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Empowering minds,
fostering dreams,
and cultivating a
legacy of
excellence at
New Era.....





MRS. USHA CHOPRA

— CHAIRPERSON —

MESSAGE FROM

The Chairperson's Desk

Dear students

It is my pleasure to introduce the latest edition of ***Meraki***, our school magazine, a compilation that beautifully encapsulates the outstanding achievements and talents of our students.

As you peruse these pages, you will encounter a rich tapestry woven with threads of creativity, commitment, and passion that define our school community. Our students, through their diverse contributions, have made this magazine a true reflection of the vibrant spirit and immense talent that characterizes this institution.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the tireless efforts of the editorial team, whose dedication is evident in the meticulous crafting of this publication. It is a testament to the collaborative synergy that defines our school.

I invite each member of our community to savour the stories, artwork, and accomplishments showcased in these pages. May the magazine serve not only as a celebration of our collective achievements but also as a source of inspiration for us all.

God Bless

Mrs Usha Chopra



"Academics and athletics are two sides of the same coin, and both are invaluable in shaping a young person's character."

Christine Gregoire

MR. ROHIT CHOPRA

DIRECTOR

Dear Students, Faculty and Parents,

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I address you from the director's desk, a vantage point that allows me to witness the incredible journey of learning and growth that unfolds within the walls of our institution. As we commence on this odyssey together, I am reminded of the profound synergy between education and sports, encapsulated eloquently by Aristotle, who once said, "Education of the mind without education of the heart is no education at all." Indeed, the union of intellect and physical prowess is the cornerstone of a truly enriching educational experience.

In the annals of educational history, the emphasis was often confined solely to academics, relegating sports to the periphery. However, our understanding has evolved, recognizing that the development of the mind and body is not mutually exclusive but intrinsically connected. Today, I wish to underscore that sports should be afforded the same prominence as academics, for they are not mere extracurricular pursuits but integral components of holistic development.

Bookish knowledge, while essential, is just one facet of a well-rounded education, whereas the values cultivated on the sports field are invaluable lessons that extend far beyond the boundaries of the playing arena. Teamwork, discipline, resilience, and leadership—these are the building blocks of character that transcend the confines of textbooks. In an era where change is the only constant, where the world is evolving at an unprecedented pace, the ability to face challenges with grace and integrity is paramount. It is our conviction that the values

learned from sports are instrumental in shaping individuals who not only excel academically but also emerge as good human beings with exemplary character.

My vision as the Director extends beyond the walls of our classrooms and school grounds. We aspire to produce athletes not just at a national level but on the international stage. By nurturing talent and instilling a passion for sports, we are sowing the seeds for success that transcends borders. This commitment aligns with our overarching goal—to mold individuals who are not only intellectually adept but also physically adept, capable of making a mark on the global stage.

I would like to express our gratitude to the parents who have been firm pillars of support. Your encouragement and involvement in the journey of our students are invaluable. Together, we are nurturing a generation that embodies the virtues of intellect and athleticism, creating a legacy that transcends the boundaries of the classroom and the sports field.

In conclusion, let us continue to champion the integration of education and sports, recognizing that together they lay the foundation for a comprehensive and enriching educational experience. As we strive for excellence, may our students emerge not only as scholars but as individuals of character, resilience, and compassion, well-equipped to thrive in an ever-changing world.

With warm regards

Rohit Chopra



KANWAL KOHLI

— PRINCIPAL —

Dear Students, Parents and Well-Wishers,

It is with immense pleasure and pride that I extend my warmest greetings to each one of you through the pages of our school magazine. This year has been a journey of growth, resilience, and collective dedication to shaping the future of our bright young minds. As we now embark on a journey of reflection and celebration, it is crucial to recognize the ever-evolving landscape that shapes the education of our beloved students.

As the saying goes, "It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change." In today's dynamic world, adaptability is the key to success. This timeless wisdom underscores the importance of adaptability in the face of an ever-changing world. Our duty as educators is not just to impart knowledge but to bequeath to our students with both roots and wings. Roots symbolize the strong foundation upon which our students stand—their connection to values, ethics, and societal norms. It is essential for them to stay grounded in these principles as they navigate the complexities of the modern world. While roots will serve as a moral compass, guiding them through the diverse landscapes of life, wings will empower our students with the freedom to explore their potential, broaden their perspectives, and soar towards their dreams.

As we navigate this journey of holistic education, let us celebrate the achievements, both big and small, of our students. May they embrace the 21st-century learning skills—critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and communication—with enthusiasm and dedication.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to the management as their support has empowered us to overcome obstacles, explore new horizons, and continuously strive for excellence. Their visionary leadership, tireless efforts and guidance have been instrumental in shaping the strategic direction of our school, fostering an environment where learning thrives, and values flourish.

To our students, I wish you all the very best as you spread your wings and embark on the exciting adventure that lies ahead. May you find the perfect balance between your roots and wings, becoming individuals who not only adapt to change but thrive in its embrace. A special thank you

With warm regards

Kanwal Kohli

"A Year of Jubilations: Celebrating Every Moment"

"Commemorating the Legacy, Envisioning Tomorrow: Founder's Day"

As we gather together once again to celebrate Founder's Day, we embark on a journey back in time to honour the visionaries who laid the foundation of our beloved school. This day is not just a date on the calendar, it is a tribute to the enduring values and aspirations that have guided us for generations.



Our Founder's Vision

*In the face of every challenge and strife,
Positivity is what brings us to life,
With a hopeful heart and a joyful mind,
The future is ours, we'll leave our troubles behind.*

*Our Founder's vision, a guiding light,
With motivation to reach new heights,
We aim for excellence in all we do,
And let our passion shine through.*

*With a futuristic approach, we look ahead,
Embracing innovation, no fear or dread,
The world is changing, and so must we,*

*Each step we take, we'll make it count,
With determination, we'll surmount,
Any obstacle that comes our way,
And make our mark every day.
With motivation as our fuel,
We'll push ourselves to never be cruel,
And together, we'll make our way,
Towards a brighter and better day.*

*So let's celebrate this Founder's Day,
With pride and joy that'll never sway,
For we are Newerians, bold and bright,*

हमारी प्रेरणा



Composed by
Ms. Geena Hooda

आप नदी हो, सरिता हो, आशाओं, उमंगों का दरिया हो।
टकराकर भी चट्टानों से बढ़ना है आगे, खुलकर जीने का नज़रिया हो।
अल्हड़-सी जब प्राण-प्रिय-पर्वत से पिता की गोद से निकली होंगी,
जीवन के नए रूप-रंग से कुछ अचंभित तो हुई होंगी।
लेकर नया लक्ष्य सपनों की दुनिया बुनी होगी।
फिर एकत्रित कर बूँद-बूँद जल, फैलाती शीतलता, धीर-सी गंभीरता, नई राह पर
चली होंगी।
कभी रास्ता भी बदला होगा, कभी सूखा भी झेला होगा, कभी सहा होगा अति
वर्षा का कहर,
उदासी की बाढ़, कई घंटों कई पहर।
पर जब कोई प्रेरणा का स्रोत होता है, कोई जो थमने नहीं देता है,
वह बहती रहती है, रुकती नहीं, वह नदी है, रुकना उसकी फितरत नहीं।
और तब निकल आता है हल, बढ़ जाता जुनून और आत्मबल...
और फिर यही नदी चुनौती को स्वीकारती, तूफानों को धिक्कारती, यथार्थ को
सँवारती,
भविष्य को निखारती, तोड़कर हर साजिशों को केवल नवयुग ही स्वीकारती।
नए युग के नए विचार, फैल तटों से कर अपना विस्तार, नए नई सभ्यताओं
का निर्माण करती है।
नदी जो खुद नहीं जानती उसने कितनी पीढ़ियों को पल्लवित, पोषित और
प्रभावित किया है।
उसने तो केवल पहाड़ों, घाटियों, मैदानों को पार किया है।
गलत कहते हैं लोग, नदी सागर में जा मिलती है,
देख आपकी नदी-सी गरिमा, सागर की लहरें खुद आकर गले मिलती हैं।
और कितनी भी पुरानी हो नदी, निरंतर बहते जल से खुद को युवा बनाए
रखती है,
युवा बनाए रखती है।



Embracing Our Green Future: Earth Day Special Assembly



At NEPS, Dwarka, Earth Day is more than just a one-day observance, it's a reminder of our year-round commitment to sustainability. From reducing waste and conserving energy to planting trees and educating ourselves on environmental issues, our school community embraces the responsibility to protect the planet for future generations.





"Little Explorers: Primary Adventures"

"Moments with Mom: A Mother's Day Special"



Show And Tell- My favourite fruit



"RENAISSANCE RESONANCE"



Georg Feuerstein once said- If we believe in the rebirth of our civilization... then clearly this renaissance must begin in the chambers of our own hearts.

The stage was set, the atmosphere electric, as our school proudly hosted the annual event "Renaissance," a celebration that brought together schools from all around. This grand extravaganza was a testament to the unity of spirit, the diversity of talent, and the unwavering dedication of our educational community.



Honouring the Spirit of Labour : Labour Day Celebration 2023

At New Era Public School we celebrate not just knowledge but the dedication and hard work that make our world a better place.

"No work is insignificant. All labour that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence."

Martin Luther King Jr.



"Tricolor Triumph: Independence Day Jubilation"



As we gathered once again to celebrate the 77th Independence Day, the spirit of patriotism and unity filled the air. The day was marked by an array of a colourful dance performance and a soul-stirring patriotic song that left everyone in awe.

"Makhan, Matki, and More: Janmashtami Joy"



Annually, our school marks Janmashtami with vibrant celebrations, including devotional songs, bhajans, and folk dances performed by our talented students. The event also featured a skit, with one of our students brilliantly portraying Arjuna's inner conflict in Lord Krishna's lesson on Gyan Yog.

Project Presentation (LKG to V)



NEPS, Dwarka hosted its annual Summer Homework Presentation, a showcase of students' creativity and knowledge from LKG to Class V. The event celebrated the journey of these young minds.

Strengthening Bonds: Rakshabandhan Celebration



Rakshabandhan, celebrating the cherished bond between siblings, resonated deeply with our students. May the ties of affection woven on this day forever fortify the sibling relationships and underscore the significance of family in our lives.

"Mentors in the Spotlight: Teacher's Day Extravaganza"



Teacher's Day transcends mere calendar marking; it's an opportunity to express deep gratitude and admiration for the mentors who shape our intellectual horizons. This year, heartfelt tributes from students included handcrafted cards, heartfelt letters, and meaningful gifts, illustrating the profound impact of our teachers.



"Dussehra Delight: Triumph of Good Over Evil"



Dussehra, also known as Vijayadashami, is a prominent Hindu festival celebrated with enthusiasm at our school, featuring a captivating Ramlila performance depicting Lord Rama's triumph over Ravana, followed by a song. The school's Dussehra celebration was a resounding success, offering students a chance to grasp the festival's cultural and historical importance while showcasing their talents and creativity.

"Radiant Reverie: Our School's Magical Christmas Day"



As December arrives, our school campus transforms into a winter wonderland, abuzz with excitement and festive cheer. The school campus was transformed into a winter wonderland with a breathtaking display of decorations. The spirit of Christmas came alive with melodious carol singing by the school choir.

"Curtains Up: Annual Day Gala 2022"



The air was charged with excitement as the day we had all been eagerly waiting for finally arrived - our Annual Day. Our school showcased a mesmerising blend of talent, dedication, and creativity that left an indelible mark in our hearts. The theme for the Annual Day was **"Missile Man of India- Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam."** It was a fitting reflection of the myriad talents, cultures, and backgrounds that make our school a vibrant and harmonious community.

Fostering Team Spirit and Excellence : The Inter-House Competitions



The school campus reverberated with excitement and enthusiasm as the annual Inter-House Competition kicked off in a grand style. A series of competitions were conducted from classes III to XI, where the entire school came alive with a spirit of unity and healthy competition.

"Word Wizards- VOCABATHON"



The Inter-House Competition, Vocabathon, was successfully conducted in the school library with great enthusiasm and participation from the students.



रचना और रंगमंच: " हिंदी कविता नाटकीकरण "

"Athletic Feats: The Powerhouse of NEPS, Dwarka"



"Rising Shuttle Star"

In a thrilling display of talent and sportsmanship, a young student athlete **Manav Ahuja** of Class XII has emerged as a shining star at the 66th National School Games held in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh. Competing in the CBSE Badminton U-19 Boys category, this prodigious player left a lasting impression on both fans and opponents alike with his exceptional skills and determination.

"Game, Set, Match: Celebrating Manshi Singh, Our Tennis Queen"

In an exceptional display of skill and determination, **Manshi Singh** has achieved the remarkable feat of back-to-back victories at the AITA National Series U-16 Tennis Tournament, leaving an indelible mark on the world of junior tennis.



"Doubles Delight: Student Duo's Triumph in the National Series U-14"



In a remarkable display of talent and teamwork, a young student athlete **Navya Yadav** of Class IX has achieved a phenomenal victory in the National Series U-14 Doubles category in Jalandhar, Punjab, setting a new benchmark for excellence in the sport.

"Smashing Success: Junior Tennis Team Takes the Zonal Crown"



In an impressive display of talent and teamwork, our Junior Tennis Team emerged victorious, clinching the top spot in the highly competitive Zonal Competition.

Triumph on the Field: Our U-14 Football Team Secures 3rd Position at the Sports Festival 2023

Our school's U-14 football team exhibited sheer determination, skill, and teamwork at the U-14 Football Sports Festival 2023 held in the West Delhi Parliament Constituency. Their exceptional performance on the field led them to secure the well-deserved 3rd position in this prestigious competition.



"Smashing Success: Junior Tennis Team Takes the Zonal Crown"



In the thrilling arena of sports, our U-14 Girls' Badminton Team **Divya Taxak** and **Anvesha Verma** of class IX showcased their remarkable talent and dedication at the Sports Festival 2023 held in the West Delhi Parliament Constituency. Their exceptional performance on the court earned them a well-deserved 3rd position in this prestigious competition.





Serving Excellence

Vishesh's Remarkable Participation in the AITA Lawn Tennis Tournament

Victory on the Court

U-16 Students Triumph in Basketball Match against CRPF School at RD Rajpal School

In an exhilarating display of athleticism and teamwork, the U-16 Girls achieved a resounding victory on the basketball court. They faced off against a formidable opponent, CRPF Public School, at the hallowed grounds of RD Rajpal Public School.



"Embracing Holistic Health: The 999 Challenge"



The "999 Challenge" was a harmonious blend of physical fitness and inner tranquillity. As per Directorate of Education (DOE) directives the "999 Challenge" under C20 Integrated Holistic health was celebrated at our school.

INTER SCHOOL COMPETITIONS



"Tech Odyssey"

At the Haywire IT Event at Mount Carmel School, **Ananya Tyagi** of class XII secured the II Position in the photography event 'Monochromatic Hues' and **Himanshi Chahal** from class XII secured the II Position in the digital music event 'Pulse', showcasing their exceptional problem-solving abilities and innovative thinking.

Hindi Writing Competition

In a celebration of literary excellence and linguistic prowess, **Aarti Shekhar**, a talented student from Class IX, made our school proud by participating in the prestigious RL Chopra Hindi Writing Competition held at NEPS, Mayapuri and secured a consolidated prize.



"Monologue of a Mythological Marvel: A Costume Unveiled"



Drishti, a talented student from Class V, has achieved a remarkable feat by securing the 2nd prize at the TAPS Fest held at APS Dhaula Kuan. Dressed in the awe-inspiring attire of a mythological character Athena, she took centre stage and delivered a monologue that left all in awe.

VENTURING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM SCHOOL EXCURSIONS

"Journey of Remembrance"- VISIT TO WAR MEMORIAL



A recent school trip to the local war memorial left a profound impact on all the students. As they ventured into the world of history and remembrance, they were reminded of the sacrifices made by countless heroes who fought for our freedom.

"Riding the Rails of Nostalgia: Exploring India's Rail Museum"

The clatter of wheels and the enchanting hiss of steam engines greeted our eager students as they embarked on a memorable journey to the National Rail Museum in Delhi.



"Into the Animal Kingdom: Exploring India's Zoological Park"



Amidst the hustle and bustle of the city, our students' trip to the National Zoological Park, a sprawling sanctuary of nature was a journey filled with awe, learning, and an appreciation for the beauty and diversity of the animal world.

"From Atoms to Galaxies: Delving into Science Centre"



The Science Centre in Delhi is a treasure trove of knowledge and excitement, and our recent visit left a lasting impression on our young minds. It was a day of fascination, enlightenment, and hands-on learning, as young minds delved into the mysteries of the universe and the marvels of science.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

"Caring Hands, Happy Hearts : Asha Grih Orphanage"



A group of students from our school recently had the privilege of visiting a local orphanage as part of a community outreach program. This visit provided them with an eye-opening and heartwarming experience, as they connected with the children living there and learned about the challenges they face daily

"Bridging Generations Through Students' Visit To Our Elders"



In a heartfelt endeavour to serve the elderly community, Class IX students visited Janki Dham Old Age Home in Dwarka's Sector 8. Through engaging conversations, serving meals, and organising board games, they not only brought joy to the residents' lives but also cultivated empathy, compassion, and a profound understanding of the challenges faced by the elderly, laying the foundation for future acts of kindness and social responsibility.

Bharat Scouts and Guides



Our school recently organised a vibrant and enriching two-day Bharat Scouts and Guides camp, where students from diverse backgrounds came together to showcase the rich tapestry of Indian culture. The event not only celebrated the cultural diversity within the school but also provided a platform for students to learn essential life skills through various engaging activities.



POLITICAL AWARENESS AMONG THE ELITE IS OF NO CONSEQUENCE ?

IN FAVOUR OF THE MOTION

*In ivory towers, the elite reside,
Their voices echoing far and wide.
But in the streets, the masses dwell,
Their struggles, stories they never tell.
Political awareness, a luxury it seems,
Reserved for the few, a distant dream.
For the elite, the world revolves,
While the common man's plight dissolves.*

I stand before you today to argue in favour of the motion that "political awareness among the elite is inconsequential in India." However, let me begin by acknowledging the sentiments expressed by my opponents, who have highlighted the contributions made by the elite in our society. BUT the fact is The Political awareness of the elite is inconsequential as they represent only a small portion of our diverse population.

Nevertheless, I firmly believe that we must not overlook the contributions made by the common people and marginalised sections of our society. Their contributions have often been forgotten or sidelined. They have been the backbone of our nation's progress.

I think there is nothing to debate on this statement.

I really wonder how my worthy opponents, could overlook the enormous contribution made by Magal Pandey, Sunderlal Bahuguna, Jyoti Rao Fule, Anna Hazare and many more....These unsung heroes have toiled, struggled, and strived to bring about positive change in our society, often without the recognition they deserve.

Mangal Pandey, a fearless soldier in the British East India Company's army, is renowned for his pivotal role in sparking the Sepoy Mutiny of 1857, which later became the First War of Independence. Although hailing from an economically disadvantaged background, Pandey displayed immense political awareness by realising the oppressive nature of British rule and the need for resistance. His courageous actions set in motion a nationwide struggle for independence, eventually leading to significant changes in India's colonial policies and pushing the British authorities to reconsider their approach to governance.

Sunderlal Bahuguna, a prominent environmentalist and social activist, emerged from the humble Garhwali community in the Indian Himalayas. His deep-rooted political awareness allowed him to recognize the pressing issue of environmental degradation and its impact on the livelihoods of marginalised communities. Bahuguna's tireless efforts led to the famous Chipko Movement in the 1970s, where local villagers hugged trees to prevent deforestation. His activism ultimately influenced government policies, prompting greater emphasis on environmental conservation and sustainable development.

Anna Hazare, born into a poor family in Maharashtra, Anna Hazare transformed from an ordinary soldier to an anti-corruption crusader. His experiences in the Indian Army made him acutely aware of the rampant corruption plaguing society. With unwavering political consciousness, Hazare initiated several hunger strikes and peaceful protests to demand the passage of the Lokpal Bill, aimed at curbing corruption at all levels of government. His persistent efforts galvanised public support, leading to widespread awareness and pressure on policymakers to enact comprehensive anti-corruption legislation.

Jyotirao Phule, a social reformer and educationist, was born into a Dalit family during the British colonial era. Recognizing the oppressive caste system and the lack of educational opportunities for marginalised communities, Phule founded India's first indigenous school for girls and also worked to promote social equality and women's rights. His advocacy for the education of all and the abolition of discriminatory practices sowed the seeds for significant policy changes in post-independence India, leading to affirmative action policies and empowerment initiatives. I want to add that the influence of the elite is confined to specific sectors, and their concerns may not necessarily align with the broader concerns of the masses.

Let's talk about Celebrity endorsements: In electoral politics, celebrities from the entertainment industry often endorse political candidates or parties. While their endorsements may generate attention and media coverage, the actual impact on electoral outcomes or policy decisions is debatable.

Political awareness of the elite in India is inconsequential, rather the political awareness and activism of individuals from marginalised communities or humble backgrounds have proved consequential in India. Their representation, empathy, and ability to bring about grassroots change have contributed significantly to policy decisions and the transformation of the social and political landscape.

Adivasis (Tribal Activists): India's Adivasi communities have faced historical marginalisation and displacement. Many Adivasi activists have emerged to fight for their rights and protect their culture and land. Activists like Birsa Munda, Komaram Bheem, and Kartam Surya contributed significantly to the Adivasi rights movement, advocating for land rights, social justice, and recognition of their distinct identities.

Periyar E. V. Ramasamy: Periyar was a social reformer and politician from Tamil Nadu. He actively worked against caste-based discrimination and promoted rationalism, self-respect, and social equality.

To conclude I reiterate that it is evident that political awareness among people from marginalised sections is not only higher but also crucial to the progress of India. It is crucial to acknowledge that political change is a collective effort that requires the participation and engagement of all sections of society. Focusing solely on the political awareness of the elite distracts us from the urgent need to empower and educate the marginalised, to bridge the socio-economic divide, and to ensure that every citizen has a voice in shaping the nation's future.

*In India's heart, the change will start,
When the voices of all play a vital part.
For the power of democracy lies not in a few,
But in the collective dreams we pursue.*

With this I rest my case

Thank you

Tamanna Meena
Class IX

Against the Motion

*Amidst the elite's hallowed domain,
Political awareness sparks a flame.
Their privilege and knowledge combined,
To uplift a nation, intertwined.*

*For in their hands, the power lies,
To see beyond the veils of disguise.
To champion causes, lend their voice,
And make a difference, their noble choice.*

*Awareness breeds empathy and care,
A force that few can truly bear.
Through policies shaped by their might,
They can alleviate societal plight.*

My mother always taught me that I should explain things to people like I'm explaining a 5 year old kid, and after listening to the arguments of my opponent, I believe I have to do that now." I find it hilarious when they say that Political awareness among the elite is inconsequential in our country. How can they forget the contribution made by Mahatma Gandhi, born into a privileged family, chose a path of simplicity and led the Indian independence movement through nonviolent civil disobedience and inspired millions of people to join the struggle for freedom and social justice.

Jawaharlal Nehru: Despite his elite background, he was committed to social and economic reforms that aimed at reducing poverty and inequality.

Subhash Chandra Bose: despite his privileged upbringing, became a prominent freedom fighter and a strong advocate for India's complete independence from British rule. He founded the Indian National Army (INA).

Sarojini Naidu: Known as the "Nightingale of India," a talented poet and activist who actively participated in the freedom movement. She worked for women's rights and social welfare, using her literary skills to inspire and mobilise people.

Rabindranath Tagore: Tagore, a Nobel laureate in literature, was a visionary poet, philosopher, and social reformer who used his influence and artistic talents to promote education, nationalism, and cultural revival in India. He even gave up his knighthood after the Jallianwala Bagh massacre.

The same way we cannot forget the contributions made by the ironman of India Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. While it is essential to acknowledge their privileged backgrounds, it is equally crucial to recognize the transformative impact these leaders had on India's history and development. Their dedication, vision, and leadership in the struggle for independence and post-independence nation-building cannot be undermined, and their contributions continue to shape India's progress and identity to this day.

So my dear friends, the elite class is often in a position to drive social change and influence public opinion. Through their engagement in political conversations, their platforms, and their spheres of influence, they can help shape public discourse, raise awareness about critical issues, and mobilize support for important causes.

Many individuals from this class have taken up philanthropic initiatives, established foundations, and championed social causes.

Their political awareness enables them to identify areas where intervention is needed and to work towards creating positive change.

It's sad that My worthy opponents have forgotten Aruna Roy, a social activist who has been instrumental in advocating for the Right to Information Act, which has transformed transparency and accountability in governance. Her husband Bunker Roy's work in the Barefoot College has empowered rural women and improved their economic and social status, while Aruna Roy's work in the Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan (MKSS) and the National Campaign for People's Right to Information (NCPRI) has been instrumental in exposing corruption and promoting transparency in governance.

Eminent economist Amartya Sen's insights and research have contributed significantly to policy debates on issues like poverty alleviation and human development in India. Azim Premji, the chairman of Wipro, has dedicated a significant portion of his wealth to philanthropic efforts in education and healthcare, with the aim of improving social outcomes and providing opportunities to underprivileged sections of society.

Leaders like Shashi Tharoor, a renowned author and diplomat, have contributed to political discourse and policy making, leveraging their political awareness to advocate for progressive policies and represent the interests of their constituents. Nandan Nilekani, co-founder of Infosys, led the ambitious Aadhaar project, which aimed to provide every Indian citizen with a unique identification number. This initiative has facilitated access to government services and social welfare programs, benefiting millions across the country.

These examples highlight how political awareness among the elite in India has played a significant role in driving positive change. Their engagement demonstrates that political awareness among the elite can be consequential and can contribute to the betterment of our society and nation as a whole.

*In the end I would like to say ...
The elite's influence, far-reaching and vast,
Can break the shackles of the past.
Their resources, a boon to share,
To build a future that's just and fair.
Together let us strive and create,
A nation where all can participate.
Where the elite, with their insight,
Lead us towards a future bright.
So let us embrace their awareness,
Harness their power, dissolve the unfairness.
For united we stand, hand in hand,
The elite and masses, together we'll expand.
Political awareness knows no bounds,
It breaks through barriers, creates new grounds.
In India's journey, let's pave the way,
With the elite's awareness, we'll seize the day.*

With this I rest my case.

Thank you

Ananya Tyagi
Class XII

INK AND INSPIRATION

Celebrating Our Student Authors

Bottomless Well

SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media has emerged as the default place to get famous. The world of social media is nothing less than that of showbiz, a place where everything is nice and glittery and everything is beautiful. However, is social media really the awesome place it presents itself to be? Well, it's controversial. From breaking news to personal updates, social media platforms have transformed the way we communicate and connect with others. Whether you want to stay in touch with friends and family, network with professionals, or collaborate on projects, Social Media offers a wealth of opportunities for communication, information exchange and collaboration. Social Media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and WhatsApp have become powerful tools for facilitating communication and information exchange, allowing us to stay up-to-date with the latest news, trends and events in real-time.

It has revolutionised the world of entertainment and leisure, offering a seemingly endless array of music, videos and games at our fingertips. While Social Media offers many benefits, it also has a dark side

The most negative phenomenon observed after the popularity of social media was the sudden surge of teenage celebrities. People became famous overnight for something that went viral, garnering thousands of

followers. People make fake profiles, which they share on social media platforms to get famous. This need for validation and fame is highly toxic, and teenagers are the ones most affected by it. Another advantage is the addiction associated with social media. A huge number of people spend their days glued to the apps. Even those who do not seek validation by uploading pictures spend their entire day viewing posts of others. One of the biggest challenges posed by Social Media is the spread of misinformation, fake news and propaganda.

But...With Social Media, you can connect with people from all over the world, expanding your horizons and breaking down barriers. Social Media has become an even more dynamic and immersive platform for communication and storytelling. It has the potential to be a powerful tool for education and learning.

With the rise of online learning platforms and educational resources, Social Media has made it easier than ever to access a wealth of information and knowledge from anywhere in the world. It is also effective for business and marketing. The usage depends on you completely!

Rudransh Singh
Class XI

Friends

Real friends will never leave you, no matter how you are. Friends are the people you spend time with, the ones who will share things with you. But real friends are those who will give you a reason to smile every day, those who will catch your tears, those who will calm your anger down, and those who will never leave you. A lot of people will come and go in your life, but none will leave a deep impression in your heart as real friends will. It is hard to find them, harder to leave them, and impossible to forget them. They will sacrifice their comfort just to see you smile. They will ditch others to spend time with you. No matter how busy they are, they will always keep you as their number one priority. Hours turn into days, days turn into months, and months turn into years without them because nobody, literally nobody, can give you the same

euphoric feeling as they do. They will take your side when the whole world turns its back on you. Real friends will never let you feel alone or uncounted. They know you well enough to know what makes you happy and what makes you sad. They will be the ones who know you better than you know yourselves. It is easy to find several friends in a lifetime, but those who stay with you for a lifetime are the special ones you should never let go of.

Ashi Bharadwaj
Class X

My Dream Invention



My dream invention

My dream invention is to make a healthy meter.

My healthy meter will work through solar energy and it will scan people's health conditions through sensors. It will provide a quick report highlighting people's fitness conditions as per their eating habits. Healthy meter will calculate complete health and fitness conditions based on data and send a quick report.

This invention will help people to develop healthy eating habits. This machine will check and help people's community to live a healthy life and severely reduce diseases caused by unhealthy food habits.

My healthy meter will provide good and healthy food choices.

Siddharth Roy Chowdhury
Class: V-B

The Diary of a Mischievous Sock

Finally after hours of searching I found that sock. What sock am I exactly talking about? I am talking about the mischievous Mr. Sock. So what happened was, I wanted to wear my new pair of socks but I only found Mrs. Sock. Mischievous Mr. Sock had gone missing.

"He should be somewhere around here", I said. First I looked in the laundry as Mrs. Sock said "Mr. Sock told me that he was going to the laundry to take a bath". I said to Mrs. Sock, "Why didn't you stop him? I told you guys not to go anywhere without telling me where I bought you". Then I started to check the laundry but I thought that he had gone somewhere else as I checked the whole laundry but he was nowhere to be found. After laundry I started to check the balconies as I thought he might have gone to dry himself up. So I started to check the balcony but he was not there. So I started to think where he could be.

After a lot of thinking I thought he could be in my garden as he said that he likes flowers and there are many flowers in my garden. Finally I found him in the garden smelling the flowers and when I was about to catch him he started running so when I chased him I caught him and he said "I thought of surrounding myself with good fragrance before going into your smelly shoes". "Hey don't be rude" I said I have been searching for hours and finally I found you. Finally I found him and went off to play.

Ira Parmar
Class 5

Invention I wish existed

As we all know that invention make our life easy. One thing which I think should have been invented is teletransportation technology, so that we can travel from one place to any other place anywhere on Earth in the blink of an eye. Something similar to what we see in superhero movie like Marvel's Strange movie. Instead of using vehicle, we can travel anywhere using this technology. It will help to conserve fuel and therefore, there will be less pollution. Our life can become very fast with this technology and so it will help us to save time.

Obviously it is very difficult thing to make possible, but I wish this invention should have existed.

Visham Lamba
VA

THE OLD MAN and THE CHILDREN

Once upon a time there lived an old man with a huge backyard. He would often spend his days feeling lonely. One day, a boy named Jacob was passing by, and saw the old man's huge backyard. He decided to cycle over there. When he brought his cycle, and went on to cycling, but the old man shouted at him and asked him to leave his backyard. Next day, Jacob came again to cycle, but the old man shouted at him again and told him to leave his backyard. This continued for 3-4 days until the old man asked Jacob "why do you always come back to my house?" Jacob replied "there is no place for me and my friends to cycle in the city because of roads, highways, buildings, factories, offices and schools. There is no place for us to cycle anymore." The old man realized his fault, and the next day made a cycling track for Jacob and his friends to cycle in his backyard. When Jacob saw the cycling track, he got very happy and this time brought his friends to cycle too. Everyone was happy until the old man started coughing out blood. The children called out for help and rushed the old man to a doctor. After reaching the hospital, Jacob and his friends got to know that the old man was suffering from cancer. The children then made sure that they visited the old man regularly.

.....and the old man is not lonely anymore.

I wish I could find/invent a cure for cancer.

Heenal Kundra
Class V

BOOKED FOR SUCCESS

Spotlight on our Student Authors



Summer Literary Stars Students' Published Book Shines in BriBooks Festival

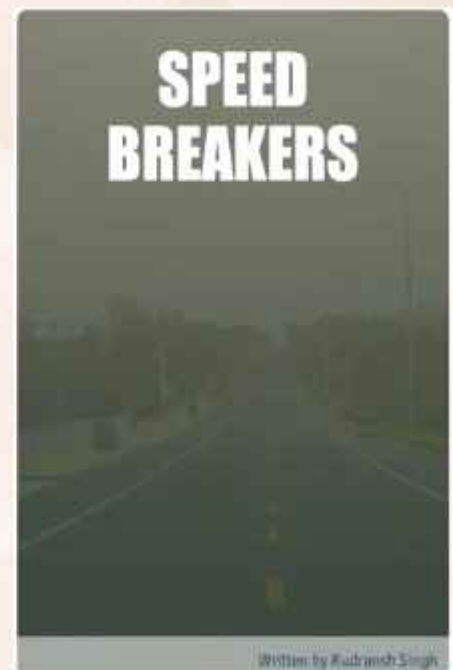
We are thrilled to celebrate the remarkable achievement of our students who have authored a book. Their dedication, creativity, and literary talents have brought a dream to life, and we couldn't be prouder. Congratulations to our aspiring authors! May their stories continue to captivate hearts and minds, and may their pens forever be a source of inspiration for all who follow in their footsteps.

SPEED BREAKERS

The roads leading to long journeys in life are always rough and tough. The hardships are always ready to put you down like speed breakers giving bumps to the vehicle of your life. You have to gear up the vehicle of your life and get going to reach the summit of success. We undergo an excursion through the medium of this book, living a new life every minute and learning to reach the summit of success.

Remember, Success is a journey and not a destination! The book takes the reader on a journey through a boy's life explaining the ups and downs of life and how to appropriately deal with them.

by Rudransh Singh



VOICES IN VERSES

The Poetry Edition



Dear Reader ...

Dear reader, I hope you hear my voice,
In your story's life, each choice is your choice.
Find happiness in every small thing too.
Smile, let laughter and joy forever renew.

Dear reader, when challenges come your way,
Stand strong, they won't lead you into grey.
Don't let others bring you down,
Your hard work deserves the crown.

Dear reader, follow dreams, don't delay,
With passion, make your own way.
Though the road may twist and turn,
With each step, you'll learn.

So, Dear reader, we conclude our rhyme,
Accept these words, and in your life, let them shine.

Aarti Sekhar, Class IX



Beauty

Beauty isn't about your face,
Beauty isn't about your hair.
Beauty isn't about your shape, it isn't about your skin being fair.
Beauty isn't the makeup you put on or the clothes which make you look smart.
Beauty isn't all about glamour, beauty comes from the heart.
Beauty is the love and kindness that you spread.
The way you treat people, the way you surround yourself with friends.
It has many forms truly, and you are nothing less than a nymph of beauty.
Because beauty isn't the golden jewellery, it isn't the car that you start.
Beauty isn't about all that, it comes from the heart.

Aashi Bhardwaj, Class X



My Mentore, My Teacher

She proudly stands before the class,
With knowledge and sway, a wide-ranging grasp,
Igniting a spark in curious minds,
Expertly as the lessons unwind.
She addresses us as scholars and more,
Artists, athletes, and talents galore.
My world is confined, like a crayon's array,
But she uses every hue to portray.
Dandelion seeds, set free in the breeze,
She asks not for aught in return, if you please.
She propels us toward the boundless sky,
To chase after hopes, to reach dreams up high,
Remember the teacher, whose radiance gleams,
She ignites our minds with intellectual beams.
With dainty hands raised high in the air,
To be chosen first, we'd eagerly dare,
For she makes us believe in our worth and compare,
We come to school each day, like a treasure to bear.
Each day brought a puzzle, a riddle to unbox,
Unravelling new knowledge, each tick of the clocks,
But deep in our hearts, we'd fathom our might.
In that classroom, we stand, ready for our flight.
This is a tribute to her and all those teachers,
Draped in colourful saris, or trousers and shirt
You harbour the future, your hearts are pure gold,
And words can't express the gratitude we hold.

Aditi Dixit, Class XI

Social Media Torments

Posting all the pictures of you having fun,
Sparing enough time in life's long run!
Commenting on the happiest grins,
Typing down blessings to even the nearest kins!
LOL! on some video clips
Life in real gives awkward flips.
Social media pages full of lies,
Life going blank otherwise?
Posting your day all throughout
Thousand likes bound about
Stories seemingly creative
Following numbers going dilative.
Is this all you have to spare,
Life in the real world seems very rare.
Hitting the likes, scrolling through posts
Giving life the rough roasts.
Ignorance brings panic and fright,
Destroying a life so bright
Life berates on usage so reckless
Leaving you completely helpless
Smooth life begins to dent,
Like, post and only torment!

Rudransh Singh, Class XI



Brown and Beautiful

The year of skinny pops and sugar free jello cups. The internet guzzled vitamin water in school bottles.
Toasting to school and complimenting each other's thigh gaps.
Trying diets we found on the internet: eating in front of a mirror,
glass like skin diet, donating blood, replacing meals with other practical hobbies like making flower crowns or fainting.
As a child, 'fat' was the first word people used to describe me, which didn't offend me until I found out it was supposed to.

Since the age of 9, I have been secretly slapping myself with fairness creams.
Every face wash was a slap in the face because I had a skin tone which was... ugly.
I am the colour of the strong fragrant tea my mother sips
while nonchalantly remarking, "Mia would be prettier if she was fair."

Before I knew it I was twelve and I reckoned that black and white
were not just photos and movies but also a degree to measure human beauty.
Where black defined ugly, brown defined acceptable and white defined pretty.
In order to go from ugly to an enchantress,
I did everything right from fairness creams,
to besan masks, to rubbing chemical scrubs against my skin hard enough,
for my skin to peel off and grow again into a shade that would be bright enough.
Bright enough to blind the eyes that stared into my soul and put my colour to shame.
Now, those eyes included mine because every time I stared into the mirror
I despised my thighs, my hips, my waist, am I not the only one who should be blamed?
For I never really saw the fine line between self-love and self-hate.

It dawned upon me when I turned 14 in the blink of an eye
and found the girl in the mirror wearing layers of fairness creams on her pimpled face,
wearing her shorts higher, her tops tighter, and amongst all the people spreading hatred,
she stared at me devastatingly because even I failed to love her.
I felt like a child trapped in a mirror maze where every reflection of myself that I bumped into
felt different than the other.
If one was the child trying to live a normal life, the other was a girl realising that it was all a lie.
Every single day I watched my reflection say, "help me! Please!"
and yet I failed to acknowledge that my love was all that she needed to heal.

I am 16 now and all that I have left are the scars that belong to my past,
so I ask myself was the pain really worth going that far?
I used to tell myself that I was really strong for even taking the smallest of steps,
And that it didn't matter if I couldn't run. And that's when I reckoned that,
all along I was holding all the hatred against my temple like a gun.
And now as I turn around to see how far I've made it in the journey it's got me thinking.
From where they started they could never stop running,
but from where I finished one can always start again and keep walking.

So my message to everyone listening to me right now, is that
mirrors can lie and the beholder's eyes are not where the beauty lies.
It lies in every pit of every inch of cellulite on your thighs.
It lies in the innocent sparkle of your dark circle complemented eyes.
Your beauty shows itself best when something inside you breaks
and it's your soul that cries. Because you wipe your tears, put on that bulletproof exterior
and walk right out with a gorgeous smile.
So, if you still hate yourself, please tell me why?
Don't alter yourselves because all that your fairy tales have taught you are big, fat lies.
So, in the end I just wanna say,
Mirror, mirror on the wall, you've made me fall in love with all my flaws.
No one can ever be the fairest of all, so I am going to trash your logic,
for it makes no sense at all.

Aditi Dixit, Class XI



“हिंदी सृजनात्मकता: छात्रों का कलम संग्रह”.....

देशभक्ति

अपने हिस्से की देशभक्ति को मैं भी समझती हूँ
मैं नन्हीं बालिका अपने देश को प्यार करती हूँ, अपने हिस्से की देशभक्ति को मैं भी समझती हूँ।
जब दादी ने बताया मुझे, कैसे ये देश आजाद हो पाया था,
दो टुकड़ों में बँटवाया था, कितना कुछ सबने गँवाया था।
तब से जब भी खुली हवा में साँस लेती हूँ, इस आज़ादी की कीमत को समझ लेती हूँ।
अपने देश को प्यार करती हूँ, अपने हिस्से की देशभक्ति को मैं भी समझती हूँ।

आपदा में बचाने में, आतंक को हटाने में और रोज़ सरहद पर जान गँवाने में,
सैनिक शहीद होते कितने रोज़, रोज़ समाचारों में सुनती और देखती हूँ
वक्त पड़ने पर मैं भी दूँगी कुर्बानी, अपने मन में ठान लेती हूँ।
अपने देश को प्यार करती हूँ, अपने हिस्से की देशभक्ति को मैं भी समझती हूँ।

धर्मनिरपेक्ष है देश हमारा, अध्यापिका ने बताया था,
जब जन-गण-मन गाकर हमने गणतंत्र दिवस मनाया था,
इसलिए ईद पर रज़िया के घर जाती हूँ और होली पर उसे बुला लेती हूँ।
रोज़ी के संग दीवाली के दीप जला लेती हूँ
अपने देश को प्यार करती हूँ, अपने हिस्से की देशभक्ति को मैं भी समझती हूँ।

सड़क के किनारे, मंदिर के बाहर, गली, चौराहे पर फैले हुए दो हाथ,
भूख से रोई आँखों में झाँकती हूँ, टिफिन देकर चुपके से अपना खुश हो लेती हूँ,
गरीबी हटा कर रहूँगी एक दिन, ये सोच मन लगाकर पढ़ लेती हूँ।
अपने देश को प्यार करती हूँ, अपने हिस्से की देशभक्ति को मैं भी समझती हूँ।
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सीरत कौर, कक्षा छठवीं

॥गुरु की महिमा॥

घनी अंधेर छा रही राह लुप्त हो रही
प्रदीपन की आशा है दूर हो रही निराशा है ॥
नील गगन को पाना है डर से जीत, डर को हराना है
गुरु की महिमा प्राप्त हो छाया निराशा की विलुप्त हो ॥

जिज्ञासा की लुटिया को ज्ञान के सागर से भरना है
उबलते हुए सपनों को साकार कर दिखाना है ॥
गुरु की महिमा अपार है चमत्कार क्षितिज पार है
छात्रों का जीवन साकार है गुरु ही सफलता का आधार है ॥

रुद्रांश सिंह, कक्षा ग्यारवी

आत्मनिर्भर भारत, स्वतंत्र भारत

आत्मनिर्भरता है सीढ़ी सफलता की, आइए, कदम दर कदम बढ़ाएँ।

स्वतंत्र भारत के वासी मिलकर, देश को वो उच्च शिखर दिखाएँ।

जी हाँ ! राष्ट्र प्रेम का इससे अच्छा अवसर मिल ही नहीं सकता। आज जब हमें वर्तमान परिस्थितियों को झेलकर अहसास हो ही गया है कियदि जीवित रहना है, देश को सुचारु रूप से चलाना है तो पूर्णतया आत्मनिर्भर होना ही होगा। राष्ट्र रूपी वृक्ष को विकसित करने के लिए देशी खाद और जल से ही सींचना होगा अन्यथा इसके फलों पर पुनः किसी न किसी रूप में विदेशी अधिकार हो जाएगा या हमारे फल का स्वाद ही विदेशी हो जाएगा। पूर्ण आत्मनिर्भरता की सीढ़ी की ओर एक कदम बढ़ने से पहले हमें अपने अतीत में झाँकना होगा और अपनी गलतियों से सीखना होगा। पिछला अनुभव हमारे लिए मज़बूत आधार का काम करेगा तो वर्तमान सरकार द्वारा प्रायोजित योजनाएँ पतवार का काम करेंगी। हमारे युवाओं का कठिन परिश्रम और उत्साह "स्किल इंडिया" के रूप में इसे सुन्दर आकार देगा और हम जल्द ही अपने देश की नैया को आत्मनिर्भरता रूपी किनारे पर ला खड़ा करेंगे। हाल ही में घोषित की गई नई शिक्षा नीति इसमें जान फूँक देगी और आने वाली पीढ़ी आत्मनिर्भरता की गति को दोगुनी कर देगी। अब शब्दों के इस इंद्रजाल से बाहर निकलकर इस प्रक्रिया को यथार्थ के धरातल पर भी परख लें।

सर्वप्रथम, देश की व्यापारिक नीतियों पर दृष्टिपात करें तो उनको जन-जन तक पहुँचाना होगा, जागरूक करना होगा ताकि साधारण से साधारण व्यक्ति भी इनका लाभ उठा सके। हालाँकि सोशल मीडिया प्रत्यक्ष-अप्रत्यक्ष रूप से इसमें भरपूर सहयोग कर ही रहा है। अपनी रचनात्मकता के बल पर नई-नई वस्तुओं का उत्पाद कर स्थानीय लोग अपने क्षेत्र की माँगों को पूरा कर सकते हैं। लघु उद्योगों में गति लाकर क्षेत्र के साथ-साथ देश की माँग को पूरा किया जा सकता है तथा स्वदेशी को बढ़ावा देकर धीरे-धीरे देश के साथ-साथ विश्व माँग को पूरा किया जा सकता है। यह बिल्कुल ऐसा ही है जैसे बूँद-बूँद से घड़ा भरना और घड़े-घड़े से कुआँ और समुद्र। वैसे भी हम विश्व की सम्पूर्ण जनसंख्या का काफी प्रतिशत हैं, अतः विश्व की काफी माँगों की पूर्ति भी कर सकते हैं। आवश्यकता है तो बस कदम बढ़ाने की, निपुणता लाने की। वैश्विक महामारी के इस काल में बड़े-बड़े प्राइवेट सैक्टर टूटकर बिखर गए हैं। इनसे निकलकर अपने रोजगार को खो चुके लोग अपनी निपुणता का दोहन करते हुए स्वयं का कार्य आरम्भ कर सकते हैं। विकसित व प्रसिद्ध मीडिया हाँउस, फिल्म उद्योग, होटल उद्योग आदि की कमर टूट गई है। अनेक लोगों के सामने रोटी की समस्या खाई की भाँति खड़ी है। इससे पहले कि कुछ प्रतिभाएँ गुमराह हो जाएँ, इनको आत्मनिर्भरता की राह दिखानी होगी। आज विश्व आशा भरी निगाहों से हमारी ओर देख रहा है। यही वह मौका है जिसका हमें भरपूर लाभ उठाना चाहिए और देश को बाहर से ही नहीं भीतर से भी मज़बूत बनाना चाहिए क्योंकि आत्मनिर्भर बनेगा भारत, तभी तो बढ़ेगा भारत।

आरती शेखर, कक्षा नौवीं

आज का राजनेता (हास्य-व्यंग्य)

नमस्कार। आपने पहचाना मुझे ? नहीं पहचाना ? पहचान ही नहीं सकते। अगर मैं इतनी आसानी से पहचान में आ जाऊँ तो फिर बात ही क्या है ? अरे, मैं अभी तो आया था वोट माँगने। घर- घर घूमा भी था। किसी के घर खाना भी खाया था और फिर गायब हो गया था जैसे “गधे के सिर से सींग”। क्या करूँ ? हमारी फितरत ही ऐसी है और इसका कारण है आप लोग। हम जनता के सेवक हैं परंतु आप लोग हमें राजा की तरह मान बैठते हैं। हमें नाम दे दिया-राजनेता, यानी राज करे जो नेता जबकि होना क्या चाहिए था- ‘जननेता’ अर्थात् जनता की सेवा करें जो नेता। हम वायदे करते हैं और आप सच मान बैठते हैं। अब देखो, मेरी प्रजाति के एक युवा नेता ने कहा- मशीन में एक तरफ आलू डालोगे तो दूसरी तरफ से सोना निकलेगा। क्या निकला ? एक ने कहा, आपके खाते में कई लाख पहुँच जाएँगे, क्या पहुँचे ? नहीं ना? दरअसल हम नेता मदारी हैं और आप जमूरे। हम डुगडुगी बजाते हैं, आप नाच दिखाते हैं। हमने कहा थाली बजाओ, आपने बजाई। हमने कहा - दीया जलाओ, आपने जलाया। 5 साल तक आप खूब नाचते हैं। जब थक जाते हैं तो सोचते हैं, मदारी बदल लेते हैं। अरे ! मदारी बदल देने से जमूरे की किस्मत थोड़े ही बदल जाती है ? वो तो फिर नाच दिखाता है क्योंकि नया मदारी भी पुरानी डुगडुगी ही बजाता है।

(डुग-डुग-डुग) ओ जमूरे !	हाँ, उस्ताद!	नाच दिखाएगा?	हाँ, उस्ताद।
सूखी रोटी खाएगा ?	हाँ, उस्ताद।	महँगाई को झेल जाएगा?	हाँ, उस्ताद।
धर्म के नाम पर अपनों का खून बहाएगा ?		हाँ, उस्ताद !	

वादा तो नहीं भूल जाएगा ?

नहीं, उस्ताद , नहीं भूलूँगा, मैं जनता हूँ, नेता नहीं जो वादा करके भूल जाऊँगा । (डुग-डुग-डुग)

रुद्रांश सिंह (कक्षा ग्यारवी)

सुबह



किरणों से सुनहरी हुई भोर, फैला उजियारा चोरों ओर।
सूरज ने चमकाए आँगन, उठो सबको करो नमन।
पंख पसारे पंछी उड़ चले, कभी अपना कर्म न भूलें।
कल-कल करती नदियाँ बहतीं, चलते रहो निरंतर कहतीं।
अडिग खड़ा पर्वत मुस्काता, आसमान को छू लो कहता।
मंद-मंद बयार है बहती, सब जीवों में प्राण भर देती।
देखो प्रकृति है जीवनदाता, इससे रखो तुम माँ-सा नाता।
प्रकृति से तुम जीना सिखो, फैले जिससे जग में मानवता।

आयुष यादव, कक्षा दसवीं

Educator's Insights

Wisdom Beyond The Ages : Lessons From History

Value is ill-defined and fluid. What is valuable today may be worthless tomorrow." Hence history over the years has taught us the value of the present in order to be remembered tomorrow.

The most important lesson that history has taught apart from memorising the so-called specific events is a not-so-generalised notion- "Don't repeat itself".

"If you build an army of hundred lions and their leader is a dog, in any fight, the lions will die like a dog. But if you build an army of hundred dogs and their leader is a lion, all dogs will fight like a lion- said by a conqueror, a soldier and general, who established himself as the dictator of France after the French Revolution and the one who crowned HIMSELF as the Emperor of...France..Yes, you guessed it right- Napoleon Bonaparte!

But like Hitler, his biggest failure was an over-inflated ego and invasion of Russia of course. People have contrasting notions about him. That is why he was termed as the "Son of the Revolution" as well as the "Enemy of the Revolution".

Now let's shed some light on India's history... the one which saw many upheavals.. a land plundered and invaded and yet it stood on her feet much stronger than before. Taking a cue from India's history, the British historian Dr. Arnold J. Toynbee predicted, "India will conquer her conquerors". Indeed we all manifest for these lines and should take pride in our glorious past but should not forget the present we are living in. We should not forget the shackles of poverty and the degrading condition of women today.

In its recent 2500 years of history, India had been at the centre of the world's attraction – in terms of trade, learning, art, architecture, and richness of culture and tradition - and, as a result, naturally attracted invasion. From Alexander to the British everyone has tried to conquer and subjugate India but none could succeed in quivering the spirit of India.

We find seals in the Indus Valley Civilization depicting a yogi performing Yoga, and today Yoga is celebrated as an international day all over the world. The seals of IVC depict bulls and cows printed on them, and even today cows are worshipped as mothers.

India has bestowed profound teachings through texts like the Bhagavad Gita .Through the great epics of Ramayana and Mahabharata, the world has witnessed upholding Dharma and has taught mankind the importance of bhakti, love, compassion, and brotherhood.

As a poet once said -

Yunan-o-Misr-o-Roma Sab Mit Gaye Jahan Se, Ab Tak Magar Hai Baki Naam-o-Nishan Hamara, Kuchh Baat Hai Ke Hasti Mit'ti Nahin Hamari, Sadiyon Raha Hai Dushman Daur-e-Zaman Hamara.

This means, the Greeks, Grecians, and Romans all have vanished, but we are still here. There must be something special, that we still exist, despite the whole world being against us....



PRIYANKA GUSAIN

Ever Widening Horizons of English



PRITI RAMENDRA

Education serves as a gateway to enlightenment and empowerment, enabling individuals to enhance their quality of life. In today's globalised world, education is a versatile social service that must recognize and reward human resourcefulness, commitment, and freedom. Contemporary education aims to nurture the growth of the body, mind, intellect, and soul, particularly in our children who represent humanity's greatest asset.

Many young minds venture abroad in pursuit of higher education, bridging cultures and broadening horizons. Embracing modern knowledge while preserving age-old traditions has become a hallmark of a dynamic society. It is widely acknowledged that

acquiring knowledge is just the beginning; it should be complemented by a lifelong commitment to learning and adaptation.

English, a language of global significance, is recognized as a link that connects individuals from diverse backgrounds. It is the most widely spoken language in the world, second only to Mandarin Chinese. In India, English holds the status of an official language alongside Hindi.

In the educational realm, students at the school level must not only excel in traditional subjects like Mathematics and Science but also attain proficiency in English. The changing times have altered society's expectations of students, placing increased demands on their shoulders. Industrialization has ushered in a new era, necessitating a workforce of skilled and meritorious individuals who can effectively contribute to productivity and administrative tasks.

English plays a pivotal role in this educational landscape. It provides students with a means to communicate with other schools, colleges, and institutions. English at the school level introduces children to the richness of literary language, fostering an interest in reading and the habit of exploring books. It serves as a stepping stone to the world of literature, as many books are penned in this language.

In the modern world, the importance of English language proficiency cannot be overstated. Just as water is essential for survival, English is indispensable for thriving in contemporary society. Therefore, during the formative years of schooling, students should perceive English not as a mere subject but as a key to success in the global arena. Proficiency in this language will undoubtedly help them become global citizens, connecting with the world and realising their potential.

Politics: A Dirty Business or Public Service?



ANJALI VATS

As a child, I used to find it astonishing how the universe follows a pattern. The similarity between the structure of an atom and the solar system is intriguing. This pattern is present from the largest of the things to the smallest ones. What I, as a child, failed to notice was the omnipresence of another force—we call it politics! From the smallest of social interactions to the most crucial diplomatic meetings amongst various state and non-state actors on differential responsibility or nuclear nonproliferation treaties, it's everywhere. But wait! What exactly is politics? You've probably noticed that different definitions of politics exist. Those in positions of political authority and those who run for office may contend that it qualifies as a form of public service. Others might relate politics to deceit

and deception done to forward goals and satiate desires. It is regrettable that politics has become synonymous with using all means necessary to further one's own interests. We must acknowledge that any society must have politics as a vital and essential component. The various demands and interests of its members must be taken into consideration for a society to be sustainable. Different social structures, including the family, tribes, and economic institutions, have developed to assist individuals in achieving their goals and necessities. Politics thus focuses a great deal on the structure and operation of governments. It, however, is not limited to governmental matters. We all have different ideas about what is right and desirable for ourselves and our community, and this gives rise to politics. It involves the multiple negotiations that go on in society through which collective decisions are made. Mahatma Gandhi once observed that politics envelops us like the coils of a snake, and there is no other way out but to wrestle with it.

INDIA AT THE G20



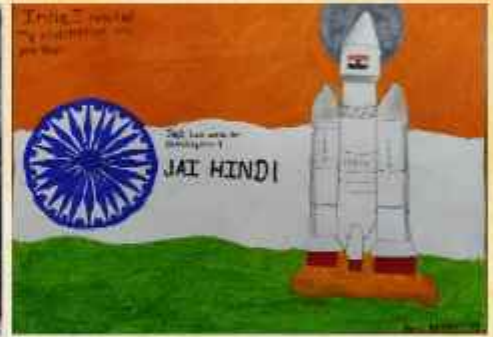
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The Annual Day, "Odyssey: Discovering our Past and Inspiring the Future," celebrated India's remarkable journey with outstanding performances by an orchestra and choir. The evening was made even more special with a prize distribution ceremony to honour the achievers. To top it off, a mesmerising ballet performance enchanted the audience, making the event a true spectacle. The occasion paid tribute to ancient India's luminaries like Sushrut while highlighting India's evolution into a digital powerhouse, inspiring the future. Through captivating performances and presentations, it showcased India's historical significance and its promising future, leaving all attendees inspired and proud of our country's enduring legacy.

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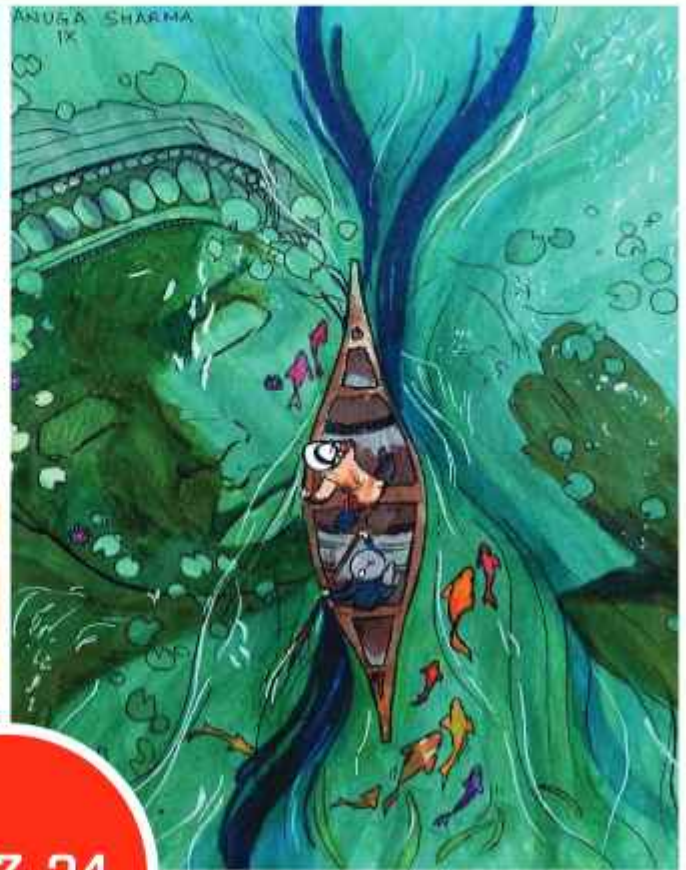
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