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LOVE AND PEACE



The day the power of love overrules the love of power, the world will know peace

- MAHATMA GANDHI

PEACE & NON-VIOLENCE

Greetings!

Love and peace are two tenets on which all religions are based. The world today is deeply in need of peace and understanding. This edition is themed 'Peace and Non-Violence'. True peace includes righteousness, political justice and prosperity for all creation. We are reminded of the lyrics from the song, 'Heal the World'.

'Heal the world, Make it a better place
For you and for me, And the entire human race
There are people dying, If you care enough for the living
Make it a better place for you and for me.'

The best place to inculcate the virtue of caring is School. Aristotle said, "Educating the mind without educating the heart, is no education at all." Education is not just about the feeding of facts into the mind but the awakening of curiosity in children. And so, we want our students to be continuous learners. The School focuses on creating an environment where each student looks eagerly forward to come to School daily.

Through the lockdown and COVID restrictions, we continued to make teaching accessible to the students through online classes on Google Meet and then through hybrid classes. We were active in both curricular and co-curricular activities as well as in celebrating special days. During these activities our students learnt valuable lessons of life. Our students have reflected their thoughts on Peace and Non-Violence in their writings in the section 'Wordscape'.

Let us focus on giving and not always taking, wiping out negativity and aiming at universal brotherhood. We need to leave a legacy of love and peace for our children who are torch bearers of a world committed to mutual respect and harmony. Wishing everyone the very best and prayers that we all remain safe and healthy. Warm wishes to you and your family for a very safe, happy and prosperous New Year 2022.

- THE EDITORS

SCHOOL'S MISSION STATEMENT

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). By 2022, 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

Memorial Lecture

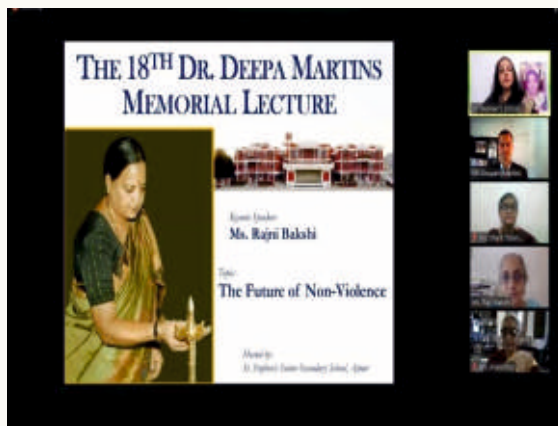
Exploring the Possibilities of Non-Violence



Keynote address delivered by Ms. Rajni Bakshi, conducted online

The School celebrated its Eighteenth Dr. (Mrs.) Deepa Martins Memorial Lecture on April 6, 2021. We were honoured to have Ms. Rajni Bakshi, the founder and curator of Ahimsa Conversations, an online platform for exploring the possibilities of non-violence, a freelance journalist and an author, as the keynote speaker. Ms. Shefali Martins, in her introduction to the life of Dr. (Mrs.) Deepa Martins spoke of her concern for women empowerment, communal harmony and value based education. In her keynote address on 'Future of Non-Violence' she focused on the importance of realizing the reality of violence and the deep history of non-violence. She pointed out that most of the evidence of the deep history of non-violence does not come from historians or moralists but from the natural sciences. She talked about 'The Killer Ape' theory that claims that war and interpersonal aggression were

Far more undreamt of and impossible discoveries will be made in the field of non-violence



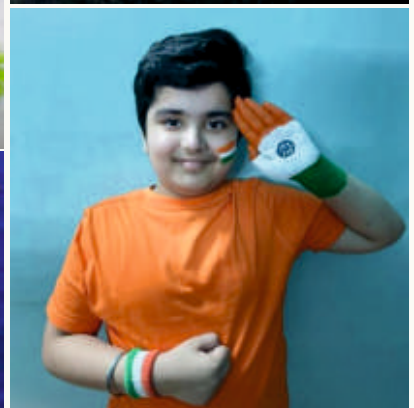
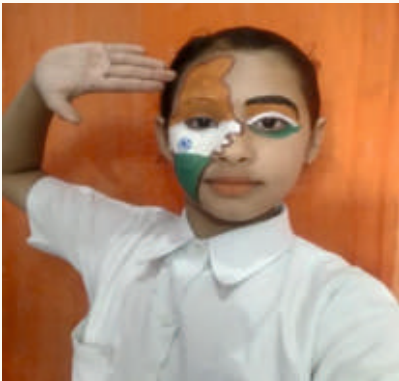
the driving forces behind human evolution. She firmly stated that we wouldn't have survived and would have destroyed ourselves centuries ago, if violent aggression was our dominant impulse. She shared with us that the ideal of *Ahimsa* is empowering as there is no fixed manual or rule book for it.

She emphasised that non-violence is the road to a higher freedom and when we think about the future of non-violence, it is not a destination that we can seek. It is a way of striving for this higher freedom. She added that the only real obstacle in striving for non-violence is the lack of confidence within and not material circumstances. She shared how Gandhiji is vital to this onward striving because he approached non-violence as a scientist would do in Science where there are no failed experiments. She ended the address by sharing the insights gained from Gandhiji, Martin Luther King Jr. and Thomas Merton, a Christian monk and anti-war activist, who were beacons of non-violence. The Principal, Ms. Bharti Tolumbia, in her vote of thanks, extended her gratitude to Ms. Rajni Bakshi for her time and valuable thoughts on the tenets of non-violence.

A Day to Reflect & Learn Independence Day

The School celebrated the 75th Independence Day on August 15, 2021 with great patriotic fervour and zeal. The Principal unfurled the National Flag and delivered the speech. In her address, she urged everyone to appreciate everything we have and celebrate the great miracle of freedom. She prized the patience and wisdom being demonstrated by the teachers in coping with the pandemic and for developing the digital skills to provide the best learning

experience for the students. The day was celebrated with a special focus on the theme - 'Incredible India'. The students presented a number of activities conducted online that focused mainly on Indian culture and tradition. There were a range of activities conducted for the students that included drawing of the Indian Flag with multiple hand prints/crayons, accessories like bracelets, bands, Tricoloured cuisines, Tricoloured decoration of a wall, room or corner of the house.



Marking The Special Days of The Year

Foundation Day: Celebrating the Inception of the School

Under the canopy of joy, elation and blessings, the School celebrated its Thirty-Sixth Foundation Day on July 4, 2021 through a virtual platform, adhering to the COVID-19 protocols.



The day took everyone down memory lane reminiscing the beginning of the existence of the school. It is not every day that you get such an opportunity that calls for a huge celebration during the pandemic. The class teachers delivered the introductory note about our Foundation Day to the students. The students sang the School Prayer and recounted their memories of our wonderful School. The students of Classes VII-VIII showcased their work based on the acronym PURPOSE. The Principal addressed the students virtually and expressed gratitude to the founders who followed their passion and built a School of excellence.

Towards Sustainability: World Earth Day

We are committed to instilling the concept of sustainability in our students. The activities are designed to promote students to take care of Mother Earth. In keeping with this concept, the School celebrated World Earth



The day took all through the memory lane reminiscing the beginning of the existence of school.

Day with the students of Classes LKG-III on April 24, 2021 through an online platform. Young children planted saplings at their homes and contributed to the green environment.

International Yoga Day

The School celebrated International Yoga Day on June 21, 2021 virtually, to convey the message of keeping the mind and body fit through asanas. Warm up exercises were performed by the students and teachers. The day emphasised on the importance of yoga and motivated the students and parents to make it an important part of their daily lives.



Timeless Bonds: Teachers' Day

'A Teacher affects eternity, he can never tell where his influence stops.' While the whole world is going through a tough phase, educators have embraced the use of technology and are constantly inspiring their students for the pursuit of education. Students expressed their gratitude towards their teachers and presented short speeches and musical performances followed by beautiful dances and poem recitals that were screened online. They also made e-cards and showed their regard for the teachers acknowledging their contribution to make this society a better place to live in.



You are Special: Grandparents' Day

There is a warm bond between grandparents and their grandchildren which was celebrated on September 11, 2021. This event is significant for young children as it is a great time to remind them of what elders mean to them. It was a celebration of selfless and limitless love where the grandparents sang along with their grandchildren. They also shared their childhood memories.



Gandhi Jayanti and Shastri Jayanti

Gandhi Jayanti and Shastri Jayanti, the joyous occasion of the birth anniversary of two great patriots Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri was celebrated on October 2, 2021. The students delivered short speeches that urged their fellow students to imbibe good values in life. Mahatma Gandhi's eleven principles were



beautifully presented by the students through collages made on the theme 'Non-Violence'. They designed e-posters on famous quotes of Gandhiji and Shastriji, depicting the values and principles which were held dear in their lives, like truth, non-violence, respect for all beings, self-discipline, unity, harmony, sharing and caring.

The Undying Legacy of Netaji

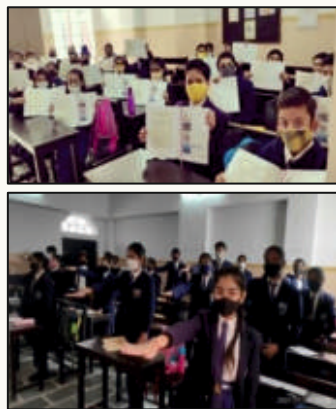
The School paid tribute to the legacy of Subhash Chandra Bose and conducted a special assembly on October 21, 2021. Students sang the song *Kadam Kadam Badhaye Ja* and discussions were also held on life of Netaji.



Constitution Day

We, the people of India, having solemnly resolved to constitute India ...

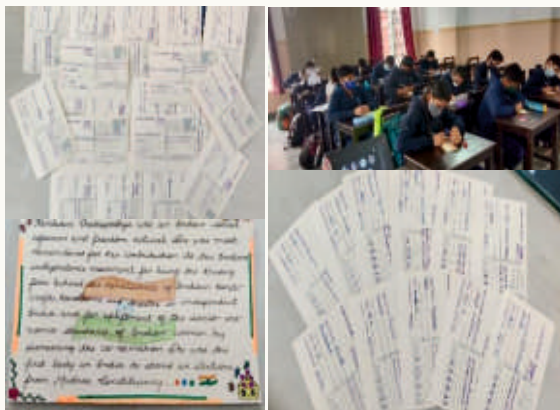
In order to commemorate the day of the adoption of our Constitution, the *Samvidhan Diwas* or Constitution Day was celebrated in our School on November 26, 2021 and we also remembered the father of Indian Constitution, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. All the students and the teachers reaffirmed their commitment to the Indian Constitution by taking the pledge.



Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

As a part of the 75th anniversary of our Independence, a series of events are planned under *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* by the Government of India to give an opportunity to the young to know about the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements. The students participated in *Rangoli Making Competition*, *Deshbhakti Geet Competition* and *Lori Contest* conducted under the on-going celebrations of *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav*.

The Ministry of Education and Department of Post organised the 75 Lakh Postcard Campaign where students sent a postcard to PM Modi on the topic '*Unsung Heroes of Freedom Struggle*' and '*My Vision for India in 2047*'.



Learning in Action



Celebrating the Colours of Creativity: Intra-Class Drawing and Sketching 'Using a Paint Brush is a simple toy that sparks joy.'

An Intra-Class Drawing and Sketching activity was held for the students of Class VI on April 24, 2021.



The students participated with great delight and made the best use of colours and drew beautiful sketches.

Fancy Dress

An Online Fancy Dress Competition was organized for the munchkins of L.K.G. and H.K.G. on August 7, 2021. The theme for the show was 'Freedom Fighters'. The children were dressed in appropriate costumes. They spoke about the character/person they were enacting with confidence and enthusiasm. The little ones looked adorable in their attire. They won our hearts with their exuberance and enthusiasm!



For the World of Tomorrow: Fun O Tech

A Computer Skill Based Competition was held on August 8, 2021 for the students of Classes VI-VIII. This was a self-exploratory skill based learning. Students of Class VI made animated presentations on the topic

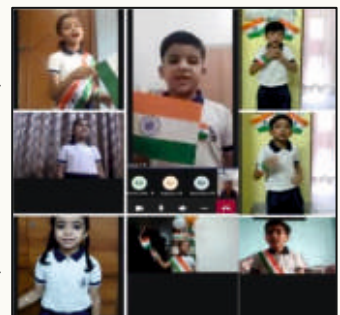


'Advantages of Online Learning' using the software Powtoon while students of Class VII created PPTs on the topic 'My Idea of Freedom' using the Canva software. The students of Class VIII prepared short videos on 'Salient Features of NEP 2020' using Adobe Spark Video. Yashasvi Chaturvedi (VI-A) and Tanisha Khandelwal (VI-B) secured the First and Second positions respectively in Class VI. Akshita Sharma (VII-D) and Kshitij Dadhich (VII-C) secured the First and Second positions respectively in Class VII. Charvi Patel (VIII-C) and Mayank Chelani (VIII-C) secured the First and Second positions respectively in Class VIII. The winners were judged on the basis of content, originality, use of tools and overall presentation.



Striking the Patriotic note

Let's salute India, where each bud blooms in its true colours and where each day is a celebration of unity and harmony. An **Inter-Class Patriotic Song** was organized for the students of Classes I-III on August 14, 2021. This was an opportunity to enkindle a sense of patriotism in their hearts.



Achieving Joyful Learning and Teaching

Art integrated learning makes the transition to the classroom joyful, creative and promotes appreciation of our rich and cultural heritage. It also promotes art based enquiry, investigation, exploration critical thinking and creativity for class and conceptual understanding among the students. Various interesting art integrated activities were conducted in all the subjects. Character Mapping, Personalised Island, Jodo Gyan, Grid Drawing Activity and Zentangles to name a few.



Intellectual Venture

Activities To Accelerate Learning

The School in its endeavour to inculcate the oratory, literary, linguistic and argumentative skills among the students conducts a lot of activities, debate being one of them. It acts as a catalyst for healthy discourse over prevailing situations and matters. It also provides a platform for the participants to compete and tests their debating prowess and allows for the freedom of opinion and the collective growth of an idea. Keeping up with the idea, a Virtual Inter-Class English Debate was organized for Classes VII & VIII. The topic of the Debate was '**Non-Violence is the only Way to Resolve Conflicts**'. Nandini Khanna (VII-D) and Hiya Morani (VIII-D) secured the First & Second positions respectively. An Intra-Class Hindi Debate was organised for Class VI on May 1, 2021. The topic of the Debate was 'महामारी के काल में ही मानवीय मूल्यों की स्थापना पूर्ण तरह संभव है'। Puranjay Singh (VI-C) and Yashasvi Chaturvedi (VI-A) secured the First and Second positions respectively.

An Inter-Class English Debate was also organised for the students of Classes IX & X on July 23, 2021. The topic for the Debate was '**Life Work Balance has**



Totally Changed with the Advent of Technology'. Sanskriti Gandhi (IX-A) and Anuva Bhargava (IX-B) secured the First position and Manas Jain (X-A) secured the Second position.

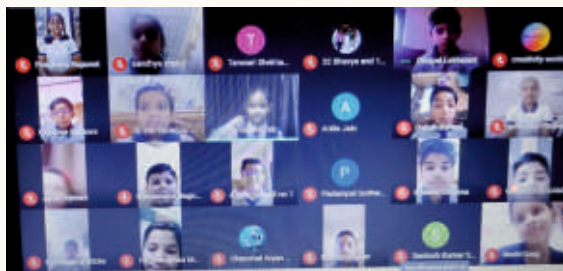
Fictional characters come alive: English Declamation was organised for the students of Classes XI & XII on August 24, 2021. Adamya Sharma



(XII Sc.) and Aaradhya Sharma (XI Arts) stood First and Second respectively.

The aim of Choral Speaking is to make students confident by working in collaboration and to improve their communication skills. On May 7, 2021, English Choral Elocution was conducted for Classes I-III & V and Hindi Choral Elocution was organised for Class IV. An Intra-Class English Debate was organised for Class V on September 9, 2021. The topic for the Debate was '**Will Technology Make People Smarter?**' Vanshika Mathur (V-C) and Anuja Chaturvedi (V-B) secured the First and Second positions respectively.

An Intra-Class Hindi Debate was organised for Class V on September 10, 2021. The topic for the Debate was



'सादा जीवन उच्च विचार की ओर लौट रहा भारत'। Vanya Tanwar (V-C) and Deepti Roopchandani (V-A) secured the First and Second positions respectively. All the participants showcased exemplary oratory and argumentative skills. The debaters were fervent in their efforts and each one of them portrayed dedication and persistence.

Learning For Life

Quality concerns in school education are among the priorities of CBSE, as they play a pivotal role in the development of the country. CBSE conducts webinars to organise empowerment and capacity building programmes at regular intervals for the teachers and Principals to equip them with the competencies such as using technology tools effectively and applying appropriate pedagogic techniques to make the learning process connected with real life, stress-free and joyful. To upgrade the professional competency of the teachers, the Principal and the teachers of St. Stephen's attended a number of webinars conducted by CBSE. Mindfulness, Multiple Intelligence, Technology for Blended Learning, Innovative Methods for Students to Teach Ethics and Integrity, Building Hope and Resilience... to name a few. The sessions were very informative and knowledge based.

Ms. Baljeet Kaur Virdi (PGT) was awarded the Bhartiya Shiksha Ratan Award-2021, on October 2, 2021 in grateful appreciation for dedication to the ideals of the teaching fraternity and outstanding contribution in the field of education.



Safety is everybody's responsibility but it begins with me!

Session on Safe and Unsafe Touch

The inquirers and enthusiastic learners of Classes III-V attended an awareness session on Safe and Unsafe Touch under SPARSH campaign on July 31, 2021. The resource persons for the session were Mr. Vijit Mehlawat, Ms. Poonam Khetan, Dr. Sofia Nalwaya, Ms. Jyotika Gupta, Dr. Chandrika Begerhotta and Ms. Sonia Bhargava. Our young learners made the most, of the life lessons imparted at an early age which will definitely help them in the times to come.

The Pariksha Pe Charcha, 2021 was held on April 7, 2021 through the virtual mode by PM Modi, wherein he addressed the students who were appearing for the Board Exams, 2021.

Lights, Camera, Action...

The students of Classes IX-XII presented the play 'Mother's Day' by J. B. Priestley. The play depicted the status of a mother in the family and highlighted her unconditional love. The shooting of the play introduced the broader prospect of theatre as the students directed, recorded, edited and added sound effects and visuals on their own. Dr. Charu Jain (P.G.T.) guided and supported them.





CAMPUS STARS

Academics



48 students of our School secured 90% and above in AISSCE (Class XII) 2021

| S. No. | Name | Class | Percentage |
|--------|------------------------|----------|------------|
| 1. | Siddharth Jain | XII Com. | 96.80 |
| 2. | Anmol Surana | XII Com. | 96.60 |
| 3. | Manan Sogani | XII Com. | 96.60 |
| 4. | Nischal Bakliwal | XII Com. | 95.60 |
| 5. | Purvanshi Chaudhary | XII Sc. | 95.60 |
| 6. | Shubh Bansal | XII Sc. | 95.60 |
| 7. | Ajaypal Choudhary | XII Arts | 95.60 |
| 8. | Khushbu Jain | XII Arts | 95.60 |
| 9. | Divyanshu Sharma | XII Sc. | 95.40 |
| 10. | Nishant Dhupia | XII Sc. | 95.40 |
| 11. | Nikhil Nayak | XII Arts | 95.40 |
| 12. | Raghav Khandelwal | XII Com. | 95.20 |
| 13. | Rimjhim Jain | XII Com. | 95.20 |
| 14. | Ujjwal Chopra | XII Com. | 95.20 |
| 15. | Lakshyana Rathore | XII Sc. | 95.20 |
| 16. | Prathvi Singh Dahiya | XII Sc. | 94.60 |
| 17. | Rashika Sajnani | XII Sc. | 94.60 |
| 18. | Sunaina Dolwani | XII Sc. | 94.60 |
| 19. | Vandana Kumawat | XII Arts | 94.60 |
| 20. | Natasha Gandhi | XII Com. | 94.40 |
| 21. | Hitesh Kashyap | XII Sc. | 94.40 |
| 22. | Yashwardhan Khanna | XII Sc. | 94.20 |
| 23. | Harshit Sipani | XII Com. | 94.00 |
| 24. | Jatin Gahlot | XII Sc. | 94.00 |
| 25. | Rohan Goyal | XII Com. | 93.80 |
| 26. | Yuvraj Singh Khangarot | XII Com. | 93.60 |
| 27. | Jai Prakash Apoorva | XII Com. | 93.20 |
| 28. | Raghav Sharma | XII Com. | 93.20 |
| 29. | Juhi Tolumbia | XII Arts | 93.20 |
| 30. | Pranav Sharma | XII Arts | 93.00 |
| 31. | Vaishnavi Saxena | XII Com. | 92.40 |
| 32. | Mohit Soni | XII Com. | 92.20 |
| 33. | Kaustubh Bhadana | XII Com. | 91.80 |
| 34. | Kabir Bhatia | XII Sc. | 91.80 |

| S. No. | Name | Class | Percentage |
|--------|--------------------|----------|------------|
| 35. | Vansh Gaur | XII Sc. | 91.80 |
| 36. | Khushi Sharma | XII Arts | 91.80 |
| 37. | Hemant Tilwani | XII Com. | 91.20 |
| 38. | Sagar Chauhan | XII Arts | 91.20 |
| 39. | Abhishek Garg | XII Com. | 91.00 |
| 40. | Nupur Bhagchandani | XII Com. | 91.00 |
| 41. | Suhani Sharma | XII Sc. | 90.80 |
| 42. | Pulkit Jain | XII Com. | 90.40 |
| 43. | Akshita Sharma | XII Arts | 90.40 |
| 44. | Manas Raizada | XII Sc. | 90.20 |
| 45. | Akshita Sharma | XII Arts | 90.20 |
| 46. | Divyansh Sharma | XII Arts | 90.20 |
| 47. | Meenakshi Verma | XII Sc. | 90.00 |
| 48. | Priyanshu Naval | XII Sc. | 90.00 |

Our AISSCE (Class XII) 2021 Faculty Toppers



1. Ajaypal Choudhary
First in Arts
2. Siddharth Jain
First in Commerce
3. Purvanshi Chaudhary
First in Science

Our AISSE (Class X) 2021 Star Performers



(L to R): Kunal Nathani, Lucky Athwani, Purvansh Tayal and Vaibhav Gupta secured 100/100 in Maths



(L to R): Kunal Nathani, Arjun Bachani, Vansh Gupta and Lakshya Sajnani secured 100/100 in Social Studies

**87 students of our School secured 90% and
above in AISSE (Class X) 2021**

| S. No. | Name | Percentage |
|--------|------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. | Kunal Nathani | 98.40 |
| 2. | Garima Pradutt | 98.20 |
| 3. | Naman Balotia | 98.00 |
| 4. | Arjun Bachani | 98.00 |
| 5. | Tanishka Verma | 97.60 |
| 6. | Lucky Athwani | 97.40 |
| 7. | Purvansh Tayal | 97.20 |
| 8. | Vansh Gupta | 97.20 |
| 9. | Aaradhya Sharma | 97.00 |
| 10. | Shruti Jain | 96.80 |
| 11. | Tanu Sharma | 96.40 |
| 12. | Vaibhav Gupta | 96.20 |
| 13. | Kush Bansal | 96.00 |
| 14. | Nikhil Alwani | 96.00 |
| 15. | Arushi Jain | 95.80 |
| 16. | Hardika Ojha | 95.80 |
| 17. | Lakshya Wardhan Singh Shekhawat | 95.60 |
| 18. | Harshvardhan Singh | 95.60 |
| 19. | Pranshu Yadav | 95.40 |
| 20. | Samyak Jain | 95.40 |
| 21. | Lakshya Sajnani | 95.40 |
| 22. | Tanvir Fatima | 95.20 |
| 23. | Darshika Anuragi | 95.20 |
| 24. | Vidhi Samyani | 95.20 |
| 25. | Pulkit Sharma | 95.00 |
| 26. | Rishika Jain | 95.00 |
| 27. | Aditi Jain | 95.00 |
| 28. | Chatenya Mathur | 94.80 |
| 29. | Garima Bhagchandani | 94.80 |
| 30. | Vibhav Choudhary | 94.40 |
| 31. | Navyam Goyal | 94.40 |
| 32. | Divyansh Vaishnav | 94.40 |
| 33. | Himani Arora | 94.40 |
| 34. | Dinesh Chauhan | 94.20 |
| 35. | Bhavya Saran | 94.20 |
| 36. | Vatsal Patni | 94.20 |
| 37. | Riya Shekhawat | 94.20 |
| 38. | Mayank Mandoliya | 94.20 |
| 39. | Vibhansh Jain | 94.20 |
| 40. | Samriddhi Jain | 94.00 |
| 41. | Hardik Jain | 93.80 |
| 42. | Chirmi Detha | 93.80 |
| 43. | Vartika Chhipa | 93.80 |
| 44. | Atisha K Sharma | 93.60 |

| S. No. | Name | Percentage |
|--------|---------------------------|------------|
| 45. | Urvashi Ramnani | 93.60 |
| 46. | Yugan Jain | 93.60 |
| 47. | Harshit Saini | 93.60 |
| 48. | Manas Hingorani | 93.40 |
| 49. | Nikhil Choudhary | 93.40 |
| 50. | Jai Dhalwal | 93.40 |
| 51. | Mohit Agarwal | 93.20 |
| 52. | Rohit Singhal | 93.20 |
| 53. | Arpit Choudhary | 93.00 |
| 54. | Ronit Jain | 93.00 |
| 55. | Himanshi Verma | 92.80 |
| 56. | Eklavya Gupta | 92.80 |
| 57. | Tulika Saxena | 92.60 |
| 58. | Reyansh Chandak | 92.60 |
| 59. | Harshit Joshi | 92.40 |
| 60. | Naman Jain | 92.40 |
| 61. | Megha Nenwani | 92.40 |
| 62. | Soumya Baser | 92.20 |
| 63. | Lakshit Sharma | 92.20 |
| 64. | Kirti Narayan | 92.20 |
| 65. | Suhani Goyal | 92.00 |
| 66. | Ashish Kumar Prajapati | 91.80 |
| 67. | Bhoomika Pathak | 91.80 |
| 68. | Clifton Gabriel | 91.60 |
| 69. | Bhawin Gurjar | 91.40 |
| 70. | Sartaj Kathat | 91.00 |
| 71. | Ritika Soni | 91.00 |
| 72. | Vanshika Saund | 91.00 |
| 73. | Shelfali Raj | 91.00 |
| 74. | Pari Dadhich | 90.80 |
| 75. | Rishabh Mehra | 90.60 |
| 76. | Arsh Khan | 90.60 |
| 77. | Niyati Jain | 90.60 |
| 78. | Aarav Rai Mathur | 90.40 |
| 79. | Ajay Singh Rathore | 90.40 |
| 80. | Aniruddha Kishore | 90.40 |
| 81. | Kshitij Verma | 90.40 |
| 82. | Vanjoor Sharma | 90.20 |
| 83. | Harshvardhan Sankhla | 90.20 |
| 84. | Ritik Lakhwani | 90.00 |
| 85. | Harshit Prajapati | 90.00 |
| 86. | Vidhi Jain | 90.00 |
| 87. | Yukta Uriyaat | 90.00 |

Congratulations to...



(L to R) Row 1: Kanika Mathur, Pragya Gaur, Kovid Dadhich, Lalita Choudhary, Rishi Agarwal
Row 2: Siddharth Kumar Sahu, Aniket Jain, Lakshyawardhan Singh, Chirag Goyal and Raghvendra Singh for outstanding academic performance in Class X Board Examination, 2020 and for being among the top 0.1 percent of successful candidates in Mathematics Standard.



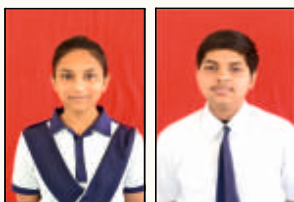
Fizza Jagirdar for outstanding academic performance in Class XII Board Examination, 2020 and for being among the top 0.1 percent of successful candidates in Painting



Chirmi Detha (XI-Sc.) for securing the Second position in the Inter-School English Debate organized by Maheshwari Public School, Ajmer on 23 October, 2021.



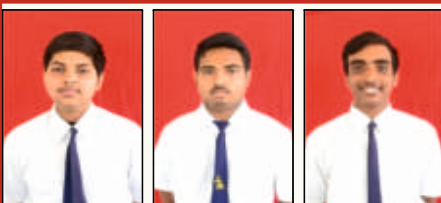
Kanika Mathur for outstanding academic performance in Class X Board Examination, 2020 and for being among the top 0.1 percent of successful candidates in Science- Theory



(L to R): Riddhima Vijayvargiya and Rishi Agarwal for outstanding academic performance in Class X Board Examination, 2020 and for being among the top 0.1 percent of successful candidates in Social Science.



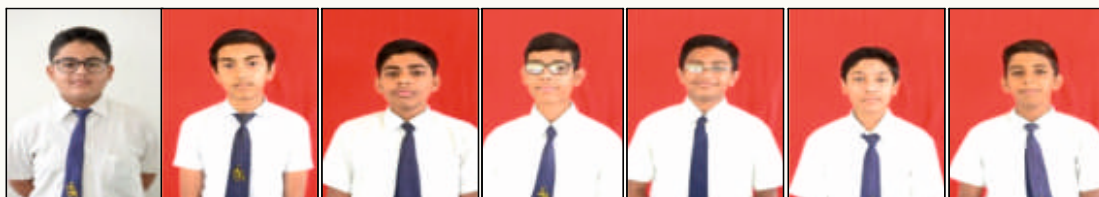
(L to R): Darshika Anuragi and Kunal Nathani of Class X for being selected in the State Merit List of NTSE (First Level) 2020-21



(L to R): Rishi Agarwal, Sahil Kumar and Saksham Paliwal of Class X for being selected in the State Merit List of NTSE (First Level) 2019-20



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Row 2: Pragya Gaur, Rishi Agarwal, Sahil Kumar, Samyak Jain and Siddharth Kumar Sahu of Class X for being awarded Distinction Certificate for securing (80%-90%) marks in the State Merit List of STSE- 2019.



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Winners of Gold Medal of Distinction (2020-21)



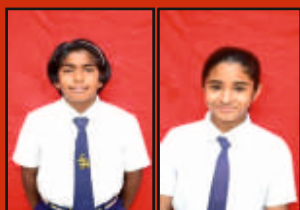
1. Khushbu Goyal (IV- C) in International General Knowledge Olympiad.
She also won the Zonal Gold Medal in International English Olympiad.
2. Vidit Sharma (III-D) in International Mathematics Olympiad



1. Khushal Singh Shekhawat (VI-C) for securing Third position in Team Event at the State Level (under-17) Lawn Tennis Championship held in Jodhpur.
2. Raunak Dadhich (VI-D) for securing the First position at the District level Lawn Tennis Championship, held at Delhi World Public School, Ajmer.



Kunal Nathani of Class X for being awarded Scholar Certificate for securing (90%-100%) marks in the State Merit List of STSE- 2020

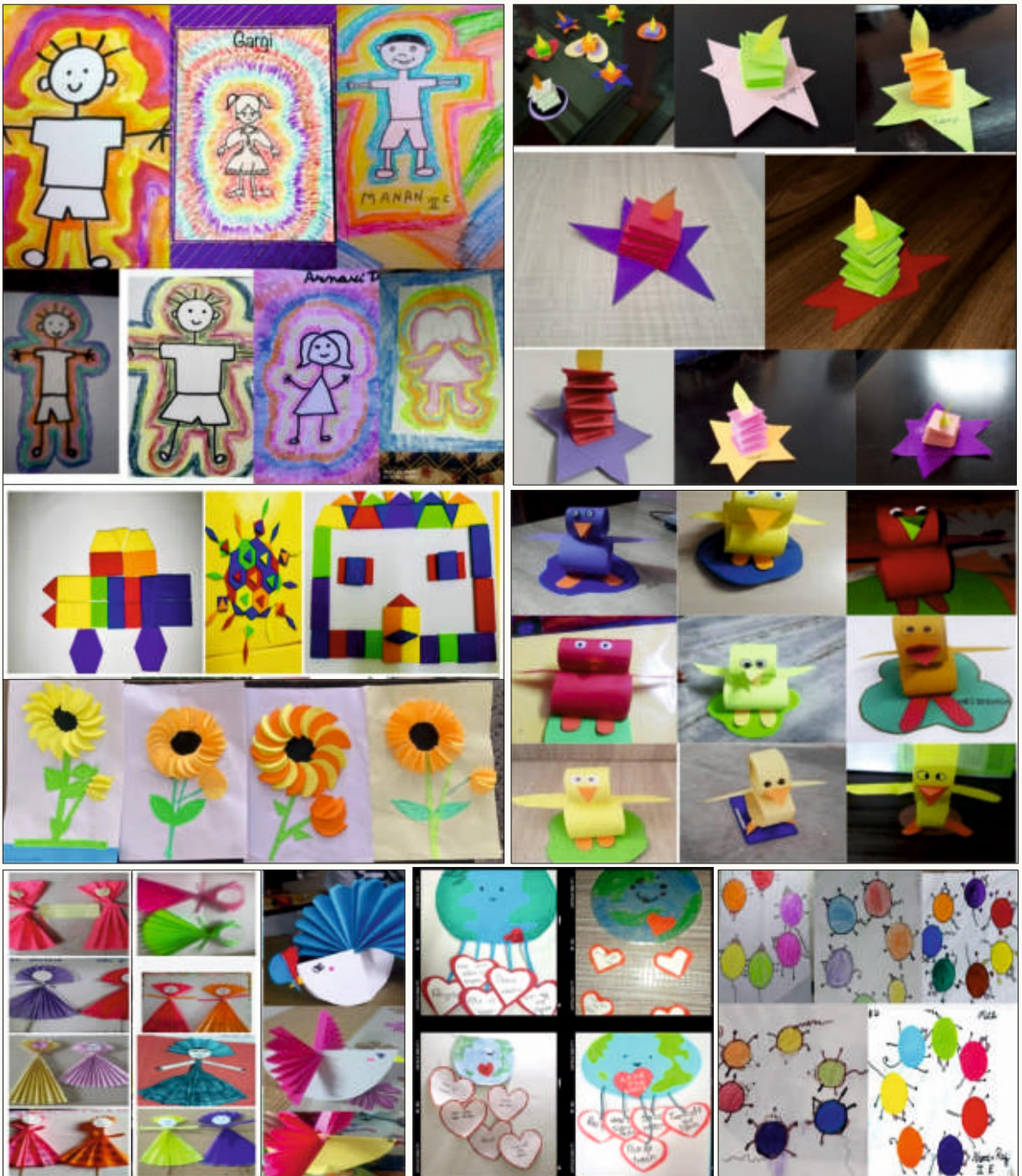


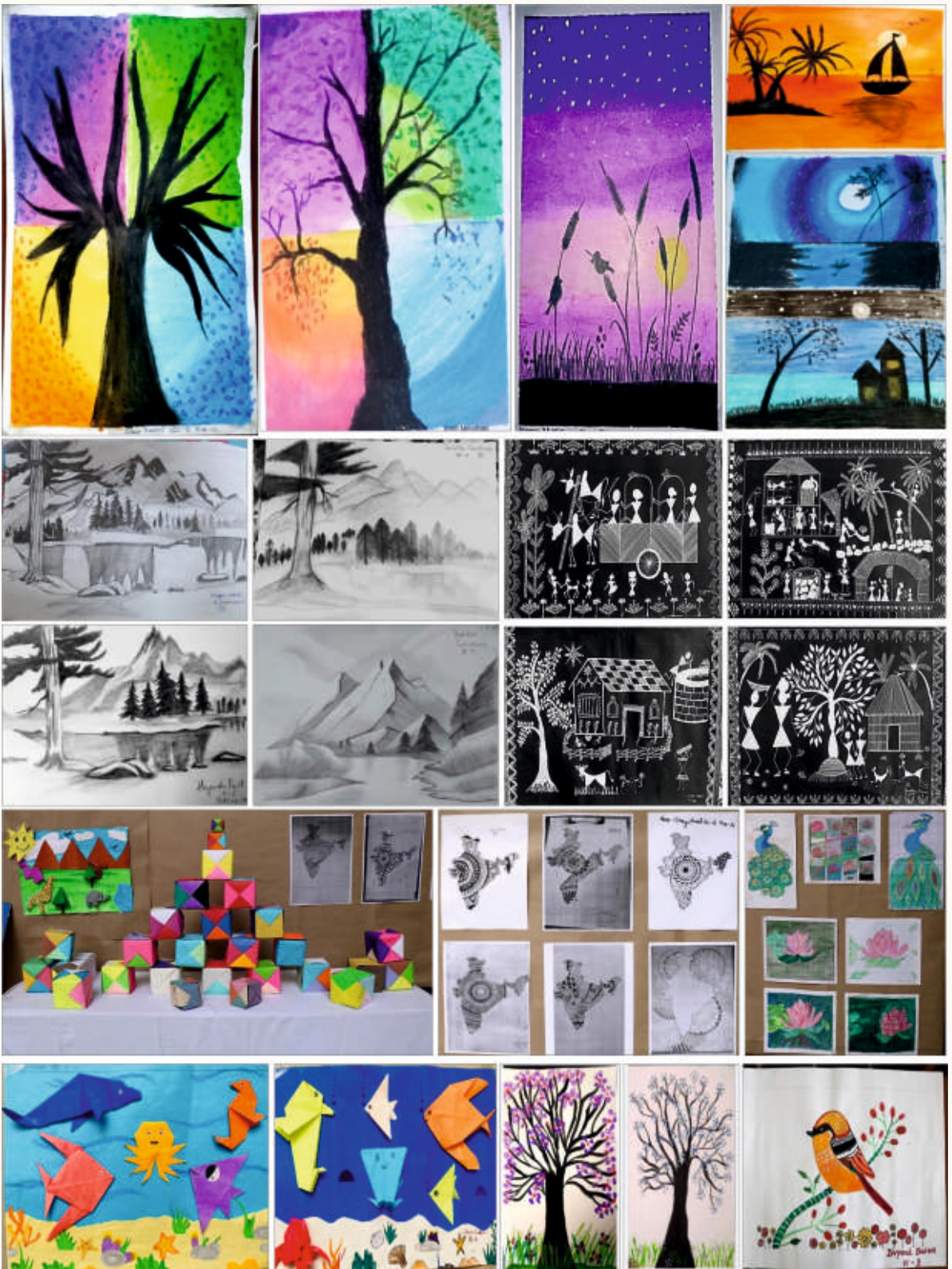
(L to R): Jennis Manoj Ojha (IX-A) and Yashi Hemnani (IX-A) for securing the Second position in the Team Event at the State Level (under-19) Lawn Tennis Championship held in Jodhpur.
Yashi and Jennis for securing the Second and Fifth positions respectively in the individual category at the District level (under-19) Lawn Tennis Championship held at GSS School, Gulab Bari.
They also secured the Second position in the Team Event.

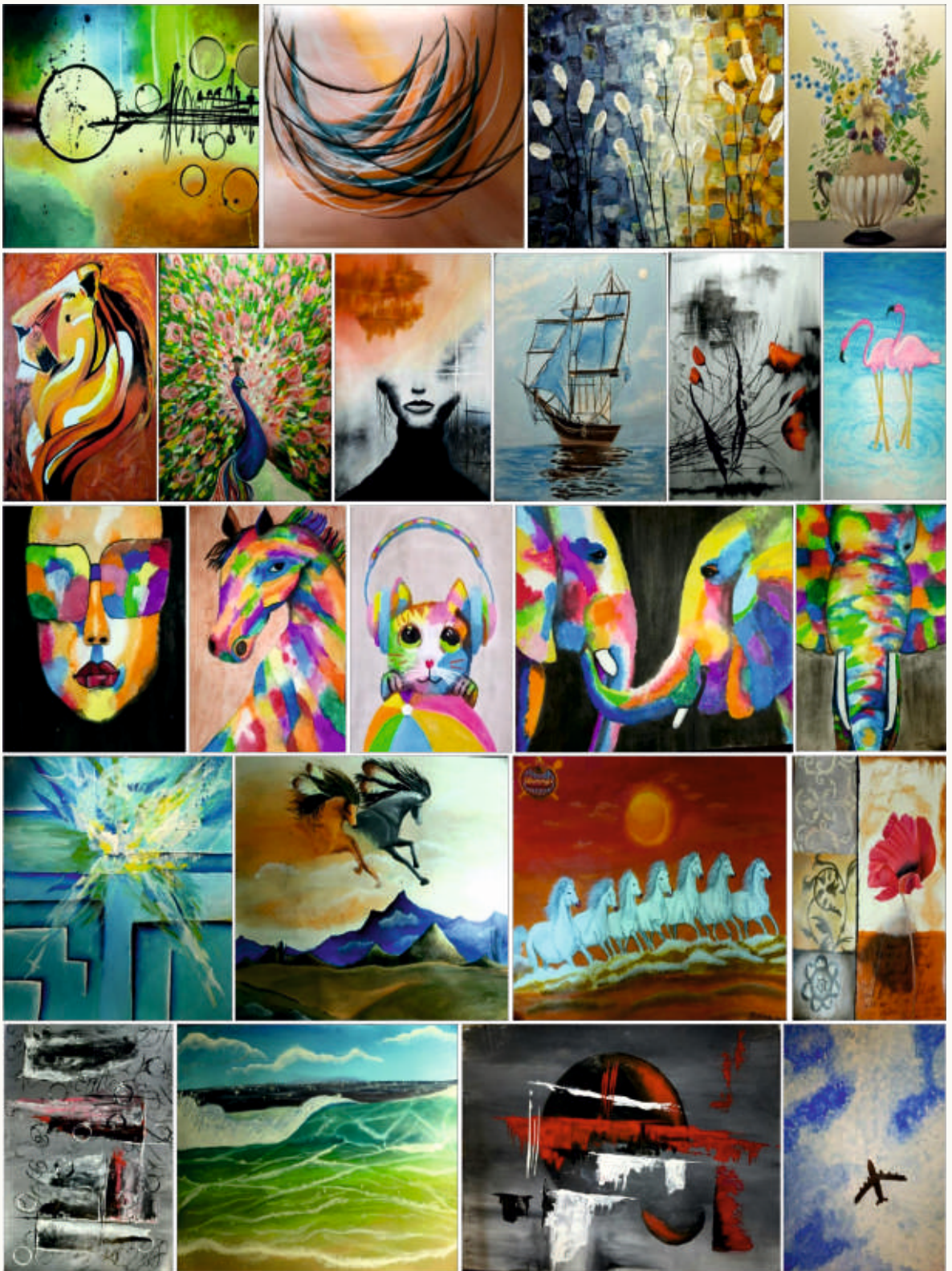
IMPRESSIONS

Sight to behold- Creative Column

Creativity displayed by the students through beautiful creations







WORDSCAPE

Children are innately creative. All they need is freedom and space to let their creativity bloom. The poems and articles of the students in this issue distinctly express that peace, love, unity and non-violence should be a catalyst for change in the world.



Devanshi Agarwal (XII-Arts)

An Empire of Ahimsa

Samrat Ashoka was the third king of the Mauryan empire, best known for his renunciation of war, development of the concept of *dhamma* (pious social conduct) and promotion of Buddhism. He is said to have been particularly witless early in his reign until he launched a campaign against the Kingdom of Kalinga approximately in 260 BCE which resulted in great destruction and death.

But as it is said better late than never, Emperor Ashoka was transformed into a stable and a peaceful emperor, who renounced war and became a patron of Buddhism devoting himself to peace as exemplified in his concept of *dhamma* (moral principles).

The main principle of Ashoka's *dhamma* was to avoid evils like fury, cruelty and arrogance and propagated that everyone should practise the principle of *Ahimsa* i.e. non-violence and non injury to all living beings.

People should love one another and display respect and tolerance towards each other's faith. Thereafter, he ruled his empire through peace and tolerance, focusing more on building up the empire rather than expanding it. Emperor Ashoka was a true supporter of love, non-violence, truth and tolerance. He was the harbinger of social harmony. He was the only king of a sizable empire to openly declare an 'official' end to war and violence and promote non-violence and harmony, something we tend to take for granted today.

Aaradhya Sharma
XI Arts

Majesty Ashoka

He was great in every war.
He lived in many-a-heart's core.
For good causes he donated money,
His great tragedies always amaze me.
To conquer Kalinga, his army did surround.
After the war everywhere dead bodies he found.
He saw people desolate,
He decided never to fight,
This is what made him great.
He became non-violent,
He became tolerant.
Buddhism he did embrace,
His wisdom did grace,
In Prakrit the strong pillars,
Show teachings to alter minds of killers.
He was Ashoka – The Great,
Whom we know till date.

Charvi Patel
VIII-C



Divya Agarwal (XI Arts)

अहिंसा ज्ञान है

जनता का अधिकार है
गांधी का हथियार है
अहिंसा मानवता का उपहार है।

सम्राट अशोक की जीत है
महावीर की सीख है
'अहिंसा परमो धर्मः' की रीत है।

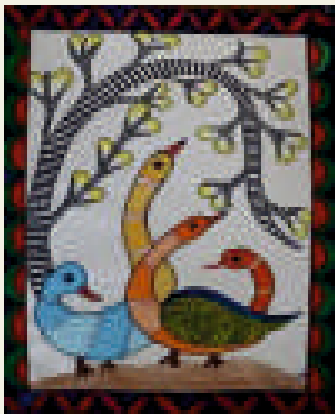
दया का अनुरूप है
भाव का सबूत है
'क्रोध-हिंसा' का विलोम है।

अहिंसा, कर्तव्य है
लोक-परलोक का सत्य है
हिंसक, सदैव डरते हैं
अहिंसा, बल का नाम है
गुरुओं का दान है।

इक रास्ते का नाम है
पुरुषार्थ का प्रमाण है
हिंसा समस्याओं का साधन
अहिंसा संसार का संविधान है।

सरहदों, कायदों का संरक्षण है
मर्यादा की पुकार है
की गई गलतियों का
अहिंसा ही सुधार है।

आराध्या शर्मा
ग्यारहवीं – कला



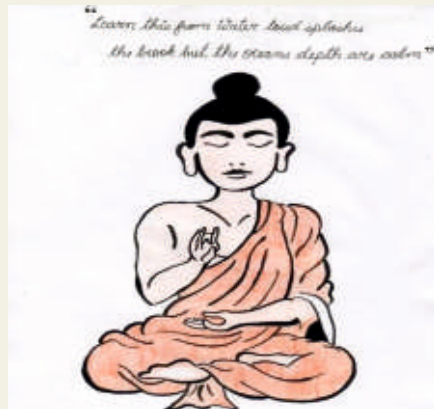
Kanak Khemani (XII Arts)

अहिंसा परमो धर्मः

हिंसा अर्थात् मार-काट, तोड़-फोड़ या जोर-जबरदस्ती करके दूसरों को शारीरिक, मानसिक, आत्मिक या भावनात्मक स्तर पर चोट पहुँचाना। यह सभी धर्मों के विरुद्ध है परन्तु मानव आज भी धर्मयुक्त हो हिंसा के मार्ग पर अग्रसर हो रहा है। हिंसा करके मिलने वाली जीत सच्ची जीत नहीं मानी जाती। इसके विपरीत अहिंसा का मार्ग प्रेम का मार्ग है। अहिंसा को श्रेष्ठ धर्म माना गया है, अहिंसा पर विश्वास करने वाला व्यक्ति कभी कष्ट नहीं देता। वास्तव में अहिंसा एक मानवीय भावना है। सम्राट अशोक ने भी हिंसा का परिणाम कलिंग-विजय को देखकर ही 'अहिंसा परमो धर्मः' मानने वाले बौद्ध मत को अपना लिया था। इस हेतु सबके साथ उचित व्यवहार करें, असत्य से बचे रहकर सत्य बोले, हानि पहुँचाने का सोचे भी न, सदैव सभी का भला करें। अहिंसा का पालन करने वाला व्यक्ति न तो किसी का शत्रु होता है न ही कोई उसका शत्रु होता है।

नेल्सन मंडेला ने हिंसा पर आधारित रंग-भेद शासन के विरुद्ध अहिंसा के माध्यम से संघर्ष किया था। यदि हम अहिंसावाद अपनाते हैं तब सही मायने में स्वयं को जीव-जन्तुओं से भिन्न मानते हुए मानवता की रक्षा कर सकते हैं।

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Lakshya (VIII-C)

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Grandparents' Day

Celebration of selfless and abounding love



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