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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Children,

interests.

Greetings!

As we approach the much-awaited summer holidays, I extend my warmest wishes to each one of you for a joyful, restful, and safe vacation. This is a time to relax, recharge, and enjoy the little moments with your family and friends.

However, while you take a well-deserved break from your routine, I encourage you to use this time meaningfully. Let these holidays be not only a break from academics but also a time for personal growth. Practice gratitude, patience, and honesty. Reflect on your goals, and come back refreshed with a stronger sense of purpose and responsibility.

To help you make the most of your summer break, here are a few simple steps I encourage you to follow:

### 1. Mental and Physical Rest

Summer holidays provide children with a much-needed break from school. The regular academic routine can be exhausting, so holidays help children rest, relax, and regain their energy. This rest is important for their overall well-being and helps them return to school refreshed.

### 2. Emotional Well-being

Being free from exams and deadlines reduces stress and anxiety in children. Holidays give them time to enjoy life at their own pace, spend time with family, and engage in joyful activities, which helps in building emotional balance and happiness.

### 3. Discovery of Hobbies and Interests

With more free time, children can explore and discover their passions. Whether it's painting, music, storytelling, gardening, or photography, holidays allow children to try new activities and build confidence in their own

### 4. Physical Activity and Fitness

Children should engage in physical activities like swimming, cycling, yoga, or playing outdoor games during the summer. These activities keep them fit, improve their coordination, and reduce screen time, making their lifestyle healthier.

### 5. Reading and Imaginative Growth

Holidays are the perfect time to read storybooks, comics, or listen to audiobooks. This not only enhances vocabulary and language skills but also sparks imagination and creativity, making children better thinkers and communicators.

### 6. Learning Life Skills

Children can help with simple household chores like watering plants, folding clothes, or cooking with supervision. These tasks teach responsibility, independence, and cooperation—skills that are essential for their personal development.

### 7. Social Responsibility and Values

Children can be encouraged to take part in activities like cleaning up a park, helping a neighbour, or spending time with grandparents. These experiences teach kindness, empathy, and the importance of giving back to the community.

Do actively participate in SPARSH: values and skill based activities as it initiated to educate and help build the foundation of character, empathy, and responsible behaviour, which are essential for personal and social development.

Enjoy your summer, stay safe, and keep the spirit of learning alive in all that you do.

Regards.

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# EDITORS' NOTE

Dear Readers,

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the May edition of EPICS - a publication that continues to celebrate the intellectual curiosity, creative spirit, and collective achievements of our school community.

We at ICSK strive to make learning an engaging and life-long process for our children. By providing every child with an array of opportunities and entrusting them with responsibilities, we endeavour to make sure that every student thrives on his or her individuality.

From academic accomplishments to artistic talents, from inspiring stories to exciting events, this month's edition is a celebration of our school community's energy and enthusiasm. You'll find thoughtful articles, student spotlights, and memorable moments that reflect our shared journey of learning and growth.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our contributors and parents, whose words and ideas breathe life into these pages, and to the editorial team, whose commitment ensures the seamless realization of this magazine. A special shoutout to our faculty members who have worked tirelessly to bring this edition to life. Your passion and perseverance make this endeavor truly meaningful.

May this issue inspire, inform, and ignite new conversations. As always, we welcome your insights and contributions as we continue this journey of storytelling and discovery together. "May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope."

Happy reading, and we look forward to your feedback and contributions for the next edition!

With warm regards,

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Editor

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Mrs. Tintu Wilson



## ICE APPLE – POWERHOUSE OF GOODNESS

Ice apple comes from the Palmyra palm tree (*Borassus flabellifer*), a type of tropical palm tree. This translucent fruit has a jelly-like texture, similar to tender coconut flesh, and is known for its mildly sweet taste.

Ice apple is known for its unique taste and refreshing properties. It is also known as "Tadgola" in Maharashtra, "Nungu" in Tamil Nadu, and "Tari" in Gujarat. Commonly found in South and Southeast Asia.

This power-packed fruit gives you the goodness of Vitamins C, K, and E, protein, iron, carbohydrates, calcium, and phytonutrients.

It is a tropical fruit cherished for its refreshing taste and cooling properties and is the perfect summer treat due to its high water content, sweet flavor, and nutrient-packed composition.

### Keeps You Hydrated

Ice apples, like watermelons, boast a high water content, making them the best fruit for scorching summers. They help balance the body's electrolytes and prevent heat stroke. It is also loaded with health benefits and that is perfect for nourishing and revitalizing your body when you need it most. Their hydrating properties help replenish lost fluids in the body, keeping you refreshed and preventing dehydration.

### Aids in Digestion

Its high fiber properties, helps improve the digestive system. So, if you are facing issues like bloating, nausea, and constipation symptoms, an ice apple can help you.

Regular consumption of ice apples can help prevent constipation, improve bowel movements, and promote a healthy gut.

### Promotes Weight Loss

Ice apple is low in calories and rich in essential nutrients, which makes it highly beneficial for health-conscious people.

### Relieves Stomach Discomfort

Ice apples are known for their cooling properties, which can alleviate common stomach issues like acidity, gastric ulcers, and inflammation. Their natural cooling effect soothes the digestive tract and relieves heat-related stomach problems.

### Good for Skin Health

The antioxidant properties of ice apples are considered effective and help to control premature aging.

It is rich in vitamins and minerals, hydrates your skin, reduces acne, and helps you get a natural glow. You can also apply ice apple pulp directly on the skin and soothe sunburns and rashes.

### Supports Liver Health

It is rich in potassium, which ultimately improves liver health. People with liver abnormalities can benefit from ice apples. They support the healing process and speed up liver recovery.

### Boosts Immunity

Ice apples contain a good amount of vitamins and minerals, such as Vitamin C, iron, and potassium, which help to boost immunity. They enhance the body's ability to fight infections, common colds, and other illnesses.

## Study Abroad - Prospects and Processes

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Education & Career Consultant, Thrissur



Across the World, there is a steady increase in student migration across different geographies. Number of students aspiring for study abroad programmes from India is showing quantum jump during the post Covid 19 period. When compared to pre covid period, there is an increase of 200 percent in student migration from India. 2.5 million students are studying in overseas university campuses. Of which nearly 10 percent of the students are from Kerala. Annually 10 lakhs students are pursuing for overseas education from India, of which 60000 students are from Kerala.

Analysis of Overseas education status of students reveal that students are more interested to study and migrate to five English speaking countries like Australia, Canada, New Zealand, UK and USA along with European Union countries like The Netherlands, Ireland, Germany, France and Japan, Singapore, China and Russia. Recent trends reveal that more number of plus two students are pursuing for undergraduate programmes abroad and undergraduate students from India are interested in graduate and doctoral programmes abroad.

Those students who are interested to pursue study abroad programmes need to do one-year homework for getting admission based on their interest, aptitude and goal. Relevance of the programme, choice of the courses and financial support are more important.

### Steps

#### Ensure to get valid Indian passport.

Prepare the Biodata in an attractive manner. Incorporate all the relevant details. It should not be more than three pages in Times New Roman with 11-12 font size.

Identify areas of interest. Select courses based on interest and identify prospective Universities in appropriate countries. For example, for Life sciences, USA will be best. Identify 5 Universities. As part of expression of interest, send the biodata to these five

universities.

Try to plan for English proficiency tests and other tests.

For undergraduate programmes in English speaking countries IELTS/TOEFL scores are required. Three months preparation will facilitate to get better scores.

Scholastic aptitude test (SAT) or American College Test scores are required for UG admission.

For graduate programmes abroad, along with TOEFL, US requires GMAT or GRE

For all other countries IELTS is required. Students interested to do MBA abroad need to qualify GMAT- Graduate management Aptitude Test

Students interested to pursue for education abroad other than English speaking countries need to take language proficiency tests. For example, for Germany, German language is required.

#### Medical Education abroad

Students interested to pursue medical education from English speaking countries need to take SAT and English proficiency tests.

Based on the scores, the students can join for BS Medical courses for 4 years duration. After completing the 4 years of UG programme, they need to write MCAT for getting admission to Medical Schools abroad.

Non-English-speaking countries require NEET-UG cut off mark as part of eligibility. Countries include, China, Russia, Georgia, Ukraine, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Philippines, Thailand, etc.

After completing six years of medical degree programme- Doctor of Medicine from non-English speaking countries, students must prepare for foreign medical graduate's

entrance test -FMGE for getting registration from National Medical Commission for practicing in India. Without clearing FMGE conducted by NAT board, students cannot practice in India

While selecting the Medical Schools, try to identify the countries without having any geopolitical issues.

Students interested to do STEM courses like Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics from English speaking countries for UG programme must prepare for English proficiency and Scholastic aptitude tests.

While selecting the higher educational institutions, accreditation of the programme and recognition of universities need to be ascertained. Never try to join for higher education in a fake University based on their websites. Times Higher education, QS and AMBA ranking along with World University ranking must be verified before trying for admission.

There are lot of educational providers for different countries functioning in India. They provide appropriate information to students. For example, British Council for UK education, USIEF for USA, Campus France for France, DAAD for Germany, etc.

Financial support for education abroad programmes will be available in the form of scholarships, assistantships, fellowships, etc. Part time work is optional Students. They can apply for Scholarships after getting offer letter from universities.

Applying process-Documents for undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programmes

- Biodata
- Copies of certificates
- Statement of purpose
- Two reference letters
- Certificates of extracurricular activities
- Project work
- Summer work experience
- Internship details if any etc.
- Visa processes vary based on different countries
- Students can hold offer letter for one year to get financial support through scholarships or fellowships.

#### Useful links for right information

[www.britishcouncil.in](http://www.britishcouncil.in), [www.usief.org.in](http://www.usief.org.in),  
[www.daad.in](http://www.daad.in), [www.inde.campusfrance.org](http://www.inde.campusfrance.org),  
[www.studyinaustralia.gov.au](http://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au),  
[www.educanada.ca](http://www.educanada.ca), [www.ec.europa.eu](http://www.ec.europa.eu),  
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# CAPTAINS & VICE CAPTAINS - MAY

## CLASS 12A



AADARA SYED



JESLYN SARA SHYJU



BERYL CHACKO BIJI



ARISHA MOHAMED



DANNY



MOHAMMED



ATHARV KUMAR



SAMEEHA SHEFFIK



ISRA SAJID THAKUR



ETHAN TRINITY

## CLASS 12F



KARTHICK



MOHAMMED FAWAZ



RUTH AMY RAJIV



IDRIS BOHRA



ADITIYA ULLAS NAIR



ZAINAB HUSNA



KEZIA



MUNIRA LALA



ADIL ISMAIL



ASHER GLINDIS

## CLASS 12K



ABID AYUB SHAIKH



CHRISTOSE ABRAHAM



SHRAVANI PUJARY



DAANYAAL JUNAID



TAHA BHUNGRAWALA



JOANA JOHN



LIYA JOHNY



TANVI PARASHAR



CALEB MANOJ



AARAV PA

## CLASS 11E



DYUTHI VANDANA



ZAHİ ZUBER



MUHAMMED UMAR



AAHANASHREE



INSIYA FIROZ



RAYAN ARAKKAL



ANKITA BIPIN



AUSTIN VINU



NAFISA BOHRA



DEEPSHIKHA KALSI

## CLASS 11J



ANJELIN P ANIL



MOHAMMED AATHIF



QAIS ABDUL SAMAD



SHIFRAH



VAIGA RAJINI



EMMANUEL BABU



AGNIVESH



MEGHNA



AYESHA NASER



NAIAH ANN BINU

## CLASS 10C



JEBIN JOSHUA



RIYA REJI THOMAS



JYOTHY



AYDEN



THEERDHA VINISH



MD. ARHAAAN



LEEYA GRACE PIUS



NAFISA ABBAS



DIYA AMISH



RINESH RAJU

## CLASS 9A



KAVIN SARUPRIYAN



LIANNE MICHELE



MUHSIN MAROOF



SIVA SAI AVANTHIKA



CATHERIN VINOY



MUFFADAL



AMAL KHOT



ABDULLAH SYED



RIYA LOKESH



RISHON ARANHA

## CLASS 9F



AFTAB ASIF KOTH



DARSHINI SURESH



MOHAMMAD



JOANNA MERCY



LEON JOESPH



LAKSHYA PRAVEEN



JOANA SARA SHYJU



JADON RIJO



SHRADDHA SAJIL



JANIYA GRACE JINU

## CLASS 9G



MOHAMMAD



JOANNA MERCY

## CLASS 8A



LEON JOESPH



LAKSHYA PRAVEEN

## CLASS 8B



JOANA SARA SHYJU



JADON RIJO

## CLASS 8C

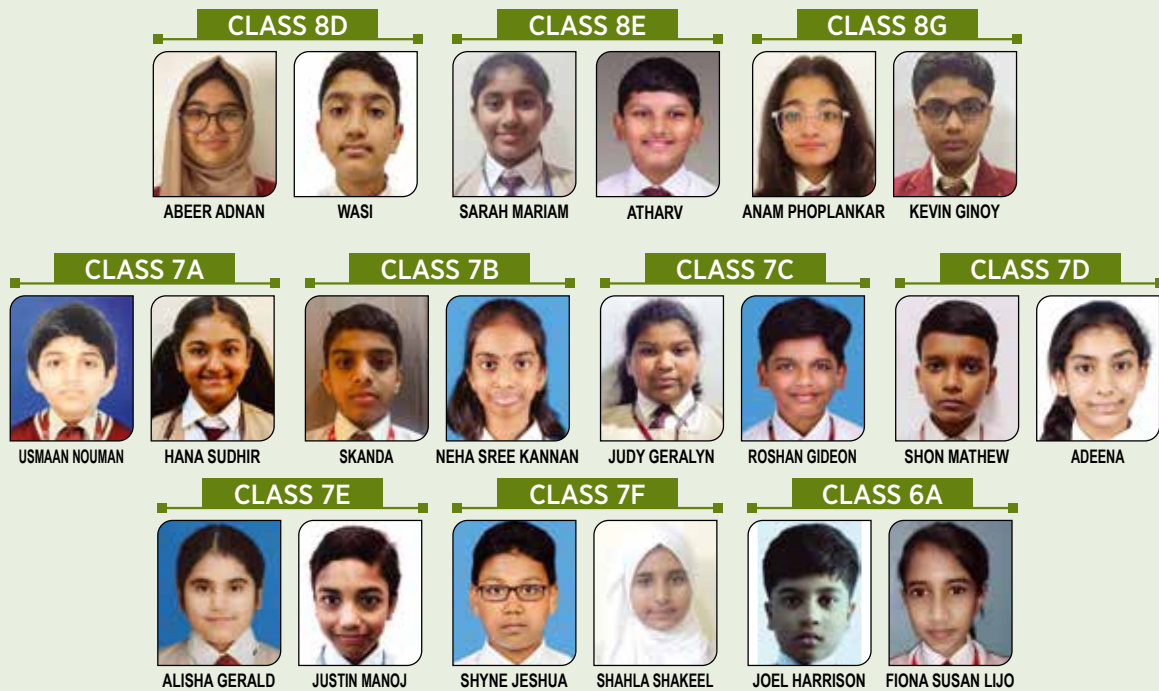


SHRADDHA SAJIL



JANIYA GRACE JINU





## The Indian Community School, Kuwait Clinches 22<sup>nd</sup> Consecutive Championship at the 27<sup>th</sup> CBSE Kuwait Cluster Athletics Meet



The Indian Community School, Kuwait has once again set an extraordinary benchmark in school athletics by securing its 22<sup>nd</sup> consecutive Championship Trophy at the 27<sup>th</sup> CBSE Kuwait Cluster Athletics Meet held on 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> April, and 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 at Al Sahel Sports Club, Abu Halifa. Competing against 20 CBSE-affiliated schools from across Kuwait, ICSK athletes displayed outstanding talent, discipline, and determination, earning the top spot with a commanding lead of 89 points under the guidance of Dr. Shyam Head of Department Physical Education, Mr. Murali coach for throw events and Mr. Sharaf Ali coach for jumps.

ICSK athletes bagged 26 gold, 20 silver, and 6 bronze medals. In addition, the school set 3 new meet records and won 7 individual championships. The new meet records were set in Long Jump for U-17 Girls by Diya Shenoy, 100m for U-19 Girls by Anugraha Susan Varghese and Long Jump for U-17 Boys by Christy Sabu.

ICSK dominated in three categories: Under-17 Girls, Under-19 Boys and Under-19 Girls. Notably, Laaibah Syed (U-14 Girls), Diya Shenoy (Under 17 Girls) Christy Sabu (Under 17 Boys) Anugraha Susan Varghese (U-19 Girls), Deon Daniel Lewis (U-19 Boys), Kiran Kumar (Under 19 Boys) and Shanaya Martin (Under 19 Girls) were crowned individual champions.

This phenomenal success was the result of meticulous planning, relentless training, and expert guidance by the Physical Education Department. The team was led by Dr. K. Shyam, Head of the Department and Track Events Coach, supported by Mr. Murali Manickyam (Throws Coach), and Mr. Sharafali Arangadon (Jumps Coach).



The leadership and encouragement of Dr. V. Binumon, Principal and Senior Administrator of ICSK, played a vital role in motivating the athletes and supporting their journey to victory.

The triumph at the 27<sup>th</sup> CBSE Kuwait Cluster Athletics Meet stands as a powerful testament to ICSK's holistic vision of education. With unwavering commitment to values such as leadership, perseverance, and integrity, ICSK not only dominates the athletics arena but also inspires its students to strive for greatness in every aspect of life. This victory reinforces the school's dedication to shaping well-rounded individuals who are prepared to excel both on the field and beyond.



# ICSK-SENIOR CHAMPIONS DEMOCRATIC SPIRIT WITH STUDENT SENATE ELECTIONS.

– A Resounding Celebration of Leadership, Representation, and Indian Ethos in Kuwait



Salmiya, April 25, 2025: The Indian Community School – Senior once again reaffirmed its commitment to nurturing democratic values and fostering student leadership with the successful conduct of its much-awaited Senate elections. As a proud torchbearer of Indian ethos and values since 1959, ICSK believes in cultivating a sense of responsibility and civic awareness among its students – the future leaders of the world's largest democracy.

In line with this vision, the afternoon session witnessed a significant moment when Ms. Jesha, Senate Advisor for the morning batches, officially announced the commencement of the electoral process for the student body. The declaration sparked palpable excitement across the campus, igniting a wave of enthusiasm among students eager to serve their peers. An overwhelming number of nominations poured in, each scrutinized meticulously by a panel of experts to ensure fairness and eligibility. The final list of candidates was then displayed on the school notice board, setting the stage for a vibrant and transparent election process.

A special 'Meet the Candidates' assembly was held prior to voting on the 16th of April, where the aspiring senators presented their visions, voiced their commitments, and pledged to serve as dynamic



representatives of the student community. Their speeches resonated with promise, passion, and purpose, inspiring the electorate.

All four schoolhouses – Achievers, Leaders, Victors, and Winners – participated enthusiastically, casting their votes through a sophisticated e-voting system developed in-house by the school's IT Department. The seamless digital voting process not only ensured efficiency but also reflected the school's progressive outlook.

The culmination of the democratic exercise came during the afternoon assembly on Monday, April 21st, when Principal Dr. V. Binumon proudly announced the election results in the school auditorium. In his address, he congratulated the newly elected senate members, reminding them that, "Leadership is not about power, but about responsibility." His words were met with thunderous applause, as the audience celebrated the dawn of another new chapter in student governance.



## "Epiguiz"

- Which war was fought between the Royalists and Parliamentarians in England in the 17th century?
- Who was the first President of the United States to be impeached?
- Which ancient civilization built the city of Machu Picchu?
- Who was the longest-serving British monarch before Queen Elizabeth II?
- What was the name of the treaty that ended World War I?
- Which film won the Academy Award for Best Picture in 2023?
- Who was the first African American to win an Oscar for Best Actor?
- Which director has won the most Academy Awards for Best Director?
- Which is the highest-grossing film of all time (adjusted for inflation)?
- Who won the first-ever Oscar for Best Actress?



- English Civil War
- Andrew Johnson
- Inca
- Queen Victoria
- Treaty of Versailles
- Everything Everywhere All at Once
- Sidney Potter (for Lilies of the Field, 1963)
- John Ford (4 wins)
- Gone with the Wind
- Janet Gaynor (1929)



# Fostering Leadership: Senate Election at ICSK, Senior

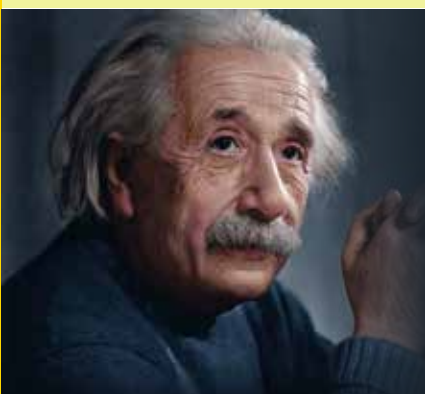
The Indian Community School, Kuwait encourages students not just to learn, but to lead. It proudly champions youth leadership through its School Senate. This initiative reflects the school's strong belief in empowering students to take on meaningful roles, encouraging responsibility and creativity.

With the guidance of Dr. V. Binumon, Principal and Senior Administrator of ICSK and the dedicated mentorship of Mrs. Jesha Alex, HOD, Chemistry and Senate Advisor, the Senate Election for the academic year 2025-26 was carried out with great enthusiasm and integrity. Aspiring leaders went through a thorough selection process, including interviews that highlighted their leadership qualities and readiness to represent their peers.

The excitement peaked on Wednesday, 16th April 2025, during the morning assembly. Each candidate passionately presented their vision and ideas with their classmates and teachers. The campaigning atmosphere was energetic and spirited. During the extended break, students voiced their support through cheers and creative slogans, creating a lively scene filled with unity and school spirit.



On Thursday, 17th April 2025, the student body participated in the final phase of the election. Using Microsoft Forms, students cast their votes anonymously, engaging in a democratic process that was both smooth and transparent.



"A person who never made a mistake  
never tried anything new."

- Albert Einstein



# AWARENESS IN ACTION: ICSK SENIOR'S WORKSHOP ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Salmiya, April 29, 2025: A highly impactful and thought-provoking workshop titled "Trapped in the Grip: Understanding Substance Abuse" was organized for the students of Classes 8 to 12 (Afternoon Batches) at ICSK Senior. The session aimed to shed light on the pressing issue of substance abuse among adolescents and to empower students with awareness, insight, and coping strategies.

The programme commenced with a moment of spiritual reflection led by Master Mohammed Shouheed, followed by a warm and gracious welcome address delivered by Mrs. Mini Shaji Joseph, Deputy Vice Principal. She underscored the importance of educating young minds about the dangers of substance use and the value of making informed choices.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Neetu Mariam Chacko, MD, a Specialist Psychiatrist, whose expertise and compassionate approach deeply resonated with the audience. Dr. Neetu provided a comprehensive overview of substance abuse, including its causes, the physiological and psychological impact on the human body-ranging from the brain to vital organs such as the lungs-and the destructive cycle of addiction. She also addressed the role of negative peer pressure and the importance of early intervention.

Her presentation further explored strategies for de-addiction, resilience-building, and the importance of seeking help when needed. Dr. Neetu offered clear guidance on what teenagers should and should not do when confronted with situations involving substance use, equipping them with practical tools for real-life scenarios.

An interactive Q&A session followed the talk, providing students with the opportunity to engage directly with the speaker. Dr. Neetu responded to their questions with



clarity, empathy, and sincerity, fostering an open and non-judgmental environment.

As a token of gratitude, a memento was presented to Dr. Neetu Mariam Chacko by the Deputy Vice Principal, acknowledging her valuable contribution to student well-being.

The event concluded with a sincere vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Waseem M. Pathan, PGT, Biology Department, who commended the efforts of the speaker,



organizers, and student participants in making the event a meaningful success.



1. Short
  2. An echo.
  3. The future.
  4. A sponge.
  5. A cold.
  6. A river.
1. What five-letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?
  2. Q: I speak without a mouth and hear without ears. I have nobody, but I come alive with the wind. What am I?
  3. Q: What is always in front of you but can never be seen?
  4. Q: What is full of holes but still holds water?
  5. Q: What can you catch but not throw?
  6. Q: What can run but never walks, has a mouth but never talks, has a head but never weeps, and has a bed but never sleeps?



# UNITED IN PURPOSE - 'A STUDENT - LED ASSEMBLY'

The children of classes 12 C and D staged a general assembly on 17th April, 2025 based on the theme 'WORLD HEALTH DAY' with great enthusiasm and a festive spirit. The assembly commenced with the Islamic prayer followed by the school prayer, setting a peaceful ambience. This was followed by the presentation of the new word and new quote enriching the children's vocabulary and inspiring them with thought provoking quotes.

The students delivered an energetic dance routine that captivated the audience from the very first moment. It also featured an entertaining and meaningful skit aiming to showcase the students' talents and foster a sense of community within the school.

The Principal and Senior Administrator, Dr. V. Binumon acknowledged the gathering commending the children for their efforts in organizing such a purposeful event and emphasized on maintaining a positive and productive school environment. The assembly also dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the outstanding achievements of our students.

Master Kiran Santosh of 12C, received award securing Gold medal in long jump in the annual athletic meet, gold in long jump and silver in high jump in the Kuwait cluster athletic meet. He also created a New Meet Record in Long Jump.

Master Sherwin Sterlin of 12C secured bronze medal in shotput in the annual athletic meet and gold in discus throw in the Kuwait Cluster Athletic meet in 2024-25.

Miss Safa Kadri of 12G secured silver in 200 mts sprint in the annual athletic meet, bronze in 800 mts race, gold in 4x100 mts relay and gold in 4x400 mts relay in the - Kuwait Cluster Athletic meet in 2024-25.

Master Abhishek George of 12H secured gold in 100 mts sprint in the annual athletic

meet, silver in 4x100 mts relay, gold in 4x400 mts relay in the Kuwait Cluster Athletic meet. Master Ron Niju of 12H secured bronze in shotput in the annual athletic meet and gold in discus throw in the Kuwait Cluster Athletic meet 2024-25. Master - Rohan Reddy of 12D secured gold in 1500mts race and gold in 4x400 mts relay in the Kuwait Cluster Athletic meet 2024-25. Also Master Nisar of 12F secured gold in two events, shotput and javelin throw in the Kuwait Cluster Athletic meet 2024-25. Also Master Ahesan of 12C secured silver

in shotput in the annual athletic meet and bronze in javelin throw in the Kuwait Cluster Athletic meet 2024-25. Last but not the least Master Deon Daniel Lewis of 12 H secured gold in 200 mts sprint in the annual athletic meet. Overall our school won gold in four events- 200 mts sprint, 800 mts race, 4x100 mts relay and 4x400 mts relay in the Kuwait Cluster Athletic Meet.

The assembly concluded with a sense of joy and pride leaving everyone uplifted by the celebrations and achievements.



"The most **powerful weapon** which you can use  
to change the world is **education**."

- Nelson Mandela

# CHARITY CONVENERS - MAY



SAFOORA AABID  
12A



AAMINA SHAIK  
12B



MELANIE ANNA  
12C



HANNAH MARIAM  
12D



ARSHA ANIL  
12E



MUNIRA ABDUL  
12F



ATIFA SHABBIR  
12G



ADARA FERAZ KHAN  
12H



MOHAMMED YOUSUF  
12I



NAKSHATHRA  
12J



MUHAMMED  
SHOUHEED - 12K



ANAMIKA SANDHEEP  
11A



ANGEL ANTHONY  
11B



VARSHIT RISHI  
11C



HASSAN SHAHZAD  
11D



FARHAN ALTAF  
11E



KAREN RUTH  
11F



JENNIFER MARIAM  
11G



MOHAMMED  
11H



SERGIE MARIO  
SANTHOSH - 11I



RIDA IMRAN  
11J



AYESHA ASFAKBEG  
11K



NABHAN HAMZA  
11L



MIR REHAAN  
10A



YOUSUF FARHAN  
10B



ABHIJAY  
10C



ZAINAB FAWIZ  
10D



MUHAMMED SHAZ  
10E



RISHNAV GINEESH  
10F



ISHRAT JAHAN  
10G



FATHIMA ZAHRA  
9A



MAUYUKHA JAYA  
9B



TANISHKA JAYA  
9C



ABDULLAH SYED  
9D



SIMRA SAMIR  
9E



ISABELLA  
9F



VAISHAKI KARTHIK  
9G



AFLAH  
8A



AMEYA PRAVEEN  
8B



SAIKRISHNA  
8C



ANAY VIMIN  
8D



GAUTHAM KRISHNA  
8E



MUHAMMED IJAZ  
8G



EMILY LIZA SUNLEY  
7A



POOJA SELVAM  
7B



SYED ADNAN  
7C



NISSY MONCY  
7D



AANSHI CHAUDHARY  
7E



SYED ALI RAZA  
NAQUI - 7F



VIHAAN SANTHOSH  
6A

## DID YOU KNOW?

- The unicorn is the national animal of Scotland. It was apparently chosen because of its connection with dominance and chivalry, as well as purity and innocence in Celtic mythology.
- The first airplane flew on December 17, 1903. Wilbur and Orville Wright made four brief flights in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, with their powered aircraft.
- Venus is the only planet to spin clockwise. It travels around the sun once every 225 Earth days, but it rotates clockwise once every 243 days.
- Competitive art used to be an Olympic sport. Between 1912 and 1948, the international sporting event awarded medals for music, painting, sculpture, and architecture.
- A chef's hat has 100 pleats. Apparently, it's meant to represent the 100 ways you can cook an egg. Wonder if Gordon Ramsay knows The Japanese word 'Kuchi zamishi' is the act of eating when you're not hungry because your mouth is lonely. We do this all the time.
- The probability of a blue lobster existing is widely touted as being one in two million. Bright blue lobsters get their color because of a genetic abnormality that causes them to produce more of a certain protein than others.
- There's only one letter that doesn't appear in any American state name. There's a Z in Arizona, and an X in Texas, but no Q in any of them.



# UNITY IN ACTION: SCHOOL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The general assembly held on 10th April with the theme World Siblings Day by the children of classes 10B and C, was a memorable and meaningful event for all students and staff. The assembly opened with a warm welcome from the emcees, followed by the Islamic prayer and the school prayer by swaranjali. The flag hoisting and salutation followed by the Kuwait National Anthem was also presented. Word of the day, quote for the day and news were also included.

The students of grades 10 B and C presented a short skit on the importance of siblings. The performance was both entertaining and educational, receiving enthusiastic applause from the audience. This was followed by a speech and cultural programmes like dance and fashion show. The Principal and Senior Administrator Dr.V.Binumon, shared his words of wisdom, encouraging students to stay focused, work hard, and show kindness and respect both in and out of the classroom. His message reminded us of the school values and motivated us to strive for excellence. The assembly concluded with a few reminders regarding school rules, dress code, and the importance of punctuality. Overall, the general assembly was well-organized and uplifting. It provided a great opportunity for students to showcase their talents, receive recognition, and come together as a school community.





# EPitome OF SUCCESS DHIRUBHAI AMBANI



Dhirubhai Ambani (December 28, 1932 – July 6, 2002) was an iconic Indian industrialist and the visionary founder of Reliance Industries, one of India's largest conglomerates spanning petrochemicals, textiles, energy, and communications. Rising from modest beginnings, he redefined the Indian business landscape and brought the stock market within reach of the common man.

Born in Chorwad, Gujarat, to a school teacher and a homemaker, Dhirubhai grew up in a family of limited means. At 17, he moved to Aden (now in Yemen) to

work as a clerk at A. Besse & Co., a major trading firm. It was here that he learned the fundamentals of global trade, shipping, and finance - skills that would later define his entrepreneurial journey.

Returning to India in 1958, Ambani launched Reliance Commercial Corporation in Mumbai, initially trading in spices and yarn. His formula was simple yet powerful: offer better quality products at thinner margins to beat competitors.

In 1966, he took a bold step by setting up a textile mill in Naroda, Gujarat. This marked the beginning of his backward integration strategy - controlling the supply chain from raw material to finished product, eventually leading Reliance into petrochemicals, plastics, and beyond.

Facing resistance from traditional financial institutions, Ambani took Reliance public in 1977, opening up the world of equity investment to millions of Indians. His annual general meetings became massive public events, often held in stadiums, with crowds in the thousands. "Think big, think fast, think ahead. Ideas are no one's monopoly,"

he once said, and his every move reflected that spirit.

Though his meteoric rise attracted controversy-accusations of political maneuvering and market manipulation-he remained widely respected for delivering results and building investor trust.

By the mid-1980s, he had passed day-to-day operations to his sons, Mukesh and Anil Ambani, but remained the strategic force behind the company until shortly before his death in 2002.

Dhirubhai's legacy is more than just business-it's about daring to dream big in a country still finding its economic voice. "Between my past, the present, and the future, there is one common factor: Relationship and Trust. This is the foundation of our growth."

He didn't just create an empire-he transformed the very idea of what was possible in India.



ANNA BIJO  
MANGALY - 12B

## YOU'VE GOT THE TIME

You've Still Got Time To Shine In Life  
No Matter What's Going To Stop On Your Way  
No Better To Stand Up And Give Up Over Day By Day  
All You Got To Do Is To Rise Up Tirelessly  
Runnning Over For Miles , For Miles  
Keeping Up In This Globe Like Such An Alluring Place  
Where You Can Be In This World To Endless Chase  
For The Days , For The Months , For The Years  
You Got To Escape In The Realm Of Fears Nor Tears  
Overthoughts , Anxiety Can Cause All Up To Take A Turn  
Judgementality Of The Societies May Reflect In Burns  
So Push Those Far Away , All In One Pace  
Spare It Away , Keep These All Out Of Your Ways  
And So And So Hold Tight  
You've Still Got The Might  
Gleam In The Bright , On Any Broad Light  
Think A Lot And Muster Any Possibilities In Life  
And You've Still Got Time...



DHARMIDHA  
DHARMARAJ MANI-  
YADATH - 11I

## OUR GENERATION

Our generation will be known for nothing.  
Never will anybody say,  
We were the peak of mankind.  
That is wrong, the truth is  
Our generation was a failure.  
Thinking that  
We actually succeeded  
Is a waste. And we know  
Living only for money and power  
Is the way to go.  
Being loving, respectful, and kind  
Is a dumb thing to do.  
Forgetting about that time,  
Will not be easy, but we will try.  
Changing our world for the better  
Is something we never did.  
Giving up  
Was how we handled our problems.  
Working hard  
Was a joke.  
We knew that  
People thought we couldn't come back  
That might be true,  
Unless we turn things around  
(Now, read from bottom to top)



LOVIS LIZA POTHÉN  
- 11C

[Written by 14-year-old Jordan, this poem reminds us that even the youngest voices can carry the deepest truths]



## BEST STUDENT - APRIL



AISHWARYA  
12A



NEEV METHA  
12B



KALISTA RAJESH  
12C



BURHANUDDIN  
12D



MARYAM CHORGHAY  
12E



CAROLINE MODI  
12F



MARIYAM NAZMA  
12G



RONA ROSE  
12H



RAFA KADIRI  
12I



YASH HARSHAD  
12J



ABID AYUB SHAIKH  
12K



AISHWARYA  
11A



RUDRA ASOKAN  
11B



ADIVA CHADHA  
11C



SARRA MUSTUFA  
11D



DIYA CICILIN BOSCO  
11E



AMENA HASHMI  
11F



AKSHAY RAJESH  
11G



RASHI PANDYA  
11H



DHARMIDHA  
11I



MOHAMMED NEHAN  
11J



MARIYAM FATHIMA  
11K



JOE KURIEN  
11L



SREYA SUNIL  
10A



AHMED SIBGATULLA  
10B



ASWIN AJITH  
10C



RAKSHAN NOIRUL  
10D



MUFADDAL ADNAN  
10E



SHEBA MARY SHAJU  
10F



AYONA THANKAM  
10G



ARNAV RANJITH  
9A



ZAINAB CHIKTE  
9B



INA FATHIMA  
9C



AAFREEN NATH  
9D



NIHARIKAKRISHOK  
9E



LIBIN THOMAS BIJOY  
9F



ZOYA  
9G



MEGHNA NATHANIA  
8A



BATUL ANIS  
8B



ALEXIS FAITH  
8C



JUNED RABBANI  
8D



ALIA EHSAN ULLAH  
8E



ANAM  
8G



JOHN WESLEY  
7A



ALPHONSA ANESH  
7B



KOMAL UTTARKAR  
7C



KEVIN KEEGAN  
7D



AANSHI CHAUDHARY  
7E



AISHA ASHFAQUE  
7F



SIENNA LISHA  
6A



## NOURISH & FLOURISH: MONTH OF MAY

May is month of osteoporosis awareness and prevention

Osteoporosis has become very common especially in places where exposure to sunlight is minimum and people mostly remain confined in there air conditioned surroundings

Osteoporosis Awareness is crucial because it's a silent condition that weakens bones, making them fragile and more likely to break. Here's a quick

### What Is Osteoporosis?

A condition where bones lose density and strength.

Often develops without symptoms until a fracture occurs, commonly in the hip, spine, or wrist.

Early detection can prevent severe bone loss.

Lifestyle changes and treatment can reduce fracture risk.

Many people don't know they have it until it's too late.

### Risk Factors:

Aging (especially over 50), Female gender (especially postmenopausal women), Low calcium or vitamin D intake, Sedentary lifestyle, Smoking or excessive alcohol use, Family history of osteoporosis.

### Prevention and Management:

Calcium-rich diet (milk, leafy greens, fortified foods), Vitamin D through sunlight or supplements, Weight-bearing exercise (walking, dancing, resistance training), Bone density tests for at-risk individuals, Medications if prescribed by a doctor



# Birthday Arcade - MAY



ERUM FATHIMA  
10 A - MAY 1



JOSHUA MATHEW  
12 G - MAY 1



JOVAN JESTLIN  
0 F - MAY 1



MOHAMMAD NEHAN  
11 J - MAY 1



JONATHAN PHILIP  
11 L - MAY 1



JASWITHA  
7 E - MAY 2



KARTHIKEYANI  
8 D - MAY 2



ESTHER KAMMU  
11 A - MAY 2



MOHAMMAD QASIM  
10 G - MAY 2



ARSHITHA RAMESH  
7 D - MAY 3



AYAAN SAJID SURTI  
7 F - MAY 3



ANAND ARJUN  
11 H - MAY 3



MICHELLE PINTO  
11 H - MAY 3



FARAH AFSHEEN  
12 A - MAY 3



RICK EMMANUEL  
12 E - MAY 3



RUTH AMY RAJIV  
12 G - MAY 3



TANU STALIN  
7 A - MAY 4



ELNA LIZA WILLIAMS  
7 B - MAY 4



SIYONA RISA  
7 E - MAY 4



KARTHICK  
12 F - MAY 4



SHIFA PHOPLANKAR  
8 D - MAY 5



IQRA PHOPLANKAR  
8 E - MAY 5



ANNA MARIYA ROBIN  
9 C - MAY 5



OMAR BASHIR  
9 F - MAY 5



FAHEEMA FATIMA  
11 H - MAY 5



ASHWIN RAJESH  
12 G - MAY 5



ANAM PHOPLANKAR  
8 F - MAY 5



IZAAN SOHAIL  
8 A - MAY 6



EVELYN PANICKER  
8 B - MAY 6



SREERAM RAJESH  
10 E - MAY 6



ADITI SUMAN  
11 I - MAY 6



FARHAN ALTAF  
11 E - MAY 7



CHRISTO JOHN  
11 F - MAY 7



MOHAMED AMAN  
12 C - MAY 7



SHAREED SHEIKH  
7 B - MAY 8



ANAS KHUMRUDDIN  
7 C - MAY 8



LIYA FERIN P  
9 F - MAY 8



THEERTHA VINISH  
10 E - MAY 8



DIVI RUSHITA SREE  
11 B - MAY 8



IBRAHIM FAISAL  
11 C - MAY 8



JOANNA  
11 G - MAY 8



HANNAH MARIA  
12 D - MAY 8



JORDEN SUNIL JOY  
6 A - MAY 9



AISHA RIYAS  
7 A - MAY 9



JOANNA SUNIL  
7 A - MAY 9



AANYA RACHEL  
8 B - MAY 9



EMAD HASSAN  
8 E - MAY 9



SHANAYA MARTIN  
11 H - MAY 9



CAROLINE EVANS  
12 C - MAY 9



DAVE SAM RAJ  
10 G - MAY 9



MOHAMMAD SALMAN  
12 K - MAY 9



DOVELIN SHINU  
7 B - MAY 10



HADEED HIDAYAT  
9 E - MAY 10



AKSHITA  
12 A - MAY 10



ZUHAIR ABBAS  
12 H - MAY 10



YASMEEN SHANESH  
7 A - MAY 11



BURHANUDDIN  
7 F - MAY 11



ANAY VIMIN  
8 D - MAY 11



MOHAMMED FAWAZ  
12 F - MAY 11



AYESHA ASFAKBEG  
11 K - MAY 11



AALIA THARIC  
11 C - MAY 12



ABHIJAY PREM  
11 C - MAY 12



CHRISTY ROJI  
11 C - MAY 12



RASHMA JERLIN  
12 J - MAY 12



MEGHNA NATHANIA  
8 A - MAY 13



DIKSHA MAHESH  
9 F - MAY 13



MUHAMMED SHAZIN  
8 D - MAY 14



ANYA MARIAM  
12 H - MAY 14



NELISHA DSOUZA  
12 H - MAY 14



AJAB NURUDDIN  
10 F - MAY 14



MARIYAM GULZAR  
10 E - MAY 15



BETSY SUSAN  
11 D - MAY 15



RAYYAN MAYEEN  
11 D - MAY 15



VIVEHA PRIYA  
11 D - MAY 15



VAISAKHI KARTICK  
9 G - MAY 15



EMMANUEL BABU  
11 L - MAY 15



MARYAM MARUF  
7 F - MAY 16



KHADIJA AHAMED  
10 D - MAY 16



HANNAH GEORGE  
11 A - MAY 16



ANVITHA PRAVEEN  
9 G - MAY 16



FATEMA MUSTAFA  
11 L - MAY 16



NADA MUJIB  
12 K - MAY 16



RITVIK SALITH  
7 A - MAY 17



MICHELLE ELISSA  
7 D - MAY 17



SAAD MAHIR  
8 D - MAY 17



FARAH MOHAMED  
11 I - MAY 17



SRI RAM THAMARAI  
12 F - MAY 17



SAFA SIRAJUDEEN  
11 D - MAY 18



FARIDA CYCLEWALA  
8 D - MAY 19



MINHA  
9 A - MAY 19





ZOYA REHAAN  
9 F - MAY 19



EMAN ZAINAB SHAJI  
11 B - MAY 19



TRIMONA CHRISTY  
11 E - MAY 19



JAI AKASH  
12 F - MAY 19



VION COLIN DSOUZA  
6 A - MAY 20



ABDUL AZIZ SHAIK  
6 A - MAY 20



JANICE JERRY JOHN  
7 D - MAY 20



JAISE JAYAN  
9 F - MAY 20



ADITHYA AJAYRAJ  
11 C - MAY 20



QASIM AHMED. I  
11 E - MAY 20



ANIRUD SATHEESH  
12 B - MAY 20



TANISHTA  
6 A - MAY 21



VIHAAN HARI  
7 A - MAY 21



LIANNE MICHELE  
9 A - MAY 21



GAVIN WILLIAM  
9 C - MAY 21



AIN ALI MOHAMMED  
10 C - MAY 21



TARANJOT KAUR  
11 B - MAY 21



MOHAMMED HOZEFA  
12 C - MAY 21



MOHAMED RIDWAN  
10 G - MAY 21



ESSA KALEEM  
12 J - MAY 21



VINISHA REDDY  
8 C - MAY 22



NIKITA MATHAI  
11 C - MAY 22



LISA ROY MARIYA  
11 F - MAY 22



ROSHAN BINISH  
11 F - MAY 22



HIBA HABIBULLA  
12 E - MAY 22



MANAV MANISH  
6 A - MAY 22



RUBEN GEORGE  
7 B - MAY 23



MICAIAH JACOB  
8 A - MAY 23



KUSUMA  
8 E - MAY 23



ISRA ANJUM  
8 E - MAY 23



MAMUDURI NOEL  
11 C - MAY 23



MANHA MANZOOR  
12 B - MAY 23



REEM MASTHAN  
12 H - MAY 23



RONA ROSE JOHN  
12 H - MAY 23



ZAIMA ITAAT  
12 I - MAY 23



PRAISELINE SHARON  
11 K - MAY 23



MELANIE ANNA  
12 C - MAY 24



NUSAIBAH CHABIR  
7 C - MAY 25



SAASHA  
8 A - MAY 25



ANGEL MARIAM  
11 D - MAY 25



MUJTABA DILAWAR  
11 F - MAY 25



JASMITHA PATTI  
12 F - MAY 25



VISWA RAMU  
11 J - MAY 25



VIHAAN SANTHOSH  
6 A - MAY 26



CLARISSA  
8 B - MAY 26



AHMED ASLAM  
11 H - MAY 26



GOPIKA  
11 H - MAY 26



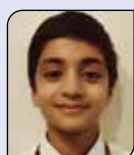
SHONMATHW  
7 D - MAY 27



UTHARA VIPIN  
9 F - MAY 27



NAILA MOHAMMED  
11 H - MAY 27



BILAL KAZI  
7 A - MAY 28



SACHIN KOLANCHI  
8 C - MAY 28



ANANYA XAVIER  
12 B - MAY 28



MOHAMMAD SAAD  
10 G - MAY 28



ASHER GLINDIS.  
12 J - MAY 28



JAKE JEBY  
8 C - MAY 29



NIKHITA MENON  
10 E - MAY 29



SOJU SONY BABY  
8 F - MAY 29



AMREEN BANO  
11 K - MAY 29



HEABIN BIJU  
11 L - MAY 29



VISHAL  
6 A - MAY 30



ALI HUSSAIN ATTARI  
7 F - MAY 30



RIHANA MOHAMED  
7 F - MAY 30



AIDEN JOHN  
8 A - MAY 30



RUQAIYAH PAINTER  
8 A - MAY 30



RAIYAN SARFERAZ  
12 H - MAY 30



ABDULLAH OMAR  
7 D - MAY 31



SARAVANAN  
7 E - MAY 31



ABBAS GABAJI  
10 B - MAY 31



DIONNA GEORGE  
11 H - MAY 31



HUSSAINA YUSUF  
12 H - MAY 31



KEVIN SAM DAVISON  
10 G - MAY 31



AMATULLAH AKBAR  
12 K - MAY 31



MR. PRASAD  
NAMBIAR - 1 MAY



MR. MANUEL JUSTIN  
- 1 MAY



MR. TARUN KUMAR  
DASARAJU - 4 MAY



MR. SYED ABDUL  
ZUBAIR - 4 MAY



MR SREEKUMAR  
- 5 MAY



MR. KUMAR  
NUKAPEYYI - 5 MAY



MRS. KAMALAM  
NANDHAKUMAR - 7 MAY



MS. SHEHNAZ HAKIM  
- 7 MAY



MR. GEORGE SWAMY  
- 11 MAY



MRS. SREELAKSHMI  
SANDEEP - 11 MAY



MRS. SARITHA  
MANATHANATH - 12 MAY



MRS. MINI SHAJI  
JOSEPH - 14 MAY



MRS. JAYACILEE  
ANNE - 14 MAY



MS. LAILA CHERUVALLY  
- 14 MAY





MR. CHERIAN  
MATHEW - 15 MAY



MR. MADHU  
APPUKUTTAN - 15 MAY



MRS. BINU JACOB  
- 18 MAY



MR. MUNIR MUHAMMED  
- 25 MAY



MRS. BABY JAYANTHI  
PRABHAKARAN - 25 MAY



MRS. JEGATHAJEGADEE-  
SAN - 27 MAY



MR. V.P. SURESH  
KUMAR - 27 MAY



MR. MOHAMED HARIS  
- 30 MAY



MR. AJESH MATHEW  
- 30 MAY



MRS. BINDHU MADHU  
- 31 MAY

## AFTERNOON SESSION

# ICSK SENIOR HOSTS ENTHRALLING 'SCORE MORE WITH MIND POWER' SESSION FOR AFTERNOON BATCH STUDENTS

Salmiya, April 27, 2025: The Indian Community School Kuwait (Senior) buzzed with excitement as it hosted an inspiring and highly interactive program, "Score More with Mind Power," exclusively for Grade 10 to 12 students of the Afternoon Batch. The session was held on Sunday, 27th April 2025, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the ICSK Senior Auditorium, Salmiya, Kuwait, and proved to be a transformative experience for all attendees.

The event commenced with a warm and heartfelt welcome address by Ms. Mini Shaji Joseph, Deputy Vice Principal of ICSK Senior, delivered in the esteemed presence of Principal Dr. V. Binumon. In his address, Dr. Binumon emphasized the pivotal role of a positive mindset in achieving academic and personal success. He encouraged students to embrace every opportunity to strengthen their inner resolve and to believe in the limitless power of their minds.

The session was conducted by renowned motivational speaker and life coach, Mr. Crawford Wilson D'Souza, who captivated the students with his vibrant energy, dynamic presentation style, and practical techniques. True to its theme, the program was packed with engaging activities designed to unlock the students' potential through the power of the mind.

Adding a special interactive element, students were provided with printed sheets to jot down their personal wish lists, helping them define and visualize their aspirations clearly. Mr. D'Souza then amazed the audience with an impressive memory game demonstration, teaching students a simple yet highly effective method to memorize a long list of items effortlessly. Through live participation, students discovered firsthand how easy it was to retain information when visualization and association techniques were used.

Another fascinating highlight of the session was an experimental demonstration on stage, where Mr. D'Souza showed the incredible impact of mind power. A volunteer from the



audience was lifted easily by a group of classmates when they focused their mental and physical energies together. In contrast, when mind power was not synchronized, lifting the volunteer proved to be a challenge, vividly illustrating the immense potential of a focused and aligned mind.

Throughout the session, Mr. D'Souza offered valuable insights into the workings of the mind and subconscious mind. He emphasized how positive thinking, clear goal setting, and a solution-oriented approach could make even the most daunting academic goals achievable with relative ease. The students listened with rapt attention, frequently breaking into spontaneous applause to express their appreciation.

The program reached an emotional high when Ms. Mini Shaji Joseph presented a token of gratitude and reverence to Mr. Crawford Wilson D'Souza on behalf of ICSK Senior, amid thunderous applause from the audience, acknowledging his motivational and deeply impactful session.

The afternoon culminated with a gracious vote of thanks by Ms. Elizabeth Thomas, Afternoon Academic Coordinator, ICSK Senior. She expressed heartfelt appreciation to Mr.



D'Souza for his valuable time and inspiring words, thanked the school leadership for facilitating the program, and lauded the students for their enthusiastic participation. Supported by IndiansInKuwait.com, the "Score More with Mind Power" session beautifully underscored ICSK's vision of holistic education—where academic excellence goes hand in hand with building self-confidence, resilience, and a positive mindset.



## ICSK SENIOR HOSTS 'TEACH ME 2025' FOR AFTERNOON BATCHES: A TRIBUTE TO STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND LEARNING



Kuwait, April 30, 2025 - The Indian Community School (Senior), Kuwait, held a dynamic and forward-thinking initiative titled 'Teach Me 2025' for its afternoon batches on Wednesday, April 30. Anchored in the compelling theme "Be a voice, not an echo," the event invited students to assume the role of educators, transforming traditional classroom hierarchies into platforms of peer-led learning and leadership.

Inspired by the insightful adage, "In learning you will teach, and in teaching you will learn," the event sought to instill confidence, promote academic ownership, and foster holistic development among students. The sessions showcased vibrant student participation, as learners stepped into the spotlight to deliver thoughtfully prepared lessons and presentations, captivating their classmates with both clarity and creativity.

The initiative proved to be a catalyst for nurturing critical 21st-century competencies. It not only strengthened collaborative learning and honed analytical



thinking but also enhanced public speaking and communication skills. Students reported a deeper grasp of the content through the act of teaching, which in turn contributed to long-lasting retention and meaningful engagement with the subject matter.

Beyond academics, Teach Me 2025 served as a valuable platform for preparing students for real-world demands by cultivating essential life skills such as leadership, adaptability, and time management. Teachers played a guiding role—mentoring student facilitators through lesson planning while empowering them to take center stage. These young educators quickly became the cynosure of all eyes, commanding admiration and



attention with their confident delivery and genuine enthusiasm.

The initiative was widely lauded by both faculty and students, who praised its innovative approach to experiential education. Each participant received a certificate in recognition of their initiative, commitment, and contribution.

With Teach Me 2025, ICSK Senior reaffirmed its dedication to student empowerment and its vision of nurturing learners who are not just academically proficient but also equipped with the confidence and competence to lead. More than just an event, it was a celebration of voice, vision, and the vibrant potential that lies within every student.

## EASTER : A FESTIVAL OF RESURRECTION OF LIFE



Easter is a significant festival in the Christian calendar, representing the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Fought and won in hope and joy, it signifies the victory of life over death and the gift of eternal life. Beyond its religious origins, Easter is also a celebration time, family reunions, and renewal of the seasons.

The history of Easter is linked to early Christianity. Jesus Christ was crucified

on Good Friday and rose from the dead on Easter Sunday, according to the New Testament, three days later. This is the incident upon which Christian belief rests. The history of the word "Easter" is believed to be traced to "Eostre," an Anglo-Saxon pre-Christian goddess of spring, thus linking the festival with renewal and the coming to life of nature.

Easter is celebrated in various regions

of the world. Christians attend unique church services, typically at sunrise, to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus. Easter in most societies also entails festive meals, parades, and Easter egg decoration, which represent new life. Easter egg hunts and the giving of chocolate bunnies are typically practiced by children and bring a playful and light-hearted tone to the holiday.

Overall, Easter is both a religious as well as a popular culture holiday. Easter reminds individuals of the core teaching of Christianity—hope, rebirth, and afterlife—yet also serves as a celebratory time to welcome the arrival of spring and enjoy loved ones.



BRITNEY  
- 12B

## BEST CLASS APRIL - FORENOON



CATEGORY 1 - 7D



CATEGORY 2 - 9C



CATEGORY 3 - 12E

## GOODWILL AMBASSADOR



EMILY LIZA SUNLEY - 7A  
(SECONDARY)



ANGEL FRANCIS NATHAN - 9B  
(SENIOR SECONDARY)

## BEST CLASS APRIL - AFTERNOON



9G



11K

## GOODWILL AMBASSADOR



REHMAN SHAH



SHARON ANGEL D COSTA

## BALANCE SHEET FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2025

Income (March 2025)	KD	Expenditure (April 2025)	KD
Balance c/f from March 2025	1890.390	1. Cancer Patient	150.000
		2. Cancer Patient	150.000
		3. Cancer Patient	150.000
		4. Cancer Patient	150.000
			600.000
Balance c/f from March 2025	1290.390		
Contribution from Students (April 2025)	398.925		
Charity from guests	65.000		
Recycling of papers	30.000		
Contribution from Staff	20.000		
Balance in hand	1804.315		



# CHARITY APRIL 2025

CLASS / SEC	CLASS TEACHERS NAME	BIRTHDAY FUND	CHARITY FUND	TOTAL
12 A	MRS. NIGY JACOB	-	7.350	7.350
12 B	MR. PRATHAPA CHANDRAN B. PILLAI	-	13.630	13.630
12 C	MRS.JESHA ALEX	-	6.240	6.240
12 D	MRS.SARITHA M.P	-	7.360	7.360
12 E	MR. SUNDARESH K	-	14.000	14.000
12 F	MRS. SONA AREEKARA	-	3.900	3.900
12 G	MR. PRASAD NAMBIAR	-	3.155	3.155
12 H	MRS. SHEHNAZ HAKIM	-	12.460	12.460
12 I	MR. QUTBUDDIN SHABBIR HUSSAIN	-	11.550	11.550
11 A	MRS. SUSAN GEORGE	-	14.000	14.000
11 B	DR. WASEEM PATHAN	-	15.000	15.000
11 C	MR. VINOD LAKSHMANAN	-	12.450	12.450
11 D	MR. GEORGE SAMY	-	3.190	3.190
11 E	MRS.HARSHA RAJAGOPAL NAIR	-	10.295	10.295
11 F	MRS. DEEPA BIJU	-	11.750	11.750
11 G	MRS. JEANNIE ANN GEORGE	-	11.235	11.235
11 H	MRS. MUSARAT PARKAR	-	10.180	10.180
11 I	MRS. SREESHMA	-	7.415	7.415
10 A	MRS. JAGADA JEGADEESAN KAMALA	-	5.425	5.425
10 B	MRS. KAMALAM NANDHAKUMAR	-	1.675	1.675
10 C	MS. LUBNA VASIM SAYED	-	1.650	1.650
10 D	MRS. NIMMY GOPINATH	-	4.200	4.200
10 E	MRS. SARITHA P NAIR	-	2.650	2.650
9 A	MRS. SOUMYA VIPIN	-	2.350	2.350
9 B	MR.MANUEL JUSTIN	-	4.500	4.500
9 C	MRS. RAMLATH BANU SYED	-	4.020	4.020
9 D	MR. NITHIN VATAKKE MATATHIL	-	3.860	3.860
9 E	MRS. STELLA GAMA PHILIP	-	12.465	12.465
9 F	MR. VIJAY BHASKARA REDDY C	-	3.495	3.495
8 A	MRS.SREELAKSHMI	-	2.595	2.595
8 B	MRS.SHAMEENA MUHAMMED SAEED	-	3.570	3.570
8 C	MRS. SOUMYA PRASHANT	-	3.310	3.310
8 D	MRS. GURPREET KAUR	-	10.245	10.245
8 E	MRS. JICKCY SUSAN CHERIAN	-	4.620	4.620
7 A	MRS. SHIBYMOL BABU	-	40.180	40.180
7 B	MR. MANIKANDAN C	-	5.050	5.050
7 C	MS.BINU SABU	-	4.305	4.305
7 D	MRS SHEREENA MOOSA	-	26.000	26.000
7 E	MRS. ARSHIYA FATHIMA	-	8.885	8.885
7 F	MRS. NAZIMA TAILOR	-	22.760	22.760
6 A	MRS. ANGULAKSHMI A	-	2.050	2.050
	<b>TOTAL</b>	-	<b>355.020</b>	<b>355.020</b>
<b>AFTERNOON</b>				
8 G	MRS. ELIZABETH THOMAS	-	3.170	3.170
9 G	MRS. SHIBYMOL BABU	-	4.315	4.315
10 F	MRS. JEGATHA JEGADEESAN	-	5.025	5.025
10 G	MRS. NIMMY GOPINATH	-	2.550	2.550
11 J	MR. SUNDARESH KUMAR K G	-	4.350	4.350
11 K	MR. SUJITH KRISHNA T	-	5.000	5.000
11 L	MR. PRASAD NAMBIAR	-	8.355	8.355
12 J	MRS. BINDU MADHU	-	8.260	8.260
12 K	MR.SREEKUMAR	-	2.880	2.880
	<b>TOTAL</b>	-	<b>43.905</b>	<b>43.905</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>	-	<b>398.925</b>	<b>398.925</b>

# EPITravel FRANCE

A Nation of Culture, History, and Global Influence



France, officially known as the French Republic, is a country located in Western Europe, known for its rich cultural heritage, historical significance, and global influence. Bordered by countries such as Germany, Italy, Spain, and Belgium, and with coastlines along the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea, France occupies a central position in Europe, both geographically and politically.

One of the most distinctive features of France is its diverse landscape. From the snow-capped Alps in the east and the rolling vineyards of Bordeaux to the sandy beaches of the French Riviera and the rugged cliffs of Normandy, France offers a wide variety of natural beauty. Paris, the capital city, is not only a hub of politics and economy but also a global symbol of art, fashion, and romance.

France has played a central role in shaping world history. It was a powerful kingdom in the medieval era and a major force in the Renaissance and Enlightenment periods. The French Revolution of 1789 became a defining moment in the history of democracy, influencing political thought around the world. France was also a key player in both World Wars and has since emerged as a founding member of the European Union and a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council.

Culturally, France has long been a center for the arts. French literature, cinema, cuisine, fashion, and architecture are admired around the globe. Famous writers such as Victor Hugo and Marcel Proust, artists like Claude Monet and Edgar Degas, and filmmakers such as François Truffaut have left lasting legacies. French cuisine, recognized by UNESCO as an intangible cultural heritage, is known for its sophistication, with delicacies like cheese, wine, pastries, and gourmet dishes enjoyed both locally and internationally.

Economically, France is one of the world's largest economies. It has a strong industrial base, a leading role in aerospace and automotive industries, and a significant agricultural sector. The country is also the most visited tourist destination in the world, attracting millions of visitors each year who

come to experience landmarks like the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre Museum, Versailles Palace, and the scenic countryside.



AFIYA HASAN  
- 12E

France is a country that blends tradition and modernity, art and industry, nature and innovation. Its contributions to global history, culture, and economy make it a nation of enduring importance and fascination.





## The Long Way Home

A long walk home after tuition, where we catch up. There was no reason for us to walk, much less for it to be a long walk. My dad could've picked me up and your house is a five-minute walk from the center. But we walk anyway. We take the long route. Not the quickest one, nor the shortest. We go through the park, past the row of old buildings and under the shades of trees where it's hard to say if the sun has set or not. And we get ice cream from the same stand as always. You get mango and I get vanilla, even though I always say I'll try something new. It's a routine. But we both know it's about more than just dessert. You

tell me about your life and I tell you about mine. Our life which we once lived together is no more. I notice that your hair has grown longer, just like you always wanted it to. I remember how you used to complain that it never grew past your shoulders. You mention that your mom's been nicer. You lost your childhood cat but I wasn't the first to know that, even though I loved playing with him. You mention that in passing.

"He was a good cat" you say.

Past tense. Love in the past tense never feels right.

The walk ends the way it always does, at your street corner under the flickering streetlight that cast soft yellow hues on your face. The sun has set and the wind ruffles your hair.

You look at me and ask, "same time next week?".

I nod, "of course."

Because even if we've grown into separate lives, we still take the long way home.



RIDA SAMJATH - 12B

## BIRTHDAY BOOK DONATION DRIVE



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"The only way to do great work is to love what you do."  
- Steve Jobs



# DISCOVER India

## MUMBAI THE CITY OF DREAMS



Mumbai, the vibrant heartbeat of India, is a city that dazzles with its energy, diversity, and charm. Often called the City of Dreams, Mumbai is where millions come to chase ambitions, where history and modern life blend seamlessly, and where every street has a story to tell.

Begin your journey at the majestic Gateway of India, standing proudly by the Arabian Sea. Take a walk along Marine Drive, the city's famous promenade, especially magical at night when the street lights form the "Queen's Necklace." Explore the historic Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and dive into the lively chaos of Crawford Market and Colaba Causeway, perfect for

shoppers and culture lovers alike.

Mumbai is also home to Bollywood, the world's largest film industry, where stars are made and movies come alive. Don't miss a drive through Bandra, where colorful street art and celebrity homes share space with cozy cafés and sea views.

Food is a big part of the Mumbai experience - from spicy vada pav and pav bhaji at street stalls to fine dining in sky-high restaurants with ocean views.

Step back in time with a boat ride to Elephanta Caves, ancient rock-cut temples full of stunning carvings. Or spend a quiet evening at Juhu Beach, watching the

sunset as the waves roll in.

Mumbai is more than a city - it's a feeling. Fast-paced yet welcoming, chaotic yet charming, it's a place where dreams are born and memories are made. Come discover the magic of Mumbai!



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RODRIGUES - 12 B



## CARROT CAKE



### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup (120) all purpose flour
- 1tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- Pinch of salt
- 1/2 cup (100g) sugar
- 1/2 cup (120ml) oil (any cooking oil)
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup (100g) grated carrot
- Optional: 1/4 tsp cup chopped nuts or raisins

### STEPS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 °F(175°C). Grease a small cake pan or loaf tin

2. Mix wet ingredients: In a bowl, beat eggs, sugar, and oil together

3. Add dry ingredients: Add flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt. Mix until smooth.

4. Add carrots: Fold in the grated carrot (and nuts/raisins if using).

5. Bake: Pour into the pan and bake for 30-35 minutes.

6. Cool and Enjoy! You can dust it with powdered sugar or eat it plain.



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# Empowering Youth for a Healthier Tomorrow: Awareness Session on Smoking & Vaping at ICSK, Senior



Indian Doctors Forum, Kuwait in collaboration with The Indian Community School, Senior organized an awareness session on 'Smoking and Vaping' for the students of class XI on Wednesday, 16th April 2025. The session aimed to educate students about the dangers of tobacco use, the growing trend of vaping among youth, and to empower them with the knowledge and skills to make healthier choices.



The Guest Speaker, Dr. Susovana Sujit Nair, Vice President of Indian Doctors Forum, Kuwait & Medical Oncologist, Kuwait Cancer Control Center was welcomed with thunderous applause. The session commenced with Islamic prayer by Mst. Mujataba. The Principal and Senior Administrator of ICSK extended an august welcome to the gathering. He emphasized the critical need to raise awareness about such issues within the school and the wider community.

specifically target their age group. Her talk included scientific data, visual aids, and real-life case studies, which made the session highly relatable for the students. The presentation also addressed common myths and misconceptions surrounding vaping and smoking,

Dr. Susovana Sujit Nair provided practical strategies for resisting peer pressure and making informed choices. She encouraged students to become advocates for a smoke-free generation and to spread awareness among their peers and families.

The highlight of the event was the enlightening address by the Guest Speaker, Dr. Susovana Sujit Nair. She delivered a powerful and engaging presentation that covered a wide range of topics, including the short- and long-term health effects of nicotine, the impact of smoking and vaping on lung and heart health, and the neurological and psychological effects of nicotine, especially on adolescents. She also exposed the manipulative marketing strategies used by tobacco and e-cigarette companies to attract young users, making students aware of how these industries

The session also featured an interactive Question – Answer segment, where students actively engaged by asking thoughtful questions and sharing their views and concerns. This helped clarify doubts and deepen their understanding of the topic. One of the most meaningful moments of the session was when students took a pledge to stay away from smoking and vaping, vowing to lead healthy lives and contribute to a cleaner, safer environment. The session ended with vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Waseem,



Department of Biology.

The event concluded on a highly positive and inspiring note. It not only enriched the students' awareness but also encouraged them to become responsible individuals who value their health and the health of others.





## The Queen Victoria Series (1854)



After the Scinde Dawk, the British government in India issued a set of stamps with Queen Victoria's portrait in 1854. The design was similar to the British stamps of the time. These stamps were issued in different denominations and were used throughout British India until the early 20th century.

## The 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore (2011)



In 2011, India issued a stamp commemorating the 150th birth anniversary of Rabindranath

Tagore, the famous poet and the first non-European Nobel laureate in Literature. The stamp featured a portrait of Tagore along with his name and a background reflecting his works and contributions to Indian literature.

## Satyajit Ray (2012)



India issued a stamp to honor the legendary filmmaker Satyajit Ray, marking his contribution to world cinema. The stamp featured a portrait of Ray, known for his works like *Pather Panchali* and *The Apu Trilogy*. It celebrates his legacy as one of the greatest directors in the history of cinema.

## Aishwarya Rai Bachchan (2010)



Aishwarya Rai, one of India's most iconic actresses, was featured on a stamp issued by India Post in 2010. Known for her beauty, grace, and acting talent, Aishwarya became a global ambassador of Indian cinema. The stamp commemorated her achievements, especially after she became the first Indian woman to win the Miss World title in 1994 and later her successful career in Bollywood and international films.

## Lata Mangeskar



Lata Mangeskar, the legendary playback singer, was honored with a postage stamp by India Post in 2001. Known as the "Nightingale of India," her contribution to Indian music over several decades is unparalleled. Lata's voice became synonymous with Bollywood songs, and her legacy continues to inspire music lovers.

## Dr. Bhimrao Ramji (BR.) Ambedkar



India Post released a commemorative stamp on Dr. B. R. Ambedkar on September 30, 2015, to celebrate his 125th birth anniversary. The stamp, with a denomination of Rs. 5.00, features his portrait along with the Indian Parliament building, symbolizing his key role in drafting the Indian Constitution. It honors his legacy as a social reformer, jurist, and the chief architect of the Constitution of India.

## Jawaharlal Nehru



Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first Prime Minister, has been commemorated in numerous stamps over the years. His leadership during the formative years of the nation, along with his contributions to the social and educational landscape of India, makes him a central figure in the country's history. The first series of stamps issued after independence featured Nehru's portrait.

## Indira Gandhi



Indira Gandhi, India's first female Prime Minister and one of the most influential political figures in the country's history, has been featured in several postal stamps. The stamps highlight her leadership and her pivotal role in shaping India's modern policies.

## Prem Nazir

Prem Nazir, often called the "Evergreen Hero" of Malayalam cinema, was honored

with a commemorative stamp issued by India Post in 2014. He acted in over 700 films and is one of the most beloved actors in Malayalam cinema. His role in romantic and heroic films cemented



ABEN BIJU VARGHESE - 8B



his place as an iconic figure in the history of Malayalam cinema. Prem Nazir's stamp pays tribute to his legacy as one of the most prolific actors in Indian cinema. His contributions to Malayalam cinema have been honored by fans and the industry.

## Subhas Chandra Bose



Subhas Chandra Bose, a prominent freedom fighter and leader of the Indian National Army (INA), has been featured on several stamps. His contributions to India's independence struggle and his vision for a free and united India are reflected in these postal releases. The International Year of Peace (1986). In line with the United Nations' declaration of 1986 as the International Year of Peace, India issued a commemorative stamp to promote peace worldwide. The stamp carried a symbolic design that represented harmony and global unity.

## Indian Railways Series (2003)



In celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Indian Railways, India issued a set of stamps featuring different aspects of rail transport. The stamps showcased iconic trains, stations, and the evolution of the railway system in India, which has played an essential role in the country's development.

## Indian Wild Life Series



India has issued a number of stamps showcasing its rich biodiversity. The "Indian Wildlife" series includes stamps with images of endangered species, such as the Bengal Tiger, Asiatic Lion, and the Indian Rhino. These stamps are both popular with collectors and raise awareness about conservation efforts in India.





# THE BALLAD OF SONGBIRDS AND SNAKES

SUZANNE COLLINS

Why the Hunger Games prequel struck a chord in 2024

### From Page to Screen

Based on Suzanne Collins' 2020 novel, the film adaptation is directed by Francis Lawrence, who also directed *Catching Fire* and both *Mockingjay* films. Lawrence brings a consistent visual style while shifting tone - this is a darker, rougher Panem still recovering from war, where the Games are far from the televised spectacle they eventually become.

Starring Tom Blyth as the young Coriolanus Snow and Rachel Zegler as Lucy Gray Baird, the cast delivers performances that are intense, nuanced, and at times, chilling. Zegler in particular, with her background in musical theatre and powerful vocals, brings Lucy Gray's charm and unpredictability to life, performing several songs from the original novel.

### The Soundtrack & Olivia Rodrigo's Haunting Tribute

Music plays a vital role in *Ballad*, and fans were quick to notice the emotional weight carried by the soundtrack. Rachel Zegler's live-recorded folk songs, like "The Hanging Tree" and "Nothing You Can Take from

Me," add to the authenticity of Lucy Gray's Appalachian roots.

And then there's Olivia Rodrigo, whose original song "Can't Catch Me Now" plays over the credits. The track captures the eerie, sorrowful tone of the story—melancholic but defiant. It quickly went viral, with fans linking its lyrics to Lucy Gray's fate and the idea of escaping control, both literally and emotionally.

### A Different Kind of Hunger Games

Unlike the arenas we saw in Katniss's time—high-tech, televised, and controlled—these early Hunger Games are grim and disorganized. The Capitol hasn't yet figured out how to make it entertainment. The arena is a dilapidated stadium, mentors are students, and tributes are treated as disposable.

We also see the disturbing origins of the Games' propaganda tactics, with Dr. Volumnia Gaul (played chillingly by Viola Davis) experimenting with the psychology of fear, spectacle, and control - tools Snow later masters.

### Why It Stuck With Viewers

*Ballad* doesn't give us a revolution. It gives us the slow descent of a boy with a fragile ego, torn between love and ambition. It's a study of how fear and power can corrode morality. And while Lucy Gray is the spark in this story, Snow is the storm that follows.

The ending leaves viewers unsettled: Did Lucy Gray survive? Was their love ever real? Or was it always a performance? The ambiguity is part of what keeps people talking even months after watching.

### Did You Know?

- Rachel Zegler sang all her songs live during filming—no studio voiceovers.
- Olivia Rodrigo wrote "Can't Catch Me Now" specifically after reading the script.

- The film was shot across multiple European locations, including Poland and Germany, to reflect the bleak, post-war atmosphere.
- The snake motif used in Snow's character arc is directly tied to Lucy Gray's performance of "The Ballad of Lucy Gray Baird."

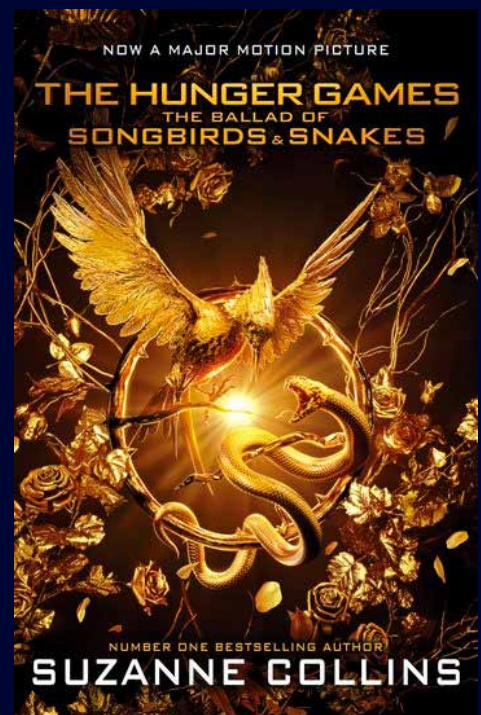


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### Final Thoughts

*The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes* isn't just a prequel - it's a mirror. It reflects how power twists people, how survival doesn't always look like heroism, and how sometimes, the ones who sing the loudest are the ones planning their escape.

With a powerful soundtrack, a gripping cast, and a story that asks more questions than it answers, the film gives audiences a haunting new perspective on a world they thought they already knew.



"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." – Eleanor Roosevelt



### Five military personnel honoured with MacGregor memorial medals:

Five military personnel were conferred the MacGregor Memorial Medal by Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan for outstanding contributions

in military reconnaissance, exploration and adventure for the years 2023 and 2024. The awardees for 2023 included Wing Commander D. Panda from the Air Force and Electrical Artificer (Radio) Rahul Kumar Pandey from the Navy. For 2024, Chief Electrical Aircraft Artificer (Radio) Ram Ratan Jat of the Navy and Sergeant Jhumar Ram Poonia from the Air Force were honoured with the medal. Colonel Ranvir Singh Jamwal, Director of the National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports in Arunachal Pradesh, was also awarded. The medal is awarded for valuable military intelligence gathered through reconnaissance, exploration, or similar activities of national importance.



### PM Modi conferred with Sri Lanka's highest honour for foreign leaders, 'Mitra Vibhushana', by president Disanayake:

The President of Sri Lanka, H.E. Anura Kumara Disanayaka, conferred on Prime Minister Shri

Narendra Modi the Sri Lanka Mitra Vibhushana award, the country's highest honour bestowed on foreign leaders. This is the first time that an Indian leader is receiving this award. The award was conferred on Prime Minister for his enduring contribution to strengthening India-Sri Lanka friendship.



### UPSC announces result of civil services final exam 2024:

Union Public Service Commission, UPSC, has announced the final results of its civil services exam 2024. The UPSC has recommended a total number of 1009

candidates for appointment, with 725 men and 284 women. The top 25 candidates comprise 11 women and 14 men, with the top five candidates comprising three women and two men. Shakti Dubey has secured the first position in the Civil Services Examination, 2024. The written test of the Civil Services Examination was held by the Union Public Service Commission in September last year, followed by interviews for Personality Test held between January and April this year.



### DRDO Successfully Tests Long-Range Glide Bomb 'Gaurav' from Su-30 MKI Aircraft:

Defence Research and Development Organisation has successfully conducted the release trials of the Long-Range Glide Bomb Gaurav

from the Su-30 MKI aircraft. According to the Defence Ministry, the trials successfully demonstrated a range close to 100 kilometres with accuracy. Gaurav is a 1000-kilogram class glide bomb, designed and developed indigenously by Research Centre Imarat, Armament Research and Development Establishment and Integrated Test Range situated at Chandipur, Odisha. Senior officials of DRDO and the Indian Air Force participated and reviewed these trials.



### Women's Tri-Nation cricket: India registers second consecutive victory against SA:

In a gripping encounter at Colombo, Indian Women edged past South Africa by 15 runs to register

their second consecutive victory in the Tri-Nation ODI series. With this victory, India extended their winning streak to eight games. Electing to bat first, India set a strong platform with a total of 276 for 6, thanks to a steady 78 from Pratika Rawal. Contributions from Smriti Mandhana (36), Jemimah Rodrigues (41 off 32), and skipper Harmanpreet Kaur's unbeaten 41 ensured the scoreboard kept ticking.



### In a first in India, ATM installed onboard train on a trial basis:

In a first-of-its-kind initiative, Indian Railways has installed an Automated Teller Machine (ATM) onboard the Manmad-CSMT

Panchvati Express in Maharashtra, as part of a trial run. The initiative is part of Indian Railways' broader transformation drive under Viksit Bharat 2047, aiming to modernize infrastructure, enhance passenger experience, and increase operational efficiency.



### World Art Dubai 2025 Opens With Expanded International Showcase:

The Middle East's largest contemporary art fair, World Art Dubai, opened its doors today at the Dubai World Trade

Centre, launching four days of vibrant artistic exchange that will run until April 20th. Now in its 11th edition, the fair builds upon last year's milestone 10th anniversary celebration with an impressive showcase featuring over 10,000 artworks from more than 400 galleries and solo artists representing 65+ countries. The event continues to strengthen Dubai's position as a global cultural hub, creating a marketplace where established collectors and first-time buyers alike can discover accessible, original art.



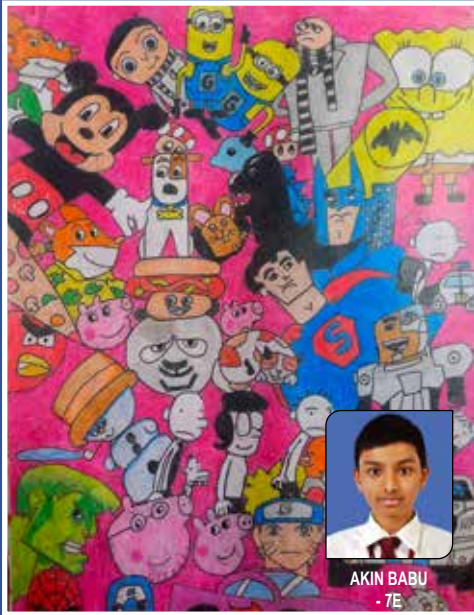
### Banu Mushtaq becomes first Kannada author to win International Booker Prize for 'Heart Lamp':

Indian writer and women's rights activist Banu Mushtaq has scripted history

by becoming the first Kannada author to win the prestigious International Booker Prize. Her acclaimed short story anthology Heart Lamp clinched the award in London. Heart Lamp, originally written in Kannada and translated into English by Deepa Bhashti, is a powerful anthology of 12 short stories that chronicle the everyday experiences of women and girls living in patriarchal communities in southern India. The International Booker Prize 2025 was jointly awarded to Mushtaq and translator Deepa Bhashti, whose English rendition brought the stories to a global audience.



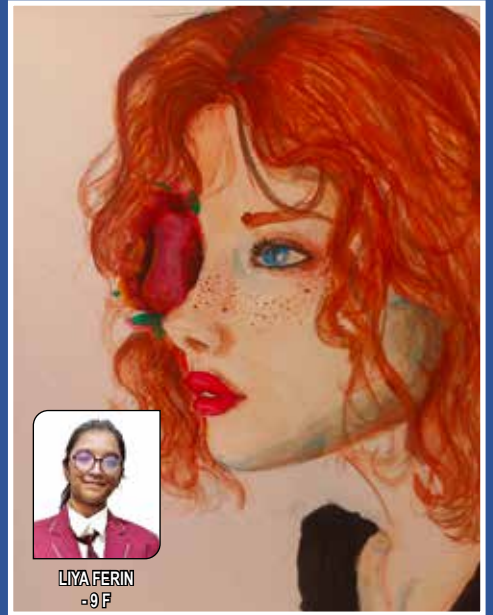
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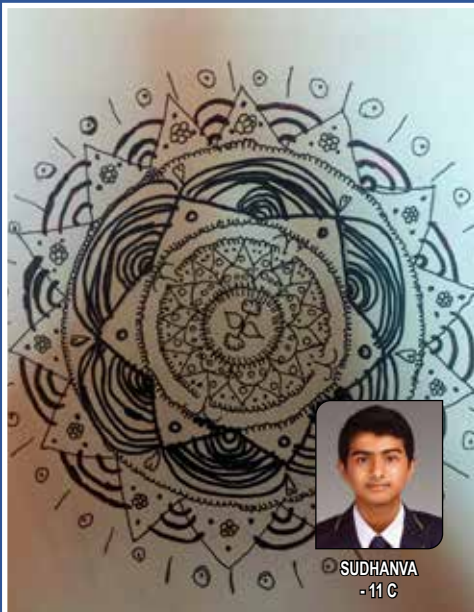
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- 7E



# EPictionary



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## 1) Barbaric

MEANING: Savagely cruel.

USAGE: "He carried out barbaric acts in the name of war."

## 2) Cajole

MEANING: Persuade (someone) to do something by sustained coaxing or flattery.

USAGE: "He hoped to cajole her into selling the house."

## 3) Destitute

MEANING: Extremely poor and lacking the means to provide for oneself.

USAGE: "The charity cares for destitute children"

## 4) Obfuscate

MEANING: To deliberately make something unclear or difficult to understand

USAGE: The company used complex language to obfuscate the details of the contract.

## 5) Pernicious

MEANING: Having a harmful effect, especially in a gradual or subtle way

USAGE: The spread of misinformation can have a pernicious impact on society.

## 6) Lugubrious

MEANING: Looking or sounding sad and dismal

USAGE: His face took on a lugubrious expression after hearing the bad news.

## 7) Anachronistic

MEANING: Belonging to a time other than the one being portrayed; outdated

USAGE: His views on gender roles are anachronistic in today's society.

## 8) Munificent

MEANING: Extremely generous or liberal in giving

USAGE: The university received a munificent donation from an anonymous alumnus.

## ICSK GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM WINS ACCOLADES

ICSK Girls' Basketball Team secured Runners 'Up position in under 19 category in the 27th prestigious CBSE Kuwait Cluster Basketball tournament held at United Indian School on May 2025 under the guidance of our sports teachers Mrs. S. Rajam and Mr. Akhil.



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