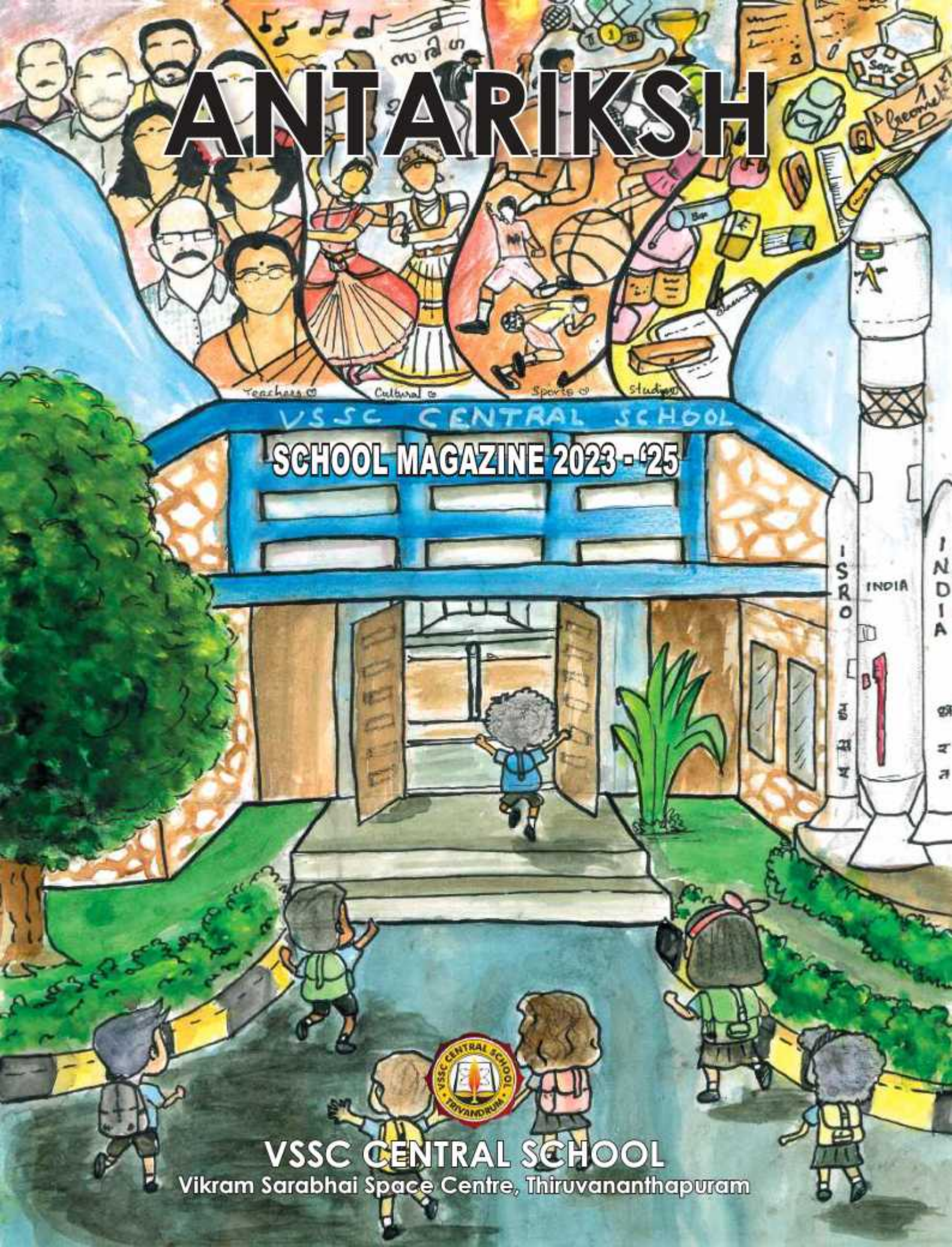


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#### MESSAGE

February 24, 2025

It is with immense happiness that I extend my warm greetings to Antariksh, the school magazine, as we celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students during the academic years 2023-24 and 2024-25.

The past year has been marked by remarkable accomplishments across various domains. Heartfelt congratulations to our young innovators for securing a place at the state level of INSPIRE MANAK 2024, demonstrating their ingenuity and scientific temperament. The stellar performance of our school quiz team in the Arena Inter-school Quiz and their triumph in securing the Ever Rolling Trophy is truly commendable.

A special note of appreciation goes to our NCC cadet for the distinct honour of participating in the Republic Day Parade in New Delhi - an achievement that speaks volumes of their discipline and commitment. Furthermore, the exceptional results in the March 2024 Board Examinations with a 100% pass rate in both SSE and SSCE are testaments to the perseverance of our students and the unwavering dedication of our teachers.

These milestones reflect the spirit of excellence that defines our institution. They are the result of the relentless efforts of our students, the tireless guidance of our educators and the steadfast support of the school community.

To all our students, let these achievements serve as an inspiration to aim high, explore new frontiers and pursue your aspirations with determination and passion. Success is not merely a destination but a continuous journey of learning, innovation and self-improvement.

Wishing you all the very best in your endeavours.

(Unnikrishnan Nair S)



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### Message

#### **Education has to train young minds to think.**

Pursuit of knowledge is a continuous journey. By challenging ourselves intellectually, we expand our horizons and develop skills necessary to navigate the world.

Reflecting on the remarkable journey of your academic years, we derive immense pride and gratitude for the collective accomplishments of our students, faculty and staff. As we look forward, we remain committed to providing education that empowers students to become lifelong learners and responsible citizens. The foundation laid during the school years will serve as a springboard for your success. Our students have excelled in academics, sports, arts and co-curricular activities, bringing laurels to our school and VSSC community.

The school should actively work to instill sound values among the students, while also encourage them to explore their rewarding interests. This will foster their imagination and creativity, preparing them to become productive and contributing to the society. The school magazine is an excellent platform for showcasing and celebrating the diverse talents of our students.

I extend my congratulations to all the top performers of classes X and XII for their outstanding results in the AISSE and AISSCE examinations. Your hardwork and dedication will continue to fetch handsome rewards. Nelson Mandela said that, ***Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.*** Let us harness the power of education to create a brighter future for the community at large. I wish you all a successful and fulfilling academic year. May the journey ahead be filled with boundless opportunities.

  
(Manoj C)



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## Message

It is with immense delight that I pen this message for Antariksh 2023-'24 and 2024-'25, our esteemed school magazine, which serves as a reflection of the dedication, talent, and spirit of our students. This publication stands as a testament to the unwavering pursuit of excellence that defines our institution, capturing the achievements and milestones that make us immensely proud.

Our students have once again set benchmarks of success - achieving a 100% pass in both SSE and SSCE, excelling in academics, sports, and co-curricular domains. The triumphs at the CBSE Coding Challenge, qualification at the State Level Inspire Manak 2024, and stellar performances in District-level Sports and Yoga competitions exemplify their dedication and brilliance. The CBSE State Level Badminton Championship victory and securing the Ever Rolling Trophy at the Arena Inter-School Quiz Competition further highlight their versatility and competitive spirit. A special mention to our NCC cadet selected for the prestigious Republic Day Parade in New Delhi - a moment of immense honour for our school.

These accolades stand as a testament to the relentless efforts of our students, the unwavering guidance of our teachers, and the strong support of our school management. I commend each and every one of you for your perseverance and passion.

To our dear students, may you continue to strive for excellence and reach greater heights in the years ahead. Wishing you all success and blessings in your future endeavours.

(बी अनिल कुमार/B Anil Kumar)





## Principal Speaks

**To** realize the new vision in the educational scenario, the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) redefines 'curriculum' as the "overall goals, plans, arrangements, and practices that shape the experiences of students in schools and does not just refer to the subject content of textbooks. At the individual level, the new curriculum must foster a school ed-

ucation system that builds character and enables learners to be well-rounded, healthy, ethical, creative, rational, compassionate and caring individuals, while also preparing them well for higher education as well as for gainful, fulfilling employment. At the level of society, the new curriculum must enable India's continued ascent and leadership on the global stage in terms of economic growth, social justice and equality, research and knowledge creation, scientific and technological advancement, environmental sustainability, and cultural preservation and vibrancy".

The NCF has entrusted school administrators and educators with a significant responsibility: cultivating 21st-century skills within a nurturing and resilient learning environment free from undue stress. This ambitious yet vital goal necessitates a holistic, multidisciplinary approach to education. By seamlessly integrating art and craft, physical education and well-being, skill-based training, language and literature alongside core subjects such as mathematics, science, and social science, we aim to ensure the comprehensive development of each learner's diverse capabilities.

Cultivating resilience in students is paramount for their success, both academically and personally, particularly when navigating the inevitable challenges and pressures of life. While the concerns of children may seem minor to adults, dismissing them can be detrimental. Equipping students with problem-solving skills from an early age empowers them to mature into resilient individuals. Collaborative partnerships between parents and teachers are crucial in fostering this inner strength, enabling children to cope with stress effectively. It is imperative that we move beyond cultures of helicopter parenting, spoon feeding, and excessive guidance, allowing students the space to develop self-reliance.

As our esteemed institution approaches its Golden Jubilee, let us unite in our commitment to nurturing responsible, value-driven, and resilient citizens. When each member of our community dedicates themselves to fostering the well-being and happiness of every child, our collective efforts will undoubtedly contribute to positive change for the nation.

This magazine offers a compelling glimpse into the vibrant activities and remarkable achievements that have defined the school's journey throughout the academic years 2023-24 and 2024-25. With pride and satisfaction, the school affirms that these diverse engagements have significantly contributed to building students' self-confidence, enhancing their ability to manage stress, and fostering resilience. The unwavering effort and dedicated teamwork displayed by both students and teachers in achieving these milestones, whether in academics, sports, or cultural pursuits, are truly commendable. The school extends its sincere appreciation to the magazine committee and its editor for their meticulous compilation of these significant activities spanning two enriching academic years.

**Dr. Beena Prabha**  
Principal





## സന്ദേശം

ഭാരത സംസ്കാരത്തിന്റെ തിരുശേഷിപ്പുകൾ നമ്മൾ ചികഞ്ഞാൽ നമുക്കു കാണാൻ കഴിയുക, ഒരു മനുഷ്യജനതയുടെ വർഗ്ഗവും വർണ്ണവും ഇല്ലാത്ത ഒരുമയുടെ സൗഹൃദത്തിന്റെ കാലഘട്ടമായിരുന്നു. ഈസ്റ്റ് ഇന്ത്യ കമ്പനി ഭാരതത്തിൽ കാലുകുത്തുമ്പോൾ ആഗോള വ്യാപാരത്തിന്റെ 27% ഭാരതത്തിനായിരുന്നു. മൃഗളന്മാരുടെയും, രജപുത്രന്മാരുടെയും, മറാഠ് രാജാക്കന്മാരുടെയും, ചോള ചേര പാണ്ഡ്യ രാജാക്കന്മാരുടെയും അക്ഷീണ പരിശ്രമഫലമായിരുന്നു ആ നേട്ടത്തിന്റെ പ്രധാന കാരണം. അവിടെ നിന്നും 1947ൽ ബ്രിട്ടീഷ് സാമ്രാജ്യത്വം ഭാരതത്തെ മോചിപ്പിച്ചത് തികച്ചും ദരിദ്രവും, വർഗ്ഗീയത ശാസത്തിൽ പോലും കൊണ്ട് നടക്കുന്ന ഒരു ജനതയെ ആണ്. അതിൽ നിന്നും നമ്മൾ പടിപടിയായി കര കയറുകയാണ്. വൈവിധ്യം നിറഞ്ഞ ഒരു സമൂഹത്തിന് മുന്നേറണമെങ്കിൽ, വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ സമ്പ്രദായം ആ സംസ്കാരത്തിന് പാകമായിരിക്കണം. സമ്പന്നതയുടെ നടുവിൽ നിന്നും, ദാരിദ്രത്തിലേക്ക് ഒരു സമൂഹത്തിനെ തള്ളിവിട്ടത് ശ്രേഷ്ഠമായ ഒരു വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ സംസ്കാരത്തിന്റെ നടുവൊടിച്ചു കൊണ്ടായിരുന്നു. മെക്കാളെയുടെ ഇന്ത്യൻ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ പത്രവും അതിനു സാക്ഷ്യം. അതെ, ശ്രേഷ്ഠമായ ഒരു വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ സമ്പ്രദായത്തിന് ഒരു സംസ്കാരത്തിന്റെ പുരോഗതിയിൽ വലിയ പങ്കുണ്ട്. വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം എന്നാൽ തൊഴിൽ ലഭിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള ഒരു ചുണ്ടു പലകയായിട്ടാണ് ഭൂരിപക്ഷം ആൾക്കാരും കാണുന്നത്. മറിച്ച് അതിന്റെ വലിയൊരു ഉപോല്പന്നമായ കുട്ടികളിൽ വളരേണ്ട മൂല്യങ്ങളും സാംസ്കാരികശേഷിപ്പുകളുടെ ഗൃഹാതുരതയും, നല്ലൊരു ജന സമൂഹത്തിനെ വാർത്തെടുക്കാൻ കഴിവുള്ള വലിയൊരു ഉപകരണമായി വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം മാറണം. ഗൃഹാതുരതകളും, സാംസ്കാരികശേഷിപ്പുകളും നിലനിർത്താൻ നമ്മളാൽ കഴിയുന്നതുപോലെ ശ്രമിക്കുക, കുട്ടികളാണ് ഈ സംസ്കാരത്തിന്റെ മുന്നോട്ടുള്ള പ്രയാണത്തിന്റെ മുഖ്യകണ്ണികൾ. ഈ കണ്ണികൾ മുറിക്കപ്പെടാതിരിക്കട്ടെ. വായിക്കുക, എഴുതുക, ചിന്തിക്കുക, വളരുക.

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# Antariksh

*A Chronicle of Aspirations, Achievements, and Ascent*

*In a world propelled by innovation and inquiry, where the stars are no longer distant dreams but destinations, Antariksh—the magazine of VSSC Central School—stands as a testament to the unwavering spirit of our students, teachers, and entire school community. Inspired by our roots in ISRO and the ethos of scientific exploration, this magazine bears a name that resonates with boundless sky, endless curiosity, and infinite potential.*

*Covering the vibrant academic years of 2023–2024 and 2024–2025, Antariksh is more than a compilation of events—it is a reflection of our journey: from the classroom to the cosmos, from textbooks to talent showcases, from guided learning to creative self-expression. It encapsulates the strides our school has taken in embracing the latest CBSE and NCERT academic frameworks, while nurturing curiosity, compassion, and competence in every learner.*

*This edition brings together the academic excellence, artistic brilliance, and co-curricular vibrancy of our students. Through essays, poems, and stories in English, Hindi, Malayalam, and Sanskrit, our learners articulate their thoughts with confidence and cultural pride. The pages are further illuminated by the artwork of budding creators, offering a glimpse into the imaginative worlds of young minds.*

*Antariksh also serves as a record of school life over the past two years—capturing key milestones, events, and celebrations. While not every moment can be featured, the magazine reflects the collective energy, achievements, and values that define our school community.*

*This edition would not have been possible without the vision and support of the school management and the Principal, whose guidance and encouragement have been instrumental in bringing this publication to life.*

*We invite every reader—student, parent, teacher, and guest—to journey through these pages with pride and curiosity. Let Antariksh remind us that, like rockets charting the sky, we too are on a path of learning, growth, and endless possibilities.*

**Happy reading!**

**Haripriya .T**

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## SCALING NEW HEIGHTS: OUR STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS IN ACADEMIA

**Class XII (2023-'24)**

**SCIENCE STREAM**



**EBY RAJESH THOMAS - XII B**

**97%**

- Recipient of the VSSC CENTRAL SCHOOL MERIT AWARD for SSCE-2024 and the 'BEST OUTGOING STUDENT' of 2024
- Awarded the Best in Academics Award (Science Stream) for securing First Position in the SSCE-2024
- Received the Academic Excellence Award in SSCE-2024 at The South Zone Sahodaya Complex
- Scored Full Marks (100/100) in CHEMISTRY in the SSCE- 2024.
- Recipient of the Balasubramanian Award for securing the highest marks in Mathematics in the SSCE - 2024.
- Top Scorer in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology
- Secured NEET Score of 691/720 with an All India Rank of 4205



**SURABHI CHOUDHARY - XII B**

**94.4%**

- Awarded the Best in Academics Award (Science Stream) for securing Second Position in the SSCE-2024.
- Recipient of the Menon's Award for 'English Language Skills', for securing the highest marks in English in the SSCE -2024.



**SHAGUN GULERIA - XII A**

- Awarded the Best in Academics Award (Science Stream) for securing Third Position in the SSCE-2024

**SUBJECT-WISE TOPPERS****EBY RAJESH THOMAS**

- CHEMISTRY: 100/100
- BIOLOGY: 99/100
- MATHEMATICS: 98/100
- PHYSICS: 97/100

**SURABHI CHOUDHARY**

- ENGLISH: 98/100

**NAYANA SALIL**

- COMPUTER SCIENCE: 99/100

**ASWATHY PILLAI**

- INFORMATICS PRACTICES: 99/100



## COMMERCE STREAM

**RESHMA R - XII C**

95.2%

- Awarded the Best in Academics Award (Commerce Stream) for securing First Position in the SSCE-2024
- Top Scorer in Informatics Practices, Economics, Accountancy, Business Studies

**A MARIA JENSIA - XII C**

94.4%

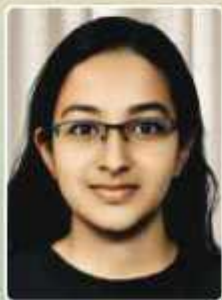
- Awarded the Best in Academics Award (Commerce Stream) for securing Second Position in the SSCE-2024

**REMIL BLESSY R - XII C**

90.2%

- Awarded the Best in Academics Award (Commerce Stream) for securing Third Position in the SSCE-2024

## SUBJECT-WISE TOPPERS

**RESHMA R**

- ACCOUNTANCY: 99/100
- ECONOMICS: 90/100
- INFORMATICS PRACTICES: 99/100
- BUSINESS STUDIES: 97/100

**A MARIA JENSIA**

- BUSINESS STUDIES: 97/100

**REMIL BLESSY R**

- ACCOUNTANCY: 99/100



## Class X (2023-'24)

**VAISHNAV P P - X**

- Recipient of the VSSC CENTRAL SCHOOL MERIT AWARD for SSE-2024 and the 'BEST OUTGOING STUDENT' of 2024
- Awarded the Best in Academics Award for securing First Position in the SSE-2024
- Received the Academic Excellence Award in SSE-2024 at The South Zone Sahodaya Complex

**NIVED KRISHNA - X**

- Awarded the Best in Academics Award for securing Second Position in the SSE-2024

**RAUNAK ARMAN - X**

- Awarded the Best in Academics Award for securing Third Position in the SSE-2024

## SUBJECT-WISE TOPPERS

**VAISHNAV P P**

- ENGLISH: 97/100
- MALAYALAM - 99/100

**RAUNAK ARMAN**

- ENGLISH: 97/100
- SOCIAL SCIENCE: 97/100
- MATHEMATICS: 99/100

**ADITI SHARMA**

- ENGLISH: 97/100
- HINDI: 97/100

**DEVI PARVATHY**

- ENGLISH: 97/100

**KHUSHI MEENA**

- HINDI: 97/100

**EINA WATSON**

- SANSKRIT: 99/100

**KASHYAV S**

- SOCIAL SCIENCE: 97/100
- SCIENCE: 98/100

**SASHA SWATHI**

- MATHEMATICS: 99/100

**NIVED KRISHNA U**

- MATHEMATICS: 99/100

## Class X (2022-'23)

**ABHITHA ABHILASH - X**

95.8%

- Recipient of the VSSC CENTRAL SCHOOL MERIT AWARD for SSE- 2023 and the 'BEST OUTGOING STUDENT' of 2023
- Awarded the Best in Academics Award for securing First Position in the SSE-2023
- Subject-wise topper in Mathematics – 95 marks



## CELEBRATING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE CBSE RESULTS 2024-'25

### Class XII

#### SCIENCE STREAM



**SHREYA SUMESH**

**FIRST POSITION 95.2%**



**ABHINAV V S**

**SECOND POSITION 94.6%**

**SUBJECT TOPPER IN:**  
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## Nature's MARVELS

### Unveiling Fascinating Scientific Wonders"

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|-------------------------|--|
| Water Wonder            | - It can boil and freeze simultaneously!   |
| Oxygen Factory          | - Oceans produce more oxygen than all the forests combined.                            |
| Speed of Light          | - Sunlight takes just 8 minutes to reach Earth.  |
| Tree vs Stars           | - Earth has more trees than there are stars in the sky.                                |
| Lunar Extremes          | - The moon swings from a scorching 224°F during the day to a freezing -243°F at night. |
| Egg First               | - Chickens came before eggs due to the protein needed for eggshells.                   |
| Weighty Clouds          | - A single cloud can weigh a staggering million tons.                                  |
| Animal Time             | - Different animals experience time differently.                                       |
| Silent Sun              | - The sun produces sound waves that are inaudible to us on Earth.                      |
| Snail Surprise          | - Snails boast between 1,000 and 12,000 teeth.   |
| Breath-Swallow Conflict | - Humans cannot breathe and swallow at the same time.                                  |
| Sneeze Speed            | - A sneeze can travel at speeds up to 100 mph.   |

Sana Godwin

8B

## The Mystery of the Abandoned House



Illustration : Joshua Anbin 8B

During the summer vacation, my friends and I went cycling. We usually ride near our house, but one day we went a bit further. After riding for a little while, we noticed an abandoned house. The front gate was broken, the paint was peeling off, the windows were broken, and the front door was slightly open. A lot of tall green grass surrounded the house.

It was 4:30, so my four friends and I decided to have a look at the house. We parked our cycles outside the old, broken, rusty gate and went inside. There was no furniture and a total of six rooms, including

the hall and the kitchen. We all walked towards the backdoor and saw something we never expected. The house had a huge backyard, and there was a rusty swing and a dog house.

Then we went outside and took our cycles. Before going to our houses, we stopped at my grandfather's house. We went inside, greeted him, and asked him about the abandoned house. He told us it was owned by a really wealthy lady who lived there with her two daughters. After a while, they disappeared, and nobody knows where they are now.





Illustration : Devansha 88

# HOW MUCH Do You Know ?

1. What is the capital of Thailand?
2. Which country was earlier known as Abyssinia?
3. Which scientist discovered the four moons of Jupiter?
4. Who invented the World Wide Web?
5. Which religion has a synagogue as a place of worship?
6. Who was the first athlete to be awarded the Padma Shri?
7. Who was the first woman to win the Dronacharya Award?
8. What is the significance of December 22nd?
9. Who is the current Minister of Education in India?
10. The national flag of which country has a maple leaf?
11. Many animals, like bears, sleep throughout the winter. What is this sleep called?
12. What type of plant is pondweed?
13. In which habitat would you find a polar bear?
14. The thunder dragon, known as Druk, appears on the flag of which country?
15. What is the capital of Argentina?

1. Bangkok, 2. Ethiopia, 3. Galileo Galilei, 4. Tim Berners-Lee, 5. Judaism, 6. Milkha Singh, 7. Archery coach L. V. Nanavati, 8. National Mathematics Day, 9. Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, 10. Canada, 11. Hibernation, 12. Aquatic, 13. Arctic, 14. Bhutan, 15. Buenos Aires



Adley Benoy

7 B

Pitter patter rain drops,  
Falling from the sky,  
Into the pond where the lotus grows,  
From up so high.

Pitter patter rain drops,  
Falling from the sky,  
On my window sill,  
From up so high.

Pitter patter rain drops,  
Falling from the sky,  
Into the river that's big and long,  
From up so high.

Pitter patter rain drops,  
Falling from the sky,  
Into the well so deep,  
From up so high.

Pitter patter rain drops,  
Falling from the sky,  
Into the sea with the water salty,  
From up so high.



# Crack These Puzzles!

1. I am tall when I am young, and I am short when I am old. What am I?
2. I shave every day but my beard stays the same.
3. What gets bigger when more is taken away?
4. What has hands but cannot clap?
5. What type of band never plays music?
6. What has a bottom on the top?
7. I am an odd number; take away a letter and I become even. What number am I?
8. Two fathers and two sons are in a car, yet there are only three people in the car. How?
9. What will you find in the middle of India?
10. What word would be pronounced the same if you take four of its five letters?
11. People make me, save me, change me, raise me. What am I?
12. What appears once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in a thousand years?
13. David's parents have three sons: Gopal, Crackel, then who is the third son?
14. I don't cry when you cut me, but you do?
15. Which month of the year has 28 days?

Answers: 1. A candle, 2. A barber, 3. A hole, 4. A clock, 5. Rubber band, 6. Legs, 7. Seven, 8. A grandfather, father, and son, 9. D (the letter 'D'), 10. Queue, 11. Money, 12. The letter 'M', 13. David, 14. Onion, 15. All months

# Bathukamma

Bathukamma is a special festival celebrated in Telangana. It is like a big tower made of flowers called "Bathukamma".

## What is Bathukamma?

Bathukamma is a beautiful stack of flowers arranged in layers like a temple tower. It has many different colorful flowers, some with special powers to heal.

## Why is it Celebrated?

People celebrate Bathukamma for nine days during Durga Navratri. They worship Goddess MahaGauri, who is like a mother to everyone.

## Nine Nights of Bathukamma:

1. Engili pula Bathukamma

2. Atukula Bathukamma
3. Muddapappu Bathukamma
4. Nanabiyyam Bathukamma
5. Atla Bathukamma
6. Aligina Bathukamma
7. Vepakayala Bathukamma
8. Vennela muddala Bathukamma
9. Saddhula Bathukamma

## How do People Celebrate?

Women and girls wear traditional clothes and jewelry. They start making Bathukamma in the afternoon by arranging colorful flowers on a big plate.

**Fun Fact:** Bathukamma is so special that it has become the state festival of Telangana!



# Household Biomedical Waste Management (BMW) - A Public Health Concern



Illustration : L Sharon Jose 9B

**H**ousehold waste generation, especially biomedical waste, is an ever-increasing issue in waste management. Biomedical waste is defined as “any waste generated during the treatment or diagnosis of human beings or waste contaminated with blood or body fluids of human beings.”

Are children aware of the biomedical waste disposal practices adopted at their homes? Is it really important to discuss it, and what harm does it pose to me and my surroundings? Try to ponder this topic, discuss it with your family, and make appropriate changes in your practices for a better tomorrow.

Biomedical waste includes syringes, unused and expired medicines, needles, used masks, sanitary pads, surgical dressings, cotton, bandages, glucometer strips, etc. The list goes on. All our homes generate one of the above-mentioned wastes in one way or another. Increased life expectancy, which in turn increased the proportion of the elderly in our state compared to the national average, and better palliative care have led to a shift in the paradigm of health services due to early discharge and ambulation. In simple words, we all have someone in our family, especially grandparents, suffering from a non-communicable disease like Diabetes Mellitus and taking insulin injections or monitoring their glucose status daily.

The BMW generated in this case includes injection needles, cotton, gloves, and glucometer strips. How are you disposing of it in your homes? Is it the right way or the wrong way?

Let us discuss the wrong methods of disposal, which include indiscriminate throwing, dumping, burning, and disposal in toilets, all of which pose considerable health and environmental risks. There is potential contamination of water resources, alteration of biological life, and disruption of the ecosystem. Exposure to medical waste can lead to infections, infertility, cancers, congenital anomalies, and neurological diseases in human beings. So, rather than adding fire to the flame, dispose of BMW in the right manner, which includes disposal through municipal authorities or other authorised agencies, self-help groups like Haritha Karma Sena, or disposal in hospital bins after collecting and segregating it in proper colour-coded bins according to BMW Management Rules.

Students must keep these points in mind and reduce the burden of household biomedical waste generated on the environment for a safe and bright long-lasting future. “We must prepare students for a future we can neither describe nor predict,” as said by David Warlick. Take the initiative to change your ways and be prepared always.

# UNbroken Bond

Sana Godwin  
8B

In a world of whispers and unknowns,  
Where friendship's light so brightly glows,  
A bond unbroken, a tale untold,  
In hearts of silver, friendship's gold.

Through valleys deep and mountains high,  
Friends stand strong, never say goodbye.  
In laughter shared and tears unspoken,  
Friends forever, hearts unbroken.



Illustration : D. Kavinila 8B



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## FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT NATURE

Maria Prarthana Dsouza  
4B

1. Honey Never Spoils : Archaeologists have found pots of honey in ancient Egyptian tombs that are over 3000 years old and still edible.
2. Honeybees : Honeybees communicate with each other by dancing. They use a waggle dance to tell other bees where to find flowers.
3. Rainbow : A rainbow is made when light is bent and split into different colors by water droplets in the air. This creates a spectrum of colors.
4. Butterfly : Butterflies have taste sensors on their feet to help them find their favorite food leaves.
5. Starfish : Starfish have an eye at the end of each arm, allowing them to see in multiple directions.
6. Dolphins : Dolphins sleep by shutting down one half of their brain at a time, so they can continue to surface for air.

Sure, here's the corrected and beautified version:



# Math + - Riddles

Tiya Elizabeth Jobi

7B

1. Which tool is best for math?

ANSWER: The multi-pliers.

2. Swimmers love one kind of math more than all others. What is it?

ANSWER: Dive-ision!

3. Why was six afraid of seven?

ANSWER: Because seven, eight, nine!

4. Do you know why the two 4s didn't go to the cafeteria for lunch?

ANSWER: They already 8!

5. Do you know the special trick to turn seven into an even number?

ANSWER: Remove the "s"!

6. What do the moon and a dollar have in common?

ANSWER: They both have 4 quarters.

7. Who's in charge in a pencil case?

ANSWER: The ruler.

8. A teacher asked her student, "Why are you doing math on the floor?"

The student answered, "You told us not to use any tables!"

9. Do you know which tree is the math teacher's favorite?

ANSWER: Geometry!

10. Why shouldn't you ever argue with a 90-degree angle?

ANSWER: They're always right!

Laugh Your Way Through Math!

Saritha R P  
TGT ENGLISH

## Seasons of Learning, Leaves of Love

At the school's gate, a tree stands tall,  
Its branches wide, its roots deep in the earth.  
A canopy of green spreads like a shelter,  
A home to tiny nests, a refuge for dreams.

In June, it wakes with tender leaves,  
Light green, trembling in the soft breeze.  
Beneath its shade, we gather—  
Little feet, bright eyes, eager hearts.

So too, the children arrive,  
Small hands in mine, voices like morning birds,  
Unfolding, reaching for the sky,  
Drinking in the sun of knowledge.

With time, the leaves darken,  
Strong against wind, against storm—  
Like minds growing firm with wisdom,  
Layer by layer, lesson by lesson.

Then autumn whispers through the branches,  
Leaves turning golden, drifting free.  
The nests empty, the tree stands quiet,  
As the children, now ready, take flight.

And when March arrives, the tree stands bare,  
The silence echoing through empty halls.  
Yet, I do not grieve—because I know—  
This is how life moves, how it must be.

The leaves must fall, the children must go,  
For only in leaving can they truly grow.  
But just as spring kisses the branches anew,  
I will welcome fresh laughter beneath this canopy,  
Guiding, loving—until it is their time too.



Illustration : Neha Leji J 8B

# KEEP EGO IN CONTROL

Aruna K R  
7 B

Too much ego is a dangerous thing. It affects a person when they start thinking they are better than others. Egoism can change a good person into a bad one. Normally, people become egoistic when they earn much more money or acquire valuable things compared to others. Egoism makes us arrogant and overconfident.

Once, there was a boy who used to study well. When he scored much higher marks than his classmates, egoism grew in him. He started imagining himself as super intelligent. For the next exam, he became overconfident and thought he knew everything, so he didn't study. In that exam, he failed. He understood that his egoism was the root cause of his failure.

Egoism makes a person take wrong decisions and leads them to failure. So, if you want to become a successful person, control your ego. A little bit of ego might sometimes be okay, but too much ego is always bad.

## A Friend OF MINE WHOM I CALL Teacher

Keerthana Dsouza  
7 A

Ajitha teacher is one of my favorite teachers. She is the best teacher I have ever seen. She taught me Social Studies when I was in 6th grade. Although it was a boring subject, she made it way more interesting than it is, even history! She was a very beautiful teacher who looked beautiful in every dress. She looked even more beautiful when she wore a saree. Even though she taught me only for a year, the support she gave me was like a backbone for my studies and not only studies but in other fields like sports. I discovered my skills when she asked us to do a seminar. I really wish she was here, and I miss her so much. Thank you, dear teacher, for the support you gave me last year; it helped me so much. I write these lines to show the support and affection you have given me. I love you, teacher.





# THE *Mysterious* Trail

Once upon a time, there was a small village in Garo Valley, surrounded by hills and a winding river. Two friends, Mohit and Roshan, lived there. Mohit had brown curly hair and shining black eyes, and he loved to read. Roshan, on the other hand, loved to be outdoors and observe nature. They were both seven years old and loved to explore the world around them.

One sunny morning, while walking by the river, they noticed a mysterious path leading into the dense forest.

"Do you think we should follow that path and see where it leads?" Mohit asked Roshan excitedly.

"Absolutely! It could lead to hidden treasure or maybe even a magical creature!" Roshan replied with a mischievous smile.

With that idea in mind, they went home and packed a small bag with snacks. They drew a map with the help of Roshan's older brother and borrowed a compass from Mohit's grandfather. Then, they set off into the forest.

As they walked deeper into the forest, the trees grew taller, and the air became cooler. Suddenly, they heard rustling sounds in the bushes ahead. They paused, their hearts beating fast.

"Stop, Roshan, don't make a noise. I think some animal is behind

the bush," Mohit said.

As they waited quietly, they saw a small, furry creature peek out at them.

"Hello there," Mohit said softly, extending his hand. "We come in peace."

The creature cautiously approached and introduced himself as Pip, a friendly forest sprite. He had sparkling green eyes and a bushy tail that twitched with excitement.

"Are you two adventurers?" Pip asked curiously.

"Yes, we are!" Mohit exclaimed.

"We are on a quest to find treasure or magical creatures!" Roshan added.

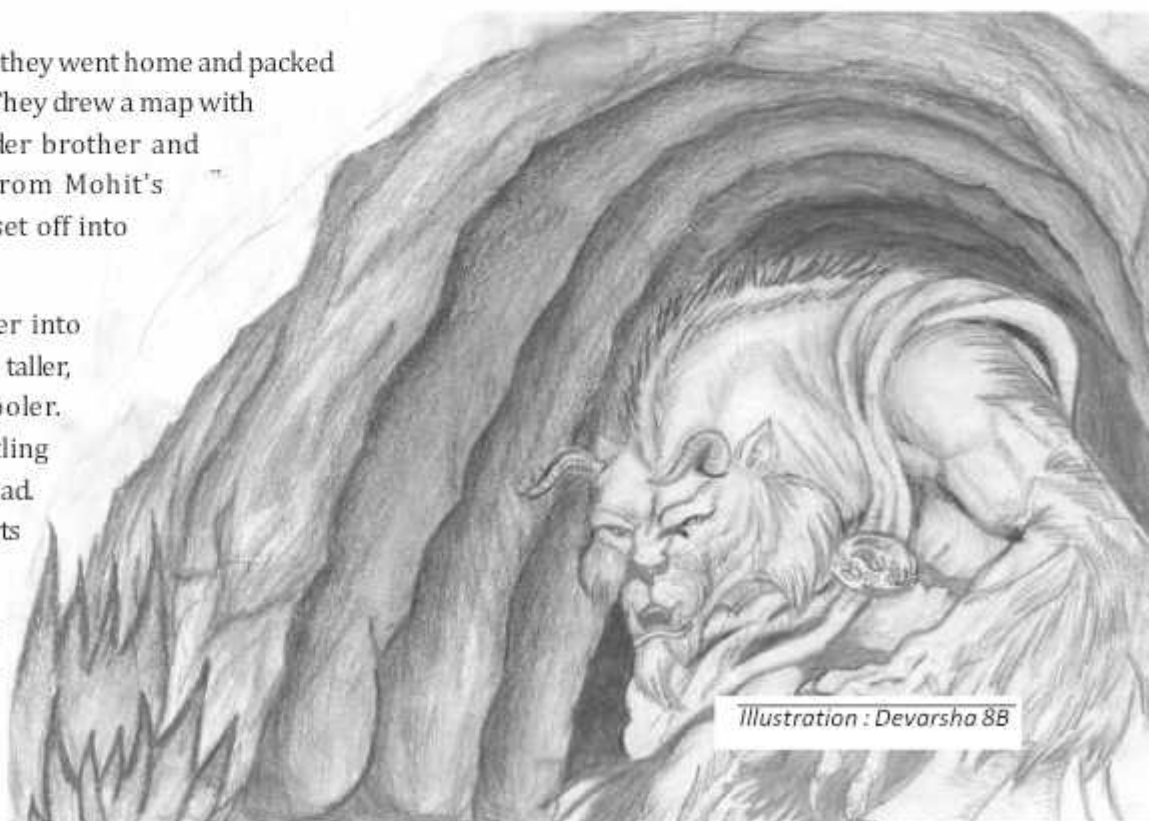


Illustration : Devarsha 8B

Pip's eyes lit up. "I know just the place," he said and led them deeper into the forest.

After a while, they arrived at a clearing with a sparkling pond in the center. Mohit and Roshan's mouths opened wide in awe as they saw a large, magnificent golden-orange dragon resting by the water. Its scales shimmered in the sunlight.

"Wow, a real dragon!" Roshan whispered in amazement.

The dragon opened one eye and looked at them with a gentle gaze.

"Greetings, young adventurers!" he rumbled. "What brings you to Smokey's domain?"

"Hello, Mr. Smokey! We are on a quest for treasure," Mohit explained. "Do you know where we can find some?"

Smokey chuckled softly. "Indeed, I do. But first, you must pass a test of courage." He pointed to a cave at the edge of the clearing, and Roshan and Mohit looked in that direction. Smokey continued, "Inside that cave lies a golden egg. A dangerous beast guards it. If you find the egg and bring it to me, I will reward you with a treasure you cannot imagine!"

The friends looked at each other, determination in their eyes. "Let's do it!" they decided.

They thanked Smokey and bravely entered the cave, their hearts pounding with fear and excitement. Inside, they found themselves facing a huge, growling beast. But instead of attacking, the beast bowed its tail. It seemed to be a friendly mother-creature guarding the golden egg.

"Hey, what's your name?" Roshan asked the beast.

"Oh, look! There comes a dragon to snatch your egg!" Mohit suddenly shouted.

As the beast got distracted and looked in the direction Mohit was pointing, Roshan grabbed the egg and raced back to Smokey outside the cave.

Smokey was impressed by their bravery and teamwork. "With your wit and teamwork, you have

passed the test," he declared, handing them a small chest filled with sparkling jewels. "May this treasure remind you of your courage and friendship," he said.

"Mr. Smokey," said Mohit, "I wonder why the beast was so kind to us."

"You are witty to ask this question, Mohit. The beast which guards the golden egg is none other than my friend, Ellie Dragon," Smokey answered.

"What? Your friend!" Mohit and Roshan exclaimed in surprise.

"Yes, it was just a test of your courage."

"Determination and courage lead to the path of success," Pip added with a smile.

Happy and in disbelief at winning the treasure, Roshan and Mohit thanked Smokey and Pip and promised to visit again. After a day full of adventure and unexpected friendships, Mohit and Roshan walked back to their village. They could not believe that they had met a dragon and won a chest of jewels.

They discussed what they would each like to do with the treasure. They decided to divide it into four parts: one for their village, one for their families, and one each for themselves.

"An encyclopedia set would be so cool. I'll travel to every country in the world virtually," Mohit beamed.

"I want to get a set of binoculars, magnificent glasses, and country maps—a personal adventure kit," Roshan said dreamily.

When they reached Roshan's home, they opened the chest of jewels to have another look and found one of the jewels sparkling brighter than the others. Mohit picked it up and looked through it. He was taken aback by what he saw.

"Another forest trail!" he exclaimed.

He excitedly showed the jewel to Roshan, who saw the mysterious trail too.

"It's adventure time again!" Mohit and Roshan shouted together and laughed, thrilled to go on their next adventure.



# A Day to Remember

It was indeed an incredible day. The feeling of pride that comes to every Indian when our comrades in arms march by in perfect formation, when the bands play patriotic songs that signify the sacrifices made by our great warriors who devoted themselves to the freedom of our nation. I can't believe that it was just a few months ago when I got the chance to witness and experience the most breathtaking display of power and diversity in the world.

The event took place in Delhi, on January 26, 2024, the day we celebrate our nation becoming a republic. The venue was the Kartavyapath, a 3 km long stretch between the Rashtrapati Bhavan and India Gate, in front of our Honourable President and other special invited guests. This year, the Chief Guest was Mr. Emmanuel Macron, the President of France. He had accepted the invitation and graced the occasion.

The celebration started with a momentous hoisting and unfurling of the national flag along with the recitation of the national anthem. It made our hearts swell with pride. Following this, the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force displayed their power with integrity and pinpoint precision. This was followed by a procession of tableaux from various states showcasing India's cultural diversity and rich heritage. The Indian Space Research Organisation presented a very creative tableau that showcased historic achievements like the Chandrayaan-3 lunar rover landing on the moon and the launch of the Aditya L-1 solar mission.

This year's Republic Day program presented a core idea of Nari Shakti, or empowerment of women, and their role in Indian society. In accordance with this theme, nearly 200 women scientists from various centers of ISRO were honored with an invitation to witness the 75th Republic Day parade of our nation. I went with my mother, Mrs. Sreeja Varma, who was one of the special invitees, and I was overjoyed to be a part of this.

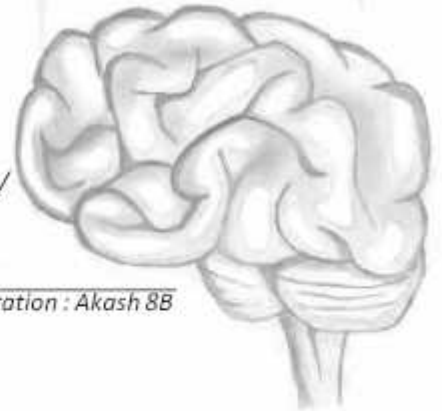
Finally, the pilots from the Indian Air Force grabbed our attention towards the skies as they put up an overwhelming display of their skills in the air.

Hindustan, as it was earlier called, was one of the most prominent destinations for its wisdom, trade, and tradition. It had to undergo various conquests and suppression by various external powers. Due to the courage and selflessness of our forefathers, we emerged from the suppression to form one of the most prominent republics in the world. It makes me proud to say that I am a citizen of this wonderful nation.

# 15 Facts about the Human Body

Source: [National Geographic Kids](<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/science/general-science/facts-about-the-human-body/>)

Illustration : Akash 88



1. Your mouth produces about one litre of saliva each day.
2. Your brain is sometimes more active when you're asleep than when you're awake.
3. Laid end to end, an adult's blood vessels could circle Earth's equator four times!
4. The word "muscle" comes from a Latin term meaning "little mouse," which is what Ancient Romans thought flexed bicep muscles resembled.
5. Bodies give off a tiny amount of light that's too weak for the eye to see.
6. The average person has 67 different species of bacteria in their belly button.
7. You lose about 4kg of skin cells every year!
8. Babies don't shed tears until they're at least one month old.
9. Information zooms along nerves at about 400 km/h!
10. The human heart beats more than three billion times in an average lifespan.
11. Your left lung is about 10 percent smaller than your right one.
12. Human teeth are just as strong as shark teeth.
13. Scientists estimate that the nose can recognize a trillion different scents.
14. Humans are the only species known to blush.
15. Your blood makes up about eight percent of your body weight.

Here are the corrections and suggestions for improving the passage:





# 2080 Dragon

*Illustration : Kailas R.V 8B*

Humans started to make robot dragons in the year 2050 and found their answer in 2080. They created trillions and trillions of mecha robo-dragons, which were used to help humans, but soon enough, they killed the entire 850 trillion human beings. Xi Chu was the last lone survivor of the human race. He crouched behind a pile of rubble, trembling in fear as the dragons' deadly claws decimated everything in their path. He hid, and the mecha dragons thought they had conquered the planet, but still, the multiverse awaited.

Hades, the king of the underworld, went to the last human, Xi Chu. Through his begging for kindness, he was able to soften the cruel heart of the Greek god

of death. Hades said that if he defeated the dragons, he would be saved and release all the human souls from the underworld.

Xi Chu was afraid to achieve the impossible feat that 850 trillion humans couldn't do. He met Xun Chan, a being with godly powers. His powers were unmatched. Together they fought the dragons. They reprogrammed a mecha dragon, which fought by their side. They named it Xiome. There was a supreme big fight. With a mighty roar, Xiome joined the fray, unleashing a blaze of fire upon the metallic beasts. Xun Chan also threw fire with his godly powers. The earth shook, the sky roared, and the universe was at stake. In a final, epic battle, they won. That is how they got their names in the Guinness World Records in 2180. Their names were etched into the annals of history as saviors of the future.

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## True Friend

A friend is like a star that twinkles and glows,  
Or maybe like an ocean that gently flows.  
A friend is like gold that you should treasure,  
And take care of forever and ever.

A friend is like an angel that is there to guide you,  
A friend is someone you can trust, among the few.  
A friend is one in a million,  
And you, my friend, are truly special.



*Illustration : V. Srinivas 8A*



# Peter And The Kingfisher



Little Peter loved playing with his fish. There was a fish tank in his house. Peter was a very kind-hearted boy. Many birds used to come to his balcony, including a kingfisher. So, he would put grains in a tray for the birds to eat. They became good friends and understood each other perfectly.

One day, Peter's mom, Meera, was cleaning the fish tank. All the fish were kept outside in a large bowl filled with water. Peter sat and looked at the fish. Just then, the kingfisher came to his balcony window. It looked at him and then at the fish in the bowl. Peter was shocked. He said, "Oh no! Please don't even think of eating my fish. I love them as much as I love you."

The kingfisher was silent. It saw that one of the fish in the bowl was lying motionless.

Meera finished cleaning the tank. She told Peter, "Bring me the fish bowl." Little Peter got the fish bowl. As Meera was putting the fish back in the tank, she noticed a dead fish. Meera took the dead fish and offered it to the kingfisher, which ate it happily.

Little Peter looked sadly. Meera said, "The fish is of no use in our water tank because it is dead. Fish is food for the kingfisher, so I gave it to the bird. Food is life-giving. Don't you want your kingfisher to be happy?"

Little Peter nodded his head. The kingfisher was beautiful and colorful and gave him good company.

S. Akshika

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## A Trip to Dhanushkodi

I went to Dhanushkodi during my vacation. I was very excited about this trip. We started our journey from our native place to Dhanushkodi. On the way, we crossed the Vaigai River. It looked beautiful, although there was little water.

We visited the Rameshwaram temple, where we saw Lord Shiva and the floating stone. Next, we saw the Pamban Bridge. We were lucky to witness the bridge opening to let a ship pass through.

When we reached Dhanushkodi, we stood by the sea and took photos. It is the place where the Indian Ocean and the Bay of Bengal meet. There are two

types of seas: the "female sea," which is calm, and the "male sea," which roars loudly. We could also see the small islands of Sri Lanka in the distance.

We visited the broken church and the remains of the train track that were destroyed by the tsunami. There were many beautiful shells scattered around. We also saw the lighthouse, which was very tall, and took pictures there.

Our trip ended with more photos near the Pamban Bridge. It was a beautiful journey and one of the best memories of my life.



# YUKI'S NIGHTMARE

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Illustration : Rithwika J Nair 9A

## A Brush with the Apocalypse

Yuki, a 14-year-old middle schooler living in Japan with her parents and younger sister Sakura, was enjoying a typical Saturday afternoon. After lunch, her father, Danial, turned on the television and was soon engrossed in the news. The broadcast was chilling: a deadly, flesh-eating virus was spreading across Japan, causing panic. While her mother, Ashley, was worried about the safety of her children, her father dismissed the threat, jokingly insisting there was no need to be alarmed. Yuki, uneasy but obedient, went to her room to study, while Sakura listened to music in hers. Moments later, Ashley called Yuki and sent her on an errand to the convenience store despite her concerns. Armed with a mask, sanitizer, and a pocket knife, Yuki ventured out, her anxiety growing when a man stared at her oddly in the store. She hurried home, unsettled but unharmed.

By Monday morning, the news of the virus had worsened, with reports of rapid infections. Despite her mother's protests, Yuki insisted on going to school. As she boarded the school bus, her unease deepened when she noticed a woman outside with blackened eyes and scars on her hands. At school, she reunited with her friends Mai and Himari, chatting about their summer break before class started. However, her day took a turn when she encountered bullies who tried to snatch her bracelet. Yuki stood her ground, but her relief was short-lived when the school descended into chaos. Zombies attacked, forcing students to flee. Yuki and her friends sought refuge in a bathroom stall, holding their breaths as a zombie approached. Just when all

seemed lost, a mysterious man burst in, shooting the zombie and rescuing them.

The man led Yuki and her friends through the school, helping them gather other survivors. They devised a daring escape plan, with Mai and the man searching for an emergency exit while Yuki and Himari rescued more students. The group finally found an exit but faced a terrifying chase as zombies swarmed. Narrowly escaping, they boarded a van and drove to Yuki's house to gather supplies. Yuki's parents were stunned by the events, but there was no time to explain as they fled with the survivors. On the road, a fast-moving zombie pursued them, but they managed to lose it. The group eventually reached the Nozomi bullet train, heading to Kyoto, one of the few places believed to be safe from the outbreak.

Arriving in Kyoto by nightfall, the group felt a brief sense of relief. The city's beauty offered a stark contrast to the chaos they had left behind. Yuki, overwhelmed by the ordeal, recorded her experiences in her diary. Questions lingered in her mind: Who was the man who saved them? Why had this nightmare begun? As she pondered these thoughts, she heard someone calling her name.

Startled, Yuki awoke to find herself in class. Mai stood beside her, laughing, "Hey, Yuki, it's lunchtime. You fell asleep in the middle of class!" Confused, Yuki stammered, "W-wait, what about the zombies? Weren't we in Kyoto?" Mai chuckled and reassured her, "You must have had a wild dream! That virus isn't like that—it's just a skin disease." Yuki sighed in relief, realizing it had all been a dream.



# Annual Report 2023-'24

## ACADEMIC AND ASSOCIATED ACHIEVEMENTS

### ADMISSION POLICY

74 students have been admitted to class I in the academic year 2023-24. 32 students were admitted to various other classes from class II to class X. 49 students were admitted to class XI. A total of 155 students were admitted to various classes from Class I to XI.

### CBSE BOARD EXAMINATION

VSSC central School has hosted and successfully conducted the CBSE Secondary/Sr. Secondary examination 2023 from February 20, 2023 to March 31, 2023. 103 students in the Sr. Secondary section of KV CRPF, Pallipuram and 143 students from the Secondary Section of Vidyasadan Central School, Marianad had appeared in the exams.

### COUNSELLING AND CAREER GUIDANCE

A talk on Anger Management for class X Students and Habit Formation for class IX students were organized on July 26, 2023 and August 23, 2023 in the school library. The speaker of both the sessions was the School Counselor, Smt. Sulakshana Suresh.

A session on Career Guidance was organized for the students of class X on September 5, 2023 in the School library. Shri CR Thomas, Former Deputy Director, VSSC addressed the students.

A lecture on Artificial Intelligence was organized for the students of class IX on September 22, 2023 in the school library. Dr. Vineeth, Faculty from IIST addressed the students.

A talk on Fear Management was organized for the students of class VII on September 25, 2023 in the school library. Smt. Sulakshana Suresh, the School Counselor addressed the students.

On October 5, 2023, an interactive lecture programme Reaching out to Students was organized for the students of class IX in the school library as part of World Space Week celebration. Dr. Pooja Dutt, Scientist Applied Mathematics Division, VSSC, addressed the students.

An awareness programme on Mental Health was organized for class XI students on October 30, 2023 in the school library. Smt. Sulakshana Suresh, the School Counselor addressed the students.

An awareness class on Drug Abuse was arranged for the students of class IX to XII and their parents, in the school auditorium on November 14, 2023, Children's Day. Shri. Anikumar, Asst. Excise Commissioner addressed the students.

A lecture on the topic Nutrition was organized for students of classes VI and VII on November 16, 2023 in the school library. The session was carried out by Dr. Aiswarya R Nair, Medical Officer, VSSC.

A skill class on the topic What to do when a doctor is not around was organized for students of class VIII on December 5, 2023 in the school library. The session was carried out by Dr. Aiswarya R Nair, Medical Officer, VSSC.

A special session on How to use the brain effectively in studies was organized for the students of classes XII and on December 6, 2023 and December 11, 2023 in the school library. The speaker of both the sessions was the School Counselor, Smt. Sulakshana Suresh.

A training on Safety for Teachers was organized on December 22, 2023 in the school library. Smt. Sreeja Varma addressed the gathering.

A training for the primary teachers in connection with the implementation of NEP was organized on January 6, 2023 in the school library. The speaker of the session was Smt. Priya NB, Headmistress, KV Akulam.



A skill class was arranged for the students of class VII on the topic Rocketry Science on January 18, 2023 in the school library. The session was addressed by Smt. Aziya Nizin P, Scientist, VSSC.

A skill class was arranged for the students of class VII on the topic Application of Space Science on January 19, 2023 in the school library. The session was addressed by Dr. Uma, Scientist, SPL, VSSC.

### SPORTS AND GAMES

The Trivandrum District Athletic meet was held at Chandrasekharan Nair Stadium from September 16 to 18, 2023. 16 students participated in various competitions. Following are the prize winners : Master Amegehe Tom Biju from class VI bagged silver medal in 50 meters and gold medal in 100 meters boys under 10 categories. Ms. Surya Suresh from class VI bagged silver medal in 50 meters and bronze medal in 100 meters girls under 12 categories. 11 students participated in the Trivandrum District Yoga Championship conducted by Trivandrum District Yoga Association held at Government Vocational Higher Secondary School on August 6, 2023. Master Harney KN from class 12 bagged the Gold Medal in Boys under 18 categories. Master Kailasnath PN from class 12 bagged the Silver Medal in Boys under 18 category and Ms. Avanthika KK from class 12 bagged the Bronze Medal in Girls under 18 categories. These students also participated in the Kerala State Level Yoga Championship held at Kochi from September 9, 2023 to October 1, 2023. The school football team participated in the CBSE State Level Foot ball Tournament at Crescent Public School, Aluva from October 25 to October 31, 2023. They reached the quarter finals.

41<sup>st</sup> Annual Sports Day of VSSC Central was celebrated on December 1, 2023. Dr. Ashok V, Scientists OS, Associate Director (R & D), ADRD, VSSC was the Chief Guest of the opening ceremony and Shri. K Krishnan, Assistant Commandant, CISF, VSSC was the chief guest of the closing ceremony. Tagore House won with 209 points, followed by Ashok house with 166 points, Raman house with 164 points and Subhash house with 113 points.

### SCHOOL BAND TEAM

Our band consists of 23 students from classes VI to VIII. The band master is Shri. Renjan DN. The drum majors are Ms. Devinanada and Master Fijo from class VII A. The team had presented synchronized performance on various occasions ranging from Independence Day, Sports Day, Republic Day, Onam etc.

### LIBRARY

VSSC Central School Library is automated using the library software named LIBSOFT Version 4.1. We can access Library Catalogue (OPAC-Online Public Access Catalogue) through Internet. LIBSOFT Web OPAC is now working at [www.vsscs.libsoft.org](http://www.vsscs.libsoft.org). Staff and students can access Web OPAC from any computer which is connected to Internet. Classification of books were done using DDC Scheme (Dewey Decimal Classification). Data entry work and bar-coding of books were also done. We provide newspaper clipping service, routing of periodicals, current awareness service etc. School library has adequate number of Subject books, Language books, Reference books and other reading books. Open access system is followed in our library. Students are allowed to select books according to their interest.

We have a web based Digital Library. The Digital Library is now working at [vsscs.libsoft.net](http://vsscs.libsoft.net). The Digital Library stores various types of digitized information including Scanned Articles, News Paper Clippings, Project reports, Various PDFs, YouTube links, E-journals, E-Books, Open Access Journals, Web OPAC, Live News etc. It will be useful for both students and teachers.

Web links to access the Secondary & Senior School Curriculum-2023-24, books recommended by CBSE and Sample Question Papers for the session 2023-24 is posted in our Digital library. Websites which provide access to free Science e-books, other online e-books, textbooks, lecture notes, monographs, comics for children and animated stories for kids are also listed in the Digital Library.

A Book Fair was organized on September 30, 2023 as part of our Science Fair (GYAAN GALLERIA



2023). An article about the History & Importance of National library week was posted in the Digital Library on the occasion of the National Library Week 2023. The collection of Encyclopaedias, Enid Blyton's Books & Comics were displayed in the library as part of the National Library Week Celebration 2023. Reader's Corner was setup in the entrance of the library. Newspapers & current periodicals were displayed in the entrance of the library so that the students can read the newspapers and the periodicals during their free time.

To improve the reading habit among the students of lower classes, the class library system is being followed for classes I to V. Open access system is introduced to students of higher classes. Teachers and students make use of the library with the help of well experienced librarian. Book reviews and word exercises are regularly done to enhance reading habit among students. Student's creativity, interesting articles, and details about books are regularly kept on display.

### **MEDICAL CHECK UP**

Annual Medical checkup for students of classes 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 was conducted by a team of VSSC Medical Officers from June 26 to July 3 2023, under the guidance of Dr. Ajith C Sekhar, CMO, VSSC. The Medical Officers included Dr. Meera Kartha Gynecologist, Dr. Tinu Mary Thomas Ophthalmologist, Dr. Aiswarya R Nair General Medicine and Smt. Keerthy VP.

### **NCC**

27 students of class 8 enrolled in NCC in the current academic year and the enrollment was done by Personal Instructional Staff (IAF) No1 Kerala Air Squadron NCC, Trivandrum on June 15, 2023. The NCC cadets attended a Yoga training program in connection with International Yoga Day 2023 held at St Joseph HSS, Palayam organized by No 1 Kerala Air Squadron NCC on 21st June 2023. On Independence Day NCC Cadets piloted the Chief Guest to the Flag post for the flag

Hoisting ceremony.

22 NCC Cadets participated in the Air Force Motivational Training program initiated by Air Head Quarters, New Delhi at Air Force Station, Trivandrum on 13th July 2023. 22 NCC Cadets attended ATC-2 CUM AIVSE Launch and Kitting Camp held at Military Station, Pangode, Trivandrum from 06th Sep 2023 to 15th Sep 2023.

### **Cadet Janice Grace Saji attended**

1. Combined Annual Training Camp and inter Battalion Completion held at Military Station, Pangode from 16th Sep 2023 to 25th Sep 2023.
  2. PRE IGC RDC Camp held at Military Station, Pangode organized by NCC Group Head Quarters Trivandrum from 28th Sep 2023 to 7th Oct 2023.
  3. IGC RDC Camp and Inter Group Competition held at NAVAL BASE Cochin organized by NCC Directorate Kerala And Lakshadweep from 27th Oct 2023 to 5th Nov 2023.
- In connection with Gandhi Jayanthi celebrations on 2nd Oct 2023, NCC Cadets done a cleaning drive. Three senior NCC cadets attended Microlite Flying Training organized by No 1 Kerala Air Squadron NCC held at Trivandrum International Air Port on 29th Nov 2023. 25 NCC cadets attended Trekking Expedition 2023 organized by NCC Unit, No1 Kerala Air Squadron NCC held at Mathamala Trekking Spot, Trivandrum on 13th Dec 2023. Cadet Indrajith Vinod Attended EK BHARATH SRESHTA BHARATH Camp 2023 organized by NCC Directorate Kerala and Lakshadweep from 23rd Dec 2023 to 3rd Jan 2024. 22 Senior cadets attended NCC Certificate "A" examination and practical test held at St Joseph HSS conducted by No1 Kerala Air Squadron NCC, Trivandrum on 28th Jan 2024.

On Republic Day 2024 VSSC Central School NCC Troop gave the Guard of Honor to Associate Director VSSC and displayed a beautiful parade in the school ground along with CISF Unit Thumba. In addition to regular NCC Training classes, the NCC troop conduct "Swachh Bharath" activities in connection with Swachh Bharath Abhiyan mission, Govt of India.



## WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING

As part of the CBSE initiative in concurrence with the National Education Policy 2020, the teachers have attended the mandatory 50 hours of various on line and offline training programmes to augment their teaching skills. This aims at the Continuous Professional Development of Teachers.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES OLYMPIAD EXAMINATION

### Future tech Olympiad

Ananya Nelabhotla (Class 8) and Medini Hegde (Class 9) presented an online Safety Tool for kids on Social Media and the Internet, earning a top 30 national ranking. The other team, Aaditya A R (class 9) and Rithwika J Nair (class 8), completed the first 2 levels of the Olympiad.

Rithwika J Nair has secured 32nd Rank in All India Talent Hunt Examination from 1.5 lakh student participation.

In October 2023, 8 students from classes 7 to 11 joined the CBSE Automobile Olympiad. On January 6, 2024, 6 students from class 11 represented our school in the ICSI Commerce Olympiad. Students from classes 2-12 took part in SOF Olympiad, registering for Science, Maths, English, GK, Computer, and Social Science exams. Many earned gold, silver, and bronze medals, while all participants received participation certificates.

## SCIENCE ACTIVITIES CBSE SCIENCE EXHIBITION

Two teams, Adithya AR and Paarth Rampal (class 9), and Anupam S and Navaneeth (class 10), took part in the CBSE National Science Exhibition at Lotus Valley International School in Gurugram, Haryana, from February 6th to 9th, 2023.

Paarth Rampal and Aaditya AR clinched victory in the junior category, outshining 458 schools and 1400 students. They triumphed after three rounds of judging, bringing honour to our school.

VSSC Central School, the only school chosen from Kerala nationally, presented a novel Ethylene Scavenging box for fruit vendors, guided by our teacher Smt. Pallavi Sharma.

The project has already been submitted to IRIS and RBVP after its success at the CBSE National Science Exhibition. Additionally, five students submitted projects for the INSPIRE program by the Department of Science and Technology.

VSSC Central School excelled at CBSE Regional Science Exhibition with standout teams: Rithwika and Anamika (class 8) presented a Learning and Communication Tool for autistic children, reaching preliminary level. Harithra and Abhitha (class 11) showcased "Blessings of Geomagnet on Biomagnet," emphasizing the school's commitment to science excellence.

### CBSE coding challenge

Ananya Nelabhotla, Kalpita Kumari Rana, and Aditya Hegde, (8A) secured a top 15 national ranking in the CBSE Coding Challenge. Their innovative dual-purpose medical device, serving as both a personal medicine aid and an emergency dispenser, earned them the 2nd position in the South zone. Notably, they stand as the only representation from Kerala in the Top 15, showcasing exceptional coding talent from the state.

Ananya Nelabhotla (Class 8) excelled in the ATL Tinkerpreneur Boot camp, earning an expert grade in digital challenges. This led to her selection in the top 100 nationwide for the Atal Catalyst programme, securing a 5-week mentorship at the Indian School of Business. Ananya and Rithwika achieved a position in the top 200 nationwide in the Vivo Ignite.

Mihal Abdullah, Shreya Sumesh, Raunak Arman, Anupam, Aleena, Shubham Prajapati, and Aadithya attended a 5-day camp at Rajadhani Institute of Science and Technology. Recognizing their exceptional contributions, Mihal, Shreya, Anupam, Raunak, Shubham, and Aleena were honoured with certificates and mementos for outstanding performance. Their mentor, Smt. Sobhana Dolly, guided and inspired them throughout the enriching experience.



## YUVIKA

We take immense pride in announcing the enthusiastic participation of our exceptional students, Abhitha Abhilash in 2022 and Tejel Antony in 2023-24, in the captivating Yuvika Young Scientists Programme. This two-week residential journey is tailor-made for students with a fervour for Space Science and Technology, amplifying their exploration of the cosmos. It's truly inspiring to witness the blossoming talents of these young minds in the realm of science and technology.

## CO CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES CCA

Co-curricular activities play a vital role in education, offering a dynamic experience beyond classrooms. This academic year featured a significant shift, providing students opportunities for talent showcase and formal competition at all school levels. Both individual and group competitions occurred, culminating in the recognition of winners through gift coupons, celebrating their outstanding performances.

## QUIZ

Ritwik Rao (12A) and Aswathy Pillai (12B) qualified for Round 2 of the NDA quiz. Students from classes 9 to 12 actively took part in the G20 ThinkQ Indian Navy Quiz, gaining valuable learning experiences.

Class 11 students Anandhadevi and Harithra Nair excelled in the SPARK 2023-24 quiz. Naufek (class 10), Thejel Anthony (class 10), and Yashwant (class 8) participated in the Fit India Quiz. Adithya AR and Ayushman Panda (class 9) took part in the Secretary's Trophy - All Kerala Inter-School Quiz by St. Thomas High School, Trivandrum. Classes 11 and 12 students showcased curiosity and resilience in the World Space Week Inter-School Quiz.

## Education Trips

Educational trips enhance learning by providing practical experience. Classes 1-2 visited Trivandrum Zoo, 3-5 explored Priyadarshini Planetarium, and 6-8 is scheduled to attend the Global Science Festival in the second week of February. Class 9 visited IIST, 10th explored JNTBGRI, and 11 and 12 ventured to Satish Dhawan Space Centre from August 15-19, 2023.

## House Activities

VSSC Central School has four houses—Subash, Tagore, Ashok, and Raman—rotating responsibilities weekly for assembly, discipline, creativity, and cleanliness. House captains, vice-captains, secretaries, and prefects, supervised by house masters, manage these aspects. Annual trophies are awarded for excellence in academics, CCA, sports, and overall performance. This year, Tagore House excels in sports and games, Raman in academics, Subash in CCA, and Tagore claims the Director's trophy for the best overall performance.

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

The main objectives of the Club Activities are to inculcate creative talents, scientific temper, team spirit, original thinking and Reasoning power among the students. The club activities are planned and organised in such a way that every student of the school gets enrolled in one of the 14 clubs of his or her choice. The clubs for this academic year include Computer club, English, Hindi, Malayalam, Sanskrit, Health and Physical Education, Science Club, Jr, Science Club and AI, Nature, Quiz, SUPW, Social Science and Art Club. A club period is earmarked for the club activities every week. The students prepared working and static models and did experimental set ups for the school exhibition which was held on September 30, 2023. No wonder, the sculptures made out of paper pulp are exhibited in the Global Science Fest.

## Hindi activities

The Hindi department orchestrated diverse activities from Sep 20-25 in the school auditorium for Hindi month celebrations organised by the centre. Competitions including calligraphy, reading, patriotic songs, elocution, and essay writing, engaged 187 students from classes 4 to 12.



### Film show

A film show was conducted on Aug 21, 2023, at VSSC Golden Jubilee Hall showcased two age-appropriate films for classes 1-10, in collaboration with Kerala Chalachitra Academy. The event successfully enriched students' cultural exposure, fostering cinematic appreciation.

### NEW FACILITIES

The school's commitment to advancement is clear with 12 classrooms transformed into smart classes, equipped with projectors and screens. This upgrade enhances the learning environment, showcasing the school's dedication to cutting-edge education.

### EXTRA COACHING

After-school coaching sessions in dance, band, badminton, and robotics have been implemented to enhance students' skills and interests. These sessions provide valuable opportunities for students to develop their talents beyond regular school hours, fostering a well-rounded educational experience.

### SCHOOL FUNCTIONS

#### Independence Day

VSSC Central School celebrated its 77th Independence Day with fervour. An individual colouring competition for classes 1 and 2 on health and sanitation had over 60 participants, with Indrajith Ajish, Nainika TP, and Alvin Binoy winning 1st to 3rd prizes. For classes 3 to 5, a painting competition on "Healthy India" saw 80+ entries, digitally displayed on Independence Day, with Gayathri PP, Dhruv Praveen, and Maanasi Unni winning. Quiz competitions for classes 6-8 and 9-12 were won by Navaneeth Sanu, Rifa Sanzida Ali, Adhyayan Nath Swain, Arya MS, Anandha Devi, and Harithra Nair. Chief Controller Sri Manoj C distributed prizes after hoisting the national flag at 9 am. Cultural programmes included dance drama, patriotic songs, a skit on Jallianwala Bagh Massacre, and an Independence Day message. Sweets were distributed, making the celebration a vibrant tribute to freedom, unity, and environmental consciousness.

#### Onam

On September 25, 2023, our school celebrated Onam with lively festivities and traditional dances, featuring Chief Guest Sri Manoj C, Chief Controller VSSC. Students showcased Kerala's cultural richness with boat races, Thiruvathira, and a warm Mahabali welcome. Engaging competitions spanned primary to 12th grade, with Class 12 adorning the school with 'kuruthola' and an 'athapookkalam.' Fun activities were organized for primary students, creating a joyful atmosphere.

The teaching competition on September 5 showcased remarkable talent with Shagun Guleria, Avanthika KK, and Surabhi Choudhary securing first to third positions, respectively.

#### World Space Week

VSSC Central School celebrated World Space Week with fervor, focusing on this year's theme, "Space and Entrepreneurship."

Highlighting the celebration, Dr. Pooja Dutt, Scientist Engineer SF, delivered a captivating talk on ISRO's achievements, guiding the audience from space exploration fundamentals to the intricacies of the Chandrayaan mission.

School elevates space exploration education with riveting role plays showcasing pioneers like Kalpana Chawla, Sunita Williams, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, and Valentina Tereshkova. Theatrical brilliance brings their impactful journeys to life, inspiring students.

Vibrant activities—quizzes, elocution, essay writing, and painting contests—spanning five categories from classes 1-12 culminated in Children's Day celebrations. Prizes and certificates recognized students' achievements.



### School Exhibition

Gyan Galleria, the school exhibition named by creative student Sidra Fatima, unfolded on September 30, 2023. Spanning 22 rooms across 4 blocks, students showcased talents in various subjects with charts, aids, and models. Inaugurated by Sri Vinod Kumar, Deputy Director ASOE, the event earned praise for its comprehensive exhibits.

Class-specific competitions in EVS, maths, physics, chemistry, biology, and commerce culminated in prizes on Children's Day. From 11:30 am to 3 pm, an engaging exhibition, book fair, and "Space on Wheels" drew interest from parents and alumni.

### Children's Day

Children's Day at VSSC Central School, November 14, 2023, saw joy radiate as Dr. Unnikrishnan Nair Director, VSSC inaugurated, and the renowned lyricist and poet Sri Girish Puliyoore graced as the guest of honour. Academic and extracurricular achievers received certificates and gift coupons, followed by an awareness session on drug abuse with Chief Guest Sri Anil Kumar, Assistant Excise Commissioner, emphasizing holistic education.

### Graduation Day

Graduation Day for class XII was held on February 4, 2023 in the School auditorium. Dr. Rajeev K, Director, SPL, VSSC was the Chief Guest. The Vice Principal and teachers addressed the students and mementos were presented to the Chief Guest and students.

### Republic Day

Sri. A Shooja, Associate Director VSSC accompanied by dignitaries including Sri C. Manoj, Chief Controller VSSC, and Sri Anil Kumar, Senior Head PGA, VSSC hoisted the national flag. Around 70 students of VSSC Central School participated in the cultural programme organized as a part of the celebration.

## CBSE ACTIVITIES

### CBSE Reading Challenge

CBSE Reading Challenge in October 2023 saw 45 students engage with diverse texts, focusing on accuracy, meaning, inferences, and reflection. Eight students excelled, advancing to the second level.

### Budding authors programme

CBSE Budding Authors Program sparks creativity in students through storytelling. Writing short stories offers a chance for publication, enhancing writing skills and boosting confidence. The school-level competition for classes 5-10 has concluded.

### Pariksha pe charcha

A Painting competition was held at KV Akkulam in connection with pariksha pe charcha. VSSC Central school secured the 1st and 4<sup>th</sup> positions in the competition.





# Annual Report 2024-'25

## ACADEMIC AND ASSOCIATED ACHIEVEMENTS

### NEP IMPLEMENTATION

According to the NEP, the age criteria for Class 1 admission is 6 years. NEP emphasises the use of native languages for teaching, suggesting the use of the mother tongue until at least Grade 5 and preferably until Grade 8 to facilitate easy learning. Students are encouraged to take part in various activities corresponding to the 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat' initiative.

#### Orientation Session for Parents

An orientation session was conducted for parents of children studying in classes 1 to 2.

#### Vidya Pravesh

The three-month Play-based School Preparation module for Grade 1 Children has been implemented in our school as per the recommendations of the NEP 2020. The purpose is to help teachers ensure that all children are exposed to a warm, welcoming, and stimulating environment when they enter Grade 1, leading to their smooth transition to school.

#### School Readiness Activities

The activities for class 1 included a small tour of the School building and premises as part of the 'Know My School' initiative.

#### Student Assessment

Entry Level Assessment (ELA), Mid Year Assessment (MYA), and Year End Assessment (YEA) will be done through a series of interesting activities and the portfolio is updated. Slow learners are given help to catch up with the rest. The Holistic development of a child is given priority taking into consideration the Health and well-being of the students, developing Effective Communication Skills, and making them Involved Learners rather than rote learners. Thus the 3 Learning outcomes of FLN are taken care of.

#### FLN (Foundational Literacy & Numeracy), NIPUN Bharat Mission (National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy)

FLN has been implemented at the Primary level as part of NEP incorporating various customized methods of augmenting the literary and numerical skills of the primary students thus bridging the learning gaps, providing equity, and empowering them at the foundational level. The NIPUN Bharat Mission (National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy) is also being implemented at the Primary level.

A glimpse of the FLN Activities for the Foundational and Preparatory Stages:

- Students are given the freedom to express the solutions to certain graded analytical concepts/problems through drawings, gestures, mime, figures etc.
- Flexible concept-based assessment methods that are tuned to the pace of every individual student.
- Complex concepts are taught by breaking them into comprehensible fragments for learning, assessment, and follow-up with the aid of technology and materials available.
- Inculcation and promotion of art-integrated and sports-integrated teaching methodologies for transacting the concepts in Geometry and Mensuration.
- Focusing on Emergent reading skills includes print awareness and learning print concepts, pretend reading, and reading words as pictures (logographic reading).
- Focusing on Emergent writing skills including drawing and scribbling to represent something.
- Improve listening and speaking skills with comprehension by introducing game-based pedagogy and hands-on activities.
- Up to Classes 1 and 2, the students learn how to read and from classes 3 onwards they read to learn.



## FUNDAYS

The first and third Saturdays have been implemented as Fundays for the Primary Children incorporating activity-based fun learning modules which are often interdisciplinary. A separate timetable for the same is also available.

## SAFAL -Structured Assessment For Analyzing Learning

The CBSE has instructed the schools to conduct Structured Assessment For Analyzing Learning for classes 3, 5 and 8 to assess their Competency Based Skills in each subject. 2024 SAFAL exams were conducted for classes 5 (present 6) and 8 (present 9) for assessing the student's progress in Science, Maths, and English Language. Parameters like Conceptual Clarity, analytical skill of a student, application of knowledge in real life, etc. is assessed.

## Implementation of New Curriculum for classes 3 and 6

New textbooks for classes 3 and 6 were introduced through bridge courses, facilitating a seamless transition for students to new pedagogical practices and areas of study aligned with the new curriculum framework, 2023.

## Introduction of skill subjects, interdisciplinary, experiential learning

Introduction of skill subjects like AI, Handicraft, Satellites and their Applications for class 6 to 8 and What to do when Dr. is not around have been introduced.

## Holistic Progress Card (360 degree progress card)

Holistic Progress Card is a 360 degree, multidimensional report of progress, that reflects in detail the progress as well as the uniqueness of each learner in the cognitive, affective, socio-emotional, and psychomotor domains. It is a shift in assessment from one that is summative primarily testing rote memorization skills, to one that is more regular and formative - competency-based. The HPC for classes 1-2 blue print is getting ready for finalization and will be issued this academic year itself at the Foundational.

## Equitable and Inclusive Education

As per the NEP guidelines, no child should lose any opportunity to learn and excel because of the circumstances of birth or background. Divyang children are enabled to fully participate in the regular schooling process from the foundational stage to higher education, with the support of educators with cross-disability training, resource centers, and other support mechanisms tailored to suit their needs.

## Competency Based Learning and Assessment

Introduction of Competency-based questions for assessment through worksheets, sample papers, and activity-oriented teaching.

## Community involvement

Involving eminent Scientists and Professors from ISRO community, Alumni and other prestigious institutions like RIE, for conducting workshops for teachers and students.

- IIST Workshops on Robotics, Aerospace Engineering, Astronomy, AI and Coding for students.
- Arranging career guidance for parents of classes 9-12
- Professional Developmental Programme for teachers in collaboration with HRDD, NCERT and CBSE.

## Presence of a part time Counselor

Our school has a Counselor who caters to the emotional and academic needs of the students by way of one to one counseling. The counselor is available on all Mondays and Wednesdays.

## PARAKH Rashtriya Sarvekshan

Our school was selected for the Performance, Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development, PARAKH Rashtriya Sarvekshan, 2024, India's largest national educational survey conducted by the Ministry of Education, on December 4, 2024, including students of classes 3, 6 and 9.



### The PTA Executive Committee

The Election/Selection was conducted on 20/07/24. The Executive Committee consists of 24 members. There are 12 Parent Representatives and 12 Teacher Representatives, both representing respective class from Classes I to XII. The Principal is the ex-officio Chairperson of the PTA. Shri Sunil Kumar R was elected as the General Secretary, PTA Executive Committee. Smt. Nancy Ninan was nominated as the Joint Secretary.

### Sports and Games

The Trivandrum District Yoga competition was conducted by the Trivandrum District Yoga Association at the Central Stadium on 14th July 2024. 11 students participated and Hennli Maria of 12th standard became eligible to participate in the Kerala State Level Yoga competition which was held at Kannur on 18th August 2024.

The CBSE State Level Badminton Championship was held at Oxford School, Trivandrum, from 27th to 29th September 2024. Nearly 50 schools participated. Our students Suryadev Sagar (Class XII), Sethu S (Class XI), S Anupam (Class XI), and Pranav Vikram (Class VII) secured the Second Position in the Championship.

The Trivandrum District Athletic Meet 2024, was held at the University Stadium from 2nd to 4th October 2024. 17 Students participated from our School and our school won four bronze medals and one silver medal.

The 42nd Annual Sports Day was conducted on 22nd November 2024. Shri. Manoj.C. Chief Controller, VSSC, inaugurated the Sports Meet and Shri. Ashutosh Gaur, Commandant, CISF, VSSC handed over the trophies to the winners at the Closing Ceremony.

### MEDICAL CHECKUP

The Annual Medical Checkup for the students of classes 1,3,5,7,9 & 11 was conducted by a team of VSSC medical doctors from 24th June to 28th June 2024 under the Guidance of the CMO, VSSC.

### SCHOOL ADMISSION

Admission formalities for the academic year 2024-25 have been completed. Admission was given as per the guidelines notified in the admission circular.

Admission was granted to 52 students in class 1, while 18 students were given admission to various classes ranging from 2 to 8. For class XI, admission was granted to 55 students under various streams.

### NCC

On Republic Day 2024, VSSC Central School NCC Troop gave a Guard of Honor to Director, VSSC, and displayed a beautiful parade on the school grounds along with CISF Unit, Thumba.

24 Senior cadets attended the NCC Certificate "A" examination and practical test held at St Joseph HSS conducted by No.1 Kerala Air Squadron NCC, NCC Group HQ Trivandrum on 28th Jan 2024.

Cadet Sergeant Anamika A S has completed the All India Girls Trekking Expedition-2024 at Nilgiri, conducted by NCC Group HQ, Coimbatore, NCC Directorate Tamilnadu, Puducherry & Andaman Nicobar, from 16th May to 23rd May 2024.

24 students of class 8 enrolled in NCC for the current academic year.

The NCC cadets attended a Yoga training programme in connection with the International Yoga Day 2024, held at KV AFS Akkulam, Trivandrum organised by No 1 Kerala Air Squadron NCC on 21st June 2024. 26 NCC Cadets attended the Annual Training Camp-2 held at Military Station, Pangode, Trivandrum from 05th Aug 2024 to 14th Aug 2024.

On 2nd October 2024, the NCC troop celebrated Gandhi Jayanthi by conducting cultural activities and cleaning drive along with planting of saplings.



1. Cadet Sergeant Souparnika Sreeji of class 9 attended the Inter Battalion competition and CATC camp at Military Station, Pangode from 11th Oct to 19th Oct 2024.

- Attended the IGC RDC Camp held at NCC Group HQ Kozhikode organized by the NCC Directorate Kerala & Lakshadweep from 20th Oct to 29th Oct 2024 and also she was awarded the Best Cadet in the Air Wing Cadet category.

- Attended the PRE RDC -1 Camp organised by NCC Group HQ Kozhikode from 9th Nov to 18 Nov 2024.

- Attended the PRE RDC-2 Camp organised by NCC Group HQ Kozhikode from 23rd Nov to 2nd Dec 2024.

- Attended RDC LC camp at Military Station, Pangode from 18th Dec to 24th Dec 2024  
Selected and participated in the Republic Day Camp 2025, New Delhi from 29th Dec 2024 to 29th Jan 2025.

In addition to regular NCC Training classes, the NCC troop conducts “Swachh Bharath” activities in connection with the Swachh Bharath Abhiyan mission, Govt of India.

### **GUIDANCE & COUNSELLING**

A Career Counselling session was organised for the parents and students of Classes IX to XII on 21/09/24 at Golden Jubilee Hall, VSSC.

As part of the Commemoration of International Day against Violence and Bullying at school on 7th November 2024, students were shown a short film titled “Chuppi todo” (Break the silence).

A presentation of school-related “gender-based violence” was also shown to students on 7th November 2024.

“Fire Safety Training” for the Senior students who were bus commuters was organized on 17/07/2024 in the school Library. The speakers of the session were Shri Manoj R, Group Head, Centre Safety Management Group and Smt.SreejaVarma.

The school counselor gave a series of activities and lectures on various relevant topics to the students.

### **SCHOOL LIBRARY**

We have a web-based Digital Library. The Digital Library is now working at [vsccs.libsoft.net](http://vsccs.libsoft.net). The Digital Library stores various types of digitized information including Scanned Articles, News newspaper clippings, Various PDFs, YouTube links, E-journals, E-Books, Open Access Journals, Web OPAC, Live News etc.

To improve the reading habits among the students of lower classes, the class library system is being followed for classes I to V. An Open access system is introduced to students of higher classes. Library Activities done during the Academic year 2024-25 are the following:

As part of the Children’s Day celebration, a book-reading activity was organized. Students were asked to read the famous speeches delivered by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru from the five volumes of the book “Jawaharlal Nehru Selected Speeches”. Various activities like book reviews, book exhibitions and storytelling etc. were organised as part of the National Library Week.

### **EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

**OLYMPIAD EXAMINATION :** The school held SOF Olympiads in Science, Maths, English, Computer, and SST, with 150+ participants in Science, Maths, and English. Eleven students joined the CBSE Future Tech Olympiad. Results awaited.

**SCIENCE ACTIVITIES :** In February 2024, Paarth Rampal, Aaditya AR, Rithwika J Nair, and Nel



abotha Annaya qualified for the state level of Inspire Manak 2024 with projects on waste management, biofuels, and AI in agriculture, earning ₹10,000 each under the mentorship of Dr. T. Kannan and Smt. Pallavi Sharma. Four students submitted projects for the Inspire Manak 2025.

In August 2024, Class 12 students Abhitha Abhilash and Harithra Nair presented health and hygiene ideas at the MINI Gem 2024 competition by IISER Trivandrum, under Smt. Pallavi Sharma's mentorship.

In November 2024, Advaita AR, Adhyaan Nath Swain, and Rithwika J Nair participated in the CBSE Regional Science Exhibition at Ernakulam.

In September and March 2024, the school, in collaboration with IIST Trivandrum, conducted workshops on Astronomy, Aerospace, AI/Machine Learning, and Robotics for over 200 students from classes 6 to 12.

**SOLAR AMBASSADOR WORKSHOP :** On October 2, 2024, 29 students from Classes 6–11 participated in the Solar Ambassador Workshop with ESF, assembling solar lamps and exploring solar energy's role in combating climate change.

**NATIONAL SPACE DAY :** National Space Day 2024, celebrated from August 1 to 9 with the theme "Touching Lives While Touching the Moon: India's Space Saga," featured quizzes, painting, essay writing, literary appreciation, science fiction stories, map your neighborhood, astrophotography, rocket model making, seminars, and a public rally showcasing India's space achievements. A talk on Introduction on Aerospace Technology was given by Sri Sheeju Chandran, Sci.Engineer,MSA .

### CO CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

**CCA :** The CCA competitions, involving 600 students across six categories, featured off-stage events from July and on-stage events in September-October, with prizes awarded on Children's Day.

**QUIZ :** The Quiz Club had a successful year with events like the National Space Day Quiz, ThinkQ Indian Navy Quiz, and Swachhta Quiz. Highlights include Tiya Elizabeth Jobi and Mahadevan R (7B) winning the Ever Rolling Trophy at the Arena Inter-school Quiz by St. Thomas Central School, Thiruvananthapuram. Space Day Quiz winners were Kailas R V, Mahadevan R, and Navneeth Sanu (Category 1) and Sreehari B , Abraham S Sam , and Gokul M (Category 2). In the Swachhta Quiz, Nirmal (8A), Yuvaan (8B), and Mohammed Aarif (8B) topped. Harithra Nair , Abraham S Sam , and Sasha Swati advanced in the ThinkQ Indian Navy Quiz.

**Education Trips :** In September, students of Classes I-V visited Magic Planet; Classes VI-VIII toured the Kerala Arts and Crafts Village and Sagarika Marine Research Aquarium; Classes IX A & B visited IIST, Valiamala; and Classes X A & B explored NIIST, Trivandrum. class XI - SDSC, SHAR.

**House Activities :** House activities began after the Investiture Ceremony in July, where House Captains, Vice Captains, and office bearers were introduced. Judges evaluated activities, and points were tracked. Overall winners: Discipline, Creativity, Cleanliness – Raman; Academics – Tagore; Sports – Ashok; CCA – Subhash.

**CLUB ACTIVITIES :** The Clubs for the academic year include Computer & AI, English, Hindi, Health & PE, Sanskrit & Malayalam, Social Science, Jr. Science, Physics & Electronics, Nature & Biology, Chemistry, SUPW, Quiz, and Arts. A weekly period is dedicated to these activities.

### PAPER PRESENTATION BY STUDENTS

Ananya Nehlabhotla and Ritwika J. Nair of class 9 submitted a Sanskrit research paper at the three-day International Seminar on Global Issues and Sanskrit Knowledge Systems, which was later accepted by the University of Kerala.

**HINDI ACTIVITIES :** Hindi section competitions were held on 19-20 September 2024 for Classes 4-12, with 150 students participating in events like Essay Writing, Elocution, Patriotic Song, Calligraphy, and Reading. Prizes were awarded to winners. On 24 September 2024, 17 students represented the school at



the State-Level Hindi Competition by Hindi Prachar Sabha, Vazhuthacaud, winning 9 prizes.

**SCHOOL MAGAZINE :** The school released magazine Antariksh for 2021-22 and 2022-23 in March 2024, showcasing the achievements and creative works of students and staff.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM :** The school adopted a new uniform for the academic year 2024-25.

**NEW FACILITIES:** The school upgraded to 10 smart classrooms, with Alumni-sponsored Interactive Panel Board inaugurated by the Director VSSC. 12 classrooms are ICT enabled with projector and screen. Plans are underway to extend interactive panels to all classes soon.

**EXTRA COACHING :** After-school coaching in dance, band, and badminton enhances students' skills, providing opportunities to develop talents and foster a well-rounded education.

### TEACHER ACHIEVEMENT

Dr. Jinesh Shekhar, TGT Sanskrit, achieved a significant milestone as his project, "Innovative Experimental Aspects in Sanskrit Learning: Enhancing Learning through ICT Integration," was accepted by the Ministry of Education and NCERT. Additionally, he has been selected as an NCERT RIE Resource Person, marking a commendable recognition of his expertise and contribution.

Smt. Jassy Sam, SI.SC PGT, received the Best Teacher Award of the year from SBF for her outstanding contributions to education.

### SCHOOL FUNCTIONS

**ENVIRONMENT DAY :** World Environment Day was observed on June 5, 2024, with a special assembly and the planting of saplings organized at the school.

**INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY :** International Yoga Day was celebrated on June 21, 2024, featuring an engaging yoga demonstration.

**National Reading Day :** On June 19th, our school celebrated National Reading Day with a special assembly, highlighting the importance of reading through engaging activities.

**INDEPENDENCE DAY :** The 78th Independence Day was celebrated at school on August 15, 2024. Shri Manoj C, Chief Controller of VSSC, hoisted the National Flag, followed by cultural programmes.

**TEACHER'S DAY :** Teacher's Day on September 5, 2024, was celebrated with Class 12 students organizing programs to highlight teachers' roles in Indian society. A Musical Chair for teachers and a teaching competition for the students of class 12 were held, with Harithra Nair, Melbin B Merin, and Anandhadevi J securing the top three positions.

**ONAM:** The school held its Onam function on September 13, 2024 in the School Assembly Hall. The event included minimal programs, featuring speeches and songs.

**WORLD SPACE WEEK :** As part of WSW 2024, the "Reaching Out to Students" program for class 9 was held on October 10th, with Mr. Abdul Shaheed, Technical Officer C, LPSC Valimala, as the resource person. On October 30th, Ritwika J Nair of class 9A delivered a speech on the theme "Space and Climate Change."

**CHILDREN'S DAY :** Children's Day on November 14, 2024, was inaugurated by Sri.Vinod Kumar N., Associate Director, VSSC. Awards were given to CCA, academic, and NSpD winners. Sri Pratheep Rao, Circle Inspector, Excise and alumnus of VSSC Central School conducted a seminar on social media's impact and the effects of drugs on students for Classes 8-12 and their parents.

**GRADUATION DAY :** Graduation Day for the class 12 batch of 2023-24 was held on February 5, 2024, with Dr. Ajith C. Sekhar, CMO of VSSC, as the Chief Guest.

**ANNUAL DAY :** The 46th Annual Day was celebrated with grandeur on February 3, 2024. Dr. S. Unnikrishnan Nair, the esteemed Director of VSSC, honored the occasion as the Chief Guest.



## SOUTH ZONE SAHODAYA ACTIVITIES

The South Zone Sahodaya Complex (SZSC) 2024-25 recognized educational excellence by awarding the Academic Excellence Award to Vaishnav P P (Class 10 topper) and Eby Rajesh Thomas (Class 12 topper). Smt. Jassy Sam, Sl.Sc.PGT Chemistry received special appreciation for guiding a student to 100% marks in Chemistry in SSCE 2024.

**CULTURAL EVENTS:** Over 90 students participated, with Rayan John placing 3rd in Hindi Elocution, and Rahul Pandey winning 1st in Hindi Recitation, 3rd in Extempore, and being selected for the state-level competition. More than 40 students received grades for outstanding performances.

## SPORTS

At the SZSC Badminton Tournament on 8th August 2024 at Greenfield Stadium, Trivandrum, Sethu S of Class 11 won Bronze in the Under-19 category. Ameghe Tom Biju and Supriya Suresh won silver in the Under-12 200m race, while Anna Maria Gijo secured bronze in the Under-12 400m. Treesa shone with silver in the Under-14 400m, and Surya Suresh earned bronze in discus throw.

**CBSE Reading Challenge :** 20 from Classes 6-10 participated in the CBSE Reading Challenge 2024-25, with Mahadevan R (7B), Avani RK (6A), Aliya (9B), and Ardhra SH (8A) qualifying for Round 2.

**CBSE EXPRESSION SERIES :** Our school participated in the CBSE Expression Series 2024-25 on "Yuva Shakti for Viksit Bharat," with top entries by R.S. Aashika (Class 4), Adhyayan Nath Swain (8A), and Isa Mathew (10 B) uploaded.

**Aryabhata Ganit Challenge :** 44 students from Classes 8-10 participated in the CBSE Aryabhata Ganit Challenge 2024, with Diya Dixon (9A), Isa Mathew (10B), and Anna Ajayan (10A) qualifying for Level 2; results are awaited.







## Co-Curricular Activities

Nurturing Holistic Development

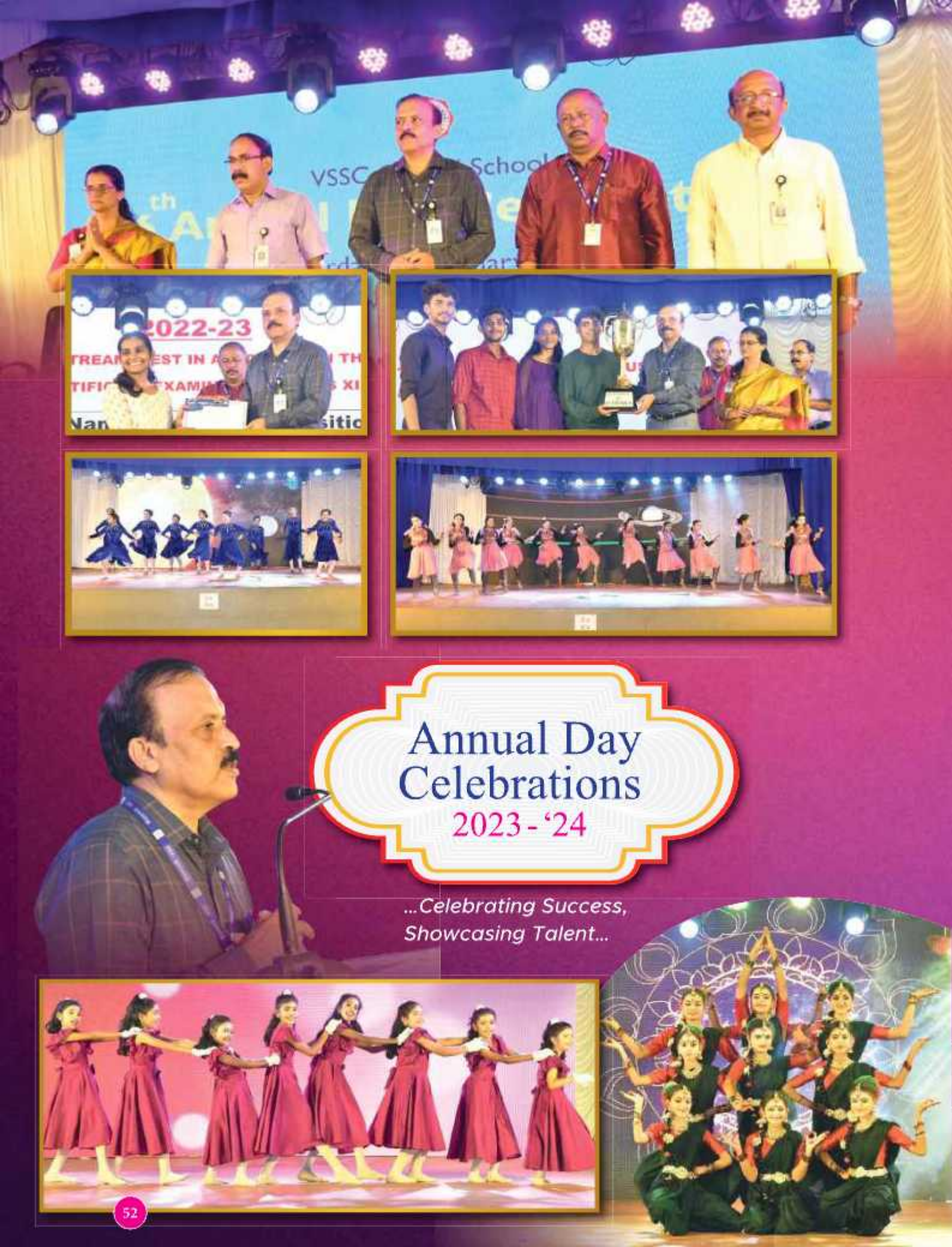


## School Band

A Symphony of Discipline and Talent







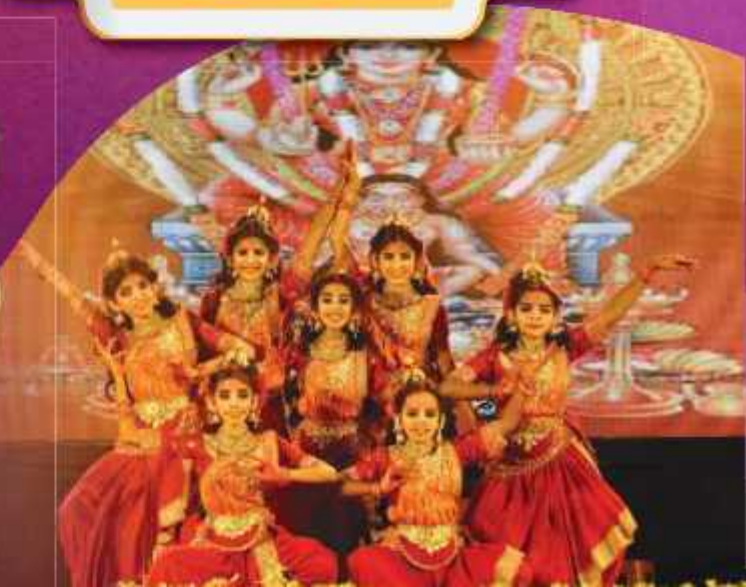
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*...Celebrating Success,  
Showcasing Talent...*

















# Gyan Galleria 2023

School Exhibition







# Martial Arts in Students' Lives: Ancient Traditions for Modern Benefits

Learning martial arts offers students more than just physical fitness; it connects them to India's rich and diverse cultural heritage. Here's a glimpse into some ancient Indian martial arts that students can explore to enhance their lives.

## Kalaripayattu

Often called the 'Mother of All Martial Arts,' Kalaripayattu originated in Kerala over 3,000 years ago. It incorporates moves inspired by animals like lions and tigers. Students can learn to fight with and without weapons, gaining self-discipline and agility.

## Thang Ta (Huyen Langlon)

This martial art from Manipur, which means 'sword and spear,' integrates weapon-based techniques with unarmed combat. Thang Ta emphasizes physical control and breathing rhythms, making it an excellent choice for students seeking a balanced approach to physical and mental training.

## Silambam

An ancient stick martial art from Tamil Nadu, Silambam is known for its structured techniques and fluid footwork. Practicing Silambam can improve students' coordination, reflexes, and strategic thinking, as it requires smart fighting strategies and quick movements.

## Gatka (Shastar Vidya)

Originating from Punjab, Gatka is a Sikh martial art focusing on stick fighting. It teaches students the importance of agility and precision while connecting them to Sikh heritage and history.

## Sqay

From Kashmir, Sqay involves the use of a curved sword and shield. It combines armed and unarmed techniques, including kicks, punches, and locks. Students can develop their stance, timing, and form, which are crucial for overall physical fitness and self-defense skills.

## Mardaani Khel

A weapon-based martial art from Maharashtra, Mardaani Khel includes the use of swords, daggers, and bamboo sticks. It encourages physical fitness, courage, and tactical thinking, making it a valuable practice for students.

## Kushti (Malla Yuddha)

Kushti, a traditional form of wrestling, combines native Indian and Persian influences. Practicing Kushti can build students' strength, endurance, and resilience, as it requires rigorous physical training and mental toughness.



## **Lathi**

Lathi involves using a bamboo stick for self-defense and combat. It is a practical martial art that teaches students how to wield a simple tool effectively, enhancing their self-defense skills and boosting their confidence.

## **Conclusion**

Incorporating martial arts into students' lives offers numerous benefits, from physical fitness and

self-defense to cultural appreciation and personal growth. These ancient Indian martial arts provide a unique opportunity for students to connect with their heritage while developing essential life skills. Engaging in martial arts can significantly enhance a student's discipline, focus, and resilience, all of which are crucial for academic success. This holistic approach to education not only nurtures the body but also sharpens the mind, ultimately contributing to a balanced and enriched student life.

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# **Kathakali**

## **A Famous Indian Dance-Drama**

### **Mythological Stories:**

Kathakali is based on stories from Indian epics like the Mahabharata, Ramayana, and Bhagavat Purana. It also includes some themes from Shakespeare's plays.

### **Grand Expressions:**

Kathakali dancers use big hand movements (mudras) and strong facial expressions, especially through their eyes, to tell the story.

### **Male Performers:**

Traditionally, Kathakali is performed by men, even for female roles.

### **Colorful Costumes:**

The dancers wear bright, detailed costumes with big headdresses and beautiful makeup, making them look like characters from myths.

### **A Mix of Arts:**

Kathakali is a mix of dance, music, acting, and rituals, making it more than just a dance performance.

### **Royal Beginnings:**

Unlike other Indian classical dances that started in temples, Kathakali began in royal courts and theaters.

### **Ancient Art Form:**

Kathakali is one of the oldest theater forms in the world and has been performed for hundreds of years.

### **Traditional Stories:**

There are 101 classical stories in Kathakali, though only a few



# The Hidden Danger of Watching Too Much TV



Illustration : Rithwika J Nair 9A

Hello everyone, I hope you are all doing well. Today, I want to talk about the negative effects of watching too much TV.

Firstly, watching TV for more than 1-2 hours a day can harm our eyes and overall health. Some movies and shows can also negatively influence our behavior and lead us to make poor choices.

For students, excessive TV watching can interfere with their studies and cause a lack of focus. In some cases, this habit can lead to more serious problems, such as addiction to harmful substances. Spending too much time in front of a screen can also disrupt sleep patterns, causing issues like insomnia, nightmares, anxiety, and difficulty concentrating.

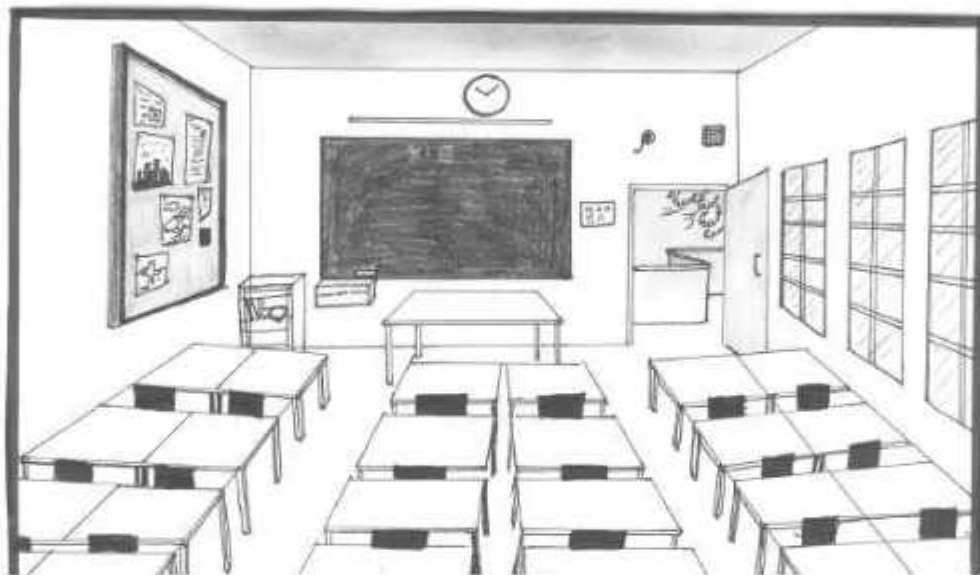
Moreover, watching inappropriate content on TV can lead people down the wrong path, encouraging harmful activities like hacking or illegal practices. Prolonged screen exposure can even result in feelings of depression and, in extreme cases, suicidal thoughts.

Another major concern is the link between TV addiction and online gaming. Children who spend too much time on screens often neglect outdoor activities such as playing, exercising, or socializing. This sedentary lifestyle can lead to serious health problems. Additionally, children tend to snack mindlessly while watching TV, further affecting their physical health.

It's important to make healthy choices and avoid habits that can ruin our lives. I hope this encourages everyone to limit their screen time and focus on a balanced, active lifestyle. Thank you!



# ECHOES OF LEARNING



*Illustration : Surya Suresh 11 B*

In halls where laughter blends with learning's quest,  
Our school, a haven where friendships find their rest.  
In morning's embrace, assembly's solemn cheer,  
We gather as one, with aspirations clear.

In classrooms filled with chalk dust and dreams,  
We painted futures with hopeful schemes.  
Teachers, like beacons, guiding our way,  
Igniting minds, where knowledge held sway.

From history's echoes, past lessons we learned,  
To math's precision, where logic is earned.  
Science unveiled nature's mysteries untold,  
Languages wove tales, in tongues both old and bold.

Punishments from sir, detentions at school,  
Lines to write in ire, taught us to follow rule.  
On fields of sport, where dreams took flight,  
Teamwork's spirit fueled our might.

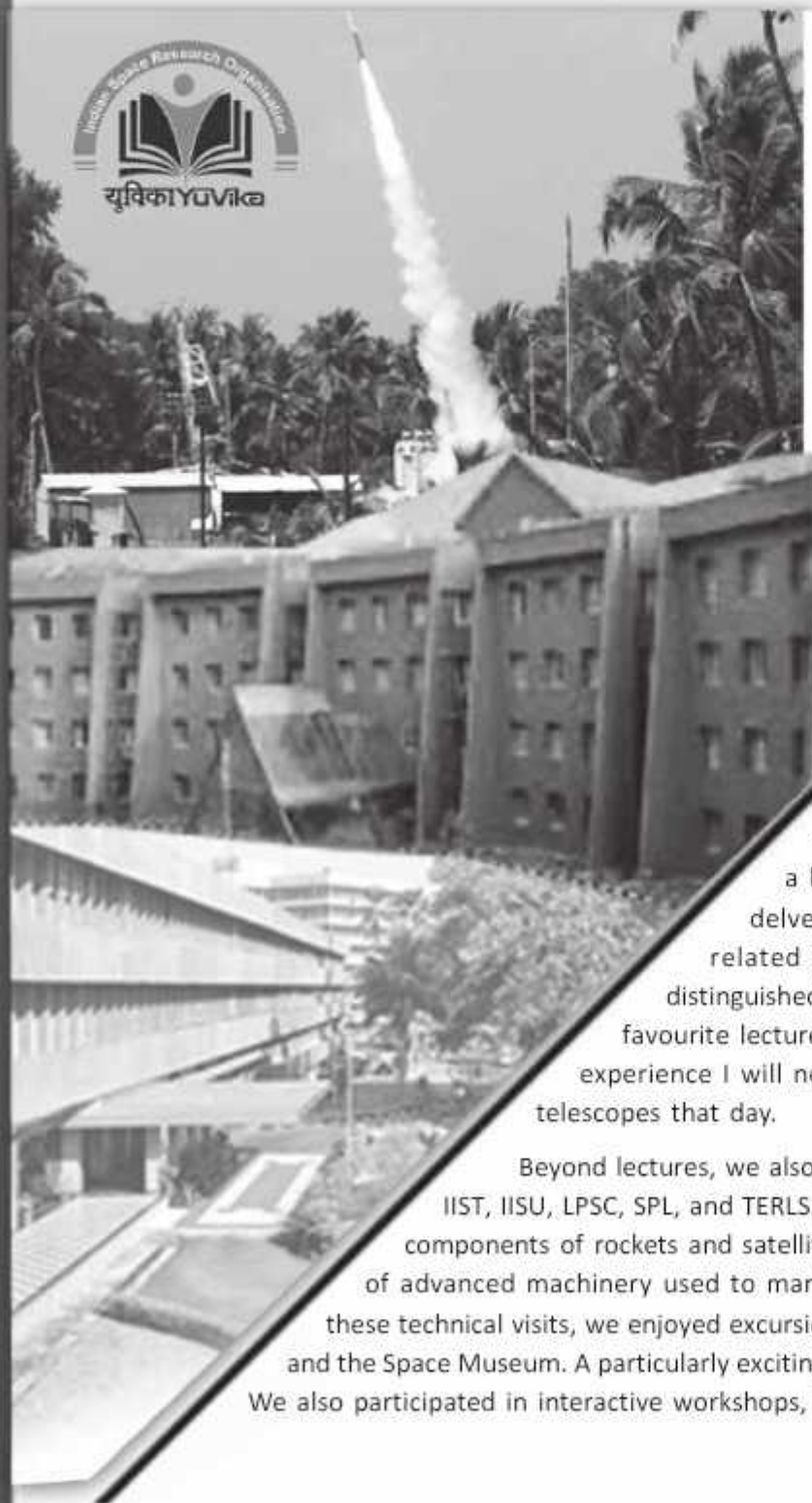
Library whispers revealed tales untold,  
Through books, our imaginations took hold.  
On art's bright canvas, a palette displayed,  
Vivid expressions and emotions conveyed.

Twenty-eight years hence, where innocence once thrived,  
In classrooms where echoes of memories survived.  
My school, a sanctuary of growth and grace,  
A timeless treasure, a cherished place.



# MY YUVIKA EXPERIENCE

Thejel Antony  
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Attending the YUva VigyaniKaryakram (YUVIKA) program was one of the most enlightening experiences of my life. This program made me realize the vastness of science and technology in our country. I am deeply thankful to everyone who was part of this incredible journey.

YUVIKA was a two-week residential program, which meant that I had to stay away from home for an extended period. Initially, this was quite overwhelming—it felt like stepping out of my comfort zone to explore something entirely new. Although I was nervous to go, a part of me was also excited because this was a rare opportunity that only a few could experience.

Coming to the details of the program, we learned extensively about space science and technology. We explored topics such as rocketry, satellite technology, planets, stars, the universe, and much more. I can only provide a brief overview of what we learned because we delved deeply into almost all the important topics related to space. We attended detailed lectures by distinguished scientists working in various fields. One of my favourite lectures was about the basics of sky observation—an experience I will never forget, as we had the opportunity to use telescopes that day.

Beyond lectures, we also had several facility-visits to institutions such as IIST, IISU, LPSC, SPL, and TERLS. These visits allowed us to see various technical components of rockets and satellites firsthand. We also observed the functioning of advanced machinery used to manufacture different components. In addition to these technical visits, we enjoyed excursions to places like the planetarium, Magic Planet, and the Space Museum. A particularly exciting moment was witnessing the Rohini-200 launch. We also participated in interactive workshops, including rocket-making and bot-building.



## REPUBLIC DAY 2025 – NEW DELHI

The journey started from VSSC Central School with 26 cadets towards Pangode Military Station for the Annual Training Camp (ATC). We were so excited, as this was the first time we went without family members for 10 days. We had many drill practices, competitions, cultural events, etc., at ATC. During the competitions, VSSC Central School made remarkable achievements. I was selected for throwball and quiz. Among the competitions, the 'Best Cadet' competition was the highlight. The best cadet would get the opportunity to go to Delhi on Republic Day. From our school, Cdt. Anamika A.S. was selected as the Best Cadet during ATC, as she had a strong commanding voice and leadership skills.

Every cadet dreams of getting selected for the Republic Day Camp (RDC). From our school, only one cadet would get this great opportunity. Thanks to Almighty God that my parents were willing to let me sacrifice four months of academics in the 9th standard, as the camp lasted for four months. Or perhaps my parents trusted that I could manage my studies with



Our daily schedule included morning yoga and evening physical training, which kept us active. However, the best part of the program was undoubtedly the cultural events. Every evening after 7 PM, we engaged in games, competitions, and quizzes, either individually or as teams. One of the most memorable moments was Talent's Day, where we had the chance to showcase our talents in front of everyone.

One of the greatest takeaways from this program was the friendships I built. I made numerous friends from different states, and we spent those two weeks

learning, playing, and enjoying together. There was so much to learn from each of them, and though we 52 students met as strangers, we left as friends.

Writing about YUVIKA always makes me feel like I haven't written enough. Every time I recall the experience, new memories resurface, and I feel the urge to write them down as well. Words are simply not enough to describe how incredible this journey was. I will always be grateful to God and my school for giving me this opportunity. It was truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience that will remain close to my heart forever.



the help of my teachers and friends. Thus, my parents allowed me to accept the chance offered by Pradeep Sir, Judy Teacher, and Beena Prabha Ma'am.

My camp for RDC began with the Inter Battalion Competition (IBC), held at Pangode Military Station. It was full of competitions, including Guard of Honour (GoH), Kartavya Path (KP), Prime Minister's Rally (PMR), and various cultural events like group dance, group song, ballet, and the Best Cadet competition.

The Best Cadet competition consisted of Drill Square Test (DST), Firing, Written Test, Group Discussion, Flag Area Briefing, Line Area Briefing, and an Interview. During IBC, I competed in the Best Cadet category against selected cadets from various schools in the Trivandrum District, representing the Army, Navy, and Air Wing NCC. A Best Cadet must excel in all the above events, along with compering for group songs, group dance, and the Idea & Innovation competition. The competitions were extremely tough. GoH, KP, and PMR required intense drill schedules. Most of the cadets participating in the cultural events had been trained in music, dance, and instruments from a young age.

From IBC, the best cadets from each category were selected for the Pre-Inter Group Competition/ Republic Day Camp-I (Pre-IGC/RDC-1). In this camp, held from 02.10.2024 to 09.10.2024, I faced competition from KVFS Akulam, Loyola, St. Thomas, and St. Joseph schools. The same competitions continued in this camp. After multiple eliminations, I was selected for Pre-IGC-2, held at Pangode from 11.10.2024 to 20.10.2024.

While attending the camp, my grandfather fell ill and was admitted to KIMS Hospital. One morning, I saw my mother with tear-filled eyes, accompanied by my cousin. That's when I learned that my beloved grandfather had passed away. It was a heartbreaking moment. I took an outpass from the camp and went to my native place. I saw him one last time and was ready to quit the camp. My grandfather had always blessed, motivated, and encouraged me in the early stages of my training. After his funeral, with a heavy heart, my parents dropped me back at Pangode. In



the camp, my competitors, seniors, and officers comforted me—an act of kindness that will stay with me forever.

After Pre-IGC-2, only KVFS Akulam, St. Thomas, and VSSC Central School were selected for the next camp, IGC/RDC, held at Calicut Group Headquarters. There, I faced competition from all over Kerala. I attached 12 certificates from various CCA competitions held at VSSC Central School to my biodata, as instructed by Pradeep Sir. During the IGC competition, I attended interviews, where the panel was impressed by my certificates. This gave me the confidence to continue my RDC journey. During group discussions, I was able to compete successfully, thanks to the language skills I had gained from my English teachers, especially Haripriya Teacher and Remya Teacher. The interpersonal skills I developed in school helped me collaborate well with my fellow cadets. After the competitions at IGC, I was awarded the Gold Medal for All Kerala Best Cadet.

Next, three preparatory camps were held at Calicut NCC Group Headquarters (Pre-RD1). Only my competitor and I from 3(K) Air SQN (Ernakulam) attended. After Pre-RD1, I was selected as the Best Cadet to represent the Junior Division Air Wing of Kerala and Lakshadweep Directorate. I then advanced through Pre-RD2 and Pre-RD3, where I received





intense training to represent Kerala at the Republic Day Camp in Delhi. The training focused on improving my communication skills, conduct, bearing, diplomatic handling of situations, and instilling a strong belief that everything I presented represented the ability of Kerala.

Then came the Launch Camp at Pangode Military Station, where we were provided with uniforms, tracksuits, thermal wear, shoes, boots, etc. On 24.12.2024, we departed for Delhi by Rajdhani Express. The three-day train journey was unforgettable. We arrived at Cariappa Parade Ground, Delhi Cantt, a place that exuded patriotism.

When we arrived, the temperature was only 7°C. Strict military bag checks were conducted. A total of 172 cadets from the Kerala and Lakshadweep Directorate were selected across Junior and Senior (Army, Navy, and Air Wing) categories, including 45 band cadets. Despite the harsh climatic conditions, we underwent intense training, including DST, Firing, Written Tests, Interviews, Flag Area Briefing, Group Discussions, and Line Area Training. On 06.01.2025,

during a firing range session, we experienced a heavy hailstorm—an unforgettable experience. Slowly, we adapted to the climate and food habits.

I participated in Flag Area Briefing, Line Area, Compering for Group Song, and Group Discussions with cadets from 17 NCC Directorates across India. I also took part in an interview.

A film screening of 'Sky Force' was organized at our camp, and Shri Akshay Kumar visited us that day. We had opportunities to attend several tea parties with VIPs.

We were taken on a Delhi tour, visiting India Gate, Prime Minister's Museum, Qutub Minar, Sarojini Market, and Dilli Haat.

On 25.01.2025, we attended the Full Dress Rehearsal of the Republic Day Parade at Kartavya Path, followed by the Prime Minister's Rally at Cariappa Parade Ground on 24.01.2025.

Among us, 30 cadets were selected for the Home Visit of the Air Chief Marshal. I was one of them. I also compered the Group Song and represented India before cadets from Nepal, Russia, and Bhutan at the Youth Exchange Program.

During RDC, I met the Prime Minister, President, Vice President, Defence Minister, Delhi Chief Minister, Chiefs of the Three Armed Forces, Chief of Defence Staff, and Director General of NCC.

Throughout my journey, I remembered Pradeep Sir's words: *"Whenever you are in your uniform, you are an officer. Embrace it always."*

I am grateful to my teachers, friends, parents, and Almighty God for their unwavering support.

Jai Hind!





SPACE DAY LECTURES



Lecture on 'Introduction to Aerospace Technology' by  
Sri Sheeju Chandran, Sci. Engineer, MSA

SPACE DAY LECTURES



**NATIONAL SPACE DAY**  
Touching lives while touching the Moon: India's Space Saga



A mini exhibition organised by the school Science Department



Visit to National Space Day Exhibition, Kanakakkunnu









# Children's Day CELEBRATION



*Nurturing Childhood. Shaping Tomorrow...*





# ഓണാഘോഷം 2023







# ഓണം കേൾപ്പാൻ 2024







## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS 2023







# INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS 2024





# Republic Day 2024



# Republic Day 2025





# KG ANNUAL REPORT

The VSSC KG School is administered by the Management Committee, which comprises the Senior Head PGA as the Patron, the Vice Principal as the Chairman, the Senior Primary Teacher as the Alternate Chairperson, along with the Accounts Officer, Administrative Officer, and two Parent Representatives.

The school currently has 120 students enrolled, and we strongly believe in the holistic development of children. Our students receive training not only in academics but also in co-curricular activities such as dance, music, and sports. Special attention is given to enhancing their communication skills and life skills, and we are committed to providing a value-based education. Parents are always welcome to visit the school to observe and understand their children's progress in both academics and extracurricular activities. We also organize Open House sessions to facilitate interaction between parents and teachers.

## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND CELEBRATIONS

### 1. Weekly Assembly and Colour Day

The Weekly Assembly is conducted every Wednesday and is celebrated as Colour Day. A specific colour is chosen each week, and students are encouraged to wear outfits and bring objects related to that colour, making the activity both educational and engaging.

### 2. Onam Celebrations – 25th August 2023

The festival of Onam was celebrated with great enthusiasm on 25th August 2023. Students created beautiful Athapookkalam (floral arrangements), and sweets were distributed to mark the occasion.

### 3. Educational Tour – 10th November 2023

An Educational Tour was organized on 10th November 2023, where students were taken to Akkulam Park. The trip provided a refreshing

outdoor learning experience for the children.

### 4. Annual Sports Meet – 24th November 2023

The Annual Sports Meet was held on 24th November 2023, with Shri K. Krishnan, Assistant Commandant, CISF, VSSC, as the Chief Guest, and Smt. Beena Prabha, Principal, VSSC Central School, as the Guest of Honour. The Committee Members played an active role in assisting the KG staff in organizing the event successfully.

A special mention is given to Shri Jayakumar, Shri Pradeep, Shri Sumesh, and the students of VSSC Central School for their invaluable support in conducting the event. All our students participated with enthusiasm and showcased their skills. Motivational prizes were awarded to all participants to encourage their efforts. I extend my sincere gratitude to the students and parents, whose presence contributed to the event's success.

### 5. Children's Day Celebrations – 14th November 2023

Children's Day was celebrated on 14th November 2023 with a special assembly. Students delivered a short speech on "Chachaji" (Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru), and sweets were distributed to all.

### 6. School Annual Day – 19th November 2023

The Annual Day Celebration for the academic year 2022-23 was held on 19th November 2023 at the VSSC Central School Auditorium from 4:00 PM onwards. Smt. Sreelatha P, Scientist/Engineer SG, Division Head HRDD, and Smt. Pushpa R. Menon, Principal, VSSC Central School, graced the occasion as Chief Guests. The students presented vibrant and culturally rich performances, making the event truly memorable.





# മുത്തശ്ശി

ആയിരം നെയ്ത്തിരി കത്തിച്ചു വച്ചപ്പോൾ  
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ഒരു ചെടി വയ്ക്കാൻ വെള്ളമൊഴിക്കാൻ  
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## കടങ്കഥകൾ

മുറ്റത്തെ ചെപ്പിനു അടപ്പില്ല?  
കിണർ

ആയിരം കിലികൾക്ക് ഒറ്റക്കൊക്ക്  
വാഴക്കുല

ഇട്ടാൽ പൊട്ടും ഇംഗ്ലീഷ് മുട്ട  
കടുക്

മുള്ളൂണ്ട് മുരിക്കല്ല കയ്പുണ്ട് കാഞ്ഞിരമല്ല  
പാവയ്ക്ക

ആയിരം പോലീസുകാർക്ക് ഒരു ബെൽറ്റ്  
ചുല്

കണ്ടാലൊരു വണ്ടി, തൊട്ടാലൊരു ചക്രം?  
തേരട്ട

കുത്തുന്ന കാളയ്ക്ക് പിന്നിൽ കണ്ണ്  
സൂചി

മലയിൽ അമ്മയ്ക്ക് നെറുകയിൽ പൂവ്  
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മുട്ട

അടി മുളച്ച്, നടുക്കാട്, തല പൂവ്  
പൈനാപ്പിൾ

## ജീവിതം

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ആമ്പൽപ്പൂയുടെ തിരത്ത്  
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നക്ഷത്രങ്ങളോ മേഘത്തിന്റെ  
ഓളങ്ങളിൽ മറഞ്ഞുപോയി  
ജീവിതമോ ദുഃഖത്തിന്റെ  
നൊമ്പരത്തിൽ മറന്നുപോയി  
പക്ഷികളുടെ പാട്ടുകൾ കാറ്റിൽ പാറി നടന്നു.  
മഴ ഇടിയും മിന്നലുമായി വന്നു  
അലകൾ കാറ്റുമായി വന്നു  
ഇതെല്ലാം ആസ്വദിച്ച് എന്റെ  
ജീവിതം മുൻപോട്ടു പോയി.





# ഒരു അവധിക്കാല ഓർമ്മക്കുറിപ്പ്

നാളെയാണ് വിഷു. അതിനാൽത്തന്നെ വീട്ടുകാ രെല്ലാം വിഷുക്കണി ഒരുക്കുന്ന തിരക്കിലായിരുന്നു. പുലർച്ചെ അച്ഛനാണ് എന്നെ ഉണർത്തിയത്. എന്റെ രണ്ട് കണ്ണുകളും കൈകൊണ്ട് മറച്ച് കണി കാണുവാനായി കൊണ്ടുപോയി. വിഷുപ്പുലരിയിലെ ആ മനോഹര ദൃശ്യം കൺകുളിർക്കെ കണ്ട് പ്രാർത്ഥിച്ചു.

അച്ഛൻ പറഞ്ഞത് പോലെ എന്നെയും അനുജനെയും വീടിനടുത്തുള്ള പുഴയിലേക്ക് കൊണ്ട് പോയി. വളരെ സന്തോഷത്തോടെയും ആശ്ചര്യത്തോടെയും ഞാൻ പുഴയിലേക്കിറങ്ങി. ആ തണുത്ത വെള്ളത്തിൽ കളിക്കാൻ നല്ല രസമായിരുന്നു. പെട്ടെന്ന് പുല്ലുകൾക്കിടയിൽ മഞ്ഞനിറത്തിലുള്ള ഒരു ഇഴജന്തുവിനെ ഞാൻ കണ്ടു. ശ്രദ്ധിച്ച് നോക്കിയപ്പോഴാണ് അത് ഒരു പാമ്പാണെന്ന് മനസ്സിലായത്. ഞാൻ പേടിച്ച് അച്ഛനോട് കാര്യം പറഞ്ഞു. അച്ഛൻ ഒരു വിധം അതിനെ ഓടിച്ചുവിട്ടു. ഉച്ചയ്ക്ക് വിഷു സദ്യയും വിഷുക്കുട്ടയും പായസവും കഴിച്ചു. വൈകുന്നേരം അമ്മവിട്ടിലേക്ക് പോയി. അവിടെച്ചെന്നിട്ട് പടക്കവും കമ്പിപ്പുത്തിരിയും മത്താപ്പുവുമൊക്കെ കത്തിച്ച് ആഘോഷിച്ചു. ആ യാത്ര എനിക്ക് മറക്കാ നാവാത്ത ഒരുപാട് ഓർമ്മകൾ സമ്മാനിച്ചു.

ഭംഗിയാണ് ലോകത്തിന്റെ രഹസ്യം  
പുഴകൾ, കാടുകൾ, മരങ്ങൾ എന്തുഭംഗി  
ആരും കണ്ണു വച്ചുപോകും ഈ ഭൂമിയെ  
ആരും ഒന്നു കൊതിച്ചുപോകും ഈ ഭൂമിയിലേക്ക്  
അലിയുവാൻ

ഇനിയും ഏറെ അറിയാനുള്ള ഭൂമി  
ഈ ഭംഗിയുള്ള ഭൂമിയെ ചവരുകൾ കൊണ്ട്  
നശിപ്പിക്കരുത്  
നശിപ്പിക്കരുത് ഈ കിളികളെ, മരങ്ങളെ, പുഴകളെ  
മൃഗങ്ങളെ നശിപ്പിക്കരുത്, ഇവയെ, ഇവയും ഈ  
ഭൂമിയിലാണ് വസിക്കുന്നത്.

ഒരുമിച്ച് കൈകോർക്കാം ഈ ഭൂമിയുടെ ഭംഗിയെ നിലനിർത്തുവാൻ



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# ആകാശത്തിലെ നീലനിറം

മഴക്കു തവളികൾ ഓടിവാ....  
മഴവിൽ കുളിർമ്മ തകാണ്ടുവാ....  
നിറക്കു നിറക്കു നിറങ്ങളാൽ  
പഞ്ഞികപാതയെ മെല്ലെവും  
ആകാശത്തിലെ നീലനിറം  
എന്നു തട്ടിക്കുണർത്തുന്നു  
തവളിലും മഴയ്ക്കും പൊക്കുമ്പോൾ  
ഏഴ് നിറങ്ങളാൽ നിറഞ്ഞുനിൽക്കും  
മഴവിൽ ചന്തമെ ഓടിവാ.....

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## ക്ഷമയുടെ നന്മ

ഒരിക്കൽ ഒരിടത്ത് ഒരു ക്ഷേത്രത്തിലേക്കുള്ള വഴിയരികിൽ ഒരു റോസാച്ചെടി ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. അതിന്റെ ചുവട്ടിലായി ഒരു പാറക്കല്ലും ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. ക്ഷേത്രത്തിലേയ്ക്കു പോകുന്നവർ ഈ പാറയിൽ ചവിട്ടി നിന്നുകൊണ്ട് റോസാപ്പൂക്കൾ പഠിച്ചെടുത്ത് ക്ഷേത്രത്തിൽ ദേവനു സമർപ്പിക്കുവാൻ കൊണ്ടുപോകുമായിരുന്നു.

ഈ ചെടിയിലെ റോസാ പൂഷ്പങ്ങൾ വളരെ അഹങ്കാരികളായിരുന്നു. അവർ പാറക്കല്ലിനെ എന്നും പരിഹസിക്കുമായിരുന്നു. നിന്നെ എന്തിനുകൊള്ളാം, നിന്നെ എല്ലാവരും ചവിട്ടുന്നു, ഞങ്ങളെ ദേവന്റെ കിരീടത്തിൽ വയ്ക്കുന്നു, എല്ലാവും ചുംബിക്കുന്നു, തലയിൽ ചൂടുന്നു." ഇതെല്ലാം കേട്ടിട്ടും പാറക്കല്ല് മറുപടി പറയാതെ സഹിക്കുകയും ക്ഷമിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു.



അങ്ങനെയിരിക്കുമ്പോൾ ആ ക്ഷേത്രത്തിലെ പുനരുദ്ധാരണം വന്നു. അതിനായി അവിടെയെത്തിയ ശില്പി ഈ പാറക്കല്ലിനെ കണ്ടു. അത് ഈ ക്ഷേത്രത്തിലേക്കുള്ള ദേവന്റെ പുതിയ ശില്പത്തിന് യോജിച്ചതാണെന്നു മനസ്സിലാക്കി അതിനെ എടുത്തുകൊണ്ടുപോയി. ശില്പിയുടെ ഉളിയും ചുറ്റികയും കൊണ്ടുള്ള അനേകം അടിയും കുത്തും പാറ സഹിച്ചു. ഒടുവിൽ പാറക്കല്ല് മനോഹരമായ ഒരു ദേവന്റെ ശില്പമായി മാറി.

ഇപ്പോൾ ഭക്തർ റോസാപൂഷ്പങ്ങൾ പഠിച്ചെടുത്ത് മുമ്പ് റോസാ പൂഷ്പങ്ങൾ പരിഹസിച്ചിരുന്ന അതേ പാറക്കല്ലിനാൽ നിർമ്മിച്ച ദേവന്റെ കാൽക്കൽ വയ്ക്കുന്നു.

ഓർക്കുക ക്ഷമ നമ്മെ വാനോളം ഉയർത്തും.

Illustration : Avantika Nair 8 A



# ചില കൗതുകങ്ങൾ

ഒരു പാറ്റയ്ക്ക് ഒരാഴ്ചയിലധികം തലയില്ലാതെ ജീവിക്കാൻ കഴിയും  
ഒരു കൊഞ്ചിന്റെ ഹൃദയം അതിന്റെ തലയിലാണ്  
പച്ചക്കുതിരയ്ക്ക് വയറ്റിൽ ചെവികളുണ്ട്  
പല്ലികൾ അതിന്റെ നാവാണ് മണക്കാൻ ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്നത്  
ചിത്രശലഭങ്ങൾ അതിന്റെ കാലുകൊണ്ടാണ് സ്വാദ് അറിയുന്നത്.

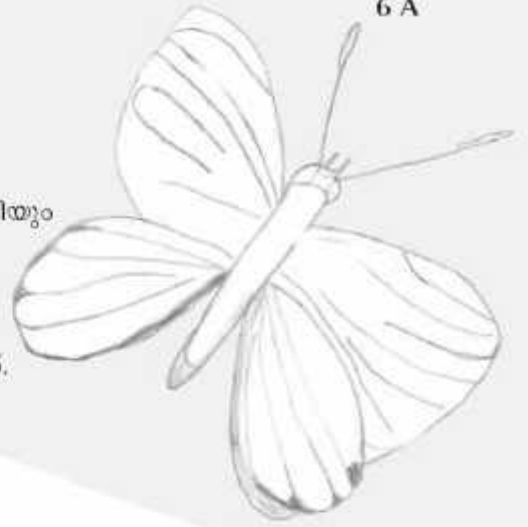


Illustration : Josmin M George 8B

# കുസൃതി ചോദ്യങ്ങൾ



Illustration : Anjana A.S 8B

- + സ്വന്തമായി കസേരയുള്ള മാൻ - ചെയർമാൻ
- + കുലിപ്പണിക്കാരന് പറ്റാത്ത പണി - വിപണി
- + എല്ലാവരും ബഹുമാനിക്കുന്ന തല - ചുമതല
- + രണ്ടുപേരും കണ്ടു പത്തുപേർ എടുത്തു ഒരാൾ രുചിച്ചു - കണ്ണ്, കൈ, നാവ്
- + അക്കരെ വെടി പൊട്ടുമ്പോൾ ഇക്കരെ കൂട വിരിയും - കൂൺ
- + ഒരു സ്ഥലപ്പേര് ആദ്യത്തെ 2 അക്ഷരം വീട് കെട്ടാൻ ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്ന സാധനം, ആദ്യത്തെ 3 അക്ഷരം പ്രശസ്തമായ ഒരു കഥാപാത്രം അവസാനത്തെ 2 അക്ഷരം ഒരു വൃക്ഷം, ഏതാണോ സ്ഥലം - കട്ടപ്പന

മേലം കറുത്തല്ലോ  
ഭൂമി ഇരുണ്ടല്ലോ  
മിന്നലും വന്നല്ലോ  
ഇടിയും മുഴങ്ങുന്നേ  
പളുങ്കു മുത്തുകൾ പോലെ  
പേമാരി പെയ്തല്ലോ  
ഒഴുകുന്ന വെള്ളത്തിൽ  
കാലൊന്നു തൊട്ടപ്പോൾ  
ഇക്കിളി കൂട്ടുന്ന കല്ലുകൾ ആഹാ  
പിന്നെയും പെയ്യുന്നു  
പെയ്തങ്ങു തോർന്നല്ലോ  
അയ്യോ നി പോകല്ലേ  
ഞാനും നിവർത്തട്ടെ പുത്തൻ കൂട

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# മഴഞ്ഞ്ചാലുകൾ

- + അങ്ങാടിയിൽ തോറ്റതിന് അമ്മയോട്
- + അച്ഛനിച്ചിട്ടും വൈദ്യൻ കല്പിച്ചതും പാല്
- + കുരയ്ക്കും പട്ടി കടിക്കില്ല
- + ചങ്ങാതി നന്നായാൽ കണ്ണാടി വേണ്ട
- + ഇടിവെട്ടിയവനെ പാമ്പു കടിച്ചു
- + ആന മെലിഞ്ഞാൽ തൊഴുത്തിൽ കെട്ടുമോ
- + ഐക്യമത്യം മഹാബലം
- + ഗതികെട്ടാൽ പുലി പുല്ലും തിന്നും
- + ചൊട്ടയിലെ ശീലം ചുടല വരെ
- + കുറുക്കന്റെ കണ്ണ് കോഴിക്കുട്ടിൽ

- + അടി തെറ്റിയാൽ ആനയും വീഴും.
- + കണ്ടാലറിയാത്തവൻ കൊണ്ടാലറിയും
- + ഒരുമയുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ഉലക്കമേലും കിടക്കാം
- + ഒന്നു ചിഞ്ഞാൽ മറ്റൊന്നിനു വളം
- + കാക്കയ്ക്കും തൻ കുഞ്ഞ് പൊൻകുഞ്ഞ്
- + കാള പെറ്റെന്ന് കേട്ട് കയറെടുക്കുക
- + കൊന്നാൽ പാപം തിന്നാൽ തീരും
- + ചിരട്ടയിലെ വെള്ളം ഉറുമ്പിന് സമുദ്രം
- + ചോറിങ്ങും കുറങ്ങും
- + ഒന്നേ ഉള്ളുവെങ്കിൽ ഉലക്ക കൊണ്ടടിക്കണം
- + കുറച്ചു ഭക്ഷണം കഴിച്ചാൽ കൂടുതൽ ജീവിക്കാം
- + കയ്യിട്ട് ഇറക്കാനും വയ്ക്കു മധുരിച്ചിട്ട് തൃപ്താനും വയ്ക്കു
- + അത്താഴം മുടക്കാൻ നീർക്കോലി മതി
- + ആറ്റിൽ കളഞ്ഞാലും അളന്നു കളയണം
- + എലിയെ പിടിക്കും പുച്ചു കലവുമുടയ്ക്കും

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മുളയിലറിയാം വിള  
വിത്താഴം ചെന്നാൽ പത്തായം നിറയും  
കുറ്റൻമരവും കാറ്റത്തിളകും  
കാലത്തെ വിതച്ചാൽ നേരത്തെ കൊയ്താം  
ആഴത്തിൽ ഉഴുത് അകലെ നടണം  
നട്ടാലേ നേട്ടമുള്ളൂ  
മുൻവിള പൊൻവിള  
മണ്ണുവിറ്റ് പൊന്നുവാങ്ങരുത്  
ഉടമയുടെ കണ്ണ് ഒന്നാത്തരം വളം  
കതിരിൽ വളം വച്ചിട്ട് കാര്യമില്ല  
അമരത്തടത്തിൽ തവള കരയണം  
ആരിയൻ വിതച്ച നവര കൊയ്യാമോ?  
ഉരിയരിക്കാരന് എന്നും ഉരിയരിതന്നെ  
ഉഴവിൽ തന്നെ കള തീർക്കണം.  
ഒരു വിളവിതച്ചാൽ പല വിത്ത് വിളയില്ല

## കൃഷിചാലുകൾ



Illustration : Kalpita Kumari Rana 98





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## കന്യാകുമാരി യാത്ര

ഞാൻ എന്റെ ജീവിതത്തിൽ ഒരിക്കലും മറക്കാനാവാത്ത ഒരു യാത്രയെക്കുറിച്ചാണ് ഇവിടെ വിശദീകരിക്കുന്നത്. എന്റെ കുടുംബവും എന്റെ അച്ഛന്റെ കൂട്ടുകാരന്റെ കുടുംബവും കൂടിയാണ് മഹേന്ദ്രഗിരിയും, കന്യാകുമാരിയും കാണാൻ പോയത്. അതിരാവിലെ ഞങ്ങൾ ഒരു കാറിൽ പുറപ്പെട്ടു. ഡാൻസും, പാട്ടും കളിയും ചിരിയുമായി കാറിൽ ചിലവഴിച്ചു. പോകുന്നവഴി ഞങ്ങൾ ഒരു മലയിൽ സ്ഥിതിചെയ്യുന്ന ജൈനമത അമ്പലത്തിലേക്ക് പോയി. ആ മലയിൽ നിന്ന് നോക്കിയാൽ അതിമനോഹരമായ മലനിരകൾ കാണാം. ഞങ്ങൾ മലയിറങ്ങി യാത്ര തുടർന്നു. ഞങ്ങൾ പിന്നെ കേരളം, തമിഴ്നാട് ബോർഡർ കഴിഞ്ഞപ്പോൾ കാറിൽ വച്ച് അച്ഛന്റെ കൂട്ടുകാരൻ പറഞ്ഞത് ഏതോ ഒരു വെള്ളച്ചാട്ടം കാണാൻ പോകാം എന്നാണ് പിന്നെയാണ് എനിക്ക് മനസ്സിലായത് ആ വെള്ളച്ചാട്ടത്തിന്റെ പേര് ത്രിപ്പരപ്പ് എന്നാണ്. ഞങ്ങൾ അവിടേക്ക് പോയി. അവിടെ പാർക്കും ഒരു വലിയ പാലവുമുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. അവിടെന്ന് നോക്കിയാൽ ഒരു



മനോഹരമായ നദി ഒഴുകി വരുന്നത് കാണാം. ഞങ്ങൾ അവിടെ നിന്ന് മഹേന്ദ്രഗിരിയിലേക്ക് പുറപ്പെട്ടു. വഴിയിൽ നിറയെ കാറ്റാടിയന്ത്രങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. ഞങ്ങൾ മഹേന്ദ്രഗിരിയിലെ ഗസ്റ്റ് ഹൗസിലാണ് താമസിക്കുന്നത്. അവിടെ എത്തിയപ്പോൾ രാത്രിയായി ഗസ്റ്റ് ഹൗസിലേക്ക് പോകണമെങ്കിലും ഒരു സെക്യൂരിറ്റി വൻ ശരീര പരിശോധന ചെയ്യും. ഗസ്റ്റ് ഹൗസിന്റെ പുറത്ത് ഞങ്ങൾ പന്നിയെയും നിറയെ മാനുക്കളെയും കണ്ടു. റിസോർട്ടിൽ നിന്ന് അത്താഴം കഴിച്ച് അവിടെത്തെ മുറിയിൽ വിശ്രമിക്കാൻ പോയി. അവിടെ മൂന്ന് ഫാനും രണ്ട് എ.സി.യും ഒരു ടി.വിയും മൂന്നു കട്ടിലുമുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. ഞങ്ങൾ നേരെ മുറിയിൽ പോയി കിടന്നുറങ്ങി. പിറ്റേ ദിവസം കൂട്ടിച്ച് വൃത്തിയായി പ്രഭാതഭക്ഷണം കഴിച്ചു. പിന്നെ ഞങ്ങൾ കാനിൽ കന്യാകുമാരിയിലേക്ക് പോയി. ബോട്ടിലൂടെ വിവേകാനന്ദ പാറയിലേക്ക് പോയി. മൂന്നു കടലുകൾ ഒന്നുചേരുന്ന സ്ഥലമാണ് കന്യാകുമാരി. മൂന്നുകടലുകൾ ഒന്നുചേരുന്ന സ്ഥലമാണ് ത്രിവേണിസംഗമം. വിവേകാനന്ദപ്പാറയിൽ നിന്ന് മൂന്ന് നിറത്തിലുള്ള കടലുകൾ ഒന്നുചേരുന്ന സ്ഥലം കാണാം. ആ പാറയിൽ രണ്ട് ഗോപുരം ഉണ്ട്. അവിടെ നിന്ന് ഞങ്ങൾ ബോട്ടിൽ തിരിച്ചുവന്നു. കന്യാകുമാരിയുടെ കടൽ തീരത്ത് പോയി വെള്ളത്തിൽ ഇറങ്ങി കളിച്ചു. ആ കടൽ തീരത്ത് മണ്ണില്ലായിരുന്നു, പകരം അവിടെ ചിപ്പിയുടെയും ശാഖിന്റെയും പൊടിപോലെയുള്ള തരികളായിരുന്നു. ഞങ്ങൾ അവിടെ നിന്ന് പലതരം മാലകൾ വാങ്ങി. പിന്നെ സൂര്യാസ്തമയവും കണ്ട് ഗസ്റ്റ് ഹൗസിലേക്ക് മടങ്ങി. ഗസ്റ്റ് ഹൗസിൽ നിന്ന് ഭക്ഷണം കഴിച്ചു. അന്ന് രാത്രി ചപ്പാത്തിയും പന്നീറും തൈരുമായിരുന്നു ഭക്ഷണം. ഞങ്ങളുടെ മുറി ഒന്നാമത്തെ നിലയിലായിരുന്നു. അവിടെ ടേബിൾ ടെന്നീസ് ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. ഞങ്ങൾ വേഗം പോയി ടെന്നീസ് കളിച്ചു.

പിന്നെ ഒൻപതുമണിയായപ്പോൾ മുറിയിൽ പോയി ഉറങ്ങി. പിറ്റേ ദിവസം രാവിലെ കൂട്ടിച്ച് വൃത്തിയായി ബാഗ് പാക്ക് ചെയ്തു. താഴെ ബാഗും എടുത്ത് ഭക്ഷണം കഴിക്കാൻ പോയി. പ്രഭാത ഭക്ഷണം പൊങ്കലായിരുന്നു. ഞങ്ങൾ ഭക്ഷണം കഴിച്ച് കഴിഞ്ഞ് റൂമിന്റെ കീ കൊടുത്ത് തിരുവനന്തപുരത്തേക്ക് മടങ്ങി. ഗസ്റ്റ് ഹൗസിന്റെ ചുറ്റുവട്ടം കാണാൻ നല്ല ഭംഗിയാണ്. ഗസ്റ്റ് ഹൗസ് ഐ.എസ്.ആർ.ഒ യുടെയാണ്. എന്റെ ജീവിതത്തിലെ ഏറ്റവും നല്ല അനുഭവമായിരുന്നു കന്യാകുമാരി യാത്ര.



Illustration : Gayathri P.P 6 A

## ആനയും ഉറുമ്പുകളും

പണ്ട് പണ്ട് ഒരു കാട്ടിൽ ഒരു ആന ഉണ്ടാക്കിരുന്നു. ഔഞ്ചു എന്നൊക്കിരുന്നു. അവന്റെ പേര്. അവൻ വലിയ ശക്തനും അഹങ്കാരിയുമായിരുന്നു. കാട്ടിലെ രാജാവായ സിംഹം പോലും അവനെ കണ്ടാൽ പേടിച്ചു വിറയ്ക്കും. ഒരിക്കൽ ഔഞ്ചു കാട്ടിലൂടെ നടക്കുമ്പോൾ വലിയൊരു ഉറുമ്പിൻകൂട് കണ്ടു. അവൻ മനപ്പൂർവ്വം അത് തകർക്കുക. ഉറുമ്പുകൾക്ക് ദേഷ്യം വന്നു. അവരിൽ ഒരുരൻ ഔഞ്ചുവിനെ ഉപദ്രവിക്കാൻ ചെന്നു. അപ്പോൾ കൂട്ടരതിലെ വെണ്ണന്നുറുമ്പ് പറഞ്ഞു. "നിൽകൂ, നീ ഒറ്റയ്ക്ക് പോലാൽ അവൻ നിന്നെ കൊല്ലും. അതുകൊണ്ട്, നമുക്ക് ഒരുമിച്ച് ചെന്ന് അവനോട് പകരം വീട്ടാം." കൂട്ടരതിലെ ബുദ്ധിമാനായ ഉറുമ്പ് പറഞ്ഞു. "നമ്മൾക്കൊരുമിച്ച് അവന്റെ ചെവിയിൽ കയറി ആക്രമിക്കാം? അവർ അവരുടെ ഉപാധം നടപ്പിലാക്കി. ഔഞ്ചു നിലവിളിച്ചുകൊണ്ടോടി. അവസാനം രക്ഷപ്പെട്ടതെ ഔഞ്ചു ഉറുമ്പുകളോട് മാപ്പ് അപേക്ഷിച്ചു. ഉറുമ്പുകൾ അവനെ വെറുതെ വീട്ടി. അങ്ങനെ ഔഞ്ചുവിന്റെ അഹങ്കാരം ഇല്ലാതായി.

ഗുണപാഠം : അഹങ്കാരം ആപരത്



# എന്റെ



ഒരുപാട് സന്തോഷമുള്ള ഒരു ദിവസം. ഇന്ന് 16.10.2024 ന് നമ്മുടെ യാത്ര ആരംഭിക്കുന്നു. എന്റെ അപ്പനും അമ്മയും അപ്പുപ്പനും അമ്മുമ്മയും അനിയനുമാണ് ഇന്നു നമ്മുടെ കൂടെ വരുന്നത്. 16.10.24 ന് രാവിലെ 4.00 മണിയായപ്പോൾ ഞങ്ങൾ വീട്ടിൽ നിന്ന് തിരിച്ചു. മനോഹരമായ ഒരു യാത്രയുടെ തുടക്കമായിരുന്നു.

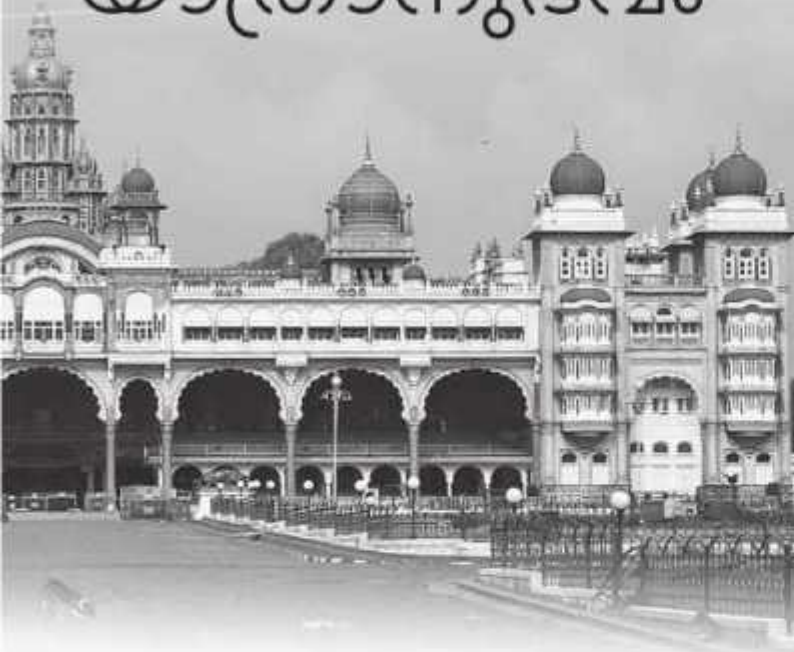
7 മണിയായപ്പോൾ നമ്മൾ കൊട്ടാരക്കര ശിവക്ഷേത്രത്തിൽ എത്തി. ദർശനം നടത്തിയ ശേഷം ഞങ്ങൾ അവിടുന്ന് ഇറങ്ങി. കുറച്ച് കഴിഞ്ഞ് ഞങ്ങൾ പത്തനംതിട്ടയിലെത്തി. അവിടുത്തെ ആറന്മുള ദേവി ക്ഷേത്രത്തിൽ എത്തി. അവിടെ അടുത്തുള്ള പമ്പ നദി കാണണം എന്നുള്ളതു കൊണ്ട് ഞങ്ങൾ ദർശനം നടത്തിയ ശേഷം പമ്പാനദി കാണാൻ പോയി അതിമനോഹരമായിരുന്നു ആ കാഴ്ച. പമ്പ നദിയിലാണ് നെഹ്റു ട്രോഫി വള്ളംകളി നടക്കുന്നത്. അവിടുന്ന് ഞങ്ങൾ ശ്രീ വടക്കുംനാഥ ക്ഷേത്രം കാണാൻ തൃശൂരിലേക്കു പോയി. വലിയ ഒരു ക്ഷേത്രമായിരുന്നു അത്. ആ ക്ഷേത്രം കണ്ടശേഷം പാലക്കാട് ഉത്രാളിക്കാവ് കാണാൻ പോയി. കണ്ണത്താ ദൂരത്തോളം വയലുകൾ. ആ വയലുകൾക്ക് നടുവിലായി മനോഹരമായ ഒരു ക്ഷേത്രം. അതിനിടയിലൂടെ ഒരു റെയിൽവേട്രാക്കുമുണ്ട്. നമ്മൾ അവിടെ നിന്നപ്പോൾ തന്നെ ഒരു തീവണ്ടിയും അതുവഴി പോയി. എത്രനേരം നിന്നാലും മതിവരാത്ത മനോഹരമായ കാഴ്ചയായിരുന്നു അവിടത്തേത്. അവിടുന്ന് മനസ്സില്ലാ മനസ്സോടെ നമ്മൾ മുന്നോട്ട് യാത്രയായി. രാത്രി 9 മണി ആയപ്പോൾ റൂമിൽ എത്തി. പക്ഷെ നിർഭാഗ്യവശാൽ റൂം വളരെ മോശമായിരുന്നു.

അടുത്ത ദിവസം രാവിലെ റൂമിൽ നിന്ന് തിരിച്ചു മസിനഗുഡി വഴി ഊട്ടി കാണാൻ പോയി. ഞങ്ങൾ മസിനഗുഡിയിലേക്ക് തിരിച്ച് 11.00 മണിയായപ്പോൾ ഞങ്ങൾ തമിഴ് നാട്ടിലെത്തി. ഞാൻ 10-ാംമത്തെ തവണയാണ് തമിഴ് നാട്ടിൽ വരുന്നത്. പോകുന്ന വഴി മുഴുവൻ കാടായിരുന്നു. ഈ യാത്രയിൽക്കൂടെ ഞങ്ങൾക്ക് വനത്തിന്റെ ഭംഗി ആസ്വദിക്കാൻ കഴിഞ്ഞു. ഏകദേശം ഒരു 1.00 മണി സമയമായപ്പോൾ ഞങ്ങൾ മസിനഗുഡി എത്തി. സാധാരണ കാടുപോലല്ല മസിനഗുഡി. വലിയ മരങ്ങൾ ഒന്നുമില്ല. ചെറിയ കുന്ന് പോലുള്ള സ്ഥലങ്ങൾ. ഇടയ്ക്ക് ചെറിയ മരങ്ങളുണ്ട്. മസിനഗുഡി വഴി ഊട്ടി എത്താൻ 36 ഹെയർ പിൻ വളവുകൾ കഴിയണം. ആ 36 എണ്ണവും കഴിഞ്ഞ

ഞങ്ങൾ മലയ്ക്കു മുകളിൽ ഒരു പട്ടണത്തിലെത്തി. കുറച്ച് കഴിഞ്ഞാൽ ഊട്ടി എത്തും എന്ന് എന്നോട് അപ്പൻ പറഞ്ഞു. ആ പോകുന്ന വഴി ഒരു കാഴ്ച കാണാൻ റോഡിനടുത്ത് വണ്ടി നിർത്തി. ഞങ്ങൾ അങ്ങോട്ട് ചെന്നു. അവിടുన్నുള്ള കാഴ്ച വിവരിക്കാൻ കഴിയാത്തതായിരുന്നു. ആ കാഴ്ച കണ്ടശേഷം ഞങ്ങൾ യാത്ര തുടർന്നു. കുറച്ചുകഴിഞ്ഞപ്പോൾ ഞങ്ങൾ ഊട്ടിയിലെത്തി. ഊട്ടി വളരെ മനോഹരമായ ഒരു നഗരമാണ്. ഒരുപാട് നിറങ്ങളിൽ ഉള്ള വീടുകൾ തട്ടുതട്ടായി പണിതിരിക്കുന്നു. നിർഭാഗ്യവശാൽ ഞങ്ങൾ എത്തിയതും മഴ തുടങ്ങി. അതിനാൽ ഞങ്ങൾ റൂമിൽ പോയി വിശ്രമിച്ചു. അടുത്ത ദിവസം രാവിലെ ഞങ്ങൾ ഭക്ഷണം കഴിച്ച ശേഷം ടോയ് ട്രെയിൻ കാണാൻ പോയി. വളരെ മനോഹരമായ ട്രെയിൻ യാത്രയായിരുന്നു. ഒരുപാട് തൂരങ്കങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. രണ്ടു മലയുടെ ഇടയിലൂടെ ഒരു ട്രെയിൻ യാത്ര. 181 വർഷം മുമ്പ് തുടങ്ങിയ ട്രെയിനാണ് അത്. കുറച്ച് കഴിഞ്ഞ് ഞങ്ങൾ റൂമിൽ എത്തി. നമ്മൾ നമ്മുടെ ബാഗുകൾ പായ്ക്ക് ചെയ്ത ശേഷം മൈസൂരിലേയ്ക്കുള്ള യാത്ര തുടങ്ങി ബന്ദിപൂർ ടൈഗർ റിസർവിൽ കൂടെയാണ് മൈസൂർ പോകേണ്ടത്. ഏകദേശം 7.00 മണിയോടെ ഞങ്ങൾ ബന്ദിപൂർ ടൈഗർ റിസർവിന്റെ ചെക്ക് പോസ്റ്റ് കഴിഞ്ഞ്



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ബന്ധിപ്പർ വനത്തിൽ കയറി. റോഡ് പോകുന്ന വഴിയുടെ രണ്ടുവശത്തും വലിയ മരങ്ങൾ ഒന്നും ഇല്ലെങ്കിലും അകത്തോട്ട് വലിയ കാടാണ്. പോകുന്ന വഴി നാല് തവണ ആനയെ കണ്ടു. 8.30 ആയപ്പോൾ കാട് കഴിഞ്ഞ് കർണാടകയിലെ ഒരു നഗരത്തിൽ എത്തി. 8.45 ആയപ്പോൾ ഞങ്ങൾ മൈസൂരത്തി. വലിയ ഒരു നഗരമാണ് മൈസൂർ ഇവിടെ തിരുവനന്തപുരത്ത് ജനിച്ച വളർന്ന എനിക്ക് ഇത് വലിയ ഒരു അതിശയം തന്നെയാണ്. ഞങ്ങൾ മൈസൂരിന്റെ രാത്രി കാഴ്ച കാണാതെ റൂമിലേക്ക് പോയി.

അടുത്ത ദിവസം തന്നെ മൈസൂർ മൃഗശാല അഥവാ ശ്രീ ചാമരാജേന്ദ്ര മൃഗശാല കാണാൻ പോയി. ഏകദേശം 99 ഹെക്ടർ വിസ്തീർണ്ണം ഉള്ള വളരെ മനോഹരമായ ഒരു മൃഗശാല ആയിരുന്നു അത്. വളരെ വൃത്തിയോടെ സംരക്ഷിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു. പുലി, കടുവ, സിംഹം എന്നിങ്ങനെ സാധാരണ ഒരു മൃഗശാലയിൽ കാണുന്നതും വെറേ ചില വംശനാശഭീഷണി നേരിടുന്നതുമായ ഒരു പാടു മൃഗങ്ങൾ അവിടെ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. മൃഗശാല കണ്ടശേഷം ടിപ്പു സുൽത്താനുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട് ഒരുപാട് കാര്യങ്ങൾ കാണാൻ പോയി. അതിൽ ഒന്നായിരുന്നു വാട്ടർ ജയിൽ. ഒരു നദിയുടെ തീരത്തായി പണിതിരിക്കുന്ന ഒരു

ജയിലാണ് അത്. കുറ്റവാളികളെ ഒരു കല്ലിൽ ചങ്ങലവച്ച് കെട്ടിയശേഷം നദിയിൽ നിന്നുള്ള വെള്ളം തുറന്ന് വിട്ട് കുറ്റവാളികളെ കൊല്ലുന്ന രീതിയായിരുന്നു അത്. അതെല്ലാം കണ്ട ശേഷം പയന വിന്റേജ് കാർ മ്യൂസിയം കാണാൻ പോയി. പണ്ടത്തെ കാറുകളുടെ ഒരു മ്യൂസിയമായിരുന്നു അത്. എനിക്ക് ഈ യാത്രയിൽ ഏറ്റവും ഇഷ്ടപ്പെട്ട സ്ഥലമായിരുന്നു അത്. പയന കാർ മ്യൂസിയം കണ്ടശേഷം നമ്മൾ ശ്രീ ചാമുണ്ഡേശ്വരി ക്ഷേത്രം കാണാൻ പോയി. വളരെ മനോഹരമായിരുന്നു അങ്ങോട്ട് പോകുന്ന വഴി. വളരെ തിക്കും തിരക്കുമായിരുന്നു. വളരെ മനോഹരമായ ഒരു ക്ഷേത്രം. കുറച്ച് അപ്പുറത്തുള്ള മഹിഷാസുരന്റെ പ്രതിമ കണ്ടശേഷം ഞങ്ങൾ റൂമിലേക്ക് മടങ്ങി.

ഇന്ന് നമ്മുടെ മൈസൂരിലെ അവസാന ദിവസമാണ്. ഇന്ന് രാവിലെ തന്നെ മണൽ മ്യൂസിയം കാണാൻ പോയി. ബാക്കിയുള്ളത് വച്ച് നോക്കുമ്പോൾ എനിക്ക് മണൽ മ്യൂസിയം വലുതായി ഇഷ്ടമായില്ല. എങ്കിലും ഒരു വേറിട്ടൊരു അനുഭവമായിരുന്നു അത്. അത് കഴിഞ്ഞ് ഇന്ത്യയിലെ തന്നെ ഏറ്റവും വലിയ പള്ളിയായ സെന്റ് ഫിലോമിനാസ് പള്ളി കാണാൻ പോയി. ആ മനോഹരമായ പള്ളി ചുറ്റി നടന്നു കണ്ട ശേഷം ഇന്ത്യയിൽ ഏറ്റവും കൂടുതൽ ജനം വരുന്ന സ്ഥലമായ മൈസൂർ പാലസ് കാണാൻ പോയി. ടിക്കറ്റ് എടുത്ത ശേഷം ഞങ്ങൾ അകത്തു കയറി. ശ്രീ ചാമായരാജ വാടിയാർ 1912 ൽ പണിത വളരെ മനോഹരമായ ഒരു കൊട്ടാരമാണ് അത്. ഒരു തീപിടുത്തത്തിൽ പാലസ് കത്തി നശിച്ചു. പിന്നെ ബ്രിട്ടീഷുകാർ ആണ് പാലസിന്റെ പുനർ നിർമ്മാണം വഹിച്ചത്. ബ്രിട്ടീഷുകാർ ഇട്ട ലൈറ്റുകൾ ആണ് എന്നെ അമ്പരപ്പിച്ചത്. ചുറ്റും വളരെ മനോഹരമായ കൊത്തുപണികൾ. അവിടുന്ന് ഇറങ്ങിയ ശേഷം കുറച്ച് നേരം ഞങ്ങൾ പാലസിൽ ലൈറ്റ് ഇടുന്നത് കാണാൻ കാത്തിരുന്നു. കൂടും 7.00 മണിയായപ്പോൾ എല്ലാം ഒരുമിച്ച് കത്തി. എന്റെ മനസ്സിൽ നിന്ന് ഒരിക്കലും മായാത്ത ഒരു ദൃശ്യം തന്നെയായി അതു മാറി. അരമണിക്കൂർ കഴിഞ്ഞ് അവിടുന്ന് മനസ്സിലാ മനസ്സോടെ ഞങ്ങൾ റൂമിലേക്ക് തിരിച്ചു. അടുത്ത ദിവസം രാവിലെ ഞങ്ങൾ അവിടുന്ന് നാട്ടിൽ പോയി. എന്റെ മനസ്സിൽ നിന്ന് ഈ യാത്ര ഒരിക്കലും മായില്ല. ഒരുപാട് കാര്യങ്ങൾ ഈ യാത്രയിൽ നിന്ന് ഞാൻ പഠിച്ചു. ഇനിയും ഇങ്ങനെ ഒരുപാട് യാത്രകൾ പോകാൻ പറ്റുമെന്ന് ഞാൻ കരുതുന്നു.





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- വർഷം പോലെ കൃഷി
- വിത്തുഗുണം പത്തു ഗുണം
- മൂളത്ത് നട്ടവൻ സൂക്ഷിക്കണം
- മൂളയിലറിയാം വിള
- ഞാറായാൽ ചോറായി
- കർക്കിടച്ചേന കട്ടിട്ടെങ്കിലും തിന്നണം
- പടുമൂളയ്ക്ക് വളം വേണ്ട
- കണ്ടം വിറ്റ് കാളയെ വാങ്ങുമോ
- കന്നിപ്പൊത്തവൻ കണ്ണില്ല
- വളമേറിയാൽ കുമ്പസയ്ക്കും
- കുറ്റൻമരവും കാറ്റത്തിലൂക്കും
- പതിരില്ലാത്ത കതിരില്ല
- കാലത്തെ വിതച്ചാൽ നേരത്തെ കൊയ്യാം
- വിത്താഴം ചെന്നാൽ പത്തായം നിറയും
- നട്ടാലേ നേട്ടമുള്ളൂ
- കാറ്റുള്ളപ്പോൾ തുറ്റണം
- വരമ്പുചാരി നട്ടാൽ ചുവരു ചാരിയുണ്ണാം
- ആഴത്തിൽ ഉഴുത്ത് അകലെ നടണം
- മുൻവിള പൊൻവിള
- ഉടമയുടെ കണ്ണ് ഒന്നാത്തരം വളം
- മണ്ണുവിറ്റു പൊന്നു വിള
- കതിരിൽ വളം വച്ചിട്ട് കാര്യമില്ല
- അമരത്തടത്തിൽ തവള കരയണം
- വിത്തേടുത്തുണ്ണരുത്
- ചേരിൽ കുത്തിയ കൈ ചോറ്റിൽ കുത്താം
- ആരിയൻ വിതച്ച നവര കൊയ്യാമോ?

- അടയ്ക്ക ആയാൽ മടിയിൽ വയ്ക്കാം
- അക്കാരമരമായാലോ
- നവര വിതച്ചാൽ തുവര കായ്ക്കുമോ
- ഇടവം തൊട്ട് തുലാത്തോളം കൂടുകൂടാതിറങ്ങൂല
- വിത്തൊന്നിട്ടാൽ മറ്റൊന്നും വിളയില്ല
- അടുത്ത് നട്ടാൽ അഴക് അകലെ നട്ടാൽ വിളവ്
- ഉരിയരിക്കാരൻ എന്നും ഉരിയരിതന്നെ
- ഉഴവിൽ തന്നെ കളതീർക്കണം
- എളളിന് ഉഴവ് ഏഴരച്ചാൽ
- കാർത്തിക കഴിഞ്ഞാൽ മഴയില്ല
- വർഷം പോലെ കൃഷി
- അരി എറിഞ്ഞാൽ ആയിരം കാക്ക
- അന്നം മുട്ടിയാൽ എല്ലാം മുട്ടും
- നല്ല തെങ്ങിനു നാൽപ്പതു മടൽ
- മത്തൻ കുത്തിയാൽ പാവയ്ക്ക മൂളയ്ക്കില്ല
- വേരിനു വളം വയ്ക്കാതെ തലയ്ക്ക് വച്ചിട്ടെന്തു കാര്യം
- ഇല്ലം നിറ വല്ലം നിറ പെട്ടി നിറ പത്തായം നിറ
- കതിരിന്മേൽ വളം വയ്ക്കരുത്
- വേണമെങ്കിൽ ചക്ക വേരിലും കായ്ക്കും
- മത്തൻ കുത്തിയാൽ കുമ്പളം മൂളയ്ക്കുമോ?
- കള പറിപ്പാൽ കളം നിറയും
- കുറുത്തിൽ മഴ പെയ്താൽ കുറുന്നാക്കെ കുറുന്നോളം ചോറ്.
- എളളുണങ്ങുന്ന കണ്ട നെല്ലുണങ്ങണോ?
- കണ്ടം വിറ്റ് കാളയെ വാങ്ങരുത്
- സമ്പത്ത് കാലത്ത് തൈ പത്ത് വച്ചാൽ ആപത്തു
- കാലത്ത് കാ പത്തു തിന്നാം.





# പുസ്തകങ്ങളുടെ പുണ്യഭൂമി

ഡോ. ഹരികൃഷ്ണൻ സി.എ

മനുഷ്യമനസ്സുകൾ  
മണ്ണിൽ വീണ വിത്തുകളായ്  
വായനശാലയുടെ വെളിച്ചത്തിൽ  
വിരിഞ്ഞു പൂവായ്ത്തീരുന്നു

നിറങ്ങളാൽ നിറഞ്ഞ ലോകം  
നീണ്ട നിഴലിൽ നിന്നുയർന്ന്  
അക്ഷരത്തിന് അരുവിയായി  
ആശയങ്ങൾ അലയടിക്കുന്നു

അക്ഷരങ്ങൾ പറയും കഥകൾ  
അരുവിയായൊഴുകുമീ മാളിക  
ഓരോ താളിലൊരു പുതിയ ലോകം  
ഓമനിക്കാൻ കാത്തിരിക്കുന്നു

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ലോകം പുതുതായി കാണുക.  
ഓരോ പുസ്തകവും, നമ്മുടെ മനസ്സിൽ  
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വാതിലുകൾ തുറന്നു വെയ്ക്കും  
പുസ്തകാലയത്തിന് നിഴലിൽ  
പുതിയ ഭാവനകൾ തീർക്കുന്നു!

വായനയുടെ നദീതീരത്ത്  
ചിന്തകൾ തളിർക്കുന്നു  
അക്ഷരങ്ങളുടെ തെന്നലിൽ  
ആത്മാവ് തണുക്കുന്നു

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നിറങ്ങളുടെ കിനാവിൽ,  
പുസ്തകങ്ങൾ തുറക്കുന്നു  
പുതിയൊരു ലോകം!

കാലത്തിന് കൈയൊപ്പുകളെല്ലാം  
കാത്തു സൂക്ഷിക്കുമീ മാളിക  
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# കാശ്മീരിന്റെ മടിത്തട്ടിലേയ്ക്കൊരു മാത്ര

എന്റെ പേര് ഗൗതം. ഞാൻ വി.എസ്.എസ്.സി സെന്റ്രൽ സ്കൂളിൽ 6 എ യിൽ പഠിക്കുന്നു. ഞാൻ യാത്രകളെ ഒരുപാട് സ്നേഹിക്കുന്ന ആളാണ്. ഞാൻ മാത്രമല്ല എന്റെ അച്ഛനും അമ്മയും അനുജത്തിയും. ഞങ്ങൾ കഴിഞ്ഞ വർഷം വേനലവധിക്ക് എവിടെ പോകുമെന്നുള്ള ചോദ്യത്തിന് എല്ലാവർക്കും ഒരുത്തരം മാത്രമേ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നുള്ളൂ 'കാശ്മീർ'.

അങ്ങനെ ഞങ്ങൾ കാശ്മീരിലേക്ക് പോകാൻ ഫ്ലൈറ്റ് ടിക്കറ്റ് ബുക്ക് ചെയ്തു. 2024 ഏപ്രിൽ 8 ന് തിരുവനന്തപുരം ഡൊമസ്റ്റിക് എയർപോർട്ടിൽ നിന്നായിരുന്നു യാത്ര. എന്റേയും അനുജത്തിയുടേയും ആദ്യ വിമാനയാത്രയായിരുന്നു അത്. ഞങ്ങൾ രണ്ടു പേർക്കും വിൻഡോ സീറ്റ് തന്നെ കിട്ടി കേട്ടോ. അതുകൊണ്ടു തന്നെ ഞങ്ങളുടെ ആവേശവും സന്തോഷവും പറഞ്ഞറിയിക്കാൻ പറ്റാത്തതായിരുന്നു. മേഘങ്ങൾ കിടയിലൂടെയുള്ള ആ യാത്ര ഞങ്ങളെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് അത്രയേറെ കൗതുകമുള്ളതായിരുന്നു. 8 മണിയോടു കൂടി ഞങ്ങൾ മുംബൈ എയർപോർട്ടിലെത്തി. അവിടെ നിന്ന് അടുത്ത വിമാനത്തിലാണ് ഞങ്ങൾ ശ്രീനഗറിലേക്ക് പറന്നിറങ്ങിയത്. ഉച്ചയായിപ്പോയതുകൊണ്ടാകാം തണുപ്പ് പ്രതീക്ഷിച്ചത്ര അനുഭവപ്പെട്ടില്ല. ഞങ്ങൾ നേരെ പോയത് ഹോട്ടൽ റുമിലേക്കായിരുന്നു. അന്നവിടെ തങ്ങി പിറ്റേന്ന് രാവിലെ ഭക്ഷണം കഴിച്ച് ഗുൽമാർഗിലേക്ക് പുറപ്പെട്ടു. ഒരു വശത്ത് കുന്നും മറുവശത്ത് അഗാധമായ കൊക്കയും ഇതിനീടയിലൂടെയുള്ള വീതി കുറഞ്ഞ റോഡും നമ്മെ ഭയപ്പെടുത്തി. എന്തായാലും അധികം വൈകാതെ ഞങ്ങൾ കാശ്മീരിന്റെ പ്രധാന വിനോദ സഞ്ചാരകേന്ദ്രമായ ഗുൽമാർഗിലെത്തി. അതുവരെ സിനിമകളിൽ മാത്രം കണ്ടുപരിചയിച്ച സ്ഥലം മഞ്ഞുമൂടിയ ആ താഴ്വരയിൽ കഠിനമായ തണുപ്പിനെ അവഗണിച്ച് ഞങ്ങൾ മാനുകളെപ്പോലെ തുള്ളിച്ചാടി

നടന്ന് കളിച്ചുല്ലസിച്ചു. ഞങ്ങളെ കൂടാതെ നിരവധി പേർ ആ സ്ഥലസൗന്ദര്യം ആസ്വദിക്കാൻ അവിടെയെത്തിച്ചേർന്നിരുന്നു. അവിടുത്തെ പ്രധാന ആകർഷണമായിരുന്നു കേബിൾ കാറും ഹെലികോപ്റ്റർ സർവ്വീസും. ഹെലികോപ്റ്ററിൽ 4 പേർക്ക് വലിയ തുകയാവുമെന്നതിനാൽ ഞങ്ങൾ അതുപേക്ഷിച്ച് കേബിൾ കാറിൽ കയറി. അതൊരു പുത്തൻ അനുഭവമായിരുന്നു. അതൊക്കെ നന്നായി ആസ്വദിച്ച് കുറെ ഫോട്ടോകളൊക്കെയെടുത്ത് മടങ്ങാൻ നേരം ഉച്ചയായിരുന്നു. അതുകൊണ്ട് അവിടെ നിന്നു തന്നെ ഭക്ഷണവും കഴിച്ച് തിരികെ മടങ്ങി. മടങ്ങും വഴിയിൽ തണുത്തുറഞ്ഞ മഞ്ഞുപാളികൾക്കിടയിലൂടെ ഊർന്നു വരുന്ന ചെറുപുഴകളും കാറ്റും മനസ്സിനെ ഏറെ സ്പർശിച്ചു. എല്ലാം കഴിഞ്ഞ് സന്ധ്യയോടുകൂടി ഞങ്ങൾ ഹോട്ടലിൽ തിരിച്ചെത്തി. ആഹാരം കഴിച്ച് കിടന്നുറങ്ങി.

പിറ്റേന്ന് വെളുപ്പിനു തന്നെ എണീറ്റ് റെഡിയായി പ്രഭാത ഭക്ഷണമൊക്കെ കഴിച്ച് അടുത്ത വിനോദ സഞ്ചാരകേന്ദ്രമായ സോനാമാർഗിലേക്ക് പുറപ്പെട്ടു. പോകുന്ന വഴിക്ക് ഞങ്ങളുടെ ഗൈഡ് കുങ്കുമപ്പൂവ് വിൽക്കുന്ന കടയിലേക്ക് കൂട്ടികൊണ്ടുപോയി. അങ്ങനെ അന്നാദ്യമായി കുങ്കുമപ്പൂവ് നേരിൽ കണ്ടു. അവിടെ നിന്ന് അവർ ഞങ്ങൾക്കെല്ലാർക്കും കുങ്കുമ പ്ലവുവും കുറേ നക്സും ഒക്കെ ഇട്ട 'കവാ ചായ്' എന്ന ഒരു

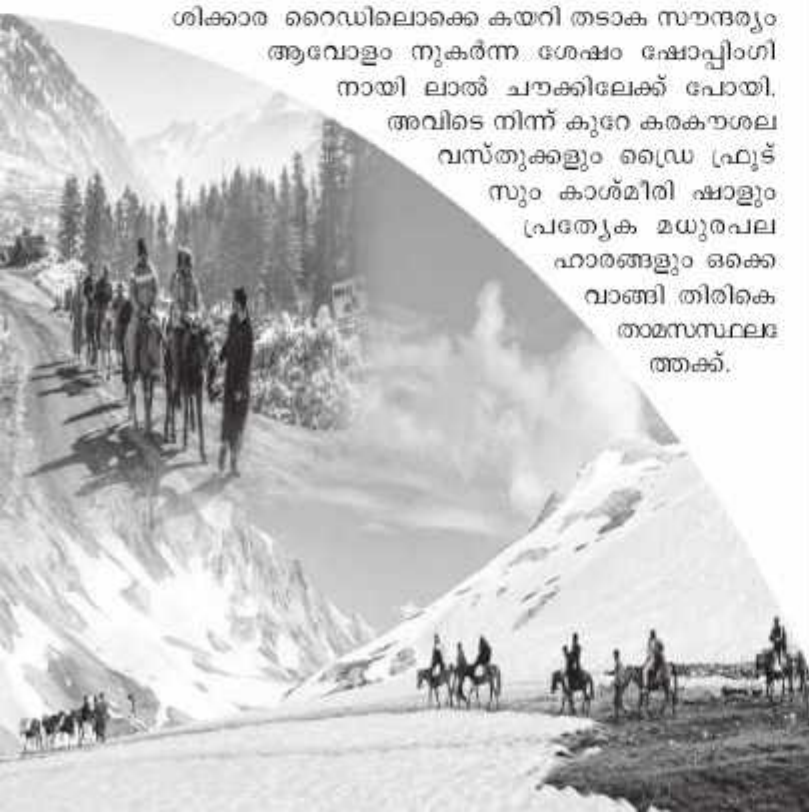




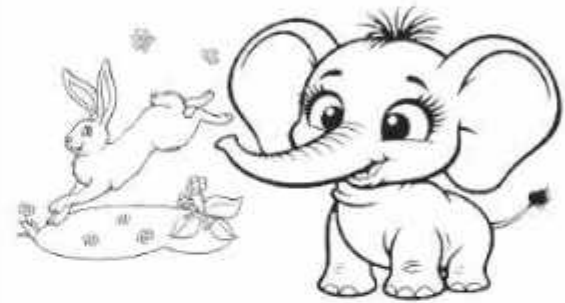
ചായയും തന്നു. ഞങ്ങളത് കുടിക്കാൻ ശ്രമിച്ചെങ്കിലും അതിന്റെ സ്വാദ് ഞങ്ങൾക്കിഷ്ടമായില്ല. അവിടെ നിന്ന് കുങ്കുമപ്പൂവും വാങ്ങി നേരെ സോനാമാർഗിലേക്ക്. അവിടെ ഞങ്ങളെ കാത്തിരുന്നത് അസഹനീയമായ തണുപ്പായിരുന്നു. കൈയിൽ കരുതിയിരുന്ന കമ്പിളിയും മറ്റുമെല്ലാം ധരിച്ച് മഞ്ഞിലേക്കിറങ്ങി. മഞ്ഞ് പരസ്പരം വാരിയെറിഞ്ഞും അതിലൂടെ നിരങ്ങിയും അവിടുത്തെ റൈഡിലെല്ലാം കയറിയും സമയം പോയതറിഞ്ഞില്ല. അവിടുത്തെ പ്രകൃതിസൗന്ദര്യം ആവുവിധം മനസ്സിലും ഫോണിലും പകർത്തി വൈകുന്നേരത്തോടെ യാത്ര തിരിച്ച് വീണ്ടും ഹോട്ടലിലെത്തി.

പിറ്റേന്ന് കാശ്മീരിലെ ഞങ്ങളുടെ അവസാന ദിവസമായതുകൊണ്ട് അതിരാവിലെനെ സ്ഥലങ്ങൾ കാണാനിറങ്ങി. രണ്ടു ഗാർഡനുകൾ സന്ദർശിച്ചു. ഷീഷ്മാഷാഹി ഗാർഡനും മുഗൾ ഗാർഡനും രണ്ടും മനം കവരുന്ന കാഴ്ചകളുടെ അനുഭവമായിരുന്നു. അപ്പോഴേക്കും ഉച്ചയായി. ഭക്ഷണം കഴിച്ച് നേരെ പോയത് ഏഷ്യയിലെ തന്നെ ഏറ്റവും വലിയ ഗാർഡനായ തുലീപ് ഗാർഡനിലേക്കാണ് അവിടുത്തെ കാഴ്ചകൾ വാക്കുകൾ കൊണ്ട് വിവരിക്കാൻ കഴിയുന്നതിലുമപ്പുറമായിരുന്നു. അതിനുള്ളിലെ പലതരം പൂക്കളും ചെടികളും മരങ്ങളും തണുപ്പും കൃത്രിമ വെള്ളച്ചാട്ടങ്ങളുമെല്ലാം പുത്തൻ അനുഭവമായിരുന്നു. അവിടം വരെ ഒരു മായാവസന്തലോകം തന്നെ ഞങ്ങളിൽ സൃഷ്ടിച്ചെന്ന് പറയാം. അവിടെ നിന്ന് കുറെ ഫോട്ടോകളൊക്കെ എടുത്ത് അതിന്റെ ഭംഗി ഒന്നായി ആസ്വദിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു തന്നെ അടുത്ത സ്ഥലമായ ശങ്കരാചാര്യ ടെമ്പിളിലേക്ക് പോയി അവിടവും അതിമനോഹരമായിരുന്നു. ആ ഒരു അന്തരീക്ഷം മനസ്സിനെ വളരെ കുളിർപ്പിച്ചു.

ശേഷം പോയത് ദാൽ ലേക്കിലേക്കാണ്. അവിടെ ശിക്കാർ റൈഡിലൊക്കെ കയറി തടാക സൗന്ദര്യം ആവോളം നുകർന്ന ശേഷം ഷോപ്പിംഗി നായി ലാൽ ചൗക്കിലേക്ക് പോയി. അവിടെ നിന്ന് കുറെ കരകൗശല വസ്തുക്കളും ഡ്രൈ ഫ്രൂട്ട് സും കാശ്മീരി ഷാളും പ്രത്യേക മധുരപല ഹാരങ്ങളും ഒക്കെ വാങ്ങി തിരികെ താമസസ്ഥലം ത്തക്ക്.



അവസാന ദിവസമായതുകൊണ്ടാകാം ആർക്കും ഉറക്കം തീരെ വന്നില്ല. കാശ്മീരിലെ മണ്ണിനെ വിട്ടു തിരികെ വരാൻ ഒരു മടി പോലെ. മനസ്സിലാ മനസ്സോടെയാണെങ്കിലും പിറ്റേന്ന് അതിരാവിലെ തന്നെ പായ്ക്ക് ചെയ്തു റെഡിയായി എയർപോർട്ടിലേക്ക് പുറപ്പെട്ടു. ഒരുപാട് പുത്തൻ അനുഭവങ്ങളും ഓർമ്മകളും നിറഞ്ഞ മനസ്സുമായി വിമാനത്തിൽ എല്ലാം കഴിഞ്ഞെന്നു കരുതി ഇരിക്കുമ്പോഴാണ് പ്രകൃതിയുടെ അടുത്ത അത്ഭുതം. ശ്രീനഗറിൽ നിന്ന് ജമ്മു എയർപോർട്ടിലേക്കുള്ള യാത്രയുടെ ഇടയിൽ ഉള്ള ആകാശക്കാഴ്ച. മഞ്ഞുമൂടിയ വലിയ കൊടുമുടികളുടെ മുകളിലൂടെ ഒരു പക്ഷിയെപ്പോലെ സ്വർഗ്ഗത്തിലെന്ന പോലെയുള്ള ഒരു കാഴ്ച. "അതേ ഭൂമിയിൽ ഒരു സ്വർഗ്ഗമുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അത് നമ്മുടെ സ്വന്തം കാശ്മീരാണ്." ഒരു ജന്മം മുഴുവൻ നുകരാൻ പറ്റുന്ന ഓർമ്മകളുമായി ഞങ്ങൾ തിരികെ വീട്ടിലേക്ക്.



## ആനയുടെ മറുപടി

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ഒരിക്കൽ ഒരു ആനയുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. ആ ആന വളരെ കരുത്തനും അഹങ്കാരിയുമായി. സിംഹ രാജാവിനു പോലും ആ ആനയുടെ അടുത്തു ചെല്ലാൻ പേടിയാണ്.

ഒരു ദിവസം രാവിലെ ആ ആന വഴിയിലൂടെ നടക്കുകയായിരുന്നു. അപ്പോൾ അവൻ ചികു മുയൽ വരുന്നതുകണ്ടു. ചികു ആനയുടെ അടുത്തെത്തിയപ്പോൾ പറഞ്ഞു ധൈര്യമുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ എന്തെന്ന് തൊട്, അത്രയും പറഞ്ഞ് ചികു ഒറ്റയോട്ടം. ഇതുകേട്ട് ആനയ്ക്ക് കോപം പൂണ്ടു. ഈ ഇത്തിരിപ്പോന്ന മുയലിനെ എനിക്ക് തൊടാൻ കഴിയില്ലെന്നോ! ഹു! ഇവനെ ഞാൻ ഇപ്പോൾ പിടിക്കും. ആന ചികുവിന്റെ പിന്നാലെ ഓടി അവസാനം മുയൽ ഒരു കൊക്കയുടെ അടുത്തെത്തി. താഴെ നിന്ന് ഒരു മരം വളർന്നു നിൽക്കുന്നത് ചികു കണ്ടു. ആന ഓടി അടുത്തെത്തിയപ്പോൾ ചികു മരത്തിലേക്ക് ചാടി. ആനയ്ക്ക് ചാടാൻ പറ്റാത്തതുകൊണ്ട് അവൻ നാണിച്ച് പോയി. ഇതോടെ അവന്റെ അഹങ്കാരമെല്ലാം മാറിയാണ് മൃഗങ്ങൾ പറഞ്ഞു.



## गुरु का ज्ञान

गुरु ज्ञान का भंडार है।  
गुरु का ज्ञान कभी झुकने नहीं देगा।  
गुरु अपने ज्ञान से मुझे सींचिए।  
इस दुनिया में ज्ञान के बिना कुछ नहीं।  
गुरु ज्ञान दुनिया का सबसे बड़ा नशा है।  
ज्ञान रूपी नशा पिला दीजिए।  
गुरु आपके पास चार वेदों का ज्ञान है।  
उस ज्ञान रूपी सागर में मुझे डुबो दीजिए।  
हाथ जोड़ करता हूँ प्रणाम।  
आप मुझे ज्ञान से सींचिए।



## पैसे की असफलता



पैसे से इंसान खरीदा जा सकता है, पर ईमानदारी नहीं।  
पैसे से दवाई खरीदी जा सकती है, पर स्वास्थ्य नहीं।  
पैसे से किताब खरीदी जा सकती है, पर ज्ञान नहीं।  
पैसे से कलम खरीदी जा सकती है, पर विचार नहीं।  
पैसे से भोजन खरीदा जा सकता है, पर भूख नहीं।  
पैसे से शस्त्र खरीदा जा सकता है, पर हौसला नहीं।  
पैसे से मूर्ति खरीदी जा सकती है, पर भगवान नहीं।  
पैसे से ऐनक खरीदा जा सकता है, पर आँख नहीं।  
पैसे से सुख साधन खरीदा जा सकता है, पर शान्ति नहीं।  
पैसे से घड़ी खरीदी जा सकती है, पर समय नहीं।  
पैसे से मनुष्य खरीदा जा सकता है, पर माता-पिता नहीं।



चलो मित्रो बहुत हुआ  
अब रण का बुलावा आया है  
खुलके लड़े तो होंगे यशस्वी  
चुप बैठे तो मौत का साया है  
अपने योद्धा को पुकार दो  
और इच्छाओं को रण में वारो तुम  
रणभूमि का युद्ध तो बाद है  
अपने भय को पहले मारो तुम  
वे मंजर भी क्या भयावह होंगे

## रण का बुलावा

जब काल स्वयं रण में प्रकट होंगे  
चीखे निकृष्ट ध्वनि होगी  
हर मानव करुणा चिल्लायेगा  
सह लोगे अपने घाव सभी  
पर अपनों का रक्त देखना विकट होगा  
निरंतर अमोघ अमर लड़ना तुम  
मृत्यु भले निकट होगा ।



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1. शहद कभी खराब नहीं होता। पुरातत्वविदों ने मित्र के प्राचीन कब्रों में 3000 साल पुराने शहद के बर्तन पाए हैं जो आज भी खाने योग्य हैं।
2. आक्टोपस के तीन दिल होते हैं और उसका खून नीला होता है।
3. शुक्र ग्रह पर एक दिन वहाँ के एक साल से लंबा होता है। शुक्र ग्रह को अपने अक्ष पर घूमने में अधिक समय लगता है, बजाए सूर्य के चारों ओर चक्कर लगाने के।
4. बिल्ली के पीछे के पंजों में कम उंगलियाँ होती हैं। उसके सामने के पंजों में पाँच उंगलियाँ और पीछे के पंजों में केवल चार उंगलियाँ होती हैं।
5. एक घोंघा तीन साल तक सो सकता है।
6. शूतुरमार्ग की आँखें उसके मस्तिष्क से बड़ी होती हैं।
7. गर्मी के दौरान एफिल टॉवर 15 सेन्टीमीटर ऊँचा हो सकता है क्योंकि गर्मी में लोहे का विस्तार होता है।





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## परीक्षा का महायुद्ध !

“बेटा, परीक्षा आ रही है।”  
मम्मी की आवाज़ गूँजी भारी,  
हमने कहा - “बस पाँच मिनट”  
पर फ़ौन पर रील्स थी जारी।  
किताबें खोली, दिमाग था खाली,  
सूत्र ये गायब, हालत बेहाली !  
गणित देखा तो आँखें फटी,  
नंबर नहीं, टेंशन बढ़ी।  
रात को जब पढ़ने बैठे,  
इतिहास के पन्ने लगे डरावने,  
“हिटलर कौन? कब था आया?”  
अरे यार ! कुछ भी समझ नहीं आया।

सुबह स्कूल में दोस्त मिले  
“पढ़ लिया?” - सबने पूछा।  
मैंने हँसकर जवाब दिया,  
“हाँ हाँ! कल सपना था अनोखा।”  
पेपर आया, दिल घबराया,  
पहला सवाल देखकर सर चकराया।  
जवाब नहीं, भगवान याद आया,  
“हे प्रभु, पास करा दो.....प्रसाद चढ़ाया।”  
कुछ लिखा, कुछ बनाया  
जहाँ समझ नहीं आया, वहाँ चित्र लगाया।  
टीचर भी हँसी, नंबर कटे  
पर आत्मविश्वास के थे झंडे खड़े।  
सबक मिला, मेहनत है असली ताकत,  
परीक्षा से डरना बेकार की आदत।  
आज से दिल लगाकर पढ़ेंगे,  
सपनों को मेहनत से सच करेंगे।

## शास्त्रीय संगीत :

भारतीय संगीत की समृद्ध परंपरा

शास्त्रीय संगीत भारतीय संगीत की एक गहरी और समृद्ध परंपरा है, जो हजारों वर्षों से विकसित हो रही है। इसे दो प्रमुख श्रेणियों में बाँटा जाता है हिंदुस्तानी और कर्नाटक। हिंदुस्तानी शास्त्रीय संगीत उत्तर भारत से जुड़ा हुआ है, जबकि कर्नाटक संगीत दक्षिण भारत की है। एक व्यक्ति की भावना और समय के अनुसार गाया जाता है, जबकि ताल संगीत की लय को निर्धारित करता है।

इस संगीत में गायन, वादन और नृत्य की विशेष भूमिका होती है। गायक और वादक अपनी कला के माध्यम से श्रोताओं को अत्यंत शांति और आनंद का अनुभव मिलते हैं। शास्त्रीय संगीत न केवल मनोरंजन का स्रोत है, बल्कि यह अत्यंत उन्नति और मानसिक शांति का भी माध्यम माना जाता है।

तेजल आन्टनी

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## पहेलियाँ

1. ऐसी कौन सी चीज है, जो पानी में गिरने पर भी गीली नहीं होती?
2. वह कौन सी चीज है जो एक जगह से दूसरे जगह जाती है, पर अपनी जगह से हिलती नहीं?
3. मेरे पास गला है सर नहीं, बाजू है पर हाथ नहीं, बताइये मैं कौन हूँ?
4. कौन सा शहर है जिसे हम खा सकते हैं?
5. पानी से पैदा होता है पानी में मर जाता है, भोजन से तो मेरा गहरा नाता है, बताओ तो वो क्या है?
6. पाँच अक्षर का मेरा नाम, उलटा सीधा एक समान। दक्षिण भारत में रहती हूँ, बोलो तो मैं कौन हूँ?

### उत्तर

1. परछाई
2. सड़क
3. कमीज / शर्ट
4. पूरी
5. नमक
6. मलयालम

1. घर हैं कि डिब्बे, लोहे के पाव। जल्दी बताओ उस बस्ती का नाम
2. पक्षी देखा एक अलबेला, पंख बिना उड़ रहा अकेला बांध गले में लम्बी डोर, ताप रहा अम्बर का छोर।
3. सिर पर ताज, गले में थैला। मेरा नाम बड़ा अलबेला
4. मुँह पर रखे अपना हाथ बोला करती है दिन रात। जब हो जाती बंद जबान, लोग ऐंठते उसके कान
5. पानी का मटका, पेड़ पर लटका हवा हो या झटका उसको नहीं पटका

### उत्तर

1. रेलगाड़ी
2. पतंग
3. मुर्गा
4. घड़ी
5. टमाटर





# हो प्रज्वल

जाधवदशरथ श्रीहरि  
स्नातकोत्तर अध्यापक

ज्ञान की पुकार है, ये विज्ञान की पुकार है।  
फिर भी न बढ़ा तू तो जीवन तेरा धिक्कार है॥

अनंत रहस्य हैं छिपे शोधक की तलाश में  
हो सके तो मार छलांग तू असीम आकाश में  
धरती से अंतरिक्ष तक हर स्वप्न साकार है  
फिर भी न उठा तू तो जीवन तेरा धिक्कार है॥1॥

कुदरत ने दिए उपहार जो, उनका तू सम्मान कर  
रक्षा में ही सबके बस, जीवन तेरा कुर्बान कर  
धरती पर हर जीव का एक-सा अधिकार है  
फिर भी न समझा तू तो जीवन तेरा धिक्कार है॥2॥

ज्ञान का भंडार भरा पड़ा है ग्रंथ रूपी सागर में  
भर ले अमृत तू अपने मस्तिष्क रूपी गागर में  
'सरस्वती का अपमान' यह सबसे बड़ा विकार है  
फिर भी न पढ़ा तू तो जीवन तेरा धिक्कार है॥3॥

गुरु महिमा में डूब कर प्रगाढ़ तू बुद्धि कर  
दुर्गुणों को दूर कर विचारों में तू शुद्धि कर  
'मैं ही अकेला बलवान हूँ यह कल्पना ही निराधार है  
फिर भी न समझा तू तो जीवन तेरा धिक्कार है॥4॥

# माँ भारती

हिमालय से गंगा  
निकलनी चाहिए  
हर घर से  
कलाम, शिवाजी निकलने चाहिए ।  
आग मेरे- आप सब के  
दिलों में देश भाक्ति  
की जलनी चाहिए ।  
जो हो चाहे धर्म  
जो हो चाहे वेश  
जो हो चाहे बोली

कंठ से मेरे आप सब के  
जयकार "माँ भारती" की  
निकलनी चाहिए ।  
जो हो चाहे लय  
जो हो चाहे राग  
जो हो चाहे ताल  
दिलों से संगीत मेरे, आप सब के  
"वन्दे मातरम" का निकलना चाहिए।

ज्योति यादव  
प्राथमिक अध्यापिका





ज्योति यादव  
प्राथमिक अध्यापिका

## जड़ें

पुरखों का आशियाँ  
वो जमी, वो खेत - खलियान  
वो गाँव, वो चौपाल वो गलियाँ  
वो भाई- बन्धु वो अनजान अनकहे रिश्ते  
वो दादी- नानी की कहानियाँ,  
छोड़ चले वो सब हम  
बनाने को एक नया घोंसला।  
बना लिया स्वयं को बेपर चिड़ियाँ  
घोंसलें से दुनिया दिखेगी  
पक्षियों की तरह हम भी उड़ेंगे

पाश्चात्य को अपनाकर बाबू बनेंगे  
बैल को छोड़ गडियों में चलेंगे।  
पर बारिश, आँधी तुफान भी  
मेरा जैसा, कौन उन्हें भी रोक पाया है  
खेत खलियान  
गाँव गलियों वाली हवा  
जब मेरे घोंसलें में लाया  
घोंसला यह झेल न पाया  
और रेत के ढेर में बदल गया  
रेत में दबी साँसों को सँभाल,  
आँखों पर पड़ी पाश्चात्य  
की रेत पोंछ कर,  
खड़े होकर देखा घोंसलें की ओर  
घोंसलें सारे टूट गए  
पत्ते सारे झड़ गए  
पर पेड़ अभी भी खड़ा था  
और  
मुझ पर मुस्कुरा रहा था  
जैसे वो कुछ बोल रहा था  
जड़ों से जुड़े रहने को कह रहा था।  
अपना गाँव, खेत- खलियान  
मेरे तन-मन में दौड़ रहा था।

खुद कभी वह कुछ न खाए, लेकिन  
सबको खूब खिलाए।

उत्तर : चम्मच

हर दिन आता  
रात को जाता  
सारी दुनिया रोशन कर जाता  
बिना रुके मैं चलती रहूँ

उत्तर : सूरज

## बूझो तो जानें

रेयन मात्यू  
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लंबा हूँ, पीला भी हूँ  
घाने में मिठा भी लगता  
बंदर का मैं दोस्त भी हूँ

उत्तर : केला



## खुद से खुद की लड़ाई है

खामोश हूँ  
खुद किस्मत भी  
खुद से खुद की लड़ाई है  
मैं आगाज़ बनू अंजाम भी  
ये संघर्ष मेरी परछाई है ।

खोज करूँ हमें आवाज़ की  
मेरी धुँधली सी पहचान की  
मैं शून्य बनू और शांत भी  
सपनों पर सच की चढ़ाई है  
खुद से खुद की लड़ाई है

सब भाग रहे, मैं सोया हूँ  
की गलतियाँ उन पर रोया हूँ  
मेरा क्रोध बना, और काम भी

ये आलस मेरा मित्र बन,  
ये असफलता मेरी कमाई है  
खुद से खुद लड़ाई है  
रुका हुआ, हुआ हारा नहीं  
संघर्ष मेरा अभी जारी है  
खेल पूरा सीख चुका हूँ  
चाल चलने की बारी है  
मैं जय बनू और मात भी  
मैं धूप बनू और रात भी  
ख्वाबों के इस दामन पे  
जिद की एक सिलाई है  
खुद से खुद की लड़ाई है ।





## संस्कृत विभाग

अस्माकं भारतीयविज्ञानपरम्परायां ज्योतिषशास्त्रं षट्सु वेदाङ्गेषु एकम् अङ्गं भवति। ज्योतिषशास्त्रस्य सिद्धान्तः, संहिता, होरा इति त्रयः भेदाः सन्ति। तत्र अपि सिद्धान्तज्योतिषम् आधारभूतम् अस्ति। सिद्धान्तज्योतिषं भारतीयगणितस्य खगोलीयभौतिकविज्ञानस्य खगोलविज्ञानस्य च उत्कृष्टायाः ज्ञानपरम्परायाः वारकम् अस्ति। सूर्यसिद्धान्तः, ब्रह्मसिद्धान्तः, सोमसिद्धान्तः, रोमसिद्धान्तः, वशिष्टसिद्धान्तः इतीदृशाः पञ्च सिद्धान्ताः भारतीयज्योतिषे प्रचलिताः आसन्। एतेषु पञ्चसु सिद्धान्तेषु सूर्यसिद्धान्तः अतीवप्रसिद्धः अस्ति। किन्तु विदुषां मतम् अस्ति यत्, वराहमिहिरकृतायां पञ्चसिद्धान्तिकायां यस्य सूर्यसिद्धान्तस्य वर्णनम् अस्ति तत् आधुनिकसूर्यसिद्धान्तात् भिन्नम् अस्ति। वर्तमानसूर्यसिद्धान्तः लाटदेवेन रचितः मन्यते। सूर्यसिद्धान्ते मध्यमाधिकारः, स्पष्टाधिकारः, त्रिप्रश्नाधिकारः, चन्द्रग्रहणाधिकारः, सूर्यग्रहणाधिकारः, छेद्यकाधिकारः, ग्रहयुत्यधिकारः, भग्नग्रहयुत्यधिकारः, उदयास्ताधिकारः, चन्द्रशृङ्गगोत्रत्यधिकारः, पाताधिकारः, भूगोलाध्यायाधिकारः, ज्योतिषोपनिषदध्यायः, मानाध्यायः इत्येते चतुर्दश अध्यायाः सन्ति।

## सूर्यसिद्धान्तस्य परिचयः।



गीतं वाद्यं तथा नृत्तं त्रयं संगीतमुच्यते। (संगीतरत्नाकरः 1/1/21)। सप्ताध्यायी इति नाम्नि प्रसिद्धः सङ्गीतस्य ग्रन्थः संगीतरत्नाकरः इति ऋषिणा शाङ्गदेवेन रचितः ग्रन्थः अस्ति। भारतस्य महत्त्वपूर्णेषु संगीतग्रन्थेषु एषः कोऽपि अन्यतमः अस्ति। अस्य ग्रन्थस्य हिन्दुस्तानिसंगीते कर्णाटकसंगीते च आदरः अस्ति। अस्मिन् ग्रन्थे 1. स्वराध्यायः, 2. रागविवेकाध्यायः, 3. प्रकीर्णकाध्यायः, 4. प्रबन्धाध्यायः, 5. तालाध्यायः, 6. वाद्याध्यायः, 7. नर्तनाध्यायः च इत्येवं सप्त अध्यायाः सन्ति। अतः अस्य ग्रन्थस्य सप्ताध्यायी इति नामान्तरम् अपि अस्ति। अस्मिन्

## सरलकलायाः भाषा संस्कृतम्।

ग्रन्थे आद्येषु षट्सु अध्यायेषु गायनस्य वाद्यस्य च विवरणं वर्तते। अन्तिमे अध्याये च नृत्यस्य वर्णनं वर्तते।

भरतमुनेः नाट्यशास्त्रस्य अनन्तरम् ऐतिहासिकदृष्ट्या एषः ग्रन्थः प्रमुखं स्थानं भजते। बहुविधैः श्लोकरत्नैः संगीतस्य कलायाः च महत्त्वं प्रदर्शितम् अस्ति यथा,

साहित्यसंगीतकलाविहीनः

साक्षात् पशुः पुच्छविषाणहीनः।

तृणं न खादन्नपि जीवमान-

स्तद्भागधेयं परमं पशूनाम्॥





## सुभाषितानां भाषा संस्कृतम् ।

सुष्ठु भाषितं सुभाषितम् । सुभाषितं मानवैः  
अनुवर्तमानं जीवनमूल्यं कथयति । अतः सुभाषितं  
मानवजीवनस्य अमूल्यः निधिः अस्ति । सुभाषितेषु  
मानवजीवनस्य व्यावहारिकं ज्ञानम् अन्तर्भवति ।  
सुभाषितानि तु जीवनस्य पथप्रदर्शकानि भवन्ति, येन  
जीवनं सुखकरं समुन्नतं च भवति । सुभाषितेषु सूचनात्मकं  
कथनं प्रायः न भवति । अपि तु प्रत्यक्षतः ये स्वकीये  
जीवने सुखं दुःखं च अनुभूतवन्तः तेषां महापुरुषाणां  
जीवनस्य अनुभवानां सारः भवति । अत एव बहवः  
जनाः चाणक्यनीतिः, विदुरनीतिः, शुक्रनीतिः,  
भर्तृहरिशतकं, रामायणं, महाभारतम् इत्यादीनां ग्रन्थानां  
नैरन्तर्येण अध्ययनेन जीवनस्य समस्यानां नैराश्यस्य  
च नाशनाय निरन्तरं प्रयतमानाः भवन्ति ।

एवं सुभाषितानाम् अध्ययने बहवः प्रयत्नं कुर्वन्ति  
इत्यतः पूर्वोक्ताः ग्रन्थाः येषु सुभाषितानि वर्तन्ते ते  
संस्कृतभाषायां विरचिताः सन्ति तेषां विभिन्नासु भाषासु  
अनुवादाः कृताः पण्डितैः । अतः संस्कृतम् अजानानः  
चेदपि तेन पुरुषेण सुभाषितस्य अर्थः अवगन्तुं शक्यते ।  
तत्रोक्तानां मूल्यानाम् अनुशीलनं स्वजीवने कर्तुं शक्यते  
च । तादृशानि प्रचुरप्रचारितानि किञ्चित् सुभाषितानि  
अत्र कथ्यन्ते यथा,

- 1 हस्तस्य भूषणं दानम्  
सत्यं कण्ठस्य भूषणम् ।  
श्रोत्रस्य भूषणं शास्त्रम्  
भूषणैः किं प्रयोजनम् ॥
- 2 शैले शैले न माणिक्यम्  
मौक्तिकं न गजे गजे ।  
चन्दनं न वने वने  
साधवो नहि सर्वत्र ॥
- 3 अमन्त्रमक्षरं नास्ति  
नास्ति मूलमनौषधम् ।  
अयोग्यः पुरुषो नास्ति  
योजकस्तत्र दुर्लभः ॥
- 4 उदये सविता रक्तो  
रक्तश्चास्तमये तथा ।  
सम्पत्तौ च विपत्तौ च  
महतामेकरूपताम् ।

एतानि सुभाषितानि संस्कृतभाषायां विरचितानि  
चेदपि तैः कथ्यमानं जीवनमूल्यं सर्वैः प्राप्यं स्यादित्यतः  
संस्कृतं जानन्तः पण्डिताः अस्य अध्ययनं कृत्वा,  
तदर्थं प्रचारयन्ति । तथा संस्कृतम् अजानान् अपि  
जनः सुभाषितस्य अर्थं ज्ञात्वा तस्य अध्ययने अनुरक्तो  
भवति च ॥

सम्पादकाः

हत्तिका नायर्, अश्विन् .के, सनिका पि.एस,  
हर्षिता .एन्, धरण्या चेल्लम् .बी, काविया .आर्





# Environment Day

Pledging Green for a Better Tomorrow



# Yoga Day

A Celebration of  
Harmony and Health







# SPORTS DAY 2023



When Grit Meets Glory...



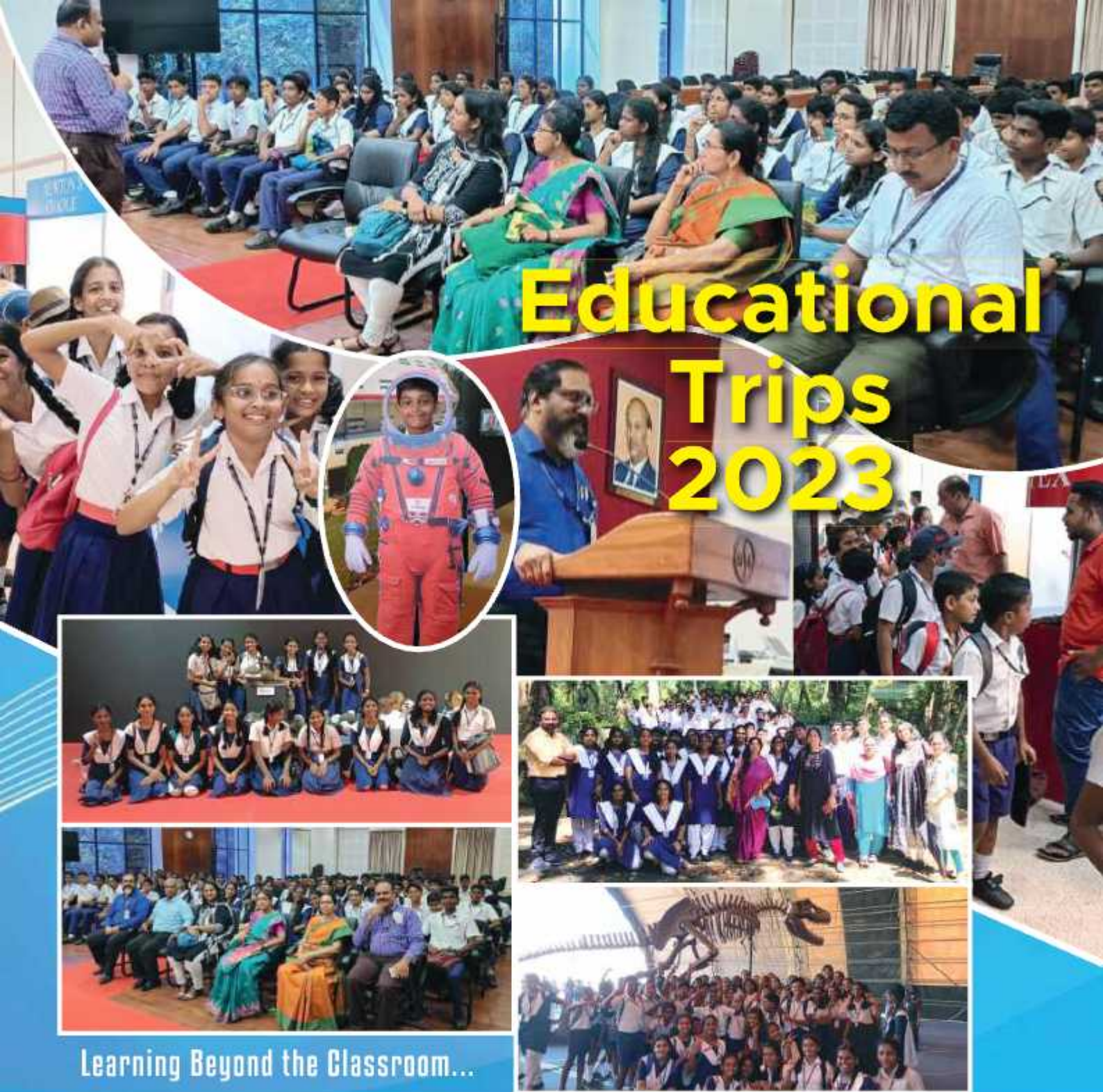


# SPORTS DAY 2024



Showcasing Strength and Sportsmanship...





## Trip to SDSC - SHAR 2023





# Educational Trips 2024



Where Experience Becomes Education



## Trip to SDSC - SHAR 2024





## AWARDS & ACCOLADES

### CBSE CODING CHALLENGE



**Aditya Hegde**  
Class: VIII A



**Ananya Nelabhotla**  
Class: VIII A



**Kalpita Kumari Rana**  
Class: VIII A

The Team Secured 15<sup>th</sup> National Rank and secured 2<sup>nd</sup> South Zone rank in the CBSE Coding Challenge — the only team from Kerala in the Top 15!

### PARIKSHA PE CHARCHA 2024 PAINTING COMPETITION



**Parvathy B**  
Class: IX B  
1<sup>st</sup> Position



**Akshayakrishnan K.**  
Class: IX A  
4<sup>th</sup> Position

The Painting Competition was organised by Kendriya Vidyalaya, Akkulam under PARIKSHA PE CHARCHA 2024

### PAPER PRESENTATION AT BIOBRICKS INNOVATION



**Abhitha Abhilash**  
Class: XII B



**Harithra Nair**  
Class: XII B

Presented a paper at BioBrick Innovation 2024 at IISER

### SANSKRIT PAPER PRESENTATIONS



**Ananya Nelabhotla**  
Class: IX



**Rithwika J. Nair**  
Class: IX

Presented Sanskrit research papers at the International Seminar on Global Issues and Sanskrit Knowledge Systems, organised by University of Kerala's Sanskrit department. Ananya Nelabhotla presented a paper at ABSRM National Seminar 2025 organised by ABSRM in collaboration with Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology and Central Sanskrit University and ICFAI University Supported by UVAS (Kerala)



## ARENA INTER-SCHOOL QUIZ



**MAHADEVAN R (Class: VII B) & TIYA ELIZABETH JOBI (Class: VII B)**

Recipients of the EVER ROLLING TROPHY at the ARENA INTER-SCHOOL QUIZ by St. Thomas Central School, Thiruvananthapuram.



**inspire awards - manak**  
million minds augmenting national aspiration and knowledge

**INSPIRE MANAK** is a Government of India initiative to encourage young minds to innovate and transform ideas into impactful solutions for a better future



**AADITYA A R**

Class X



**ANANYA NELABHOTLA**

Class IX



**PAARTH RAMPAL**

Class X



**RITHWIK J NAIR**

Class IX

**Qualified and Participated at the State Level Competition Held at Kannur**  
(Projects focused on Waste Management, Health Care, Biofuels, and AI in Agriculture)



# HINDI PRACHAR SABHA STATE-LEVEL HINDI COMPETITION



**KHUSHI MEENA**

**Class XI**  
Story Writing  
**First Prize**



**SASHA SWATHI**

**Class XI**  
Hindi Recitation - **Consolation Prize**  
Story Writing - **Second Prize**



**RYAN MATHEW JOHN**

**Class VI**  
Recitation  
**Third Prize**



**AHAAN PANDA**

**Class VI**  
Recitation  
**Consolation Prize**



**VAIGA V R**

**Class IX**  
Calligraphy  
**Third Prize**



**PARVATHY RENJITH**

**Class IX**  
Hindi Essay Writing  
**Third Prize**



**NIMISHA GL**

**Class IV**  
Hindi Calligraphy  
**Third Prize**



**SHYAM MADHAV ARAVIND**

**Class III**  
Hindi Recitation  
**Third Prize**

## Commendable Social Service 2023 - 2024



**Naomi Newin Pereira**  
Class: IX A



**Ashish Santhosh**  
Class: X B



**N. Naufek**  
Class: X B

## Commendable Social Service 2024 - 2025



**Roshan S.**  
Class: IX B



**Surya Suresh**  
Class: XI B



**Veda V.R.**  
Class: X A



**Gokul B.S.**  
Class: IX B



CBSE SOUTH ZONE SAHODAYA COMPLEX

KALOTSAV - 2024

## CBSE South Zone Sahodaya Complex KALOTSAV - 2024

### Literary Competitions

**RAHUL PANDEY**

**Class: XII A**  
Hindi Recitation  
**First Prize**  
Hindi Extempore  
**Third Prize**  
(Selected for CBSE State-Level Competition)

**RYAN MATHEW JOHN**

**Class: VI B**  
Hindi Elocution  
**Third Prize**

**SETHU S**

**Class XI A**  
Badminton (Under-19)  
**Bronze**

### Badminton Tournament

### Athletic Events

**AMEGHE TOM BIJU**

**Class V**  
200m Race  
(Under-12 Boys)  
**Silver Medal**

**SUPRIYA SURESH**

**Class VII**  
200m Race  
(Under-14 Girls)  
**Silver Medal**

**ANNA MARIA GIJO**

**Class VII**  
400m Race  
(Under-14 Girls)  
**Bronze Medal**

**TREESA MARY JOSE**

**Class VIII**  
400m Race  
(Under-14 Girls)  
**Silver Medal**

**SURYA SURESH**

**Class XI**  
Discus Throw  
(Under-17 Girls)  
**Bronze Medal**



# SPORTS COMPETITIONS 2023

## TRIVANDRUM DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET 2023



**AMEGHE TOM BIJU**

Class IV  
**Gold Medal**  
 in 100 mts, under 12 category,  
**Silver Medal**  
 in 50 mts, under 12 category



**SUPRIYA SURESH**

Class VI  
**Silver Medal**  
 in 50 mts, under 12 category,  
**Bronze Medal**  
 in 100 mts, under 12 category

## TRIVANDRUM DISTRICT YOGA CHAMPIONSHIP 2023



**HARNY K N**

Class XII  
**Gold Medal**



**KAILASNATH**

Class XII  
**Silver Medal**



**AVANTHIKA KK**

Class XII  
**Bronze Medal**



Our football team participated in the CBSE Cluster (State) Level Football Tournament 2023 held at Crescent Public School, Aluva. They won four matches and reached the quarterfinals.



## SPORTS COMPETITIONS 2024

### Trivandrum District Athletic Meet 2024



**VAANADHI**

Class IV  
**Bronze Medal in 100m Race,**  
Under-10 Girls  
**Bronze Medal in**  
**50m Race,**  
Under-10 Girls



**IDHIKA S S**

Class IV  
**Silver Medal in 60m Race,**  
Under-10 Girls



**MUHAMMED KHAMAR ZAMAN P H**

Class IV  
**Bronze Medal,**  
Under-10 Boys



**ASHIK G**

Class VI  
**Bronze Medal in 100m Race,**  
Under-12 Boys

### Trivandrum District Yoga Championship 2024



**HENLI MARIA**

Class XII B  
participated in the  
**Kerala State-Level**  
**Yoga Championship,**  
held at Kannur.

### CBSE State Level Badminton Championship 2024



**SURYADEV SAGAR**

Class XII



**SETHU S**

Class XI



**S ANUPAM**

Class XI



**PRANAV VIKRAM**

Class VII

**SECOND POSITION**  
in the CBSE State Level Badminton Championship



# Science Workshops and Outreach Events:

*Applying Concepts Beyond Classrooms*



Workshop sessions by IIST at VSSC Central School



Solar Ambassador Workshop : Exploring Solar Power Applications



OUTREACH PROGRAM at IIST Trivandrum :  
Students visited IIST labs and attended seminar on space science





Career Counselling session by  
Adv. Jasmine Mohemmad & Prof. Oomen Varghese



Career guidance session for classes XI & XII  
Commerce students by Shri Jeevan from Lakshya Academy



Talk on "Energy systems" in connection with the  
Science Day celebration 2025 by Smt Sujatha, GD, VSSC.



Career Counselling session by Smt Sini B. Nair & Shri Geoffrey,  
Institute of Hotel Mangement and Catering Technology



Talk on the Influence of Social Media Among  
Students by Shri Pratheep Rao, C I, Excise Crime  
Branch, Trivandrum



Lecture on Fire and Safety by  
Shri. Manoj R. and Smt. Sreeja Varma.



Regular counselling sessions conducted by the School Counsellor, Smt. Sulakshana Suresh, provide students with emotional support, personal guidance, and a safe space to express themselves.



# Reading Day Celebrations



*Fostering a love for literature and learning*



Mahadevan R (VII B), Avani RK (VI A), Ardhra SH (VIII A) and Aliya (IX B) qualified Round 2 of the CBSE Reading Challenge 2024-'25





## National Unity Day



Honouring the Legacy of  
National Integration

## Film Show



Enlightening Frames,  
Enriching Minds

## MEDICAL CHECKUP







## NCERT Teacher Training:

*Orientation for teachers on NEP 2020 by distinguished faculty members from RIE, Mysore*



A session on Implementation of NEP by Smt Priya, Head Mistress,  
PM Shri KV, AFS, Aakkulam conducted in January 2024

## Retirement



**Smt. Rema T A, Sr. Sc, PGT,**  
retired after a distinguished career, leaving behind a legacy of dedication  
and excellence in education.



## Teachers' Achievements



**Smt. Geethakumari C, Sr. Sc, PRT,**  
was honoured with the **Best Teacher Award 2023** by SBF



**Smt. Jassy Sam, Sr. Sc. PGT,**  
was honoured with the **Best Teacher Award 2024** by SBF. She was appreciated by South Zone Sahodaya Complex for mentoring a student to score **100% in Chemistry** in SSCE 2024.



**Smt. Anjali M V, PRT,**  
won First Prize in the  
**Malayalam Short Story Writing Competition** held as part of International Women's Day 2024 Celebrations.

**Dr. Jinesh Sekhar, TGT (Sanskrit),**  
his project on Sanskrit Learning through ICT Integration was accepted by the Ministry of Education and NCERT. He has also been selected as an **NCERT RIE Resource Person.**







Smt. Judy Dious, Smt. Sajna M. R., and Smt. Haripriya T secured **First Position** in the "Waste to Wealth" competition conducted by VSSC during Swachhata Pakhwada 2024.



Smt. Jyoti Yadav, Smt. Pallavi Sharma, Dr. Harikrishnan C. A., Smt. Ramya R. Kurup, Smt. Abhila V. K., Smt. Nishu Bishnoi, and Shri Jadhav Dasharath Shrihari secured **Second Position** in the Skit Competition by VSSC during Swachhata Pakhwada 2024

## Teachers' Day Celebration



Harithra Nair (Class XII B), Melbin B Merin (Class XII A), and Anandhadevi J (Class XII B) Winners of the Teaching Competition conducted as part of Teachers' Day Celebration 2024







## Graduation Day 2024



## Graduation Day 2025





# NCC



NCC Trekking expedition 2023



Training for Tomorrow: A Glimpse into the NCC Camp Experience



Stepping Up for a Cleaner Nation:  
NCC and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan



Soaring High: NCC Cadets Experience  
Microlite Flying



A Tribute in Action: Gandhi Jayanti  
Observed by NCC Cadets



NCC Cadets attending  
"A" certificate Examination



NCC Cadets Celebrate World Environment Day  
with a Tree Plantation Drive



NCC TROOP 2023-'24





## CADET SERGEANT INDRAJITH VINOD

Attended EK BHARATH SRESHTA BHARATH Camp 2023 organized by NCC Directorate Kerala and Lakshadweep.



## CADET SERGEANT JANICE GRACE SAJI

Attended Combined Annual Training Camp and Inter Battalion Completion held at Military Station, Pangode.

Attended PRE IGC RDC Camp held at Military Station, Pangode organized by NCC Group Head Quarters Trivandrum.

Attended IGC RDC Camp and Inter Group Competition held at NAVAL BASE Cochin organized by NCC Directorate Kerala and Lakshadweep.



## CADET SERGEANT ANAMIKA A S

Attended Annual Training Camp at Military Station, Pangode from 5<sup>th</sup> Aug to 14<sup>th</sup> Aug 2024 Organised by No1 Ker Air Sqn NCC, Tvm and awarded **Best Cadet** in the camp  
Attended the All India Girls Trekking Expedition – 2024 at Nilgiri, conducted by NCC Group HQ, Coimbatore, under the NCC Directorate Tamil Nadu, Puducherry & Andaman Nicobar.



## CADET SERGEANT SOUPARNIKA SREEJI

Attended the Inter Battalion Competition and CATC Camp at Military Station, Pangode  
Participated in the IGC RDC Camp held at NCC Group HQ, Kozhikode, organized by the NCC Directorate Kerala & Lakshadweep

Attended the PRE RDC-1 Camp organized by NCC Group HQ, Kozhikode.

Attended the PRE RDC-2 Camp organized by NCC Group HQ, Kozhikode

Attended the PRE RDC-3 Camp at NCC Group HQ, Kozhikode.

Attended RDC LC camp at Military Station, Pangode.

**Selected and participated in the Republic Day Camp 2025, New Delhi.**



NCC TROOP 2024-'25







# KG Sports Day

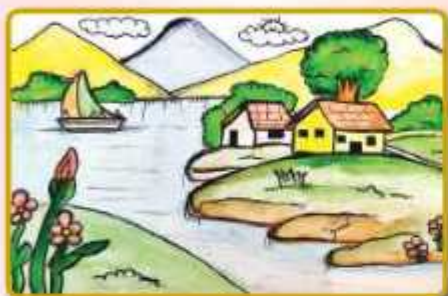




# Art Gallery



Mary Bea Merin (VI A)



Mary Bea Merin (VI A)



Aadya VS (IV)



V. Srinivas (VIII B)



Mary Bea Merin (VI A)



Abraham Anbin (V)



Veda VR (IX)



Nimisha G L (IV)



V. Srinivas (VIII B)



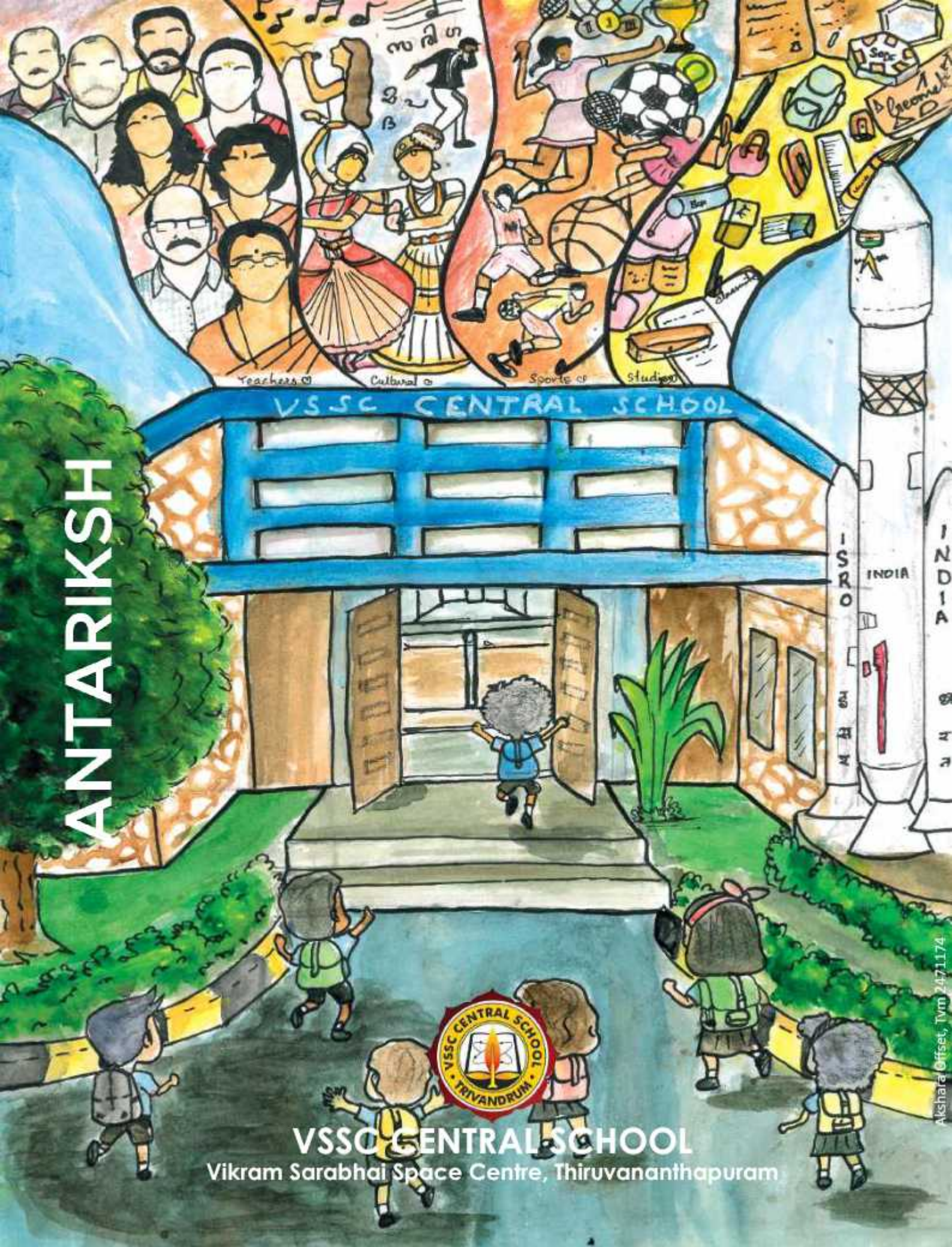
Manomi Unni (IV)







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