



ASHOK HALL GIRLS' HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL

CAMPUS CONNECT

JULY - SEPTEMBER, 2026

REFLECTION OF CHRONICLES

ARCHITECTURE OF CBSE'S ASSESSMENT REVOLUTION

CBSE is moving away from rote learning towards understanding, application, and critical thinking. Earlier, students often asked, "What should I memorize for the exam?" Today, the better question is, "How can I use what I have learnt?" Rather than relying on rote memorization, students should actively consider where a learned concept can be applied and how, focusing their energy on tackling novel, unfamiliar problems. This change, guided by NEP 2020 and the National Curriculum Framework, has increased competency-based questions in Classes X and XII. Questions now include case studies, real-life situations, and reasoning instead of simply testing memory. The reason is simple: real life does not come with chapter headings. Students need to identify problems, connect concepts, and find solutions. The new approach also aims to reduce exam pressure through multiple opportunities for Class X Board examinations. So, students should practice unfamiliar questions, graphs, real-life applications, and explaining concepts in simple words, rather than repeatedly solving the same patterns. The message is clear. CBSE is not asking students to know more answers—it is asking them to think better.

Mr. Soumyajit Sanyal, Middle School Coordinator

GRAND VICTORY - ENVIRONMENT CHAMPION QUIZ 2026

Proud moment for Ashok Hall Girls' Higher Secondary School as our team of three students emerged as the Grand Winners of the Environment Champion Quiz 2026 – 3rd Edition, organised by Mantras Foundation on 21 August 2026. Competing among 36 participating schools, our students secured 1st position, showcasing outstanding environmental awareness, knowledge and commitment towards a sustainable future. The champions won the Grand Winner Trophy, Medals, Certificates and a cash prize of ₹50,000.



AHGHSS: PRAGATI

From Curriculum to Career

ACTUARIAL SCIENTIST

Assess, analyze, and manage future financial risks using advanced probability models, statistics, and financial theory

How to go for it?

Professional Certification via IAI and IFoA, UK
B.Sc. (Hons) / B.A. (Hons) in Actuarial Science / Statistics / Quantitative Finance
Integrated M.Sc. in Statistics and Actuarial Mathematics

Career Roles: Risk Analyst || Insurance Actuary || Financial Modeler || Catastrophe Analyst

Exams: ACTET || CUET - UG

Indian Colleges: IAI || ISI Kolkata & Bangalore || Patkar-Varde College || Christ University

Global Colleges: LSE || University of Waterloo || Heriot-Watt University, Macquarie University || IFoA, UK || SOA, USA || University of Washington || University College London (UK)





RAKSHA BANDHAN: BONDS BEYOND THE THREAD

Raksha Bandhan was celebrated at Ashok Hall Girls' Higher Secondary School on 27 August 2026 as a celebration of love, gratitude and unity. Inspired by Rabindranath Tagore's vision of the festival, our students honoured the school's support staff and daily workers, while also sharing handmade rakhis with underprivileged children from the neighbourhood. The celebration beautifully transformed tradition into a message of empathy, dignity and togetherness.



INTER-HOUSE SPORTS: WHERE SKILL MEETS SPIRIT

The Inter-House Sports Competition, held on 17th-18th August 2026, brought together Godavari, Ganga, Kaveri and Yamuna Houses in a spirited showcase of skill, teamwork and sportsmanship. Students of Classes VI-XII competed enthusiastically in Carrom, Chess, Table Tennis and Throwball, celebrating the true spirit of healthy competition and house pride.



CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT: UPHOLDING EXCELLENCE

The Telegraph School Awards for Excellence 2026, held at the EZCC Auditorium on 22 August, celebrated outstanding talent, achievement and character. Our students earned prestigious honors across academics, social service, extracurricular activities, sports, music, dance and all-round excellence. Aritraa Das, Mahelika Chakraborty and Rajanya Sengupta were recognized for All-Round Excellence, while Diksha Pandey, Bristi Mukherjee, Debangi Sarkar and Ritsika Das received Outstanding Talent honors. The heartfelt **"Thank You Baba-Ma Award"** presented to Areli Dey's parents added a special touch to the celebration.



STEALING THE SPOTLIGHT
DEBANGI SARKAR of 12 S2 has won one **gold** and one **silver** in **CBSE Skating** in Raipur.





CBSE CBP ON PHYSICS FOR SENIOR SECONDARY

A two-day CBP on Physics for Senior Secondary was conducted on 11th and 12th September 2026 at St. Xavier's High School, by Ms. Suchismita Saha, PGT & HOD – Science. The program focused on conceptual understanding, competency - based teaching, problem-solving, experiential learning and effective assessment strategies in Physics to strengthen Senior Secondary Physics teaching.



INDEPENDENCE DAY: CELEBRATING FREEDOM

Ashok Hall Girls' Higher Secondary School celebrated India's 79th Independence Day on 15 August 2026 with patriotic fervor. The celebrations featured the National Flag unfurling, stirring songs, vibrant cultural performances, a theatrical tribute and student artwork showcasing India's rich heritage. The Principal's inspiring address on youth responsibility and the distribution of sweets brought the celebration to a fitting close.



CELEBRATING THE RICHNESS OF HINDI THROUGH LITERATURE & CREATIVITY

It was celebrated with great enthusiasm through a vibrant showcase of Hindi literature, creativity and cultural expression. Students brought literary works to life through creative displays, models, artwork and character portrayals, with a special focus on the timeless contributions of Munshi Premchand. The celebration beautifully highlighted the richness of Hindi and inspired students to appreciate the language and its literary heritage.



WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY DAY: CAPTURING MOMENTS, PRESERVING MEMORIES

World Photography Day was celebrated with an outdoor photography competition and nature walk at Rabindra Sarobar, where students of Classes 6–9 captured its vibrant biodiversity, serene lake views and candid moments. The engaging experience sharpened their skills in framing, lighting and visual storytelling, blending creativity with nature.





CELEBRATING VALUES THROUGH CREATIVITY AND EXPRESSION

LEARNING, CREATING & CELEBRATING TOGETHER

The school year was enriched with a series of engaging activities that encouraged students to express themselves creatively while developing values of gratitude, friendship, patriotism, environmental responsibility and family bonding. On Doctor's Day, students made thoughtful cards and bookmarks to express their appreciation for doctors and their invaluable service to society. World Tiger Day inspired young minds through paw-badge making, poem recitation and poster-making activities, fostering awareness about tiger conservation and wildlife protection.

The spirit of friendship came alive on International Friendship Day, as students created colourful friendship bands, heartfelt appreciation cards and photo frames celebrating cherished bonds. Through the Doodling Activity, students designed personalised bookmarks using the first letters of their names, artistic patterns and inspirational quotes, nurturing imagination and self-expression. Independence Day was celebrated with patriotic fervour through a vibrant Fancy Dress Show, patriotic songs and dances, inspiring love for the nation and respect for the sacrifices of our freedom fighters. The Rakhi Memory Souvenir Activity beautifully captured the warmth of family and sibling relationships, as students shared Raksha Bandhan photographs accompanied by creative captions. Together, these activities transformed learning into meaningful experiences, allowing students to create, connect, care and celebrate while developing essential values beyond the classroom.



STEALING THE SPOTLIGHT

It is a matter of immense pride that two teachers of Ashok Hall Girls' Higher Secondary School have been recognized among the top-performing educators based on the outstanding CBSE 2025-26 results by the Commerce Teachers Foundation (CTF), through its prestigious felicitation ceremony "Abhinandan", held in Delhi

- Rina Banerjee - Entrepreneurship
- Rupa Sengupta - Accountancy





ORBITUARY: WITH DEEP RESPECT AND SINCERE REMEMBRANCE



MRS PRANATI GHOSH
JOINED IN 1970 & RETIRED IN 1999

Ashok Hall Girls' Higher Secondary School deeply mourns the passing of Mrs Pranati Ghosh, former faculty of Psychology, who served the institution with dedication and grace from 1970 to 1999. Admired for her gentle nature and wisdom, she inspired generations of students and guided many young teachers with warmth and humility.

We mourn the untimely passing of our cherished Class X student, Batch 2024, whose dreams of becoming a doctor will remain a poignant reminder of her aspirations and promise. May her gentle spirit rest in peace, and may her memory continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew her.



SANA IMAM
CLASS: X
BATCH: 2024

STEALING THE SPOTLIGHT

Prashant Pathak, EPF & Pension Schemes Expert, who works in Administration department for Ashok Hall Group of Schools, featured in The Statesman for his insightful article on EPF Service Records.

Bridging the Past and the Future: Why Correcting EPF Service Records Matters More Than Ever



PRASHANT PATHAK

India's social security system has undergone a remarkable transformation over the past five decades. From the introduction of the Employees' Family Pension Scheme, 1971 (FPS-71) to the Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 (EPS-95), and now the Employees' Pension Scheme, 2026, the objective has remained unchanged—to provide financial security and dignity to millions of workers and their families. While policy reforms often receive public attention, a less discussed but equally important issue is the accuracy of employees' service records. Thousands of workers approaching retirement continue to face delays in receiving their provident fund and pension benefits, not because they are ineligible, but because their employment records were never digitized or properly linked. The Employees' Family Pension Scheme, 1971 was introduced primarily to provide financial support to the dependents of an employee in the unfortunate event of death during service. Under this scheme, the emphasis was on family security rather than post-retirement income for the employee.

Recognizing the changing needs of India's workforce, the Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 replaced FPS-71 with a more comprehensive social security framework. The new scheme introduced monthly superannuation pension, widow pension, children's pension, disablement pension, and other long-term benefits. It is financed through diversion of 8.33% of the employer's statutory EPF contribution along with the Central Government's contribution. Members who complete the prescribed qualifying service and attain the eligible retirement age become entitled to lifelong monthly pension. The notification of the Employees' Pension Scheme, 2026 marks another milestone in the evolution of India's pension administration. While it consolidates the earlier schemes under a modern framework, it also safeguards the rights already earned by existing members. Pensioners and serving employees covered under FPS-71 or EPS-95 continue to enjoy complete protection of their accrued benefits, ensuring that no legitimate entitlement is lost during the transition. Perhaps the most significant administrative reform in EPFO's history came with the introduction of the Electronic Challan-cum-Return (ECR) system in April 2012. By replacing manual returns with an online platform, ECR brought greater transparency, faster contribution processing, and improved compliance by employers. However, the transition to digitization also exposed a major challenge. Service records of employees who worked before the implementation of ECR were often maintained manually. In many establishments, records were incomplete, inconsistent, or unavailable in digital format. Consequently, numerous employees today discover missing service periods only when they apply for pension or provident fund settlement. Correcting these historical records requires a systematic approach. Employees generally need to submit

a Joint Declaration Form, duly signed by both the employee and the employer, along with supporting documents such as Aadhaar, PAN, and establishment-specific records. Depending upon the facts of each case and the requirements of the concerned Regional EPFO Office, documents such as Form 7PS, Form 4PS, Form 5PS, and, where necessary, Form 3PS may also be required to establish the missing period of employment. After careful verification of the documents and service particulars, EPFO may create a temporary Universal Account Number (UAN) wherever necessary to capture the pre-ECR service records. The employee is then required to merge this temporary UAN with the existing active UAN through the 'Request for Transfer of Account' facility available on the EPFO Member Portal. Once the service history is successfully consolidated, the member becomes eligible to apply for provident fund settlement and, wherever applicable, monthly pension benefits without disruption. This process may appear procedural, but its impact is profound. Every corrected service record represents years of honest labour that deserve recognition. Every successfully merged UAN restores an employee's rightful entitlement. Every pension sanctioned on time reflects the effectiveness of a social security system built on trust and accountability. As India advances towards a fully digital governance ecosystem, employers must ensure timely and accurate submission of employee records, while employees should periodically verify their EPF accounts instead of waiting until retirement. Awareness, documentation, and proactive verification can prevent years of unnecessary hardship. The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation has made significant strides in modernizing its services through digital platforms, online claim

settlement, UAN-based portability, and simplified compliance mechanisms. Nevertheless, the success of these reforms depends equally on accurate legacy data and cooperation between employers, employees, and the EPFO. A pension is not merely a monthly payment—it is a recognition of decades of dedicated service. Ensuring that every eligible worker receives that benefit without avoidable delay is not only an administrative responsibility but also a commitment to the principles of social justice and social security on which the EPF system was founded. THE WRITER IS AN EPF AND PENSION SCHEMES EXPERT WHO WORKS IN THE ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF THE ASHOK HALL GROUP OF SCHOOLS

