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A GALAXY OF BRILLIANT MINDS, ON A TRAIL BLAZING SUCCESS

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Dear Readers,

Every August, our hearts swell with pride as we remember the day our nation broke the chains of oppression and embraced freedom. Independence is more than a historic milestone—it is a living spirit that urges us to think boldly, act responsibly, and dream without limits. India, once a land striving for freedom, now stands tall on the world stage. From space exploration to digital innovation, from sports to culture, our country is steadily earning recognition as a rising superpower. The future, however, rests in the hands of young learners like you, who will carry this legacy forward with creativity and courage. This month also greets us with the joyous festival of Janmashtami, marking the birth of Lord Krishna. His life was a symphony of wisdom, devotion, and playfulness. What makes Krishna truly inspiring is the way he faced even the most difficult situations—with a calm smile and unshaken resolve. As a child, he performed acts of extraordinary bravery, yet his spirit was always light and joyful. As a guide in the Bhagavad Gita, he taught us to stand firm in our duty, without fear or despair. His life reminds us that strength and happiness can go hand in hand, and that challenges are best faced with clarity and confidence. As we present this issue of our school magazine, we encourage every student to contribute their unique voice. Be it a thoughtful article, a poem, a short story, or a drawing—let your imagination and talent reflect the themes of freedom, resilience, joy, and devotion. Your contributions make this magazine not just a publication, but a collective celebration of creativity. Let us step into this season with gratitude for our freedom, with inspiration from Krishna's radiant life, and with determination to express ourselves fully.

Wishing all our readers a Happy Independence Day and a Happy Janmashtami!



PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Readers,

As we step into the month of August, we are reminded of the spirit of freedom and the strength of unity that define our nation. On this Independence Day, let us celebrate not just the historic moment when our country attained freedom, but also the responsibility it places on each one of us. True freedom is not only about rights but also about duties—our duty to respect our nation, to uphold its values, and to contribute towards its progress. You, dear students, are the torchbearers of tomorrow. The seeds of discipline, dedication, and patriotism you sow today will blossom into the pillars of a strong and vibrant India in the years ahead.



This month also brings with it the joyous occasion of Janmashtami, the birth of Lord Krishna. His life is a source of inspiration across ages—full of wisdom, devotion, and courage. From lifting the Govardhan hill to protect his people, to vanquishing demons who spread fear, young Krishna taught us that true strength lies in standing up for what is right. His mastery over the sixteen kalas (arts and skills) reminds us of the limitless potential hidden within each one of you. At the same time, his playful childhood stories show us that joy and devotion can beautifully coexist with responsibility. Like Krishna, may you nurture both cheerfulness and commitment to your dharma—your duty as students.

“Your right is to perform your duty alone, but never to expect the fruits of your actions.”

As the First Term Examinations approach, I urge you to prepare with focus and sincerity. Hard work done today will become the foundation of your success tomorrow. Remember, exams are not just a test of memory but a step in shaping character, perseverance, and confidence. Let this August inspire us all—with the pride of our freedom, the devotion of Krishna’s teachings, and the determination to excel. May you continue to grow into compassionate, patriotic, and responsible citizens who make both the school and the nation proud.

Wishing you all a Happy Independence Day and a Joyous Janmashtami!

Best Wishes

Swati Joshi



Success stories that inspire....

GIS
Idol

MAJOR DEEPAK RATHEE

RECIPIENT : COMMENDATION FROM THE CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF

FROM CLASSROOM TO COMMENDATION: A JOURNEY WORTH REMEMBERING

It is with a deep sense of humility that I share with my school family that I have been honoured with the Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Commendation Card. This recognition is one of the prestigious recognitions in the Indian Army, but to me, it is not just an award but it is a reminder of the values and lessons that have guided me from my school days till now. Looking back, I realise that the foundation of this journey was laid right here in Gangotri Hostel of the school where I came as a novice in 2010, with lots of doubts in mind and certainly not knowing what life ahead was going to be. The constant guidance of the teaching and non teaching staff has been the guiding light. The strength from the fellow class and hostel mates became the propulsion to learn the unlearned. The discipline of attending morning prayers, the importance of being punctual, the spirit of teamwork we learnt during games and the constant encouragement from teachers shaped me in ways that I only understand today. Whatever little I have achieved is because of those early lessons.

The road to any recognition is not easy. Specially, Army life brings challenges that include long hours of training, demanding situations and moments of doubt. There were times when the tasks ahead felt overwhelming. In those moments, I often remembered the simple lessons from



GIS which said never give up, believe in yourself and do your work sincerely. Those small reminders kept me moving forward, step by step.

When I received the news of the Commendation Card, my first feeling was gratitude. Gratitude towards my family specially my wife Preeti Kalyan for her constant support, towards my school for shaping my character and towards my teacher for giving me the foundation on

which I stand today. I truly believe this honour belongs as much to them as it does to me.

To my juniors, I would like to share one thought that success does not come from one big achievement but from small efforts done with honesty every day. Whether in studies, sports or any activity just give your best, remain disciplined and never stop learning. The results will surely follow in their own time. This award is a proud moment, but for me, it is also a reminder to stay humble, work harder and continue serving with sincerity. I hope my journey shows that with dedication, courage and faith each one of you can achieve great heights and make our school and nation proud.

“Discipline and sincerity may not shine immediately but they always lead you to success in the end.”

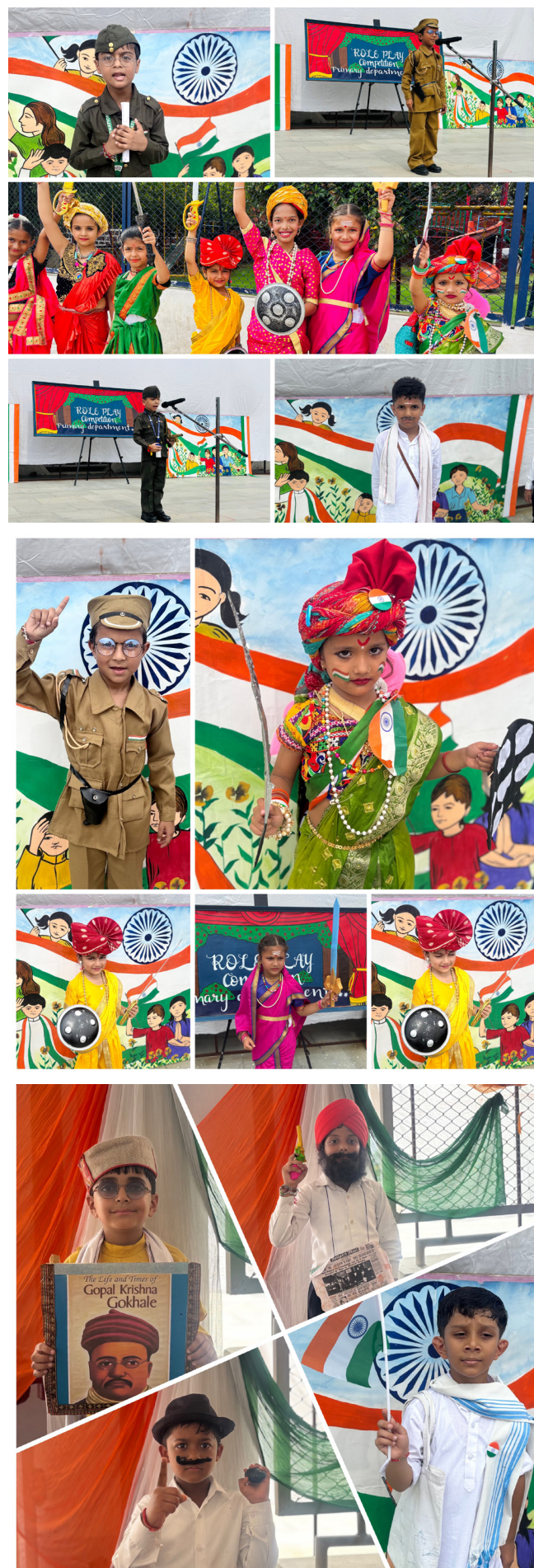


COMMEMORATING HEROES : CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE DAY

“Freedom is the gift of countless sacrifices, and its story must be told to every generation.”

With this thought in mind, the Primary Department organised a Role-Play Competition on 13th August 2025 for Classes I to III as part of the Independence Day celebrations. The theme, “Patriotic Leaders & Freedom Fighters”, gave our young students the opportunity to step into the shoes of national heroes such as Mahatma Gandhi, Rani Laxmi Bai, Bhagat Singh, Subhash Chandra Bose, Sarojini Naidu, and many more. Through their heartfelt performances, the children not only acted but also experienced the struggles, dreams, and sacrifices of these great personalities. While preparing, students explored the life stories of these leaders – the hardships they endured and their unwavering courage in the face of challenges. This process helped them understand that independence was not earned overnight, but through years of struggle, pain, and the selfless contributions of countless brave souls. On stage, the children spoke with conviction, dressed in authentic costumes, and carried meaningful props, making history come alive. Every dialogue was more than memorised words – it was a message of resilience and love for the nation. The competition was a true blend of learning and performing, leaving the audience moved and inspired. As the applause filled the hall, one could feel the pride of being an Indian, and the hope that the seeds of patriotism sown in these young hearts will grow for a lifetime.

STUDENTS NAME	CLASS/ SEC.	HOUSE	POSITION
DISHANT CHOPRA	I B	ALAKNANDA	I
YUVRAJ SEHRAWAT	I A	GANGOTRI	II
DIVAM	I A	BHAGIRATHI	III
CHESTHA BHARDWAJ	I B	GANGOTRI	III
SANSKRITI	II C	ALAKNANDA	I
MEHUL VEER SINGH	II A	ALAKNANDA	II
KABIR SINGH	II C	GANGOTRI	III
MAHARTH	III A	GANGOTRI	I
RUDRAKSH	III A	GANGOTRI	II
JYANSH LALWANI	III C	BHAGIRATHI	III



JANMASHTAMI CELEBRATIONS AT GIS

GIS campus turned into a little Vrindavan.

Janmashtami was celebrated with great joy and devotion, marking the birth of Lord Krishna. The corridors were beautifully decorated with vibrant flowers, colourful drapes, and thematic artwork, creating a festive and spiritual atmosphere. The highlight of the décor was the elegantly adorned jhula (swing)



of Kanha ji, decorated with fresh flowers and ornaments, symbolising the cradle of the divine child. Adding to the charm, little ones dressed as Radha and Krishna, filling the air with joy, colour, and divine energy. Students from across the school visited the venue, gently swinging the jhula and offering their love and devotion to Kanha ji, seeking his blessings for happiness, wisdom, and prosperity.

Soft devotional music in the background enhanced the serenity of the occasion, making the celebration both joyous and soulful.



LIGHT AND SHADOW PLAY ACTIVITY

To spark curiosity and build scientific thinking in our young learners, a fun and engaging Light and Shadow Play Activity was conducted in the Pre-Primary Department. The session focused on introducing children to the concept of light, shadows, and how they are formed through simple, hands-on experiences.

The activities conducted included:

- * Animal Shadow with Flour Sifting
- * Handprint Shadows with Flour
- * Shadow Projection with Torch and Cut-outs
- * Hand Shadow Puppets on Wall

Learning Outcomes:

- * Children understood how light travels in a straight line.
- * They experienced how opaque objects block light to create shadows.



* The activity promoted fine motor skills, creativity, and scientific observation.

* It fostered a spirit of inquiry and experimentation.

The light and shadow activity not only supported conceptual learning but also offered children a magical experience of science through play. The joy and amazement on their faces reflected their wonder-filled discovery of the world around them



QUILLING TRICOLOURS WITH PRIDE

To nurture artistic skills and instill a sense of national pride, a Tricolour Paper Quilling Activity was organised by the Middle School. Under the creative guidance of teachers and the enthusiastic participation of students, the classrooms transformed into vibrant art studios. Intricate peacocks, flowers, flags, and patriotic symbols—all crafted from delicate rolled paper strips—came to life in shades of saffron, white, and green. The activity beautifully blended art, patriotism, and innovation, creating a memorable and inspiring experience for everyone involved.



WORD WIZARD CONTEST

“Words are the dress of thought; without them, ideas remain incomplete.”

With the objective of nurturing a love for language and enhancing vocabulary among students, the Word Wizard Competition was successfully conducted on 21st August 2025. The competition was organized in all classes from I to V with great enthusiasm. The competition aimed at strengthening vocabulary, spelling accuracy, and the correct usage of words, thereby encouraging children to explore the richness of the English language. Students participated with keen interest, displaying not only their knowledge of words but also their confidence in spelling and pronunciation. The atmosphere in the classrooms was vibrant, as students eagerly attempted the word challenges. It was delightful to witness their excitement and determination to perform well. In conclusion, the Word Wizard Competition proved to be a successful and enriching experience. It helped children enhance their vocabulary, promoted a love for language, and made learning both fun and meaningful.

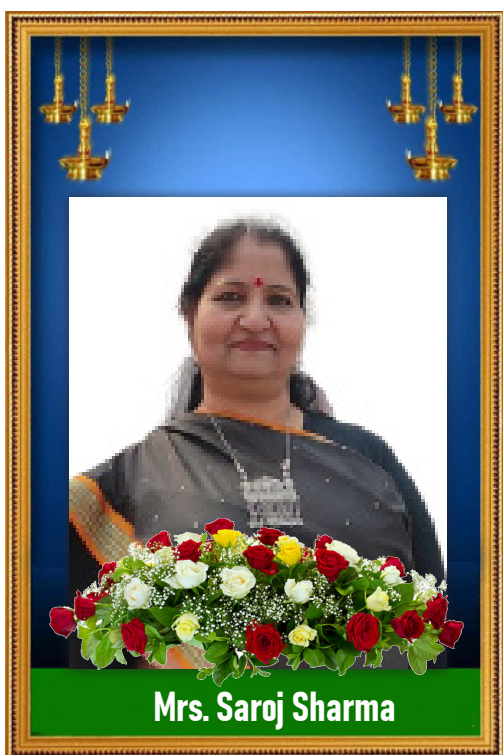
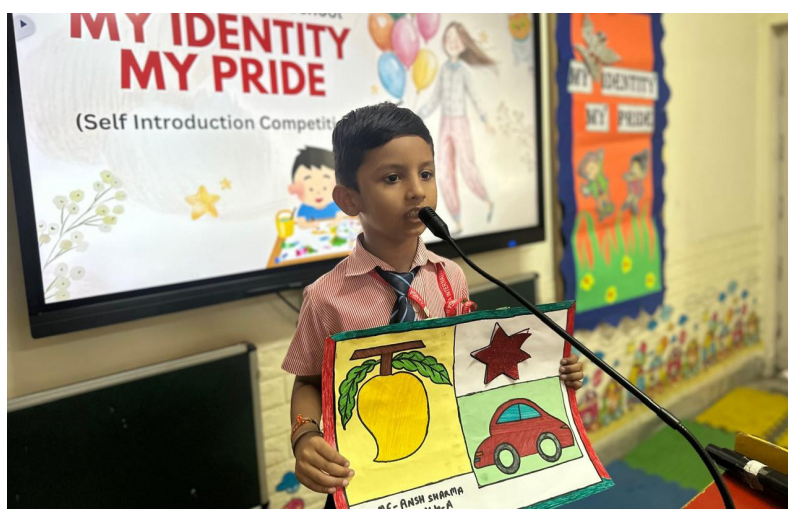
NAME	CLASS/ SEC	POSITION
ADVIK TIWARI	I A	I
MAYRA VERMA	I A	II
DARSH	I A	III
ABHIMANYU	I B	I
SIYA JAISWAL	I B	II
TANVI	I B	III
ANSH	II A	I
KHEWANSH	II A	II
LIYANSH SHEORAN	II A	II
RIVAANSH SIMAAR	II B	I
JAIRAJ LAKRA	II B	II
BIHAAN VIKRAM	II B	III
DIVYANSH	II C	I
SANSKRITI KUSHWAHA	II C	II
ADYANT RAI	II C	III
ANIRBAN	III A	I
MAHARTH SHARMA	III A	II
VIVAAN CHOPRA	III A	III
RUDRANSHI RAJPUT	III B	I
SWARA SINGH	III B	II
PRAGYA PAL	III B	II
AANYA SHARMA	III B	III
RUDRANSHU CHAKRABORTY	III C	I

ANUSHREE YADAV	III C	II
KARTIK DIXIT	III C	III
AMIT VIKRAM UPADHYAY	III C	III
KASHVI	IV A	I
SHAURYA MAHESH PRATAP	IV A	II
RUDR GARG	IV A	III
VEER	IV B	I
LAVYA	IV B	II
MANAV SINGH	IV B	III
NITYA SOLANKI	IV C	I
VIVAAN SEHRAWAT	IV C	I
EVAAN	IV C	II
PRATHAM SINGH	IV C	III
LAVIK RANA	V A	I
AADITYA	V A	II
BHAVAY	V A	III
SAKSHAM RANA	V B	I
YASHIKA	V B	II
SAURABH SRIVASTAVA	V B	III
ARNA TIWARI	V C	I
PRANJAL	V C	II
KAVYANSH YADAV	V C	III
SHAIRAAN	VC	III



MY IDENTITY, MY PRIDE !

The Pre-Primary Department organized a vibrant and engaging event titled "My Identity, My Pride", aimed at nurturing self-confidence and self-awareness among our young learners. Students from LKG and UKG participated with great enthusiasm, proudly presenting themselves using a variety of creative and meaningful props. Each child came forward to introduce themselves, confidently speaking about their name, hobbies, favorite colors, and dreams. The highlight of the event was the thoughtful use of props, which added charm and individuality to their presentations. This activity not only strengthened their communication skills but also instilled a deep sense of pride in who they are. It was heartwarming to witness the confidence, joy, and innocence on their faces as they celebrated their own identities. The event was a wonderful success, leaving behind smiles, applause, and a strong message: "Every child is unique, and every identity is a reason to be proud."



OBITUARY

We profoundly grieve the sad demise of Mrs. Saroj Sharma, a dedicated and sincere Girls Warden at Ganga International School, who left for heavenly abode on September 8, 2025, leaving a void in the GIS family. Her compassion, kindness, and tireless commitment to her work earned her immense respect and admiration. The institution stands strong with her loved ones during this difficult time, cherishing the memories of her remarkable service and the impact she had on countless lives. May her legacy shine bright, and her soul find eternal peace and divine blessings.

TRADITION IN MOTION

“DANCE IS THE JOY OF MOVEMENT AND THE HEART OF LIFE”

The stage lit up with rhythm, colour, and culture as our school celebrated “tradition in motion”, an inter-house dance competition. The event was a vibrant tribute to india’s rich cultural legacy and a heartwarming showcase of talent, tradition, and teamwork. Every movement told a story, every gesture echoed grace, and every performance became a living expression of heritage. The competition featured dynamic and soulful performances by the four houses – Alaknanda, Bhagirathi, Mandakini, And Gangotri.

> Alaknanda Presented A Captivating South Indian Folk Dance, Immersing The Audience In The Rhythmic Beats And Spiritual Energy Of The Region.

> Bhagirathi Brought To Life The Vibrant Bihu Dance Of Assam, Pulsating With Youthful Energy And Traditional Charm.

> Gangotri Showcased The Royal Grace And Vibrancy Of Rajasthani Folk Dance, Rich In Colourful Costumes And Expressive Movements.

> Mandakini enthralled the audience with a high-spirited koli dance, reflecting the coastal life and joyful essence of maharashtra.

With stunning traditional attire, well-rehearsed formations, and expressive storytelling, the students transformed the stage into a canvas of rhythm and emotion. The performances reflected not only technical skill but also a deep respect for the traditions they represented. The event was more than a competition — it was a celebration of culture, identity, and creative expression. It taught the students the value of collaboration, the beauty of tradition,



and the power of performing from the heart.



INTER - HOUSE DANCE COMPETITION

The Interhouse Group Dance Competition was held in Middle school on 25th July 2025, with great enthusiasm and vibrant energy. All the four houses - showcased mesmerizing performances, each telling a unique story through the rhythm of music and movement. The activity venue was filled with excitement and cheer as the young dancers took the stage with confidence and creativity.

Each house was judged on parameters like:

Choreography, Coordination, Synchronization, Costume, Presentation, Stage confidence and Expressions.

The young dancers stunned the audience with their powerful patriotic performances.

After careful judgment, the Alaknanda House was declared the winner of the event followed by Bhagirathi and Mandakini.

Applause and cheers echoed throughout as all the teams received words of encouragement from the Principal Ma'am.

The event concluded with a short skit on theme: Kargil Vijay Diwas.

Truly, the competition was a beautiful celebration of talent, teamwork, and passion for dance.



INTER-HOUSE HINDI DEBATE COMPETITION

The Inter-House Hindi Debate Competition was successfully conducted on 5th August 2025 showcasing enthusiastic participation from all four houses – Bhagirathi, Alaknanda, Mandakini, and Gangotri. Classes IX-X were assigned the topic: Artificial Intelligence – Useful or Harmful? Students presented their arguments with confidence, clarity, and conviction, supported by real-life examples and thoughtful reasoning. For Classes XI-XII the topic was: Should Youth Participate in Politics? The speakers articulated their views with maturity and presented compelling arguments that engaged the audience. The event was coordinated by the Senior Coordinator, Ms. Sunita Suri, who addressed the students with an inspiring message. She emphasized the importance of regular practice and dedication to achieve excellence, encouraging students to keep refining their public speaking and analytical skills.

JUNIOR CLASSES IX-X:

1st Position – Bhagirathi House

2nd Position – Alaknanda House

3rd Position – Mandakini House

4th Position – Gangotri House

SENIOR CLASSES XI-XII:

1st Position – Bhagirathi House

2nd Position – Gangotri House

3rd Position – Alaknanda House

All participants performed brilliantly and were appreciated for their eloquence and logical presentation. The event proved to be a valuable platform for enhancing students' Critical thinking, confidence and Communication skills.



INTER-HOUSE PATRIOTIC SONG COMPETITION

The Inter House Patriotic Song Competition was held on 13 August 2025 in the school auditorium as part of the Independence Day celebrations. All four houses—Bhagirathi, Alaknanda, Gangotri, and Mandakini—took part with great enthusiasm, presenting soulful and energetic patriotic songs that filled the air with national pride.

The results were as follows:

1st Position: Bhagirathi House

2nd Position: Alaknanda House

3rd Position: Gangotri House

4th Position: Mandakini House

The event concluded with an inspiring speech by Senior Co-ordinator



Ms. Sunita Suri, who congratulated the winners, appreciated the efforts of all participants and encouraged students to uphold the spirit of patriotism in their lives.



SHINING SPORTS STARS



ADWIN JOSEPH MATHEW
WON GOLD MEDAL IN CBSE
ATHLETIC MEET LONG JUMP



DHAIRYA TANWAR
WON GOLD MEDAL IN CBSE
ATHLETIC MEET IN 100 MTR
RACE



ANCHAL
WON BRONZE MEDAL IN CBSE
ATHLETIC MEET IN 800 MTR RACE
WON SILVER MEDAL IN CBSE
ATHLETIC MEET IN 400 MTR RACE



DHAIRYA TANWAR
WON GOLD MEDAL IN CBSE ATHLETIC
MEET IN 200 MTR RACE



HARSH
WON SILVER MEDAL IN U-19 JUDO ZONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP
WON BRONZE MEDAL IN U-19 WRESTLING
ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
WON BRONZE MEDAL IN U-19 WRESTLING
(GR) ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIP





ISHAN

WON SILVER MEDAL IN CBSE ATHLETIC MEET IN DISCUS THROW



BOYS U-19 TABLE TENNIS TEAM WON BRONZE MEDAL IN ZONAL



YATIKA DRALL

WON BRONZE MEDAL IN UNDER-14 GIRLS CHESS IN ZONAL



PRIMARY THROWBALL BOYS TEAM CLASS I TO III WON SILVER MEDAL IN PRIMARY ZONAL

RAKHI MAKING

The Pre-Primary Department celebrated the joyous festival of Raksha Bandhan with a creative Rakhi Making Activity. The little ones, with the guidance of their teachers, designed beautiful and colorful rakhis using ribbons, beads, sequins, and decorative materials. The activity was filled with excitement as the children enthusiastically showcased their creativity and fine motor skills. This hands-on experience not only helped them understand the significance of Raksha Bandhan but also strengthened the bond of love and care among siblings. The smiles on their faces reflected their pride in creating something unique and special. It was indeed a heartwarming sight to see our tiny tots celebrating tradition in such a joyful and meaningful way.



GK QUIZ

Test your knowledge, treasure your wisdom
The much-awaited Interhouse Competition – Brain Blast GK Challenge for Grades VI to VIII was held on 22nd August 2025. The event aimed at enhancing students' knowledge, quick thinking, and team spirit. The competition featured four exciting rounds:

1. Multiple Choice Questions Round
2. Picture Identification Round
3. Audio-Visual Round
4. Rapid-Fire Round

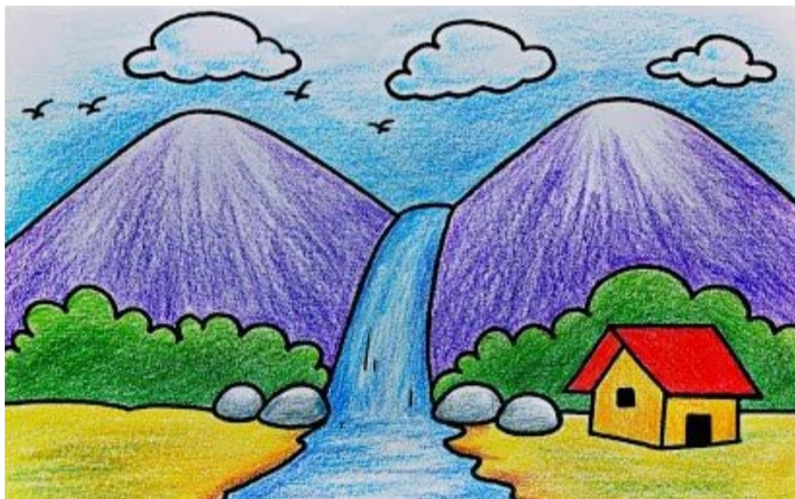
The young quizzers participated with great enthusiasm, showcasing their wit, wisdom, and teamwork. The audience also enjoyed answering bonus questions, adding to the thrill of the event.

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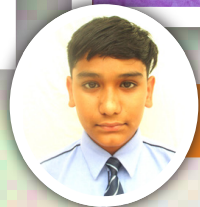
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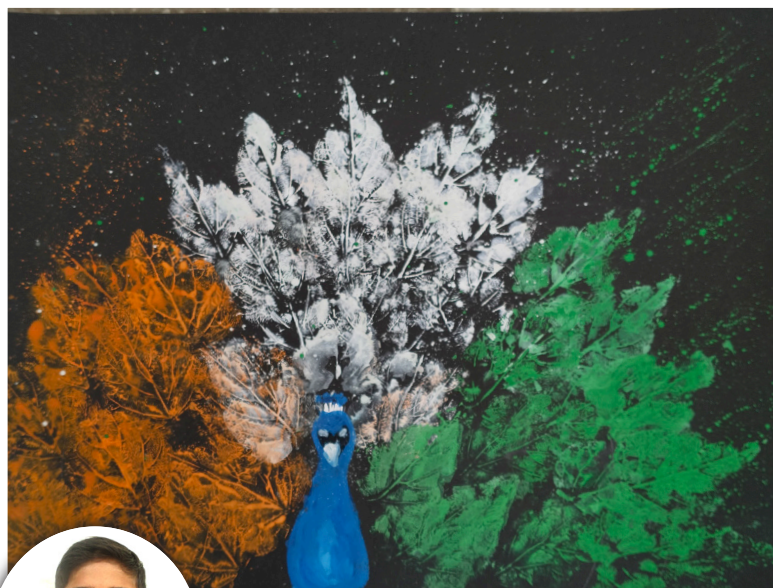
SPOTLIGHT ON ART



KSHITIJ II-B



ANSH VATS VIII-A



KUNAL VI-C



YUDHVEER V-C

EXPRESSIONS

ONE DAY MY LIFE WILL CHANGE

Once a topper , now I fall
No matter what, I give my all
Marks decide if I am bright
But I am tired of this fight
Teachers smile, but not at me
Favour some, let others be
Silent hands, unseen cries
Lost beneath their judging eyes
Dreams I had, now set aside
To make my parents beam with pride
Study , study no escape
But my heart aches in another shape
Work so hard yet still I lose
No rank , no prize just more bad news
They compare , they push , they never see,
This burden weighing down on me
Yet someday I'll break free
Be more than what they expect of me
More than grades , more than a test
I'll find my way , I'll do my best



MANVI, XA

WHISPERS OF YESTERDAY

I once ran fast with open arms,
Played all day without alarms.
Laughed so loud, so wild, so free,
The world I felt was made just for me.

School bells rang, we raced outside,
Shared our dreams with so much pride.
Everything felt big and bright,
And nothing ever seemed too tight.

But time moved on, like waves to shore,
The days we knew are here no more.
Friends have changed, the streets feel new,
Life keeps moving, just like dew.

I stop and smile, though time has flown,
Those happy days are not yet gone.
They live in me, in songs, in air,
A gentle whisper—always there.



**Priya Negi
XII S1**

EXPRESSIONS

मेरी माँ

वो घर बार सजाती है,
घर को मंदिर बनाती है,
उसके शुभ कदमों से माँ लक्ष्मी आती है
वो घर को स्वर्ण बनाती है,
खाना हमें खिलाती है,
वो हमें सुलाती है।
जब हम गलत रास्ते पर जाते हैं तो,
हमें डाँट लगाती है,
वो माँ कहलाती है,
ममता का सागर है माँ,
प्रेम की जादूगर है माँ,
मैं हर समय, आपके पास,
क्योंकि उससे जुड़ी है मेरी हर सांस,
पहनती हो चूड़ी लगाती हो बिंदी
आप की वजह से है मेरी जिंदगी
आप हो भगवान माँ
मैं हूँ आपका पुत्र
आपकी रक्षा करेगा आपका ये सुपुत्र



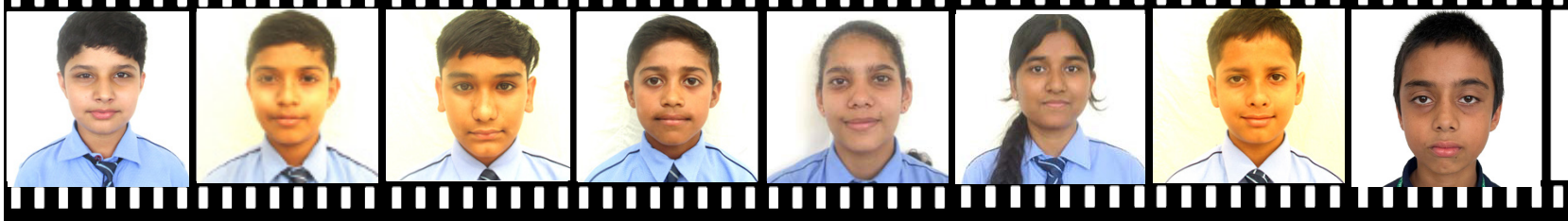
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सकारात्मक सोच

सोच हमारी बदल दे जीवन, हर हालात में भर दे सावना
मुश्किल को भी आसान करे, मन के दीपक को करे रोशन।
निराशा जब दस्तक दे, आशा का दीप जलाना तुम,
हर अंधियारे राह में भी, उम्मीदों का गीत गाना तुम।
बुरा समय भी सिखाता है, सच्ची ताकत दिलाता है।
जो गिरकर फिर उठता है, वही असल में चलता है।
हर दिन नया अवसर लाता, हर क्षण कुछ सिखा जाता।
सकारात्मक नजरिया अपनाओ, जीवन को सुंदर बनाओ।
सोच बदलो, दृष्टि बदलो, हर रुकावट को शक्ति समझो।
खुद पर विश्वास रखो सदा, जीवन होगा सफल बड़ा।



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