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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Children  
Greetings!

Languages encompass us, it's up to us to embrace them. Rightly said that to learn a language is to have one more window from which to look at the world.

It's true that to have a better understanding of the world as a whole and look at it with a more accepting, knowledgeable, and curious eye than before, developing about any new foreign language is must. Students learn a valuable skill that allows them to look at the world with more appreciation and an open mind.

Learning a new language can bring numerous benefits, some of which may be unexpected. Here are a few of the unexpected benefits that can come from learning a new language:

**1: Cognitive Enhancement:** Learning a new language exercises your brain and enhances cognitive abilities. Learning new languages will boost your brain power! This means better memory and concentration, in addition to an improvement of your ability to multi-task as well as enhanced listening skills. Moreover, you can also gain more confidence in yourself!

**2: Enhanced Cultural Understanding:** Language is an essential part of any human culture. Until you learn the language of a people, you have no chance at fully grasping what that culture is all about. Also, learning another language helps reveal - and enlighten - the many shortcomings and triumphs of your own language. It is a genuine and rewarding effort to appreciate the culture of others and an excellent chance to learn much about your own culture. From a patriot/nationalist you become a global citizen, and become more tolerant towards people different than yourself.

**3: Improved Native Language Skills:** Learning a different language may also improve your native language skill. Sometimes in a family each parent may have a different primary language, and having the children participate in a language program can help them gain mastery of the less dominate language. Learning a new language often involves studying grammar, vocabulary which can enhance your understanding and command of your native language.

**4: Increased Career Opportunities:** As the job market is a highly competitive one nowadays, you will have more possibilities to get a job or advance your career if you know other languages! Developing a new language can significantly expand your career opportunities. In an increasingly globalized world, companies value employees who can communicate with international clients, negotiate across borders, or work in diverse environments.

**5: Better Travel Experiences:** Developing language skill is useful and often very basic. The simplest example is travel. If you ever found yourself in a foreign country you'd like to know to speak a little of their language. There are tons of people that don't get that chance and when they travel they have a lot of issues about it.

Knowing the local language when traveling to a foreign country can greatly enrich your experiences. It allows you to interact with locals, understand signs, menus, and directions, and navigate more easily.

**6: Personal Growth and Confidence:** Learning a new language is a challenging endeavour that requires dedication and perseverance. Learning a new language opens doors to new personal and social connections. Language is a channel to communicate people. Thus, learning a new language builds a new channel to communicate another group of people you may never reach. However, it takes time to build the channel.

Every school will probably focus on what they think is most relevant for their students in one way or another. A child is best equipped to learn languages when they are young-which is why ICSK started many foreign language classes in their campus with trained teachers. Apart from FRENCH ICSK recently introduced GERMAN & SPANISH classes along with HINDI and ENGLISH . The requirement to take a foreign language in middle school is necessary now a days, as this is seen as a critical period for building a foundation in a new language before reaching high school. Overall, our goals are to develop students' linguistic abilities, cultural competencies, and cognitive skills for future success.

Remember, while learning a new language requires effort and dedication, the unexpected benefits can make the journey even more rewarding.

Regards.

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# EDITORS' NOTE

Dear Readers

EPICS is like a mirror which reflects the clear picture of all sorts of activities undertaken in ICSK CAMPUS and develops writing skills among students in particular. I being the Chief Editor feel proud & congratulate our children, that they ebulliently try to make this journey together, learning & succeeding together, faltering & correcting together & making themselves worthy & capable ICSKians. EPICS covers all activities, from the shining results in Academics and proud to be of 'achievements in the co-curricular not just limited to sports, but the organization of Outdoor Education cum Vocational cum holiday trips at National and International levels and the arrangements of Indoor educational Programmes also.

It gives me immense pleasure to note that response to this incredible magazine has been overwhelming. The wide spectrum of articles in different sections gives me a sense of pride that our students possess creative potential and original thinking in ample measures. Each article is entertaining, interesting and absorbing. I applaud the contributors for their stimulated thoughts and varied hues in articles contributed by them. Commendable job has also been done by the Editorial Board in planning for and producing the EPICS. My congratulations to the team who took the responsibility for the arduous task most effectively. I am hopeful that their efforts shall not only develop the taste for reading among students but also develop a sense belonging to the institution as well.

Each issue of our school magazine is a milestone that marks our growth, unfolds our imaginations, and gives life to our thoughts and aspirations. It unleashes a wide spectrum of creative skills ranging from writing to showcasing their artistic qualities.

Let's inspire to be inspired, learn to unlearn and relearn to reach the zenith of knowledge.

Send your valuable contributions to [epicseditor@icsk-kw.com](mailto:epicseditor@icsk-kw.com)



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## Pineapple – A Tropical Fruit

Pineapple is a large tropical fruit with a spiky, tough skin and sweet insides. The scaly bumps on the outside are called "eyes". Slice it open, and you'll find bright yellow flesh that's both sweet and tart.

The vitamins and minerals in pineapple could help shorten viral and bacterial infections and strengthen your bones. There's also a little evidence that pineapple may help prevent cancer.

In some cultures, pineapple is a medicinal plant. That's because it has a substance called bromelain that may lower inflammation.

Pineapples are low in calories (kcal) but highly nutritious.

They are not only rich in nutrients, but they also contain antioxidants - molecules that help your body ward off oxidative stress.

Pineapples have anti-inflammatory properties that may help enhance your immune function, may relieve symptoms of arthritis.

One must be careful to not consume pineapples on empty stomach first thing in the morning as it can cause acidity. The best time to eat the fruit for reaping maximum benefits. "Best time to have it: As a mid-morning snack (around 10-11 am) or an evening snack (Around 4:30 pm) - Dr. Bhavsar.

Pineapple before bed can be a good choice due to its potential sleep-supportive nutrients like vitamin C and magnesium. While pineapple won't guarantee an immediate improvement in sleep quality, it can be part of a sleep-friendly diet.

### How to eat:

With a sharp knife, this tropical fruit is easy to cut. Slice off the top and bottom so you have two flat surfaces. Cut off the outer skin, then cut the pineapple into quarters. Be careful to avoid the core.

Once you've cut it, you can cover pineapple and leave it out on the counter. This makes it softer and juicier but won't change its taste. Pineapple goes bad quickly, so make sure you eat it within 2-3 days.

You can enjoy pineapple alone, in smoothies, salads, or homemade pizzas. Here are a few fun recipe ideas that feature pineapple:

**Breakfast:** smoothie with pineapple, blueberry, and Greek yogurt

**Salad:** tropical roast chicken, almonds, blueberries, and pineapple atop lettuce or other greens

**Lunch:** homemade Hawaiian burgers (beef burgers with a pineapple ring)

**Dinner:** pineapple fried rice and seitan

**Dessert:** homemade pineapple whip (frozen pineapple chunks blended with a splash of coconut milk and a dash of lemon juice)

### SUMMARY

Fresh, stir-fried, blended, or roasted, pineapple works well in numerous dishes. You can find it canned, fresh, dehydrated, or frozen in most stores year-round.

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## *Study abroad-points to ponder*



Across the World, there is a steady increase in student migration across different geographies. Number of students aspiring for study abroad programmes from India is showing quantum jump during the post Covid 19 period. When compared to pre covid period, there is an increase of 200 percent in student migration from India. 2.5 million students are studying in overseas university campuses. Of which nearly 10 percent of the students are from Kerala. Annually 10 lakhs students are pursuing for overseas education from India, of which 45000 students are from Kerala.

Analysis of Overseas education status of students reveal that students are more interested to study and migrate to five English speaking countries like Australia, Canada, New Zealand, UK and USA along with European Union countries like The Netherlands, Ireland, Germany, France and Japan, Singapore, China and Russia. Recent trends reveal that more number of plus two students are pursuing for undergraduate programmes abroad and undergraduate students from India are interested in graduate and doctoral programmes abroad.

Those students who are interested to pursue study abroad programmes need to do one-year homework for getting admission based on their interest, aptitude and goal. Relevance of the programme, choice of the courses and financial support are more important.

### Steps

- Ensure to get valid Indian passport.
- Prepare the Biodata in an attractive manner. Incorporate all the relevant details. It should not be more than three pages in Times New Roman with 11-12

font size.

- Identify areas of interest. Select courses based on interest and identify prospective Universities in appropriate countries. For example, for Life sciences, USA will be best.
- Identify 5 Universities. As part of expression of interest, send the biodata to these five universities.
- Try to plan for English proficiency tests and other tests.
- For undergraduate programmes in English speaking countries IELTS/ TOEFL scores are required. Three months preparation will facilitate to get better scores.
- Scholastic aptitude test (SAT) or American College Test scores are required for UG admission.
- For graduate programmes abroad, along with TOEFL, US requires GMAT or GRE
- For all other countries IELTS is required.
- Students interested to do MBA abroad need to qualify GMAT- Graduate management Aptitude Test
- Students interested to pursue for education abroad other than English speaking countries need to take language proficiency tests. For example, for Germany, German language is required.
- Students interested to pursue medical education from English speaking countries need to take SAT and English proficiency tests.
- Based on the scores, the students can join for BS Medical courses for 4 years duration. After completing the 4 years of UG programme, they need to write MCAT for getting admission to Medical Schools abroad.
- Non-English-speaking countries require NEET-UG cut off mark as part of eligibility. Countries include, Chia, Russia, Georgia, Ukraine, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Philippines, Thailand, etc.
- After completing six years of medical degree programme- Doctor of Medicine from non-English speaking countries, students must prepare for foreign medical graduate's entrance test -FMGE for getting registration from National Medical Commission for practicing in

India.

- Students interested to do STEM courses like Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics from English speaking countries for UG programme must prepare for English proficiency and Scholastic aptitude tests.
- While selecting the higher educational institutions, accreditation of the programme and recognition of universities need to be ascertained. Never try to join for higher education in a fake University based on their websites. Times Higher education, QS and AMBA raking along with World University ranking must be verified before trying for admission.
- There are lot of educational providers for different countries functioning in India. They provide appropriate information to students. For example, British Council for UK education, USIEF for USA, Campus France for France, DAAD for Germany, etc.
- Financial support for education abroad programmes will be available in the form of scholarships, assistantships, fellowships, etc. Part time work is optional Students. They can apply for Scholarships after getting offer letter from universities.

### Applying process-Documents

- Biodata
- Copies of certificates
- Statement of purpose
- Two reference letters
- Certificates of extracurricular activities
- Project work
- Summer work experience
- Internship details if any etc.
- Visa processes vary based on different countries
- Students can hold offer letter for one year to get financial support through scholarships or fellowships.

Useful links for right information

[www.britishcouncil.in](http://www.britishcouncil.in),  
[www.usief.org.in](http://www.usief.org.in), [www.daad.in](http://www.daad.in),  
[www.inde.campusfrance.org](http://www.inde.campusfrance.org),  
[www.studyinaustralia.gov.au](http://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au),  
[www.educanada.ca](http://www.educanada.ca),  
[www.ec.europa.eu](http://www.ec.europa.eu), [www.ecte.eu](http://www.ecte.eu)

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NEHA SHEJU



SUHANA SHAIK



SREEHARI



VANEYA SOBTI



SARATH SAJU



ADARSH DAS



JANVI RAJESH



ADITYA AJIT



CELINE ANNA

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SUSANNE GRACE



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ARON ABY



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## CLASS 10G



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## CLASS 9B



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SARA ANNIE

## CLASS 9C



ABEL ZACHARIAH



SHEZA KHAN

## CLASS 9D



MEGAN ALMEIDA



AMMAR MUSTAFA

## CLASS 9E



RACHEL SUSAN



CALLISTA DARAH

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LINA BALARAJU

## CLASS 8A



DANIYAAL SALMAN



NITIKA JACOB

## CLASS 8B



ANN BINISH



YAHYA SHAIKHAN

## CLASS 8C



DARSHINI SURESH



MATHEWS

## CLASS 8D



DARSHIT



TANYA

## CLASS 8E



POORNIMA



MOHAMMAD SAAD



# JANMASHTAMI



Many Hindus around the world will celebrate Krishna Janmashtami, the birthday of the Hindu god Krishna, on Sept. 6. The birth celebrations occur on the eighth day after the full moon in the month of Bhadrapada, or during August-September; in some parts of southern India the celebrations are held during the fifth lunar month of Shravana, which is in July-August.

The story of Krishna's divine birth is told in households across South Asia on Krishna

Janmashtami. According to lore, Krishna's uncle, Kamsa, the king of Mathura, a town in northern India, heard a celestial voice prophesying in his court that his downfall would come at the hands of the eighth child born to his cousin Devaki.

In an effort to preserve his reign, Kamsa imprisoned Devaki and her spouse, Vasudeva, and killed each child born to them. According to a sacred Hindu text called the "Bhagavata Purana." when the

eighth child, Krishna, was born, the gates of the prison opened miraculously and a divine voice instructed Vasudeva to ferry Krishna across the Yamuna River. A torrential rain caused the Yamuna to flood, but the river rose only to Krishna's feet; Vasudeva delivered the divine infant unharmed to his cousin Nanda and his wife Yashoda in the region in northern India known as Braj.



DISHLEEN KAUR  
- 9C

To quell Kamsa's suspicions, the gods replaced Krishna with Yashoda's daughter in the prison. When Kamsa's guards attempted to kill her, she transformed into the goddess Yogamaya and reminded Kamsa of his inescapable fate and vanished from the prison cell.

The exploits of Krishna as a child are especially celebrated during the holiday. Devotees commemorate the love of Yashoda for Krishna and recall his playful pranks in songs and dances.



The pen may be mightier than sword, but when Jewish-Hungarian journalist Laszlo Biro invented the ballpoint pen in the 1930s cliched sayings were probably the last thing on his mind. In 1938, says the wall street journal, "a simple but but remarkable invention came into a world about to be

## Who invented pen?

convulsed by death and destruction." In their review of Gyorgy Moldova's book Ballpoint which chronicles the life of biro, the Journal says. we see Biro refining the pen and experimenting with recipes for the ink paste essential to his concept while fleeing dangers that seemed to chase him across Europe as war brewed and then broke out. In the early 1930s, while working as a journalist and artist, Biro noticed that newspaper ink dried much more quickly than that from a fountain

pen. The stylistic writing of a fountain pen uses liquid ink, which needs to flow from the tip to the page. The quick-drying ink used by printing presses was too thick to drip. Contemplating the problem of how to deliver thick, quick drying ink to a paper surface without requiring the ink flow, Biro saw a possible answer: closing the end of the pen instead of using the nib, leaving an opening with just enough room for a tiny metal ball that would spin against the ink in the reservoir, disturbing it to the paper.

# WELCOME BACK - TO - SCHOOL



Dear Children Welcome back - to - school, where we're all set to go into new heights! This year, we're not just showing up -we're showing out, pushing limits, and embracing every challenge with strength and determination. As we come together once again to embark on this exciting educational journey, we extend our warmest greetings to each and every one of you. With great enthusiasm and anticipation, we aim to create an environment where learning thrives, and dreams take flight.

We're thrilled to have you back, ready to unleash your potential. Your energy, curiosity, and unique perspectives breathe life into our classrooms and campus. This year holds the promise of discovery - where you'll uncover new passions, forge lasting friendships, and acquire knowledge that will shape your future. Embrace the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead because they are the stepping stones on your path to success. Remember, every obstacle is an opportunity to go into ICSK, pushing past limits and achieving greatness. Our

dedicated teachers and staff are here to guide, inspire, and support you every step of the way.

Our theme for this year is: **Every Child Matters**. We encourage all students to dare to dream big, for your potential knows no bounds. Set your goals high and work diligently to achieve them, knowing that your dedication and hard work will pave the way for a bright and successful future.

### To our Parents:

On behalf of the family at The Indian Community School Kuwait, we are honoured to partner with you on this educational journey! We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that to be successful in school, our children need support from both home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a significant difference in your child's education. Together, let's foster open lines of communication, work hand in hand to nurture a love for learning, and celebrate every achievement, big and small, that our students will accomplish this year. Your unwavering support, involvement, and active participation play an integral role in your child's success.

Please do not hesitate to contact to see the School Principal if you wish to discuss any issues or challenges regarding your child.

We encourage you to visit our school's website ([www.icsk-kw.com](http://www.icsk-kw.com))

### To our dedicated Staff:

Your commitment to excellence is truly awe-inspiring. Your passion for education and unwavering belief in the potential of every student is the driving force behind our achievements. Your tireless efforts to create engaging and dynamic learning experiences make a lasting impact on the lives of those you touch. You are the heart and soul of our school community, and we are honoured to stand beside you.

ICSK is seriously moving into Competency Based Learning of which Assessment for Reasoning plays an integral role. This will equip our children with an excellent sense of inclusivity and high confidence.

So dear all, as we venture forth, let us remember that our strength lies in our unity, and our impact lies in our collective actions. Together, we will foster an environment that embraces growth, empowers individual voices, and cultivates compassionate leaders who will shape the world of tomorrow.

Being confident that, united as one, we will continue to soar to new heights and achieve greatness that surpasses all expectations. The future belongs to us, and together, we will leave an indelible mark on the world.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### QUESTIONS

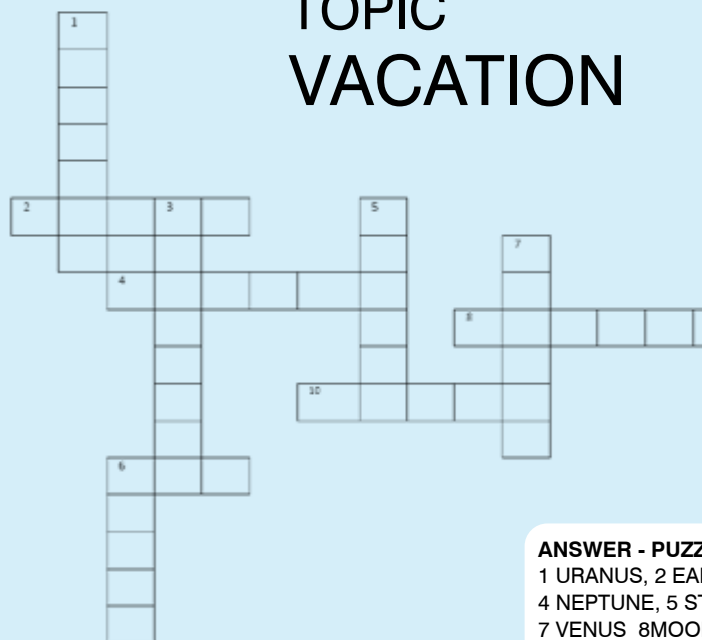
#### ACROSS

- to spend time resting or doing something enjoyable
- a journey on a ship as a vacation
- salty water that covers rest of the earth
- spending time with family and eating open
- a place where we can find shells

#### DOWN

- an act of traveling from one place to another
- a mode of travel
- a gentle wind
- a bright light from sun
- a physical airplane

## TOPIC VACATION



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- 7F

### ANSWER - PUZZLE JUNE

- URANUS
- EARTH
- SUN
- NEPTUNE
- STAR
- GRAVITY
- VENUS
- MOON

*The answers to be published in next upcoming edition.*

# A New Look for a New Beginning



The staffroom for ICSK teachers are created especially designed modular and comfortable sitting arrangement with all the facilities like cupboards, personal workspace, and sufficient electrical connections. The teachers keep the school records and assignments safe in their lockers providing a set of keys.

A well-equipped and comfortable staff room can be a game-changer for teacher wellbeing, and the return on investment can be significant. A comfortable staff room can help reduce stress levels and promote a positive work-life balance for the teachers. Thus, let's be happy and proud and through our collective commitment, we will see each teacher reach their higher potential.

Where we live and work has an effect on our lives, and this is even more important to help give our children & teachers the best, not just in terms of mental health but also academic improvement. As we attain *new* milestones and undergo beautiful beginnings, we feel proud to state that ICSK SENIOR has expanded its *infrastructure*. Our infrastructure is a testament to our commitment to providing the best facilities

for our teachers. From improved teacher wellbeing to increased staff morale and improved school image, the benefits are numerous. By prioritizing teacher comfort and collaboration, ICSK SENIOR created a more positive and effective ideal environment by facilitating their teachers by providing well – ventilated and fully equipped staffrooms.

## CrowdStrike Windows Crash: July 19, 2024



On July 19, 2024, CrowdStrike released an update to their Falcon Sensor vulnerability scanner. However, flaws in this update caused blue screens of death (BSOD) on Microsoft Windows machines, affecting millions of devices worldwide and forcing them into a boot loop. This issue stemmed from a logic error triggered by an updated configuration file, Channel File 291.

### Global Impact

- The incident caused widespread disruptions, including:
- Airlines: Flights were grounded,

causing significant travel delays.

- Media: Broadcasters like Sky News went offline.
- Banking and Healthcare: Services were interrupted.
- Emergency Services: 911 call centers experienced downtime.

### Recovery Challenges

CrowdStrike quickly issued a patch, but affected computers couldn't download it due to the boot loop. The recommended fix involved booting into safe mode or Windows Recovery Mode to delete Channel File 291, requiring local administrator access and,



for BitLocker-encrypted devices, a recovery key. Microsoft reported that rebooting devices up to 15 times helped some users.



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### IndiGo Airlines

IndiGo Airlines resorted to handwritten boarding passes to cope with the disruption. A passenger at Hyderabad's Rajiv Gandhi International Airport shared his experience on X (formerly Twitter), highlighting the widespread impact. IndiGo advised passengers to expect delays and longer queues.

### IndiGo's statement:

"Our systems are impacted by an ongoing issue with CrowdStrike, resulting in increased wait times at our contact centers and airports. We advise travellers to contact us only if necessary."

# Role and importance of School Magazine in Education



In the dynamic and evolving world of education, school magazines hold a unique and vital position. These publications are more than just compilations of student writings, they are a mirror reflecting the school's culture, achievements, and aspirations. As a platform for creativity and communication, school magazines play a crucial role in fostering a sense of community, enhancing student skills, and promoting educational values.

## A Platform for Student Expression

School magazines provide students with an invaluable platform to express their thoughts, ideas, and creativity. Through articles, essays, poems, and artwork, students can explore topics they are passionate about, ranging from personal experiences to global issues. This opportunity for expression encourages students to develop their voice and confidence, essential skills for their future academic and professional lives.

## Enhancing Writing and Critical Thinking Skills

The process of creating content for a school magazine involves several stages, including brainstorming, researching, drafting, editing, and proofreading. These steps not only enhance students' writing

skills but also cultivate critical thinking and attention to detail. Writing for a school magazine teaches students the importance of clear communication and the impact of well-articulated ideas.

## Encouraging Teamwork and Collaboration

Producing a school magazine is a team effort that requires collaboration among students, teachers, and sometimes even the wider community. Students involved in the editorial team learn to work together, share responsibilities, and meet deadlines. This collaborative experience is instrumental in teaching important life skills such as teamwork, leadership, and time management.

## Highlighting Achievements and Building Community

A school magazine serves as a chronicle of the school's achievements, events, and milestones. It celebrates the successes of students and staff, whether in academics, sports, arts, or community service. By showcasing these accomplishments, the magazine fosters a sense of pride and belonging among the school community. It also provides a record of the school's history, preserving memories for future generations.

## Promoting a Culture of Reading and Learning

Reading a school magazine exposes students to a variety of writing styles and perspectives. It can inspire them to explore new subjects and deepen their understanding of different issues. The magazine becomes a tool for promoting a culture of reading and continuous learning within the school.



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VAIDYANATHAN  
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**Integrating Technology and Modern Media**  
In the digital age, school magazines are no longer confined to print. Many schools are now incorporating digital versions of their magazines, making them accessible to a wider audience. Digital platforms also allow for interactive content, such as videos and hyperlinks, enhancing the reader's experience. This integration of technology prepares students for the modern media landscape and equips them with digital literacy skills.

## Providing Real-World Experience

For students interested in careers in journalism, publishing, or communications, working on a school magazine offers valuable real-world experience. They get a taste of the editorial process, learn about the importance of deadlines, and understand the intricacies of content creation and publication. This practical experience can be a significant advantage in their future career pursuits.

School magazines are a cornerstone of educational environments, enriching the school experience in numerous ways. They empower students by giving them a voice, enhancing essential skills, and fostering a sense of community and pride. As education continues to evolve, school magazines will undoubtedly remain a vital tool for student development and school identity. By investing in and supporting school magazines, educators and administrators can ensure that this tradition continues to thrive, benefiting students and the wider school community for years to come.



# BEST STUDENT (MAY - JUNE)



ESTHER SUSAN  
- 12A



ANN MARY SAJI  
- 12B



RAYHAN JABIR  
- 12C



YAQOOB MOHAMMAD  
- 12D



HAMNAH FATHIMA  
- 12E



ANN MARIYA VINOJ  
- 12F



SARAH MARIAM  
- 12G



NIKETHA PATTI  
- 12H



SMRITI JASWINDER  
- 12I



EHAAN  
- 12J



SARAH MOHAMMED  
- 12K



ANDREW THAMARAVELLI  
- 11A



NEEV METHA  
- 11B



BAASIM MUSTAKHUSEEN  
- 11C



AFRAH  
- 11D



ISRA SAJID THAKUR  
- 11E



ROHIT RAJ KANATTU  
- 11F



ALVIN JERRY  
- 11G



SREEYUKTHA PRAMOD  
- 11H



SAKINA TAIZUN  
- 11I



SAMEEHA SHAHUL  
- 11J



ADARA KHAN  
- 11K



JERLIN ANN  
- 10A



MOHAMMED ATEEQ  
- 10B



HRITIKA PANCHAL  
- 10C



LIYA JOHNY  
- 10D



SRUTHIKA  
- 10E



VAARA TOSHKHANI  
- 10F



VANSH CHOUHAN  
- 10G



TIMOTHY VARGHESE  
- 9A



CLAIRE ANN SAJI  
- 9B



ABEL ZACHARIAH  
- 9C



TAHIRA DUDUKE  
- 9D



UMANG SAINI  
- 9E



VEDA VASU  
- 9F



GAVIN WILLIAM  
- 8A



SANCIA LASRADO  
- 8B



ZAINAB CHIKTE  
- 8C



KEVIN SHAJI  
- 8D



FARAH ZAMEER  
- 8E



AMATULLAH  
- 8F



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## From Ideas to Impact: Empowering Young Innovators through Creativity



Empowering young innovators through creativity is a crucial step towards transforming ideas into impactful solutions. Young minds are inherently curious and imaginative, capable of envisioning novel concepts and approaches to problems. Harnessing this potential requires fostering an environment that encourages creativity

and provides the necessary resources and support.

Creativity in education is a foundational element. Integrating arts, music, and hands-on projects into the curriculum helps develop creative thinking skills. For example, project-based learning, where students tackle real-world problems, can stimulate innovative thinking and problem-solving abilities. Such educational practices not only make learning engaging but also cultivate a mindset that sees challenges as opportunities for creative solutions (Simplilearn.com) (Science News).

Access to technology and mentorship plays a pivotal role in empowering young innovators. Providing students with modern tools and platforms, such as coding programs, 3D printers, and robotics kits, allows them to experiment and bring their ideas to life. Mentorship from experienced professionals can guide young innovators, helping them navigate the complexities of developing and implementing their ideas. Programs like hackathons and innovation labs offer invaluable experiences where students can collaborate, receive feedback, and refine their projects (UpGrad).

# Birth Number Dynamics



Are you curious about how your life might turn? Here is your astrology reading from which you might discover your career, personality, how lucky you are, etc.

**Birth Number 1:** If you are born on 1st, 10th, 19th or 28th, then your mulank will be 1.

People with Birth Number 1, ruled by the Sun, are generous and reliable, often remembered in times of need. They are quick to gain trust but can be aggressive and authoritative, which is fine to a great extent as long as they use it in their professional life. But can strain personal relationships if used here. Their inability to distinguish between ego and self-respect can hurt others, so they should be mindful of their words. As freedom lovers, they dislike working under others and strive to be leaders in any setting. Their natural inclination to take risks and initiate actions

sets them apart, creating a powerful aura that commands attention.

Despite doubts, Birth Number 1 is most powerful and lucky, with figures like Mukesh Ambani and Indira Gandhi exemplifying its success. Punctuality, akin to the Sun's consistent rise and set, is crucial for their success. They should understand that not everyone shares their ambition, and speaking calmly and politely can improve relationships. Among the birth dates 1, 10, 19, and 28, the 19th is the most powerful. Careers in the army, police, government, diplomacy, or starting a business suit them best, as they thrive without a boss. Developing their knowledge and skills while starting small will lead to satisfaction and success.

**Birth number 2:** If you are born on 2nd, 11th, 20th and 29th then your mulank is 2. People born under Birth Number 2

are ruled by the Moon, profoundly influencing their emotional stability. Like the Moon's phases, their emotions can fluctuate, making them sincere and sensitive individuals who deeply understand others. This emotional instability can lead to moodiness, confusion, and difficulty making timely decisions, often resulting in others imposing decisions on them. Meditation can transform this instability into strength. Their empathetic nature makes them popular among friends, as people feel genuinely understood by them, much like notable personality Shah Rukh Khan. They prefer peaceful resolutions, akin to Lal Bahadur Shastri and Mahatma Gandhi, and their calming presence makes them natural mediators and advisors.



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Birth Number 2 individuals are well-suited for careers in psychiatry, nursing, and as doctors due to their ability to soothe and understand others. They are gentle and often perceived as beautiful, but their sensitivity can make them vulnerable to emotional hurt, which can linger for days. During full moons or new moons, they might experience extreme emotions, influenced by the Moon's gravitational force on their water-dominant bodies. They excel in nurturing careers and the arts, like acting and singing, with examples such as Amitabh Bachchan and Rajesh Khanna. However, they must avoid sharing their deepest emotions with everyone to prevent emotional manipulation.

## WOMEN EMPOWERMENT



Women empowerment has become the buzzword today with women working alongside men in all spheres. They profess an independent outlook, whether they are living inside their home or working outside. They are increasingly gaining control over their lives and taking their own

decisions with regard to their education, career, profession and lifestyle. But while doing so, women also take care to strike a balance between their commitment to their profession as well as their home and family. They are playing multiple roles of a mother, daughter, sister, wife and a working professional with remarkable harmony and ease. With equal opportunities to work, they are functioning with a spirit of team work to render all possible co-operation to their male counterparts.

While it is true that women, by and large, do not face discrimination in society today, unfortunately, many of them face exploitation and harassment which can be of diverse types: emotional, physical,

mental and sexual. They are often subjected to rape, abuse and other forms of physical and intellectual violence.

Women empowerment, in the truest sense, will be achieved only when there is a change in the society by treating women with proper respect, dignity, fairness and equality. The rural areas of the country are, steeped in a feudal and medieval outlook, refusing to grant women equal say in the matters of their education, marriage, dress-code, profession and social interactions. Let us hope, women empowerment spreads to progressive as well as backward areas of our vast country.



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# CHARITY CONVENERS - AUGUST



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- 12E



ANN MARIYA VINOJ  
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SUHAIR DALVI  
- 12H



ANNA KARINA  
- 12I



MOHAMMED RIFAN  
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MOHAMMED AHMED  
- 12K



NICHOLAS JONATHAN  
- 11A



LIZ MARY MATHEW  
- 11B



SURYANSH PATRA  
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ADUN PALACKAL  
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SHAIK FAYAZ  
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PRANATHI PULLUR  
- 9A



ZIYAH VINU  
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SRIBADRA UMESH  
- 9C



BENITA SARA MATHEW  
- 9D



HAIFA KHADEEJA  
- 9E



ZAHRAA FERROZ  
- 9F



AISHA IRFAN  
- 8A



SHAIZ SHABBAR  
- 8B



RYAN JERRY THAMBI  
- 8C



FARHAN AFSAR  
- 8D



GALRON CRASTA  
- 8E



EVELYN ALIZA  
- 8F



ZOYA  
- 8G



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- 7A



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- 7B



AARON ROBINS  
- 7C



AFLAH  
- 7D



MOHAMMED SHERGADWALA  
- 7E



NIKWIN ROY  
- 7F



FEBIN ALEX  
- 7G



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## FACTS YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW

### The Mona Lisa has no eyebrows

People always wonder why Mona Lisa doesn't have any eyebrows. This mystery has been solved, all thanks to an engineer named Pascal Cotte. When Da Vinci had painted Mona Lisa, he indeed painted her eyebrows but over time these eyebrows were eroded due to cleaning over time to the point where it's no longer visible today.

### "I Am" is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.

True, to make a sentence in English, it should both include a subject and predicate. In the sentence, 'I am', 'I' is

subject and 'am' is a predicate and also expresses a complete thought. Thus, 'I am' is the shortest sentence in English.

### Coca-Cola was originally green.

This is a total myth as Coca-Cola has always been the same colour right from the start since its invention in 1886. You should try reading Coca-Cola story of John S. Pemberton from Atlanta in 1886 for better clarifications.

### When the moon is directly overhead, you will weigh slightly less.

Yes, this is true, as per the calculation it is

said that a person will weigh 0.48g lighter for a 100kg person. When the moon is directly overhead, they are going to weigh 0.5g lighter as the moon attracts you in the same way it attracts water when it makes tides.

**Camels have three eyelids** to protect themselves from the blowing desert sand. Camels have different ways to adapt to their environment. They have a third clear eyelid that helps in protecting their eyes from blowing sand. Also, two rows of long lashes protect their eyes.

# EPITOME OF SUCCESS

**S. P. BALASUBRAMANYAM**  
THE PRIDE OF INDIAN MUSIC



## Achievements

To list few of his achievements, Balasubramanyam has won six National Film Awards for Best Male Playback Singer for his works in multiple Indian Languages, 25 Andhra Pradesh state Nandi Awards for his work in Telugu cinema and numerous other state awards from Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. In addition, he won the Filmfare Award and six Filmfare Awards South. In 2012, he received the state NTR National Award for his contributions to Indian cinema. In 2016, he was honoured with the Silver Peacock Medal as Indian Film Personality of the Year. He was a recipient of the Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan (2011) and Padma Vibhushan (Posthumously) (2021) from the Government of India. He was a recipient of Harivaram Award from the Government of Kerala.

He stands tall with his staggering achievements in music and holds a Guinness World record to his name for rendering more than 44,000 songs across 16 languages (the most by any human during his lifetime). He recorded 21 songs in Kannada in a single day on 08th February 1981 from 9 am to 9 pm.. In addition, he recorded 19 songs in Tamil and 16 songs in Hindi in a day, a record which is unbeaten till date.

All these achievements fall short when compared to the greatest achievement of his lifetime – Millions of hearts he stole during a span of 50 long years.

## Curse Of Covid

He became a victim to the curse of covid and after being hospitalized for over a month his physical presence departed the universe on 25th September 2020. It is difficult to digest that our generation will never be able to hear that hearty voice again live or see the twinkle in his eyes. But artists such as SPB never die, for they live in the hearts of people through their art.



SHRUTHIKA  
VAIDYANATHAN  
- 10E

## Who Is He ?

Sripathi Panditaradhyula Balasubramanyam, also fondly known as SPB or Balu is a legend of Indian cinema. He was an all in one package of talent , a playback singer, television presenter, music director, actor, dubbing artist and a film producer who worked across 16 languages and spread his Magic all over Indian films. He is widely considered as one of the greatest Indian singers of all time. He is and will continue to be a role model to many upcoming playback singers



## THE SHORE OF HOPES

In this shore, I'm alone,  
Nobody is there to come along,  
I am lonely in this peace,  
Living hardly ever as,  
Just to see the world that's beneath me.

The only life I have,  
Is for spending all alone,  
By looking at the shore,  
Just to see the light,

Just to feel the hope,  
And aspiring to be like the rising sun.

Even after I succeed,  
I'll be standing by this sea,  
Just to make it all alone,  
Thinking every now and then,  
For years I haven't been,  
To the shore that gave me hope.

DARIS BASHEER  
- 10E

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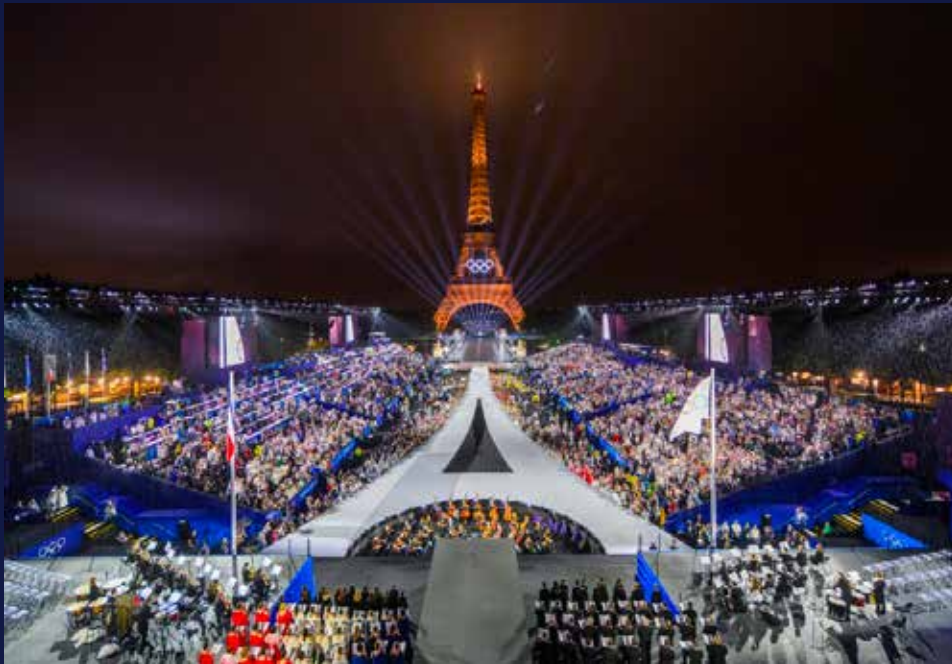


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# THE OLYMPICS: A CELEBRATION OF GLOBAL UNITY AND ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE



## Introduction

The Olympic Games, often simply referred to as the Olympics, represent the pinnacle of international sporting competition. Every four years, athletes from around the world gather to compete in a wide array of sports, showcasing their talents and fostering a spirit of global unity and peace. The history of the Olympics is rich with tradition, marked by memorable moments and legendary performances that have captivated audiences for over a century.

## Ancient Origins

The origins of the Olympic Games can be traced back to ancient Greece, where the first recorded Olympic Games were held in 776 BC in Olympia. These early games were part of a religious festival honoring Zeus, and they featured a variety of athletic competitions, including running, wrestling, and chariot racing. The ancient Olympics continued for nearly 12 centuries before being abolished in 393 AD by the Roman Emperor Theodosius I.

## Revival and Modern Era

The modern Olympic Games were revived in 1896, largely due to the efforts of French educator Baron Pierre de Coubertin. Inspired by the ancient Greek tradition, Coubertin sought to create an international sporting event that would promote peace and mutual understanding among nations. The inaugural modern Olympics were held in Athens, Greece, featuring 14 nations and 241 athletes competing in 43 events.



## Olympic Movement and Values

The Olympic Movement, governed by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), is based on the core values of excellence, friendship, and respect. These values are embodied in the Olympic Charter, which outlines the principles of Olympism and the mission of the IOC. The Olympics aim to promote physical and mental well-being, foster international cooperation, and encourage the development of sport and culture.

## Summer and Winter Olympics

The Olympic Games are divided into the Summer and Winter Olympics, each held every four years. The Summer Olympics feature a wide range of sports, including athletics, swimming, gymnastics, and basketball. The Winter Olympics, first held in 1924 in Chamonix, France, focus on sports practiced on snow and ice, such as skiing, figure skating, and ice hockey.

## Memorable Moments and Legends

The Olympics have produced countless memorable moments and legendary athletes who have left an indelible mark on

the history of sport. Jesse Owens' four gold medals at the 1936 Berlin Olympics challenged the ideology of racial superiority. The "Miracle on Ice" at the 1980 Winter Olympics saw the underdog US ice hockey team defeat the heavily favored Soviet Union. More recently, Usain Bolt's electrifying sprints and Michael Phelps' record-breaking swims have captivated audiences worldwide.



NATHAN  
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## Challenges and Controversies

Despite its noble ideals, the Olympics have not been without challenges and controversies. Issues such as doping, political boycotts, and concerns over the environmental and economic impact of hosting the Games have sparked debate. The IOC has implemented measures to address these challenges, including stricter anti-doping regulations and efforts to promote sustainability in host cities.



## The Future of the Olympics

Looking ahead, the Olympics continue to evolve in response to changing societal and sporting trends. The inclusion of new sports such as skateboarding, surfing, and sport climbing in recent editions reflects the Games' adaptability and appeal to younger audiences. The IOC is also exploring innovative ways to make the Olympics more accessible and sustainable, ensuring that the spirit of Olympism endures for future generations.

## Conclusion

The Olympics stand as a testament to the power of sport to unite people from diverse backgrounds and cultures. As athletes push the boundaries of human potential and embody the Olympic values, the Games continue to inspire and uplift millions around the world. The enduring legacy of the Olympics is one of excellence, friendship, and respect—a celebration of what humanity can achieve when we come together in the spirit of competition and camaraderie.

## Making Sense of Blockchain: A Guide to the Future of Digital Transactions



In today's world, we hear a lot about blockchain. But what exactly is it, and why is it important?

### What is Blockchain?

Imagine a digital ledger, like a record book, where transactions are written down. That's what blockchain is, but with some exciting twists. Instead of being stored in one place, this ledger is spread across many computers. And once a transaction is written, it can't be changed. This makes it super secure and trustworthy.

### How Does Blockchain Work?

Blockchain works by grouping transactions into blocks. Each block is linked to the one before it, forming a chain. And because this chain is spread across many computers, it's really hard for anyone to tamper with it.

### Why is Blockchain Important?

#### 1. Decentralization

With blockchain, there's no need for a middleman like a bank to make sure

transactions are valid. This means more control for users and less reliance on big institutions.

#### 2. Transparency and Security

Because every transaction is recorded and can't be changed, blockchain is transparent and secure. This makes it perfect for things like tracking the source of products or ensuring the safety of financial transactions.

#### 3. Smart Contracts

Blockchain can also run something called smart contracts. These are like digital agreements that execute automatically when certain conditions are met. They make processes faster, cheaper, and more reliable.

### Where Can Blockchain Be Used?

#### 1. Cryptocurrencies

You've probably heard of Bitcoin. Well, Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies use blockchain to make secure transactions

without banks.

#### 2. Supply Chain Management

Businesses are using blockchain to track products from where they're made to where they're sold. This helps prevent fraud and ensures products are genuine.



MOHAMMAD REHAN  
- 12J

#### 3. Financial Services

Blockchain is shaking up finance too. It's making things like international money transfers faster and cheaper, and it's reducing the risk of fraud.

#### 4. Healthcare

In healthcare, blockchain can keep patient data safe and make sharing information between doctors easier. It's also helping to streamline administrative tasks.

### The Future of Blockchain

Blockchain is still evolving, and its potential is vast. From making our online lives more secure to changing how we do business, it's clear that blockchain is here to stay.

In a nutshell, blockchain is a big deal. It's changing the way we do things online, making them safer, faster, and more reliable. And by understanding blockchain, you can be part of this exciting future.



## TRY IT!!

## Tongue Twisters

- Four furious friends fought for the phone.
- How many cookies could a good cook cook If a good cook could cook cookies? A good cook could cook as much cookies as a good cook who could cook cookies.
- Swan swam over the sea, swim, swan, swim! Swan swam back again well swum, swan!
- Betty Botter bought a bit of butter but the bit of butter was too bitter, so Betty bought a better bit of butter to make the bitter butter better.

# Srikanth Bolla



Srikanth Bolla was born on 7 July 1991 to a Telugu speaking family in Seetharamapuram, Machilipatnam in Andhra Pradesh. His parents were uneducated. Born as the first child, he was visually impaired from birth. Bolla's family was mainly dependent on farming. His childhood was full of struggle; there was no electricity, education was a luxury, and his family's income was less than what was needed to survive. Since he was visually impaired, educational opportunities were also a struggle, as not many accommodated it.

He got married in 2022 to Veera Swathi, after a courtship of almost 10 years. In 2024, the couple had a daughter, whom they named as Nayana, meaning eyes.

In school, around 10th grade, Bolla wanted to study science but due to his visual impairment, he was not able to do so. Even though he topped his class with a 98% on his XII board exams, the school didn't have accommodations for visually impaired pupils. Bolla filed a court case, and after a six-month wait, he was allowed to pursue science at his own risk. After graduation, Bolla was denied admission to coaching institutes for the Indian Institute of Technology. He decided to pursue engineering because of his blindness.

Since then, he has been an important figure in creating opportunities for visually impaired people. He has been a youth leader since 2005 and went on to become a member of Lead India 2020: The Second National Youth Movement. Started by former President of India A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, Lead India 2020 is helping India reach the goal of becoming a developed nation by 2020 by eradicating poverty, illiteracy and unemployment.

Bolla co-founded Samanvai Center for Children with Multiple Disabilities in 2011 in which he started a Braille printing press, providing educational, vocational, financial, and rehabilitation services to students with multiple disabilities for an economically independent and self-sustainable life.

In 2012, Bolla started Bollant Industries with co-founder Ravi Mantha. Bollant Industries manufactures areca-based products and

provides employment to several hundred people with disabilities, with funding from Ratan Tata. Addressing a combination of issues – employment, economics and environment – Bollant produces eco-friendly recycled Kraft paper from municipal waste or soiled paper, packaging products from recycled paper, disposable products from natural leaf and recycled paper and recycles waste plastic into usable products. Bollant has shown exceptional growth, averaging 20% a month since inception and a turnover of ₹ 150 crores in 2018.

Srikanth is the director of Surge Impact Foundation, founded in September 2016. The organisation aims to enable individuals and institutions in India to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

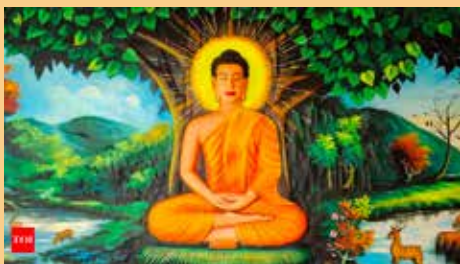
In April 2017, Bolla was named by Forbes magazine in its list of 30 under 30 across all of Asia, one of only three Indians on that list.

In 2022, a biopic film Srikanth, featuring actor Rajkumar Rao in the lead role of Srikanth Bolla was announced. The trailer was released on 9th April, 2024. During trailer launch, Srikanth who was also present remembered how the T-Series cassettes helped him complete his education from class 5 to class 10. The film was released on May 10, 2024 on the occasion of Akshaya Tritiya.



SARRA MUSTUFA  
-10C

# Gautam Buddha



Born in the 6th century BC, Siddharta Gautama was a prince of a small kingdom in the Terai region of Nepal. His mother dreamed that the boy would grow up to become a great king or saint but died soon after his birth. His father, king Siddhodhana, was worried that he might leave the kingdom to become a saint and changed the environment of the palace to be one of endless comforts and pleasures. As Gautam grew into a young man, he

was kept away from anything that would provoke spiritual thoughts. He was married to Yashodhara, a beautiful princess with whom he had a son named Rahula.

While on a tour of the kingdom one day, Gautam saw an ailing person and a corpse. He was disturbed by it as he had never known suffering in his lavish life. He soon worried that his life of pleasure also had a timeline and nothing was permanent. Deeply troubled by the thought, he looked for answers but found none that satisfied him. Gautam then decided to find the answers for himself and left behind his family and kingdom.

Gautam searched for answers and studied under many gurus but never felt satisfied with the answers. He tried meditation

techniques and every trick in the books. Finally, when nothing came to fruition, he starved himself thinking his physical being was the problem. A kind woman offered him rice to eat, and it suddenly rejuvenated him that punishing himself was not the way.

Recovering from starvation, he sat under the bodhi tree and vowed not to leave until he experienced an awakening. His effort paid off, and after six long years of searching, he finally attained enlightenment under the same tree. Gautam Buddha went ahead to teach what he had learned and become a great leader. His teachings eventually became central to Buddhism, one of the most respected religions in the world.



SAKINA FAZAL  
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# Birthday Arcade - AUGUST



SULAIMAN ALWARE  
7D - AUG 1



ABDULLAH AHMED  
9D - AUG 1



YASER RAZA MIRZA  
10D - AUG 1



ALEENA RACHEL  
12E - AUG 1



VAANYA MENGHANI-  
6A - AUG 2



ALIA EHSAN ULLAH  
7B - AUG 2



MUDDAMSETTY SATHYA  
7B - AUG 2



MONISH REDDY  
8A - AUG 2



TANAV DAMODAR  
8C - AUG 2



AYDEN EUSEBIUS  
9E - AUG 2



HUSSAIN BANKODA  
9E - AUG 2



EVELYN SARA  
11B - AUG 2



AARON AMANAT  
11H - AUG 2



ANUGRAHA SUSAN  
11J - AUG 2



ANN ELIZABETH  
12K - AUG 2



TANMAY SHINDA  
7B - AUG 3



DIYA AMAL  
7F - AUG 3



THOMAS PUTHOORAN  
8A - AUG 3



CHRISTEENA JOHNSON  
11C - AUG 3



SINDUJA  
12F - AUG 3



JOHAN SANIL  
12J - AUG 3



HANNA BIJU NEYYAN  
8C - AUG 4



PENZILA MERUSHA  
9B - AUG 4



AFSHAAN MAHUR  
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MATHEW PARAPPATTU  
11F - AUG 4



JOSHUA ABEL  
12D - AUG 4



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AFTAB ASIF KOTH  
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ABDUL RAHMAN  
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STENWIL MENEZES  
11I - AUG 7



NATANIA MARY  
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JEREMY GEORGE  
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NEHA BINIL  
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SANCIA JANE  
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ARON ABY  
10F - AUG 8



NATHAN IVAN  
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SHEKINAH SHRINE  
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SERAH SAMUEL  
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MAHRUS SHARIF  
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HAYYAN AHMAD  
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SPARTHDEEP SINGH  
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J. RUKSANA  
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NAYANA SURESH  
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SHIVANI MENON  
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ZAID AGARIYA  
9F - AUG 17



KEERTHANA SAJI  
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SUDHEV SUDHI  
8E - AUG 18



ADARSH DAS  
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GURLEEN KAUR  
12I - AUG 18



GOWRI SURESH  
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HANNAH SHABI  
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ANNE SUSAN  
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SAYED MOHAMMED  
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SWANTHANA ABRAHAM  
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PRANAVAN SIVAKUMAR  
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ANDREW THAMARAVEL  
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FAWAZ AHMAD  
12H - AUG 20



KEZIAH ANNA  
11I - AUG 20



CLEMENT PAUL  
12H - AUG 21



SAHIBJOT SINGH  
12I - AUG 21



AMREEN SAMAR  
7B - AUG 22



HAASHIM KHAN  
8C - AUG 22



ENAMRUTHA  
10D - AUG 22



MERIN ROSE  
11A - AUG 22



NIKHIL BEHJU  
11C - AUG 22



ARMAAN ASIM  
12E - AUG 22



AARAV SRIVASTAVA  
7B - AUG 23



QAIS FAKHRUDDIN  
9C - AUG 23



AMRITHA SANJAY  
12F - AUG 23



AKSHAT KOTHARI  
12K - AUG 23



BATUL SHARAF ALI  
7A - AUG 24



AARIN MARY  
8B - AUG 24



KAVIN SARUPRIYAN  
8F - AUG 24



LAIBA FAISAL KHAN  
10B - AUG 24



KSENIJA MONTEIRO  
11F - AUG 24



SAFAA SAJID SURTI  
12C - AUG 24



ARWA MOHAMMED  
11K - AUG 24



JASMINE JAMAL  
7C - AUG 25



JESTER REBELO  
7F - AUG 25



ABEL ZACHARIAH  
9C - AUG 25



FAREEHA FAISAL  
10C - AUG 25



EHAAN  
12J - AUG 25



NAMITHA NAIR  
11B - AUG 26



KUNJ DEVANGBHAI  
11C - AUG 26



AMRUTA  
12F - AUG 26



MOHAMED SHIFAL  
12J - AUG 26



BHAVISHYA REDDY  
7D - AUG 27



JEROMINA GERSON  
7E - AUG 27



CHELSEA CRASTA  
10A - AUG 27



UMAIR MOHAMMAD  
11C - AUG 27



NEO NOBY  
11H - AUG 27



ABEERAH SHEHZAD  
12B - AUG 27



HUZAIFA KHAN  
12G - AUG 27



ADIL ISMAIL  
11J - AUG 27



ISHAQ SHEIKH  
11J - AUG 27



MUSTAFA GHODAWALA  
8C - AUG 28



HAMDAN WASEEM  
9B - AUG 28



DANIL REGI  
12C - AUG 28



RYAN REJI THOMAS  
7G - AUG 28



ALAYNA FATIMA  
7B - AUG 29



JITESH SAI  
7C - AUG 29



ANN BINISH  
8B - AUG 29



SHAHZANA FATIMUDDIN  
10B - AUG 29



AYUSH VICHITHRAN  
12D - AUG 29



AFSHA SHANAVAS  
9F - AUG 29



EVISHA VIVIAN  
11D - AUG 30



SANCIA D'SOUZA  
12E - AUG 30



EIDEEN KHAN  
12K - AUG 30



AIDEN BIJU  
8A - AUG 31



SREEHARI HARI  
10B - AUG 31



NARGEES SHEFFIK  
12A - AUG 31



ANN MARIYA  
12F - AUG 31



MRS. MAIMUNA  
JAVED SAYED  
- 26 AUG

# BIRTHDAY CUM CHARITY FUND

CLASS / SEC	NAME OF THE TEACHER	BIRTHDAY FUND
12 A	MRS SUSAN GEORGE	-
12 B	MRS NIGY JACOB	-
12 C	MR VINOD LAKSHMANAN	-
12 D	MR GEORGE SWAMY	-
12 E	MR PRASAD NAMBIAR	-
12 F	MRS SONA	-
12 G	MRS MUSARAT PARKAR	-
12 H	MR ATIQ	-
12 I	MRS SHAHNAZ HAKKIM	-
11 A	MR.ANTONY AUSTIN	-
11 B	MR.PRATHAPA CHANDRAN B. PILLAI	-
11 C	MRS.JESHA ALEX	-
11 D	MRS.SARITHA M.P	-
11 E	MR. SUNDARESH K	-
11 F	MRS. RAMLATH	-
11 G	MRS. SHIBNA	-
11 H	MRS.SREESHMA	-
10 A	MR JUSTIN	-
10 B	MRS LUBNA	-
10 C	MR JITHIN THOMAS	-
10 D	MRS SOUMYA VIPIN	-
10 E	MRS. ELIZABETH	-
9A	MRS KAMALAM NANDHAKUMAR	-
9B	MRS THASNEEM	-
9C	MR NITHIN	-
9D	DR WASEEM	-
9E	MRS SHEHNAZ DALVI	-
8A	MRS JAGADA	-
8B	MR KULDEEP SINGH	-
8C	MS. NIMMY	-
8D	MRS.SREELAKSHMI	-
8E	MRS. SHIBYMOL	-
8F	MS.BINU SABU	-
7A	MRS MAINI	-
7B	MRS USHA T P	-
7C	MR MANIKANDAN	-
7D	MRS SHEREENA	-
7E	MRS EMAN	-
7F	MRS TINTU	-
6A	MS. ANGULAKSHMI	-
7 G	MR.MAHESH	-
8 G	MRS.ELIZABETH	-
9 F	MR.SHYLES	-
10 F	MRS.NIMMY	-
10 G	MRS JAGADA	-
11 I	MRS. RATNACHIRA	-
11 J	MR. SUJITH	-
11 K	MR. PRASAD	-
12 J	MRS.BINDU	-
12 K	MRS. HEPHZIBAH	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		

CLASS / SEC	NAME OF THE TEACHER	CHARITY FUND
12 A	MRS SUSAN GEORGE	11.200
12 B	MRS NIGY JACOB	10.100
12 C	MR VINOD LAKSHMANAN	4.150
12 D	MR GEORGE SWAMY	8.550
12 E	MR PRASAD NAMBIAR	38.100
12 F	MRS SONA	21.200
12 G	MRS MUSARAT PARKAR	50.560
12 H	MR ATIQ	2.000
12 I	MRS SHAHNAZ HAKKIM	4.210
11 A	MR.ANTONY AUSTIN	27.850
11 B	MR.PRATHAPA CHANDRAN B. PILLAI	9.000
11 C	MRS.JESHA ALEX	11.200
11 D	MRS.SARITHA M.P	60.125
11 E	MR. SUNDARESH K	40.250
11 F	MRS. RAMLATH	7.615
11 G	MRS. SHIBNA	4.350
11 H	MRS.SREESHMA	7.215
10 A	MR JUSTIN	6.550
10 B	MRS LUBNA	11.500
10 C	MR JITHIN THOMAS	21.850
10 D	MRS SOUMYA VIPIN	7.200
10 E	MRS. ELIZABETH	29.750
9A	MRS KAMALAM NANDHAKUMAR	3.410
9B	MRS THASNEEM	12.815
9C	MR NITHIN	8.100
9D	DR WASEEM	16.870
9E	MRS SHEHNAZ DALVI	13.320
8A	MRS JAGADA	13.340
8B	MR KULDEEP SINGH	3.100
8C	MS. NIMMY	12.150
8D	MRS.SREELAKSHMI	5.450
8E	MRS. SHIBYMOL	29.395
8F	MS.BINU SABU	18.770
7A	MRS MAINI	6.720
7B	MRS USHA T P	4.320
7C	MR MANIKANDAN	10.755
7D	MRS SHEREENA	43.600
7E	MRS EMAN	5.895
7F	MRS TINTU	9.115
6A	MS. ANGULAKSHMI	4.265
7 G	MR.MAHESH	3.750
8 G	MRS.ELIZABETH	6.660
9 F	MR.SHYLES	8.370
10 F	MRS.NIMMY	1.090
10 G	MRS JAGADA	20.000
11 I	MRS. RATNACHIRA	6.050
11 J	MR. SUJITH	8.185
11 K	MR. PRASAD	6.510
12 J	Mrs.BINDU	2.630
12 K	Mrs. HEPHZIBAH	16.620
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>695.780</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>695.780</b>

## BALANCE SHEET FOR THE MONTH OF MAY TO AUGUST 2024

Income (April 2024)	KD	Expenditure (May 2024)	KD
Balance c/f from April 2024	2436.590		
Contribution from Students (May 2024)	695.780		
<b>Balance in Hand</b>	<b>3132.370</b>		

## A festival to celebrate the speciality of bonds RAKSHABHANDAN



The bonding between a brother and a sister is simply unique and is beyond description in words. The relationship between siblings is something that never take an end and is given importance in every part of the world. However, when it comes to India, the relationship becomes all the more important as there is a festival called "Raksha Bandhan" dedicated for the sibling love.

Raksha Bandhan is usually celebrated in the month of August, which is on the full moon day of the Hindu luni-solar calendar in the month of Shrawana therefore, it is also called Rakhi Purnima. During the festival, sisters tie a thread or Rakhi to

their brothers, promising that the brother shall be their protector for life. It is rightly said that a brother-sister relationship is precious. Rakhi is considered to be the symbol of love and unity, as per Hindu mythology. Raksha Bandhan is celebrated by all, irrespective of age or marital status.

### Origin of Raksha Bandhan Festival

The festival of Raksha Bandhan is known to have originated centuries before and there are several stories related to the celebration of this special festival. Some of the various accounts related to the Hindu mythology are described to be as

1. Lord Indra and his wife Sachi, who tied

Rakhi to save her husband from the evil king Bali



PUNYA PRAJEESH  
- 11E

2. Krishna and Draupadi- Based on an account of Mahabharat, Draupadi, wife of Pandavas tied a rakhi to Lord Krishna while Kunti tied the rakhi to grandson Abhimanyu before the epic war.

3. Yama and the Yamuna here were the death God, Yama did not visit his sister Yamuna for a period of 12 years which lead to disappointment for Yamuna. On the advice of Ganga, Yama went to meet his sister Yamuna who has very happy and performed hospitality of her brother, Yama. This made the Yama delighted who asked Yamuna for a gift. She expressed it by saying she wished to see her brother again and again in terms of this a festival was born termed BHAJ DOOJ, which is a quiet base for a sister brother bond.

Despite many myths and stories people now celebrate raksha bhandan world wide in terms of the bond of a sister and brother.

These are now commonly seen to be celebrated with new cloths, gifts and the rakhi which the girl ties for her brother.

On this year raksha bandhan occurs on August 19th (Celebrate it with the joy of giving and protecting)

## WORLD'S LARGEST PEN



The saying that pen is mightier than sword may as well be literally true for Acharya Makunuri Srinivasa, a resident of Hyderabad. On Monday, Guinness World Records shared a video of a record-setting ballpoint pen, created by Srinivasa and his

team in 2011. The Instagram Reel featured Srinivasa along with his team carrying the mammoth ballpoint pen. And the pen is not just for show, since it also performs its most basic function, helps in writing.

The Instagram Reel shared by Guinness World Records showed how a team of men held the pen and moved it on a large piece of white paper to draw a caricature. Sharing the details of the giant ballpoint pen, Guinness World Records added to the caption that the world's largest ballpoint pen measures 5.5 metres or 18 feet in

length. The pen weighs a little over 37.23 kilograms. In the comments, Guinness World Records added that the ballpoint pen engraved with scenes from Indian mythology was crafted by Srinivasa. The brass outer shell of the pen weighs nine kilogram. Srinivasa's creation also beat the previous record by 1.45 m or 4 feet 9 inches when it was assessed in Hyderabad on April, 24 2011. The caption also vouched for its functionality as it read, "As per the guidelines, the pen 'dispenses ink at its tip during use by the rolling action of a small metal sphere'."

# EPITravel BARBADOS

The gorgeous Caribbean island of Barbados is well-known for its gorgeous beaches and mild weather. Bridgetown, the country's capital, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its historic architecture and vibrant markets. Barbados, known for its rum and exciting festivities like Crop Over, provides a balance of relaxation and culture. It is a famous tourist destination thanks to its friendly population and numerous attractions.

Barbados has a rich cultural past that incorporates African, British, and Caribbean influences. Music and dance are prominent, with calypso, reggae, and the exuberant rhythms of the Crop Over event taking centre stage. The island's cuisine, which includes dishes like flying fish and cou-cou, shows its rich heritage. Local marketplaces support traditional arts and crafts, including ceramics and basket weaving. The friendly and welcoming spirit of the Barbadians, often known as "Bajans," brings a distinct appeal to the island's dynamic cultural landscape.

Barbados features several must-see attractions. Harrison's Cave is a spectacular limestone cavern with crystal-clear streams and towering stalactites. The bustling capital, Bridgetown, is home to historic landmarks such as the Parliament Buildings and the Garrison Savannah. Bathsheba Beach is a beachgoer's dream, with stunning views and excellent surf. The Barbados species reserve provides

an opportunity to observe green monkeys and other natural animals. Don't miss St. Nicholas Abbey, a beautifully restored plantation home and rum distillery.

Barbadian cuisine, also known as Bajan cuisine, includes flavorful dishes such as flying fish and cou-cou, a cornmeal and okra dish. Fresh fish, spicy seasonings, and tropical fruits are all staples in Bajan cuisine. Street food, including fish cakes, pudding, and souse, provides a sample of the island's gastronomic traditions.

Barbadian attire elegantly blends African and British influences, with vibrant colours and lightweight fabrics ideal for the tropical climate. During events such as Crop Over, locals dress up in spectacular feather and sequin costumes. Everyday dress is informal and comfy, reflecting the island's laid-back atmosphere. Barbadians' vivid and trendy dress reflects their diverse cultural background and ingenuity.

Barbados normally requires a valid passport to enter. Visitors from numerous countries, including the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom, do not require a visa for stays of up to 90 days. However, they may be required to present proof of onward travel and sufficient finances for their stay. Travellers should fill out an immigration and customs form, which is typically handed out on the flight. Before arranging your journey, make sure to check the most recent entrance criteria and COVID-19 rules.

Barbados, with its beautiful beaches and rich culture, is an ideal vacation for anyone seeking both rest and adventure. When visiting, remember to practice basic travel etiquette by respecting local customs and appreciating the island's natural beauty. See you in the islands.



SANJIT VELU  
- 11A



## What Happens in the Dark Comes to Light



Once there lived a girl named Isha, who was studying in the 8th Grade. She was an introvert and did not mingle with many students. However, she had a remarkably close friend, Ahana, with whom she shared everything. Ahana was her soul sister, they used to spend all the time together.

The year passed by. 9th Grade started. Ahana's father decided to opt for a new job in a different country. Isha and Ahana got separated. Isha felt so sad and lonely in school.

Isha had a great interest in science. She diverted her entire energy to reading science articles. She used to read a lot of Scientific facts and present them to her teachers. The teachers were impressed with Isha.

There was a very notorious kid called Akhil in Isha's class. He was known as the "Bully Master" of the class. He was jealous of Isha's popularity among science teachers.

One day the science teacher conducted a class test. Unprepared, Akhil was confident of bullying his way and getting high scores on the test by cheating. Akhil also wanted to outshine Isha at any cost.

The term exam was announced. Akhil was smart and clever in making mischievous plans. He approached the school peon and bribed him to get the science question paper.

While the rest of the children worked hard and attended school with reddened eyes and lack of sleep, Akhil roamed around stress-free. He was sure he would ace the science exam. Two days before the science examination, he went to collect the question paper from the peon from the agreed spot. Akhil did not realise that his Physics teacher Mrs. Rita Sharma saw the peon handing over some paper to Akhil. "What

work can a peon have with a student," Mrs. Sharma wondered.



DEEPIKA VIJAYARAGHAVAN  
-11F

The next morning, Mrs. Sharma approached the Principal. The Principal fired the peon for setting a wrong example. When Akhil got to know this, he fainted. He was sure that the same paper, from which he had learned the answers by heart, would be changed. He had not done any preparation other than covering the questions on paper.

Akhil realized the gravity of his mistake. He narrated the whole incident to the Principal, cried and apologized. He said that he was the one who instigated the peon. The peon had advised him not to, and that it would lead to a disaster. He begged the Principal to reinstate the peon.

The Principal told Akhil "What Happens in the Dark Comes to Light." Secrets or hidden actions will eventually be revealed or discovered. Honesty and integrity are particularly important.

Thereafter, Akhil worked hard. He started paying attention in class. He also started focusing on what was right. Life taught Akhil a lesson to be a dedicated and disciplined person.

## "Epiquiz"

1. What does the acronym "HTTP" stand for in web technology?
2. Which country did the United Kingdom formally leave on January 31, 2020?
3. Who is known as the father of the World Wide Web?
4. Which company developed the operating system Android?
5. What is the term for a heart attack in medical terminology?

6. Which Nobel Prize-winning scientist discovered penicillin?
7. Who is the President of France as of 2024?
8. What does the acronym MRI stand for in medical imaging?
9. Who was the first woman to serve as the Chancellor of Germany?
10. What technology company is headquartered in Cupertino, California, and is known for products like the iPhone and MacBook?



1. HyperText Transfer Protocol
2. The European Union (Brexit)
3. Tim Berners-Lee
4. Google
5. Myocardial infarction
6. Alexander Fleming
7. Emmanuel Macron
8. Magnetic Resonance Imaging
9. Angela Merkel
10. Apple Inc.

# DISCOVER

# india

# AMRITSAR

Historically known as Ramdaspur, and colloquially Ambarsar, the holy city of Amritsar needs no introduction as it has the holiest Gurudwara namely The Sri Harmandir Sahib gilded as the Golden Temple. Amritsar is also the economic capital of the Indian state of Punjab.

In the Sikh tradition guru Ramdas, the 4th Sikh guru, is credited with the founding of the city of Amritsar in the 15th century and hence the name Ramdaspur. The name of the city has its etymological roots in Punjabi language and comes from "Amrit Sarovar" which literally means pool of nectar in Punjabi.

As per the records of the Government of India, about 100,000 tourists visit Amritsar daily. A visit to the Golden Temple nourishes the soul. Mouth-watering, delicious authentic Punjabi food leaves one longing for more.

The places of worship, quirky bazars, the pomp and the pageantry of the beating retreat and change of guard at the Attari-Wagah border offer refreshment to both mind and body alike.

Amritsar is the largest and most important city in Punjab and is a major commercial, cultural, and transportation centre.

### Places of Visit

**Sri Harmandir Sahib (Golden Temple)**

The temple is situated on an island in the center of the tank or pool called "Amrita Saras", the source of the city's name.

Guru Arjan the 5th Sikh guru built the temple structure first in 1604. During the reign of Maharaja Ranjit Singh, the central temple was faced with white marble, inlaid with designs made of precious gems.

The interior walls were adorned with frescos and gold leaf decorations. The Golden Temple is open to anyone irrespective of caste, religion or race provided that pilgrims cover their heads, remove shoes and wash their feet and hands before entering the temple.

Of particular importance for visitors is the

"langar", a free kitchen that offers vegetarian meals. In the langar, all visitors sit on the floor and eat together as a community, irrespective of their social status or religious beliefs.

### Attari – Wagah border

Situated at a distance of about 32 km from Amritsar is the Attari-Wagah border where the historic "Radcliffe line" demarcating the territories of India and Pakistan on partition of British India was drawn. It was through this border crossing that both India and Pakistan exchanged migrants. The retreat ceremony happens every day at the border gate two hours before sunset.

The flag ceremony is conducted by Pakistan Rangers and Indian Border Security Force. Marching ceremony known as the "Silly Walk" ceremony is conducted each evening along with the flag ceremony. This was started in 1986 as an agreement of peace.

The Indian side of the border has a stadium with a seating capacity of 25,000 and a flag pole where the Indian tricolor flutters. Not to be left behind, Pakistan also has installed a flag pole on its side. Patriotic feelings run high on both sides of the border during the ceremony where both sides pledge their loyalty and allegiance to their mother country.

### Jallianwala Bagh

Jallianwala Bagh is a historic garden and memorial of national importance. There is no entry fee to Bagh. At the entrance of the site is the statue of Udham Singh.

On 13th April 1919, British India witnessed an extreme level of casual brutality from its colonial masters. A large peaceful crowd has gathered at Jallianwala Bagh in Amritsar to protest against the Rowlatt Act. The Bagh could be exited from only one side as the other side was blocked by buildings. After blocking this only exit, Brig. Gen R.E.H Dyer fired at the crowd till his ammunition was exhausted. The bullet marks remain on the walls and the joining buildings to this day, as a testimonial to the brutality. The well into which many people jumped while attempting to save themselves has been preserved in the park. The Memorial designed by American

architect Benjamin Polk stands as a memorial to the martyrs. An eternal flame is also added to the site.



DEEPIKA VIJAYARAGHAVAN -11F

### The Partition Museum

A trip to Amritsar is incomplete without a visit to the Partition Museum. The partition of India has been one of the defining events in the history of the sub-continent. The partition resulted in the displacement of about 20 million people resulting in the largest migration in history.

Divided into 7 galleries, the museum narrates through records and videos, the untold stories of the displaced. The loss of homeland, violence, and the trauma of settling in a new country left the migrants bearing deep scars.

### Heritage Walk

A guided tour deep inside the narrow lanes and by lanes of Amritsar takes one back in time. The Khatras, Havelis and Hatties take one back in time and stand as a reference to the town planning practices of the yore.

### Ram Tirath Temple

An important pilgrimage for the Hindus, this temple dates to the Ramayana period. It is believed to be the ashram of Saint Valmiki where Mata Sita gave birth to Luv and Kush.

### Amritsari Cuisine

Amritsari cuisine offers a range of delicacies for both vegetarian and non-vegetarian palates. Lassi, Amritsari kulche, makki di roti, sarson ka saag are a few vegetarian fare to die for.

### Hall Bazaar

Salwar suits, Patiala Salwar, Embroidered Suits Punjabi jutis etc are found in abundance in the shops of Amritsar.

Apart from the high-high-energy shopping experience, the Hall Bazaar is home to some beautiful olden architecture including the Mughal archway entrance, called Gandhi Gate, complete with a giant clock with the caption 'Amritsar - Sifti Da Ghar'.

# Rediscovering the Joy of Reading: How Our Students Spent their Summer



As our school gates swing open again, we're greeted by the excited chatter of students who've returned not just with tans from their summer adventures, but with stories of literary journeys they embarked on during their break.

This summer, our students didn't just take a break, they delved deep into the world of

books. From thrilling adventures to thought-provoking narratives, they explored every genre imaginable. It was heartening to see them lose themselves in tales that sparked their imagination and broadened their horizons.

As a librarian, it was incredibly rewarding to witness their enthusiasm for reading.

Our library became a sanctuary where friendships were forged over shared book recommendations and where discussions ignited over the themes and characters they encountered.

Now that we're back in the swing of things, the library is abuzz once more. Students eagerly exchange stories of their favorite reads and eagerly anticipate what lies ahead in their academic journey.

This reopening isn't just about resuming classes; it's about continuing the journey of learning and discovery that began during those summer months. It's about celebrating the joy of reading and the impact it has on our lives.

Here's to another school year filled with stories waiting to be told and pages waiting to be turned.

Sir Jimmy  
Chief Librarian  
(ICSK SENIOR)

## Comic Books



Comic Books, A source of entertainment those U.S. guys crafted out of boredom. For all those folks who don't know what a comic book is... Well I'll have to explain it to you otherwise you wouldn't be reading this. I'll keep it simple. A comic book is a book which tells stories through pictures and dialogue. There, simple enough for you? Do I have to plagiarize the entire Wikipedia for you? Anyways, the first comic that was ever published with a fully-fledged story was called "The Adventures of Obadiah Old buck". Don't blame me for the name, blame the Europeans. And personally, my

honest opinion here... I didn't like it. The character is some weird lumpy dude who has serious issues, what am I supposed to like about him? I think I have a right to say, and this my personal opinion by the way. Old comic books... are boring. Back In 19th century of course. Fast forward to the 20th century where life became scary, if you know what I mean. But that never stopped these dedicated comic writers; oh no, they continued to make comics. The Golden Age of comic books made its grand debut. That's right, Captain America, Superman, Green Arrow, Batman, Black Widow, The Falcon and other people I don't know about. The drawings were simple as the dialogues were cringe-worthy but it was the only way a kid would wake up early on those Saturday mornings where you could buy a comic book at your local magazine shop for like, 10 cents which is super low by Kuwait standards. Soon enough, the Silver Age of comics came into the world. Now this is when it gets good: Cyclops, The Flash, Green Goblin, the entirety of the Green Lantern Corps and my personal favorite... Spider-Man. Yeah I know, common choice but he's there's more to him than just swinging webs and climbing walls, trust me. I would say they definitely made a big jump compared to the Golden Age, considering the writing was way better, although the dialogue is still as cheesy as ever. And it got way more serious compared to old comic books. Fingers crossed, the Bronze Age would be more pleasing. Let's get to that shall we? Okay we have, Captain Britain,

Captain Canuck, Captain Universe- Okay, how many captains are does one era need?! So much for the fingers crossed thing. But it is known that the Avengers were sort of fully formed in this era, so that's a plus, right? Comic Book superheroes were actually written by different companies. Marvel and DC comics being the most popular for their well-developed characters and flawless back story. I find Marvel to be more skilled with their story writing while DC has more skill on the character basis, but that's just my silly opinion. As an aspiring comic artist myself I find it easier to draw comics but not without some difficulties. Then again just as the great comic artist Stan Lee (R.I.P) said "Life is never completely without its challenges." Comics doesn't need to be about a superhero, it could be anything. Ranging for small comic strips to Japanese manga, as long as it's entertaining.

So whether you're into action, mystery or just want to have a good laugh, there's a comic out there with your name on it. To conclude, a comic is more than just some words and pictures, when you read them, its way more complex than you think. So, the next time you pick up a comic book, take a moment to appreciate the creativity and imagination that goes into each panel, because comics are more than just entertainment; it's an escape into a world with endless possibilities.



TIMOTHY THOMAS  
-9A

# EPHILATELY

## Durgadas Rathore



Durgadas Rathore was the Rathore Rajput General of Kingdom of Marwar. He is credited with having preserved the rule of the Rathore dynasty over Marwar, India, following the death of Maharaja Jaswant Singh in the 17th century. In doing so he had to defy Aurangzeb, a Mughal emperor. He commanded the Rathore forces during the Rajput War (1679–1707) and played a major role in the Rajput Rebellion (1708–1710) which became one of the main reasons for the decline of Mughal Empire. He was elected as the leader of the revolt along with Raja Jai Singh II of Jaipur. He won a number of victories against the Mughals and forced many Mughal officers to pay tribute to him in the form of chauth.

## Ravidas



Ravidas or Ravidas was an Indian mystic poet-saint of the Bhakti movement during the 15th to 16th century CE. Venerated as a guru in the modern regions of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, and Haryana, he was a poet, social reformer and spiritual figure. The life details of Ravidas are uncertain and contested. Scholars believe he was born in 1450 CE. He taught removal of social divisions of caste and gender, and promoted unity in the pursuit of personal spiritual freedom. Ravidas's devotional verses were included in the Sikh scriptures known as Guru Granth Sahib. The Panch Vani text of the Dadu Panthi tradition within Hinduism also includes numerous poems of Ravidas. He is also the central figure within the Ravidassia religious movement.

## Bishnu Prasad Rabha



Bishnu Prasad Rabha was an Assamese cultural figure from Assam, known for his contributions in the fields of music, dance, painting, literature as well as political activism. As an advocate of people's cultural movement, he drew heavily from different genres of classical and folk cultural traditions. Considered a doyen of the Culture of Assam, the Assamese people

affectionately call him Kalaguru. He is also called by Marxists as Sainik Silpi for his active participation in the armed struggle, led by the Revolutionary Communist Party of India (RCPI).

## Kavi Pradeep



Kavi Pradeep was an Indian poet and songwriter who is best known for his patriotic song "Aye Mere Watan Ke Logo" written as a tribute to the soldiers who had died defending the country during the Sino-Indian War. His first recognition came for his patriotic lyrics for the film Bandhan (1940). His status as a nationalistic writer got immortalised for writing a daringly patriotic song "Door Hato Ae Duniya Walo" (Move Away O Outsiders) in India's first golden jubilee hit Kismet because he was forced to go underground to avoid arrest immediately after the film's release that invited the ire of British government. In a career span of five decades, Kavi Pradeep wrote about 1,700 songs and nationalistic poems including the lyrics for some 72 films, including hits like "Chal Chal Re Naujawan" in film Bandhan (1940) and "Aao Bachcho Tumhein Dikhayen" and "De Dee Hame Azaadi" in the film Jagriti (1954). In 1958, HMV released an album of 13 songs with his lyrics. He was made the Rashtrakavi (National Poet), and came to be known as, Kavi Pradeep. In 1997, he was honoured with India's highest award in cinema, the Dada Saheb Phalke Award, for lifetime achievement.

## Amritlal Vithaldas Thakkar



Amritlal Vithaldas Thakkar, popularly known as Thakkar Bapa was an Indian social worker who worked for upliftment of tribal people in Gujarat state in India. He became a member of the Servants of India Society in 1914 founded by Gopal Krishna Gokhale in 1905. In 1922, he founded the Bhil Seva Mandal. Later, he became the general secretary of the Harijan Sevak Sangh founded by Mahatma Gandhi in 1932. The Bharatiya Adimjati Sevak Sangh was founded on 24 October 1948 on his initiative. When Indian constitution was in process, Kenvi visited the most remote and difficult parts of India and conducted investigations into the situation of tribal and Harijan people. He

was appointed the chairman of "Excluded and Partially Excluded Areas (Other than Assam)", a sub committee of the constituent assembly. Mahatma Gandhi would call him 'bapa'. In one of his appeals in 1939 Mahatma Gandhi called him "Father of Harijans". Thakkarbapa visited forests in Assam, rural Bengal, drought affected areas of Orissa, Bhil belts in Gujarat and Harijan areas of Saurashtra, Mahar areas of Maharashtra, untouchables in Madras, hilly areas of Chhota Nagpur, desert of Tharparkar, foothills of Himalaya, coastal areas of Travancore to undertake his mission of empowering Harijans. Thakkar Bapa dedicated 35 years of his life to the empowerment of Harijans.



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## Abdul Qaiyum Ansari



Abdul Qaiyum Ansari was a participant in the freedom struggle of India. He was known for his commitment

to national integration, secularism, and communal harmony. He was a leader who worked against the demand of the Muslim league clarification needed] for creation of a separate Muslim nation from India as an independent state. Mr. Ansari fought against Jinnah's two nation theory through All India Momin Conference of which he was the President.

## Bipin Chandra Pal



Bipin Chandra Pal was an Indian nationalist, writer, orator, social reformer and Indian independence movement freedom fighter. He was one third of the "Lal Bal Pal"

trio. Pal was one of the main architects of the Swadeshi movement along with Sri Aurobindo. He also opposed the partition of Bengal by the British colonial government.

## Tripuraneni Ramaswamy



Tripuraneni Ramaswamy was a lawyer, poet, playwright and reformer active among the Telugu-speaking people. He was popularly known as Kaviraju, a title given to him by the Andhra Mahasabha in 1929





## MARVEL STUDIOS DEADPOOL & WOLVERINE

In 2018, after Wade Wilson uses Cable's time-travel device to prevent the death of his girlfriend Vanessa Carlyse,[a] he travels from his universe, Earth-10005,[b] to Earth-616 / the "Sacred Timeline",[c] hoping to join the Avengers and give his life added meaning. He is rejected by Happy Hogan and returns to his own universe. Six years later, Wade has broken up with Vanessa and retired from being the masked mercenary Deadpool. He works as a used-car salesman with his friend Peter Wisdom.

During Wade's birthday party, the Time Variance Authority (TVA) captures him and brings him to Mr. Paradox, who explains that they are an organization outside of time that monitors the Sacred Timeline and wider multiverse. Paradox reveals that Wade's timeline is deteriorating as a result of the death of its stabilizing "anchor being", Logan, while protecting his daughter Laura.[d] Paradox plans to use a device called a "Time Ripper" to speed up this process rather than spend thousands of years waiting for the timeline to die naturally. He offers to spare

Wade by sending him to the Sacred Timeline where he is expected to play an important role in future events. Wade steals Paradox's TempPad and uses it to travel to Logan's grave, hoping to resurrect him and save their timeline. When this fails, Wade uses the TempPad to travel the multiverse in search of an alternate universe "variant" of Logan that can replace his own.

Wade returns to the TVA with a variant of Logan but is told by Paradox that an anchor being cannot be replaced, and that this variant is considered the worst Wolverine in the multiverse. When Wade deduces that Paradox is acting without the knowledge of his superiors, Paradox sends Wade and Logan to the Void where all things are consumed by the creature Alioth. Logan agrees to work with Wade when he claims that the TVA can change his timeline. Wade and Logan are captured with Johnny Storm and taken to Cassandra Nova, the powerful and sadistic twin sister of X-Men leader Charles Xavier. Cassandra, who made a deal with the TVA to oversee the Void, kills Johnny and leaves Wade and Logan to be consumed by Alioth. The pair manage to escape.

Logan and Wade meet a variant of Deadpool called "Nicepool" who gives them a car and directs them towards a resistance group who have been fighting against Cassandra. On the way, Logan realizes that it may not be possible to fix his timeline and the pair fight until both are left unconscious. They are found by the resistance group, consisting of Laura, Elektra, Blade, and Gambit. Wade proposes an alliance to fight Cassandra, and Laura convinces Logan

to join. The resistance members distract Cassandra's henchmen while Wade and Logan block her powers by placing Juggernaut's helmet on her head. Cassandra is betrayed by her follower Pyro on behalf of Paradox and almost dies until Logan convinces Wade to remove the helmet. Cassandra heals herself and opens a portal to Earth-10005 where Wade and Logan learn that Paradox has completed the Time Ripper.

Cassandra learns about Paradox's plan from Pyro and travels to Earth-10005. She learns how to use the Time Ripper from Paradox's mind and plans to destroy all timelines, leaving only the Void. Cassandra summons an army of Deadpool variants who kill Nicepool and battle Wade and Logan until Peter arrives and convinces them to relent. Paradox tells Wade and Logan that one of them could destroy the Time Ripper by disrupting its power flow, but this would kill them. Wade and Logan destroy the Time Ripper, killing Cassandra in the process, and are able to survive by sharing the burden. Paradox is arrested by Hunter B-15 of the TVA, who congratulates Wade and Logan and says their actions have stopped Earth-10005 from deteriorating. Wade asks Hunter B-15 to save the resistance group from the Void and change the history of Logan's world. She explains that the latter is not possible because Logan's history is what led to him being a hero now. Wade invites Logan to meet his friends; during a gathering that includes Laura, Logan encourages Wade to reconcile with Vanessa.



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## PHOTOGRAPHY



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**Indian shooter Manu Bhaker scripts history, becomes first Indian woman to win medal in shooting at Olympics:**

Manu Bhaker secured a bronze medal in the Women's Air Pistol event at the Paris Olympics 2024, becoming the

first Indian woman to win an Olympic medal in shooting. Bhaker's score of 221.7 points earned her the third place, marking India's first medal in the ongoing Olympics. This historic win represents a remarkable comeback for the 22-year-old shooter. It was a redemption arc for Manu after her pistol malfunctioned in Tokyo Olympics.



**Rashtrapati Bhavan renames Durbar Hall and Ashok Hall to Ganatantra Mandap and Ashok Mandap:**

The iconic Durbar Hall of Rashtrapati Bhavan, traditionally used for important ceremonies and celebrations such

as the presentation of National Awards, has been renamed 'Ganatantra Mandap'. Ashok Hall, originally designed as a ballroom, will now be known as Ashok Mandap, the release said, adding that name changes were carried out to align with India's rich cultural heritage.



**Tech Leaders Forum of India launched at World Education Conference 2024 in Dubai:**

The Tech Leaders Forum of India (TELFI) was officially launched at the World Education Conference 2024, hosted by the Federation of Economic

Development Association (FEDA) at Hamdan Bin Mohammed Smart University in Dubai. TELFI, a new initiative aimed at empowering engineers, was unveiled as a key highlight of the conference. The forum is designed to support engineers through various professional activities, including webinars, workshops, and training sessions. Its primary goal is to provide engineers with the resources, knowledge, and network needed to excel in their careers and drive technological advancements both in India and internationally.



**ISRO's Aditya-L1 completes first halo orbit around Sun-Earth L1 point in 178 days:**

India's first solar mission Aditya-L1 spacecraft completed its first halo orbit around the Sun-Earth L1 point. The Aditya-L1 mission is an

Indian solar observatory at Lagrangian point L1, launched on September 2 last year and was inserted in its targeted halo orbit on January 6. Aditya-L1 spacecraft in the Halo orbit takes 178 days to complete a revolution around the L1 point. During its travel in the halo orbit, the spacecraft will be subjected to various perturbing forces that will cause it to depart from the targeted orbit.



**National Testing Agency declares re-revised results of NEET-UG 2024:**

The National Testing Agency (NTA) has announced the re-revised results and ranks for the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET-UG) 2024.

According to the updated results, 13,15,853 candidates have qualified for the exam. In a significant change, the number of candidates securing All India Rank (AIR) 1 has been reduced from 67 to 17. This revision comes after the Supreme Court's decision on July 23 to uphold the validity of the exam, rejecting pleas for cancellation due to alleged paper leaks.



**Ashma Kumari KC crowned Miss Nepal World 2024:**

Ashma Kumari KC was crowned Miss Nepal World 2024, beating out 25 other contestants in the 28th edition beauty pageant at the Godavari Sunrise Convention

Center, Lalitpur. Miss Nepal World 2023, Srichchha Pradhan who will compete in Miss World 2024 later this year crowned Ashma Kumari KC who adorned a dazzling mauve-colored gown. Sumana KC and Karuna Rawat won the titles of Miss Nepal Earth and Miss Nepal International, respectively.



**Defence ministry announces list of 346 strategically important items to be 'Made In India':**

Ahead of the Annual Budget for FY25, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) has announced the fifth Positive Indigenisation List (PIL) for

Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs). This comprehensive list encompasses 346 strategically important items, including line replacement units, systems, sub-systems, assemblies, sub-assemblies, spares, components, and raw materials. The import substitution value of these items is estimated to be Rs 1,048 crore. These indigenised items will now exclusively be sourced from Indian industries, in line with the specified timelines for indigenisation as outlined in the list, which is accessible on the Srijan portal.

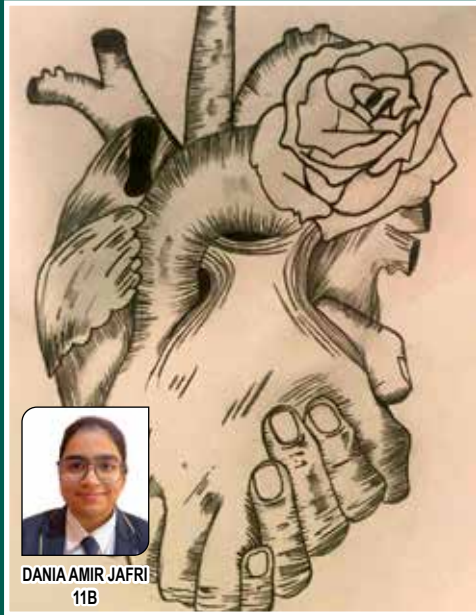


**UPI poised for widespread adoption in UAE as QR code payments become mainstream:**

NPCI International Payments Ltd. (NIPL), in partnership with Network International, a leading digital commerce enabler

across the Middle East and Africa, has facilitated the acceptance of QR-code-based Unified Payments Interface (UPI) payments across point-of-sale (POS) terminals in the UAE. This initiative aims to provide seamless transaction experiences for Indian tourists across Network International's extensive merchant network in the UAE. With over 200,000 POS terminals spread across 60,000+ merchants in various sectors such as retail, hospitality, transport, and supermarkets, the UPI acceptance rollout will encompass a diverse range of establishments, including popular tourist and leisure attractions. The collaboration aligns with the UAE's vision to enhance its status as a leading global tourist destination and commerce hub.

# Art Gallery



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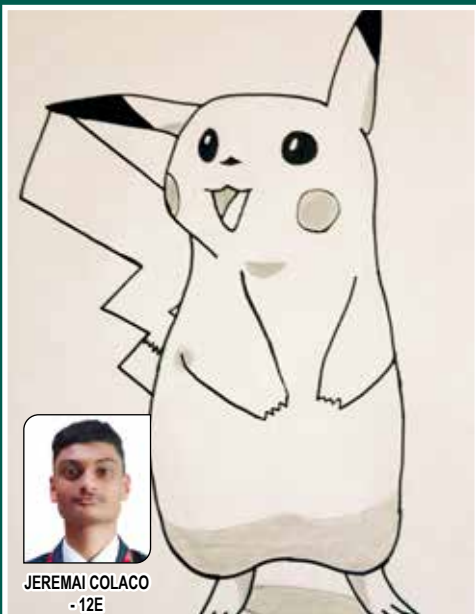
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# EPIctionary



SAKINA FAZAL  
HUSSAIN - 11E

- 1. Tractable :** easy to control or influence  
Usage in a sentence: she has always been tractable and obedient, even as a child
- 2. Rancor:** bitter, long-lasting resentment; deep-seated ill will; hatred.  
Usage in a sentence: Thirty years after the war, she could not let go of the past but was still consumed with rancor against the foe.
- 3. Obfuscate:** confuse; muddle  
Usage in a sentence: Gratuitous violence was reported.
- 4. Paucity:** scarcity; fewness  
Usage in a sentence: they closed the restaurant because the paucity of customers made it uneconomical to operate.
- 5. Perfidious :** treacherous; disloyal  
Usage in a sentence: When Caesar realized that Brutus had betrayed him, he reproached his perfidious friend.
- 6. Pulchritude:** great physical beauty and appeal; moral beauty  
Usage in a sentence: The pureness of his heart is as deep as the ocean & his pulchritude that he carries within is like the vast open sky.
- 7. Approbation:** approval; praise  
Usage in a sentence: She looked for some sign of approbation from her parents, hoping her good grades would please them.
- 8. Burnish :** make shiny by rubbing; polish  
Usage in a sentence : I burnish the brass fixtures until they reflect the lamplight.
- 9. Calumny :** false statement maliciously made to injure another's reputation; slander  
Usage in a sentence : He could endure his financial failure, but he could not bear the calumny that his foes heaped upon him.
- 10. Cogent:** convincing  
Usage in a sentence : It was inevitable that David chose to go to Harvard: he had several cogent reasons for doing so, including a full-tuition scholarship.



## INTERNATIONAL CHESS DAY

The Queen rules the board, with flexible and unlimited movements through the black-and-white squares. She has been doing it for centuries! Yes, we are talking about chess-the game of intelligence and promptness.



JOANNA ELSA  
SONY - 12F

It all started in the Gupta period (319-543 CE) when the ancestor of chess, Chaturanga, was born in India. Even before that, there existed many board games that paved the way for Chaturanga. We can find references to the chessboard (8x8 board) in the Sanskrit texts of the 5th century.

Chaturanga gained popularity among nobles and common people alike.

Later, it found fans in the Middle East and other countries. During those days, travelling traders carried with them each country's culture, habits, games, sports and arts also.

Thus, through the Silk Roads, Chaturanga reached different parts of the globe.

Today, we have over 2,000 variants of the game all over the world! When Chaturanga reached Sassanid Persia (600 CE), it was called Chatrang, and later Shatranj. Chess became popular in Europe by 1000 CE.

The UN General Assembly proclaimed 20 July as World Chess Day on 12 December.

On this day in 1924, The International Chess Federation (FIDE) had been established. And FIDE has been celebrating 20 July as International Chess Day since 1966.

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