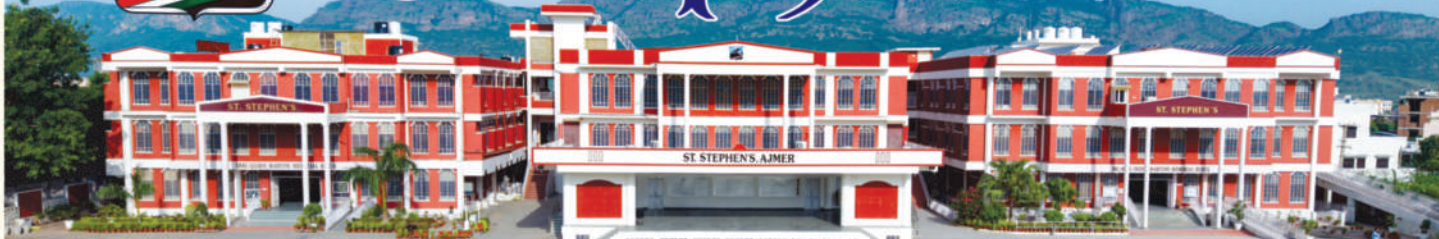




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CREATE YOUR DESTINY

“ The best way to predict the future is to create it.

- Peter Drucker

SHADES OF SUSTAINABILITY

Rachel Carson wisely reminded us, “In nature, nothing exists alone.” Her words carry a quiet truth. As we go about our daily routines, from schoolwork to friendships, it's easy to overlook how deeply woven we are into the fabric of the world around us. Sustainability isn't only about environmental campaigns or global policies; it begins right where we are: in the choices we make each day. From carrying a reusable bottle to switching off unused lights, it's about living with care, not convenience. The shades of sustainability are gentle, but firm, rooted in mindfulness, responsibility, and respect for both people and the planet.

At St. Stephen's, we believe that education must go hand in hand with awareness. We want our students to grow not just in knowledge, but in character — to think beyond themselves and consider their place in the bigger picture. Sustainability is not a burden, but a mindset. One that sees possibility in less, and value in what we often overlook. Whether it's a classroom initiative, a tree planting drive, or simply thinking twice before wasting paper — it all matters. The future is not something distant; it is shaped by what we choose today.

Let this year be a reminder that thoughtful living is powerful. If each of us does a little, together we can do a lot.

- THE EDITORS

OUR PRIORITIES

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

CAMPUS STORIES

Twenty-second Dr. (Mrs.) Deepa Martins Memorial Lecture Our Climate, Our Responsibility, Our Legacy



Memorial lectures serve as a tribute to the enduring legacy of individuals whose lives have left a lasting impact on the world around them. Every year, the School commemorates the birth anniversary of its Founder Secretary, Dr. (Mrs.) Deepa Martins, by inviting eminent speakers whose vision, values, and commitment continue to inspire generations.

This year, we were privileged to have Ms. Sunita Narain—an environmentalist, writer, Director of the Centre for Science and Environment



(CSE), and Editor of *Down to Earth* magazine—as the keynote speaker at the Twenty-second Dr. (Mrs.) Deepa Martins Memorial Lecture, held on April 5, 2025. We were also honoured to have Ms. Aruna Roy, a renowned social activist and recipient of the Ramon Magsaysay Award, as our Guest of Honour.

Ms. Narain delivered the keynote address on the topic 'Climate Change: What Can We Do?' Her speech served

as a wake-up call for every student. She began by highlighting the urgent environmental crisis the world faces today—global warming, melting glaciers, and rising sea levels—emphasizing that these are no longer distant threats but immediate realities impacting our lives.

She issued a stark warning about India's deteriorating air quality, particularly in cities like Delhi, where she remarked, "Soon, people might have to wear oxygen cylinders just to survive. This is not science fiction—this could be our future." Her words carried a powerful message: what affects one part of the world today can soon become a global concern.

Ms. Narain also elaborated on the concept of sustainability, urging us to rethink our everyday choices and the kind of world we are creating. She emphasized the urgent need to shift towards sustainable and renewable resources instead of relying on depleting fossil fuels like coal and petroleum. Only by making such

changes, she said, can we hope to build a green and livable future.

Despite the grave challenges, Ms. Narain concluded with a message of hope and responsibility. She

reminded us that even small actions, like planting a tree, can create meaningful change. Her most striking message was:

"The environment is not somebody else's responsibility—it is ours. The future belongs to you, and so does the duty to protect it."

The lecture inspired students to support environmental movements, raise awareness, and actively work toward conserving nature.

-Hardik Chouhan (X-A)



VOICES FOR THE PLANET

An Interview with Ms. Sunita Narain

Q. India has faced some of its worst environmental catastrophes in recent years, be it the Uttarakhand crisis, the Chennai water crisis or the toxic air of Delhi. Do you believe these crises were preventable? If so, where are we going wrong with our prevention techniques?

Ms. Narain- Yes, I do believe these environmental crisis were preventable. But for that, we need to change the way we look at development. It's not about choosing between the environment and progress. We can and must develop in a way that respects nature. Take the Kedarnath tragedy, for example. While cloudbursts are natural and becoming more frequent due to climate change, the extent of the damage was made worse by how we've been building in the fragile Himalayan region. The Himalayas are young and prone to landslides, yet we've built on them as if they were the plains. That's where we're going wrong. I believe we need to understand the unique ecology of each region and plan accordingly. If we develop with care and inclusivity, many of these disasters can definitely be avoided.

Change works when people understand and are supported

Q. Mega projects like Ken Betwa river link and coal mining expansions are displacing thousands of people and destroying forests. Do you think that India's development model values for nature and indigenous communities are enough? If not, what must change?

Ms. Narain- No, I don't think India's current development model values nature and indigenous communities enough. While we have a rich tradition of respecting nature and cultural diversity, our development approach—like in the case of coal mining and the Ken-Betwa project—often overlooks these values. I understand that we need minerals, even for clean energy, but they're often found in regions rich in forests and water, that are home to tribal communities. Extracting resources without considering the impact leads to

displacement and ecological loss. I believe we must find a balance. Development should benefit local communities, protect forests, and create sustainable livelihoods through a forest-based economy. We need a new economic model that includes both progress and preservation.

Q. Did you have any role model or a mentor who guided you in your journey?

Ms. Narain- Yes, I've had many role models and mentors who shaped my journey. My first and strongest role model was my mother. After my father passed away when I was just eight, she raised my four sisters and me with great strength. I come from a family of five generations of literate women, and I feel I owe everything to them, especially to my mother. If she didn't give up as a young widow, how can I give up today?

Professionally, I learned a lot from my colleague Shri Anil Agarwal, who helped me understand the deep link between environment and development, especially how the environment is crucial for the survival of the poor.

Role models are often those around us: people we may not even realize are guiding us. We just need to learn to recognize and value them.

Q. What are the reasons behind Cherrapunji and Mawsynram in Meghalaya receiving some of the heaviest rainfall in the world, yet the nearby capital, Shillong, being one of the most water-scarce areas of India?

Ms. Narain- Great question! The issue isn't just how much it rains, but it is about our relationship with water. Places like Cherrapunji get 14 meters of rain, yet face scarcity because the water isn't stored or used wisely. In contrast, drier places like Jaisalmer or Ajmer (which get around 500 mm of rain) traditionally managed water well through rainwater harvesting—every home was connected to water collection systems. I recall being



asked to remove my shoes before stepping onto a rooftop in Jodhpur because it was an '*agor*': a clean space for capturing rainwater. This shows how deeply society respected water.

Today, we've lost that connection. Lakes and drains are polluted because we don't see them as sacred. In the past, building a lake or stepwell was considered a noble act. Modern India must revive that spirit and treat every water body like a place of worship. Our survival depends on rebuilding that respectful relationship with nature.

Q. Did you ever make a decision for the sake of the environment, even when it went against the public opinion?

Ms. Narain: You can't go against people, you have to take them along. When we pushed for CNG in Delhi to reduce air pollution, there was resistance initially, especially from auto-rickshaw drivers. But we explained the health benefits and helped them get loans for new vehicles. Change works when people understand and are supported. However, harmful actions like throwing plastic in lakes must be strictly stopped, even if people resist.

- Swapnil Goyal (XI Arts), Yashasvi Chaturvedi (X-A), Aanchal Khatri (XI Arts), Hardik Chouhan (X-A)

INNOVATION IN THE AIR, PRIDE IN OUR HEARTS

We take pride in our alumnus Jayant Khatri, CEO and founder of Apollyon Dynamics. He co-founded this defence tech startup with his college batchmate, Shourya Choudhary while pursuing engineering at BITS Pilani, Hyderabad. At just 20, Jayant began developing Kamikaze and advanced drones from his hostel room. Today, his company supplies drones to Army units across Chandigarh, Jammu & Kashmir, Assam, Ranchi, and Pune. His remarkable achievements, including his recent TEDx talk, bring immense pride to our School community. At St. Stephen's, we have always endeavoured to nurture young minds into future leaders. Jayant's success story is a shining example of this vision and an inspiration to all our students.



IN MEMORIAM

On April 22, 2025, our institution solemnly gathered to mark the Twenty-second Death Anniversary of Dr. Deepa Martins – a visionary leader and a beacon of inspiration.

The memorial service commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, a symbol of the inspiration she continues to provide to our community. This was followed by an inter-faith prayer service, drawing together the School's diverse community in a moment of collective remembrance, gratitude, and spiritual reflection on her life and legacy.

To honour her values and perpetuate her mission, the students and staff pledged their commitment through a tribute pledge titled 'We Carry It Forward', a reaffirmation of their dedication to the ideals, she so deeply cherished.

In his address, the Principal reflected on Ma'am Deepa's resolute vision for holistic education and her steadfast commitment to nurturing the potential of every student. The Director, in her heartfelt message, spoke of her enduring optimism and the timeless inspiration her life continues to offer.

The ceremony concluded with a floral tribute led by the staff and class monitors – an act of quiet reverence that encapsulated the profound and lasting impact she has on all of us.



SPICMACAY PERFORMANCE

A symphony of rhythm, expression, and tradition

SPICMACAY is a voluntary youth movement that strives to preserve and promote India's rich cultural heritage by exposing students to classical arts, mythology, rituals, and philosophy. This initiative adds depth to education by nurturing a sense of beauty, inner reflection, and inspiration, making learning more holistic and meaningful.

On April 28, 2025, the students of classes VI to VIII witnessed an enthralling Odissi dance performance by Mr. Parvat Kumar Swain. The programme began with the traditional invocation *Mangalacharan* set to a devotional chant. The performance also brought to life the powerful tale of Goddess Durga's victory over Mahishasura through expressive *abhinaya* (storytelling). A particularly enchanting moment was the depiction of Lord Krishna's childhood *leelas*, performed to the verse '*Adbaram Madburam, Madburadhipate, Akhilam Madburam*', which left the audience spellbound.

Ms. Srusti Samishya, co-dancer and team member, introduced the audience to the five key elements of Odissi dance: *Mangalacharan*, *Batu*, *Pallavi*, *Abhinaya*, and *Moksha*.

Adding to the richness of the experience was the live musical accompaniment: the soulful vocals of Mr. Gopala Krushna Nahak, the melodious violin by Mr. Chandan Sethi, and the vibrant rhythm of the *mardal* by Mr. Soumya Ranjan Nayak.

This event showcased the timeless beauty of Indian classical dance and instilled a deeper appreciation for India's rich artistic heritage in young minds.



New Beginnings...

Orientation Programme Pre-Primary

Laying the foundation for a lifelong love of learning.

The Pre-Primary Parent Orientation Programme was held on March 27, 2025. The programme aimed to foster a strong parent-school partnership for the holistic development of the child. The event began with a warm welcome by the School management team and provided an overview of the School's visionary Founders, Mission, Vision, and Core Values, highlighting its focus on experiential learning. The School's alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) was also highlighted with a focus on integrating these principles into both the curriculum and pedagogical practices.

The significance of early childhood education was emphasized, particularly through play-based, activity-based, and inquiry-based learning approaches. Parents were introduced to the Holistic Progress Card, an assessment tool designed to evaluate a child's cognitive, emotional, social, and physical development. Additionally, the innovative Jodo Gyan Math learning approach was showcased aimed at making mathematics engaging and interactive for young learners. The curriculum and academic expectations for Nursery to HKG were outlined, covering teaching methods, assessments strategies, and school policies. The programme concluded with an emphasis on the importance of healthy eating habits and an introduction to the class teachers. Parents were encouraged to participate in sensory play activities such as sand trays and phonic reading. The Principal introduced the Edunext app as a platform that would provide parents with assignments, attendance records, and updates, further enhancing communication between parents and teachers. In conclusion, the event successfully, effectively strengthened the partnership between parents and the School.



Earth Day Celebration

A tree today cleans the air tomorrow.

On April 22, 2025, the school celebrated Earth Day, uniting students from Nursery to Class V in activities that championed environmental awareness and sustainability. The youngest learners engaged in vibrant art projects, including thumb printing, leaf printing, sponge art, and finger painting. Inspired by the Sustainable Development Goals 14 and 15: Life below Water and Life on Land. They crafted vibrant illustrations featuring fish, trees, and the planet Earth.

Meanwhile, students of classes IV and V designed impactful posters on Environmental Awareness and participated in a cleanliness drive in the School forest area, soil composting, and other eco-club initiatives. These activities encouraged responsibility, creativity, and hands-on learning. The celebration effectively instilled a sense of environmental responsibility among students, combining fun, fine motor skill development, and critical thinking. It was a truly enriching and memorable experience for all.



Learn, Grow, Achieve...

Gratitude Day

The hands that serve us daily deserve our deepest gratitude.

On May 1, 2025, the School community came together to celebrate Gratitude Day with heartfelt appreciation and respect. Students across grades expressed their gratitude towards the supporting staff by crafting elegant handmade cards and writing messages that acknowledged their dedication and hard work. An especially-composed thank-you note was read aloud, filling the space with warmth and sincerity. This thoughtful gesture brought smiles to every face and underscored the dignity of labour, reminding the entire vital role each member plays in nurturing a caring school environment. The School Management honoured them by presenting them pots and arranging snacks in appreciation of their hard work and dedication. The event was a simple yet powerful celebration of respect, gratitude and unity.



Mango Day

On May 2, 2025, the Pre-Primary students celebrated Mango Day with great excitement. They decorated mango cut-outs, created fruity head-gears, and enjoyed a live mango drink demonstration. The celebration combined hands-on learning with creativity, colour, and fun. The event left children smiling and eager for more.



Lemonade Party

On May 3, 2025, classes I and II held a cheerful Lemonade Party filled with learning and fun. Students worked in teams to prepare lemonade using natural ingredients. The activity emphasized healthy habits, teamwork, and environmental awareness. It was a refreshing and enriching experience for everyone involved.



Nand Gopal Mahotsav Celebration

The festival of Janmashtami was celebrated on August 18, 2025 in the School auditorium by the Pre-Primary students. The celebration began with a short video showcasing the story of the birth of Lord Krishna, followed by a cultural programme. Adding colour and charm to the celebration, little children came dressed as Krishna, Radha, Gopis, and Sudama. The celebration was filled with devotion, festive spirit, and happiness, making it a memorable experience.



FOUNDATION DAY

From Humble Beginnings to Boundless Horizons

"Built on values, driven by excellence, committed to the future."

On July 4, 2025, our School marked its 41st Foundation Day, a day imbued with joy, pride, and a profound sense of purpose. It was a celebration not just of the years gone by, but of a vision carried forward with unwavering resolve. The theme of this year's celebration, 'Sustainability', underscored a timely and urgent call: to live mindfully, act responsibly, and safeguard the ecosystem that sustains our existence. The programme commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, a timeless symbol of knowledge, purity, and enlightenment. This was followed by a Hindi musical tribute, to the Founders, which honoured the lives, aspirations, and enduring spirit of our School's visionary Founders.

The English skit 'The Final Verdict' offered a powerful portrayal of environmental degradation, compelling viewers to reflect on their role in shaping the planet's future. More than just a performance, it was a call for action and responsibility. This was followed by the Hindi *Nukkad Natak*, 'स्वच्छ प्रकृति, स्वस्थ पर्यावरण', a vibrant street play highlighting the vital balance in nature. A graceful dance performance concluded the segment. Our School Captain, Janvi Choudhary promised to refresh the School's spirit by upholding the core values and making the academic year unforgettable.

The Director, in her address, paid tribute to the School's pioneers, expressing gratitude for their vision and urging

the community to stay grounded in core values as we move toward an ever-evolving future. The Principal, in his address reflected on the School's founding ideals: commitment, perseverance, and excellence, emphasising that its four decade journey is rooted in academic rigour, curiosity, and integrity.

Ms. Shefali Martins, Secretary of St. Stephen's School Society, Ajmer, in her address, emphasized the importance of reciting the School Prayer daily as a way to reflect upon and uphold the School's Core Values.

The celebrations continued with the much-awaited Investiture Ceremony, marking the formal induction of the student leaders for 2025–2026. Led by the School Captain and the Sports Captain, the procession included vice-captains, house captains, and other officials. As the Principal

administered the oath, the leaders pledged to uphold the values of St. Stephen's with dignity, empathy, and commitment, promising to lead not

just in name, but also in spirit and action.

Beyond the stage, the day was enriched with a range of sustainability themed activities. Students from Nursery to Class VIII participated in various activities such as leaf art, recycling games, eco-pledge posters, seed planting, repurposing materials, and crafting eco-friendly items. Every activity nurtured awareness and responsibility towards the environment. More than a celebration, the day became a reflection of our journey and a promise to shape a sustainable future with integrity and vision.

— Yashasvi Chaturvedi
(X-A)





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JUNIOR PREFECT



Prashi Saini
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QUIZ, CLASH AND CHECKMATE

If you can speak, you can influence. If you can influence, you can change lives. Our School aims at changing the lives of students through the art of effective communication and critical thinking skills while providing them a stage to showcase their creativity.

The Inter-House English Impromptu Debate for Seniors was conducted on July 22, 2025. The prompt for the debate was 'Sustainability'. The students presented their arguments with confidence on the topic '**India should prioritize economic development over environmental sustainability**'. The First position was a tie between Hiya Morani (XII-Com. A) and Jiya Jhajharia (X-B). Swapnil Goyal (XI-Arts) secured the Third position.

The Inter-House English (Turncoat) and Hindi Debates for the Juniors were held on May 2 and 3, 2025 respectively. The students presented their argument, supported by evidence and logic on the topics, '**E-Vehicles are the best solution for India's pollution**' and 'आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस का एकाधिकार भविष्य की सबसे बड़ी चुनौती है'.



Inter-House English Debate



Inter-House Hindi Debate

Petal Tak (VI-E), Venkatesh Tanwar (VI-B) and Reyansh Lalwani (VIII-C) secured the First, Second and Third positions respectively in the English Debate. Aahan Sharma (VIII-D), Drashti (VII-C) and Lakshya Agarwal (VI-E) secured the First, Second and Third positions respectively in the Hindi Debate. In the house-wise results, in the Junior category, Blue House stood first in both, Hindi and the English Debates. In the Senior category, Blue House and Gold House stood First and Second respectively in the English Debate. The debaters

spoke emphatically and succeeded in convincing the judges and the audience.

Quizzing helps assess cognitive learning by testing the participants' general knowledge, quick thinking, and teamwork. The Inter-House Quiz for Juniors and Seniors conducted on July 24 and 25, 2025 respectively, was a display of intellect. Each house demonstrated their expertise across a range of subjects, including Science, History, Literature, Current Affairs and Sports, making for a highly competitive atmosphere. In the Junior category, Blue House and Green House secured the First and Second positions respectively. In the Senior category, Blue House secured the First and Green House secured the Second position.



Inter-House Quiz

Another strategic battle of minds took centre stage during the Inter-House Chess Tournament. The tournament for the Juniors was conducted on May 6, 2025, highlighted mental acumen, concentration, and problem-solving abilities of the participants. Anushka Lilwani (VIII-B) of Red House and Dev Garg (VII-A) of Green House secured the First position in the girls' and boys' categories, respectively. The tournament for Seniors, held on July 21, 2025, showcased the depth of strategic thought and mental agility of the players. Aarya Dubey (X-B) and Hardik Chouhan (X-A) of Blue House secured the First position in the girls' and boys' categories, respectively.

-Aanchal Khatri
(XI-Arts)



Inter-House Chess Tournament

REFLECTION ON SUSTAINABILITY

EARTH'S CALL TO ACTION

On April 17, 2025 the students of classes VI to IX put up an interactive play titled 'The Earth's Call to Action'. The play was written and directed by Divyanshi Mirchandani (IX-A) and Aahan Sharma (VIII-D). It highlighted the pressing importance of environmental stewardship through a thought-provoking show.



A note from the Creators

This production has been more than just a creative project – it has been a journey of understanding, growth, and purpose. What began as an idea for a School play soon evolved into a powerful exploration of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the role each of us can play in shaping a more conscious, responsible world. Through every scene we built and every dialogue we shaped, we discovered how the smallest actions, when driven by awareness, can create lasting impact.

The process challenged us in the best possible way. It

taught us to lead with empathy, to listen as much as we express, and to align many voices into a shared vision. Late rehearsals, unexpected hurdles, and last-minute changes became opportunities to grow—not just as individuals, but as a team. The experience brought out our resilience, trust, and creativity in ways we had never encountered before.



What made this journey truly meaningful was the collective spirit behind it. The cast and crew didn't just perform; they believed. They carried the message with heart and intention, making every scene more than a moment on stage. It became a reflection of something larger, something real. Together, we weren't just telling a story; we were living its message.

This play has given us more than applause or appreciation. It has given us perspective. It has given us moments of joy, bonds built through shared effort, and the quiet pride of knowing that we created something with meaning. Something that we hope stays with the audience long after the curtains fall.



Monsoon Day Celebration

Splash, splash, happiness all round!

The students of classes Nursery to I joyfully celebrated the monsoon season with Cloud Burst on July 24, 2025, and Puddle Time on July 25, 2025, featuring fun activities like water play, dance, music, tasty treats, and monsoon-themed art and craft, bringing the refreshing spirit of the rainy season alive with laughter, cheer, and playful splashes.



INDEPENDENCE DAY

Celebrating the colours of Courage and the Spirit of Sacrifice

Freedom is the pride of a nation, where the dignity of every voice becomes the foundation of progress, and the courage of the people builds the walls of justice.

These words resonated deeply with us as we celebrated our country's 79th Independence Day, filled with pride and gratitude for the people who sacrificed so much to achieve our independence.

The Chief Guest, Dr. Chandresh Kanwar, Assistant

Call, a sense of patriotism permeated the air. Numerous acts, such as dance, gymnastics, and patriotic music, added more vigour and emotion to the occasion.



Commandant, Border Security Force and an alumnus of our School hoisted the tricolour and inspected the Marching Contingents. The March Past, led by Chandra Raj Singh, the Sports Captain, followed by the leaders commanding their respective Houses, and troops of NCC, Scout, Guide, and School Band. The uniform turnout, command, alignment, and overall presentation of the marching contingents of the four Houses were also evaluated. The First, Second, and Third place went to Gold House, Green House, and Blue House, respectively. As the School band played the Drummer's

The Chief Guest, in his address, expressed his admiration for the troops march, stating he was in awe of their discipline and coordination. He stressed that schools are where discipline and teamwork are first instilled in students. He highlighted how the lessons learnt in School paved the way for his success. These teachings help the students carry forward the School Motto, 'Onward and Upward.'

On August 11, 2025, the students of classes Nursery to III celebrated *Swatantrata Utsav* with great enthusiasm, with classes Nursery to II participating in a role-play activity enacting national leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Rani Laxmi Bai, Subhash Chandra Bose and Mangal Pandey while Class III shared inspiring stories of India's national leaders through the 'Tales of Valour' activity.

-Yashasvi Chaturvedi

(X-A)



A Trip to Kumbhalgarh

Learning with every step, growing with every view



The students of classes IV, V and VI embarked on an educational tour to Kumbhalgarh Fort and Haldighati, on August 17 and 18, 2025, exploring Rajasthan's rich history and culture. They discovered architectural marvels, historical significance, and stunning views. The trip enhanced their knowledge, developed critical thinking and observation skills, and encouraged teamwork and bonding among students, concluding with memorable experiences and reflections on the historical sites visited.

Exhibition (Primary Section)

A Glimpse into the Academic Journey of Students

On Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) days, the Primary Section held an exhibition featuring student-crafted projects in English, Hindi, Mathematics, and Computer. The Mathematics and Computer projects were showcased on May 10, 2025, while the English and Hindi projects were displayed on July 26, 2025. The exhibition gave parents a glimpse into their ward's academic journey and learning through practical experiences.



UNLEASHING POTENTIAL, UNIFYING MINDS

Learning shines brightest when expressed through curiosity and creativity

Every year, the Inter-School events stand as a beacon of talent and teamwork. Rooted in the vision of our founders, these events inspire students to challenge themselves, think critically, and embrace healthy competition in the pursuit of excellence. The Twenty-second Dr. (Mrs.) Deepa Martins Memorial Annual Inter-School English Debate



Inter-School English Debate

was held on August 21, 2025. The debate being impromptu, the clue to the topic was given to the participants beforehand and the topic was revealed two hours before the commencement of the event. The topic was **'Climate Change is the greatest threat to humanity in the 21st century'**. The debate was chaired by Shri Elver Aubert, Retd. Principal, Government College, Ajmer. Tanishka Nahar of Sophia Senior Secondary School secured the First position, Arham Pokharna of St. Anslem's Senior Secondary School secured the Second position and Hiya Morani of St. Stephen's Senior Secondary School secured the Third position. The team from Sophia Senior Secondary School, Ajmer, emerged victorious, clinching the first position and the coveted Running Trophy.

Blending creativity with strategy, our School also hosted *Kavita Srijan*, a Hindi Poem Composition Contest, and Battle of the Boards, a Chess Competition. These events



Inter-School Hindi Poem Competition

provided young learners with opportunities to express their imagination through verse and showcase their intellect through strategic play. In *Kavita Srijan*, Class VIII students impressed everyone with their poetic flair and artistic visuals on the theme *'Tyoharon ke Rang'*, celebrating the richness of Indian festivals. Kashvi Choudhary and Safiya Bano of St. Stephen's brought laurels to the School by securing the First position. At the same time, Class V students

competed in a knock-out Chess Competition, where Yashika Keswani of our School secured the Second position in the girls' category.



Inter-School Chess Competition

Quizzing offers young learners a platform to challenge themselves, expand their perspectives, and display their intellect in a spirit of healthy competition. The Eighteenth Shri Gilroy Martins Memorial Inter-School Quiz was held on August 22, 2025. Ms. Sonia Behl, Managing Director, Sachet Advisory Services Pvt. Ltd. was the Chairperson for the event. The participants showcased quick thinking and presence of mind as they tackled diverse rounds such as Mixed Bag, Audio-Visual, Brain Teasers, Buzzer, and the exciting Rapid-Fire.

Shreyansh Singh Khichi and Swapnil Goyal brought glory to our School by securing the First position. Maheshwari Public School and Delhi World Public School secured the Second and Third positions respectively. The trophy was won by our School but being the host School, the trophy was handed over to the runners-up team of Maheshwari Public School. Beyond winning and losing, the Inter-School competitions became a celebration of learning, creativity and togetherness, leaving every participant enriched and inspired.

-Hardik Chouhan (X-A)



Inter-School Quiz

TOGETHER WE SHINE...

Inter-House English and Hindi Debate

Debates provide students with a platform to think critically and creatively express their knowledge. The Inter-House English Debate for Class V was held on August 26, 2025. The topic for the debate was '**Students should be allowed to use Social Media**'. S. Kalyani (V-C) of Gold House secured the First position, Shiny Bhati (V-C) of Gold House and Kavya Saraswat (V-B) of Red House secured the Second position.



दिनांक 30 अगस्त 2025 को कक्षा-V के लिए विद्यालय सभागार में हिंदी अंतर-सदन वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया। सभी प्रतिभागियों ने प्रतियोगिता के विषय '**पारंपरिक भोजन जंक फूड से ज्यादा पौष्टिक व लाभप्रद है**' पर अपने विचार प्रस्तुत किये। बच्चों ने तर्क-वितर्क द्वारा अपने तथ्य को स्पष्ट रूप से व्यक्त किया। इस प्रतियोगिता के माध्यम से सभी विद्यार्थियों ने विभिन्न वक्तव्यों को ध्यानपूर्वक सुना तथा प्रतिभागियों ने अपने विचारों को व्यक्त करने की कला को प्रदर्शित किया। प्रतियोगिता के विजेता इस प्रकार रहे—प्रथम स्थान—नविका (V-B) ग्रीन हाउस, द्वितीय स्थान—अमायरा कोठारी (V-B) गोल्ड हाउस, तृतीय स्थान—मानवी (V-A) ग्रीन हाउस।

हिंदी सामूहिक कविता वाचन प्रतियोगिता

दिनांक 29 जुलाई 2025 को कक्षा III के लिए हिंदी सामूहिक कविता वाचन प्रतियोगिता आयोजित की गई। प्रतियोगिता का विषय '**सतत विकास**' था। विद्यार्थियों ने उत्साहपूर्वक भाग लिया और तालमेल, स्पष्ट उच्चारण तथा सही लय के साथ प्रस्तुति दी। इस गतिविधि ने, न केवल बच्चों में टीम भावना, सुनने की क्षमता और समन्वय विकसित किया, बल्कि उन्हें सार्वजनिक रूप से आत्मविश्वास के साथ बोलने के लिए भी प्रेरित किया।



BUILDING BLOCKS OF EXCELLENCE

STITCHING WITH PURPOSE

A Visible Mending Workshop for students of classes VIII to XII was facilitated by the Social Science Department on April 19, 2025. The hands-on session taught students how to repair and reuse clothes using embroidery techniques, promoting sustainability, creativity, and environmental responsibility.



अक्षर और समय चक्र: रचनात्मक प्रस्तुति का सफर



6 मई 2025 को विद्यालय में कक्षा 6 से लेकर कक्षा 10 तक के विद्यार्थियों के लिए अंतर-कक्षीय हिंदी गतिविधि का आयोजन हुआ। इस वर्ष विभाग की गतिविधि का विषय 'अक्षर और समय चक्र' रखा गया था। इस प्रतियोगिता का उद्देश्य विद्यार्थियों में सृजनात्मकता, कल्पनाशीलता और प्रस्तुतीकरण कौशल का विकास करना था। सभी कक्षाओं के विद्यार्थियों ने बड़े उत्साह और जोश के साथ भाग लिया। उन्होंने इस गतिविधि के माध्यम से अक्षर की महत्ता तथा समय चक्र के उदाहरणों को रोचक और शिक्षाप्रद रूप में प्रस्तुत किया। इस गतिविधि के माध्यम से विद्यार्थियों में टीमवर्क, अनुसंधान कौशल तथा समय प्रबंधन की क्षमता का भी विकास हुआ।

TRADITIONAL ART IN VIBRANT HUES



Celebrating the richness of India's artistic heritage, the Fine Arts Department facilitated an Inter-House Rangoli Making Competition on May 9, 2025, for students of classes VI to XII, based on the theme 'Traditional Art'. The students created vibrant and intricate designs using pulses, sawdust, eco-friendly colours, and flower petals. Blue House secured the First position. The competition showcased creativity, teamwork, and collaboration while promoting appreciation for traditional art forms.

SCRAP TO SPLENDOUR

To promote sustainability and experiential learning, the Social Science Department held creative Intra-Class activities for classes VI, VII, and VIII on July 25, July 29 and August 7, 2025, respectively. The students crafted proportionate models of Birds of Rajasthan, as well as designed postcards on the Trees of Rajasthan, and created innovative teaching-learning aids using materials such as old cards, newspapers, dried leaves, twigs, and fabric scraps. These activities fostered creativity, collaboration, and environmental responsibility among the students.



CODING FOR CHANGE



The Computer Department organized Intra-Class activities for classes VI to VIII on August 2 and 8, 2025, focusing on creativity and sustainability. Class VI students participated in Poster Panorama 'Graphique' where they designed posters on Zero Waste and Zero Regrets using Canva. Class VII students took part in Website Designing 'Web Waves' where they developed web pages on the E-Waste Recycling Process using HTML. Class VIII students engaged in Video Making 'Lens for Sustainability' where they created videos on Sustainability Around Me using OpenShot and Windows Movie Maker. The activities encouraged innovation and digital skills among students.

MATH WITH A CREATIVE TWIST

The Mathematics Department conducted various Intra-Class activities for classes VI to VIII, titled 'Math Maze' and 'Math-Tech Marvels' on August 23, 2025. The students of classes VI and VII designed board games, puzzles, and riddles, while Class VIII students prepared innovative projects and models. Both activities promoted teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving, with an emphasis on using eco-friendly materials. They provided students with an engaging platform that combined learning with fun and the practical application of mathematical concepts.



UNLOCKING GREEN BUSINESS POTENTIAL

On August 23, 2025, the Department of Commerce organized 'Sustainaovation', an innovative activity for the students of classes XI and XII Commerce, where 17 students worked in seven teams to pitch eco-friendly business ideas. Inspired by the popular Shark Tank format, the event allowed students to present their sustainable business models to a panel of judges acting as investors, simulating real-world entrepreneurial experiences. The event was judged by our alumni, CA Priyanshu Agarwal (2010) and CA Neha Bhambhane (2013), who brought their industry expertise and insightful feedback to the table.



ECO TALES ON SCREEN

An Inter-House Cinematics activity, 'Storytelling for a Better Planet,' was organized by the Computer Department for classes IX to XII on August 28, 2025. Participants created 3–5 minute videos using software such as Canva, Filmora, Movie Maker and OpenShot, highlighting innovative solutions and creating awareness about sustainability. The activity provided students with a platform to combine technical skills with storytelling, fostering creativity and teamwork.



EXPRESSIONS BEYOND THE TEXTBOOK

The English Department organized an engaging Intra-Class activity titled 'Literary Wordplay Wonders' for classes VI to VIII on August 30, 2025. Class VI students engaged in an activity on Parts of Speech, showcasing their understanding through vibrant and creative presentations. Class VII students prepared Character Mapping, skilfully highlighting characters and their relationships with clarity and accuracy. Class VIII students designed Accordions on Figures of Speech, displaying their literary knowledge in a visually appealing format.



A DAY TO HONOUR OUR MENTORS

Teachers' Day was celebrated with joy and gratitude as students came together to honour the dedication and hard work of their mentors. The programme featured heartfelt expressions of appreciation through poems, songs, dances, and speeches, reflecting the deep respect students hold for their teachers. The Principal, in his address, highlighted the importance of the day, emphasizing the vital role teachers play in shaping young minds. Each teacher was presented with a potted plant as a symbol of growth, care, and appreciation. Adding to the celebrations, on August 6, 2025, teachers enjoyed a delightful day at Archie's Castle, taking time to unwind, connect, and celebrate together.



Learning for Life



An Interactive session with Honorary Mentor Mr. Anupam Martins for classes X and XII was held on April 4, 2025. It was an insightful session for students on overcoming modern-day distractions, especially from the digital world. He shared strategies like practicing digital discipline, setting screen-time boundaries, managing time effectively, setting goals, and taking mindful breaks. Emphasizing self-awareness and focus, he urged students to stay focused and proactive.



A training session on Disaster Management in Schools was held on June 27, 2025 for the teachers of Primary and Secondary Sections. The resource person was Mr. Prayag Singh Rajpurohit (Principal).



On June 27, 2025, a training session on Holistic Progress Card (HPC) was held for the Primary Section teachers. The resource persons were Ms. Anita Dhawan (PRT), Ms. Shilpi Kothari (PRT), Ms. Monika Yadav (PRT) and Ms. Kanchan Datwani (PRT).



A training session on Stress Management and Mindfulness was held on June 28, 2025 for the Primary and Secondary Section teachers. The resource person was Ms. Deepa Thadani (Vice-Principal).



On June 30, 2025, a training session on Happy Classrooms was held for the teachers of the Primary and Secondary Sections. The resource person was Dr. Preeti Sharma (TGT).



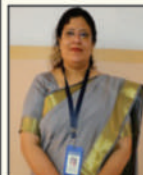
The teachers of the Primary and Secondary Sections attended a training session on Tag It Right: Smart Strategies for Student Work Display on June 28, 2025. The resource persons were Ms. Sarbpreet Kaur (TGT) and Ms. Shivani Maheshwari (TGT).



Ms. Bhunesh Mathur (PRT) and Ms. Rakhi Mathur (TGT) attended a one-day Capacity Building Programme in Science (Elementary Classes) at Satguru International School, Ajmer on July 5, 2025. The resource persons were Mr. A. K. Sharma and Mr. Prateek Arora.



Ms. Manisha Shastri (Music Teacher) and Ms. Manju Sharma (TGT) attended a three-day *Shabad Shala* workshop in New Delhi from July 11 to 13, 2025. They got an opportunity to explore the teachings of Kabir as well as spiritual philosophy and moral contexts.

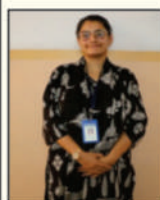


Dr. Preeti Sharma (TGT) attended a two-day session on Competency Based Assessment at The Indian Heights School, New Delhi on July 22 and 23, 2025. The resource persons were Ms. Preeti Purohit and Ms. Poonam Sharma.

The students of classes IX to XII attended an insightful session on Sports as a Career Option on July 22, 2025. The resource person, Dr. Ravindra Singh Rajpurohit, shared valuable guidance on the importance of sports and its potential as a profession, inspiring students to explore opportunities in this field.



Dr Seema Chopra (PGT) attended a two-day Capacity Building Programme in Chemistry conducted by COE Ajmer at Sangam School of Excellence, Bhilwara on August 22 and 23, 2025. The resource persons were Dr. Vinod Kumar Mehta and Ms. Preeti Yadav.



Ms. Shefali R Samuel (PGT) attended a five-day National workshop on NavIC- The Game Changer conducted by Department of Geography at Sophia Girls' College (Autonomous), Ajmer from July 28 to August 1, 2025. The resource person was Dr. Virendra Patel.



An 8-hour Communication Workshop was conducted by Ms. Shefali Martins in August 2025. A group of 20 students learnt about the 21st century skills of communication, exploring various news angles, storytelling techniques, different beats and perspectives. The workshop also covered editorials, pull-outs, and creative writing styles.



Ms. Swati Sharma (PRT) and Ms. Bhavana Verma (PRT), attended a one-day Capacity Building Programme in Science (Elementary Classes) at St. Francis Sr. Sec. School, Ajmer on September 13, 2025. The resource persons were Mr. Anil Kumar and Ms. Manju Yadav.

COLLABORATIVE INVOLVEMENT



The students of classes IX to XI participated in the Generation Global Earth Day Dialogues on April 21, 2025 organized by the International Baccalaureate Organization. The students were enthusiastic about engaging with participants from various schools in India and Rwanda. It was a valuable experience where students shared ideas, worked together on climate change and connected with others globally.



As a part of the Earth Day celebration, the Eco- Club students of classes VI to IX actively participated in the School's Sack Gardening initiative by sowing seeds of vegetables like brinjal, ladyfinger, and cluster beans. They also planted mango and guava saplings, nurturing a stronger bond with nature while promoting eco-friendly practices.



An Industrial Visit to the Indian Grani Marmo Expo, Kishangarh was organized for the students of XII Commerce on April 28, 2025. The students gained practical insights into the functioning of the marble industry, explored potential career opportunities, and experienced the application of commerce concepts in real-world scenarios.



International Yoga Day was celebrated on June 21, 2025, with enthusiastic participation from the Management, Staff and Students. The session began with warm-up exercises and continued with a series of *asanas* and *pranayam*, promoting physical well-being and mindfulness.



The Department of Commerce organized a 22-hour Summer Online Internship Programme on Financial Literacy in collaboration with NISM from May 20 to June 20, 2025. Forty students of classes XI and XII Commerce actively participated in the programme, which focused on strengthening their personal finance skills and practical money management. All participants were awarded a certificate of completion from NISM.



Thirty-seven NCC students of classes VIII to X participated in the *Dharti Aaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan* (DAJA), an initiative of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs in collaboration with N6 Raj Air NCC, Udaipur on July 5, 2025. They visited Makarwali Village, Ajmer, for a community outreach programme on tribal welfare schemes and also toured Bhaavika Enterprises Rock Mine to understand the condition of labourers. The initiative connected students with rural and tribal communities. On August 23, 2025, 24 NCC cadets of classes IX and X attended a one-day firing camp at the Eklinggarh Army Area, Udaipur. Each cadet participated in the session by firing 10 rounds, gaining hands-on experience and enhancing their marksmanship skills.



A Tree Plantation Drive was conducted by the School from July 16 to July 18, 2025. The Management and 200 students, including NCC Cadets, Scouts and Guides, Eco-Club members, Student Officials, and Class Monitors participated in this drive. Alumni Ms. Vibha Sharma, Civil Judge and Judicial Magistrate First Class, Rajasthan Judicial Services, Jaipur and Dr. Perna Sharma, Associate Dental Surgeon at Kshetrapal Multispeciality Hospital and Research Center, Ajmer, also joined the students in this green endeavor. The saplings were planted in the forest area adjoining the School premises.



Thirty-four students of Class XI Commerce visited the *Poori Maitree Hatbkargha Prashikshan Kendra*, Ajmer on July 24, 2025. The resource persons were Mr. Shashank Jain and Mr. Akash Jain. The students witnessed live demonstrations of traditional handloom weaving and interacted with artisans to learn about the intricacies of fabric design and the richness of local craft heritage.



Twenty-two students of Class XII Arts participated in an insightful Career Counselling Session conducted by Ms. Suhani Sharma, an alumna of our School, on August 7, 2025. The session focused on Psychology as an emerging and dynamic discipline, outlining academic pathways, essential skills, and diverse career prospects.



The members of the INTACH Club and a few students of classes XI and XII Arts visited Barefoot College, Tilonia on August 18, 2025. The visit focused on the theme 'Optimum Use of Resources' and provided students with a first-hand exposure to sustainable practices and innovative community initiatives.



On August 20, 2025, the Social Science Department organized a Seal Making Workshop for students of classes VI to XII. The workshop familiarized students with the Harappan Civilization, highlighting the purpose and significance of seals in ancient times. They also enjoyed a creative activity by crafting seals with clay, blending historical knowledge with practical experience.



The first session of the fourth phase of *Shabad Shaala* was held on August 27 and 28, 2025 for the students of classes VI and VII. Shri Omprakash Nayak, a custodian of the *Bani* tradition, along with his team taught the students Kabir's *bhajans* such as '*Dedariya Chhod Chhilaraye Ri Aasha*', '*Hasti Ri Chaal Chalo Re Mann Mera*', and '*Kaayi Dekhe Bawara, Sansar Jhoothe Khatko*'. He explained the deeper meanings hidden in the verses, helping students understand and connect with Kabir's timeless wisdom.



On August 30, 2025, the Social Science Department organized a *Gudri* Making Workshop for students of classes IX to XII. The session was conducted by resource person Ms. Sushila Nath from Pushkar, who guided students in creating beautiful *gudris* (quilts) from old fabrics such as sarees, bed sheets, and other textiles. The workshop not only introduced students to a traditional craft but also emphasized sustainability and waste reduction by reusing materials in creative ways.

IMPRESSIONS

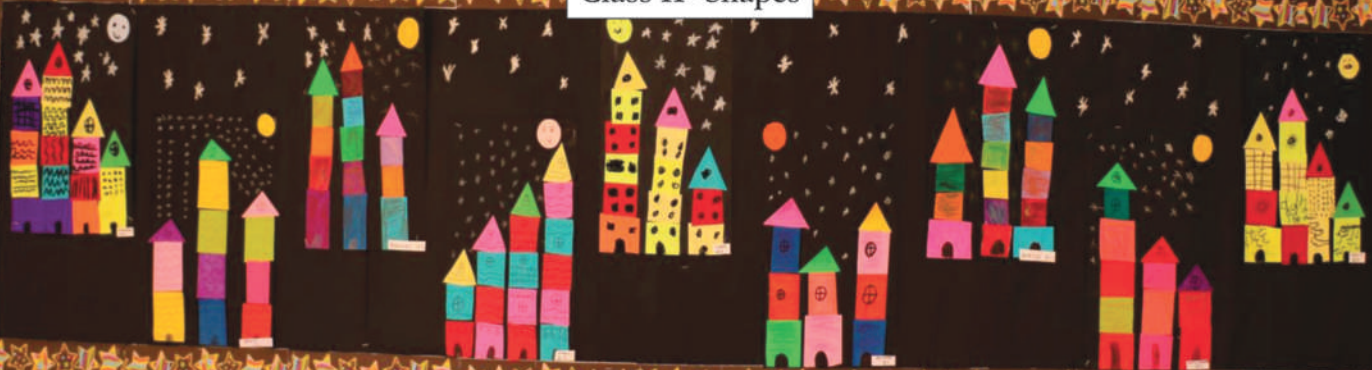
Exploring colours, shapes and dreams...



Class I- Shapes



Class II- Shapes



Class III- Shapes



Class IV- Shapes



Class V - Shapes





CAMPUS STARS

Academics



11 students of our School secured 90% and above in SSCE (Class XII) 2025

S. No.	Name	Class	Percentage
1.	Shreya Khandelwal	XII Com.	96.80
2.	Khushi Seernani	XII Arts	95.80
3.	Tanmay Kachhawa	XII Com.	94.80
4.	Parth Nawal	XII Com.	94.20
5.	Chitransh Soni	XII Com.	94.00
6.	Harshal Jain	XII Com.	91.20
7.	Manthan Jain	XII Com.	91.00
8.	Rishit Mathur	XII Com.	91.00
9.	Lavish Kumar Harwani	XII Com.	90.80
10.	Rishita Ojha	XII Com.	90.40
11.	Rohit Athwani	XII Com.	90.00

Our SSCE (Class XII) 2025 Faculty Toppers



96.80 %



95.80 %



88.80 %

1. Shreya Khandelwal secured the First position in Commerce & 100/100 in Economics.
2. Khushi Seernani secured the First position in Arts & 100/100 in Political Science.
3. Shaikh Kabiruddin Chishty secured the First position in Science.



Our SSE (Class XII) 2025 Star Performers

1. Parth Nawal (XII-Com.) secured 100/100 in Economics.
2. Harshal Jain (XII-Com.) secured 100/100 in Business Studies.
3. Shakira Khan (XII-Arts) secured 100/100 in Painting.

28 students of our School secured 90% and above in SSE (Class X) 2025

S.No.	Name	Percentage	S.No.	Name	Percentage
1.	Swapnil Goyal	98.0	15.	Hardik Banjara	92.0
2.	Jatin Karamchandani	96.8	16.	Akshara Tak	91.8
3.	Harshit Chopra	96.4	17.	Kshitij Dadhich	91.8
4.	Khushi Payal	95.4	18.	Shreyansh Singh Khichi	91.8
5.	Harshall Khanchandani	95.0	19.	Aanchal Khatri	91.8
6.	Bhavya Uttamchandani	94.8	20.	Sahil Bulchandani	91.6
7.	Somil Shukla	94.2	21.	Vandit Sharma	91.2
8.	Sanat Vaishnav	94.0	22.	Lavanya Yadav	91.2
9.	Bhavya Dauliya	94.0	23.	Nivedita Kumawat	91.2
10.	Bhavya Singh	93.0	24.	Adhya Jain	91.0
11.	Akshara Yadav	93.0	25.	Vishesh Gupta	90.4
12.	Shruti Khandelwal	92.8	26.	Tanvi Singh	90.4
13.	Pari Jain	92.8	27.	Manan Garg	90.2
14.	Hardik Mishra	92.2	28.	Muskan Chhatwani	90.0

Our SSE (Class X) 2025 Top Scorers



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98.00 %



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96.80 %



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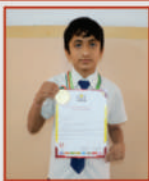
96.40 %

1. Swapnil Goyal secured the First position & 100/100 in Artificial Intelligence.
2. Jatin Karamchandani secured the Second position.
3. Harshit Chopra secured the Third position & 100/100 in Artificial Intelligence.



Our SSE (Class XII) 2025 Star Performers

Harshall Khanchandani, Shruti Khandelwal & Akshara Tak secured 100/100 in Artificial Intelligence.



Saksham Seervi (V-B) was awarded the SOF Defence Services Academic Excellence Scholarship of ₹ 5000 for the session 2024-2025.



Suryansh Saran (IV-E) received a Gold Medal of Distinction in the International Social Studies Olympiad for the session 2024-25.

Co-curricular Activities



Daksh Vaishnav (X-B) (L) and Aarya Dubey (X-B) (R) won the Best Scientist Award in the category 'Young Engineers' at the Inter-School Science Model-Making Competition, 'INNOVENTIA', organised by MSS Public School, Kishangarh.



Jayonti Khushi Choudhary (VII-A) secured the Second position in the Inter-School Junior Solo Dance Competition organised by 'Kala Ankur' at Satguru International School, Ajmer.



(L to R): Nirvi Sharma (VI-A), Aarvi Rajpurohit (VI-D), Yashasvi (VI-D), Pragati Lalwani (VII-B), Divya Shewakramani (VII-B), Akanksha Rawat (VII-B), Anjali Rawat (X-B), Pratishtha Agarwal (X-D), Rishika Sethi (X-A) and (inset) Bhuvni Tanwar (VI-C), Ritika Choudhary (VII-B) participated in a Diploma Course in Kathak and Suhana Maheshwari (VI-B), Garvit Teelawat (IX-B), Manan Jainani (IX-B), Lakshya Maharshi (X-D) and Ishaan Jha (X-C) and (inset) Advik Garg (IX-D) cleared the Shastriya Diploma Course in Tabla conducted by Prayag Sangeet Samiti, Allahabad (U.P).



(L to R): Divyanshi Mirchandani (IX-A) and Aanchal Khatri (XI-Arts) secured the First position in Caption Writing. Vageesha Mastan (IX-A), (inset): Khushbu Tejwani (X-B), Somya Sharma (XI-Arts), and Vedika Chouhan (XII-Arts) secured the Second position in Brain Battle. Manan Choudhary (X-C) and Daksh Poswal (XII-Com. B) secured the Second position in App Development. Drashti (VII-C) and (inset) Mananya Khangarot (VII-A) secured the First position in Autobiography of a Non-Living Object. Saachi Manwani (VIII-C) secured the Second position in *Kavita Vachan*. Laksh Agarwal (VI-E) and (inset) Aradhya Francis (VII-D) secured the First position in Diorama Display and (inset) Shreya Bansal secured the Second position in the Hindi Debate, at the Inter-School Fest 'IMPETUS-2025,' organized by MSS Public School, Kishangarh.



(L to R): Yashasvi Chaturvedi (X-A), Hiya Morani (XII-Com.) and Nivedita Kumawat (XI-Arts) secured the Second position in the Inter-School Hindi Debate held at Maheshwari Public School, Ajmer. As the host school secured the First position, the Trophy was awarded to St. Stephen's Sr. Sec. School, Ajmer. Nivedita Kumawat was also adjudged the Best Speaker.



(L to R): Aanchal Khatri (XI-Arts) secured the First position in the English Debate. Suhana Maheshwari (VI-B) and Gauri Pareek (VI-E) secured the Second position in the Duet Dance, and Daksh Vaishnav (X-B) secured the Second position in the Science Project Making Competition. The events were part of the Inter-School Literary Fest 'Pushpmoti', organized by HKH Public School, Ajmer.



(L to R): Reyansh Lalwani (VIII-D), Kashvi Choudhary (VIII-B), and Aahan Sharma (VIII-D) secured the Third position in the English Debate. Vibhanshi Tak (IX-B) and (inset) Leena Soni (IX-B) secured the Second position in the Western Duet. The events were part of the Inter-School Cultural and Literary Fest 'Symphenia 2025-26', organized by Delhi World Public School, Ajmer.



(L to R): Jayonti Khushi Choudhary (VII-A), Bhavya Balotiya (IX-A), Lavanya Srivastava (IX-A), Aarohi Pareek (XI-Com.), Nikunj Pareek (IX-C), Vidhi Ramchandani (IX-A), Ritisha Mathur (XI Arts), Charvi Bhola (XI-Arts) and Charvi Kumawat (IX-D) secured the Second position in the Inter-School Group Dance Competition organised by St Anslem's Senior Secondary School, Ajmer.

Sports



Ketan Meena (XII-Sc.) secured the First position in the (Under-19 Boys Doubles) Badminton Championship, organised by the District Open Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior Badminton Championship at Indoor Stadium, Ajmer. He also secured the Second position in the Singles Badminton Championship in the Men's category.



Parul Choudhary (III-B) secured the First position in the (Under-11 Girls Doubles) Badminton Championship, organised by the District Open Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior Badminton Championship at Indoor Stadium, Ajmer.



Anusha Choudhary (VIII-B) (L) and Bhavika Bhagasra (VII-A) (R) secured the First position in the (Under-15 Girls Doubles) Badminton Championship, at the District Open Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior Badminton Championship held at Indoor Stadium, Ajmer. Anusha Choudhary (VIII-B) also secured the Second position in the (Under-15 Girls Singles) Badminton Championship.



Bhavika Bhagasra (VII-A) (L) and Bhuvi Tanwar (VI-C) (R) secured the First position in the (Under-13 Girls Doubles) in the District Open Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior Badminton Championship held at Indoor Stadium, Ajmer.

Bhavika Bhagasra (VII-A) also secured the First position in the (Under-13 Girls Singles) Badminton Championship.



Kratika Singh (VIII-B) secured the First position in the (Under-15 Girls Singles) Badminton Championship, organised by the District Open Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior Badminton Championship at Indoor Stadium, Ajmer.

She also secured the Second position in the Doubles Badminton Championship title in the same category.

She also secured the Runner-up in the (Under-17 Girls Doubles) Badminton Championship, organised by the District Open Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior Badminton Championship at Indoor Stadium, Ajmer.



Yuvraj Singh (X-B) secured the Runner-up title in the (Under-17 Boys Doubles) Badminton Championship, organised by the District Open Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior Badminton Championship at Indoor Stadium, Ajmer.

WORDSCAPE

Sustainability is a journey of harmony, balance, and renewal. Like rivers flowing gently into the sea, we too thrive when guided by conscious choices, eco-friendly practices, and a deep respect for nature. Through poems and articles, Stephanians beautifully express their thoughts on living sustainably, reducing our footprints, and nurturing the planet for future generations.

IF THE EARTH HAD A HEART

The Earth is crying soft and low,
Her trees are gone, her rivers slow.
The sky is dark, the air feels tight,
But still she hopes we'll make it right.

Let's care for her with love each day,
And never throw her gifts away.
So kids can laugh and birds can sing,
In every field, and every spring

Neelansh Sharma
VIII-A



Bhavya Dubey XI-Arts



Tanisha Gupta IX-D

ONE STEP

Maya picked up a plastic bottle on the beach.
She nearly walked right past it—like all the others—but something stayed her feet. She picked up a bottle, tossed it into a recycling bin, and continued on her way.

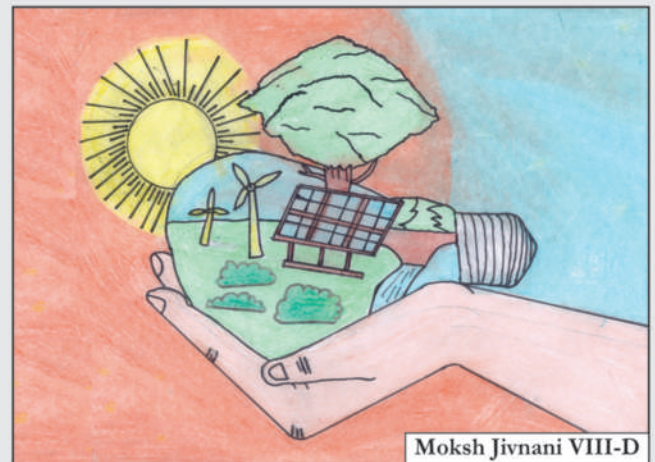
The following day, she came with a bag and filled it with additional trash. Before long, others followed—her first, a few, many later.

One year after, the beach was spotless. The turtles came back. Children constructed sandcastles where plastic had previously been.

It started with one bottle—and one decision.

Moral: Small steps can lead to giant change.

Vishwavijay Singh Shekhawat
VIII-D



Moksh Jivnani VIII-D

SUSTAINABILITY

Enough for all forever

Four words that heal our Earth,
The simple truth of future life,
The hope that leads to birth.
Enough for all together
The humans, sharks and trees,
That all of us can live as one,
And sleep at night in peace.

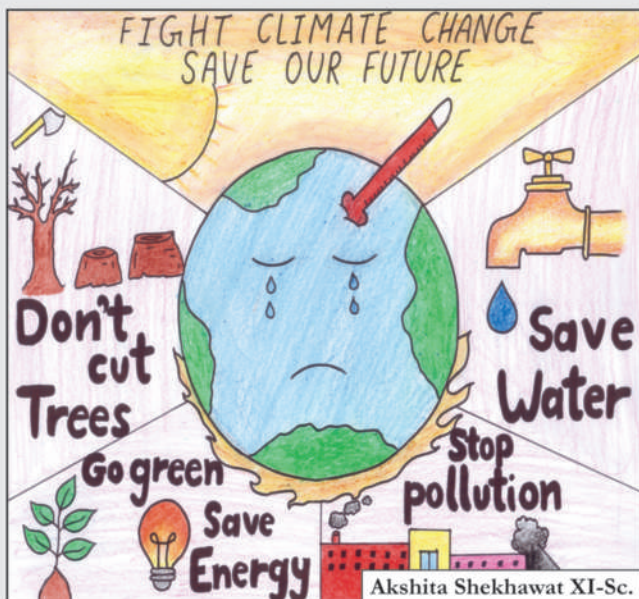
Tulika Rathore
VIII-D

THUNDER

People always love the moon...

The calmness in its bright light,
Shining in the middle of the night.
But what about the Sun—
Burning with zeal and hope,
Which flows through its veins?
Or the clouds,
Giving everything they have for when it rains?
But she was different...
She was the thunder they admired,
Roaring with strength,
A voice that inspired.
Not a victim, but her own flame,
She chose to be herself—
And that made the difference.

Aanchal Khatri
XI-Arts



NO PLACE TO GO

The trees fall down, the forests fade,
While concrete roads and malls are made.
A tiger runs with nowhere near—
Its jungle home has disappeared
The jungle has disappeared.

A polar bear floats all alone,
Its melting ice no longer home.
The oceans rise, the cold retreats,
And hunger knocks where silence beats.

We take and take, ignore the cries,
As nature breaks and wildlife dies.
We chase our goals, ignore the rest,
Not seeing all the lives we've lost.

It's time to stop, to care, to grow—
Before there's truly no place to go,
No place to go.

Parikshita S. Arha
X-C



स्थिरता की ओर

धरती माँ का ध्यान रखो,
प्रकृति से फिर नाता रखो।

पानी, बिजली बचाओ सब,
हरियाली को दो अब रस।

प्लास्टिक छोड़ो, पेड़ लगाओ,
सौर ऊर्जा को अपनाओ।

स्थिरता है जीवन का सार,
इसी में है कल का आधार।

मयंक सिंह राठौड़
कक्षा-सातवीं 'द'

स्थिरता की राह

धरती माँ की पुकार सुनो,
प्रकृति का सम्मान करो।
पेड़ों को तुम काट न डालो,
हरियाली से तुम नाता पालो।

नदियाँ कहे, 'हमें बहने दो',
हवा कहे 'शुद्ध रहने दो'
जल, थल और नभ का मेल,
बचाएगा जीवन का खेल।

आज अगर हम साथ निभाएँ,
कल को सुन्दर हम बनाएँ।
स्थिरता का बीज जो बोएँ,
हरियाली से जीवन संजोएँ।

आओ हम सब मिलकर,
प्रकृति बचाएँ, प्रकृति बचाएँ।

स्वस्ति पारीक
कक्षा-दसवीं 'अ'



धरती माँ, हमारा जिम्मा

आज धरती रो रही,
हरियाली ना जाने कहाँ खो रही ?
कहाँ गई वो ठंडी हवा ?
वो पेड़ वो प्रकृति का सबसे प्यारा लम्हा,
कहाँ गई वो पेड़ों की छाया ?
वो नदियों का गीत, बस बनके रह जाएगा अतीत,
पता नहीं किस विकास की ओर हम जा रहे,
प्रकृति का सम्मान हरदम भूलते जा रहे।
अब कुछ नहीं है बिगाड़ना,
बिगाड़े को फिर से है संवारना,
धरती को फिर से है हरा बनाना,
मिलकर हमें वृक्ष है लगाना,
पेड़ लगाना है पहला कदम,
आगे निभाने हैं और भी कई प्रण।
बिजली को बचाएँ,
कीमत पानी की पहचानें,
छोटे-छोटे कदमों से ही परिवर्तन हैं लाने,
प्लास्टिक छोड़ें, कपड़े की थैली लाएँ,
सफाई और सादगी को अपनाएँ।
तो अब गाड़ियों का धुआँ रोकेंगे हम,
ई-वाहनों को गलियों में देखेंगे हम,
प्रकृति जब प्रफुल्लित होगी प्यार से,
तभी बदलेगा हमारा जीवन बदलाव की पुकार से।

युविका कविया
कक्षा-नवीं 'अ'



कर्म ही अधिकार है

जब राम बने वनवासी, त्याग दिए सुख के साज,
राजमहल वैभव सिंहासन, छोड़ दिए सब ताज।
ना था कोई पछतावा,
न जीवन में थी कोई रुकावट,
सादगी और स्थिरता में ढूँढ़ ली,
उन्होंने जीवन की राह।

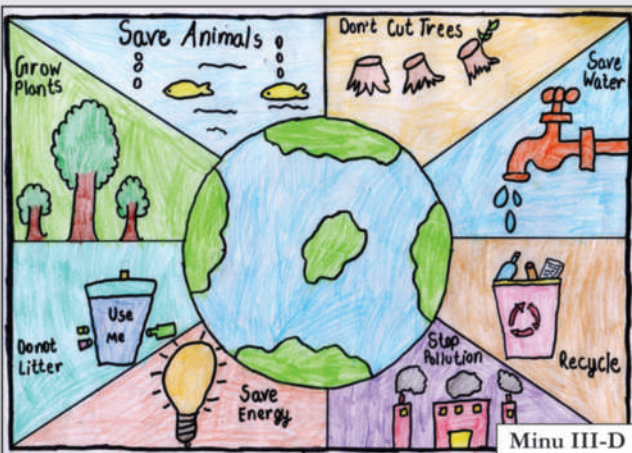
सीता ने किया वृक्षों संग संवाद,
जब जीवन में आया दुख और प्रतिघात।
त्याग दिए रत्न, त्यागा अभिमान,
भोगा वन का मान-सम्मान,
अपनाई स्थिरता, किया संयम का गान।

चलो, अब लेते हैं थोड़ा कृष्ण का नाम,
गीता में कृष्ण ने जब ज्ञान सुनाया।
'योग कर्मसु कौशलम्' का संदेश बताया,
अर्थात् कर्म करो पर लोभ मोह में न डूबो,
धरती पर भार मत बढ़ाओ,
उसे नाकारा मत बनाओ।

अरे! अब तो सुधर मानव, मत बनता जा तू दानव,
इस पृथ्वी के संसाधनों को तोड़ मत,
रख उसे संजोकर,
गाड़ी की जगह साइकिल को चला,
प्लास्टिक की जगह कपड़े के थैलों
को अपने हाथ में थमा,
पेड़ काटने के बजाए, पेड़ों को उगा।

धरती की पीड़ा को समझ, जंगलों के आँसू तो पढ़,
इसे अपनी सहूलियत की चाह से मत ढक,
राहों से मत भटक, चाहतों के कारण मत अटक,
राम, सीता और गीता के विचारों को अपना,
प्रकृति के साथ प्रगति का रख सपना।

दिव्यांशी मीरचंदानी
कक्षा-नवीं 'अ'



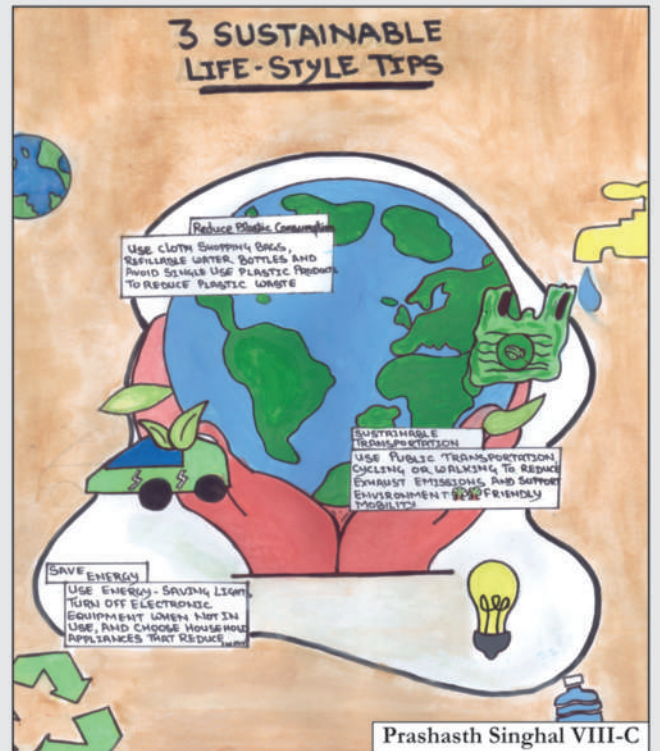
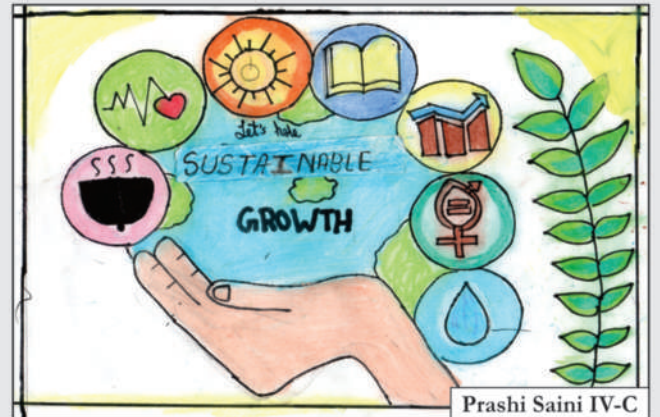
स्थिरता

देखो पेड़ कितने प्यारे हैं,
कुछ छोटे कुछ बड़े।
हमको देते हैं अनमोल वस्तुएँ हजार,
जीवन से अपने सिखाते परोपकार।

देते मीठे-ताजे फल और रंग-बिरंगे फूल,
हवा देते हमको भरपूर।
औषधियाँ हैं इसमें बहुत सारी,
लकड़ियाँ भी होती इनकी लाभकारी।

पेड़ों को तुम काटो मत,
पेड़ों से ही हम सबका जीवन है।
धरती पर आती पेड़ों से हरियाली,
हम सब मिलकर पेड़ लगाएँ,
प्रकृति को सुंदर-सजीली बनाएँ।

खनक गहलोत
कक्षा-चौथी 'ब'



त्योहारों के रंग

त्योहारों के अलग-अलग रंग, मिले हैं एक दूसरे के संग
इसी से मिलकर बनता है सब के विचारों का संगठन
त्योहार हैं वह मतंग जो उड़ती जाए आकाश में स्वच्छंद
थह लार खुशियों की बौछार जिससे बड़े हम सब में प्याय

त्योहारों से मिला हमें स्कता का अनमोल उपहार
इसी से मिलकर बना हमारी यादों का रंग साकार
होली में आर रंगों की बौछार, जिससे विश्व को मिले आकार
दिमावली हैं दीपों का त्योहार, जिससे फैले जगत में प्रकाश।

गणेश चतुर्थी हैं गणपति का त्योहार, मोदक के मिले उपहार
कृष्ण भगवान की लीला हैं प्यारी, उन्हीं से जुड़ी जनमाष्टमी सारी
दशहेरा के वक्त राम के हाथों हुई बुराई की हार
भाई बहन का अनौरवा बंधन दर्शाता राखी का त्योहार।

सारे त्योहारों के रंग जुड़े हैं प्यार और एकता के संग
हम सबके एक नहीं, अलग-अलग हैं विचार
फिर भी हम एक साथ मनाते हैं सारे त्योहार
हमारा प्यार और यादें जुड़ी हैं त्योहारों के संग और दर्शाती इसके रंग।

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