

BEACON



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An Introduction

Beacon is a reflection of life at Podar International School, Nerul CIE — a living record of a year shaped by purpose and quiet progress. Within its pages, moments of effort and achievement are gathered into a narrative that honours growth in its most meaningful form.

Yet Beacon is more than remembrance. It stands as a guiding light, steady and forward-looking. It brings into focus the discipline that defines our learning environment and the integrity that sustains it. In tracing the path we have taken, it clarifies the direction ahead, one guided by conviction and an enduring commitment to excellence.



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Message from THE PRINCIPAL



From the Principal's Desk

There is a special energy that fills our school corridors every day—the laughter of children, the excitement of discovery, and the quiet determination before a performance, a competition, or even a class presentation. It is this spirit that makes our school more than a building; it makes it a community where young minds grow and dreams begin to take shape.

Beyond our campus gates, however, we are all navigating a world that rarely pauses. Screens greet us in the morning and follow us into the night. Technology has opened extraordinary doors for learning, and at Podar International School, Nerul – CIE, we embrace it as an important tool for progress. Yet, as educators and parents, we must also remind ourselves of the importance of balance.

Here is a thought that may sound unusual in today's fast-paced world: **sometimes boredom can actually be a gift.** When every quiet moment is filled with a device, children lose the chance to imagine, reflect, and create. It is often in those seemingly empty moments that the mind begins to wander and creativity quietly takes root. A simple cardboard box can turn into a spaceship, a castle, or an entire imaginary world—if we allow space for imagination to breathe.

Equally important is the human connection that shapes a child's character. Empathy, kindness, and sensitivity grow through real interactions—through conversations, shared experiences, and learning to understand one another. These small everyday moments teach lessons that no screen can replace.

To our parents, thank you for being our partners in this journey. Sometimes the simplest choices make the greatest difference—putting the phone aside, sharing a conversation, or allowing your child the freedom of unstructured time. Your presence matters more than any device ever will.

And to our students, especially our teenagers: **the world ahead of you is full of possibilities**, and your voice truly matters. Use technology as a tool to learn and grow, but do not let it define your voice or your dreams. Step away from the noise once in a while, trust your curiosity, and allow your imagination to lead you. The most meaningful ideas often emerge in quiet moments.

As I turn the pages of Beacon, I see more than accomplishments—I see **the spirit of our students and the stories that shape our school year.** I see creativity, resilience, teamwork, and the spirit of a community learning together. My hope is that our students grow not only as capable learners but also as thoughtful, compassionate individuals who remain truly connected to the world around them.

With optimism and affection,

Anjna Sahi

Principal

Podar International School, Nerul – CIE

Message from EDITORIAL HEAD



From the Editor's Desk

Lighting the Way, One Story at a Time

A school magazine, to me, has never been just a collection of events. It is a space where moments pause long enough to be remembered.

I first stepped into the role of editor in 2019–2020, not fully aware of how significant the journey would become. That year brought unexpected challenges, and yet, it also taught me resilience, flexibility, and the quiet satisfaction of seeing a shared vision come alive. What began as a responsibility slowly turned into something much more meaningful.

When I rejoined the school in 2024–25 and continued into 2025–26, the magazine had a new name – Beacon. I find the name deeply fitting. A beacon does not overpower; it simply lights the way. And that is what this magazine strives to do – highlight voices, celebrate efforts, and preserve memories.

This year has been especially fulfilling. From conducting interview rounds to forming the student editorial team, the process felt more collaborative than ever. I watched students take ownership – noticing details, following up on events, asking questions, and learning that good documentation begins with observation. Their enthusiasm and sense of responsibility have truly shaped this edition.

While digital platforms capture moments instantly, a magazine offers reflection. It allows us to pause, to read, and to appreciate the journey behind every achievement. Editing Beacon is, for me, more than deadlines and design layouts. It is about conversations, revisions, shared ideas, occasional disagreements, and many small victories. Above all, it is about trust – the encouragement and confidence placed in me by our Principal, Ms Anjna Sahi, to carry this forward.

If Beacon shines this year, it is because of the many hands and hearts behind it – students who wrote sincerely, teachers who guided patiently, coordinators who supported tirelessly, and leadership that believed in the process.

As you turn these pages, I hope you find not just articles, but memories in the making.

With gratitude,
Ms Sanghamitra Bhattacharjee
Editor, Beacon

Message from CHIEF EDITOR



Design and Layout Editor's Message

It gives me immense pleasure and a profound sense of responsibility to present this edition of our school magazine. This publication is not merely a collection of written pieces and photographs, but a meaningful portrayal of the vibrant thoughts, talents, and achievements of our students. It reflects the ethos of our institution and stands as a creative platform where young minds find expression and imagination takes shape.

“Design is intelligence made visible.” This guiding motto has been the inspiration behind every page of this magazine. Each layout, colour scheme, typeface, and visual element has been thoughtfully planned to enhance the content and provide an engaging and aesthetically pleasing experience for our readers. The objective has always been to create a seamless harmony between creativity and clarity, where design supports the message and brings every contribution to life.

The journey of designing this magazine has been both enriching and enlightening. It has taught me that true creativity blossoms through teamwork, patience, and attention to detail. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our respected Principal for the constant encouragement and visionary leadership, to our teachers for their invaluable guidance, and to the editorial team for their dedication and cooperation throughout this process. Their support has been instrumental in transforming ideas into reality.

I would also like to appreciate the enthusiastic students whose articles, poems, artwork, and achievements form the very soul of this magazine. Their originality and passion are the true inspiration behind this endeavor. It has been a privilege to present their voices through a creative visual form that celebrates their efforts and accomplishments.

As you go through these pages, I hope you will experience not only the richness of the content but also the sincerity and hard work that have gone into designing each section. May this magazine inspire everyone to think creatively, express freely, and continue striving for excellence in every field.

Warm regards,
Radha Yewale
Design and Layout Editor

EDITORIAL TEAM



KEHKASHAN BANERJEE

WRITING, INPUT

This year, being part of the editorial team felt like stepping into a world behind the scenes where stories live, ideas spark, and memories are captured before they slip away. Every event we covered, every article I wrote, was a piece of our school's story, a mosaic of laughter, talent, and effort. There were frantic moments chasing deadlines, pages that refused to behave, and edits that seemed endless but in those moments, I learned the beauty of collaboration.

Seeing the magazine take shape was like watching a dream slowly materialize—an amalgamation of chaos and creativity, mistakes and triumphs, all coming together in something meaningful. It reminded me that serving the school isn't just about work; it's about celebrating its heart, its people, and the bonds that make it special.

And so, with a heart full of memories and gratitude, I leave these pages as a small reflection of a big journey.

New editorial team can hire me for 10k

This is Kehkashan, signing off.



EDITORIAL TEAM



DHRUV KUMAR

DESIGN, LAYOUT, WRITING

What began as a side-quest to secure a Student Council seat quickly grew into the most demanding project of my academic year: I genuinely had no idea what I was signing up for. Looking back, that "now what?" moment was the start of the most intense mental and creative rollercoaster of my academic year. What began as a formal commitment quickly evolved into a project that defined my entire term.

Designing and editing this magazine was a high-stakes technical puzzle. Every page you see was a collaborative effort, a result of refining my layouts through constant iteration with my writing counterparts—tweaking borders, shifting image placements, and adjusting brightness until the vision finally clicked. These layouts weren't born in a vacuum; they were the product of late-night brainstorming sessions squeezed between exam preparations and mountains of homework.

This process taught me that a magazine is never a solo achievement; it's a delicate balance of individual obsession and collective feedback. Moving from the initial chaos of a blank screen to the cohesive publication you're holding has been my most rewarding challenge. (A tip for aspiring editors: sign up only if you know what you're getting yourself into and if you're gonna be using Canva- you better have Canva Pro.)

Note: for 2026 editorial team, my basic assistance starts at 30k INR (negotiable)

This is Dhruv, signing off.



EDITORIAL TEAM



NAJIBA RESHAMVALA WRITING, INPUT

When I first joined the editorial team, I honestly had no idea what I was signing up for—and looking back now, that was the best part. What followed was one of the most enjoyable and fulfilling experiences of this year. Crowded mornings with feedback sessions between classes and debates over page layouts, while still managing math homework—it was chaotic, yes, but I wouldn't have traded it for anything.

Writing for the magazine felt less like a task and more like a tribute—like documenting memories that matter. Every page was a reflection of the journeys everyone shared throughout this year. The entire process taught me that writing is never an independent act. Every article was shaped by several different voices—a suggestion here, a rewrite there—until an ordinary paragraph became something worth reading. It wasn't just to fill pages; it was to capture moments that celebrate our school's spirit. Being in the team was the most memorable (and chaotic) experiences of my academic year.

(A tiny tip for aspiring editors: YAP in write-ups)

And with that, I leave these pages as a lasting token of everything our student body shared—the laughter, the chaos, and the memories that made this year truly unforgettable.

Najiba here, closing out with gratitude for every moment.



Voices of Vision

HEAD-BOY & HEAD-GIRL



Head-boy Aditya T. K

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As Head Boy, I aim to represent my peers, enhance school spirit, and create a supportive environment. I'm dedicated to fostering opportunities for all students and ensuring everyone feels valued, using my leadership skills to positively impact our community.



Head-girl Aishwarya T. K

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As Head Girl, I believe that duty is a privilege, not just a responsibility. I'll serve my school community with integrity, compassion, and enthusiasm, inspiring others and leaving a lasting legacy of kindness and excellence.

Voices of Vision

DEPUTY HEAD-BOY & DEPUTY HEAD-GIRL



DEPUTY HEAD-BOY
Aavishkar Lotale

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Don't measure your progress by the mile markers you pass, but by the weight of the hesitation you leave behind.



DEPUTY HEAD-GIRL
Akaisha Mahadevan

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Serving as Deputy Head Girl has been such a rewarding and surprisingly fun experience. From helping to organise events to stepping in when things get a little hectic, I've learned how to stay calm, become more confident, and enjoy the moment even when things don't go exactly to plan. I've met some amazing people along the way, and every day truly brings something new. To anyone thinking about student council in the future - go for it. Say yes to the badge, the chaos, and the memories... it's way more exciting than it looks. Who knew leadership would come with so many laughs?

Words of Wisdom

SPORTS CAPTAINS



Sports Captain Raaga R

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As Sports Captain, I believe everyone should be given a chance to showcase their talent and skills on the field, whether it is through a team or as an individual. I promise to be the captain who brings everyone together, is an approachable and reliable person, and is someone who will lead our school and students with pride, determination and compassion.



Deputy Sports Captain
Tuhina Roy

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Being Deputy Sports Captain this year has been an enjoyable experience for me. It's taught me important values about how to really lead our school, especially on sports day. Working together and being a team (a great one, that too) was much more valuable—and fun—than simply winning the cup that day. The council, this year, was a good one and we all managed to cooperate well to organise and help out in events. As a sports enthusiast, I was actually so excited to win this position and am very grateful to everyone that helped me get it. This is Tuhina Roy signing off.

Words of Wisdom

CULTURAL HEADS



Cultural Head Kushaan B

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The Council has been an amazing experience throughout, from the investiture ceremony right until the end. Being in the council is fun. I especially enjoyed planning out teacher's day events. The experience was simply lovely.



Cultural Head Arya Dhande

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Being a cultural head has been one of the most enriching experiences of my school journey. It taught me leadership, teamwork and how to turn creative ideas into reality. More than just organizing events, it helped me grow into a confident and responsible individual.

Words of Wisdom

JUNIOR CULTURAL HEADS



Jr Cultural Head Radha S

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Big responsibilities, bigger group chats, and endless memories. Being in the council, I got to plan events, handle last-minute chaos, and laugh through the stress. I learned that leadership isn't about being perfect; it's about showing up. The experience shaped me in ways I'll always be grateful for.

Signing off,
Radha Satsangi

Jr Cultural Head



Jr Cultural Head Vaishnavi K

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It was a commendable experience being a council member (Jr Cultural Head). This role gave me the opportunity to organise an event, which boosted my confidence and strengthened my leadership skills.

SPOTLIGHT YEAR AT A GLANCE

2025-26



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Investiture 2025

HIGHLIGHTS



Leadership Team 2025-26

On 21st June 2025, our school proudly hosted the Investiture Ceremony to felicitate the newly elected council members for the academic year 2025-26. The event celebrated leadership, responsibility, and service — virtues that define the spirit of our institution. The ceremony commenced with inspiring words from our Principal, Ms. Anjna Sahi, who emphasized the values of teamwork, diligence, and humility in leadership. The newly appointed council members marched confidently across the stage, hearts brimming with pride, as the hall echoed with applause.

Each sash and badge conferred symbolized not just a position of honour but a pledge to uphold the school's ideals with dedication and integrity. The moment of conferral by the Principal and teachers was both memorable and motivating, igniting in each leader a sense of purpose for the year ahead. The ceremony concluded with renewed enthusiasm as students looked forward to leading their peers, striving for excellence, and contributing to a brighter, more harmonious school community.



HIGHLIGHTS



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Leadership is not about titles or badges; it is about action, responsibility, and inspiring others to rise with you.





STUDENT COUNCIL FIRST MEETING

The newly elected Student Council assembled for its first official meeting in the school library, marking an exciting beginning to the academic year. The session was attended by the Principal and all council members, creating an atmosphere filled with anticipation and purpose. It was a proud and victorious moment for each member as they stepped into their leadership roles.

During the meeting, students shared fresh ideas aimed at enhancing school life and presented thoughtful solutions to some existing concerns. The Principal actively engaged with the council, providing valuable insights while encouraging open discussions, which ranged from improving cleanliness to boosting student participation in school events, setting a clear tone of collaboration, engagement, and initiative.

This first meeting served as a strong foundation for the term ahead, emphasizing teamwork, accountability, responsibility, and positive change. The council is motivated to turn discussions into action, and all look forward to a year full of meaningful contributions. With guidance from teachers and the support of the school leadership, we are ready to make a lasting impact.

79TH INDEPENDENCE DAY celebration



This Independence Day, our school community came together to honor the legacy of our nation's heroes with a series of inspiring events and activities. Our students showcased their talents through music, art, speeches, and vibrant cultural displays, each thoughtfully designed to reflect our shared pride and unity.

Every moment of the day was infused with the dreams of a brighter tomorrow, symbolizing hope and determination. The colorful displays and enthusiastic participation of students and teachers alike underscored the values that continue to guide us as a nation.





ANNUAL DAY

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Our school's annual day, 'Mosaic of Meaningful Bonds', showcased vibrant performances, including harmonious choirs, a thought-provoking skit, and energetic dances. The event highlighted the beauty of connections and togetherness; students and teachers together shone in a wonderful display of unity.



INAUGURATION CEREMONY



ANCHORS
KUSHAN & ARYA



The inauguration of the Annual Day began on a serene and meaningful note with the lighting of the ceremonial candle. The EPTA members came together on stage, symbolizing unity, guidance, and shared responsibility.

As the flame was lit, it illuminated not just the lamp, but also the spirit of togetherness and hope. The gentle glow marked an auspicious beginning, reminding everyone of the values that guide our school—cooperation, wisdom, and growth.

With this graceful moment, the Annual Day celebrations were officially inaugurated, setting the tone for a day filled with enthusiasm, talent, and joy.

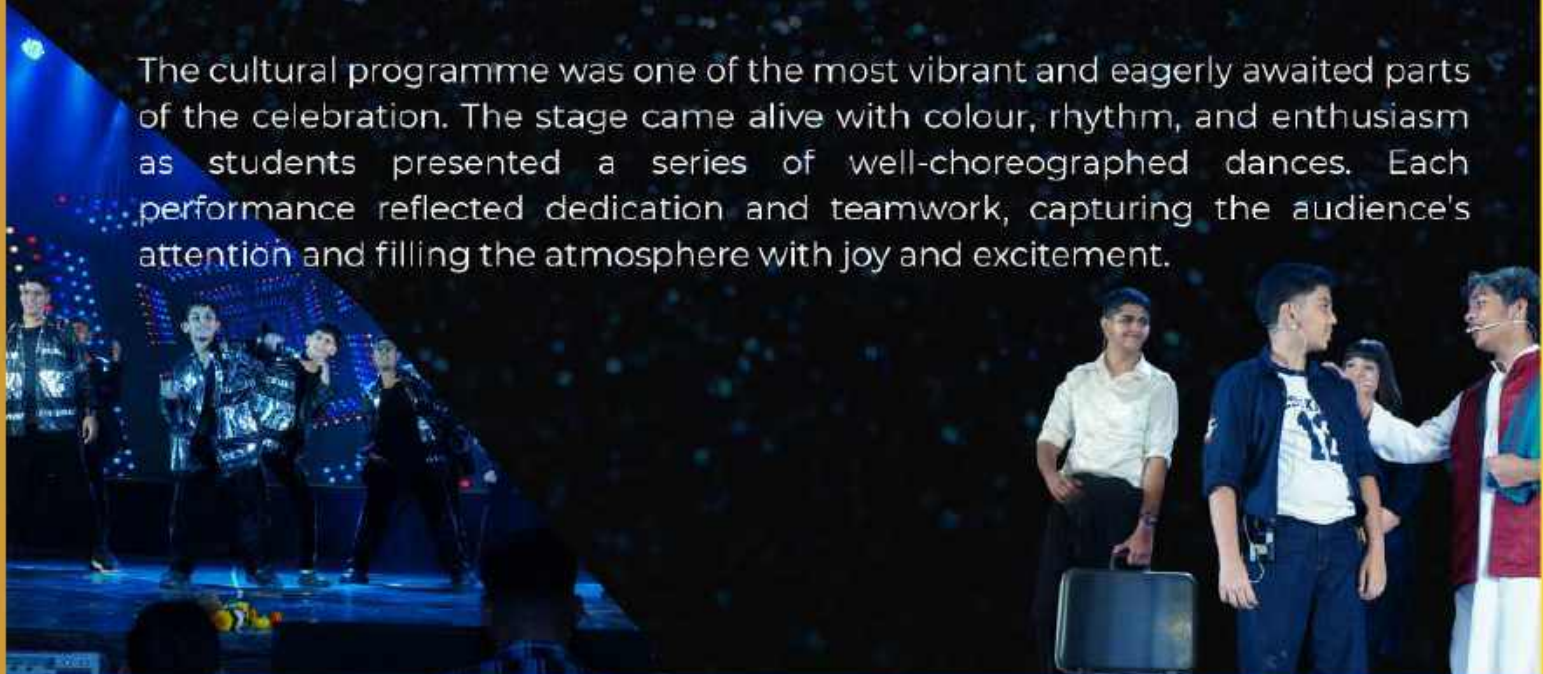




CULTURAL PROGRAMME

The Annual Day was celebrated under the beautiful theme "Mosaic of Beautiful Bonds," highlighting the many connections that shape our school community. Just like a mosaic is made of different pieces coming together to form a meaningful whole, the celebration reflected the bonds of friendship, love, care, culture, creativity, and shared values that unite students, teachers, and the school as one family.

The cultural programme was one of the most vibrant and eagerly awaited parts of the celebration. The stage came alive with colour, rhythm, and enthusiasm as students presented a series of well-choreographed dances. Each performance reflected dedication and teamwork, capturing the audience's attention and filling the atmosphere with joy and excitement.





Adding depth to the programme was a thought-provoking skit titled "Back to Roots." Through engaging scenes, the skit portrayed the contrast between the fast-paced life of the city and the simplicity of life in the village. It highlighted values such as togetherness, respect for nature, and strong community bonds, gently reminding everyone of the importance of staying connected to our roots even in a modern world.

The energy of the evening reached new heights with a lively performance by the school band. Their music brought a contemporary touch to the programme, leaving the audience clapping along and enjoying the moment. The combination of dance, drama, and music made the cultural programme a memorable celebration of talent, creativity, and the beautiful bonds that define our school.

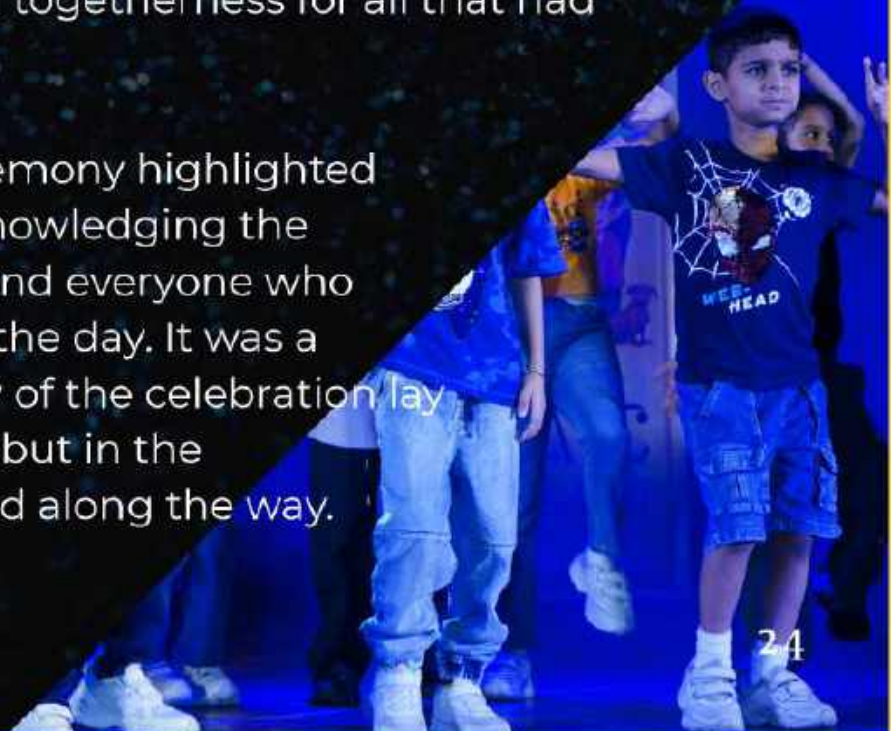




CLOSING CEREMONY

The closing ceremony marked the end of the Annual Day celebrations on a note of gratitude and reflection. As the programme drew to a close, the atmosphere was filled with a sense of pride, happiness, and togetherness for all that had been shared and achieved.

The final moments of the ceremony highlighted the spirit of appreciation, acknowledging the efforts of students, teachers, and everyone who contributed to the success of the day. It was a reminder that the true beauty of the celebration lay not only in the performances, but in the cooperation and bonds formed along the way.





MOMENTS THAT MATTER

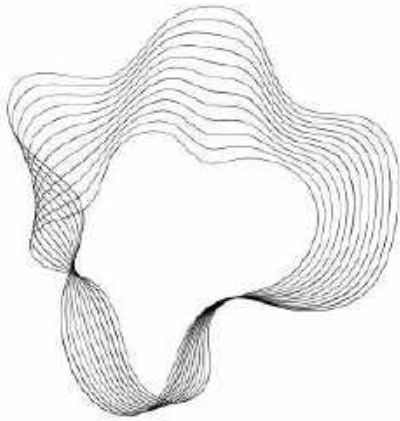


Farewell

Emotions hit an all-time high as the 9th and 11th grades bid farewell to our 10th and 12th graders, reminding them not of their journey ending, but of a new beginning filled with promise and success. Grade 9 took the lead in making this day unforgettable. They presented thoughtful gifts, carefully chosen to convey gratitude and best wishes. Performances brought laughter and tears, as students danced with energy and joy, creating memories that would linger long after the day ended.

The celebrations went beyond performances. The teachers and students organized engaging games and activities, encouraging participation and creating moments of shared fun that strengthened the bond between juniors and seniors. Each senior went home with personal messages from their juniors, written with care and affection, leaving them with words to cherish and remember.





Farewell



Republic Day

स्वतंत्रता हमारा जन्मसिद्ध अधिकार है, और इसे बनाए रखना हमारी जिम्मेदारी है।” – भगत सिंह
“Freedom is our birthright, and protecting it is our responsibility.”

On 26th January 2026, our school came together to celebrate Republic Day, a day that honors the spirit of our Constitution and the sacrifices of our freedom fighters. The celebration was a tribute to the journey of our nation; from the struggles of the past to the promise of the future. Every student took part with wholehearted enthusiasm, bringing energy, dedication, and pride to the occasion. The program, conducted entirely in Hindi, gave the performances an authentic voice. Students began with a semi-classical dance that traced the rhythm of tradition, followed by a Unity in Diversity performance that reflected the harmony and strength of our nation.



GRAND EVENT



A skit on the Constitution reminded everyone of the values that guide us, while a mime communicated moments of reflection, laughter, and thoughtful silence, making the celebration vivid and memorable.

As the performances unfolded, a sense of pride and belonging filled every heart. Everyone experienced the weight of history and the joy of being part of a nation like ours. Each step, gesture, and expression was a tribute to the courage and determination of those who fought for freedom. We stood tall with our heads high as we remember every drop of blood shed for our beloved country.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



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Cambridge Primary Checkpoint **TOPPERS**

Arvi Agrawal, Siona Patil, and Hridhaan Narain achieved a perfect score of 50 in Mathematics, Science, and English, reflecting their hard work, determination, and commitment to academic excellence.

Our school applauds their incredible success and is proud to have such talented individuals as part of its student body.



Siona Patil

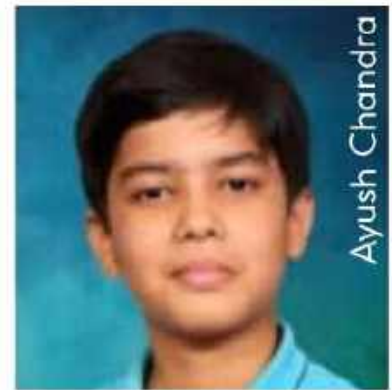


Hridhaan Narain



Arvi Agrawal

CHECKPOINT RESULTS



October
2025

IGCSE

Felicitation



On 21st June, during the Investiture Ceremony, IGCSE and A Level students were felicitated for their outstanding academic achievements. Their results reflect dedication, perseverance, and a commitment to academic excellence.

The recognition by the school community served as a proud reminder of the high standards we strive to uphold, both academically and personally. Our school praised the students' dedication and urged them to maintain excellence in all their pursuits.

TOP PERFORMERS



Niyaant Parpudi



Akshita Bhandari



Shivneet Kaur

IGCSE

TOP PERFORMERS



Saranya Baliga



Diksha Sinha



Diptangshu Basu

TOP PERFORMERS



Adya Shendye



Adhya Sinha



Aahana Prasad

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TOP PERFORMERS



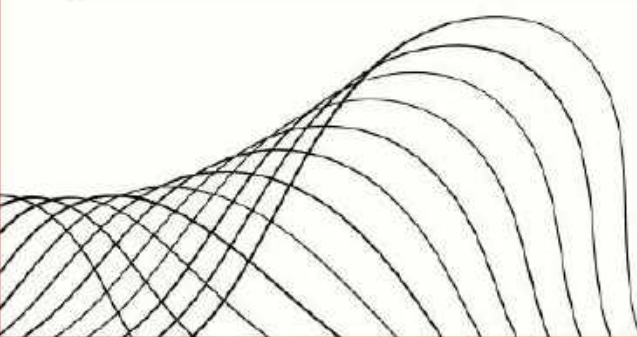
Kritagya Sinha



Rucha Dhuri



Aradhya Bhatia





Credit: SBI Life Spell Bee / JioStar

SBI LIFE

NATIONAL LEVEL SPELL BEE

The journey of a thousand words began with a single letter for Dhruv Kumar, Jayden Phillip, Anshika Prasad and Namita Nair, who recently distinguished themselves as part of the top 60 national finalists in the SBI Life Insurance Spell Bee Season 15. In a competition that saw participation from over 1.25 lakh students across 300 schools, reaching the national level in association with Mirchi is no small feat. These four students navigated several preliminary rounds with composure, proving their mettle against some of the sharpest young linguistic minds in the country and earning their spot among the elite few invited to the final stage of the competition.

Representing their school and community, Dhruv Kumar, Jayden Phillip, Anshika Prasad and Namita Nair embraced the "Bee Spellionaire" theme, which celebrates vocabulary as a form of intellectual wealth. Their participation in the national finals offered them a unique opportunity to test their skills in a high-pressure environment, guided by host Mandira Bedi. While the competition was fierce, the focus for these four was on the mastery of the English language and the thrill of the challenge. Qualifying for the top 60 is a significant milestone that highlights their discipline and passion for learning, marking a successful chapter in their academic journeys.



Congratulations



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for achieving the third place in the Junior category of the International Computer Science Competition 2025. The competition consisted of three challenging rounds: Qualification Round, Pre-Final Round, and Final Round. Each round required problem-solving skills and comprehensive knowledge in computer science.

Dr. Rami Aly, Program Coordinator

Fabian Schneider, Team Coordinator

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ACHIEVEMENT



Ahana Dey bags gold medal in KATA and bronze medal in KUMITE in Khel Maharashtra State Level Karate Championship 2025.

Syed Anwaar Hussain Shines at 69th National School Games



The School Games Federation of India (SGFI) recently honored *Syed Anwaar Hussain*, a Class X student of International Board Schools Sports Organisation, for his outstanding performance in the *69th National School Games 2025-26* Fencing Championship. The event was held in Sambhajinagar, Maharashtra, from 28-12-2025 to 31-12-2025.

Master Syed Anwaar Hussain secured *third position* in the Boys Under-17 Sabre fencing category (Individual & Team), earning a Certificate of Merit from the Directorate of Sports & Youth Services, Maharashtra. The achievement highlights his dedication, skill, and sportsmanship in fencing.

The SGFI, recognized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India, promotes school-level sports excellence and provides a platform for young athletes to showcase their talent in various disciplines, including fencing, football, and more.

Congratulations to Syed Anwaar Hussain and his team for this remarkable accomplishment, inspiring fellow students to pursue sports and physical fitness.



Double victory for Aanya Singh: Gold in Chop Breaking (IMF Nationals) and Gold in KATA (Thailand International 2025 held in Bangkok).



ACHIEVEMENT

Aarav impressed at a recent talent scout by Rare Rabbit Racers, rising from P6 to P3 with remarkable discipline and racecraft. His performance earned the Team Principal's Choice Award and a scholarship for advanced training – a major step toward his GP dreams.





Congratulations to Tanishka for an incredible performance at the 25th National Level IMF Martial Arts Championship 2026! She dominated the tournament with three gold medals and one silver, showcasing exceptional skill, dedication, and competitive spirit — making us all immensely proud.



SUBJECT SHOWCASES





National Robotics League

Build what's new

Mumbai, 2025

TEAM 067 SECURES 1ST PLACE



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National Robotics League



Our school achieved a major milestone when Team 067 – CodeRush received the Champions Award at the National Robotics League (NRL) 2025 event which took place at IIT Bombay. The team of Aharsi Majumdar, Anushrut Pimple, Aavishkar Lotale, Arjun Patil, Trisha Karnavat and Varchasv Biyani along with their mentor Ms. Radha Yewale achieved First Prize by demonstrating their creative thinking, ability to collaboratively work and unyielding commitment to success.

NMMC Corporator, Mr. Vishal Dolas, along with BJP Leader, Datta Ghangale, paid tribute to the young champions through a touching awards ceremony which became the core of the victory celebration. The speakers encouraged students to set big dreams while working toward excellence with unwavering self-assurance. The event showed how community support enables youth talent to reach their potential while they become more motivated to achieve their future goals.





Their remarkable achievement reflects teamwork and innovation, bringing pride to the school community. The journey involved dedication, perseverance, and hard work, with each member contributing unique skills that created a successful synergy. Teachers, students, and parents celebrated together, marking this victory as a collective triumph that inspires others to dream big. Their success story will motivate future generations to value collaboration and creativity in reaching their goals.





CELEBRATING 14 JULLIET

French Day at our school was a lively event where students wore blue, white, and red—the colours of the French flag. Through music, dance, quizzes, and food, we explored French culture in a fun and exciting way.

Younger students enjoyed drawing and colouring French symbols, while older grades participated in performances and cultural displays. Wearing the French flag colours made the celebration feel even more special, helping us appreciate the beauty of another language and culture beyond the classroom.



Inderjit Kaur, French Department

Célébrons liberté, égalité et fraternité avec fierté aujourd'hui.



SCIENCE SHOW

Grade I and Grade II students explored firsthand science through exciting experiments, from chemical reactions to disappearing coins, sparking curiosity, joy, and enthusiasm in their minds. Their showcases featured volcano eruptions, lava lamps, rocket launches, and rising-water magic—highlighting their wonder, queries, and growing love for scientific experiments and learning.





HUMANITIES EXHIBITION

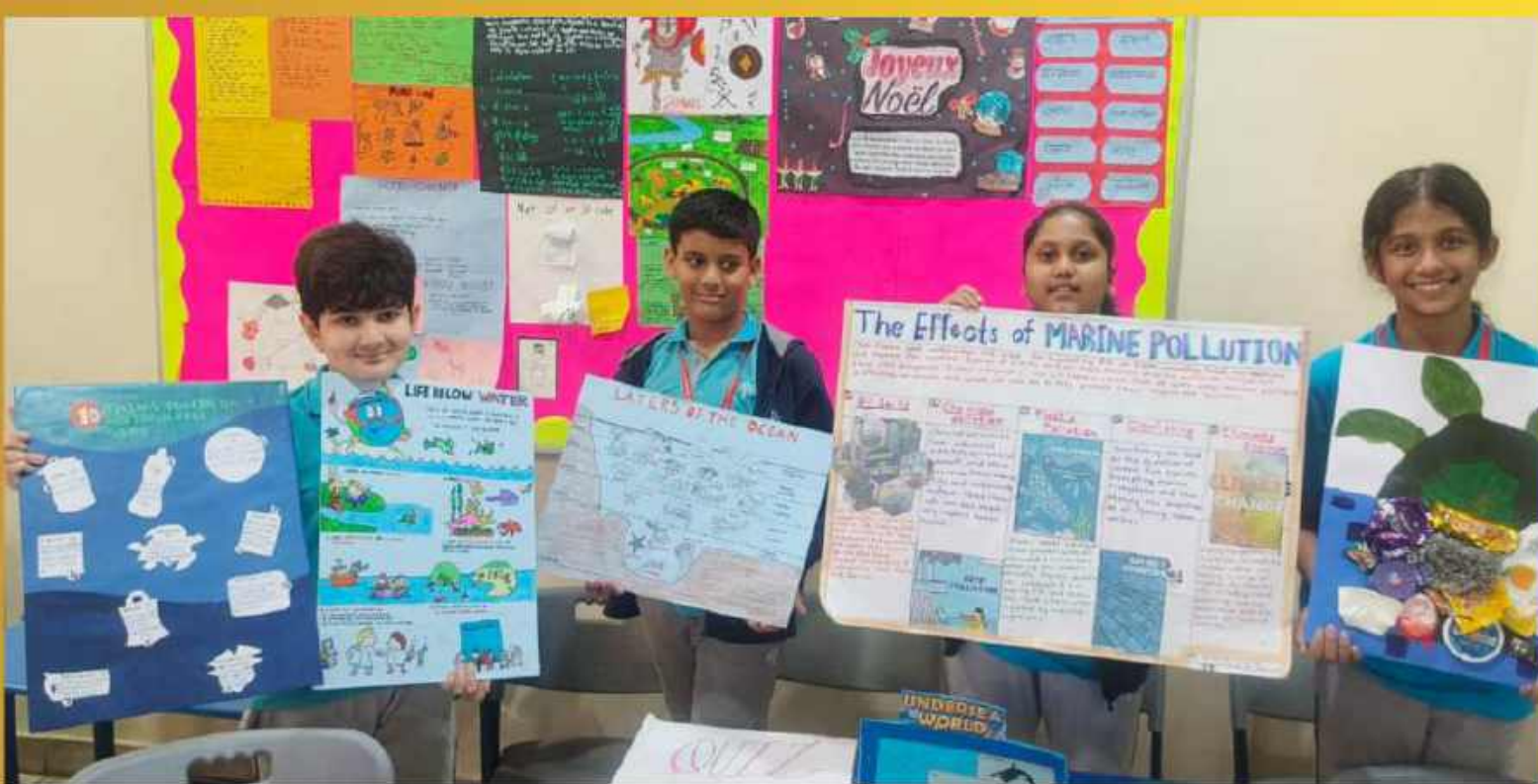


The Humanities Exhibition this year was electric, filling the school with stories, art, and ideas that you could actually feel. Students brought history, literature, and social issues to life with interactive displays, poems, and paintings that drew everyone in and sparked curiosity. Visitors laughed, thought, and even debated as they moved through the exhibits, completely caught up in the creativity and passion on display. By the end of the day, it was clear that exploring humanity isn't just educational—it's an adventure you don't want to miss.



Shabana Sultana, Humanities Department

Step into our Humanities Exhibition, where stories of culture, history, and human creativity come alive.



Science Exhibition

Our school has always believed that science is best understood not just through textbooks, but through questioning, experimenting, and discovering. Keeping this belief at heart, the recent science exhibition turned the campus into a lively hub of ideas and innovation. This year's science exhibition was based on the theme of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The event beautifully combined scientific thinking with social responsibility, showing how young minds can contribute to building a better future. What made the exhibition truly special was the enthusiasm of the students. They weren't just presenting projects—they were storytellers, guiding visitors through global challenges and their scientific solutions with excitement and confidence. Parents, teachers, and peers moved from stall to stall, asking questions and marveling at the thoughtfulness behind each project.





Shweta Naithani, Science Department

Where curiosity sparks and bright ideas ignite. Our science exhibition turns questions into ideas.



Spell Bee Finals



The English Department organised the Spell Bee Finale 2025–26 on Thursday, 26th February, during school hours. The event aimed to enhance vocabulary, spelling accuracy, pronunciation, and students' confidence in using the English language.

The competition was conducted in three categories: Grades 3–5, Grades 6–7, and Grades 8–9. Students were grouped into teams named after eminent literary figures – The Shakespeare Squad (inspired by William Shakespeare), The Austen Alliance (inspired by Jane Austen), The Dickens Dynamos (inspired by Charles Dickens), and The Rowling Riddlers (inspired by J. K. Rowling).

The finale comprised several engaging rounds, including Warm-Up (Unscramble), Listen & Spell, Meaning Match Spell, Rapid Fire (Buzzer Round), Root/Word Family Round, Visual Spell (Picture/Clue Based), MCQ Spelling Round, and Sudden Death (Tie-breaker). Each round tested not only spelling skills but also critical thinking, teamwork, and presence of mind.

The students participated with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Winners were declared separately for each category, and certificates were distributed to recognise their excellence. All members of the English Department contributed actively to the smooth conduct of the event.

The programme was graced by the esteemed presence of our Principal, Mrs. Anjna Sahi. The event concluded successfully, leaving behind a spirit of healthy competition and a renewed love for words among the students.





WINNERS

Grade III and V

Umisha
Kaitlynn
Riaan

Grade VI and VII

Rutvik
Akshay

Grade VIII and IX

Jhanvi
Sarika
Saranya



Nuzhat Sayed, English Department

The spelling bee competition shows dedication and a strong grasp of language. It reminds students that careful study truly pays off.

A collection of art supplies including watercolor paints, colored pencils, and a palette on a white surface. The watercolor palette is open, showing various colors like blue, yellow, and green. The colored pencils are arranged in a fan shape, showing a variety of colors from red to blue. The background is a plain white surface.

CREATIVE CORNER

ART EXHIBITION



T-SHIRT



Painting Activity

On 8th August, Class IX students celebrated the spirit of Independence Day with a lively T-shirt painting activity. Using brushes and colours, they turned plain T-shirts into creative expressions of patriotism, featuring the tricolour, freedom fighters, and inspiring slogans. The event blended art with national pride, leaving the classroom filled with unique designs that reflected unity, courage, and love for the nation.

GRADE V A

CLASS ASSEMBLY



Grade V A led a special assembly centered on the theme "Be a Buddy, Not a Bully." The program included a prayer, an engaging skit, impactful speeches, a lively dance performance, and a heartfelt poem. With confident anchoring and enthusiastic participation, the students highlighted the importance of standing up for kindness, empathy, and mutual respect.

The assembly concluded with students distributing badges and bookmarks carrying thoughtful messages, serving as gentle reminders that small acts of kindness can make a big difference. The event encouraged everyone to help create a school community where every child feels safe, supported, and valued.



Grade IXA

CLASS ASSEMBLY



“THE ONLY THING
STOPPING YOU
IS YOURSELF”





A still from the play

On August 11th, Grade IXA delivered an inspiring class assembly themed “Believe in Yourself.” This event motivated students to explore their inner potential and enhance their self-belief, all while highlighting their creativity and teamwork. Each aspect—from scriptwriting and directing to acting, singing, dancing, and anchoring—was meticulously planned and carried out by the students with remarkable discipline and dedication.

The assembly not only inspired peers to have faith in their abilities but also underscored the significance of resilience and confidence for future achievements. Students from Grade IXB, along with the guest teachers in attendance, commended the powerful message and moving performances. The efforts of IXA made a remarkable impact, serving as a reminder that self-belief is the essential first step toward success.



GRADE XA


CLASS ASSEMBLY



Grade X A students held an assembly titled "Bullying Stops Where" to raise awareness about bullying. They highlighted the importance of speaking up, empathy, and support through drama, song, and dance, promoting kindness and inclusion in the school community.

The assembly served as a powerful motivator for teachers and students, inspiring them to build an environment where everyone feels safe and valued. The principal commended students for their proactive approach, encouraging them to keep advocating for positive change. The event ended on a high note, with students pledging to fight bullying and support those who feel isolated. Through these commitments, a compassionate and inclusive school culture is being fostered.



A photograph of a classroom. In the foreground, a white desk with a blue cup holder and a blue pencil holder is visible. In the background, there are more desks and a window with light blue blinds. The text "Beyond the classroom" is overlaid on the image.

Beyond the classroom



PUBERTY AND HYGIENE WORKSHOP

An insightful and engaging workshop on puberty and personal hygiene was conducted for students of Grades VI to X, fostering a supportive environment for growth and understanding.





DEFINING DUTY

Grades IX and X explored inspiring career opportunities in the Indian Armed Forces during a session by Mr. Sanjay Verma.





“ SUCCESS IS WITHIN YOU ”

PARENT-LED SEMINAR - MR. KARTIK VENKAT





Kieran Lai

Our school field came alive with excitement as Kieran Lai, who holds international recognition as a dancer, performed an energetic show beneath the open sky. Kieran, who gained worldwide recognition through his performances at the London Olympics and his appearance on Britain's Got Talent, brought his international performance energy to our school campus, where he quickly won over students with his lively stage presence.

He conducted an interactive workshop on stage, which combined dance routines with musical elements for the participants. He spoke about his dance journey, encouraging students to dream big and express themselves with confidence. The field was filled with applause and astonishment as the energetic audience was inspired to develop motivation, driven by passion, after the dance seminar.



UNITED BY RHYTHM

WORLD MUSIC DAY





RHYTHM OF JOY

World Music Day at Podar International school was a wonderful celebration of music and dance.

On June 19th, students from Grades 1-5 performed with enthusiasm and charm. June 21st featured talented performances by Grades 6-10, showcasing musical finesse and confidence. The event illustrated the power of expression through the different art forms.

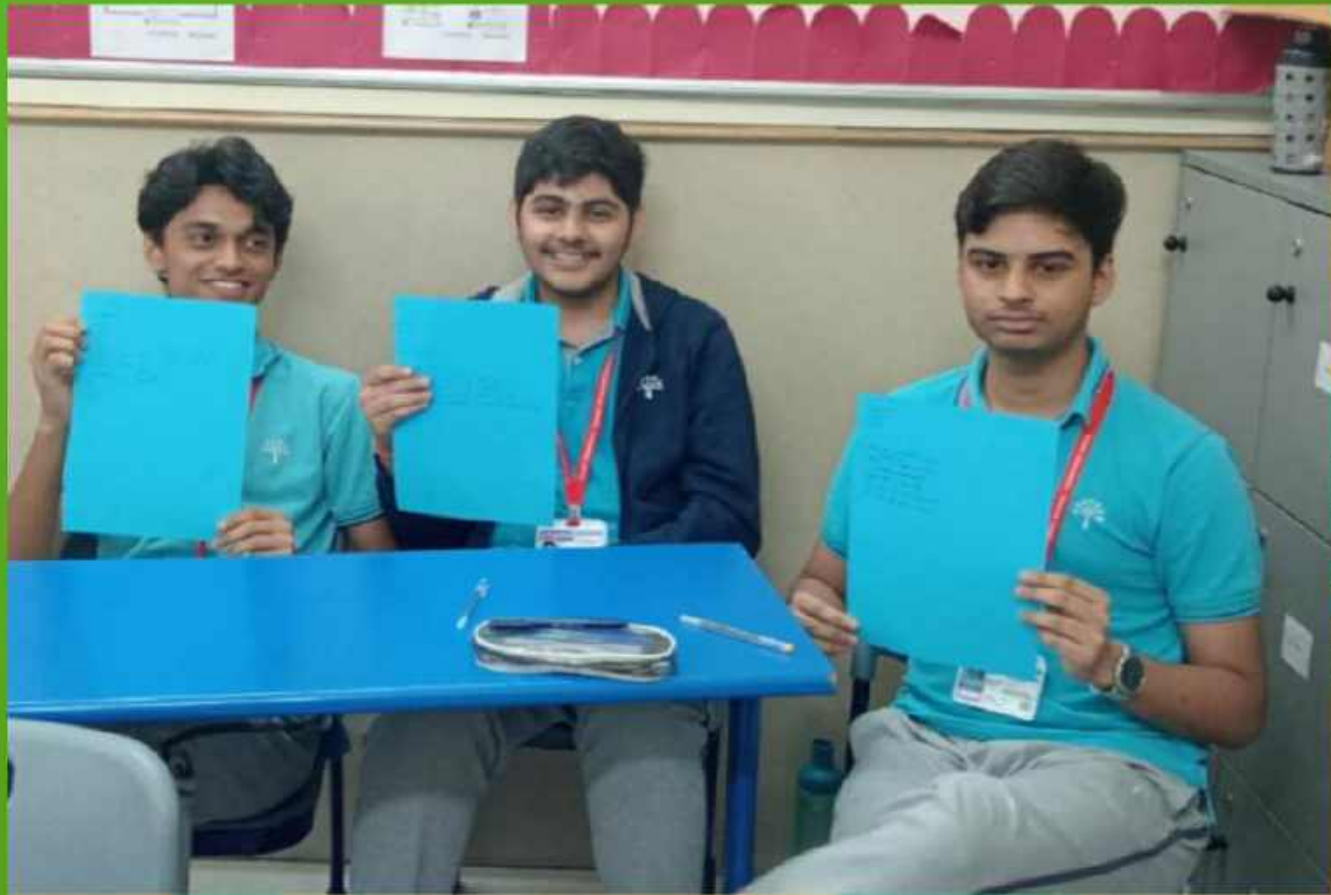


Podar International School CIE, Nerul shines at Aikyam 2025, winning top positions across events and making the school proud!



Career & Leadership Development





Career Counselling

A LEVEL



The career counseling day for AS and A level students was enlightening, showcasing various 21st-century career options. Experts provided guidance and shared real-life experiences, inspiring students to dream big, stay curious, and plan confidently for their futures, making it a motivating and informative event.

An aerial night-time photograph of a soccer field. The field is illuminated by stadium lights, and the grass is a vibrant green. White lines mark the field boundaries, including the center circle, the halfway line, and the penalty areas. Numerous birds are captured in flight across the field, creating a dynamic scene. The surrounding area includes a parking lot with several cars, a building, and some trees.

SPORTS & PERFORMING ARTS HIGHLIGHTS



INTERHOUSE COMPETITION

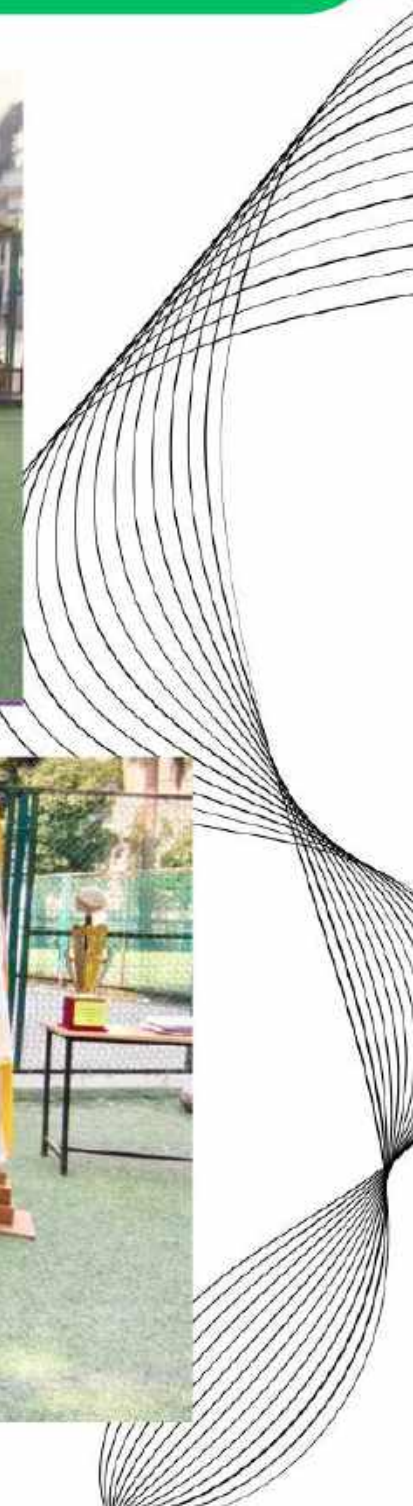
The long awaited Interhouse Competition witnessed an outstanding display of sportsmanship and teamwork as the four houses-Ventus, Terra, Aqua, and Ignis- competed in a thrilling array of matches.

Students showcased their skills and spirit in volleyball, football, basketball, and box cricket, making the event an amazing success and a testament to our school's sporting culture.





Glimpses of the event:





SPORTS DAY 2026

There is no better feeling in the world than crossing the finish line and tasting triumph. At Podar, we believe every student deserves to feel that exhilaration. Our annual athletics sports meet didn't just push our student athletes to their limits—it gave them a stage to compete and lead. Races where speed and agility were tested, a synchronised march past of discipline and total control—confidence, strength, teamwork, and determination, the very qualities shined through that define both sport and character.

The houses snatched, won, and fought relentlessly for points, but Ventus emerged as the champion. The students continued cheering on their teammates with unyielding spirit. But Sports Day isn't just for the athletes—it's about igniting the spirit of sport into action and bringing everyone together.





HIGHLIGHT: Varchasv's mid-brain activation technique





The girls' basketball team performed with such excitement and perseverance during the ELAN competition that they achieved a second-place finish! Our team showed their commitment through starting their day with training and continuing with tactical planning until they demonstrated their collaborative effort during each match. Demonstrating their strength through their continuous effort on court resulted in their ability to achieve victory against all odds which brought pride to our entire school community.

The chess team achieved success through their dedicated training sessions and their strategic approach to their game. The game board revealed a sequence of actions which showed the player's ability to wait while planning their moves while maintaining their focus. The team achieved victory at the Inter-school competition, proving that students can reach their highest potential through steady dedication and disciplined practice sessions.



ELAN



Interhouse CHESS COMPETITION

The chess grandmasters joined us in an intense chess competition as the four different houses compete for victory. Students exercised their intelligence upon every particular move to emerge victorious.

The event was a thrilling showcase of strategy, focus and intellectual prowess. The housemates silently cheered on for their respective houses. A true tough fight, they didn't just capture pieces; they captured respect - one checkmate at a time.





Big cheers to Zankhi Shukla for accomplishing remarkable performances across multiple events at the 7th IGCI Artistic Gymnastic Invitational Meet 2025, held in Bangalore!



NAVITA GUPTA
3rd place in National Level Kathak Competition





COMMUNITY VALUES AND CULTURE

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CULTURE

KABIR DAS JAYANTI



Our school celebrated Kabir Das Jayanti on 11 June with a special assembly dedicated to the great saint and poet, Kabir Das. Students recited his timeless dohas and shared their interpretations, reflecting on the simplicity and depth of his words.

The event inspired everyone to embrace Kabir's values of truth, love, and humility. Through this celebration, students gained insight into his enduring philosophy and the importance of preserving our cultural and spiritual heritage.



RAKSHA BANDHAN



The school's spirit shone bright as the students celebrated Raksha Bandhan with a heartfelt tribute to our nation's brave soldiers by crafting rakhis and writing thoughtful notes that were later sent to them.



INTERNATIONAL **YOGA DAY**

On June 21, our school observed International Yoga Day with enthusiasm and unity. Students and teachers participated in a mass yoga session, guided by the Physical Education Department, emphasizing the importance of physical and mental well-being. The event highlighted how yoga fosters balance, mindfulness, and inner strength.





ASHADI EKADASHI

Celebration

Podar International School, CIE, Nerul, celebrated Ashadi Ekadashi with great fervor and devotion on 4th July. Students from Grades I to V participated in a vibrant Dindi procession, dressed in traditional attire and carrying Tulsi plants and manjiras. A beautifully decorated Palkhi added to the spiritual ambience as students sang soulful bhajans and played traditional instruments, filling the campus with rhythm and joy.

The Dindi procession was a delightful sight, bubbling with cheerful chants, colorful attire, and a sense of togetherness. It offered young learners a hands-on way to understand tradition while building confidence and unity. Preparation, practice, and participation all came together beautifully on the day.

Tree Plantation

TREK



On 14th August 2025, students from our school took part in a memorable environmental initiative at Parsik Hill.

The day began with planting trees, helping to improve the environment and raise awareness about the importance of sustainability. The students then enjoyed a joyous trek in the rain, bonding with nature while embracing eco-friendly practices, making it an unforgettable experience for all involved.





HEALTHY FOOD, HEALTHY ME

Grade I students celebrated Nutrition Week with fun activities, learning about balanced diets and taking a pledge to eat healthy!





WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY Celebration



World Environment Day was celebrated with a short programme featuring conservation talks, student posters, and a tree-planting activity, encouraging simple daily actions to protect the planet.





GRADE 1 AND 2

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents Day at school was a heartwarming celebration of love, wisdom, and family values. The occasion aimed to strengthen the special bond between grandparents and grandchildren, guiding the young ones with the experience and morals passed on through generations. The event was filled with warmth and joy as students expressed their appreciation through activities planned by the school. More than just a day to honor them, grandparents day served as a beautiful reminder of respect and gratitude, inculcating the timeless importance of family ties in children. It taught our students to value the lessons that come from experience and a labour of love





Our Grade IX girls took the lead in conducting a special assembly to celebrate Navratri, highlighting the significance of this vibrant festival and the message of the nine colors.



NAVRATRI

Celebration

The event was a grand success with enthusiastic participation from both teachers and students. The highlight of the celebration was the Garba session, where students dressed in traditional attire danced their hearts out!



हिन्दी दिवस



HINDI DIWAS Celebration



JANMASHTAMI

CELEBRATION



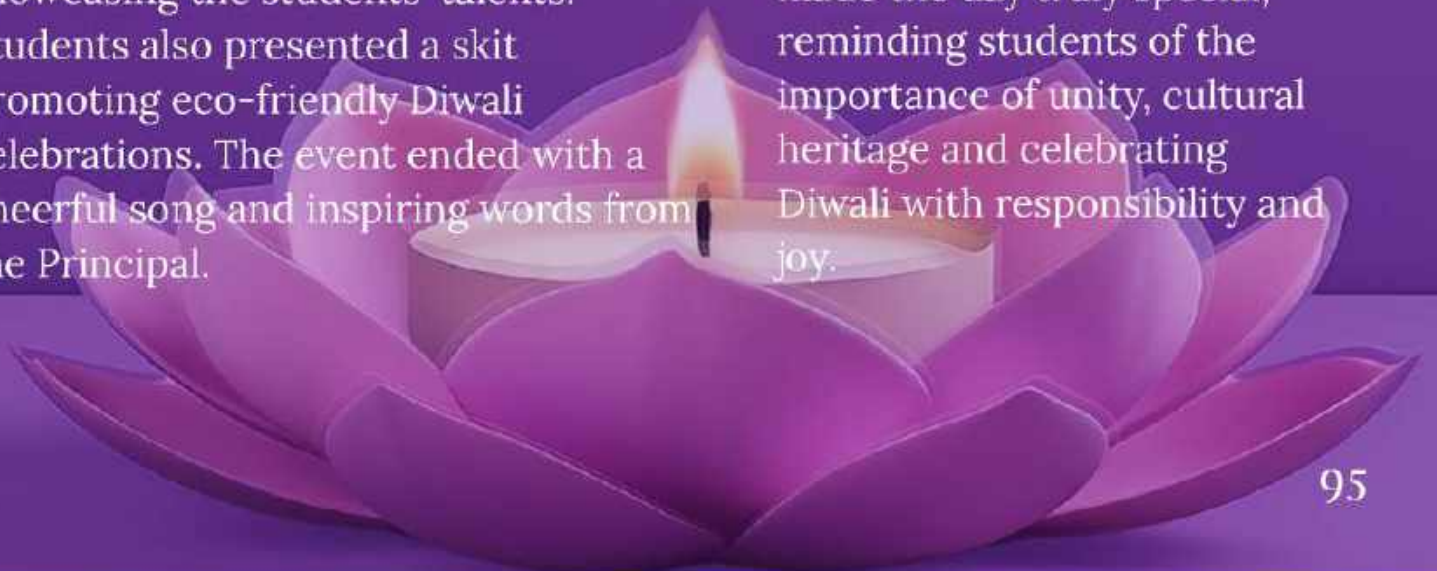
Janmashtami, the joyous festival marking the birth of Lord Krishna, was celebrated in our school with great enthusiasm. Students came together, reminding us of the divine qualities Krishna embodied, love, wisdom, and courage. This celebration not only honored these values but also celebrated India's rich cultural heritage.

DIWALI



Our school celebrated Diwali with great excitement and joy. The event included a soulful prayer, a musical drama on the Ramayan, and colourful performances. The celebrations unfolded with dance performances and harmonious music, showcasing the students' talents. Students also presented a skit promoting eco-friendly Diwali celebrations. The event ended with a cheerful song and inspiring words from the Principal.

The celebration left everyone with warm memories and a deeper appreciation of the festival's values. Bright decorations, festive energy and enthusiastic participation made the day truly special, reminding students of the importance of unity, cultural heritage and celebrating Diwali with responsibility and joy.



GURU PURNIMA



On July 10, 2025, Podar International School Nerul celebrated Guru Purnima with an assembly featuring Guru Vandana and performances honoring teachers. Class VIII participated in an activity reflecting on the modern significance of the Guru-Shishya tradition. The event highlighted the importance of the teacher-student bond and the relevance of Guru Purnima.



Children's Day

Children's Day at our school was celebrated with immense enthusiasm and cheerful smiles all around. Students entered the event space while encouraged to wear Nehru caps and were given colourful roses, creating a joyful atmosphere for the celebration. The event started with a presentation which explained why Children's Day holds special meaning while showing how children need affection, dignity and support to grow properly.

The audience's experience reached its peak when teachers performed their shows which delivered powerful performances, making the entire area feel enchanted. The air was filled with happiness as students from all grades watched a dramatic play, spiritual qawwali performance and high-energy dance routines and listened to beautiful music. The students cheered wholeheartedly, enjoying every moment. Our school's spirit of gratitude and the unique bond shared between educators and learners was evident in every moment of this celebration.





JIO INSTITUTE

FIELD TRIP

Students from Grades IX to AS Level visited Jio Institute for an educational experience that introduced them to modern technology and innovative solutions. The interactive sessions sparked curiosity and excitement, offering a glimpse into future possibilities. They received exceptional support from Mr. Anshuman and his team as they welcomed our students while providing expert guidance during their entire trip.





Lonavala Trip

Students from Grade X, AS and A Level embarked on an exhilarating educational adventure during their school trip to Lonavla. At the Maval Heritage Museum, they gained valuable insights into the life of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj while exploring exhibits that showcased Maratha traditions through captivating artistic displays. The historical weapons they encountered in the exhibit provided a glimpse into the bravery exhibited by warriors of that era.

Following their museum visit, they enjoyed refreshments at Mapro Garden before embarking on an exciting exploration of the Karla Caves. This expedition not only created lasting memories but also offered invaluable knowledge of historical sites and stunning natural landscapes.



CELEBRATION

CHRONICLES



Why Being a Hospital ‘Warrior’ Made This My Best Christmas Ever!

By Mehendi Sami Tanki
1st Standard, Podar International School

Hello everyone! My name is Mehendi Sami Tanki. I am a student in the 1st standard at Podar International School, and even though I am young, I recently learned a very big lesson about courage and happiness that I want to share with you all.

An Unexpected Christmas Guest:

This Christmas was a bit different for me. Instead of being at home near a decorated tree or playing with my friends, I found myself in a hospital bed. I was admitted because of a kidney stone issue. At first, it felt a little scary, and I was sad to be away from my home. But then, I remembered everything my teachers and my Principal Ma'am have taught me at school.

Lessons from Podar International School:

At Podar International School, we are taught that no matter what situation we are in, we must never forget our happiness. My teachers taught me to be strong and compassionate, and to fight every battle like a true warrior.

I realized that being a warrior doesn't just mean being brave during a test; it means choosing to smile even when you are in the hospital. I decided right then that I was going to celebrate this festival, no matter what!

Celebrating with My Hospital Heroes:

I realized I wasn't alone. I was surrounded by wonderful doctors and nurses who were working on Christmas Day, leaving their own families to take care of me. To thank them, I became a "Little Santa."

* Sweet Surprises: I distributed chocolates to all the doctors and nurses. Seeing them smile made my pain go away!

* A Shared Celebration: We turned the hospital room into a place of joy. I felt so happy to celebrate with these heroes who dedicate their lives to helping us get better.

My Message to You:

It didn't matter that I had an IV on my hand or that I was in a hospital room. I felt happy because I chose to live in the moment.

I am so thankful to:

1. The Doctors and Nurses: For their care and for working on their holiday.
2. My Principal and Teachers: For giving me the courage and confidence to stay strong.

I have learned that happiness is something we carry inside our hearts. If you stay strong and stay kind, you can find a reason to celebrate anywhere—even in a hospital!



Is the Spirit of Christmas still alive?

Snow fell softly on a quiet street as a little boy stood with a small tray of handmade Christmas ornaments. He rang a tiny bell, hoping someone would notice, but shoppers hurried past, eyes fixed on bright shop windows and shiny gifts. At first, he felt invisible, almost as if the season itself had forgotten him. Then, a woman paused, admired a delicate glass angel, and smiled warmly before buying it. One by one, others followed, and the boy's tray emptied, but his heart brimmed with something far greater than coins: a quiet, luminous joy.

This small moment captures the essence of the Christmas spirit. It is not found in glittering decorations, endless shopping lists, or perfectly wrapped gifts. Instead, it lives in attention and care – in acts of generosity that ask for nothing in return. The Christmas spirit glows quietly, like candlelight reflected on freshly fallen snow, illuminating hearts rather than shop windows.

Even today, amid the rush of the season, the spirit thrives. It is found in families who gather to share laughter and simple meals and in neighbors checking on one another during cold winter nights. It surfaces in small gestures: a warm smile, a helping hand, or a moment of patience in a crowded street. These are the true ornaments of the season, invisible yet radiant.

Christmas invites us to pause and reflect on what truly matters. The boy with his fragile ornaments reflects that joy is created not through extravagance, but through simple recognition of others. His happiness came not from the coins in his tray, but from the hearts he touched, from the shared magic of the moment, and from the proof that generosity still exists.

The Christmas spirit is alive, luminous and enduring. It does not rely on spectacle or perfection; it thrives in the quiet corners of our lives. When we choose to notice, to help, and to give, the world feels warmer, brighter, and more magical. That little boy on the snowy street, with his tiny tray of ornaments, reminds us that the miracle of Christmas is not lost.

It waits in each of us, ready to be shared.

Kehkashan Banerjee
Grade IX A



Pausing for Joy

(The meaning of celebration in a modern world)

On a Christmas morning or a New Year's night, we scroll through our phone and see countless posts – families framed in smiles, captions filled with words like togetherness, joy, and celebration. Yet behind many of those carefully captured moments, there often lies a connection that feels weaker than it appears. In today's digital world, celebration is everywhere, but its true meaning sometimes feels harder to find. Once, during a family gathering, after exchanging pleasantries, everyone went their own ways. Mobile phones and headphones came out, and it was only during photographs that we came together – we plastered on smiles, heard the “click,” and then drifted apart again, drowning in screens, mobiles and television.

In today's world, high-speed connection walks hand in hand with our fast-paced lives, where even a simple “hello” or “good morning” can feel like a task. Celebrations, too, seem to have lost some of their essence over time. This New Year's Eve, my phone buzzed endlessly with ‘Happy New Year’ messages forwarded from group to group – shallow and hollow. Yet it was only a couple of friends who asked me, “How was your year, Utkarsh?” and that meant far more to me in this ever-busy, not-so-caring life. Once meant to bring together friends, families, and communities, they are now often treated as formalities – sometimes even as a business ritual of the year. With a few clicks, messages are sent, wishes are broadcast, and photos are posted as a kind of social responsibility. Yet behind these perfectly framed moments, the true spirit of celebration often struggles to keep up with the rush of life. The smiles fade quickly, people return to their routines, and what remains is a quiet sense that something deeper is missing.

Yet the true purpose of celebrations was to bring people closer and care for one another – a meaning we often overlook today. We forgot when to change gears, apply the brakes, and slow down to relive, revisit, and rejoice in the little splendours that life offers us through celebration.

So, as the New Year begins, let us include one simple promise in our resolutions – **to slow down once in a while and spend meaningful time with our friends and family. For a true celebration lies in a quiet conversation over a cup of tea and snacks, where everyone is present and truly enjoying themselves. Because in the end, that is where the true joy of every celebration lives.**

Utkarsh
Grade X B

A winter day I will always remember

We went to a snowy mountain via Heena Tours. There were some people who made a snowman and threw snowballs at each other. I saw a little stream of water flowing from the mountain. I picked up some snow to block the water, and it stopped flowing. That made me happy. Hence, I will always remember this winter day.

Varshil I A

A winter day I will always remember

The day or trip I will always remember was our Arunachal Pradesh tour with my parents. We visited Arunachal Pradesh in February. Our tour operator told us if you were lucky then you would experience snowfall on the way to Tawang. God answered our prayers and surprised us with snowfall during our bus journey. I witnessed the magical first-ever snowfall of my life. Small crystals of snowflake fell all over me. We thanked God for answering our prayers and blessing us with an enchanting snowfall that most of us will remember throughout our lives.

Varshil I A

Christmas Through My Eyes.

25th December was Christmas day and it also was the 50th Wedding anniversary of my grandparents. On that day we traveled to Panchgani. We had so much fun. So once we reached Panchgani we celebrate my grandparents wedding anniversary by cutting cake and also decorated the whole place with balloons and flowers. After that we went to a restaurant for dinner. Panchgani was a very cold place and so we wore clothes like sweater and thermals to protect us from the cold. There was one uncle in the restaurant who was playing song like Jingle Bells song and even Green Day. He was also playing guitar. Next day we went to the cheese factory. First we got up then we had bath then we got ready and went to the Cheese factory. There were so many kinds of cheese. There was ice cream shop also next to the cheese factory where we took pictures of me eating Jerry's cheese without permission. There was a shop who is making fresh ice cream. There was strawberry ice cream and mulberry but not chocolate, vanilla or mango. We went to a farm for strawberry picking activity, there we picked up strawberries and carrot and daddy gave me cherry tomatoes, the first cherry tomato I ate then the second one I gave to mumma. This was the best Christmas vacation I ever had in my life.

Ria R IA

Christmas through my eyes

Christmas is a very special time of the year. I love to see Christmas trees, colourful lights all around. Everything looks bright and happy at Christmas. I like to meet Santa Claus every year in Christmas. During Christmas holidays, I go out on vacation with my family. I enjoy spending time with my father, mother and my sister. We have lots of fun together and it makes me very happy. I love Christmas and Christmas holidays very much.

Mohsin Unia I B

A Winter Day I Will Always Remember

One winter morning, I went outside and slipped! I landed on the snow with a soft thud. Instead of crying, I laughed because the snow felt like a cold pillow. Just then, a squirrel wearing a tiny woollen cap ran past me and said, "Careful! Winter likes to play tricks!"

I followed the squirrel and saw two funny elves behind a tree. One elf was sneezing so loudly that snow fell from the branches. "Achoo! Sorry!" he said. The other elf tried to build a snowman, but the snowman's head kept falling off. Even a penguin waddled by and clapped his flippers at us.

We played in the snow, made silly snow angels, and laughed a lot. When my mother called me home, the squirrel waved goodbye, and the elves disappeared with a pop. In my pocket, I found a shiny snowflake that never melted. I knew that winter day was full of fun and magic. It is a winter day I will always remember.

Aara Kulkarni III B

IF I MET SANTA CLAUS.....

Meeting Santa Claus would be an incredible and magical experience. I would be filled with wonder and excitement the moment I saw his big red suit and white beard. The first thing I would do is thank him for all the joy he brings to children around the world every year. I would love to ask him , "Do you actually live in the North Pole?" Then, maybe Santa will give me some special gifts that I have been waiting for. I am curious to know how he trains his reindeer to fly and about his incredible journey across the night sky.

The magical figure SANTA would remind me of the true meaning of Christmas: LOVE, KINDNESS and THE JOY OF GIVING. He is an epitome of happiness and I would feel inspired by his mission to make everyone contented and blissful. The opportunity to meet Santa would be my best gift forever and my Christmas would be extraordinarily marvellous...

HO! HO! HO! MERRY CHRISTMAS !!!!

Yuvaan Ganguly Sharma II A

THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a gentle whisper of love that touches every heart. It is celebrated on 25th December, the day we remember Jesus Christ, who taught the world to love, forgive and care for one another.

When Christmas comes, the world feels warmer and softer. Lights glow on trees and joy fills the air. Children wait with shining eyes, but the sweetest magic is found in small moments like holding a hand, sharing a smile, and sitting close with family.

Christmas teaches us empathy. We feel happy when we give toys to the poor, share food with someone who is hungry or to comfort someone who feels lonely. The true magic of Christmas lives in our hearts, a gift of love and kindness that never fades.

Param Singh Saluja II B

A winter day I will always remember

One winter day I will always remember is when I went on a morning walk with my father during winter holidays the air was cold and fresh and everything was covered with fog. I could see my breath in the air. After coming home, my mother made hot poha for breakfast it tasted very good. Later I played indoor games with my sister because, it was very cold. In the evening we sat in the sunlight and talked. My grandmother told me to drink milk. At night I slept early under a thick blanket. That winter day was special because, I felt safe warm and happy with my family.

Nevaan Kanoria III A

If I met Santa Claus...

If I met Santa Claus, I would feel very happy and excited. I love Santa Claus because he gives lovely gifts. Everyone loves Santa. Every year, I wait for him on Christmas. I think Santa lives in the clouds. I would ask him to take me to his house in the clouds. I imagine his house is made of chocolates, lollipops, and candies. Santa looks very cute, but being healthy is important. Santa has a big tummy. I think he eats too many sweets. When I meet Santa, I will tell him to eat healthy. He should eat fruits and vegetables. He can eat chocolates sometimes, but only one small chocolate in a week. Then Santa will be fit and look even nicer.

Shaurya Katoch III B

A Winter Day I Will Always Remember!

In Mumbai, the winter is pleasant and the air is breezy. But last December, I went to my native place, Mathura. That was a winter day I will never forget. When I woke up, I could not see the trees outside because of the thick, white fog. It felt like I was living inside a cloud!

Everything there was different from my home in the city. Unlike the instant water heater in our home, we had to turn on the geyser a long time before we could take a hot shower. The air smelt like wood, smoke and fresh tea. My family sat outside in the garden to catch the morning sun. We wore our winter jackets and caps. The sun felt like a warm hug on my back!

For breakfast, we ate hot aloo parathas with white butter. In the afternoon, went to the temple where Lord Krishna was born. I remember the sound of big bells and the smell of fresh flowers and incense. Even the marble floor felt cold under my feet. We saw many monkeys jumping on the roofs. Maybe they were looking for the sun just like us!

As it got dark, we sat around a small bonfire called, Alaav. We had roasted peanuts and enjoyed a sweet delicacy called, Gajak. In the silent, cold night, I heard a train passing far away. The engine made a long honking sound in the distance. It sounded loud but fascinating. The stars looked very bright because the air was so clear. That day taught me that winter is not just about the cold. It is about the taste of sweet treats and the love and warmth of my family.

Even though I am back in Mumbai, I still remember that cosy, flavourful and warm feeling!

The Magic of Christmas

The magic of Christmas lies in its unique blend of traditions, fostering universal themes of love, generosity, and togetherness amidst winter's chill, creating an atmosphere of joy and hope through decorated trees, carols, gift-giving, family feasts, and acts of kindness, all centered around celebrating community and spreading goodwill, making it a magical time for people of all faiths.

Key Elements of the Celebration

- **Decorations:** Christmas trees, twinkling lights, stars, and manger scenes (cribs) create a festive ambiance.
- **Festivities:** Singing carols, attending church services (especially midnight mass), and enjoying special feasts.
- **Santa Claus:** A beloved figure, especially for children, who brings presents, adding to the excitement.
- **Acts of Kindness:** Sharing meals, donating to the less fortunate, and spreading cheer.

Ultimately, the magic of Christmas is about choosing to see and create positivity, bringing people closer, and making every day sparkle with love and hope, a spirit that can, and should, last all year.

Azlan Khalid Choudhary III B

If I Met Santa Claus

If I met Santa Claus on one snowy night,

I would smile wide with pure delight.

My heart would beat fast and my eyes would shine.

I see kindness in his gentle face,

and feel safe in his warm embrace.

His laughter sounds like bells in the air,

spreading happiness everywhere.

I would not ask Santa for toys or games to play.

I would ask Santa to give peace every day,

to turn tears into hopeful prayers,

and give lonely people someone who cares.

As Santa says goodbye, I would always remember

“This magical Christmas” I met Santa Claus!

Yatee Saluja III B

A Winter Day I Will Always Remember

It was a snowy winter day in Canada during the Christmas holidays. I was in my house looking outside the window seeing all the snow. I started to feel bored wondering what should I do? Thoughtfully, my mother entered the room bringing me some hot chocolate and cookies. After I had finished, I enjoyed playing a few board games with my father. After a period of time, it stopped snowing. Me and my father decided to go to the backyard. And what do we see? More than enough snow to build a winter wonderland! But we decided to build a snowman and excitedly started to roll a snowball. However, as it became bigger, the snowball became heavier. Luckily, my younger sister saw us struggling and came waddling in the snow to help us.

We made three snowballs. The first one was huge and very heavy; we got out of breath while rolling it. The second was smaller but still heavy enough and the third was much lighter. Finally, it was time to stack the snowballs and shape our snowman. The heaviest on the ground the medium in the middle and the lightest on top. Once the balls were stacked, we started to add some details to the snowman. We put a plastic bucket for the snowman's head, a carrot for its nose and used two small branches for the hands. Next, we used stones for the buttons and eyes. And we finally wrapped a scarf around snowman's neck!

Even with the three of us working together, it took us a while, but we eventually succeeded in building the snowman. This snowman was no ordinary snowman! It was a very special one built by the three of us.

This is the winter day I will always remember.

UDHEEPH DESARAJU, CLASS III B

A Winter Day I Will Always Remember

One cold winter morning, my mother woke me up early, we were in our native. I was still sleepy and complained, "Come on, why did you wake me up?" As soon as I got out of bed, I felt the icy cold air. It was so chilly that even brushing my teeth felt like a big challenge!

After getting ready, I rushed to my cousin's house. We ran around, laughed loudly, and played games. Soon, my aunt surprised us with hot and tasty Maggi noodles. Eating warm Maggi on a cold day made us feel very happy.

Then we got dressed and went to celebrate the first anniversary of our new temple. We prayed to God and took blessings. After the worship, we were given delicious food. I enjoyed eating and chatting with my cousin, and we did not want to stop!

We came back home early and watched our favourite cartoons. When we got bored, we ran outside to play tag, catch-catch, and cricket. We shouted, jumped, and played with full energy.

In the evening, we went back to the temple for worship again. We enjoyed more yummy food there. While returning home, the cold wind touched our faces, making us laugh and shiver at the same time. Even then, we played outside once more.

At last, feeling tired but happy, we went to sleep. The trip began as boring due to the traffic, but that winter day turned out to be full of fun, tasty food, and family time, that I will always remember.

A Winter Day I Will Always Remember

In December 2024, during the Christmas vacation, me and my family went to the Himalayas.

We first went to Shimla, where we stayed in a big hotel inside the mountain. We saw the only the church in Shimla and a big Hanuman statue. I had the best chocolate brownie in a tiny café near the church.

In Manali, we went to a hotel which was bigger and better. It was snowing all around. We travelled to Kufri and had so much fun in the snow. We made snowballs and played with each other. We then went to one amazing hilltop full of snow, where we went on a giant zipline, also skied, and did snow tubing. It was a fun and adventurous day.

We then travelled to Dharamshala, did loads of shopping, ate pastries, and celebrated Christmas.

Since it had snowed, when we went to Dharamshala airport, our flight was cancelled as it was too snowy and foggy. So, we had to go all the way to Chandigarh by a car to catch a flight back home. It has been my favourite winter holiday so far.

It was not just one winter day that I will remember but many days of enjoyment.

A Winter Day I Will Always Remember

24/12/25 was the best winter day that I have experienced in my short life. We had an awesome party in school on Christmas Eve. A cheerful, merry, laughing, and friendly Santa Claus gave us cookies. Most of my classmates could not recognize the jolly person, but Arav and I knew the secret.

Hidden behind the red cloak was our school's PE teacher, Vikas sir. All the teachers gave us a free period, so we did not study at all. There was a lunch feast also at the party. All of us carried one dish to school. I carried jackfruit and banana chips. I ate a pizza canapé brought by Taksh, pasta brought by Aayansh, macaroni and cheese from Arav, and Maggi from Harshin. A coconut muffin from Agastya and a giant cookie from Avneesh provided dessert. Our class teacher played nice songs on the computer.

I had carried my keyboard to school and played many songs. I played many favorite songs requested by my best friends. I created a really funny story with my best friend Arav. The name of the story was "The Donkey and the Piggy." Aayansh, Arav, and I—the three awesome aces of the class—played a game called table cricket, and we were giggling and teasing each other all the time.

We also solved Aayansh's word search book. He named the book "Karkar Kurkur." My best friends and I had a lot of fun on the last day of school in 2025.

Aarush Rao, Class IV B

Christmas through my eyes

In my dreams, I saw 'Secret Santa'. He fulfilled all my wishes and I was very happy. He gave me a small Christmas tree. My family and I decorated the Christmas tree together. It was looking fabulous and was glistening due to the colourful lights. My favourite festival is Christmas because, we get many interesting gifts. This Christmas, my parents gifted me nailpaints, blond hair and a plum cake along with a Christmas tree. The Christmas tree makes our houses glow because, it is decorated with bright lights and shining objects. Christmas is celebrated as it is the birthday of Jesus Christ.

On Christmas, I went to 'Imagicaa' which is an amusement park. When we entered the park, there was a huge Christmas tree which was immensely decorated. Beside the Christmas tree, there were statues of Santa, Elves, gifts and a sleigh. The elves had happy, excited and thoughtful expressions. There was a snowman which was holding a candycane.

We did many interesting rides such as Bhangarh, Goldrash, Rajasauras, Tubbies, Dare – to- drop and Chotta Bheem. I did Chotta Bheem ride and Dare – to – drop for the first time. Dare – to – drop was a thrilling ride. It was going up at a high speed and when it was coming down it was feeling like we were lifted from our seat. After the rides, we saw a santa parade. Some ladies were dancing and they were holding some glittery things in their hands which was shining while they were dancing. Santa was walking from behind. All the jokers were riding a cycle which was unique as it had a big wheel and a small wheel. During the santa parade, the Christmas songs were played in the background. Everyone were yelling in excitement.

After the santa parade, we saw the light and sound show. When the fountain was coming upwards and was changing its colours it was looking like water crackers.

We had a delicious dinner while watching these events.

This was my most memorable Christmas party of 2025.

Merry Christmas !!

Happy New Year !!

Alisah Bohidar IV B

If I met Santa Claus

One cold Christmas night, I woke up to have a some water. When I opened the door of my bedroom I was shocked to see an old man with a red costume and a big white beard, I thought I was seeing things so I splashed water on my face but still I could see him.

I was shocked and shouted "Is it really Santa?". "Ho Ho Ho, Yes it's me," he replied. "I really loved the gifts you have given me all these years and wanted to know if I had been in the good list this year too." Santa replied. I certainly did and hence he had come to visit my place. I was filled with joy and was very happy to be in the good list and also eagerly waiting to see my gift.

I asked Santa how Rudolf flies as he does not have wings, to which he replied that Rudolf is a very special animal and has the ability to fly without wings. Santa looked little worried, I asked him why he was not smiling, he said, "I have a problem". I asked "what's the problem Santa?" To which he answered "My elf's are too busy this Christmas with their personal work and so I don't have anyone to help me distribute the gifts".

"Is that all? I can help you and it would be so much fun doing this work," I said. Before he left, I offered Santa some Choco chips cookies and hot milk and also gave fresh carrots to Rudolf. Santa ate some of the cookies and also drank the milk and Rudolf munched on the carrots happily. Santa gave me my gift and then waved me goodbye and told me that he would finish distributing the gifts in the neighborhood and come back in case he needs my help.

This was one of the best Christmas day I had and I was hoping to see Santa again.

The Best Gift I Ever Gave or Received

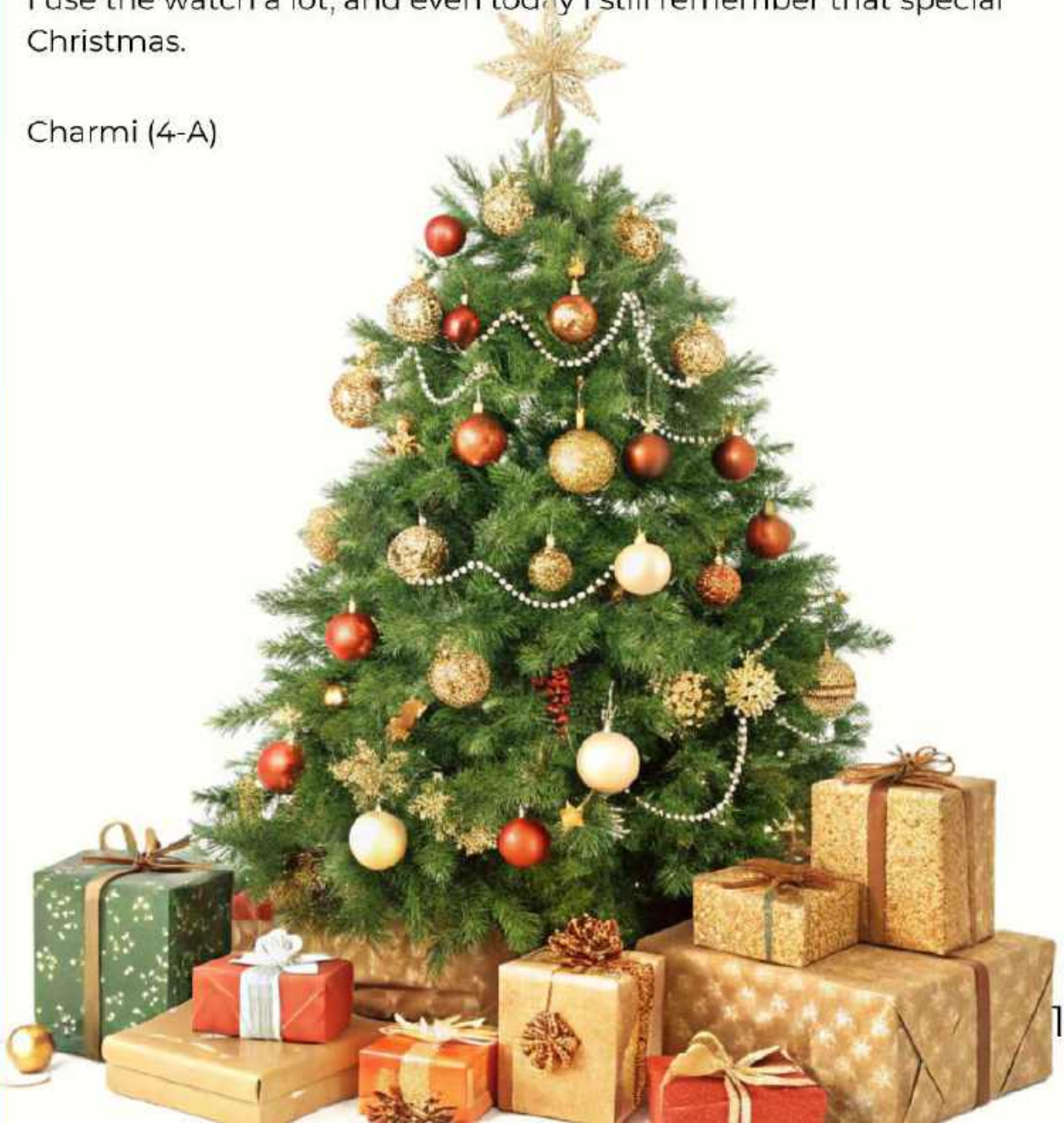
It was two days before Christmas, and I was very excited. During the vacation, my family and I were going to a place where there was snow. Christmas was coming soon, and I could not wait.

The next day, I helped my family decorate the house for Christmas. We put up decorations and made the house look beautiful.

Finally, on Christmas Day, we exchanged presents. I was very happy with the present I received. It was a digital watch. I had always wanted one, and I felt very excited.

I use the watch a lot, and even today I still remember that special Christmas.

Charmi (4-A)



IF I MET SANTA CLAUS...

One snowy evening, I imagined what it would be like if Santa Claus knocked on my door. I opened it, and there he was—his red suit shining, his beard as white as snow, and his eyes twinkling with kindness.

“Ho, ho, ho!” he laughed. “What would you like for Christmas?”

I thought for a moment. Instead of asking for toys or games, I told him, “Santa, I wish for happiness for my family and peace for the world.”

Santa smiled and said, “That is the best gift anyone could ask for.” He gave me a small golden bell and told me to ring it whenever I wanted to spread joy.

That night, I realized that meeting Santa wasn't about presents—it was about believing in kindness, sharing, and love.

Sidharth Sreejith VA

Christmas Through My Eyes

Christmas is a joyous, merry festival that has been cherished and loved by all across the world, no matter one's age or religion or the part of the world they live in. It's always been a festival which brings in families together to bond and make merry, irrespective of your age or religion.

Through my eyes, Christmas starts from November itself! Most children of all ages start thinking and pondering about what presents they would like to have for Christmas, so that they can start writing their letter to Santa Claus. How exciting!

Also, in my very own society, we have a grand celebration for Christmas every year! In this celebration we plan for many games and activities and lots of fun which all of us can have together. There are various dances, carol singing, games and activities which we plan for. And the best part is that everyone enjoys the celebration and put all their efforts in planning it.

As the Winter Break kicks in December, wherever I visit, I see the Christmas vibe filling every corner. Whether it's the mall, roadside cafes, restaurants or even my parents' offices. Everyone is decked up for the festive season. I put up a Christmas tree every year in my house and my friends do that as well. There are parties organized in my house and in my friend's house too so that the warmth of Christmas is celebrated by one and all.

This is the beauty of Christmas and through my eyes, it's one of the merriest times of the year that brings in everyone together to enjoy the love, warmth and Christmas Spirit! And of course, no one will ever forget the presents and Christmas pudding, with all it's good cheer!! Merry Christmas!!

Kaira Shetty VA

If I Met Santa Claus...

I met Santa Claus, and it was a very magical night. I was on the wooden stairs of my home, eager to catch him in the act, a plate of chocolate chip cookies resting on a white table, along with a glass of warm milk. I was trembling with excitement when I heard the tinkling of Santa's reindeers' bells against the silent night sky.

He tip-toed across the snow-laden roof, his boots muffled against the hush of winter. He snuck in through the crimson chimney, and stuffed presents in the handwoven stockings. I watched him place presents on the snug carpet under the Christmas tree decked with fairy lights of a plethora of colours.

Then, after completing his work, he finally allowed himself to enjoy the gooey and delicious chocolate chip cookies and the warm glass of milk. Then he shifted his gaze around the house to admire the Christmas decorations. His gaze fell on the staircase, and he saw me sitting there.

He smiled and called me over. I didn't ask him about toys or gifts; everyone asks that. No, I asked him stuff no one knows. I asked him about how he makes it around the world in one night, or if he ever got a chance to see the Eiffel Tower. I asked him about his hobbies, and he told me that he liked baking with Mrs. Claus, and that he went stargazing. He told me that he would sometimes paint the stars and the Aurora Borealis on a canvas with paints mixed with stardust.

I asked him to take me to meet his reindeer, and he took me outside to meet them. He then suggested that I come with him to deliver the rest of the presents. "I still have some more presents to deliver, want to come?" I eagerly said yes—who wouldn't?

I climbed onto his sleigh, and we would be pulled by Santa's reindeer, Dasher, Dancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, and Rudolph. We flew over different cities; we flew over Florence City in Italy, over Kyoto in Japan, and we saw the Eiffel Tower in Paris. "You always wanted to see the Eiffel Tower, didn't you? Now's your chance, how do you feel?" He told me this, ruffling my hair. I'd never thought I'd see the Eiffel Tower this way.

When we went back to my house, he took me to the North Pole to explore his workshop, and all his elves waved at me! When we came back to my house, Santa let me pet Rudolph. Then he said bye, and he flew off into the night sky.

The next morning, I saw boot prints on the roof, a silent reminder that Santa still exists.

The Magic of Christmas

“Crackle, crackle, crackle,” the sound made by the wood as it burns in the fire. Meanwhile, you are in your cozy house enjoying some hot chocolate. Then you look outside your window and see white, lush snow falling from the sky. It's that time of year once again when the streets are lit up with strings of fairy lights that shine across the night sky. People walk with smiles on their faces, showing that it has been a wonderful day. Choirs sing carols that echo through time and history, telling the tale of something great. This is Christmas.

Christmas is the time where families come together to enjoy the festive season. After a hectic year, Christmas is a time to enjoy and take a break from all the chaos. Families cook mouth watering dinners that make everyone gather in the dining room in the blink of an eye. The most important part about Christmas is to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Cathedrals all around the world hold Christmas mass to commemorate Christ's birth.

The most special thing about Christmas is the joy and warmth it brings. For example, children laugh all day because they know that Santa Claus is coming to give them their favourite presents they have been wanting all year. The very cold winter makes you want to stay at home and sit next to a campfire wrapped in a blanket with warm cocoa. It is also a time to prepare for the new year after Christmas season.

Overall, these are the moments that make Christmas one of the most celebrated and memorable festivals ever. If I had to describe Christmas with just one word it would be “Magical !”

Aaron Patnaik VA

The Magic of Christmas

On 25th of December 2025, I was in a Resort in Mahabaleshwar with my cousins.

On Christmas morning I woke up and was delighted to see that the whole Resort was decorated with the Christmas theme. The Christmas tree was of an enormous sized layered cake! These layers were made of glittery red paper and were adorned with shimmering white and green lights.

We all headed for breakfast through the decorated hall and enjoyed a stomach full of delicious food. After eating, my cousins, my little sister and I fed a cat family some chicken sausages which it seemed to really like.

Then we headed to the arcade area, where I played the plushies claw machine. I started to move the handle carefully, placed the claw at the right spot to grab a bear but then my little sister pressed the 'grab' button...

I was very surprised for my sister won a bear! This happened by chance, my sister winning the bear at the claw machine for the first time will always be memorable for me.

After the Arcade games, we all went to the Mahabaleshwar temple which is 5000 years old. It is an ancient temple made of huge blocks of black rock. In this sacred place, we all worshiped Lord Shiva and received his blessings.

By then, it was late evening, and we were all starving, so we went back to the resort for dinner. After savouring the special Christmas dinner, we went to the dessert section in the buffet. The dessert buffet had many delicious treats like snowflake salad, christmas pudding, gingerbread man, gingerbread houses, chocolate fountain with fruits. All of us enthusiastically tried these different desserts and enjoyed the wonderful treat.

On this day of Christmas, it felt special as if there was some magic making the entire day full of surprises. A day filled with memories that I will cherish forever!

Christmas through my eyes

Christmas. For me, is a super fun holiday.

Decorating the Christmas tree is the best part because that's the first indication that we are getting ready for the festival. I enjoy putting multicoloured balls, candy canes, reindeer, and even a little Santa Claus onto the tree. This year, I wanted to pretend that there was snow on the tree so I put cotton balls instead of real, fluffy snowflakes. It felt magical.

A week before Christmas, I make presents for my parents, so that they too may experience the excitement of receiving gifts. Instead of buying, I make them because handmade gifts show that you put thought and effort into it. Just seeing their eyes sparkle as they unwrap their presents makes me so happy, just how Santa Claus might feel, when he sees children playing with his gifts.

On the day of Christmas, my family holds a party. We do fun activities like singing carols and watching a Christmas movie. In the evening, we have tasty plum cake, hot chocolate and other delicacies. We turn on the air conditioner too, as if it's snowing outside. If it becomes too chilly, we put on our warmest blankets to stay snug and warm.

So, when you really think about it, Christmas isn't just about the excitement of getting and giving gifts, or the scrumptious meals. It is a warm festival that brings families together in the cosy weather and share happy moments. At least, that's what Christmas looks like through my eyes.

Gayatri Vinil Menon VA

Journey to Planet Torus

The world is ending! The bold Slovakian government is sending six friends (including me) to planet Torus to check if it's suitable for humans. The six courageous friends, namely Alan (me), Mark, Sam, Jim, and the twins Jack and John are preparing to leave Earth. I packed my backpack and spent time with my loved ones as this was a do-or-die mission. I reached the humongous launch site after about an hour of traveling and glanced at the jaw-dropping spacecraft. "Get ready to launch in T-minus 2 minutes" a lady announced. I met my friends and we hurried to the spacecraft.

The spacecraft was a marvel of technology. There were so many buttons but luckily, we were trained and knew all the functions. We all sat down in our comfortable seats and buckled up. "Launching in 5,4,3,2,1, takeoff!" 'Whoosh!' The jet was so powerful it could travel millions of light years in just a few hours. We dashed out of Earth's atmosphere in seconds. "Landing on planet Torus in 0600 hours. Little turbulence, gravity pull of black hole-300 knots." an AI generated voice declared. "Well, we're off!" cheered Sam. Everyone was nervous but excited too, for this was an exploration mission, with everyone expecting something different. After approximately 355 minutes, we could see the planet. It was red and blue and purple with hazy clouds hovering above. "Landing in 5" the AI voice reported as we slowly began to descend. 'Thud!' We had successfully landed on planet Torus. The cabin depressurised and the door began to open. I stepped up first and said "One small step for man, one big leap for mankind" and stepped onto the red hot land of planet Torus. The planet was very strange, and included a rainbow of blazing magma that floated in the air due to some uncanny force, a blue and purple river full of cold ice, and a tree shaped like a chocolate pie. "So strange" Mark exclaimed. The sky was full of magma and snow! "Huh!" John said, surprised. If there is magma on top of snow, shouldn't the snow melt? "Well, this is not our Earth and this is not the environment we're used to, so anything can happen" explained Jack. "We should explore" Jim said. As we went further, things got more peculiar. We smelled chocolate, just like lindor. also heard distant howls that gave me goosebumps. We saw red grass and hexagonal apples. Sam tried the apples and made a sour face and told us that the apples were sour! We walked for several hours and kept seeing strange things. We were just about to check our location and oxygen levels when a small bush made up of ice cracked! We saw a strange figure moving in the shade of the nearby bushes. We all stayed quiet and watched as the figure started to come out of the shade. It was a green animal with long fangs hanging out of its mouth. It bravely stood on its four legs and stared at us. We weren't sure if it was looking at us in confusion, anger or happiness. We approached the creature slowly and we could see it more clearly. It was a comparatively small creature reaching about 3 feet in height. It had 3 eyes and had a machine attached to its head! "Welcome to Planet Torus" it said as his machine started rattling loudly! We were shocked to see it talk in english fluently. Then, he suddenly started walking towards the way we came from. Unsure of what to do, we decided to follow it. It was surprisingly fast and agile and after 20 minutes of running, the creature took a sharp turn and it stopped.

A Winter Day I will Always Remember

It was Christmas Eve. I woke up from my cozy bed and looked outside the window. The roads were covered by a blanket of white, fluffy snow. It was my first time seeing snow and my jaw fell in awe. I ran to my parents bedroom and shouted with excitement. "It's Christmas Eve! Wake up!" My parents who were still heavy-eyed got up and dressed up. We ran to the Christmas tree and found presents wrapped in red, velvety cloth and stockings so full that they were about to rip! This was My first Christmas in London and I already started to adore it!

We finished our morning routine and got ready to go outside wearing our warm, cozy jackets and sat down in our car. "Where are we going?" I asked my dad excitedly. "We are going to the Christmas Market," he said softly. We arrived at Wembley station which was decorated by beautiful, tall Christmas trees, ornaments and many more. It was so Christmassy. In a short while our train had arrived. It was also Christmas themed. We got on our train and sat down. Unexpectedly, there was a man dressed as Santa who was providing everyone with hot chocolate & some delicious candies for free as a Christmas treat! Our next stop was Oxford Street where Christmas was celebrated grandly. Over there Christmas wasn't just a celebration, it was a time when all families and friends met and enjoyed to their heart's content. In the distance we could hear Christmas carols, which sounded as sweet as nectar.

We started our way to the Christmas Market on a Double Decker bus. Everyone was merry, all the people had big smiles on their faces. I was so excited that my legs started to dance! 'Chillax' My Mother exclaimed. We arrived at the market and it was so beautiful that my eyes couldn't believe it. It felt like I was in Heaven surrounded by Angels. Since we got hungry we visited one of the best restaurants over there, where we had a cheesy flavorful pizza, a bowl of appetizing pasta and for dessert, warm, delectable Belgian hot chocolate. This was one of the best meals I have ever had!

After the feast, we enjoyed playing with the pillow, soft snow. It was sure that we had to enjoy the Christmas vibes. All we could see was Christmas, Christmas and more Christmas. There were so many rides, stalls, activity tents, performances and many many more. It was a paradise! We first went to one of the shops where we bought beautiful, cozy jumpers and sweaters. We also visited a kids Shoe shop where I bought my favourite light shoes. We also tasted so many weird looking but tasty cheeses.

After a long tiring yet one of the most memorable day of my life, we went back home. I cuddled back in my bed and ticked off a box in my bucket list. I quickly jotted about what happened today in my Diary and just couldn't stop thinking about today. The rides, stalls, Christmas trees, and Christmas carols were just driving themselves round and round inside my head. I had so much of fun but I was drowsy, and then my head hit the pillow. Who knows what might happen tomorrow.

How Small Acts of Kindness Can Change the World

Small acts of kindness are powerful catalysts for global transformation, creating a ripple effect of positivity that extends far beyond the initial gesture. A simple smile, holding a door open, or offering a listening ear can profoundly impact someone feeling isolated or overwhelmed, reminding them they aren't alone. These moments boost self-esteem, strengthen human bonds, and lower stress, fostering a more supportive environment for everyone. When we choose kindness, we don't just offer momentary relief; we inspire others to pay it forward, creating an endless cycle of compassion. This collective effort, built from individual choices, gradually shapes a world that is happier, more peaceful, and deeply connected, proving that world-changing impact starts with our everyday actions.

Basit Vasim Walele VIB

How Small Acts of Kindness Can Change the World?

One kind act inspires another, creating a butterfly effect of positive behaviours. Not only does it boost confidence, but it also, increases happiness, optimism, fosters empathy & inspires everyone.

Simple actions like listening attentively, a kind gesture like providing support to the senior & needy people, being compassionate, a genuine compliment, a positive approach, a modest "Thank you" and a "beautiful smile" are various ways in which one can demonstrate kindness.

Kind deeds are required to make this world a better place to live. In this modern digital era, personalisation will create a huge difference & will create an imprint in people's memory. These small, seemingly insignificant moments accumulate to shape a more compassionate, connected and hopeful world, proving that everyone has the power to be a catalyst for good.

Sivom Pradeep VIB

The true Spirit of Giving

The true spirit of giving is something I learned one winter evening at Grandma Judy's house. Snow dusted the windows, and laughter filled the living room as Uncle Josh and Aunt Pepper moved around with plates of snacks. Cousin Kira sat beside me, carefully wrapping a small box in newspaper, while my twin brothers, Ethan and David, argued over whose turn it was to hang the fairy lights.

That year, we decided to exchange simple gifts instead of expensive ones. When it was Grandma Judy's turn, she smiled and handed each of us a small envelope. Inside mine was a handwritten note. It talked about the day I was born, how she held my tiny fingers, and how proud she was of the person I was becoming. My eyes stung with tears. There was no ribbon or shiny wrapping, yet it felt like the most precious gift I had ever received.

Uncle Josh gave Aunt Pepper a jar filled with little notes. Each note was a memory or a reason he loved her. Cousin Kira made the twins matching scarves that she had knitted herself. Ethan and David surprised everyone by cleaning up dinner without being asked.

As I looked around the room, I realized something important. The happiest smiles didn't come from the biggest boxes but from the thought, time, and love behind each gift. That night, I learned that the true spirit of giving isn't about what you give but how sincerely you give it. It's about how it makes hearts feel warmer long after the gift is opened.

Anvi Bhandari VIB

Celebrating Joy Beyond Gifts

In my class, sharing food is not very common. Everyone usually keeps their food to themselves. But the last day of the year was special. It was Christmas celebration, and our school had planned a Christmas potluck. That day was different from all others. It was not just about food, but about sharing and happiness.

Everyone brought something and shared it willingly, without being asked. I could see joy on every face. Laughter filled the classroom, and I felt truly happy to be part of the celebration. I was enjoying every moment of the Christmas celebration when, suddenly, Santa Claus entered our class. He distributed chocolates and cakes, making the day even more exciting. It truly felt magical.

Suddenly the announcement said us to pack our bags get ready for dispersal, everyone felt a little sad because we would miss our friends for a whole week. Still, the happiness of Christmas remained. We had enjoyed delicious food, chocolates, and even received stationery items as gifts. With a joyful heart, I went home in our car.

On the way, the car stopped at a traffic signal. As I looked outside, I was lost in thoughts of Christmas—“Eating chocolates at home, helping decorate the house, and enjoying the holidays”. Suddenly, I heard a knock on the car window. I turned slowly and saw two children standing there. They looked poor, tired, and were wearing dirty clothes.

I lowered the window and gently asked what they wanted. They said they were hungry and needed some food. Without hesitation, I shared my chocolates with them. The moment they received it, their faces lit up with happiness. Seeing their joy filled my heart with warmth and satisfaction.

At that moment, I understood that true celebration is not just about receiving gifts, but about giving happiness to others. That small act of kindness brought me more joy than any gift ever could. That day, I truly learned the meaning of celebrating joy beyond gifts.

This experience taught me that celebrating joy beyond gifts means touching lives through empathy and selfless sharing. True celebration begins when our happiness becomes the reason for someone else’s smile.

A Winter Day I Will Always Remember

A winter's day I will always remember is the one spent at my grandparents' village, Kothkai in Himachal Pradesh. At dawn, thick fog covered the fields and dusty roads, making the village look mysterious and magical. It felt as if the whole place was under an enchanted winter spell. The trees stood silently and the Sun was hidden, as if it had gone into a deep slumber.

As I stepped outside my beautiful village bungalow, my breath turned into white clouds, like smoke from a fairy tale. People sat around bonfires and the flames danced as if they were alive. Gradually the Sun appeared and spread warmth and breaking the winter spell.

At dusk I prayed around the Tulsi plant with my grandmother. My extended family and I gathered around a fire at the village centre along with other families. We all felt a great sense of camaraderie. The village, the cold air, and the warmth of family made the day real yet magical.

Oh, how I miss my magical Kothkai!!

Yohaana Chauhan VIB

The True Spirit of Giving

The true spirit of giving is not about expensive gifts or grand gestures; it is about kindness, empathy, and selflessness. Giving means sharing what we have with others and making a positive difference in their lives, no matter how small the action may seem.

True giving comes from the heart. It could be helping a friend with homework, sharing lunch with someone who forgot theirs, or comforting a person who feels lonely. These simple acts show care and compassion and often mean much more than material gifts. When we give without expecting anything in return, we experience a sense of happiness and fulfilment that cannot be bought.

Festivals like Christmas remind us of the importance of giving. During this time, people come together to spread love, joy, and hope. However, the spirit of giving should not be limited to one day or season. It should be practiced every day through our actions and words. Even a smile or a kind greeting can brighten someone's day.

Giving also teaches us gratitude. When we help others, we realize how fortunate we are and learn to appreciate what we have. It builds stronger relationships and creates a more caring and united society.

In the end, the true spirit of giving lies in making others feel valued and loved. By being kind and generous in our daily lives, we can make the world a better and happier place for everyone.

Aisha Mumkekar VIIA

How Small Acts of Kindness Can Change the World

One day, a regular day, it was my Christmas vacation, I clearly remember. I was playing cricket with my friends on the street and we were having quite a lot of fun.

There was an old man who we came across. He asked us for help to cross the road and we willingly helped him to do the same. He offered us money to do so, but we refused instantly.

He claimed, "I will help each one of you one day." We were taken aback by his kindness. This gesture of his was circling in our minds and it simply made our day! We then went home and we told our parents the whole story. They said, "That is very kind and generous of you" and we were simply overjoyed to hear this!

Unfortunately, after a few days, we lost our cricket ball. We immediately thought of going to the shop to get a new one as it was about to close soon. We ran to the store and realized that we had absolutely no money with us nor enough time to go and bring our pocket money from home to reach back to the shop in time before it shuts.

But suddenly a heavy voice behind me exclaimed, "Why don't I pay for your cricket ball?"

It was the same old man who we helped cross the road that day. He was more than happy to help us buy our cricket ball and we couldn't thank him enough. Soon after, all my friends and I, very happily continued playing our game.

This shows, whatever you give to the world, it will always come back to you. One should forever be kind and generous to others.

How Small Acts of Kindness Can Change the World

In the rapidly moving world, also referred to as the selfish world, the need for kindness has become more relevant than ever. Many people feel that in order to make a change in the world, one needs to make large contributions. But it is a fact that small contributions through kindness can change the world. Kindness does not require money or any special talent, it simply needs a kind heart. Doing things like sharing food with others, a kind gesture to help an elderly cross a road, hearing a distressed person out, or speaking politely can make a world of difference. Doing these things does not cost anywhere, and these actions can make a lot of difference to the other person. Kindness gives a feeling of importance, importance can result in feeling respected, and respected individuals feel understood.

One of the most significant advantages of kindness is that it multiplies quickly. When a person is treated with kindness, in return, they feel encouraged to behave in the same manner with other people, and so forth, resulting in an avalanche effect with pleasing consequences, as one good act triggers another. Acts of kindness can also help reduce anger, loneliness, and hatred in a world filled with stressed competition. Kindness brings comfort and hope; it reminds us that we are not alone and humanity still exists, even during difficult times. A kind word or helpful action can give someone the strength to move forward. Moreover, kindness teaches important values such as empathy, patience, and gratitude. It helps people understand the struggles of others and encourages them to act responsibly.

If every person chooses to perform even one small act of kindness each day, the world would become a better place. Peace and happiness begin with individuals. True change does not always come from grand achievements; it often starts with small, sincere acts of kindness that touch hearts and change lives.

A CHRISTMAS MEMORY THAT TAUGHT ME SOMETHING

Last Christmas holidays we went to Goa. It was a memorable Christmas holiday for me in many ways.

My parents decided that we would travel by train. This was a new experience for me. Our train journey began from Panvel station early in the morning and it took us a whole day to reach Thivim station in Goa. It was a long and tiring journey, but also exciting because we saw so many different towns and cities on the way. For example, we passed Ratnagiri which is famous for its mangoes.

When the train crossed into the state of Goa, my father said that it looked like we have entered Goa because the road signs outside look different. This is when I realised that Goa is a different state from Maharashtra.

This realisation continued for me as soon as we got to Thivim. For a start, the signs on the station were in a different design and colour. We took a taxi from the station to our hotel in Calangute, a distance of forty kilometres. On this taxi ride, we saw many churches decorated with lights for Christmas.

From this ride and during the rest of our holidays in Goa, I realised that this state is different from my home state as it has many Christians. This was a new experience for me that different states in India have different types of people.

This trip taught me that India is not only where I live in Navi Mumbai, but also so many other states with different kinds of people with different religions and cultures.

This Christmas memory will always be something to remember.

Celebrating Joy Beyond Gifts

Joy isn't always wrapped up in wrapping paper, sometimes its words or sometimes it's a simple action or something unexpected. Receiving is not the only medium of being happy, a selfless act can be far more satisfying than making pampering ourselves. When I was about 8 years, although the realization was much later of this act. It was a random Thursday afternoon, when my parents asked me if I wanted to go for a haircut and I agreed not knowing I would end up doing something different not just with my hair but also for someone whom I didn't know.

On our way to the Salon my mom told me what if I would be fine to cut my hair more than 6". I had really long hair in those days and was a little reluctant at first. My hesitation was on my face, the conversation with mom ended there. Once in the Salon I was completely excited to just have a new hair style. Naved uncle my hair dresser whom I had known for more than 3 years then had a bright smile looking at me once again. My mom briefed him about the hair cut and I guess something more then that too. Naved uncle spoke to me about which hair style would look nice and in middle of the conversation he also told me how lucky are some people to have beautiful locks compared to some who completely loose their hair. I was smiling all the while until this point, I wanted to understand how would people loose their hair. He told me more about patients who suffered from cancer and how while they have their treatment for the same a strenuous process they end up loosing hair. Unfortunately, how this also effects younger children to elderly people. I was almost in tears but he told me I can bring a change and, how I did ask? You can donate your beautiful hair and make their pain go away. I kept thinking about it just when my mom came and asked me if I would want to do it. I said YES, I want to donate my hair, about 8-9" Naved uncle cut in straight length, it was washed-cut-tied in a braid with colourful rubber bands. I clicked a before and after picture with it. My mom had a word with this NGO called Haircrown which is based in Chennai, here they collect neat and clean hair from which they make wigs for the cancer patients. They gave certain instructions for packing and sending it. I made a card for my unknown friend hoping it would make them feel better. As a token of appreciation, they send me an E- Certificate. Since, then I have donated my hair 3 times last was in August 2025 just before my birthday and I feel content every single time.

More Than Presents: The Power of Real Joy

The best moments in our lives arrive without ribbons or wrapping paper. Celebrating joy beyond gifts is finding fulfillment not in material possessions, but in the feelings, experiences, and meaningful moments that shape our lives. As Helen Keller once said, “the best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart”. This signifies that true joy is not found in gifts, but in the importance of meaningful experiences.

Joy beyond gifts means finding true, lasting happiness not in material objects, but in connections, love, gratitude, generosity, and an appreciation for the simple yet deeply fulfilling moments/experiences in life. In contrast to the fleeting happiness of temporary objects.

“Joy beyond gifts” matters because it is not only about the present or object a person receives, but rather the underlying message that is expressed, such as emotions, thoughtfulness, and stronger and deeper connections. Furthermore, lasting memories and shared experiences leave a more profound effect, deepening bonds in a way that objects alone cannot.

There are a multitude of ways to celebrate “joy beyond gifts.” People can celebrate this by involving themselves in practicing gratitude, showing appreciation, spending quality time with others, and much more. Writing kind notes, sharing meals with others, and simply being kind can make this celebration more meaningful. As Mother Teresa said, “not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love.”

In conclusion, celebrating joy beyond gifts helps individuals focus on what truly matters by valuing kindness, meaningful relationships, gratitude, and appreciation. Choosing joy beyond gifts helps to create long-lasting memories, appreciation, and can make life more joyful for you and others - something that is beyond just materialistic possessions. So the next time you see a present, let it remind that joy goes beyond what's wrapped inside.

A Christmas memory that taught me something.

I played my favorite video game. For the 20th time this month. There was a part two of the game but I was poor to afford it. It broke my heart to think that I couldn't get a gift for my sister. But the next day my sister said that we shouldn't gift each other on Christmas so we could just save up and buy gifts next year. I was about to agree when I suddenly remembered. My sister's camera lens was broken and I remembered how sad she felt when it broke.

I suddenly made up my mind. I was going to get my sister a new camera lens for Christmas. I started working part time jobs to save up money for a new camera lens. I even skipped meals to save up.

But by Christmas eve, I had a lot of money but not enough for the lens. With a heavy heart I realized that to get enough money, I would have to sell my xbox. Within a few hours I sold it to a local gaming store and the owner paid me generously. I bought the lens for the camera.

The next day, It was Christmas. My sister entered the living room, surprisingly with a gift. I gave her my gift first. When my sister opened it, she teared up looking at the lens and then the plant table behind the couch. The camera was gone. My sister had sold it to buy a gift for me. When I opened my gift, It was the part two of the video game that I couldn't afford. I felt emotional. I had already sold my xbox. Even though our gifts couldn't be used, I learnt a valuable lesson. Even though we had lost our hobbies, We found out how much we cared for each other.

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Joy is more than gifts

Do you think joy comes only from gifts, or is it something deeper?

It is Christmas time, when families gather in front of the Christmas tree to exchange thoughtful gifts. However, joy is not really about the gifts or how thoughtful they are. It is about the laughter shared with loved ones, the inside jokes, the secrets, and the memories created together. The bond within a family goes much deeper than what even the most thoughtful gifts can give.

For me, this Christmas was special because we played Secret Santa both at home and at school. At home, on a beautiful Christmas morning, we gathered near the tree and picked up the gifts with our names on them. My sister opened her gift and found a brown dress. She did not like it and started crying because it was not pink, her favourite colour. The disappointment on her face was something my father could not handle. He felt bad for her and said that he would go back to the store to exchange it for a pink dress.

My mother then said something that changed our hearts and desires:

“Hey, don’t cry. It’s not about the dress or the gift you receive. What matters is that we had fun while playing this game. Look, your card has one of the inside jokes that you and your father share.”

Hearing this, she slowly smiled, and the room once again filled with laughter. Soon, the disappointment faded, and we all continued celebrating together. That moment reminded us that happiness comes from shared memories and togetherness, not from gifts.

At school, we also played Secret Santa with our classmates. Everyone picked their gifts and opened them one by one. Some gifts were funny or unexpected, and some friends pretended to be disappointed. But soon, everyone was laughing together, sharing jokes, and enjoying the moment. The moment was special and memorable. Everyone was enjoying the experience, not the gifts. We had fun opening presents, making jokes about them, singing songs, and dancing. We even had fashion shows, dance battles, and played musical chairs — arguments always ended in laughter. That moment was joyous and something to remember for a lifetime.

This Christmas taught me that joy is not found in material things alone. Whether at home or at school, happiness comes from laughter, love, and the time we spend together. Celebrating joy beyond gifts makes every moment meaningful, and memories created with loved ones last far longer than any present ever could.

The True Spirit Of Giving

For most of the people giving is measured by wrapped gifts , glittering ribbons and price tags, but for me , however , the true spirit of giving has felt far more meaningful. It lives not in what we exchange but in what we share from the heart.

I am thrilled to know that giving does not always require material possession. Sometimes it is found in offering words, words that can offer someone comfort which no material can offer. In choosing patience over anger , or in extending help when not asked. These are minor or even unnoticeable gestures but these can offer the deepest impact. They remind us that kindness does not require an audience to be powerful.

Giving is more than just helping others. It reshapes the person who gives quietly. Each kind act makes me more of the person we all should become. True generosity doesn't take away from us but it shapes our character while reminding us about the shared humanity that connects us all.

Christmas , in particular highlights this truth. The joys of the season feels fuller when it is shared, when happiness is multiplied through compassion and understanding. A genuine smile or a thoughtful action can carry more warmth than the most expensive gift.

How Small Acts of Kindness Can Change the World !

Kindness may seem like a small and simple act, but it has the power to change the world in remarkable ways.

One inspiring example of this is Pay It Forward Day, celebrated every year on 28th April across nearly 200

countries. The idea behind this day is simple yet powerful - when someone does a kind act for you, instead of paying them back, you pass that kindness on to someone else. In this way, kindness spreads like a chain of positive energy.

Research strongly supports the impact of such small acts. Studies conducted

by

The Big Joy Research Project show that acts of kindness improve mental health, increase happiness, and strengthen social connections. Research involving thousands of participants across many countries has also confirmed that kindness not only boosts emotional well-being but also improves physical health and psychological functioning. This shows that being kind benefits both the giver and the receiver.

What makes Pay It Forward Day special is how individual actions lead to collective change. A smile, a helping hand, or a few kind words may seem insignificant,

but when repeated by many people, they can create a powerful global impact. Stronger relationships lead to stronger communities, and kindness becomes the foundation of trust and empathy.

Studies also reveal that people often underestimate the power of their actions. Pay It Forward Day challenges this belief by showing how one good deed can inspire many more. In some communities, special "Pay It Forward" cards are shared to track how acts of kindness spread, reminding people that even the smallest gesture matters.

Like organizations such as the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation, Pay It Forward Day works towards a world where kindness is not the exception, but the expectation. It encourages people to choose compassion consciously and carry this spirit beyond just one day of celebration.

In the end, changing the world does not always require grand actions. Sometimes, it begins with something as simple as caring for others. When kindness becomes a habit, it has the power to transform lives and bring people closer together.

How Small Acts of Kindness Can Change the World

In today's world, it is often said that big actions lead touching more people's hearts. Although big actions have a huge role in shaping our world, SMALL actions do too. They are often seen as a side character in the shaping of our world, but infact are the most important in doing so.

This could include smiling at someone, complimenting them, sharing your food with them, letting an elderly person or young child take your seat in public transport, donating clothes to those in need etc. All these small acts have a huge role. Kindness can also spread! For example, sharing food with someone can inspire them to share their food with someone. This creates a chain of kindness, which never breaks!

Festivals like Christmas remind us to be loving, caring, and generous. However, the true meaning of kindness is to practice it every day, not just during special occasions. When we choose kindness in our daily lives, we help reduce negativity and spread happiness.

Think of kindness as a penny. Every penny matters. In the end, if each of us makes an effort to be kind, even in small ways, we can make the world a better place.

Now, here's a challenge for you: Smile at 15 people today!

CELEBRATING JOY BEYOND GIFTS

Gifts often make us happy because they are full of surprises. The moment of opening a gift is exciting, and we feel curious to see what is inside. But this joy does not last very long. After some time, the gift becomes just another object. What stays with us are the moments we share with the people we love.

One of my strongest memories that shows this is a cousins' trip to Agra. The city was beautiful, and the monuments were impressive, but my favourite part was not the sightseeing or the gifts we exchanged. It was the simple time we spent together. Late at night, all of us sat in one room, talking, laughing, and playing games. We forgot about everything else and just enjoyed being together. Those hours created memories that still make me smile today. The gifts we had brought for each other now feel small compared to the joy of those shared moments.

To conclude, I believe true joy does not come from material things. It comes from being in the company of family and friends. These memories last much longer than any gift and remain in our hearts forever.

Celebrating Joy Beyond Gifts – The real-life Diwali that wasn't about fireworks

Last Diwali, my family didn't buy new clothes or cracklers – we wanted to save money for something big. But Mom still lit some diyas in the courtyard outside the house, and Dad played Hindi devotional songs (as always) on the TV. The same evening, instead of polluting our area, we did something quieter – cleaning our house.

We swept along all the dirty spots, picked up trash, and decorated our house with fairy lights in an ostentatious style. Our neighbours noticed that and slowly started joining in. Mr. Sharma opposite to our house brought some cups and tea; Mrs. Gupta brought homemade murukku(I really nurture them), and Riya painted the rocks with 'Happy Diwali' in weird letters. By 7pm, though the neighbourhood was cacophonous, the whole lane glowed from lanterns, smiles, and the smell of grass.

Just like how Indians do, we sat down and started eating until Mr. Sharma shared his stories with us. No gifts, no expense. Just food, laughter, and sparkles of light. And I don't know, it somehow felt better than what it used to be.

That day, I realized: festivals aren't about spending and being happy. They're about what you could do so you can become happy. There are different ways to be happy, but this one was unique. Joy can really be celebrated beyond gifts.

THE MOUNTAIN MAN

They say, "your faith can move mountains!". This is a real-life story of a man who actually put the saying into action! The hero of my story is Dashrath Manjhi (1934–2007), an Indian aborer from Bihar's Gehlaur village who was lovingly addressed as the Mountain Man!

During his early life, Manjhi ran away from his home at a young age and worked in coal mines at Dhanbad. Later, he returned to Gehlaur, became an agricultural laborer and married Falguni Devi. A little bit of the geographical setup of Gehlaur. It was and remains a small village with few resources, and although it lies in a plain, it is bordered on the south by steep mountains which formerly prevented road access from the town of Wazirganj.

In 1959, Manjhi's wife Falguni Devi was badly injured as she fell from the mountains while trying to get to a doctor, as the nearest town with medical care was over 50 km away, separated by treacherous hills. Torn by the loss of his wife, Manjhi was determined to do something to prevent similar tragedies. So he came up with a solution to bring down the mountain to pave the way for the villagers. Sounds impossible? Yes, it did to me too especially when I read that all he used initially was a hammer and a chisel!!

When he started, he was ridiculed and mocked by one and all as it was unheard of. But Manjhi's determination kept him going strong. And after 22 years (1960–1982) of painful effort, he managed to bring down the mountain and reduced the distance between the Atri and Wazirganj sectors of Gaya district from 55 to 15 kilometers. Manjhi's work has made life easier for people of the Gehlaur village.

For his feat, Manjhi became popularly known as the **Mountain Man**. What an inspiration! His story speaks volumes of how any act big or small is not impossible if done with good intent, persistence and determination. If an uneducated farmer can come up with solutions for society, imagine what we all can do as an educated member of society? Something to think about! The Indian Post rightfully honored Manjhi by releasing a stamp featuring Dashrath Manjhi in the "Personalities of Bihar" series on 26 December 2016 posthumously.

A Christmas Memory That Taught Me Something

One Christmas from my childhood stands out in my mind, not because of bright lights or expensive gifts, but because of a lesson it left behind. I was about ten years old and believed that Christmas joy came wrapped in shiny paper. That year, I really wanted a video game I had talked about for months.

On Christmas morning, I rushed to the tree and ripped open boxes quickly, fueled with high hopes. The gifts were thoughtful, but none were the one I wanted. Disappointment hit me, heavy and clear. My parents saw my reaction but said nothing. Later that afternoon, we went to a nearby shelter to donate clothes and food. We did this every year, but I never paid much attention.

Inside, I saw children my age smiling over simple things: warm blankets, shared treats, kind words. One boy held a small toy car like it was treasure. As I watched him, something changed inside me. I realized how lucky I was to have a home, family, and choices, even when things didn't go my way.

That evening, back home, my parents surprised me with the game I wanted. Instead of excitement, I felt a strange mix of joy and guilt. The day had already taught me more than any gift could. Christmas wasn't about getting everything I wished for. It was about recognizing what I already had and sharing it with others.

Since then, that memory reminds me that gratitude is the best gift, one that doesn't need batteries and never wears out.

Festivals: The Threads That Unite Us

Festivals have a unique ability to unite people, closing the rifts that typically divide people. There is little time for bonding in daily life because people are overwhelmed by work and school. This routine is disrupted by festivals, which bring warmth, joy, and celebration in its place.

The sense of community that festivals foster is one of the primary reasons they bring people together. Everyone partakes in a shared moment when communities unite to commemorate a common event. Even among strangers, a sense of unity can be made through singing, dancing, decorating, or just watching events unfold side by side.

Festivals encourage people to take their time and live in the moment. The relaxed vibe makes communicating easier and strengthens bonds between people. People become more friendly and open when they laugh, smile, and share excitement, which strengthens social bonds.

Additionally, culture is significant. Festivals preserve customs and pass them down from generation to generation. Together, celebrating traditions, rituals, and tales fosters pride in an individual's identity while inviting others to join in the fun. Respect and understanding between various groups are nurtured by this interaction.

These ties are further reinforced by food, music, and art. People naturally become closer when they share meals, take in performances, and indulge in creative activities. These experiences are felt and understood by people without the need for words or explanations.

Festivals ultimately serve as a reminder of our common humanity. They transform ordinary days into momentous celebrations that uplift communities across time and generations by fostering moments of harmony, joy, and enduring memories. 147

Why Festivals Bring People Together

Festivals are special occasions that fill our lives with joy, and as for some people it's a tradition. They are celebrated across various different cultures and religions, yet they share one common purpose, bringing people closer. Festivals help create moments with families, friends, communities and assist us to celebrate happiness along with unity.

One of the main reasons festivals bring people together is because they encourage sharing. During festivals, people exchange sweets, gifts, and warmth, spreading joy beyond not only them but others. Celebrating together helps break differences among us and strengthen relationships across the globe. Going from decorating houses, preparing festive food, or even participating with others, all these things bring love and joy.

Additionally they not only help in strengthening relationships but also teach us various factors like gratitude, kindness, and respect for others. During festivals like Christmas, Diwali, or Eid, people are encouraged to forgive, and help those in need, spend time with loved ones. These values help build peace and harmony in understanding society.

Moreover an important aspect of festivals is that they bring happiness to everyone, regardless of age. Children enjoy the celebrations, adults relax from their bustling routines, and elders feel respected and included. Opportunities like this help provide a break from daily stress and allow people to reconnect emotionally.

To sum up everything that I have stated so far, festivals bring people together by spreading joy, encouraging sharing, and strengthening relationships. They remind us that despite our differences we are all united by love and togetherness. Celebrating festivals together makes life more meaningful. So the next time you do celebrate a festival remember it's not just a tradition but also meaningful memories.

Why festivals bring people together?

Festivals bring people together for many reasons, whether its friends and family flying long distances to see each other, or simply gathering together to celebrate shared traditions, festivals definitely have a way of bringing everyone together.

Shared traditions are one of the biggest reason people come together to celebrate festivals. They create a sense of belonging when everyone has the same beliefs and follow the same rituals or engage in similar activities. They create lasting memories spent together with friends and family, deepening connections and strengthening relationships.

Friends and family travel long distances to see each other and everyone takes time off school and work, putting a pause on their daily lives and activities. People make an effort to see each other and spend time togethering. People celebrating together also share meals, sweets and festive dishes and food becomes a way of showing love and care.

Festivities like music, lights and decoration create happiness and shared positive emotions naturally bring people closer and helps build closer and stronger bonds.

During festive seasons, everyone visits each other's home, send gifts and exchange greetings, encouraging communication and interactions between people living in the same community. They also reduce loneliness as festivals make sure no one feels alone and people feel included to through community events, invites and gifts.

As a conclusion, festivals bring communities and people together, strengthening bonds through shared traditions, food and festivities, making everyone feel included.

Why Festivals Bring People Together

Festivals are moments we look forward to all year. Whether it is Christmas, Holi, Diwali, Eid or any other celebration, festivals bring excitement, color, and happiness into our lives. But festivals are not only about decorations and food—they have a deeper meaning. They bring people together.

Festivals unite people through shared joy and experiences. Music, dance, rituals, and traditions help create memories that we cherish. During festivals, people forget their differences and celebrate together. These moments help strengthen cultural and social bonds and remind us of the importance of our traditions.

Festivals also give us a break from our busy daily routines. They are special times when families come together, share meals, talk, laugh, and enjoy each other's company. Spending quality time with family during festivals helps strengthen relationships and brings peace and positivity.

Community celebrations make everyone feel included and connected. Festivals remind us that even though we may be different, we all share the same humanity. They teach us kindness, gratitude, and togetherness, showing us, that happiness feels even better when it is shared.

That is why festivals are not just celebrations, but special moments that bring hearts closer and people together.

Prisha Jha VIII A

Why Festivals Bring People Together

Festivals are special events that bring families and friends together, whether it's through music, cultural celebrations, or holiday events. It gives us a chance to forget our day-to-day troubles, share delicious meals with friends and family, decorate our homes, enjoy various traditions, spend time with those who matter the most to us, and make ever-lasting memories with them. Festivals can also help create a sense of understanding and respect among people from different cultures and backgrounds when exchanging stories, dancing together, and celebrating each other's customs. While preparing for these special occasions, we work together as a team. Hence, creating a sense of cooperation and friendship. As people of different backgrounds come together to celebrate these beautiful moments, differences fade, and are replaced by happiness, connection, and a sense of belonging that is irreplaceable. In our busy world, festivals are like a little escape. They remind us to slow down, spend time with loved ones, spread some joy, make ever-lasting and wonderful memories, and get closer to the people who mean the most.

Kimaya VIII A

Why Festivals Bring People Together

Every year in the last week of December, when Christmas begins, many families come together to spend time and learn more about each other. Sometimes, people from different cultures get together to spread the message and happiness of Christmas. Not only that, but many families donate to charity, which is the joy of giving and sharing the happiness of gifts with everyone. Christmas is also about the story of Jesus, which many kids are told about on Christmas, increasing their knowledge of different cultures so they can bond with people more.

Some people spend time sharing stories, different experiences, or even small thoughts about Christmas. Many come together, bringing different dishes to eat and laugh. These small acts bring people together through the joy of sharing, giving, and loving. Christmas isn't about expensive gifts, visiting famous resorts, or partying, instead it's about staying happy and jolly.

Saranya Katoch VIII A

Celebrating Joy Beyond Gifts

In the world it's easy to forget that celebrations are more than just objects and decorations. True joy isn't measured in price tags – it's felt in people, moments shared, laughter echoed and connections deepened. Sometimes, it's moments over materials that bring much more joy – a hug, a heartfelt conversation or simply sitting together can be far more meaningful than the most expensive gift. Small gestures create lasting memories, reminding us that love and attention are the greatest treasures. It's also fact that creativity counts – ditch the shopping list and embrace experiences, cook together and give each other food poisoning (safe and metaphorically), share and walk on grass together. Shared adventures build bonds and gratitude no gift could ever replace.

The Heart of Celebration is when you focus on presence rather than presents and cultivate connection. Joy is found in giving someone something and watching them smile, in a joke shared between a group or in warmth of togetherness. When we celebrate with people, laughter and attention, we unlock the true power of occasions dear to us. Gifts may come and go, but joy – real, heartfelt joy – lasts forever with the right people.

Sysha Verma VIII A

Why Festivals Bring People Together?

Festivals are important roles as they bring people closer together by sharing events, traditions and cultures by uniting people together. There are many festivals in one year and each festival specializes in different activities, events and beliefs. Festivals make people more socially active and allow people to reunite and visit each other. It allows relatives from around the world or close by to visit for the special occasion. Festivals can be specialized on one particular day, or they can go on for a few days.

Festivals allow people from different cultures, religions, beliefs, backgrounds to come together and celebrate one another's festival and to respect it and its traditions. Many activities in festivals such as decorating homes and streets showcase the beauty and nature of this festival and its traditions. Festivals also include special, traditional food that is only prepared on that special occasion. During festivals, many events and activities can also be organized to the public in which people can host events and participate in them, which makes people more active and cooperative.

Overall festivals spread peace, joy and happiness to the society and community and allows everyone to get in a festive mood to celebrate with each other by visiting each other and by becoming more socially as well as physically active, which benefits mental and physical strength.

Abhayan Rajayogi VIII B

WHY FESTIVALS BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER

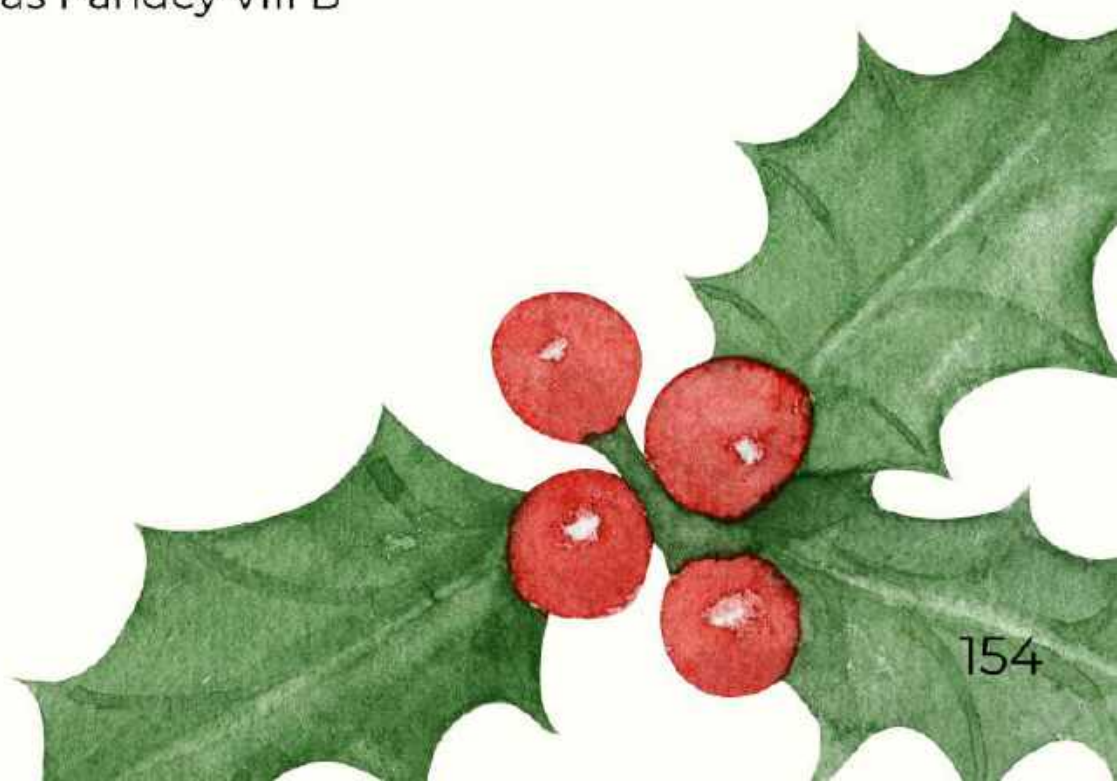
Life is simple. Get a degree, get a job, earn money and work for 365 days straight without any breaks. People are working everyday and are not spending a single minute for themselves because of work pressure. But in these 365 days there is at least one day which brings people together. This day is known as a "festival". The festival could be anything- it could be Diwali, Eid, Christmas etc.

Festivals are occasions which is celebrated together in the name of god by behalf of people. These small festivals bring people together allowing them to celebrate together and socialize. And there might be a possibility that you meet your favorite cousin or person in this celebration. That's why festivals brings people together because in the loop of 365 days, you get one day where you can spend time with other people allowing people to come together.

"Festival is a magnet which attracts people..."

~ Wise man

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How Small Acts of Kindness Can Change the World

Small acts of kindness may look very small, but they can actually do very big things. When one person does something kind, it makes other people want to do something kind too. This is called a ripple effect. For example, if you help someone who fell down, maybe tomorrow they will help someone else. Even small things like sharing your pencil, saying thank you, or smiling at someone can make them feel better.

Kindness is very important because many people are sad or stressed and we don't even know it. If you talk nicely to someone who looks lonely, it can make them feel like they matter. You don't need to be rich or famous to be kind. You just need to care about others.

Big changes in the world always start small. Many great people in history helped others because they cared, not because they wanted power. If everyone did one kind thing everyday, the world would slowly become a much better place.

Sometimes we think "its just one small act, how will it change anything?" But one small act can change a person, and a person can change many more people. That is how the world changes, little by little.

Devyansh VIII B

Beyond Celebration: Why Human Connection Matters

In today's fast-paced world, celebrations are often marked by bright lights, elaborate decorations, and carefully curated social media posts. While festivals bring excitement and joy, their true value goes far beyond outward celebration. At the heart of every meaningful celebration lies something far more powerful – human connection.

Traditionally, festivals such as Christmas, Diwali, and Eid were occasions when families gathered, neighbours visited one another, and communities came together. For instance, a simple Christmas dinner shared with loved ones often creates deeper happiness than expensive gifts. These moments remind us that the purpose of celebration is not luxury, but togetherness.

In modern times, however, celebrations are sometimes reduced to material displays. I once noticed how a family celebration felt incomplete despite grand arrangements, simply because everyone was busy on their phones. This experience highlighted how genuine conversations and shared laughter matter more than any decoration. A heartfelt conversation or a small act of kindness can leave a lasting impact that celebrations alone cannot.

Human connection also teaches us empathy and gratitude. Helping someone during a festival, checking on a lonely neighbour, or spending time with elders strengthens emotional bonds and builds stronger communities. Such actions transform celebrations into moments of shared joy and understanding.

Thus, while celebrations add colour to life, it is human connection that gives them meaning. When we value relationships over rituals, we rediscover the true spirit of celebration- bringing hearts closer together.

Is the Spirit of Christmas still alive?

Every December, cities glow with lights, shops overflow with decorations, and advertisements seem to be everywhere, urging people to buy the “perfect” gift. With smartphones, online shopping, and social media shaping daily life, it's easy to wonder whether the true spirit of Christmas still exists. Many believe the festival has become too commercial. Yet, at its heart, Christmas still stands for kindness, generosity, peace, and togetherness; those values have not disappeared.

In earlier times, Christmas celebrations were much simpler. Families gathered together, sang carols, shared homemade food, and enjoyed each other's company. Gifts were small but meaningful. Today, things look very different. Sales begin weeks in advance, and companies use festive themes to attract customers. Social media adds another layer, often showing picture-perfect celebrations that can make Christmas feel more like a performance than a moment of joy.

However, when we look beyond the glitter and advertisements, the real spirit of Christmas is still easy to find. Every year, communities come together to organize charity drives, collecting food, clothes, and toys for those in need. Many people volunteer their time or donate to causes during the holiday season. Even online platforms, often criticized for being shallow, help spread kindness; fundraisers support struggling families, and simple acts of generosity quickly inspire others.

During difficult times, such as economic struggles or global conflicts, the message of “Peace on Earth and Goodwill to All” feels even more meaningful. People from different cultures and backgrounds come together, sharing food, music, and traditions, reminding us that Christmas is about unity more than anything else.

In the end, the spirit of Christmas has not vanished. It has simply changed to fit the modern world. As long as people choose compassion, giving, and connection over material things, the heart of Christmas will continue to live on.

Akaisha Mahadevan IX A

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Festivals and celebrations are extremely important to humans as they teach us many values such as gratitude and selflessness. One of those values is the importance of human connection.

Humans have always been social creatures, even in olden times. For good mental health, it is important to socialise and interact with others, so as to not feel alone. To those who find it hard to connect with others, festivals help them as they give a reason to enjoy and celebrate the festivities with family and friends. Festivals also create many opportunities to record joyful memories with loved ones. This is important to maintain a strong bond with the ones you cherish, as memories play a major role in building the foundation of one's relationship.

Human connection is also important as it helps us feel valued and understood. In mental health, it reduces depression and anxiety, hence helping us cope with life's challenges in healthy ways instead of resorting to extreme methods such as smoking and drinking. This in turn also helps us maintain a healthy physical lifestyle alongside boosting self-esteem. This is why the holidays and festivals are important, as they are always a wonderful time to create new bonds and even strengthen your old ones, hence helping you maintain connections with your loved ones through joyful moments and treasured memories.

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Is the Spirit of Christmas Still Alive Today?

Christmas has long been celebrated as a season of joy, generosity, and togetherness. Traditionally, it is a time when people come together with family and friends, share gifts, and spread kindness. However, in today's fast-paced and modern world, many people wonder whether the true spirit of Christmas still exists or if it has been overshadowed by commercialism.

On one hand, it can seem as though the spirit of Christmas is fading. Shops begin advertising weeks in advance, and the focus often shifts to expensive gifts, discounts, and decorations rather than meaningful connections. For some, Christmas has become more about what is bought than what is felt. This emphasis on materialism can make the festival feel rushed and stressful, taking away from its original warmth and simplicity.

Although materialism has overpowered the market, the spirit of Christmas is very much alive in quieter and more meaningful ways. Around the world, people continue to show compassion by donating to charities, volunteering at shelters, and helping those in need. Families still make time to come together, share meals, and create memories. Even small acts—such as checking on a neighbor, sharing food, or offering kind words—reflect the true essence of Christmas.

Moreover, the spirit of Christmas is not limited to just one day or one religion. It is about values such as love, hope, forgiveness, and generosity, which can be seen throughout the year. In difficult times, these values often shine the brightest, reminding us that the spirit of Christmas lives in human actions rather than decorations or gifts.

In conclusion, while the way Christmas is celebrated has changed over time, the spirit of Christmas is still alive today. It may not always be found in shopping malls or grand displays, but it continues to exist in acts of kindness, moments of togetherness, and the willingness to care for others. As long as people choose compassion over materialism, the spirit of Christmas will never truly fade.

The Meaning of Celebration in the Modern World

The meaning of celebration is to spread joy among people, such as family, friends, or a community that we are a part of.

Celebration doesn't always mean a huge festival, such as Holi or Diwali; it could be as simple as a birthday.

In today's world, when we celebrate, we attempt to follow traditions, but due to constraints such as noise limits, curfews, etc., we cannot follow them fully.

Then, as we continue discussing rituals, we realize that the tools and resources our ancestors used for these rituals are also not readily available today, which is also a hindrance.

Today, due to careers, ambitions, and responsibilities, we cannot live with our whole clan as a joint family as our ancestors used to, so when people have to celebrate together, they have to travel a lot to be there, which a lot of families cannot afford due to the recent hike in travel fees.

Today, people mainly live in apartments, which usually have group programs conducted by the society of the apartment complexes, so they celebrate with close family and friends, but this may not apply to all events.

We can prevent this by taking time to host the events and celebrate as many festivals and events as possible. It could be too expensive to host such a huge event, so people can come together to co-host such things.

Of course, there are other ways to celebrate, such as being there virtually, which is becoming quite common after the advent of video calling. We could also alter difficult-to-execute rituals so that they fit the constraints without damaging the main purpose.

Overall, in today's world, most people cannot come together to be able to celebrate together, but there might be other methods, such as celebrating with close family members and friends or the people in nearby communities.

Is the Christmas spirit still alive today?

Christmas, ring a bell to you? It's the festival celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, widely known for the joy it spreads. Starting in 336 AD, it is still an ongoing celebration for families around the world. But is it still really that alive in our world anymore?

Like most good things, the excitement surrounding this festival is inevitably bound to fade one day... It's just a matter of when that day is. Still, even after more than a millennium, Christmas has managed to retain its popularity and spirit.

The way the 25th of December is celebrated has been changing over the past few years. As always, decorating the tree, giving gifts and spending family time are a major part of this day, but statistics show that there has been a sudden increase in young people wanting to spend Christmas alone in a few countries; rather than partying, many wish to get away from all the noise and isolate themselves.

Unfortunately, in some areas, shopping sales and advertising often shadow the beauty of giving and compassion. Busy lifestyles and work pressure limit the quality time with family on this special occasion.

However, it is seen that charity donations, community celebrations and most importantly the young children of this generation are keeping Christmas very merry. Alive but also evolving, the Christmas spirit will always be significant to us as long as we choose to embrace it.

Tuhina Roy IX A



THE MEANING OF CELEBRATION IN A MODERN WORLD

Celebrations are a reflection of society's beliefs, culture, and desires, emphasizing their importance in today's era, where a family dinner occurs rarely. This timeless custom has long existed in society. However, as time flies, what has changed is our perception of its true purpose and significance.

During medieval times, celebrations were closely linked to religious rituals, sacred ceremonies, and feasting. It was a way for people to express their happiness, let the tension ooze out of them—like sweet honey from a hive—and enjoy the present moment. It is a reminder that hardships are temporary and that hope and light will always prevail.

However, it is slightly different in this fast-paced era. Celebrations have become a status symbol of 'luxury' or a modern symbol of prosperity and wealth. When you hear the term 'celebrate,' all that comes to mind are posts on social media—the superficial part of the celebration. What was once a symbolism of feelings, togetherness, and gratitude is now often overshadowed by competition, ego, and glamour.

Perhaps the true meaning of celebration in this modern world lies in reaching out to our roots, finding joy in the tiniest, most precious of moments, and sharing happiness with those who matter the most. Celebration does not need to be publicized for compliments or criticisms; all it requires is a grateful heart.

Dhyana Rangrej IX B

THE MEANING OF CELEBRATION IN A MODERN WORLD

As December unfolds, cities shimmer beneath cascades of golden lights, shop windows outshine one another with ornaments, and the familiar carols drift through windows in the cold, evening air. Streets come alive with anticipation as families gather, laughter echoes in lanes, and the scent of festive meals linger. Christmas, glowing with colour and sound, appears livelier than ever. Yet beneath this cheerful surface lies a quiet question: does the true spirit of Christmas still endure in the modern world?

Traditionally, Christmas embodies compassion, generosity, and hope. It is a time when people come together, forgive past differences, and extend a helping hand to those in need. However, modern celebrations are often dominated by flashy advertisements, long shopping lists, and never-ending social media posts. The focus on gifts and grandeur sometimes overshadows the deeper values that Christmas is meant to celebrate.

Still, the spirit of Christmas refuses to fade; rather, it has found new expressions. It reveals itself in cozy kitchens where loved ones share meals and stories, in shelters where volunteers distribute food and comfort, and in quiet moments when someone chooses kindness over self-convenience. Fairy lights flicker in windows, hands exchange thoughtful gifts, and voices rise together in song. These simple yet heart-warming acts breathe life into the chilly season, proving that the essence of Christmas survives beyond glam.

In a fast-paced, technology-driven world, Christmas urges people to slow down and reconnect- with one another and themselves. It encourages reflection, gratitude, and human warmth. A shared smile, a sincere apology, or time given freely can outshine any decoration. These fleeting moments, though small, can carry immense meaning and restore one's faith in humanity.

Ultimately, the spirit of Christmas is not measured by the size of celebrations or the price of gifts. It lives in generosity that asks for nothing in return and in love that is quietly- but intimately- shared between loved ones. Though the modern world may reshape its outward expression, the heart of Christmas continues to beat- steadfast, resilient and deeply human.

The Meaning of Celebration in the Modern World

Celebration has always been an important part of human life. From festivals and religious occasions to birthdays and achievements, people celebrate moments that bring happiness and meaning. However, in the modern world, the way we celebrate has started to change, and as a result, the true meaning of celebration is also being reshaped.

In the past, celebrations were mostly about being together. People celebrated the end of hard work, good harvests, or important traditions with family and community. Because of this, these moments were simple but meaningful. Today, however, celebrations often take place in a more individual and competitive world. For example, many people now judge a celebration by how impressive it appears online, rather than by how joyful it feels to those involved. This raises the question of whether we are celebrating for ourselves or only to impress others.

Moreover, technology has greatly changed how we celebrate. Photos and videos are shared instantly, allowing friends and family who live far away to feel included. However, I have noticed that during some celebrations, people seem more focused on taking pictures than enjoying the moment itself. Sometimes, the happiest part of a celebration is a simple laugh, a shared meal, or a quiet moment that is not captured on a screen. As a result, while technology connects us, it can also distract us from truly experiencing what we are celebrating.

At the same time, modern celebrations have become more thoughtful and meaningful. Instead of focusing only on success, people now celebrate small achievements, personal growth, and mental well-being. For instance, overcoming a tough phase, making slow improvement, or gaining confidence can be just as significant as major achievements. Therefore, success does not always need to be loud or public.

In addition, celebration plays an important role in mental health. In a fast-paced and stressful world, celebrating gives us a chance to pause and feel grateful. Even simple acts, such as sharing a meal or spending quiet time with loved ones, can help restore balance and strengthen relationships.

In conclusion, celebration in the modern world is not about being grand or expensive. Rather, true celebration comes from meaning, gratitude, and togetherness. When we celebrate sincerely, it helps us appreciate life and the people around us.

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Picture this: you walk into a lively Christmas party. Jingle Bell Rock is booming through loudspeakers, fairy lights glow red and green, and people your age are chatting and laughing – but your closest friend is nowhere to be seen. What would you do?

You might try talking to new people or acquaintances *, or you might leave almost instantly. Either way, one thing stays the same: no celebration feels right without that one person. There are no inside jokes to refer to, no camaraderie * to feel, and no sense of comfortable familiarity to fall back on when the music gets too much.

Have you ever wondered why, with everyone around and the party going on, it still feels a little... empty? Researchers from Harvard University found that our brains actually react more strongly to friends and close people than to strangers or acquaintances, even if we have a lot in common with those strangers. A party is more about who's there than how many are there.

Human connection is widely studied across lifestyle and clinical research because it strongly affects how we think and feel. As psychologist Julianne Holt-Lunstad highlights, "Humans are fundamentally social beings,"

Even one meaningful relationship (someone you know you can rely on) can greatly improve mental well-being. However, Different relationships serve different needs, and, as Holt- Lunstad puts it: "Just like you need a variety of foods to get a variety of nutrients, you need a variety and quality of people in your life."

So, why does human connection matter? It matters because we need it. It matters because it's what builds our society. It matters because it teaches us to be there for someone when they have no one, and for them to be there for us. It matters because it's what holds us together.



FRENCH ARTICLES

Le nouveau club de sport dans ma ville

La semaine dernière, un nouveau club de sport a ouvert dans ma ville. Le jour de l'ouverture, il y avait beaucoup de monde et une ambiance très joyeuse. Nous avons visité le centre et les entraîneurs ont présenté les activités. Ils les ont expliquées aux visiteurs avec patience. Il y avait de la musique et des démonstrations sportives. C'était une journée intéressante et bien organisée.

Dans ce club, on peut faire du football, du basket, de la natation et du fitness. Il y a aussi une salle pour la danse et le yoga. J'y vais trois fois par semaine avec mes amis. Je ne manque jamais mes entraînements parce que je veux rester en forme et en bonne santé.

Pour devenir membre, j'ai rempli un formulaire et j'ai donné mes informations au responsable. Je lui ai posé quelques questions sur les horaires. Ensuite, j'ai payé la cotisation et j'ai reçu ma carte de membre.

Être membre d'un club de sport a beaucoup d'avantages : on se fait de nouveaux amis, on devient plus fort et plus confiant, et on apprend à travailler en équipe. À l'avenir, j'aimerais essayer le tennis et le yoga pour apprendre quelque chose de nouveau.

Kehkashan Banerjee
Grade IX A

Nouveau Club de Sport

Un nouveau club de sport a ouvert dans ma ville la semaine dernière. Le jour de l'ouverture, il y avait beaucoup de monde. Il y avait aussi de la musique et des jeux. J'y suis allé avec mes amis et nous nous sommes amusés beaucoup. Nous y sommes passés toute la journée.

Dans ce club, on peut faire beaucoup de sports. On peut y faire du football, du basket et de la natation. Il y a aussi une salle de gym et j'y vais souvent après l'école. Pour devenir membre, j'ai rempli un formulaire et je l'ai donné au bureau.

Être membre a beaucoup d'avantages. On y rencontre des amis et on y reste en bonne santé. Et je peux pratiquer tous les sports gratuitement. À l'avenir, j'aimerais essayer le badminton et le tennis parce que mes amis me disent que c'est très amusant.

Darsh Advani IX B



Le nouveau club de sport

Salut! Le week-end dernier, notre ville a enfin ouvert un nouveau club de sport, et je peux dire que l'ouverture a été un vrai succès. De nombreuses personnes ont assisté à l'ouverture, la musique jouait, les entraîneurs ont eu sourire et je les ai même vus faire des démonstrations ce qui, je trouve, est très utile et agréable. L'ambiance était plus dynamique.

Dans ce centre, on peut tout faire pour rester en bonne forme: du fitness, des sports du yoga et même de l'escalade. J'y vais surtout pour le badminton, mais j'aussi vais à la salle de sport. Pour devenir membre, j'ai dû remplir un formulaire, payer la cotisation et y apporter une photo, mais ça s'est fait rapidement. Être membre, c'est plus motivant que s'entraîner seul: on progresse plus vite et on s'y sent bien.

À l'avenir, j'aimerais essayer le tennis, car elle est plus intense que le badminton et m'attire de plus en plus. C'est aussi un autre sport de raquette, donc ce sera plus facile pour moi. Et vous?

Najiba Reshamvala IX B

Dans ma chambre

J'ai une petite et jolie maison. Ma maison a trois pièces : une chambre, un salon et un bureau. Dans ma chambre, j'ai un lit confortable où je dors très bien. La couleur des murs de ma chambre est blanche. Il y a aussi trois armoires pour garder mes vêtements. J'ai une table d'étude dans ma chambre avec une lampe jaune. Je garde mes livres d'école sous la table d'étude dans un placard. Dans ma chambre, je joue parfois avec ma mère et mon père. J'aime beaucoup ma chambre car elle est propre et confortable.

Ahana De IV A

Ma chambre

J'ai une table où je fais mes devoirs et une chaise. J'ai un lit où je dors. J'ai une armoire pour nos vêtements. J'ai la commode. J'ai une grande fenêtre. J'ai des posters sur le mur.

Charmi Khanolkar IV A

Les fêtes

Les fêtes sont amusantes et j'aime les fêtes.

Nous mangeons des desserts et nous portons de nouveaux vêtements.

Ma fête préférée est Noël.

C'est le 25 décembre. C'est l'anniversaire de Jésus-Christ.

On décore la maison et le sapin de Noël.

Ma mère prépare des plats délicieux et un gâteau.

Nous rendons visite à nos grands-parents.

Nous chantons, mangeons et dansons ensemble.

J'aime Noël et le Père Noël.

Triyaana Singh V A

Ma Maison

Bonjour! Je m'appelle Gayatri.

J'habite à Neelkanth Pride, dans le quartier de Seawoods.

Mon appartement est au dixième étage. À cet étage, il y a

un long couloir où les enfants jouent souvent. Dans ma

maison, il y a six pièces : un salon, une cuisine, deux

chambres et deux salles de bain. Dans le salon, il y a une

télévision, une table marronne, un grand canapé et des

fauteuils rouges. Il y a aussi un balcon avec beaucoup de

plantes d'où l'on a une belle vue sur toute la ville. Les murs

sont couleur crème. Dans ma chambre et celle de mes

parents, il y a un lit confortable, une coiffeuse, une

bibliothèque jaune, une grande armoire et l'ordinateur de

mon père. Dans la chambre de mes grands-parents, il y a

un autre grand lit, un bureau, des armoires et des valises.

J'adore ma maison!

Merci beaucoup,

Gayatri Menon V A

Les saisons en France

Les quatre saisons sont magnifiques!

Au printemps, les fleurs poussent et les oiseaux chantent. C'est le moment idéal !

En été, il fait très chaud ! On mange des glaces et on va à la piscine. C'est la saison des grandes vacances. Tout le monde est heureux de voir le soleil.

Puis vient l'automne. Les feuilles des arbres deviennent rouges et jaunes. C'est fantastique ! Les feuilles tombent par terre. Quelquefois, il pleut et il y a du vent.

En hiver, il fait très froid. Il neige. C'est ma saison préférée car il y a la fête de Noël et les enfants font des bonhommes de neige. On fait du ski en hiver. J'aime boire du chocolat chaud, c'est très délicieux !

Merci!

Shamika D Pawar V A

La journée typique

Le matin, je me lève à 5h00. Puis, je me brosse les dents. Je me douche à 5h30 à 5h40. Je m'habille je porte un uniforme scolaire. Je me peigne mes cheveux. Je joue du piano de 6h00 à 6h45 alors de la guitare. Je prends le petit-déjeuner de 7h10 à 7h15. Au petit-déjeuner, je prends des céréales et du jus de fruits. Je quitte la maison à 7h15. Je vais à l'école en bus.

Je suis dans une école à Nerul. C'est une école mixte. La journée scolaire commence à huit heures. Nous allons à l'école tous les jours sauf le samedi et le dimanche, bien sûr. Pour les sciences, on va dans un laboratoire. Entre midi et 1h05, c'est la pause-déjeuner. Pendant la récréation, le matin et l'après-midi, nous sortons dans la classe.

À l'école, il y a une cantine, une bibliothèque, un laboratoire d'informatique et un terrain de sports. Pour l'EPS, c'est à-dire l'éducation physique et sportive, nous allons au terrain de sport. Normalement, nous jouons au kho-kho (un jeu local indien) et au foot. D'habitude, les cours finissent à 2h20. Je rentre à la maison à 3h00.

A la maison, je me repose. Je commence mes devoirs de 7h30. Je joue avec mes amis jusqu'à 8h00. Je me dîne à 9h00. Je me couche à 10h00.

Nivedita VI A

La Journée typique

Une journée typique pour moi commence par me réveiller à 7 heures et boire un verre de lait et porte mon uniforme scolaire, puis je pars à l'école à sept heures et demie.

Mes études commencent à huit heures. Je déjeune à la cantine et je rentre à la maison à deux heures et demie, je regarde la télé à trois heures et je joue au foot et au badminton à six heures. Je rentre à la maison à huit heures.

Pour le dîner, je mange du pain et du poulet, je dors à dix heures et quart.

Aarav Sandeep VI B

La journée typique

Ma journée typique commence le matin. Je me réveille à six heures. Je me brosse les dents et je prends une douche. Ensuite, je prends le petit-déjeuner.

À huit heures, je vais à l'école. J'ai des cours toute la matinée. J'écoute le professeur et je travaille en classe. À midi, je mange le déjeuner avec mes amis.

Après l'école, je rentre à la maison. Je fais mes devoirs. Puis, je joue ou je regarde la télévision. Le soir, je dîne avec ma famille. Enfin, je me couche à dix heures.

Le week-end, ma routine est différente. Je me réveille plus tard et je me repose. Je prends le petit-déjeuner avec ma famille.

L'après-midi, je joue avec mes amis ou je sors avec ma famille. Parfois, je regarde des films ou je lis un livre. Le soir, nous dînons ensemble. J'aime le week-end car il est calme et amusant.

Anaya Sharma VI B

Ma journée typique

Bonjour à tous ! Aujourd'hui, je vais vous parler de ma journée typique.

Je me réveille tous les jours à six heures du matin. D'abord, je me brosse les dents et je prends une douche. Ensuite, je prends le petit-déjeuner avec ma famille. Je mange des céréales et je bois un verre de lait ou de jus d'orange.

À sept heures et demie, je pars à l'école. Les cours commencent à huit heures. J'ai des cours de français, de mathématiques, d'anglais et de sciences. Mon cours préféré est le français, car j'aime apprendre de nouvelles langues. À dix heures, j'ai une petite récréation pour me détendre et parler avec mes amis.

À midi, je déjeune à la cantine. Après le déjeuner, je retourne en classe pour les cours de l'après-midi. L'école finit à trois heures. Quand je rentre à la maison, je fais mes devoirs et j'aide parfois mes parents. Le soir, je regarde la télévision ou je lis un livre. À huit heures, je dîne avec ma famille. Enfin, je vais me coucher vers dix heures, fatigué mais content de ma journée. Merci d'avoir lu mon blog !

BASIT VASIM WALELE VI B

LA JOURNEE TYPIQUE

Ma journée typique commence tôt le matin. Je me réveille à six heures. Je me brosse les dents, je prends une douche et je m'habille. Ensuite, je prends le petit-déjeuner avec ma famille. J'aime manger des céréales et boire du lait.

Je pars pour l'école à sept heures trente. À l'école, j'ai plusieurs cours intéressants. J'aime beaucoup le français parce que c'est une langue amusante. Pendant la récréation, je parle avec mes amis et nous jouons ensemble.

Après l'école, je rentre à la maison et je déjeune. Je me repose un peu, puis je fais mes devoirs. Le soir, je passe du temps avec ma famille. Je regarde la télévision ou je lis un livre.

Je dîne avec ma famille vers huit heures. Après le dîner, je prépare mon sac d'école pour le lendemain. Enfin, je vais me coucher à dix heures. Ma journée typique est simple mais agréable.

ARADHYA AJIT JADHAV VI B

Ma Journée Typique du Dimanche

Bonjour! Voici ma journée typique du dimanche. Ma journée commence à 6 heures du matin. Je me brosse les dents et je me prépare pour mon cours de basket. J'arrive au terrain à 7 heures et je repars à 8 heures. Après, je prends un petit-déjeuner dans un food-truck avec ma mère et mon père.

Nous rentrons à la maison à 9 heures. Je me douche, puis je fais mes devoirs. Je déjeune à 13 heures 30. Je mange du riz avec des lentilles, de la salade et de la limonade. L'après-midi, je me repose de 14 heures à 15 heures.

À 15 heures, je me prépare pour mon cours de batterie. J'arrive au cours à 16 heures et je repars à 17 heures. Sur le chemin du retour, nous nous arrêtons pour boire du jus de canne à sucre frais. Ensuite, ma mère décide d'aller faire les courses et je l'accompagne à pied à l'épicerie. Elle achète deux kilos de pommes de terre, un kilo de carottes, des bananes et de la glace.

À la maison, ma mère prépare un délicieux dîner avec : de la purée de pommes de terre, des légumes sautés et, en dessert, un banana split. Toute la famille apprécie le repas. Après le dîner, nous regardons la télévision pendant une heure, puis tout le monde se couche à 22 heures 30.

Voilà ma routine du dimanche ! Et vous, qu'est-ce que vous faites le vôtre ?

La journée typique

Je me réveille à 6 heures du matin, puis je me lève et je m'habille. Pour mon petit déjeuner, je mange de l'omelette et du jus de jus d'orange. Je quitte ma maison à 7 heures.

J'arrive à l'école 7 heures et demie. J'ai six cours au total ; quatre avant le déjeuner et deux après. J'ai ma récréation à 8 heures et demie ; je mange un sandwich, puis je dors un peu et ensuite je joue le volleyball avec mes amis. Ça dure 15 min. Après trois autres cours, j'ai ma pause déjeuner à midi, qui dure 30 minutes. Je mange au dal avec du riz et des légumes. Je quitte l'école à 14h et quart.

J'arrive à la maison à 15h moins le quart, je mange un croissant et je dors jouer avec mes amis. Je fais mes devoirs 18 heures et je dine à 19h. Je mange une pizza et je bois un jus de pomme.

Je regarde la télé pendant une heure, puis je me prépare pour aller au lit. Je m'endors à 21h et demie.

Mehreen Reshamvala VI B

Ma routine quotidienne

Chaque jour, je suis une routine simple qui m'aide à rester organisé. Je me lève généralement à 6h00 du matin. Je commence par me laver le visage et me brosser les dents. Ensuite, je bois un verre de lait et je prépare mon sac pour l'école.

À 7h30, je pars de la maison pour aller à l'école. Les cours commencent à 8h00. J'aime apprendre l'anglais, les maths et les sciences. Pendant la récréation, je prends le petit-déjeuner, je m'assieds et j'aime jouer, discuter et partager ma nourriture avec mes amis. Après une courte pause, nous reprenons les cours comme la géographie, l'informatique etc.

À 13h00, nous avons la grande récréation. Je mange le déjeuner que ma mère m'a préparé. Après la grande récréation, nous reprenons les derniers cours. Avant de quitter l'école, nos professeurs nous donnent des devoirs à faire et ensuite je rentre à la maison.

Après cela, je fais généralement une petite sieste. Je me réveille à 16h et me prépare pour les cours. Je m'habille, prépare mon sac et me rends en classe avant 17h. Après les cours, je joue au badminton avec mon père pendant une heure, puis je rentre à la maison et fais mes devoirs. Ensuite, je dessine parfois, je joue aux jeux vidéo ou je lis un livre. Puis, je dîne en famille.

Nous partageons des moments de la journée ou regardons la télévision en mangeant. Avant de me coucher, je prépare mon cartable pour le lendemain. Enfin, je fais ma prière du soir pendant deux minutes et je m'endors vers 22h.

Ma routine quotidienne est simple, mais elle me permet de rester en bonne santé, heureux.

Ma journée typique

Le matin, je me lève à six heures et demie. Je prends mon petit-déjeuner à sept heures. Je mange du pain avec de la confiture. Je quitte la maison à huit heures moins le quart et j'arrive au collège à huit heures. Les cours commencent à huit heures dix.

Le matin, je commence la journée avec un cours. L'après-midi, j'assiste à quatre cours différents. Il y a une récréation avant les cours. Pour le déjeuner, je mange du riz et des légumes. Juste avant la récréation, j'ai encore un cours.

Je quitte le collège à deux heures vingt et j'arrive à la maison à trois heures. À quatre heures, je prends mon goûter. Pour le goûter, je mange un sandwich et je bois du jus d'orange. À six heures, je commence mes devoirs. À huit heures, je prends le dîner avec ma famille. À neuf heures, je me couche.

Shriya Pingala VI B

La Journée Typique

Le matin, je me lève à six heures. Puis je fais du jogging. Après le jogging, je me brosse les dents et je prends une douche. Je porte mon uniforme scolaire et je bois du lait.

Puis, je quitte la maison à sept heures et demie et j'arrive à l'école à huit heures et dix. Les cours commencent à huit heures et quart. Il y a deux cours avant la pause, puis je prends mon petit-déjeuner. À une heure et dix, je mange mon déjeuner. À deux heures et demie les cours finissent.

Je rentre à ma maison à trois heures. Puis je fais mes devoirs. J'ai le cours de la batterie et du foot deux fois par semaine.

À quatre heures et demie, je mange le goûter. Pour le goûter, je bois du lait et je mange un sandwich. Alors, je descends jouer au football avec mes amis. À huit heures je rentre à la ma maison. Je mange le diner avec ma famille et je regarde la télé. À neuf heures et demie, je me couche.

Sivom Pradeep VI B

Ma journée typique

Je me lève tous les jours à six heures du matin pour aller à l'école. Dès que je me réveille, je me brosse les dents, je me lave le visage et je prends une douche pour bien commencer la journée. Ensuite, je m'habille et je mets mon uniforme scolaire. Avant de partir, je prends mon petit-déjeuner pour avoir de l'énergie.

Après cela, je vais à l'école avec ma sœur. Nous partons ensemble et nous arrivons à l'heure pour les cours. À l'école, j'assiste à différentes matières comme le français, les mathématiques et les sciences. J'aime apprendre de nouvelles choses et passer du temps avec mes camarades pendant la récréation.

Je rentre de l'école à quinze heures. Quand j'arrive à la maison, je me repose un peu, puis je fais mes devoirs et je révise mes leçons pour le lendemain. Il est important pour moi de bien travailler afin de réussir à l'école.

Vers dix-huit heures, je descends pour jouer avec mes amis. Nous jouons, nous parlons et nous nous amusons beaucoup ensemble. Je rentre à la maison vers vingt heures. Ensuite, je dîne en famille et nous discutons de notre journée.

Après le dîner, je me prépare pour aller dormir. Je me brosse les dents, je mets mon pyjama et je vais me coucher dans ma chambre. Je m'endors tranquillement pour être en forme le lendemain.

La journée typique

Je me réveille tous les jours à sept heures moins le quart. Je me lève tranquillement et je me prépare pour la journée. Je me brosse les dents afin de garder une bonne hygiène, puis je prends un bain à sept heures et quart.

Ensuite, à sept heures et demie, je prends le petit-déjeuner. Pour le goûter, je mange un dosa et je bois un verre de lait.

Après cela, je m'habille, je prépare mon sac et je me prépare pour aller à l'école.

Je sors de la maison à huit heures moins le quart et j'arrive à l'école à huit heures moins dix. Une fois arrivé à l'école, mes cours commencent. J'écoute attentivement les professeurs et je participe en classe.

Après le petit-déjeuner, mes cours continuent normalement. Parfois, j'ai le cours d'éducation physique. Pendant le cours d'E.P.S., je vais jouer avec mes amis avec beaucoup de joie. Nous courons, jouons à différents jeux et nous amusons ensemble.

Deux fois par semaine, j'ai aussi le cours de français. Le cours de français est toujours intéressant et amusant parce que notre professeure est très gentille. Elle rend la classe interactive. C'est pourquoi mes cours préférés sont l'éducation physique et le français.

Je rentre à la maison à trois heures. Une fois arrivé à la maison, je me repose un peu et je prends le goûter. Pour le goûter, je mange des frites et du pain.

Après cela, à quatre heures et demie, je fais mes devoirs. J'essaie de terminer tout mon travail scolaire à temps. Je pratique aussi le français pendant dix minutes chaque jour pour améliorer mon vocabulaire et ma grammaire.

Le soir, à six heures et demie, je regarde la télévision pendant quelque temps pour me détendre après une longue journée. Plus tard, je dîne à neuf heures. Pour le dîner, je mange des nouilles, que j'aime beaucoup. Enfin, je me couche et je dors à dix heures.

Saisons de l'Inde

L'Inde connaît quatre saisons principales:

Hiver (déc.-févr.)

Été (mars-mai)

Mousson (juin-sept.)

Automne (oct.-nov.)

Les saisons:

Hiver : Apporte un temps frais et sec.

Été : Est chaud et sec avec des vagues de chaleur.

Mousson : Apporte de fortes pluies.

Automne : Est une période de transition avec des pluies en recul et des températures plus fraîches.

Importance:

Hiver : Offre un temps plus frais, crucial pour certaines cultures, et marque des festivals comme Diwali ; apporte des conditions agréables après la mousson.

Été : Période la plus chaude, menant à la mousson du sud-ouest cruciale ; influence les vacances scolaires et le vent "Loo" dans le Nord.

Mousson : La bouée de sauvetage de l'agriculture indienne, apportant des pluies vitales pour semer les cultures, façonnant tout le calendrier agricole et remplissant les réserves d'eau.

Automne : Ciel dégagé, saison des récoltes, apporte des festivals comme Dussehra et marque la transition vers l'hiver.

Les saisons en Inde

L'Inde connaît plusieurs saisons : l'été, la mousson et l'hiver. Chacune joue un rôle important. L'été dure de mars à juin et est généralement très chaud, surtout dans le nord et le centre du pays, avec des températures dépassant souvent les 40 °C. Il est souvent suivi par la mousson, de juin à septembre, qui apporte de fortes pluies essentielles à l'agriculture et à l'approvisionnement en eau.

Les agriculteurs dépendent fortement de ces pluies pour des cultures comme le riz et la canne à sucre. Après la mousson vient l'hiver, d'octobre à février, lorsque le temps devient frais et agréable, particulièrement dans le nord de l'Inde. Le sud du pays connaît des hivers plus doux.

En conclus, les saisons en Inde influencent fortement la culture, les fêtes, les vêtements, les habitudes alimentaires, l'économie et l'agriculture.

Chandranshu Paul VII A

LES SAISONS DE L'INDE

Les saisons de l'Inde : un voyage à travers le climat L'Inde est un pays vaste et diversifié, non seulement par sa culture et ses traditions, mais aussi par son climat. Contrairement à de nombreux pays qui connaissent quatre saisons classiques, l'Inde se distingue par des saisons bien marquées, influencées par les moussons. Ces saisons jouent un rôle essentiel dans la vie quotidienne, l'agriculture et les festivals.

1. L'été (mars à juin) L'été en Inde est généralement très chaud, surtout dans les régions du nord et du centre. Les températures peuvent dépasser 40°C dans certaines zones. Cette saison est connue pour ses journées longues et ensoleillées. Les habitants cherchent souvent la fraîcheur dans les régions montagneuses comme l'Himalaya, tandis que les boissons fraîches et les fruits comme la mangue deviennent très populaires.
2. La mousson (juin à septembre) La saison de la mousson est l'une des plus importantes en Inde. Elle apporte des pluies abondantes grâce aux vents de mousson venant de l'océan Indien. Ces pluies sont vitales pour l'agriculture, en particulier pour la culture du riz. Bien que la mousson rafraîchisse l'air et rende les paysages verdoyants, elle peut aussi provoquer des inondations dans certaines régions.
3. L'automne (octobre à novembre) Après la mousson, l'automne apporte un climat agréable et plus sec. Les températures deviennent modérées et le ciel est souvent clair. C'est une période idéale pour voyager en Inde. De nombreux festivals importants, comme Diwali, sont célébrés pendant cette saison, apportant lumière et joie dans tout le pays.
4. L'hiver (décembre à février) L'hiver en Inde est généralement doux, surtout dans le sud. Dans le nord, les températures peuvent devenir assez fraîches, et certaines régions montagneuses reçoivent même de la neige. Cette saison est appréciée pour son climat confortable et est parfaite pour explorer les villes, les monuments historiques et les marchés locaux.

Conclusion:

Les saisons de l'Inde reflètent la richesse et la diversité du pays. Chaque saison a son charme particulier et influence profondément le mode de vie des habitants. Comprendre ces saisons permet de mieux apprécier la culture indienne et la relation étroite entre la nature et la vie quotidienne.

Les Saisons En Inde

L'Inde est un pays magnifique avec des saisons et des saisons très distinctes. Généralement il y a quatre saisons principales.

Les saisons est:

L'hiver, l'automne, l'été, le printemps.

Les saisons est:

L'hiver-Il fait beau et parfois froid dans le nord, L'été- Il fait très chaud , La mousson- Il pleut beaucoup.

Surtout dans le nord, il fait sec. Ensuite, la mousson(De juin à septembre) apporte des pluies fortes. C'est essentiel pour l'agriculture et le paysage devient très vert. Après la pluie, l'hiver(De novembre à février) est plus frais et agréable. Dans le nord, il fait froid, mais au sud, le temps est doux. Il y a aussi des saisons intermédiaires comme le printemps et l'automne, qui sont courtes. En Inde, la mousson est la saison la plus importante pour la vie.

Suvidya Sharma VII A

LES SAISONS EN INDE

Il y a principalement trois saisons en Inde, bien que certaines régions en reconnaissent davantage: l'hiver, l'été et la mousson.

Pendant l'hiver, de décembre à février, il fait frais dans le nord et doux dans le sud. C'est la saison des festivals comme Diwali (qui peut aussi être en automne) et Noël. Le temps est généralement sec et agréable.

En été, de mars à mai, il fait très chaud partout dans le pays. Le soleil brille intensément et les températures montent très haut. Les gens boivent beaucoup de jus de fruits frais et mangent des mangues, qui sont de saison.

Pendant la mousson, de juin à septembre, il pleut beaucoup. Le ciel est souvent nuageux et gris. La pluie apporte un soulagement de la chaleur estivale et la nature devient très verte. C'est une période importante pour l'agriculture.

Aradhya Nigam VII B

Rester en Bonne Forme

J'ai récemment commencé une nouvelle routine pour rester en forme, qui comprend de nombreuses activités amusantes. Chaque matin, avant d'aller à l'école, ma grand-mère et moi faisons une petite promenade. Il fait beau et il y a l'air frais.

Après l'école, je complète rapidement mes devoirs pour éviter les réprimandes des professeurs, puis je vais jouer au football avec mes amis.

Le week-end, je fais du vélo et parfois je danse sur mes chansons préférées.

Je pense que beaucoup de jeunes passent aujourd'hui trop de temps à la maison à faire leurs devoirs ou devant les écrans, et n'ont donc pas assez de temps de jouer dehors qui les rends moins actifs.

À l'école, nous n'avons que deux cours de sport par semaine, A mon avis ce n'est pas assez mais on doit suivre d'emploi de temps.

Plus tard, je souhaite pratiquer du sport tous les jours et m'inscrire dans un club sportif pour rester en bonne santé.

Atharva Nair VII A

Rester en forme

Récemment, j'ai fait beaucoup d'efforts pour rester en forme et actif. Je fais du vélo avec mes amis pendant environ 30 minutes à une heure, et je vais me promener avec ma sœur après le dîner. Je pratique plusieurs sports comme le badminton, le tennis et le volley-ball.

Après l'école, je joue avec mes amis tous les soirs de 19 h à 21 h. À mon avis, beaucoup de jeunes sont devenus paresseux aujourd'hui parce qu'ils préfèrent passer leur temps devant un écran à jouer à des jeux vidéo. Ils n'aiment pas passer le temps dehors en plein air.

À l'école, je pense que nous ne faisons pas assez de sport, car nous n'avons que deux cours d'éducation physique par semaine. À l'avenir, j'aimerais manger plus sainement, faire plus d'exercice et rester en forme et active.

Kimaya Swapnil Lokhande VIII A

Le Nouveau Club de Sport de la Ville

Le jour de l'ouverture du nouveau club de sport de notre ville a été un événement inoubliable ! Les propriétaires ont présenté les installations et les activités proposées. J'ai eu la chance de visiter le lieu et de découvrir les nombreuses options sportives disponibles.

Le centre offre une variété d'activités comme le fitness, le yoga, la danse, le basket-ball. Il y avait aussi une grande piscine. Les équipements étaient très modernes et motivants pour l'entraînement.

Pour devenir membre, j'ai dû remplir un formulaire d'inscription et passer un entretien avec un conseiller pour discuter de mes objectifs et de mes besoins. Les avantages d'être membre incluent l'accès illimité aux installations, des cours collectifs et des séances de coaching personnalisées.

J'aimerais essayer le kickboxing à l'avenir. Ce nouveau club de sport est une excellente initiative pour promouvoir la santé et le bien-être dans notre communauté. Je suis impatient de m'y entraîner régulièrement !

Saanvi Arora IX B

Le nouveau club de sport

Hier, un nouveau club de sport vient d'ouvrir dans notre ville. Je l'ai visité par curiosité et l'expérience était super !

Le premier jour, un guide a nous montré tout offre par le club. La place est grande, et l'intérieur est extraordinaire. Dans le centre, on peut faire le basketball, le football et le tennis.

Pour chaque de ces sports, il y a une court. On peut aussi faire des sports de courir, et de cyclisme. Le club offre des pistes pour ces activités. Pour devenir membre de ce club, j'ai rempli quelques fiches pour vérifier.

Les avantages d'être un membre de ce club est qu'on peut faire beaucoup d'activités, et les membres peuvent être en meilleure forme.

À l'avenir, j'aimerais faire quelques nouvelles activités aussi comme je suis membre du club. Je vais essayer courir, le volley et le tennis.

Tarush Bhole IX B

Le nouveau club de sport de ma ville

Récemment, un nouveau club de sport a ouvert dans ma ville et l'inauguration a été un grand succès. Le jour de l'ouverture, le maire l'a inauguré officiellement et de nombreux habitants y ont assisté avec enthousiasme. Il y avait de la musique, des démonstrations sportives et des entraîneurs qui nous ont expliqué les installations.

Dans ce centre moderne, on peut pratiquer le football, le badminton, la natation et même le yoga.

Personnellement, je les trouve très motivantes et accessibles à tous. Pour devenir membre, j'ai dû remplir un formulaire, leur donner mes informations personnelles comme le nom, l'âge, l'établissement scolaire, et leur payer une petite cotisation.

Être membre d'un club de sport présente beaucoup d'avantages : on reste en forme, on se fait de nouveaux amis et on apprend la discipline. Si j'avais plus de temps, je m'entraînerais tous les jours. À l'avenir, je vais essayer l'escalade et la danse sportive, car elles m'intéressent énormément.

Vaishnavi Kamat IX B

LE NOUVEAU CLUB DE SPORT

Récemment, un nouveau club de sport a ouvert ses portes dans mon quartier, et Il y avait beaucoup de monde le jour de l'ouverture. Le Maire a coupé le ruban et les animateurs ont inauguré les installations. Des démonstrations sportives et de la musique ont également animé l'événement, créant une ambiance très dynamique.

Ce centre sportif propose de nombreuses activités, comme le yoga, le yoga, la musculation, le basketball et la natation. Des cours sont également offerts aux enfants et aux femmes enceintes.

Pour devenir membre, j'ai dû remplir un formulaire, fournir une photo et payer un frais mensuel. Le réceptionniste était très aimable et m'a tout expliqué. Être membre d'un club de sport est avantageux car on reste en bonne santé, on rencontre de nouvelles personnes et on devient plus discipliné. À l'avenir, j'aimerais essayer l'escalade et la boxe.

Vihaan Gupta IX B

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इंद्रधनुष

देखो इंद्रधनुष है आधा,
आसमान में यह छाया,
लाल, नारंगी और पीला,
हरा, बैंगनी और नीला,
सबके मन को ये है आटा,
धरती पर यह क्यों नहीं आता ?
मगर इंद्रधनुष कैसे आता ?
पहले सूरज की सी बारिश होती है
साथ में आती है सूरज की थोड़ी
किरणें, दोनों मिलकर लाते हैं एक तोहफा
जो है इंद्रधनुष !

Brishha & Saxena - 3B

मेहनत का फल

मेहनत जीवन की सबसे बड़ी सीख है। जो व्यक्ति मेहनत करता है, उसे सफलता अवश्य मिलती है। एक गाँव में मोहन नाम का एक लड़का रहता था। वह रोज मग लमाकर पढ़ाई करता था। उसके दोस्त खेलते रहते थे, लेकिन मोहन अपनी मेहनत जारी रखता था। परीक्षा के समय मोहन को डर नहीं लगा, क्योंकि उसने पूरे वर्ष मेहनत की थी। जब परिणाम आया, तो मोहन ने कक्षा में पहला स्थान प्राप्त किया। उसके माता-पिता और शिक्षक बहुत खुश हुए। तब उसके दोस्तों को समझ आया कि मेहनत कभी बेकार नहीं जाती। सच ही कहा गया है कि मेहनत का फल मीठा होता है। हमें भी हमेशा ईमानदारी से मेहनत करनी चाहिए।

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समय का सदुपयोग

समय अमूल्य धन है, जो एक बार चला जाए तो कभी वापस नहीं आता। इसका सदुपयोग जीवन में सफलता और सुख की कुंजी है। समय का सही उपयोग करने वाला व्यक्ति अपने लक्ष्यों को आसानी से प्राप्त करता है। विद्यार्थी के लिए समय का महत्व और भी अधिक है, क्योंकि यह जीवन की नींव रखने का समय है। पढ़ाई, खेल, और शैक्षणिक कार्यों में समय का संतुलित उपयोग करना चाहिए। समय का दुरुपयोग, जैसे आलस्य या अनावश्यक कार्यों में समय बर्बाद करना, मविष्य में पछतावे का कारण बनता है। इसलिए, इसे प्रतिदिन का समय सारिणी बनाकर उपयोग करना चाहिए।

समय का सम्मान करने वाला व्यक्ति समाज में सम्मान पाता है। अतः, समय का सदुपयोग कर जीवन को सार्थक बनाएँ।

अजय खालि चौधरी

विषय : पर्यावरण संरक्षण हमारी जिम्मेदारी

शीर्षक : मेरी सखी 'वृंदा'

मेरा नाम केनीशा है। मेरे आठवें जन्मदिन पर मैंने पिताजी से कोई खिलौना नहीं, बल्कि एक पौधा उपहार में माँगा। वे इस बात से थोड़े चकित हुए, पर मेरे हठ करने पर हम नर्सरी गए और वहाँ से एक तुलसी का पौधा लाया। मैंने उसका नाम रखा - 'वृंदा'।

मुझे वृंदा से इतना मोह हो गया कि मैं उसे अपने कमरे के अंदर ही रखने लगी। मुझे लगता था कि बाहर कड़ी

धूप या पवन से उसे कष्ट होगा। परंतु यह मेरी भूल थी। कुछ ही दिनों में वृंदा की पत्तियाँ पीली पड़कर झुक गईं। मैं बहुत घबरा गई और रोने लगी। मुझे लगा मेरी सखी मुझसे रुठ गई है।

जब मैंने यह देखा तो उन्होंने मेरे आँसू पोछे और समझाया, 'केनीशा, पौधों का कमरे में बंद करने नहीं, बल्कि खुले आकाश और सूर्य के प्रकाश में ही सच्चा जीवन मिलता है।'

मैंने तुरंत अपनी भूल सुधारी। मैंने

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वृंदा के गमले को बालकनी में
उचित स्थान पर रखा। अब मैं
प्रतिदिन उसे जल देने के साथ-साथ,
विद्यालय से लाकर उससे बातें भी
करती थी कि मेरा दिन कैसा बीता।
मेरा प्रयत्न सफल हुआ। एक दिन सुबह
मैंने देखा कि वृंदा पर नई हरी
पत्तियाँ आ गई हैं। हवा चलने पर
उससे एक भीनी-भीनी सुगंध आ रही
थी। तभी एक छोटी सी रंगीन तितली
आकर वृंदा पर बैठ गई। वह दृश्य देखकर
मेरा मन आनंद से भर गया।

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उस दिन मैंने सीखा कि पर्यावरण
संरक्षण का अर्थ केवल पौधे लगाना
नहीं, बल्कि उन्हें एक जीवित मित्र
की तरह समझना और उनकी
आवश्यकताओं का सम्मान करना है।

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पर्यावरण संरक्षण करना हर मानव की जिम्मेदारी है। इस जिम्मेदारी को निभाने के लिए हम छोटी-छोटी बातों में ध्यान रखते हुए काम कर सकते हैं। मैं अपना योगदान इस प्रकार से दूँगा। कहीं पर भी अगर कचरा या अपशिष्ट पदार्थ पड़ा नजर आया तो उसे उठाकर कूड़ेदान में डालूँगा। अपने दोस्तों से भी अनुशिक्षण करूँगा कि वे भी ऐसा करें जिससे हमारे आसपास के जगह को साफ रख सकेंगे। पानी को दूषित होने से बचाने के लिए उसमें कभी कचरा नहीं फेंकूँगा और गैज के कामों के लिए कम पानी का इस्तेमाल करूँगा। वायु प्रदूषण को कम करने

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के लिए वातानुकूलन का प्रयोग कम करूँगा और गाड़ी और मोटर पर जाने के बजाय पैदल या साइकिल पर जाऊँगा। मैं अपने दोस्तों के साथ मिलकर पौधे उगाऊँगा। मैं प्लास्टिक की चीजों को इस्तेमाल नहीं करके जोन वस्तुओं का पुनः प्रयोग ही सकता हूँ जैसे कपड़े का थैला, कार्डबोर्ड बॉक्स उनका इस्तेमाल करूँगा। ऐसे छोटे परिवर्तनों से हम जरूर अपने पर्यावरण की रक्षा कर सकते हैं और भविष्य के लिए एक रहने योग्य ग्रह बना सकते हैं।

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समय से डर कर रही,
समय भगवान होता है।
हर समय के पीछे एक समय,
चुपचाप खड़ा होता है।

जो समय की हल्की जाने,
वह अक्सर पछताता है।
जो समय का मान करे,
वही आगे बढ़ जाता है।

सुबह का समय सोने में,
जो बच्चा गंवता है।
काम अधूरा रह जाता,
मन फिर धबराता है।

समय सिखाता है हमको,
मेहनत का सही रास्ता।
आज का काम आज करो,
यही है जीवन का वास्ता।

समय के संग जो चलता है,
वह कभी नहीं हारता है।
समय का सदुपयोग करने वाला,
सपनों को साकार करता है।

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मक चिन जा। मामा स्कूल जा रही थी। रास्ते में उसे मक पार्क दिखाई दिया। उसने पार्क में कुछ समय बिताने का सोचा। वह मक बैच के पास जाकर बैठ गई और चारों ओर देखने लगी। अचानक उसने अपने पैरों के पास कुछ चींटियाँ देखी। उसने उनसे पूछा, "व्यारी चींटियाँ, क्या तुम मेरे साथ खेलोगी?"

चींटियाँ ने कहा, "हम सारियों के लिए भोजन इकट्ठा करने में बहुत व्यस्त हैं।"

अगर हम अभी खेलेंगे तो पर्याप्त भोजन इकट्ठा नहीं कर पाएँगे। हम अपना काम खत्म करने के बाद ही आपसे साथ खेलेंगे।"

मामा ने मन ही मन कहा, "ये चींटियाँ कितनी मूर्ख हैं।"

तभी उसकी नजर कुछ गिलहरियों पर पड़ी जो इधर-उधर दौड़ रही थी। वह उनके पास दौड़ी और बोली "व्यारी गिलहरियाँ क्या तुम मेरे

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साथ खेलेगी? गिलहरियों ने कहा, "हम सर्दियों के लिए खाना इकट्ठा करने में व्यस्त हैं। क्या तुम्हारे पास करने के लिए कोई काम नाही है?"

माला ने कहा मैं पास काम तो काफी हूँ, लेकिन खिलने के लिए भी बहुत समय है। गिलहरियों ने एक दूसरे को देखा, मुस्कराईं आ आग गई। तभी माला ने सूरजमुखी के फूल पर कुछ मधुमाखियों देखी। उसने पूछा यारी मधुमाखियों, चलो लुका-छिपी खेलते हैं।

"आज का दिन कितना सुहाना और धूप वाला है।" मधुमाखियों ने कहा, "जहाँ-जहाँ मैं धूप वाले दिन ही फूल खेलते हैं। हम आमतौर पर इकट्ठा करने में बहुत व्यस्त हैं। अगर हम आज खेले तो सर्दियों के लिए शहद कैसे बनाएंगे?"

माला उससे मैं उठकर घर लौट गई, उसकी माँ ने

माला को याद दिलाया कि उसकी परीक्षाएँ अगले

सपना है और उसने अभी तक पढ़ाई पूरी नहीं की है, लेकिन उसने इस पर ध्यान नहीं दिया। परीक्षा का दिन था और माला चिंतित थी क्यों कि उसने परीक्षा की तैयारी नहीं की थी उसे पछतावा ही रहा था कि कौश उसने मम्मी चाट्यो, गोलहरियो और मधुमाकड़ियो की बात मान ली होती।

तभी माला रात में जाग उठी। वह पार्क की बेंच पर सो रही थी और उसे महसूस हुआ कि यह सिर्फ एक सपना था। उसने अपने आंसू पोंछे। उसे यह सबक मिल गया था कि समय बर्बाद नहीं करना चाहिए। वह घर गई और उस दिन से माला पढ़ाई और खेलने दोनों के लिए बराबर समय देने लगी। इस कहानी से सीख मिलती है कि,

समय अनमोल है। इसका महत्व समझो।

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बचपन की यादें

बचपन में, जब मैं अमेरिका में रहती थी, तब 2021 की गर्मियों में, मैं डिसनेलैंड गई थी। मैंने बहुत शोरे तरह के राइड्स किए जैसे - अलादीन राइड, स्पिनिंग कार राइड, वॉटर राइड। पर इनमें से मुझे सबसे ज्यादा अच्छी गन शूटिंग राइड लगी। इसमें एक गोल घूमने वाली कार में बैठकर बन्दूक से स्क्रीन पर आने वाले गेंदों को मारना था। यह राइड मुझे इतनी पसन्द आई कि मैंने तीन बार की। डिसनेलैंड मेरे बचपन की सबसे प्यारी यादगार है।

मेरे भारत में आने के बाद, मार्च 2023 में मैं अपनी जिंदगी के पहले कोंसर्ट में गई थी। मेरी सबसे प्रिय सखी आनंदमई के अछूत तोंजी को वीडियो टिकट्स मिले तो मैं और मेरी माँ उसके परिवार के साथ गए। मार्टिन गैरिक्स नाम के एक अंतरराष्ट्रीय

डिजे गाने बजा रहे थे और हम ने उन गानों पर बहुत कास लगाया जाचा। इसमें जाने से मेरे लाइव कोंसर्ट में जाने की इच्छा भी पूरी हुई।

यह दोनों यादें मेरे बचपन की सबसे सुहानी यादें हैं।

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स्कूल की एक यादगार घटना

स्कूल का समय हमारे जीवन का सबसे अमूल्य और यादगार समय होता है। स्कूल में पढ़ाई के साथ-साथ हमें दोस्ती, अनुशासन और मेहनत करना भी सीखने को मिलता है। मेरे स्कूल की एक घटना मुझे आज भी याद है।

यह यादगार घटना मेरे स्कूल के वार्षिक खेल दिवस की है। उस दिन स्कूल बहुत अच्छी तरह सजा हुआ था। हम सब बच्चे बहुत खुश थे। स्कूल में एक त्योहार जैसा वातावरण था। सभी बच्चे खेल प्रतियोगिता में भाग लेने के लिए बहुत ही उत्साहित थे।

मैंने दौड़ प्रतियोगिता में भाग लिया था। दौड़ शुरू होने से पहले मैं थोड़ा घबराया हुआ था, लेकिन मेरे दोस्तों और अध्यापक ने मुझे हिम्मत दी। तीली बजते ही सभी बच्चे दौड़ पड़े। मैंने पूरी ताकत लगाकर दौड़ पूरी की और पहला स्थान प्राप्त किया।

जब मंच पर बुलाकर मेडल पहनाया गया, तो मुझे बहुत खुशी हुई। मेरे माता-पिता भी वहाँ मौजूद थे और तालियाँ बजा रहे थे। उस दिन मुझे बहुत गर्व महसूस हुआ।

यह घटना मेरे लिए इसलिये यादगार है क्योंकि इसने मुझे मेहनत, आत्मविश्वास और खेल भावना का महत्व सिखाया।

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स्कूल की एक यादगार घटना

मेरा नाम आन्या सिंह है और मैं कक्षा छठी आ की छात्रा हूँ। मैं आज आप सभी को मेरी स्कूल की यादगार घटना के बारे में बताना चाहती हूँ।

कुछ दिनों पहले, स्कूल की पिकनिक हेतु महाबलेश्वर गए थे। हमारी बस की यात्रा करीब सात घंटे की थी। जब हम बस से पहाड़ी पर जा रहे थे, तब रास्ता घुमावी और मौड़ी से भरा था। पहले हम प्रतापगढ़ फॉर्ट गए, जहाँ ट्रैक गार्ड ने हमें किले का इतिहास बताया। किले पर चढ़ते समय हमने बहुत सारे बंदर देखे। जब हम ऊपर पहुँचे तो वहाँ का नजारा बहुत खूबसूरत था। मुझे किले में जाकर बहुत मजा आया। किले में जाने के बाद हम एक संग्रहालय गए जहाँ हमें शिवाजी महाराज के समय का गाँव दिखाया गया था। यहाँ भी ट्रैक गार्ड ने संग्रहालय के बारे में बताया। अंत में हम माफ़ी गार्डन गए जहाँ हम अपनी पसंद की चीज़ें खरीद सकते थे।

महाबलेश्वर का ठंडा मौसम और मेरी सहूलियों के साथ की गई मस्ती इस पिकनिक को एक यादगार अनुभव बनाती है।

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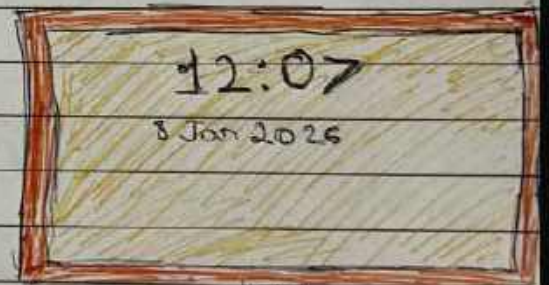
डिजिटल तकनीकी का अर्थ है कि सूचना को संसाधित करने, संग्रहित करने और प्रसारित करने के लिए इलेक्ट्रॉनिक सिस्टम, उपकरण और सॉफ्टवेयर ताकि हम संचार, डेटा विश्लेषण और डिजिटल मीडिया सकते हैं। हम इसे रोज़ टेबलेट और फोन जैसे उपकरण पर चलाते हैं।

भारत में डिजिटल तकनीकी का प्रभाव

डिजिटल तकनीकी ने इंडिया को बदल दिया और हमारे जीवन को सरल बना दिया। सभी लगभग सभी के पास आधार नामक डिजिटल आईडी है और ऐसे पूरे दूर भारी पर्स के बजाय सभी अपने फोन से यूपीआई करने लगे। लगभग 2 लाख गाँवों में तेज इंटरनेट है ताकि बच्चे ऑनलाइन पढ़ सकते हैं। इंडिया कंप्यूटर चिप्स बना रहे हैं "इंडिया आई" के मदद से ताकि अपने डॉक्टर और किसान की सहायता मिले। रेखा लगा रहा है जैसे पूरे देश को एक विशाल तकनीकी उन्नयन प्राप्त हुआ है।

भारत में डिजिटल तकनीकी के लाभ:

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- ii) वित्तीय समावेशन का बढ़ना 📈
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भारत में डिजिटल तकनीकी के चुनौतियाँ:

- i) व्यापक डिजिटल विभाजन 📊
- ii) मानसिक स्वास्थ्य पर प्रभाव ⚠️
- iii) रोजगार विस्थापन और बढ़ता ई-कचरा 🗑️

निष्कर्ष

डिजिटल तकनीकी ने भारत में सभी को जीवन को और बेहतर बना दिया। संचार, मनोरंजन, सुव्यवस्थित कार्य, स्वास्थ्य की निगरानी, आदि डिजिटल तकनीकी के पहलू हैं।

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डिजिटल इंडिया हमारे देश की एक नई पहचान है। यह उम्मा है जैसे भारत को एक जादुई चाबी मिल गई हो, जिससे हर काम तेज़ और आसान हो गया है। पहले सरकारी दफ्तरों में लंबी लाइनें लगती थीं, अब वही काम मोबाइल की स्क्रीन पर हो जाता है। गाँव का किसान मौसम की जानकारी तुरंत देख सकता है, बच्चे ऑनलाइन किताबें पढ़ सकते हैं, और घर की दाढ़ी भी बिजली का बिल फोन से भर सकती है।

यह अभियान दिखाता है कि तकनीक लोगों के जीवन को बदलने का साधन है। डिजिटल इंडिया हमें जोड़ता है, समय बचाता है। यह सिर्फ एक योजना नहीं, बल्कि एक सपना है कि हर नागरिक को बराबर सुविधा मिले।

- ~~Prithwan~~ N.

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डिजिटल इंडिया: सपनों से हकीकत तक का सफर

आज का भारत बदल रहा है।

यह बदलाव केवल इमारतों या सड़कों में ही नहीं, बल्कि हमारी उँगलियों के पोरों पर भी नज़र आता है। 'डिजिटल इंडिया' अभियान ने भारत की पुराने काम करने के तरीके को एक नया 'अपडेटेड वर्जन' दिया है।

एक 'क्लिक' से बदलती दुनिया

कभी सोचा था कि एक छोटा सा QR कोड देश के सबसे बड़े मॉल से लेकर एक छोटे से फल विक्रेता की दुकान तक की पहचान बन जाएगा? आज भारत दुनिया में डिजिटल लेनदेन का नेतृत्व कर रहा है।

'डिजिटल इंडिया' का अर्थ केवल इंटरनेट कनेक्शन नहीं, बल्कि समानता है। आज दूर-दूर के गाँवों में बैठा एक छात्र भी नेशनल डिजिटल लाइब्रेरी के ज़रिए वही किताबें पढ़ सकता है जो किसी महानगर का छात्र पढ़ता है।

शिक्षा और तकनीक का संगम

हम विद्यार्थियों के लिए डिजिटल इंडिया एक वरदान है। 'ई-पाठशाला' और दीक्षा (DIKSHA) जैसे मंचों ने हमारी कक्षाओं की सीमाओं को तोड़ दिया है।

अब ज्ञान सिर्फ चारदीवारी में कैद नहीं है, बल्कि यह हमारे स्मार्टफोन और लैपटॉप के ज़रिए हर समय हमारे साथ है।

चुनौतियां और हमारी जिम्मेदारी

जहाँ तकनीक हमें शक्ति देती है, वहीं यह जिम्मेदारी भी लाती है। 'डिजिटल' होने का मतलब केवल सोशल मीडिया का उपयोग करना नहीं, बल्कि साइबर सुरक्षा के प्रति जागरूक होना और तकनीक का उपयोग अपनी रचनात्मकता बढ़ाने के लिए करना है।

निष्कर्ष

डिजिटल इंडिया एक नई सुबह है—एक ऐसे भारत की जहाँ सुविधा और गति का मेल है। आइए, हम इस 'न्यू इंडिया' के डिजिटल नागरिक बनें और अपनी सोच को तकनीक के साथ जोड़कर देश को नई ऊँचायों पर ले जाएं।

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दुनिया में टेक्नोलॉजी बहुत तेजी से आगे बढ़ रही है और इसने हमारी जिंदगी के कई पहलुओं को बदल दिया है। हम मुख्य रूप से अपने मोबाइल फोन और कंप्यूटर का इस्तेमाल बातचीत करने और मैसेज के लिए करते हैं। व्हाट्सएप, मैसेंजर और ईमेल इसके आसान तरीके हैं। इन ऐप्स के जरिए हम लोगों को काल कर सकते हैं और वीडियो कॉल का इस्तेमाल करके ऐसा महसूस कर सकते हैं जैसे हम आसल जिंदगी में आमने-सामने बात कर रहे हों। पहले हमें ऑफिस में चिट्ठियाँ भेजनी पड़ती थी और उन्हें पहुंचाने में कई दिन लगते थे, लेकिन अब हम सिर्फ एक काल या मैसेज में लोगों से तुरंत संपर्क कर सकते हैं।

शिक्षा और पढ़ाई में भी टेक्नोलॉजी का बड़ा योगदान है। अब युवा घर बैठे ऑनलाइन क्लास अटेंड कर सकते हैं। वीडियो लिंक पर क्लिक करें और क्लास जॉइन कर लें। डिजिटल नोट्स, ई-लर्निंग ऐप्स और ऑनलाइन परीक्षा ने शिक्षा को आसान आसान और सुलभ बना दिया है। खासकर ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में। हेल्थकेयर के क्षेत्र में भी टेक्नोलॉजी ने क्रांति ला दी है। टेलीमेडिसिन और हेल्थ ऐप्स से हम अपने स्वास्थ्य की जानकारी घर बैठे प्राप्त कर सकते हैं। डिजिटल मेडिकल रिकार्ड और स्वास्थ्य सलाह से इलाज और सुरक्षित हो गया है। रोजगार और स्किल डेवलपमेंट भी डिजिटल इंडिया से प्रभावित हुए हैं। कौशल कंटेंट क्रिज और ऑनलाइन प्रीलाइनिंग जैसे नए विकल्पों से लोग वर्क फ्रॉम होम के जरिए घर पर रहते हुए काम कर सकते हैं।

आज मैंने ट्रांसफर करना भी बहुत आसान हो गया है।
 बस कुछ क्लिक करने होते हैं और एक लेखित रकम तुरंत
 ट्रांसफर हो जाती है। पहले हमें हर जैन-डेन के लिए
 अपने पास नकदी रखनी पड़ती थी। इसी तरह कई
 तकनीक से हम कुछ ही मिनटों में खाना या घर
 के सामान ऑर्डर कर सकते हैं, जो बहुत कम समय
 में हमारे घर पहुंच जाता है। पहले इसके लिए दुकान पर
 जाकर सामान खरीदना, पैक करवाना और घर वापस
 आना पड़ता था जिसमें घंटों लग जाते थे।

मनोरंजन के लिए लोग नेटफ्लिक्स, जियोसिनेमा
 और यूट्यूब जैसे ऐप्स का इस्तेमाल करते हैं। पहले
 लोग मनोरंजन के लिए राष्ट्रीय टीवी चैनल देखते थे।

जिन पर बहुत कम कार्यक्रम आते थे, परिकल्पित पढ़ते थे,
 यहाँ तक कि फिल्में देखने के लिए सिनेमाघरों में भी
 जाते थे। बेशक हम आज भी ये सब करते हैं लेकिन अब
 यह बहुत आसान हो गया है, कई फिल्म उपलब्ध हैं और
 गुणवत्ता में काफी सुधार हुआ है। आजकल बच्चे और बड़े
 गार्दनक्राफ्ट, फोटोनाइट और वैंडोरेंट जैसे कंप्यूटर गेम
 खेलकर अपना समय बिताने हैं, जबकि पहले बड़े-कुछों
 पकड़न-पकड़ाई और लुका-छिपी जैसे खेल खेलते थे।

सरकार भी आधुनिक तकनीक का इस्तेमाल कर रही है
 ताकि नागरिकों तक सेवाएँ आसानी से पहुंचें। डिजिटल
 ई-आधार और अन्य ऑनलाइन सेवाओं में लोगों का
 समर्थन और महत्त्व बढ़ाई है। आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस और
 स्मार्टफोन को सभी के लिए सुलभ बना दिया है, जिससे
 हमारी जिंदगी पहले से कहीं अधिक सहज हो गई है।



डिजिटल इंडिया



डिजिटल इंडिया भारत सरकार की एक महत्वपूर्ण योजना है। इसका उद्देश्य देश को तकनीक की मदद से आगे बढ़ाना है। आज इंटरनेट और मोबाइल से कई काम आसान हो गए हैं।

डिजिटल इंडिया से शिक्षा में सुधार हुआ है। छात्र ऑनलाइन कक्षाओं से पढ़ाई कर सकते हैं। बैंकिंग और बिल भुगतान भी अब ऑनलाइन होते हैं।

इस योजना से समय और पैसे की बचत होती है। हमें डिजिटल तकनीक का सही उपयोग करना चाहिए।



-Ronav

मोबाइल फोन

आज के समय में अगर किसी चीज़ के बिना जीवन अधूरा लगता है, तो वह है मोबाइल फ़ोन। सुबह के अलार्म से लेकर देर रात तक चैटिंग, इन सभी में मोबाइल का उपयोग करना शामिल है। लगभग 7 अरब लोग मोबाइल फोन का उपयोग करते हैं।

मोबाइल फोन के फायदे :

मोबाइल फोन ने संचार को बहुत आसान बना दिया है। हम सेकंडों में अपने दोस्तों और रिश्तेदारों से बात कर सकते हैं, चाहे वे कितनी भी दूर हों। मोबाइल से बैंकिंग, शॉपिंग, टिकट बुकिंग और जानकारी प्राप्त करना भी सरल हो गया है। इसके अलावा, उनका उपयोग ऐप्स, ई-पुस्तकों के माध्यम से ऑनलाइन शिक्षा के लिए किया जा सकता है, और सीखने को बेहतर बनाया जा सकता है।

मोबाइल फोन के नुकसान :

ज़्यादा मोबाइल इस्तेमाल करने से आँखों में दर्द, सिरदर्द और नींद की समस्या हो सकती है। जब बच्चे मोबाइल फोन का इस्तेमाल करते हैं तो उनका ध्यान इतना भटक जाता है कि वे काम और परिवार के बारे में भूल जाते हैं।

मोबाइल फोन एक शक्तिशाली उपकरण है, लेकिन इसके गलत उपयोग से यह समस्या पैदा कर सकता है। इसका सही तरीके से इस्तेमाल करें तभी अच्छा होगा।

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खामोशी भी कुछ कहती है

जब शब्द साथ छोड़ देते हैं, तब खामोशी बोलने लगती है। हर इंसान अपनी ज़िंदगी में कभी न कभी खामोश हो जाता है, लेकिन यह कमजोरी नहीं होती। कई बार यह सोचने, समझने और खुद को संभालने का तरीका होती है।

हमारे आसपास कई तरह की खामोशियाँ होती हैं—किसी माँ की चिंता भरी चुप्पी, किसी दोस्त का अचानक कम बोलना, या कक्षा में बैठे उस विद्यार्थी का मौन। ये खामोशी भीतर चल रहे संघर्ष और सोच का संकेत होती है। आज की तेज़ रफ्तार ज़िंदगी में हम बोलने में तो आगे हैं, पर सुनने में पीछे रह गए हैं। कई बार एक शांत उपस्थिति, बिना कुछ कहे, सामने वाले को यह एहसास दिला देती है कि वह अकेला नहीं है।

इसलिए ज़रूरी है कि हम हर खामोशी को समझने की कोशिश करें। क्योंकि जब कोई खामोश है, तो वह केवल मौन नहीं रखता—वह अपनी कहानी, अपनी भावना, और कभी-कभी अपने दिल की सच्चाई भी कह देता है।

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२४वीं सदी की कल्पना

मेरी यह कल्पना है कि २४वीं सदी तक इतने प्रौद्योगिक बदलाव आजाएंगे कि सड़क, होटल, घर, कार्यालयों आदि हर जगह तनिक दिखेगी। इससे मनुष्य की जिंदगी आसान और बेहतर होगी।

मानव जीवन में खाद्य प्रतिकृति (food replicator) अभिन्न हिस्सा बन जाएगा। कोई भी व्यंजन या पेय तुरंत तैयार हो जाएगा। लोग खाना नहीं बनाएंगे। इस कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता के साथ, हर घर एवं कार्यालय में टेलीपोर्टर रहेंगे। ये मनुष्य को घर से यहीं और या कहीं और से घर चुटकी में पहुंचा देगा, बस पता याद होना चाहिए।

लेकिन जब तक जिंदगी में मनोरंजन नहीं होगा तब तक मजा कहाँ आएगा। इसके कारण, मेरा विश्वास है कि समाक के लिए, इ होलोग्राफिक मशीन का निर्माण होगा जिसे उपयोग सिर्फ मनोरंजन के लिए ही ही नहीं बल्कि गतिविधियाँ, शिक्षा एवं अपने वृद्धि के लिए भी किया जा सकता है। इस मशीन में सच्चाई अथवा कृत्रिम में कोई अंतर नहीं होगा। इस मशीन का उपयोग डॉक्टर शल्यचिकित्सा के अभ्यास के लिए प्रयोग कर सकते हैं, वैज्ञानिक कई महंगे और खतरनाक प्रयोग कर सकते हैं अथवा विद्यार्थी नई माध्यम से विषयो को आसानी से सीख सकते हैं।

इसके अलावा एंड्राइड धीरे धीरे मनुष्य के जीवन का एक अभिन्न हिस्सा निभाएंगे, उदाहरण - कई अंतरिक्ष यात्रा में सहायता, कई विश्व समस्याओं के लिए अनोखे समाधान या सिर्फ मनुष्य का एक दोस्त रहना। एंड्राइड के साथ कई तकनीकी बदलाव होंगे, जैसे

रॉकेट्स जो प्रकाश की गति से भी तेज चले और स्कैनर्स जो प्रकाशवर्ष दूर आसानी से देख पाए।

इसके साथ मेरा मानना है कि स्वास्थ्य सेवा उद्योग में ऐसे औषधियाँ का आविष्कार जो टूटी हड्डी या एक गहरे घाव को चुटकियों में ठीक कर दे जिससे सबके लिए इलाज तेज़ एवं सस्ता हो जाएगा।

अंत में मैं यह कहना चाहूंगा कि पिछले ५ सालों में जो क्रांतिकारी तकनीकी एवं प्रौद्योगिक बदलाव हुए, उससे मुझे यह विश्वास है कि २४वीं सदी में मेरी कल्पना की उड़ान सच्चाई में बदल कर रहेगी। सच ही हमारे प्यारे पूर्व राष्ट्रपति और महान वैज्ञानिक डॉ ए.पी.जे अब्दुल कलाम ने कहा है “इससे पहले कि सपने सच हों, आपको सपने देखने होंगे” ।

ARTICLE OF HONOR

By Umesh Sir. HOD Marathi. CIE. Podar



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आज बेंदराचा सण हाय. मी तेलाच्या वाटीत थोडी हळद घेतली अन् गोठ्यात गेले. 'हावश्या' आमचा बैल आता थकला होता. त्याला नीट चालता येत नव्हतं. मला गोठ्यात बघताच त्यानं मान हलवली. वर्शीडाला तेल - हळद लावताना त्याच्या डोळ्यातनं अश्रू वाहत होते. मला क्षणात सगळं आठवायला लागलं; जणू काय कालच घडलंय. आज बरोबर दहा वर्षांपूर्वी असाच बेंदराचा सण होता. दोन वर्षांचा दुष्काळ अन् त्यातच माझ्या नवऱ्यानं (म्हादबानं) सावकाराचं कर्ज घेतलं. शेतीत पाणी पुरना म्हणून आम्हाला विहीर आणखी खाली खोदायची होती. दुष्काळात सावकाराचं कर्ज फेडता आलं नाही. त्यानं घरावर जप्ती आणली. बेंदराच्याच दिवशी हावश्याची मिरवणूक सगळ्या गावातून काढली. सावकार घरावरच्या जप्तीला घरी आला. मोठा तमाशाच झाला. रात्रीचा नवरा गुपचुप रानात गेला. पहाटे शेजारच्या गण्याने दारावर येऊन बॉब मारली. नवऱ्याने परिस्थितीला हारून झाडाला गळफास लाऊन घेतला होता. मला हार मानून चालणार नव्हतं. विधवा सासू, माझा पोरगा 'शिदू' माझ्याकडं आस लाऊन बसली होती.

मला साथ दिली ती माझा बैल हावश्यानं. कधीच आराम न करता किसनकाकाच्या बैलाबरोबर पैरा करून अनेकांची शेती केली. संसाराचा बोजा वडला. माणसांच्या नजरा मस्त काळजाचं पाणी करायच्या; पण काय करणार! दादा, काका म्हणून परिस्थिती मारून न्हेली. सासुनं जमल तेवढी मदत केली. संसाराची ठिगळ जोडता जोडता केस पिकलं. आता शिदू मोठा झाला, म्हणलं नुकरीला लागला म्हंजी मरायला रिकामी. परवा आला अन् म्हणतुया, "बैल म्हातारा झाला, त्याला काम होत नाही. मला नोकरी लागायला पैसे पाहिजेत, ह्या म्हाताऱ्या बैलाचा काय

उपयोग? त्याला विकू." मी म्हणलं, "आरं मुडद्या! बाप मेल्यावर सगळा संसार याने वडला कधी तक्रार नाही केली अन् त्याला म्हातारा झाल्यावर ईकायला चाल्लास. आता मी म्हातारी झाली. माझ्या नरड्यावर सूरी फिरीव. माझ्या बैलाला हात न्हाय लावायचा. हितनं फूडं मी समजीन मला पोरगा नव्हताच."

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