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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Children,

I hope you are making good use of your summer holidays. Make sure to learn new skills, including useful home skills, during this vacation. Please complete your Sparsh activities with full effort. At the same time, everyone should actively take part in the Save Electricity and Water Campaign. The last date for submission is 30 July. In this edition of EPICS, let us discuss about Ikigai, the Japanese concept.

Have you ever wondered why some people wake up every morning feeling happy and full of energy? The Japanese concept called Ikigai can help us understand this. Ikigai means "a reason for living" or "a reason to wake up in the morning." It is about finding joy, purpose, and meaning in the things we do every day. As students, you are at an important stage of discovering who you are and who you want to become. Ikigai teaches us that success is not just about marks, medals, or money. True success comes from living a meaningful life and becoming the best version of yourself.

The Four Questions of Ikigai

Ikigai encourages us to ask four simple but powerful questions:- What do I love?, What am I good at?, What does the world need from me?, What can I do well in the future? When you begin to find answers to these questions, you move closer to discovering your purpose.

Discover Your Passion

Passion is something that makes you feel happy and energetic. It could be reading books, hearing music, playing sports, science, art, leadership, or helping others. Never ignore what excites you. Your passion can become the foundation of your future success.

Develop Your Strengths

Each student is gifted in different ways. Some are excellent communicators, while others are creative thinkers or problem solvers. Instead of comparing yourself with others, focus on developing your own strengths. Small and

consistent efforts can help you achieve extraordinary results.

Make a Difference

Ikigai is not only about personal happiness. It also encourages us to contribute positively to society. Ask yourself, "How can I help others?" Whether it is supporting a friend, protecting the environment, or serving your community, every good action adds meaning to your life.

Build Good Habits Every Day

Finding your Ikigai is a journey, not a destination. Develop habits that help you grow every day. Read good books, exercise regularly, manage your time wisely, and learn something new. Your daily habits shape your future.

Do Not Fear Failure

Many students worry about making mistakes or choosing the wrong path. Remember, failure is not the opposite of success, it is part of success. Every challenge teaches valuable lessons. Be willing to learn, adapt, and keep moving forward.

Live with Purpose

Your Ikigai may change as you grow, and that is perfectly normal. The most important thing is to live with curiosity, kindness, and determination. Dream big, work hard, and never stop learning.

Your Journey Begins Today

You do not need to have all the answers today. Begin by asking meaningful questions, discovering your talents, and contributing positively to the world around you. Somewhere between what you love, what you do well, and how you serve others lies your Ikigai, your unique reason to shine.

Dear Children, When you discover your Ikigai, every day becomes an opportunity to grow, contribute, and live a meaningful life. Enjoy your summer vacation.

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Editors' Note



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Dear Readers,

Warm greetings to all our readers!

As we welcome the month of July, summer vacation continues to offer a wonderful opportunity to unwind, recharge, and spend quality time with family and friends. While it is a season of relaxation, it is also the perfect time to explore new interests, develop hobbies, read inspiring books, and discover new skills that enrich our minds and broaden our horizons.

This edition of EPICS celebrates the spirit of curiosity and creativity that extends beyond the classroom. Within these pages, you will find inspiring articles, creative expressions, informative features, and memorable highlights that showcase the remarkable talents of our students and teachers. Every contribution reflects the enthusiasm and dedication of our school community.

I sincerely thank all our contributors and the EPICS team for their continued commitment and creativity in bringing each edition to life. Your efforts make EPICS a meaningful platform that encourages learning, expression, and innovation.

As you enjoy the remaining days of your vacation, I encourage you to make every moment count. Read a good book, explore the world around you, help those in need, and return with fresh ideas, renewed energy, and a positive outlook.

May this summer bring you happiness, good health, and unforgettable memories.

Happy reading!

With warm regards,

Mrs. Sreelakshmi
Editor

Investiture

CEREMONY

The Indian Community School,
Senior Invests 228 Student Leaders
for the Academic Year 2026-27



The Indian Community School, Senior witnessed a proud and inspiring occasion on Monday, 25th May 2026, as the Investiture Ceremony for the academic year 2026-27 was conducted with grandeur, dignity and enthusiasm. The ceremony marked a significant occasion of leadership, responsibility, and the beginning of a promising journey for 228 young student leaders.

The ceremony was graced by the esteemed Chief Guest, Mr. Sharad Trivedi, CEO, Telecommunications Consultants India Limited, along with the distinguished Special Guests, Mr. Ram Singh, DGM, Telecommunications Consultants India Limited and Mr. Manish Rathor, AGM, Telecommunications Consultants India Limited. The dignitaries were accorded a vibrant and heartfelt welcome by the school community.

As the newly elected Senate members marched proudly onto the stage carrying their respective house flags, the atmosphere brimmed with energy, pride and hope. The programme commenced with the soulful recitation of verses from the Holy Quran by Master Ahmed Shoukat, followed by a heartfelt prayer song presented by the school choir, Swaranjali. The gathering then respectfully honored the National Anthem of Kuwait.

Setting the tone for the occasion, Mrs. Susan Rajesh, Vice Principal of ICSK Senior, welcomed the gathering with inspiring words. In her address, she urged the students to uphold the core values of the institution — resilience, discipline, respect, and integrity. She also reminded the young leaders of the responsibility that accompanies leadership by quoting, 'Heavy is the head that wears the crown.'

The event was further enriched by a traditional welcome dance presented with elegance and grace by the students.

The ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the Chief Guest, Mr. Sharad Trivedi, accompanied by Dr. V. Binumon, Principal and Senior Administrator of ICSK, marked the formal inauguration of the ceremony.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Guest congratulated the newly elected School Senate and advised them to uphold the trust and confidence of the school community. He emphasized that leadership is about listening, understanding, and working together, while also highlighting the importance of perseverance and hard work in achieving success.

Adding ceremonial grandeur to the event, the House Mentors of Achievers - Mr. Sunderesh, Mrs. Jegatha, and Mrs. Reenu; Leaders - Mr. Ilyas, Ms. Nazima Tailor, and Mrs. Shiby Mol; Winners - Mr. Mohd. Haris, Ms. Stella Gama Philip, and Mr. Rizwan; and Victors - Mr. Vijay, Mrs. Sreeshma, and Mr. Murtaza Ali - were honoured with badges by the Chief Guest. This was followed by the official investiture of the young Senate members, who were entrusted with guidelines outlining their duties and responsibilities as student leaders. Dr. V. Binumon administered the oath of office, binding the leaders to a commitment of service, dedication, and excellence. It was indeed a proud and memorable moment for parents, teachers, and students alike as 228 students were formally appointed as torchbearers of the School Senate.

Investiture

CEREMONY



Core Senate Members of the forenoon session includes: Heaven Sam Shine (Head Boy), Punya Prajeesh (Head Girl), Alex Jaison Poriayathu (Asst. Head Boy), Claire Ann Sajju (Asst. Head Girl), Anand Arjun (Sports Captain), Diya Shenoy (Asst. Sports Captain), Awais Irfan Kadiri (Arts Club Secretary), Zainab Chikte (Asst. Arts Club Secretary), Lavena Maria Varghese (Media Club Secretary), Aisha Kadiri (Asst. Media Club Secretary), Qasim Ahmed. I (Achievers House Captain), Serena Daisy D Souza (Leaders House Captain), Betsy Susan Jacob (Victors House Captain), Ahmed Aslam Rumaney (Winners House Captain), Faiha Nazmi Muthaniyil Abdul Latheef (Achievers Asst. House Captain), Rachel Susan Thomas (Leaders Asst. House Captain), Kamakshi Ritesh Jaiswal (Victors Asst. House Captain) and Nandika Nisanth (Winners Asst. House Captain)

Core Senate Members of the afternoon session includes Muhammed Hamzah Abdul Ravoof (Head Boy), Viveha Priya Jayamani (Head Girl), Syed Abdul Malik (Asst. Head Boy), Mahad Ahmed Siddiqui (Sports Captain), Princy Rima Chiluka (Arts Club Secretary), Samia Mohammad Maseeh (Media Club Secretary), Hamza Sheikh (Achievers House Captain), Diya Amish Pandya (Leaders House Captain), Rinesh Raju John (Victors House Captain) and Sehrish Niyaz Ahmed (Winners House Captain).

As a token of love and gratitude the esteemed Chief Guest, Mr. Sharad Trivedi was presented a memento by Dr. V. Binumon. The occasion was further enriched by a soulful musical performance by Miss Esther.

The event also featured a mesmerizing dance performance titled "Jwala – The Fire of Knowledge" presented by the students, captivating the audience with its vibrancy, rhythm, and powerful expression. The ceremony concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks proposed by the Head Girl of the School Senate, Miss Punya Prajeesh.

Guided by Senate Advisor Mrs. Jesha Alex, HOD Chemistry, and Mrs. Nimmy Gopinath, Department of Biology, the newly elected Senate team now stands ready to inspire change, uphold the cherished traditions of the institution, and lead ICSK Senior towards new heights of achievement and excellence.

The Investiture Ceremony of 2026–27 was not merely a celebration of leadership — it was a promise of a bright, inspiring, and empowered future.



ICSK PIONEERS GAVEL CLUB HOSTS STELLAR VIRTUAL CONTEST 2026

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In a spectacular showcase of eloquence, wit, and digital charisma, the ICSK Pioneers Gavel Club successfully wrapped up its highly anticipated Club Contest 2026 on June 6, 2026. Organised jointly by the prestigious Desert Pioneers Toastmasters Club and ICSK Seniors, the high-stakes event unfolded online via the Zoom platform. Despite the physical distance imposed by the virtual medium, the digital atmosphere was charged with intense competition and vibrant energy as young orators stepped up to their webcams, proving that true eloquence knows no boundaries.

The virtual symposium was meticulously structured into three distinct and captivating categories, each designed to test different facets of communication and performance under the digital spotlight. The Icebreaker Contest saw emerging speakers bravely step into the limelight, sharing personal anecdotes and overcoming stage fright with remarkable poise. In the Storytelling Contest, the audience was transported into vivid worlds of imagination as participants utilized masterful vocal variety and facial expressions to keep viewers spellbound through their screens. Finally, the Dreams, Goals & Aspirations Contest brought forth deeply moving speeches where young leaders articulated their future visions with infectious passion and maturity.

Following a series of exhilarating rounds and tough deliberations by the panel of judges in their virtual breakout rooms, the results revealed a magnificent lineup of champions. In the Icebreaker segment, Umar Chikte clinched the coveted first place, followed by Arielle Mathews and Mohammad Abid Kazi in second and third places, respectively. The Storytelling crown went to Khadija Chitke, with Pranathi Pullur securing second and Dhyan Rejith taking third. Rounding off the triumphs in the Dreams, Goals & Aspirations category, Vaniah Thomas emerged victorious at the top spot, with Sachi Talesara earning second and Tariq Khot claiming the third-place honors.

While the physical trophies will eventually find their homes with the top three in each category, the online event was a resounding victory for every single participant who logged in. The sheer confidence, creativity, and flawless digital stage presence displayed by the gaveliers left the global audience, mentors, and Toastmasters immensely proud. The ICSK Pioneers Gavel Club continues to be a fertile breeding ground for future leaders, and this virtual contest stood as a brilliant testament to their resilience, adaptability, and unwavering power of speech.



A SYMPHONY OF GRATITUDE: CLASS 10-G CELEBRATES THE ANCHOR OF OUR LIVES



On Monday, May 11, 2026, at 1:30 PM, the School Auditorium of The Indian Community School, Kuwait, transformed into a canvas of deep emotion and gratitude. The students of Class 10-G took center stage to anchor a beautifully crafted afternoon assembly dedicated to the celebration of Mother's Day. The event was a poetic reminder of the silent sacrifices and unconditional love that mothers pour into our lives every single day, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of everyone present.

The assembly commenced with a soulful Islamic Prayer, instantly enveloping the venue in a serene blanket of peace. This spiritual beginning seamlessly transitioned into the collective harmony of the School Prayer and a melodic performance by the School Swaranjali choir. The atmosphere then swelled with patriotic pride as the audience stood at attention for the Kuwait National Anthem, followed by the rhythmic recitation of the Indian Pledge. To complete the formal proceedings, a powerful Positive Affirmation session was conducted, charging the air with optimism and setting a brilliant stage for what was to follow.

With the formalities concluded, the spotlight shifted to a dazzling array of cultural performances that brought the theme of motherhood to life. The stage first erupted into a vibrant tapestry of motion with an expressive dance routine, where students beautifully channeled the grace, strength, and protective nature of a mother through fluid choreography. This was followed by a poignant yet witty theatrical skit that mirrored the daily dynamics of a modern household. The performance humorously contrasted a teenager's typical tantrums with the quiet resilience of a mother, striking a deeply relatable chord with the audience.

As the final curtains drew to a close, the auditorium was left wrapped in a warm wave of nostalgia and appreciation. Class 10-G did not just deliver a routine school assembly; they created a sanctuary of love that moved many in the audience to tears and inspired everyone to hug their mothers a little tighter. It was a spectacular afternoon of reflection and celebration, proving once again that a mother's love is the true heartbeat of our homes.

Happy
Mother's
Day



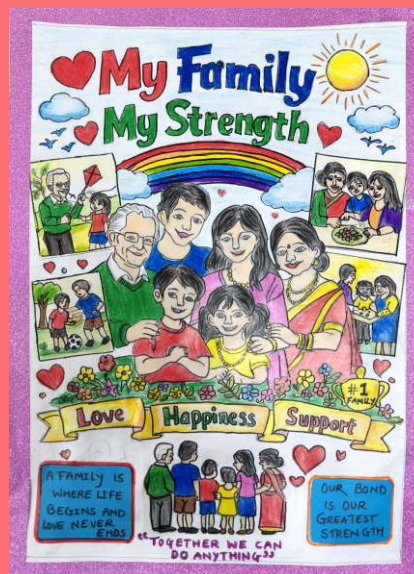


CELEBRATING CREATIVITY AND FAMILY BONDS

The Parents Art Competition 2026, based on the theme "My Family Is My Strength," was organized to encourage creativity among parents while celebrating the love, unity, and values that strengthen every family. The competition was conducted in three categories—Pencil Drawing, Poster Making, and Water Colour Painting—and witnessed enthusiastic participation from parents, whose artworks beautifully reflected the spirit of the theme.

The first prize winners were Anthony V. K. Joseph, parent of Riya Aby Anthony (Class 12 K), in the Pencil Drawing category; Manjita M. Karekar, parent of Sarthak M. Karekar (Class 8 D), in the Poster Making category; and Sapna Nikesh, parent of Nea Nikesh (Class 7 A), in the Water Colour Painting category.

This year marked the inaugural edition of the Parents Art Competition, making it a significant milestone in the school's efforts to foster creativity and strengthen the partnership between parents and the school. The winners were felicitated during the first school event held after the summer vacation. The overwhelming response and active participation from parents made the competition a remarkable success. The school congratulates all the winners and appreciates every participant for their creativity, enthusiasm, and wholehearted involvement. Inspired by the success of this first edition, the school looks forward to organizing the competition on a larger scale in the years ahead, providing an even greater platform to celebrate artistic talent, family values, and the creative spirit of its parent community.



Chikoo

"Nature's caramel."

Chikoo is a highly sweet tropical fruit with brown, potato-like skin and soft, malty, caramel-like flesh. The fruit emits a sweet and slightly malty fragrance that blends notes of **pear**, **brown sugar**, and occasionally a whisper of vanilla.



Chikoo is available from **late winter to fall**, with peak availability usually occurring in **midsummer**.

NUTRITIONAL VALUE



- It is rich in **vitamin C**. It is essential for bodily functions such as collagen production and immune support.



- It is a **significant source of copper**, which plays a key role in creating new blood cells, brain development, and immune health.



- In comparison to other fruits such as **durian, guava, apple, Chinese pear, and star fruit**, Chikoo contains a higher fiber content, which may contribute to digestive and heart health.



- Various parts of the Chikoo tree, including the leaves, bark, and fruit, have been integral in traditional medicine to alleviate fever, diarrhea, coughs, colds, ulcers, and arthritis.



- In Ayurvedic medicine, Chikoo is valued for its anti-inflammatory properties. The natural tannins found in the flesh of the fruit act as antioxidants, offering antiviral, antibacterial, and anti-parasitic benefits.

HOW TO CONSUME:



The flesh and juice of the Chikoo fruit are edible, but its seeds and skin should not be consumed. The seeds are notably hard and feature a hook-like end that can be a choking hazard if swallowed.



Chikoo is commonly enjoyed fresh, either by itself or blended into smoothies. It's popularly used in fruity milkshakes called batidos.



Chikoo can be used in a variety of desserts, including pies, crumbles, jams, custards, ice creams, and sherbets.



Incorporating scooped Chikoo flesh into green salads or mixing it into egg custard for baking adds a unique flavor.



Chikoo can be made into a sauce by pressing the pulp through a strainer and combining it with juice.



Chikoo continues to ripen after being harvested and is highly perishable, so it's best to refrigerate and consume within a week.



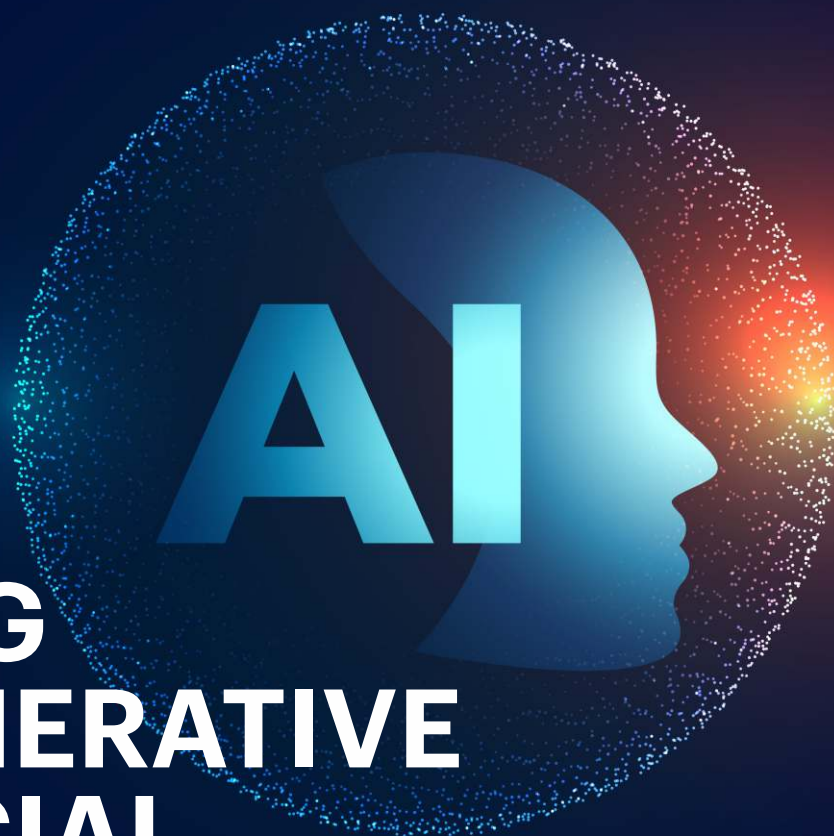
For longer storage, the flesh can be frozen in chunks and used over several months.





Nissy Moncy Samuel
8E

STOP RELYING ON GENERATIVE ARTIFICIAL INTELLEGEENCE



'The bravest thing you can do isn't winning every battle; it's choosing to keep going on, even when no one sees how hard it is.' and 'The road to success and the road to failure are almost exactly the same.'

Can you guess which one is written by AI and which one is said by a real person? You're probably thinking "oh! It's probably the second one since it's short and a bit complicated." Wrong. It's the first one. And if you got it right- good thing, really! But it is easy to get mixed up. If it weren't for the context provided, guessing which is which would not have even come to your mind- we'd all just assume a human wrote it; or maybe not. Maybe we'd wonder if it is written or said by AI or a person, because in this generation, we would never know. It's sad, honestly, what humanity has come to. AI is so normalized now, it almost seems wrong not to use it on a daily basis, and that's what sucks the most. AI should not be normalized, never. Artificial intelligence has ruined society's standards and smartness. It has rotted every single brain. As a person with big dreams of having an occupation which is now becoming AI dominated, it's frustrating to hear people say 'Just use ChatGPT!' And what will we get with using generative AI? NOTHING. Nothing but water scarcity, un-developing minds, and endangered species. AI is so harmful for our environment, and people need to understand. You're bad at drawing? LEARN. You're bad at writing? LEARN. Want someone to talk to about your problems? Try journaling or diary writing, it helps. It will help a lot more than AI, which kills the eco system, for sure. Artificial Intelligence takes away people's dreams and hopes and freedom. Wanting to do something as simple as painting, or modeling or writing or signing seems like too much of a risk now because of AI, when in reality, it should not be much risky, or it should be a risk for other purposes such as competition and whatnot. We listen to big speeches about preserving this Earth but do nothing to help- but how can we help? Ah, AI will tell us- stop right there. One way in which we can save this planet is by minimalizing the use of AI or stopping it completely. Word needs to be spread about the damages and dangers of Artificial intelligence; it should be known that AI destroys everything from the human brain to the real world. Bring back creativity, boycott AI. Let us make this planet a better place!



SCHOOL LIFE

More Than Just Books

School isn't only about homework, exams, and textbooks. For me, it's also about fun, friends, and memories that I think I'll never forget.

One of the best parts of school is my friends. Whether it's laughing during breaks, sharing snacks, or helping each other before a test, those small moments make school feel easier and more enjoyable.

School events are another thing I really like. Sports day, cultural programs, and class competitions make school exciting and different from normal days. There's always energy, teamwork, and a bit of friendly competition too.

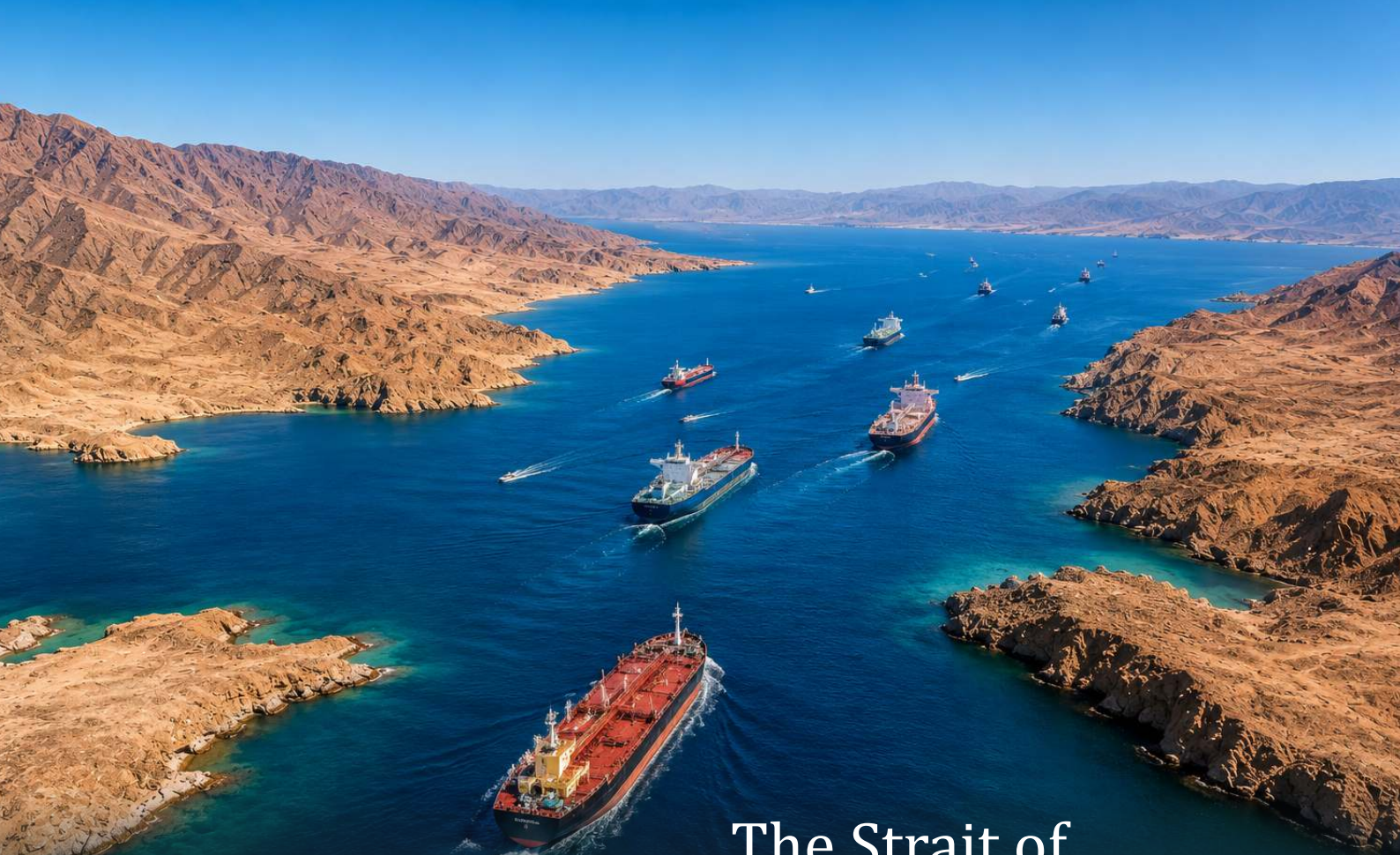
Sometimes, the funniest memories come from unexpected moments in class, like surprise quizzes, group work going completely messy, or something funny a classmate says without thinking.

School also helps us discover what we're good at. Some students are great in sports, some in art, and some enjoy speaking or performing on stage. I feel like school gives everyone a chance to show their talents.

Overall, school life is not just about studying. It's about learning, having fun, making friends, and creating memories that will stay with us even after we leave school.



AANSHI
8B



GLOBAL OIL CHECK POINT

The Strait of HORMUZ

Nowadays, we all hear about the news of the Strait of Hormuz. It remains one of the most sensitive and closely monitored regions in the world.

Current Importance

About one-fifth of the world's oil passes through this narrow waterway. Major oil-producing countries like Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, Qatar, and the UAE still depend heavily on it for exporting oil and gas.

Geographical Features

The Strait of Hormuz is relatively narrow, ranging from about 35 to 60 miles (55–95 km) in width. Despite its size, it is deep enough to accommodate large oil tankers.

The strait lies partly in the territorial waters of Iran and Oman but is governed by international maritime laws.

Economic Importance

The Strait of Hormuz is often called a "global oil chokepoint". More than 20% of the world's oil and liquefied natural gas passes through this route. Because so much of the world's energy supply passes through this narrow channel, any disruption can lead to a sharp increase in global oil prices and economic instability.

Conclusion

The Strait of Hormuz is far more than a simple water passage; it is a vital link in global trade and plays a key role in international politics and security.



Ebin Sebastian
8E

CAPTAINS & VICE CAPTAINS - JULY

CLASS 12 A  ANIRUDDH VIMAL	 HANNAH LAKH	CLASS 12 B  MYSHA KHAN	 ANGEL GABRIELLA	CLASS 12 C  RYAN MATHEW ROBIN	 DIYA CICLIN BOSCO	CLASS 12 D  PRAVEEN VELMURUGAN	 ADRIAN PETTERSAM THOTTAYATH	CLASS 12 E  SAMAD SAMI MERCHANT	 FARUHA SYED
CLASS 12 F  RIDA MARIAM SIDDIQUE	 NAYANA BINDU KALAYATHINAL	CLASS 12 G  ANGELINA LIZ MATHEW	 BHASWINI NAGA SARASWATI	CLASS 12 H  SARAH KHALID SIBHI	 JOHAN JACOB MATHEW	CLASS 12 I  STUTI RATNAWAT	 VINNJITH V VINOD	CLASS 12 J  DEVANG SANJAY PADNEKAR	 FARAH MOHAMMED RIZWAN
CLASS 12 K  MUHAMMAD HAMZAH	 VISHARA AKASHE	CLASS 12 L  REDA KHAN	 ISHRAT JAHAN	CLASS 11 A  AMRITH RAJINI PRASATH	 TAHIRA SAMIR DUDUKE	CLASS 11B  NIKHITA MENON	 KARTHIK VINOD	CLASS 11 C  AADIDEV C PILLAI	 ERLINE THOMAS
CLASS 11 D  DEVVARSH KRISHNA PRAVEEN	 RIZWANA	CLASS 11 E  HATIM FIROZ KUTUB	 RIYA REJI THOMAS	CLASS 11 F  MOHAMED FAHAD	 MOHAMMED ADIL	CLASS 11 G  GOWRI SURESH	 JOE KUREAN PONNATTU	CLASS 11 H  JOSHITA REDDY PIDATHALA	 MUBARAK KUTUBUDDIN DADUKAWALA
CLASS 11 I  REEM ZESHA	 SHAUN JOSE SHIJU	CLASS 11 J  SYED MALIK	 PRINCELLA PRASHANT	CLASS 10 A  FATIMA SOHEB KAZI	 MUHAMMED ZAIN PAROLIL ERSHAD	CLASS 10 B  CHARANYA ALUGU	 GURNOOR SINGH	CLASS 10 C  MEHRAAM ASIF KADIWALA	 JAGATHI NAVEEN
CLASS 10 D  VEDHA	 ANSEL SILVINO JOSH	CLASS 10 E  HARSHA VARDHAN SIVAKUMAR	 PADMA GEETHA	CLASS 10 F  MINHA VELLARANGAL KALLINKA	 AYESHA IMRAN DALVI	CLASS 10 G  VELENI TANYA	 ZOYA REHAAN KHAN	CLASS 9 A  MOHAMMEDE KAIF	 FARIDA CYCLEWALA
CLASS 9 B  NETIA ELSA PRATHESH	 VIVAN VIRAJ MARATHE	CLASS 9 C  ALEENA GIRE	 ANN SUSAN	CLASS 9 D  SIDDHARTH SWAMY	 MAHNA SHEHZAD SHAIKH	CLASS 9 E  AIDEN JOHN VARGHESE	 MEGHNA NATHANIA	CLASS 9 F  ASHLIN GLINDIS	 INSIYA SOJITRAWALA
CLASS 8 A  ABDULLAH VOHRA	 RIYA SHAKTHIVEL	CLASS 8 B  ARJUN	 ALVANA	CLASS 8 C  DOVELIN	 HANA SUDHIR	CLASS 8 D  REGAN PHILIP	 MARYAM MARUF	CLASS 8 E  ESWAR GANGAVARAPU	 DAINE GEORGE MATHEWS
CLASS 8 F  PRATIKA BHAGAVATH RAMYA	 SHAYAAN MUHAMED NAVAF	CLASS 8 G  RAPHAEL	 BILAL KHAN	CLASS 7 A  INIYA MIDHUN	 AYAN THOOMPIL ANOOP	CLASS 7 B  ABHINAV RAMACHANDRAN	 ZWEENA BANO	CLASS 7 C  FIONA R SUSAN	 BRENDEN LAL
CLASS 7 D  JERRIC KORAH JIJU	 HAYA KHADEEJA	CLASS 7 E  AARAV RAJKUMAR	 CHRISTINA LINSU	CLASS 7 F  FRANCIS PHILIP RENJU	 HOSANNAH ANN VARGHESE	CLASS 6 A  JAYDEN LUKE FERNANDES	 HEPHZIBA ANN SHALJU		

BEST STUDENTS (JUNE)



6 A
ABHIRAM ULLAS NAIR



7 A
NEA NIKESH MACHITHOL



7 B
IFA FATEMA



7 C
MINHA FATHIMA SHANAVAS



7 D
NIRUPAMA NANDAKUMAR



7 E
RISHONA STACY RONALDRA



7 F
JOHAN KURIAN JIBY



8 A
SOHAM MEHTA



8 B
MICHELLE



8 C
SHAHLA SHAKEEL



8 D
ABHIJIT MANIKANDAN



8 E
ADITYA AMAL CHANDRAN



8 F
JEWEL AGY MATHIEW



8 G
ANIRUDH PRAMOD



9 A
AMREEN SAMAR



9 B
SARA MARIAM SHIBU



9 C
DIYA AUSTIN



9 D
ARTHUR MYRON D MELLO



9 E
BREONNA BENSAM GIFTA



9 F
CALISTA FERNANDEZ



10 A
VIJAY SREEKAR AYYAGARI



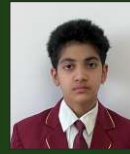
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MARIO PAUL



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SWETHASHREE SURESH



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EVELIN SARAH ELDHOSE



10 E
DIKSHA MAHESH



10 F
MINHA VELLARANGAL KALLINKA



10 G
KAILASH TILAK



11 A
JOANN MARIAM SHIBU



11 B
FATIMAH NOWSHATH



11 C
AARON JERRY



11 D
PUSHKARI GUBBALA



11 E
GEANNA GEORGE



11 F
AISWARYA GOPAKUMAR



11 G
DISHLEEN KAUR



11 H
PRANATHI PULLUR



11 I
ARYAN SREEDHARAN ALBERT



11 J
DIYA PANDYA



12 A
JAMIL MUHAMMED RAEES



12 B
LIYANA OMAR



12 C
ABHIJAY PREM



12 D
VELMURUGAN



12 E
DEEPSHA DIVYENDU
SHENITH



12 F
NIVEDITHA SUNIL KUMAR



12 G
LINITHA KINGSLEY



12 H
MOHAMED SAALIM
SIRAJUDDIN



12 I
CAREN M BIJO



12 J
JOANNA ELSA JOBY



12 K
ANAM ZAYNUL ABIDIN TAMBE



12 L
ATHUL JAMES MAVELI



- Which animal can sleep for nearly three years continuously?
Answer: Snail
- Which Indian city is known as the "Silicon Valley of India"?
Answer: Bengaluru
- Which is the only floating national park in the world, located in India?
Answer: Keibul Lamjao National Park
- Name the only active volcano in India?
Answer: Barren Island Volcano
- India's first solar-powered airport is located in which city?
Answer: Kochi
- What is the study of earthquakes called?
Answer: Seismology
- Which planet experiences the longest day in the Solar System?
Answer: Venus (243 Earth days)
- What percentage of the human brain is water?
Answer: 73%
- Which animal has blue blood?
Answer: Horseshoe Crab
- What is the largest organ in the human body?
Answer: Skin

CHIRAIYA

"There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you."
-Maya Angelou

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Chiraiya

In Hindi and Urdu, Chiraiya means "sparrow" - a small, delicate bird often seen as a symbol of freedom, simplicity, and resilience. The title is deeply fitting, because the series tells the story of women who, like sparrows, are often underestimated - but who possess the strength to rise, speak, and fly despite the cages built around them.

Chiraiya is a 2026 Indian Hindi-language drama web series directed by Shashant Shah and produced by SVF Entertainment. It stars a talented cast including Divya Dutta, Sanjay Mishra, Siddharth Shaw, and Prasanna Bisht. The series shines a light on the silent battles many women face behind closed doors. It tells the story of two women - Kamlesh and her sister-in-law - who find themselves trapped in a world of silence, duty, and painful secrets. The series doesn't rely on shock value; instead, it uses emotion, truth, and the quiet strength of its characters to leave a lasting impact on the viewer.

The story revolves around Kamlesh, a traditional homemaker, and her sister-in-law, who enters a new marriage filled with hope. However, a tragic incident on her wedding night changes everything. On the very first night of her marriage, her husband forced himself on her - an act of rape that left her broken, confused, and silenced. The young woman withdraws, broken and silent, while the family struggles to understand what happened. Kamlesh, torn between family loyalty and the truth, eventually realises that silence is not peace - it is complicity. The series follows her journey as she finds the courage to speak up, stand by her sister-in-law, and confront the darkness that has been hidden behind closed doors.

Chiraiya is not just a story - it is a mirror. It reminds us that true strength lies not in staying silent, but in speaking the truth. It shows that women are not just survivors - they are fighters, healers, and leaders. The series teaches us that when one woman stands up for another, she doesn't just change one life - she inspires a movement. In the end, Chiraiya is a call to every woman: speak your truth, stand with your sisters, and never underestimate the power of your voice.



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HALIMAH YACOB

**A Symbol of
Service,
Leadership,
and Inclusivity**

EPITOME OF SUCCESS

Halimah Yacob is widely respected for her dedication to public service and her commitment to building an inclusive society. As the eighth President of Singapore, she made history by becoming the country's first female President and the first President from the Malay community in nearly five decades. Her remarkable journey from humble beginnings to the nation's highest office continues to inspire people around the world.

Born on 23 August 1954 in Singapore, Halimah Yacob faced many challenges during her childhood. After losing her father at a young age, she was raised by her mother, who worked hard to support the family. Despite financial difficulties, Halimah remained determined to excel in her studies. She graduated from the National University of Singapore with a law degree and later earned a Master of Laws.

Halimah began her career with the National Trades Union Congress (NTUC), where she worked tirelessly to improve the welfare of workers. Over the years, she became known for advocating fair employment practices, better working conditions, and opportunities for women and lower-income families.

Her dedication to public service led her into politics. She served as a Member of Parliament and later became the Speaker of Parliament in 2013, making history as Singapore's first female Speaker. In 2017, she was elected as the President of Singapore, serving until 2023. During her presidency, she championed causes such as volunteerism, lifelong learning, mental well-being, racial harmony, and support for vulnerable communities.

Halimah Yacob is admired for her humility, compassion, and ability to connect with people from all walks of life. She often encouraged young people to believe in themselves, work hard, and contribute positively to society. Her leadership demonstrated that success is built on integrity, perseverance, and a genuine desire to serve others.

Throughout her career, Halimah Yacob has shown that true leadership is about empowering people and fostering unity. Her inspiring life story reminds us that determination, resilience, and kindness can overcome even the greatest obstacles. She remains a role model for future generations, proving that with dedication and a strong sense of purpose, anyone can make a meaningful difference in the world.

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THE BRIGHT SIDE OF YOU



The sun is up, the world is wide,
And there's so much waiting for you outside.
It's not about tasks or things you must do,
It's about all the things that make you, you.
It's the way you jump, the way you run,
The simple magic of having some fun.
Maybe it's music, or a game that you love,
Or just watching the clouds drift by up above.
Think of the laughs and the stories you tell,
The "remember when" moments that feel so swell
Your life is a treasure, a bright, happy spark,
Like a beautiful light in the middle of dark.
So take a look round and give a big grin,
Let all of that happy energy in.
Be glad for your world and the fun that you find,
With a happy heart and a grateful mind



Alona Maria Siju
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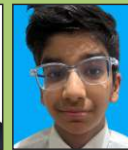
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THE SOUL OF THE BOOT: UNFORGETTABLE ITALIAN EXPERIENCES

Roshan Gideon Kumar Oba



Italy is rarely just a destination; it is a sensory immersion. In 2026, as the country balances its timeless heritage with a forward-looking energy-hosting the Winter Olympics in Milan-Cortina and celebrating L'Aquila as the Capital of Culture-the "Italian experience" has evolved. It is moving away from the frantic "check-list" travel of the past and toward a slower, more intentional rhythm.

Whether you are sipping a bold Montepulciano in a medieval hilltop town or learning to knead orecchiette in a sun-drenched courtyard, here is how to experience the true soul of Italy.

1. The Art of the "Albergo Diffuso"

To truly experience Italy, you must live where the history is. Beyond standard hotels, the Albergo Diffuso (scattered hotel) model has revitalized dying medieval villages.

- The Experience: Instead of a single building, your "hotel" is the village itself. You might sleep in a restored 13th-century cottage, walk across the piazza for breakfast at the local café, and head to the tower for check-out.
- Where to try it: Look to the Abruzzo region or the Borghi of Umbria. It's the ultimate way to support sustainable tourism while waking up to the sound of church bells rather than traffic.

2. Culinary Pilgrimages: Beyond the Pizza

Italian food is a map of its geography. In 2026, travelers are looking past the tourist menus of Rome to find the "Green Heart" and the "Wild West."

- Truffle Hunting in Umbria: Wander through oak forests with a local "tartufo" and his dog. The experience culminates in a rustic kitchen where the black gold you just unearthed is shaved over handmade tagliatelle.



- The Volcanic Wines of Etna: In Sicily, the fertile, ashy soil of Mount Etna produces some of the world's most exciting wines. Visiting a family-run winery on the slopes of an active volcano provides a literal taste of the earth's power.

3. L'Aquila: A City Reborn

While Florence and Venice are the stalwarts, L'Aquila is the heart of Italy's 2026 cultural narrative. After years of meticulous reconstruction following the 2009 earthquake, the city has emerged as the Italian Capital of Culture.

- Why now? The city center is a living laboratory of restoration, where Baroque palaces meet high-tech contemporary art installations.
- The Vibe: It lacks the crowds of the major hubs, offering an authentic look at Italian resilience. The surrounding Gran Sasso mountains offer some of the best high-altitude trekking in Europe, just minutes from the city's opera houses.

4. The "Slow Train" to the Adriatic

With the 2026 Winter Olympics bringing a surge of energy to the North (Milan and Cortina), many travelers are heading in the opposite direction for a "literary" escape.

- Trieste: Often overlooked, this city on the border of Slovenia offers a unique blend of Austro-Hungarian grandeur and Italian grit.
- The Ritual: Spend an afternoon in a historic coffee house like Caffè San Marco, where James Joyce once sat, and watch the sun set over the Adriatic.



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POTATO NOODLES

Ingredients for the Noodles

- ◆ 4 medium potatoes
- ◆ Potato starch
- ◆ A splash of water

Instructions

1. Boil the potatoes until soft.
2. Mash the potatoes well.
3. Add potato starch and a splash of water.
4. Mix until a dough-like consistency forms.
5. Shape into noodles.
6. Boil the noodles in water until they start floating.



CHILLI SAUCE

Ingredients

- ◆ 1 tbsp chopped garlic
- ◆ 2 tbsp green onion
- ◆ 1/2 tbsp chilli flakes
- ◆ 1 tsp chilli powder
- ◆ 1 tsp sesame seeds
- ◆ 1/2 tsp sugar
- ◆ 1/2 tsp salt
- ◆ 1/4 tsp MSG
- ◆ 1 tbsp soy sauce
- ◆ 1 tbsp vinegar
- ◆ 1 tbsp chilli oil (optional)
- ◆ 8 tbsp hot oil
- ◆ Water (as needed)

Instructions

1. Add garlic, green onion, chilli flakes, chilli powder, and sesame seeds into a bowl.
2. Add sugar, salt, MSG, soy sauce, vinegar, and chilli oil.
3. Pour hot oil over the mixture carefully.
4. Add a little water if needed and mix well.
5. Serve with the potato noodles.

COIMBATORE

THE MANCHESTER OF SOUTH



Coimbatore is a vibrant city in the western part of Tamil Nadu, nestled along the banks of the Noyyal River and surrounded by the lush Western Ghats. Known as the “Manchester of South India,” Coimbatore is famous for its industrial strength, pleasant climate, and rich cultural heritage. The city serves as a gateway to hill stations like Ooty, Valparai, and Mettupalayam, making it a favorite among nature lovers and adventure travelers.

Coimbatore is home to a harmonious blend of tradition and modernity. Ancient temples like the Marudamalai Murugan Temple, Perur Pateeswarar Temple, and Eachanari Vinayagar Temple attract devotees from across the country. Festivals such as Pongal, Deepavali, and Karthigai Deepam are celebrated with great enthusiasm, alongside vibrant temple festivals that feature classical music, traditional dance, and grand processions.

The region is known for its thriving textile industry, engineering firms, and prestigious educational institutions like the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University and PSG colleges. Coimbatore is also a major hub for the production of pumps, motors, and wet grinders, contributing significantly to India's economy. Its bustling markets, such as Town Hall and RS Puram, offer everything from silk sarees to modern electronics.

Coimbatore is rich in natural beauty as well. The nearby Siruvani Waterfalls is famous for its sweet, mineral-rich water, while the Anamalai Tiger Reserve and Kovai Kutralam falls offer serene escapes. Parks like VOC Park and the Botanical Garden at TNAU provide peaceful spots for families and joggers.

The city is also gaining recognition for its traditional arts, including the Kongu Nadu style of folk dance and music. Coimbatore's cuisine is a hidden gem—visitors must try authentic Kongu Nadu meals featuring dishes like kappa (tapioca) with mutton curry, panniyaram, soru kanji, and freshly brewed filter coffee. Iconic spots like Annapoorna Mithai and Bakery Broadway are perfect for local sweets and snacks.

In recent years, Coimbatore has also become known for its growing startup culture, eco-friendly initiatives, and vibrant café scene. The city's handloom and handicraft sectors, especially the famous Coimbatore cotton sarees and wooden toys, reflect the artistic talent and deep-rooted traditions of the region.

Tourists often take home these unique items as souvenirs, carrying a piece of Coimbatore's warmth and elegance with them.

With its perfect blend of economic vitality, cultural richness, and natural beauty, Coimbatore is a dynamic destination for travelers seeking the best of South Indian urban and rural life.



Safa Ibrahim Shaikh
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THE BLUE UMBRELLA



Janice .P.Koshi
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Every morning on his way to school, Aarav passed an old man who sat on the same bench outside a small park. Beside him rested a faded blue umbrella, whether the sun was shining or the sky was clear. The old man never opened it. He simply held it gently and smiled at everyone who walked by.

For months, Aarav wondered why anyone would carry an umbrella every single day without using it. One morning, he finally gathered the courage to ask.

The old man smiled.

"Some things protect us even when they aren't open."

Aarav didn't understand, but he smiled back and continued to school.

The years passed. High school became college, and college became work. Life grew busier, and Aarav no longer walked that road.

One rainy afternoon, many years later, he happened to pass the same park again.

The bench was empty.

A flower seller nearby recognized him and said softly, "You used to talk to him, didn't you? He passed away last week. Before he died, he left something for the boy who always asked about the umbrella."

Surprised, Aarav accepted the neatly folded blue umbrella. Tucked inside was a small handwritten letter.

"Dear Aarav,

You once asked why I carried this umbrella every day.

It belonged to my daughter. She loved rainy days and never left home without it. One morning she forgot it. That afternoon, I lost her in an accident.

Since then, I have carried this umbrella every day—not because it protects me from the rain, but because it keeps her close to me.

Thank you for stopping to talk to an old man. You may not have realized it, but your small conversations brought joy to someone who missed his daughter every single day.

Now, I want you to keep this umbrella. Not as a reminder of my sadness, but as a reminder that even a few kind words can brighten someone's life.

-Your old friend."

Aarav folded the letter carefully and held the umbrella close as the rain continued to fall.

He never opened it.

Because some things aren't meant to protect us from the rain.

They're meant to protect the memories we never want to lose.

THE IRON ICON OF FRANCE

Rising proudly above the skyline of Paris, the Eiffel Tower is one of the most recognizable monuments in the world. Built in 1889 for the Exposition Universelle (World's Fair), this towering structure was designed by engineer Gustave Eiffel and has since become a global symbol of art, culture, and innovation.

Standing at about 330 meters tall, the Eiffel Tower was once the tallest man-made structure on Earth. Unlike traditional buildings made of stone or brick, it is constructed from iron, giving it a unique open-lattice design. At first, many Parisians criticized its appearance, calling it strange and unnecessary.

However, over time, it grew into one of the most loved landmarks in the world.

Visiting the Eiffel Tower is an unforgettable experience. Tourists can climb the stairs or take an elevator to reach different levels. From the top, the view of Paris is breathtaking—you can see the winding Seine River, historic buildings, and famous landmarks stretching far into the distance. At sunset, the city glows in warm colors, making it a perfect moment for photos.

THE EIFFEL TOWER

At night, the Eiffel Tower becomes even more magical. Every evening, thousands of sparkling lights illuminate the structure, creating a dazzling display that lasts for a few minutes every hour. This light show attracts

visitors from around the world and adds to the tower's charm and elegance.

The Eiffel Tower is not just a tourist attraction; it also has scientific importance. It has been used for radio transmissions, weather observations, and experiments over the years. Today, it continues to serve as both a cultural icon and a functional structure.

Walking around the Eiffel Tower feels like stepping into a dream. Street performers, cafés, and gardens surround the area, creating a lively and welcoming atmosphere. Whether seen up close or from afar, the Eiffel Tower represents creativity, history, and the beauty of human achievement.

From a once-criticized iron structure to a beloved global symbol, the Eiffel Tower stands as a reminder that bold ideas can leave a lasting impact on the world.

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WHY IS Egg CALLED A SUPER FOOD?

Eggs are often called a superfood because they are packed with many essential nutrients needed for good health. They are an excellent source of high-quality protein, which helps in the growth and repair of body tissues. Eggs also contain important vitamins such as Vitamin A, Vitamin D, Vitamin B12, and minerals like iron, phosphorus, and selenium.

One egg provides a good amount of nutrition while being relatively low in calories. Eggs also contain choline, a nutrient that supports brain development and memory, making them especially beneficial for students. They help keep us full for longer, provide energy, and contribute to healthy muscles, bones, and eyesight.

Due to their rich nutritional value, affordability, and versatility, eggs are considered one of the healthiest foods and are often referred to as a superfood.

"An egg a day can be a simple step towards a healthier life."

NOURISH &
FLOURISH



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1. LAL BAHADUR SHASTRI (1904 - 1966)

Lal Bahadur Shastri, India's second Prime Minister, is remembered for his simplicity, integrity, and strong leadership. During the Indo-Pak War of 1965, he inspired the nation with the slogan "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan," emphasizing the importance of soldiers and farmers. A commemorative stamp honors his dedication to the nation.



2. ANNIE BESANT (1847 - 1933)

Annie Besant was a British-born social reformer, educationist, and freedom fighter who actively supported India's struggle for independence. She founded the Home Rule League and became the first woman President of the Indian National Congress in 1917. A commemorative stamp recognizes her contribution to India's freedom movement.



3. DR. ZAKIR HUSAIN (1897 - 1969)

Dr. Zakir Husain was India's third President and a renowned educationist. He played a vital role in promoting quality education and was closely associated with Jamia Millia Islamia. His commemorative stamp reflects his lifelong dedication to learning and national service.



4. JAMSETJI NUSSERWANJI TATA (1839 - 1904)

Jamsetji Tata, the founder of the Tata Group, is regarded as the father of Indian industry. His vision led to the establishment of world-class institutions and industries that transformed India's economy. India issued a commemorative stamp to honor his entrepreneurial spirit and nation-building efforts.



5. KAMLADEVI CHATTOPADHYAY (1903 - 1988)

Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay was a freedom fighter, social reformer, and pioneer in the revival of Indian handicrafts and handlooms. She worked tirelessly to preserve India's rich cultural heritage and empower artisans. A commemorative stamp celebrates her invaluable contributions.

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6. RUKMINI DEVI ARUNDALE (1904 - 1986)

Rukmini Devi Arundale was a celebrated Bharatanatyam dancer and cultural visionary. She founded Kalakshetra Foundation and played a significant role in reviving Indian classical dance. Her commemorative stamp recognizes her lasting contribution to Indian culture.



7. FIELD MARSHAL SAM MANEKSHAW (1914 - 2008)

Field Marshal Sam Hormusji Framji Jamshedji Manekshaw was one of India's greatest military leaders. He led the Indian Army to victory in the 1971 Indo-Pak War, resulting in the creation of Bangladesh. A commemorative stamp honors his exceptional leadership and service to the nation.



8. DADASAHEB PHALKE (1870 - 1944)

Known as the Father of Indian Cinema, Dadasaheb Phalke directed India's first full-length feature film, Raja Harishchandra (1913). His pioneering work laid the foundation of the Indian film industry. A commemorative stamp pays tribute to his remarkable legacy.



9. SISTER NIVEDITA (1867 - 1911)

Born Margaret Noble in Ireland, Sister Nivedita became a devoted disciple of Swami Vivekananda. She dedicated her life to women's education, social service, and India's cultural renaissance. India issued a commemorative stamp in recognition of her selfless service.



10. ARUNA ASAF ALI (1909 - 1996)

Aruna Asaf Ali was a courageous freedom fighter remembered for hoisting the Indian National Congress flag during the Quit India Movement in 1942. She remained an inspiration for her fearless stand against British rule and later worked for social welfare. A commemorative stamp honors her extraordinary contribution to India's independence.

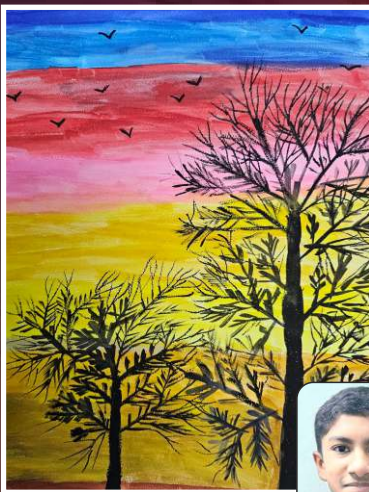
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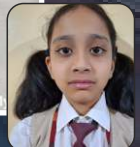
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Nine women cadets among 515 officer cadets passing out from Indian Military Academy:

The Indian Army marked a historic milestone as nine women cadets were commissioned as officers from the Indian Military Academy (IMA), becoming the first women to graduate from the academy after entering through the National Defence Academy (NDA). The nine officers are also the first batch of women to receive direct permanent commissions into the Indian Army at the time of commissioning. Earlier, women officers were inducted through the Short Service Commission route and became eligible for permanent commission only after completing a specified period of service. The landmark commissioning took place during the Passing Out Parade (POP) of the 158th Regular Course and the 141st Technical Graduate Course at the Indian Military Academy in Dehradun.



IIT Madras unveils world's most detailed 3D Atlas of human brainstem: The Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) on Friday said it has released ANCHOR (Atlas of Neurochemical Characterisation of the human brainstem with 3D Reconstruction), the world's most detailed three-dimensional atlas of the human brainstem. ANCHOR comprises the most comprehensive, multimodal, 3D maps and atlases of the human brainstem to date spanning from prenatal period to childhood and adult brains. These maps will help in identifying specific cell populations affected in brain stem lesions which could be critical for clinical applications



UAE launches first inter-emirate passenger rail service with landmark trial: The United Arab Emirates has achieved a historic milestone in its transport infrastructure today. The first Etihad Rail passenger train has completed its inaugural trial journey, travelling from Fujairah to Abu Dhabi's Mohamed bin Zayed City Station. The successful journey marks a major step towards the commercial launch of the country's long-awaited inter-emirate passenger railway. The passenger rail network is central to the UAE's strategy to strengthen sustainable transport and reduce travel times across the emirates. Once fully operational, it will provide an efficient alternative to road travel for residents and visitors.



President Murmu confers distinguished service awards at Defence Investiture Ceremony-II:

President Droupadi Murmu conferred 105 Distinguished Service Decorations on personnel of the Armed Forces and the Indian Coast Guard during the Defence Investiture Ceremony 2026 (Phase-II) held at Rashtrapati Bhavan, recognising exceptional leadership, operational excellence and distinguished service to the nation. The honours included 7 Sarvottam Yudh Seva Medals (SYSM), 30 Param Vishisht Seva Medals (PVSM), 12 Uttam Yudh Seva Medals (UYSM) and 56 Ati Vishisht Seva Medals (AVSM). The awards are presented for distinguished service of an exceptional order in both operational and peacetime roles.



NASA taps US astronauts, Italian for Artemis mission with SpaceX, Blue Origin mooncraft:

NASA named three U.S. astronauts and an Italian astronaut to serve as the crew for its next Artemis mission, a spacecraft docking demonstration in Earth's orbit next year that will test moon landers from Elon Musk's SpaceX and Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin for the first time in space. NASA Administrator Jared Isaacman at a ceremony in Houston named U.S. astronauts Andre Douglas, Frank Rubio and Randy Bresnik and Italian astronaut Luca Parmitano of the European Space Agency as the crew for Artemis III. The mission will be a delicate dance in low-Earth orbit of multiple spacecraft involved in NASA's complex Artemis program, the flagship U.S. effort to return people to the moon for a long-term presence.



'Schmigadoon!' wins best musical on Broadway's biggest night:

"Schmigadoon!" won the Tony Award for best musical, while more socially driven works dominated other top categories, with "Liberation" taking best play, "Ragtime" best musical revival and John Lithgow best leading actor for "Giant." Based on a television series, "Schmigadoon!" is a send-up of Golden Age Broadway shows, following a modern couple drawn into a musical theater fantasy world. "Liberation," a drama examining the legacy of the 1970s women's liberation movement, added to its 2026 Pulitzer Prize for drama, as author Bess Wohl became the fourth woman to win the Tony Award for best play and the first since 2009.



EPICTIONARY

1. **Benevolent:** *Meaning-* Well-meaning and kindly.
Sentence- A benevolent stranger helped the child find his lost toy.
2. **Pensive:** *Meaning-* Engaged in, involving or reflecting deep or serious thought.
Sentence- She sat by the window in a pensive mood, watching the rain.
3. **Eloquence:** *Meaning-* Fluent or persuasive speaking or writing.
Sentence- The leader spoke with such eloquence that the crowd was moved.
4. **Frugal:** *Meaning-* Sparing or economical with regard to food or money.
Sentence- He lived a frugal lifestyle to save up for his dream trip.
5. **Serendipity:** *Meaning-* The occurrence of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way.
Sentence- Finding the rare book at a garage sale was pure serendipity.
6. **Ephemeral:** *Meaning-* Lasting for a very short time.
Sentence- The beauty of the sunset was ephemeral, fading into darkness within minutes.
7. **Meticulous:** *Meaning-* Showing great attention to detail; very careful and precise.
Sentence- She was meticulous about her beadwork, ensuring every star and butterfly bead was perfectly placed.
8. **Aspiring:** *Meaning-* Directing one's hopes or ambitions toward becoming a specified type of person.
Sentence- The aspiring content creator spent hours editing her latest video to make it look professional.
9. **Intrepid:** *Meaning-* Feeling no fear; very bold or brave.
Sentence- The intrepid reporter traveled to the most remote parts of the world to find the truth.
10. **Exquisite:** *Meaning-* Extremely beautiful and, typically, delicate.
Sentence- The detail on the handmade jewelry was exquisite, showing how much care went into every piece.



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