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COLOUR, SHADES & LIFE

“ Creativity is the ability to introduce new hues to the world.

- Unknown

COLOURS OF CREATIVITY

Mark Twain once said, “There's no such thing as an original idea.” But Albert Einstein argues that each person has a unique perspective that lends itself to originality.

Man, as he navigates the complexities of life, often finds himself lost in a sea of monotony. Yet amidst all life's routine, there exists a realm where creativity and vibrancy reign supreme.

The colours of creativity are the threads that weave together imagination, self-expression and innovation. Creativity is a way of life, a mindset, not merely artistic expression. It is the ability to see beyond the mundane and draw inspiration from the ordinary. The vibrant hues of creativity symbolize the diverse facets of human imagination.

In today's world, we need to nurture the colours of creativity. Stephanians are encouraged to experiment and explore as part of learning for life. This in turn unleashes a kaleidoscope of imagination, empowering them with confidence to be future innovators and thinkers.

As Einstein has rightly said, “Creativity is seeing what others see and thinking what no one else ever thought.”

- THE EDITORS

OUR PRIORITIES

St. Stephen's is committed to Making Quality Education Accessible and building the character of its students by inculcating the values of Self Discipline, Integrity, Mutual Respect, Pursuit of Excellence, Learning for Life and Environmental Management (SIMPLE). The School will build language fluency and improve reading habits of the students and will also continue to introduce one educational innovation each year to make learning more meaningful. The School will continue to be a model employer and invest in teacher training and development.

CAMPUS STORIES

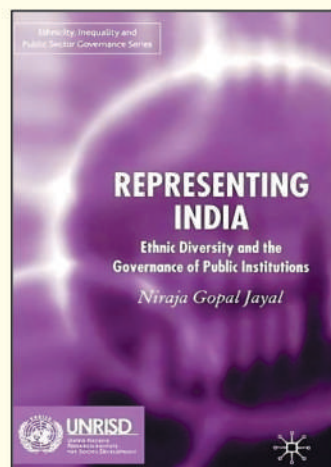
Twenty-first Dr. (Mrs.) Deepa Martins Memorial Lecture: Reflections on Citizenship and Civic Virtue

Every year the School commemorates the birth anniversary of its Founder Secretary, Dr. (Mrs.) Deepa Martins, by inviting eminent speakers whose thoughts and creations reflect the values she stood for throughout her life. This year, we were privileged to have Professor Niraja Gopal Jayal, Political Scientist, Academician, Author and Avantha Chair, King's College, London, as the keynote speaker at the Twenty-first Dr. (Mrs.) Deepa Martins Memorial Lecture on April 5, 2024. Professor Jayal gave the keynote lecture on the topic 'The Moral Dilemmas of Being a Good Citizen', delving into the complexities of citizenship and civic responsibility. She gave a deep insight on how citizenship grants fundamental rights and responsibilities, and stressed the need to safeguard these rights.

She began by discussing the first principle of a good citizen: civic virtue. Citizenship is a multifaceted concept



Professor Jayal delivering her keynote address



Lighting of the lamp by Prof. Niraja Gopal Jayal

that revolves around topics such as our obligations to the state, what we owe others, and how should we perceive ourselves despite having several identities.

Professor Jayal said that citizenship at its core defines our relationship with the state. The Indian Constitution grants us rights as citizens, including the freedom of speech, movement, and religious practice. These rights are fundamental to our existence as free individuals.

However, the enjoyment of these rights comes with responsibilities: obeying the law, paying taxes, and voting. Voting, a fundamental right, is also a crucial duty. Politics, often seen in a negative light, is fundamentally about citizens coming together to decide how they want to be governed. Democracy involves discussion on justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity – the

founding principles of our Constitution. It is noble because it seeks the common good.

She went on to discuss how we see diversity and differences. For instance, India is a diverse nation where variety is strength. A richer society is one that is diverse. We must

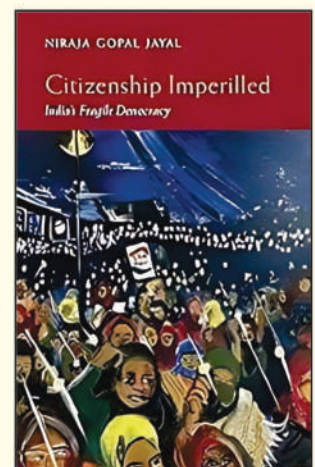
Justice, Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity – the founding principles of our Constitution

develop the ability to accept differences and respect the opinions of others.

Such a society offers everyone the freedom to voice their opinions equally. Differences in viewpoints ought to be sorted by discussion, application of logic, and reasoning. Our national identity and our personal identities shouldn't clash.

Professor Jayal then went on to talk about the influence of the internet on our lives. It can act as a place where civic minded people get together, to voice their opinion but on the other hand, social media also has the power to shut down protests. At times, it does not give us freedom of expression. As a result, technology causes serious consequences on social harmony, and has now become a false palisade.

The lecture inspired the audience to carry forward the vision of social justice and made them aware of their duties as a citizen of free India.



-Yashasvi Chaturvedi (IX A)

Perspectives On Education and Governance

An Interview with Professor Niraja Gopal Jayal

Q1. Ma'am, how did you manage working as a political scientist and also as a professor at two of the most prestigious institutes, the King's College London and the London School of Economics along with pursuing so many other causes and initiatives?

Prof. Niraja Gopal Jayal- I spent nearly four decades, a large tenure of my career, at Jawaharlal Nehru University in Delhi. My work there, including research and publications, laid the foundation for my later appointments at prestigious international institutions like the London School of Economics and King's College London. These later positions in my advanced career are a result of my long-standing work within the Indian university system, which has been fundamental to my development as a political scientist.

Q2. What differences do you find in the perception of students in India and the students abroad?

Prof. Niraja Gopal Jayal- I find that students in the UK want to read more theory and other works from the Global South. The student bodies I've encountered in India and London differ significantly. At Jawaharlal Nehru University in India, students are diverse within the Indian context, coming from various regions and social backgrounds. The majority are Indians, with some international students primarily at research levels. In contrast, in London, there's greater international diversity, including students from China, America, Europe, and those of Indian descent. Students' concerns and perspectives are more globally varied. This contrast highlights how the geographical and cultural context of the institution shapes the student body's composition and academic interests.

Q3. Ma'am, what has shaped you into the person you are today?

Prof. Niraja Gopal Jayal- My intellectual development was greatly influenced by my upbringing and education. I was fortunate to grow up in a book-filled home and have a father who was a prolific writer which fostered my love for learning. My family's encouragement and the strong Indian public university system of my formative years were crucial in shaping my academic identity. This supportive environment at home and in educational institutions made me the scholar I am today.

Q4. As a torchbearer, which guiding principles would you streamline for students interested in shaping their country into the next superpower?

Prof. Niraja Gopal Jayal- Instead of focusing on superpower status, I encourage students to be vigilant about societal issues and become thoughtful, engaged citizens. Good citizenship



Stephanians Interviewing Professor Jayal

requires independent thinking and responding to societal needs using your own rationality. As young people, you face greater challenges due to the complexity of your current ecosystem. The most crucial aspect is to think independently and be true to yourself. Despite the challenges, I have faith in your generation's ability to navigate them.

Q5. Ma'am, out of your own experience as a professor in the UK, what changes would you suggest for the betterment of the Indian education system?

Prof. Niraja Gopal Jayal- India's higher education has transformed with expanding private institutions and shrinking public universities. This creates challenges for less privileged students who can't afford private education. Public universities face severe funding shortages, especially non-technical institutions, while specialized institutes like IITs and IIMs are favoured. Both public and private institutions are experiencing constraints on academic freedom. These changes challenge equitable access to higher education and the preservation of academic integrity in India.

Q6. What are some morals and insights that you have picked up from the New India Foundation?

Prof. Niraja Gopal Jayal- The New India Foundation, where I serve as a trustee, runs several significant initiatives to promote scholarship on modern India. Our primary

programme is the Book Writing Fellowship, which annually supports about 10 individuals from diverse backgrounds to write books on modern India. We also manage a prestigious Non-Fiction Book Prize for the best work on modern Indian history, which has recognized exceptional books in recent years. Our newest initiative is the Translation Fellowship, which facilitates the translation of important 19th century and later books, from various Indian languages into English, making these works accessible to a wider audience.

Q7. Ma'am, in 2008 you studied the representation of women in panchayats. What are your thoughts on it?

Prof. Niraja Gopal Jayal- Women's participation in panchayats has improved, with many states increasing women's reservation to 50%. A 2008 survey found that women leaders had performed comparatively better than men, with studies suggesting they're often less susceptible to corruption. Women's leadership in local governance should be encouraged as it's proving effective. However, panchayats still face challenges in obtaining real power and adequate funds to function effectively. The overall effectiveness of panchayats depends on proper devolution of powers and funds from higher government levels.

- Aanchal Khatri (X-B) & Swapnil Goyal (X-A)

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PRIMARY SECTION ART EXHIBITION

A gallery of imagination brought to life ...



Art Projects 2023-24						
Class	Projects					
I	Leaf	Wind (Fans)	Flowers (Free-hand drawing)	Animal (Draw)	Portrait	Paper Craft (Fish)
II	Line Craft	Indian Art (Elephant)	Paper Plate Flowers	Birds	Portrait	Shopy Craft
III	Water colours	Mask Art	Flowers	Birds	Portrait	Fruit Plan
IV	U.P.O.	Mural/Mini	Leaf drawing	Sea Horse (Water Animals)	Self Portrait	Picture Zoo
V	Other Themed Leaf	Mini Paints	Circle Boxes	Gifts and Sheds (Spring Models)	Self Portrait	Collaborative Art





New Beginnings ...

Pre-Primary Orientation Programme

'A parent is a teacher at home and a teacher is a parent in school and the child is the centre of our universe.'

An orientation programme for the parents of kindergarten students was held on March 27, 2024 to get them acquainted with the School environment, curriculum, Motto, Vision, Mission, policies,



and procedures. The programme commenced with a warm welcome by the School administration.

Parents and students were introduced to the K.G. teachers who would be involved in their educational journey. The curriculum of the Pre-Primary programme was outlined, highlighting the key factors of activity based learning and various teaching



methodologies. Emphasis was placed on the holistic development of a child including cognitive, social, emotional and physical aspects. Parents were also briefed about the School policies regarding attendance, communication channels, disciplinary procedures, health and safety protocols and extra-curricular activities. This ensured that parents are well informed about the School's expectations and procedures. The importance of parents' involvement in their child's education was stressed upon and they were encouraged to actively participate in the School activities and events.

The orientation programme concluded with a question-and-answer session allowing parents to seek clarification on any aspect of the K.G. programme or School policies.

Earth Day

'Nature is our greatest treasure. Let's cherish and protect it!'



Earth Day is a day to promote greater consciousness and gratitude for the Earth's resources. On Earth Day, the entire world urges everyone to turn off all unnecessary lights.

To celebrate Earth Day, members of the Eco Club went to the forest area adjoining the School on April 22, 2024 to plant trees and learnt the method of safely removing dead leaves without harming the plant. They were made aware of proper watering techniques which help in plant growth.

Students of classes III to V were encouraged to take responsibility for keeping their environment clean by removing trash from the playground.



Learn, Grow, Achieve...

Designing a Paper Bag

'The future is in our hands. Let's hold onto paper bags, not plastic, and protect our planet's precious resources.'

An activity 'Designing Paper Bags' was held for the students of classes Nursery to H.K.G. on April 24, 2024. Children designed paper bags using finger printing and vegetable printing art.



Poster Making on 'Say No to Plastic'

'Stop Plastic Pollution: Be Part of the Solution, Not the Pollution.'

Poster Making on the theme 'Say No to Plastic' was held for the students of classes I to V on April 27, 2024. Students of classes I and II brought items used at home like plastic spoons, forks, plastic bags, plastic glasses, eco-friendly spoons, forks, paper bags, etc. and learnt to understand and identify the things that are harmful for the environment. They used these objects to create posters for awareness. Students of classes III to V used their creative skills to design posters and wrote slogans on the topic given. To reduce the use of plastic bags, students of classes III and



IV prepared paper bags and students of Class V planted saplings in the School garden.

Collage Making on 'Let us Be kind To Ourselves'

'You yourself, as much as anybody in the entire universe, deserve your love and affection.'—Sharon Salzberg

Collage Making on 'Let us Be kind To Ourselves' was held for the students of classes Nursery to H.K.G. on May 3, 2024. Students coloured outline images of different fruits, yoga asanas, flowers to show ways of being kind to ourselves by eating healthy food, having good sleep, and staying calm.



Designing a Tree on 'Be Kind to Others'

'Be as useful as a tree! Give life to others; be a shelter to everyone; grant fruits to all! Be good like a tree.'

Designing a Tree on the topic 'Be Kind to Others' and collage making on 'Be Grateful' was held for the students of classes I to V on May 4, 2024. They pasted flowers on a sheet and prepared a collage of a tree. Students also prepared bookmarks on Kindness, Bird feeders and Kindness mugs. Through this activity the students understood the meaning of empathy towards all.



SPIC MACAY

Enchanting Tales Through Dance



Lighting of the lamp

SPIC MACAY brings renowned artists directly to students, offering unique experiences of Indian classical arts. Through performances, it creates a vibrant platform for cultural exchange and learning. These programmes aim to ignite a spark of Indian cultural heritage in young hearts, nurturing appreciation for artistic traditions and ensuring their continued inspiration for future generations.

On May 4, 2024, the students of classes VIII-IX witnessed an enchanting portrayal of epic episodes from the Ramayana and the playful acts of Lord Krishna's childhood by a renowned Bharatnatyam artist Ms. Padmini S. Upadhyaya, along with her talented ensemble, vocalist Shri Shreesha, Shri Sridhara on *nattuvangam*, and Shri Pranav on *mridangam*.

The performance began with the traditional *Pushpanjali*, followed by *Bhumi Pranam*, celebrating the beauty of Mother Earth. Ms. Padmini then took the audience on a journey through the Ramayana, depicting key events from Lord Rama's birth to his coronation. Each episode was brought to life with expressive gestures, intricate footwork, and emotive storytelling. The dancer's portrayal of characters like Lord Rama, Goddess Sita, and Shri Hanuman left an indelible impression on the audience.

The *Krishna Charitra* segment delighted the audience with the mischievous antics of young Krishna. Her performance on the Krishna *Bhajan* '*Maiya Mori Main Nabi Makhan Khayo*,' composed by the poet Surdas, was particularly mesmerizing. The students too joyfully sang the *bhajans* creating an atmosphere of devotion and unity.

Ms. Padmini's performance was not only a display of artistic excellence but also a profound message of universal friendship, peace, and harmony. Through her dance, she imparted the knowledge of *Panchtatvas*, the five elements of

nature, emphasizing the importance of balance and unity in the world. This event both entertained and educated the students about India's rich cultural heritage. The power, intensity, and finesse displayed in the performance left the students in awe, fostering a deeper appreciation for classical arts and enriching the cultural fabric of the School community.



40 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

Celebrating Discipline, Leadership, and Legacy on Foundation Day

'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.' - Nelson Mandela.

Our School marked its 40th Foundation Day on July 4, 2024. The day was filled with joy, pride, and a deep sense of accomplishment as we celebrated the School's journey of four decades.

The theme for this year's celebration was 'Disciplined Mind,' emphasizing the importance of discipline in both personal and academic life. The programme began with the lighting of the lamp followed by a poem recital, which highlighted the disciplined standards of the ancient Indus Valley civilization. This was followed by a captivating short play depicting the character of Arjuna from the Mahabharata, showcasing his unparalleled focus and discipline. The audience was further enthralled by a mime performance that illustrated Emperor Ashoka's journey of transformation. The celebration also featured a melodious musical presentation on self-discipline, which left everyone in awe.

Following the vibrant celebration, the spirit of leadership and responsibility took center stage with the initiation ceremony of the student officials for the academic session 2024-25.

The officials were led for the piping ceremony by the Head Boy, Head Girl and Sports Captain followed by the Captains and Junior Captains of the four Houses. The newly appointed leaders stood proudly as the Principal administered the oath, emphasizing the importance of abiding by school rules, respecting each other, and living disciplined lives. The students pledged to uphold the values and ethos of St. Stephen's, guiding their peers towards

excellence and unity.

The Principal, in his address, reflected on the founders' vision and dedication, which laid the foundation for an institution committed to excellence in education. He highlighted that the School's journey over the past four decades has been marked by a steadfast commitment to providing quality education, fostering intellectual growth, and building a society rooted in understanding and compassion.

The Director, in her address, paid tribute to the founders for their foresight and dedication. She expressed her deep appreciation for their efforts, which has turned St. Stephen's into a beacon of educational excellence. She also encouraged the students to carry forward the values instilled in them and make meaningful contributions to society.

On the occasion of our Foundation Day, a range of engaging activities were conducted. The Pre-Primary students showcased their creativity through clay modeling, and demonstrated their flexibility and focus through yoga and aerobics sessions. Students from classes I-III reflected on the concept of discipline, writing thoughtfully on the topic 'What Discipline Means to Me', while the students from classes IV-VI explored the significance of self-discipline, expressing their insights through written reflections. A group activity was conducted for students from classes VII-VIII, where they collaborated to write informative pieces on various aspects of 'Exploring Discipline in Daily Habits'. These activities aimed to instill valuable life skills and promote a deeper understanding of discipline among our students.

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(XII-Com. B)

HEAD GIRL



Himanshi
(XII-Com. A)

SCHOOL SPORTS CAPTAIN



Puru Vijay Soni
(XII-Sc.)

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(X-B)



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(IX-A)



Hardik Chouhan
(IX-A)



Aditya Ojha
(XI-Com. B)



Aman Saini
(IX-B)



Deepal Tanwar
(IX-D)

GOLD HOUSE

CAPTAIN



Yashika Asnani
(XII-Com. A)

VICE CAPTAIN



Daksh Chouhan
(XI-Sc.)

VICE CAPTAIN



Tanvi Singh
(X-B)

SPORTS CAPTAIN



Yashika Gothwal
(XI-Arts)

JUNIOR CAPTAIN



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(VIII-C)

JUNIOR CAPTAIN



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(VIII-D)

RED HOUSE

CAPTAIN



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(X-C)

JUNIOR CAPTAIN



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JUNIOR CAPTAIN



Rohit Bansal
(VIII-D)

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CAPTAIN



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(VIII-B)

JUNIOR CAPTAIN



Khushbu Goyal
(VIII-C)

GREEN HOUSE

CAPTAIN



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VICE CAPTAIN



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JUNIOR CAPTAIN



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(VIII-B)

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Manthan Bachchani
(V-E)

JUNIOR PREFECT



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(IV-E)

PREFECT



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Kimaya Jatav
(IV-E)

PREFECT



Laksh Agarwal
(V-E)

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PREFECT



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(V-A)

JUNIOR PREFECT



Navika
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A TRUE INTELLECTUAL SPECTACLE

'It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it.'

At School, we believe in fostering holistic development that not only focuses on academic excellence but also nurtures the students' intellectual capabilities and critical thinking skills. The Inter-House English and Hindi Impromptu Debates for Seniors were conducted on July 24 and 25, 2024. These debates were a showcase of the brilliant minds of our students. The students presented their arguments, supported by evidence and logic on the topics '**The coaching and tuition culture is conducive to the self-development and creativity of students**' and '**अभिव्यक्ति का अधिकार सीमा में ही उचित है**'. Hardik Chouhan (IX-A), Yashvi Jain (XI-Com. A) and Aanchal Khatri (X-B) secured the First, Second and Third positions respectively in the English Debate and Khushi Seernani (XII-Arts), Khushi Payal (X-D) and Mananya Gaur (X-C) secured the First, Second and Third positions respectively in the Hindi



Inter-House English Debate



Inter House Hindi Debate

Debate. The judges for the English Debate were Mr. Nishant Goyal and Mr. Dikshant Pandey. Ms. Meenu Jain and Mr. Aalind Joshi adjudged the Hindi Debate. All four are alumni of the School. The Inter-House English Debate (Turncoat) for Juniors was conducted on May 3, 2024. The topics for this debate were '**School uniforms make school a more effective place to learn**' and '**Laptops should be allowed in classrooms**'. Aniya Chaturvedi (VIII-B), Khushbu Goyal (VIII-C) and Vageesha Mastan (VIII-B) secured the First, Second and Third positions respectively. In the House wise result, in the Junior category, Blue House stood First in the English Debate. In the Senior category, Blue House and Red House

stood First in the English and Hindi Debate respectively. The debaters exhibited remarkable confidence and impressed the judges with their well-structured arguments and convincing delivery.

The Inter-House Quiz was a thrilling showcase of intellect and teamwork. This exciting event put participants' general knowledge, quick thinking, and collaborative skills to the test. Each house demonstrated their expertise across a range of subjects, including Science, History, Literature, and Current Affairs, making for a highly competitive atmosphere. The quiz not only challenged the participants but also kept the audience excited as they eagerly wished to join in, to answer questions alongside the competing teams. The Inter-House Quiz for both Seniors and Juniors was conducted on July 26 and July 27, 2024. In the Junior category, Blue House and Red House secured the First and Second positions respectively. In the Senior category, Red House secured the First position and Gold House secured



Inter-House Quiz

the Second position.

Another strategic battle of minds took center stage during the Inter-House Chess Tournament. The Junior tournament, conducted from May 6 to May 8, 2024, highlighted the participants mental acumen, concentration, and problem-solving abilities. Yuvika Kaviya (VIII-B) of Green House and Manit Sahu (VII-C) of Blue House secured the First position in the girls' and boys' categories, respectively. Similarly, the Senior tournament, held from July 20 to July 22, 2024, tested the mental sharpness and strategic thinking of the chess players. Darshil Saxena (XII-Com. A) and Soumya Tungariya (XI-Sc.) of Blue House secured the First position in the girls' and boys' categories, respectively. These competitions provided an avenue for students to sharpen their intellectual capabilities, hone their critical thinking skills, and embrace the virtues of healthy competition.



Inter-House Chess Tournament

- Hardik Chouhan (IX-A)

Monsoon Day Celebration

Listen to the rhythm of the falling rain

The students of classes Nursery to I celebrated the arrival of the monsoon season on July 25 and 26, 2024 with excitement and enthusiasm. The children enjoyed dancing to music in their colourful raincoats. They participated in indoor activities like card making, colouring and paper folding and enjoyed monsoon delicacies at snack time.



A Symphony of Patriotic Fervor

'Freedom is the open door to a nation's soul, offering its people the opportunity to shape their own destiny.'



As we celebrated the 78th Independence Day of our nation, it filled our hearts with pride and gratitude for those who fought tirelessly to secure our freedom. The School celebrated this historic occasion with great enthusiasm and reverence. The day was filled with various events and activities that showcased our commitment to our country and its values.



The Chief Guest, Mr. Pritam Singh, R.J.S., Additional Senior Civil Judge, and Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate-02, Ajmer, unfurled the Tricolour and inspected

the Marching Contingents. The programme commenced with the March Past led by Akshara Tak, NCC Cadet of X-C, followed by the Leaders commanding their

respective Houses and troupes of NCC, Scout, Guide and the School Band. The Marching Contingents of the four Houses were also judged on their Uniform Turn Out, Command, Alignment, and Overall Presentation. Green House, Gold House and Blue House secured the First, Second and Third positions respectively.

The atmosphere was filled with a feeling of patriotism as the School band performed the Drummer's Call. A variety of impressive performances, including gymnastics, patriotic song, and dance further infused the event with energy and emotion.

The Chief Guest, in his address, motivated the students to set clear goals and work diligently to achieve them, highlighting the power of dedication and perseverance in transforming the ordinary into extraordinary. He stressed upon the importance of unity, urging everyone to work together for the nation's growth. He also encouraged students to engage in sports for a healthy life and focus on mastering one skill, instead of trying to do too many things at a time. His inspiring words urged everyone to pursue excellence and contribute meaningfully to the country's progress. His speech resonated deeply with the spirit of freedom, growth and purposefulness in our lives.

An activity using tricoloured paper was conducted for classes Nursery to III on August 12, 2024. The young learners eagerly created a variety of paper craft items like bracelets, badges, flowers, boats, and balloons. This colourful display not only set the stage for the upcoming Independence Day celebrations but also nurtured the children's creativity, artistic abilities and a sense of patriotism.



REMEMBERING THE PIONEERS, EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION

True learning is not just about knowing facts but expressing them through innovation and imagination

Every year, the School hosts the Inter-School events as a tribute to its founders, celebrating the students' exceptional talents and teamwork. This highly anticipated event serves as a platform for fostering intellectual growth, critical thinking, and effective communication skills. The Twentieth Dr. (Mrs.) Deepa Martins Memorial Annual Inter-School Hindi Debate was held on August 22, 2024. The debate being impromptu, the clue to the topic was given to the participants beforehand and the whole topic was revealed two hours before the commencement of the event. The topic for the Hindi debate was 'वर्तमान समय में बढ़ती प्रतियोगिता युवाओं के व्यक्तित्व विकास में सहायक है'. The debate was chaired by Padma Shri Dr. C.P. Deval. The judges for the event were Dr.(Mrs.) Monika Mishra and Dr. Gajendra Mohan. Kuldeep Jain of Mayo School,



secured the Third position. The consolation prize went to Pranshu Singh of St. Paul's Senior Secondary School, Ajmer. The coveted trophy was won by St. Paul's Senior Secondary School, Ajmer.

In an era driven by innovation and artistic expression, creative activities like game designing and poster making provide students with a perfect platform to unleash their imagination. As part of the Inter-School events, the School hosted Rang-Malbaar: Poster Making Competition and Scratchathon: Game Designing Competition. The theme for the Rang-Malbaar competition was 'Sustainable Development Goals 2030', where participants created educational and motivational posters. Dr. Ritu Shilpi from Dayanand College Ajmer and Dr. Amit Rajvanshi from



Government Girls College Ajmer adjudged the Rang-Malbaar Competition. Kartavya Chaudhary of our School secured the First position, Mayo School and Maheshwari Public School secured the Second and Third positions respectively.

The Scratchathon witnessed participants showcasing their creativity in game concepts, coding, and graphic design using Scratch software. The judges for Scratchathon were Ms. Preeti Meharshi from Kendra Vidhyalay-I and Mr. Sandeep Mishra from Mayo College Boys. The team of Reyansh Bansal and Samyak Vijayvargiya from Maheshwari Public School emerged victorious. Satguru International School and Mayo School secured the Second and Third positions respectively.



The quest for knowledge is never-ending. The day you stop seeking knowledge is the day you stop growing. Quiz contests are an effective tool for developing students' analytical, creative, problem-solving, communication, and confidence-building skills. The Seventeenth Shri Gilroy Martins Memorial Inter-School Quiz was held on August 23, 2024. Dr. Anuradha Sharma, Retd. Principal, Government College, Nasirabad was the Chief Guest for the event. The students exhibited their exceptional abilities of promptly answering questions. It was a competition that not only enriched the knowledge of the participants but also the audience. Chhavish Saraswat and Swapnil Goyal brought glory to the School by securing the First position. Mayo School and Rashtriya Military School secured the Second and Third positions respectively. Being the host School, the trophy was handed over to the runners-up team of Mayo School. As the School continues its journey of educational excellence, the spirit of collaboration and competition fostered through such events will inspire students for years to come.

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NURTURING HOLISTIC GROWTH

GEOMETRY IN BLOOM

The students of classes VI-VIII participated in an innovative Intra-Class Mathematics Paper Rangoli Competition conducted on April 20, 2024, where they integrated mathematical concepts with artistic expression. This activity encouraged teamwork, problem-solving, and creativity. Through this competition, students explored the beauty of geometry, transforming intricate mathematical ideas into vibrant, visually stunning designs. It not only nurtured their artistic talents but also reinforced their understanding of mathematical concepts.



CREATIVE ECHOES OF PREMCHAND



An Intra-Class Hindi Activity centered around '*Munshi Premchand: Vicharon Ke Mukhtabar*' and '*Man Ke Moti*' was conducted on April 27, 2024, for the students of classes VI to X. The students of Class VI showcased their literary and creative abilities by making bookmarks adorned with wisdom quotes under the theme '*Man ke Moti*'. Meanwhile, students from classes VII to X immersed themselves in projects dedicated to Munshi Premchand. They created mind maps, adapted his stories into book formats, designed book covers for 13 of his renowned novels, and even crafted a game based on Premchand's life.

These diverse activities served as a heartfelt tribute to the life and literary legacy of Munshi Premchand, celebrating his profound impact on literature and culture.

ARTISTRY IN EVERY STROKE



The Fine Arts Department organized an Inter-House Canvas Painting Competition for the students of classes VI to XII on May 4, 2024. The theme of the competition was Madhubani Art, a traditional Indian art form known for its vibrant colours and intricate patterns. Students demonstrated their artistic skills by creating captivating portraits, as well as vivid depictions of birds and animals, with each canvas reflecting the rich cultural heritage of the Madhubani style. Yashvi Jain (XI-Com. B), Shakira Khan (XII-Arts) and Divyanshi Ketawat (XI-Com. B) secured the First, Second and Third positions respectively.

EXPLORE THE WORLD OF COMPUTING

The Computer Department organized an Intra-Class Creative Computing Challenge for students of classes VI to VIII on July 27, 2024. This event provided a platform for students to showcase their computing skills and creativity through various digital challenges. They created games like Dodging Ball Game or Chase Game, using Scratch Application and designed logos using tools such as Canva and Poster My Wall. They created videos on the themes Artificial Intelligence in daily life and the impact of social media on students, utilizing video editing software like Open Shot and Windows Movie Maker.



ARTISTIC EXPLORATION OF SDGs



The Social Science Department organized an Intra-Class Stamp Designing Activity for the students of Class IX on July 27, 2024. This creative initiative encouraged students to explore global issues through art by designing stamps inspired by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The activity provided a unique opportunity for students to enhance their understanding of sustainability while showcasing their artistic skills.

A CREATIVE APPROACH TO BUSINESS LEARNING

The Commerce Department organized an activity to design Business Magazines for the students of classes XI and XII Commerce on August 10, 2024. Working in groups, the students embarked on exciting projects to create their own business magazines. The magazines focused on entrepreneurship, business concepts, startup spotlight, industry trends and market analysis. The activity provided valuable learning opportunities, offering students hands-on experience in research, writing, editing, teamwork, and magazine production, fostering both creativity and business acumen. CA Yash Bansal and CA Charchit Garg reviewed the Business Magazines and gave their valuable suggestions to the participants.



INNOVATION ON DISPLAY



The Science Department organized an Inter-House Automaton Making Competition for students of classes IX to XII on August 17, 2024. The event highlighted creativity, innovation, and technical expertise as students from all four Houses enthusiastically participated. Each House presented a set of six fully functional automatons, including designs such as the Ferris Wheel, Wave Automaton, Perpetual Machine, and Intelli-Drive Rover. The competition provided an opportunity for students to apply STEM concepts practically, while promoting teamwork and creative problem-solving. It served as a platform for students to push the

boundaries of innovation and critical thinking, offering technical solutions to real-world challenges. Blue House, Red House and Green House secured the First, Second and Third positions respectively. The competition was adjudged by Mr. Hitesh Vaswani and Mr. Mragank Tolwani, both alumni of our School.

CRAFTING MAPS, SHAPING MINDS

The Social Science Department organized an Intra-Class Map Skills Activity for students of classes VI to VIII on August 24, 2024. Students showcased their creativity through activities such as Zentangle, Compass Rose, and Island Map. This activity provided an opportunity for students to enhance their map skills while expressing their artistic talents, fostering both creativity and learning in the classroom.



FROM CODE TO CREATION



The Computer Science Department organized an Inter-House Coding Marathon Competition for classes IX to XII on August 31, 2024. The students showcased their coding skills by tackling a series of challenges that tested their proficiency in algorithms, data structures, and real-world problem-solving. The competition centered around the theme of Menu Driven Programs, featuring projects such as a Python Story Generator, a Text-Based Adventure Game, and a Quiz Making Application. The Blue House stood First, Gold and Red House stood Second and Third respectively.

FAREWELL TO DEDICATED NURTURERS



A teacher's influence never ends; it lasts forever. On April 30, 2024, the School bid farewell to Ms. Betty Vaz, who dedicated 41 years to education, serving at St. St. Stephen's for 26 years. In 2014, she took on the role of Auditor, Coordinator and Observer, continuing her invaluable contributions until 2024.

On June 30, 2024, we bid adieu to Ms. Meenakshi John, who served as a dedicated nurse for 16 years, ensuring the well-being of our students. The farewell gatherings were filled with laughter, cherished memories, and heartfelt gratitude. We celebrated their invaluable support, knowing that their teachings and care will continue to inspire students for years to come.



CHEERS TO OUR EDUCATORS



It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge. The students celebrated Teachers' Day by appreciating the efforts and hard work of their teachers. The atmosphere was filled with excitement and joy as students expressed their gratitude, wishing their teachers. The celebration also featured a play highlighting an event from the life of Sir Gilroy Martins, showcasing the importance of education, values and mentorship. Dance performances and heartfelt speeches added an extra layer of celebration to the day. The

Principal administered the 10 Point Oath by the former President Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam to the teaching fraternity. Teachers from the Primary and Secondary sections were felicitated for their achievements during the 2023-24 session. Each teacher received a potted plant as a token of appreciation, symbolizing growth and gratitude. The Teachers' Day celebrations were followed by High Tea and a fun-filled afternoon watching a movie.



TOGETHER WE SHINE...

Inter-House English and Hindi Debates

'For good ideas and true innovation, you need human interaction, conflict, argument, debate.' - Margaret Heffernan

Debate is one of the academic activities that give students creative room to express what they know. The English and Hindi Inter-House Debates for Class V were held on August 30 and 31, 2024. The topic of the English debate was **'Are reusable items truly more environmentally friendly than disposable plastic items?'** Vikaramaditya Singh (V-A) of Gold House secured the First position, Laksh Agarwal (V-E) of Blue House secured the Second position and Petal Tak (V-E) of Blue House secured the Third position. Aarvi Rajpurohit (V-D) of



Green House was awarded the consolation prize.

The topic for the Inter-House Hindi Debate was **'ट्यूशन या कोचिंग बच्चों को खेलों से जोड़े रखने में बाधक हैं'**. Venkatesh Tanwar (V-B) of Gold House secured the First position, Tapasya Sharma (V-D) of Gold House and Lavanya Lalwani (V-A) of Red House secured the Second position and Shivanya Dubey (V-A) of Red House secured the Third position.

Inter-House English Choral Elocution

'Poetry is when an emotion has found its thought and the thought has found words.' - Robert Frost

An Inter-House Choral Elocution was organized in the School on July 31, 2024 for the students of Class IV. The theme for the Choral Elocution was Self-Discipline. The main objective behind organizing this competition was to foster a learning and interest for the English language among students by enhancing their speaking, reading and listening skills as well as their memory and oral interpretation abilities. Green House, Gold House and Blue House secured the First, Second and Third positions respectively.



COLLABORATIVE INVOLVEMENT



As part of the SVEEP programme for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, a Selfie Point and Vote Tree Competition was hosted on April 8, 2024, by our School. Students from 14 schools enthusiastically participated in this event, which aimed to raise awareness about the importance of voting.



A cycle rally was organized on April 19, 2024, as part of the SVEEP programme for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. The rally was flagged off by Youth Icon and Olympian, Ravi Banjara. It began from the School premises and crossed notable landmarks, covering an approximate distance of 15 kilometers. The cycle rally effectively promoted voter awareness among the public.



The students of classes VII to IX staged an engaging Nukkad Natak at CSM Mall on April 19, 2024, conveying the significance of civic participation in the democratic process of voting. The students aimed to inspire the community to exercise their constitutional right to vote and understand the impact of their voices in shaping the future.



The students of classes VIII to XI participated in the Generation Global Video Conference on April 19, 2024. The students shared their opinions and personal experiences with the participants from India and Ukraine on the topic, 'Earth Day: Climate Change'. The facilitator of the conference, Mr. Tony Blair, initiated a thread of conversation where students shared their views on issues related to climate change.



The students of classes V to XI staged an English play 'Spice up Your Life – the Enchanted Culinary Adventure' on April 24, 2024. The play scripted and enacted by the students, focused on the importance of different spices in our lives, their uses and the country of their origin.



The Commerce Department organized an Industrial Visit for the students of XII Commerce on May 4, 2024. The students delved into the domain of practical learning during their visit to the Parle-G factory at Makhupura, Ajmer. Mr. Yatish Kumar, Operational Head, explained to the students, the meticulous process of biscuit manufacturing, production, supply chain management, and quality control.



The students of the Eco-Club staged a Nukkad Natak on the theme 'Air Pollution' near Bajrangarh Chauraha on May 4, 2024. The student members of the Eco-Club from classes VII to IX highlighted the reasons for the increase in pollution in the air and its effect on our health and environment. They also generated awareness about the problems caused by air pollution and the ways to mitigate its harmful effects through the various slogans.



The Fire Department, Nagar Nigam, Ajmer conducted a fire safety demonstration drill to spread awareness among the students of classes Nursery to II, IX, XI and the staff members on May 9, 2024. The Fire Officer, Shri Sunder Singh, accompanied by his team officials, gave a session on understanding the basic nature of fire and causes of its breakout, and how we can protect ourselves under such circumstances.



An awareness programme on Good Touch and Bad Touch under 'An Innovative Initiative for Touch-Safe Childhood' was conducted on May 14, 2024 at our School, for students of classes IV and V. The resource persons were Mr. Satyaveer Singh, officer of Labour Department, Ajmer and Mr. Ruchir Sharma from Mittal Hospital, Ajmer. The students were explained what is good and bad touch and how they can differentiate between the two. The students were informed about the use of Child Helpline number 1098.



International Yoga Day was celebrated on June 21, 2024, with great enthusiasm. The management, staff and students actively participated in the event. The Yoga session started with warm-up exercises followed by different *asanas* and *pranayams*.



A State Level Adventure Camp was organized by Bharat Scout and Guide from July 22 to 24, 2024, and from August 1 to 4, 2024, at the Scout Hut Training Camp, Pushkar Ghati, Pushkar. The camp was attended by students of classes VIII to X, who enthusiastically participated in various adventurous activities such as trekking, rappelling, shooting, and riding.



The first session of the Shabad Shaala was held on July 25, 2024. Mr. Mahesha Ram and his team of folk singers from the Meghwal community of Rajasthan taught 60 students from classes VI to VIII the lyrics, meaning, and singing of the bhajans '*Main Vaari Jaun Re Balibaari Jaun Re*' and '*Aisa Aisa Heerla Ghat Mo Kebiye*'.



An Industrial Visit to Shree Cement Factory, Beawar was organized for Class XI Commerce on July 27, 2024. 40 students went on this trip. They were given information about the integrated cement production process, including raw material composition, quality control and services outsourced by the industry.



A comprehensive Cyber Awareness Programme was conducted for the students of classes VIII to X on July 30, 2024. The resource person Mr. Devendra Kumar Bishnoi, Superintendent of Police, Ajmer, informed the students about the importance of cyber safety, the dangers of cyber crime, and how to protect themselves in the digital world.



The students of classes X to XII attended a Career Counselling Session on August 1 and 2, 2024 on Mass Communication and Film Making. Mr. Nishant Goyal, a freelance writer and assistant director in the film and advertising industry, Mumbai and an alumnus of the School was the resource person. He discussed a wide range of topics and the diverse roles within media sectors.



28 students of classes VIII to XI took part in an hour-long Generation Global Video Conference on August 1, 2024. The conference brought together students from diverse backgrounds to exchange opinions and communicate with their global peers on the topic 'Education'. There was a rich exchange of ideas, perspectives and experiences with the participants from India, Rwanda and the UAE.



The second session of Shabad Shaala was held on August 27 and 28, 2024. Mr. Laxman Das, a practitioner of Bengal's Baul tradition, guided 60 students from classes VI to VIII in learning the lyrics, meaning, and singing of the bhajans '*Chalo Jai Prem Bajare*' and '*Milon Hobe Koto Dine*'.



A Generation Global Video Conference was held on August 30, 2024 for students of classes VIII to XII. The students of our School participated alongwith different schools from India. They exchanged their views on Biodiversity.

LEARNING FOR LIFE



Ms. Bhavana Verma (PRT), Ms. Megha Yadav (TGT), Ms. Rakhi Mathur (TGT) and Ms. Savita Verma (TGT) attended a two-day session on Creative and Critical Thinking at DBN School, Ajmer on May 13 and 14, 2024. The resource persons were Ms. Karuna Nagpal and Ms. Anjana Handoo.



Mind Lusters, an e-learning and organizational development company, offered a comprehensive 22 days Internship Programme for Commerce students, featuring expert-led instruction. 39 students of Class XII Commerce attended an online interactive session during the summer vacation and received an online Certificate of Achievement from the company's Learning Management System (LMS). The course aligned with the National Education Policy 2020 provided the students with a practical insight into commerce-related concepts.



A training session on Five Minds by Howard Gardner was held on June 24, 2024 for the Primary and Secondary Section teachers. The resource person was Dr. Charu Jain (PGT).



A training session on Critical and Creative Thinking was held on June 25, 2024 for the Primary and Secondary Section teachers. The resource persons were Ms. Megha Yadav (TGT), Ms. Rakhi Mathur (TGT), Ms. Savita Verma (TGT) and Ms. Bhavana Verma (PRT).



A training session on Technique of Notice Drafting and common errors and E-mail Writing was held on June 25, 2024 for the Primary and Secondary Section teachers. The resource persons were Ms. Judeline D'Souza (PGT), Ms. Tripti Sogani (TGT) and Mr. Lionel Ellis (TGT).



The School organised a diagnostic Blood Test Camp for the teachers and support staff on June 24 and 25, 2024. The samples were tested by Mr. Akhil Agarwal of Endocrine and Allergy Laboratory, an alumnus of the School. Dr. Ankur Mathur, General Physician, Arya Neuro Hospital, Ajmer, an alumnus of the School, provided expert insight and medical advice to the Staff after a review of their blood reports.



A session on Wellness and Prevention of Diseases was held on June 27, 2024 for the Primary and Secondary Section teachers. The resource person was Dr. Akash Mathur, Gastroenterologist, Kshetrapal Hospital, Ajmer, an alumnus of the School.



A two-day workshop on School Health and Well Being under the aegis of CBSE, was held on June 28 and 29, 2024. The resource persons were Ms. Rita Taneja, Principal, Maheshwari Public School, Jaipur and Ms. Urvashi Warman, Principal, The Palace School, Jaipur. 60 teachers from both Primary and Secondary Section attended the workshop and received certificates.



A Design Career Counselling Fair was held on July 20, 2024 for Fine Art students of classes XI and XII. It was organized by Max School of Design at Hotel Lake Vinora, Ajmer. Students were informed about a career in Designing.



A training session on Visible Thinking Routines was held on July 27, 2024, aligning with the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 to foster critical thinking and experiential learning. As the Lead Collaborator School, St. Stephen's engaged 15 teachers from various hub schools in exploring innovative pedagogical techniques designed to make students' cognitive processes more transparent and accessible. The hands-on nature of the session empowered educators to effectively incorporate these routines into their curricula, thereby supporting NEP 2020's goal of developing more engaged and thoughtful students. The resource persons were Dr. Charu Jain and Ms. Harpreet Kaur.



Ms. Manju Sharma (TGT) and Ms. Manisha Shastri (Music Teacher) attended a three-day workshop on Shabad Shaala in New Delhi from July 4 to 7, 2024. They had the opportunity to explore the teachings of Kabir, as well as spiritual philosophy and moral contexts.



A Tree Plantation Drive was conducted by the School from August 13 to 17, 2024, for students of classes III to V, NCC cadets, Scouts and Guides, Eco-Club members, Student Officials, and Class Monitors. The event was graced by Shri Rajeev Kajot, an active environmentalist. The saplings were planted in the forest area adjoining the School premises as part of an initiative to increase the green cover and raise awareness among future global citizens about the importance of contributing to the environment.

IN MEMORIAM



A memorial service was held on April 22, 2024 to commemorate the Twenty-first Death Anniversary of Dr. (Mrs.) Deepa Martins. The memorial service began with the lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the guiding light that she had been to our institution. It was followed by students' speeches highlighting Ma'am Deepa Martins' values and dedication to family, society, and humanity. An inter-faith prayer service united our diverse School community in a moment of reflection and gratitude to God for her life and work. The ceremony concluded with floral tributes, honouring her profound impact on our institution.

A TRIBUTE



Shakshi Doutaniya (Class X-C)

September 3, 2009 to September 17, 2024

Shakshi was a beloved student, whose presence brought light to our School community. Although she is no longer with us, her memory continues to inspire and uplift all who knew her. Shakshi was more than just a student; she was a source of kindness, creativity, and unwavering optimism. Her love for learning and her bright smile were testaments to her passion for life, and her gentle spirit touched everyone around her. Her teachers fondly remember her as a dedicated and hardworking student. One of her teachers said, "Shakshi had the unique ability to turn challenges into opportunities." We mourn her untimely passing and miss her presence.

EMPOWERING STUDENT GROWTH

St. Stephen's remains committed to providing an optimal learning environment for the students. We are thrilled to announce the completion of several infrastructure projects in this session 2024-25, enhancing the educational experience and promoting student well-being.

Skating Rink: Introducing our brand-new skating rink for Stephanians! A new skating rink has been constructed in front of the Dr. (Mrs.) Deepa Martins Block. The planning and construction took place during the months of May and June. This addition fosters interest in another exciting sport.



Roof Waterproofing

Ensuring a safe and secure infrastructure, the Shri Gilroy Martins Block roof now boasts of waterproofing, protecting our students and the facilities.



Shri Gilroy Martins Block Basement Renovation

Our newly renovated Shri Gilroy Martins Block Basement is now ready for instrumental music training and dance practices.



These upgrades demonstrate our dedication to creating a nurturing environment, encouraging students to explore their passions and talents.

IMPRESSIONS

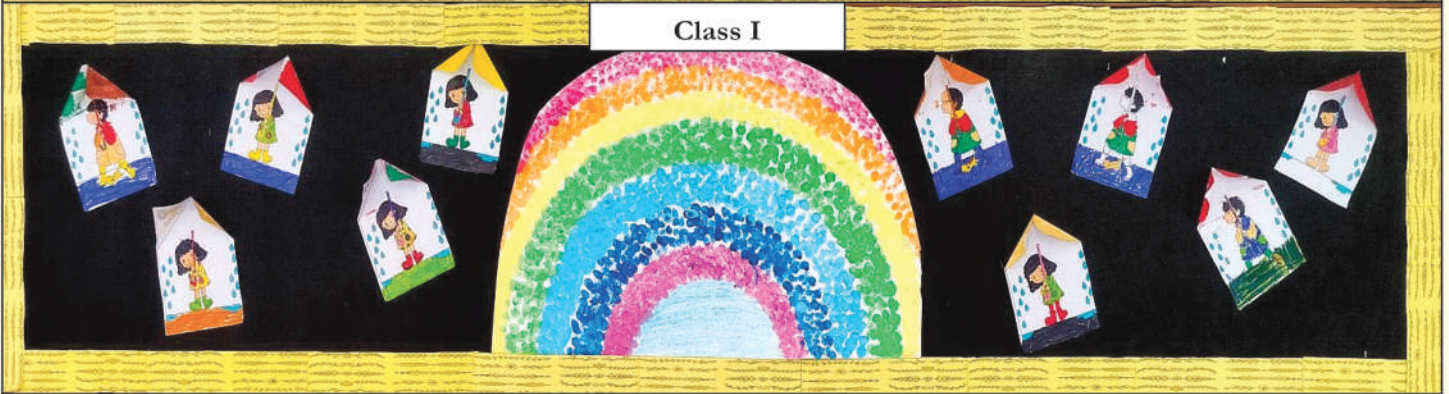
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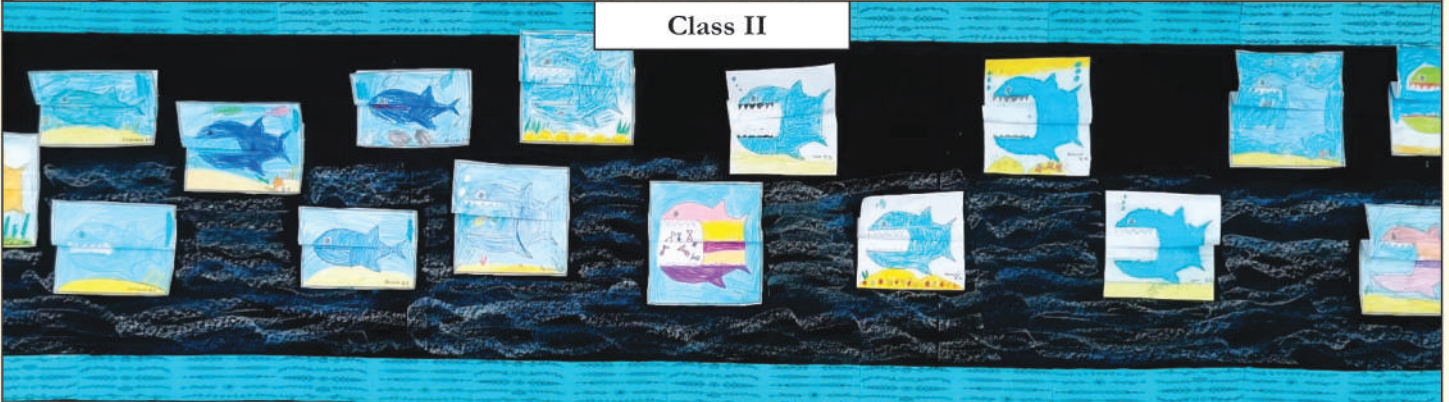
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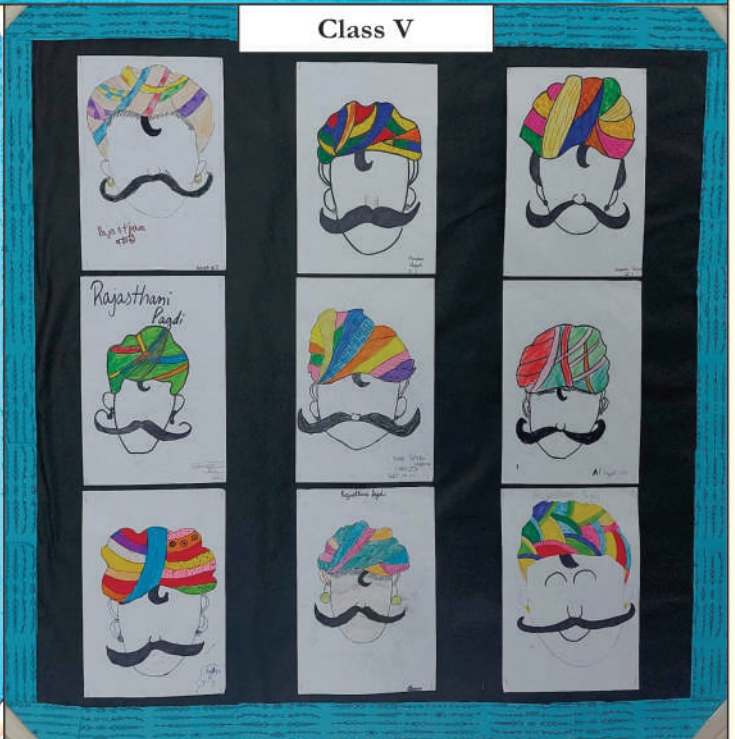
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CAMPUS STARS

Academics



17 students of our School secured 90% and above in SSCE (Class XII) 2024

S. No.	Name	Class	Percentage
1.	Harshit Saini	XII Com.	98.0
2.	Ruchita Bothra	XII Com.	98.0
3.	Digvijay Charan	XII Arts	95.2
4.	Sanjay Manghnani	XII Com.	93.8
5.	Ritik Bothra	XII Com.	93.6
6.	Vedansh Vinod	XII Com.	93.6
7.	Jiya Chandiramani	XII Arts	93.6
8.	Dhairya Singh Rathore	XII Arts	93.0
9.	Prachi Jain	XII Com.	92.8
10.	Palakshi Bhardwaj	XII Arts	92.8
11.	Tanushree Jain	XII Arts	92.2
12.	Trisha Prasanth	XII Arts	92.0
13.	Darshan Jain	XII Com.	91.4
14.	Abhinav Tholiya	XII Sc.	91.0
15.	Jai Dhalwal	XII Arts	90.6
16.	Chanchal Kanwar	XII Sc.	90.2
17.	Shubham Choudhary	XII Sc.	90.0

Our SSCE (Class XII) 2024 Faculty Toppers



98.00 %

98.00 %

95.20 %

91.00 %





1. Harshit Saini secured the First position in Commerce & 100/100 in Accountancy.
2. Ruchita Bothra secured the First position in Commerce & 100/100 in Accountancy.
3. Digvijay Charan secured the First position in Arts.
4. Abhinav Tholiya secured the First position in Science.

32 students of our School secured 90% and above in SSE (Class X) 2024

S.No.	Name	Percentage
1.	Sejal Sharma	96.2
2.	Harshpreet Singh	96.2
3.	Astuti Kumawat	96.0
4.	Himanshu Chandiramani	95.8
5.	Aarya Dadhich	95.0
6.	Janvi Choudhary	95.0
7.	Aarush Agarwal	94.4
8.	Mohit Jain	94.4
9.	Hiya Morani	94.4
10.	Sneha Mathur	94.2
11.	Shivangi Tak	94.2
12.	Shreya Bansal	94.0
13.	Aaradhy Goswami	93.8
14.	Divyesh Agarwal	93.6
15.	Charvi Patel	93.6
16.	Khyati Saraswat	93.4

S.No.	Name	Percentage
17.	Urvik Sharma	93.2
18.	Dimple Nichani	92.8
19.	Sanvi Jain	92.8
20.	Shailendra Singh Rathore	92.8
21.	Aarush Rahul Kadam	92.6
22.	Janvi Kewalramani	92.4
23.	Lakshya Thakur	92.4
24.	Soumya Tungariya	92.2
25.	Sambhavi Goyal	92.2
26.	Rishabh Jain	91.6
27.	Ashutosh Prajapati	91.6
28.	Harshul Mahawar	91.4
29.	Heer Anuragi	91.2
30.	Mayank Chelani	91.2
31.	Divyanshi Khetawat	90.4
32.	Ritika Raj Rajawat	90.2

Our SSE (Class X) 2024 Top Scorers

				<p>(L to R): Sejal Sharma, Harshpreet Singh, Astuti Kumawat and Himanshu Chandiramani.</p>
96.20 %	96.20 %	96.00 %	95.80 %	



(L to R): Laksh Agarwal (IV-E) and Sarthak Pareek (III-A) were awarded the Gold Medal and certificate of distinction in the International Mathematics Olympiad 2023-24.



Harshit Mirpuri (XI-Com. A) received a Gold Medal, for being one of the top 25 participants in Grade 11 in the Online Future Tech Olympiad 2023-24.

Rishit Mathur (XI-Com. B) received a Bronze Medal, for being one of the top 50 participants in Grade 11 in the Online Future Tech Olympiad 2023-24.



Bhavya Rathore (I-D) was awarded the SOF Defence Services Academician Scholarship of ₹ 5000 and a certificate of appreciation 2023-24.

Co-curricular Activities



(L to R): Swapnil Goyal (X-A) and Hiya Morani (XI-Com. A) participated in the Shri R.S. Jhunjhunwala Memorial All-India English Debate organized by Dundlod Vidhyapeeth, Dundlod.

Hiya Morani received the consolation prize and was awarded a trophy and a cash prize of ₹ 5000. Swapnil Goyal was awarded a participation trophy.



(L to R) : (Front Row) Gaurav Sharma (Nursery-A), Sanvi Verma (Nursery-A), Keshvi Sharma (LKG-D), Saanvi Sharma (HKG-C), Advika Upadhyay (LKG-B), and

(L to R) : (Back Row) Rudranshi Tanwar (LKG-A), Aadhya Kanojiya (HKG-D), Kianshi Sharma (HKG-B), Ruhanika Sevkani (LKG-D), Yohan Singh (HKG-A), Namrata Sharma (LKG-B) and (inset) Adamya Singh (Nursery-A) and Ridhaan Debnath (HKG-E) secured positions in the Pre-Primary Category, at the two day Junior Inter-School Fest-Skills 'N' Thrills, organised by Sanskriti...The School, Ajmer.



(L to R): Devansh Jangid (II-A), Purvang Dadhich (II-A), Parth Datwani (II-B), Parul Choudhary (II-B), Virat Soni (II-D), Vanya Punjabi (I-A), and
Sitting (L to R) : Ashvik Pareek (II-D), Vihan Mathur (II-C), Najeeb Ali Khan (II-C), Jasvee Singh (II-E), Pearl Wadhwa (II-E) and (inset) Gresha Ratnani (II-D) secured positions in the Grade 1 & 2 Category, at the two day Junior Inter-School Fest-Skills 'N' Thrills, organised by Sanskriti...The School, Ajmer.



(L to R): Navika (IV-B), Sangram Singh (V-E), Tisha Singh (V-B), Vighnesh Singh (V-A), S. Kalyani (IV-C), Shivanya Dubey (V- A), Manthan Bachchani (V-E), and
Sitting (L to R): Tanmaya Tak (IV-B), Smith Clament (IV-B), Aarav Agarwal (IV-B), Daksh Jain (IV-A), Nidhish Khandelwal (V-A), Tanmay Singh (IV-A), Amayara Kothari (IV-B), Kiyara Jatav (IV-E), Laksh Agarwal (V-E) and (inset) Vidushi Jain (IV-E), Shefali Meena (IV-B) Suhana Maheshwari (V-B), Venkatesh Tanwar (V-B) and Kavya Saraswat (IV-B) secured positions in the Grade 3 to 5 Category, at the two day Junior Inter-School Fest-Skills 'N' Thrills, organised by Sanskriti...The School, Ajmer.



(L to R) : Hiya Morani (XI-Com. A), Shreyansh Singh Khichi (X-A), Lakshita Charan (VIII-A), Divyanshi Mirchandani (VIII-C), Vanya Tanwar (VIII-C), Maanya Dubey (VIII-C) and (inset) Tanmay Kachhawa (XII-Com. B) secured positions in the two day Senior Inter-School Fest 'Shiv Smriti' organised by Sanskriti...The School, Ajmer.



(L to R): Hardik Chouhan (IX-A), Hardik Mishra (X-D), Akshara Yadav (X-B), Arnav Verma (X-D), Rishit Mathur (XII-Com. B), Vanshika Makhija (VIII-A), Suyash Garg (VIII-B) and (inset) Manasvi Pareek (XI-Com. B) secured positions in the 8th Inter-School Fest 'IMPETUS', organised by MSS Public School, Kishangarh.

Sports



Khushi Payal (X-D) secured the Second position in the Karate Championship (Under-17) at the Samrat Prithviraj Chauhan Khel Mahakumbh-2024, organized by Nagar Nigam, Ajmer at Patel Stadium, Ajmer.



Chandra Raj (XI-Arts) secured the Third position in the Ajmer District (Under-23) Athletic Championship 400 m race organized by the District Athletic Association, Ajmer, at DAV College, Ajmer.



Rudraksh Singh Rathore (XI-Arts) secured the First position in the Youth Boys (Under-18) Table Tennis Tournament at the Samrat Prithviraj Chauhan Khel Mahakumbh-2024, organized by Nagar Nigam Ajmer at Patel Stadium, Ajmer.



Amaan Khan (XI-Arts) secured the First position in the Chandravadai Lawn Tennis Tournament held at Chandravadai Stadium, Ajmer.

Amaan Khan also secured the Second position in the Rajasthan State Inter-District & Open Tennis Tournament (Under-18) Championship organised by Shivpuri Family Foundation Trust at Jay Club, Jaipur.



(L to R) : Bhavika Bhagasra (VI-A) and Anusha Choudhary (VII-B) secured the First position in the Ajmer Open Badminton (Under-13) Championship, organized by the Ajmer District Badminton Association at Indoor Stadium, Ajmer.

Bhavika Bhagasra also secured the Second position in the Singles category.



Yashwardhan Vimal (VIII-A) secured the First position in the (Under-12) Karate championship at the Samrat Prithviraj Chauhan Khel Mahakumbh-2024, organized by Nagar Nigam Ajmer at Patel Stadium, Ajmer.



(L to R) : Vaishnavi Changal (Nursery-A), Ruhnika Sevkani (LKG-D), Rudrakshi (LKG-B), Gauransh Changal (HKG-A), Parikshit (HKG-A) and Shivang Yadav (HKG-E) secured positions in the skating competition in the Inter-School Competition 'Spectacular' organised by Satguru International School, Ajmer.



Ketan Meena (XI-Sc.) secured the First position in the Ajmer Open Badminton Championship (Under-17 Boys) and (Under-19 Boys) organized by the Ajmer District Badminton Association at Indoor Stadium, Ajmer.



Manasvi Pareek (XI-Com. B) secured the First position and was awarded the All-Rounder Trophy in the 400 m race at the Samrat Prithviraj Chauhan Khel Mahakumbh - 2024 organised by Nagar Nigam, Ajmer at Patel Stadium, Ajmer.



Anirudh Singh Rathore (XI-Arts) secured the First position in the 2nd Samrat Prithviraj Chauhan (Under-16) Lawn Tennis Tournament held at Patel Stadium, Ajmer.

Anirudh Singh Rathore also secured the Second position in the 4th Taj (Under-16) Open Tennis Tournament-2024, held at Taj Lawn Tennis Academy, Ajmer.

WORDSCAPE

The Wordscape pages of this edition celebrate the kaleidoscope of imagination of our Stephanians. The collection of poems weaves through verse and rhyme, exploring the diverse hues that inspire artistic expression. We invite readers to uncover the hidden nuances of human experiences and the boundless potential of the creative spirit.



EMBRACING THE RIDE

In life's vast journey, I stepped on my bus,
Each stop, a day and night's gentle hush.

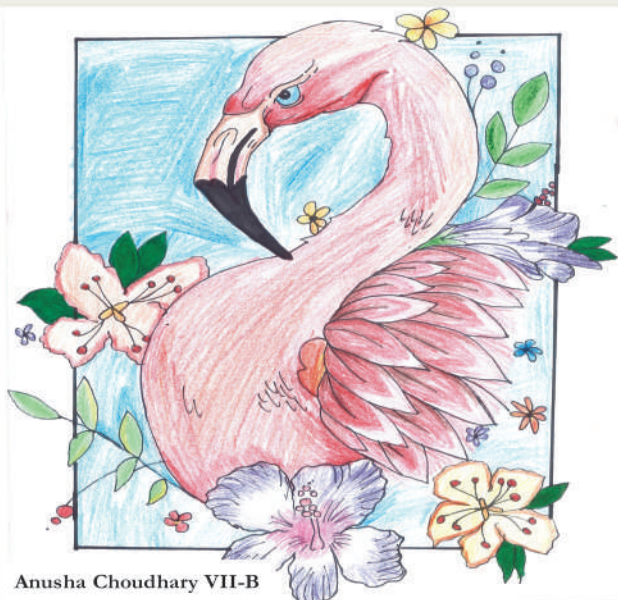
Each stand, a year's passage of time,
I journey on.

I saw the devils, I saw the angels too,
Enjoyed dreams at night, and fears anew.
Scared by heights in daylight's gaze,
I journey on.

In midnight's silence, and mid-day's frantic pace,
Through darkness and light, I found my place.
Both dim and bright, I found my way,
I journey on.

I started a melody, but it ended in discord,
Yet, I endure the lows, and embrace the highs' reward.
I journey on.

Khushi Payal
X-D



THE MOON

When I gaze at the starry sky, The twinkling
stars remind me of the moon's gentle sigh.

Mighty, yet gentle, without light,
In the dark of night, it shines so bright.

Tiny stars dance with delight,
Adorning our sight with celestial light.
Oh, how beautiful the moon sits in the midnight sky,
Guiding its light to those who need it, from high.

Warming those who cry, and comforting their pain,
The moon holds close those who suffer in vain.
Unlike the raging monsoon that brings only strife,
The moon is heartfelt, holding our deepest life.

Soumya Sharma
X-D



प्रकृति के रंग

कल-कल बहती नदियाँ
झर-झर बहते झरने
समुद्र की लहरें करती शोर
मोह लेता मेरा मन।

उदय होता सूर्य निराला
बिखेरता अपनी लालिमा
रात के अंधियारे में
तारों का टिमटिमाना
चंदा मामा का आना
मोह लेता मेरा मन।

रंग-बिरंगे फूलों पर
भंवरोँ का भिनभिनाना
पेड़ों की हरियाली रंगत
आसमान की नीली संगत
मोह लेता मेरा मन।

दीपल तंवर
कक्षा-नवी 'द'



Niyatee Nathaney XII-Com. A

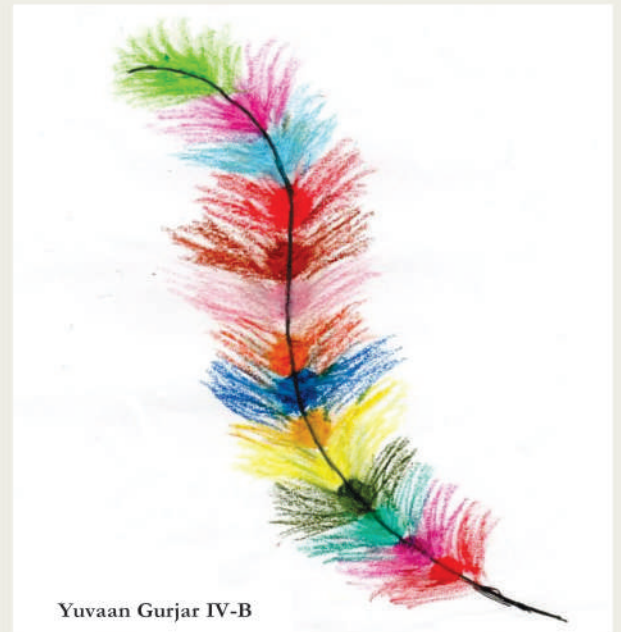
रंगों की सीख

रंगों से सीखा मैंने,
हर एक रंग में ढलना।
सूरज का सुनहरा रंग लेकर,
जीवन की साँझ में उजाला करना।
गहरे हल्के रंगों में घुलकर,
नए रंगों में ढलना।
धवल चाँदनी भरकर हाथों में,
हर घर ज्ञान का उजियारा पहुँचाना।
रंगों से सीखा मैंने,
बेरंग जीवन को रंगीन करना।

अथर्व शर्मा
कक्षा-चौथी 'द'



Khushbu Goyal VIII-C



Yuvaan Gurjar IV-B

जीवन के रंग

जीवन के रंग है न्यारे,
इसको तू समझ ले प्यारे ।
कभी दुख के बादल मंडराते हैं काले-काले,
तो कभी सुख की बारिश करती है जीवन को
हरा-भरा
जहाँ क्रोध और घृणा इंसान को करता है
लाल-पीला

जीवन के रंग है न्यारे,
इसको तू समझ ले प्यारे ।
ध्यान हमें पीले और नारंगी जैसे उत्साही रंग से
भर देते हैं,
ज्ञान हमें रंगहीन दुनिया से रंगीली दुनिया में ले
जाता है ।
प्रेम और भक्ति के रंग में रंगने से
मिलती है—सफेद रंग जैसी शांति और शीतलता ।
अरे बंदे ! रुक, ठहर, समझ रंगों की बोली को,
अच्छे-अच्छे रंगों से भर ले तू अपनी झोली को ।

जिंदगी के रंग है न्यारे,
इसको तू समझ ले प्यारे ।

विधि चौहान
कक्षा-चौथी 'द'



Swasti Pareek IX-A

रंग

छोटा-सा संसार है मेरा,
जहाँ ढेरों रंगों का है बसेरा ॥

इन्हीं रंगों से सीखा है,
जीवन में कैसे खिलना है ॥

काश! ये रंग कुछ बोल पाते,
मुझसे नाता जोड़ पाते ॥

कभी ना छूटे ये रंग,
रह जाए मेरे संग ॥

छोटा-सा संसार है मेरा,
जहाँ ढेरों रंगों का है बसेरा ॥

रितिका राज राजावत
कक्षा-ग्यारहवीं 'विज्ञान वर्ग'

रंग भरी रचनात्मकता

रंग भरे शब्दों से मिलती है जीवन को जुबान,
क्योंकि जीवन का रंग है रचनात्मकता की उड़ान ।

कलम के स्वर, भावों का संगीत,
शब्दों की लहर, विचारों का सम्पूर्ण गीत ।

अक्षरों की तरंग, विचारों की आवाज,
अर्थ-रंगों की माला, भावों का उच्चारण ।

सुरों का राग, भावों का प्रवाह,
सजीव रंगों में छलकता है सृजन का प्रवाह ।

चित्रित करती है, विचारों की चित्रकारी,
रंग भरी रचनात्मक है, जीवन की तैयारी ।

रोनित गौड़
कक्षा-छठी 'द'

रंग और मनोविज्ञान

रंग हमारे जीवन का एक महत्वपूर्ण हिस्सा है। ये न केवल हमारी दुनिया को सुंदर और जीवंत बनाते हैं, बल्कि हमारी भावनाओं और विचारों को भी प्रभावित करते हैं। रंगों का हमारे मनोविज्ञान पर गहरा प्रभाव पड़ता है। उदाहरण के लिए लाल रंग उत्साह और ऊर्जा का प्रतीक है, जबकि नीला रंग शांति और स्थिरता को दर्शाता है। इसी तरह, पीला रंग खुशी और सकारात्मकता का प्रतीक है। इन रंगों का उपयोग विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में होता है, जैसे—विज्ञापन, नारा—लेखन आदि। रंगों की रचनात्मकता सबसे अच्छी प्रकृति में देखने को मिलती है। फूलों के विभिन्न रंग, आकाश का नीला और सूर्योदय का सुनहरा रंग हमें प्रेरित करते हैं। कलाकार इन रंगों का उपयोग अपनी कला को जीवंत और प्रभावशाली बनाने के लिए करते हैं।

परी जैन

कक्षा-दसवीं 'स'

रचनात्मकता के रंग

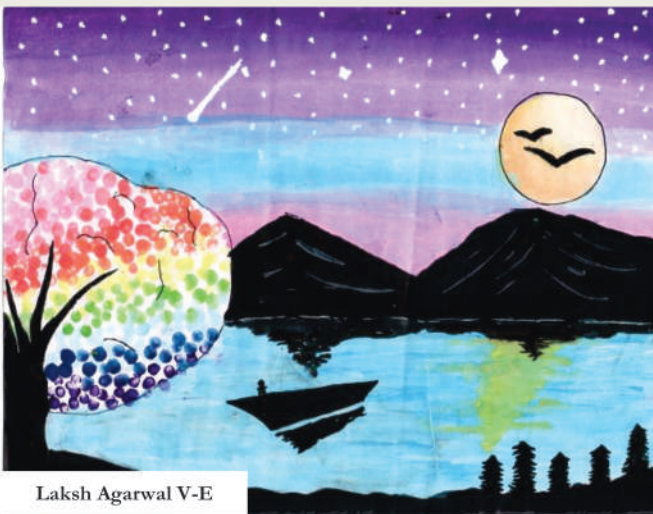
मनुष्य के लिए यदि जीवन में कोई सबसे अमूल्य तोहफा रहा है तो वो है ईश्वर के द्वारा की गई प्रकृति की रचना। ईश्वर ने प्रकृति की रचना में इतने सुंदर रंग भरे हैं जो आज हमारे जीवन में भी विभिन्न प्रकार के रंग भरते हैं।

जीवन का सार है प्रकृति, क्योंकि प्रकृति की हर एक देन मनुष्य को कुछ नया सिखाती है। जहाँ पहाड़ों में जाकर हमें आजादी का अनुभव होता है तो वहीं दूसरी ओर समुद्र किनारे बैठकर सुकून मिलता है। जहाँ एक तरफ सूखा देखकर मन दुखी होता है तो वहीं हरे-भरे खेत देखकर मन खुशहाल—सा हो जाता है। हर सुबह सूरज की पहली किरण मन में एक नई ऊर्जा पैदा करती है वहीं रात में उन चाँद—तारों को देखकर पुरानी यादें ताजा हो जाती हैं। नदियाँ और झरने जैसे हमारे मन को हर लेते हैं, वहीं सतरंगी पुष्प—लताएं बिखराती है मंद—मंद मुस्कान।

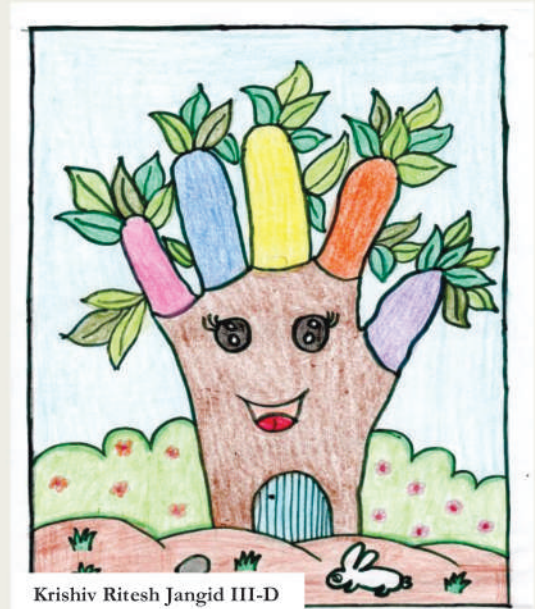
अतः प्रकृति सबको सिखाती है प्रेम और निःस्वार्थ भाव से जीना। इसका स्वच्छन्द रूप ही तो है प्रफुल्लित जीवन का सार।

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