



THE BISHOP'S CO - ED SCHOOL, UNDRI

ALFRESCO MEGAFEST REPORT - 2022

The much awaited Alfresco Cultural and Sports event was held at Prayagraj from 31st of October to the 2nd of November. The Bishops Co-Ed School Undri grabbed this opportunity and participated in this National event. A total of 18 schools participated. Although the preparation and the logistics to participate in this mega event was by far, a difficult enterprise, yet our team of students and teachers put in their best efforts and successfully exceeded all expectations that was required.

We travelled to our destination using the Indian Railways and departed from the Pune railway station on the 28th of October, 2022. It was a breath-taking journey as we got a first-class view of the scenery and the daily life of our beautiful country from our air-conditioned cabins as we veined through the mainland. This will always be intact in our memories.

As we arrived at The Boys' High School who hosted us at their campus, we felt the brotherly love flowing like a stream of milk and honey keeping our cups running over. They treated all of us, students, and teachers alike, with the utmost care and kindness. An infinity of acknowledgements would never be enough for Mr David Luke and Mrs. C. Luke the Principal and the Headmistress of The Boys' High School as our stay was engulfed with extravagance and a high lifestyle.

We set our hearts and minds on the events the next day, and practiced till we dropped down tired. It was more of the excitement than the compulsion that was the driving force charging us.

The first day's events (31st October, 2022) of the Alfresco Mega fest kicked off with the Opening ceremony! All teams along with their student body heads marched at St. Peter's field. This was followed by the Cultural Opening Ceremony, which took place at St. Patricks Auditorium. Once again, the leaders of the student bodies represented the participating schools and bore their respective flags. This was followed by the Oath of honour and Fair Participation administered by the Sport's Captain of the Boys' High School - Vinayak Pratap Singh.

The day's events started with Colloquy (Debate) followed by Sur Sangram, Half-A-Minute (HAM) and Rock On. The off-stage events for the day included Splash, Visage Maquillage (Face Painting) and Creative Muse (Poetry) which took place simultaneously at The Flynn's Hall. The day was a massive success as our school secured podium positions in every single event that took place over the course of the day!

Our boys Armaan Kutty and Krish Shah mesmerised the audience by an astounding performance for the Colloquy and won the 1st Position and The Best Team Award. Armaan Kutty also bagged the Best Speaker award and launched our way with a winning start. At Sur Sangram Nandini Nair and Sharon Benjamin left no stones unturned, once again bagging the 1st position with their Angelic voices and positive frame of minds. Then the event Half – a – Minute. It was indeed brainstorming as Krish Shah our Star Champion left the audience flabbergasted with his performance bagging the 2nd position.

After a heavy lunch came Rock On - the awaited event. All in the audience got rocked by the Rockstars of Bishop's Undri who won the 2nd position as they belted out Queen's 'I want to break free' and Creedence Clearwater Revival's 'Have you ever seen the rain'. The off-stage events were also on a winning streak as Riya Bendbhar and Sejal Patil won the second position for Visage Maquillage (Face painting). Our Football team also sweated out on the field as they battled at the qualifiers defeating any team that came in their path. Our Basket Ball Girls' team were also on their toes, winning all games for the day.

The second day's events (1st November, 2022) of the Alfresco Mega fest started with the Vocabquest quiz competition taking place at St. Patrick's Auditorium as we continued our impeccable form. This event was followed by Razzmatazz, a spectacular show which was highly appreciated by both Mr. and Mrs. David Luke! Other events for the day included Sing Along, Ad-Factor and Happy Feet. The Off-stage events for the day were Caption Me and the 3D effect which took place at the Flynn's Hall. The day ended on a positive note filled with fantastic performances! With preliminary rounds taking place before, our Girls' Basketball Finals took place in the evening under flood lights, I am sure you can guess the winner- 'The Bishop's Co-Ed school, Undri.'

Needless to say, our performance at Happy Feet (Dance) and Razzmatazz (Fancy dress) were the priceless jewels as the whole auditorium bragged about them and without doubt, scoring 'position Uno'. Both the events compromised a group of 15 students. Nyssa Landge also bagged the 1st position for Caption Me with her brilliant Imagery skills. Kudos to her.

The Final day (2nd November, 2022) of the Alfresco Mega fest commenced with the boy's Football finals which took place at the main field. It was a closely contested final between The Boys' High School and The Bishop's Co-Ed School, Undri and was won by The Boys' High School! This was followed by a heated round of Quiz at the St. Patrick's Auditorium. Our students Krish Shah and Vardhani Gujrati won the second position, indeed laudable. The Screening of 'The Director's Cut' commenced and as the results of the same was announced, the auditorium burst into applause when the 1st position was awarded to Bishop's Undri, once again. Participants and audience were enthralled and mesmerized by the following event: En Vogue - A fashion fiesta fuelled with a flamboyant collection of Indian ethnic wear. We are proud to mention that no other team matched the flair and poise displayed by our students who again won the 1st position.

The competition concluded with a cultural performance by St. John's School; The Bishop's Co-Ed School, Undri, The Girls' High School and a collaboration between the hosts - The Boys' High School and the Bishop's Co-Ed School, Undri! Our school was specially asked to repeat our performances for Razzmatazz and Happy feet! This was followed by the Prize Distribution for the Sporting as well Cultural events where the Bishop's Co-Ed School, Undri won the Spectacular Performers Award. Nishit Phadke also won the best Mid-fielder and Krish Shah won the Max Knack (Top performer) award for scoring the highest points for his school! Lastly, the school that won the championship trophy was The Bishop's Co-Ed School, Undri. The evening ended with a lavish banquet and loads of entertainment. As we made our way back, we knew that we fought the good fight, we finished the race and we kept the faith.

We would like to thank all the heads and the teachers involved in the event. Lastly, we extend countless thanks and a heartfelt of gratitude to our dear Principal Mr. J. Luke for preparing, motivating and guiding us from the Genesis to the Conclusion of our journey for Alfresco 2022. We hope and pray to continue this winning streak in future.



Our Principal Mr. J. Luke also the Chief Guest awarding the students of The Boys' High School after winning the First Position for Rock On.



The Lead guitarist for of the BHS band.



The Boys' High School Rock Band.



The Chief guest and our Principal Mr. J. Luke giving away the trophies and certificates to the runner up team for Rock On -The Bishop's Co-Ed School Undri, Pune.



Our Principal and The Chief Guest Honouring The Girls High School Participants.



The winners of the En Vogue with the Chief Guest and our dear Principal Mr. J. Luke.



The winners of the Basketball Tournament.



The Best Mid-Fielder awarded to Nishit Phadke of The Bishop's Co-Ed School, Undri Pune.



The Runner-up team for the Football Tournament- The Bishop's Co-Ed School Undri Pune.



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