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LOOKING BACK WITH GRATITUDE!

Dear SNIS Community,

As we close the chapter on this academic year, we look back with pride and gratitude at all that has unfolded. The year gone by has been filled with learning, laughter, challenges, and triumphs. From the first day of school to the last bell, each moment has contributed to the growth of our students and the strength of our community.

We celebrated achievements in academics, arts, and sports, and witnessed the resilience of our students as they embraced new opportunities. Our teachers guided with dedication, our parents supported with encouragement, and our students inspired us with their curiosity and determination.

Though the year had its share of hurdles, it also brought countless memories that will stay with us. As we step into the summer break, let us carry forward the lessons learned, the friendships formed, and the spirit of togetherness that defines our school.

And now, as we turn the page, we look forward with excitement to welcoming another year – one that will bring fresh opportunities, new challenges, and even greater accomplishments. Together, we will continue to build a vibrant and supportive community where every student can thrive.

Here's to the year gone by – and to the promise of the year ahead.

Warm regards,
Team SNIS



DUSSEHRA – THE GOOD HABIT FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

We celebrated **Dussehra** in our school with great joy and enthusiasm, along with a special focus on developing good habits. The day started with a special assembly where students explained the importance of Dussehra and how it teaches us to overcome our bad qualities. The celebrations included fun-filled Dandiya dance and the beautiful Bathukamma festival, which reflected our rich culture and traditions. As part of the celebration, students also took part in a “Good Habit Initiative,” where each of us wrote one bad habit we want to stop and one good habit we want to follow. The entire event was enjoyable and meaningful, leaving us with happy memories and a motivation to become better individuals.



CREATIVITY MEETS CRITICAL THINKING

Shantiniketan International School, Bachupally, recently hosted an inspiring **One-Act Play and Debate Competition**, bringing together students to showcase both artistic flair and intellectual rigor.

The One-Act play segment was a celebration of imagination and teamwork. Students explored themes ranging from festivals to kindness. With minimal props but powerful performances, each play left the audience reflecting on values that matter in everyday life.

The Debate Competition on topics such as social media, AI to self-discipline added a dynamic edge to the event. Participants engaged in spirited discussions on contemporary issues, presenting well-researched arguments and sharp rebuttals. The competition not only honed public speaking skills but also encouraged students to think critically and articulate their perspectives with confidence.

Together, the two events highlighted SNIS Bachupally's commitment to nurturing holistic education—where creativity, communication, and critical thinking go hand in hand. The enthusiasm of the participants and the support of the faculty made the day a memorable celebration of learning beyond the classroom.



THE ART OF THE TALE: SNIS STORY NARRATION

The curtains rose to the rhythmic pulse of **student-led storytelling** as performers commanded the stage, masterfully blending historical depth with modern flair. Clear, resonant voices captured the essence of the SNIS journey, ensuring every gesture and tone was polished to perfection by the dedicated cast. The performance concluded with a thunderous standing ovation, marking a successful and unforgettable fusion of talent and tradition.



A SPLASH OF AZURE: EYP BLUE COLOR DAY

The **Early Years Program (EYP)** at SNIS transformed into a vibrant sea of azure as students and teachers celebrated **Blue Color Day**. This special occasion was designed to help our youngest learners explore the world of colors through immersive, hands-on experiences.

From navy and sky blue to turquoise and teal, the campus radiated a calm yet energetic vibe. The day was filled with "blue-themed" activities that sparked curiosity and reinforced sensory learning in a fun, collaborative environment.



STUDENTS ENGAGE IN GLOBAL DIPLOMACY: MUN MOCK AT SNIS BACHUPALLY

Shantiniketan International School, Bachupally, recently hosted a **Model United Nations (MUN)** mock session, giving students a platform to step into the shoes of global leaders and diplomats.

The topic of discussion was the **removal of economic sanctions from Iran**, a complex and timely issue that challenged participants to balance political, economic, and humanitarian perspectives. Delegates represented different countries, presenting their positions with well-researched arguments and engaging in spirited negotiations.

The session highlighted the importance of diplomacy, critical thinking, and collaboration in addressing international challenges. Students demonstrated not only their knowledge of global affairs but also their ability to listen, rebut, and build consensus.

This MUN mock was more than an academic exercise—it was a powerful reminder of how young minds can engage meaningfully with world issues, preparing them to become thoughtful, responsible global citizens.



ECO-LUMINOUS DIWALI - LIGHT UP LIVES, NOT POLLUTION

The **Eco-Luminous Diwali celebration** at SNIS was a vibrant blend of tradition, creativity, and environmental awareness, bringing the school community together in a meaningful way. Students from Grades 1 to 3 enthusiastically participated in a diya decoration activity, showcasing their imagination through colorful patterns and designs while understanding the cultural significance of the festival. Their joyful involvement added warmth and brightness to the celebration.

Meanwhile, students from Grades 4 to 9 demonstrated exceptional creativity and innovation in the **“Best Out of Waste” competition**, transforming discarded materials into impressive and purposeful creations. This initiative not only highlighted their artistic talents but also reinforced the importance of sustainability and responsible living. The celebration served as a gentle reminder that festivals can be celebrated with joy and mindfulness, promoting eco-friendly choices and nurturing young, responsible global citizens.



HALLOWEEN - A LITTLE SCARE, A LOT OF FUN

The **Halloween celebrations at SNIS** brought a wave of excitement and spooky fun as students across all grades eagerly stepped into the much-awaited "Boo-tastic Den." The space was creatively transformed into a thrilling yet friendly Halloween zone, filled with festive décor, playful surprises, and a touch of mystery. Students walked through the den with curiosity and delight, enjoying the immersive experience designed especially for them.

The event provided a wonderful opportunity for students to engage in imaginative play, build confidence, and celebrate cultural diversity in a fun-filled environment. Laughter, excitement, and a hint of spooky charm filled the air as students created joyful memories with their peers. The Boo-tastic Den truly made Halloween at SNIS a memorable and engaging experience for everyone



CHAMPIONS OF KNOWLEDGE: SNIS SHINES AT SOF OLYMPIADS

The corridors of SNIS are buzzing with pride as our students achieved remarkable success in the **Science Olympiad Foundation (SOF)** exams. Demonstrating academic rigor and sharp analytical skills, these young scholars competed against thousands to emerge at the top.

Their dedication was rewarded with prestigious **Gold Medals and Certificates of Excellence**, marking a significant milestone in their educational journey. This victory not only highlights their individual brilliance but also underscores the school's commitment to nurturing competitive excellence.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE GOLD MEDALISTS OF SOF NATIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD



VIHAAN SAI K
GRADE-1A



RISHI SRIRAM
GRADE-1B



ARSH MANISH B
GRADE-1C



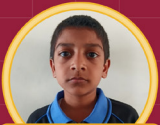
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GRADE-2C



VIVAN KRISHNA A
GRADE-3A



RAVURI KENVI
GRADE-3B



VIRAA J INDEEVAR K
GRADE-3B



VIHAAN REDDY M
GRADE-4A



AARVISH PULI
GRADE-5A



NAYAN AADIT SAI K
GRADE-5B



HIMANSHU REDDY B
GRADE-5B



PAANYA SREEN
GRADE-6A



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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE GOLD MEDALISTS OF SOF NATIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD



ANAAYA SING
GRADE-6B



VAIBHAV RAJKUMAR
GRADE-6B



ALEKHYIA D
GRADE-7B



CHITI VAIBHAW
GRADE-7B



NAINISHYA D
GRADE-7B



NIRVAAN PATHAK
GRADE-8B



DHARSHITH L
GRADE-8C



TANVI L
GRADE-8C



VED KULKARNI
GRADE-8B



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CONGRATULATIONS

TO ALL THE GOLD MEDALISTS OF
SOF INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH OLYMPIAD



JAI ISHAAN KARTHIKEYA
GRADE-1B



RISHI SRIRAM
GRADE-1B



ANAISHA MANISH B
GRADE-1C



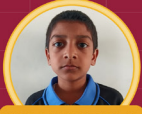
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GRADE-2B



DHRITI VAISARAJU
GRADE-2B



HEMANSH SAI S
GRADE-2C



VIRAAJ INDEEVAR K
GRADE-3B



SOMA SAI KRISHNA S
GRADE-3B



VIVAN KRISHNA A
GRADE-3A



CHETAN B
GRADE-4A



MAANVI E
GRADE-4A



ADVIKA GUPTA B
GRADE-4A



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CONGRATULATIONS

TO ALL THE GOLD MEDALISTS OF
SOF INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH OLYMPIAD



AARVISH P
GRADE-5A



SHIVEN NAYAK
GRADE-5A



SUHAAN PAUL
GRADE-5B



CHAITRA INDRANI S
GRADE-6A



YUVANI KRISHNA
GRADE-6C



DHANYASRI S
GRADE-6C



ANUSHKA BENUSKAR
GRADE-7B



RAMM NIVIN REDDY
GRADE-7B



TANISHKA VARMA V
GRADE-7B



PREETHI R
GRADE-8B



SHREYAN REDDY B
GRADE-9B



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CONGRATULATIONS

TO ALL THE GOLD MEDALISTS OF
**SOF INTERNATIONAL
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE OLYMPIAD**



VIHAAN RAO V
GRADE-1A



RISHI SRIRAM
GRADE-1B



SANVI YENMULA
GRADE-1C



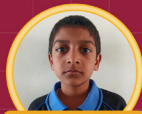
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GRADE-2B



A SAI RAM SRIYAN
GRADE-3A



RAVURI KENVI
GRADE-3B



VIRAAJ K
GRADE-3B



ARNAV BIRAJDAR
GRADE-4B



KANUSHI NARAYAN
GRADE-5A



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CONGRATULATIONS

TO ALL THE GOLD MEDALISTS OF
**SOF INTERNATIONAL
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE OLYMPIAD**



NAYAN AADIT SAI
GRADE-5B



SUHAAN PAUL
GRADE-5B



P HARSHALA
GRADE-6A



SAI VARNIKHA
GRADE-6B



DHANYASRI S
GRADE-6C



TANISHKA VARMA
GRADE-7B



HANSINI KRISHNA
GRADE-8B



GEETHIKA SAANVI
GRADE-8C



VANSH PAREEK
GRADE-8C



CONGRATULATIONS

TO ALL THE GOLD MEDALISTS OF
**SOF INTERNATIONAL
MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD**



ARAVINDA KARTHIKA G
GRADE-1A



TANVIK VEDANSH M
GRADE-1B



ARSH MANISH B
GRADE-1C



SUSHVIN PADALA
GRADE-2B



NAMASI REDDY V
GRADE-2A



DHRITI VAISYARAJU
GRADE-2B



MAYANK VIHARI V
GRADE-3A



KESHINI REDDY V
GRADE-3A



MAANVITH CHARISH
GRADE-3B



CONGRATULATIONS

TO ALL THE GOLD MEDALISTS OF
**SOF INTERNATIONAL
MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD**



AADHYA GUPTA N
GRADE-4A



VIHAAN REDDY M
GRADE-4A



ADVIKA GUPTA N
GRADE-4A



VIYAAN SAI P
GRADE-5A



AARVISH PULI
GRADE-5A



REYANSH REDDY P
GRADE-5B



HARSHALA P
GRADE-6A



SHRADDHA Y
GRADE-6A



VAIBHAV RAJKUMAR
GRADE-6B



CONGRATULATIONS

TO ALL THE GOLD MEDALISTS OF
**SOF INTERNATIONAL
MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD**



ASHRITH KRISHANA
GRADE-7B



VAIBHAW C
GRADE-7B



NAINISHYA D
GRADE-7B



MIKUL K
GRADE-8A



MARTURE DIAVIK BEN
GRADE-8B



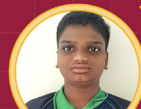
TANVI L
GRADE-8C



ANIK RANGISETTY
GRADE-9A



SHREYAN REDDY B
GRADE-9B



PREETHAM K
GRADE-9B



CONGRATULATIONS

TO ALL THE GOLD MEDALISTS OF
SOF INTERNATIONAL COMPUTER SCIENCE OLYMPIAD



RISHI SIRAM
GRADE-1B



DHRITI VAISYARAJU
GRADE-2B



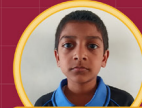
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SUSHVIN PADALA
GRADE-2B



SOMA SAI KRISHNA S
GRADE-3B



VIRAAJ INDEEVAR K
GRADE-3B



NAYAN AADIT SAI K
GRADE-5B



JATIN REDDY N
GRADE-8B



DHARSMITH L
GRADE-8C

SOF INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL STUDIES OLYMPIAD



DHANYASRI S
GRADE-6C

FIELD TRIPS - LEARNING BEYOND WALLS, EXPLORING ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

The **field trips at SNIS** provided students with enriching, real-world learning experiences that extended far beyond the classroom. Carefully curated to connect with their units of inquiry, these visits allowed students to explore a wide range of environments—from community spaces like banks and supermarkets to nature-based destinations such as zoos, botanical gardens, and Oxygen Park. Each visit encouraged students to observe, question, and understand the world around them, making learning more meaningful and experiential.

Students also had the opportunity to visit unique and inspiring places such as the Sudha Car Museum, Birla Planetarium, and Chowmahalla Palace, where they explored innovation, science, and history. Visits to Do Science Park, Infinity Hydroponic and Vertical Farming Systems, and One Day Kissan offered hands-on insights into scientific concepts, sustainable practices, and agriculture. Cultural experiences at Shilparamam and historical exploration at Bansilal Stepwell further deepened their appreciation for heritage and tradition.

These field trips not only enhanced students' knowledge across disciplines but also fostered curiosity, independence, and social skills. By stepping out of the classroom and into the real world, students developed a deeper understanding of concepts, built lasting memories, and cultivated a lifelong love for learning.





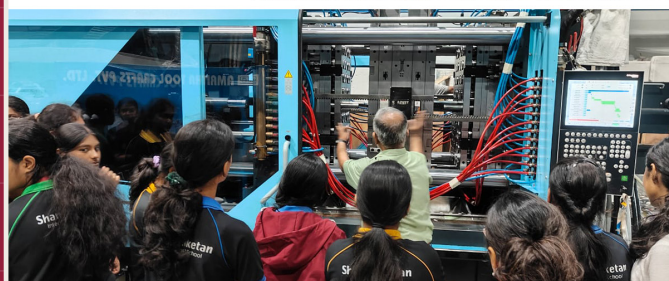
GRADE 6 & 7

BEING ONE DAY KISAN



GRADE 9

VISIT TO MOULD MAKING FACTORY & PRINTING PRESS



GRADE 8

VISIT TO HYDROPONIC VERTICAL FARMS



GRADE 3

VISIT TO NEHRU ZOOLOGICAL PARK





PP1

**VISIT TO
NEHRU
ZOOLOGICAL
PARK**



NURSERY

**VISIT TO
PLANT NURSERY**



GRADE 1

**VISIT TO
SUDHA CARS
MUSEUM**



GRADE 2

**VISIT TO
BOTANICAL
GARDEN**





PP2

**VISIT TO
BANK**



GRADE 4 & 5

**VISIT TO
DOSCIENCE
PARK**



GUEST SPEAKER SESSIONS - EMPOWERING YOUNG MINDS THROUGH EXPERT VOICES

The guest speaker sessions at SNIS served as powerful platforms for students to connect classroom learning with real-world perspectives. A diverse range of topics was thoughtfully covered to nurture awareness, responsibility, and informed thinking among students. Sessions on Healthy Habits and Good Touch-Bad Touch emphasized personal well-being and safety, while the interactive virtual session with pilot Captain Girish inspired students with insights into aviation and career possibilities. The ITC WOW initiative on waste management, along with discussions on the responsible use of media and gender equality, encouraged students to become mindful, empathetic, and socially responsible individuals.

Further enriching their learning, sessions such as “How government systems influence the lives of citizens” helped students understand civic structures, while the Bamboo Toothbrush Initiative linked to SDG 14 highlighted sustainable choices for protecting life below water. Awareness programs like HPV education by Dr. Satish and Road Safety Awareness instilled essential life skills and health consciousness. The session on Life Below Water deepened students’ understanding of environmental conservation. In addition to these expert-led sessions, many enriching discussions conducted by our own teachers added immense value, making learning continuous, relevant, and impactful.

Overall, these guest speaker sessions created meaningful opportunities for students to engage with experts, broaden their perspectives, and develop into informed, responsible global citizens.



EXPLORING INNOVATION: SCIENCE WEEK AT SNIS BACHUPALLY

Shantiniketan International School, Bachupally, celebrated **Science Week** with a series of engaging activities designed to spark curiosity and creativity among students.

The week featured hands-on experiments, model exhibitions, and interactive workshops where learners explored concepts in physics, chemistry, biology, and technology. Highlights included student-led demonstrations, quiz competitions, and presentations on sustainable innovations.

Science Week not only encouraged inquiry-based learning but also showcased the talent and imagination of young scientists at SNIS. The event reinforced the school's commitment to nurturing critical thinking and inspiring future innovators.



GRAINS OF GRATITUDE – A MEANINGFUL CELEBRATION

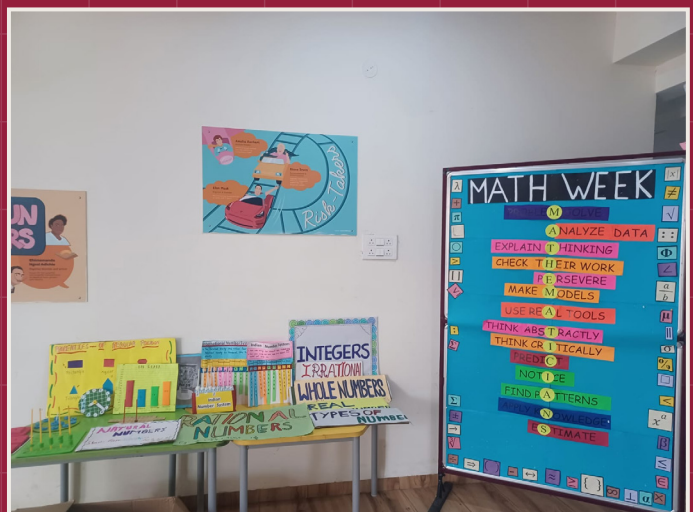
Our school celebrated **Grains of Gratitude** with a spirit of kindness and sharing. As part of this initiative, students collected grains such as rice and pulses to support those in need. The collected items were contributed through the Robin Hood Army, a volunteer-based, zero-funds organization that works to collect surplus food from restaurants and communities and distribute it to less fortunate people.

This activity helped students understand the value of gratitude, empathy, and social responsibility. It was a heartwarming experience to see everyone come together for a noble cause, reminding us that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference in someone's life.



MATHEMATICS WEEK CELEBRATION

Math Week was enthusiastically celebrated in our school from 22nd December to 26th December, marking **International Mathematics Day** and honoring the legacy of **Srinivasa Ramanujan**, famously known as the "Infinity Man." Each day began with a special assembly where students highlighted the importance of mathematics in everyday life through engaging role plays, fun math activities, and easy problem-solving tricks. The celebration also featured an impressive display of math manipulatives and creative activities prepared by students, showcasing their understanding and love for the subject. The entire week was both educational and enjoyable, inspiring students to appreciate mathematics in a fun and meaningful way.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Christmas was celebrated in our school with great joy and festive spirit, spreading the message of love, sharing, and togetherness. The celebration began with a special assembly where students spoke about the significance of Christmas and its values of kindness and compassion. The assembly included carol singing, short skits, and cheerful performances that created a warm and joyful atmosphere. The school was beautifully decorated, and students enthusiastically participated in various activities, making the celebration lively and memorable. The event reminded everyone of the importance of caring for others and celebrating together in harmony.



ANNUAL CONCERT AT SNIS: ECHOES OF TIME

Shantiniketan International School, Bachupally, hosted its Annual Concert with the theme **Echoes of Time – All About Us**. The event traced the evolution of civilizations and their remarkable contributions to the modern world.

Through dance, drama, and music, students brought history alive—celebrating milestones from ancient cultures to contemporary innovations. Each performance highlighted how traditions, discoveries, and values from the past continue to shape our present and future.

The concert was not only a cultural showcase but also a reflection of SNIS's vision to nurture global awareness, creativity, and pride in human progress.



PATRIOTISM IN MOTION: REPUBLIC DAY AT SNIS

The spirit of nationalism soared high as SNIS celebrated the **77th Republic Day** with a vibrant display of discipline and talent. The day began with the solemn unfurling of the national flag, followed by a series of events that highlighted the diverse capabilities of our student body.

A major highlight of the morning was the **synchronized yoga demonstration**, where students displayed incredible focus and flexibility, symbolizing the harmony of mind and body. The celebration reached its peak during the **prize distribution**, where the school recognized the hard work and competitive spirit that define our campus life.



ORANGE/YELLOW WEEK IN EY

Our vibrant **Yellow and Orange Week** was filled with joyful learning and creativity for our early years learners. The students were introduced to these colours through engaging songs and stories, making the experience both fun and meaningful. They explored colour formation by mixing primary colours to create secondary colours, sparking curiosity and excitement. Activities like the mystery box and object sorting encouraged observation and thoughtful conversations. Creative expression flourished through a variety of themed craft activities. The celebrations culminated in a lively photo booth and a fun freeze dance, making it a truly memorable and colourful experience for all.



CELEBRATING READING: BOOK REVIEW COMPETITION AT SNIS

Shantiniketan International School, Bachupally, recently organized Book Review Competition to encourage students to explore literature and express their reflections creatively.

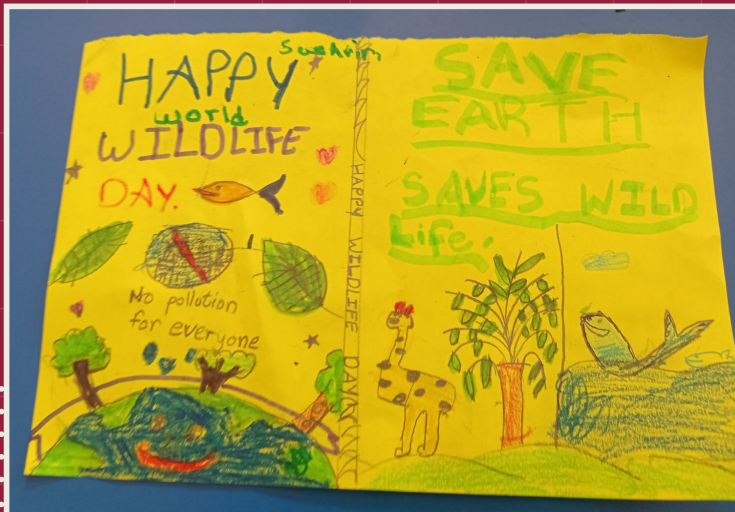
Participants presented reviews of diverse books—ranging from classics to contemporary works—highlighting themes, characters, and personal takeaways. The competition not only strengthened reading habits but also nurtured critical thinking, articulation, and confidence in public speaking.

The event was a joyful celebration of the power of books, reinforcing SNIS's commitment to fostering a lifelong love for reading among its learners.



WORLD WILDLIFE DAY CELEBRATION

On the occasion of **World Wildlife Day** on 3rd March, our school organized a series of creative and meaningful activities for students to raise awareness about the importance of protecting wildlife and nature. Learners enthusiastically participated in activities such as poster making, slogan writing, mask making, role play, collage work, quizzes, and pledge writing. These experiences helped students understand the significance of conserving animals, forests, and natural habitats. The activities encouraged creativity while fostering a sense of responsibility towards the environment. Students' work was proudly displayed on class and corridor boards, adding to the spirit of the celebration. The initiative was a wonderful step towards inspiring young minds to care for and protect our wildlife.



PYP GRADUATION

The **Graduation Ceremony** for our **PP2 and Grade 5** students was a joyful and memorable celebration, marking an important milestone in their learning journey. The young graduates confidently stepped forward, ready to embrace the next phase of their academic lives. The event was filled with vibrant music and dance performances, showcasing the talents and enthusiasm of our students. Their performances added a special charm to the celebration, making it both lively and heartwarming.

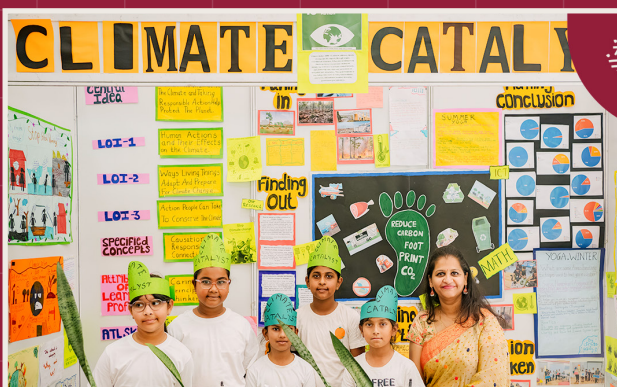
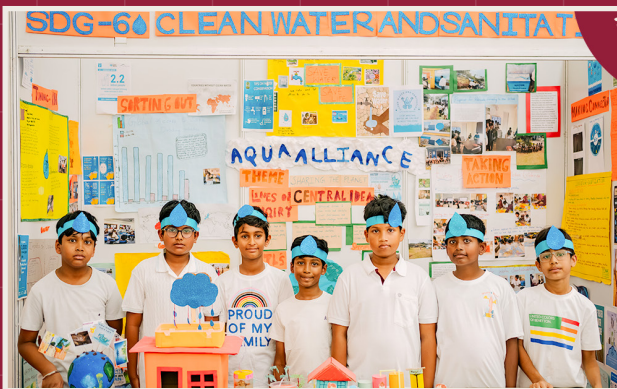
The ceremony reflected not only their achievements but also their growth, confidence, and readiness for new beginnings. It was a proud and emotional moment for teachers and parents as they witnessed the students take this significant step forward in their journey ahead.



PYP EXHIBITION

The **PYP Exhibition**, held on 14th March, marked a significant milestone in our Grade 5 students' learning journey, showcasing the culmination of years of inquiry, growth, and reflection. Over the past weeks, learners took ownership of their work by researching, collaborating, and exploring real-world issues with confidence and purpose. Demonstrating the IB Learner Profile attributes, they emerged as thoughtful inquirers and responsible individuals.

A highlight of the exhibition was the meaningful action taken by students, including proposing rainwater harvesting systems, advocating for equality, conducting awareness campaigns, and suggesting sustainable solutions like solar panels. These initiatives reflected their deep understanding and commitment to making a positive difference. The exhibition celebrated not only their projects but also their transformation into confident, compassionate, and future-ready learners.





Can AI Replace Humans?

“Technology supports us but Humanity defines us”



In today's fast changing world, Artificial intelligence (AI) has become a part of our daily lives. From voice assistants to smart recommendations, AI is everywhere. But this raises an important question-is AI replacing humans?



It's inevitable that AI can do repetitive and time saving work very efficiently which will help in reducing tedious manual efforts. AI makes our work easier and thus helps us to focus on more meaningful tasks.



However, a machine is just like a tool with no emotions and creativity if not trained properly. This may lead to adverse effects on society.

As we step into a future shaped by technology, it is important to remember that machines are tools created by humans.

They can assist but they cannot lead with empathy or values. In the end it is our compassion, resilience, and imagination that will continue to shape a better world.



I have always believed that what makes humans truly special is not just intelligence but the ability to feel, dream and connect.

To conclude, AI can support us, but it can never truly replace humans as **“Technology supports us but Humans are the ones who define it”**.

K.Saraswathi, PYP Facilitator – 1A

Beyond the Margins: How I Found My Focus in a Hand-Drawn Circle

Have you ever found yourself lost in the rhythmic flow of a simple pen stroke? What started as childhood scribbles on the margins of my notebooks has transformed into my greatest source of stillness and clarity: the art of the mandala.

Recently, I traded chaotic sketches for the structured beauty of mandala designs. Using a palette of soft pastels, I discovered that these intricate patterns offer far more than just a visual escape. They serve as a powerful tool for:

- * Mindful Meditation: Each dot and line acts as an anchor, pulling the mind away from a busy schedule and into the present moment.

- * The Discipline of Detail: Creating perfect symmetry demands a level of patience and focus that rejuvenates the spirit.

- * Creative Confidence: Mandalas prove that art isn't reserved for "artists". It is a universal language of shapes and balance available to everyone.

For me, the mandala is more than an aesthetic choice; it is a form of therapy. It reminds us that even in a bustling environment, we can find harmony through consistency and a calm mind. Next time you pick up a pen, remember: a few simple patterns might just be the bridge to your own **"Circle of Calm."**



Sireesha,
PYP facilitator, Grade 5A



Plastic Pollution in India: A Growing Problem We Can Solve

Plastic is everywhere. From water bottles to snack packets, we use it every day. It is cheap, light, and easy to carry. But have you ever wondered what happens to plastic after we throw it away?

In India, plastic pollution has become a serious problem. Every year, millions of tonnes of plastic waste are produced. A large part of this waste is not properly recycled and ends up in rivers, oceans, streets, and landfills.



Why is Plastic Harmful?

Plastic does not decompose easily. It can stay in the environment for hundreds of years! When plastic is thrown carelessly:

It blocks drains and causes flooding during rains

Animals like cows, dogs, and marine creatures may eat it and get sick

It pollutes soil and water, affecting plants and human health

In oceans, plastic breaks into tiny pieces called microplastics. These can enter the food chain and even reach humans.



Plastic Pollution in India

India is one of the largest producers of plastic waste in the world. Cities like Mumbai, Delhi, and Chennai face major waste management challenges. Even beautiful tourist places and rivers like the Ganga are affected by plastic litter.

The government has taken steps like banning single-use plastics such as plastic bags, straws, and cutlery in many areas. But rules alone are not enough—we all need to help.



Fun Facts About Plastic



A single plastic bottle can take up to 450 years to decompose!



Around 8 million tonnes of plastic enter oceans every year



In India, cows on the streets sometimes eat plastic bags, which can make them very sick



Only about 10–15% of plastic is recycled in many places



The first plastic was invented over 100 years ago



Tiny fish can mistake plastic pieces for food!



One cloth bag can replace hundreds of plastic bags in a year



What Can We Do?

Even small actions can make a big difference:

Use cloth or jute bags instead of plastic bags

Carry your own water bottle

Avoid single-use plastics like straws and cups

Reuse and recycle plastic items whenever possible

Do not litter—always use a dustbin

Be a Change Maker!

Children can play a big role in saving the environment. You can:

Spread awareness among friends and family

Participate in clean-up drives

Make posters and projects about saving the Earth

Conclusion

Plastic pollution is a big problem, but together we can solve it. If each one of us takes small steps, we can make India cleaner and greener.

Let's say NO to plastic and YES to a healthy planet!

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From Chore to Score!: How to study smarter

Studying can be challenging and even boring to some people. Many students often struggle with staying focused on assignments and remembering the information, but do you know that this can be easily solved with effective methods? Through these techniques you can learn better, remember more and truly enjoy studying instead of dreading it. Let's explore some common techniques we all can try out!

Effective Time management:

Studying for long periods of time can lead to burn outs, headaches and can be less effective promoting procrastination. It's important to organise the precious time we have in our hands. Taking breaks is also crucial. Short breaks help your mind stay fresh. While studying, breaks that you take are recommended to have some sort of energetic activity instead of scrolling through your phone. Try getting up from your study space and change the environment around you like go for a quick run or meditate. Good time management even reduces procrastination benefiting you in school, home and work settings!

Review out loud:

Frequently reviewing notes by saying them out loud, writing answers down can be used to test yourself. This can also be achieved by using flashcards or even testing or teaching a friend! Reviewing your notes out loud and practicing active recall can improve your memory as well as your speed. This method helps a lot with remembering important points. Active recall allows you to test yourself to see what you already understand and what you need to learn.

Reception:

Spaced repetition can also be an effective method to remember important questions and content. This enhances long term recollection, where you're not just cramming but actually learning information to remember in the long turn.

Mind Maps:

Creating diagrams help visualise information and makes it easier to remember. Through frequently drawing mind maps, facts can be organised for last minute revision. Segregating your material and organising it to your comfort, enables you to better analyze and plan your study sessions better. This aids you to improve your efficiency in immense ways!

Studying doesn't have to be hard or boring, with these methods and committed consistency learning can feel like a breeze! Creating schedules can also help. While studying it's important to eliminate distractions and also take care of your health. Getting enough sleep, eating healthy, engaging in energetic activities makes all the difference. Alternating between subjects can help you avoid boredom. Everyone has different preferences in study methods. Some people even prefer a blend or more than one technique. So feel free to mix and match different methods and implement them into your studies! Happy learning!!

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THE CRUDE STORY

India had imported 88.2% of its crude oil in FY (Financial Year) 2025, compared to 77% a decade ago. The yearly Annual Bill exceeds \$170 Billion, equivalent to the budgets for defence, education and health combined. Even though the refining capacity of our country is developing at a furious pace, becoming the world's 4th largest producer. But, India still lacks sufficient domestic extraction infrastructure. Government estimates India's "prognosticated" hydrocarbon resources at 41.87 billion tonnes, roughly 300 billion barrels. India's actual proved crude oil reserves, the barrels that

have been drilled; appraised; and deemed commercially recoverable, stand at approximately 4.5 billion proved barrels. The Government's figure of 300 Billion barrels is a prognosticated resource estimate, not a proved reserve. However the Question is whether India will be able to create conditions so attractive that the world's best oil explorers consider it irrational not to drill the oil reserves that have been left untapped for years. Only then, India will truly be on the path of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

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IX - B

UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL

Huge landscapes, three storeyed buildings, mango and drumstick trees in every house, bushes all over the landscapes, birds chirping and butterflies sucking nectar is how soothing our community is.

I am Vedansh and I am 10 years old. I love cricket and I not only watch cricket matches like couch potato, but I also play. There are groups of kids of all age groups in our colony, and we all play gully cricket every day in our front yard, back yard, near the club house and sometimes across the streets. We play for fun, to pass the time and we enjoy changing rules as per our wish. There would be more fun if we all played together but we Fall Divided when it comes to playing together. We grouped up into teams and there was no way the two teams could meet and play. So many talks, many discussions and patch up sessions and nothing worked.

Our teams would play on their own, have fun but never play together or against each other. Our cricket saga is moreover the same everyday. It is kind of boring, but this was how we were. Then, there came a day when a new boy, around 12 years old, came new to our community. His father was transferred from Bengaluru recently and they were new in town. The boy, Rishik hesitated to mingle with us initially as he was Divided between both our teams, confused of whom he should choose. I managed to be friends with him and tried motivating him to join our team, which is RISERS. Although he had his schoolmate in the opposite team, he was too good and couldn't say no to me when asked. He was a good chap!

There came Republic Day and our annual games sports meet was nearing up in our community. We were gearing up hard by playing and working on team's strengths and weaknesses. Our teams captain Karthikeya is a good batsman and made good strategies against the opposite team- DEFENDERS. Rishik was novice to the game and chose to bowl. He loved to spin the ball and often thought balls were fun to watch when spun.

Out of blue moon, there came a challenge to us from neighboring community when we were gearing up for our sports meet. They initially teased us saying we never mingle with any other neighboring community as we were too scared to accept defeat. We took it as a regular fight and put in words but this time they teased us more than we could take it. With jerseys and new bats, they were flaunting. Theirs was a new community and had better pitch than ours.

This time I couldn't take it and nor could my friends. We were growing up and movie influence was strong on us.

We RISERS and DEFENDERS accepted to challenge and now geared up for inter community game. We were preparing for simple game against each other and were quite confident about our winning strategies but now we had to face another team, new and unaware of till now.

Both of our teams sat together, we vouched on winning, made new strategies, changed our game plan, made changes in team order and formed a new captain to lead us. Rishik was quietly smiling to himself as he loved playing amongst both teams. We were quite stressed as this was a burden for us, but we decided not to give up. We practiced regularly. We did not have fancy jerseys and cheerleaders like them, but we focused on the game.

Finally, the big day arrived. Our team was anxious and nervous. We had mixed feelings, but we looked after each other quite well. We chose to bat first. The pitch was new, the atmosphere new, crowd was majorly theirs and they had fancy cheerleaders too. Nothing stopped us from manifesting that we would win. We collaborated, Communicated and were constantly watching our moves. This was different as we never worked together, we always worked against each other. This union felt calm, exciting and good for me and for everyone else across both teams. We were playing as HIRISERS now. We managed to give a compelling score to them. They cut us down with their competitive bowling strategies.

During break time, the crowd from our side increased. Our parents, senior citizens of our community and our favorite Vijayalakshmi Ammama, the way we all call her came up to the match. Her pep talk and encouragement was at next level. She always said we are born winners and her opinion of winners for us would never change. She even arranged mementos for us even before fate decided who would win. This all made us emotional, made us think we were on top of the world. It was fun and new for our parents and community but for us it was survival of the best.

Match progressed steadily after break and the opposite team managed to chase the score well. We did not fall behind either, own bowlers did quite well and managed to pull off few important wickets exactly when their score soared steadily against us. The match was visual treat for all of us and the crowd forgot at a moment, whom they were cheering up to. There was the India- Pakistan kind of anxiety amongst all.

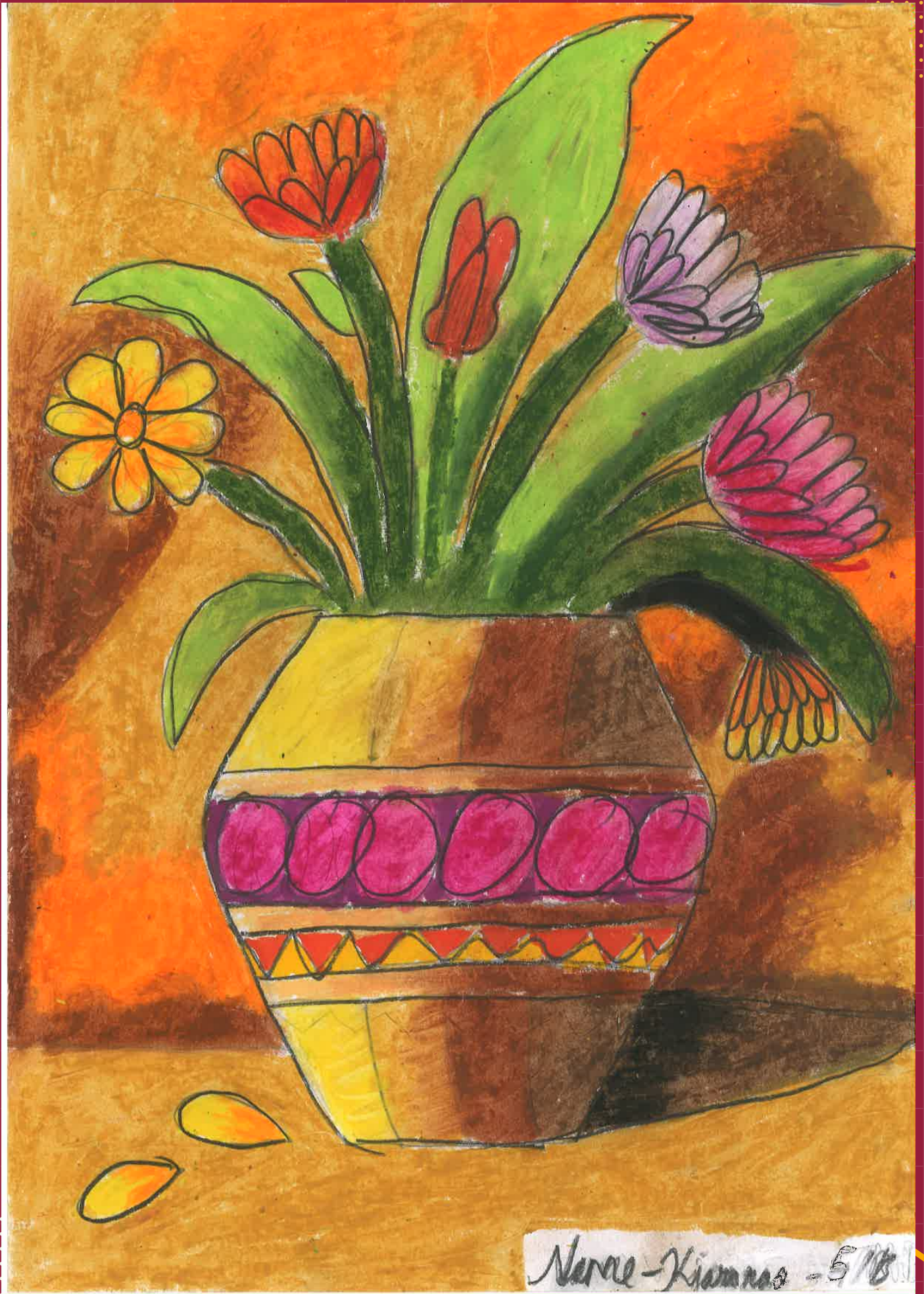
Final over remaining with 14 runs to win and 1 wicket in hand. We started to count our stars, made strategies and gave our best. The first ball was a 4 followed by 4 again. Our heart skipped a beat. The pressure was building up. We even started to console each other. Then, things slowed down with two dots. 4 runs added up in the 5th ball. Audience was stuck to the seats without a blink. I was bowling now, carrying the weight of our team's fate. With heavy breath as I bowled, the ball went straight and hit the wickets, and it was a OUT for them and thriller win for us. The moment still felt magical and brings up goose bumps for me when I think about it.

More than winning that day, we were all elated and thrilled and this was because we were together, shouldering the responsibility of winning for our community. OURs won over US and the moment changed many things in our community. We still had two teams but we there was no grudge and we all mixed up as and when needed. We played many inter community matches later and many intra community matches for Independence Day and Republic Day but the first match we played together will remain in our hearts. The winning moment, the emotions that surrounded us and the proud feeling our community had on us was MAGICAL.

Hence said, tiny things when bundled up together is difficult to break when compared to a single twig that can be broken easily.

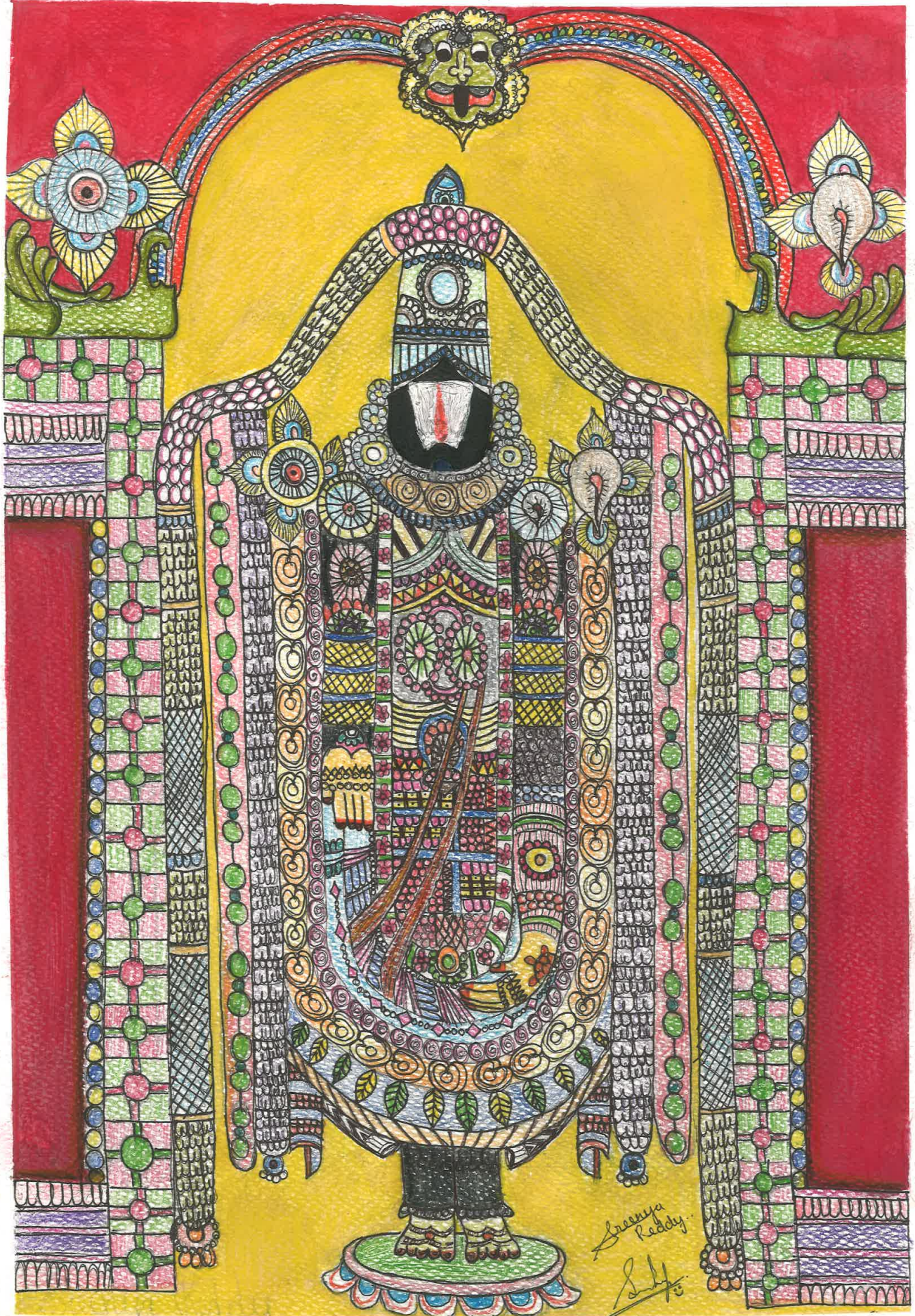
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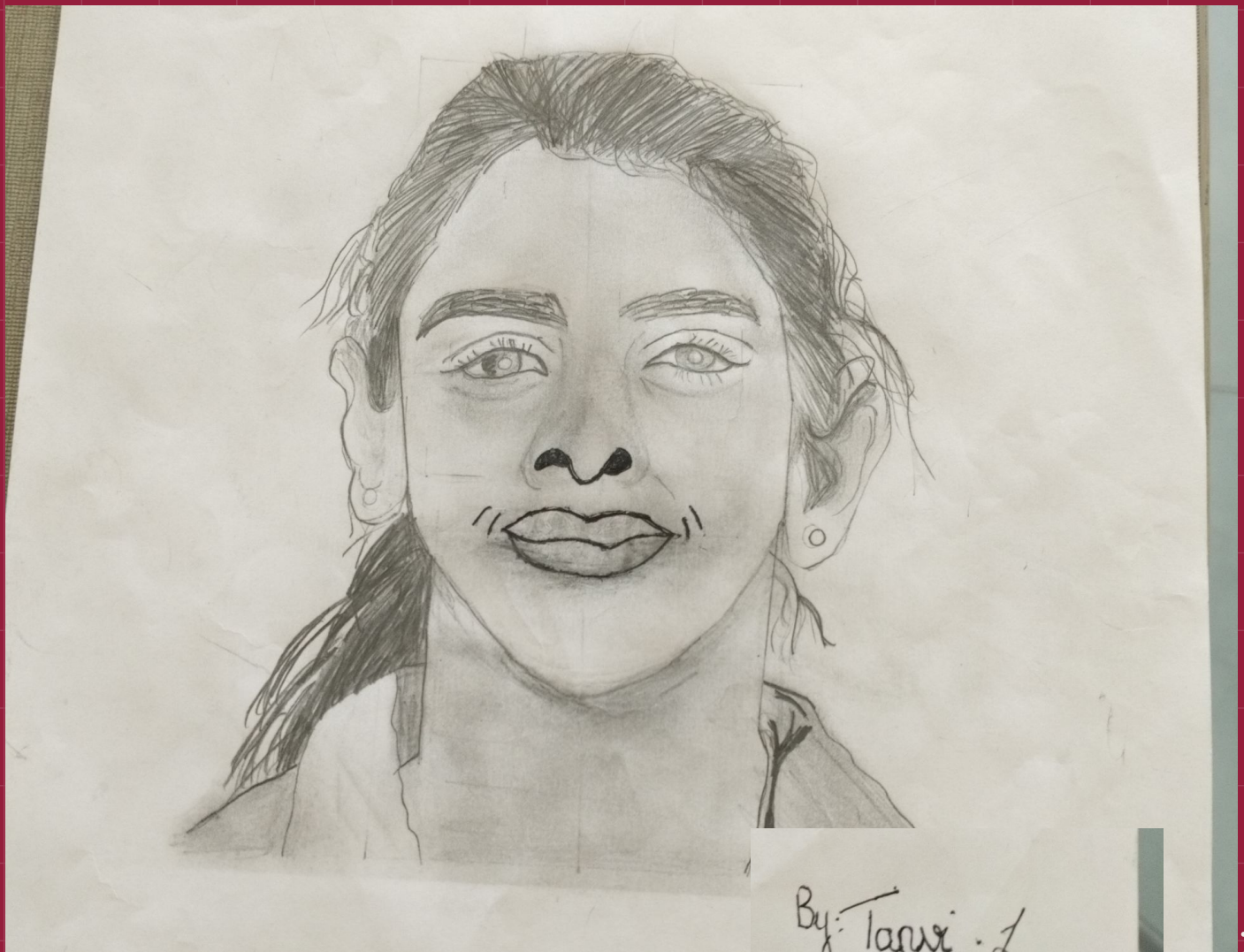












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