



A boy runs after a balloon as another admires a Santa Claus model at the carnival

Fun for a cause

The winter carnival of Kalyani Central Model School was held to raise funds for the less privileged kids of an NGO

The penultimate weekend of 2018 would have been like any other for the students at Kalyani Central Model School without a fun-filled winter carnival.

The event became even more special because of the collaboration with the NGO, Hearts 4 Kids.

The children, along with the teachers, put up many stalls, which included everything from games to food. Can The Cans was one such game. Cans were arranged in a certain shape and one had to hit them with sponge balls. Shampoo bottles were given away as prizes.

The game Tail The Donkey attracted a huge crowd. It required good reflex. Two artificial tail-less donkeys were hung, and a blindfolded player had to pin the tail.

Mini golf, hockey and football corners attracted a huge number of players as well. The Darts game got many successful players and, in the end, there was a shortage in prizes.

There were many other game stalls. In addition to these, there was a selfie booth to try out the Christmas-special accessories.

There was also a disco corner and a tattoo corner where temporary tattoos of fabric colour were drawn.

In the food section, there were many delectable delights, starting from the ordinary chicken biryani to chicken vindaloo.

Hearts 4 Kids, too, set up a stall, selling balloons, cakes, cookies and candies, thereby raising funds for the destitute children.

Students also shared their happiness with the less fortunate ones. Students and teachers donated clothes and food items to the organisation. Holding the hands of a special child, the junior students danced on a Christmas song.

All in all, it was wonderful to see the crowd enjoying the carnival.



A student shows his skills at the hockey corner



Cartoon mascots Tommie, Charlie, Tom (extreme right), and Chhota Bheem (middle) went around the ground, entertaining the kids



The game Place The Coin required some smart calculation. It required one to apply the theory of apparent depth. Most of the students had a difficult time playing the game. But some did win exciting prizes like deodorant cans and jam bottles. **Tanvi Mistri** of Class IX played well. "It was not so easy as it looked. It required making correct measurements but I am weak in science and maths," she laughed.



Among the various forms of entertainment on the grounds were men who showed their talent on stilts, something we hardly see nowadays



From chicken biryani to chicken vindaloo and cakes and cookies, the food stalls sold everything

Winter means having a little fun. Keeping this in mind, we decided to celebrate the winter carnival with the noble mission of helping poor street children.

— **Subrata Mitra**, Principal, Kalyani Central Model School



Some street children have so much potential but they don't get opportunities. Our generation has not done anything about it but I hope today's generation will.

— **Maryann Galstaun** Director, Heart 4 kids



We have organised this carnival to help poor kids. We're raising funds through Hearts 4 Kids.

— **Rudrabir Roy**, chairman Angel Education Society



We have gathered here to celebrate the annual school winter carnival. This event is the first of its kind in Kalyani. Kalyani Central Model School, in association with the NGO Hearts 4 Kids, has organised this event to raise funds for the poor street children of Kalyani. It is our endeavour to give back to society in any way we can and we promise to do this every year.

— **Akash Roy**, manager Kalyani Central Model School



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