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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Children,

As we begin 2025, it is the perfect moment to create a vision for the year ahead. Whether you are looking to excel academically, build strong personal habits, or unlock your full potential, this is your year to make things happen.

With consistent effort and a clear focus, you can achieve things you never thought possible. The power to transform your life is within your hands - and it all starts with the right habits.

Here are some habits that will set you on the path to success in 2025:

1. Make Exercise a Priority : Start this year strong by prioritizing your physical health. Exercise isn't just about staying fit – it is about feeling good, mentally and physically. Regular exercise will help you sleep better, manage your weight, boost your energy, reduce stress, and improve both heart and brain health. Remember, every step you take toward your fitness goals makes you stronger, more resilient, and better equipped to handle whatever comes your way. Keep moving forward – no matter how small the step.

2. Plan Your Days Effectively : Success does not just happen; it is planned for. Taking time each day to set a clear, structured plan will give you the confidence and clarity to tackle everything on your plate. With the right planning, you can accomplish your goals, manage your time better, and stay focused on what truly matters. When you break down your tasks, set realistic deadlines, and prioritize what is most important, you are building momentum that will carry you toward your dreams. Stay organized, stay focused, and watch how everything falls into place.

3. Wake Up Early : "Success loves early risers." Waking up early is not just about getting a head start – it is about owning your day before it owns you. The quiet of the morning gives you space to reflect, plan, and take action without distractions. Use that extra time to invest in yourself, whether it is getting ahead on assignments, reading, or simply organizing your thoughts. When you start your day with intention, you set the stage for a productive, fulfilling day ahead.

4. Explore Your Creative Side : Creativity is a powerful tool that allows you to express yourself and unlock new possibilities. Whether through dancing, painting, writing, coding, or any form of artistic expression, being creative enriches your life and opens doors to new opportunities. Do not just wait for inspiration to strike – create habits that nurture

your creative talents every day. You never know where your creativity will take you, but one thing is certain: it will make you more fulfilled, more confident, and more engaged with life.

5. Read Every Day : Reading is a gateway to endless opportunities. Every page you turn expands your knowledge, enhances your vocabulary, and opens new doors for learning. Whether you are reading for school, personal growth, or enjoyment, make it a habit to read daily. Knowledge isn't just power – it is the key to unlocking new levels of success in every aspect of your life. Imagine the wisdom, insights, and skills you will gain by committing just a few minutes a day to reading.

6. Practice Writing : Writing is one of the most valuable skills you will develop. The more you write, the better you communicate, express yourself, and organize your thoughts. Writing helps you clarify your ideas, plan your future, and build a career. Whether it is journaling, academic writing, or creative expression, make writing a habit that strengthens your ability to articulate your thoughts and connect with others. The more you write, the closer you'll get to reach your goals – and the world will hear your voice in ways you never imagined.

7. Practice Gratitude : Gratitude has the power to transform your mindset and your life. When you start each day with gratitude, you shift your focus from what is lacking to what is abundant. This simple habit will change the way you see the world and help you overcome obstacles with a positive mindset. In every challenge, look for the lesson, the growth, and the opportunity. The more you practice gratitude, the more you will attract positivity and success into your life.

8. Try Meditation : Meditation is not just about finding peace – it is about finding power in stillness. Taking just 15-25 minutes a day to meditate will improve your focus, increase emotional regulation, reduce stress, and help you tap into your inner strength. In today's busy world, taking time to clear your mind and center yourself is a game-changer. The mental clarity and emotional resilience you gain will empower you to approach challenges with confidence and calm.

As we enter 2025, remind yourself that every small habit you build today will pay off in the future. Your actions now lay the foundation for everything you will achieve this year and beyond. You have the ability to change your life, one habit at a time. Stay consistent, stay motivated, and keep pushing forward – because the best version of yourself is just waiting to be unlocked.

Make 2025 the year you commit to your growth, your dreams, and your future. It is all within reach – and the time to start is now.

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EDITORS' NOTE

Dear Readers,

A very Happy New Year to all! With great excitement and renewed energy, we bring to you the January edition of EPICS. The dawn of a new year is not just a calendar change - it's a time to reflect on past achievements, embrace new possibilities, and set fresh goals for the future. In this edition, we proudly showcase the remarkable accomplishments of our students, while also highlighting the boundless opportunities that await them in the months ahead.

This issue stands as a testament to the diverse talents and unyielding spirit of the ICSK community. From academic brilliance to artistic expression, from sporting triumphs to leadership endeavors, every page reflects the dedication, creativity, and passion of our students. It is a reminder of the immense potential within each individual and how education helps unlock and shape it for a brighter tomorrow.

The start of a new year is also an opportunity to strengthen our commitment to core values—perseverance, empathy, and integrity. These are not just ideals; they are the cornerstones of success and personal growth. At ICSK, we strive to create an environment where every child feels inspired to develop holistically, with opportunities to lead, innovate, and excel.

To our dear students, let this year be the one where you challenge yourself to grow further, dream bigger, and achieve more. The world is full of opportunities waiting to be explored, and your journey starts with belief in yourself. Continue contributing to EPICS—through your words, art, and ideas—and let this magazine be a reflection of your talents and aspirations. Your creativity has the power to inspire not just your peers but everyone who reads these pages.

We also extend our deepest gratitude to the teachers, staff, and parents who have been unwavering in their support. Your guidance and encouragement play a pivotal role in nurturing the dreams and abilities of our students. Together, we are building a foundation of excellence and resilience for the future.

As you immerse yourself in this January edition, may it inspire hope, ignite curiosity, and motivate you to embark on a year filled with possibilities and achievements. Here's to 2025—a year of growth, success, and unending inspiration.

Happy Reading, and may your journey ahead be as bright as your dreams!

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KIWI FRUIT

This green, fuzzy fruit can boost your immune system and strengthen your gut. It's a type of berry - also known as Chinese gooseberry. It is a nutritional powerhouse.

Provides vitamin E

This vitamin is an important nutrient for your immune system and heart health. Vitamin E helps widen blood vessels, lowering your risk of a heart attack or stroke. One kiwi contains 7% of your recommended daily amount of vitamin E.

Helps maintain gut health

Reduces bloating and digestive discomfort.
Softens your stool, so it's more comfortable to pass.

High in vitamin C

Boosts your immune system so it can fight off illnesses.
Fights fatigue. Makes collagen in your skin, which helps wounds heal and keeps your skin looking younger.

Antioxidant power

Kiwi and other fruits and veggies could also help you feel better through the winter months. The antioxidants in kiwi can boost your immune system during cold and flu season and could help lift your mood.

Potassium

It helps regulate chemical reactions and fluid levels in the body.
Rich in vitamin K it's an important nutrient. "Vitamin K helps keep bones strong and lowers your risk of osteoporosis,"

Tips for Enjoying Kiwis

You can use kiwi in a variety of sweet and savory dishes to add a burst of tangy flavor. Like tarts, smoothies, sorbets, yogurt bowls and salsas.

Kiwi is a sweet, flavorful and versatile fruit. From enhancing immune function to supporting healthy skin, regularly incorporating kiwi into your diet can offer numerous health benefits. This small but mighty fruit is packed with essential vitamins, minerals, fiber and naturally occurring sweetness. Try adding kiwi to different meals and snacks throughout the day. Our Strawberry Banana & Kiwi Smoothie is a great place to start!

GCC countries will exhibit spectacular growth in technology in 2025

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The year 2025 will be the year for technology, entrepreneurship and skill development. There will be spectacular growth in the educational and career sector during 2025. 2025 will be the international year of Co-operatives. 12 percent of the workforce are working in Co-operatives across the world. There will be substantial growth in technology and skill development in the New Year. Job opportunities in the energy and non-energy sectors in the GCC countries will increase. Sectors like tourism, health care, technology, agribusiness, project management, energy, food processing, sustainable development, green energy, green construction, design and creativity will show robust growth.

All GCC countries will promote AI based technologies, e trade, cybersecurity, block chain technology, data analytics and

management in 2025. Entrepreneurship and start-ups will exhibit modest growth. Students pursuing higher education abroad from Asian countries will increase. There will be more takers for higher education in European Universities. All English speaking countries will facilitate to attract students from developing countries for higher education and research. EU and EC countries will attract more students from Asian countries. Austria, Sweden, The Netherlands, France and Germany will offer lot of opportunities.

Net zero carbon emission strategy, carbon foot print and carbon credits will acquire momentum in the coming year. Accounting, animation, gaming technology, creativity, liberal arts, management and STEM courses will get more opportunities. Even during the waves of economic recession and growing inflation, external funding from the World Bank, IMF, ADB and UNCTAD may increase during 2025.

Students require upskilling and reskilling for better campus placements. Transferable skills and research will acquire momentum in the coming year. Skills and Talent will acquire mantras for better jobs in the New Year.

The year 2025 will continue to face economic recession in the UK, Australia and Asian countries like Srilanka and Bangladesh. Geopolitical issues will create a lot of financial crisis in war prone countries. The cost of living will increase. Inflation will reach the maximum level. Food inflation will affect the middle to lower income groups even in India. Students pursuing a study abroad program have to pay more during 2025. Rent, tuition fee and living expenses will increase. Cost of living will be high in Canada, USA, UK and Australia. Moreover visa charges and security deposit for student visa will increase.

The services sector will exhibit quantum jump in 2025. Students may require upskilling or add on courses to excel in their careers. Tax structure will be revamped across different sectors which in turn will directly affect the employees and consumers. Replacement of use of fossil fuels by non-conventional energy sources as part carbon net zero emissions may facilitate the increase in the use of electric vehicles. Use of solar energy will acquire momentum during 2025. Overall 2025 will be the year for technology, entrepreneurship, agribusiness and food processing.

FLOWERS & THEIR MEANINGS



Daisy
Happiness, Innocence, Simplicity



Rose
Love, Passion, Romance



Magnolia
Dignity, Perseverance, Pure of spirit



Tulip
Declaration of love, true love



Violet
Modesty, Humility, Faithfulness



Lily
Purity, Innocence, Virtue



Sunflower
Adoration, Longevity, Loyalty



Iris
Wisdom, Hope, Courage



Peony
Good fortune, Prosperity, Romance



Orchid
Beauty, Luxury, Refinement



Carnation
Affection, Admiration, Mother's love











































Chrysanthemum
Loyalty, Friendship, Abundance



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CAPTAINS & VICE CAPTAINS - JANUARY

CLASS 12J		CLASS 12K		CLASS 12L		CLASS 10F		CLASS 10G	
									
MEHUL	FATHIMA SATHAR	CHRIS GEO	AWAIS MOHAMMAD	THARUSHA	YOUSUF KHAN	MOHAMMED	VALERIE FERNANDES	JOE KURIEN	NAHDA MEHRIN NASAR
CLASS 8A		CLASS 8B		CLASS 8C		CLASS 8D		CLASS 8E	
									
OUMAR ABDUL	ANNA MARIYA ROBIN	PADMA GETHAA	MAHIN ABDUL	HANNA BIJU	GURNOOR SINGH	SHABBIR MUSTUFA	ZOYA RAHAMATH	SIMRA SAMIR	LIBIN THOMAS BIJOY
CLASS 8F		CLASS 8G		CLASS 7A		CLASS 7B		CLASS 7C	
									
NAJDA FATHIMA	JAEDEN SUNIL JOY	MANAV	SANIA	TASNIM AZIZ PAPA	ARISHA SHAILESH	SARAH	ADYA	YESHA NITESH	MUHAMMED REHAN
CLASS 7D		CLASS 7E		CLASS 7F		CLASS 7G		CLASS 6A	
									
MOHAMMED IRFAN	JOANA SARA	FATHIMATH SANA	EMI ELSA	CHRIS ROBINS	RACHANA MOHAN	ZAINAB JUNAID	SOJU SONY BABY	ABBAS	HANA SUDHIR

CYBER SECURITY



Cyber security refers to the practices and technologies designed to protect computers, networks, and data from unauthorized access, attacks, damage, or theft. As our reliance on digital systems grows, so does the importance of safeguarding sensitive information.

Key Components of Cyber Security:

1. Network Security: Protects the integrity and usability of networks and data by implementing measures like firewalls and intrusion detection systems.

2. Application Security: Focuses on keeping software and devices free of threats. This includes regular updates and security patches.

3. Information Security: Ensures data privacy and integrity, safeguarding sensitive information from unauthorized access.

Current Threats:

- Malware: Malicious software designed to harm or exploit any programmable device.

- Phishing: Fraudulent attempts to obtain sensitive information by disguising as a trustworthy entity.
- Ransomware: A type of malware that encrypts files and demands payment for the decryption key.



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Best Practices for Cyber Security:

- Use strong, unique passwords and change them regularly.
- Enable two-factor authentication wherever possible.
- Regularly update software and systems to patch vulnerabilities.
- Be cautious of suspicious emails and links.
- Back up important data to recover in case of an attack.

In conclusion, cyber security is essential in today's digital landscape. By understanding its components and implementing best practices, individuals and organizations can better protect themselves against the ever-evolving threats in cyberspace.

A Joyful Beginning: New Year Assembly 2025



The Indian Community School (Senior), Kuwait, marked the reopening day of school after the winter vacation with a vibrant New Year Assembly conducted by classes 8F and 8C on January 5, 2025. The event was a perfect blend of tradition, creativity, and cultural exuberance, setting an inspiring tone for the year ahead.

The assembly commenced with the recitation of the Islamic prayer, followed by the school prayer and the ceremonial flag hoisting. The day's proceedings continued with enriching segments, including the introduction of a new word, an inspiring quote, the news highlights, and the solemn pledge.

The cultural program unfolded with a lively series of performances. Students captivated the audience with an energetic dance, melodious songs, a thought-provoking speech, an engaging skit, and

an interactive quiz that showcased their enthusiasm and talent.

The Vice Principal concluded the event by addressing the students with heartfelt New Year wishes, encouraging them to embrace the year with positivity and determination. The assembly concluded with the rendition of the Indian National Anthem, instilling a sense of pride and unity among all present.

The New Year Assembly was a vibrant and motivational start to 2025, leaving everyone energized and ready to embark on a successful academic journey.



New Year, New Dreams: A Fresh Perspective



As the sun sets on the previous year and rises on a new one, we are gifted with an extraordinary opportunity - a fresh start. The New Year is not merely a change in the calendar; it is a symbol of hope, growth, and renewal. It reminds us that every ending is also a beginning, and with it comes the promise of endless possibilities.

For students, the New Year is a time to reflect on the journey so far. What lessons have you learned? What challenges

did you overcome? Take pride in your accomplishments, big or small, and use them as stepping stones to aim higher.

This is the perfect time to set your goals. Make them meaningful and achievable. It could be improving your academic performance, participating in a new activity, developing a healthy routine, or simply being more present and positive. Remember, progress is more important than perfection.

As we step into this New Year, let us also embrace resilience. Life will always have its ups and downs, but it is your ability to persevere that defines your success. Believe in yourself, and don't be afraid to take bold steps toward your dreams.

Lastly, let kindness and gratitude guide your actions this year. Be a source of

inspiration to others, lend a helping hand, and value the support of your family, friends, and teachers.

A New Year is a new chance to be your best self. Let 2025 be the year where you strive, shine, and succeed. Together, let us make this year one to remember.

Wishing you a Happy and Prosperous New Year!



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Fire Drill Training at ICSK Senior Branch



The Indian Community School Kuwait (ICSK) conducted a fire drill training session for teachers from all its branches on 8th January 2025. Held at the ICSK Senior Branch, the training aimed to enhance fire safety preparedness and ensure the effective implementation of emergency protocols.



The training comprised three sessions. The first session focused on theoretical knowledge about fire evacuation procedures. Teachers were educated on safety protocols, the importance of calmness, and how to follow structured evacuation plans during emergencies.

Over 20 teachers actively participated in the training. The sessions were interactive and provided invaluable insights into fire safety measures, equipping the staff with the skills needed to handle emergencies effectively.

The fire drill training was a significant step toward fostering a safe and secure environment at ICSK, reaffirming the school's commitment to the well-being of its students and staff.

In the second session, practical training on the use of fire extinguishers was conducted. Teachers were provided hands-on experience in operating different types of fire extinguishers and were guided on extinguishing fires efficiently.



The final session involved a live evacuation drill held on the school campus. This drill tested the participants' understanding and application of the knowledge and skills acquired during the earlier sessions.

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SUDOKU FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

HOW TO PLAY

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ICSK Senior's Christmas House Assembly was filled with joy and unity



On December 23rd, the Indian Community School Senior embraced the theme of Christmas and held a festive House Assembly to celebrate the holiday season. The assembly was a heartwarming reflection of joy, unity, and the spirit of giving that defines the season.

The event began with the Islamic prayer followed by the school prayer, creating a peaceful atmosphere. Students then introduced a New Word, shared a New Quote, recited the Indian Pledge, and presented the latest news updates, seamlessly blending learning with holiday cheer.

The main highlight of the assembly was the vibrant cultural performances by the students, all based on the theme of Christmas. Each house showcased their creativity and festive spirit through skits and dance performances that captured the essence of Christmas.

The skits ranged from humorous and light-hearted tales of Christmas miracles to heartfelt stories of giving, kindness, and the joy of togetherness during the holidays. These performances conveyed important values such as compassion, generosity, and unity.

The dance performances added another layer of excitement, with students showcasing lively and colorful routines that echoed the joy and celebration of the Christmas season. The dances were filled with energy, vibrant costumes, and festive spirit, engaging the audience with their charm.

A unique highlight of the assembly was the Best Santa Claus Competition, where students donned Santa Claus costumes and competed in a fun and creative display.



The students' imaginative interpretations of Santa brought laughter and joy to all, encapsulating the playful spirit of Christmas.

The Principal addressed the gathering, sharing warm Christmas wishes with the students and encouraging them to embrace the true spirit of the season. The assembly

concluded with the rendition of the Indian National Anthem, leaving everyone with a deep sense of pride, unity, and festive joy.

The Christmas-themed House Assembly was a perfect celebration of the season, filled with creativity, camaraderie, and a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas - joy, peace, and kindness.

ICSK Senior Hosts Excellencia 2024: An Interschool Literary Competition



The Indian Community School, Senior celebrated the much-anticipated Excellencia – A Literary Odyssey, an event organized by the Department of English on 19th December, 2024. This exciting literary festival brought together students and staff from 11 CBSE schools across Kuwait, with over 150 students participating in a series of literary activities aimed at fostering creativity, appreciation for literature and a deeper passion for reading. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of the Chief Guest, Dr. Anis Ahmed, Director-Chairman of the New India Education Trust and Founder of Salmiya India Model School, Kuwait.

The event began with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran by Mst. Zain Abdul Shakoor followed by a prayer song performed by the school choir, invoking blessings for the successful conduct of the event. The audience honored the national anthems of Kuwait and India. Dr. V. Binumon, the Principal and Senior Administrator of ICSK, welcomed all the participants and attendees with an inspiring speech. He encouraged students to recognize their unique potential, embrace healthy competition and seize every opportunity to grow academically and personally.

The Chief Guest, Dr. Anis Ahmed formally declared Excellencia 2024 open. In his address, he emphasized the transformative power of words and encouraged the students to express themselves creatively through writing and artistic endeavors. He urged the students to follow their passion for arts and embrace the power of language in bringing change. Dr. V. Binumon presented a memento to the Chief Guest as a token of gratitude for his presence and support. The festival provided a wonderful platform for students from grades V to XII to express



their literary skills and immerse themselves in a wide array of competitions and performances. The variety of activities at Excellencia 2024 highlighted the students' creativity and love for literature.

One of the most exciting segments of the event was the Literary Costume Parade, where students dressed as characters from their favorite books, from beloved classic figures to contemporary literary heroes took to the stage, demonstrating their imagination and creativity. The Choral Recitation competition further added to the magic of the event, with students passionately reciting poems, bringing the literary works to life through their vivid expressions.

The English Dance Competition provided another exciting showcase of talent, as students performed English dances, celebrating different dance styles. The vibrant performances demonstrated not only the students' dancing skills but also their ability to convey powerful messages through movement and music.

The event's Music Mania competition brought an electrifying vibe to the festival, as the bands performed a lively mix of rock and pop songs. The energetic music had the audience dancing along, creating an atmosphere of excitement and joy that added to the festival's celebratory mood.



As the day came to a close, the Valedictory Ceremony honored the winners and participants with medals and certificates, recognizing their hard work, dedication and creativity. Mrs. Mini Shaji Joseph, the Deputy Vice Principal of ICSK Senior, presented the awards to the students. The prestigious 'Ever-Rolling Trophy' for Excellencia 2024-25 was awarded to The Indian Community School, Amman, for their outstanding performances in the event. The event concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks delivered by Mr. Prasad Nambiar, Head of the Department of English and Chief Coordinator of Excellencia 2024-25.

Excellencia – A Literary Odyssey provided an inspiring and enriching experience for everyone involved, showcasing the remarkable literary talents of the students and fostering a love for literature. The event not only celebrated the power of words and creativity but also brought together students from various schools, highlighting the importance of collaboration, imagination and artistic expression through its diverse activities.

A day spent at Radisson Blu: ICSK Department of Tourism's Workshop and Hotel Visit

The ICSK Department of Tourism successfully organized a one-day workshop and hotel visit on Wednesday, 18th December 2024, at the renowned Radisson Blu Hotel, Kuwait. This unique initiative aimed to provide participants with an in-depth understanding of hotel operations and an insider's view of the managerial departments that drive the hospitality industry.



The day began with a cordial welcome by the Radisson Blu Hotel management team, setting the tone for an engaging and educational experience. Participants were introduced to the hotel's history, values, and its pivotal role in Kuwait's hospitality sector.



Exploring the World of Hotel Management

The workshop featured enlightening sessions conducted by expert managers from various departments, including:

- **Front Office and Guest Relations:** Mastering the art of creating lasting first impressions.
- **Housekeeping:** Ensuring excellence in cleanliness and comfort.
- **Food and Beverage Services:** Offering unforgettable culinary experiences.
- **Sales and Marketing:** Driving brand visibility and customer loyalty.
- **Finance and Administration:** Maintaining operational efficiency and financial stability.
- **Human Resources:** Fostering talent and teamwork in a dynamic environment.

Participants embarked on a guided tour of the hotel, witnessing behind-the-scenes operations. From observing how departments collaborate seamlessly to ensure guest satisfaction to understanding the logistics of event management, the experience was both educational and inspiring.

Valuable Interactions and Networking

The workshop also offered an excellent platform for participants to interact with seasoned professionals, gaining insights into career opportunities and the skills required to excel in the hospitality industry. Attendees described the experience as eye-opening and deeply enriching. Much appreciated the opportunity to gain practical exposure to hotel management,

bridging the gap between theoretical learning and industry practice.

The ICSK Department of Tourism expressed heartfelt gratitude to the management of Radisson Blu Hotel for their hospitality and collaboration. The event stands as a testament to ICSK's dedication to equipping its students with the knowledge and experience necessary to excel in their chosen fields.

This memorable day at Radisson Blu not only broadened the horizons of the participants but also reinforced the importance of industry-academic partnerships in shaping the future leaders of the hospitality industry.

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- India's first international biosphere reserve is called what?
- One of the largest makers of cycles in the world Hero Cycles began their journey from which town?
- The Park was created to protect its Keystone species, the Nilgiri Tahr. As a part of Western Ghats it is a part of the UNESCO world heritage site. Name the park.
- Name the accomplished eldest daughter of Emperor Shah Jahan under whose instruction Chandni Chowk was constructed?
- Which Indian's debut novel made it to the final shortlist for the Man Booker prize 2012?
- The Lushai hills would be a part of which mountain range in Mizoram?
- With which legendary Bollywood personality's film Hum Naujawan did Tabu make his debut in Bollywood in 1985?
- Which general won the Battle of Imphal in 1944?
- Mansar Lake is at a distance of 60 km from which Indian city?
- In which city would you find National Research Centre for Grapes?

1. Nilgiri biosphere reserve
2. Ludhiana
3. Mukurthi National Park
4. Jahanara Begum
5. Jeet Thayil, Narcopolis
6. Patkal
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8. General Slim
9. Jammu
10. Pune



NOURISH & FLOURISH: FLU VACCINE AWARENESS

The flu vaccine protects against influenza viruses that cause seasonal flu. It's updated annually to match the circulating strains.

Who Should Get It?

Everyone aged 6 months and older, especially high-risk groups like children, elderly, pregnant women, and people with chronic conditions.

Benefits:

Reduces the risk of flu-related complications.
Protects vulnerable populations and reduces the spread in the community.

Side Effects:

Mild: Soreness at the injection site, fever, or fatigue.
Rare: Severe allergic reactions.

Awareness Goals:

Emphasize annual vaccination for effective protection.
Highlight the vaccines' role in reducing hospitalizations and deaths.
Educate about vaccine safety and debunk myths.

A Heartfelt Farewell: Celebrating the Journey of Class X and XII at ICSK



The Indian Community School, Senior, hosted a heart-warming farewell programme for its Class X and Class XII students on 12th and 14th December, 2024 respectively. This special occasion was organized by the junior classes, IX and XI, to bid farewell to their senior peers as they embarked on new journeys. The event was a harmonious blend of emotions, fun and entertainment, featuring various performances and activities that showcased the students' talent and creativity.

The school campus was abuzz with excitement as the stage was set for a day full of unforgettable moments. The seniors were greeted with warmth and enthusiasm by their juniors and teachers alike. The evening kicked off with a soulful Islamic prayer, invoking the blessings of the Almighty. The welcome speech, delivered by Kavyan from Class IX, set the tone for the event, emphasizing the significance of the day. This was followed by a graceful welcome dance that captured the spirit of the occasion.

The festivities then moved into full swing with an energetic and captivating medley of dances. The performance blended popular styles, including hip-hop, classical and contemporary dance, creating a vibrant atmosphere.

In addition to the dances, the celebration also provided an opportunity for the budding musicians of ICSK to showcase their talents. A group of students, whose voices harmonized beautifully, delivered an emotional and captivating vocal performance that struck a chord with the audience. A live band performance added another exciting element to the event. The band played a lively mix of rock and pop songs, creating an electrifying ambiance that had the audience dancing to the beat. One of the highlights of the evening was a soulful Mridangam performance by Mst. Abhinav and Mst. Niranjan of Class XI, which mesmerized the audience with its depth and beauty.

The day also featured a much-anticipated fashion show, where Class XII students had the opportunity to showcase their style and



elegance. The students strutted down the ramp in stunning outfits that highlighted their individuality and confidence, leaving the audience in awe of their poise and charm.

Abida Chikte, Ms. Christelle D Souza and Ms. Zainab of class XII and Ms. Miriam Alphonsa, Ms. Betsy Susan, Mst. Roopan, Ms. Joanna and Mst. Heaven Sam of class X delivered heartfelt speeches, reflecting on the time spent in the institution. The speech was filled with fond memories, encouragement and words of wisdom. It reminded the students of the challenges they had overcome and encouraged them to continue their journeys with confidence and resilience.

To bring a touch of fun and excitement to the event, a series of interactive games were organized. These games provided a light-hearted break from the emotional performances and encouraged students to bond over shared memories, laughter, and camaraderie.

Dr. V. Binumon, Principal and Senior Administrator of ICSK, encouraged the students to aim high and stay focused on their aspirations, motivating them to put in their best efforts to achieve their goals. He reminded them to recognize and appreciate the sacrifices of their parents, urging them to love and respect them unconditionally. With heartfelt blessings, he wished them



success not only in their upcoming exams but also in all their future pursuits.

The evening concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by Mst. Anson from Class IX and Mst. Mohammed Raza Ali from Class XI, followed by the singing of the Indian National Anthem.

The farewell program for Classes X and XII was a truly memorable occasion, filled with joy, laughter, and emotion. It was an event that celebrated the seniors' journey and achievements. The program created an atmosphere of unity, celebration, and optimism leaving a lasting impact on all who attended.

EPitome OF SUCCESS

STEVE IRWIN

THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF STEVE IRWIN:
A HERO FOR WILDLIFE



Steve Irwin, widely known as “The Crocodile Hunter,” was an Australian wildlife expert, conservationist, and television personality whose dedication to animals and their preservation earned him worldwide recognition. Born on February 22, 1962, in Victoria, Australia, Steve grew up in Queensland, where his parents ran a reptile park. Immersed in nature from an early age, Steve began catching crocodiles and working with animals at the age of nine.

Irwin’s breakthrough came with the television series *The Crocodile Hunter*, which aired in over 130 countries. His boundless energy, fearless approach to

handling dangerous animals, and his signature phrase “Crikey!” made him a beloved figure around the world. Through his show, Steve not only entertained but also educated millions on the importance of wildlife conservation, focusing on creatures often misunderstood and feared by the public.

Together with his wife, Terri, Steve expanded Australia Zoo, a conservation center committed to protecting endangered species. They also founded Wildlife Warriors Worldwide, an organization dedicated to preserving wildlife and their habitats. His approach was simple but profound: teach people to love and respect wildlife, and they will be motivated to protect it.

Tragically, Steve’s life was cut short when he passed away on September 4, 2006, after being struck by a stingray while filming a documentary. He was just 44 years old. Despite his passing, Steve’s legacy continues to thrive through his family, particularly his children, Bindi and

Robert, who continue his work at Australia Zoo and around the world.

Steve Irwin’s lasting impact on wildlife conservation and education remains unparalleled. His passion for animals and his ability to connect with people through his work inspired millions to care more deeply about the planet’s wildlife. As he once said, “If we can teach people about wildlife, they will be touched. Humans want to save things that they love.” Steve’s life and work proved that love for the natural world can inspire powerful change.



SWEEDAL MENDONCA - 7B



BIRTHDAY BOOK DONATION DRIVE



Abbas Gangardiwala



Daniel Sanju Paul



HAMZA SYED



Ms. Saritha P. Nair



Nabeeha Mohamed Feroz



Shawnete Ferrynd Sendil Kumar



1. I'm light as a feather, yet the strongest person can't hold me for long. What am I?
2. I am always hungry, I must always be fed. The finger I touch, will soon turn red. What am I?
3. What has keys but can't open locks?
4. The more of this there is, the less you see. What is it?
5. What has a head, a tail, but no body?
6. What comes once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in a thousand years?

1. Your breath
2. Fire
3. A piano
4. Darkness
5. A coin
6. The letter "M"



FATHIMATH SANA -7E

BEST STUDENT - DECEMBER



MOHAMMED OMAR
12J



ABRAR SYED
12K



SHAIKH REHAAN
12L



SHARON ANGEL
10 F



SEETHAL MARIYA
10G



MAYUKHA JAYA
CHANDRAN - 8A



SYED ABDUL
RAHMAN - 8B



AFTAB ASIF
8C



SANI SANCHIN
8D



JUZER MUSTAFA
PALODA - 8E



SANIDHYA KUMAR
SINGH - 8F



ALIYA
8G



AREEBAH KHAN
7A



ALIA
7B



PETER JOHN SAM
GEORGE - 7C



MICAIAH JACOB
7D



ANGLE SARA
7E



MEGHNA NATHANIA
7F



CHIRAG ANIRUDHA
MURUGAN - 7G



JEWEL AGY MATHEW
6A

“Unleashing Entrepreneurial Spirit: ‘It’s My Business’ Activity at ICSK”

On 18th December 2024, an exciting and insightful activity titled “It’s My Business” was conducted for the students of Classes 9D and 9E at the Indian Community School, Kuwait. The session, facilitated by Ms. Reyouf and Ms. Allia from Injaz, aimed to introduce the students to the basics of entrepreneurship and business. Each class consisted of 40 students, divided into eight teams.

The activity encouraged the students to think creatively and critically as they were tasked with developing a business idea, presenting it to their peers, and explaining its concept and purpose. Each team spent time preparing a short pitch, highlighting how their business would work in real-life scenarios. Following the presentations, a Q&A session allowed students to engage with each other’s ideas, offering feedback and asking questions to enhance the understanding of each concept.

At the end of the session, the top three teams were awarded for their creativity, innovation, and teamwork. The winning teams received medals as recognition for their hard work.



The first-place winners were Ann Maria, Rachel, Nandika, Adina, Callista, Janvi, Diya, Rakshan, and Ayesha. The second-place team included Deva, Ashwith, Ronan, Nathan, Ashwin, Ibrahim, Mohammed Taiyab, Abbas, Mufaddal, Shahab, and Spartdeep. The third-place winners were Erum, Haifa, Anugraha, Milen, Jeremy, Rafika, Amina, Layona, Theerdha, and Tahira.

This activity was an excellent opportunity for the students to explore the world of business in a hands-on, interactive way. It encouraged teamwork, creative thinking, and problem-solving while giving the students valuable insights into the entrepreneurial process. The session was a great success, leaving the students inspired and motivated to explore their own business ideas in the future.

AFTERNOON BATCH

ICSK Afternoon Batches Welcome 2025 with a Festive Assembly



The students of the Indian Community School, Kuwait (ICSK) afternoon session marked the beginning of the New Year 2025 with a vibrant and engaging special assembly organized by Class X G. Held after the winter break, the event radiated creativity, talent, and a strong sense of community.

The assembly began with an impressive fashion show, where students showcased attire symbolizing themes of hope, unity, and fresh beginnings. This was followed

by a mesmerizing dance performance that captivated the audience, earning thunderous applause for its artistry and precision.

A highlight of the event was the awards ceremony, where Mrs. Mini Shaji, the Deputy Vice Principal, presented Goodwill Ambassador Awards to Ahmed Uddin of Class XII-K in the Senior Secondary section and Shaikh Farhan of Class X G in the Secondary section. Additionally, Class IX F and Class XII K were recognized as the

Best Classes in their respective categories for their outstanding achievements.

In her address, Mrs. Mini Shaji praised the students and teachers for their dedication and encouraged everyone to embrace the New Year with enthusiasm, determination, and a commitment to scaling greater heights in life.

The special assembly served as a perfect start to the New Year, fostering inspiration, unity, and excitement among the students and staff.

Christmas Cheer Enlivens ICSK Senior



The Christmas assembly was a resounding success, reflecting the true spirit of the season - joy, harmony, and the act of giving. It was a memorable event that left a lasting impression on all who attended, encapsulating the magic and warmth of Christmas.



Deputy Vice Principal Ms. Mini Shaji. This shared moment of joy and camaraderie was a highlight of the event, fostering a sense of togetherness among all present.

The occasion also honored Goodwill Ambassadors, with Shaikh Farhan of Class X-G representing the Secondary Section and Ahmed Uddin of Class XII-K recognized from the Senior Secondary Section. Furthermore, the coveted Best Class awards were presented to Class XI-J, guided by their dedicated Class Teacher Mr. Sujith, in the Senior Secondary Section, and to Class X-F, under the stewardship of Class Teacher Mrs. Nimmy, in the Secondary Section.



ICSK Senior recently celebrated the joyous spirit of Christmas with a vibrant and heartwarming special assembly that brought the festive season to life.

The program was a splendid showcase of student talent, featuring captivating skits, soul-stirring songs, and exuberant dance performances. Each act eloquently captured the essence of the season, spreading cheer and embodying the message of love, unity, and celebration.

Adding a delightful touch to the festivities, students baked a delectable Christmas cake, which was ceremoniously cut by



Expanding Horizons: Hindi as a Medium for Global Unity and Culture



On Saturday, 21st December 2024, a prestigious webinar titled “Expression in Hindi – Part 20” was conducted under the aegis of the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science, and Technology, Mauritius, in collaboration with prominent organizations, including the World Hindi Secretariat, CBSE UAE, High Commission of India, and The Indian Community School Kuwait. The event aimed to promote the Hindi language and its global relevance through intellectual discussions and cultural expressions.

The Chief Guest for the webinar was Shri Ramnayan Dubey: Retired Principal, Editor of Anshank Magazine, and a prominent litterateur from India, delivered the keynote address, emphasizing the literary richness and global reach of Hindi.

Other esteemed speakers were Dr. Madhuree Ramdharee (SG, World Hindi Secretariat, Mauritius)

Dr. Subhankar Mishra (DSG, World Hindi Secretariat, Mauritius), Dr. Ram Shankar (Director, Regional Office & Center of Excellence, CBSE UAE), Dr. Ritu Sharma Nannan Pandey (President, International Hindi Sangathan, Netherlands).

Dishleen Kaur, a student of The Indian Community School Kuwait, participated in the webinar and delivered a heartfelt speech titled “Desh Ki Aatma Hai Hindi” (Hindi is the Soul of the Nation), emphasizing

Hindi’s role in uniting diverse cultures and its significance in preserving India’s identity and heritage.

Mr. Nithin Vatakke Matahil, the Head of the Department of Hindi, ICSK Kuwait, highlighted the numerous events conducted at The Indian Community School Kuwait (ICSK) to promote Hindi, such as Poetry recitation, storytelling, debate, Pictorial narration and Nukkad Natak competitions. He also shed light on the unique challenges faced in promoting Hindi in the Middle East, such as bridging cultural gaps and encouraging interest in the language among non-native speakers. Additionally, he proposed critical suggestions for the improvement of Hindi education in the Middle East:

- **Textbook Revision:** Mr. Nithin stressed the need for updated textbooks that cater to the cultural and linguistic diversity of students in the Middle East. He recommended the inclusion of more relatable content, regional stories, and examples to make the subject engaging and culturally relevant.
- **Course Curriculum Overhaul:** To address the challenges faced by non-native Hindi speakers, he suggested introducing a customized curriculum ‘COURSE C’ that focuses on practical conversational skills, simplified grammar, and interactive learning techniques. This would help bridge the gap for students learning Hindi as a

second language.

These suggestions were well-received by the panel and emphasized the importance of adapting the education system to meet the needs of students in the Middle East.

The event was skillfully moderated by Dr. Ritu Sharma Nannan Pandey, ensuring a smooth flow of discussions and cultural interactions.

The webinar witnessed participation from various countries, reflecting the international appeal of the Hindi language.

The webinar successfully highlighted the growing interest in Hindi worldwide and fostered a collaborative platform for educators, students, and scholars to discuss its promotion. Mr. Nithin Vatakke Matahil’s reflections on ICSK’s efforts and the challenges in the Middle East provided a valuable perspective, while Dishleen Kaur’s inspiring speech resonated deeply with the audience, emphasizing the cultural and emotional importance of Hindi. Participants appreciated the valuable insights and cultural exchanges facilitated during the session.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Ritu Sharma Nannan Pandey (President, International Hindi Sangathan, Netherlands) to the organizers, speakers, and participants, marking another milestone in promoting Hindi as a global language.

INSIYA FIROZ BANIYAN SHINES IN WORLD HINDI DIWAS DEBATE COMPETITION



Insiyah Firoz Baniyan of Class 10D showcased exceptional oratory skills by securing the Second Prize in a prestigious debate competition conducted by Delhi

Public School (DPS) on 18th December 2024. The competition was organized as part of the World Hindi Diwas celebrations, emphasizing the significance of the Hindi language on a global platform.

The event saw participation from various schools, and Insiya’s compelling arguments and confident delivery left a lasting impression on the judges and audience alike.

The prize distribution ceremony was held

on 10th January 2025 at the esteemed Indian Embassy. The event was graced by dignitaries, adding grandeur to the occasion, as winners were recognized for their commendable performances.

Insiya’s achievement not only brings pride to her but also adds another feather to the cap of ICSK Senior. The school congratulates her for this remarkable feat and wishes her continued success in all future endeavors.

Birthday Arcade - JANUARY



BASIL SUNISH
7 D - JAN 1



JEREL SHOEY
12 E - JAN 1



DIANA STEPHEN 8
8 E - JAN 2



AASHNA RAM
10 B - JAN 2



RON NIJU
11 G - JAN 2



ELAINE ROSE
12 A - JAN 2



JOEL JOSE
12 D - JAN 2



INSIYAH
7 A - JAN 3



MOHIT MALLIPATI
7 C - JAN 3



FARHAN AFSAR
8 D - JAN 3



LENA SARA MANOJ
11 B - JAN 3



HANNAN PARVIN
11 E - JAN 3



MUNIRA ABDUL KADER
11 G - JAN 3



JOANNA MERSEY
8 G - JAN 3



SAMIKSHA
11 I - JAN 3



JEHOSHEBA SARAH
11 B - JAN 4



RISHNAV GINEESH
9 F - JAN 4



AJONES XAVIER
7 E - JAN 5



LAYONA MARY SANU
9 D - JAN 5



RYAN MATHEW
10 B - JAN 5



HUSAIN PHALASIYA
10 D - JAN 5



NAMRATHA SOLLETI
11 K - JAN 5



BURHANUDDIN
6 A - JAN 6



RACHANA MOHAN
7 F - JAN 6



EDWIN ELDHO
10 C - JAN 6



MARYAM OMER
11 H - JAN 6



KHADIJA KHALIL
10 F - JAN 6



HUSSAIN
11 K - JAN 6



JOVITA GNANA
7 D - JAN 7



RIONA MARIA JOSE
7 F - JAN 7



AILEEN ZUHARA
8 F - JAN 7



HANNA TREASA
10 A - JAN 7



JENNIFER MARIAM
10 A - JAN 7



ALAN BOBBY
11 B - JAN 7



JOSHUA ANUB
11 D - JAN 7



JACOB RAVI
9 F - JAN 7



JARENA DEVA AMBLI
10 G - JAN 7



AMARIS LESLIE
11 I - JAN 7



MOHAMMED HAMZA
7 A - JAN 8



JIA SUSAN JOHN
9 D - JAN 8



SHIFRAH CHANDEKAR
10 B - JAN 8



NAEEM BURHAN
10 C - JAN



GURLEEN KAUR
11 E - JAN 8



JOEL JOHN SHIBU
11 E - JAN 8



SHARATH SANTHOSH
10 F - JAN 8



SHABBIR HUSAINI
1 K - JAN 9



ADNAN QALID ENZO
12 J - JAN 9



LIBIN THOMAS BIJOY
8 E - JAN 10



KISHORE RAMESH
10 A - JAN 10



MELRICK ETHAN
12 G - JAN 10



SHAWNETE FERRYN
8 E - JAN 11



SENAV AFTAB
11 F - JAN 11



ILHAM SHAHEED
12 B - JAN 11



SUHANA SHAIK
12 B - JAN 11



GURLEEN KAUR
12 I - JAN 11



RENNY THOMAS
12 K - JAN 11



HARNOOR KAUR
7 B - JAN 12



AARON ROBINS
7 C - JAN 12



CHRIS ROBINS
7 F - JAN 12



FATHIMA ABDUL
11 E - JAN 12



NATHAN GEORGE
11 F - JAN 12



ETHAN JOAQUIM
10 G - JAN 12



AREEBAH KHAN
7 A - JAN 13



FIONA GEO MELBIN
8 B - JAN 13



HAMZA SYED
8 E - JAN 13



RIYA MERIN STEPHEN
10 A - JAN 13



MUHSIN AHAMED
10 B - JAN 13



BRIAN BINO JOSEPH
11 E - JAN 13



MADHAV.J
11 F - JAN 13



SANA SUDHIR
12 E - JAN 13



CLAIRE ANN SAJJU
9 B - JAN 14



BAYANA MAHIMA SRI
10 E - JAN 14



DHYRAN NIRANJANA
11 B - JAN 14



NIKETHA PATTI
12 H - JAN 14



JUVEL MARY
8 A - JAN 15



FATEMA SAIFEEBHAI
10 E - JAN 15



CHARU AJIT KUMAR
11 C - JAN 15



ALONA LALU
11 I - JAN 15



BILAL AHMED
11 B - JAN 16



PARTHIU PRASANTH
7 C - JAN 17



SUNNY THOMAS BIJU
12 D - JAN 17



ABDUTTAIYEB
12 H - JAN 17



SHEHA NASAR
11 J - JAN 17



AVNER ANIL ANTONY
8 A - JAN 18



EVELYN SUSAN
9 A - JAN 18



KUSHAAL CHELLI
9 C - JAN 18



AMINA SHAIK
9 D - JAN 18



SAKINA KUTUBUDDIN
11 G - JAN 18



SHREYA ZUBIN NAIR
12 D - JAN 18



PRARTHANA
7 A - JAN 19



GAUTHAM KRISHNA
7 B - JAN 19



ABDUL SALAM
7 C - JAN 19



KEERTHANA SUBASH
7 F - JAN 19



LIYANA OMAR
10 C - JAN 19



ABIDA SABU
11 D - JAN 19



AIYANA MARTIN RAO
12 F - JAN 19



KHADIJA AKIL
10 G - JAN 19



JASHIK AHAMED
11 J - JAN 19



EZEKIEL PHILIP
12 L - JAN 19



TAHA FIDAHUSSAIN
10 C - JAN 20



AMMAR SABIR
10 D - JAN 20



MURTAZA JOHAR
10 D - JAN 20



VEDIKA SATHISH
11 B - JAN 20



HANNAH THOMAS
11 C - JAN 20



AMNA KADEEJA
12 E - JAN 20



AVNI SRINIVAS
12 H - JAN 20



HUSSAIN ADAM ALI
12 H - JAN 20



GWYNETH MICHELLE
12 I - JAN 20



THILINI ANURUD
10 F - JAN 20



ACHSA SARA BINOY
11 B - JAN 21



NIKITA KINGSLEY
11 C - JAN 21



YUNUS ASLAM
12 C - JAN 21



SARRA KURBAN
12 H - JAN 21



DANIELLA RAINA
11 K - JAN 21



MONISHA MOHAN
9 A - JAN 22



JERLIN ANN JACOB
10 A - JAN 22



RIDA IMRAN
10 E - JAN 22



NEVAN CAEL
11 A - JAN 22



MUHAMMED SHAMIL
11 F - JAN 22



FAHID KAMAL
11 K - JAN 22



PARAM LAMDHADE
12 L - JAN 22



ALFIYA OTLA
7 B - JAN 23



AAZEEN ALI KAMIL
7 D - JAN 23



ABHINAV RINU
7 D - JAN 23



ALESSANDRA
7 D - JAN 23



KEVEON FERNANDES
8 B - JAN 23



NUHAID NAZEER
9 B - JAN 23



ANAMIKA ANUP
12 A - JAN 23



CHRISTOPHER
12 G - JAN 23



ALWIN DAVIS
10 F - JAN 23



NERIA ELSA
7 A - JAN 24



ARSALAN ASAD
8 D - JAN 24



SHANNON CHRISTINE
11 H - JAN 24



AHMED SHADAN
12 D - JAN 24



JUAN JIJI FERNANDEZ
9 A - JAN 25



LIYA JOHNY
10 D - JAN 25



ABDUL KADAR
10 E - JAN 25



MARYAM SHAKEEL
10 E - JAN 25



JHANVI BALA
11 B - JAN 25



ONEGA WILLIAM
12 B - JAN 25



ROHAN THOMAS
11 K - JAN 25



YOUSUF KHAN
2 L - JAN 25



AYSHA NUHA
9 B - JAN 26



FATHIMA NIMAH
9 B - JAN 26



HANOCH LUTHER
12 C - JAN 26



CELINE ANNA
12 E - JAN 26



YUSRA YAWAR
7 E - JAN 27



HAFSA AMANULLA
9 B - JAN 27



DEVA DHARSHAN
9 E - JAN 27



NAILA NAJEEBUDDIN
10 D - JAN 27



JOTHAN JOHN
12 D - JAN 27



SYED ABDUL
11 J - JAN 27



HUSSAIN
7 F - JAN 28



ABEL VARGHESE
8 C - JAN 28



SRI HARISH PRASATH
9 C - JAN 28



ADVAIT ULLAS NAIR
9 D - JAN 28



AAMINA AKBAR
11 F - JAN 28



SAKINA TAIZUN
11 I - JAN 28



REYON JOSEPH
7 B - JAN 29



VIKRUTI MURUGESAN
7 D - JAN 29



SAMYAK KOTHARI
8 E - JAN 29



ABEER ABDULLAH
8 F - JAN 29



RAED RIZWAN
10 A - JAN 29



SPANDITA MONDAL
11 A - JAN 29



ANGELO SUNIL
12 F - JAN 29



NAWAL AZHAR
11 K - JAN 29



MUHAMMED SHER
7 E - JAN 30



JOVITA DSOUZA
7 F - JAN 30



RACHEL CEDRIC
10 C - JAN 30



SHAOLIN THOMAS
11 G - JAN 30



TAHA SAIFUDDIN
10 G - JAN 30



MANHA SHEHZAD
7 D - JAN 31



SYED ABDUL
8 B - JAN 31



MOHSINALI MULLA
8 D - JAN 31



AKSHITA
9 A - JAN 31



ABDE ALI HAKIMUDDIN
10 C - JAN 31



TERESA ANNU
12 A - JAN 31



THANEESH
6 A - JAN 31

Birthday Arcade - STAFF



MR. BABY THOMAS
JAN 1



ELIZABETH PHILIP
JAN 15



MR. SAJI ANDREWS
JAN 20



SHAMEENA
JAN 28

Chinese New Year: The Grand Celebration of the Lunar New Year



Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, is the most significant traditional holiday in China and one of the most widely celebrated festivals across the world. Rooted in ancient Chinese customs, the festival marks the beginning of the lunar new year, typically falling between January 21 and February 20, depending on the moon's cycles. The Chinese New Year celebration is a vibrant mix of cultural traditions, family reunions, delicious food, and colorful festivities.

The Origins and Legend

Chinese New Year is believed to date back over 4,000 years, originating from the ancient agrarian society's practices to honor gods and ancestors and pray for a bountiful harvest. The festival has strong ties to Chinese mythology, with the most popular legend being that of Nian, a mythical beast that would come down from the mountains to terrorize villages at the start of each new year. According to the story, the villagers discovered that Nian was afraid of the color red, loud noises, and fire. Thus, they began the tradition of decorating their homes with red items, lighting firecrackers, and making loud sounds to scare away the beast.

The Zodiac and Symbolism

Each Chinese New Year is associated with one of the 12 animals in the Chinese zodiac. The animals are part of a repeating

12-year cycle, with each year representing a different animal, such as the Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, and Pig. The zodiac is not only a cultural tradition but also plays a role in determining personal traits, fortunes, and compatibility in relationships.

In 2025, the Year of the Snake, a year believed to symbolize intelligence, elegance, and caution. The zodiac is often consulted by people to determine their chances of luck and prosperity during the year.

Festivities and Traditions

Chinese New Year is a time for family reunions, and it is often compared to Christmas in terms of its importance. The celebration begins with a thorough cleaning of the house to sweep away any bad luck and make room for good fortune. People decorate their homes with red lanterns, couplets, and paper cuttings, all symbolizing good fortune, happiness, and prosperity.

The celebration comes to a climax on New Year's Eve when families gather for a reunion dinner. This meal is filled with symbolic dishes, including dumplings (which represent wealth), fish (which represent surplus), and rice cakes (which represent progress). After dinner, red envelopes (hongbao) with money are given to children and unmarried adults as a

token of good luck and blessings.

One of the most iconic parts of Chinese New Year is the Lion and Dragon Dance.

Performers dressed as lions or dragons move to the beat of drums and cymbals, symbolizing strength and good fortune. Fireworks and firecrackers also play a major role in the festivities, as they are believed to scare away evil spirits.

The festival of Chinese New Year has had a global impact and is now celebrated in many countries with significant Chinese populations, including Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, and more. Major cities worldwide, such as New York, San Francisco, and London, also host large-scale parades, performances, and festivals to mark the occasion. Chinese New Year has become a global event, with individuals from all over the world joining in the celebration of Chinese customs. In today's world, Chinese New Year is not only a cultural and familial event but also a commercial one. Millions of people return to their hometowns for the holidays during this busiest travel period in China. In China, businesses are witnessing a surge in retail and online shopping as people purchase gifts, food, and decorations to prepare for the festivities.



SANJAY
- 9B



BALANCE SHEET FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2024

Income (October 2024)	KD	Expenditure (November 2024)	KD
Balance c/f from October 2024	2319.200		
Contribution from Students (December 2024)	277.835		
Contribution from Staff	10.000		
Food Stall Contribution	22.800		
Balance in hand	2629.835		

BIRTHDAY CUM CHARITY FUND (DECEMBER 2024)

CLASS / SEC	NAME OF THE TEACHER	BIRTHDAY FUND	CHARITY FUND	TOTAL
12 A	MRS SUSAN GEORGE	-	0.000	0.000
12 B	MRS NIGY JACOB	-	0.000	0.000
12 C	MR VINOD LAKSHMANAN	-	0.000	0.000
12 D	MR GEORGE SWAMY	-	0.000	0.000
12 E	MR PRASAD NAMBIAR	-	0.000	0.000
12 F	MRS SONA	-	0.000	0.000
12 G	MRS MUSARAT PARKAR	-	0.000	0.000
12 H	MR. QUTBUDDIN SHABBIR HUSSAIN	-	2.750	2.750
12 I	MRS VRINDA	-	0.000	0.000
11 A	MR.ANTONY AUSTIN	-	3.750	3.750
11 B	MR.PRATHAPA CHANDRAN B. PILLAI	-	5.290	5.290
11 C	MRS.JESHA ALEX	-	2.600	2.600
11 D	MRS.SARITHA M.P	-	8.010	8.010
11 E	MR. SUNDARESH K	-	35.600	35.600
11 F	MRS. RAMLATH	-	4.300	4.300
11 G	MRS. SHIBNA	-	3.250	3.250
11 H	MRS.SREESHMA	-	4.355	4.355
10 A	MR JUSTIN	-	9.100	9.100
10 B	MRS LUBNA	-	1.350	1.350
10 C	MR JITHIN THOMAS	-	0.000	0.000
10 D	MRS SOUMYA VIPIN	-	3.000	3.000
10 E	MRS. ELIZABETH THOMAS	-	0.000	0.000
9A	MRS KAMALAM NANDHAKUMAR	-	5.450	5.450
9B	MRS RANJINI	-	1.525	1.525
9C	MR NITHIN	3.000	5.925	8.925
9D	DR WASEEM	-	15.530	15.530
9E	MRS SARITHA P NAIR	-	5.030	5.030
8A	MRS JAGADA	-	13.425	13.425
8B	MR KULDEEP SINGH	-	3.650	3.650
8C	MS. NIMMY	-	7.960	7.960
8D	MRS.SREELAKSHMI	-	6.075	6.075
8E	MRS. SHIBYMOL	-	3.030	3.030
8F	MS.BINU SABU	-	7.050	7.050
7A	MRS MAINI	-	3.550	3.550
7B	MR VIJAY	-	15.405	15.405
7C	MR MANIKANDAN	-	2.140	2.140
7D	MRS SHEREENA	-	12.120	12.120
7E	MRS EMAN	-	22.700	22.700
7F	MRS.STELLA GAMA PHILIP	-	3.500	3.500
6A	MS. ANGULAKSHMI	-	8.590	8.590
TOTAL		3.000	226.010	229.010
AFTERNOON SHIFT				
7 G	MR.MAHESH	-	2.200	2.200
8 G	MRS.ELIZABETH	-	1.500	1.500
9 F	MR.SHYLES	-	2.000	2.000
10 F	MRS.NIMMY	-	1.885	1.885
10 G	MRS JAGADA	-	3.050	3.050
11 I	MRS. RATNACHIRA	-	8.345	8.345
11 J	MR. SUJITH	-	2.165	2.165
11 K	MR. PRASAD	-	5.230	5.230
12 J	Mrs.BINDU	-	5.070	5.070
12 K	Mrs. HEPHZIBAH	-	13.200	13.200
12 L	MR. SREEKUMAR	-	4.180	4.180
TOTAL			48.825	48.825
GRAND TOTAL			274.835	277.835

EPITravel HUANGLUO

THE LONG-HAIRED VILLAGE OF CHINA



Nestled in the breathtaking Longsheng County of Guangxi, China, Huangluo is a village that has earned global recognition for a unique and fascinating reason - it is home to the Yao women, known for their extraordinarily long and luscious hair. Dubbed the "World's Longest Hair Village" by the Guinness World Records, Huangluo is not just a place of cultural significance but also a beacon of tradition and heritage.

A Tradition Rooted in Hair

The Yao women of Huangluo believe that their long hair symbolizes prosperity, longevity, and beauty. Their hair can grow up to an average length of 1.7 meters, making it a central aspect of their identity. They follow a unique hair care tradition, using rice water infused with herbs to maintain its strength, shine, and thickness - a practice that has been passed down through generations.

Hair in Huangluo is not merely aesthetic; it carries deep cultural and spiritual significance. For the Yao women, cutting their hair is a rare and meaningful event, typically done only once in their lifetime, at the age of 18, as a rite of passage into adulthood. The hair that is cut is preserved and used as a part of their traditional headdress.

Marital status and age are also indicated through their hairstyles. Married women wear their hair wrapped around their heads, while unmarried women tie it in a bun, making hair an essential part of their social communication.

A Living Museum

Huangluo has become a popular tourist destination, offering visitors a glimpse into the traditions of the Yao people. Visitors can witness hair care rituals, traditional dances, and colorful clothing adorned with intricate embroidery. The village has successfully managed to preserve its customs while embracing tourism, creating a sustainable model of cultural preservation.

The Secret to Eternal Hair Beauty

The rice water treatment, used as a natural shampoo and conditioner, is a key aspect of the Yao women's hair care routine.

The water is rich in antioxidants, minerals, and vitamins, which not only promote hair health but also prevent premature graying. This age-old practice has sparked interest worldwide, with many seeking to emulate the Yao women's hair care secrets.



KEERTHANA SUBASH
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In an era of rapid modernization, Huangluo stands as a testament to the beauty of tradition and cultural identity. The village and its residents continue to inspire awe, reminding the world of the importance of embracing and preserving heritage.

Huangluo is more than just a village; it is a living symbol of harmony between nature and humanity, where beauty is not confined to appearances but rooted in the richness of cultural traditions.



In the darkness night, I stood
In front of me by the dark woods.
I shuddered as the wind blew by
And suddenly, I saw 2 eyes close by.

I LOOKED INSIDE

I saw little soul, aged four
Crouching on the floor.
He was shivering as the night was cold.
He was an orphan I was told

I went and sat beside him
And peered into his eyes, which were dim.
As I handed over my jacket
I was moved to see tears in his socket.

Gazing at the sky, I said is there no light?
Which could make his eyes bright?
Help me destitute in his plight
Save him from bitter night.

And then a question came to my mind.
Why was I looking for light outside?

When there was enough
within me inside.
Why was I waiting for a
heavenly star to shine?
When I can radiate joy in
thine.



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---- Essence of my Poem ----

My poem captures the moment of empathy and self-realization. It's a poignant reminder that sometimes the light we seek is already within us, waiting to be shared with those in need. My words evoke a sense of compassion and introspection, urging us to look within ourselves for the strength to illuminate the darkness around us.



"Echoes of Freedom"

A story on the Indian Independence Struggle

As the sun set over the Indian subcontinent, a young Bhagat Singh stood tall, his eyes ablaze with determination. It was the 1920s, and the Indian independence struggle was gaining momentum. Bhagat, barely out of his teens, had already joined the ranks of revolutionaries fighting against British rule.

The memories of the 1857 Rebellion still lingered, a reminder of the brutal suppression of the Indian people. The British had captured Bahādur Shāh II, the last Mughal emperor, and exiled him to Rangoon, marking the end of the Mughal dynasty. The British crown had assumed direct rule of India, initiating the period known as the British raj.

But the flame of resistance had not been extinguished. Bhagat Singh and his comrades, Chandrashekhar Azad and Rajguru, carried out daring acts of defiance, targeting British symbols of power. Their

bravery inspired countless others to join the fight. Mahatma Gandhi, the gentle giant of the independence movement, led the charge with his philosophy of non-violent resistance.

As the years passed, the struggle intensified. The British responded with brutal force but the Indians refused to back down. The Quit India Movement, led by Gandhi, shook the very foundations of British rule. Finally, on August 15, 1947, India achieved its hard-won freedom. Bhagat Singh's sacrifice, along with that of many others, would never be forgotten.

As the Indian tricolour fluttered in the wind, a nation rejoiced, its people forever grateful to the brave hearts who had fought for their independence. Shortly before the stroke of midnight on August 14, India's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, made a famous speech entitled "A Tryst with Destiny"

The Indian Independence Movement had been more than just a political struggle; it was a renaissance, a cultural awakening that had inspired oppressed nations around the world. As the nation celebrated its newfound freedom, it remembered the sacrifices of its heroes and the long, arduous journey that had led to this moment of triumph.



AARON ROBINS
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India@75: Celebrating the Spirit of the Republic



Republic Day 2025: A Celebration of 75 Years of India's Constitution

This year, on January 26, 2025, India will celebrate its 75th Republic Day, a monumental milestone that signifies the enduring strength of the nation's democracy and its unwavering commitment to equality, justice, and freedom.

The day marks the adoption of the Indian Constitution on January 26, 1950, transforming India into a sovereign,

secular, and democratic republic. This historic event is a reminder of the vision of the Constitution's architects, led by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, and their aspirations for a nation united in diversity.

The Celebrations of 2025

This year's Republic Day promises to be particularly special as it pays tribute to 75 years of India's constitutional journey. The grand celebrations in New Delhi will showcase the rich cultural heritage, military strength, and technological advancements of the nation.

- The Republic Day Parade: Held at the iconic Kartavya Path, the parade will feature tableaux representing India's states and union territories, each highlighting their unique traditions and achievements. The event will also witness the participation of schoolchildren, cultural performers, and armed forces, showcasing India's unity and resilience.
- Chief Guest: Continuing the tradition of inviting distinguished global leaders, this year's chief guest will reflect India's

growing stature in international relations.

- Special Features: In honor of 75 years of the Constitution, a special segment in the parade will be dedicated to the Preamble, highlighting its timeless principles of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity.

Republic Day is not just a day of celebration; it is a time to reflect on the values enshrined in the Constitution and the progress India has made as a nation. Over the past 75 years, India has emerged as a global leader, excelling in various fields, from science and technology to arts and culture.

As we celebrate Republic Day 2025, it is a moment to honor the sacrifices of those who fought for India's freedom and the efforts of those who shaped its democratic framework. It is also a call to action for every citizen to uphold the principles of the Constitution and contribute to the nation's development.



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DISCOVER india KARNATAKA

Karnataka, located in the southern part of India, is a state that effortlessly blends its historical charm with modern growth. Spanning 191,791 square kilometers, it shares its borders with Goa, Maharashtra, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and the Arabian Sea, making it a significant cultural and geographical hub. Karnataka's rich history is shaped by great dynasties like the Chalukyas, Hoysalas, and the Vijayanagara Empire. Their architectural genius is evident in:

- Hampi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its ancient temples and monuments.
- The intricately carved temples of Belur and Halebidu, showcasing the Hoysala dynasty's artistry.
- The Badami Cave Temples and Aihole, regarded as the cradle of Indian temple architecture.
- Mysuru, the cultural capital, is renowned for its Mysuru Palace, one of the most magnificent royal residences in India, and the grand Dasara celebrations that draw global attention.

Karnataka's diverse landscapes make it a paradise for nature lovers:

- The misty hills of Coorg, often referred to as the "Scotland of India," are famous for their coffee plantations and serene ambiance.
- Gokarna, known for its pristine beaches

and sacred temples, offers both tranquility and adventure.

- The Western Ghats, a UNESCO-recognized biodiversity hotspot, house wildlife sanctuaries like Bandipur, Nagarhole, Dandeli, and Bhadra, which are home to tigers, elephants, and rare bird species.
- The state is dotted with stunning waterfalls like Jog Falls, India's second-highest plunge waterfall, and Abbey Falls in Coorg.
- Bengaluru, the capital city, is often called the "Silicon Valley of India" for its thriving IT industry and vibrant start-up ecosystem.
- It is home to prestigious educational institutions like the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and IIM Bengaluru, along with global tech giants.
- The state is a leading producer of coffee, silk, and sandalwood, playing a vital role in India's export economy.
- The aerospace and biotechnology sectors in Karnataka have also seen remarkable growth, positioning it as a key player in cutting-edge industries.
- Karnataka's traditional art forms, such as Yakshagana (a dance-drama), Mysuru painting, and Carnatic music, reflect its rich cultural heritage.

- The state hosts unique festivals like Kambala (buffalo racing), Karaga, and Hampi Utsav, which celebrate its traditions and community spirit.
- Chitradurga Fort, Bijapur's Gol Gumbaz, and Shivamogga's Kavaledurga Fort are other historical landmarks that highlight the state's architectural brilliance.
- The backwaters of Kabini and Sharavathi Valley are perfect for eco-tourism and birdwatching.
- Adventure enthusiasts can indulge in river rafting in Dandeli, rock climbing in Badami, and scuba diving near Murudeshwar.
- Karnataka is well-connected by road, rail, and air, with Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru serving as a major gateway.
- The state's extensive railway and road networks make it easily accessible from all parts of India.



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Whether it's the historical marvels, scenic beauty, or thriving cities, Karnataka stands as a testament to India's incredible diversity, offering a truly unforgettable experience.



A Thematic Showcase by 11A & 11B: “TV in a Nutshell”



The students of Class 11A and 11B conducted an impressive assembly based on the theme “TV in a Nutshell.” The event was well-planned and executed, reflecting the enthusiasm and creativity of the students.



The assembly commenced with an Islamic prayer, followed by the school prayer, which created a peaceful and reflective atmosphere. The new word and quote of the day added an intellectual touch to the proceedings, while the flag salutation and news presentation showcased discipline and awareness.



The cultural segment of the assembly was the highlight of the program. It began with a vibrant dance performance that set an energetic tone and seamlessly transitioned into a skit that humorously and thoughtfully captured the essence of the theme. The performances were engaging and resonated well with the audience, reflecting the students’ hard work and coordination.



Vice Principal Mrs. Susan Rajesh addressed the gathering, commending the students for their brilliant efforts. She appreciated their creativity and teamwork, encouraging them to keep up their exceptional performance in the future.

The assembly concluded with the Indian National Anthem, instilling a sense of patriotism and unity among the students and teachers. The event was a great

success, leaving the audience entertained, inspired, and proud of the students’ achievements.

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Swami Vivekananda



Swami Vivekananda, one of India's most revered spiritual leaders, was honored with a commemorative stamp in 1963, on the centenary of his birth. The stamp features his iconic image, representing his contributions to India's spiritual and cultural renaissance. He is best known for his speech at the World Parliament of Religions in Chicago in 1893, where he introduced Hindu philosophy to the West, emphasizing unity and tolerance. Vivekananda's teachings focused on self-realization, service to humanity, and the importance of youth in nation-building. His legacy continues to inspire millions worldwide in their pursuit of spiritual and personal growth.

Radha-Kishangarh



Radha-Kishangarh refers to a style of 18th-century Rajasthani miniature painting, best known for its romantic depictions of Radha and Krishna, especially the iconic Bani Thani, characterized by elegant features and a blend of Mughal and Rajput styles.

Acharya Vinoba Bhave (1895–1982),



Acharya Vinoba Bhave, a close follower of Mahatma Gandhi, is best known for launching the Bhoodan Movement in 1951, encouraging landowners to donate land to the poor. A key advocate of nonviolence, rural development, and social reform, he dedicated his life to uplifting the underprivileged. For his efforts, he received the Ramon Magsaysay Award in 1958, recognizing his leadership in community development.

Thakker Bapa



Thakker Bapa, born on August 6, 1886, was a prominent Indian social reformer known for his work with marginalized communities in Gujarat. He dedicated his life

to education, self-reliance, and social equality, playing a key role in community development. A close associate of Mahatma Gandhi, he was active during India's independence movement. His legacy of compassion and social service continues to inspire many.

Mohammed Rafi (1924-1980)



Mohammed Rafi was an iconic Indian playback singer known for his versatility and emotive voice. He contributed to Indian cinema with thousands of songs across various genres, including classical, folk, and pop. To honor his legacy, the Indian government issued a commemorative postage stamp featuring him on July 24, 2013. Rafi's influence on music remains profound, and he is celebrated as one of the greatest playback singers in Indian history.

Chandra Shekhar Azad (1906–1931)



Chandra Shekhar Azad was a prominent Indian revolutionary known for his role in the fight for independence. A key member of the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA), he participated in revolutionary activities like the Kakori train robbery. Azad vowed never to be captured alive and died fighting in a police encounter in 1931, becoming a symbol of courage in India's freedom struggle.

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur (1887–1964)



Rajkumari Amrit Kaur was an Indian freedom fighter and politician from Punjab. A close associate of Mahatma Gandhi, she played a crucial role in the independence movement. As India's first Health Minister (1947–1952), she advocated for public health reforms and women's rights, leaving a significant impact on society.

Dr. Vikram Sarabhai (1919–1971),

Dr. Vikram Sarabhai, widely regarded as the "Father of the Indian Space Program," was instrumental in setting up the Indian Space

Research Organisation (ISRO). He envisioned using space technology for India's development, leading projects like the establishment of the Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching



SHAHAB JAMIL
- 9D



Station (TERLS) and the launch of India's first satellite, Aryabhata. A commemorative stamp issued in 1972 honors his legacy in science and technology, symbolizing India's aspirations in space exploration and research.

Rani Laxmibai (1828–1858)

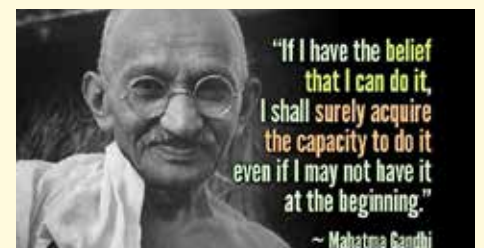


Rani Laxmibai the Queen of Jhansi, became an icon of resistance during India's First War of Independence in 1857. She valiantly fought against British forces to defend her kingdom, embodying courage and patriotism. Her bravery in battle and defiance of colonial rule made her a folk hero. A stamp issued in 1957 depicts her on horseback, leading her army, symbolizing the indomitable spirit of Indian women in the freedom struggle.

M. S. Subbulakshmi (1916–2004)



M. S. Subbulakshmi, the legendary Carnatic vocalist and the first musician to receive the Bharat Ratna, elevated Indian classical music to global acclaim. Her rendition of compositions like the Venkatesa Suprabhatam and performances at the United Nations in 1966 showcased India's rich musical heritage. A commemorative stamp issued in 2005 highlights her contribution to the arts and her role as a cultural ambassador for India.



~ Mahatma Gandhi



“Roblox: A Boundless World of Creativity, Innovation, and Entertainment”

Roblox, a massively popular multiplayer online platform, continues to captivate millions of players worldwide with its unique blend of creativity, socialization, and entertainment. One of its standout features is Roblox Studio, a free and intuitive development tool that allows users to create games and experiences without requiring extensive programming knowledge, empowering budding developers to bring their ideas to life. Beyond gaming, Roblox has evolved into a virtual events hub, hosting concerts and collaborations with world-renowned artists like Lil Nas X and Twenty One Pilots, which attract millions of viewers and redefine the boundaries of entertainment. Additionally, Roblox serves as an educational platform, teaching essential skills such as coding, game design, and digital entrepreneurship

through camps, tutorials, and workshops, equipping young minds for the future.

The platform’s cross-device compatibility ensures seamless gameplay across PCs, mobile devices, tablets, and consoles, making it easily accessible to a global audience. Players can personalize their avatars with a vast array of outfits, accessories, and animations, fostering self-expression and individuality. Roblox’s economy, powered by its virtual currency Robux, allows players not only to purchase in-game items but also enables developers to monetize their creations, offering them a chance to earn real-world income. This has transformed Roblox into a lucrative space for creative entrepreneurs. Furthermore, Roblox prioritizes safety by implementing strict moderation tools, parental controls, and educational resources, ensuring a secure and positive environment for players of all ages.

Roblox also thrives on community building, encouraging collaboration and teamwork as many games require players to work together to achieve common goals. The inclusion of virtual reality (VR) integration

takes immersive gameplay to the next level, allowing players to fully step into their favorite virtual worlds. Its ever-expanding library of user-generated content offers a wide variety of experiences, ranging from thrilling obstacle courses and competitive games to role-playing simulations and storytelling adventures. Seasonal events, regular updates, and special collaborations ensure that there is always something new and exciting for players to explore. With its boundless creativity, vibrant community, and innovative approach to entertainment, Roblox continues to redefine the gaming and social landscape, solidifying its place as a revolutionary platform that offers endless opportunities for engagement, learning, and fun.



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Isra and Miraj : A Night of Divine Miracles



Isra and Miraj is one of the most significant events in Islamic history, marking a miraculous journey undertaken by Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) by Allah’s command. This sacred event is observed on the 27th night of Rajab and highlights the Prophet’s spiritual ascension and the blessings of Allah.

The Journey of Isra

The first part of the journey, Isra, took the Prophet (PBUH) from Masjid Al-Haram in Mecca to Masjid Al-Aqsa in Jerusalem. Accompanied by the Angel Jibreel and riding the celestial steed Buraq, the Prophet traveled swiftly to Al-Aqsa. There, he led other prophets in prayer, symbolizing the unity and continuity of divine guidance across generations.

The Ascension of Miraj

From Jerusalem, the Prophet ascended to the heavens in the second phase, Miraj. Passing through the seven heavens, he met various prophets, including Adam, Musa, Isa, and Ibrahim, and witnessed the wonders of the heavens. At the highest point, Sidrat-ul-Muntaha, the Prophet was granted the honor of being in the Divine Presence. It was here that the obligation of the five daily prayers was revealed, a cornerstone of Islamic worship.

Spiritual and Religious Significance

The journey holds profound importance in Islam. It emphasizes the centrality of prayer, reminding Muslims of their connection to Allah. It also highlights themes of faith,

patience, and perseverance. The Prophet’s leading of other prophets in prayer at Al-Aqsa signifies the unity of all monotheistic messages.

Observing Isra and Miraj

Muslims commemorate this event with special prayers, Quran recitation, and reflections on its lessons. It serves as a reminder of Allah’s mercy and the spiritual elevation attainable through devotion and prayer.

The Isra and Miraj inspire believers to strengthen their faith, adhere to prayer, and seek closeness to Allah, reflecting the enduring relevance of this miraculous journey.



FATHIMA SOHEB
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Koneru Humpy Wins 2024 FIDE Women's World Rapid Chess Championship: Koneru Humpy has recently claimed her second women's title at the World Rapid and Blitz Championship held in New

York, marking a milestone in her chess career, showcasing her exceptional talent and determination. Humpy's win is historic as it establishes her as a leading figure in women's chess. She previously won the championship in 2019 in Georgia, making her a two-time champion.



Bald Eagle Officially Recognised as America's National Bird: The bald eagle, a powerful symbol of the United States, has received formal recognition as the national bird, conferred by President Joe Biden through legislation

passed by Congress. The bald eagle is distinguished by its striking white head, yellow beak, and brown body, embodying the spirit of American strength.



India Launches First UG Minor in Quantum Technologies: The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and the National Quantum Mission (NQM) have initiated India's first Undergraduate Minor Program in

Quantum Technologies. This program aims to equip students with skills in quantum technology and enhance India's position in the global quantum landscape.



PM Modi awarded Kuwait's highest honour : Prime Minister Narendra Modi was awarded the 'Order of Mubarak Al Kabeer', the highest honour in Kuwait, by Amir of Kuwait His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-

Sabah. The 'Order of Mubarak Al Kabeer' is the knighthood order of Kuwait. It is awarded to heads of state, foreign sovereigns, and to members of foreign royal families as a sign of friendship.



Easterine Kire's 'Spirit Nights' Wins the 2024 Sahitya Akademi Award in English Language: Easterine Kire, a prominent writer from Nagaland, has been honored with the Sahitya Akademi Award for 2024. Kire received the award

for her novel Spirit Nights, published by Simon and Schuster India, which explores a haunting tale from the Chang Naga tribe of Nagaland. The Sahitya Akademi recognizes literary excellence across various languages. Kire's win in the English category marks her contribution to literature. Awardees receive a casket containing an engraved copper plaque, a shawl, and a cash prize of one lakh rupees.



Russia Develops Cancer Vaccine, To Distribute For Free: Russia has developed an mRNA vaccine against cancer, Russian news agency TASS has reported. The vaccine will be distributed to cancer patients for free.

The vaccine's pre-clinical trials had shown that it suppresses tumor development and potential metastases. mRNA or messenger-RNA vaccines use specific parts of the infectious agent like its protein, sugar, or coating. mRNA vaccine gives a message to our cells to make a protein or even just a piece of a protein which are like those of the virus. The protein then triggers an immune response inside our bodies.



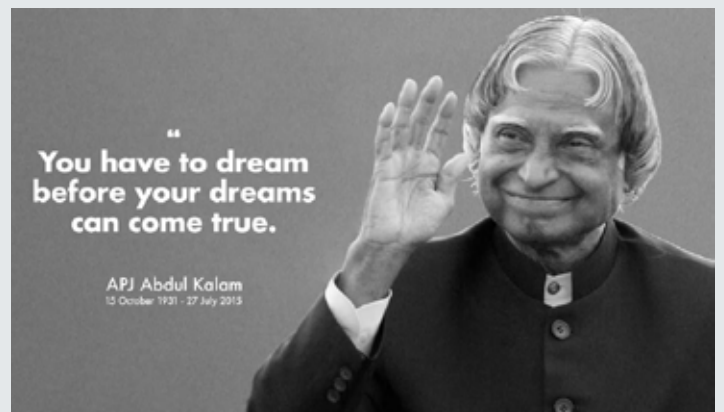
Kisan Kavach: India's First Anti-Pesticide Bodysuit Launched: The Kisan Kavach, India's pioneering anti-pesticide bodysuit, was recently revealed by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh, and aims to protect farmers

from the adverse effects of pesticides. The Kisan Kavach is a washable and reusable suit priced at ₹4,000. It has a lifespan of up to one year. It addresses health risks faced by farmers, including respiratory issues and vision impairment. This bodysuit represents a major advancement in agricultural safety.

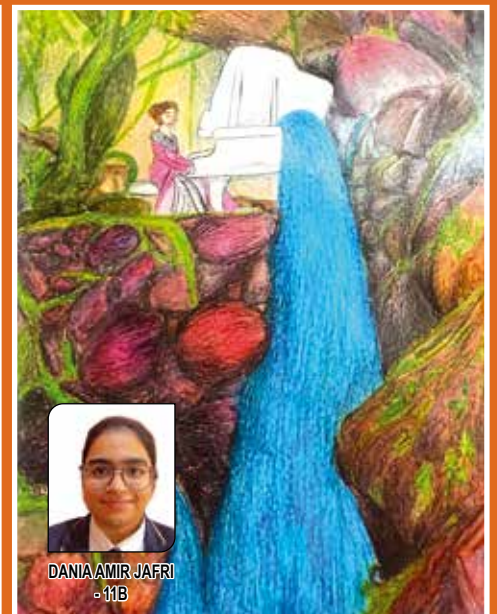
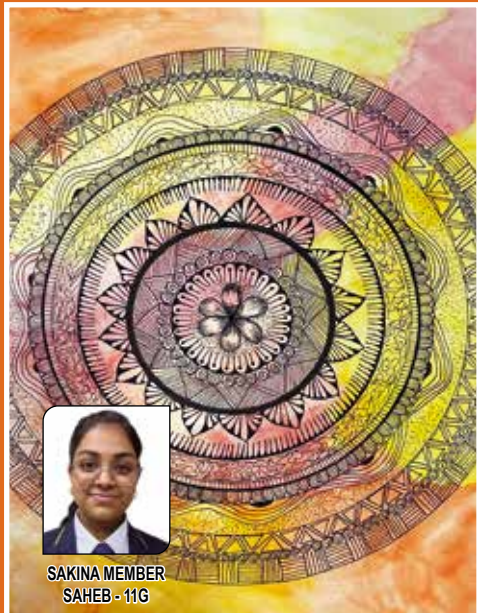
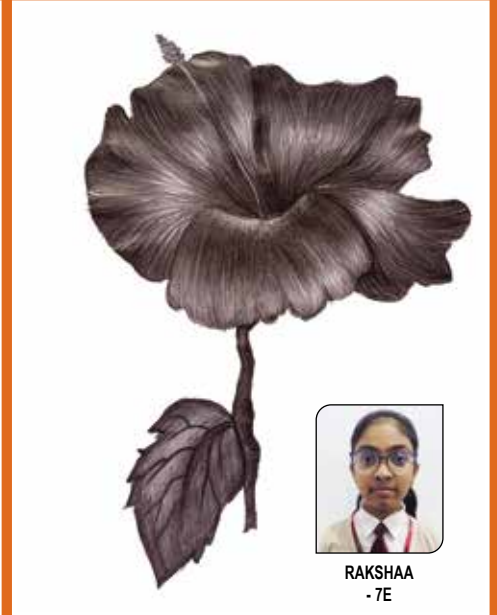
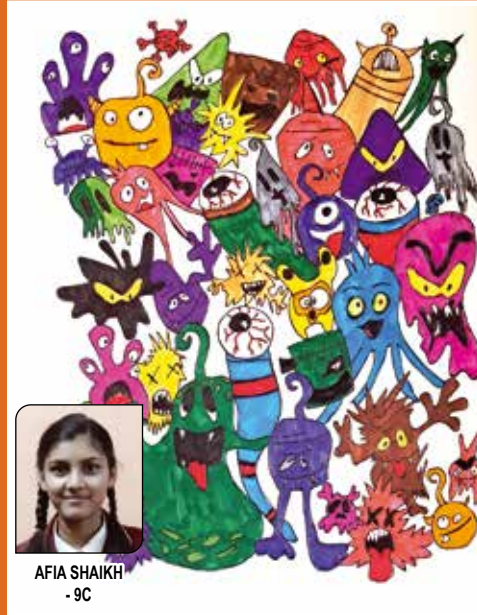


India's First Sign Language TV Channel Launched: India has recently launched its first 24/7 television channel in sign language, part of the PM e-VIDYA program, named Channel 31, which aims to support hearing-impaired

students and educators. It is managed by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). The goal is to make education more inclusive. Channel 31 provides educational resources in Indian Sign Language (ISL), designed for school children, teachers, and other stakeholders. The channel covers various topics, including career guidance, skill training, and mental health, which promotes ISL as a language subject alongside Hindi and English. Content aligns with both central and state school curricula.



Art Gallery



EPictionary



BHAGYALAKSHMI
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- 1. Sesquipedalian (noun):**
Meaning: Long and complex; also refers to a person who uses long words.
Example: His sesquipedalian style of writing made his articles difficult for the average reader to comprehend.
- 2. Quixotic (adjective):**
Meaning: Extremely idealistic, unrealistic, or impractical.
Example: His quixotic dream of becoming a professional musician with no training seemed impossible.
- 3. Ubiquitous (adjective):**
Meaning: Present, appearing, or found everywhere.
Example: Smartphones have become ubiquitous in today's society, seen in nearly every hand.
- 4. Antediluvian (an adjective and a noun):**
Meaning: Extremely old-fashioned; from the period before the Biblical flood.
Example: The antediluvian laws seemed completely out of place in the modern world.
- 5. Ineffable (adjective):**
Meaning: Too great or extreme to be expressed or described in words.
Example: The ineffable beauty of the mountain landscape left us all speechless.
- 6. Redolent (adjective):**
Meaning: Strongly reminiscent or suggestive of something.
Example: The room was redolent of fresh flowers and the earthy scent of rain.
- 7. Belligerent (may function as either an adjective or a noun):**
Meaning: Hostile and aggressive.
Example: The belligerent behavior of the protesters led to clashes with the police.
- 8. Vituperative (adjective):**
Meaning: Bitter and abusive in speech or writing.
Example: The vituperative remarks during the debate only served to escalate the hostility between the candidates.
- 9. Exacerbate (verb):**
Meaning: To make a situation or condition worse.
Example: The new policy only served to exacerbate the ongoing conflict between the two departments.
- 10. Tantamount (adjective):**
Meaning: Equivalent in seriousness to; virtually the same as.
Example: His refusal to attend the meeting was tantamount to an admission of guilt.



WOMEN FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF INDIA

India's struggle against the British colonial rule for independence is a tale of unwavering perseverance. While the male leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Vallabhbhai Patel etc. was praised for their sacrifices and valor towards the country the significant contributions of women to the Indian freedom struggle are frequently overshadowed.



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Countless women played crucial roles in various capacities fighting for the freedom of their motherland. We pay tribute to some of the most remarkable women freedom fighters of India who went against societal norms, fought against oppressive forces, and paved the way for generations to come.

Rani Lakshmi Bai of Jhansi is one of the most iconic women figures in Indian history. Despite being a woman in a male dominated society, she rose to be the queen of Jhansi and led her army with unmatched bravery. Affectionately known as the "Nightingale of India," Sarojini Naidu was not just a poet but a fierce advocate of India's freedom. She was actively involved in the Indian National Congress and played an important role in the civil disobedience movement. One of the first women to become the president of the Indian National Congress. Kasturba Gandhi, wife of Mahatma Gandhi, was a steadfast supporter and active participant in India's freedom movement. Kasturba's contribution, though often understated, was crucial. She played an important role in the Non-Cooperation Movement, Salt March, and Quit India Movement.

The legacy of these women, alongside many others who fought for India's independence, is a testament to their unwavering courage, determination, and sacrifice. Their contributions go beyond the battlefield and include social reform, education, and empowerment, shaping the India we know today. Despite facing immense social and cultural challenges, these women led movements that inspired millions of Indians to rise up and claim their freedom. Their stories remind us that the fight for independence was not just a male-dominated affair but a collective national struggle, where women played an indispensable and heroic role.

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