

Report on Bal Mela

**BAL MELA 2024: A Carnival of Joy! A Cause to Cherish!**

Bhavan's Bhagwandas Purohit Vidya Mandir, Trimurti Nagar, Nagpur, organized the **Bal Mela 2024** to mark Children's Day with a vibrant celebration that welcomed students, parents, and grandparents. The event, brilliantly executed by the students of Std. X, aimed to raise funds for a charitable organization committed to social betterment. Held on **Thursday, 14th November**, the event was inaugurated by **Shri Archit Chandak (IPS), Deputy Commissioner of Police, Traffic, Nagpur**, in the esteemed presence of **Dr. Pankaj Chande, Executive Committee Member, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Nagpur Kendra**. Other dignitaries, including **Smt. Padmini Jog, Executive Committee Member, Shri K.M. Agrawal (Hon. Treasurer), Dr. (Smt) Sunanda Sonariker (Hon.Secretary), Prof. Q. H. Jeevaji Executive Committee Member, Smt. Annapoorni Shastri, Director, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Nagpur Kendra, and Smt. Anju Bhutani, Academic Coordinator cum Manager** also honoured the event with their valuable presence. **Smt. Raji Shrinivasan, Principal, Bhavan's Bhagwandas Purohit Vidya Mandir, Chinchbhavan**, along with **Dr. Prajakta Kaduskar (Ex-Parent Representatives, SMC)** and other EPTA parent members visited and encouraged the students for their enthusiastic efforts.

An impressive **163 Std. X students** organized **34** lively food and game stalls and **24 students from Std XI** managed **12** recreational games and rides. Food items like pastries, ice cream, and cone chaat, along with popular games such as "Glass Breaking" and "Bucket and Balls," drew the largest crowds. Approximately **4000 visitors** attended, including students, families, and staff, filling the day with fun and excitement. A special bookstall featuring a rare collection of books from Pustak Bharti Publications was also set up; offering visitors exposure to variety of books. A unique stall by Sangya Chaitanya, an organization for mentally challenged, showcased beautifully crafted handmade items, including torans, files, hangings, and pots, adding a heartfelt touch to the event. The students received invaluable guidance from **Smt. Yogini Paranjpe Academic Coordinator (VI – XII), overall in-charge Shri Arun Barde**, assisted by **Dr. Rajshree Diwan, Smt. Usha Tiwaskar, Smt. Vaishali Nagpure, Smt. Rekha Kuthe** and other dedicated teachers. **Principal Smt. Parwati G. Iyer** provided constant support, helping bring this grand event to life.

