



# THE BULLETIN - 2024

A YEAR OF LEARNING, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND  
MEMORIES AT **EKYA NAVA**



This year, we proudly celebrated the **inauguration of EKYA NAVA, India's first purpose-based K-12 school of Innovation, Creativity, and Design**, marking a transformative moment in the evolution of education. While the grand inauguration took place at the end of the year, the journey toward this milestone began much earlier with a series of thoughtfully curated events and initiatives, reflecting our commitment to fostering innovation and creativity.

Throughout the year, EKYA NAVA actively engaged students, parents, and the wider community through a variety of thoughtfully designed programs. These included **open houses, interactive workshops, and hands-on activities**, all of which consistently showcased the school's unique and dynamic educational philosophy. Among these initiatives, **InNAVAtion Day** stood out as a flagship event, bringing together an enthusiastic community of parents and children to experience firsthand the innovative and purpose-driven approach that defines EKYA NAVA.

With its focus on pathways such as Design, Making, Entrepreneurship & Innovation, and Information Technology & Society, EKYA NAVA is dedicated to nurturing creative thinkers, problem solvers, and future leaders.



# HERE IS A GLIMPSE OF 2024 AT EKYA NAVA



## FIND Festival 2024: A Celebration of Learning, Learners, and Educators



Ekya Schools proudly hosted the second edition of the **FIND Festival**, India's first festival dedicated to celebrating learning, learners, and extraordinary educators. Held at Ekya Nava, this one-of-a-kind event brought together students, educators, and education enthusiasts to explore the future of learning and share insights that shape schooling in India.

The festival featured vibrant activities and discussions, fostering meaningful conversations about innovative education practices. It served as a platform to connect individuals passionate about education and celebrate the transformative power of learning.

The FIND Festival 2024 continues to reflect Ekya's commitment to reimagining education, inspiring collaboration, creativity, and a shared vision for the future of learning.

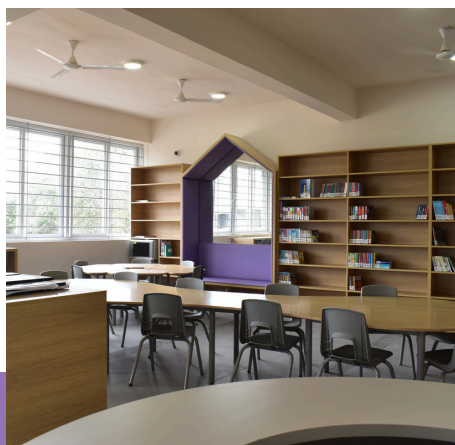




## ✦ Opening New Horizons: Inauguration of Ekya Nava



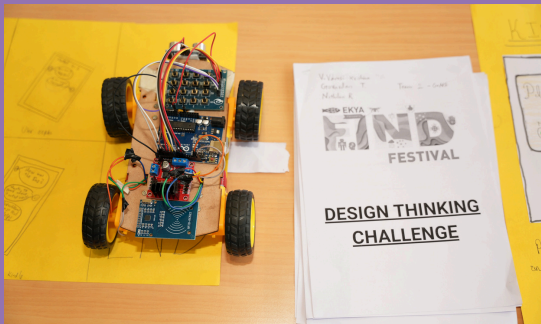
The festival commenced with the grand **inauguration of Ekya Nava**, India's pioneering Purpose-Based school of Innovation, Creativity, and Design. This significant event was graced by distinguished leaders in education and governance, including **Shri Madhu Bangarappa**; the Honourable Minister of Primary and Secondary Education, Government of Karnataka, **Dr. K. P. Gopalkrishna**, Founder & Chairman of TISB and National Public Schools; **Dr. K. C. Ramamurthy**, IPS (Retd.), Chairman of CMR Group and Former Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha; **Dr. Sabitha Ramamurthy**, President of CMR Jnanadhara Trust and Chancellor of CMR University; **Shri. K. R. Jayadeep**, Director of Ekya Schools and CEO of CMR Group of Institutions and **Dr. Tristha Ramamurthy**, Founder of Ekya Schools, Provost of CMR University, and Vice President of CMR Group of Institutions.







## Design Thinking Challenge: Ekya Nava Leads the Way at FIND Festival 2024



As part of the FIND Festival 2024, Ekya Nava hosted the Design Thinking Challenge, showcasing its innovative approach to education. With participation from **15 schools and over 100 students**, the challenge centered on the problem statement:

**"How might we use technology to promote kindness in our community?"**

Students developed creative solutions, including apps and platforms fostering empathy and kindness. Ekya Nava provided essential resources like research sheets, handouts, and a material station, ensuring participants had everything they needed to succeed.

This event highlighted **Ekya Nava's leadership in reimagining education**, inspiring students to think critically, collaborate, and innovate for real-world impact.





# The Makery



## Inauguration of Key Spaces at Ekya Nava during FIND Festival 2024



The FIND Festival 2024 was a landmark event for Ekya Nava as it marked the inauguration of three pivotal spaces on campus: the **Atelier**, the **Library**, and the **Makery**. Each space embodies Ekya Nava's vision of fostering creativity, innovation, and a love for learning. The **Design Thinking Challenge**, a key highlight of the festival, took place in the **Makery**, where students explored innovative solutions to real-world problems using its state-of-the-art resources. The **Library** hosted the inspiring Human Library segment, where participants engaged in meaningful conversations with individuals who shared powerful stories and unique perspectives, creating an atmosphere of empathy and connection. Meanwhile, the **Atelier** stood as a hub of artistic exploration and creativity, showcasing Ekya Nava's commitment to nurturing imagination and self-expression. These spaces are a testament to Ekya Nava's dedication to reimagining education, providing students and the community with dynamic environments to learn, create, and grow.







## InNAVation Day: A Celebration of Creativity and Innovation

**Ekya Nava's InNAVation Day** was a resounding success, showcasing the school's mission to 'Go Beyond' traditional education by fostering creativity, innovation, and collaboration. The event brought together parents and children through engaging activities that highlighted Ekya Nava's unique learning pathways.

The day featured:

- **Challenge Champs:** An exciting 30-minute problem-solving adventure where parents and children worked together to tackle real-world challenges. This activity encouraged teamwork, resilience, and creative thinking, leaving participants with a sense of accomplishment and joy.
- **The Pinnacle Project:** Families joined forces to build the tallest, most creative structure using everyday materials. This 30-minute challenge tested their teamwork, strategy, and imagination, inspiring participants to unleash their inner architects.
- **Playful Portraits:** A collaborative art activity where families created self-portraits together. This fun-filled session allowed participants to discover their inner selves, express emotions through art, and celebrate their family bond in a creative way.

The event was a dynamic showcase of Ekya Nava's innovative approach to education, which focuses on design, hands-on learning, entrepreneurial mindsets, and holistic understanding. Parents and children experienced firsthand how Ekya Nava inspires curiosity, problem-solving, and collaboration in a future-focused learning environment.







## ✦ Colourful Connects: Redefining Creativity and Learning



This year at Ekya Nava began with a series of engaging workshops, starting with **Colourful Connects at the Museum of Art and Photography (MAP)**. Designed for children aged 3-8 and their parents, the workshop introduced the art of printmaking, fostering creativity and strengthening bonds through shared experiences.

Guided by experienced educators, the event reflected Ekya Nava's commitment to active, experiential learning. Participants also enjoyed complimentary access to the museum, encouraging further exploration of art and culture. Colourful Connects set the stage for a year of impactful initiatives, shaping the foundation for a brighter, more innovative future.



## Visit by Mr. Gabe Gabrielle

Throughout the year, Ekya Nava hosted numerous Open Houses, inviting families to explore our innovative approach to education. These events served as a platform for parents and prospective students to interact with educators, experience our unique curriculum, and understand the emphasis on pathways such as **Design, Making, Entrepreneurship & Innovation, and Information Technology & Society**.

Each Open House was designed to foster meaningful connections, offering guided tours, interactive sessions, and insights into our dynamic learning environment. Families left with a deeper understanding of Ekya Nava's mission to nurture creativity, critical thinking, and leadership. These events played a crucial role in connecting with the community and building confidence in our vision for the future.



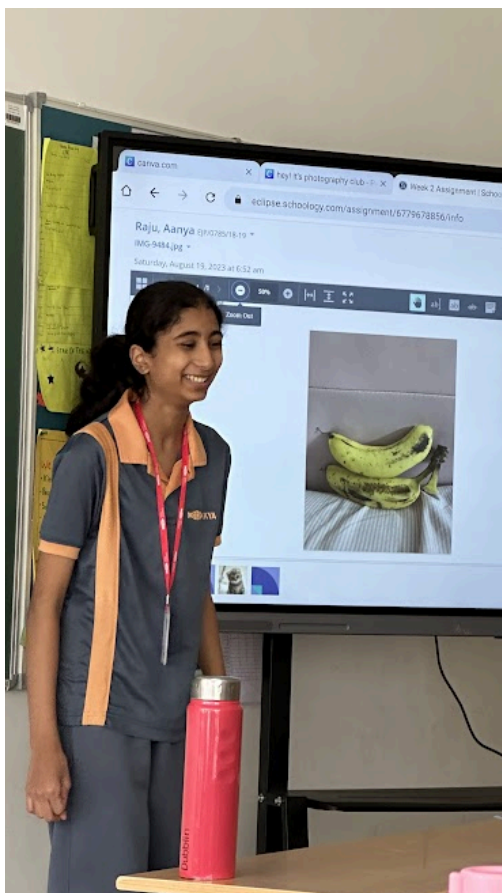


## ✦ Out of the Box: Hands-On Science Exploration



Ekya Nava, in collaboration with Think Tac, hosted the 'Out of the Box' workshop for children aged 4-10. The event explored hands-on activities using simple materials like straws, thread, and cardboard.

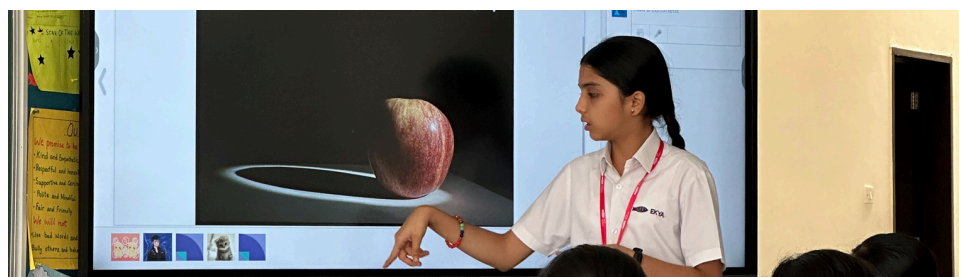
Participants built models of **seed dispersal techniques** and **climbers**, blending creativity with science and applying concepts in real time. The workshop encouraged curiosity, teamwork, and problem-solving, leaving young minds inspired by the wonders of discovery and experiential learning.



## Frame It Up: Exploring Mobile Photography

Ekya Nava hosted 'Frame It Up', a creative workshop designed to introduce **children aged 5-10** to the art of mobile photography. The event transformed the campus into a vibrant studio, where young participants explored the fundamentals of photography and storytelling using their smartphones.

Through interactive sessions, children learned techniques to enhance their photos and videos, focusing on creativity and self-expression. Roaming the campus with smartphones in hand, they captured unique perspectives, discovering the beauty in their surroundings. This workshop emphasised Ekya Nava's commitment to fostering creativity and technological fluency, inspiring young minds to see the world through a new lens while building confidence and honing new skills.







## ✦ Self-Portrait Workshop: A Creative and Meaningful Experience



Among Ekya Nava's many engaging workshops, the **Self-Portrait Workshop** stood out as a unique and impactful event. Designed for **children aged 3-10**, it combined **creativity, self-expression, and parent-child bonding**, offering a delightful mix of playful learning and artistic discovery.

The session introduced participants to unconventional painting techniques, encouraging them to experiment with textures and colors to express emotions. Through fun prompts and tags, children explored their individuality while parents joined in, fostering deeper connections. Aligned with Ekya Nava's innovative approach to education, the workshop emphasised creativity and experiential learning, leaving participants inspired and connected through the joy of self-expression.



## Leadership Bootcamp: Cohort 2024

The Ekya Nava **Leadership Bootcamp 2024** brought together student council members to enhance their leadership skills and align with the school's core values. The camp was led by **Suraj Moraje**, Co-Founder of Inner Compass Village and a seasoned leader with extensive experience in fostering growth and leadership. The event focused on fostering ethical leadership, collaboration, and resilience while equipping students with tools to lead effectively. Through engaging exercises, hands-on activities, and collaborative projects, the bootcamp empowered student leaders to lead with empathy, integrity, and confidence, leaving them inspired and better prepared for their roles.





## A REMARKABLE YEAR OF GROWTH AND POSSIBILITIES AT EKYA NAVA

As the year comes to an end, we reflect with pride and gratitude on the transformative journey that has defined Ekya Nava. This year has been one of innovation, creativity, and growth—where ideas turned into actions, spaces came alive with purpose, and learning transcended beyond the ordinary. Each step has strengthened our vision of shaping a future where students thrive as innovators, thinkers, and changemakers. With excitement and optimism, we look forward to the new year—one filled with endless possibilities, meaningful collaborations, and the continued pursuit of excellence. Together, let us keep reimagining education and inspiring brighter futures!



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