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# EDITORIAL



Dear Josephites

It is with great pleasure and pride that we bring to you the second issue of Josephite Echoes, which true to its name, reverberates with the ideas and opinions, the trials and triumphs, the daily dilemmas, the delicate dreams, the cries of delight and sighs of despair of our students. So before we turn the pages of this issue let us tip our hats to our enthusiastic contributors for sharing with us this patchwork of their worlds, woven with words and embellished with pictures. While this magazine endeavors to be a cup of tea and a conversation with the extended Josephite community of students, parents and teachers, it also intends to remind our readers to uphold and celebrate the Josephite values of honesty of purpose, sincere endeavor, and engagement with issues of interest to the aspirations and values of the larger community and the nation. We hope with this issue, too, we shall have achieved some success to this end.

Every issue of the magazine intends to be a medium through which the ingenuity and efforts of the students of this esteemed institution are shared and celebrated. This issue too is a treasure trove of poems, stories, beautiful pictures, and articles on topics related to various areas of academic or general interest and significance. The passion of our students shines bright in their touching tributes to the Motherland, and in their poems and stories you can witness the wings of their imagination taking flight. We also bring to you the report of the activities performed by the students under the aegis of Heritage Club, in the past month, including exciting novelties like the games organized for parents by the different departments on the Parents-Teachers Meeting, the various competitions carried out as a part of the Independence Day Celebration and the events performed on the day itself. Our students, in the spirit of true-blue Josephites, throughout strived for excellence, put their best foot forward and made every event a huge success.

We congratulate the entire team working on this issue of Josephite Echoes for pouring their efforts and energy, their hearts and souls into it. Kudos team! You have already left your firm footprints in a journey just begun. Finally, we express our heartfelt gratitude to the Principal, Sister Ritika Micheal for providing us this opportunity and platform to communicate with our community, and for her indefatigable efforts in taking the school to newer heights. Sister you are truly the wind beneath our wings! And now dear Reader, you are invited to walk into our world and allow our words and images enable you to know us better and understand us better. As you flip through this work, pieced together by the efforts of so many, do bear in mind that every word and every sentence is a labor of love and so do be kind about any slip ups on our part. We hope this issue of Josephite Echoes touches your hearts and continues to resonate with you, even after you put it down.

**Smita Singh | TGT**



# BLACK BEAUTY

*A Heartfelt Tale of a Horse's Life*

*By Anna Sewell*

**“We call them dumb animals, and so they are, for they cannot tell us how they feel, but they do not suffer less because they have no words.”**

**— Anna Sewell**

The 1st Journal  
By Estelle Percy  
24 September, 2014

Anna Sewell's *Black Beauty* is a timeless classic that offers a unique perspective on the world through the eyes of a horse. This beautifully written autobiography narrates the life of a magnificent black stallion, from his carefree colt days to the harsh realities of life as a working horse.

### **A World Through a Horse's Eyes**

*Black Beauty's* experiences are a poignant reflection of the Victorian era, revealing the kindness and cruelty humans exhibit towards animals. Readers are introduced to a cast of unforgettable characters, from the gentle Farmer Gray to the callous Squire Gordon. Through *Black Beauty's* eyes, we witness the joys of freedom, the pain of mistreatment, and the enduring power of human-animal bonds.

### **A Call for Compassion**

Sewell's novel is a powerful indictment of animal cruelty, inspiring readers to develop empathy and compassion for all living beings. *Black Beauty* encourages us to consider the world from a different perspective, fostering a deeper appreciation for the natural world.

*Black Beauty* is a must-read for animal lovers of all ages. This heartwarming story will stay with you long after the final page.

# A tribute to Motherland



Khushi 9B



In the stories of Devi in any Indian language she is called simply mother , other attributes adorn her only extolling this aspect of motherland. Even the awakening in the mines of masses of India for a teenage independence was made in the name of Bharat Mata whatever be the achievements of a women as a leader , as a musician , as a athlete , as a high post officer or as a politician her Pride as a mother is unique and unequal . It is found in the Shastra and Purnas that who ever disagrees a woman fall irretrievably some grace of the lord and lose all prosperity in this world and in the other . Women must keep this truth in the minds and make their lives worthy of this great honour and be blessed divine grace.

It is a pure grace in mother's mind which is instinctive and never artificial that makes a divine . The man has to move heaven and earth to achieve this divine character . The love that a mom bestows on her child is subtler and purer than the love she professes to her husband in a given moment . If a woman is asked to choose between her husband and her child , she would prefer the child with its attendant responsibilities rather than a protection from her husband. A woman will not forsake her child whatever the other attractions and inducements she is offered in her life . It is the natural grace of the motherland in a woman that finds the first mention in the Sahasranama ( thousands of Devi ) as Shri Mata .



# 78TH INDEPENDENCE DAY

**"Seventy-eight years ago, a seed of freedom was sown, nurtured by the blood, sweat, and dreams of countless souls. Today, it stands as a resplendent tree, rooted in heritage, reaching for boundless aspirations."**

## 78-TH INDEPENDENCE DAY

With this aspiration, 78th Independence Day was celebrated in our school .

As the sun dawned bright on 15th August our school ground was filled with tricolour flags and students dressed in Indian attire showcasing the rich tapestry of Indian culture .

The celebration has begun with a festive march on the arrival of the Chief Guest and Guard of Honour .

Our dignitaries were saluted by our school cabinet through a guard of honour . With great pride filled in the minds of each and every individual, national anthem was sung and the flag was hoisted .



After all , the dignitaries were seated and the main programme began with a beautiful saying , "Sundar hai jag me sabse, naam bhi nyara hai jaha jaati bhasha se badhkar desh prem ki dhaara hai". A beautiful prayer service was accompanied by the students that had embarked on the sacrifices made by our forefathers and paid a humble gratitude to each and every individual who had fought for liberty .



To keep the spirit of our heroes alive, a captivating role-play depicting the bravery of Bhagat Singh was presented that had marked the bravery of Bhagat Singh and his sacrifice for the nation .

A beautiful dance was also presented that showcased the diversity and unity within ourselves . Later , our Chief Guest and Guest Of Honour gave away their speeches that regarded the importance of youth contribution towards the country.

The celebration ended with an enchanting saying , "Raat ke andhiyaare mein jab tak rutbaa rahega chaand ka kaargil ki chotiya par tab tak fairta rahega tiranga shaan ka."

The celebration stood as a testament of our school's commitment towards fostering patriotism and national pride. It was a day filled with pride, unity, and a renewed resolve to contribute to the nation's progress.



# THE STRUGGLE OF FREEDOM

Siya Katariya|5B

## LET MY COUNTRY AWAKE

Where the mind is without fear, we say our Indian soldiers are here. And then we say our pride is our India. Once there was a country, full of the world's compliments. It was also called 'Sone Ki Chidiya'. It is one and only India. But then came a gloom. Gloomy was the rule of the British, which became a punishment for India. The British rule grew and grew, and soon there were very few unruled states left. Many fighters came, forcing the British to stop their game. The unity in diversity became stronger, and in 1947, we found ourselves independent. The struggle of the soldiers, who died to give us self-rule, will never be forgotten. And then a tower of unity stood tall—a tower that became a beautiful memory in the minds of Indians. We salute the legends of our Independent India. My love for my India will never end.



## **CELEBRATING NATIONAL SISTER'S DAY AT SCHOOL: FOSTERING BONDS AND PROMOTING INCLUSIVITY**

National Sister's Day, celebrated on the first Sunday of August, is a day dedicated to celebrating the special bond between sisters. While it primarily recognizes biological sisters, the day extends its spirit to include all siblings and close friends who share a sisterly bond. Schools can mark this day by fostering a sense of community, promoting inclusivity, and strengthening relationships among students.

### **Why Celebrate National Sister's Day in Schools?**

- **Promotes Positive Relationships:** By celebrating National Sister's Day, students are encouraged to recognize and appreciate their relationships with siblings, friends, and peers, thus promoting a supportive and caring environment.
- **Fosters Inclusivity:** This day is not limited to biological siblings but honors all forms of sisterly connections, including friendships. Schools can use this opportunity to celebrate diverse forms of sisterhood.
- **Builds a Strong School Community:** Celebrating this day helps to strengthen the sense of community within the school, enhancing the relationships among students and fostering a more cohesive environment.

### **Ideas for Celebrating National Sister's Day at School**

- **Sisterly Bond Workshops:** Organize discussions that highlight the importance of sisterly bonds, covering topics such as empathy, conflict resolution, and the value of supportive relationships. These can include guest speakers like counselors or community leaders.
- **Art and Writing Projects:** Encourage students to create art or write about their relationships with siblings or friends. Display the works around the school to celebrate the diversity of sisterly relationships.
- **Sister's Day Assembly:** Host an assembly with performances, skits, or presentations that focus on the significance of supportive relationships and the positive impact of having a "sister" figure.
- **Community Service Projects:** Engage students in service projects reflecting sisterhood, such as creating care packages, organizing charity drives, or volunteering. These activities can teach students about compassion and the importance of helping others.
- **Interactive Games and Activities:** Plan team-building exercises, collaborative art projects, or friendly competitions that celebrate sisterly bonds.
- **Acknowledgment and Appreciation:** Create a "Wall of Appreciation" where students can write thank-you notes or messages of gratitude to their sisters or friends, fostering a culture of positivity.

National Sister's Day offers a valuable opportunity to celebrate and strengthen bonds of sisterhood and friendship among students. By incorporating thoughtful activities and fostering inclusivity, schools can enhance their community spirit and promote positive relationships, creating a lasting impact on students' lives.

# CELEBRATING GRANDPARENTS DAY: HONORING THE PILLARS OF OUR FAMILIES



Grandparents Day, held annually on the first Sunday after Labor Day in the United States, is a day dedicated to celebrating the invaluable role that grandparents play in our lives. This day offers an opportunity for students and families to express their gratitude for the wisdom, love, and support that grandparents provide. Schools can celebrate this day with various activities designed to recognize the unique contributions of grandparents.

**The Origins of Grandparents Day** The idea of Grandparents Day was first proposed in 1970 by Marian McQuade, who wanted to honor the elderly and strengthen family bonds. In 1978, President Jimmy Carter officially proclaimed the first Sunday after Labor Day as National Grandparents Day, symbolizing the fruits of life and family unity.

**Why Grandparents Matter** Grandparents are sources of unconditional love, wisdom, and stability, providing valuable lessons and a sense of continuity within the family. Celebrating this day helps students appreciate their family heritage and values, reinforcing the importance of family connections.



## **Celebrating Grandparents Day at School**

- **Assembly:** Host a special assembly with performances, skits, or poems dedicated to grandparents. Include speeches highlighting their impact on students' lives.
- **Art and Writing Projects:** Encourage students to create art or essays about their grandparents, which can be displayed around the school or compiled into a keepsake booklet.
- **Tea or Luncheon:** Organize a meal where students and grandparents can bond and celebrate their relationships.
- **Memory Books:** Create books where students can record stories, drawings, and photos about their grandparents, serving as a cherished keepsake.
- **Storytelling Sessions:** Invite grandparents to share their life stories with students, helping them learn about history and family heritage from a personal perspective.
- **Family Tree Projects:** Have students create family trees that include their grandparents, helping them understand their family history and connections.

Grandparents Day is an occasion to recognize and celebrate the special role of grandparents. Through school activities and events, we can honor their contributions and strengthen the connections between generations, creating lasting family memories.



# THE IMPACT OF STREET PLAY IN SCHOOLS

## A COMPREHENSIVE LOOK



Street play, a form of unstructured outdoor play often conducted in urban environments, has become a vibrant part of the educational landscape. Traditionally associated with spontaneous activities, street play is now being incorporated into school programs to enrich students' learning experiences. This article explores the benefits and implementation of street play in schools, illustrating how it enhances education and fosters holistic development.

**What is Street Play?** Street play refers to activities in open public spaces like streets, playgrounds, or community areas. Characterized by spontaneity and minimal use of equipment, these activities involve games, sports, or imaginative play, fostering creativity, social interaction, and physical activity.



**The Rise of Street Play in Schools** Educators have recognized the value of integrating street play into the curriculum, aligning with educational theories that emphasize experiential learning. Schools are increasingly organizing street play activities as part of physical education programs, recess, or special events.

### Benefits of Street Play in Education

- Promotes Physical Health: Street play encourages physical activity, improving students' fitness and coordination.
- Enhances Social Skills: It requires communication and collaboration, helping students develop social skills and emotional intelligence.
- Fosters Creativity: The unstructured nature of street play stimulates creativity, enhancing cognitive flexibility and problem-solving skills.
- Strengthens Community Ties: Organizing street play events fosters stronger bonds between students, parents, and communities.
- Encourages Resilience: Overcoming challenges in street play builds resilience and independence.

On Saturday, children from classes 4 and 5 presented a street play in the school hall, delivering a message on protecting the environment and reducing plastic use. This play also highlighted the importance of water conservation and cleanliness.

Street play represents a dynamic and beneficial approach to education, offering numerous advantages for students' physical health, social development, and creative growth. As schools explore innovative methods to enhance learning, street play stands out as a valuable tool for fostering a well-rounded, engaging educational experience.



# INDEPENDENT INDIA

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By Aadya Gondane|5A

15th August 1947 is the day when, after years of slavery and bondage under the British Empire, India gained its independence. It took a lot of selfless effort from the people of India and the leaders who led them in the fight for freedom. The people's love and care for their motherland made them sacrifice their lives and encouraged them to fight for their beliefs about freedom. The freedom fighters could not stand the way the British treated the people like slaves in their own land.

Independence Day reminds every Indian of the beginning of a new life, free from slavery and bondage. The reason Independence Day is given so much importance and celebrated in a grand manner across the country is that it marks the end of British rule and the start of democracy. It reminds us that 15th August 1947 was the end of the struggle for India's freedom.

Independence Day is celebrated with various ceremonies, including the hoisting of the National Flag, skits about freedom fighters, drills, and speeches about the struggles and achievements of our freedom fight.

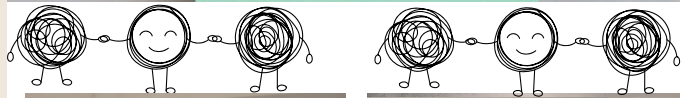


## Empathy in Action: An Inspiring Assembly

Recently, our school's Class 8B organized a thought-provoking assembly on the theme of empathy, showcasing the power of small acts of kindness and understanding. The entire event was a collaborative effort between the Assistant Class Teacher, Sir Preet, the Class Teacher, Ma'am Priscilla, and the students.

The assembly began with a moving skit that highlighted the impact of empathy on individuals. The skit demonstrated how teachers can be empathetic towards their students by listening to their concerns and making them feel heard. This was followed by a prayer service and a beautiful hymn that resonated with the audience.

The students also shared information about Janmashtami, a significant Hindu festival that celebrates the birth of Lord Krishna. The assembly was a testament to the students' creativity and passion for spreading empathy and kindness. The event served as a reminder of the importance of understanding and compassion in our daily lives. It was a truly inspiring experience that left everyone feeling uplifted and motivated to make a positive impact on those around us.



# Heritage Club

“EVERY POCKET IS A DUSTBIN”



On August 12th, the Heritage Club organized an impressive assembly on the importance of cleanliness, titled "Every Pocket is a Dustbin." The event was a resounding success, inspiring both students and teachers with its message. The assembly featured a captivating skit, a heartwarming song, and a thought-provoking prayer. The highlight of the event was the interactive segment, "Cleanliness," where participants were encouraged to take part in a fun activity.

But that's not all! The Heritage Club took their initiative to the next level by donating dustbins to every school bus. This thoughtful gesture aims to promote cleanliness and maintain a hygienic environment for students and staff alike. The club's effort is a testament to their commitment to creating a positive impact on the school community. We applaud the Heritage Club for their outstanding work and look forward to more such initiatives in the future.





# JANMASHTAMI

Janmashtami, the joyous celebration of Lord Krishna's birth, is one of the most important festivals in Hinduism. It is more than just a commemoration of a divine event; it embodies deep spiritual, cultural, and moral significance. Celebrated with great fervor in India and other parts of the world, this festival unites people in shared expressions of faith, reverence, and the pursuit of righteousness. Janmashtami holds significant importance in Hinduism for several reasons:

- 1. Birth of Lord Krishna:** The festival marks the birth of Lord Krishna, who is considered the eighth incarnation of Lord Vishnu.
- 2. Symbol of Good Over Evil:** Krishna's life is filled with tales of him vanquishing demons and protecting the innocent, symbolizing the victory of good over evil.
- 3. Spiritual Lessons:** Krishna's teachings, particularly in the Bhagavad Gita, provide profound spiritual guidance on duty, righteousness, and devotion.
- 4. Cultural Activities and Significance:** The festival is celebrated with various cultural performances, such as Ras Leela, which depict episodes from Krishna's life. These performances not only entertain but also educate people about Krishna's teachings and his divine play (Leela).
- 5. Unity in Devotion:** Janmashtami brings people together in devotion and celebration. Temples are filled with devotees who sing bhajans (devotional songs) and participate in rituals, creating a sense of unity and community spirit.
- 6. Fasting and Austerity:** Many devotees observe fasting during Janmashtami. This practice is believed to purify the mind and body, bringing the devotees closer to the divine.

In conclusion, Janmashtami is important not just as a religious festival but as a time for spiritual reflection, cultural expression, and communal harmony. I am grateful for the opportunity to share my thoughts with you today, and I hope you found this valuable.

Om Namoh Bhagavate Vasudevaya Namah. Thank you.  
This is Mugdha from Red House. Radhe Radhe!



# PARTITION OF INDIA AND PAKISTAN

## The Partition of India and Pakistan: A Historical Overview

The Partition of India in 1947 marked a significant turning point in the history of the subcontinent, leading to the creation of two independent nations: India and Pakistan. This event was a culmination of decades of political, religious, and social tensions between Hindus and Muslims. The British colonial administration, faced with growing demands for self-governance and the inability to reconcile the interests of both communities, decided to partition the country along religious lines.

The Partition was a complex and traumatic process, characterized by mass migration, violence, and bloodshed. Millions of people were forced to leave their homes and relocate to the newly formed nations. The violence that erupted during and after the Partition resulted in the deaths of hundreds of thousands of people. The legacy of Partition continues to shape the relationship between India and Pakistan, with unresolved territorial disputes and tensions between the two countries persisting to this day.

## The Causes of the Partition

Several factors contributed to the Partition of India. One of the most significant was the religious divide between Hindus and Muslims. The two communities had distinct cultures, traditions, and languages, and their relationship had been marked by periods of both cooperation and conflict. The rise of Hindu nationalism and Muslim separatism in the early 20th century further exacerbated these tensions.

The British colonial administration also played a crucial role in the Partition. By promoting a policy of divide and rule, the British sought to maintain their control over the subcontinent by playing the Hindus and Muslims against each other. The failure of the British to address the growing demands for self-governance and their inability to reconcile the interests of the two communities ultimately led to the decision to partition the country.

## The Impact of the Partition

The Partition of India had a profound and lasting impact on the subcontinent. Millions of people were forced to flee their homes, leading to a massive refugee crisis. The violence that accompanied the Partition resulted in the deaths of hundreds of thousands of people. The legacy of Partition continues to shape the relationship between India and Pakistan, with unresolved territorial disputes and tensions between the two countries persisting to this day.

The Partition also had a significant impact on the social and economic fabric of the newly formed nations. The mass migration of people led to widespread displacement and economic hardship. The creation of two separate nations also had a profound impact on the cultural and political landscape of the subcontinent.

## Conclusion

The Partition of India was a complex and traumatic event that had a profound and lasting impact on the subcontinent. While it was a necessary step towards independence, the Partition also resulted in immense suffering and hardship. The legacy of Partition continues to shape the relationship between India and Pakistan, and the challenges posed by this event will continue to be a major issue for the two countries in the years to come.

# THE GHOSTLY LIBRARIAN

BY RASIKA SHENDE

Old Mrs. Willow was the librarian at Willow Creek Elementary. She was a stern woman with a sharp tongue and an even sharper wit. After she passed away, the students noticed some strange occurrences in the library. Books would be found open on the wrong pages, and the lights would flicker on and off. Some even claimed to have heard her voice whispering their names in the stacks.

One day, a group of brave students decided to investigate. They crept into the library after hours, armed with flashlights and a healthy dose of courage. As they explored the dimly lit shelves, they heard a faint rustling sound coming from the back of the room.



They approached the sound cautiously, their flashlights cutting through the darkness. There, sitting at the librarian's desk, was Mrs. Willow herself, her spectral form glowing faintly. She looked up at the students with a mischievous grin.

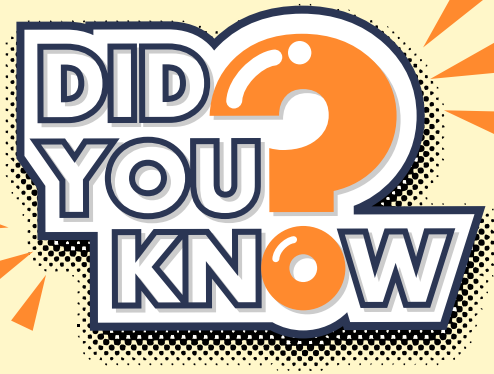
"Well, well, well," she said, her voice echoing through the library. "Who do we have here?"

The students were terrified, but they managed to stammer out a greeting. Mrs. Willow chuckled.

"Don't be afraid, children," she said. "I'm just here to keep an eye on the books. And perhaps to scare away a few noisy students." As the students began to relax, Mrs. Willow asked them to promise to treat the books with respect. They eagerly agreed. With a satisfied nod, she faded away, leaving the students alone in the library.

From then on, the strange occurrences in the library ceased. And whenever a student was caught misbehaving, they could hear Mrs. Willow's ghostly voice whispering, "Remember, treat the books with respect!"

# FUNFACTS



## ANIMAL KINGDOM

- OCTOPI HAVE THREE HEARTS.
- KOALAS SLEEP FOR AROUND 22 HOURS A DAY.
- A GROUP OF PENGUINS IS CALLED A WADDLE.
- THE FASTEST LAND ANIMAL IS A CHEETAH, WHICH CAN REACH SPEEDS OF UP TO 75 MILES PER HOUR.



- THE AVERAGE PERSON TAKES AROUND 23,000 BREATHS PER DAY.
- YOUR BRAIN IS ABOUT THE SIZE OF A GRAPEFRUIT.
- HUMANS SHED ABOUT 40 POUNDS OF SKIN EACH YEAR.
- YOUR HEART BEATS ABOUT 100,000 TIMES A DAY.



## WORLD WONDERS

- THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA IS THE LONGEST MAN-MADE STRUCTURE.
- THE AMAZON RAINFOREST COVERS ABOUT 40% OF SOUTH AMERICA.
- THE MARIANA TRENCH IS THE DEEPEST POINT IN THE OCEAN, REACHING A DEPTH OF ABOUT 36,070 FEET.
- THE SAHARA DESERT IS THE LARGEST HOT DESERT IN THE WORLD

## RANDOM TRIVIA

- THE AVERAGE PERSON BLINKS AROUND 15-20 TIMES PER MINUTE.
- THE LONGEST WORD IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IS "PNEUMONOUltramicropicosilicovolcanooconiosis."
- THE EIFFEL TOWER WAS ORIGINALLY MEANT TO BE A TEMPORARY STRUCTURE.
- THE MONA LISA WAS STOLEN FROM THE LOUVRE MUSEUM IN 1911.







## A SYMPHONY OF SOULS: THE TAPESTRY OF MANKIND

Mankind, a symphony of souls, a tapestry woven with threads of diverse cultures, beliefs, and experiences. We are a species of contradictions, capable of both the most profound acts of love and the most heinous acts of cruelty. Our journey through time has been marked by triumphs and tragedies, advancements and setbacks. Yet, amidst the chaos and complexity of our existence, there remains a fundamental unity that binds us together.

Mankind is a diverse and interconnected species, united by a shared humanity. We speak different languages, practice different religions, and live in different cultures, yet we share common experiences, emotions, and aspirations. We all seek love, happiness, and meaning in our lives. We all face challenges, setbacks, and losses. And we all yearn for connection, belonging, and a sense of purpose. Throughout history, mankind has faced countless challenges, from natural disasters to wars and conflicts. Yet, we have also demonstrated an incredible capacity for resilience, cooperation, and innovation. We have built civilizations, explored the cosmos, and made significant strides in fields such as science, technology, and medicine. We have overcome adversity, learned from our mistakes, and strived to create a better world for future generations.

Mankind is a work in progress, a species that is constantly evolving and adapting. We are capable of both great good and great evil, and our future depends on the choices we make. We must strive to cultivate compassion, empathy, and understanding, and to work together to address the challenges facing our planet and its people.

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# STUDENTS HOLD VIGOROUS PROTEST AGAINST KOLKATA RAPE CASE



# Justice

In a powerful display of outrage, students organized a protest against the horrific rape case in Kolkata. The event, marked by passionate speeches, thought-provoking placards, and evocative slogans, underscored the students' determination to demand justice for the victim and a safer society for women.

The school premises reverberated with the collective voice of the students as they raised concerns over the increasing instances of violence against women.

Placards with messages such as "Justice Delayed is Justice Denied" and "Enough is Enough" were held high. The students chanted slogans condemning the heinous crime and demanding strict punishment for the perpetrators. A wave of emotions was evident as students shared their thoughts through powerful poems. The verses, filled with raw emotion and social commentary, resonated with the audience, prompting a collective call for justice and action.

Students vowed to raise awareness about gender-based violence, advocate for stricter laws, and work towards creating a more equitable and just society.



# PARENTS-TEACHERS KETCHUP

"Education is a team effort between parents, students, and teachers."

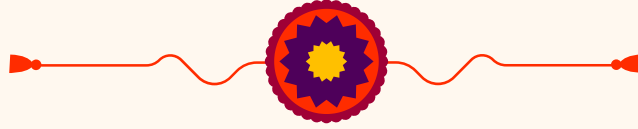
As the quote suggests, we, the Josephites, successfully organized a communal activity for the parents called 'Parents-Teachers Ketchup.' Together, our school's teachers and students displayed a beautiful array of subjects through various activities. Each department organized its own venture, showcasing ideas through interactive plays.

The Heritage Club presented an exploration of the Seven Wonders of the World, inviting parents to guess the countries where these wonders are located. On the other hand, the Science Department demonstrated the concept of gravitation through a game called Jenga and explained inertia using real-life examples. The Marathi and Hindi departments offered a dynamic showcase of their respective subjects. Parents were thoroughly entertained by the students. They were welcomed by the anchors, and the organized activities rewarded winners with small gifts.

In conclusion, the 'Parents-Teachers Ketchup' event was a resounding success in exemplifying the power of collaboration between parents, students, and teachers. By transforming the classroom into an interactive arena, Josephites showcased the true essence of education as a shared journey. The event not only entertained but also enlightened parents about the diverse subjects taught at school. This initiative undoubtedly strengthened the bond between the school and the community, fostering a deeper appreciation for the role of education in shaping young minds.



# Raksha Bandhan Celebration



Students participated wholeheartedly in the celebrations, adding to the overall festive atmosphere. Their enthusiasm for the event was truly commendable.

Overall, the Raksha Bandhan celebration was a resounding success. It was a day filled with joy, love, and togetherness, leaving a lasting impression on all who participated. Raksha Bandhan is more than just a festival; it is a profound celebration of the unique bond between siblings. This auspicious occasion transcends mere familial ties, encapsulating a deep-rooted sense of love, protection, and mutual respect. Beyond the traditional customs, Raksha Bandhan fosters a sense of unity, strengthens familial bonds, and reinforces the values of care and compassion. It serves as a timeless reminder of the enduring power of sibling relationships and their role in shaping individuals and societies.

Tuesday, 20th August 2024, Today dawned with an air of excitement and anticipation as the students gathered to celebrate the most festive occasion, Raksha Bandhan. The atmosphere was filled with vibrant celebrations, energy, and enthusiasm. As the day commenced, our school dedicated itself to celebrating Raksha Bandhan.

Students arrived dressed in vibrant colours, their attire reflecting the festive spirit of the occasion. They stood together, their faces beaming with happiness. The event provided a unique platform for siblings to express their love and affection for each other.

The highlight of the assembly was undoubtedly the Rakhi-tying ceremony. Sisters, adorned in traditional attire, gracefully tied Rakhis on their brothers' wrists. The air was filled with laughter, cheers, and warm embraces as siblings exchanged wishes and promises. The ceremony beautifully portrayed the unbreakable bond shared between brothers and sisters.





## FIELD VISIT TO FETRI VILLAGE

As part of the Social Science curriculum, particularly under the chapter on agriculture, the Class 10 students of St. Joseph's Convent Sr. Sec. School recently embarked on an enriching field visit to the agriculture fields of Fetri village. This educational trip aimed to provide students with a hands-on experience and a deeper understanding of agricultural practices, which they had been studying in the classroom.

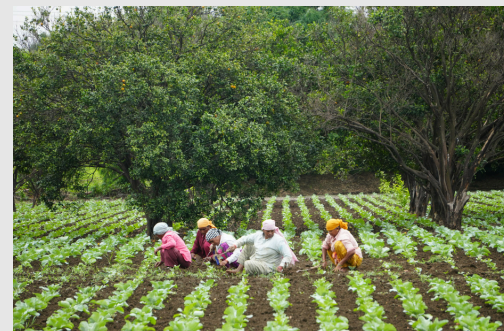
Accompanied by their teachers, the students set out for Fetri village, a rural area known for its rich agricultural heritage. The visit was meticulously planned to complement the theoretical knowledge the students had gained about different types of crops, farming techniques, and the importance of agriculture in India's economy.

Upon arriving at the village, the students were welcomed by local farmers who generously shared their time and knowledge. The students observed various farming practices, including plowing, sowing, irrigation, and harvesting. They were particularly fascinated by the traditional methods still in use alongside more modern techniques.

The visit also included a detailed discussion about crop rotation, soil fertility, and the impact of climate on agriculture. The students had the opportunity to ask questions and interact with the farmers, gaining insights into the challenges faced by the agricultural community, such as dependence on monsoons, market fluctuations, and the cost of inputs.

The teachers guided the students in linking these practical observations with the concepts covered in their textbooks, making the learning experience more meaningful and relevant. The visit not only enhanced the students' understanding of agriculture but also instilled in them an appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the farming community.

This field visit to Fetri village was an invaluable educational experience, bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world application. It reinforced the importance of agriculture in sustaining life and highlighted the need for continued learning and innovation in this critical sector.





## NATIONAL SPORTS DAY

St. Joseph's Convent Sr. Sec. School marked the beginning of its National Sports Day celebrations with great enthusiasm and energy. The day commenced with the inauguration of Sports Week, an event eagerly awaited by both students and staff alike. The celebration was a fitting tribute to Major Dhyani Chand, whose birthday on August 29th is observed as National Sports Day across the country.

The ceremony began with the lighting of the lamp by our esteemed Principal, Sr. Ritika, symbolizing the light of knowledge and the spirit of sportsmanship. Her inspiring words set the tone for the week, encouraging students to participate with zeal and uphold the values of teamwork, discipline, and perseverance.

Following the inauguration, the highlight of the day was the inter-house football matches, which saw fierce yet friendly competition between the four houses: Yellow, Green, Blue, and Red. The matches were organized for students of Classes 6 to 8, and the enthusiasm on the field was palpable. Each team displayed commendable skills and sportsmanship, making the matches a thrilling experience for all spectators.

The day was a perfect start to what promises to be an exciting and eventful Sports Week, filled with various sports activities that will not only test the physical prowess of our students but also instill in them the values that sports bring to life. The celebration of National Sports Day at St. Joseph's Convent Sr. Sec. School is a reminder of the importance of sports in education, and how it helps in the holistic development of our students.

As the week progresses, we look forward to more such engaging activities that will bring out the best in our young athletes and foster a sense of unity and sportsmanship within the school community.

# FIRE SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAMME



On 12 August 2024, the Green House organized a Fire Safety Awareness Programme for Classes 6 to 9. Our respected Principal, Sr Ritika, and Vice Principal, Sr Anthony Mary, welcomed our guests of honor, Sir Amit Gedam and Sir Sachin. Sir Amit, a petrochemical engineer with 23 years of experience, provided valuable insights on fire safety.

He explained the nature of fire, including its relation to the fire triangle and its essential elements. Sir Amit also demonstrated how to use a fire extinguisher and how to react effectively in fire situations. To make the concepts more relatable, he shared a real-life situation involving a seventeen-year-old girl.

The seminar was highly informative and engaging, offering students crucial knowledge and practical tips on fire safety. The same programme was also conducted for the primary section, ensuring that all students received essential information on fire safety.



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