

September 2025

LOST & FOUND CHRONICALS

PIS Nashik celebrated 'Eco & Health Friendly 'Ganesh Festival'



This year, Podar International School, Nashik celebrated Ganesh Chaturthi with great devotion, creativity, and a strong sense of responsibility towards the environment. The highlight of the celebration was the beautifully crafted Ganesh idol made entirely using different types of pulses and sand. This unique initiative not only reflected the artistic talent of our teachers but also spread the message of sustainable celebrations.

Adding to this noble effort, the school also conducted a special drive to collect shadu mati (eco-friendly clay) from Ganesh idols after immersion. The collected clay will now be reused for various educational and creative activities within the school, ensuring that traditions are honored while protecting our environment.

The celebration became a blend of devotion, innovation, and awareness, inspiring students to cherish culture while embracing eco-friendly practices.

Heartiest Congratulations to HM **Ms. Jayanthi Subramanian** and VP **Ms. Shofi Dave** for receiving prestigious '**Best Teacher Award**' at the award ceremony organised by Nashik School Association.



PIS Nashik outshines at Online Fest EuroSchool's 'Panache 2025'



Wizkids of Podar International School, Nashik (ICSE), showcased exceptional talent and emerged with flying colours at the prestigious online interschool fest, Panache 2025, hosted by EuroSchool Airoli. The event, held on August 22, saw participation from numerous schools across the region, with Podar Nashik securing significant wins, particularly in the entrepreneurial arena.

The annual event, Panache, served as a digital platform for students to exhibit their skills in a variety of fields, from business and innovation to arts and intellect. The fest featured a diverse lineup of competitions, including: Empowerpreneur, Enigma Escapes, Intellecto, Rhythm Reign, Ad-Ventur, Montage Editor, and ShutterFest. PIS Nashik registered a resounding victory in the Empowerpreneur competition. The team, comprising Mast. Nahush Patil, Mast. Rushikesh Sonar, and Mast. Vihaan Pawar, impressed the panel of judges with their original business idea, a comprehensive market analysis, and a compelling pitch. Their win underscores the school's emphasis on fostering innovation, critical thinking, and real-world problem-solving skills among its students.

The school's contingent demonstrated a strong all-round performance, with participants competing in nearly every event, including Montage Editor, Adventure, Intellecto, Enigma Escapes, and Rhythm Reign, reflecting the diverse talents and enthusiastic spirit of the student body.

This outstanding performance at Panache 2025 not only brings accolades to the individuals but also proudly positions Podar International School, Nashik, as a nurturing ground for future leaders, creators, and innovators.

"True celebration is when tradition meets sustainability."

Hindi diwas celebration at Podar International School, Nashik



Podar International School, Nashik celebrated Hindi Diwas with great enthusiasm and respect for our national language. A special assembly was conducted where students delivered inspiring speeches highlighting the importance of Hindi in uniting the nation. The celebration was further enriched with lively dance performances and cultural presentations that showcased the beauty of our language and traditions.

The program not only created awareness about the significance of Hindi but also encouraged students to take pride in using it in their daily lives. The day truly reflected the joy of celebrating our linguistic heritage.

Podar Prep celebrated Onam and Hindi diwas



Onam was celebrated on September 4th, 2025, with the theme "Where Nature's Bounty Meets Joyful Celebrations!" The event aimed to teach children about gratitude, joy, and togetherness.

Children participated in activities like coloring a Pookalam, making flower rangolis with sponges, and creating a traditional Vallam (boat). The celebration was filled with laughter and creativity, offering children a meaningful experience of tradition.

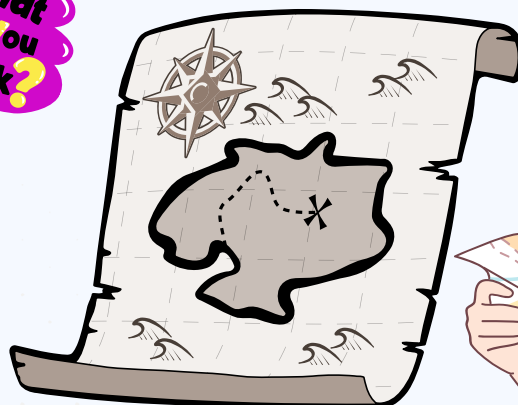


Podar Prep celebrated Hindi Diwas on September 12th, 2025, with the theme "आओ हिंदी बोले जंबो के संग." The day honors the Hindi language, which was adopted as one of India's official languages in 1949.

Children participated in fun activities, including Pehchano aur Bolo, Bolo Ek Yaanek!, and Khoj Anek Ki! The celebration was designed to help children appreciate Hindi and build confidence, expression, and cultural pride through interactive tasks.

I can be lost in seconds,
Yet found after years.
I hide in photos,
And sometimes in tears.
What am I?

What
Do You
Think?



"Curiosity is the beginning of wisdom."

“Mysteries of Vanished Wealth”



Throughout history, countless treasures have vanished, leaving behind mystery and legends. One of the most famous is the Amber Room, a chamber made of amber and gold, taken by the Nazis during World War II and never seen again. Similarly, the Treasure of Lima, worth billions, was stolen in 1820 and hidden somewhere off Peru, yet no one has found it. Shipwrecks also hold lost fortunes. The Flor de la Mar, a Portuguese ship loaded with treasure, sank near Sumatra in 1511, while the San José galleon sank in 1708 with gold and jewels valued at over \$20 billion, rediscovered only in 2015. Legends of hidden hoards inspire treasure hunters even today. The Lost Dutchman's Gold Mine in Arizona's Superstition Mountains is said to hide immense riches. Pirate treasures also remain a mystery—Captain Kidd's loot and rumored caches from the golden age of piracy are still unfound. Other mysterious treasures include Oak Island's Money Pit in Canada, the legendary Confederate gold hidden after the Civil War, and Yamashita's gold supposedly buried by Japanese forces in the Philippines during World War II. With over 3 million undiscovered shipwrecks worldwide, and modern technology like sonar and underwater drones, the hunt for lost treasures continues. Some may never be found, but their stories keep the spirit of adventure alive.

Aryan Ahire
VII Bhabha

खोया और पाया

खोया था मैं भीड़ में कहीं,
ढूँढ़ता रहा खुद को यहीं।

आँखों के आँसू बहते गए,
सपनों के रेशे टूटते गए।

पर एक किरण जब पास आई,
आशा की डोर मुझे थाम लाई।

खोकर भी मैंने पाया बहुत,
अँधेरों में चमकता एक सबक।

जो खोता है, वो सिखाता है,
जो पाता है, वो जगाता है।

यात्रा का यही तो है सार,
खोना-पाना ही जीवन का उपहार।



भारतातील ऐतिहासिक तथ्ये

- 1. भारतीय रेल्वे - जगातील चौथी सर्वात मोठी रेल्वे सेवा**
भारतातील रेल्वे सेवा दररोज कोट्यवधी प्रवाशांची वाहतूक करते.
- 2. भारत - योगाचा जन्मदाता देश**
योग हे भारतातून संपूर्ण जगात पसरले.
- 3. भारताचा पहिला ग्रंथ - ऋग्वेद**
ऋग्वेद हे जगातील सर्वात जुने धार्मिक ग्रंथांपैकी एक आहे.
- 4. शून्याचा शोध - आर्यभट**
गणितातील 'शून्य' ही संकल्पना भारतातील आर्यभट यांनी मांडली.
- 5. काशी - जगातील सर्वात जुने शहरांपैकी एक**
वाराणसी (काशी) हे 3000 वर्षांहून अधिक जुने शहर आहे.
- 6. दौलताबाद किल्ला - भक्कम बांधकाम आणि गुप्त मार्ग**
यामध्ये गुप्त सुरंगे व खजिन्याच्या दंतकथा आजही प्रसिद्ध आहेत.
- 7. गोल घुमटाचे मंदिर - विश्वकोशात नोंदलेले**
मध्य प्रदेशातील हे मंदिर त्याच्या वास्तुशास्त्रासाठी प्रसिद्ध आहे.

Aarav More
VII Bhabha

“Every loss opens the door to a new discovery.”

हरवलेली वही



सकाळी शाळेत पहिला तास सुरु होणारच होता. मयूर आपली पाठीवरची शाळेची बॅग घेऊन वर्गात आला. पण चेहरा चिंताग्रस्त होता. "काय झालं मयूर?" मैत्रीण राधा विचारते. "माझी गणिताची वही सापडत नाही आहे. काल अभ्यास करून झाला, पण आज सकाळी पाहिलं तर बॅगमध्ये नाहीच!" मयूर जवळजवळ रडवेला झाला.

गणिताच्या शिक्षिका वर्गात येऊन गृहपाठ विचारला. मयूरने घाबरत-घाबरत सांगितलं, "माझी वही हरवली आहे." "हरवली? नीट शोधलीस का?" शिक्षिकांनी विचारले. "हो, घरी, बॅगेत, सगळीकडे पाहिलं. मिळालीच नाही." शिक्षिका थोड्या रागावल्या, पण मयूरला खरंच दुःख झालं होतं. संपूर्ण दिवसभर त्याचं लक्ष वर्गात नव्हतं. मधल्या सुट्टीतही तो गप्प बसून होता.

दुसऱ्या दिवशी, सकाळी शाळेच्या लॉस्ट अँड फाऊंड बॉक्सजवळ शाळेतील दीदी काही वस्तू मांडून बसल्या होत्या. त्यात एक लाल कव्हरची वही होती – अगदी मयूरसारखीच. मयूर धावत गेला आणि वही उघडून पाहिली – हो! तीच होती! त्याच्या हस्ताक्षरात लिहिलेला गृहपाठ त्याला दिसला आणि त्याचे डोळे आनंदाने चमकले.

"दीदी, ही माझी वही आहे!" मयूर आनंदाने ओरडला. "छान! एक मुलगा ही वही मैदानावर विसरून गेला होता. एका प्रामाणिक विद्यार्थ्याने ती आणून इथे ठेवून गेला," दीदी म्हणाली.

"कोण होता तो?" मयूरने विचारले.

"तुझाच वर्गमित्र – रोहन!"

मयूर धावत रोहनकडे गेला आणि त्याला मिठी मारली.

"खूप खूप धन्यवाद रे!"

रोहन हसत म्हणाला,

"आपल्या गोष्टी हरवून जाऊ शकतात, पण जर हरवल्या, तर इतरांनी मदतीचा हात द्यायला हवा – हेच शाळेत शिकायला मिळालं!"

Ashwini Upasani
VII Bhabha

Breaking the Mirror Within

During a debate contest last year, my mind went blank. The audience blurred, my words evaporated, and I stood frozen until the bell rang. I felt crushed, like I had lost all confidence forever.

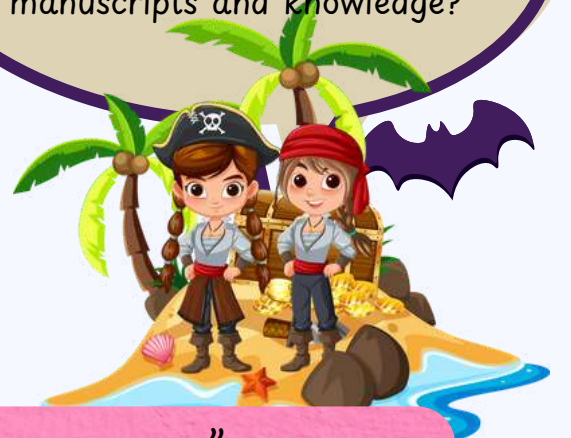


For days, I avoided speaking up in class. Then, my English teacher gently encouraged me. He reminded me that even great speakers stumble, and mistakes are not the end but the beginning of new courage. Slowly, I practised again, starting with just a sentence in front of friends, then two, then three. Months later, I represented my school once more—and this time, I finished with loud applause. Losing my confidence had been painful, but finding it again felt like reclaiming light after darkness.

Vaidehi Padwale
X Euclid

QUIZ!

Which ancient Indian university, burned down by invaders, lost an invaluable collection of manuscripts and knowledge?



"In losing, we learn. In finding, we grow."

THE LOST ISLAND



North Sentinel Island is a small island located in the Bay of Bengal, part of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, an Indian Union Territory. It is home to the indigenous Sentinelese people, one of the last uncontacted tribes in the world. The island itself is about 60 square kilometers (23 square miles) in size and is surrounded by coral reefs, making it largely inaccessible to outsiders.

The Sentinelese are known for their hostility towards outsiders. They have lived in isolation for thousands of years and have resisted contact with the outside world. The Indian government, recognizing their desire for isolation, has established a no-contact policy and has restricted access to the island to protect both the tribe and potential visitors from harm or the spread of diseases to which the Sentinelese have no immunity.

The tribe's lifestyle is mostly based on hunting, fishing, and gathering. They are known to use spears and bows and arrows for hunting and defense. They also build temporary shelters and make tools using simple methods. Despite their isolation, they have managed to survive for millennia in their harsh environment.

In 2006, two fishermen illegally ventured close to the island and were killed by the Sentinelese. In response, the Indian government reinforced its protection policies, prohibiting boats from approaching within five nautical miles of the island.

The Sentinelese people's resistance to outside influence has made them a subject of interest for anthropologists and human rights advocates. However, the general consensus is that their autonomy and isolation should be respected to ensure their survival and well-being.

Shreevardhan Adke
IV Agni

हरवलेली संस्कृती, सापडलेला वारसा!



आपला भारत देश खूप मोठा आणि सुंदर आहे. आपल्या देशाला "संस्कृतीचा देश" असेही म्हणतात.

आपल्या आजूबाजूला सण, गाणी, नृत्य, खेळ, कथा, देव-देवता, भाषा, कपडे आणि खाण्याच्या रूढी अशा कितीतरी छान गोष्टी आहेत - यालाच आपण 'संस्कृती' म्हणतो.

पण आज आपण खूप बदललो आहोत. टीव्ही, मोबाईल, इंग्रजी सवयी, आणि पाश्चिमात्य (विदेशी) गोष्टी आपल्यावर प्रभाव टाकत आहेत. यामुळे आपली पारंपरिक संस्कृती थोडी हरवत चालली आहे.

आता आपल्याला गल्लीत भोंडला, झिम्मा-फुगडी, भातुकली असे खेळ क्वचितच खेळताना दिसतात. आपले पारंपरिक सण साजरे करतानाही त्यामागची खरी भावना आणि पद्धत लक्षात घेतली जात नाही.

पण तरीही यात एक आनंदाची गोष्ट आहे - काही खेड्यांमध्ये अजूनही पारंपरिक सण मोठ्या उत्साहाने साजरे होतात. काही लोक वारली चित्रकला, भरतकाम आणि हस्तकलेचा प्रसार करत आहेत. यातून आपला वारसा अजूनही सापडतोय आणि जपला जातोय!

आपली संस्कृती आणि वारसा हे आपले खरे वैभव आहेत. त्यांचा अभिमान बाळगायला हवा. आपण रोज मातृभाषेत बोललो, सण आनंदाने साजरे केले, आजी-आजोबांकडून जुन्या गोष्टी शिकलो, तर ही हरवलेली संस्कृती पुन्हा आपली होईल.

Akshara Vispute
VI Prithvi

“**Early Atomic Theory: The philosopher Acharya Kanad, living over 2,600 years ago, developed a theory of atoms (anu), describing them as indivisible particles of matter. This concept predates the work of the Greek philosopher Democritus.**”

"Finding something is just the beginning of its story."

THE FRIENDSHIP I FOUND AGAIN



And that's when I redoverver my friend... and found the true worth of forgiveess.

Not all we lose are things; sometimes we lose people as well. A little misunderstanding led to my not speaking to one of my best friends, Ananya. I felt like ignoring her wouldn't make any difference at first. But later, I started missing our conversations, our jokes, and how she always assisted me in math. I understood that losing a friend is more difficult than losing anything else. After much contemplation, I eventually approached her and apologized. Her smile surprised me, and she replied that she had also been waiting for the same moment. We both laughed and swore not to let arguments ever come between us again. That day, I realized that friendship is valuable, and apologizing doesn't make us weak—it makes us stronger. At last, I hadn't only rediscovered my friend; I had discovered the worth of understanding and forgiveness.

Asawari More
VIII Topaz

Feelings and I



Inside me lives a thousand skies,
Some heavy with storms, some endless with light.
Joy breaks through like a sudden dawn,
But sorrow lingers when hope feels gone.

Fear curls itself around my bones,
A shadow whispering, you're alone.
Yet courage rises, trembling, small—
Still daring to stand, still daring it all.

Anger screams like fire untamed,
Regret replies, whispering names.
But love—soft, fragile, yet endlessly wide—
Holds every wound I hide inside.

I am not just one, but all I feel,
Broken and whole, imagined and real.
The world may not see the storms that lie,
But I walk each day—feelings and I

Bhargavi Patil
VIII Amber



The World's First Universities: India established some of the world's earliest and most famous universities. Takshashila (c. 700 BCE) and Nalanda (c. 5th century CE) attracted thousands of students from across the world, offering a wide range of subjects from medicine and philosophy to grammar and commerce.

"From lost socks to found treasures, every day is a new discovery."

The Mystery of the Missing book



Last year, I had issued a storybook from our school library. I had always wanted to read that mystery book. However, halfway through the book, I misplaced it. I searched for it everywhere, including the back of the sofa at home, in my classroom, and my school bag, but I couldn't find it. I felt worried every day in case the librarian requested the book. However, I was surprised to discover that exact book in my younger brother's cupboard when I was organizing it two weeks later. He believed it to be his! There are no words to describe how relieved I felt that day. The next day, I returned the book to the librarian. The librarian advised me to take good care of things I borrow. This experience taught me to be more responsible and cautious when handling books and belongings. Losing the book and finding it again was a memory that was not only filled with panic but also laughter.

Yaadnyee Pawar
IX Jupiter

SECRETS BETWEEN THE LINES



I've always treated my diary as an extension of my heart. Last winter, I lost a page when the wind snatched it away from my open notebook as I was writing in the park. My words, my secrets, floated beyond my reach. I mourned it for days. I kept wondering who would read those embarrassing lines about my fears and crushes. Then, after a week, I opened my school locker and found the page taped inside. My best friend had picked it up near the basketball court, recognized my messy handwriting, and secretly returned it, leaving no clue at first. When I confronted her, she only smiled and said, "Some feelings are too precious to stay lost." That gesture taught me the comfort of having someone who silently guards your scattered pieces.

Chinmay Patil
IX Earth

"The greatest discovery is finding a piece of yourself you didn't know was missing."

II श्रीमद्भगवद्गीता II



श्री कृष्ण द्वारा अर्जुन से कहा गया एक बहुत प्रसिद्ध उद्धरण:

"हर कोई आपके स्पष्टीकरण का हकदार नहीं होता। कभी-कभी चुप रहना भी ठीक होता है, उन्हें यह मान लेने दें कि आप गलत हैं।"

मौन की शक्ति की एक प्रसिद्ध कहानी में, एक किसान ने अपनी एक महत्वपूर्ण घड़ी खलिहान में खो दी थी और उसे बच्चों से मदद माँगी। उसने वादा किया कि जो भी घड़ी ढूँढ लाएगा, उसे इनाम मिलेगा। बच्चे खलिहान में गए और घास के ढेर में घड़ी खोजने लगे। काफी देर बाद, कुछ बच्चे थक गए और हार मान गए, और उन्हें घड़ी नहीं मिली। जब किसान ने उम्मीद छोड़ दी, तो एक छोटा लड़का उसके पास आया और एक और मौका माँगा। किसान ने उसे मौका दिया और थोड़ी देर बाद, वह छोटा लड़का घड़ी लेकर बाहर आया। किसान हैरान होकर पूछा कि वह घड़ी कैसे ढूँढ लाया, जबकि बाकी सब असफल रहे। लड़के ने बताया, "मैं बस वहाँ बैठकर घड़ी की टिक-टिक सुनने की कोशिश कर रहा था। खामोशी में, उसे सुनना और उस आवाज की ओर ध्यान लगाना ज्यादा आसान था।" यह कहानी बताती है कि मौन (शांत रहने) की क्षमता में समस्या का समाधान खोजने, ध्यान केंद्रित करने और निर्णय लेने की शक्ति होती है। जब हम शांत होते हैं, तो हम अपने भीतर और आसपास की दुनिया से गहराई से जुड़ते हैं, जिससे बेहतर समझ और सहानुभूति बढ़ती है। भागदौड़ भरी जिंदगी में, मौन एक महत्वपूर्ण साधन है जो व्यक्तिगत विकास को बढ़ावा देता है।

मुख्य सार

मौन आंतरिक शांति और चिंतन का एक गहन साधन है। अपने दैनिक जीवन में मौन के कुछ क्षणों को शामिल करके, हम तनाव कम कर सकते हैं, अपने रिश्तों को बेहतर बना सकते हैं और शांति एवं संतुष्टि का गहरा अनुभव प्राप्त कर सकते हैं।

"प्रकृति की पुकार : भारत के लुप्तप्राय पक्षी"



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हिमालयन बटेर, जो केवल पश्चिमी हिमालय में पाया जाता है, भी अत्यंत संकटग्रस्त है। आवास के विनाश ने इस मध्यम आकार के पक्षी को विलुप्ति के कगार पर पहुँचा दिया है।

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