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# AKASHGANGA

The Milky Way

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A GALAXY OF BRILLIANT MINDS, ON A TRAIL BLAZING SUCCESS

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### EDITORIAL DESK

Dear Readers,

As the pages of the calendar turn to January, we find ourselves at the gateway of a brand-New Year. The New Year is a time of reflection, a moment to look back on the journey we've traversed and to set our sights on the horizons ahead. It's an opportunity to assess the year gone by – the lessons we learned, the goals we achieved, and the areas where we fell short. But beyond reflection, it's a call to action, urging us to embrace growth, change, and renewal. For all of us, especially students, this is the perfect moment to tap into our creativity and talents. Each of us carries within a spark of potential, a spring of imagination waiting to be expressed. The New Year is the ideal time to bring these hidden talents into the light, to let our voices be heard and our perspectives be shared. To all the budding writers among us: pick up your pens and let your thoughts flow onto the blank page. Whether it's poetry that captures your emotions, short stories that weave tales of wonder, or articles that articulate your ideas, now is the time to give life to your words. Let your writing be a mirror of your experiences, your dreams, and your aspirations. For those with an artist's eye and a brush in hand, let your colors paint the world as you see it. Art is a universal language, capable of expressing what words sometimes cannot. Use your canvas to bring your unique perspective to life, to share your vision with others, and to inspire those around you. The New Year isn't just about setting resolutions; it's about taking the first step toward realizing them. So, let us challenge ourselves to step out of our comfort zones, to nurture our passions, and to contribute to this vibrant community of thinkers, dreamers, and doers. This January, let's make a pact to not just dream but to act. To transform our ideas into creations and our goals into achievements. Let's ensure that the year ahead is not just another chapter but a masterpiece in the making. Here's to a year of creativity, growth, and endless possibilities. Let's make it count.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

# PRINCIPAL'S DESK

**Dear Readers,**

As the New Year unfolds, it offers each of us a precious gift—a chance to reflect, grow, and embrace new possibilities. This season is not just about celebration; it is an opportunity to pause and ask ourselves some important questions: How well have we utilized the opportunities given to us? What lessons can we take from our experiences, both successes and setbacks? And most importantly, how can we ensure that the coming year is marked by progress, purpose, and fulfillment?

Growth begins with self-awareness. Looking back, it's important to analyze what helped us move forward and what held us back. Perhaps it was a lack of discipline, unforeseen challenges, or simply losing sight of our priorities. These reflections should not discourage us but serve as guideposts to navigate the path ahead. Every experience—positive or negative—teaches us something valuable. The key is to take these lessons and apply them in a way that strengthens our commitment to self-improvement.

Setting goals for the year ahead should go beyond making resolutions that fade with time. Rather than vague aspirations, let's focus on setting clear, actionable goals that push us toward excellence. Whether it is improving academically, learning a new skill, building better habits, or striving for personal growth, consistency is the driving force behind success. Small, sustained efforts each day accumulate into meaningful progress over time.

Challenges are inevitable, but so is our ability to overcome them. Every difficulty we face is an opportunity to develop resilience, patience, and adaptability. A strong mindset plays a critical role in how we respond to obstacles. Instead of viewing challenges as setbacks, let's see them as stepping stones toward becoming stronger and more capable individuals.

As we step into this new year, let's approach it with a spirit of determination and optimism. Each of us has the potential to achieve remarkable things, and every effort, no matter how small, brings us closer to our goals. Let's make this year one of continuous learning, meaningful achievements, and unwavering perseverance.

Here's to a year filled with growth, success, and limitless opportunities. Together, let's make it a memorable one!

Best Wishes



Swati Joshi



Success stories that inspire....

**Indian  
Idol**

## **KANISHAK KATARIA**

### **ALL-INDIA RANK 1 IN THE 2018 UPSC**

Kanishak Kataria, a data scientist working in the silicon valley of India, Bangalore, secured the All-India Rank-1 in the 2018 UPSC civil services exam. An alumnus of IIT Bombay, Kataria was able to crack one of the toughest exams in the country in his very first attempt. It is also inspiring to know that he left a job that was fetching him 1 crore as salary abroad to return to India and be a part of the country's emerging story. UPSC topper



2018, Kanishak Kataria is a native of Jaipur, Rajasthan. He comes from a family of civil servants. His father and uncle are in the services. His father, Sanwar Mal Verma, an IAS officer, is currently the Director of the Social Justice and Empowerment Department in Rajasthan. His uncle, K C Verma, is a Divisional Commissioner in Jaipur. Kanishak Kataria says, "Since childhood, I have been watching my father and uncle working as senior officials for the country. I too wanted to be the same. Kanishak Kataria completed his schooling from Kota's St. Paul's Senior Secondary School. In 2010, he had secured an amazing rank of 44 in the IIT JEE. Accordingly, he joined the IIT Bombay where he pursued a BTech in computer science and engineering. He completed his engineering degree in 2014. Until 2016, Kanishak Kataria worked with Samsung as a software engineer in South Korea. There, he was reportedly drawing a fat salary of a crore rupees. Working "for the sake of money" did not satisfy him. He says, "Somewhere down the line, I had developed an

aspiration to be a part of India's growth story,". Even an enviable salary and a plum job could not keep him from his homeland. Kanishak Kataria returned to India and started his IAS preparation. He also started working at QPLUM in Bangalore as a data scientist. Since he did not have much idea about the exam and its unique challenges, he stayed in Delhi and took coaching for about 7 – 8 months. But from March 2018, he stayed back home and engaged in self-study.

For the prelims exam, Kataria went through the previous years' UPSC question papers and enrolled for test series. Kanishak Kataria opted for Mathematics as his optional subject out of genuine love for the subject. He spent more time for his optional since it has a huge syllabus. For the mains exam, Kataria spent 13 – 14 hours studying everyday. His dedication and determination is evident from the fact that for about two months before the mains, he completely shut himself off from the social media. He also reveals that he never gave much thought to the results, and focussed only on the exam and the preparation. His success mantra, in his own words, is hard work and staying positive. Having secured the first rank and having fulfilled his dream of becoming an IAS officer, Kanishak Kataria now wants to work for the betterment of the country in his new capacity.



## THE SCHOOL HEADLINES

# AEROPLANE FLYING MODEL & ROCKET LAUNCHING COMPETITIONS

The Primary Department hosted two exciting events: the Aeroplane Flying Model Competition and the Rocket Launching Competition for classes 4 and 5. These competitions provided a wonderful opportunity for students to explore the world of aviation and space science in a fun and engaging way.

Both competitions were a huge success, with students demonstrating impressive engineering skills and a strong understanding of aerodynamics and rocket propulsion. The events not only sparked enthusiasm but also encouraged teamwork and a love for science, leaving everyone eager for more such engaging activities in the future.



AEROPLANE FLYING MODEL COMPETITION

CLASS	ADMN. NO.	NAME	HOUSE	POSITION
IV A	12265	RITI SHARMA	BHAGIRATHI	I
IV A	12193	HITESHI	MANDAKINI	I
IV A	12059	BHOOMI DABAS	MANDAKINI	II
IV B	12621	JATIN	ALAKNANDA	I
IV B	12740	DHRUV SUDHIR	GANGOTRI	II
IV B	11643	SAKSHAM RANA	GANGOTRI	III
IV C	11700	CHIRAG ROHILLA	MANDAKINI	I
IV C	12350	FAIZ	GANGOTRI	II
IV C	12151	GAGAN	GANGOTRI	III







ROCKET LAUNCHING COMPETITION				
V A	11336	OJAS	ALAKNANDA	I
V A	11529	YASH	GANGOTRI	II
V A	11365	YUVAAN	MANDAKINI	III
V B	11895	FAIQUA KALEEM	GANGOTRI	I
V B	12516	YASH RAJ SINGH	GANGOTRI	II
V B	11445	PARTH KHANDELWAL	ALAKNANDA	III
V C	11669	DRISHTI	BHAGIRATHI	I
V C	12730	MANVI	MANDAKINI	II
V C	12141	YUG	MANDAKINI	III





# PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY TO HONOUR EXCELLENCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Ganga International School, Hiran Kudna, New Delhi, held a prestigious prize distribution ceremony to felicitate the students who had excelled in various zonal, inter - zonal, state, and national competitions. The event showcased the students' exceptional talent, skills, and achievements, and celebrated their success in a grand manner. The School Principal, Ms. Swati Joshi, awarded prizes to the winners, acknowledging their outstanding achievements and encouraging them to continue striving for excellence. The mentors and teachers who had guided the students throughout their journey were also recognized and awarded for their tireless efforts and contributions. The event was a moment of pride for the students, their parents, and the school, and it will surely motivate the students to aim higher and achieve greater heights in the future.





# CELEBRATING REPUBLIC DAY WITH PATRIOTISM AND PRIDE

Ganga International School, Hiran Kudna, New Delhi celebration the 76th Republic Day with a grand celebration, filled with patriotic spirit and enthusiasm! The day commenced with a proud flag hoisting ceremony by the School Principal, Ms. Swati Joshi. The cultural program that followed was a testament to the students' creativity and talent. The event featured a range of performances, including patriotic songs, dances, and role plays, all of which showcased the students' love for their country and its rich heritage.

The celebration was a truly unforgettable experience, filling the hearts of all with pride, joy, and a deeper love for India.





# GIS WINS SUSTAINABLE SUPERSTAR AWARD

We are deeply honored to receive the Sustainable Superstar Award, a recognition of our unwavering commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainable practices.

This achievement is a testament to the collective effort of our community—students, educators, and families—united in the vision of a greener, more sustainable future. Together, we have turned ideas into actions and dreams into impact.

Here's to continuing our work for the planet, one step at a time.





# CELEBRATING YOUNG ACHIEVERS: GRADUATION DAY OF SKILL EMPOWERMENT

The Graduation Day for the students of Entrepreneurship and Financial Literacy was a resounding success, filled with enthusiasm and excitement! The program began with the warm welcome of the guest speaker, Ms. Kirti Gautam, by the school Principal, Ms. Swati Joshi, delivered an inspiring address. Next, the Entrepreneurship and Financial Literacy Presentations by the student took place, where students showcased their innovative ideas and demonstrated their understanding of financial concepts. The Principal, Ms. Joshi, presented the graduation certificates to all the students, acknowledging their completion of the course and congratulating them on their achievements. Congratulations to all the graduates!



## EXCELLENCE





# ENTHUSIASTIC CELEBRATION OF LOHRI BY BOARDERS

The richness and depth of celebrations express a culture accurately!!

India has always been a land of diverse cultural identities. The festival of harvesting like Lohri, Makar Sankranti, Pongal and Bihu are celebrated in the month of January revealing their own history and significance. Marking the celebration of the harvest season, the boarders, teachers and staff of GIS boarding celebrated Lohri, the harvest festival with great joy and excitement. The Senior Co-ordinator Ms. Sunita Suri greeted everyone on occasion and conveyed the Lohri wishes, on behalf of the Principal Madam to the staff and the students. They gathered around the huge bonfire and swayed to the beats of traditional songs of Lohri. The students went around the Lohri fire, wishing for a brilliant success and prosperity. They enjoyed the traditional sweets and snacks, and danced to the Lohri songs.





# LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTOMANIA!

Let The Show Begin – The Middle School recently hosted an inspiring Interhouse event, Actomania, aimed at nurturing creativity, teamwork, and effective communication among its students. The activity featured a series of innovative skits that delved into contemporary themes such as the Digital Divide, Social Welfare and Affection, Child Labour, and Education Inequality. Each participating house delivered a unique performance marked by imaginative props, meticulously crafted costumes, and commanding stage presence. The creative efforts of the students were met with an enthusiastic response from the audience, whose applause and positive feedback underscored the success of the event. In the spirit of friendly competition, the results were announced as follows: First Place: Mandakini Second Place: Gangotri Third Place: Alaknanda & Bhagirathi. The Actomania Activity not only showcased the artistic talents of the students but also provided a dynamic platform for addressing important social issues, leaving a lasting impact on all who attended.



**Theme : Education inequality**

**Mandakini house**



# POWERFUL COMMUNICATION

Effective communication is a cornerstone of personal and professional success. Whether you're presenting a new idea at work, resolving a conflict with a friend, or inspiring a team to action, your ability to convey your thoughts clearly and persuasively can make all the difference. Developing powerful communication skills requires intentional effort, practice, and a willingness to adapt. Here are key strategies to elevate your communication abilities:

## 1. Master the Art of Listening :

Communication is a two-way street. Active listening is just as important as speaking. To become a better communicator:

- Pay full attention: Avoid distractions and focus on the speaker.
- Use nonverbal cues: Maintain eye contact, nod occasionally, and lean in slightly to show interest.
- Ask clarifying questions: This ensures you understand the message and shows you value the speaker's perspective.
- Avoid interrupting: Let the speaker finish their thoughts before responding.

## 2. Be Clear and Concise

Your message should be straightforward and easy to understand. Avoid jargon or overly complex language unless absolutely necessary. When speaking or writing:

- Organize your thoughts: Structure your message logically.
- Use simple language: Clarity is key, especially when addressing diverse audiences.
- Avoid overloading with information: Stick to the main points and provide supporting details only as needed.

## 3. Understand Your Audience

Tailor your communication style to suit the needs, preferences, and expectations of your audience. To connect effectively:

- Research your audience: Know their background, values, and concerns.
- Adapt your tone: Use formal or informal language based on the context.
- Address their needs: Focus on what matters most to them.

## 4. Develop Emotional Intelligence

Emotional intelligence (EI) plays a critical role in communication. By understanding and managing your own emotions, as well as recognizing and empathizing with others' emotions, you can foster stronger connections. To enhance your EI:

- Practice self-awareness: Recognize your emotional triggers and their impact on your communication.
- Show empathy: Acknowledge others' feelings and validate their experiences.
- Stay composed: Manage stress and remain calm under pressure.

## 5. Harness the Power of Nonverbal Communication

Nonverbal cues, such as body language, facial expressions, and tone of voice, often speak louder than words. To make your



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**PGT ENGLISH**



nonverbal communication work for you:

- Maintain good posture: Stand or sit upright to convey confidence.
- Use gestures effectively: Complement your words with appropriate hand movements.
- Match your tone to your message: Ensure your voice reflects the emotion and importance of your words.

## 6. Practice Public Speaking

Public speaking is a skill that can significantly enhance your overall communication. Even if you don't frequently address large audiences, the confidence and clarity gained from public speaking practice can improve your one-on-one interactions. To get started:

- Join a speaking group: Organizations like Toastmasters provide a supportive environment to hone your skills.
- Record yourself: Review recordings to identify areas for improvement.
- Seek feedback: Ask trusted colleagues or friends for constructive criticism.

## 7. Embrace Constructive Feedback

Feedback is a valuable tool for growth. Encourage others to share their perspectives on your communication style and actively incorporate their suggestions. To make the most of feedback:

- Be open-minded: View feedback as an opportunity to improve, not as criticism.
- Ask specific questions: Inquire about particular aspects of your communication to gain targeted insights.
- Act on suggestions: Implement changes to demonstrate your commitment to growth.

## 8. Cultivate a Growth Mindset

Effective communication is an ongoing journey. Embrace challenges as opportunities to learn and refine your skills. To foster a growth mindset:

- Reflect on experiences: Analyze past interactions to identify what worked and what didn't.
- Stay curious: Continuously seek knowledge about communication techniques and trends.
- Practice consistently: Regularly apply new strategies in real-life scenarios.

Developing powerful communication skills is a transformative process that opens doors to deeper relationships, professional advancement, and personal fulfillment. By listening actively, expressing yourself clearly, and connecting empathetically with others, you can build bridges and inspire change. Remember, great communicators are not born; they are made through dedication and practice. Start today, and watch your communication skills soar.



## दुर्भावना का फल



गंगा नदी गौमुख से निकलकर उत्तरांचल में कुछ दूर तक जाह्नवी के नाम से भी जानी जाती है। उसी जाह्नवी नदी के किनारे एक महर्षि का गुरुकुल था, जहां धर्म और अस्त्र-शस्त्र चलाने की शिक्षा दी जाती थी। वहां अनेक शिष्य आते। गुरुकुल में कड़ा अनुशासन था। गुरु की आज्ञा का पालन करना और आपस में मित्रता का व्यवहार करना वहां का पहला नियम था। गुरुकुल में अपने बच्चों को भोजन के बाद माता-पिता निश्चित हो जाते थे। उन्हें गुरु पर विश्वास था कि वे बच्चों को अच्छी शिक्षा और अच्छे संस्कार देंगे।

उसी गुरुकुल में विभूति, दक्षेस, सुवास और नवीन भी शिक्षा ग्रहण कर रहे थे। विभूति और दक्षेस बहुत बुद्धिमान थे। हर विद्या सबसे पहले सीख लेते। बस एक ही कमी थी कि दोनों बहुत ईर्ष्यालु थे। किसी और की प्रशंसा न कर सकते थे, न सुन सकते थे। इसके विपरीत सुवास और नवीन साधारण बुद्धि के थे, पर सबसे मित्रता का व्यवहार करते। सबके गुणों का सम्मान करते। सुवास और नवीन ने अपने साथियों को समझाने का बहुत प्रयास किया, पर सब व्यर्थ। महर्षि को भी बहुत चिंता थी कि उन्हें कैसे सुधारा जाए? वे दोनों बालकों में अहंकार और ईर्ष्या की भावना को खत्म करना चाहते थे, पर उचित अवसर नहीं मिल रहा था।

जाह्नवी नदी के दूसरे किनारे पर एक बस्ती थी। वहां एक जमींदार थे, जिनकी शिक्षा-दीक्षा इसी गुरुकुल में हुई थी। उन्हीं दिनों वे गंगोत्री, यमुनोत्री, केदारनाथ और बद्रीनाथ, जिन्हें उत्तरांचल के चार धाम कहा जाता है, की यात्रा करके लौटे। उन्होंने एक भोजन का आयोजन किया। जमींदार ने सबसे पहले गुरुकुल में संदेश भेजा, महर्षिवर, संदेशवाहक के साथ कृपया अपने दो योग्य शिष्य भोजन दें। उन्हें भोजन करने के बाद ही भोजन आरंभ होगा। साथ ही मैं उनकी योग्यता के लिए उन्हें सम्मानित भी करना चाहता हूं।

गुरु ने कुछ सोचकर विभूति और दक्षेस को बुलाया और कहा, नदी के उस पार रहने वाले जमींदार ने आश्रम के दो योग्य शिष्यों को दावत के लिए बुलाया है। दावत के पश्चात वे उनकी योग्यता के लिए उन्हें सम्मानित करना चाहते हैं। गुरुकुल में तुम्हारी विद्या बुद्धि को देखते हुए मैंने तुम दोनों को चुना है। आज ही वहां जाना है—क्या तुम जाओगे?

अवश्य, दोनों ने एक साथ कहा।

दोनों शिष्य संदेशवाहक के साथ जमींदार के यहां पहुंचे। भोजन की सुगंध वातावरण में फैली थी। जमींदार ने उनका स्वागत करते हुए कहा, भोजन तैयार है, आप दोनों दूर से आए हैं। पास ही कुआं है, वहां जाकर हाथ-पैर धो लें, फिर आसन ग्रहण करें। कुएं का चबूतरा छोटा है इसलिए एक समय में एक ही व्यक्ति खड़ा हो पाएगा, अतः आप में से पहले एक जाए फिर दूसरा।

विभूति झटपट उठा और कुएं की ओर चला गया। दक्षेस वहीं बैठा रहा। जमींदार ने दक्षेस से पूछा, जो कुएं की ओर गए हैं सुना है वे गुरुकुल के शिष्यों में सबसे श्रेष्ठ हैं और बहुत बड़े विद्वान हैं?

विद्वान! किसने कहा आपसे कि वह विद्वान हैं? अरे वह तो खच्चर है... पूरा खच्चर! दक्षेस क्रोध से बोला।

यह सुनकर जमींदार ने कुछ नहीं कहा। थोड़ी देर बाद दोनों शिष्यों को भोजन के लिए बुलवाया गया। जब वे खाने के लिए बैठे तो उनके सामने जानवरों का भोजन भूसा, हरी घास और चने का दाना परोसा गया। उसे देखते ही दोनों क्रोध से उबल पड़े।

आपने हमें क्या जानवर समझ रखा है, जो खाने के लिए घास-भूसा दिया है? चिल्लाते हुए दोनों शिष्य क्रोध से पैर पटकते तेजी से वहां से बाहर निकल पड़े। वे लगभग दौड़ते हुए गुरुकुल पहुंचे और सारी घटना महर्षि को बताई। अभी बात पूरी भी नहीं हुई थी कि पीछे से जमींदार का संदेशवाहक हांफता हुआ पहुंचा। उसने महर्षि से क्षमा मांगते हुए कहा, गुरुवर क्षमा करें, कहीं कुछ समझने में भूल हो गई। जमींदार स्वयं आते, पर हवेली मेहमानों से भरी है इसलिए नहीं आ पाए। आप शिष्यों को पुनः भोजन दें। मैं उन्हें लेने आया हूं बिना शिष्यों को

भोजन कराए अन्य मेहमानों को भोजन नहीं परोसा जाएगा।”

महर्षि ने इस बार दूसरे दो शिष्यों सुवास और नवीन को संदेशवाहक के साथ भेजा। वे दोनों जमींदार के यहां पहुंचे तो जमींदार ने उनसे श्री बारी-बारी कुएं पर जाकर हाथ-पैर धोने के लिए कहा। पहले नवीन कुएं की ओर गया। सुवास को अकेला देखकर जमींदार ने वही बात फिर कही, सुना है कि वे जो कुएं की ओर गए हैं, गुरुकुल में सबसे श्रेष्ठ और बहुत विद्वान हैं।”

सुवास ने कहा, आपने ठीक सुना है। गुरुकुल में रहकर गुरुवर से हमें रोज अच्छी बातें सीखने को मिलती हैं।”

जमींदार ने फिर पूछा, आपने यह नहीं बताया कि आप दोनों में श्रेष्ठ कौन है? “

श्रेष्ठ तो नवीन है, “ सुवास ने बेहिचक कहा।

और आप? “ जमींदार ने पुनः पूछा।

मैं तो उसके सामने कुछ भी नहीं हूं, “ सुवास ने उत्तर दिया।

तभी नवीन लौटा और सुवास कुएं की ओर गया। जमींदार ने वही प्रश्न नवीन से किया। नवीन ने उत्तर दिया, सुवास तो शूर्य हैं, मैं तो उसकी विद्वता के सामने एक दीपक भर हूं।

जमींदार उनके उत्तर से संतुष्ट हुए और दोनों का यथोचित सत्कार किया। दक्षिणा में उन्हें पांच-पांच गायें, पुरस्कार स्वरूप चांदी की खड़ाऊं भेंट कीं। वे दोनों जब गुरुकुल लौटे तो बहुत प्रसन्न थे।

यह देखकर विभूति और दक्षेस का क्रोध और बढ़ गया। वे महर्षि के पास पहुंचे और कहा, हम दोनों आपके इन शिष्यों से अधिक बुद्धिमान हैं फिर भी हम अपमानित हुए। आप सब जानकर भी चुप हैं और नवीन एवं सुवास की प्रशंसा कर रहे हैं।

गुरु महर्षि ने उत्तर दिया, यह तो जमींदार ही बता सकते हैं।

तो आप चलकर उनसे पूछते क्यों नहीं। दक्षेस ने हठ किया। महर्षि अनमने से चारों शिष्यों को साथ लेकर चल पड़े। जमींदार ने दौड़कर गुरु की अगुवानी की और चारों शिष्यों को आसन दिया।

महर्षि ने आने का कारण बताते हुए कहा, वत्स, आपने शिष्यों के साथ भेदभाव क्यों किया? दक्षेस और विभूति का कहना है कि उनका अपमान हुआ है। आपको इसका उचित कारण बताना ही होगा अन्यथा...!

जमींदार ने गंभीर स्वर में कहा, महर्षि, मैंने आपसे दो सुयोग्य विद्वान भेजने का आग्रह किया था। पर आपने मेरे यहां बैल और खच्चर भेज दिए। जब मैंने आपके पहले भेजे हुए शिष्यों से प्रश्न पूछा तो उन्होंने एक-दूसरे का यही परिचय दिया। अतः मैंने दोनों के लिए जानवरों वाले प्रिय भोजन परोसे। मुझसे कोई भूल हो गई हो तो मैं क्षमा...!”

जमींदार की बात खत्म होने से पहले विभूति और दक्षेस का सिर शर्म से झुक गया। उन्हें अपनी भूल महसूस हुई, उन्होंने जमींदार से क्षमा मांगी।

तब गुरु महर्षि ने कहा, अहंकार और ईर्ष्या के कारण तुम दोनों में प्रेम नहीं है, पारस्परिक सद्भाव नहीं है। इसी कारण तुम दोनों योग्य होकर भी अयोग्य सिद्ध हुए और सभा में अपमानित हुए। वहीं सुवास और नवीन तुम दोनों की अपेक्षा कम योग्य हैं पर वे विनम्र, शिष्ट और एक-दूसरे के प्रति मित्रता का भाव रखते हैं। इसी कारण आज यहां सम्मानित हुए। सबकी भावना की कद्र करना, सबसे प्रेम करना और सबका सम्मान करना ही शिष्य को योग्य बनाता है, मानव को श्रेष्ठ बनाता है।

माध्यम

पंचतन्त्र

# WHY SHOULD ONE READ BOOKS?

The First step to knowledge is to know that we are ignorant.

Ruskin calls books, 'The Kings' 'Treasures. Really books are treasures as they are our main source of knowledge. Can you imagine a life without books? It will be futile and incomplete. Books have always been an essential part of our lives giving new directions to human minds. It is 'BOOKS' that create reasoning in the mind of a person and in their absence literature would be paralysed.

The seeds of knowledge may be planted in solitude but must be cultivated in public. Reading books means not only reading school books but other books, magazines, newspapers etc. also. Apart from giving knowledge they also provide recreation.

Ancient literature, facts and truth about nature and Science have all been preserved by means of books. Knowledge is the eve of desire and can become the pilot of the soul. Today's world is a competitive world, and in

this world, books are our best weapons. They help us by giving information

in every field. One should read good and selected books which give us right kind of knowledge. As "Francis Bacon" has rightly said, "Some books are to be tasted, few others to be swallowed and very few are to be chewed and digested."

It is books only that enlighten our lives in various ways. They eradicate superstitions, false beliefs and blind faiths. They create unity among different groups of people, change and influence the mind of a developing child and help him to use his mind in creative work. A person without knowledge is like an animal and is useless for this world, if he is ignorant.

"Books are man's best friends." This saying is very true because in the company of a good book, you can spend hours without being bored. Time just flies and you are busy. You gain knowledge and information about important events happening in the world, the political scene and about the world of sports. Books also broaden our outlook.

It is said that a man is known by the company he keeps, but I believe that a man is known by the books he reads. So we must read them if we want to build a strong future.



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# EXPRESSIONS

## BLUE

Life has been listless lately  
Perhaps the reason was I faintly  
With longing for a finer day I sign off  
To only see a new shade of blue with scoff  
Blue had never been so blue before  
Often these days I yearn to ignore  
Am I right trying to hard? Or just not enough?  
Now tolerably studies doesn't feel so tough  
Gone are the days when life was fun  
Now the word fun is itself a pun  
When happiness is transient,  
can't sadness be too?  
Not forever but some moment or few



**SINDRELLA SARKAR**  
XII C2

## NEW YEAR'S EVE WITH FAMILY

The old year ends,  
the New Year's here,  
We are with family,  
full of cheer,  
We laugh and talk  
we are all so bright,  
making memories  
on this special night,  
Together we stay  
through thick and thin,  
as a new chapter begins.  
In the warmth of love,  
we'll always know,  
the best gifts are  
the moments we grow.



**YASHRIB**  
XI-H1

## BRIDGES OF HOPE: A NEW YEAR'S TALE

In India, the dawn of New Year glows,  
With fireworks lighting skies in vibrant shows.  
Temples echo prayers, chants fill the air,  
As families unite, their hopes to share.  
On streets, the sounds of dhols beat fast,  
The colors of tradition, forever to last.  
  
In distant lands, the clock strikes twelve,  
With champagne cheers, a joyous swell.  
The ball drops in Times Square, so grand,  
Fireworks lighting up a faraway land.  
Yet hearts, alike, in every place,  
Are filled with dreams and love's embrace.

But in both, there's a shared refrain,  
The promise to let go of old pain.  
To embrace what's new, with open arms,  
To chase our dreams, unburdened by harms.  
A time for change, a season to heal,  
A chance to grow, to love, to feel.

So, as we step into a world unknown,  
Whether at home or far from our own,  
Let's hold dear the meaning, deep and true  
New Year's is a gift, for me and you.  
To start anew, to make amends,  
To build a future that never ends.



**ARNAV**  
XI-H2

# SPOTLIGHT ON ART

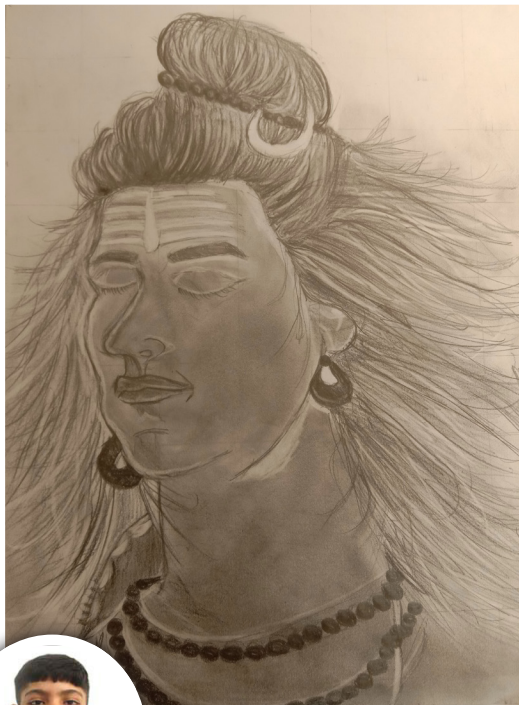
Remember, the Krishna is going to give you more than you asked for.



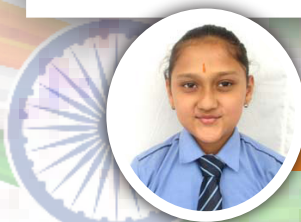
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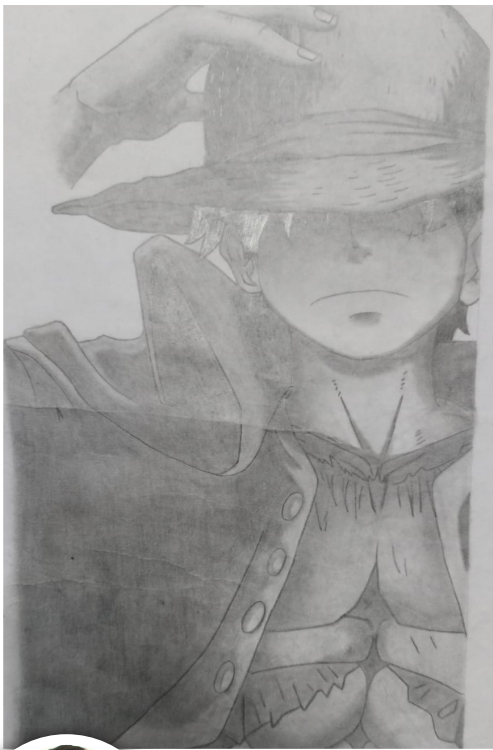


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KRITI VI-B





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JASLEEN VI-A



ADITYA PAL VII-C





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