaningful learning experience.

In the month of June, an Investiture Ceremony was hosted where students were entrusted with pivotal leadership roles, fostering their development as responsible and compassionate individuals. This momentous occasion heralded the dawn of a new era of leadership, inspiring our students to embrace selfless service and create a profound impact in their communities. The 10th International Yoga Day was observed with great enthusiasm and the event underscored the importance of mindfulness and health, inspiring a collective movement toward a more balanced and harmonious lifestyle.



The 78th Independence Day in August was a stirring tribute to our nation, inspiring patriotism and unity among students and staff. Through vibrant performances and collaborative house activities, students honoured the sacrifices of our forebears while embracing the values of freedom and diversity. The event

underscored the importance of mindfulness and health, inspiring a collective movement toward a more balanced and harmonious lifestyle.

In September, Teachers' Day was celebrated with warmth and gratitude. The highlight of the event was a voluntary blood donation camp, where over 71 teachers and their families participated, demonstrating the spirit of selfless service. Alongside this noble cause, students expressed their appreciation for their mentors through captivating performances and heartfelt tributes. Parents joined the celebration by participating in the "Be the Change" programme, stepping into classrooms to teach and experiencing the joy of working with loving students.

November marked a vibrant celebration of Children's Day, dedicated to honouring the joy, curiosity, and boundless potential of every child. The event was a delightful fusion of creativity, inspiration, and entertainment, designed to make students feel valued and cherished. With engaging activities, lively performances, and moments of pure joy, the day truly reflected the school's commitment to nurturing a joyful and enriching learning environment. A special highlight of the celebration was the thoughtful gifting of Channapatna toys to the students. These beautifully handcrafted wooden toys, known for their eco-friendly and non-toxic nature, not only brought smiles but also reinforced the importance of sustainability and traditional craftsmanship.

December was a month of energy and sportsmanship, with both Senior and Junior Sports Days showcasing students' agility, determination, and teamwork. Sports day brought the entire school community in a spirit of camaraderie and bonding. The diverse sports events

provided a platform for students to excel in various athletic competitions, reinforcing the importance of perseverance and healthy competition.

In January, the much-anticipated Open Day - Expressions of Grades 3, 4, and 5 brought together students, parents, and teachers in a dynamic exhibition of learning. Students proudly showcased their knowledge and skills across subjects, presenting projects and interactive displays that reflected their academic journey. The Expo for Parents was a highlight, offering an immersive experience of the innovative learning practices at Excel Public School. This month welcomed the parents of Grade



3 students as an integral part of the Grade Assembly Programmes, offering a unique platform for students to showcase their learning. Their active participation enriched the experience, adding a new dimension to the school's commitment to strengthening the home-school connection.

Each of these special events reflected the essence of Excel Public School—where celebrations are not just about festivity but about fostering values, encouraging excellence, and creating lasting memories for the entire school community.

#### **FUTURE PLANS**

Excel Public School remains committed to expanding opportunities, enhancing infrastructure, and fostering global collaborations to provide an enriching learning environment. To recognize and support excellence, the School Management has announced Prof. M H Dhananjaya Memorial Scholarships for meritorious students of Classes 10 and 12, along with scholarships to recognize students who exhibit exceptional achievements in both scholastic and co-scholastic areas.

In line with our emphasis on scientific exploration and environmental consciousness, we are setting up a Material Science Lab and a Climate Studies Lab to enable e hands-on learning and research in emerging fields in the coming Academic Year.

Infrastructure development remains a priority, with the construction of a Roofed Open-Air Theatre cum Indoor Sports Complex with a seating capacity of 1,800, providing students with a dedicated space for sports, cultural programs, and large-scale events.

The Management also has plans to relocate the Foundation School from Hootagalli to the adjacent property in Korogalli to accommodate future expansion.

Strengthening our international footprint, the school aims to establish collaborations with institutions outside the country, facilitating student and teacher exchange programs to foster global perspectives and cross-cultural learning.

#### **GRATITUDE NOTE**

As we draw this report to a close, I take this opportunity to extend my sincere gratitude to all those whose contributions have propelled Excel Public School towards continued excellence and success. Our visionary leadership, under the guidance of our beloved Secretary, Mr. D Sudhanva, alongside the Trustees and our dedicated School Correspondent, Mr. H M Prashanth, has played a vital role in shaping the institution's path and progress.

I also wish to acknowledge the invaluable support of the School Managing Committee, Advisory Board, and our partners at Excelsoft, whose constant encouragement and collaborative spirit have been instrumental in fostering a culture of innovation and academic brilliance.

At the very heart of our school are our passionate and committed educators and staff. From the Administrative Officer and Vice-Principal to the Head Teachers, Academic and Subject Coordinators, each member of our team has contributed immensely to nurturing a vibrant and engaging learning environment. My heartfelt thanks to each of them for their dedication and tireless efforts.

A special note of appreciation goes to our wonderful parent community for their trust, cooperation, and unwavering support. Your partnership strengthens our resolve and inspires us to reach greater heights. Above all, we remain inspired by our students—the true torchbearers of our ethos—whose curiosity, creativity, and joy bring life and meaning to everything we do.

As we look to the future, we reaffirm our commitment to excellence, innovation, and holistic education. With a shared vision and renewed purpose, we move forward with hope and determination. In the words of John Dewey, "Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself." At Excel Public School, we embrace this philosophy wholeheartedly, committed to nurturing minds that think, hearts that care, and individuals who are ready to shape a brighter tomorrow.

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