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TOWARDS
A
HOPE-FILLED
FUTURE



The Editorial

Another fabulous year has gone by, with achievements that soared and spirits high,
Moments of growth, of grit and grace, reflected in every eager eye.
With Nursery expansion and new spaces rising anew,
Fr. Brunner Block—with its rooms for care and guidance—came into view.

To the canvas of learning, we added innovation and flair,
With debates, elocutions, quizzes—talented minds everywhere.
Science Fair, Computer Modelling, Vincent's Venture—new ideas taking shape,
Eco Club endeavours by students to improve the surrounding landscape.

The field echoed with triumph, a moment bold and supreme,
The RIKLIN Cup in football—a long-cherished dream.
From judo to karate, from chess and hockey to basketball,
In athletics, archery, boxing—our students excelled in all.

Seminars and trainings shaped minds, steady and wise,
Guiding young hearts to reflect and to rise.
Annual Day and Prize Distributions celebrated merit and might,
Where academics, sports, and creativity were the highlight.

We bid farewell to those who have moved ahead, leaving a legacy behind,
And to X and XII, we send forth with blessings, to grow and shine.
As we close this chapter, enjoy the holidays, rest and unwind,
We'll meet again next academic year, with renewed energy and mind.

We invite you, dear reader, to journey through all we have done,
Towards a hope-filled future—this story has just begun.



From the
Principal's Desk

*Towards a
hope-filled future*



On Christmas Eve 1971, Juliane Koepcke, a 17-year-old girl, miraculously survived the crash of Lansa Flight 508 into the Amazon rainforest. Injured, alone, and surrounded by devastation, she faced hunger, thirst, and fear. In that critical moment, she remembered her father's advice: if lost in the rainforest, look for running water and follow it. Streams lead to rivers, and rivers eventually lead to human settlements.

Holding on to this practical wisdom, Juliane found a small stream after a couple of days of searching and followed it for eleven long days through dangerous terrain, sustained only by a few candies. Her courage and determination led her to safety. Later, she completed her studies, published her research on tropical ecology, and dedicated her life to scientific service. Her life stands as a testimony to resilience, clarity of thought, and the power of timely action.

Juliane's story is a powerful reminder that hope is not passive wishful thinking. True hope is rooted in reflection, strengthened by experience, and expressed through courageous action. It calls us to move forward even when circumstances seem overwhelming. Hope demands trust — trust in the wisdom we have received and trust in our own ability to act.

With this spirit, our school embraces the theme “Towards a Hope-Filled Future.” Through academics, co-curricular activities, assemblies, and publications, we strive to form students who are God-fearing, confident, and resilient. We aim to nurture young minds who think critically, act decisively, and live joyfully.

Together, we teach them to be competent, to exercise their conscience, to be compassionate towards all, and to be committed to everything that promotes life and reject everything that hampers humanity's journey towards its fullness. We accompany them to dare lofty dreams, to do righteous deeds, and to win the crown of true glory. In doing so, we walk together toward a truly hope-filled future.

*Fr. Titus Thangaraj SJ,
Principal*

HONOURING THE HSC BOARD TOPPERS 2025



Science Stream

1 st in College -	Sarah Parekh	- 93.33%
	Shruti Pitkar	- 93.33%
2 nd in College-	Clayton Dcunha	- 91.33%
3 rd in College -	Pratiksha Pawar	- 90.67%

Commerce Stream

1 st in College -	Shreya Ghadge	- 92.5%
2 nd in College-	Disha Girgaonkar	- 90.5%
3 rd in College -	Devika Choudhary	- 89.5%

HONOURING THE SSC BOARD TOPPERS 2025



1 st in School:	Ishaan Lokhande	- 98.80%
2 nd in School:	Vikrant Mulay	- 97.40%
3 rd in School - Shared by:	Lakshit Patel	- 95.20%
	Anish Malvadkar	- 95.20%
	Kaivalya Pingale	- 95.20%

Congratulations

on your incredible achievement.

**Your hard work truly
paid off and is an inspiration
to others.**



Steps to Success: Stories of the Toppers



Clayton Dcunha

When I entered 11th grade, it felt like stepping onto a big stage—excited, nervous, and unsure of what to expect. Everything was new: classrooms, teaching styles, and faces. It was uncomfortable at first, but slowly I adapted, made friends, understood my teachers, and found my rhythm.

I attended college regularly, not just for academics but to experience everything. The teachers' notes were so clear that textbooks felt unnecessary. The Practicals stood out the most—filled with rush, pressure, and excitement as we worked to finish on time and get our journals signed. Those stressful moments are now some of my fondest memories.

Exams brought their share of stress and seriousness. I still remember the tension during the first terminal exam—we all felt the pressure and understood the level of these tests, so we pushed ourselves to work harder. Then came the prelims, the semifinals of our big show. I decided to give my best and test myself before the grand finale. But when the results were announced, I realized I was falling short and wouldn't make the cut. That became my turning point. I gave it everything I had—worked harder, stayed focused, and made every day count. Thankfully, it all paid off.

Looking back, I feel proud. Securing second place wasn't my initial goal, but once it became one, I worked for it. Finishing strong after 14 years means a lot. It's not just about ranks, but growth, consistency, and learning.

As this chapter ends, I thank my teachers for their guidance, my friends for their support and memories, and my parents for their constant belief in me. This place has been a huge part of my life, and I'm grateful for every moment.



Pratiksha Pawar

As I reflect on my 12th-grade year, I realize it was a transformative period that shaped my academic, personal, and professional journey. It was more than just a year of studies; it was a time of self-discovery, friendship, and building the foundation for my future.

I struggled to express myself fluently in English, which affected my confidence in class discussions. Determined to improve, I made a conscious effort to practice speaking. I was fortunate to have friends who motivated and encouraged me to step out of my comfort zone. With their support, I built confidence and developed a growth mindset.

The discipline and structure of college helped me develop a routine and stay focused on my goals. The rules and expectations taught me the value of punctuality, hard work, and responsibility. Setting specific goals and tracking my progress kept me motivated and committed. Though my 12th-grade journey has ended, its impact will remain with me, shaping the person I am becoming.



Sarah Parekh

11th flew by, and soon the “wonderful gift” of passing brought me to 12th grade—often called the year of terror. Yet, to my surprise, I don't think I've ever enjoyed studying as much as I did during these two years.

From the start, it was clear that 12th was no joke. I woke up at 6:00 a.m. every day with one goal—integration. Since I had always been weak in Math, I decided not just to improve, but to excel, especially in calculus. Today, I can proudly say that we love Math, and integration holds a special place in our hearts.

I never believed in sacrificing sleep for grades. I ensured 7–8 hours of rest and limited social media to 10–15 minutes a day, proving that time management is the ultimate weapon. Taking breaks was equally important—my 15-minute naps (sometimes slightly longer!) were refreshing. Playing the keyboard and working out helped me relieve stress and stay balanced.

I prepared to-do lists every night, breaking tasks into small topics rather than chapters. Checking them off gave me a sense of accomplishment and motivation. Techniques like the Feynman method, the blurt method for active recall, and the Pomodoro technique helped me stay focused and overcome procrastination.

Our teachers supported us immensely during board preparation. Despite the pressure to complete the syllabus, they

ensured we had all the right tools to succeed. Dedication and discipline are essential—not just to survive the year, but to truly learn. The year is challenging, but it becomes easier when you enjoy the process rather than focus only on the result. As said in *Atomic Habits*, “Anyone can work hard when they feel motivated; it's the ability to keep going when work isn't exciting that makes a difference.”



Shruti Pitkar

“Plan and execute.” It sounds like a battlefield strategy—and that's exactly what Standard 12th feels like. A battlefield where board and competitive exams rage from January to June. The 6–8 months before this battle are a journey—packed with learning, hard work, and rigorous practice.

This journey taught me valuable lessons about discipline, perseverance, and the true value of knowledge. In the first month of preparation, I realized that studying without a plan only increased my stress. I needed structure. So, I began setting weekly—and sometimes daily—goals aligned with the college syllabus. There were days I couldn't complete everything, but the mindset of “doing better than yesterday” kept me moving forward. Following my teachers' guidance, focusing on core concepts and their application became essential.

Beyond academics, maintaining my health was equally important. I spent 10–15 minutes each morning practicing yoga. Reading, my favourite hobby, became a stress reliever whenever I found a few spare minutes. Discussing difficult topics with friends and helping one another strengthened both our understanding and our bond.

This journey prepared me well for the six-month battle and helped me grow in every aspect of life. For that, I am deeply grateful to my parents, teachers, and friends for their constant support. I would like to conclude with this: “Give your best, and God will do the rest!”



Ishaan Lokhande

For me, Standard 10 did not begin when school reopened in June 2024, but in January of that year. With the textbooks of Standard 10 already stacked on my study table, I knew how I would spend the next year and a half.

First, I carefully studied the syllabus to gain a clear idea of what lay ahead. I then organised my timetable, giving sufficient time to studies as well as other activities. Starting early and following a proper timetable allowed me to pursue my hobbies and sports without pressure or stress. As a result, I performed well in both academics and extracurricular activities.

I stuck to my plan and studied regularly — not just before exams. However, this would not have been possible without the guidance of my teachers. With their support, I completed my syllabus and focused on the most important phase of preparation: revision and practice. I solved many previous years' question papers, which helped me manage lengthy papers within the given time limit.

During the exams, I remained calm and trusted my preparation. Looking back, I realise that consistent hard work and planning truly paid off. I strongly advise students to stay away from social media and smartphones, or at least minimise their use during this crucial year. In conclusion, an early start is the best strategy. It makes the syllabus manageable, reduces stress, and makes the board exam feel like any other school test.



Kaivalya Pingale

Finding Balance: My Journey Through X Grade : Looking back at X grade, I found it to be a year packed with both challenges and rewarding experiences. As the homework and expectations increased, I realized the importance of keeping a steady routine. Starting my day with studies and setting aside time each evening for sports practice helped me remain focused and ensured I could enjoy both academics and extracurriculars.

Of course, there were some tough days, like facing exam pressures or feeling disappointed after losing a match. In these moments, I learned how valuable it is to ask teachers questions, study with friends, and lean on family support. Taking

short breaks—a walk outside, listening to music, or chatting with family—made a big difference in reducing stress. Staying organized with a planner meant I never missed deadlines for assignments or sports events.

I also started to concentrate more on my personal progress instead of comparing myself to others, and celebrating even the small achievements kept me motivated. Challenges, whether in the classroom or on the field, taught me to be patient and to keep pushing forward. For those in the classes below, my advice is to create a routine that allows you to balance studies and hobbies, and to remember that asking for help is a strength, not a weakness. Progress takes time, so stay steady and keep believing in yourself, even when you hit setbacks—they are just a part of growing and reaching your goals.



Lakshit Patel

“Push yourself, because there is no one else to do it for you.” - Anonymous. My 10th Standard journey was like the stock market — never stable! Sometimes bullish, sometimes bearish. Just like in the market, analysis and consistency lead to success. Class 10 was full of ups and downs, but perseverance truly is the key.

My journey began right after the completion of the Class 9 annual examinations. The pressure started early with extra classes and rising expectations. Like every teenager, I experienced many changes — maturity, peer influence, and growing responsibilities. Initially, I did not begin studying seriously during the vacation, but once school reopened, I decided not to take academics lightly. I planned my schedule carefully while also participating in school competitions and activities.

In Class 10, there is constant attention from parents and relatives. It feels like a “do or die” year. However, I learned to handle pressure calmly. Reading books became my strength, and the school library was a treasure for me. Historical and philosophical books helped me stay focused and curious.

I did not join any coaching classes. Instead, I relied on self-study and the guidance of my teachers. Weekends were dedicated to Mathematics, and each weekday was planned for different subjects. At the same time, I balanced sports like cricket and basketball, along with indoor games with family to relieve stress.

From Christmas vacation onwards, I focused seriously on revision for prelims and boards. As exams approached, nervousness increased, but my teachers supported me throughout. Their guidance ensured I never felt alone in this journey. I would conclude by telling my juniors: Have faith in yourself. Nothing is difficult in Class 10 if you stay consistent and sincere. Work hard, stay disciplined, and success will follow.



Vikrant Mulay

I had always considered the tenth standard as the “tense standard” — a vast portion to complete in a short time, ending with a full-portion Board exam. It overwhelmed me at first, so I decided to begin preparing just a few days after my ninth standard exams were over. I had never joined tuition classes before, and I wasn't comfortable starting in Standard Ten either. Thankfully, my parents supported self-study and never pressured me. I began with Science and Maths in April, setting realistic goals — just one chapter per week. This plan helped me complete most of the portion by the Diwali vacations. I carefully studied the textbooks, made my own notes, and practised Maths regularly. Unit and Terminal exams helped me assess my preparation. I am grateful to my teachers for their passionate teaching and constant encouragement.

At the same time, I never gave up extracurricular activities. As I am passionate about music, I continued my Piano and Drum classes. Balancing studies and music turned out to be one of my best decisions, as it helped relieve stress and kept me motivated.

After Diwali, I focused on solving model and previous years' question papers, which greatly improved my confidence and time management. By the time the Board exams arrived, I felt well-prepared without feeling burdened. My biggest takeaway from this journey is that maintaining a balance between studies and free time is essential — not just for good results, but also for peace of mind.

Sports Achievements

The Riklin Cup A HISTORIC REVIVAL AND AN ICONIC VICTORY



The Riklin Cup, a prestigious football fixture contested solely between St. Vincent's and Loyola High School, was revived on 11th December 2025 at Loyola High School after a hiatus of more than three decades. Far from being just a match, the Riklin Cup symbolizes a legendary rivalry between the two Jesuit "brother schools," united in values yet uncompromising in competition.

Named in honour of Fr. Riklin, a Swiss Jesuit priest and staunch advocate of sports as a means of character building, the Cup was instituted to foster camaraderie while encouraging excellence and the Jesuit ideal of being "men for others." Fr. Riklin served as Principal of St. Vincent's, Pune from 1929 to 1950 and was among the longest-serving members of the Jesuit Society, dedicating 76 years of service. He also played a pivotal role in expanding the institution and nurturing the now-renowned Fr. Riklin Band, which fittingly played the National Anthem before the match.

The 2025 final was nothing short of electrifying. The atmosphere was charged with powerful chants and enthusiastic supporters from both teams, echoing decades of rivalry and pride. Loyola began with a formidable defensive strategy, but in the second half, St. Vincent's shifted to a high-press game that turned the tide. With determination, endurance, and months of rigorous training behind them, Vincent's broke through.

When the final whistle blew, the scoreboard read 2–1 in favour of St. Vincent's. The moment brought immense relief after sheer exhaustion, followed by thunderous applause and scenes of unbelievable joy. Supporters rushed onto the field to greet the winners as emotions ran high. On their return, the St. Vincent's team was welcomed by the entire school community, and the iconic victory was celebrated with resounding cheers for the champions.

Beyond the win, the match symbolised the revival of a cherished tradition — a rivalry fierce on the field yet grounded in lasting friendship off it. The successful revival of the Riklin Cup was made possible through the efforts of the Principals, Fr. Nelton (Loyola) and Fr. Titus (St. Vincent's), along with the alumni associations VOBA and ELAN, who ensured that this historic tradition would once again inspire future generations.

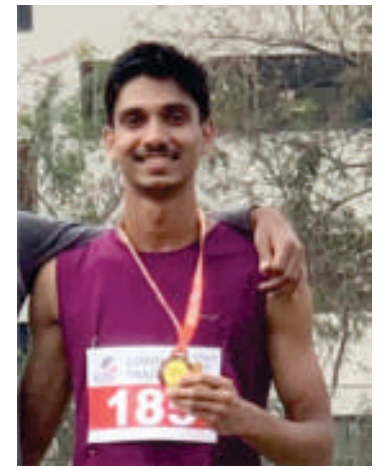
The Riklin Cup remains more than just a game — it is a legacy of spirit, sportsmanship, and brotherhood.



Anushka Madane of 12th standard U-19 won 1st place in ZP tournaments, 2nd place in Divisional Tournaments, 2nd place in State Matches and got selected for Nationals held at Manipur.



Nathan Dsouza (11A) secured 2nd place in long jump and 3rd place in 200m at ZP Athletics. At the Loyola TRAC76 Meet, he won 1st in long jump, 2nd in 200m and 3rd in 100m.



Swajit Kotwal of 12C secured 3rd place in the 100m run at the PDAA Championships. Secured 2nd place in the 100m and the 200m run at the ZP Athletics championships. And won the 100m run at the Loyola TRAC76 tournament.



Shreenath Dhumal secured 3rd place in the 110m Hurdles and won 1st place in 400m Hurdles at the ZP Championships, and won 1st place in the 400m and 3rd place in 200m at the Loyola TRAC76 Meet.



Jasveer Singh Oberoi of Std. IX received a Gold medal in Long Jump and Silver medal in 200m run at the Pune District Athletic Championship and got 3rd in Long Jump at the Loyola TRAC76 meet.



Arnav Kamble secured the second place in Shot put U-14 at the All India Athletic Federation, District Level

The U-14 4x100 Relay Team secured 3rd place in the 63rd State School Games.





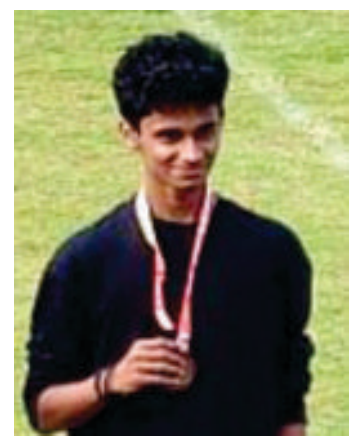
Joel Cherian got 2nd place in High Jump and Long Jump and 3rd in 4x100relay in School game State championships & represented Maharashtra at the 63rd School Games federation of India



The U-17 4x100 Relay team won 1st place at the Loyola TRAC76 Meet.



The U-14 4x100m relay team won 1st place in the Loyola TRAC76 Athletics meet



Ved Chavan (11C) secured 2nd place in 110m Hurdles at PDAA Championships and 1st place in 100m Run & 110m Hurdles at ZP and Divisional levels. He also won 1st place in 100m, 200m and 110m Hurdles at the Loyola TRAC76 meet.



The U-17 4x100m relay team secured 2nd place in the Divisional Championships.



The U-17 4x400 relay team secured 3rd place in the Divisional Championships.



Both the U-17 boys 4x400 relay teams won 1st and 2nd place in the Loyola TRAC76 athletic meet



The U-18 Medley Team secured 3rd place in the PDAAA Championships.



Adlin Dacruz secured 2nd place in 400m Hurdles at the ZP Championships and also secured 2nd place in 400m run and in 110m Hurdles at the Loyola TRAC76 Meet.



Vedha Shinde Std XI Secured 2nd Place at State Level Boxing Tournament. She also won 1st place at district boxing tournaments securing the award of the 'most promising boxer'.



The U-19 boys Basketball Team secured 1st place at the Carmelvenza Event



The U-17 Boys Basketball Team secured 3rd place in the Nirmitee event



The U-19 girls Basketball Team secured 1st place at the Carmelvenza Event



The U-14 boys Basketball Team secured 1st place in the Sakal Tournament



Tirth Kodre 5D Chess District Competition U 11 1st Place



An alumnus of St. Vincent's High School proudly represents India as Vice-Captain in Lacrosse, contributing to the nation's historic gold medal victory at the Asian Lacrosse Games.



Aary Anup Dhotre secured first place in India's first Open water kids triathlon which is held at Andra Dam 100m swim, 2 km cycling and 1.5km run



The U-16 boys Football team won the Sakal Tournament.



Rajvardhan Shitole, winner of State level Judo Competition



The U-16 boys Football Team secured Runners up position in Lokmat Tournamet



Suyash Makhijani Secured a Silver Medal at the Super 8 Kata Talent Championship (U-12), organized by the Karate Sports & Welfare Association of Thane.



The U-12 boys Football team won the St. Vincents Junior League 2025-26



Allen Rajmani participated in Boxing



Aary Dhotre secured 2nd place in State level Aquathon 200 m swim and 1 km run



The U-14 boys Football Team won the Loyola Invitational Cup



The U-17 boys Football Team secured 3rd place in ZP Divisions



Hockey Mens Junior World cup Tamil Nadu 2025



U 12 Winners at The Fr. Schoch Hockey Tournament



U 12 Winners of St. Vincents Jr. League



U 19 Girls Second Runners Up at ZP



Vivaan Pawar secured First Rank in Soft Tennis U- 14 ZP. He also played till Semi- Finals in Lawn Tennis U-14 ZP



The U-12, 4 x 100m Relay Team won the Bronze Medal at the State Level Sub-Junior Championship held at Kopergaon, Ahilyanagar, in December 2025.



Pranav Pardeshi secured 3rd place in 800m at the Loyola TRAC76 Meet



U-14 First Runner-Up at ZP, Hockey Tournament



U-14 First Runner-Up at Fr. Schoch Memorial Hockey Tournament

NURSERY ANNUAL DAY 2024-25

The Nursery boys showcased their talent and learning at their Annual Variety Programme held on Friday, 7th March 2025, in the Gulati Hall. The programme began with the welcoming of the Principal of St. Vincent's High School, Fr. Titus Thangaraj, S.J., and the Supervisor of St. Vincent's Primary School, Mrs. V. Cabral. This was followed by invoking God's blessings through the lighting of the lamp and a prayer dance. As the name suggests, the programme featured a power-packed variety of performances, including dances, recitation, singing, and action songs by the young boys. Some of the highlights included the enactment of popular nursery rhymes such as *Old McDonald*, *Five Little Ducks*, and *Ten Little Indians*, and the event concluded with the all-time favourite, foot-tapping numbers *Dance and Freeze* and *The Birdie Dance*.

The vibrant backdrop and brightly coloured costumes added to the splendour of the event. The young performers presented an enthralling show under the guidance and dedicated efforts of the Nursery staff, which was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by their parents.





H O L I CELEBRATION



A special assembly on the theme of Holi was planned and conducted in Marathi on 13th March 2025 by the students of Class II-D. Under the guidance of their Marathi teacher, Mrs. A. Pawar, the students spoke confidently about the different ways in which Holi is celebrated across various states of India. The assembly began with a Marathi prayer seeking God's blessings for all, followed by a hymn that highlighted the value of humanity.

The students enhanced the festive spirit by dressing in colourful Indian attire. The Supervisor appreciated the assembly and commented positively on the efforts of both the teacher and the students.



Std. 4 conducted the Farewell Assembly on 27th March 2025, based on the theme *Reach for the Stars*. The theme reminded the students that no dream is too big and no goal is too far when one believes in oneself and works with determination. Just like the stars in the sky, each student shines in a unique way, and together they form a bright and beautiful constellation. To express this idea, the boys recited the poem *Reach for the Stars*.

They then sought God's guidance and blessings for their journey ahead and offered thanks for the memorable years spent in the Primary Section. The boys also sang a hymn and performed an action song to express their gratitude to those who have guided, supported, and helped them grow—their teachers. As a token of appreciation, the students of Std 4 presented a small gift to the teachers.

The assembly concluded with inspiring and encouraging words from the Principal, Rev. Fr. Titus SJ.



ST. XAVIER'S NURSERY - YELLOW AND ORANGE DAY

The boys at St. Xavier's Nursery celebrated Yellow and Orange Day on Tuesday, 1st April 2025, to welcome the summer season. Dressed in brightly coloured yellow and orange T-shirts, shirts, and sun caps, the children enthusiastically sang songs highlighting the two colours. They took part in creative craft activities based on yellow and orange and later enjoyed the colour-themed snacks sent by their parents. The celebration created a cheerful and vibrant atmosphere, allowing the young learners to experience the joy of colours through fun and creativity.



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MAHARASHTRA DAY CELEBRATION

On 1st May 2025, a special assembly was held in the school quadrangle at 8:30 a.m. to mark the occasion of Maharashtra Day. The assembly began with the hoisting of the national flag, followed by the National Anthem, the recitation of the Preamble, and the Rajya Geet. A short prayer was read, after which students delivered speeches in English and Marathi. The principal conveyed good wishes to all on Maharashtra Day as well as Labour Day. The assembly concluded with the school anthem, played by the brass band.



“The future belongs to those who learn more skills and combine them in creative ways.” — Robert Greene

From 2nd to 19th June, over 50 students stepped into the Kothari Lab for a transformative course that blended coding with confidence. The Computer Modelling Program, supported by alumni and led by experts from Udaipur, offered hands-on sessions in AI, Node-RED, JavaScript, HTML, and more.

Structured into four dynamic phases, the course focused not only on technical learning but also on presentation, communication, and daily idea-sharing. The students did not just build models; they built self-belief.

A notable highlight of the program was the visit of benefactor Mr. Prashant Nagar, who flew in from the United States to observe the students' progress. His presence served as an encouraging reminder of the impact that trust and support can have on young learners.

With its successful completion, the initiative is expected to return and expand in the coming years. At St. Vincent's, the aim is not only to prepare students for the future — but to build it.

SCULPTING
THOUGHT
for a
DIGITAL DAWN





Teachers' Orientation

To begin the new academic year with renewed enthusiasm, commitment, and spiritual depth, St. Vincent's High School and Junior College conducted its Teachers' Orientation on 13th June 2025. The session, based on the theme “*Called to Teach — a call to form minds, shape consciences, and touch hearts*”, was led by the vibrant and thought-provoking Jesuit, Rev. Fr. Francis Lobo.

Fr. Francis set the tone by inviting the teachers not merely to “do teaching,” but to reclaim the sacred vocation of being educators. Rooted in Ignatian spirituality, his message emphasized that teaching is not a job but a mission — a call to form minds, shape consciences, and touch hearts. He seamlessly integrated the Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm (context, experience, reflection, action, evaluation), making it practical and relevant to the contemporary classroom.

The session included real-life classroom examples drawn from his fieldwork, prompting teachers to reflect on the unseen emotional world of students — children from broken homes, silent sufferers, curious rebels, and burdened achievers. These cases were presented not simply as stories but as opportunities for communal discernment. Working in groups, the teachers reflected, analysed, and responded, engaging deeply in the reflective pedagogy envisioned by St. Ignatius.

One of the most impactful moments was a video shown by Fr. Francis, prompting introspection on the difference between being a teacher in function and a teacher in spirit. The message was clear: *students may forget lessons, but they will never forget how a teacher made them feel.*

He also addressed the emotional and spiritual fatigue experienced by teachers, urging them to care for themselves — spiritually, mentally, and emotionally — so they can continue to nurture their students. He encouraged teachers to become conscious, grateful, and emotionally aware educators, while prompting reflection with questions such as:

- Why did you become a teacher?
- What energizes you in class?
- What frustrates you the most?



A significant portion of the orientation focused on the Jesuit Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPs), presented as guiding lights for education today:

- Showing the way to God through discernment and spiritual depth
- Walking with the excluded, especially misunderstood or struggling students
- Journeying with youth by becoming patient and empathetic guides
- Caring for our common home by fostering responsibility and compassion



These preferences were presented not as abstract ideals but as practical attitudes that can transform the way teachers view their students and their mission.

The session went beyond teaching methods, touching upon mission, integrity, compassion, and the vocation of the educator. Teachers left the hall not only informed but deeply moved.

The orientation concluded on a reflective and positive note, with teachers expressing gratitude for the insightful, energizing, and profoundly human session conducted by Rev. Fr. Francis Lobo. It served as a renewal of purpose, a return to the institution's Ignatian roots, and a meaningful launch into the new academic year with heart, mind, and spirit aligned.



ORIENTATION DAY FOR THE PARENTS OF NURSERY - 2025



The orientation for the parents of St. Xavier's Nursery students was held on 18th June 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the Gulati Hall of St. Vincent's High School. The programme began with a hymn of praise sung by the Nursery teachers, followed by an address by the Principal, Fr. Titus Thangaraj. He emphasized the vital role played by both parents and the school during the early developmental years of the children and requested the parents to cooperate with the teachers and staff so that the students may receive a holistic and well-rounded learning experience. He reiterated the importance of instilling good values in children from a young age to shape them into responsible human beings.



The Supervisor of the Nursery, Mrs. DeSales, introduced the staff members and presented a detailed overview of the system followed in the Nursery. She shared important instructions for the academic year and encouraged parents to work hand in hand with the teachers to motivate and support the young learners, helping to build their confidence. She stressed that such partnership would help guide the children towards a hope-filled future.



Parents were also encouraged to accompany their children to school for an hour during the first two days to help them adjust comfortably to their new environment.



St. Xavier's Nursery opened its doors on 19th June 2025 to welcome a new batch of tiny tots for the academic year 2025-26. The first day of school brought with it a mixture of excitement and nervousness for students, parents, and teachers alike. This day marked an important milestone for the young learners as they entered a brightly decorated and cheerful environment.



To ease the transition, parents were permitted to accompany their children for an hour inside the Nursery. Colourful toys, art sheets, crayons, bicycles, scooters, and slides immediately captured the boys' attention, and many of them eagerly engaged with the activities. For students who felt anxious, nursery rhymes played on the big screen offered comfort and familiarity. The teachers and staff of the Nursery interacted warmly with the children and their parents, helping to make the experience smoother and more reassuring.



Despite the rainy weather outdoors, the atmosphere inside the Nursery remained joyful and enthusiastic. It was a wonderful beginning to a promising new academic year.



The Holy Spirit Mass

The new academic year 2025–2026 at St. Vincent's High School began on a spiritual and uplifting note, with the community seeking the blessings of the Almighty. On 19th June 2025 at 11:45 a.m., all Catholic students, along with the staff members, gathered at St. Xavier's Church for a solemn Eucharistic Celebration marking the beginning of the school year.

The Holy Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Titus Thangaraj, S.J., who served as the main celebrant, and he was joined by Rev. Fr. Raja, S.J., the Vice Principal, and Rev. Fr. Joe D., S.J., the Parish Priest and Manager of the school. During the celebration, Rev. Fr. Joe D. delivered a meaningful homily, invoking the presence and blessings of the Holy Spirit upon all students and staff as they embarked on the new academic journey. He encouraged the students to call upon the Holy Spirit daily, especially before beginning their studies, so that they may be filled with wisdom, understanding, and clarity of thought.

The atmosphere throughout the Mass was one of deep faith, reverence, and spiritual renewal. Staff and students alike felt a strong outpouring of the Holy Spirit, inspiring them to begin the academic year with renewed zeal, purpose, and positivity.



YOGA DAY CELEBRATION



The school enthusiastically celebrated International Yoga Day on 21st June 2025. To mark the occasion, Mrs. Gagandeep Singh was invited as the Yoga Instructor to lead and guide the students through various yoga practices.

The event began with a vibrant display of yoga asanas performed by the NCC cadets under the expert guidance of Mrs. Gagandeep, assisted by the P.T. Masters of the High School. Students actively participated, learning not only the physical postures but also the art of meditation and the importance of regular practice for mental well-being.

The session proved to be both educational and rejuvenating, helping students understand the holistic benefits of incorporating yoga into their daily lives. In appreciation of her valuable contribution, Mrs. Gagandeep Singh was felicitated by the Vice Principal, Fr. Raja. The celebration was a truly enriching experience that inspired everyone present to adopt yoga as a regular practice for a healthier lifestyle.





Green Day was celebrated in the Nursery with great enthusiasm on 11th July 2025 by both students and teachers. In keeping with the theme, everyone arrived dressed in various shades of green. It was an exciting occasion for the young boys, who were delighted to come to school in green-coloured casual clothes instead of their regular uniform.

The atmosphere in the Nursery was vibrant as the children sang songs about the colour green, including *“Green is the Colour of the Day”* and *“My Green Balloon.”* They were thrilled to see their green-themed artwork displayed on the soft boards across the school premises. Their creations included hand- and finger-printed trees, vegetable-printed frogs, paper mosaic turtles, and crushed-paper pea pods. The boys remained actively engaged throughout the day, their enthusiasm reflected in their bright, smiling faces.

Parents participated wholeheartedly by sending homemade green-coloured snacks such as idlis, parathas, sandwiches, pancakes, and other creatively prepared items in the children’s tiffins. This also served as a meaningful way to encourage healthy eating habits among the young learners.

Overall, it was a delightful celebration that provided the students with an enjoyable and engaging opportunity to learn more about the colour green.



Primary Investiture CEREMONY

The Prefect Investiture Ceremony for the Primary Section was held on Friday, 11th July 2025, at 10:30 a.m. in the Gulati Hall. *"From Me, Hope Rises Like a Sun"* served as the inspiring theme for the ceremony, highlighting the spirit of young leadership, responsibility, and optimism.

This solemn occasion marked new beginnings for the students, especially for the newly appointed prefects. The programme commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the presence of God and the importance of offering thanks and seeking His blessings. The theme underscored that hope is a spark that ignites possibilities, and leadership nurtures that hope by inspiring others through service and love.

The Junior Prefects were visibly thrilled to receive their badges from the Principal, Rev. Fr. Titus Thangaraj, SJ, whose leadership and vision guide the school. His motivating speech, filled with wisdom and encouragement, urged the young leaders to shine with responsibility and hope. He reminded them that "a good leader should know the way, go the way, and show the way."

The prefects then took an oath, pledging to shoulder their responsibilities with dedication, sincerity, and commitment, while upholding the school's values and traditions. The ceremony was witnessed by the Principal, Fr. Titus, the Vice Principal, Fr. Raja, the Primary Supervisor, Mrs. Cabral, the staff, students, and the proud parents of the newly appointed prefects. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, followed by the School Anthem.





High School Investiture CEREMONY

The Prefect Investiture Ceremony of St. Vincent's High School and Junior College was held in the Gulati Hall on 14th July 2025, conducted in two sessions—the first for Stds. V to VII and the second for Stds. VIII to X. The theme for the year, "Towards a Hope-Filled Future," served as a reminder to all young leaders of their responsibility in shaping a better tomorrow with courage, compassion, and conviction. The event began with the traditional lighting of the lamp by the Principal, Rev. Fr. Titus, SJ, the Vice Principal, Rev. Fr. Raja, SJ, and the Supervisor of the High School Section, Mrs. Mhaske, symbolising the light of wisdom and responsibility. A short prayer service followed, during which the school choir rendered melodious hymns invoking God's blessings upon the newly appointed leaders.

The highlight of the ceremony was the formal installation of the prefects. Marching in confidently, they received their badges from Rev. Fr. Titus and Rev. Fr. Raja. The solemn oath was then administered by the Head Boy, Master Aditya Vaz, with the prefects repeating it with pride and sincerity as they pledged to fulfil their duties with honesty, dedication, and integrity.

In his address, Rev. Fr. Titus offered an inspiring message, emphasising the essential qualities of leadership—integrity, commitment, and service. He encouraged the prefects to lead not merely with authority, but with heart and humility. Master Aditya Vaz also shared his reflections on leadership, stating that being a prefect is not just about wearing a badge, but about setting an example and being accountable. The ceremony concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by the Assistant Head Boy, Master Rylan D'Souza, followed by the School Anthem.



The Sudoku of Life a Seminar for XII Graders

On the 15th of July, 2025, a seminar for the students of Std. 12 Science was conducted by Rev. Fr. Francis Lobo in the AV Room at 10:40 a.m. The theme of the seminar was “The Sudoku of Life.”

Fr. Lobo opened the session by engaging the students in a game of Sudoku, drawing parallels between the puzzle and the journey of life. He highlighted how both require logic, patience, clarity, and decision-making. Just as a single incorrect move in Sudoku can disrupt the entire grid, a wrong decision in life can lead to confusion. Conversely, one wise choice can open the path toward better outcomes.

Father encouraged students not to fear being different, but instead to focus on being *essential*—a reminder to cultivate qualities that truly matter rather than simply conforming. He emphasised the importance of living with core values, which act as guiding principles in navigating challenges.

Through relatable examples and reflective insights, Fr. Lobo offered a valuable perspective on approaching life with confidence, courage, and thoughtful judgment. The session was both engaging and inspiring, leaving students with meaningful takeaways for their academic and personal lives.



Inter-Class GENERAL KNOWLEDGE Quiz Competition 2025

A General Knowledge Quiz Competition was successfully conducted on 16th July 2025 in the Gulati Hall. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students of Classes 5 and 6, who showcased their awareness, intellect, confidence, and team spirit. The quiz comprised multiple engaging rounds, each focusing on a different theme. These included the General Knowledge Round, Sports Round, Rapid-Fire Round, Buzzer Round, and an Audience Round that kept the entire hall lively and interactive. Students answered with enthusiasm, while the audience eagerly cheered for their respective teams and actively participated when given the chance.

The event concluded with the announcement of the winning teams:

1st Position: · Shriraj Jagtap – 5A · Aradhya Bhagat – 6A

2nd Position: · Vivan Khot – 5B · Vishwa Oswal – 6B

The competition proved to be an enriching experience, reinforcing the value of knowledge, teamwork, and healthy competition among young learners.





Battle of Brains: Inter-Division Mathematics and Science Quiz



The Inter-Division Mathematics and Science Quiz was successfully conducted on 17th July 2025 in the Gulati Hall. The event aimed to foster scientific thinking, logical reasoning, and a healthy competitive spirit among students of Standards 9 and 10.

The quiz was organised by the students of Std. 12 Science and was gracefully hosted by Ishita Dhumal and Mansi Bhosale, supported by other student representatives. Their confident anchoring and interactive approach kept the audience engaged throughout the programme.

Four teams—A, B, C, and D—participated with great enthusiasm. Each team consisted of two students from Standard 9 and two from Standard 10. The participants were Arnav Badadhe, Ayush Nair, Kaushal Kirad, Rugved Dhumal, Ishaan Malpani, Yashveer Sancheti, Faisal Shaikh, Shrey Doshi, Aarav Agarwal, Daksh Shah, Ishaan Damle, Noel Furtado, Aarav Shah, Aarav Mishra, Vedant Dhotre, and Parth Dhumal.

The quiz comprised five interesting and challenging rounds: Basic Round, Application & Logic Round, Visual Round, Buzzer Round, and Rapid-Fire Round. The questions tested aptitude, logical reasoning, scientific knowledge, and awareness of recent developments in science and technology. All teams displayed excellent teamwork, confidence, and strong conceptual understanding.

After a close contest, Team A emerged as the Winners, while Team D secured the Runner-up position.

Winning Teams

Team A - Winners

- IX A: Arnav Badadhe, Ayush Nair
- X A: Kaushal Kirad, Rugved Dhumal

Team D - Runners-up

- IX D: Aarav Shah, Aarav Mishra
- X D: Vedant Dhotre, Parth Dhumal

The quiz proved to be an enriching experience that not only strengthened academic knowledge but also encouraged critical thinking and problem-solving under pressure. The event concluded on a positive note with a heartfelt vote of thanks to the enthusiastic audience, participating students, and dedicated coordinators.





Class XII PICNIC



On 18th July 2025, the Std. XII students set out for an adventurous picnic to Imagicaa. With music, chatter, and bright smiles, the bus ride itself felt like the beginning of a celebration. At Imagicaa, everyone enjoyed thrilling rides like Nitro and Scream Machine, clicked photos, watched shows, and shared delicious meals together.

The trip beautifully broke the monotony of academics, allowing students to unwind and simply enjoy the moment. What made the day special was not just the adventure, but the time spent together — friends bonding, teachers joining the fun, and everyone collecting memories that would be cherished long beyond their school years.

The picnic to **Imagicaa** was not merely a trip, but a celebration of togetherness, friendship, and one final unforgettable memory as students of Class XII.



ANTI-SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS SEMINAR



An Anti-Substance Abuse Awareness Seminar was successfully conducted in our school on 15th July 2025 for students of Std. VI to Std. X, and on 21st July 2025 for Std. XII. The primary objective of the seminar was to educate students about the risks, harmful effects, and long-term consequences of substance abuse while promoting a healthy, safe, and responsible lifestyle.

The seminar was led by Mrs. Seema Peter, Mrs. Tina Lobo, and Mrs. Elizabeth Igawe, who addressed the students with great insight and clarity. Using a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation provided by the P.A.S.E. group, the resource persons explained the physical, mental, emotional, and social consequences of drug and substance abuse. This was followed by an inspirational movie, which further highlighted the importance of making the right choices in life.

The session was highly interactive, with students from all classes actively participating, asking questions, and engaging in meaningful discussions. The speakers also emphasized strategies for prevention, early intervention, and seeking help, empowering students to make informed and responsible decisions.

A significant moment of the seminar was when Mr. Ranil Gaikwad and Mr. Alwin Lawrence led the students in taking a solemn oath to stay away from all forms of addiction and to commit themselves to a healthy lifestyle. The seminar concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks, appreciating the enthusiasm, discipline, and active involvement of both students and staff, which contributed greatly to the success of the event.

MARATHI STORYTELLING COMPETITION

A Marathi Story Telling Competition was held on 21st July 2025 for the students of Std. VII and Std. VIII, with the aim of fostering creativity, imagination, and effective communication skills among participants. Students showcased their storytelling abilities through expressive narration, clear articulation, voice modulation, and purposeful gestures. The competition featured a variety of original stories, moral folktales, and imaginative fictional narratives.

The participants displayed remarkable confidence and creativity in their performances. The competition was judged by Mrs. Aparna Pawar and Mrs. Priyanka Londhe, whose expertise added value to the event. Trophies and certificates were awarded to the winners.

Winners of the Competition:

Std. VII · 1st Prize: Medhansh Pathak (7C) · 2nd Prize: Samarth Patil (7C)

Std. VIII · 1st Prize: Urvansh Agarwal (8A) · 2nd Prize: Viren Gujar (8B)

The Marathi Story Telling Competition provided an excellent platform for students to enhance their confidence, expression, and storytelling abilities. It was a valuable learning experience that encouraged students to explore their imaginative potential.



CHILD SAFEGUARDING AND TRAFFIC RULES SEMINAR

A Child Safeguarding and Traffic Awareness Seminar was organised at Fr. Oesch Hall on 28th July 2025, with the aim of sensitising the school transport staff—including bus and auto drivers—about student safety and appropriate behavioural expectations.

The session began at 9:00 a.m. with a warm welcome speech expressing gratitude to the dignitaries and participants. The anchor highlighted that child safety is the highest priority and explained that the seminar was designed to create awareness regarding student protection, discipline, and effective communication. The programme concluded with an insightful message from the Chief Guest, Mrs. Anuja Kulkarni, who guided all transport staff on essential do's and don'ts, proper student-handling procedures, and expected behaviour protocols.

The session was informative, interactive, and impactful, successfully raising awareness about responsible conduct, adherence to traffic rules, and the shared responsibility of ensuring children's safety during their daily commute.



Grandparent's Day Celebration



The Grandparents' Day celebration held on 25th July at Gulati Hall. The event was a heartwarming and joyous occasion, filled with smiles, music, and cherished memories. The programme began with a warm welcome for the grandparents by our students, featuring a delightful welcome song and dance. All other performances were presented by the students with great enthusiasm and love for their grandparents.

Adding to the excitement, we conducted a fun game for the grandparents. To commemorate the day, students along with their grandparents created a thumbprint painting on a keychain, which was presented as a memorable keepsake. Overall, it was a touching and successful event that strengthened the bond between the children and their grandparents.





COLOUR COMPETITION FOR THE FEAST OF ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

NURSERY

The students of Nursery enthusiastically participated in a colouring competition organised during the week of the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Each child was given the same picture to colour, and they were judged on neatness, creativity, and overall colouring skill. The teachers displayed all the beautifully coloured sheets across the Nursery, adding colour and vibrancy to the surroundings. From each class, three winners were selected and awarded certificates and gifts to motivate and encourage these budding artists. The wide smiles on the children's faces were a clear reflection of the joy they experienced while taking part in this fun and creative activity.



LKG AND UKG

On July 22, 2025, the UKG and LKG students enthusiastically participated in the St. Ignatius of Loyola Colouring Competition. The activity was organized as part of the feast celebrations and aimed at encouraging artistic expression among the young learners. The children displayed great excitement as they worked on their colouring sheets, using a variety of colours and techniques to showcase their creativity. Their enthusiasm and effort were evident in the neatness and vibrancy of their artwork. The competition was a delightful success, offering the students an enjoyable and engaging experience while fostering their artistic confidence.



PRIMARY



The Primary Section of St. Vincent's School joyfully celebrated the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola on 30th July 2025 with a day filled with meaningful activities and reflection. To mark the occasion, students participated in colouring and puzzle-solving activities that helped them learn about the life, virtues, and teachings of St. Ignatius in a fun and engaging manner.

A special assembly was conducted, during which students shared thoughtful messages and narrated the inspiring story of St. Ignatius. Through their presentations, they highlighted his deep faith, his transformative journey, and his guiding principle of "finding God in all things." The celebration held special

significance as St. Vincent's is a Jesuit institution, and St. Ignatius of Loyola is the founder of the Society of Jesus. His values of discipline, service, compassion, and dedication continue to shape the mission and vision of our school community.

The day proved to be a heartwarming and enriching experience, helping students connect with the legacy of St. Ignatius and understand the values upon which our institution is built.

FEAST OF ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

HIGH SCHOOL AND JR. COLLEGE



On July 31, 2025, St. Vincent's High School and Junior College celebrated the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus. The Feast Mass, held at 9:30 a.m. at St. Xavier's Church, was a vibrant expression of Ignatian spirituality. The theme of the celebration was *'Hope lies in God's faithful love.'*

Rev. Fr. Roland Coelho, Rector of the Papal Seminary, Pune, was the main celebrant, joined by Rev. Fr. Titus, Rev. Fr. Raja, Rev. Fr. Joe D'Souza, and Rev. Fr. Francis Lobo as co-celebrants. Through an interactive and engaging homily, Fr. Roland beautifully encouraged the congregation to emulate the fervent faith and perseverance of St. Ignatius.

The Mass concluded with a gesture of gratitude, as Rev. Fr. Roland was felicitated with a potted plant by the Principal, Rev. Fr. Titus. Cake was served to all attendees after the Mass, followed by snacks and tea for the staff in the school library.



BLUE DAY

AT THE PRE-PRIMARY SECTION

Blue Day was celebrated in the Pre-Primary Section on 28th July 2025, when the LKG and UKG students arrived at school dressed in blue-coloured T-shirts. The celebration was planned to spark creativity, teamwork, and enthusiasm among the young learners. The classroom was adorned with blue-themed decorations, creating a cheerful and visually engaging atmosphere for the children.

The students participated in a variety of blue-themed activities, such as craft work and colouring using blue materials. They also enjoyed blue-themed snacks, adding to the excitement of the day.

The Blue Day celebration proved to be a delightful and enriching experience. The students thoroughly enjoyed the themed activities, which helped nurture creativity, encourage teamwork, and enhance social interaction among the children.



TEACHERS' PICNIC AT MAULI RESORT

On the 1st of August, the teachers enjoyed a memorable picnic at Mauli Agro Farm and Mauli Resort near Pune. The outing was filled with laughter, adventure, delicious food, and great bonding time among colleagues.

The buses arrived at the resort in the morning around 10 am, and the teachers were greeted by the peaceful green surroundings and fresh air. After a wholesome breakfast, the group set out to try a variety of activities.

The resort provided adventure and fun activities that added plenty of excitement for the teachers. Water-loving members of the group enjoyed the swimming pool with rain dance zone and pedal boating, making the afternoon lively and refreshing.

Throughout the day, there were also plenty of opportunities to relax and socialize. Teachers played outdoor games, took long strolls around the farm, and enjoyed peaceful moments amidst nature. The well-planned picnic schedule included nutritious and tasty meals, with lunch and snacks served in a friendly atmosphere, giving everyone time to relax and chat. The day concluded with a game of Bingo.

The picnic was not just fun but a great chance for the teachers to unwind, create new memories, and strengthen friendships beyond the classroom. By the time everyone left in the evening, the smiles and joyful conversations reflected how much everyone enjoyed the day.

Overall, the picnic at Mauli Resort was a perfect mix of adventure, nature, food, and fun — making it a day to remember!



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS



India's 79th Independence Day was celebrated with great patriotic fervour and enthusiasm by the students and staff of St. Xavier's Nursery on the 14th of August 2025. The little ones came dressed in Tricolours and even carried tricoloured snacks in their tiffin boxes. The celebration took place at the Gulati Hall, where the students were delighted to meet and greet our Principal, Fr. Titus, on this special occasion.

The children enthusiastically sang the patriotic song "Hum Honge Kamyab", their melodious voices echoing through the auditorium and filling the atmosphere with pride and hope. They also watched age-appropriate patriotic videos on the projector, which helped them understand the significance of the day in an engaging and meaningful way.

Throughout the week, the classrooms were abuzz with various group and individual art and craft activities based on the theme of Independence Day. The students decorated national symbols such as the lotus, tiger, peacock, and mango using techniques like paper mosaic, paper crushing, and finger printing. They also created tricoloured kites and ice-cream stick soldiers. All their artwork was displayed in the Gulati Hall as part of the celebrations. The Independence Day celebration at St. Xavier's Nursery successfully introduced the concepts of India's freedom and national pride to these young learners, inspiring them to cherish the values that shape our nation.



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

LKG & UKG

On August 14, 2025, the pre-primary students celebrated Independence Day and Tricolour Day with great enthusiasm. The event was thoughtfully planned to foster patriotism, creativity, and teamwork among the young learners.

The students arrived dressed in tricolour T-shirts, proudly displaying their national spirit. The celebration featured a range of engaging activities, including classroom decorations based on tricolour themes and colouring of the national flag. A special assembly was held that included singing of patriotic songs, group dance performances, students dressed as freedom fighters, enacting their roles and solo patriotic dance performances. The celebration was a wonderful success, with the students thoroughly enjoying the activities while also learning about the importance and significance of Independence Day.



PRIMARY

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

Fancy Dress Competition – Live the Life of a Freedom Fighter



The Primary Section celebrated the spirit of patriotism with a vibrant Independence Day Fancy Dress Competition themed “Live the Life of a Freedom Fighter”, held on 14th August 2025 in the Oesch Hall at 8:30 a.m. The event, organised by the P.T.A., brought together three enthusiastic participants from each class.

The programme began with a short prayer led by the P.T.A. secretary, Mrs. Rasika D’souza, invoking blessings for the school and the nation. This was followed by a warm welcome and felicitation of the Principal, Rev. Fr. Titus SJ, the Vice Principal, Rev. Fr. Raja SJ, and the Supervisor, Mrs. Cabral.

The participants, dressed as great leaders and national icons, portrayed personalities who shaped India's history and freedom. Their inspiring representations included Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Rani Lakshmbai, Subhas Chandra Bose, Bhagat Singh, Sarojini Naidu, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Sardar Vallabhbai Patel, and other eminent figures who contributed to India's freedom struggle and progress.

The young performers impressed the judges, teachers, peers, and parents with their expressions, confidence, and authentic costumes. All participants were encouraged and awarded certificates by Mrs. Cabral.

The event concluded with an inspiring speech by the Vice Principal, Rev. Fr. Raja, whose motivating words encouraged the students to imbibe the values of courage, leadership, and love for the nation. He also awarded prizes to the winners.

The programme served as a memorable tribute to India's independence, instilling pride and patriotism in young hearts while offering them a platform to showcase their talents. *Jai Hind.*



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

HIGH SCHOOL



The 79th Independence Day was celebrated at St. Vincent's High School and Junior College with great patriotism and enthusiasm. The celebrations spanned an entire week, filled with activities that nurtured creativity, discipline, and love for the nation.

The week began with colouring and chart-making competitions. Students of Classes 5 and 6 participated in the colouring competition, while Classes 7 and 8 showcased their talent in chart-making, expressing their patriotic spirit through vibrant and thoughtful artwork. A spectacular Mass Drill with music, led by the PT masters, was performed by students from Classes 5 to 8, displaying perfect coordination, rhythm, and energy.

Adding to the patriotic fervour, a vibrant *Prabhat Pheri* was organised, where students dressed as freedom fighters and marched across the school campus, raising slogans of freedom and unity. The atmosphere came alive with echoes of national pride and respect for the sacrifices of the nation's heroes.

The grand culmination took place on 15th August 2025 with a Special Assembly. The day began with the flag-hoisting ceremony, followed by the National Anthem played by the school brass band, filling the campus with a sense of pride and dignity. The assembly featured inspiring speeches and patriotic songs presented by the students, reminding everyone of India's glorious struggle for freedom and the responsibilities that come with being citizens of an independent nation.

The celebrations concluded with a message of unity, responsibility, and hope for the future. The week-long events not only honoured the nation's rich heritage but also instilled in every Vincentian a renewed sense of pride and patriotism, making the 79th Independence Day truly memorable.



MELODIC HARMONY — A TREAT BY STD. V & VI



The spirit of music and the sweetness of Marathi songs came alive on 19th August 2025, when the Marathi Group Singing Competition for Classes 5 and 6 was held in Fr. Oesch Hall. The panel of judges, Mrs. Sangita Shimpi and Mrs. Sandhya Rokade, added grace and expertise to the occasion.

Students from all sections sang a delightful variety of Marathi songs, filling the atmosphere with energy, melody, and rhythm. Each group sang with confidence and harmony, making the competition an absolute treat for the audience.

The results reflected the high standard of

performances:

Class 5: A two-way tie for the **First Position** between **5B and 5D**.

Class 6: A three-way tie for the **First Position** between **6B, 6C and 6D**.

While declaring the results, the judges warmly appreciated the efforts, enthusiasm, and talent of all participants. They mentioned that the students sang so beautifully that it was truly challenging to choose the winners. The event concluded with smiles, applause, and a sense of pride as our Vincentians celebrated their love for Marathi music and culture.

HINDI POEM RECITATION

A Hindi Poem Recitation Competition (Individual) was organized in the school on 20th August 2025 for students of Classes VII and VIII. The objective of the event was to encourage students to develop confidence in public speaking, enhance their appreciation of Hindi literature, and showcase their creativity in expression.

The participants came forward with great enthusiasm and presented a wide variety of poems on themes such as patriotism, nature, moral values, and student life. Each student recited with clarity, confidence, and appropriate voice modulation. Their performances reflected not only their understanding of the poems but also their ability to connect emotions with words.

The competition was judged on the basis of pronunciation, expression, memory, confidence, and overall presentation. The audience, comprising teachers and fellow students, encouraged the participants with loud applause, making the event lively and engaging.

The winners were awarded certificates of merit and appreciated for their outstanding performance. The event concluded with words of encouragement from the Principal, who congratulated all the participants and highlighted the importance of Hindi poetry in nurturing imagination and cultural pride. Overall, the competition was a grand success and provided a valuable platform for students to showcase their linguistic talent and stage confidence.





English Elocution

COMPETITION

for Standards VII and VIII

An individual English Elocution Competition, for the students of Stds. VII and VIII, was organized on 22nd August, at the Fr. Oesch Hall. The goal of the competition was to provide a golden opportunity to potentially eloquent and expressive speakers to showcase and, further, hone their talent.

The judges for the competition were Mrs. J. Aloysius and Mrs. J. Joy. The welcoming and felicitation of the judges was followed by the performance of the speakers. The theme for the elocution was 'Towards a hope-filled future'. In keeping with this theme, the participants recited beautiful and meaningful poems truly filling the air with a sense of hope. The highlight of the performances were thoughtfully prepared props used by the speakers to enhance the effect of their poetry. The students were judged on the basis of choice of poetry, clarity, expression and intonation. The judges were thrilled with all the performances and highly appreciated the participants for their courage to come up on stage to recite their poems and their effort dedicated to develop their skills. The competition was indeed, a great success and without a doubt, helped students gain confidence in their ability. The organizers of the competition were Mrs. T. Lobo and Miss J. Gonsalves while the winners of the competition were as follows:

Std. VII	Std. VIII
1 st place: Nathan Fernandes	1 st place: Prithvi Masand
2 nd place: Darrel Aiden D'souza	2 nd place: Aaron Moraes
3 rd place: Ali Fatehi	3 rd place: Urvansh Agarwal



ENGLISH DEBATE COMPETITION

An English Debate Competition for the students of Std. IX and X was organised on the 26th of August 2025 in Fr. Oesch Hall. The competition aimed to develop critical thinking, confidence, and effective communication skills among the students. The event was graced by two distinguished judges, Mrs. Pandit from the Primary Section, who possesses a vast knowledge of drama and plays, and Mrs. Faria, a retired English teacher with years of experience in nurturing young minds. Their presence added immense value to the competition. The programme commenced soon after the morning assembly. The topic chosen for debate was 'Should Celebrities be Role Models?'—a subject both contemporary and thought-provoking. The participants spoke with great enthusiasm, presenting well-researched arguments both for and against the motion. Their confident delivery, logical reasoning, and expressive style made the debate engaging and lively. The audience, comprising teachers and students, listened attentively and encouraged the participants with their applause. The competition not only showcased the oratory skills of the debaters but also sparked meaningful reflection among the listeners on the influence of celebrities in society.



The judges appreciated the efforts of the participants, offered constructive feedback, and encouraged them to take part in more such competitions in the future. The event was a resounding success, providing a wonderful platform for students to voice their opinions, build confidence, and sharpen their communication skills. Such competitions continue to inspire students to think critically and express themselves effectively.

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The winners of the competition were:

Best Team: Viraj Kale and Ezekiel Alphonse (IX B), Sherwin Dsouza and Rylan D'Souza (X B), Raturaj Kale and Andrew Vellathottam (X D)

Best Rebuttal Question: Jeremiah Pingfu (IX C), Pranav Sangale (IX D), Faariz Navaloor (X C)

Best Speaker: Ezekiel Alphonse (IX B), Rylan D'Souza (X B)



WHY THE MERCHANT NAVY?

A career-oriented talk on the Merchant Navy was conducted on 22nd August 2025, in the AV Room for the students of St. Vincent's Junior College. The session was led by two of our ex-students, Ansel Mendonca and Aryan Ansari, who aimed to introduce students to the field and explain how it can be pursued.

The talk began with a clear explanation of what the Merchant Navy is—its role in transporting goods across the sea, sustaining international trade relations, and offering vast opportunities across the globe. The speakers highlighted key advantages of the profession, including attractive income at a young age, financial stability, worldwide exposure, long vacation periods, and a disciplined lifestyle.

They then introduced the three key departments aboard a ship: the **Deck Department**, which handles navigation and ship operations and requires candidates to be medically fit, aged 17–25 years, with 6/6 eyesight and no colour blindness; the **Engineering Department**, which oversees the engines and all mechanical systems; and the **Catering and Hospitality Department**, which manages food and services on board, especially on cruise ships. Each department's essential qualifications, eligibility criteria, and training requirements were briefly explained to give students a clear understanding of the career pathways available.

Students learned that after 6–8 months of training, those from Commerce must complete 36 months of sea time. To make the session engaging, the speakers used a colourful presentation, YouTube videos, and shared real-life experiences from their own journeys.

They also spoke about reputed institutes in India offering Merchant Navy training, such as Anglo Eastern, IMI, HIMT, Culinary Academy of India, IICCM, Indus Institute, and Kamaxi (Goa). They emphasised English proficiency, strong medical fitness, and consistent hard work as essential qualities for success.

Importantly, Ansel and Aryan presented a balanced and realistic picture of the profession. They discussed the challenges—long periods away from family, demanding seven-day work weeks, no sick days, adjusting to new crews, continuous exams for promotions, and the overall pressures of life at sea. This honest insight helped students appreciate both the rewards and the sacrifices of the career. The session concluded with an interactive Q&A, where students clarified doubts regarding placements, salaries, and long-term career prospects.

Overall, the talk was informative, practical, and inspiring, giving Commerce students a clear understanding of the Merchant Navy and motivating them to consider it as a challenging yet fulfilling career pathway.



Families

The Backbone

The Power You Carry



While mobiles and other gadgets have occupied our minds, hearts, and even family space, leaving little time for one another where misunderstanding grows, today's youth often feels torn apart and broken inside. In this context, a half-day workshop on “Families – The Backbone: The Power You Carry” was conducted for the twelfth standard students of St. Vincent's on 23rd August 2025. It was organized by Fr. Francis Lobo, together with the school management, Fr. Titus and Fr. Raja and teachers.

The workshop began with the reflective poem “Between Their Silence and Ours,” which captured the silent struggles between parents and children — rules, expectations, rebellion — yet also revealed the unspoken love that binds families together.

Students then shared personal testimonies, each touching on how family support, sacrifice, and presence shaped their lives. Experiences of parental illness, exam pressures, protection from harmful influences, and encouragement in success revealed how family truly acts as the unseen backbone.

In the second session, Miss Pearl, a counsellor, spoke on the importance of sharing one's life with a trusted adult rather than keeping struggles bottled up. She emphasized that maintaining mental health is as essential as physical health, encouraging students to find healthy ways of coping with stress and to never shy away from seeking guidance when needed.

The most moving part came during the final session, when students were guided into a quiet reflection on their parents' sacrifices. Many were deeply touched as they wrote letters of gratitude and love to their families — words they had never spoken aloud before. Tears, silence, and smiles blended as hearts softened with gratitude.

The workshop concluded with a renewed awareness: families may be imperfect, but they remain the strongest foundation of life. For the students, it was not just a program, but a life-changing encounter with the power of family.



Marathi Elocution Competition



St. Vincent's High School organised a Marathi Elocution Competition on 28th August 2025 in the A.V. Room. The aim of the competition was to encourage students to express their views fluently in Marathi and to develop confidence in public speaking. Students from 9th and 10th standards, participated enthusiastically. The topics given were thought-provoking and based on social issues, moral values, and current affairs. Each participant spoke confidently and impressed the audience with their command over the language, clarity of speech, and presentation skills.



The judges, Mrs. Kshirsagar and Mr. Jadhav, encouraged all students, and after careful evaluation declared the winners. The First Prize was won by Vihan Gosavi (9C) and Nachiket Deshpande (10A). The second prize was won by Aaryan More (9A), Ruturaj Kale (10D) and Swaraj Dhangekar (10C). The programme ended with a vote of thanks. The competition was indeed a great success and an enriching experience for all.



NATIONAL SPORTS DAY

National Sports Day was celebrated at the school on 28th and 29th August 2025 with great enthusiasm and excitement. The two-day event, held in the Fr. Oesch Hall, carried special significance as it honoured the legendary hockey player Major Dhyan Chand, whose dedication and achievements continue to inspire generations.

The celebration began with the Principal, Rev. Fr. Titus, cutting the ribbon and declaring the event open, adding grace and significance to the occasion. The sports activities saw energetic participation from students of LKG to Standard VI, bringing the hall alive with cheers, laughter, and a vibrant competitive spirit. The young participants showcased remarkable enthusiasm in a variety of races and fun games, including Football, Basketball, Hockey, Hopscotch, Lucky Dip, Catch the Baton, Car Race, Scroll the Ball, Roll the Car, Hold the Wet Brick, Hand-Eye Coordination, Roller Coaster, Fish the Bottle, Toss the Ring, Toss the Bean Bag, and Solve the Checkers/Puzzle.

Adding to the festive atmosphere were food stalls offering tasty treats and refreshments, creating a lively, fair-like ambience enjoyed by both children and parents. The celebration not only highlighted the importance of physical fitness but also reinforced the message that "Champions keep playing until they get it right."



Hindi

Elocution Competition



A Hindi Elocution Competition was successfully organized on 29th August at Gulati Hall by the Hindi teachers, Mr. P. Munuswami and Mrs. S. Salvi, for students of Std. IX and X. The objective of the event was to encourage students to improve their oratory skills and develop confidence in public speaking in the Hindi language. The competition began with a welcome speech by Mrs. S. Salvi highlighting the importance of Hindi as the national language and the value of effective communication.

Participants presented their speeches on various topics such as *Paryavarniya Shiksha ki Zaroorat*, *Aaj ki Yuva Pidhi ki Chunaatiyan*, *Bhartiya Cinema ki Vartamaan Sthiti*, *Vigyan aur Manav Jeevan*, among others. The students impressed the audience with their clarity, pronunciation, expression, and confidence. The judges, by Mr. Sairaj Pillay and Mr. Majid Shaikh, appreciated the efforts of all the participants.

Rigved Tarawade (IX C) and Raturaj Kale (XD) secured the first position.

Abhiraj Chavan (IX D) and Naitik Jain (XA) secured the second position.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. P. Munuswami. The Competition proved to be an inspiring and enriching experience for all the students, promoting effective use of the Hindi language and enhancing confidence among young speakers.



A Fun-Filled Day at Imagicaa

The students of Standard X went on their most awaited picnic to Imagicaa on 18th August 2025. The day began with great excitement as everyone had gathered at school by 7:45 a.m. The buses left at 8:00 a.m., and the journey was filled with music, conversations, and laughter, setting the perfect mood for the day. The students reached Imagicaa around 11:00 a.m. and eagerly began exploring the park. They enjoyed a wide range of rides, especially the thrilling and adrenaline-filled ones, which added to the excitement and made the experience truly unforgettable. After enjoying many attractions, the students had lunch and continued exploring the park for the rest of the afternoon. As the evening approached, they gathered to begin their return journey. They reached home around 8:00 p.m., tired but extremely happy after spending such a wonderful and enjoyable day together. Overall, the picnic to Imagicaa was a joyful, refreshing, and memorable experience for the students of Standard X, giving them a day filled with fun, bonding, and cherished memories.



Good Touch and Bad Touch

AWARENESS SESSION

An awareness session on “Good Touch and Bad Touch” was conducted for students of Standard I to X as part of the school's child safety initiative, under the guidance of the Child Safeguard Committee. The sessions were held in the Fr. Oesch Hall on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd September 2025, and were conducted by Mrs. Rohini Kalkhaire, a dedicated member of Damini Pathak, working with the Lashkar Police Station.

The session for boys of Standard I to IV was conducted on Monday, 1st September 2025. Mrs. Kalkhaire sensitively explained the concept of good touch and bad or inappropriate touch in a simple and age-appropriate manner. She created awareness about child safety, the ill-effects of rash behaviour, and strongly discouraged the use of abusive or inappropriate language. She also informed students about the Child Helpline Number – 1098, encouraging them to seek help without fear in case of any emergency. The session was informative and provided valuable guidelines for young learners.

The sessions for classes V to X were conducted on 2nd and 3rd September 2025. Mrs. Kalkhaire began with an interactive introduction and explained the difference between good touch and bad touch using relatable examples, stories, and real-life situations. She emphasized the importance of:

- Recognizing unsafe situations
- Understanding and respecting personal boundaries
- Seeking help from trusted adults
- Speaking up confidently and without hesitation



She also shared practical safety tips and stressed the importance of self-confidence while handling uncomfortable situations. The students participated actively, asked questions, and clarified their doubts, making the session highly engaging and impactful.

The awareness programme successfully empowered students with essential knowledge about personal safety and self-protection. It concluded with a vote of thanks, appreciating Mrs. Rohini Kalkhaire for her valuable time and dedicated efforts in spreading awareness and safeguarding the well-being of students.



Teachers' Day Celebration



The Teachers' Day celebration held on 4th September 2025 was a lively and memorable occasion. The day commenced with a heartfelt morning assembly organized by the students, during which they expressed their gratitude and appreciation for their teachers. After the assembly, students were given the opportunity to personally greet and wish all the teachers. The highlight of the celebration was a friendly football match between students and teachers, which created a joyful atmosphere filled with fun and team spirit. The programme concluded with a delightful brunch shared by all.



Lantern Making Competition

As part of the annual Diwali celebration, St. Vincent's High School organized a vibrant Lantern Making Competition on September 16, 2025. The event aimed to foster creativity and promote cultural awareness among students. Students from Grades 5 to 8 participated with great enthusiasm, bringing in a wide array of lanterns inspired by both traditional and eco-friendly themes. The competition served as a platform for students to showcase their artistic talent, innovation, and craftsmanship.

Entries were judged based on creativity, presentation, use of materials, and overall visual appeal. The impressive variety of lanterns left teachers, judges, and fellow students amazed by the originality and effort behind each piece. The event concluded with a beautiful display of all the lanterns around the school premises, infusing the campus with festive charm and Diwali spirit. The winners were felicitated in the assembly.

The Lantern Making Competition was a resounding success, encouraging creativity, collaboration, and cultural appreciation. It was a joyful experience for both participants and spectators, truly lighting up the spirit of celebration throughout the school.



158th Annual Prize Day CELEBRATION



The 158th Annual Prize Day of St. Vincent's High School, Pune, was celebrated with great dignity on 19th September 2025 in the Gulati Hall, to give due importance to academic excellence and co-curricular achievements. The occasion was graced by Dr. Sundeep Salvi, Director of Pulmocare Research and Education Foundation, Pune, as the Chief Guest.

The programme commenced with a Guard of Honour, followed by the lighting of the lamp, a prayer dance, and the formal introduction of the Chief Guest. Dr. Salvi addressed the gathering with an inspiring message, encouraging students to strive for excellence and holistic development. This was followed by the presentation of the Annual Report by the Principal, Rev. Fr. Titus, highlighting the school's achievements and milestones over the academic year.

Prizes for Classes I to XII were then awarded to deserving students by the Chief Guest along with the School Manager, Rev. Fr. Joe D'Souza, the Principal, Rev. Fr. Titus, and the Vice Principal, Rev. Fr. Raja. The award ceremony celebrated academic merit, discipline, and all-round excellence. The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks and the singing of the School Anthem, bringing the 158th Annual Prize Day to a dignified and memorable close.

TALENT HUNT Competition



A Talent Hunt Competition was successfully conducted at the Pre-Primary Section on 22nd September 2025, providing students with a vibrant platform to showcase their diverse skills and abilities. The event was organized with the objective of encouraging creativity, self-confidence, and healthy sportsmanship among students.

Students displayed exceptional enthusiasm and talent across a wide range of categories, including dancing, singing, skating, acting, and playing musical instruments. Each performance reflected dedication, creativity, and confidence, making the programme lively and engaging.

At the conclusion of the event, prizes were awarded to the best performers in recognition of their outstanding talent and commendable efforts. The competition not only celebrated individual abilities but also fostered mutual appreciation and encouragement among peers.

The Talent Hunt Competition proved to be a resounding success, offering students a meaningful opportunity to express themselves, discover their potential, and shine on stage.





Green Day Celebration



On 24th September 2025, the LKG and UKG students enthusiastically celebrated **Green Day** at **St. Vincent's High School**. The young learners came dressed in green-coloured T-shirts, adding vibrancy and excitement to the celebration.

The event was thoughtfully organized to promote creativity, teamwork, and joyful learning among the children. The classrooms were beautifully decorated with green-themed displays, creating a lively and cheerful environment.

Students actively participated in various green-themed activities, such as craft work and colouring using green materials. They also enjoyed green-themed snacks, making the day both fun and educational.

The Green Day celebration was a great success, with the students thoroughly enjoying the activities and decorations. The event helped reinforce learning through colours while creating happy and memorable experiences for the little ones.

Crescita 2025

On 26th September 2025, the Junior College students of St. Vincent's High School, Pune, participated in Crescita 2025, an Inter-Collegiate fest organized by Christ College, Pune. The students showcased an outstanding performance and secured the Second Prize in the Group Dance event, bringing great pride to the institution.

The winning team was awarded a cash prize of two thousand rupees in recognition of their commendable performance and creativity. The participants were felicitated by the Principal, Rev. Fr. Titus, during the school assembly, where they were presented with certificates for their achievement. The members of the winning team were: Reuben Anant, Alma Dsouza, Bhairavi Kothari, Viren Kadam, Tanishka Gosavi, Japneet Kalra, Michelle Fernandes, Zayan Shaikh, Zayan Shaikh, and Rajveer Kadam.



FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS AT THE NURSERY

The staff and students of the Nursery enthusiastically celebrated Diwali on 16th October 2025. The boys came to school dressed in colourful traditional attire, adding charm and vibrancy to the festive spirit. They also brought a variety of Diwali snacks in their tiffin, making the day even more special.

The Nursery was beautifully decorated with craft items lovingly created by the students themselves. As part of the celebration, the boys were shown a short video about Diwali, helping them understand the significance of the 'Festival of Lights.'

A lively dance session added to the excitement, with the children joyfully grooving to Diwali-themed songs. The happiness and sparkle in their eyes truly captured the spirit of the occasion. The celebration concluded with cheerful exchanges of "Happy Diwali" among students, teachers, and parents, making it a memorable and joyous day for all.





THE FEAST OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

CHARITY DRIVE

"Go to the poor, you will find God."

– St. Vincent de Paul

To commemorate the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul on 27th September, the school organized a Charity Drive with enthusiastic participation from the entire school community, including the primary section. Students, staff, and parents contributed generously through cash donations offered with sincerity and compassion, reflecting the true spirit of service.

The funds collected were thoughtfully allocated to support meaningful causes:

1. **Aadiwasi Welfare Programme** – A significant portion was dedicated to supporting educational and livelihood initiatives for tribal communities.
2. **Hostel Development (Dnyanmata School)** – Funds were allocated to the affiliated hostel for the purchase of an interactive panel, thereby enhancing the learning environment and academic growth of the resident students.
3. **Sarva Seva Sangh** – The remaining amount was utilized to purchase essential provisions and daily necessities for distribution among street children, providing immediate relief and care.

The initiative beautifully embodied the values of compassion, generosity, and service taught by St. Vincent de Paul. It also fostered awareness among students that even small acts of kindness can create a meaningful impact in the lives of the less fortunate.

The school community extends heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed towards the success of this noble cause.





CELEBRATION AND BLESSING CEREMONY



The Feast of St. Vincent de Paul was celebrated with great devotion and enthusiasm, honouring the legacy of the school's patron saint and his core virtue of charity. The celebrations commenced with a week of meaningful activities and culminated on 27th September with spiritual ceremonies and significant institutional milestones.

Students from Pre-Primary to Standard XII actively participated in various competitions such as colouring, quote writing, and chart making, reflecting on the life and values of St. Vincent de Paul. Winners from each class were recognized and awarded prizes. On 26th September, a special assembly was conducted for students and staff, focusing on the saint's unwavering commitment to charity and service to the poor. It served as a spiritual preparation for the Feast Day.

The Feast Day began with a solemn Mass celebrated at St. Xavier's Church, with Rev. Fr. Francis Gonsalves as the main celebrant. The theme of the Mass, "Called to Be His Masterpiece," inspired the congregation to live out their faith through service and compassion.

The day also marked significant institutional milestones. The Fr. Joseph Brunner Lobby was inaugurated, and the newly renovated Nursery premises were blessed on 27th September 2025 by Rev. Fr. Agnelo Mascarenhas, Provincial of Pune, in the presence of the Principal, Fr. Titus, Vice-Principal, Fr. Raja, Fr. Joe D'Souza, the Manager, and the Jesuit community. This marked an important step in the school's continued growth and development. The St. Xavier's Pre-Primary School was instituted in 2011 under the leadership of Fr. Andrew Fernandes. The Nursery section was added as part of the pre-primary school by Fr. Francis Patekar in 2022, the former Principal. St. Xavier's Pre-primary has now been integrated under the umbrella of St. Vincent's High School and renamed St. Vincent's Pre-Primary, under the leadership of Fr. Titus Thangaraj.

The celebrations concluded with a community fellowship meal in Gulati Hall, attended by the Jesuit priests, current staff, and ex-staff members, strengthening bonds of unity and shared mission. A special presentation showcasing the 158-year history of the institution and the contributions of its past principals was screened, taking everyone on a heartfelt journey through its rich legacy.

The successful celebration of the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul, along with the blessing and inauguration of the new facilities, reaffirmed the institution's commitment to its spiritual values and its dedication to providing a nurturing and enriching educational environment.



Inauguration of Fr. Joseph Brunner SJ Block



The Newly Renovated Nursery Premises





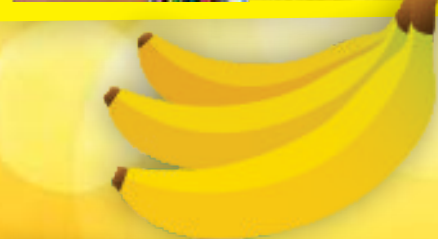
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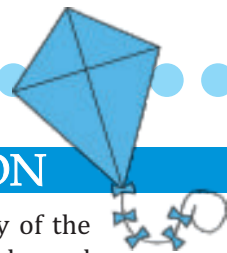
YELLOW DAY CELEBRATION



On 3rd October 2025, the school celebrated Yellow Day with great enthusiasm and vibrancy. Dressed in bright yellow attire, the students spread warmth, joy, and positivity throughout the school.

Classrooms were beautifully decorated with cheerful yellow decorations, including sunflowers, giraffes, bright smiling faces, and delightful yellow duck artwork. Students enthusiastically participated in yellow-themed arts and crafts activities and enjoyed delicious yellow-coloured snacks and treats. The celebration not only brought smiles to young faces but also encouraged creativity, teamwork, and a strong sense of school spirit. Yellow Day was truly a radiant celebration, filling the school with sunshine and happiness.





Shades of Blue

BLUE DAY CELEBRATION

The students of the Nursery celebrated Blue Day on 6th November 2025, marking the second Colour Day of the academic year. The young learners arrived dressed in bright blue T-shirts paired with their school shorts, socks, and shoes. The teachers, too, joined in the celebration, dressed in beautiful shades of blue, adding to the spirit of the occasion.

The day began with great enthusiasm as the students sang the Blue Day song during the assembly. The classrooms were transformed into vibrant blue-themed spaces, adorned with creative artwork made by the children themselves.

On display were delightful craft creations such as jellyfish, tiny fish, blue whales, seahorses, starfish, and octopuses. The students explored various art techniques including paper crumpling, paper twisting, vegetable printing, and bubble wrap paint stamping, making the learning process both engaging and hands-on. It was yet another joyful and memorable celebration at the Nursery, allowing the children to explore colours in a fun, creative, and interactive manner.







PRIMARY

Annual Concert

2025



St. Vincent's High School, Primary Section, hosted its much-awaited **Annual Concert** on 11th November 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in Gulati Hall. The event was a vibrant celebration of creativity, teamwork, and the indomitable spirit of hope, beautifully reflecting this year's theme, *'Towards a Hope-Filled Future.'*

The school was honoured to welcome the Chief Guests, Mr. and Mrs. Martyres. As an ex-Vincentian, Mr Martyres, expressed his delight at returning to his alma mater and witnessing the remarkable talents of the young students.

The programme commenced with a serene prayer dance, followed by the traditional lighting of the lamp. A lively welcome song performed by the students set a joyful tone for the morning.



The highlight of the event was the musical play *"Colours of Hope."* The children portrayed a meaningful journey of restoring colours lost to fear and despair. Through values such as teamwork, courage, peace, and happiness, they rediscovered these colours, conveying the powerful message that hope grows stronger when it is shared.

The grand finale saw students moving through the hall, distributing flags of hope to the audience — a symbolic reminder of everyone's role in spreading positivity and optimism.

The Annual Concert 2025 concluded on an inspiring note, showcasing the immense talent of the students and the dedicated efforts of the primary teachers, supporting staff, and management in creating a truly memorable celebration for the Vincentian family.





TOWARDS A HOPE - FILLED FUTURE

St. Vincent's High School celebrated its Annual Day on 13th November 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in Gulati Hall with great splendour and enthusiasm. The evening revolved around the inspiring theme, *"Towards a Hope-Filled Future,"* and was graced by the esteemed presence of the Provincial of the Pune Jesuit Province, Rev. Fr. Agnelo Mascarenhas, as the Chief Guest.

The programme commenced with the School Anthem, sung melodiously by the School Choir, creating a sense of unity and pride among the gathering. This was followed by the traditional Lighting of the Lamp by the Chief Guest, along with Fr. Titus, Fr. Raja, and Fr. Francis Gonsalves, symbolising knowledge, hope, and guidance for the future.

A graceful prayer dance to the hymn *"Dhanyawaad Sarvada"* was presented by the students, expressing gratitude and invoking blessings for the evening. After the introduction, the Chief Guest was felicitated with a shawl and a potted plant as a mark of respect. In his address, the Principal, Fr Titus, reflected on the theme of the evening, urging students to dream big and remain hopeful. The Chief Guest, in his speech, spoke about values, compassion, and the power of hope in shaping a brighter future.

The cultural segment of the evening was a vibrant blend of music, drama, and dance. The School Choir presented two soul-stirring songs, *"When You Believe"* and *"We Are the World,"* beautifully reinforcing the message of unity and hope. The School Brass Band added grandeur with their performances of *"Colonel Bogey,"* *"Mussiden,"* and an energetic rendition of *"Pirates of the Caribbean."*

The English play *"Disconnect"* portrayed a modern family drifting apart due to digital distractions, delivering a meaningful message about reconnecting through love and understanding. The Indian folk dance *"Neev: The Foundation"* celebrated cultural roots and emphasised the importance of strong values in building a secure future.

The Marathi play *"Ujwal Bhavishyachi Aasha"* depicted youngsters striving to achieve their dreams as doctors, sportspersons, Navy officers, and chefs, inspiring the audience with their determination and perseverance. A lively English medley featuring *"Sweet Child of Mine,"* *"I Will Survive,"* and *"Memories"* brought energy and emotion to the stage.

The Western dance performance *"Udaan"* portrayed humanity's journey from conflict and crisis towards light and hope. With powerful choreography and expressive movements, the performance concluded on an uplifting note.

In the Vote of Thanks, gratitude was expressed to the Chief Guest, management, staff, students, and parents for their unwavering support and dedication. The evening concluded with the National Anthem, played by the School Brass Band, as everyone stood in solemn respect and pride.

Each performance beautifully reflected the central theme, *"Towards a Hope-Filled Future."* Through songs, dances, plays, and musical renditions, the programme conveyed messages of optimism, resilience, courage, and faith. The celebration left the Vincentian family inspired to look ahead with confidence and hope.



Honouring the Spirit of Childhood

CHILDREN'S DAY

Nursery

A Day of Wonder

The Nursery section celebrated Children's Day with a delightful blend of music, storytelling, and magic. The morning began with a cheerful assembly, followed by singing and dancing to favourite tunes. Teachers presented a charming puppet show of *The Hare and the Tortoise*, captivating the young audience with colourful puppets and expressive storytelling.

The highlight of the celebration was an enthralling magic show organized by the PTA, which left the children wide-eyed with amazement. Each child received a gift, making the day even more special and memorable.

Children's Day was celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm across all sections of St. Vincent's Institutions, creating a day filled with laughter, learning, and meaningful experiences for students from Nursery to Junior College.



Pre-Primary

A Colourful Celebration

The Pre-Primary section marked the occasion with a vibrant “Colourful Day.” Dressed in bright T-shirts, the little ones added life to beautifully decorated classrooms. Activities such as colouring and festive treats added to the excitement.

A lively magic show and the distribution of gifts by the PTA brought immense joy to the children, making the celebration both cheerful and engaging.



Primary

Moments of Delight

The Primary section celebrated Children's Day with an entertaining programme organized by the PTA Entertainment Team. Students from UKG to Std. IV thoroughly enjoyed a captivating magic show that sparked laughter and excitement.

The distribution of gifts added to the festive spirit, and the celebration concluded with happy smiles and heartfelt gratitude.



High School & Junior College

Learning Through Preparedness

For the High School and Junior College students, Children's Day was observed with a meaningful and educational initiative. A comprehensive Fire Safety and Evacuation Drill was conducted to promote awareness and preparedness.

Guided by the Pune Cantonment Fire Brigade team, students learnt about fire safety measures, evacuation procedures, and the use of firefighting equipment. The demonstration provided practical insight and reinforced the importance of discipline and calmness during emergencies. Children's Day was thus celebrated in diverse and thoughtful ways across all sections—through joy, creativity, entertainment, and awareness.



INVESTITURE CEREMONY - INSTALLATION OF THE GRADE XI PREFECTORIAL COUNCIL

The XI Standard Prefect Investiture Ceremony for the academic year 2025–26 was conducted with dignity and solemnity on the 25th of November during assembly.

The ceremony commenced with the **installation of prefects**, officially carried out by the Principal, Rev. Fr. Titus and Supervisor Mrs Fiona Mhaske. Prefects from Classes XI A, XI B, and XI C were installed, representing both the boys' and girls' sections. The newly appointed prefects for the year were Leezl Fernandes, Sara Rane, Swarali Londhe, Imlah Mariam Sumith, Joyce Bhalerao, Mariella Vaz, Pranav Pardeshi, Kkanav Chandwani, Ryan Kiriyanthan, Nathan Pakrasi, Manav Sharma Khandale and Daksh Jain.

Following the installation, the Head Boy, Master Aditya Vaz, led the prefects in taking the Oath of Office. The oath highlighted values such as loyalty, sincerity, discipline, service, and a commitment to uphold the ideals of the school. The prefects pledged to work hard, to lead by example, and bring honour to their school, parents, and country.

A brief address by the principal further emphasised the importance of responsibility and leadership. The ceremony concluded with the school anthem, after which students remained in their places as the newly appointed prefects marched out with pride. The ceremony was conducted smoothly, reflecting the school's commitment to nurturing leadership and responsibility among its students.

KIDNEY DISEASE DETECTION AND PREVENTION CAMP



The Renal Unit of KEM Hospital, Pune organised a Kidney Disease Detection and Prevention Camp for the staff of St. Vincent's High School and Junior College on the 28th of November 2025 in Gulati Hall. The camp focused on medical check-ups for early detection of kidney-related problems. Basic health screenings such as blood pressure measurement, blood sugar testing, and urine examination were conducted by the medical team. The staff members participated actively and availed themselves of the health check-up facilities. The camp was beneficial in promoting awareness about kidney health and the importance of regular medical screening.



26/11 MARTYRS' COMMEMORATION AND PAINTING COMPETITION

To honour the brave martyrs of the 26/11 terrorist attacks in Mumbai, a solemn commemorative programme was organised in Pune by the Pune City Police in association with Seva Mitra Mandal Trust on 26th November. The event was held at Sarasbaug, where the police band paid a heartfelt tribute to the courageous officers who laid down their lives in the line of duty.

The programme was graced by the presence of the Pune Police Commissioner, the Joint Commissioner of Police, senior police officials, office bearers, and distinguished social activists. The ceremony was conducted with great dignity and reverence, reflecting the deep respect and gratitude owed to the martyrs.

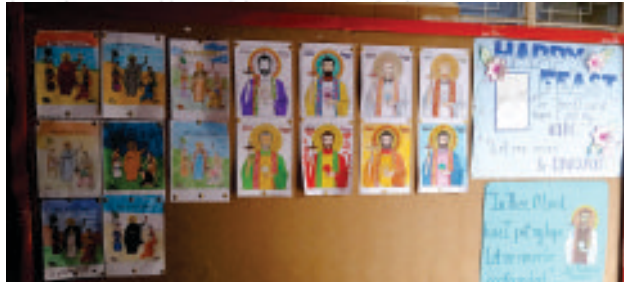
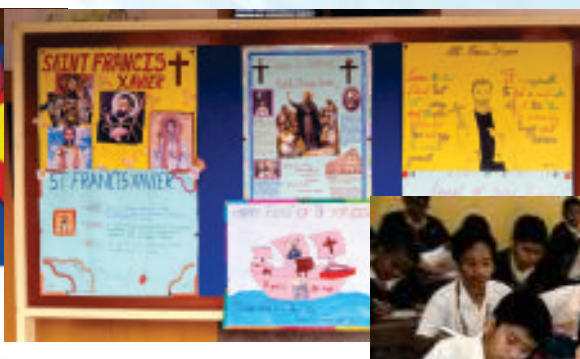
Following the tribute ceremony, a district-level painting competition was organised as part of the commemoration. This annual initiative of the Pune Police Force seeks to honour the valour and sacrifice of the officials of the Maharashtra Police Force while fostering patriotism among students.

The painting competition aimed to encourage young minds to express patriotic and social values through art, instil a sense of national pride, and pay homage to the nation's heroes.

St. Vincent's High School actively participated in the competition with 65 students from Standards V to IX. The students were assigned topics according to their respective categories and showcased remarkable creativity and enthusiasm. The participation received strong support from parents, particularly Mr. Amit Kamble and Mr. Murtuza Poonawalla, whose invaluable assistance contributed significantly to the smooth conduct of the event.

The students participated wholeheartedly and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The event proved to be meaningful and inspiring, nurturing creativity, patriotism, and a deep respect for the sacrifices made by the nation's brave hearts.





Feast of St. Francis Xavier Creative Competitions

On 27th November, the school celebrated the feast of St. Francis Xavier by organising a series of creative competitions for students of Standards V to IX and XI. The celebration aimed at helping students understand and appreciate the life, mission, and values of the great Jesuit missionary while encouraging creativity and active participation.

Students of Standards V and VI participated in a colouring competition based on the life and works of St. Francis Xavier.

For Standards VII and VIII, a collage-making competition was conducted. The students creatively presented themes such as faith, service, compassion, and missionary zeal—values closely associated with St. Francis Xavier.

Students of Standards IX and XI took part in a quotation-writing competition. They composed meaningful and inspiring quotes centred on dedication, selfless service, and commitment to the greater good.

Winners:

Std.5A - 1st: Aayush Todkar and 2nd: Aadv Ingale

Std.5B - 1st: Urvish Bhurat and 2nd: Tanmay Kachi

Std.5C - 1st: Blaise D'souza and 2nd: Aaron Selvanayagam

Std.5D - 1st: Rutvik Khaire and 2nd: Alex Peter

Std.6A - 1st: Anvic Lobo and 2nd: Elridge Pinto

Std.6B - 1st: Vishwa Oswal and 2nd: Reyansh Deshmukh

Std.6C - 1st: Kevin Lasar and 2nd: Leslie Fernandes

Std.6D - 1st: Shervyn Fernandes and 2nd: Arjun Mangalvedhekar

Std. 7 - 1st Position: 7C and 2nd Position: 7D

Std. 8 - 1st Position: 8D and 2nd Position: 8A

Std. 9 - 1st Position: 9B and 2nd Position: 9A

Std. 11 - 1st Position: 11A and 2nd Position: 11C

The competitions were conducted smoothly, and students participated enthusiastically. The activities encouraged teamwork, patience, neatness, presentation skills, and respect for values. Students not only showcased their creative skills but also gained valuable insights into the life and mission of St. Francis Xavier.

MARATHI HANDWRITING COMPETITION



The Marathi Handwriting Competition for students of Standards V to VIII was successfully conducted on 1st and 2nd December 2025. The objective of this competition was to encourage neatness, clarity, proper letter formation, and overall handwriting presentation in Marathi. All students participated with great interest, and the Marathi teachers assessed the entries with fairness and care.

After evaluation, the following students were declared winners from each class and division:

WINNERS LIST - CLASSWISE

V 'A' - 1. Soham Pawar and 2. Ammar Furniturewala

V 'B' - 1. Devansh Pise and 2. Shaurya Pawar

V 'C' - 1. Hitansh Shah and 2. Aarush Shinde

V 'D' - 1. Pawanvir Singh Bhasin and 2. Aalesh Chandekar

VI 'A' - 1. Anthony Emmanuel and 2. Tarush Tupe

VI 'B' - 1. Sarang Salunkhe and 2. Joshua Fernandes

VI 'C' - 1. Aakash Nair and 2. Arham Oswal

VI 'D' - 1. Arjun Mangalwedhekar and 2. Palash Patankar

VII 'A' - 1. Mufaddal Adeeb and 2. Kiaan Jain

VII 'B' - 1. Jeevansh Vyas and 2. Samarth Avdhut

VII 'C' - 1. Jatin Dagupatti and 2. Raj Mhaske

VII 'D' - 1. Chaitanya Deshmukh and 2. Rajveer Darade

VIII 'A' - 1. Aarav Takawale and 2. Varad Dagade

VIII 'B' - 1. Maitrey Ohol and 2. Sarvesh Desai

VIII 'C' - 1. Viren Gavhane and 2. Bhavik Thakkar

VIII 'D' - 1. Aniket Bhargude and 2. Jeramyn Dsouza

The competition successfully highlighted the importance of maintaining good handwriting skills in Marathi. The efforts of all participants were commendable, and the winners displayed exceptional neatness and presentation. The Marathi teachers expressed their appreciation for the students' enthusiasm and active participation.





SPORTS DAY

St. Vincent's High School and Junior College celebrated its 158 Annual Sports Day on 12th December 2025 with great enthusiasm and energy. The event was graced by the esteemed chief guest, Col. Mark Cyrus Aaron Pillay VSM (Retd.) He attended the event with his wife Mrs. Audrey Mark Pillay, adding to the grandeur of the occasion. The sports day commenced with the hoisting of the school flag followed by an impressive march past by the NCC cadets. The principal, Fr. Titus presented the annual sports report and delivered a motivational speech, highlighting the achievements of the students and the significance of sports in overall development. The competition then kicked off with the highly anticipated 100m races for boys ranging from U-12 to U-19 categories and U-19 girls. The thrill continued with the 400m races and the exhilarating 4x 100m relay, where participants displayed remarkable speed and determination.

The highlight of the event was the 4x400m relay wherein the ex students participated as well.

The chief guest then inspired the audience with his motivational speech, sharing his experiences and emphasising the importance of sports and life. The prize distribution ceremony marked the culmination of the event, where winners were awarded medals and certificates by the chief guests. The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks, appreciating the efforts of the sports committee, volunteers and participants. The Annual Sports Day was a resounding success, leaving everyone motivated to embrace a healthier and more active lifestyle.







The Joyful Sound

Carol Singing
Competition

On 13th December 2025, our school had the wonderful opportunity to participate in a Carol Singing Competition titled "The Joyful Sound", organised by St. Joseph School. It was a beautiful celebration of Christmas filled with music, harmony, and festive cheer.

A total of 12 schools took part in the competition. The event showcased amazing renditions of classical Western carols, creating a truly divine and festive atmosphere. From our school, 25 students enthusiastically participated and presented a melodious medley of two Christmas carols – "Angels We Have Heard on High" and "What Is Christmas." Our choir sang with great confidence, joy, and unity, spreading the true spirit of Christmas through their voices.

The stage was beautifully decorated, and the atmosphere was filled with excitement and festive happiness. Each school gave an impressive performance, making the event lively and memorable. It was not just a competition, but also a wonderful opportunity to learn, appreciate music, and build friendships with students from other schools.

For our team, it was truly a rewarding experience. The preparation, teamwork, and performance helped us grow in confidence and strengthened our bond as a group. We felt proud to represent our school and be part of such a joyful celebration.

The event truly reflected the spirit of music, unity, and the real meaning of Christmas. We returned with happy hearts and cherished memories. "The Joyful Sound" will remain a special memory for all of us. We sincerely thank our school for providing us with such a wonderful opportunity to showcase the talents of our students.





Christmas

COMPETITIONS

As part of the Christmas celebrations, a series of Christmas-themed competitions were conducted on the 15th and 16th of December, 2025 for students of Classes V to IX and XI to foster creativity, festive spirit, and active participation among students. The competitions included **Christmas Card making, Star making, Christmas Decoration using eco-friendly materials, Poster making, and Colouring the Nativity scene.** Students participated enthusiastically, showcasing their artistic skills, originality, and understanding of the true spirit of Christmas—love, peace, hope, and joy.

The events were conducted in a well-organized manner under the guidance of the committee of teachers. Winners were selected from each category and were appreciated for their efforts. All students were encouraged and appreciated for their active involvement. The Christmas competitions provided a joyful platform for students to express their talents, celebrate the festive season meaningfully, and strengthen the sense of unity and brotherhood. The events concluded on a cheerful note, spreading the message of hope, peace and goodwill among all.

The winners :

CLASS 5: Kedar Unecha 5A, Urvish Bhurat 5B, Johan Gaikwad 5C, Prabhas Kanade 5D

CLASS 7: Irshad Shaikh 7A, Hetansh Rathod 7B, Shivam Bhandari 7C, Rehaan Mosim Khan 7D

CLASS 6: Dastan Irani 6A, Godvyn Joseph 6B, Akansh Nair 6C, Jeet Bhatewara 6D

CLASS 8: Urvansh Agarwal 8A, Joshua Edward 8B, James Anthony Rebello 8C, Avneesh Chitnis 8D

CLASS 9 : Miguell Puthoor & Vivaan Felfeli 9A, Md.Arham Memon 9B, Rushank Agarwal, Nathon Sequeira & Aston George 9C, Vaibhav Laddha & Aarav Ghule 9D

CLASS 11: Pranav Pardeshi & Swaroop Barekar 11A, Akshara Rawat & Arpita Varghese, 11B, Aaron Parkhey 11C.





Sensitisation Seminar on Child Safety and Responsible Behaviour

The Sakhi Savitri Committee of the school organised a Sensitisation Seminar on Child Safety and Responsible Behaviour for students of Classes 5 to 10 on 15th and 16th December 2025 in Fr. Oesch Hall and Gulati Hall. The sessions were conducted by Dr. Anuja Kulkarni, Consultant Psychologist.

The seminar focused on creating awareness about physical, emotional, social, and digital safety, helping students understand responsible behaviour in their daily lives. Dr. Kulkarni addressed challenges faced by children and adolescents such as peer pressure, emotional conflicts, online risks, and boundary setting, using age-appropriate examples.

A significant part of the session dealt with conflicts and fights among students. She explained common triggers like anger, frustration, jealousy, or the need to prove oneself, and how emotions can escalate into impulsive actions. Students were guided on healthy ways to manage anger, including pausing before reacting, deep breathing, expressing feelings verbally, seeking adult support, and walking away from triggering situations. The importance of self-control as a sign of strength was emphasised.

The seminar also highlighted healthy friendships based on respect, empathy, and inclusion. Dr. Kulkarni clearly explained the difference between teasing and bullying, sensitising students to the emotional harm caused by repeated or intentional hurtful behaviour.

In addition, she addressed personal safety, consent, emotional well-being, responsible online conduct, and basic stress-management techniques for examinations.

The interactive sessions were informative and impactful, fostering self-awareness, empathy, and responsible decision-making. The school expresses sincere gratitude to Dr. Anuja Kulkarni for her valuable guidance in promoting a safe and supportive learning environment.



PRIMARY SPORTS DAY

The 158th Annual Primary Sports Day of St. Vincent's School was held on Tuesday, 16th December 2025 amidst great enthusiasm and cheer. Students and parents gathered in large numbers to witness a vibrant celebration of sportsmanship, teamwork, and physical excellence.

The programme was conducted under the leadership of the Principal, Rev. Fr. Titus Thangaraj and Vice Principal, Rev. Fr. Raja. The occasion was graced by the Chief Guest, Prof. Dr. Francis Gonsalves, S.J.

In his address, Fr. Gonsalves emphasised the importance of sportsmanship, physical fitness, and character formation. He encouraged students to *look forward* with confidence and determination, *look around* with gratitude and concern for others, and *look above* for guidance and inspiration, echoing the school motto,

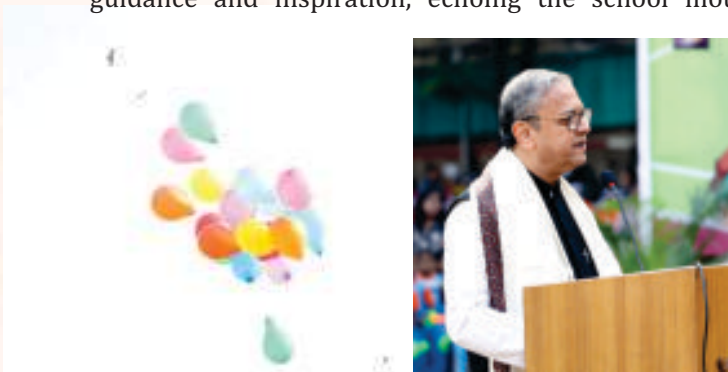


"Dare, Do and Win."

A major highlight of the day was the colourful and well-coordinated drill performances by students of Standards I to IV, which beautifully showcased discipline, coordination, and team spirit. The various races and relay events for students and parents added excitement, energy, and joy to the celebration.

The General Championship Trophies were awarded to Classes 1B, 2C, 3D, and 4D. The Best Sportsman of the Year award was presented to Swarajya Shetye from Class 4 D.

The event concluded on a joyful and memorable note and was successfully organised with the dedicated efforts of the physical education masters, Mr. Savio Noronha and Mr. Yash Kamble, with the wholehearted support of the Primary teachers and management.



Christmas FANCY DRESS & FUN FAIR at the Nursery

A fancy-dress activity based on Christmas was organised at the nursery on 17th December 2025. The event was graced by the presence of the Principal Rev. Fr. Titus and Vice-Principal Rev. Fr. Raja. Parents of the participants were also invited, making the celebration even more joyful and meaningful. The event began with the routine assembly after which the boys sang a few Christmas carols kickstarting the fun. The participants dressed up as Santa's, reindeers, elves, Christmas trees, holly's, candy canes, stars, bells, wreaths, angels, snowmen and even Christmas stockings, transformed the nursery into a kaleidoscope of colours and sparkling fun. Each participant recited a few lines about their costume and their courage and confidence at this age was truly commendable. The creativity and effort of the parents were also praiseworthy as the costumes were thoughtfully designed and beautifully presented.

On the 19th of December 2025, a colourful fun-fair was organised at the nursery and the event was inaugurated by the Principal. Our excited students along with their parents patronized the various games and food stalls that were set up within the premises. The boys participated enthusiastically in games such as lucky shape, shoot the ball, feed the clown, cycle race, ring the cone, lucky dip and the trampoline. Food stalls included yummy treats like cupcakes, kacchi dabeli, samosas, pani-puri, wafers and frooti. The highlight of the morning was Santa's visit which was a huge surprise and thrill for all our tiny tots who enjoyed dancing with Santa, getting their pictures clicked and relishing the sweets handed out. It was another wonderful morning filled with joy, laughter and memories.



HOPE WAS BORN THIS NIGHT

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT THE PRIMARY SECTION

St. Vincent's Primary School celebrated the festival of Christmas with great joy and reverence. The celebrations began on 19th December with a Holy Mass, which was conducted with deep devotion. The primary students presented the Nativity Story through a shadow play themed "Hope Was Born This Night." The gentle play of light and shadows beautifully conveyed the message of love, hope, and peace, leaving the audience deeply touched with the message of Christmas. The celebration was further enriched by the melodious singing of Christmas Carols by the children.

The festive spirit continued with the much-awaited visit of Santa Claus on the 22nd of December. The school campus echoed with laughter and excitement as the children welcomed Santa with bright smiles. Christmas celebrations were held in each class that day, where the students enjoyed fun-filled activities, shared their snacks and created fond moments of happiness and togetherness with their friends. The Principal, Reverend Fr. Titus visited each class to wish the students and teachers to enhance the festive spirit of Christmas.



EGHOES OF JOY

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT THE HIGH SCHOOL & JR. COLLEGE

The Christmas celebrations in the school commenced with a special assembly held on 22nd December, marking the beginning of the festive observances with joy and reverence.

Students from Std. V to XI participated in a programme that beautifully highlighted the true spirit of Christmas. The meaningful Nativity play, enacted by the students, brought alive the story of the birth of Jesus with grace and devotion.

As the play unfolded, the school choir melodiously rendered Christmas carols, adding depth and solemnity to the celebration. The harmonious singing and expressive performances captivated the audience and conveyed the timeless message of love, peace, and goodwill. The assembly concluded on a cheerful and uplifting note, filling hearts with festive spirit and gratitude.

Following the assembly, the students returned to their respective classrooms where they celebrated togetherness by sharing treats brought from home. The joyful atmosphere continued as they participated in various games and enjoyed moments of laughter and camaraderie.

After the students dispersed, the teachers gathered in Gulati Hall for a sumptuous Christmas meal. The celebration was marked by fun Christmas games, carol singing, and delightful fellowship over delicious food. All in all, the day proved to be a perfect prelude to Christmas—filled with high spirits, warmth, and festive cheer.



Farewell Ceremony for XII Graders



THE OUTGOING STUDENT COUNCIL



CLASS XI COUNCIL MEMBERS

"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." — Robert Frost

On 23rd of January, a farewell programme for the outgoing Class 12 batch was organized. The event honored the students' contributions to the school while ensuring a formal transition of leadership. The proceedings commenced on the school grounds with a Special Assembly. The atmosphere was one of solemnity and grace.

The outgoing Student Council handed over their badges and responsibilities to the newly elected Class XI Council members. This symbolized the continuity of the school's traditions and values. Representing the Class of 2026, the Head Boy, Mr. Aditya Vaz, shared a touching reflection: "We've grown from shy smiles to confident strides. St Vincent's has taught us that bada naam starts with your character."

In an inspiring speech, the Principal, Fr. Titus, drew inspiration from Robert Frost's iconic poem, The Road Not Taken. He urged the graduates to be courageous in their future endeavors, and to not be afraid to choose the road less traveled.

Following the ceremony, the Class XII students participated in their final 'Marching Out Parade', led by the class teachers and other council members.

The event then moved to the Gulati Hall for a programme hosted by the Class 11 students. The session included spot prizes to ease the emotional weight of the day, allowing students to bond one last time. A curated montage of the students' journey of two years was screened. This retrospective captured milestones, field trips, and candid classroom moments, serving as a poignant reminder of their growth.

The celebration culminated in a formal Farewell Lunch provided by the school administration. This provided a relaxed environment for students to interact with their teachers, exchange autographs, and take photographs.

The event concluded successfully, leaving the Class of 2026 with a sense of closure and the best wishes of the entire school community as they prepare for their upcoming board examinations and future endeavours.



Pre Primary

Orange-day and Republic Day

Celebrations

On January 24, 2026, the UKG and LKG students celebrated Orange Day with great enthusiasm, beautifully blending it with the spirit of Republic Day. The children came to school dressed in orange T-shirts, setting the tone for a fun-filled and vibrant day.

The classrooms were decorated with colourful tricolour crafts that sparked excitement and a sense of patriotism among the young learners. The students actively participated in various activities. The children showcased their creativity by using orange crayons on colouring sheets and ate tasty orange delights; orange-themed snacks, adding joy to the celebration.

The celebration was a great success, promoting creativity, teamwork, and social interaction among the students. It was a memorable and enriching experience for all.



REPUBLIC DAY COMPETITIONS

On the occasion of 77th Republic Day, the Republic Day Committee conducted various competitions on 23rd January 2026 for students of Std. 5 to Std. 9 to promote patriotism, creativity, and constitutional awareness. A Colouring Competition was organized for Std. 5 and Std. 6, where students enthusiastically showcased their artistic skills. The Slogan Writing Competition for Std. 7 and Std. 8 encouraged students to express their thoughts on unity, democracy, and national integrity. Students of Std. 9 participated in the Preamble Calligraphy Writing Competition, presenting the Preamble of the Indian Constitution in an artistic and neat manner.

Winners: 1. Colouring the picture (For Std.5 and Std.6)

Std. 5A – 1st – Arhaan Shaikh and 2nd – Soham Pawar

Std. 5B – 1st – Urvish Bhurat and 2nd – Devansh Pise

Std. 5C – 1st – Hitansh Shah and 2nd – Jaiwardhan Bhintade

Std. 5D – 1st – Rutwik Khaire and 2nd – Siddharaj Pawar

Std. 6A – 1st – Mufiz Shaikh and 2nd – Kingsley Ignatius

Std. 6B – 1st – Aditya Ghugarkar and 2nd – Sarang Salunkhe

Std. 6C – 1st – Shaun David and 2nd – Yugant Supekar

Std. 6D – 1st – Shervyn Fernandes and 2nd – Jeet Bhatewara

2. Slogan Writing Competition (For Std.7 and Std.8)

Std. 7 : 1st – Std. 7B, 2nd – Std. 7C and Std. 8 : 1st – Std. 8D, 2nd – Std. 8B

3. Preamble Calligraphy Writing Competition (For Std.9)

1st – Std. 9B, 2nd – Std. 9D

The competitions witnessed active participation and helped inculcate a strong sense of patriotism and national responsibility among students.



THE 77TH REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

The 77th Republic Day of India was celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotic spirit on 26th January 2026 at the school stadium.

The programme commenced with the unfurling of the National Flag, followed by the National Anthem played by the school brass band, which created an atmosphere of pride and unity. An oath to eradicate illiteracy was administered, and all present solemnly pledged to work towards creating a literate and enlightened society.

The significance of the day was highlighted through the various activities conducted during the programme. A mass P.T. drill performed by the boys of the Primary Section proved to be a major attraction of the celebration. Their synchronized movements, discipline, and energetic performance received great appreciation from the audience.

Students actively participated through patriotic speeches, songs, mass P.T. drill, yoga display, rally and cultural performances, reflecting their love and respect for the nation. A disciplined march-past by the students added dignity to the programme.

On this occasion, the school peons were felicitated by the PTA representatives in recognition of their sincere and dedicated service to the institution, which was warmly applauded by all present.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, acknowledging the efforts of the management, PTA members, teaching and non-teaching staff, and students for their cooperation and enthusiastic participation. The Republic Day celebration held on the school stadium successfully instilled a sense of national pride and social responsibility among all.





Class X Farewell Ceremony



On the 29th of January, the school organized a graceful and memorable Farewell Ceremony for the students of Class X, Batch of 2025-26, marking an important milestone in their academic journey. The programme commenced with a special morning assembly, beginning with a prayer, lighting of the lamp, and a solemn hymn that set a reverent and reflective tone for the day.

This was followed by a speech by the Class X Head Boy, who shared his experiences and memories of school life. A motivational address was then delivered by Ms. Manila Williams on behalf of all the teachers, inspiring students to face future challenges with confidence, discipline, and perseverance. The assembly also featured a heartfelt poem by Mrs. Shamala Salvi, beautifully expressing gratitude, cherished memories, and hopes for the future. In his address, the Principal, Fr. Titus encouraged the students to make judicious use of their time. He further expounded on the four Cs of Ignatian relevance, emphasizing their significance in shaping responsible and value-driven individuals. After the assembly, the outgoing students participated in a ceremonial march

past to the Gulati Hall, symbolizing their transition from school life to new horizons.

At the Gulati Hall, an enlightening and motivating speech was delivered by Mr. Shirish P. Sebastian. His words encouraged students to strive for excellence, uphold strong values, and remain resilient in their future endeavours. His address left a lasting impression on both students and staff.

Following his address, spot prize activities were conducted, adding a joyful and lively element to the programme. Students participated with great enthusiasm, creating moments of excitement, laughter, and cheer.

The programme concluded on a pleasant note with a fellowship lunch, providing an opportunity for students and teachers to interact, reminisce, and celebrate the bond they share. The Farewell Ceremony was a meaningful and well-organized event, leaving behind cherished memories for the outgoing batch of Class X (2025-26).



MEDICAL CHECK-UP



Under the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), a medical check-up was conducted in St. Vincent's High School on 3rd February 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. by the Pune District Hospital, Aundh – RBSK Haveli-2 team for students of standards V to IX. The programme aimed to assess the students' overall health and promote early detection and treatment of health issues.

Out of 1146 students, 1015 were present. 55 students were referred, 45 had vision impairment, 14 were treated for stunted growth with calcium supplement and 1 was treated for fungal infection. Minor illnesses were managed on-site, and students requiring further medical attention were issued Referral Health Cards.

The medical team comprised of Dr. Vijay Jagtap & Dr. Dhanashri Chavan (RBSK Medical Officers), Ms. Sheetal Ghatkar (Pharmacy Officer) and Ms. Radha Bavaskar (ANM – Nursing Staff).

The programme was conducted smoothly with the cooperation of the Principal and teachers. The school expresses sincere gratitude to the medical team for their valuable service and support in ensuring the health and well-being of students.



Pre-Primary Sports Day

The Pre-Primary Sports Day was held on February 2nd and 3rd, 2026. The event was a grand success, with students from LKG and UKG enthusiastically participating in a variety of activities.

The programme commenced with the Opening Ceremony, which included the welcome of the Chief Guest, the release of balloons, the principal's address, and the administration of the Sports Oath.

The Student Events featured a wide range of exciting activities, including the Drill Display, 30m Run, Hurdle Race, Medicine Ball Race, Cycle Race, Tyre Race, Let's Football, 50m Run, German Relay, Obstacle Race, and Sack Race. The students showcased their skills, coordination, and teamwork, making the event truly memorable.

The Parent Events were equally engaging, with parents enthusiastically participating in the 4 × 30m Relay.

The Closing Ceremony comprised the Medal Distribution Ceremony, followed by the Vote of Thanks delivered by Burbanuddin Shaikh from UKG-B, and concluded with the National Anthem. The event ended on a joyful note, leaving students, parents, and teachers with a strong sense of achievement and celebration.





Inter School

Speech Competition

at Loyola High School



The Power of the Spoken Word

An Inter-School Speech Competition was held at Loyola High School on 23 February 2026, drawing participation from eight schools. The event aimed to highlight the transformative power of words, as students recreated iconic speeches delivered by renowned personalities from across the world.

The auditorium resonated with stirring voices, powerful emotions, and commanding stage presence. Each participant brought history to life, embodying great leaders and visionaries whose words had once shaped nations and inspired generations. The competition not only assessed clarity of speech and voice modulation but also evaluated confidence, interpretation, and the ability to capture the spirit and conviction of the original orator.

Among the outstanding performances, Araysh Tamboli of 4D from St. Vincent's High School was declared the winner, securing first prize with a compelling recreation of Charlie Chaplin's iconic speech from *The Great Dictator*. His powerful and heartfelt rendition left a lasting impression on the judges and the audiences.

The competition stood as a testament to the enduring power of speech, reminding all present that words, when spoken with conviction and sincerity, possess the ability to inspire change and shape the world.



मराठी Day

CELEBRATION

Marathi Day was celebrated on 27th February 2026 with great enthusiasm and fervour. The occasion commemorated the birth anniversary of the eminent Marathi poet and writer Vishnu Vaman Shirwadkar, popularly known by his pen name Kusumagraj.

Students participated wholeheartedly in the celebration by dressing up as renowned Marathi poets and writers, paying tribute to their immense contribution to Marathi literature. The school organized special assemblies during which students recited Marathi poems and abhangs, beautifully showcasing their linguistic skills, confidence, and creativity.

A special Marathi song presented by the school staff added grace to the occasion and highlighted the richness of Maharashtra's linguistic and cultural heritage.

Students from Std. V to IX actively participated in a Marathi Handwriting Competition, demonstrating neatness, expression, and command over the language. The competitions and activities were a grand success and reflected the linguistic talent and enthusiasm of the students.



ECO Club

The Eco Club continued its commitment to fostering environmental awareness and responsible citizenship through a series of meaningful and engaging activities conducted throughout the academic year. Each initiative was thoughtfully designed to help students understand environmental challenges and inspire them to take positive action for a sustainable future.

The year began with an enriching seminar conducted by the **Pune Climate Warriors**, led by guest speaker **Mrs. Divya Chawan** and **Mrs. Radhika Naikawadi**. The session provided students with valuable insights into climate change and the **17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**. Through interactive discussions and a lively quiz, students gained a clearer understanding of global environmental issues and their role in creating a more sustainable world.

The Eco Club committee took an initiative to segregate the Waste Bins by labelling them as **Dry and Wet Waste**.

A seminar on "Model Eco Club & Model Sustainability Dashboards" was held at Loyola High School & Junior College, Pashan organized by the **Jesuit Alumni Association of India (JAAI) West Zone**. The event aimed at promoting environmental awareness & sustainable practices in educational institutions.

A remarkable **Tree Plantation Drive** was conducted at **Dive Ghat, Hadapsar**, under the stewardship of The Forest Raiser Foundation. The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of 50 students from St. Vincent's High School and Junior College, who displayed commendable zeal and commitment towards environmental conservation.

Students of Grades 5 and 6 actively participated in the **Air Quality Flags** Initiative, where they learned to interpret colour-coded indicators representing different air quality levels. By displaying these flags across the campus, they helped spread awareness on the importance of clean air and encouraged their peers to adopt eco-friendly habits.

Creativity and consciousness came together





through the **Picture Book Activity** for Grades 7 and 8. Students created picture books themed around air quality and sustainability, expressing powerful messages through art and storytelling. Their work highlighted simple yet meaningful ways to protect the environment.

A thought-provoking seminar by **Rev. Fr. Francis Lobo SJ** provided students with a spiritual and ethical perspective on environmental stewardship. He emphasized that caring for the Earth is a shared responsibility rooted in respect for creation. His inspiring words motivated students to live more mindfully and champion sustainable practices.

The committee members completed the SHVR Eco Club Audit of Energy, Water, Waste and Tree Audit conducted by **Jesuit Alumni Association of India (JAAI) West Zone**.

Following this, students from Grades 5 to 8 took part in a hands-on **Tree Plantation Drive at Pimplegaon Vaga, Ahmednagar**. They planted saplings along the hill slopes and learned about contour terracing and sustainable land use. The activity not only helped increase green cover but also gave students practical exposure to conservation work.

An Eco Club meeting was conducted under the guidance of Mrs. Radhika Naikawadi to review the activities and progress of the club. She appreciated the sincere efforts of the members and encouraged them to continue working actively for environmental conservation. She also briefed the students about the upcoming Green Fest and motivated them to participate enthusiastically.

Students along with Committee members actively participated in **The Big Green Fest** held at Kalagram, Deshpande Garden as a part of the Pune Climate Warrior program 2025 -2026. The objective being promotion of environmental awareness and sustainable living practices.

The school was awarded a prestigious excellence award for championing and conducting initiatives to promote climate consciousness among the students.

Through these diverse initiatives, the Eco Club continues to instil a deep appreciation for nature and empower students to become thoughtful, responsible guardians of the environment - committed to building a greener and more sustainable future.

Pink Blossoms

PINK DAY CELEBRATION

On Friday, 13th February 2026, the Pre-Primary boys joyfully celebrated Pink Day. All the students arrived dressed in pink T-shirts along with their school pants and shoes. The classrooms were beautifully adorned with pink balloons, ribbons, and decorative items, creating a cheerful atmosphere.

The day's activities included colouring pictures of ice creams, bunnies, and cupcakes in shades of pink. Parents had thoughtfully sent pink snacks, which the children happily enjoyed together.

The celebration successfully blended learning with fun, leaving the little ones smiling and filled with excitement.





Science Exhibition

The Science Exhibition for students of Std V to IX was successfully held on 23rd February 2026 on the school premises. The event aimed to encourage scientific thinking, creativity, and innovation among students.

A total of 40 projects were displayed, covering various topics from Physics, Chemistry, Biology, and Environmental Science. The exhibits reflected the students' curiosity, practical knowledge, and understanding of scientific concepts.

Students enthusiastically explained their models and experiments to their classmates and teachers. Beautiful charts were displayed, clearly explaining the gist of each experiment. Some of the key highlights included working models on renewable energy, water conservation, simple machines, pollution control, and innovative science-based solutions to everyday problems.

The exhibition provided a wonderful platform for students to showcase their talents and develop confidence in public speaking and presentation skills. Everyone appreciated the efforts, originality, and clarity of explanation shown by the participants.

The event was a grand success and truly fulfilled its objective of promoting scientific temper and inquiry-based learning among students. It was an enriching experience for both participants and visitors. Students look forward to many more such wonderful opportunities in the future.



NURSERY ANNUAL DAY





The Nursery section celebrated their Annual Day entitled “Together We Can Create a Masterpiece” on 6th March 2026. The event began with a guard of honour, welcoming the Principal of our school, Fr. Titus Thangaraj S.J. The Supervisor of the Nursery section, Mrs. DeSales extended a warm welcome to the heads of the school and the parents following which, our Principal Fr. Titus and the Supervisor of the Primary section, Mrs. Cabral were felicitated with saplings, as a token of appreciation. The event then commenced with a Welcome Song sung by our enthusiastic student choir. Fr. Titus, Fr. Raja and Mrs. Cabral together, lit the auspicious lamp, signifying the spark of knowledge and wisdom and as a symbol of thanksgiving for all the growth and joyful learning that has taken place in the last year.

Continuing with the spirit of gratitude, our boys then performed a prayer dance to the Hindi hymn “Aaja Re”, setting the tone for a fun-filled morning. The story line of the Annual Day revolved around different coloured crayons arguing amongst themselves, each trying to outshine the other but finally realising that each one was unique and together they could create a vibrant and spectacular rainbow... God’s own masterpiece! Each colour was beautifully portrayed through songs and dance performances by the students. The colourful costumes, props and stage decor added to the pomp and show of the event. Our tiny tots indeed transformed the auditorium into a kaleidoscope of hues with their enthusiastic performances.

The excellent teamwork and planning by the teachers and staff of the Nursery, under the able guidance of the Supervisor and the support by the management of the school, ensured the grand success of this event. All the hard work and dedication behind the scenes helped prepare the students and bring this celebration to life. Support and involvement of the parents also contributed to making this day memorable for everyone. The event concluded with an address by the Principal, followed by a vote of thanks to everyone involved. The Annual Day was a true testament to the spirit and joy of learning and an affirmation that together we can indeed create a masterpiece.



A Self-Defence Seminar for the Junior College Girls



On Thursday, 5th March 2026, a self-defence seminar was organized for the girl students of Std. XI (Science and Commerce) in the Gulati Hall from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in accordance with government guidelines. The aim of the seminar was to create awareness about personal safety and to introduce students to basic self-defence techniques.

The program commenced with a student formally introducing the distinguished guests for the session. The seminar was conducted by Grandmaster Richard Fernandes, a 7th Dan in Taekwondo, accompanied by his son Sheldon Fernandes (5th Dan) and his daughter-in-law Ishita Fernandes, who is preparing for her 2nd Dan. The Grandmaster was welcomed with a potted plant as a token of appreciation.

Our Principal, Fr. Titus, then addressed the students and emphasized the importance of being mentally strong, aware, and confident. Following this, Grandmaster Richard Fernandes spoke about how self-defence is closely connected to our daily lives and mentioned that many girls may have experienced feeling unsafe at least once. He encouraged students to remain alert and prepared in such situations.

The trainers began with a short warm-up session, followed by demonstrations of basic kicks, punches, attack techniques, and defence moves. Students actively participated by pairing up and practicing the techniques under the trainers' guidance. They also learned simple grappling methods, such as how to release one's hand if someone tries to hold it. The trainers further explained that even simple everyday objects around us can be used wisely for self-defence in emergencies.

The seminar concluded with a vote of thanks, after which many students approached the trainers to clarify their doubts. The session was a valuable learning experience beyond our regular academic routine and left the students feeling more confident and prepared to handle challenging situations.



GOETHE INSTITUTE & PASCH INITIATIVES FOR STUDENTS LEARNING GERMAN

During the academic year 2025–26, students actively participated in a wide range of national and international programmes organized under the PASCH initiative of the Goethe-Institut, as well as other reputed educational organizations. All these programmes witnessed participation from multiple PASCH schools across Pune, fostering inter-school collaboration, cultural exchange, and shared learning experiences. These initiatives aimed at strengthening German language proficiency, fostering creativity, promoting digital literacy, encouraging environmental awareness, and integrating innovation with experiential learning.

The successful implementation of all these projects was systematically coordinated by the German teacher, Ms. Manila Williams, who served as the liaison between the school, parents, and organizing institutions. Responsibilities included student nominations, mentoring, communication, logistical coordination, and supervision of participation across all programmes conducted throughout the year.



Creative Youth Camp 'Musik, Sprache, Kreativität: künstlerische Selbsterfahrung & Deutsch lernen'

An absolute delight for music lovers, this camp was organized on 24–25 May 2025 at Mango Leaf Resort, Khadakwasla, Pune.

The Creative Youth Camp focused on enhancing students' ability to write creatively in German while exploring the relationship between music, language, and artistic expression. Conducted by Mr. Urs Luger and Mr. Fabian Wege, the camp provided an immersive environment encouraging artistic self-expression and confidence in using German as a foreign language. Rylan D'souza and Darsh Agarwal, with A2 proficiency and an interest in creative pursuits, were eligible to participate. They enjoyed creative writing in German and the integration of music into language learning.



PASCH Scholarship - JuKu Camp in Germany, Summer Course

Noel Furtado was selected as a PASCH Scholarship holder for a German language and cultural immersion programme in Sankt Peter-Ording, Germany, conducted under the PASCH initiative of the Goethe-Institut, from 1 June 2025 for three weeks.

The programme combined intensive German language instruction with workshops, intercultural exchange, and educational excursions to cities including Hamburg and Flensburg. During the course, Noel appeared for and successfully cleared the A2 German examination. The experience enhanced his linguistic proficiency, intercultural competence, confidence, and independent living skills, making it a significant academic and personal milestone.



Workshop on AI and Robotics for the Future



On 8 December 2025, a workshop titled “AI and Robotics for the Future” was conducted by Box of Science in collaboration with the Goethe-Institut in the A.V. Room at St. Vincent's. The session was conducted by Mr. Parag Gore for 31 students, where they explored how Artificial Intelligence (AI) and robotics are designed to simplify everyday life and assist human tasks.



The workshop explained the relationship between AI as the decision-making “brain” and robotics as the executing “body.” Students made working models of a Kinetic Grasshopper, illustrating coordinated motor-driven locomotion, and a Flapping Ladybird, demonstrating biomimicry through mechanical replication of natural movement.

The session combined conceptual understanding with practical demonstrations, making advanced technological concepts accessible and engaging. It fostered curiosity about the real-world applications of AI and robotics.



Digivoice Youth Congress

The “Digivoice” Youth Congress was held at the Goethe-Institut from 25–27 June 2025, aiming to strengthen media literacy among students. The programme emphasized critical thinking, digital citizenship, responsible media consumption, and intercultural collaboration.

Darsh Agarwal, Rylan D'souza, and Shrey Doshi participated and, through interactive workshops, discussions, group exercises, and competitions, developed awareness of digital responsibility and contemporary media challenges.



Diversität und Inklusion

PASCH Camp

This three-day camp from 25–27 October 2025, at Evershine Resort, Mahabaleshwar, focused on understanding and appreciating diversity while promoting equality, respect, and self-awareness. Through interactive sessions, group activities, and reflective exercises, students explored themes such as psychology, inclusion, forgiveness, mindfulness, and personal authenticity. Two students, Ritam Adhikary and Bhawya Furia, attended the camp along with students from other schools in Pune.

The programme concluded with participants collaboratively creating a magazine that compiled their reflections, creative writing, and artwork, representing the spirit of unity and diversity fostered during the camp.



Goethe-Zertifikat

Fit 1 & Fit 2 Examinations



The Goethe-Zertifikat Fit 1 and Fit 2 examinations were conducted on 13 November 2025 and 20 November 2025, respectively. Students who chose to appear for the examinations successfully cleared them and earned internationally recognized certificates issued by the Goethe-Institut.

These certifications provide globally acknowledged proof of German language proficiency. Beyond certification, the process enhanced communicative confidence, linguistic accuracy, and readiness for advanced German studies. Achieving these international qualifications significantly enriched their academic profiles and broadened future educational opportunities.



PASCH Tagesausflug

Picnic at the Goethe-Café,

Goethe-Institut Pune

The PASCH Day Picnic, conducted on 15 November 2025 at the Goethe-Institut, provided an informal platform for young German learners to engage in language-based activities. The programme included games, songs, films, and interactive sessions conducted in German.

Twenty students participated in this enrichment activity, which fostered spontaneous communication skills and strengthened peer interaction in a relaxed learning environment.

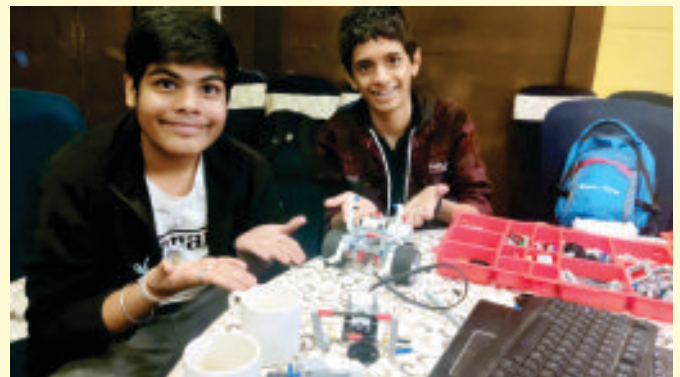


UPSKILL WORKSHOP

Held at Hotel Ramee Grand, Pune, on 15–16 November 2025, the Upskill Workshop successfully integrated art, innovation, and technology through three modules:

Kinetic Art – Building mechanical gear systems using cams, drives, and cranks. **Make a Movie** – Learning scriptwriting, filming, acting, and editing to produce short films using smartphones.

LEGO Biomimetics – Exploring biomimicry by studying animal adaptations and designing conceptual robotic models. Eighteen students participated on both days, sharpening their interdisciplinary skills through hands-on learning and creativity.





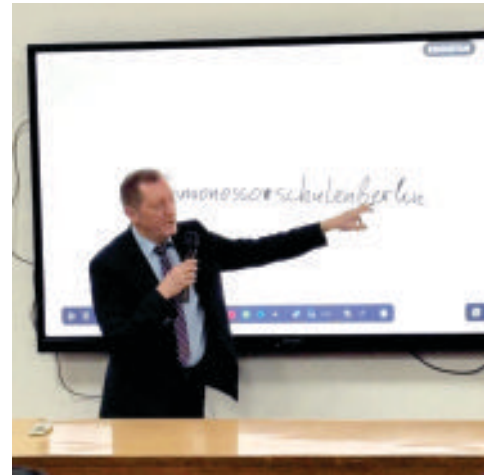
A Visit of Representatives from the International Lomonosov School, Berlin

On 24th February, the school had the privilege of welcoming two distinguished representatives from the International Lomonosov School, Berlin, Germany — Mrs. Marina Burd, Managing Director, and Dr. Alexander Ott, School Coordinator. During the session held in the A.V. Room for German learners, the representatives shared valuable information about their educational system and highlighted the advantages and opportunities of studying in Germany, particularly with regard to international exposure and higher education prospects.

As most of the students are beginners in German, the German teacher, Ms Manila Williams, facilitated communication by interpreting the presentation, ensuring that all students could understand and benefit from the interaction. The guests presented two informative videos showcasing their school, learning environment, and international campus facilities in Berlin, which generated great interest among the students.

The session concluded with an engaging question-and-answer interaction, during which the representatives patiently addressed the students' queries and encouraged intercultural learning and collaboration.

The representatives expressed their interest in developing future partnership opportunities and programmes between the two institutions. The visit proved to be an enriching experience for students and marked a positive step towards possible international collaboration.



Jugend gestaltet Zukunft! *Biodiversität*



Bhawya Furia and Ritam Adhikary attended a three-day workshop at Max Mueller Bhawan, Pune. This project focused on exploring the importance of biodiversity and sustainability for the future.

Through interactive workshops, expert discussions, and creative project development, the students examined ecological challenges and proposed innovative solutions for biodiversity conservation. The initiative promoted environmental awareness and responsible global citizenship.

A heartfelt farewell

Honouring years of service: Retirement Ceremony for the Esteemed Staff

Mr. James Peter Kasbe

St. Vincent's High School and Junior College accorded a warm and fitting farewell to Mr. James Peter Kasbe, a steadfast and devoted member of the support staff who rendered sterling service to the institution for thirty-three long years. He began his career as a peon in the Primary Section and later assumed the full responsibilities of a Laboratory Attendant in the Department of Chemistry.

Throughout his tenure, he carried out his duties with remarkable perseverance, diligence, and unwavering patience. Known for his strong work ethic and quiet efficiency, he performed every task entrusted to him with dedication and sincerity. His valuable contribution to the St. Vincent Night College for Commerce also deserves grateful acknowledgement.

A special assembly was conducted on 25th March 2025 to bid him a formal farewell in the presence of the management, staff, and students. During the assembly, he was felicitated with a bouquet presented by the Principal, Fr. Titus. On the occasion, the principal highly commended him for his dedicated service, undying spirit, humility, and steadfast commitment to duty, observing that his contribution had left a lasting impression on the Vincentian community.

Mr. More, a colleague who had known him for many years, spoke warmly about his relentless energy, sense of responsibility, and exemplary work ethics. Ms Helen Figueredo from the Department of Chemistry also expressed her appreciation, highlighting how hardworking, dependable, and caring he had been in supporting both staff and students in the laboratory. A few students shared their affection for their beloved "James Uncle," recalling his cheerful disposition, kindness, and ever-willing helpfulness. His warm presence and encouraging smile had endeared him to generations of students. Mr. James Peter Kasbe is wished the pink of perfect health and a joyful and fulfilling second innings of life. *Ad multos annos.*





“Every new beginning comes from the end of a journey, opening the door to new adventures.” With this thought in mind, a special assembly was held on 1st April 2025 to bid a fond farewell to the beloved Art teacher, Mrs. Sabrina Gonsalves.

Mrs. Sabrina Gonsalves joined St. Vincent's in the year 2002 and dedicated 23 fruitful years of service to the institution, shaping young minds with her creativity, patience, and passion for art.

On behalf of the students, a heartfelt speech was delivered expressing gratitude for her guidance and encouragement. The assembly began with a prayer seeking God's blessings upon her future endeavours. The school choir rendered her favourite hymns, “Thank You, Lord” and “May the Good Lord Bless You,” adding warmth and emotion to the occasion.

Mrs. Diana Luis spoke on behalf of the staff, acknowledging Mrs. Gonsalves' creativity, dedication, and the invaluable contribution she made to the school. The Principal, Rev. Fr. Titus, felicitated her with a token of appreciation and, in his address, praised her unwavering commitment and hard work towards the Alma Mater.

In her farewell speech, Mrs. S. Gonsalves expressed her sincere gratitude to Mrs. Cabral and the many teachers she had worked with during her long and fulfilling journey at the school.

The assembly concluded on a note of gratitude and hope, reminding everyone that while she may leave the classroom, the colours she added to countless young lives will remain forever. As the saying goes, “A good teacher leaves footprints on the hearts of students.”



Mrs. Yolanda Fernandes

On 30th June 2025, after 28 years of dedicated service, the school bid a heartfelt farewell to Mrs. Yolanda Fernandes, a cherished member of the teaching fraternity who had joined St. Vincent's School on 13th June 1997. The Primary Section organised a special farewell function to honour her remarkable journey and unwavering commitment to the institution through dance, poetry, and songs.

Mrs. Y. Fernandes served as the class teacher for Standards II, III, and IV. She was also known for her melodious singing and her ability to bring joy into the classroom. Over the years, she not only educated countless students but also earned the love and respect of colleagues, parents, and children alike.

She was felicitated by the Principal, Reverend Father Titus, who praised her dedicated service and acknowledged the invaluable role she played in shaping young minds at St. Vincent's. His words reflected deep appreciation and gratitude for the years of loving service she rendered to the school.

The programme concluded with Mrs. Y. Fernandes addressing the gathering and expressing her sincere thanks for the support and affection she received throughout her tenure. Her legacy of kindness, excellence, and devotion will continue to remain in the heart of the school. The school community wishes her happiness and good health in the years ahead.



Mrs. Joan deSouza



On September 30, 2025, St. Vincent's bid a heartfelt farewell to Mrs. Joan deSouza, who retired after an extraordinary 32 years of dedicated service. Having joined the institution in 1993, Mrs. deSouza had been a pillar of strength, wisdom, and compassion, shaping the lives of countless students and leaving behind a legacy that will be cherished for years to come. Over the years, she lovingly taught students of Standards 2, 3, and 4, nurturing them during their formative years with patience and dedication.

The farewell assembly was a moving tribute that reflected both gratitude and celebration. Students offered poetic and musical tributes to their beloved teacher, and a graceful dance of gratitude was performed in her honour.

The Principal, Reverend Fr. Titus, addressed the gathering and expressed appreciation for Mrs. deSouza's unwavering commitment, deep faith, and invaluable contribution to the Vincentian community. He then presented her with a plaque and a card on behalf of the school.

Mrs. Priyanka Londhe shared warm memories, recalling Mrs. deSouza's discipline, her laughter, her prayerful spirit, and her ever-willingness to guide and inspire. Known as a loving teacher and a firm disciplinarian, Mrs. deSouza consistently instilled Ignatian values in all who were under her wings, guiding them not only in academics but also in character and faith.

In her address, Mrs. deSouza spoke of her deep love for St. Vincent's, her gratitude for the years spent within its walls, and her joy in witnessing generations of Vincentians grow under her care.

Mrs. Joan deSouza's farewell was not merely the closing of a chapter, but a celebration of a life devoted to education, values, and the spirit of St. Vincent's. Her name and her work will remain etched in the history of the institution forever.



Mrs. Bernadette Scott

“Great journeys end, only to give rise to new beginnings.”

Mrs. Scott served St. Vincent's faithfully for eighteen years, from 2007 to 2025. She worked in the school office, diligently handling all administrative responsibilities for the ZP teachers. From preparing payslips and managing tax documentation to maintaining official records, she carried out her duties with precision, efficiency, and integrity. Her quiet dedication and reliability made her an invaluable support to the institution.

A special assembly was held on 16th October 2025 to bid farewell to Mrs. Scott on the occasion of her retirement. The programme began with a prayer led by Fr. Raja, who prayed for God's blessings on Mrs. Scott. He thanked God for her life of service and sought blessings for her new journey ahead. Following the prayer, Mrs. T. Lobo addressed the gathering, expressing admiration and gratitude for Mrs. Scott's devoted years of service. She highlighted Mrs. Scott's sincerity, patience, and unwavering commitment to her work.

Mrs. Scott herself then shared her reflections, speaking with warmth and emotion about her time at St. Vincent's. She reminisced about her experiences and expressed gratitude for the support and affection she received throughout her tenure. Her words were met with appreciation and affection from the students and staff alike.

As a mark of love and gratitude, the faculty presented a musical tribute titled *'You Can Experience.'* The melody beautifully expressed the emotions of farewell and gratitude. The Principal, Rev. Fr. Titus, then addressed the gathering with inspiring words, commending Mrs. Scott's sincerity, efficiency, and faithful service. He acknowledged the vital role she played in ensuring the smooth functioning of the administrative system and wished her happiness, good health, and peace in the years ahead.

The assembly concluded with the School Anthem, symbolizing unity and the Vincentian spirit. It was a memorable and heartfelt farewell, honouring a life of faithful service, quiet strength, and steadfast dedication.



Mrs. Diana Luis



November 28th, 2025 marked a special day for the St. Vincent's family as they gathered to honour Mrs. Diana Luis on her retirement. Having joined the institution on 15th June 2014, she dedicated eleven years of sincere service to the school. Teaching Standards 1 and 2, she played a significant role in shaping the earliest school memories of her students, guiding them with care and patience through their foundational years.

Mrs. Luis was known for her infectious energy and her eagerness to be involved in school life. Her enthusiasm uplifted every space she entered, and her positivity left a lasting impression on colleagues and children alike. She approached her responsibilities with sincerity, instilling discipline, confidence, and strong values in the young minds entrusted to her care.

Students expressed their gratitude through a meaningful dance performance and a heartfelt song that captured the joy she had brought into their classrooms. Their smiles and confidence stood as a tribute to her nurturing influence.

Addressing the gathering, the Principal, Reverend Father Titus, acknowledged her valuable contribution to the institution and wished her continued happiness and good health in the years ahead. Mrs. Pamela D'Souza fondly recalled her cheerful nature, dedication, and unwavering support to both staff and students.

Though her formal journey at St. Vincent's has concluded, Mrs. Diana Luis leaves behind a legacy of enthusiasm, kindness, and committed service — a legacy that will continue to echo in the corridors of the school for years to come.



Mrs. Monica Mascarenhas

Mrs. Monica Mascarenhas served St. Vincent's School with dedication and distinction for twenty-one years, from 2004 to 2025. As a teacher of Geography and English, she shaped young minds with patience, clarity, and compassion. Her engaging lessons, firm yet caring guidance, and unwavering commitment to her students made her not just a teacher, but a mentor and role model to many.

On the occasion of her retirement, a farewell assembly was held on 28th November 2025 to celebrate her remarkable journey. The event was a heartfelt tribute to her dedication, kindness, and the lasting impact she had on generations of students.

The assembly was opened by Master Manav, who welcomed everyone and highlighted Mrs. Mascarenhas' extraordinary contribution to the school. He expressed gratitude for her guidance, both academic and personal, and acknowledged that her legacy would continue to inspire the Vincentian family.

The programme began with a prayer led by Master Nevaan. The School Principal felicitated Mrs. Mascarenhas with a bouquet, symbolizing the institution's deep appreciation for her faithful service. A moving tribute was then presented by her student, Master Rylan D'Souza, and Mrs. Mhaske, who fondly recalled her dedication and encouragement. Mrs. Mascarenhas herself shared heartfelt reflections on her teaching journey and expressed gratitude for the years spent at St. Vincent's.

The assembly concluded with a special musical tribute by the staff, a rendition of "Happy Retirement," followed by felicitation by the PTA members. Rev. Fr. Titus offered a final farewell message, wishing her good health, happiness, and fulfilment in the years ahead.

The programme ended with the entire school singing the School Anthem, marking a memorable and emotional farewell to a beloved teacher and mentor.





Batch of Std. X (1976) & Std. XII (1978)

The Golden Jubilee Reunion of St. Vincent's Class of 1976 (SSC) and 1978 (HSC) was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the School Gulati Hall on 18th, 19th and 20th December 2025. The event marked fifty years since the batch passed out of their alma mater and brought together 115 classmates who participated in various activities organised for the occasion.

The celebrations commenced with the Vincentian Brass Band playing the National and School Anthems. A special school tour was arranged, along with a nostalgic photo session taken with the Riklin Cup, which St. Vincent's had won 2-1 against their sister institution at Loyola High School grounds in November 2025. The group also had photographs taken with their former Librarian, Nirmala Braganza Kapadia, adding to the cherished memories of the occasion.

A commemorative Coffee Table Book was released by the School Principal, Fr. Titus Thangaraj, SJ. The book featured vintage photographs with names matched to

faces and included 65 candid "Missing Years" autobiographies. In his address, Fr. Titus spoke about the enduring love and bond that Vincentians continue to share with their alma mater.

The reunion was further enriched by the presence of 10 former teachers and staff members, two of whom travelled from out of town to attend the celebration. Classmates also visited teachers who were unable to attend. All teachers were honoured with gratitude and presented with gift bags as a token of appreciation.

In a touching tribute, family members of 35 deceased classmates were invited to participate in the celebration or share video tributes. A special photo display titled "Gone but not forgotten" ensured that they remained an integral part of the event.

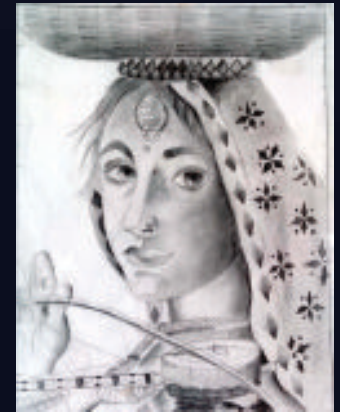
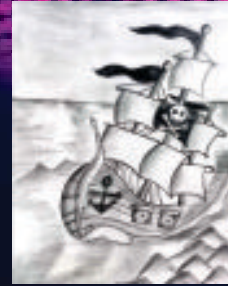
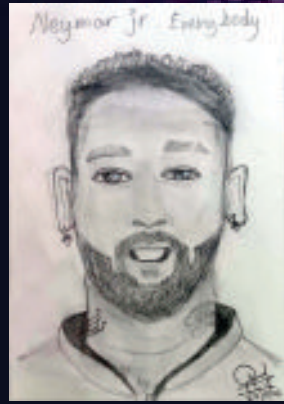
The batch also highlighted various social outreach initiatives undertaken by classmates, reflecting the true Vincentian spirit of "Magis" — seeking deeper meaning and greater social impact in all actions.

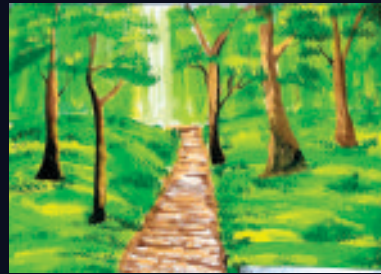
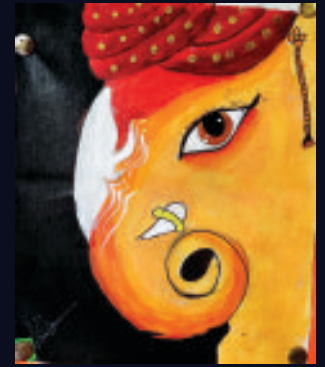
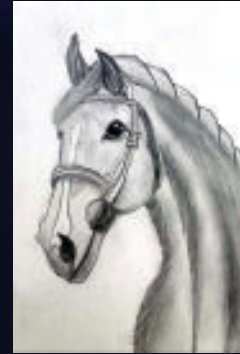
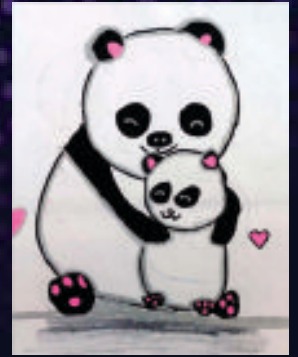
The reunion concluded with a sumptuous dinner served to all participants and volunteers. Specially designed T-shirts and caps were distributed as mementoes. The celebration stood as a testament to the enduring camaraderie and strong bonds of friendship that neither time nor distance could diminish.





Canvas of Creativity:
Painting a
Hopeful Future





Std. X A



Std. X B



Std. X C



Std. X D



Std. XII A



Std. XII B



Std. XII C



With every step you take beyond this school,
know that our blessings walk beside you.
Chase your dreams with courage and hope,
the world is waiting for you.

Always in our hearts

In the quiet spaces between our celebrations, we pause to remember those who have left an indelible mark on our lives. These pages are dedicated to cherished souls whose presence shaped our community in lasting ways. Though they are no longer with us, their values, kindness, and contributions continue to guide and inspire. We honour their journeys with gratitude and deep respect. May their memories remain a blessing to all who knew them.



Professor Anand Deshpande

14 May 1947 – 25 April 2025

In Loving Memory of Prof. Anand Deshpande

The St. Vincent's community mourns the sad demise of Professor Anand Deshpande, an inspiring educator and devoted mentor, who passed away on 25 April 2025. His association with St. Vincent Junior College remains one of the most significant chapters of his distinguished academic life.

Professor Deshpande joined the Department of Physics at St. Vincent Junior College on 15 June 1977 and served the institution with unwavering dedication until his superannuation on 31 May 2005. Over nearly three decades, he became synonymous with academic excellence, discipline, and integrity. Rising to the position of Head of the Department of Physics, he led with clarity of vision and a deep commitment to nurturing young minds.

Widely respected for his mastery over the subject, he possessed the rare gift of simplifying complex concepts in Physics, making them accessible and engaging for generations of students. His lectures were marked not only by intellectual rigor but also by warmth, encouragement, and a genuine concern for the holistic growth of his students. He believed that education extended beyond textbooks and examinations — it was about shaping character and instilling confidence.

Beyond the classroom, Professor Deshpande was a strong advocate for teachers' welfare and contributed meaningfully to the larger educational ecosystem of Maharashtra. Yet, to the Vincentian community, he will always be remembered first and foremost as a teacher who gave his best years in service of the institution.

His passing marks the end of an era. However, his legacy lives on in the countless students he mentored, the colleagues he inspired, and the academic foundations he helped strengthen at St. Vincent's.

May his noble soul rest in eternal peace.

Forever loved and remembered

Anshuman Gaikwad

It is with profound sadness that the school community mourns the untimely passing of Anshuman Gaikwad, who left for his heavenly abode following a tragic accident on 17 May.

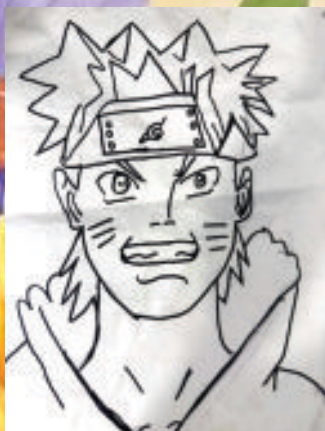
At just ten years of age, Anshuman was a loving, caring, and cheerful child whose bright smile and infectious laughter brought joy to everyone around him. His gentle nature and warm presence made him dearly loved by classmates and teachers alike. He had a special passion for drawing and colouring, expressing his creativity with remarkable imagination and enthusiasm. Through his art, he painted the world as he saw it — full of colour, hope, and happiness.

Though his time with the school community was heartbreakingly short, the light he brought into their lives will continue to shine in their memories. He will always be remembered with deep affection and tenderness, and his spirit will live on in the hearts of his friends, teachers, and all who had the privilege of knowing him.



28 October 2013 – 17 May 2025

Sketches by Anshuman



A Tribute from His Loving Sister

To My Loving Sibling Anshuman

My sun, my moon,

Never thought our time would end this soon.

The days of spring were brief,

And now this love has nowhere to go, turned grief.

Colors and rainbow show me signs,

I'm thankful for you, for being mine.

– Dr. Tanmayee Gaikwad



A Legacy That Lives On



Fr. Ovid Pereira SJ

January 28, 1960 – January 11, 2026

As students of St. Vincents Pune we have some nostalgic memories of Father Ovid! That combination of humor and strictness seems to have left quite an impression on all of us - funny how teachers who were tough on us sometimes end up being the ones we remember most fondly.

He had a unique style where a set of rubber bands would be tied up on the ruler and boys would get whacked on their calves for any discipline issues. He would wear his watch on the wrong side of his wrist and we once asked him why he did that. His reason was simple he would be writing on the board and always wanted to keep an eye on the time.

It's interesting how those experiences from school stay with us - the silly jokes, the camaraderie that came from shared experiences we miss those days spent at school and have beautiful memories of Father Ovid.

Class of 1997 (X - SSC)

The St. Vincent's family remembers with deep sorrow the passing of Fr. Ovid Pereira SJ, who was called to his eternal reward on January 11, 2026, at the Jesuit residence in Kolhapur. He was 65 years old and had devoted over four decades of his life to the service of God and humanity as a Jesuit priest.

Born on January 28, 1960, in Chembur, Fr. Ovid joined the Society of Jesus in 1981 at the Nashik Novitiate. He was ordained a priest on May 9, 1993, and pronounced his Final Vows on August 15, 2005, dedicating his life to the Jesuit mission of education and pastoral care.

Over the years, he served in various Jesuit institutions and parishes in Pune, Kolhapur, Sangamner, Panchgani, Shevgaon, and Georai, working as a teacher, principal, pastor, and counsellor. He was widely appreciated for his simplicity, dedication, and meticulous approach to every responsibility entrusted to him.

A gifted Mathematics teacher, Fr. Ovid made a lasting impact on countless students. At St. Vincent's High School, Pune, where he served as a teacher and supervisor, he was remembered for his unique blend of discipline, humour, and genuine concern for students.

Fr. Ovid was also a thoughtful preacher and compassionate listener, known for guiding people with patience and wisdom. His life reflects the words of St. Paul: "I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith."

The St. Vincent's community gratefully remembers his service and the many lives he touched through education and pastoral care.

May the Lord grant him eternal rest.

Father Ovid taught us German in the 11th standard at St. Vincent's Junior College. He also occasionally took a class on Catechism. I vividly remember him asking us to write down what we liked the most about the Lord's prayer. While each one of us shared our likings, He explained that what makes this prayer meaningful is that it is about Thanksgiving, Forgiveness and Praise. It can be recited at any time and any state of mind. It is with his insight that I now say this prayer with deeper reverence and meaning. May God grant him eternal rest.

Reuben Rato, Ex-Vincentian



Contributions of the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)

"At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents." – Jane D. Hull

During the academic year, the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) remained steadfast in its commitment to fostering a supportive and enriching environment for both students and faculty. Through meaningful initiatives and thoughtful gestures, the PTA continued to strengthen the partnership between parents, teachers, and school leadership.

The year was marked by several noteworthy activities and distributions. On the occasion of Independence Day, small gifts were distributed to students to instill a sense of civic pride and national spirit. For Republic Day, the PTA organized a special appreciation initiative for the school helpers and peons, presenting them with tokens of gratitude in recognition of their invaluable behind-the-scenes contributions to the smooth functioning of the institution.

In the area of student engagement, Children's Day was celebrated with the distribution of gifts, bringing joy to the students. Additionally, a Chess Competition was organized, providing students with an excellent platform to develop strategic thinking, concentration, and sportsmanship.

The PTA also acknowledged important leadership and faculty milestones during the year. The birthdays of the Principal, Rev. Fr. Titus Thangaraj, SJ, and the Vice Principal, Rev. Fr. Raja, SJ, were commemorated with felicitation ceremonies in appreciation of their dedicated guidance and leadership. On Teachers' Day, the PTA organized a special celebration to honour and thank the teaching faculty for their unwavering commitment to education.

A particularly heartfelt moment of the year was the retirement felicitation of Mrs. Monica Mascarenhas. The PTA organized a warm and gracious tribute to celebrate her years of dedicated service and lasting contribution to the classroom and the school community.

The Parent-Teacher Association looks forward to building on this year's momentum and continuing to create meaningful opportunities that support the holistic growth and success of every child in the coming academic year.



From St. Vincent's grounds to International Glory

Representing India as Vice-Captain in Lacrosse



From the fields of St. Vincent's High School, where I first learned to dream fearlessly, my journey to becoming Vice-Captain of Team India Lacrosse began. My discipline, commitment, and confidence were built on the strong foundation my school laid. Here, sports were not just encouraged—they were nurtured—and the motto Dare, To Do, and To Win became part of who I am.

Just a boy with a big dream, I carried the Vincentian spirit from my school to an international stage that once felt far away. Lacrosse—one of the oldest and fastest team sports—is a game of speed, strategy, and heart. Though new in India, it is growing rapidly and will return to the global stage at the 2028 Summer Olympics.

My international journey ignited at the Okinawa Open in Japan, where I scored India's first-ever goal against Hong Kong—a small spark that soon grew into a blaze. At the Asian Lacrosse Games in Saudi Arabia, India created history. Both men's and women's teams, seen as underdogs, rose with grit and belief. Victories over Pakistan and Iraq led to India's first-ever continental gold in lacrosse.

This was more than a win—it was a story of belief overcoming odds. That gold secured India a place in the Olympic Qualifiers in Australia, bringing us closer to the Olympic dream.

As Vice-Captain and last-man defender, every moment in the tricolour traces back to St. Vincent's. My coaches and mentors shaped not just the athlete, but the person I am. Every value and every step forward began on those grounds. Lacrosse may still be growing in India, but so are we. With belief and dedication, we continue to push forward—one goal, one dream at a time.

I owe my journey to my institution, my home, my foundation. And wherever I go, I carry the same spirit: Dare, Do & Win! Vincenti Dabatur!!

Gunish Singh Bedi, Ex- Vincentian



Ashes in the wind

A morning bright, the city stirred,
With dreams in eyes and hopes unheard.
Engines roared, a bird took flight,
Into the calm of golden light.

But fate had inked a different line,
Where wings would break before their time.
A cry of steel, a flash, a flame—
And nothing ever stayed the same.

The skies once blue turned ashen grey,
Smoke danced where children used to play.
A silence louder than the sound
Of all the chaos crashing down.

Mothers wept and fathers ran,
To find their loved ones where it began—
A field of fire, twisted grief,
Where time itself turned into thief.

The sirens wailed like shattered prayer,
For lives that vanished in the air.
Yet even in the darkest pain,
The city bore the scars like rain.

Candles lit by trembling hands,
A city kneeling where it stands.
For those who flew and fell that day,
We close our eyes and softly pray.

Though blackened smoke may stain the sky,
Ahmedabad will not let die
The names that whispered in the flame—
Each soul a star, each loss a name.

- Joanna Sneham, XII A



AN EVERGLOW

Everyone grows up. Slowly, friendships, fun, and all the little things become lifelines after long, exhausting days. You don't want to study, you don't want to sleep early, and you never want this fun to end. But then, reality creeps in — you start worrying about yourself, about your

future, about everything. You stress out. And in those moments, you lean on your friends for comfort, for laughter, for calm. You all chase your goals. You work hard. You get tired. And before you know it, the daily meetings turn into weekly ones, and then into monthly ones. But strangely, they begin to mean more than they ever did. You stop worrying about the world when you're together.

In that company, you don't want anything to change. You complain together, laugh together, hate the world together — and yet, love everything about it when you're with each other. The adults keep telling you to stay grounded, but how can you, when being with them makes you feel like you're flying? Even the wildest ideas seem possible. No one laughs at them — they support you anyway. That's the magic.

But then... life happens.

You grow apart, slowly. You forget those lifelines, not out of choice, but because time pulls you in different directions. Everyone starts grinding again — this time, alone. And it feels harder. Colder. Like something's missing.

Then one day, you remember.

You reminisce. You wonder how it's been so long since you last spoke. You reach out again. You meet. But it's not quite the same, is it? Well... that's a bit disappointing. But it's just a story, right? It's happened to a lot of people.

But why us?

Well, luckily, it *is* just a story. But life is our story. And it would be selfish to write it with only one main character, wouldn't it? Teenage years — these confusing, thrilling years — are when we make some of the most permanent choices of our lives. Like a Sudoku, you start finalizing certain numbers. These friends, they are those. Fixed. Unchanging. You can't erase them.

Of course, sometimes you'll need to focus on yourself. Everyone does. But don't forget to take a breath. Don't forget to laugh. Don't forget to reach out. Because no matter how much time passes — a week, a month, or even a year — these numbers, these people, should remain. Unmoved. An everglow.

And nothing will truly change — not if you don't let it. So hold on to those bonds. Make them now, and never let them break. Because this journey of life? It's always better with company. Let those ties everglow. And may *you* everglow with them.

- Aarav Divate, XII A



Almost Peace

Some days, nothing breaks.
No big joy,
No big fall.
You just move.
Slow, maybe,
But forward.
You think too much,
Feel too little—
Or maybe it's the other way around.
But the sky doesn't ask questions.
The wind doesn't need you to explain.
And maybe that's enough:
Not being happy,
Just not lost.
Almost peace.

- Soham Dahale, XII B

Clenched Fist

To breathe each day through smoke and mist,
To love, to lose, with clenched-up fist.
To laugh when joy feels far and thin,
To hold your ground when none can win.
To speak when silence feels like peace,
To break, yet rise, and not release.
No perfect path, no easy list—
Just this: to live, *in spite* the clenched fist,
In spite the clenched fist.

- Soham Dahale, XII B



NISAR

On July 30, I watched with excitement as NASA and ISRO's joint satellite, NISAR, was launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota at 5:40 pm using ISRO's GSLV. Within just 19 minutes, the satellite was placed about 747 km above the Earth. It felt incredible to think that I was witnessing a milestone in space history.

NISAR is the first collaborative satellite developed by both NASA and ISRO. The name stands for *NASA ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar*. Knowing that it is the most powerful Earth-observation satellite ever sent into space made the launch feel even more special to me. By the end of 2025, government agencies are expected to access data showing even tiny changes on Earth's surface — and we might even get to see live satellite images. NASA scientists also mentioned that this data will be freely available on NASA's and India's National Remote Sensing Agency portals, which I personally find amazing.

Scientists explained that the mission will help detect changes in woody biomass, track crop patterns, map ice sheets and glaciers, and study land surface deformation caused by earthquakes, volcanic activity, landslides, subsidence, uplift, and more. It can even help monitor subsurface aquifers, hydrocarbons, reservoirs, and volcanoes. I found it interesting that they are already working on creating a baseline database of deep-sea information to make sure the data from NISAR can be used even better in the future.

The first 90 days after launch will be spent on commissioning, where the team prepares the observatory for science operations. This phase includes checking calibrations and instruments before the real scientific work begins. Knowing the complexity of such missions made me appreciate how much effort goes into just getting started.

What really fascinated me about NISAR is its unique design. It carries two Synthetic Aperture Radars of different frequencies, called the L and S bands. SAR is a radar imaging system similar to SONAR, but it uses the motion of the radar antenna to create high-resolution images of Earth's surface. Because of the dual-band system, NISAR will provide detailed images every 12 days — some of the clearest images of Earth ever taken from space.

- *Mayank Wasvani, XI A*

ANTITHESIS TO THE PSYCHOSIS OF FEAR

As one gradually moves beyond fear, it is natural to see fear as an enemy or a rival to be conquered. However, a spiritually awakened mind realises that this seemingly unpleasant companion — this person with an “ugly face” — exists for a reason: to protect us from harm. Fear, at its root, is a survival instinct. It guards us from our own impulses, from acts of recklessness that could endanger life or integrity.

When one truly transcends fear, the relationship changes. One no longer reacts to fear; one chooses consciously. It is not fear that dictates action, but awareness. The individual, now beyond fear, recognises that jumping off a cliff to prove fearlessness is not courage — it is recklessness. Jumping with friends for thrill's sake may be rash, even amusing, but jumping to save a drowning person becomes an act of duty and compassion.

Here lies the essence of Vivek Buddhi — the discriminating intellect. It is the inner faculty that discerns right from wrong, necessary from impulsive, and wisdom from folly. As one rises above fear, this power of discrimination grows quietly, shaping the mind and refining the character. To go beyond fear is not to destroy it, but to understand it — to place it in its rightful place as a guide, not a master.

- *Aryaan Merchant, XII A*



Why Real Cars Have a Soul

When Karl Benz invented the *Patent Motorwagen* in 1885, it set in motion a whole new era of technology and innovation. Since then—140 years later—cars have come a long way from the pattering, smoke-billowing jalopy built by Benz. Cars are now sleek, fast, and much more efficient. However, there are two serious setbacks: the unavailability of good fuel and the damage done to the environment.

To combat this, the world has opened a new chapter in the history of cars: the electric car. But these have their own setbacks. They are more expensive, their batteries are difficult to dispose of, and if not handled properly, they can harm the environment by leaking chemicals. Even the mining for lithium—a major component in these batteries—damages ecosystems and pollutes drinking water. And this is only the tip of the iceberg.

There are still people loyal to combustion cars who love vehicles with real engines. This has created an entirely new community called **Petrolheads**. These are people who have grown up listening to the purr of the engine, the soft shifts of the gearbox, and the exciting pops and crackles of the exhaust. They have experienced the real joy of driving for the first time. After all, electric cars just don't have the soul of a *real* car. They do not tug at the heartstrings in the same way.

There are many different engines: V12s, V8s, V6s, straight engines, flat engines, turbos, and more. In the same fashion, there are many different types of cars. Some argue that only one type of car is the best. But the truth is, each has its own strengths and weaknesses. Some are meant for track racing, some for straight-line speed, and some for gentle cruising.

In fact, there are so many aspects of a car that it's impossible to name them all! Some are even a combination of two or three, and some are good all-rounders. But what many Petrolheads often debate is the difference between the **Naturally Aspirated (NA)** engine and the **Turbocharged** engine.

The key difference lies in the fact that NA engines make less power, while Turbocharged engines can make the same power in a smaller package and are more cost-efficient. For example, the **Porsche 911 GT3 RS** has a 4.0-litre NA flat-six engine, making 525 horsepower and 465 Nm of torque, while the **Porsche 911 Turbo S** has a 3.7-litre twin-turbocharged flat-six engine, making 650 horsepower and 800 Nm of torque.

So, you might think Turbocharged engines are better. But wait — you may wonder why Porsche decided to put the obviously less powerful engine into the track-focused GT3 instead of the Turbocharged one. In fact, most Formula 1 cars have historically used NA engines (though nowadays some use hybrid systems).

The answer lies in the way the power is delivered. NA engines are smoother and increase power as the engine spins faster. This means that NA engines make the right amount of power exactly when you need it — a crucial factor in F1 cars. On the other hand, Turbocharged engines start their power delivery slowly, then increase dramatically at a certain RPM and keep building until the redline. This is why Turbocharged engines usually have lower redlines.

For instance, the GT3 RS redlines at 9000 RPM, while the Turbo S redlines at 8200 RPM. This difference in redline results in NA engines producing power more consistently, while Turbocharged engines focus on efficiency. In the end, each engine has its own strengths and shortcomings, and the choice depends on what you would use it for.

- Ishaan Damle, X C

MY FAVOURITE FOOTBALL CLUB – REAL MADRID

Everyone has something they're crazy about. For me, it's football—and my favourite club is Real Madrid. I started liking them a few years ago after watching one of their matches. Their white jersey, fast passes, and teamwork instantly caught my attention. What I love most is their never-give-up attitude. Even in the hardest moments, they fight till the end. Their Champions League victories still give me goosebumps. I like all the players, but the one I admire the most is **Jude Bellingham**. He plays with confidence, skill, and full energy. Real Madrid's playing style is fast, exciting, and powerful. Watching them play always inspires me to do my best. **Hala Madrid!**

- Ashton Pereira, X D



My Role Model – Mr. Ranil Gaikwad


A role model is someone who doesn't just teach or instruct but inspires by the way they live and lead. For me, that person is my coach, Mr. Ranil Gaikwad. From the very first day I met him, I noticed something different. He wasn't just concerned about how we played or performed; he cared about how we grew as individuals. His encouragement and steady belief in me gave me the confidence to step up — not only as a player but also as a leader and a team member.

What stands out the most about him is his dedication. Rain or shine, he is always there before anyone else — setting things up, planning, and making sure everything is in place. Watching his consistency and discipline has taught me that true leadership begins with commitment.

But beyond discipline, he carries a rare quality of kindness and patience. He listens, he guides without judgment, and he makes everyone feel valued. These small but powerful gestures have left a lasting mark on me, shaping the way I treat people and approach challenges.

To me, he is more than just a coach. He is someone who has shown me what it means to lead by example, to inspire without words, and to believe in others even when they don't believe in themselves. His life lessons continue to influence me, and I hope that one day, I can inspire others in the same way he has inspired me.

- Ishaan Thokale, X A



**PURSUIT OF
HAPPINESS**

Happy and sad moments come and go,
However, that is life, you know;
Yet what matters most is how seeds we sow.

My mind does boggle, my fingers tremble,
Seeing mankind in such a dismal ensemble—
How many hearts sorrow seems to assemble.

Thou must seek joy within thy mind;
But pause and ask, with truth aligned:
“Am I fulfilled, or of the sad kind?”

Moments pass with joy and sorrow;
Fortunes fade today, return tomorrow.
The secret lies in the glow we borrow.

In silent thought and contemplation,
I pause in quiet hesitation,
Seeking truth without temptation:
“Am I happy?”—my soul's narration.

This world indeed is a puzzling place;
Its pace—an endless, restless race
For priceless gold devoid of grace.

Yet in this chase of tales untold,
Within our hearts the truth unfolds:
True fulfillment waits to be behold.

- Mayank Vaswani, XI A

MIDNIGHT WHISPERS.....

In twilight's hush, where shadows play,
A midnight sky, stars at bay.
The world frozen and still, in quiet sleep,
Dreams whispering secrets, dark and deep.
Sleepless nights, unfinished dreams,
Only in this still hour, I find peace.
The darkness shines with starry lights,
And in this night, I launch my flight.
The moon, shining soft and white,
With stars as ornaments showing the light.
The world of dreams, forever bright,
Guides me through this dark midnight.
In the silence of night, the moon shows light,
After every night, a morning shines bright.
And hope never dies,
For in every dark moment, light can rise.
I am not talking about midnight—
I am talking about the way of LIFE!

- Faariz Navaloor, X C



Behind the Smile **TEENAGERS!** MENTAL HEALTH

Teenage years are often seen as joyful and carefree, but behind many smiling faces lie silent struggles. Academic pressure, social media comparisons, bullying, loneliness, and fear of failure can all affect a teenager's well-being. Unfortunately, while physical illness is freely discussed, mental struggles like anxiety, sadness, or depression are often hidden due to fear or shame.

Mental health is not only about disorders; it is about the way we think, feel, and manage life. When teens feel constantly overwhelmed, tired, or numb, it is important to notice and listen, as their emotional health may be silently declining. Many cases remind us of the reality of teenage mental health. Talking about it openly breaks the stigma and makes it easier for students to ask for help. Schools should provide safe spaces where students can express their feelings. Parents and teachers must listen with empathy, not judgment — for sometimes, just being there means everything.

Mental health among teens is a crucial yet often overlooked issue. It's time to look beyond the surface. Today's teens face a mix of academic pressure, identity confusion, and digital overload. While they smile on the outside, deep within they battle insecurities and trauma that often go unspoken. Society and social media continue to promote unrealistic standards and comparisons, adding to the weight they carry.

Let us not wait for smiles to fade. Let us look beyond — with love, awareness, and support. Mental health is not just a personal issue — it is a community responsibility. Each one of us must work together to nurture environments where young minds can grow and smile freely, where they feel safe and strong — not just on the outside, but within too.

- Aryan Lavale, IX D

The War Takes too much!

I don't know much about the world,
But I know what it means to cry.
I've seen the pictures late at night—
A child like me beneath the sky.

No stars above, just smoke and flame,
No one to call, no one to name.
He's all alone, his smile is gone...
What did that little boy do wrong?

His teddy bear is soaked in dust,
His dreams are buried in the rust
Of broken walls and shattered glass—
He lost his future in the past.

I go to school, I play, I laugh,
I drink clean water from a glass.
But somewhere else, a child my size
Is learning how to say goodbyes.

A father gone, a sister lost,
He wonders what this hatred cost.
He doesn't know the reason why—
He only knows he wants to cry.

They call it war. They say it's brave.
But tell me—who will dig the graves?
Who hears the silence left behind
When someone's taken by a mine?

Why do we fight? Why do we burn?
When will the world begin to learn
That peace is not a foolish dream—
It's softer than a soldier's scream.

If I could speak to all who lead,
I wouldn't ask for gold or greed.
I'd say: "Please stop, and look around—
There's more than power in this ground."

There's laughter here, and love, and light.
Why turn the day into a night?
Why make a child feel such pain
Just to prove some selfish gain?

I don't want medals, bombs, or pride.
I want the fighting all to slide
Into the past—where it should stay.
Let peace be born with every day.

Because I'm young, but still, I see—
War takes too much... from you and me.

- Aaron Moraes, VIII A



THE DIGITAL ERA AND ITS EFFECTS

In today's world, digitalization is the need of the hour. The development of business, society, markets, and capital trade has risen tremendously in the past few years. Digitalization has helped millions around the world. It has been especially profitable for people who wish to complete maximum tasks in less time, as well as for those who like to multitask. Social networking sites like Facebook, WhatsApp, and Instagram are the neighbourhoods of this new era. These sites help connect people from all over the world. However, excessive use of these platforms may affect the true expression and emotions of a person.

Digitalization has greatly benefited the field of education. E-learning platforms help us access information on various topics—for example, Wikipedia. There are many online apps to order food and groceries, such as Swiggy, Zomato, Blinkit, and Kissan Mart. Apps like Uber and Ola have solved transportation problems. The metro also plays an important role in public transport and helps reduce traffic on the roads.

In earlier times, people had to wait in long queues for job interviews and document registration. But due to the availability of online facilities, all these processes have become much easier. Now, there is no need to carry cash—we can pay through online apps such as Paytm, Google Pay, and PhonePe. Thus, the digital era and its advancements have paved the way for a more convenient and efficient life.

- *Kush Chandak, IX B*

MY CLASS PICNIC

Hi, I'm Joash studying in standard 6-D. I would like to share my experience of our class picnic. On 25th July, I woke up happily at 5:30 am, full of excitement because it was the day of my class picnic. All the students boarded the bus on time, and we left at 7:30 am. I sat with my best friend, Devyank. At first nothing much was happening, but after 30 minutes the music started and suddenly...THE WHOLE BUS WENT CRAZY! Everyone began shouting and dancing. At first, I was confused and panicked, wondering what was happening but soon I joined in too. After another 30 minutes, we were served snacks—two packets of chips and a cupcake. I had also brought some snacks from home like Potato chips, Frooti, Cheese sandwiches and Mentos. I chatted with my friends in the bus and had a lot of fun. After a long drive, we finally reached.



Our picnic was at Sunny's World, which is called "The funniest place on earth." First, we had delicious breakfast; idli with chutney and poha. I sat with my friends Dastan, Viaan, Chester, and Vihaan. After breakfast, we enjoyed many activities like boating, rock climbing, and a game where we had to jump and duck under a moving rod. But the most exciting and unforgettable part was the RAIN DANCE!!! I absolutely loved it. It was so much fun and very enjoyable. There were colourful plastic balls on the floor, and the music made it even more amazing. I could describe it in a million words, but in short, it was the best experience of the day. Then, I tried rifle shooting and archery. Though I missed with the rifle, I managed to hit the bullseye with the bow and arrow. I was really happy because I was the only one who hit it! After that, we had lunch.

In the afternoon, we got back on the bus to go to a museum. Some students thought it would be boring, but I found it exciting. The bus ride was fun as we all danced and shouted again. Once we reached, we explored the museum. The first floor was all about rocket ships and aeroplanes, and each room had something more fascinating than the last. The second floor displayed different types of rocket ships and pictures of famous astronauts. There were miniature models of planets and spacecrafts, and we even watched a video about astronauts and their achievements.

It was both fun and educational. The day was adventurous, exciting, and unforgettable. We all returned home with sweet memories of our picnic.

- *Joash Patel, VI D*



Badminton – A Game of Professionals

Badminton is a fast and exciting game loved by people all over the world. It is played using a racket and a shuttlecock, also known as a birdie. The shuttlecock is hit back and forth over a net on a special court. The game can be played as singles (one player on each side) or doubles (two players on each side).

While many enjoy badminton as a fun activity, it is also a serious professional sport. Players represent their countries in national and international tournaments. One of the earliest Indian legends in badminton was **Prakash Padukone**, who made history by winning the All England Championship in 1980. He inspired a new generation of players to follow their dreams.

Following in his footsteps, stars like **P. V. Sindhu**, **Saina Nehwal**, and **Srikanth Kidambi** have brought glory to India by winning medals at the **Olympic Games**, **Commonwealth Games**, and **World Championships**. These champions are role models for young players like me, who dream of playing at high levels.

Playing badminton regularly improves fitness, speed, balance, and concentration. Professional players train for several hours every day. They follow a healthy diet, practice under expert coaches, and work very hard to reach the top. They also show great discipline, dedication, and sportsmanship both on and off the court.

I love playing badminton in my free time. It keeps me active and brings me joy. Whenever I watch live matches or see players on TV, I feel excited and motivated. I hope to become a skilled badminton player someday, represent my school—and maybe even play for India! Badminton is more than just a sport. It teaches us to dream big, stay strong, and never give up, just like the champions we admire. *"Champions are not born, they are made with hard work, practice, and passion."*

- Vivaan Katariya, V B

SPACE OF WONDERS: A PLACE FULL OF MYSTERY

Let us all dive deep into the fascinating topic of space. Space is a vast, open, and empty void without any end. It has no gravity and no air, so as we all know, a normal person cannot survive in space. It all begins about 100 km above the Earth's surface, beyond the atmosphere. It may seem empty at first, but if we look closely through a telescope, we can see countless wonders. We live in the Milky Way galaxy, and the galaxy closest to us is the Andromeda galaxy. The whole of mankind knows only about 0.00001% of the entire universe. Yet, space plays a very important role in our daily lives. There are satellites in space without which we would not be able to access GPS, weather forecasts, communications, and many other things. It also helps us predict upcoming natural disasters.

Humans have been exploring space for over 60 years. The first human to travel into space was Yuri Gagarin in 1961. Eight years later, in 1969, the Apollo 11 mission successfully landed on the moon. The famous words said by Neil Armstrong still inspire us: *"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."* It reminds us that if we have the will, we can achieve anything in life.

Today, about six to seven astronauts live aboard the International Space Station (ISS), conducting many important experiments in space. As a child, I was always fascinated to know more about space. As I conclude this article, let us remember all the great scientists who dedicated days, months, and even years to make every small space mission possible. In the future, scientists are even planning to explore the idea of *terraforming* Mars — creating water and making it habitable — so that when the sun becomes a red giant, humanity might have another home.

Fun Fact: Do you know why scientists spray about 200 million litres of water on the launch pad before a rocket launch? It's because when a rocket lifts off, it produces sound levels of about 160–180 decibels! Any sound above 150 decibels can instantly damage human hearing. Water absorbs more than 60% of this sound and helps reduce the vibrations that could otherwise cause damage. That's why the launch pad is flooded with water before take-off!

- Samuel George, VII B



MY SHADOW

No, no — it's not the shadow you think! It's my doggo! My dog's name is **Shadow**.

So, let's rewind and go back to how I got him. I was coming back from piano class one December evening. It was just after Christmas, and it was cold. As we turned closer to the house, there was an old car parked there, and suddenly I saw this mangy little thing pop its head out from below the car. It was a very small puppy — wet, cold, tired, and hungry. He looked lost and seemed to have been wandering alone for quite some time. He was scared, which told me he had been treated badly while he was on the road.

I was so excited that I screamed, "Puppy!" and my mum just hit the brakes, not knowing what was happening. After we stopped, I pointed to the small puppy below the car, and my mother immediately said, "No!" We tried looking for his mother up and down the road, but it seemed like he had either been left behind intentionally or had come a long way from his mum.

I begged and pleaded with my mother — with my most innocent eyes and sad face — until she finally agreed, but only to keep him until he was adopted. I was so happy because I knew that once he came home, he wasn't going anywhere! It was difficult to get him out from under the car, but we managed. First, we gave him a bath in the basin — he was so tiny he could fit right in! We gave him a nice warm shower and dried him well. Then we checked for injuries, fleas, or ticks. He was so tired and hungry that after having some milk, he fell asleep right there on the cold ground. We set up a box with a blanket and put him in it — he was warm and cozy.

We started asking friends and family if anyone would like to adopt this little cutie, but no one did. Then came the time to name him, and we came up with two choices: **Enzo** or **Shadow**. Since he was black in colour, we decided on **Shadow**. As a pup, he would pee and poop all day long. Cleaning was such a task — and of course, I was given that responsibility because I was the one who brought him home! He loved sleeping on my lap. One day, I was sitting on the sofa with him on my lap, and before I could catch him, he turned and fell off. Oh my God! He woke up the whole building! He cried and squeaked loudly for a good two minutes. We finally calmed him down, and then he went back to sleep. I was so scared — I thought I had broken him! But the next day, he was up and about like nothing had happened. What a little drama king! As he kept growing, his black fur disappeared, and he started turning brown! I should have named him **Biscuit**. That's when we learned that the black fur was puppy fuzz — the soft fur puppies have for protection, which falls off after a few weeks. He has so many toys to play with, but he still prefers our socks and shoes. He bites furniture and even tries to eat wood, metal, and glass — sometimes I think he's a superdog! Nothing seems to stop him. One day, I was playing football in the house, and out of nowhere, he slide-tackled me and stole the football! That's when I realized he loves football. Now we play together, even though he has no clue about the rules. I even wrestle with him!

He's now a member of our family — my younger, naughty brother — because, well, no one adopted him (I knew it!). Every time I come back from school, he jumps and licks me like I've been gone for ages. Sometimes, I feel like he's literally trying to talk to us with his barking, whining, and weird howling sounds. His brown eyes are full of love, and when he does something wrong, he says sorry by pulling his ears back, making droopy eyes, and lifting one paw as if to apologise. He is my Christmas gift!



- *Dastan Irani VI A*

A Father's Love



A father's love, a steady hand,
A guiding light across the land.
You built a world of strength for me,
A safe harbour, wild and free.
Through sunny days and stormy nights,
You filled my world with loving lights.
You taught me courage, truth, and grace,
And showed me how to win the race.
Your wisdom, like a gentle breeze,

Helped me find my inner peace.
You cheered my triumphs, big and small,
And helped me rise when I would fall.
A hero's heart, a gentle soul,
You make my life beautifully whole.
For all you've given, all you do,
My loving father, I thank you.

- *Vedant Dhotre, X D*



My First 10 km Run!!!

Just like many people who practice various sports, I chose running. Running keeps us fit and healthy. I started running and have won 18 medals so far. Since my parents also go for runs, I wanted to join them. I requested my parents to take me along. On the first day, my dad introduced me to everyone, and I felt very shy to run with them. However, the next week, I gathered the courage and started running.

My first run was 5 km, which I completed in 58 minutes and 28 seconds — running slowly but steadily. With regular practice, the next month I reduced my time to 39 minutes and 10 seconds for 5 km. Later, I took part in the TATA Mumbai Half Marathon. I had registered for 8 km, and though I was very nervous, everyone encouraged me. I was thrilled to finish 8th in the marathon, clocking 51 minutes and 8 seconds.

After that, I began practicing for 10 km. Since it was my first time, I completed it in 1 hour, 24 minutes, and 28 seconds. I was very happy to achieve this milestone. The next week, while running on the road, many people encouraged me by saying, “Good boy! Keep it up!” This motivated me to run even more. Running not only keeps our body fit and healthy but also increases stamina and concentration. I truly love running!

- Akhilesh Yenpure, VIII A



Tralalelo Tralala

On the mysterious beaches of Ohio, there exists a legendary creature called Tralalelo Tralala. It is half shark, half meme, and 100% goofy. This creature is famous because, unlike normal sharks, it has legs and wears bright blue Nike shoes — so it can run faster than your homework excuses.

Every morning, Tralalelo Tralala comes out of the sea and walks on the sand while chanting, “tralalelo... tralala...” like a remix DJ. Tourists try to take pictures, but the moment you blink, it's already gone — probably speedrunning back to the ocean.

Scientists are still confused about why a shark needs sneakers, but some believe it is training for the 100-meter race in the next Skibidi Olympics. Children love it, adults fear it, and seagulls just stare at it in pure confusion.

In conclusion, Tralalelo Tralala is not just an animal — it is a lifestyle, a mood, and a walking meme. Whenever life feels boring, remember the shark with shoes and say: “tralalelo tralala!”

- Dvir Mulane, IX A

VALUES: THE ROOT OF SUCCESS

“Values are the roots; success is the fruit.”

From the first day I stepped into my school, I realized it was more than a place for learning lessons from books — it was about learning the values that shape who I am and the lessons that prepare me for life. Every day, my teachers guide me to be honest, kind, respectful, and responsible. These values are like the roots of a strong tree, giving me the strength to grow into a better person. They remind me that knowledge alone is not enough — character matters too.

Through classroom activities, sports, music, elocutions, and even small everyday moments, I have discovered that true success is not only about awards or grades; it is about making the right choices, helping others, and living with integrity. Every small act of kindness, truthfulness, or respect nurtures my character and prepares me for life.

Being part of this school has helped me discover my strengths, build my confidence, and understand that values are the foundation for everything I do. I am thankful for every lesson, every teacher, and every experience that helps me grow. As children, we must remember that growing in values is like watering the roots of our life. When we practice patience, respect, and responsibility, we grow into strong individuals who can face challenges with confidence and grace. I am thankful to my school for planting these values in my heart. They are the foundation that shapes my actions, my friendships, and my dreams for the future. *Vincenti Dabatur!*

- Joshua Fernandes, VI B





The work of a Mother is never done

The work of a mother is never done — a phrase that perfectly captures the constant effort and care that go into being a mom. From morning to night, a Mother's Day is a nonstop cycle of tasks, both big and small, all to ensure her family is happy and healthy. She is a master of multitasking, a project manager, and a heroine all rolled into one. Her day is filled with countless duties that she handles with dedication and love.

Beyond chores like laundry and cooking, a mother's work is so much more. She is a cheerleader on the sidelines of your games, a tutor helping with difficult homework, and a therapist listening to your worries. Much of her work goes unnoticed, as she is the one who remembers every appointment and plans every event, often putting her own needs aside. This kind of dedication and care create a warm, safe, and loving home.

Ultimately, a mother's work is a job that comes from the heart. It's not something she clocks in and out of — it is a constant commitment driven by a powerful love for her family. The time and energy, she puts into every single task, whether it's packing a special lunch or staying up late to talk, are what make her hard work worthwhile.

So next time you see your mom, take a moment to appreciate all the effort and love she pours into her never-ending job. A simple "thank you" can truly mean the world to her.

- Leslie Fernandes, VI C



HOW TO STUDY LESS AND SCORE MORE!

The hardest thing for many students to do is to *study*. Studying isn't actually hard — students just make it hard! Thinking things like "It's too hard," "I'm not going to make it," or "I should probably quit" is what really makes studying difficult. Always think positively and believe in yourself.

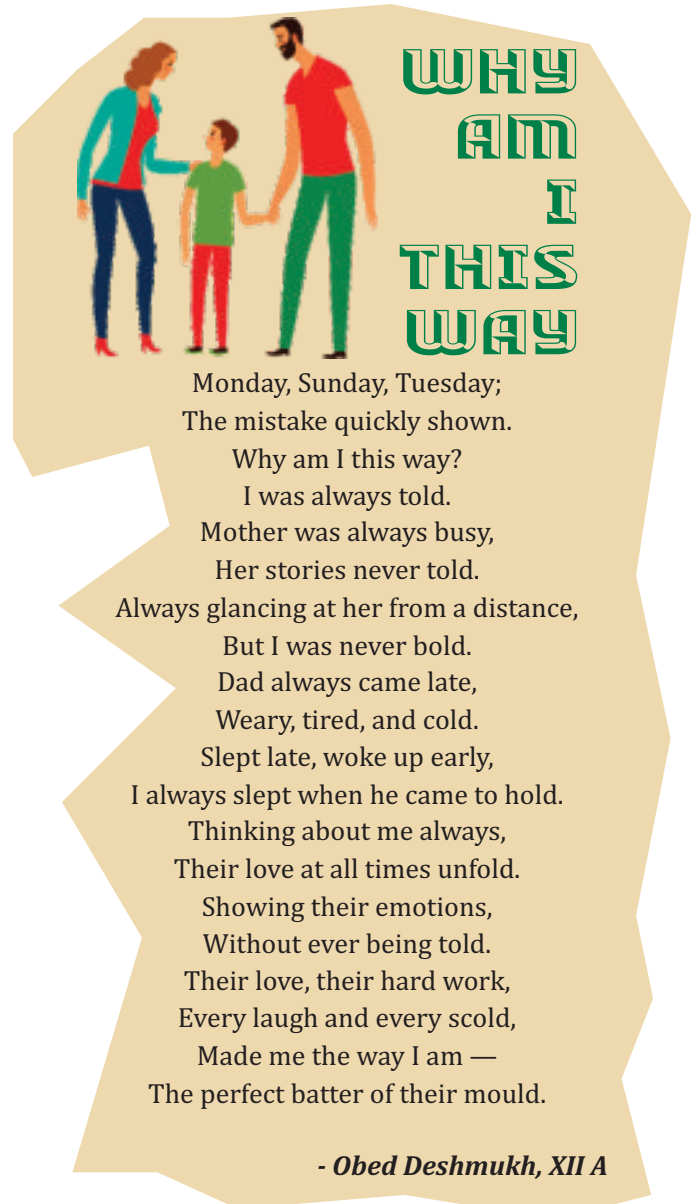
Another reason studying feels hard is because students try to memorize instead of understand. Learning by heart takes more time. Instead, try to **understand** the answers. When you understand a concept, even if you forget the exact words, you can frame the answer yourself! Most of the time, students forget what they've memorized. So, always try to frame your own answers at home. Otherwise, you might make punctuation mistakes and change the meaning.

In Maths, make simple tricks. For example: What is 9×11 ? The answer is obvious now, but if it were more complex, what would you do? You could do $9 \times 10 + 9$ to get the answer easily. This saves time!

Never hesitate to ask a doubt — even if it seems like an easy question. If you want to get better marks, just spend **15–30 minutes every day** to revise or at least read what was done in school. And never delay your work.

These tips will always help you. If you truly follow them, I'm sure you'll score better marks!

- Samyak Kankariya, VIII C



Monday, Sunday, Tuesday;
The mistake quickly shown.
Why am I this way?
I was always told.
Mother was always busy,
Her stories never told.
Always glancing at her from a distance,
But I was never bold.
Dad always came late,
Wearily, tired, and cold.
Slept late, woke up early,
I always slept when he came to hold.
Thinking about me always,
Their love at all times unfold.
Showing their emotions,
Without ever being told.
Their love, their hard work,
Every laugh and every scold,
Made me the way I am —
The perfect batter of their mould.

- Obed Deshmukh, XII A

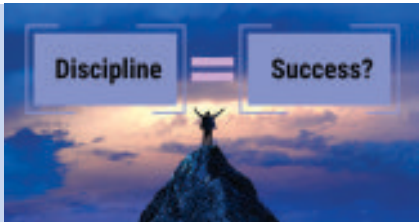
The Effects of Plastic Pollution on our ENVIRONMENT

We use plastic in our day-to-day lives, but have we ever thought about the harm it causes to our environment? Yes, it causes many problems. One of the main reasons for plastic pollution is improper disposal. Plastic takes anywhere from 20 to 1,000 years to decompose. Many people do not dispose of their waste properly—they throw it into rivers, on roads, and even in open fields. Because of this, the environment gets polluted. Plastic waste contaminates ecosystems and even our drinking water. Animals often mistake plastic for food, and this can cause blockages in their digestive systems, sometimes leading to death.

What's the solution? Well, we need to cut down on the use of single-use plastics such as straws, bags, and bottles. We should use cloth bags and reusable bottles instead. We should also recycle old plastic and make sure not to litter. It's important to properly segregate our plastic waste before disposing of it. In addition, we should raise awareness within our families and communities about the problem of plastic pollution.

If we all do this together, we can help reduce the issue of plastic pollution. "Together, we can make a difference!"

- Ashton Henriques, VI B



Role of Discipline in Our Life

Discipline is one of the most fundamental parts of our life. It helps us manage our time and complete our work properly. When we set time for every task, we can achieve more and think creatively. It also keeps our mind busy and helps us think positively.

In life, whenever we do any work, we must have consistency, focus, and hard work. But the most important quality among all is discipline. You may have all the other qualities, but without discipline, they will not matter. Discipline helps in time management and creates a clear mindset for the task. It helps us do our work in the right and proper way.

Discipline can make you a better person. It does not come easily, but with effort and patience, it will become part of you one day. So start building discipline today. It will help you create your life in the right direction and organize your thoughts clearly. The role of discipline in our life is truly big and important. Start now!

- Rajvardhan Mane, VIII C

IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION

Education is like a superpower that helps you learn new things and become the best version of yourself. It is not just about what you learn in books, but all about how you learn to think, create, and be a good friend.

School teaches you about amazing stuff like space, history, and how the world works. It's a bit like being a detective who is always finding out new clues.

In class you learn to share ideas and work together on projects. This helps you become a good team-mate and make friends who share your interests. It prepares you for your future. The skills you learn now like reading, writing and solving mathematical problems are like tools you will use for the rest of your life. They will help you get a great job and chase your dreams, whether you want to be a scientist, an artist or something else. So, think of your teachers as guides and your homework as practice. Every time you learn something new, you are making your superpower stronger.

- Leslie Fernandes, VI C



M. S. DHONI

MY MENTOR IN EVERYTHING

M. S. Dhoni is one of the most popular cricketer in the whole world. M. S. Dhoni is known for his demeanor and exceptional leadership. He led India to victory in – the 2007 T20 World Cup, 2013 ICC Champions Trophy, 2011 ODI World Cup and many more, making him the only captain to win all three major ICC white ball tournaments. He also led Chennai Super Kings five IPL titles and was named 'Captain Cool' for his composed under pressure approach. In Test cricket under his captaincy, India held the number one Test ranking for eighteen months. He received the Padma Shri [2009], Padma Bhushan [2008] and Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna awards. He led CSK to five IPL titles in 2010, 2011, 2018, 2021 and 2023. He holds numerous records for stumpings, sixes, catches, etc. M. S. Dhoni was conferred the honorary rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Territorial Army.

He is also known for his sharp - decision making and ability to remain calm under pressure. Time magazine recognized his influence by including him in the list of the world's 100 most influential people in 2011. Dhoni has captained the most international matches. His six hitting abilities and stumpings, leadership skills are amazing. Dhoni has one famous shot named the Helicopter shot. Dhoni is also a very fit sportsmen. Dhoni has many trophies and medals too. His wife's name is Sakshi, his father's name is Paan Singh Dhoni, his mother's name is Devaki, Dhoni also has a big brother Narendra Singh Dhoni and his sister's name is Jayanti. Dhoni was born on 7 July 1981 in Ranchi, Bihar in a Hindu Rajput family to Paan Singh and Devaki Devi. His parents hailed him from Lwali village near Uttar Pradesh, he was the youngest of three children. He has many many fans like me. I love M. S. Dhoni and he is my mentor in everything.

– Shourya Pawar, V B



Trip to Matheran

I have visited many famous cities in Maharashtra such as Mumbai, Aurangabad, and Nashik. But my favourite place in Maharashtra is the beautiful hill station — Matheran.

During this summer vacation, I went on a trip to Matheran along with my family. Once we reached Neral station from Pune, we travelled in a small train popularly called *The Toy Train* from Neral to Matheran. The train wound through lush forests, offering breathtaking views of the mountains and valleys.

After about two hours, when we finally reached Matheran, my elder brother and I were thrilled to see horses all around. These horses would be our mode of travel for the next three days. As soon as we reached the hotel, my brother and I played in the swimming pool. After having our lunch and relaxing for some time, it was time to begin our Matheran exploration. We first went to the beautiful *Charlotte Lake*, where we clicked a lot of photos. This was followed by visits to nearby *Lord's Point* and *King George Point*.

The next day, early in the morning, we took a horse ride to *Sunrise Point* to witness the beautiful view of the rising sun. After that, we also visited a few other points like *Echo Point*, *Louisa Point*, and the famous *Panorama Point*.

On the third day, we covered *Monkey Point*, *Arthur's Seat Point*, and *One Tree Point*. While returning to our hotel in the late evening, we visited the local market and purchased some souvenirs and local food items like *chikki* and honey. At night, my brother and I played carrom and badminton at the hotel.

Finally, after three memorable days in Matheran, it was time for us to say goodbye. On reaching Pune, I recounted our wonderful experiences to my friends. It was truly a wonderful trip to Matheran!

– Harsh Kesharwani, V C

YOGA : STRETCH, BREATHE, AND SMILE!

Yoga is a very old practice that started in India thousands of years ago, and it's still loved by people all over the world today! It teaches us how to take care of our bodies and minds using special exercises, deep breathing, and quiet time to relax. Children and grown-ups alike can do yoga. You don't need to be super flexible or strong to start—just bring your curious heart and a willingness to try. Yoga helps us stay healthy, feel calm, and become more focused. It's like giving your body and brain a big, warm hug.

But yoga isn't just about moving and breathing—it's also about how we treat ourselves and others. It teaches us to be patient, kind, and thoughtful. When you practice yoga, you might notice you're able to pay attention better in class, sleep more peacefully at night, or feel less grumpy during tough days. And guess what? Yoga can even be a fun family activity or something to share with your friends during playtime. So, roll out your mat, strike a pose, and let yoga bring a smile to your face and peace to your heart.

Some Poses or Asanas

Tadasana (Mountain Pose): Improves posture, strengthens legs, and enhances body awareness.

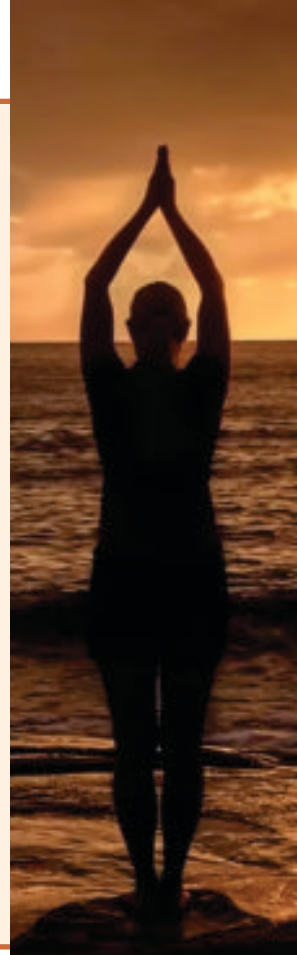
Sukhasana (Easy Pose): Reduces anxiety and stress, improves posture, and stretches spine.

Balasana (Child's Pose): Relieves back, neck, and hip strain; deeply calming and restorative.

Virabhadrasana I (Warrior I): Strengthens legs, opens chest and shoulders, improves focus.

Trikonasana (Triangle Pose): Boosts digestion, stretches spine and legs, improves balance.

- Pawanvir Singh Bhasin, V D



The Magic of the Rainy Season

The rainy season is my favourite time of the year. It usually begins in June and lasts until September. During this season, we use raincoats and umbrellas to keep ourselves from getting wet, and the world around us looks fresh, clean, and beautifully green.

However, the rains also bring a few challenges such as traffic jams, floods, and stomach infections caused by impure water. Yet, despite these problems, there is something truly special about the monsoon.

Children enjoy eating hot snacks while watching the rain pour down, and the rhythmic sound of raindrops on rooftops is wonderfully soothing. Kids also love splashing in puddles and making colourful paper boats float along the water.

Good rains help farmers grow healthy crops, bringing joy and hope to their lives. The rainy season provides a refreshing break from the harsh summer heat and fills the air with a sense of calm and happiness. Isn't it truly the best time of the year?

- Samik Uboweja, IV B



Cristiano Ronaldo is one of the most talented footballers of his generation. He was born in Madeira, Portugal, and began playing football at a very young age. His exceptional skills and passion for the game helped him join Sporting Lisbon as a youth player.

Ronaldo became internationally famous after signing with Manchester United. His incredible speed, outstanding dribbling, and powerful goal-scoring ability made him a standout player. During his time at Real Madrid, he broke numerous records and became a global icon. He also helped the club win multiple Champions League titles, solidifying his place among the greatest players in football history.

Ronaldo later continued his success with Juventus, showcasing the same determination and athletic excellence. As the captain of the Portugal national team, he remains a key leader and an inspiration to his teammates. He has earned many major awards, including multiple Ballon d'Or titles. His dedication to training and his strong work ethic show how committed he is to excellence. Cristiano Ronaldo inspires millions of fans around the world with his talent, discipline, and never-give-up attitude. He was, is, and always will be my idol.

- Bradley Kale, IV C



Celebrating Light in Every Faith



India, a land of diverse cultures and traditions, celebrates many festivals that use light in different forms. These festivals symbolize the triumph of good over evil, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over despair. Several religions observe their own festival of lights, including Hinduism, Jainism, Sikhism, Buddhism, Christianity, and Judaism.

In **Hinduism**, the most prominent festival of lights is **Diwali**, which celebrates the victory of light over darkness and honors Goddess Lakshmi.

Jains also celebrate Diwali, marking the spiritual victory and enlightenment of **Lord Mahavir**.

Those who follow **Judaism** celebrate **Hanukkah**, a festival that commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem and the miracle of the oil that burned for eight days.

For **Buddhists**, the festival of **Vesak** honors the birth, enlightenment, and death of Lord Buddha, and often includes the lighting of lamps.

Among **Christians**, **Christmas** is celebrated with lights, but some traditions also observe **Advent**, where candles represent hope, peace, joy, and love.

For **Sikhs**, the festival of lights is known as **Bandi Chhor Divas**, which often coincides with Diwali. Sikhs light *diyas* (oil lamps) around their homes and **gurdwaras** to symbolize the triumph of light over darkness and justice over oppression.

These are just a few examples of the many festivals of light celebrated across India. Each festival has its own unique traditions and significance, contributing to the vibrant culture of our nation.

- *Liron Elan Gadkar, IV A*



Cricket is one of the most popular sports in the world. It began in England in the 16th century and is now played in many countries. India, Australia, the West Indies, and England are some of the major cricket-playing nations. Cricket is played in different formats such as One Day Internationals (ODIs), Test matches, and T20 matches. The cricket pitch is 22 meters long, and the game is played between two teams, each consisting of 11 players.

India became world champions in 1983 and 2011, and also won the T20 World Cup in 2024. The Indian women's team became world champions in 2025. India has produced many legendary cricketers, such as Kapil Dev, Sunil Gavaskar, Sachin Tendulkar, MS Dhoni, Virat Kohli, Smriti Mandhana, and Harmanpreet Kaur. These players have brought great pride to the country through their outstanding performances.

Cricket teaches teamwork, patience, and discipline. It also helps develop a strong spirit of sportsmanship.

- *Pratyush Pranav Tambe, IV D*

Books – Our Greatest Treasures

Books are doorways to another dimension. They ignite our imagination and fill our minds with wonder. Books are truly a person's best friend. One of the most important things we learn through reading is vocabulary. Books also offer a peaceful refuge from the hustle and bustle of life. With each page we turn, our minds grow stronger and develop better critical thinking skills. Books are indeed treasures that enrich our lives in countless ways.

My favourite author is Rick Riordan, the writer of the famous *Percy Jackson* series and many other books based on different mythologies. He is often called the "Storyteller of the Gods." Rick was inspired to write about Percy Jackson—a boy with dyslexia and ADHD—because his own son was diagnosed with the same conditions.

"Books aren't just stories; they're powerful tools that help us learn new things and understand people better."

- *Vinayak Kanwar, IV B*



Books...books and more books

My favourite hobby is reading because it makes me feel calm, happy, and relaxed. When I read, I can focus better, and it helps me improve my concentration. Reading is not only fun but also very useful. It helps me in my studies, sharpens my mind, and teaches me good behaviour. It has also helped me learn how to sit quietly and stay patient for a long time. I was introduced to reading when I was five years old. My parents and teachers used to read stories to me, and I enjoyed listening to fairy tales and adventure stories. When I learned to read on my own, I started enjoying books even more.

Reading has helped me in many ways. It has improved my spelling, vocabulary, and thinking skills. I can understand lessons faster and learn new topics easily. My favourite books are *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and *The Secret Seven* because they are fun, exciting, and full of interesting adventures. Books are like my best friends. They never make me feel bored or lonely. I can read anytime—during holidays, after finishing my homework, or before bedtime.

I believe all children should read books every day. Reading helps us learn more, concentrate better, and imagine new things. It makes us smarter, more creative, and better students.

- Joshua Lemos, IV B

LEWIS HAMILTON

A CHAMPION DRIVEN BY MORE THAN SPEED

My Inspirational sports personality is **Lewis Hamilton** was born on 7 January 1985 in England. As a little boy, he loved speed and cars. When he was just six years old, his father gave him a remote-control car, and Lewis became so good that he beat even adults in races. At the age of eight, he began go-kart racing, while his father worked very hard, sometimes doing three jobs, to support his dream.

Lewis kept practicing and winning. At just 10 years old, he met McLaren formula 1 boss Ron Dennis and boldly said, "One day I will drive for you." Years later, his dream came true. In 2007, he entered Formula 1, and in 2008, he became the youngest World Champion at that time. Later, he joined Mercedes and went on to win seven World Championships, becoming one of the greatest drivers in history.

Lewis Hamilton's journey shows children that with hard work, confidence, and never giving up, even a boy from a small town can race to the top of the world. He is not only a champion on the track but also speaks about equality and the environment, inspiring millions of kids around the world.

- Vivan Khot, V B



Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

The seventh and the final book in the modern witchcraft series, Harry Potter tells the story of Harry's final battle against the evil Lord Voldemort. The book begins with Harry sending his Muggle (non-magical) aunt, uncle, and cousin away from their own home, as the magical protection that lingered over Harry's and his aunt's house is broken on his seventeenth birthday. Later, he too has to leave the house. Several escapes are brought together to make his journey to the Burrow safer. The book ends with a final battle at Hogwarts. While Harry looks for the final Horcrux, his teachers and friends work together to defend the school from Voldemort and his death eaters. After Vincent Crabbe destroys the Horcrux using Fiendfyre, a cursed fire, the scene changes to Voldemort's encounter.

This book is a fantasy, written by a well-known author J.K. Rowling. I would highly recommend all to read this book and enjoy the amazement, thrill, and suspense it has.

- Shayan Sahel Shaikh, V C



My School: A Place of Learning, Laughter, and Lifelong Friendships

Our school is a place where learning, laughter, and friendships come together beautifully. Located in Camp, Pune, it fills me with excitement and curiosity every time I walk through its gates.

The school building blends modern and traditional architecture, and the colourful classrooms are filled with knowledge and wisdom. Every subject is taught in such an engaging way that learning becomes a joyful experience.

Beyond academics, our school offers a wide range of extracurricular activities— from sports to music—allowing us to discover and develop our talents and interests. The library is truly a haven of books, where I've found countless adventures and gained valuable knowledge.

Throughout the year, we celebrate various cultural events that foster unity and help us appreciate diversity. But what truly makes my school special is the strong sense of community and friendship we share. We create unforgettable memories, support each other through challenges, and learn life lessons that go far beyond the classroom.

My school is not just a place of education—it's a place where I am growing into a better person, guided by the values, care, and inspiration of my teachers and fellow students.

- Mohammad Aayan, V C



My Favourite Christmas Traditions

On Christmas Day, with hearts so bright, we share our gifts in a warm and loving atmosphere. With spirits high, we go to church, and the joyful greeting "Merry Christmas!" fills the sky. The day feels magical, as if the whole world is wrapped in kindness and light.

We carry sweet treats and holiday cheer to our friends, and we sing carols to our neighbours, spreading happiness wherever we go. Oh, the joy of Christmas—I hold it close to my heart. Every year, our family gathers together, and those moments become memories I will always treasure.

For lunch and dinner, we enjoy delicious homemade food, filling our home with laughter, warmth, and the smell of festive dishes. We decorate our house and our Christmas tree with colourful ornaments, twinkling lights, and shiny stars. Baking cookies with my family is one of my favourite traditions, and the aroma of fresh cookies makes Christmas feel even more special.

Christmas is not just a festival; it is a celebration of togetherness, love, and gratitude. It is the time of year when hearts feel lighter, smiles grow brighter, and the spirit of giving brings us all closer.

- Raymond Henriques, IV D

The Power of Taekwondo

My favourite sport is Taekwondo. It is a Korean martial art that involves powerful kicks and punches. Our coach trains us to stretch from an early age, which helps us become strong and flexible. We also participate in various tournaments and often win medals and trophies at different levels.

Taekwondo teaches us discipline, focus, and confidence. It also improves our stamina, balance, and body coordination. Learning martial arts helps us stay fit, think calmly during tough situations, and develop respect for others.

I am currently a yellow belt, and I will be promoted to green belt in August. I love Taekwondo very much. Everyone should learn martial arts like Taekwondo, Karate, Judo, or Muay Thai for self-defence, as they help us protect ourselves from bullies and stay safe.

Taekwondo is my favourite sport, and my goal is to achieve a black belt one day.

- Leonel Vernekar, IV B





On your mark, get set...go

Athletics includes many events like long jump, javelin throw, and gymnastics, but my favourite among them is running.

Running makes me feel as if I have superpowers—like I can race as fast as a cheetah! It gives me an incredible sense of freedom. My love for running began in Standard 1 when I took part in a Sports Day race and won a silver medal. I was happy, but it also made me determined to work harder and aim for gold.

Seeing my interest, my parents enrolled me in the Elite Runners Club, where I now train under Coach Nikhil. He also introduced me to long jump and marathon running. I started training more seriously and even gave up junk food to stay fit!

After seven months of training, I got the opportunity to compete in the district-level athletics meet. I ran my best and reached the finals. Although I didn't win a medal, my timing was impressive—50 metres in 9 seconds and 100 metres in 18 seconds. My mother encouraged me to keep trying and never give up.

It is my dream to represent India at the Olympic Games. I train six days a week for one and a half hours every day. Someday, I hope you will see me on television, proudly winning an Olympic gold medal for India.

Shiven Kriplani, IV B



My First Jungle Safari at Ranthambore Rajasthan

In February 2025, I went to Ranthambore Jungle Safari with my family. It was very cold when we started our early morning, Safari. I was wearing a warm jacket, but I was still shivering a bit. We went in an open bus canter with a guide as we were all excited to see the tigers.

Our guide said that tigers are very shy animals and sometimes they hide in the bushes. We drove around the jungle for a long time, but we couldn't see any tigers. We saw many other animals like deer, peacocks and wild pigs. They were all so much fun to watch, but I was really hoping to see a tiger.

My dad said that sometimes you have to be patient and wait for the tigers to come out. So we kept driving and looking around. I was starting to think that maybe we wouldn't see any tigers at all. We were praying for just a glimpse of one tiger.

But then, suddenly, our guide said, "Look! There's a tigress! It was Siddhi! She was beautiful and majestic. I was jumping up and down in my seat and my heart was beating fast. I couldn't believe my eyes. She was just walking there, looking so calm and regal.

Siddhi started walking towards us. I was thrilled! I wanted to see her more. She came closer and then she stopped near a tree. She was just standing there, looking so amazing. I felt like it was a dream. Although it was so cold, the wait was worthwhile. We were so lucky to see Siddhi. I will never forget this experience. It was the best day of my life and I want to take more jungle safaris to see the amazing wildlife.

- Ojas Shripad Kulkarni, II B

Life

Where do we climb and fall?

Where can we stand tall?

Where can we be happy and save the town?

Where do we face ups and downs?

I had fears I overcame it

I tried but I know i felt it

It could have been worse

But now its time for the next verse

We have to do our best

Sometimes we need to leave the rest

It is our life it is our test

Do your thing

Life wont wait

Songs you have to sing

Life wont decide your faith

Time is ticking

Somebody is Picking their faith

Do your thing

Time is not waiting

As years will go by

You might even cry

You wont believe what had happened

Life went on and you are flattened

What is life ?

People ask

It is just a simple task

Achieve your goals

Fill your bowl

With love and affection

As you are God's creation

- Aryaan Merchant, XII A



How Cricket Gifted Me a Lifelong Friend!

Cricket is my favorite sport and I have always aspired to be a cricketer. It's not just a hobby but my passion. I spend most of the time in playing cricket with my friends. Many a times I have hit balls so high and fast that it has also broken the glasses of many windows.

When I am batting, I imagine myself as Virat Kohli. When I am bowling, I feel like Jasprit Bumrah. And when I am fielding, I think I am Ravindra Jadeja. Cricket is not only about batting and bowling, but it also gives us many valuable life lessons like team building, discipline, hard work, patience, tolerance etc.

I would like to share my life experience where cricket has also helped me to further strengthen my friendship. Bunty who stays in my society used to come to play with us occasionally.

Once while we were having an exciting cricket match in our society, Bunty was on the strike and was without a helmet. I was bowling to him. I bowled a fast ball which hit Bunty directly on his nose. The ball hit his nose so hard that in no time, his nose started bleeding.

All of us were scared but also felt sorry for Bunty who was in deep pain and ran towards Bunty to help him. I was indeed feeling very bad for Bunty and was also scared and worried thinking about all the scolding that I would now get from mine and his parents. Bunty, in spite of being in deep pain could sense my anxiety. Very calmly he said to me, "Dear friend it's ok. It's just a game and such incidents do happen, so don't worry." His soothing words made me feel relieved. Then onwards our friendship got further stronger and we started playing and enjoying cricket regularly.

The game has not only made me a good team player but a good friend for my entire life.

- Shaurya Hirve, V D

INVINCIBLE

Impossible is nothing,
Not everything is achievable,
But invincible are the Arsenal.

"Arsenal are the winners of the 2003/2004 Premier League Season. Arsenal are invincible: P-38 W-26 D-12 L-0; they have lost exactly none!" says the commentator.

At that time, the manager was Arsene Wenger. The amazing players were Thierry Henry, Patrick Vieira, Dennis Bergkamp, Sol Campbell, Robert Pires, Freddie Ljungberg and Jens Lehmann. They played really well throughout the season.

This year, the manager is Mikel Arteta. He is a brilliant coach, and I love the way he trains players.

My favourite player is Bukayo Saka. He has been with Arsenal since he was an eight year old child, and is considered to be one of the best players in the world. Saka has two celebrations, one is posing with the corner flag, and the other one is going on his knees and thanking God.

So, let's hope Arsenal win the Premier League this season; they are currently, at the time of writing, leading the table. If they do end up winning, my father has promised to buy me the Arsenal home jersey and we will also see the parade live on YouTube.

Remember, North London forever,
Whatever the weather,
These streets are our own,
And my heart will leave you, never,
My blood will forever -
Run through the stone.
Come on the Arsenal,
Come on you Gunners!

- Araysh Tamboli, IV D



What I'd like to be...

I'd like to be a cricketer,
To bat, to bowl, to field;
I'd like to be an all-rounder,
The best in what I want to be!
To become what you want to be,
Is like a dream come true...
I'll practise towards my goals each day,
To make my dream come true!

- Brydan D'souza, I A



JAINISM: A PEACEFUL WAY OF LIFE



Jainism is one of India's oldest religions. It teaches ahimsa, or non-violence, self-control, and the importance of keeping the soul pure. Jains believe that every living being has a soul and should be treated with kindness. There are two main groups in Jainism: Digambaras and Svetambaras. Jains are strict vegetarians and even avoid root vegetables like onions and potatoes so they do not harm tiny living creatures in the soil.

Fasting is an important practice that helps Jains stay disciplined and reduce negative karma. Many Jains live in Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Madhya Pradesh. Jainism has 24 Tirthankaras, or great teachers. The last and most famous is Vardhaman Mahavir, whose teachings are still followed today. Their most sacred prayer is the Navkar Mahamantra, believed to bring peace and positivity to all.

- Shaurya Katariya, III B

A vacation to remember

This summer vacation was one of the most memorable times of my life. I went on a wonderful trip with my family to Delhi, Agra, Fatehpur Sikri, Panipat, and Ajmer. It was also my first time travelling by airplane, and I felt extremely excited when

the plane took off. Looking at the clouds from the window felt magical, as if I were floating among them. In Delhi, we stayed at a five-star hotel called *The Park*. We visited famous landmarks such as the Red Fort, India Gate, and Palika Bazaar. We enjoyed shopping and tasted delicious food at the well-known Karim's Restaurant. Every place we visited had something interesting to offer.

After exploring Delhi, we travelled to Agra to see the magnificent Taj Mahal. Its beauty left us amazed. From Agra, we went to Fatehpur Sikri, where we learned about ancient architecture and the fascinating history of Mughal kings. Our next stop was Panipat, a city famous for the historic battles fought there. Our trip ended with a peaceful and spiritual visit to Ajmer Sharif Dargah. We prayed, felt blessed, and soaked in the calm atmosphere of the shrine. I enjoyed travelling, shopping, trying new foods, and most importantly, spending quality time with my family. This trip gave me many sweet memories, and it truly was one of the best vacations of my life.

- Yusuf Khan, III B

My Dream

Becoming a Pilot



Ever since I was a child, the sight of airplanes soaring through the skies has always fascinated me. The idea of controlling such a powerful machine and exploring the vast expanse above has ignited a passion that continues to grow stronger with time.

Becoming a pilot requires a great deal of hard work, education, and rigorous training. It also demands various licenses and certifications, along with a high level of mental and physical fitness. It is a profession that combines adventure, safety, responsibility, and the ability to make crucial decisions under pressure.

My dream of becoming a pilot is not just a long-term goal — it is a driving force that inspires me every day to give my best, stay attentive, and remain eager to learn new things. I am confident that with dedication, perseverance, and commitment, I will one day be able to soar through the skies as a pilot.

- Ian Sequeira, V C

My Milk Teeth



My milk teeth shines so bright,
Twenty in all a precious sight.
They help me to chew, crunch with glee,
A temporary set, but fun to see!
They start to fall and wriggles begin,
Making way for a permanent kindly.
A tooth fairy visit, a fun surprise,
My milk teeth leaves a twinkle in the eyes.

- Sparsh Morani, II D

MALVAN

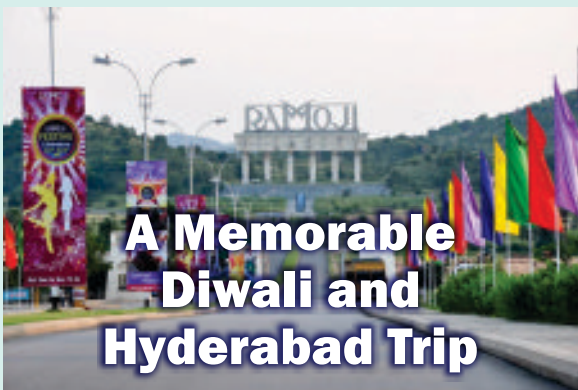
A JOURNEY FULL OF SURPRISES

A week after Diwali, we went to Malvan for a family trip. Now you might be wondering, “Kabeer, where exactly is Malvan?” Well, it is a beautiful place in the Konkan region of Maharashtra, close to Goa. We expected perfect weather, but due to the La Niña effect, it was raining heavily!

We left home at 4:00 a.m., and I fell asleep in the car almost immediately. When I woke up, it felt as if I had opened my eyes in Bhutan! The view was stunning. To my right, I saw a huge cloud covering the mountains like a giant white blanket. After a long and bumpy 12-hour ride, we finally reached our cozy hotel.

We visited many wonderful places, and my favourites were Devbag Beach, Tsunami Island, and the breathtaking spot where the backwaters meet the Arabian Sea, known as Sangam Point. The trip gave us many memorable moments—kayaking, watching playful puppies near a bonfire, seeing the tallest Shivaji Maharaj statue in Maharashtra, and enjoying a delicious crab dish. After rescuing a couple of jellyfish from the sand and finding a beautiful cowrie shell at the beach, I cannot wait for another adventurous and fun-filled vacation soon.

- Kabeer Gupta, III D



A Memorable Diwali and Hyderabad Trip

My Diwali vacation was full of happiness and excitement. We celebrated Diwali with bright diyas, colourful rangolis, and delicious homemade sweets. I enjoyed meeting friends and relatives during the festival. After the celebrations, we travelled to Hyderabad for a wonderful family vacation.

In Hyderabad, we visited the zoo, where I saw many interesting animals and learnt new facts about them. The jungle safari was thrilling and gave me a chance to see animals from close. At Snow World, I felt like I was experiencing real snowfall, and I had a great time sliding and throwing snowballs at my cousins.

The highlight of our trip was Ramoji Film City. The grand movie sets, fun rides, and amazing shows made the day truly unforgettable. My Diwali vacation was filled with joy, learning, and beautiful memories that I will always treasure.

- Meet Sagar Runwal, III D

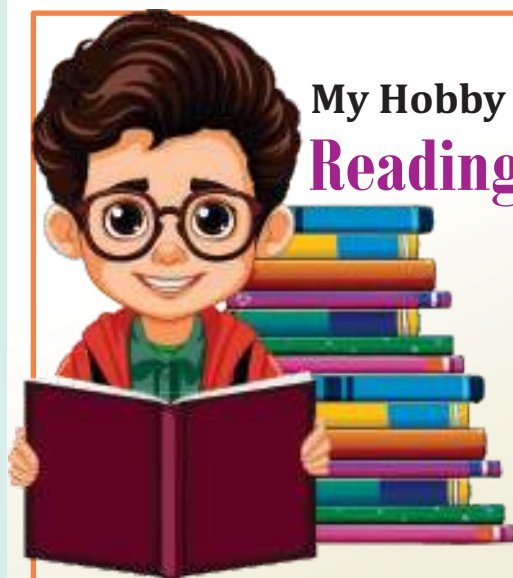


Serving with a heart

St. Vincent de Paul taught us that true faith is shown through action. His life of Service to the poor and suffering inspires us even today. As Vincentians, we are called to live with compassion, humility, and kindness. Living the Vincentian spirit

doesn't require big actions. A helping hand, a kind word, or standing up for someone in need are small deeds which reflect great love. In doing so, we don't just help others, but we grow closer to God. Let us carry this mission forward in schools and families. As St. Vincent said "Charity is the cement which binds communities to God and persons to one another."

- Evan Philip Pinto, II C



My Hobby Reading

My Hobby is to read books. Reading is a good habit. Books help me learn new things. I love to read books every day. I read storybooks and my school text books too. Reading makes me happy and calm. I even read the Holy Bible every day.

- Eric Khan, II D



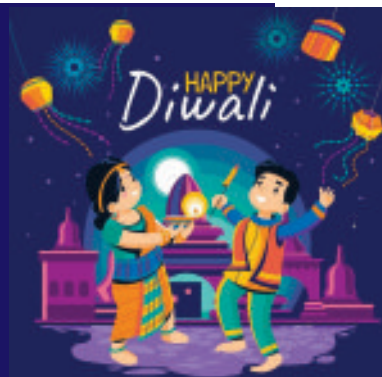
MY LOVE FOR FOOTBALL

I started my journey in 2023. My position is a striker. My sports teacher helps me become better in football. It is a great way to exercise. Football teaches me hard work and teamwork. The fast game and the fun to kick a ball is the best part of the game. My favourite player is Cristiano Ronaldo Dos Santos Averio. Every morning, I go early to school for practice. I want to be like CR7. This love developed in 2023 when I started to play with my friends. I started getting gold medals in various sports competitions organized by our school St Vincent's. One day I want to play football for my school and win the Nationals Trophy for our school. I believe in "DARE, DO AND WIN".

- Abbas Chherawalla, II A

MY DIWALI VACATION

I helped my family clean and decorate our home with lights and colourful rangoli for Diwali. I wore new clothes and performed the traditional Lakshmi Puja at home along with my family members. The evenings were much fun with the sound of firecrackers and the sight of sparklers lighting up the sky. My cousins came over and we had a great time playing games and sharing stories. I shared the delicious homemade sweets with my neighbours and exchanged greetings with them. I also found time to relax and read books. My Diwali Vacation was a perfect blend of traditions, family time and fun activities.



- Aarav Bandal, II A



During a weekend, I went to the park with my family. The weather was nice and sunny. When we reached the park, I saw green trees, colourful flowers and many birds.

First, I played on the swings. I went up so high that it felt like I was flying. Then I slid down the slide, which was so much fun. I also climbed on the jungle gym and ran around on the soft grass.

After playing, I sat on a bench and ate some snacks. I had juice and biscuits too. I watched little butterflies flying around. I also saw some children playing football.

Before going home, I took a small walk with my parents. I felt happy and relaxed. A day at the park is always fun because I can spend time with my family.

- Chris Wagh, I D

Save Nature, Say No to Plastic

Nature gives us so many beautiful things-trees, flowers, animals, birds, rivers and fresh air. We must take care of nature like we take care of our toys and books. Plastic is hurting our Earth. It does not go away easily and it marks the land and water dirty. Animals can eat plastic by mistake and get very sick.

We can help by doing small things every day:

- Use cloth bags instead of plastic ones
- Carry a water bottle from home
- Don't throw plastic on the ground
- Reuse and recycle things



If we all help little, we can keep our planet clean and happy. Let's be nature's best friends and say a big No to plastic!

- Kavish Gupta, II B

STAY HEALTHY

How do you stay healthy? Eat right ! Sleep right!
Exercise to keep right !

Just as cars need gas to go, You need food to run
and grow!

So many foods to eat, it's true!

Which ones are the best for you ?

Food alone is not enough, Exercise also keeps you
tough.

So many ways to work out, it's true,

What kind of exercise do you do?

Food and exercise aren't enough. Rest also keeps
you healthy and tough.

How many hours do you sleep at night?

Get enough rest at night , so you will feel alright!

How do you stay healthy? Eat right! Sleep right!

Exercise to keep alright!

- Bhavya Chheda, II C



Water is a basic necessity. It plays an important role in our lives. So we must remember to turn off the taps while we are brushing our teeth and take short baths. We need to immediately get the taps repaired if there is any leakage. Try to reuse the water after washing fruits and vegetables. Every drop of water saves life.

- Angad Khandale , II A

My First Day in Std. 1

I woke up early, feeling excited for my first day of school.
After putting on my uniform, I felt ready for a new adventure.

Holding my parent's hand, I walked to the school gate.

Inside, I saw other children smiling and playing.

My teacher greeted me warmly and showed me my seat.

We sang songs, listened to stories, and played fun games.

During break time, I made new friends and shared my snacks.

Learning numbers and letters was fun and interesting.

When it was time to go home, I felt happy.

I couldn't wait to come back the next day and enjoy school again!

- Umar Sayyad, IA



MY FAVOURITE TOY

I have many toys. I keep them in a special blue box. Some toys were given to me by my parents. Some toys were given to me by my friends. But my favourite toy is the one that I got from Santa last Christmas. Do you know what it is? It is CLIFFORDmy favourite red stuffed toy.

- Abir Barsagade, I B

स्टैच्यू ऑफ यूनिटी

स्टैच्यू ऑफ यूनिटी दुनिया की सबसे ऊंची प्रतिमा है, जिसकी ऊंचाई १८२ मीटर (५९७ फीट) है, जो भारत के गुजरात राज्य में केवडिया के पास नर्मदा घाटी में स्थित है। इसमें भारतीय राजनेता और स्वतंत्रता कार्यकर्ता सरदार वल्लभभाई पटेल (१८७५-१९५०) को दर्शाया गया है, जो स्वतंत्र भारत के पहले उप प्रधानमंत्री और गृह मंत्री थे। सरदार पटेल ने भारत के राजनीतिक एकीकरण में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाई। यह प्रतिमा केवडिया कॉलोनी में नर्मदा नदी पर, सरदार सरोवर बांध के सामने, वडोदरा शहर से १०० किलोमीटर (६२ मील) दक्षिण-पूर्व में स्थित है।

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सामग्री: स्टील फ्रेमिंग, कंक्रीट और पीतल की कोटिंग से प्रबलित, कांस्य क्लैडिंग। स्टैच्यू ऑफ यूनिटी अहमदाबाद अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर स्थापित नेताजी की प्रतिमा का एक बड़ा संस्करण है।

८२ मीटर (५९७ फीट) की ऊंचाई के साथ दुनिया की सबसे ऊंची प्रतिमा है। यह पिछले रिकॉर्ड धारक, चीन के हेनान प्रांत में स्थित स्प्रिंग टेंपल बुद्ध की प्रतिमा से ५४ मीटर (१७७ फीट) ऊंची है। भारत में इससे पहले सबसे ऊंची प्रतिमा आंध्र प्रदेश राज्य में विजयवाड़ा के पास परितला अंजनेय मंदिर में स्थित भगवान हनुमान की ४१ मीटर (१३५ फीट) ऊंची प्रतिमा थी। इस प्रतिमा को ७ किमी (४.३ मील) के दायरे में देखा जा सकता है। यह स्मारक साधु बेट नामक एक नदी द्वीप पर बनाया गया है, जो नर्मदा बाँध से ३.२ किमी (२.० मील) दूर और बाँध के सामने स्थित है। प्रतिमा और उसके आसपास का क्षेत्र २ हेक्टेर (४.९ एकड़) से अधिक क्षेत्र में फैला हुआ है, और यह नर्मदा नदी के नीचे की ओर गरुडेश्वर बाँध द्वारा निर्मित १२ किमी (७.५ मील) लंबी कृत्रिम झील से घिरा हुआ है। प्रतिमा को पाँच क्षेत्रों में विभाजित किया गया है, जिनमें से केवल तीन ही आम जनता के लिए सुलभ हैं। इसके आधार से लेकर सरदार पटेल की पिंडलियों तक पहला क्षेत्र है, जिसमें तीन तल हैं और जिसमें प्रदर्शनी क्षेत्र, मेजेनाइन और छत शामिल हैं। पहले क्षेत्र में एक स्मारक उद्यान और एक संग्रहालय भी है। दूसरा क्षेत्र पटेल की जाँघों तक फैला है, जबकि तीसरा क्षेत्र १५३ मीटर की ऊंचाई पर स्थित दर्शक दीर्घा तक फैला है।

मैं पिछली गर्मियों की छुट्टियों में इस शानदार स्टैच्यू ऑफ यूनिटी को देखने गया था और मैं अन्य सभी से भी इसे देखने का आग्रह करता हूँ क्योंकि यह वास्तव में देखने लायक दृश्य है।

- मुफ्फदल आदिब, ७ अ



सोशल मिडिया एक जाल या एक ज़रिया?

आज की दुनिया में सोशल मिडिया हर किसी की ज़िंदगी का हिस्सा बन चुका है। बच्चे हो या बड़े, सभी फेसबुक, इंस्टाग्राम, व्हाट्सएप और यूट्यूब जैसे प्लेटफॉर्म पर समय बिताते हैं। यह हमें दुनिया से जोड़ता है, हमारे विचारों को लोगों तक पहुँचाता है और हमें जानकारी भी देता है। लेकिन क्या कभी सोचा है - यही सोशल मिडिया हमें जकड़ भी सकता है ?

सोशल मिडिया एक ऐसी दुनिया है जहाँ सबकुछ दिखता है - लेकिन जरूरी नहीं कि सब कुछ सच हो। लोग अपनी लाईफ का सबसे अच्छा हिस्सा दिखाते हैं, जिससे दूसरों को लगता है कि उनकी ज़िंदगी बोरिंग है। इससे जलन, तनाव और अकेलापन महसूस होता है।

कई बार बच्चे अपनी पढ़ाई छोड़कर दिनभर विडियो या गेम्स में लग जाते हैं। इससे न तो शरीर फिट रहता है और न ही दिमाग एक्टिव।

लेकिन अगर हम इसका सही इस्तमाल करें - तो यह वरदान भी बन सकता है। जैसे -

* पढ़ाई के विडियो देखना।

* अच्छी जानकारी साझा करना।

* टैलेंट को दुनिया के सामने लाना।

इसलिए जरूरत है समझदारी से सोशल मिडिया का उपयोग करने की। तभी यह जाल नहीं, ज़रिया बनेगा सफलता का। धन्यवाद।

- जूड जोसेफ, ८ ब

पढ़ने की ताकत



पढ़ना एक अच्छी आदत है। जो हर छात्र को अपनानी चाहिए। यह हमारी भाषा, सोच और बोलने के तरीके को बेहतर बनाता है। पढ़ने से हम खुद को अच्छे से समझा पाते हैं। एक अच्छी किताब हमें सीख और प्रेरणा देती है।

किताबें हमें नई बातें और विचार सिखाते हैं। यह अलग-अलग लोगों और संस्कृतियों से मिलवाती है। पढ़ने से हम रचनात्मक और समझदार बनते हैं। पढ़ने से ध्यान और कल्पनाशक्ति बढ़ती है या ज्ञान जीवन भर हमारे साथ रहता है। पढ़ने से आत्मविश्वास और जिज्ञासा बढ़ती है। हर दिन थोड़ी पढ़ाई हमें बेहतर बनाती है।

आजकल हम ज्यादातर समय स्क्रीन पर बिताते हैं। ऐसे में किताब पढ़ना दिमाग के लिए अच्छा होता है। यह मन को शांति और खुशी देता है।

- कॅल्वीन जयराज, ९ सी

मेरी कुल्लू - मनाली यात्रा

शिमला से रवाना होने के बाद हम रात को ८:३० बजे मनाली पहुँचे। अगले दिन हमने मनु मंदिर का दर्शन किया। यह मंदिर बहुत सुंदर था। फिर हम जोगणी जलप्रपात तक ट्रेकिंग के लिए रवाना हुए। हम सबसे पहले निचले स्थान पहुँचे। जहाँ छोटे-छोटे जलप्रपात देखने को मिले। इसके बाद हमने मुख्य जोगणी जलप्रपात तक ट्रेकिंग जारी रखी। वहाँ का पाणी बहुत ठंडा था। इसका तापमान लगभग एक से चार डिग्री सेल्सियस के बीच था। झरने की धारा को पार करने की लिए हमें अपने जुते उतारने पड़े। पार करते समय मेरे पैर बर्फ जैसे ठंड हो गए थे। हम पहाड़ के नीचे पहुँचे और वहाँ से वशिष्ठ के गरम कुंड में स्नान के लिए रवाना हुए। रात ८:३० बजे मनाली के मॉल रोड पर हमने भोजन किया।

अगले दिन हम लाहौल और स्पीति के एक पर्यटक स्थल के लिए रवाना हुए। जैसे ही हम वशिष्ठ को पार करके गए हमने चारों ओर से हिमालय और मनाली का मुख्य पर्यटक स्थल सोलंग घाटी भी दिखाई दी। पाँच मिनट के बाद दुनिया की सबसे लंबी उँचाई पर बनी सडक सुरंग-अटल टनल रोहतांग आ गई थी। यह लगभग सात से आठ मीटर लंबी थी। सुरंग पार करने के बाद हम लाहौल स्पीति में प्रवेश कर गए। वहाँ का दृश्य लद्दाक की तरफ ठंडा रेगिस्तान था। चारों ओर बर्फ ही बर्फ फैली हुई थी। ठंड से बचने के लिए हमने गरम कपड़े पहने थे। फिर हम बर्फ से ढकी ढलान में पहुँचे। इसके बाद हम सिस्सू नामक दुसरे स्थान पर गए। वहाँ हमने ३० मिनट तक जगह का आनंद लिया और फिर मनाली वापस लौट आए। रात को फिर से माल रोड पर भोजन किया।

उसके अगले दिन हम कुल्लू के डोभी नामक गाँव के लिए रवाना हुए। इस गाँव की विशेष और मुख्य गतिविधि पैराग्लाइडिंग थी पहाड़ की चोटी तक पहुँचने के लिए हमने अपनी गाड़ी बदली। मैं बहुत ज़्यादा उत्साहीत था। हमने लगभग १७ से २० मिनट तक पैराग्लाइडिंग की। हम न्यारा नदी के किनारे एक खुले मैदान में उतरे। उसके बाद हम मणिकरण के लिए रवाना हुए जो हिमाचल प्रदेश के गरम जलकुंड की धरती है। हम मणिकरण गुरुद्वारा पहुँचे। जब मैंने वहाँ के गरम कुंड को छुआ तो यह वशिष्ठ के गरम कुंडो से भी ज्यादा गरम था। हमने गुरुद्वार में भोजन किया और उसके पास स्थित शिवमंदिर में दर्शन के लिए गए।

इसतरह मेरी यात्रा बहुत यादगार, अविस्मरणीय और अद्भुत बन गई।

- पार्थ बहुलगावकर, ७ अ



भारत को त्योहारों का देश कहा जाता है। यहाँ हर महिने कोई ना कोई त्योहार मनाया जाता है। भारतीय त्योहार केवल धार्मिक आयोजन तक सीमित नहीं हैं, बल्कि ये हमारी संस्कृति, परंपराओं और सामाजिक एकता के प्रतिक भी है। हर त्योहार का अपना ऐतिहासिक और सांस्कृतिक महत्त्व होता है, जो हमें अपनी जड़ों से जोड़े रखता है। दीपावली हमें बुराई पर अच्छाई की जीत की याद दिलाती है, तो होली रंगों का उत्सव है, जो जीवन में खुशियाँ भरता है। ईद भाईचारे और दया का संदेश देती है जबकी क्रिसमस प्रेम और सेवा का प्रतिक है।

भारत में त्योहार मनाने की परंपरा हजारों वर्षोंसे चली आ रही है। इन पर्वों के माध्यम से हम अपने सांस्कृतिक धरोहर की अगली पिढ़ी तक पहुँचाते हैं। त्योहारों के समय लोक पुराने भेदभाव भुलाकर एक-दूसरे के साथ मिलकर खुशियाँ बाँटते हैं, जिससे सामाजिक सौहार्द और एकता मजबूत होती है। त्योहारों के अवसर पर पारंपारिक नृत्य, गीत, संगीत और खानपान हमारी संस्कृति को और भी रंगीत बनाते हैं।

त्योहार का एक महत्त्वपूर्ण पहलू यह भी है कि ये हमें प्रकृति से जोड़ते हैं। जैसे मकर संक्रांति, पोंगल और बैसाखी जैसे पर्व फसल कटाई से जुड़े होते हैं, जो किसानों के परिश्रम और प्राकृतिक चक्र के महत्त्व को दर्शाते हैं। इससे हमें पर्यावरण और खेती के प्रति आदर और जागरूकता मिलती है।

अंततः कहा जा सकता है कि भारतीय त्योहार न केवल मनोरंजन का माध्यम हैं, बल्कि हमारे सामाजिक और सांस्कृतिक जीवन की धरोहर भी हैं। ये हमें अपनी पहचान, परंपराओं और एकता का एहसास करते हैं। हमें चाहिए की हम इन पर्वों को पूरे उत्साह और आपसी प्रेम के साथ मनाएँ ताकी हमारी सांस्कृतिक विरासत जीवित रहे और समाज में भाईचारा बना रहे।

- सर्वेश पुंडलीक देसाई, ८ अ

स्वस्थ रहने के लिए हमें क्या करना चाहिए?

संतुलित और पौष्टिक आहार ले - हर दिन थोड़ी देर शारीरिक गतिविधि करना बहुत जरूरी है। सुबह उठकर टहलना, दौड़ना, योग करना या खेलना शरीर को फिट और सक्रिय बनाए रखता है। व्यायाम करने से मांसपेशियाँ मजबूत होती है और शरीर में रक्त संचार सही रहता है। यह मोटापा, मधुमेह और अन्य बिमारियोंसे भी बचाता है। बच्चों और बड़ों दोनों को अपने रोज के जीवन में किसी न किसी रूप में व्यायाम को शामिल करना चाहिए।

पूरी नींद और सही दिनचर्या -

हमारा शरीर तभी अच्छा काम करता है, जब उसे पूरा आराम मिलता है। इसलिए हर दिन ७ से ८ घंटे नींद लेना बहुत जरूरी होता है। देर रात तक मोबाइल या टीव्ही देखना अच्छी आदत नहीं है। समय पर सोना और सुबह जल्दी उठना एक अच्छी दिनचर्या बनाता है। इसके साथ-साथ पढ़ाई, खेल और भोजन के लिए भी एक तय समय होना चाहिए। यह हमारी आदतों को अनुशासित बनाता है और हमें मानसिक रूप से भी स्वस्थ रखता है।

स्वास्थ्यवर्धक भोजन खाएँ और जंक फूडसे बचे -

हमें हमेशा ताजे और स्वास्थ्यवर्धक भोजन को प्राथमिकता देनी चाहिए क्योंकि यह हमारे शरीर को सही पोषण देता है। हरी सब्जियाँ, फल, दूध, दाने और साबुत अनाज हमारे शरीर को मजबूत और दिमाग को तेज बनाते हैं। वही दूसरी तरफ, जंक फूड जैसे पिज्जा, बर्गर, चिप्स, कोल्ड ड्रिंक, केक आदि देखने में स्वादिष्ट लगते हैं लेकिन यह स्वास्थ्य के लिए बहुत नुकसानदायक होते हैं। इनसे मोटापा, गैस, पेट दर्द और अन्य गंभीर बिमारियाँ हो सकती है। साथी जंक फूड में जरूरी पोषक तत्व नहीं होते, जिससे शरीर कमजोर हो सकता है। इसलिए हमें रोज के खाने में पौष्टिक भोजन को ही शामिल करना चाहिए और जंक फूड केवल कभी-कभी और बहुत कम मात्रा में ही खाना चाहिए।

- कबीर भाग्यवंत, ७ अ





गर्मी की छुट्टियाँ

गर्मी की छुट्टियाँ हर छात्र के लिए बहुत खास होती हैं। जैसे ही स्कूल में परीक्षाएँ खत्म होती हैं, हम सबको गर्मी की छुट्टियों का बेसब्री से इंतजार होता है। यह समय मस्ती, आराम, घुमने और अपने मनपसंद कामों को करने का होता है।

भारत में गर्मी की छुट्टियाँ आमतौर पर मई और जून के महिनों में होती हैं। इन दिनों तेज गर्मी पडती है, इसलिए स्कूलों और कॉलेजों को बंद कर दिया जाता है। बच्चों को पढाई से कुछ समय की छुट्टी मिलती है, जिसे वे नए उत्साह और जोश के साथ पढाई की ओर वापस लौट सके।

इस साल मेरी गर्मी की छुट्टियाँ की बहुत मजेदार रही। मैं अपनी परिवार के साथ अपने नैनिताल गया, जो एक छोटा गाँव है। वहाँ का वातावरण शहर की तुलना में बहुत शांत और हरा भरा था। सुबह-सुबह ठंडी हवा चलती थी और पक्षियों की चहचहाट सुनने को मिलती थी।

मैंने अपने मामा और मामी के साथ खेतों में घुमना बहुत पसंद किया। वहाँ मैंने आम, लिची, और कटहल के पेड़ देखे और खूद पेड़ से तोड़कर आम खाए। गाँव के बच्चों के साथ मिलकर क्रिकेट खेला, तालाब में नहाया और रात को खुले आसमान के नीचे चाँद तारों को देखा।

गर्मी की छुट्टियाँ केवल घुमने के लिए नहीं होती, यह समय कुछ नया सिखने और करने का भी होता है। मैंने ड्राइंग की और रंगों से खेला। मैंने अपनी बनाई तस्वीर को अपने कमरे की दिवार पर सजाया। माँ-पिताजी के कामों में हाथ बटाया तो वो भी खुश हुए।

गर्मी की छुट्टियाँ हमारे जीवन का सबसे अच्छा समय होती हैं। यह समय हमें आराम करने, परिवार के साथ बिताने और नए अनुभव लेने का अवसर देता है। जब गर्मी की छुट्टियाँ खत्म होती हैं, तो हम नई ऊर्जा और खुशी के साथ स्कूल वापस लौटते हैं। मुझे गर्मी की छुट्टियाँ बहुत पसंद हैं और मैं हर साल इसका बेसब्री से इंतजार करता हूँ।

- झिहान थड़ी, ५ ड

आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस एक नई तकनीक

आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस एक नई तकनीक किसने बनाई?

* आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस (ए-आई) को कई बड़ी कंपनियों ने मिलकर बनाया है। ओपन - ए आई नाम की कंपनी ने नवंबर २०२३ में Chatgpt 35 को शुरू किया जो बहुत जल्द लोगों में लोकप्रिय हो गया।

* आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस एक ऐसी तकनीक है जिससे कंप्यूटर इंसानों जैसे बात कर सकता है, सोच सकता है और जवाब दे सकता है। यह चीजों को सीखकर हमें मदद करता है।

* आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस के फायदे -

- फोटो और विडियो बनाना बहुत आसान हो गया है।
- ई-मेल और मैसेज लिखने में मदद करता है।
- भाषा को तुरंत अनुवाद कर सकता है।
- पढाई, इलाज और काम में मदद मिलती है।

* आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस के नुकसान

- कई लोगों की नौकरियाँ जा सकती हैं।
- गलत जानकारी भी फैला सकता है।
- ज्यादा इस्तमाल करने से इंसान खुद सोचना भी भूल सकता है।

- कविश गुजर, ७ अ



महान देश का यह महान संविधान

जिससे हम सब भारतियों की बढ़ती है शान।

शिक्षा और उपासना का इधर है स्वातंत्र
संविधान के सामने न चलता कोई भी मंत्र।

गरिबों का आधार है छात्रों का शिक्षा
संविधान है न्याय का फ्री कनेक्शन।

संविधान के सामने सब है समान
हिंदू हो सिक्ख हो या हो मुसलमान।

लगने लगा अगर बदलने लगा अगर कल
सब नियमों का ध्यान रखके तू सिर्फ संविधान पाल ॥

- श्लोक भांदुर्गे, ८ ब

क्रिकेट

क्रिकेट राष्ट्रीय और आंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर दुनिया भर में खेले जाने वाले सबसे फैमस आउटडोर खेलों में से एक है। इस खेल में आमतौर पर दो टीमों होती हैं, जिनमें से हर टीम में ११ खिलाड़ी या क्रिकेट प्लेअर्स होते हैं। क्रिकेट में जीतने के लिए टीम को अधिक से अधिक स्कोअर हासिल करना होता है, इसी उद्देश्य के लिए टीम मैच खेलती है। खेल के अंत में जो टीम मैच में हाई स्कोअर हासिल करता है, वही विजेता होता है। इस खेल में एक एक्शन सेंटर होता है जिसे पिच कहा जाता है। जिसके चारों ओर खेल खेला जाता है। क्रिकेट को अक्सर बड़े और लंबे-चौड़े स्थानों में ही खेला जाता है। जिसका आकार ज्यादातर ६२ - ५८ मीटर का होता है और मुख्य खेल का मैदान का छोटा घेरा लगभग २.६, ४ मीटर के आस-पास होता है।

- मेहर राजेश फुलपगार, ८ ब

जब इतना खोजने के बाद हमें आज़ादी मिली
तो आज़ादी ने हमसे पूँछा,
अब क्या खोजोगे?

और हमने कहा:
हमें खोज है एक ऐसे कल की
जिसे हम खुद लिखें
जिसमें सपनों की कोई सीमा ना हो
और कोई कदम धीमा ना हो

एक ऐसा कल जो हरा हो, सफेद हो,
जिसमें हम दुनिया को जाने
और दुनिया हमें

हमें खोज है एक ऐसे कल की
जहाँ मिले नई उड़ानें, नई उम्मीदें, नए फसाने,
जहाँ कदमों से मिले कदम
जहाँ पर घड़ी हर पल रफ्तार पकड़े हम

सुनहरा उज्वल ऐसा एक कल
उनासी साल १८० करोड़ हिंदुस्तानी और
अनगिनत सपने
आओ मिलके जशन मनाए
भारत की इस उड़ान का
संघर्ष से पायी थी हमने आज़ादी की सौगात
निर्माण के क्षण में वही पूछे कहा है तेरे जज़्बात?

लड़ी थी लड़ाई हर बंधन को तोड़ने की,
अब आज़ादी पूछे तेरी योजना कहाँ है जोड़ने की
- फरहान अख्तर

खामोश किताबें

किताबें केवल कागज़ के पन्ने नहीं होतीं। उनमें पूरी सभ्यता, संस्कृति और इतिहास छुपा होता है। लेकिन आजकल किताबें धीरे-धीरे खामोश होती जा रही हैं।

कभी लाइब्रेरी के गलीयारों में बच्चों की चहल-पहल होती थी, पन्ने पलटने की सरसराहट सुनाई देती थी। आज वही लाइब्रेरी सूनी पड़ी है। मोबाइल की स्क्रीन इंटरनेट ने किताबों की आवाज़ दबा दी है।

किताबें हमें केवल जानकारी नहीं देतीं, वे हमारी सोच को दिशा देती हैं, धैर्य सिखाती हैं और हमें गहराई समझने की आदत डालती हैं। लेकिन जब हम सिर्फ "स्क्रीन पर स्क्रोल" करते हैं, तो हमारी सोच सतही होती जाती है।

किताबों की खामोशी केवल उनका दुःख नहीं होती है, यह समाज की दिशा का भी संकेत है। एक समाज जो किताबों से दूर होता है, वह अपने मूल्यों और ज्ञान से भी दूर चला जाता है।

आज अगर हम चाहते हैं कि आने वाली पीढ़ी सोचने-समझने वाली बने, तो हमें किताबों की आवाज़ फिर से सुननी होगी। किताबें खरेदी जाएँ, पढ़ी जाएँ, बाटी जाएँ। क्योंकि जब किताबें बोलती हैं, तभी समाज जागता है।

- रियांश ए.

कोबे ब्रायंट बास्केटबॉल खिलाड़ी

कोबे ब्रायंट, जिन्हें बास्केटबॉल के सार्वकालिक महान खिलाड़ियों में से एक माना जाता है। लॉस एंजिल्स लेकर्स के साथ बीस साल की शानदार करियर का आनंद लिया, जिससे उन्हें पाँच चैंपियनशिप और कई व्यक्तिगत पुरस्कार मिले। हायस्कूल से सीधे चुने गए ब्रायंट ने जल्दी ही खुद को एक शानदार स्कोरर एक भयंकर प्रतियोगी के रूप में स्थापित कर लिया, अठारह ऑल स्टार चयन और दो स्कोरिंग खिताब अर्जित किए। या उनकी "माबमा मानसिकता" जो गहन ध्यान, समर्पण अथक कार्य नैतिकता की विशेषता थी, खेल के प्रति उनके दृष्टिकोण का पर्याय बन गई। कोर्ट पर अपनी उपलब्धियों से परे ब्रायंट चैरिटेबल कार्यों में भी गहराई से शामिल थे। मेक-ए-विश फाउंडेशन और यूनायटेड वे ऑफ लॉस एंजिल्स जैसे संगठनों का समर्थन करते थे। खेल और उससे उनका प्रभाव गहरा था, जो उत्कृष्टता और प्रेरणा की विरासत की पीछे छोड़ गया। दुख की बात है कि कोबे ब्रायंट की बेटी जियाना और सात अन्य लोगों के साथ २०२० में एक हेलिकॉप्टर दुर्घटना में मृत्यु हो गई।

- राजवीर जाधव, ७ अ

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ए आय ! ए आय ! ए आय ! आपल्या जीवनात आता 'ए आय' म्हणजेच आर्टिफिशल इंटेलिजेंसचा प्रवेश झाला आहे. कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (ए आय) म्हणजे संगणकाला मानवी बुद्धिमत्तेप्रमाणे विचार करण्यास, शिकण्यास आणि समस्या सोडविण्यास सक्षम करणारे तंत्रज्ञान ए आयचा उपयोग स्वयंचलित वाहने, नैसर्गिक भाषा समजून घेणे आणि डेटावर आधारित अंदाज बांधणे यासारख्या अनेक क्षेत्रांमध्ये होतो. तुम्ही पण कुठल्या न कुठल्या कामात ए आयचा वापर केलाच असेल, विशेषकर आजकालच्या मुलांनी तर ए आयचा फारच वापर केला आहे, चांगला व वाईट उपयोग चांगला उपयोग म्हणजे चॅट जीपीटी सारख्या ए आय अॅपचा गणितातील शंका समजून घेण्यासाठी वापर करणे किंवा कोणत्याही विषयात काय अवघड जात असेल तर ते समजून घेण्यासाठी त्याचा वापर करणे अगदी चांगली गोष्ट आहे; पण आपल्याला दिलेला गृहपाठ सोडवण्यासाठी जर आपण त्याचा उपयोग करतोय तर ते चुकीचे आहे. काही मुले तर चॅट जीपीटीच्या साहाय्याने आपले निबंध लिहितात, तेही अगदी चुकीचे आहे.

आपल्याला ए आयचा खूप फायदा आहे. पण आपण त्याचा दुरुपयोग करतोय. आपण आपली बुद्धी वापरून आपले गृहपाठ करावेच. ए आय मुळे आपण आपली विचार करण्याची कला वापरत नाही. आपण चॅट जीपीटीवर काही न काही विचारून आपला वेळ घालवतोय. जर त्याचा वापर कोणता विज्ञानाचा प्रकल्प बनवण्यासाठी करतो तर ते ही चुकीचे आहे. यू ट्यूबही ए आयचा परिणाम आहे. आपल्याला आता यूट्यूबचाही नाद लागला आहे. आपण तासन्तास यूट्यूबवर व्हिडिओ बघत राहतो.

आपल्याला ए आयमुळे आता जीवनाची किंमतच राहिली नाही. फेसबुक, इन्स्टाग्रॅम, स्नॅपचॅट आणि वॉट्सअॅपवर ए आयचेच सैनिक आहेत. जे आपल्या जीवनाचे वाटोळे करतात. आपण हे समजून घेणे अतिशय गरजेचे आहे. फोन आणि कॅम्प्युटरचाही उपास असला पाहिजे की, तीन दिवस, चार दिवस, पाच दिवस असे विना फोन आणि कॅम्प्युटरचे घालवायचे. हा उपाय सर्वात चांगला असणार. आपल्या शरीरासाठी माझा तुम्हाला एकच संदेश आहे की, ए आयचा वापर चांगल्या गोष्टींसाठी करा. त्याचा कधीच वाईट वापर करू नये, कारण 'अति तेथे माती.'

- विरेन चोरडीया, ८ अ

आगळी - वेगळी दिवाळी



दिवाळी म्हणजे दिव्यांचा सण. मला हा सण खूप आवडतो. सर्वत्र अंधारात चमकणारे दिवे मला खूप आवडतात. दरवर्षी दिवाळीला आजीकडे जातो. ह्याही वर्षी आम्ही आजीकडे गेलो होतो. दिवाळीसाठी आईने फराळ बनवला होता. दिवाळी एकूण चार दिवसांची असते. जसे की, नरकचतुर्दशी, लक्ष्मीपूजन, पाडवा आणि भाऊबीज. आमच्या शाळेत ह्यावर्षी सांगितले होते की, फटाके उडवू नयेत कारण फटाक्यांमुळे वायू प्रदूषण होते. मी माझे फटाक्यांचे पैसे बाजूला ठेवले.

माझ्याघरी रोज घरकामासाठी मावशी येत होत्या. त्यांना एक छोटासा मुलगा होता. त्याचे नाव सोहम होते. तो चार वर्षांचा होता. मी पाहिले की, सोहम आईकडे हट्ट करीत होता की, मला ही दिवाळीला नवे कपडे हवेत, तर आई त्याला समजावत होती की आपण पुढच्या वर्षी घेऊ. तो रडवेला झाला होता. त्याला पाहून मी ठरवले की ह्यावर्षी आपण त्याच्यासाठी दिवाळीला कपडे आणायचे.

माझा विचार मी आईला सांगितला की, ह्यावर्षी फटाके न घेता त्याच्यासाठी कपडे घेऊ यात. माझा हा विचार ऐकून आईला खूपच आनंद झाला. आम्ही संध्याकाळी जाऊन त्याच्यासाठी खूप छान कपडे घेतले. दुसऱ्या दिवशी दिवाळी होती. सोहम आपल्या आईबरोबर जुनेच कपडे घालून आला होता. आम्ही सर्वजण फराळासाठी बसलो होतो. मी त्याला म्हटले, "सोहम, हे बघ मी तुझ्यासाठी काय आणले आहे?" असे म्हणून कपड्याची पिशवी त्याच्या हातात दिली. त्याने ती उघडून पाहिली. आपल्या मापाचा शर्ट-पॅन्ट बघून तो खूप आनंदला. त्याने तो शर्ट-पॅन्ट घातला व तो घरभर नाचू लागला. त्याच्या डोळ्यातील आनंद पाहून मला हजार फटाके उडवल्याचा आनंद झाला.

सोहमच्या आईला खूप आनंद वाटला. ती सर्वांचे आभार मानू लागली. ती घरी गेल्यावर आई मला म्हणाली, "मला तुझा गर्व आहे की, तू माझा मुलगा आहेस. नेहमी असाच रहा. दुसऱ्यांना सुख-आनंद देण्यासारखे जगात कोणतेच सुख नाही.

अशा रितीने मी ह्या वर्षाची दिवाळी साजरी केली व ही दिवाळी माझ्या कायम लक्षात राहिल.

- शुभम काशाकी, ९ क

शेवटचा दिवा



खेड्यातल्या देवळाची एक छोटीशी वस्ती होती. त्या वस्तीमध्ये अर्जुन, बारावीचा विद्यार्थी राहत होता. अभ्यासात हुशार, पण परिस्थिती अतिशय साधी. संध्याकाळी अभ्यास करायला त्याच्या घरी पुरेसा प्रकाश नव्हता. एकच छोटा दिवा-तोही मंद उजेडाचा. एके दिवशी, दिव्याच्या वातीचा उजेड फारच कमी पडत होता. अर्जुन चिडून पुस्तक बंद करत म्हणाला,

अर्जुन : “आई, असं कसं चालणार? उद्या परीक्षा आणि दिवा लागतच नाही.”

(आई शांतपणे म्हणाली,)

आई : “बाळा, परिस्थितीवर रागावून उपाय होत नाही, जिथं उजेड कमी असतो, तिथं मनाचा दिवा मोठा करायचा!”

अर्जुन नाराज झाला तरी आईच्या शब्दांवर विचार करू लागला. त्या दिवशी तो देवळाच्या पटांगणात अभ्यास करायला बसला होता, तेवढ्यात मंदिराचे पुजारी काका आले.

पुजारी काका : “काय रे अर्जुन रात्री इथे अभ्यास करतोयस?”

अर्जुन : “हो काका घरी दिवा फारच कमी आहे. उद्या परीक्षा आहे म्हणून इथं बसलो.”

पुजारी काकांनी त्याच्याकडे प्रेमाने पाहिलं.

पुजारी काका : “अरे, अभ्यास करण्याची तुझी जिद्द मला खूप आवडली चल, माझ्या घरातून एक दिवा घेऊन जा. जुना आहे पण चांगला प्रकाश आहे.”

अर्जुनने संकोचत विचारलं.

अर्जुन : “नको काका, मी कसा घेऊ? परत घायलाही उशीर होईल.”

पुजारी काका (हसत) : “ज्ञानासाठी घेतलेल्या वस्तूला कधी उशीर होत नाही. घेऊन जा.”

त्या रात्री अर्जुनने चांगला उजेड मिळाल्यामुळे संपूर्ण तयारी केली. परीक्षा छान गेली. महिन्याभरानंतर निकाल लागला. अर्जुन गावात पहिला आला.

तो लगेच पुजारी काकांकडे धावत गेला.

अर्जुन (आनंदून) : “काका, मी पहिला आलो. तुम्ही दिलेल्या दिव्यामुळे मी व्यवस्थित अभ्यास करू शकतो.”

पुजारी काका (बसत) : “अरे दिवा तर फक्त साधन आहे. उजेड तुझ्या मेहनतीचा होता.”

तिथेच उभे असलेले अर्जुनचे वडीलही भावूक झाले.

वडील : “बाळा, तुला थोडा प्रकाश दिला म्हणून एवढं मोठं काम केलंस... खरं तेज तर तुझ्यातच होतं.”

अर्जुन म्हणाला.

अर्जुन : “नाही बाबा ! प्रकाश कितीही मोठा असला तरी जर कुणीही पहिली ठिणगी दिली नाही तर दिवा पेटत नाही.”

त्या दिवशी अर्जुनने ठरवलं - शिकून मोठं झाल्यावर तो गावातील प्रत्येक गरीब मुलाला मोफत शिकवणार जसं पुजारी काकांनी त्याला मदत केली होती.

काही वर्षांनी अर्जुन मोठा झाला. इंजिनिअर बनला आणि गावात परत आला. त्याने गरीब मुलांसाठी एक लहानसे अभ्यास केंद्र सुरू केले. दरवर्षी अनेक विद्यार्थी त्यातून उत्तीर्ण होत राहिले.

शेवटी गावातील लोक म्हणू लागले -

“अर्जुनने घेतलेल्या एका दिव्याने हजारो घरात ज्ञानाचा प्रकाश केला.”

कथेचा बोध :

“एक छोटी मदतही योग्य वेळी मिळाली तर, कोणाचं संपूर्ण आयुष्य उजळवू शकते.”

- सोहम खटावकर

रील्सच्या दुबियेत घडणारी सर्जनशील पिढी



आजच्या डिजिटल युगात मुले केवळ रील्स पाहण्यात वेळ घालवण्याऐवजी स्वतः रील्स तयार करू लागली आहेत, ही काळाची एक महत्त्वाची बदलती खूण आहे. मोबाईल कॅमेऱ्याच्या माध्यमातून त्यांची कल्पकता, अभिनय, नृत्य, विनोदबुद्धी आणि तंत्रज्ञानाचा स्फोट दिसून येतो. स्वतः काहीतरी निर्माण केल्यामुळे त्यांचा आत्मविश्वास वाढतो. नवनवीन कौशल्ये विकसित होतात आणि त्यांच्या कलेला एक जागतिक व्यासपीठ मिळते. मात्र, या सर्जनशील प्रवासात वेळेचे भान, योग्य-अयोग्याचा विवेक आणि अभ्यासाचे महत्त्व जपणेही तितकेच आवश्यक आहे. पालक आणि शिक्षकांनी मुलांच्या या उत्साहाला योग्य दिशा देत त्यांना केवळ मनोरंजनासाठी नव्हे तर सामाजिक संदेश देणारे, शिक्षणपर आणि प्रेरणादायी रील्स तयार करण्यासाठी प्रोत्साहित केले पाहिजे. त्याचबरोबर ऑनलाईन सुरक्षितता, गोपनीयता आणि डिजिटल शिस्त यांची जाणीव करून देणेही फार महत्त्वाचे आहे. योग्य संतुलन साधल्यास, रील्स तयार करणारी ही पिढी भविष्यात उत्तम कलाकार, दिग्दर्शक, कंटेंट क्रिएटर आणि उद्योजक म्हणूनही घडू शकते.

- पार्थ नलावडे, ९ ड

निसर्गाची शांत हाक

आपल्या सभोवतालचा निसर्ग रोज आपल्याशी बोलतो, पण आपण मात्र त्याचे ऐकायचे विसरलो आहोत. झाडांची पाने गळतात, नद्या कोरड्या पडतात, हवा दूषित होते - ही सगळी लक्षणं म्हणजे निसर्गाची हाक आहे. पण आपण ती गंभीरतेने घेत नाही.

आपण प्रगतीच्या नावाखाली झाडं तोडली, नद्या प्रदूषित केल्या, जमिनीला जखमा दिल्या. मशीन, धूर आणि आवाज यामध्ये पक्ष्यांचे गाणे हरवले. एकेकाळी हिरवीगार असलेली धरती आता हळूहळू राखाडी होत चालली आहे. निसर्ग सूड घेत नाही, पण तो इशारा देतो. कधी भूकंपाच्या रूपात, कधी वादळाच्या, तर कधी तापमानाच्या विक्रमी वाढीच्या रूपात. ही संकटे त्याची शिक्षा नाहीत, तर त्याची वेदना आहे.

आपल्याला वाटतं - “मी एकट्यानं काय करू शकेन?” पण खरं तर प्रत्येकाची छोटीशी कृती निसर्गाला वाचवू शकते. एक झाड लावणं, पाणी जपून वापरणं, प्लास्टिक टाळणं - हे सगळं निसर्गासाठी औषधासारखं आहे. आज आपण शांत राहिलो, तर उद्या निसर्गाची शांत हाक एक प्रलयकारी किंकाळी होईल. म्हणूनच आता वेळ आली आहे की, आपण निसर्गाचे ऐकावे, त्याला जपावे, कारण धरती वाचली तरच आपण वाचू.

- उर्वेश मनीष आगरवाल, ८ अ

मुलं आजकालची



मुलं आजकालची खूप वैतागवाणी असतात. आपण नेहमीच काही ना काही ऐकतो. आधी एका १० वर्षांच्या मुलाने ‘कौन बनेगा करोडपती!’ मध्ये भाग घेतलेला. त्या छोट्या मुलाने अमिताभ बच्चन यांना उर्मटपणे उत्तर दिले. अनेकांना खूप आश्चर्य वाटलं की असे वागणे या महान माणसाशी बरोबर आहे का? पण हा प्रकार एकटा नाही. जगभरातील ७ ते १२ वर्षांच्या मुलांमध्ये असे वर्तन दिसते. या मागचे एकच कारण म्हणजे, “सिक्स पॉकेट सिंड्रोम”

हा सिंड्रोम साधारणपणे दिसतो जेव्हा मुलाला भाऊ-बहिणी किंवा जवळची चुलत भावंडे नसतात. मोठी माणसं, आई-वडील आणि आजी-आजोबा नेहमी लाड करतात. खूप लक्ष आणि कमी मर्यादा असल्यास मुलं नकळत बिघडून जातात आणि जास्त आत्मविश्वासू किंवा उद्धट होऊ शकतात. काही पालक खूप चिडतात. परंतु फक्त शिक्षा केल्याने मुलांना योग्य-अयोग्य समजत नाही, ते फक्त शिक्षा टाळायला शिकतात. उदाहरणार्थ पालक पाहत असताना मुलं अभ्यास करतात न पहिल्यावर मस्ती करतात. आजकालची मुलं खूप स्वातंत्र्य किंवा धीटपणा अनुभवतात. संतुलित पालकत्व धीर, स्पष्ट मर्यादा आणि शांत संवाद यांना योग्य मार्ग दाखवतात. प्रेमळ मार्गदर्शन आणि समजावून सांगणे मुलांना फक्त वागायला शिकवत नाही तर का असे वागायचे नाही हेही शिकवतात.

- ईशान दामले, १० क

इंग्रजीमध्ये असे म्हणतात, “Health is Wealth” आरोग्य हीच खरी संपत्ती आहे. चांगल्या आरोग्यासाठी सकस आहार, व्यायाम आणि मोकळी हवा जरूरी असते. आपल्या शरीराबरोबर आपले मनसुद्धा निरोगी पाहिजे. आपल्या मनात दुसऱ्यांच्याबाबत हेवा नको व मनात चांगले विचार हवेत. दुसऱ्यांना मदत करणे व सुखी ठेवणे अशी आपली मनाची वृत्ती असावी.

आरोग्याबाबत एक सुप्रसिद्ध कथा आहे. एक गरीब माणूस रस्त्यावरून चालत जाताना जोरजोराने ओरडून म्हणायचा, “देवाने मला काहीच दिले नाही.” मग जशी ही बातमी त्या राज्याच्या राजापर्यंत पोचली तेव्हा त्याने त्या माणसाला बोलावले व म्हणाला, “तू मला तुझा एक डोळा व हात दे व तुला त्याच्या बदली मोठी रक्कम देईन.” यावर त्या गरीब माणसाने त्याला नम्रपणे नकार दिला. यावर राजाने सांगितले, “देवाने तुला निरोगी शरीर दिले. हीच देवाने तुला मोठी देणगी दिली आहे.” खरोखर - “सकस आहार, योग्य व्यायाम, उचित विचार हाच आहे माणसाचा खरा अलंकार!”

- तनुष एस. पारखी, ९ ड

आरोग्यम् धनसंपदा



निसर्गाचा समतोल

गेल्या काही वर्षांपासून महाराष्ट्रातील अनेक शहरी आणि निमशहरी भागात वन्यप्राण्यांचा (जसे की, बिबट्या, रानगवे, अस्वल आणि साप) शिकार लक्षणीयरीत्या वाढला आहे. यामुळे नागरिकांमध्ये भीतीचे वातावरण असून, मानव आणि वन्यजीव यांच्यातील संघर्ष (animal conflict) तीव्र होताना दिसत आहे. या समस्येची कारणे आणि उपाययोजनांवर टाकलेला हा प्रकाश.

कारणमीमांसा :

अधिवासाचा नाश, वाढते शहरीकरण, औद्योगिकीकरण आणि शेतीसाठी जंगलांवर होणारे अतिक्रमण यामुळे वन्यप्राण्यांचा नैसर्गिक अधिवास (natural habitat) संपुष्टात येत आहे.

भक्ष्यांची कमतरता: जंगलातील भक्ष्याची संख्या कमी झाल्यामुळे, वन्यप्राणी अन्नाच्या शोधात मानवी वस्तीकडे वळतात.

पाण्याची टंचाई: अनेक ठिकाणी जंगलात पाण्याची उपलब्धता कमी झाल्याने, पाण्याच्या शोधात प्राणी लोकवस्तीजवळ येतात.

शिकार आणि अवैध व्यापार : काही प्राण्यांची शिकार झाल्यामुळे किंवा त्यांच्या नैसर्गिक जीवनचक्रात मानवी हस्तक्षेपामुळे त्यांचे वर्तन बदलते.

कचरा व्यवस्थापन: शहरांजवळील कचरा डेपो आणि उघड्यावर टाकलेले अन्नपदार्थ हे प्राण्यांना (विशेषतः डुकरे, कुत्रे आणि काही मांसाहारी प्राण्यांना) आकर्षित करतात.

परिणाम:

मानव-वन्यजीव संघर्ष: प्राण्यांच्या हल्ल्यात मनुष्यहानी आणि पाळीव जनावरांचा मृत्यू होण्याच्या घटना वाढल्या आहेत.

भीतीचे वातावरण: नागरी वस्तीत हिंस्त्र प्राणी दिसल्यामुळे नागरिकांमध्ये दहशत निर्माण होते.

पिकांचे नुकसान: रानडुकर आणि इतर प्राणी शेतीत घूसून पिकांचे मोठ्या प्रमाणावर नुकसान करतात.

उपाययोजना:

वन्यजीव अधिवास संवर्धन: जंगलांचे संवर्धन करणे आणि प्राण्यांना जंगलातच पुरेसे अन्न आणि पाणी उपलब्ध होईल याची खात्री करणे आवश्यक आहे.

कचऱ्याची योग्य विल्हेवाट: प्रभावी कचरा व्यवस्थापन प्रणाली लागू केल्यास प्राण्यांचा वस्तीकडे ओढा कमी होऊ शकतो.

प्रबोधन आणि जागरूकता: नागरिकांना वन्यप्राण्यांसाठी कसे वागावे आणि वनविभागाला त्वरित माहिती कशी द्यावी, याबद्दल शिक्षित करणे गरजेचे आहे.

वनविभागाची तत्परता: वनविभागाने अशा घटनांवर तातडीने कार्यवाही करणे आणि प्राण्यांना सुरक्षितपणे नैसर्गिक अधिवासात सोडणे महत्वाचे आहे.

मानव आणि वन्यजीव सहअस्तित्व टिकवून ठेवण्यासाठी दोन्ही बाजूंनी प्रयत्न करणे आणि निसर्गाचा समतोल राखणे ही काळाची गरज आहे.

- दुर्वाक कुमार दवे, ९ ड

माझा आवडता

खेळ

क्रिकेट



खेळ कोणताही असो त्यात मनोरंजनासोबत शरीराचा व्यायाम पण होऊन जातो. खेळामुळे शरीर मजबूत बनते. आपल्या देशात वेगवेगळ्या पद्धतीचे खेळ खेळले जातात. जसे हॉकी, टेबल टेनिस, फुटबॉल, हॉलीबॉल, कबड्डी, क्रिकेट, बुद्धिबळ इत्यादी. त्यातील माझा आवडता खेळ आहे क्रिकेट.

क्रिकेट हा भारतातील सर्वात लोकप्रिय खेळ आहे. हा खेळ सर्व प्रथम इंग्रजांद्वारे भारतात आला होता आणि तेव्हापासून तर आजपर्यंत या खेळाची लोकप्रियता दिवसेंदिवस वाढत आहे, परंतु स्वातंत्र्यानंतर सर्वजण हा खेळ खेळू लागले.

क्रिकेट हा खेळ भारत, इंग्लंड, पाकिस्तान, श्रीलंका, वेस्टइंडिज, दक्षिण आफ्रिका, ऑस्ट्रेलिया इत्यादि देशात लोकप्रिय आहे. क्रिकेट हा खेळ नियमानुसारच खेळला जातो. दोन्ही संघात ११-११ खेळाडू असतात.

एक संघ बॅटिंग करतो व दुसरा संघ बॉलिंग करतो. बॅटिंग करणारा संघ एक, दोन, चौकार किंवा षट्कार मारून ठरलेल्या ओव्हरमध्ये रन बनवतो. शेवटी जो संघ जास्त धावा काढतो तो जिंकतो. क्रिकेटमध्ये एक दिवसीय सामने, कसोटी सामने, टी २० सामने अशा तिन्ही पद्धतीने हा खेळ खेळला जातो.

भारताने १९८३ व २०२२ मध्ये विश्वकप जिंकलेला आहे तसेच २००७ व २०२४ मध्ये टी २० विश्वकपाचा बहुमान मिळवला आहे, मला अजूनही २०२४ मधील भारताने विश्वचषक जिंकण्याची रात्र आठवते. आम्ही सर्व आनंदाने उड्या मारत होतो आणि सूर्यकुमारच्या त्या कॅचने आमचे विश्वचषकाचे स्वप्न पूर्ण केले. या खेळातील माझा सर्वात आवडता क्रिकेटर सचिन तेंडुलकर आहे. त्याला मास्टर-ब्लास्टर म्हणून पण ओळखले जाते. क्रिकेटचा प्रत्येक खेळ मला आनंदी करतो आणि क्रिकेट खेळण्याचा किंवा बघण्याचा आनंद अपार असतो.

क्रिकेटमध्ये तुम्ही फलंदाज असा किंवा गोलंदाज किंवा क्षेत्ररक्षक, तुम्हाला प्रत्येक क्षणी जागरूक असावे लागते. या खेळासाठी 'चापल्य' आणि 'काटकपणा' हे गुण अत्यंत आवश्यक असतात, या खेळात शरीर व मन सुदृढ राहते.

क्रिकेट असो वा कोणताही मैदानी खेळ असू द्या. क्रिकेट हा खेळ म्हणजे आनंद, उत्साह आणि सहनशीलता म्हणून मला क्रिकेट हा खेळ खूप आवडतो.

- - आरव स. ताकवले, ८ क

Leben in einer Stadt oder auf dem Land?



Viele Menschen fragen: Ist das Leben in der Stadt besser oder auf dem Land? Beide Orte haben Vorteile. In der Stadt gibt es viele Gebäude, Geschäfte und Busse. Das Leben ist schnell und modern. Man kann leicht einkaufen und viele neue Menschen treffen. Es gibt große Schulen, Kinos, Cafés und Parks. Die Stadt ist oft laut, aber auch sehr spannend. Viele Menschen finden dort gute Arbeit und haben kurze Wege.

Auf dem Land ist das Leben ruhiger. Es gibt viele Bäume, Tiere und frische Luft. Die Menschen leben in Häusern mit Gärten. Kinder können draußen spielen und Fahrrad fahren. Die Wege sind länger, denn es gibt nicht so viele Busse oder Geschäfte. Aber die Natur macht das Leben schön und entspannt. Die Leute kennen sich gut, und es gibt eine freundliche Gemeinschaft. Viele Familien fühlen sich dort sicher und glücklich.

Ob Stadt oder Land – beide Orte sind wichtig. Jeder Mensch kann selbst wählen, wo er lieber leben möchte. Manche mögen die Ruhe auf dem Land, andere die Energie der Stadt. Am Ende zählt, wo man sich wohl und zu Hause fühlt.

Bhavya Furia, XII C

Die Schule

Meine Schule ist sehr schön,
dort kann jeder vieles sehn.
Ich lerne jeden Tag lesen,
weil ich das Lernen gern mag.
Mit Freunden spiele ich hier,
die Lehrer helfen uns sehr viel.
In der Schule bin ich froh,
und das Lernen geht sowieso.

Urvansh Agarwal, VIII A



Feste in Indien

Indien ist ein Land mit vielen Kulturen und Religionen. Deshalb gibt es dort sehr viele Feste. Die Menschen feiern im ganzen Land mit großer Freude.

Ein sehr wichtiges Fest ist Diwali. Es ist das Lichterfest der Hindus. Die Häuser werden mit Lichtern und Kerzen geschmückt. Holi ist ein buntes Frühlingsfest. Die Menschen werfen Farben und haben viel Spaß. Auch Eid wird gefeiert. An diesem Tag beten die Menschen in der Moschee und verbringen Zeit mit der Familie. Weihnachten ist ebenfalls ein wichtiges Fest. Die Christen gehen in die Kirche und feiern mit Freunden und Familie. Guru Nanak Jayanti ist ein besonderes Fest für die Sikhs.

Viele Feste haben eine religiöse Bedeutung. Andere Feste feiern die Jahreszeiten oder wichtige historische Ereignisse. Bei allen Festen gibt es leckeres Essen, Musik und schöne Kleidung. Die Menschen besuchen ihre Familien und Freunde.

Die vielen Feste machen Indien sehr bunt, lebendig und besonders.

- Shrey Doshi, X B



Das Taschengeld

Taschengeld ist ein wichtiges Thema für Kinder. In Deutschland

bekommen fast alle Kinder Taschengeld von ihren Eltern. Meistens gibt es das Geld einmal pro Woche. Das ist eine gute Tradition. Kinder müssen lernen: Wie teuer sind Sachen? Wenn das Geld weg ist, können sie nichts mehr kaufen. Viele kleine Kinder kaufen sofort Süßigkeiten oder Comics. Ältere Kinder sparen oft für ein Handy oder gehen mit Freunden ins Kino.

Es gibt aber auch Regeln. Oft müssen die Kinder zu Hause helfen. Meistens müssen sie ihr Zimmer aufräumen oder den Müll rausbringen. Wenn sie nicht helfen, bekommen sie kein Taschengeld. Ich finde das Thema sehr interessant, weil Kinder den Umgang mit Geld lernen. Ich denke, dass Kinder in Indien auch Taschengeld bekommen sollten, wenn sie ihre Hausarbeiten machen.

- Darsh Agarwal, X A

Jobs für Jugendliche in

Deutschland und Indien

Jobs für Jugendliche in Deutschland:

In Deutschland gibt es viele tolle Möglichkeiten für Jugendliche, erste Erfahrungen in der Arbeitswelt zu sammeln. Ein großer Vorteil ist die Sicherheit und Struktur. Jugendliche lernen hier wichtige Werte wie Pünktlichkeit und Verantwortung. Es ist sehr positiv, dass Schüler durch kleine Jobs ihr eigenes Geld verdienen können. Besonders beliebt sind klassische Aufgaben wie Babysitting oder Gartenarbeit bei den Nachbarn. Auch Zeitungen auszutragen oder in einem Café zu arbeiten sind gute Möglichkeiten. Das gibt den Jugendlichen ein Gefühl von Freiheit und Unabhängigkeit. Die Arbeitszeiten sind kurz, damit sie genug Zeit für die Schule haben. Es ist ein perfekter Start ins Berufsleben in einer entspannten Umgebung.

Jobs für Jugendliche in Indien:

In Indien ist die Arbeitswelt für Jugendliche sehr dynamisch und modern. Ein großer Pluspunkt ist die enorme digitale Kompetenz der jungen Menschen. Viele Jugendliche nutzen ihre Talente im Internet und arbeiten kreativ als Grafiker oder Programmierer oder geben Online-Nachhilfe für Schüler auf der ganzen Welt. Das ist eine fantastische Chance, um früh unternehmerisch zu denken und globale Kontakte zu knüpfen. Die Jugendlichen in Indien sind oft sehr motiviert, fleißig und lernen extrem schnell neue Technologien. Diese Energie ist sehr inspirierend. Sie nutzen die modernen Möglichkeiten der Digitalisierung perfekt, um sich eine erfolgreiche Zukunft aufzubauen und ihre Träume zu verwirklichen.

- Sherwin Dsouza, X B



Meine unvergessliche Reise nach Malaysia

Malaysia ist ein wunderschönes Land mit viel Kultur, Geschichte und tollem Essen. Ich habe viele interessante Orte in Kuala Lumpur, der Hauptstadt von Malaysia, besucht. Zuerst war ich bei den Petronas Twin Towers und beim neuen Merdeka 118, wo die Aussicht toll war. Danach bin ich zum Dataran Merdeka, zur St. Mary's Cathedral und zur Our Lady of Fatima Church gegangen. In den Batu Caves habe ich die großen Statuen und die bunten Treppen gesehen.

Ich interessiere mich sehr für Geschichte, deshalb habe ich das Nationalmuseum, das Textilmuseum und das Automobilmuseum besucht. Das Automobilmuseum liegt direkt an der großen Grand-Prix-Strecke in Sepang. Es war spannend, die alten Autos zu sehen. Zum Einkaufen und Essen war ich im Pasar Seni, in der Petaling Street und in der Mountbatten Street. In Little India (Brickfields) war es sehr bunt, und am Abend habe ich in der Jalan Alor fantastisches Street Food gegessen. Ich habe dort gegrillte Hähnchenflügel, Saté-Spieße und Char Kway Teow probiert. Zur Entspannung war ich im Perdana Botanical Garden.

An einem Tag habe ich einen Ausflug nach Malakka gemacht. Malakka ist eine historische Stadt an der Küste, und die Atmosphäre dort ist ganz anders als in der Großstadt. Ich habe die alten Gebäude aus der Kolonialzeit gesehen und viel über die Geschichte gelernt. Der Ausflug war sehr entspannt und eine gute Pause von der Hektik in Kuala Lumpur. Es war eine perfekte Reise, und ich war sehr glücklich in Malaysia.

- Rylan Dsouza, X B

Meine einzigartige Deutschland- Erfahrung als PASCH-Stipendiat

Am 1. Juni begann ich eine besondere Reise – meine erste Auslandsreise. Ich flog vom Flughafen Mumbai über Dubai nach Hamburg in Deutschland. Ich war sehr aufgeregt! Der Flug mit dem großen Airbus A380 war toll und spannend. In Hamburg kamen auch drei andere Gruppen aus verschiedenen Ländern an. Wir fuhren zusammen mit dem Bus nach Sankt Peter-Ording, einer schönen Stadt am Meer. Wir wohnten in gemütlichen Zimmern mit Hochbetten. Ich teilte mein Zimmer mit einem Schüler aus Mumbai und einem aus Myanmar. Nach der langen Reise ruhten wir uns aus und aßen ein leckeres Abendessen.

Ein Tag im PASCH-Zentrum : Unser Tag begann um 8:00 Uhr mit dem Frühstück. Dann hatten wir Deutschunterricht von 9:00 bis 12:30 Uhr, mit einer Pause. Nach dem Mittagessen hatten wir noch Unterricht bis 15:30 Uhr. Danach machten wir Workshops und hatten viele tolle Aktivitäten.

Wir machten Talentshows, Gruppenarbeiten und Präsentationen. Am Abend spielten und redeten wir viel mit den anderen Schülern. Es war lustig und schön! Unser Tag endete um 22:30 Uhr.

Am Wochenende : Am Wochenende machten wir Ausflüge. Wir besuchten Hamburg, Flensburg und Tönning. Wir sahen Museen wie das Schifffahrtsmuseum und das Fischmuseum. Wir liefen durch die Städte, kauften Souvenirs und aßen viel Eis! Im Zentrum hatten wir auch Grillabende, Musik und Tanz. Wir spielten Fußball, Volleyball, Hockey und Tennis. Ein besonderes Erlebnis war die Wattwanderung – wir wanderten im Schlamm am Meer!

Kulturen feiern : Ein schöner Abend war der Länderabend. Wir zeigten unsere indische Kultur mit Musik, Kleidung und Essen. Viele Länder machten mit. Es war sehr interessant!

Mein Erfolg : Ich legte die A2-Prüfung ab und bestand sie mit guten Noten. Aber ich lernte noch mehr: pünktlich sein, gesund leben, mit anderen zusammenleben und andere Kulturen verstehen.

Orange und Zitrone : Am Abend machten wir ein Spiel: Orange und Zitrone. Wir sagten, was gut war (Orange) und was nicht so gut war (Zitrone). Es war lustig und wir lernten voneinander.

Danke, PASCH! : Ich fahre nach Hause mit vielen schönen Erinnerungen. Ich habe neue Freunde aus Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Singapur, Afrika, Mexiko, Irland und Deutschland. Ich habe jetzt mehr Selbstvertrauen.

Ich danke PASCH für diese tolle Chance! Ich werde diese Reise nie vergessen und möchte mit meinen neuen Freunden in Kontakt bleiben.

- Noel Furtado, X C



Was ich mit meinem Taschengeld mache

Taschengeld ist Geld, das viele Kinder und Jugendliche von ihren Eltern bekommen. Jeden Monat bekomme ich Taschengeld. Mit diesem Geld lerne ich, wie man sparsam ist und richtig mit Geld umgeht.

Ich benutze mein Taschengeld für Bücher, Snacks und manchmal für Geschenke für meine Familie. Wenn ich etwas Teures kaufen möchte, spare ich mein Geld. Das ist nicht immer leicht, aber es ist wichtig. Taschengeld hilft mir, Verantwortung zu übernehmen.

Manchmal verdiene ich extra Geld, zum Beispiel indem ich mein Zimmer putze oder meinen Eltern im Haus helfe. Ich finde Taschengeld sehr wichtig, weil es uns auf das Leben vorbereitet. Taschengeld ist klein, aber sehr wertvoll.

- Shaunak Thete, X C



St. Vincent's family



वेद चव्हाण ठारला 'वेगवान धावपटू'



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