



NIRAJ INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026

Principal's Address - B Raksha Reddy

Good evening esteemed Chairperson, Director, respected parents, enthusiastic students, and valued members of the Niraj International School family. It is with immense pride and joy that I stand before you this evening, under the vibrant lights of Rang Tarang 2025, our annual celebration of dance and music. This evening is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and boundless talent of our students, and a reflection of the unwavering support Niraj International School receives from its parent community.

This academic year has been one of remarkable achievements and growth for Niraj International School. Our students have consistently demonstrated excellence across a spectrum of disciplines, bringing home accolades and making NIS immensely proud.

We begin this evening with a moment of collective pride as we speak about the achievements of our students in the current academic year.

Thanks to the combined efforts of our students, parents, and staff, NIS has once again been recognized as one of the best schools in its category by the prestigious Times Group in the Times School Ranking. This recognition, received for the third consecutive year across various categories, reaffirms Niraj International School's commitment to providing quality education and fostering a nurturing learning environment.

NIS students have actively participated in inter-school competitions throughout the year, showcasing their talents and skills against some of the best in the city. They competed fiercely and fairly against students from renowned institutions of the city and of the CBSE Cluster achieving remarkable success in sports, art, elocution, science research projects, and more. Their victories are a testament to their hard work and the dedication of our teachers.

Niraj International School proudly co-hosted Khel Mahotsav 2.0, a grand sporting event that saw the participation of eight schools. Our students, fueled by their passion for sports, underwent rigorous training before and after school, and on weekends. Their dedication paid off handsomely, with a remarkable haul of 310 individual medals, 9 group trophies, and the Runner-Up Overall Best School Trophy. Their performance was truly inspiring.

NIS also proudly hosted Jigyasa, an inter-school science competition for schools of the CBSE Cluster. Competing against numerous schools, our students demonstrated their

scientific acumen and secured two 1st prizes and one 3rd prize, further solidifying Niraj International School's reputation for academic excellence.

On the academic front, NIS has continued to refine its teaching methodologies and assessment strategies. Our students have benefited from training for MUN, regular cyclic tests to build exam preparedness, and weekly comprehension tests every Wednesday to enhance language skills.

Regular Remedial classes provide targeted support to students who require additional assistance, ensuring that every child reaches their full potential. We conducted remedial classes at the school on a weekly basis closely monitoring every child's progress.

Niraj International School firmly believes in the power of reading and has fostered a culture of literacy through weekly library classes, and introducing students to DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) time, and two successful book fairs. These initiatives have ignited a love for reading in our students, opening up new worlds of knowledge and imagination.

Our students have also embraced the challenge of national-level examinations, registering in large numbers for the SOF Olympiad exams across all six subjects offered. Many of our students have advanced to the second round. The School eagerly awaits the results of the yet-to-be conducted second round, confident that our students will excel. Furthermore, students of Grades 3, 5, and 8 participated in the CBSE SAFAL (Structured Assessment For Analysing Learning) exam, a competency-based assessment prescribed by CBSE directed to understanding the level to which children have grasped the concepts taught in class. This was an online exam held simultaneously across all participating schools. The questions of SAFAL are entirely competency-based. The school is awaiting further information on the results.

Beyond academics, our students have actively engaged in various CBSE initiatives, including the Aryabhata Ganit Challenge, Sports Week, Poshan Maah, FIT India activities, Art Integration Projects under Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat, and Pariksha Pe Charcha.

The Student-led Social Science exhibition, Itihasa, held in September, was a resounding success. Our students brought ancient Indian history to life through captivating artistic presentations, showcasing their creativity and understanding of the past.

Our Grade 9 students demonstrated exceptional leadership and organizational skills by independently planning and executing the farewell for Grade 10. Their initiative and creativity made the event a memorable one. Similarly, Grade 8 students took charge of the games section at the Christmas Carnival, showcasing their organizational prowess. More such entrepreneurial opportunities will be provided to students of higher grades in the coming years.

Throughout the year, students participated enthusiastically in inter-house and intra-school competitions, honing their skills in spell bee, sports, art, poetry, storytelling, singing, dancing, elocution, and debate. They also explored their interests through a diverse range of

clubs, including AI and Robotics, 3D Printing, Literary Club, Eco Club, Travel and Tourism Club, Culinary Club, and Health and Wellness Club.

Experiential learning is an integral part of Niraj International School's curriculum. Students embarked on enriching field trips to ancient temples, the metro, Commando Kennels, the Traffic Park, Sai Geetha Ashram, Birla Science Museum, and Sanjeevaiah Park, connecting classroom learning with real-world experiences.

Fire safety awareness was reinforced through a visit from the fire department, who educated our students on fire safety protocols and emergency procedures. Niraj International School also invited prominent professionals from various fields, including doctors, nutritionists, scientists, pilots, authors, and career counselors, to interact with our students, inspiring them and broadening their horizons. A comprehensive eye check-up was conducted for all students, and certificates were shared with parents.

The government of India as well as CBSE lay equal importance to mental wellbeing as much as physical wellbeing. Many studies show a direct correlation of excessive use to gadgets to aggression, anger issues, and lack of concentration. There is a proposal by a group of people to appoint a Mental Health Minister in the government. Following in the recommendations of CBSE we introduced a health and wellbeing club to our students this year. Our school counselor has provided invaluable guidance to students on important life skills, including values, morals, good touch/bad touch, anti-ragging and anti-bullying, emotional empowerment, building self confidence, anger management, dealing with technology addiction in younger children, and teamwork. She also worked tirelessly in emotionally supporting students who came forward for mental and emotional support. Ensuring our students are able to handle the pressures and stresses of today's demanding world is an important aspect to ensuring their success.

This year, NIS also celebrated the invaluable role of grandparents in our students' lives with a heartwarming Grandparents' Day. Parents and grandparents attended the festivities in large numbers, participating in activities and games alongside their grandchildren. The school had the honour of gaining some words of wisdom from our beloved grandparents, who sportingly sang for us and shared stories, creating cherished memories for all.

Our student council members elected earlier last year have served with distinction, upholding their responsibilities with sincerity and dedication.

The vibrant Colour Days, celebrated monthly, added a splash of fun and learning to the school environment, especially for our pre-primary students who learnt the importance of colours and the science behind them.

All festivals were celebrated with great enthusiasm through special assemblies and activities, fostering a spirit of unity and cultural understanding.

In November, the school held a vibrant Theme Assembly where students from Prenursery to Grade 5 showcased all that they had learned throughout the year. Through songs, dances,

plays, and narrations, they captivated their parents and demonstrated their growth and development.

On Thanksgiving, our senior students demonstrated their gratitude by serving lunch to the school's support staff, acknowledging their invaluable contributions.

While The School's calendar was packed with activities, the school ensured that academics remained its top priority. Our students, despite their busy schedules, have excelled in their studies and are now ready to showcase their musical and dance talents this evening. Looking ahead, NIS has an exciting year planned for its students, both academically and extracurricularly.

The school is committed to continuous improvement and will be adding more specialists in various fields to coach and mentor our students. They will introduce them to the fast-changing world and prepare them for the jobs of the future.

Ladies and gentlemen

Today, we are living in an era of rapid change, where the intersection of education and technology is reshaping the world around us. If we look at some of the most recent statistics, the challenges faced by even the most prestigious graduates highlight a larger issue: the disconnect between traditional education and the fast-evolving job market.

For example, 29% **Harvard MBA graduates**—some of the best-educated professionals in the world—are finding it increasingly difficult to secure jobs. This reality underscores the growing gap between what universities teach and what industries need. As industries rapidly evolve with technology, the demand for **new skills** is more pressing than ever before. The **jobs of the future** will look drastically different from those of today. In fact, **over 40% of jobs** that exist today will be either obsolete or significantly transformed by technology in the next five years, according to the **World Economic Forum**. But the future that we speak about this evening seems to be at our doorstep.

In the last few weeks, the launch of two groundbreaking AI technologies—

Deepseek and **Qwen 2.5**—has sent shockwaves through the **tech world**. **Deepseek**, a highly advanced AI model designed to **enhance data analysis and decision-making**, and **Qwen 2.5**, an AI-powered communication tool, have already shown immense potential in transforming industries like healthcare, finance, and customer service. Their **successful launches** led to a **significant surge in stocks** for companies involved in AI research and development, highlighting the immense impact AI is expected to have on the global economy in the coming years.

Let me share with you a **short list of jobs** that are likely to be redundant by 2030:

High-Paying Engineering Jobs at Risk:

- Petroleum Engineers
- Civil Engineers (Traditional Construction)
- Manufacturing Engineers
- Electrical Engineers (Routine Design & Testing)

High-Paying Business Jobs at Risk:

- Financial Analysts

- Accountants and Auditors
- Management Consultants
- Market Research Analysts
- Retail and Sales Managers
- **High-Paying Medicine Jobs at Risk:****
- Radiologists
- Surgeons (Routine Procedures)
- Pharmacists
- General Practitioners (Routine Care)
- Clinical Laboratory Technicians

But, while some jobs will disappear, ****new careers**** will emerge, requiring skills that blend creativity, critical thinking, and technological know-how. Fields such as ****AI, machine learning, cybersecurity****, and ****sustainable energy**** will be in high demand.

As Mr. ****Prakash Nair****, a leading architect and thought leader in education, once said, "The next generation will change a minimum of ****six professions****, not jobs, I repeat 6 professions in their lifetime." Gone are the days when one degree would set you up for a 40-year career. The future will require individuals who are adaptable, lifelong learners—people who are not afraid to reinvent themselves over and over again.

In India, institutions like ****IITs**** and ****IIMs**** have long been viewed as gateways to success, but these institutions alone are not the answer to the future of education. The ****rote learning model**** that has dominated for decades must give way to a more holistic approach. Schools must foster ****problem-solving, creativity, and emotional intelligence****, alongside technical skills. The younger generation must be equipped to think critically and act ethically in an ever-evolving world.

Today's ****middle schoolers****, who will graduate in 6–8 years, will enter a world where ****artificial intelligence**** and ****robotics**** are already replacing traditional jobs. By the time they enter the workforce, many of today's career options will have been transformed or replaced. They will need to constantly adapt to new technologies and keep learning throughout their careers.

In the coming decades, ****shorter, skill-based diplomas and certifications**** will replace the traditional 4-year degree for many professionals. People of all ages will keep returning to universities or vocational centers to upgrade their skills or to learn new ones directly relevant to their careers. These shorter, more flexible learning paths will be key to staying competitive.

This is why **Niraj International School** has always aimed to provide a balanced education. We've always believed in going beyond textbooks, and our campus is a testament to this vision. From early exposure to **AI, robotics, 3D printing**, and a **holistic curriculum, before most schools in the city**, that balances technical knowledge with emotional and cultural learning, we are preparing our students not just for the jobs of tomorrow, but for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

With technological advancements continuing at this breathtaking pace, it is up to us—educators, parents, and leaders—to ensure that the next generation is not only prepared with the skills to succeed but with the mindset to innovate, think critically, and stay grounded in values that will sustain them in all times.

However, as we embrace this future, it is crucial that our children stay ****rooted in spirituality, culture, and values****—the core elements that will help them navigate the

challenges of tomorrow while remaining connected to their heritage.

Niraj International School, a part of **Niraj Educational Society**, was founded by our chairperson **Dr. B Jyothi Reddy**, who has graciously joined us today. From its inception, the school has been **rooted in spirituality and values**. We believe that **values-based education** is not just about academic excellence, but about **building strong, resilient individuals** who are prepared to face life's challenges.

Dear parents, today, we often shield our children from even the smallest of problems. When we were children, our parents taught us to deal with life, to adapt, to be strong, and to face challenges head-on. We learned not to run away from difficulties, but to confront them with courage. **The question is—when our children grow up, will they have the capability to adjust, to be strong, to overcome life's ups and downs without running away?** Will they have the resilience to **stand up for what is right** even in adverse situations? Will they become **disciplined individuals**, capable of leading in their communities?

But the responsibility of shaping our future leaders does not rest solely on us as educators. It is crucial that we work together, as a community, to provide **real-world exposure** to our children. **Dear parents**, we seek your support in this endeavor. We invite you to volunteer, to come and speak to our students, and to share the stories of your careers—your victories, your challenges, and your journey to success. **By doing so, you can help our children see the relevance of their education in the real world, and inspire them to pursue their dreams with dedication and courage.**

Your involvement will allow our students to gain valuable insights into **industry trends**, **career paths**, and the **challenges professionals face** in the ever-evolving job market. Together, we can shape a generation of leaders who are not only technically skilled but also well-prepared to face life's challenges with strength and integrity.

Moving on to the other plans of the school in the next academic year

Keep the future in sight the National Education Policy was introduced by our honourable prime minister Shri Narendra Modi.

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 envisages an education system that is rooted in Indian ethos and its civilisational accomplishments in all domains of human endeavour and knowledge while simultaneously preparing the students to constructively engage with the prospects and challenges of the twenty-first century. The basis for this aspirational vision has been well laid out by the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCF-SE) 2023 across curricular areas at all stages. Having nurtured the students' inherent abilities (touching upon all the five planes of human existence, the panchkoshas), in the Foundational and the Preparatory Stages it has paved the way for the progression of their learning, further at the Middle Stage. Thus, the Middle Stage acts as a bridge between the Preparatory and the Secondary Stages, spanning three years from Grade VI to Grade VIII.

At the Middle Stage, the NCF-SE 2023 aims to equip students with the skills that are needed to grow, as they advance in their lives. It endeavours to enhance their analytical, descriptive and narrative capabilities, and to prepare them for the challenges and opportunities that await them. A diverse curriculum, covering nine subjects, namely three languages — out of which at least two languages native to India, Science, Mathematics, Social Sciences, Art Education, Physical Education and Vocational Education will promote their holistic development.

Art Education will include all 4 art forms namely, Visual Art, Dance, Theatre and Music taking its root into Indian culture.

Vocational Education will deal with life forms for e.g Maintenance of kitchen Garden, Services – Cooking without fire and Materials – Animation and Games

Physical Education talks of Motor fitness, Knowledge of indigenous games like Handball and Kho-Kho and Yoga for Mental and Physical well being.

In line with CBSE, NEP, and NCF recommendations, there have also been syllabus and textbook changes for Grade 3 and Grade 6. While the changes for Grade 3 have been seamlessly integrated into the Nature Nurture books, Grade 6 will see more significant changes in syllabus, textbooks, and period allocation. An orientation session for parents of students transitioning from Grade 5 to Grade 6 will be held next Saturday, February 8th in the morning hours. Details will be shared by Monday. The school encourages all parents to attend this important session. Please note once again that the abovementioned changes in curriculum are only for Grade 5 going to Grade 6 in the next academic year 2025-26. In the coming years under the guidelines of CBSE this New format will be introduced in other grades as well. The school will keep the parents informed of the changes as and when they happen.

Moving on to the next points..

The school plans to have personalized communication skills assessments and training to further enhance the communication and skills of all students. There will also be regular DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) time assigned to all grades of primary and middle school to encourage all four skills, viz. LSRW (Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing).

NIS will also continue to align its curriculum with the recommendations of the New Education Policy, preparing our students to be responsible and successful citizens of the future.

NIS is excited to announce the expansion of its Nature Nurture program to Grade 5 in the AY 2025-26.

The School has planned a range of activities for the upcoming year, including industry exposure, community service, yoga, meditation, and guest lectures by experts.

Niraj International School is also thrilled to announce the return of the prestigious B. Ramendar Reddy Tournament, where top schools from across the city will compete in basketball and cricket.

NIS is grateful for the growing number of admissions, a testament to the faith parents have placed in our institution.

At the start of 2024, to accommodate our growing student body, the school added an additional floor to its cafeteria.

In the coming year, the school plans to introduce two sections for all grades up to Grade 9, and potentially three sections in some grades, to ensure personalized attention for every student.

Niraj International School deeply appreciates the continued faith and support of its parent community. Your partnership is essential to our success.

I now request your attention to the screen for a short video showcasing the highlights of the past year at Niraj International School.

Thank you.