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### ROOTS OF CULTURE

**“** Through art, tradition, and shared stories, we cultivate the roots of our culture.

– Unknown

## CULTIVATING CULTURE

Culture is not built in a day. It grows quietly, steadily through the stories we tell, the kindness we show, and the choices we make when no one is watching. It is the rhythm of how we live, the grace with which we disagree, and the warmth that binds us despite our differences. To cultivate culture is to water the roots of who we are, so that what we pass on is not just a memory, but meaning.

At St. Stephen's, every classroom, corridor, and conversation becomes part of this growing garden. Each idea shared, each tradition upheld, each act of respect, they all add to the tapestry that defines us. When we listen to understand, when we celebrate another's truth, when we lead with empathy instead of ego, we nurture something far greater than ourselves. Culture, after all, is not taught, it is lived.

In a world that often rushes to change, may we also learn to preserve. May we hold on to what makes us human, our art, our stories, and our sense of belonging. For it is only when we understand our roots that we can truly grow.

- 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

## TOGETHER FOR A GREENER TOMORROW

### Celebrating Our 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Function and Prize Giving Function

"When the forests fall silent and the rivers forget their flow, we'll see that blind progress leads noway we truly want to go."

**S**ustainability is not just a choice, but a way of life. Carrying this value at the heart of this year's academic session, St. Stephen's celebrated its 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Day and Prize Giving Function held on November 22, 2025, on the theme '**Sustainability: There is No Planet B**'. The Stephanians took the audience on an insightful journey, highlighting the effects of our actions and greed on the planet, while stressing our shared responsibility to safeguard the Earth and adopt mindful consumption. As the Lorax once said "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better, it's not." The theme of sustainability was interwoven with the story line of a 2012 animated film written by Dr. Suess 'The Lorax.'

It's always rewarding to reflect on the year, celebrating the accolades earned by students and the remarkable events that unfolded at the School.

Students were recognized for their outstanding achievements at the School level.

The Principal presented the School Annual Report, outlining the five core priorities of the institution – Academic Excellence, Co-curricular Activities, Continuous Professional Development, Community Outreach, and Commitment to Continual Improvement.

Mr. Rajat Yadav, IAS, Sub Divisional Officer and Sub Divisional Magistrate, Kishangarh was the Guest of Honour. The Chief Guest, Ms. Garima Narula, IAS, Sub Divisional Officer and Sub



Ms. Garima Narula

Divisional Magistrate, Ajmer, in her address praised the academic and co-educational achievements of the

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students. She highlighted the importance of having a good foundation and discipline for achieving our goals. The cultural programme commenced with a captivating dance performance set on '*Ye Kaun Chitrakar Hai*', illustrating a picture of an ideal world, the Earth aspires to be. Through a series of Dance Medley, performers narrated the story of people living in nature.



The Hindi Play, '*Dastaane Goi*', took us back in time to an era when things were not commercialized and, sharing a story of human emotion, compassion and empathy.

Through the dance performances on '*Sukoon*' and '*Taazi Hawa*', our dancers showed us how peace in nature brings peace within. A skit on the '*Chipko Movement*'

showcased the courage of those who used non-violent resistance to protect forests, reminding us of the vital need to preserve nature. This

was followed by a poignant

'Shadow Dance', highlighting the significance of trees and their vital role in sustaining life. The performance then transitioned to the '*Pani Anthem*', a call of hope and renewal, followed by a classical dance that emphasized how small efforts contribute to the greater good. The programme came to an end with the grand finale and a pledge taken by Stephanians to protect our precious planet like the Lorax protected the trees.

The Director, in her Vote of Thanks, expressed gratitude to the Chief Guest for her inspiring words, which would motivate the School community to continue striving Onward and Upward. She also appreciated the performance of the students and thanked the guests for their presence and encouragement.

- Aanchal Khatri (XI-Arts)





# GANDHI AND SHASTRI JAYANTI

## *Embracing the Values of Peace and Nation-building*

The School celebrated the birth anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri on October 1, 2025, honouring their invaluable contributions to the nation. A special assembly for Grades IV to VIII began with the lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the values of truth, simplicity, and patriotism upheld by both leaders.

Reyansh Lalwani (VIII-C) and Vibhanshi Tak (IX-B) delivered speeches on their roles in the freedom struggle, while a short play highlighted their principles of non-violence and service. The School choir sang Gandhiji's favourite *bhajans*, adding to the reflective atmosphere. A

quiz followed, testing students' knowledge of the leaders' lives and legacies. Students and Staff took a cleanliness pledge, reinforcing their commitment to a cleaner environment.

The Principal, in his address, encouraged students to



embody the values of both leaders in their daily lives.

In line with the cleanliness campaign, Student Officials and Class Monitors participated in a drive

at B-Block, Panchsheel, promoting hygiene and community responsibility. Meanwhile, students from



Grades Nursery to III recited patriotic poems, celebrating the ideals of Gandhiji and Shastriji, filling the School with a spirit of unity and pride.

- Aanchal Khatri (XI-Arts)

## CONSTITUTION DAY

Our School observed Constitution Day on November 26, 2025, to mark the adoption of the Indian Constitution and to build awareness about its importance. During the morning assembly, students spoke about the history of the Constitution and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's role in drafting it. This was followed by a solemn recitation of the Preamble by students and teachers, reaffirming the values of justice, liberty, equality and fraternity.



# Grandparents' Day

## *Our Roots, Our Blessings*

**O**n September 27, 2025, the Nursery, LKG and HKG children joyfully celebrated Grandparents' Day with a soulful prayer song, engaging stories, fun activities, dances, poems and music presented by the grandparents. The highlight of this celebration was the enthusiastic participation of grandparents filling the day with warmth. The celebration concluded with a special bulletin board corner adorned with selfies and a heartfelt vote of thanks, making it a memorable event for all.



# Parent Orientation

**A** Parent Orientation Programme for Class III was held on September 26, 2025. The session introduced the Holistic Progress Card (HPC) aligning with the Comprehensive Assessment Approach. HPC focuses on covering cognitive, social, emotional and physical growth. The HPC provides a comprehensive and holistic understanding of a child's progress and values competencies, and life skills over just marks.



## Deepotsav

**D**eepotsav was celebrated with great zeal and enthusiasm on October 10, 2025. Students from Nursery to Class V participated in traditional attire. Students of classes IV and V presented a *Laghu Natika* portraying the life of Lord Rama, while Class III students performed a lively dance on 'Ram Aayenge Angana Sajaungi.' They also decorated clay *diyas*. Students of classes I and II participated in a Creative Petal Work Activity, making colourful paper flowers that adorned the School quadrangle. The celebration concluded with a divine *Aarti* by the Director, Headmistress, teachers, supporting staff and students, spreading a message of light, unity and devotion.



# Primary Section Activities

## व्यंजन पुस्तिका निर्माण और कहानी सूजन गतिविधि -

सितंबर 27, 2025 को कक्षा 5 में व्यंजन पुस्तिका निर्माण गतिविधि आयोजित की गई। जिसके अंतर्गत विद्यार्थियों ने व्यंजनों से बनने वाले नए शब्दों को लिखकर एक पुस्तिका तैयार की। कक्षा के सभी विद्यार्थियों ने इस गतिविधि में बढ़ चढ़कर हिस्सा लिया। गतिविधि के माध्यम से विद्यार्थियों ने नए—नए शब्दों का ज्ञान प्राप्त किया। कक्षा 4 में कहानी लेखन गतिविधि का आयोजन किया गया, जिसके अंतर्गत विद्यार्थियों को नैतिक मूल्यों पर आधारित कहानी 'कार्य पत्रक' में लिखनी थी।



## An Inter-House Puja Thali Decoration Competition



**A**n Inter-House Puja Thali Decoration Competition for classes IV & V was held on October 10, 2025. Four students from each house teamed up to decorate *thalis* using vibrant colours, glitter, beads, mirrors and eco-friendly materials, showcasing creativity and teamwork. The event sparked a festive spirit and

highlighted the students' artistic talent and collaborative effort. In Class IV Green House secured the First position, Blue House the Second position and Red House the Third position. In Class V Blue House, Green House and Gold House secured the First, Second and Third position respectively.

## Learning Excel through Real-life Data



**O**n November 1, 2025, Class IV students created engaging 'My Hobby' presentations with diverse backgrounds, themes, shapes, and clipart. This built skills in organizing ideas into concise points and creative presentation. On November 8, 2025, Class V students made 'Shopping List with Budget' spreadsheets in Excel during 'Learning Excel through Real-life Data.' They used data entry, borders,

shading, pictures, Auto Fill, Auto Sum, honing budget management and decision-making.

## Young Story Tellers, Fancy dress on the World of Transport, and Favourite Cartoon Character

**O**n October 8, 2025, students from classes Nursery to II celebrated 'A Day of Little Stars and Big Creativity' with two activities. Students of classes I and II took part in the Young Storytellers Activity, narrated stories in English and Hindi using expressive voice modulation and colourful props to boost their speaking skills and imagination.

The HKG children added excitement through a lively Fancy Dress themed 'The World of Transport.' Dressed as transport vehicles like cars, buses, planes, trains, ships, and rockets, they confidently spoke about their chosen mode of transport. Nursery and LKG kids dressed as their favourite cartoon characters from Mickey Mouse and Peppa Pig to Dora, Chhota Bheem, Batman, and Little Singham, introduced themselves with great enthusiasm. Their performances filled the stage with joy and creativity.



## Young Minds Exploring Language

**C**lass IV students participated in the 'Adjective Venture,' an English activity designed to enhance their descriptive language skills on December 01, 2025. They explored newspaper clippings, identified adjectives, and creatively presented their findings reinforcing their understanding of descriptive language. Class V students showcased their vocabulary skills in the 'Vocabulary Venture' activity. They created an accordion. These activities enhanced students' word power, contextual understanding, and confidence in language abilities.



# BAL SABHA

## *Inspiring Young Minds Towards Sustainability*



Dr. Amber Dubey

**O**n December 13, 2025, the School organised Bal Sabha with active participation from the Primary Section. The Chief Guest Dr. Amber Dubey, an alumnus, graced the occasion along with the Director and the Principal. The programme began with a welcome, *tilak* ceremony and invocation dance by Class III students, followed by the Headmistress' Annual Report. The cultural programme focused on 'A Sustainable Future: Learning and Living the SDGs'. LKG students presented a nature song, while Nursery students performed the Under the Sea dance highlighting marine life conservation. Class I students presented *Hum Kaise Jiyenge*, a dance focusing on pollution and climate action, and HKG students performed *Swachhata Ki Jyoti Jaagi* dance to promote cleanliness. Class I students also presented a dance *Ye Nadiyan Ye Taare*, highlighting the need to protect nature. Class II students sang a song on environmental care and performed a *Yoga - Zumba* promoting health and fitness and presented *Ye Paani* dance on water conservation. Class III students staged an English play on Zero Hunger and performed *Hamari Zameen Jaago*, stressing environmental responsibility. The programme concluded with a Sustainability Pledge and Vote of Thanks.



# ROOTED IN CULTURE, DRIVEN BY INNOVATION

## SUSTAINABUILD CHALLENGE



The Science Department organized the Inter-House Sustainabuild Challenge on November 1, 2025, for the students of classes IX to XII. Students from all four Houses showcased their creativity and scientific skills through models on sustainability, including projects like oxy gardens, smart cities, seed bombs, solar trackers and water turbines.

The event was judged by our alumni, Kunal Verma, IITian and Founder of Natural Stones Company and Himanshu Shrotriya, Third Officer, Merchant Navy. The competition provided a valuable platform for students to apply scientific concepts to sustainability challenges, fostering innovation and collaboration.

## GOND ART DRAWING COMPETITION

The Fine Arts Department organized the Gond Art Drawing Competition on November 12, 2025, for students of classes VI to VIII. The competition celebrated the cultural richness of Gond art and provided students a platform to showcase their creativity and craftsmanship. Participants created vibrant designs, demonstrating originality, creativity and thoughtful use of colours, bringing traditional motifs to life.



## CROSS COUNTRY

The much-anticipated Cross Country event, a highlight of the School calendar, was held on December 20, 2025, on a crisp and chilly Saturday morning. Students arrived with enthusiasm and a strong sense of determination, ready to take on the challenge. A total of 144 students participated in the run. The course, designed with a blend of open stretches and winding trails, offered a meaningful test of both physical endurance and mental focus. In the Senior category (Boys)-Anirudh Rathore (XII-Arts), (XI-Arts) Aakash Prajapati (XI-Arts) and Chandra Raj Singh (XII-Arts), and in the Senior category (Girls)- Devika Choudhary (X-A), Tanisha Gupta (IX-D) and Vanshika Rathore (IX-B) were the winners. In the Junior category (Boys) – Aryan Yadav (VIII-B), Pranjool Sharma (VIII-A) and Divyam Chanchlani (VIII-B) and in the Girls category Anika (VIII-B), Jiya Singh (VIII-D) and Bhavika Bhagasra (VII-A) were the winners.



# Children's Day

## *Laughter, Games and Unforgettable Memories*



The School Fete on November 29, 2025, was filled with delicious food, fun games, and lively music. Students enjoyed tasty snacks, played exciting games, and danced with joy, creating lasting memories of friendship and celebration.

# 41<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL SPORTS MEET 2025

## *Championing Spirit, Skill and Success*

**S**uccess is born long before the finish line – in the mind that dares to imagine, the heart that refuses to surrender, and the spirit that turns hardship into purpose.

The pleasant weather set the perfect tone for the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Sports Day, held on December 23, 2025. More than a celebration of athletic talent, the event highlighted teamwork, discipline, and holistic development. The occasion was graced by the Chief Guest, Lt. Col. Devendu Ghoshal, Artillery Brigade, Indian Army, Nasirabad.

The Principal, in his welcome address spoke about the



importance of sports in developing discipline, resilience, and the strength to overcome failure, emphasizing that true success lies in self-improvement.

The programme commenced with a disciplined March Past by the marching contingent of the four Houses and the School Brass Band. The contingents were led by the School Captain, Janvi Choudhary. The lighting of the torch by the Sports Captain, Chandra Raj Singh, marked the start of the Sports events, following this, the oath was



Lt. Col. Devendu Ghoshal

taken, symbolizing the students' commitment to fair play and sportsmanship.

The cultural segment included the melodious song, musical drill, and a gymnastics display. The Inter-House track events charged the atmosphere with excitement as athletes competed passionately for their Houses. The Blue House won the Running Trophy instituted by the St. Stephen's School Society for the Overall Best House and the Pradeep Arjani Cup for the Best House in Games and Sports.



The Chief Guest, in his address, emphasized the crucial role of students in nation-building, urging them to set clear goals, manage their time effectively, and prepare early for future challenges. He underscored the importance of education, continuous learning, and participation in district and state-level competitions as key to career growth. Recognizing teachers as vital contributors to student success, he also highlighted the need for a balance between academic achievement and physical fitness. He encouraged students to embrace values of duty, honour, and dedication in all their endeavours.

The event concluded on a joyful note, leaving students motivated and inspired by the true spirit of sportsmanship.

- Yashasvi Chaturvedi (X-A)



# Christmas Day Celebration

On December 22, 2025, children from Nursery to Class II arrived dressed beautifully for the Christmas celebration. Students presented a short introduction on when and why we celebrate Christmas. Meanwhile, Class IV and V students participated joyfully in carol singing and enjoyed a lively dance party with Santa Claus.



# Learning for Life



A training session on Life Skills (Advanced) under the aegis of CBSE was held on October 13, 2025. The session was facilitated by Dr. Mayuri Khatri, Principal, Sardar Doon Public School, Jodhpur, and Ms. Deepa Thadani, Vice-Principal, St Stephen's Senior Secondary School, Ajmer. Sixty teachers from both Primary and Secondary Section attended the workshop.



Ms. Nidhi Goyal (TGT) and Dr. Charu Jain (PGT) attended a two-day Capacity Building Programme on English Language and Literature at Maharaja Agrasen Public School, Ajmer on October 3 and 4, 2025. The resource persons were Dr. Seema Sharma and Ms. Deepa Thadani.



Ms. Dhruvika Ojha (TGT) attended a two-day Capacity Building Programme on Competency Based Assessment (Secondary Level) at St. Paul's Sr. Sec. School, Ajmer on October 13 and 14, 2025. The resource persons were Ms. Neelam Sharma and Ms. Kritika Sharma.



Ms. Vineeta Raney (PRT) and Ms. Soma Thakur (TGT) attended a one-day Capacity Building Programme on Use of Artificial Intelligence in our Classroom at The Bright India School, Ajmer on October 31, 2025. The resource persons were Ms. Shabana Parveen and Mr. Udhav Kumar Dubey.



Ms. Neetu Indora (TGT) and Ms. Hetal Vadodaria (TGT) attended a one-day Hindi Language Teaching Workshop organised by Madhuban Educational Books held at Mayo School Ajmer on December 6, 2025. The resource person was Mr. Pradeep Jain.

# Collaborative Learning

## CAREER FAIR

Aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the School organized a Career Fair on November 8, 2025, for the students of classes X to XII. The event featured 16 prestigious universities, offering 230 students the opportunity to explore diverse career paths and academic programmes. Parents also joined, gaining valuable insights into future opportunities. The fair empowered students to make informed career choices and inspired them for the future.



## LITERACY CLUB

On November 11, 2025, during the Morning Assembly, the Legal Literacy Club members shared their views on gender equality, highlighting equal rights, opportunities and respect for all individuals, irrespective of gender, and promoting fairness in society.



# Collaborative Learning

## Global Youth Forum – TIME Project

On November 28 2025, our school hosted a Global Youth Forum under UNESCO's TIME Project, focusing on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The forum included three TIME Project sessions on SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-Being), SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), and SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), with schools from different countries sharing insightful presentations.

The event also featured a Model United Nations conference where the UNHRC committee discussed Responsible Consumption and Circular Economies. The forum provided students with a valuable opportunity to exchange global perspectives, enhance leadership skills, and deepen their understanding of sustainability challenges.



## शब्द शाला और कबीर प्रोजेक्ट

विद्यालय ने अनूठी पहल के तहत संचालित कबीर प्रोजेक्ट के अंतर्गत शब्द शाला के चतुर्थ सोपान पर कदम बढ़ाए। कक्षा VI और VII के कुल 46 विद्यार्थियों ने भाग लिया। सितंबर 26, 2025 और सितंबर 27, 2025 के सत्संग सत्र में लोक गायक कलाकार श्री अरुण गोयल, अक्टूबर 31, 2025 और नवंबर 1, 2025 को श्री भलूराम, नवंबर 28, 2025 और नवंबर 29, 2025 को श्री कालूराम बामनिया, दिसंबर 15, 2025 को श्री मीर बसु खान आदि ने अपने साथियों के साथ संत कबीर और अन्य कवियों के भजनों को गाया और सिखाया। विद्यार्थियों ने सच्ची भक्ति, मानवता, समानता और आडंबर-मुक्त जीवन की सीख को बहुत रोचक ढंग से आत्मसात् किया।



# IMPRESSIONS

*Draw, Dream, Inspire...*





# CAMPUS STARS

## Academics



### Congratulations!



(L to R): Devika Choudhary (X-A), Jiya Jhajharia (X-B) and Parth Verma (X-C) received a cash award instituted by the parents of Rupal Mansharamani for hundred percent attendance in Class X.



Palak Singh (V-A) won a Scholarship for the Best Student in Computer Science in the Primary Section.



Khushbu Goyal (IX-B) was awarded the Gaurav Bhardwaj Trophy for the Best Student in Computers.



Kimaya Jatav (V-E) was awarded the B. Martins Running Shield for the Best Student in the Primary Section.



Shreyansh Singh Khichi (XI-Sc.) was awarded the Raj Narain Sharma Gold Medal for the Best Student in General Knowledge.



Nivedita Kumawat (XI-Arts) bagged the Running Shield for the Best Hindi Debater for the Year 2025-26 instituted by St. Stephen's School Society, Ajmer.



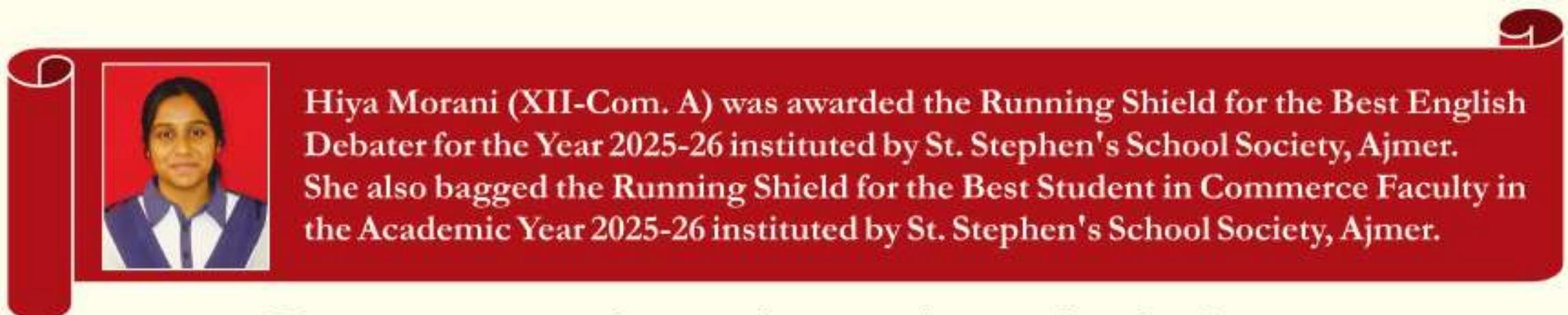
Aaradhy Goswami (XII-Arts) was awarded the B.V. Pant Gold Medal for the Best All Round Student for the Year 2025-26. He also bagged the V. V. John Memorial Running Trophy for Creative Writing.



Janvi Choudhary (XII-Arts) (L) and Shivangi Tak (XII-Sc.) (R) won the Running Shield for the Best Student in Arts and Science Faculty respectively in the Academic Year 2025-26 instituted by St. Stephen's School Society, Ajmer.



Hiya Morani (XII-Com. A) was awarded the Running Shield for the Best English Debater for the Year 2025-26 instituted by St. Stephen's School Society, Ajmer. She also bagged the Running Shield for the Best Student in Commerce Faculty in the Academic Year 2025-26 instituted by St. Stephen's School Society, Ajmer.



## Co-curricular Activities



Shreyansh Singh Khichi (XI-Sc.) (L) and Aaradhy Goswami (XII-Arts) (R) secured the First position, in the Inter-School Quiz on the theme 'Gandhian Thoughts and Constitutional Values' held at Sophia College, Ajmer.



Yakshit Khandelwal (VIII-A) (L) and Neelansh Sharma (VIII-A) (R) secured the Third position in the Inter-School INTACH National Heritage Quiz held at Turning Point School, Ajmer.



Divyanshi Mirchandani (IX-A) (L) secured the Second position in the Inter-School Hindi Debate and Deepti Roopchandani (IX-C) (R) secured the Third position in the Inter-School English Debate organised by East Point School, Ajmer.

## Sports



Anirudh Singh Rathore (XII-Arts) secured the Third position in the Team event at the 69<sup>th</sup> State Level Lawn Tennis (Under-19 Boys) Tournament organized by the Office of the Director, Secondary Education, Bikaner, Rajasthan. He was selected for the National Camp. He secured the Second position in the (Under-19 Boys) Doubles event in the All India Ranking Lawn Tennis Tournament organized by the All India Tennis Association. He also participated in the 13<sup>th</sup> Getwell Open Tennis Tournament (Under-18 Boys) Singles and secured the First position.



Sanskriti Mandrawliya (V-D) (L) secured the Third position in the District Basketball (Under-14 Girls) Tournament and Tanmay Singh (V-A) (R) secured the Third position in the 69<sup>th</sup> District Basketball (Under-14 Boys) Tournament organized by Rajkiya Uchh Prathamik Vidaylaya, Jones Ganj, Ajmer.



Vidhi Chouhan (V-D) was awarded the First position in the 200 m free style, 400 m free style, 100 m back stroke and 200 m individual medley events at the Ajmer District Swimming Association Aquatic Championship, 2025. She also won the Second position in the 50 m backstroke, 200 m individual medley and the Third position in 100 m Freestyle event organized by CBSE West Zone Games, 2025-26. She also secured the First position in the 50 m back stroke, 100 m back stroke, 200 m individual medley and 4 x 100 m relay events in the 69<sup>th</sup> District Level School Sports Competition for Boys/Girls, 2025-26. She also bagged the Third position in the 100 m breaststroke event and achieved the Sub Junior Best Player Championship Award, 2025.



(L to R) Tanisha Gupta (IX-D), Divyanshi Charan (VII-A), Deepal Tanwar (X-D) and Janhvi Tejwani (X-C) secured The Third position in the Team event at the 69<sup>th</sup> District Level (Under-17 Girls) Badminton Tournament. Deepal Tanwar was selected for the 69<sup>th</sup> State Level (Under-17 girls) Badminton Tournament.



(L to R): Kiyara Jatav (V-E), Kimaya Jatav (V-E), Prerna Ghusar (V-B) and Vidhi Chouhan (V-D) secured the First position in the 400 m relay race in the 69<sup>th</sup> District Level (Under-11) Boys and Girls Sports and Cultural Tournament, 2025-26.

Kiara Jatav also secured the First position in the 100 m relay race in the 69<sup>th</sup> District Level (Under-11) Boys and Girls Sports and Cultural Tournament, 2025-26.



Dheevijaa Chaudhary (VII-B) won the Third position in the 69<sup>th</sup> District Level (Under-14) Rifle Shooting Tournament. She also participated in the 69<sup>th</sup> State Level Rifle Shooting Tournament.



Harman Singh (VIII-A) (L) and Manoj Khanchandani (VIII-B) (R) participated in the 69<sup>th</sup> State Level (Under-14) Basketball Tournament.



Janvi Choudhary (XII-Arts) won the Third position in the 69<sup>th</sup> State Level (Under-19 Girls) Badminton Tournament.



Sudarshan Ghusar (XII-Com. B) participated in the 69<sup>th</sup> State Level (Under-19) Gymnastic Tournament.



Sabhyata Mandrawliya (VIII-A) (L) and Anika (VIII-B) (R) participated in the 69<sup>th</sup> State Level (Under-14) Basketball Tournament at Bambori, Sawaimadhopur. Sabhyata Mandrawliya was selected for the National Camp at Bhilwara.



## Our Star Performers on Annual Sports Day



Chandra Raj Singh Rathore (XII-Arts) (L) and Meghna Mathur (XI-Sc.) (R) were declared the Best Athletes in Group I (2025-26).

Chandra Raj Singh Rathore was also awarded the Dr. (Mrs.) Deepa Martins Running Trophy for the Best Athlete (2025-26).



Arjun Dadhich (IX-B) (T) and Jaanya Sharma (IX-D) (B) were declared the Best Athletes in Group II (2025-26).



Arjun Dadhich also received the Asim Sharma Award for the Best Cricketer (2025-26).



Manoj Khanchandani (VIII-B) (L) and Anika (VIII-B) (R) were declared the Best Athletes in Group III (2025-26).



Aakash Prajapati (XI-Arts) (L) and Yashika Gothwal (XII-Arts) (R) bagged the Running Trophy instituted by St. Stephen's School Society for the Best Sports Person in Games & Sports in the Boys and Girls category respectively (2025-26).

# WORDSCAPE

Cultivating culture is a journey of understanding, respect, and connection. Like a garden where diverse flowers bloom together, society thrives when we embrace traditions, celebrate differences, and nurture values of kindness and empathy. Through poems and articles Stephanians have beautifully expressed their thoughts on honouring heritage, learning from one another, and building a community that shines with shared pride and harmony.

## CULTIVATING CULTURE

Culture lives in what we do,  
In how I treat others and you.  
In sharing life with love and care,  
In being honest, kind, and fair.  
  
When I respect each different face  
And give each voice a rightful space,  
I help our culture grow each day  
By choices I make in word and say.

**Kritik M. Parihar**  
**VIII-D**



Bhavya Balotia IX-A



Kartavya Choudhary IX-B

## TOGETHER WE RISE

Through culture, we do nurture,  
Doesn't matter where you're from.  
All of us stand together,  
We share a common soul.

Through a single line, I say,  
Let's give love a chance.  
Break the walls,  
Bridge the divide,  
Let's unite on the same side.

We have much to gain, to sustain,  
The walls are broken,  
The gate is open.  
We find unity in diversity,  
And grow together once again.

**Neelansh Sharma**  
**VIII-A**



Aaditri Bhatnagar IV-B

## CULTIVATING CULTURE TOGETHER

Cultivating culture means to nurture its growth. It is not just a word, but it shows or reflects a shadow of respect for different cultures. Fostering a positive attitude towards every culture, promotes children to know about culture from an early age so that they can proudly represent the country or the region where they live. Rather than being a dark place of discrimination, it acts as a bright light that helps us to know each other well and work together.

Every culture has its speciality – its dressing style, different dance styles, different languages, different traditions, or different religious practices. Cultivating culture represents a new step towards culture, building it together with love, care, and respect. In spite of inequality, discrimination, and unfair or negative attitudes, like in a flower bed, we grow flowers of different colours. But we always focus on them as small and never think about their colour, where they are grown, or whether they are big or short; all of them have their different qualities. Similarly, different cultures are followed by different people and we should always give them respect and care instead of treating them differently or judging them from the outside, the inner values must be honoured.

Culture is not cultivated by an individual or a single group. It must be a collective effort of many people. There must be the power of people who believe in themselves and each other. Our aim should be to celebrate culture like a sky full of stars, with every kind of jewel representing a unique colour that would enrich the world.

**Kashvi Choudhary**

**VIII-B**

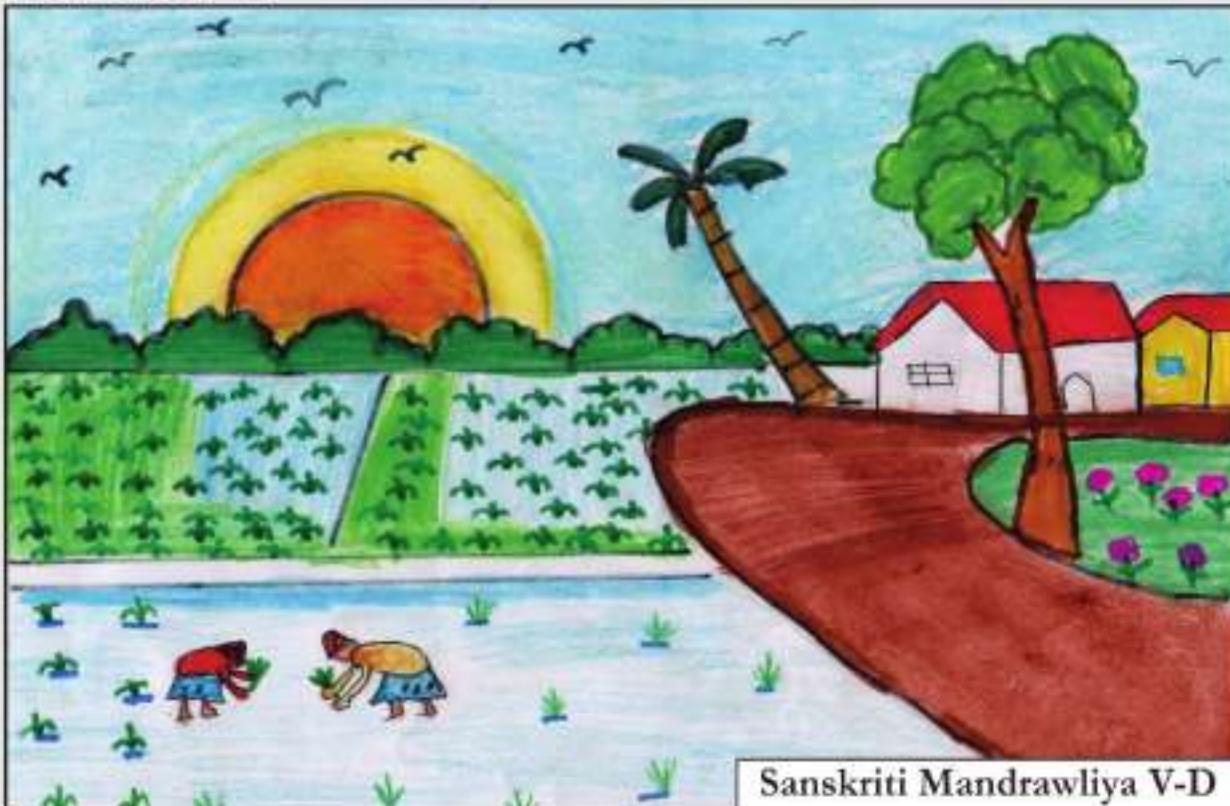
## संस्कृति

संस्कृति हमारी शान। भाषा हमारी जान। संस्कृति के बिना हमारी क्या पहचान ?

इन्हीं पंक्तियों से, मैं विषय के बारे में बात शुरू करता हूँ।

“सुसंस्कृत संस्कृति” क्या आपने इसके बारे में सोचा है ? भारत वर्ष में अनेक भाषाएँ, अनेक संस्कृति हैं। बहुत बार हमारे देश में धर्मों के बीच झगड़े होते हैं, क्या यह सही है ? नहीं, जब हमारी सरकार ही सारे धर्मों को एक मानती है, तो हम क्यों भेदभाव करें। इससे अच्छा हमें अपनी संस्कृति को आगे बढ़ाना सीखना चाहिए। त्योहार, बड़ों का आदर, धर्मों का पालन आदि यह सब हमारी संस्कृति का हिस्सा है। हमें लड़ाई-झगड़ों की बजाय संस्कृति को आगे बढ़ाने का काम करना चाहिए। संस्कृति आगे बढ़ाने के लिए हमें उसका पालन करना भी सीखना चाहिए। आज के समय में भारत में विदेशी संस्कृति का ही चलन बढ़ रहा है, हर जगह बस 'वेस्टर्न कलॉथ्स', 'वेस्टर्न स्टाइल' चल रहा है। अगर हम विदेशी संस्कृति पर ही चलेंगे तो हमारी भारतीय संस्कृति कहाँ जाएगी ? आगे की पीढ़ियाँ जब इस देश की संस्कृति को ही भूल जाएंगी तो क्या भारत वैसा ही भारत रहेगा जैसा हमारे महापुरुषों ने सोचा था ? नहीं इसीलिए तो कहते हैं कि – “भारतीय संस्कृति को जीवन में धारण करो।”

सियांश लालवानी  
कक्षा-आठवीं 'स'



## सांस्कृतिक संवर्धन

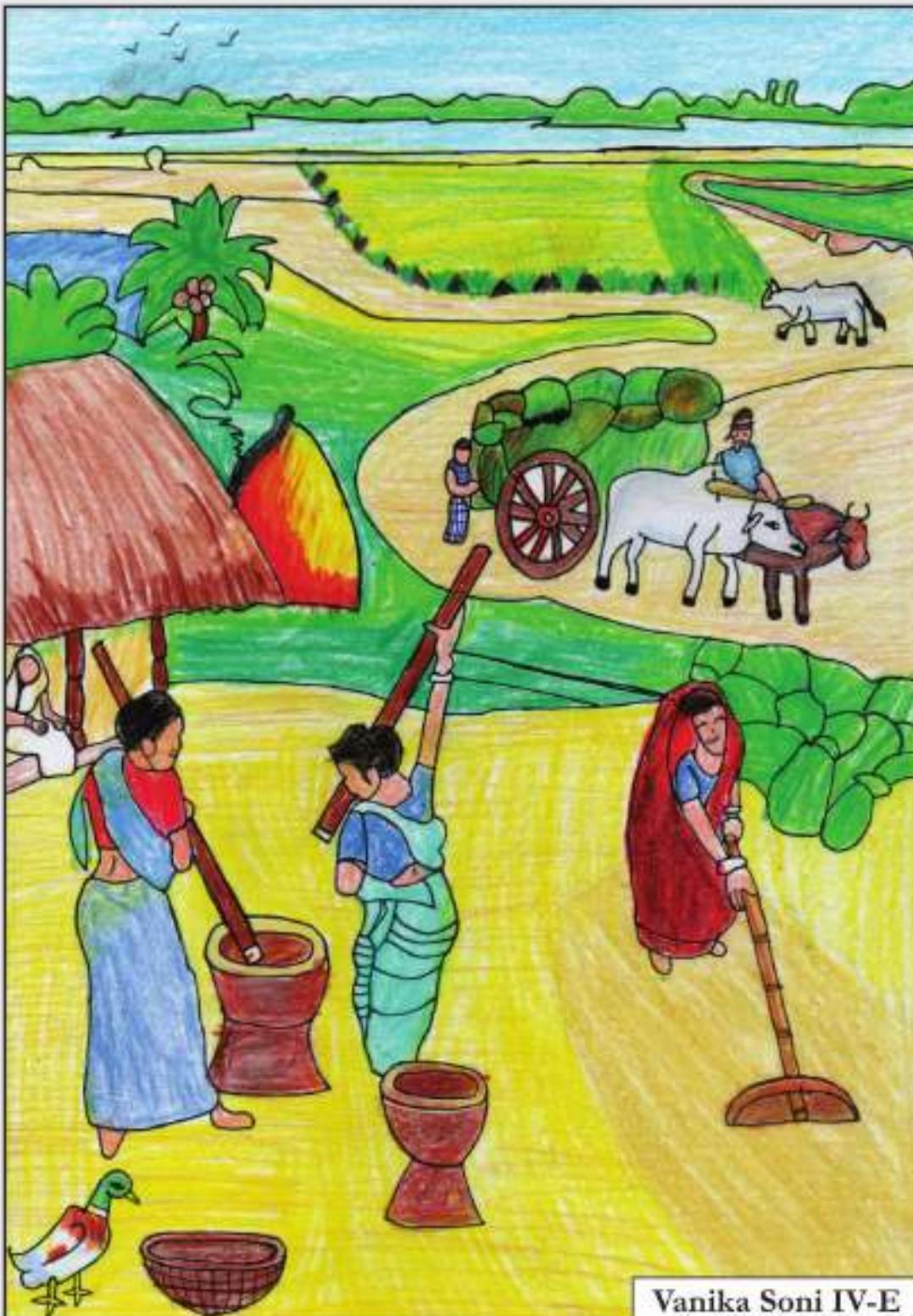
संस्कृति को करो उजागर,  
नई पीढ़ी का यही है मान।  
मर्यादा का यही है सागर,  
सम्म्य लोगों की है यह जान।

जगत में ऊँची छवि बने,  
जो संस्कृति को स्वर्ण रखे।  
ना होगा कोई अज्ञान,  
जब संस्कारों पर होगा ध्यान।

पाखंड हो जाए दूर,  
ऐसी विद्या हो बलवान।  
संस्कृति का तभी हो नाता,  
जब धर्म का हो आह्वान।

परंपरा ही अर्थ नहीं,  
यह है देवत्व का प्रमाण।  
होता है यहाँ, धर्म का वर्णन,  
अतः कहलाया, सांस्कृतिक संवर्धन।

उज्ज्वल केवलरमानी  
कक्षा-आठवीं 'ब'



Vanika Soni IV-E

## हमारे भारत की संस्कृति

संस्कृति केवल अतीत नहीं,  
वह भविष्य की शिला है,  
जड़ों से जुड़कर भी,  
नवचेतना की भाषा है।

संस्कृति विरासत नहीं,  
जीवन की बहती धारा है,  
पुरखों से जो मिला है,  
उसे बचाना धर्म हमारा है।

नृत्य में लय, कला में धैर्य,  
हर शब्द में मूल संस्कार,  
संस्कृति संवर्धन वही है,  
जो दे मानवता को आकार।

नया सृजन हो,  
पर नींव वही प्राचीन रहे,  
संस्कृति के इस आँगन में,  
भारत सदा नवीन रहे।

विद्यालय की शिक्षा में,  
घर के व्यवहार में,  
झलके हमारी संस्कृति,  
जीवन के हर विचार में।

लक्ष अग्रवाल  
कक्षा-छठी 'इ'



Khushbu Goyal IX-B

## मानव मन : जीवन की पहचान

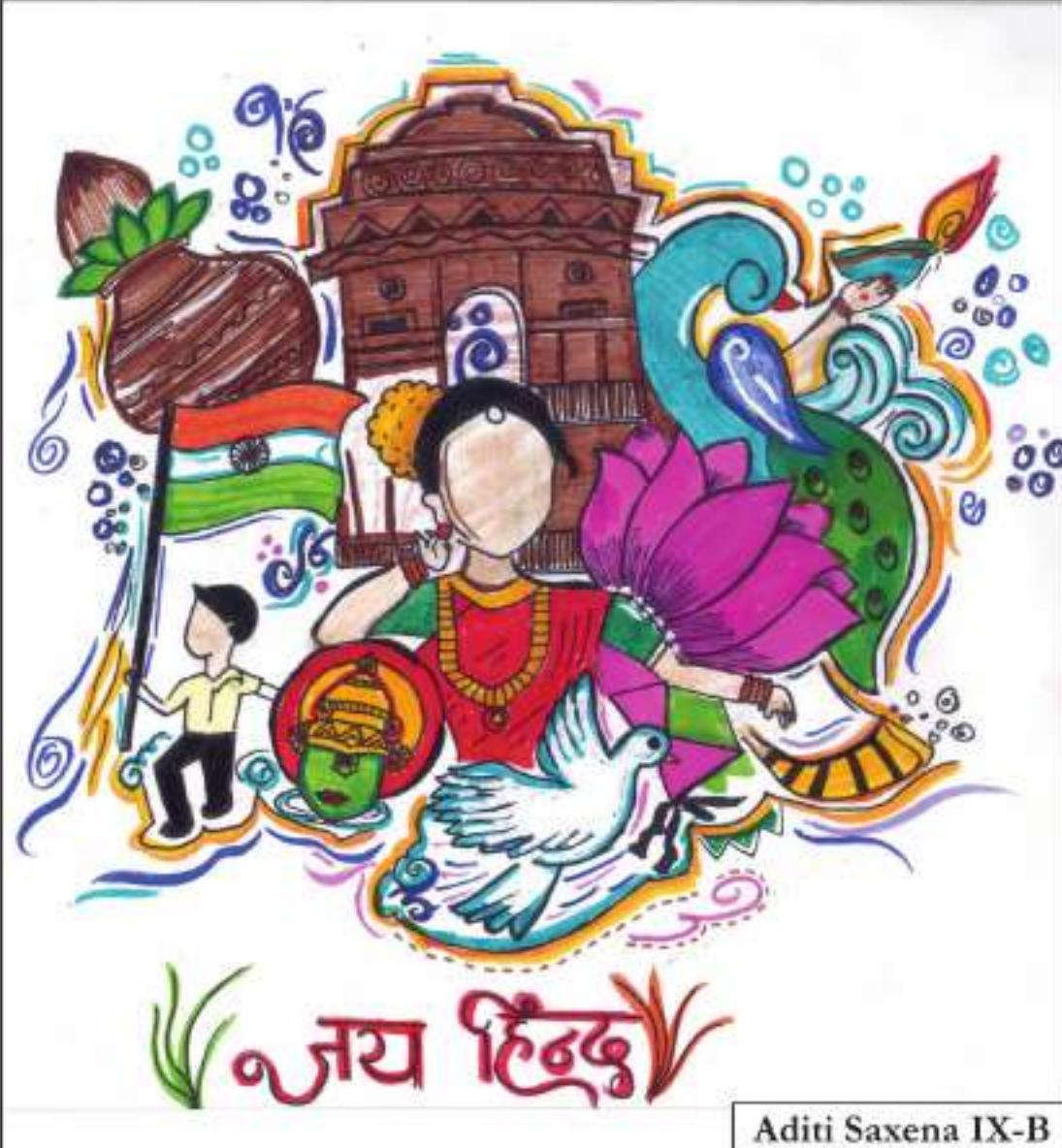
संस्कृति है जीवन की पहचान,  
जिससे उज्ज्वल होती हमारी शान ।  
समय बदले, युग भी बदल जाएँ  
पर इसकी जड़े अमर कहलाएँ ।

रीति, भाषा, वेश—विचार,  
इनमें बसता सभ्यता का सार ।  
नव—प्रयास हों, नए गगन पर  
मूल्य न खोएं मानव मन ।

संवर्धन केवल रक्षा नहीं,  
यह आने वाले कल की सही ।  
जो जड़ों से नाता जोड़ सकें,  
वही भविष्य को मोड़ सकें ।

आओ मिलकर दीप जलाएँ,  
संस्कृति को आगे बढ़ाएँ ।  
जब जड़े हो दृढ़, विचार महान,  
तभी बने राष्ट्र की ऊँची उड़ान ।

कृष्ण नारवानी  
कक्षा - नवी 'ब'



## संस्कृति और हम

संस्कृति कोई किताब नहीं.....  
जो अलमारी में बंद रहे,  
यह तो मूल है हर जीवन का,  
जो हृदय की मिट्टी में पनपे ।

घर की बोली, आँगन की हँसी,  
समृद्धि की रंगीन—सी डोर,  
यही तो बनते हैं वो सूत्र,  
जो जोड़ते हैं हमें, पीढ़ियों की ओर ।

नई राहों पर चलते हुए भी,  
मूल्यों की थामें डोर.....  
और भूलकर भी न भूलें,  
संस्कारों की छोर ।

बदल न जाएँ कहीं,  
अपनी भाषा का अर्थ,  
और तन में न बस जाएँ,  
सांसारिक खुशियों का द्वन्द्व ।

आओ मिलकर लें यह प्रण,  
बड़ों का करें सम्मान,  
छोटों से हो प्रेम अपार,  
ताकि एकजुट हो जाएँ,  
संस्कृति और ये संसार ।

आफरीन शेख  
कक्षा-नवी 'अ'



# GUARDIANS OF THAR

IN DESERT WINDS,

WHERE FEW THINGS GROW,

KHEJRI STANDS ALONE.

NEEM CLEARS AIR WE BREATHE

PEEPAL HUMS IN EVERY LEAF.

BABUL GUARDS THE DRY LANDS.

GIVING LIFE WITH GENTLE HANDS.

THESE TREES REMIND US,

WHAT WE MUST DO,

TO LIVE WITH GRACE

AND GIVE BACK GRACEFULLY TOO

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Bhawna Motiyani X-C

# BACKDROP

## Snapshots of the Annual Exhibition

### *A Visual Journey*

The Annual Exhibition held on October 11, 2025, transformed the School premises into a vibrant hub of creativity, innovation, and interdisciplinary learning, centered on the theme of 'Sustainability' and in sync with the curriculum. The event was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Shri Anil Goyal, Assistant Registrar, Special Audit Office, Ajmer and Dr. Shalini Agarwal, Assistant Professor (Mathematics), Govt. Women's Engineering College, Ajmer, the proud parents of Swapnil Goyal of Grade XI Arts, top scorer at AISSE. Students from Grades VI to XII presented an impressive array of projects that seamlessly blended theoretical knowledge with practical application across various subjects. The exhibition offered an immersive experience under one roof, reflecting the students' diverse talents and academic depth. It stood as a powerful testament to the students' innovation, collaboration, critical thinking, and global consciousness - leaving a lasting impression on all who attended.



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