

## CLASS XII TOPPER SPEAKS

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### TOPPER SPEAK

Unlike many other students, I got to appear for all the exams and I am very happy with my overall percentage. I have opted for psychology as a major in my undergraduate course and want to do the course from one of the top

—**Mahek Jain, P**  
OBUL REDDY PUBLIC  
SCHOOL,  
HUMANITIES

97%

Mahek Jain: Topper Speaks

in mathematics for BSc  
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—**E Thanu Bishwanth,**  
THE HYDERABAD PUBLIC

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## CLASS X TOPPER SPEAKS

**Our  
Success Stories**

# Laying a firm foundation

**MARKS:** 97.2%



**STUDENT:** Sri Nithya Bandi  
**CLASS:** X E  
**BOARD:** CBSE  
**SCHOOL:** P Obul Reddy Public School, Hyderabad

***Your initial reaction on hearing the news?***

I was elated when I saw my name as one of the top scorers on the school website. I wasn't aiming to get top marks, and so when I heard the news I was pleasantly surprised.

***Your message to the students appearing for the boards?***

Class X is not as cathartic and life-changing as it is made out to be. And it isn't as hard and as unachievable as it might seem. The marks you get in your Xth boards will not make or break your future. It matters more to learn and understand the concepts well, to lay a strong foundation for higher classes. Planning ahead of time and consistently working hard is key for success.

***Your next step?***

I am currently studying in class XI under the MPC stream. I plan to hopefully get into a good engineering college in the future.

If you would like to showcase your school's topper in NIE, send in their details to [hyd.nie@gmail.com](mailto:hyd.nie@gmail.com)

### Topper Speaks

Times NIE Students'



June 15, 2020

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# Children, the worst affected among all

Experts warn that kids, especially those in the 3-10 year age group, maybe the most affected with the lockdown — staying at home all the while, not going out, no playing with friends, no school... Children develop most of the skills when young

**RESHMI CHAKRAVORTY**

It's not just education of children, which has suffered during the lockdown to curb the COVID-19. Boredom, social isolation and the lack of outdoor games has added to serious healthcare concerns. In other words, the situation, in which kids are compelled to cut off from the rest of the world and cocoon themselves in their own spaces, can lead to a higher number of mental health conditions in children, such as anxiety and depression.

Parents need to prepare their young ones about adapting to the 'new normal' after the lockdown. That includes lessons on wearing masks and gloves while maintaining social distance and playing with their friends a little differently from earlier, keeping in mind new rules of caution.

To begin with, Dr Charan Teja Koganti, psychiatrist, cautions parents against scaring their kids into using masks and gloves when they step out. "It is important to wear masks and gloves," he says.

Latha Shankar, Principal, P Obai Reddy Public School, also agrees that all hands, including parents and teachers, should be on deck to help children lead a normal life. "Toddlers and young kids are very enthusiastic and have a curious bend of mind, and they definitely miss being around their friends and teacher on a physical plane," Principal Latha explains. "In physical classrooms, kids are usually jumping around to give answers first, but in a virtual classroom, they don't see a scope for that. That is also why we have counsellors helping us help our kids to adapt to the situation and not get stressed."

**HOME ALONE AND UNDER PARENTAL WATCH**  
Psychologist Harpreet Kandhari

Children are still developing when they are in the three-to-ten-year age group. During that time, spending time with parents is the best thing. They feel wanted and the warmth of their bond will maintain the positivity even during such a time of crisis.

— Harpreet Kandhari, Psychologist

the World Health Organisation (WHO) has recommended screen time for kids should not exceed two hours a day. It is difficult to achieve that, given their dependence on online classes as well as entertainment, which are both solely gadget based. So also, parents must pay extra attention during this time.

Yet, in the circumstances, Dr Charan's advice would seem easier said than done, especially as Namitha points out the situation in her home with her daughter who's studying in Class 2. "Managing work commitments and adjusting to my daughter's online class schedules has become a massive task altogether. Attending to our daughter's needs alone has become a full-time job. Coupled with our own work commitments, the scene just gets increasingly stressful," laments Namitha. Then explaining her point, she says, "For instance, we have to find gadgets that not only suit the purpose but also be handy to help reduce the digital gap when she is attending her online class. Then, after her lessons, as she can't go out and play with her friends, we have to keep her engaged so that she doesn't get bored and cranky, which is an added responsibility because earlier, when she attended school, at least we knew she was learning and enjoying, but now she is not doing either. Neither is she focused fully on her online class nor does she enjoy sitting at home watching her cartoons without friends. We are seriously hoping this lockdown situation and the virus threat get over soon, so that she can get back to her earlier less complicated life."

**Kids build their social skills and develop their personality when they are under ten years of age. Parents have to take on additional duties. The first one month would have been great with all family bonding, but now when even they are busy with their individual work-from-home commitments, they need to find a way to keep their kids engaged. Staying at home all the while, not going out and meeting friends and teachers will take a toll on the kids.**

— Dr Charan Teja Koganti, Psychiatrist

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— Namitha, mother

**Young kids are enthusiastic, have a curious mind, and they definitely miss being around their friends and teacher. In physical classrooms, kids are usually jumping around to give answers first, but in a virtual classroom, they don't see a scope for that. We now have counsellors helping us help our kids to adapt to the situation and not get stressed.**

— Latha Shankar, Principal, P Obai Reddy Public School

September 25, 2020

# Schools in a dilemma over conducting practical classes

## Principals Divided Over Practicals

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**Hyderabad:** While online teaching of theory subjects is underway, schools are worried about practicals, as these classes cannot be conducted virtually.

A few principals said that the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) or other boards concerned should do away with the practical exams for this year, while others want to conduct practical classes at least for class 12 students.

"I don't think it will make much of a difference if practical exams are cancelled for this academic year. It's not worth taking the risk. Instead, they can have objective-type exams to assess the understanding of students," said Simi Nagi, principal, Pallavi Model School. She said that conducting practical classes will be a problem as they are taught in a group, where maintaining social distance will



### TEACHING IN THE TIME OF A PANDEMIC

- A few schools are conducting practical classes online with teachers showing how to conduct experiments from the lab

- Some using apps for practicals which let students get the feel of performing experiments, etc

- Principals are collecting feedback from parents to decide on whether or not to conduct practical classes

- Some schools are planning to start practical classes by October or November

- Practicals to be conducted in batches with all Covid-19 protocols in place

- Parents unwilling to send students to schools even for practical classes

We have conducted a survey to see if parents are willing to send their children to school for practicals, but 95% of parents voted against it. I feel if students don't get to attend any practical classes physically, it is better to cancel the examinations — **Latha Shankar** | PRINCIPAL, OBUL REDDY SCHOOL

not be possible.

Principals said that even if they can ensure students follow all the norms on the school campus, it will be hard to monitor them while travelling to school and home as they tend to socialise with their friends. A few, however, said that it would be better to carry on with precautions in place as we have to learn to live with the virus.

"Doing away with practical examinations is not a solution. No student should be given class 12 certificates without clearing their practicals. The best thing to do is to start conducting practical classes by dividing students into batches and following all the Covid-19 protocols," said S Narasimha Reddy, chairman, Hyderabad Sahodaya Schools Complex and principal, Hyderabad Public School, Ramantapur.

Reddy said that he is planning to conduct practical classes once a week for class 12 students from next Monday. "We will call all students and have practicals of all subjects. In each lab, there will only be 12-13 students and they will get to complete three subjects a day," he said.

Seconding with Reddy, Anjali Razdan, former principal of Obul Reddy School, said that even though not many are coming to school now, attendance should pick up in November. "Currently everyone is in wait and watch mode. But, in the next month or so, they will most likely be confident enough to send children for practical classes," she added.



## KRISHNASHTAMI CELEBRATIONS

AUG 31 2020

# The glory of Lord Krishna

**DDMS P Obul Reddy Public  
School**

**Hyderabad**

Students from pre-primary wing of DDMS P Obul Reddy Public School organised a virtual celebration on the occasion of Krishnashtami recently. Students enthusiastically participated by dressing up as Krishnas and Gopikas. A shloka recitation by children filled the air with devotion and festivity. "To see them dance to various songs was a feast to our eyes," said principal Latha Shankar.

A few grandparents of the students spoke about the glory of Lord Krishna and the significance of the festival.



# TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATIONS

SEPTEMBER 7 2020

## Children make the day special for their teachers

**DDMS P Obul Reddy  
Public School  
Hyderabad**

Teachers' Day is celebrated with great fervour every year to mark the birth anniversary of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. He was a renowned scholar, great academician and philosopher. The Covid-19 pandemic restrictions did not dampen the enthusiasm and zest of students of Durgabai Deshmukh Mahila Sabha P Obul Reddy Public School. Teachers' Day was celebrated online on September 5, despite limitations, in an enthusiastic manner.

The theme 'Floral



Dress' in the hues of red, pink and yellow added colour to the digital event.

Teachers received an online invitation from the Student Council to participate in the programme. Head boy Ravi Pavuluri and head girl Niyati Agarwal along with the other members of the Stu-

dent Council planned a series of programmes that included dance performances, foot-tapping music, melodious songs, video presentation and a skit that brought out the challenges that teachers face and patiently persevere, during online classes. Presentation of titles to the

teachers was yet another interesting and exciting part of the programme. Games like Anthakshari and Tambola were organised for the teachers.

The online-morning-assembly sessions across the segments of the school had poems, write-ups, messages, speeches and

presentations by students that reflected their affection, respect and gratitude to their teachers.

The students from primary wing expressed their gratitude to their teachers with much joy by singing songs and sharing colourful greeting cards adorned with captivating quotes and messages.

"I truly appreciate the efforts of the Student Council members and other students who put in their heart and soul to present such an amazing programme. This is the best Teachers' Day programme that I have ever witnessed in so many years of my teaching career," said principal Latha Shankar.

**Gitanjali Devshala  
Hyderabad**

Students of Gitanjali Devshala celebrated Teachers' Day by organising a special programme for their teachers.

The students from pre-primary to class X came up with an amazing video consisting of beautiful acts, messages and quotes to embrace the efforts of the teachers.

The students from pre-primary wing wished their teachers in their own cool and peppy style.

The students from classes I to III depicted the tran-

sition of teaching and learning from Gurukul to Classroom - mentioning the 'Guru shishya' bond where knowledge knows no boundaries. 'Masti ki Pathashala' was wonderfully portrayed in the act by the enthusiastic learners.

The students from classes IV and V beautifully enacted the role of their teachers and showcased 'A Day in Teacher's Life' - which reflected the challenges of virtual classes along with the fun element that enters into the online classes due to technical glitches.

Admiration for teachers with beautiful metaphors

was expressed by the students of classes VI, VII & VIII. A teacher is like a compass who guides you to the right direction.

The students of class IX and X paid tribute to their relentless efforts in shaping their lives.

The teachers and students also took this opportunity to extend birthday wishes to Gita Karan, director, Gitanjali Group of Schools, a teacher herself, who was born on this day.





SEPTEMBER 10 2020

# Towards a greener environment

**H**aritha Haram was celebrated as a week-long programme in Durgabai Deshmukh Mahila Sabha P Obul Reddy Public School. A virtual show was organised for the students of pre-primary wing where they came dressed as farmers, trees and many other characters. They spoke about the importance of trees and how to save them. Teachers also enthusiastically participated by enacting the role of farmers.

In the middle and senior wings, an adopt-a-tree scheme was proposed by teachers to instill a sense of responsibility in students towards nature. Teachers and students expressed their views on how the school can be converted into a green zone. Students presented posters, planted saplings and enthusiastically wrote and recited poems and articles on nature. They were made to understand the concept of 'Vriksho Rakshathi Rakshitaha.'

**DDMS (AMS) P Obul Reddy Public School**  
**Hyderabad**



# GRANDPARENTS DAY

OCTOBER 1 2020

## Expressing love for GRANDPARENTS



**DDMS AMS P Obul Reddy  
Public School**

**Hyderabad**

**T**o honour grandparents, the pre-primary wing of DDMS AMS P Obul Reddy Public School held a virtual Grandparents' Day celebration by hosting them a special programme. The students of pre-primary wing celebrated the

day with great enthusiasm by showcasing their love for the elderly. They sang songs and danced to entertain their grandparents.

The grandparents enthusiastically participated and entertained their little ones by narrating stories, singing songs and showing them traditional toys that they had made for their grandchildren using palm leaves. The virtual celebration left the children spellbound and full of memories.

**Ganges Valley**

**Hyderabad**

**G**randparents are a delightful blend of laughter, caring deeds, wonderful stories and love. They have ears that truly listen, arms that always hold, love that's never-ending and a heart of gold.

Students of Ganges Valley School celebrated Grandparents' Day and Yellow Day with much jubilation. The beautiful smiles of the grandparents and their enthusiastic participation made both the celebrations memorable for children. The event brought both the generations together. The children listened to the sloka and stories that were recited and narrated by the grandparents. The yel-



low paper-cup, sun, the handprints of the elderly and the children took shape of a beautiful garden art. It was a merry time for everyone as they participated in the paper-cup game.



## DIWALI CELEBRATIONS

DECEMBER 2 2020



# Of Diyas & Prayers



**DDMS(AMS) P. Obul  
Reddy Public School**

**Hyderabad**

**D**iwali has its roots in ancient India and the epic Ramayan. Diwali is not just a day of the home coming of Lord Ram but also carries with it the essence of victory of good over evil. The festival signifies the victory of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over despair.

The students of pre-

primary wing celebrated a virtual Diwali with zeal. Dressed in traditional and colourful attires, they made colourful diyas and did some freehand drawings in their virtual classes. They also made beautiful 'rangolis' with the help of their parents. Teachers spoke about the significance of the festival and spread the message of celebrating a safe and eco-friendly Diwali. Students were briefed on the ill-effects of burning crackers. A video on how to have a safe Diwali was also shown to the children.

**Pallavi Aware International School Saroor Nagar**

**T**he students of Cauvery House from Pallavi Aware International School conducted a special assembly to celebrate the festival of lights Diwali as a symbol of triumph of knowledge over ignorance.

The Diwali celebra-

tions included an informative Telugu skit, recitation of Mahalakshmi Ash-takam, ramp walk in traditional attire and a flawless dance performance.

Principal Sudeshna Mairal wished and encouraged everyone to observe a green Diwali.



## CONSTITUTION DAY

DECEMBER 3 2020

# BE AWARE OF YOU



**O**ur Constitution was adopted on November 26, 1949. To mark its significance, Constitution Day was observed in the school. Students presented a 40-minute virtual programme during the assembly, showcasing all the rights that our Constitution gives us, as well as the duties that we are endowed with. Students presented songs, a skit and a dance. A few students also enacted the role of members of the Constituent Assembly.

**Durgabai Deshmukh  
Mahila Sabha P Obul  
Reddy Public School  
Hyderabad**

Various topics such as fundamental rights were displayed through the cultural programmes. In view of the Covid pandemic, the programme was recorded individually by all students in the safety of their homes and then put together.

Students from all domains showcased the significance of the Constitution.

As Prime Minister Narendra Modi read out the Preamble in the morning, all students and teachers also read it out as per the instructions of the CBSE. The participation of students was exemplary.

We ought to remember that we belong to a great sovereign nation, whose history is full of the sacred culture that has permeated all generations of people in India.



## ART AND EXPRESSION

AUG 27 2020

**3<sup>rd</sup> PRIZE**


**M Shraddha Reddy,**  
class IX, DDMS P Obul  
Reddy Public School

How lock down has affected me

**T**he pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty." Being an optimist, I believe that lockdown is indeed a wonderful opportunity to cut adrift and find oneself. So on, when all is well, each one will look back on this period of life and be so glad that we never gave up.

There has been a positive impact in my life due to the lockdown. I used this time effectively...

**READ MORE ONLINE**



NOV 23 , 2020

**Express YOURSELF**

Online & On course  
by Ansh Bansal

### ONLINE AND ON COURSE

In online classes, you do work at your own pace. As long as you meet your deadlines and participate in the online classes, you will do just fine. This means much less pressure.


It is easier to attend since in an offline school there are issues of rain, traffic, injury, sickness, but in an online class attending is as simple as opening your laptop or phone.

Online classes improve self-discipline since you learn to be responsible for yourself. There is also the benefit of location which means it gives you the option of taking up multitude of courses and simultaneously gives you the additional benefit of

keeping a side-job or polishing your passion.

A study (in US) shows that an average graduating student has a staggering \$37,712 in college debt. With online study you are spending less. There is also a benefit which goes unnoticed, that is, you end up learning tech skills. In an online class you learn the basic skills of navigating through course lectures, downloading materials, interacting with others online. All in all online classes are the only practical solution left since they give an individual a target to achieve, and most importantly during this lockdown it gives a purpose in life.

**ANSH BANSAL,** class XI D, DDMS P Obul Reddy Public School, Hyderabad



# SCHOOL IS COOL

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2020

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It's not just a place where you get to learn Einstein. It's also a place where you can think. Hence we say, SCHOOL IS COOL!

## FIT INDIA WEEK 23 DEC 2020

### Towards building a fit nation



In today's digital era, every child has to be encouraged to inculcate physical activities in their routine life. Staying fit and healthy. Thereby with the motive to promote the initiative taken by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Fit India School Week was celebrated with much zeal and enthusiasm. Students participated in a plethora of activities aimed to promote holistic development and healthy lifestyle. The first day of the week, witnessed an energetic free-hand exercise while the next day saw an enlightening 'yoga session' designed to help students increase their flexibility and muscle strength. The senior students got engaged in the

**Pallavi Awari**  
International School  
Saravarnagar

varied exercise sessions. Every preceding day was celebrated with the same enthusiasm by conducting taekwondo, sports quiz and rope skipping. All the teachers and parents were also engaged in the fitness activities. The entire school fraternity was involved in the rocking 'Zumba Dance Session' for core strengthening thereby promoting Free hands exercise during the assembly. Director Anitha Reddy and principal

Sudeshna Mairai graced the events. While addressing the audience, principal Sudeshna Mairai urged every student to inculcate a disciplinary life in all walks of life for achieving success. She also emphasised to reduce the screen time and minimise the intake of junk food to excel in any field. Last but not the least was the Poster Making Competition on the theme 'Hum Fit the India Fit' to fill all the colours in life.

**DDMS P Obul Reddy Public School**  
Jubilee Hills

DDMS P Obul Reddy Public School, Jubilee Hills, organised the Fit India School Week with much jubilation. Various activities like Poster Making Competition, Free Hand Exercises and Yoga were conducted during the morning assembly, under the guidance of PE department. The students from

classes VI to VIII participated enthusiastically and enjoyed doing Jumping Jacks, Tadasana and Virbhasana. They were also sensitised about the benefits of those exercises. The week-long celebrations culminated in a joyful and proud moment as the school received recognition from the Sports Authority of India as Fit India School.



### PROJECTS

For this weekend, there are quite a few things that I want to do. I want to study a bit for a few minor tests that I have in the coming weeks. I would also like to catch up on my reading. My teacher recently suggested a few books that I could read, and I am eager to do exactly that.

I would also want to finish my projects as early as possible, so I would use this time I get to do so. These are the goals I wish to accomplish in the next two days.

**NEHARIKA RAJESH,**  
class IX, Gitanjali Senior School, Hyderabad

**FITNESS ALL AROUND: SHRIHAN SAHOO,** class VII, DDMS P Obul Reddy Public School, Hyderabad

**FIERCE: SAI SIDDHARTH,** class V A, Oakdale International School, Hyderabad

**NATURE'S PALETTE: Y MEENAKSHI,** class VII J, Delhi Public School, Nacharam

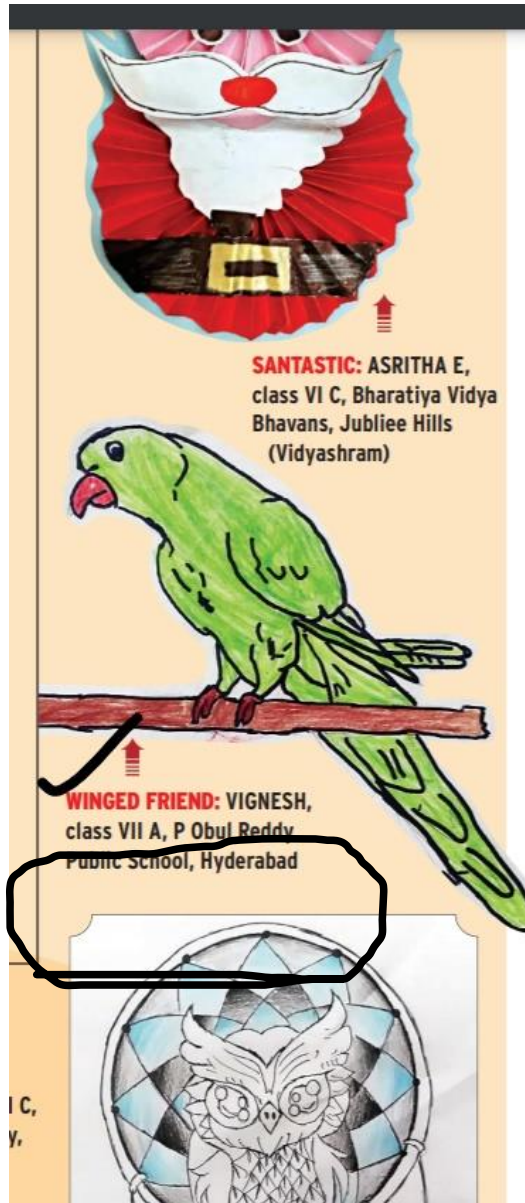
**BRINGING TO LIFE: PIYUSH KUMAR,** class VIII, Army Public School, Bolarum

24 DECEMBER 2020



## ART AND EXPRESSION

28 DEC 2020



# ART AND EXPRESSION

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SCHOOL IS COOL

It's not just a place where you get to learn Einstein's Theory of Relativity. It's also a place where you can think beyond the classroom. Hence we say, SCHOOL IS COOL!

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## RING IN THE New Year WITH THESE COOL IDEAS

### 1. SET UP YOUR OWN PHOTOBOOTH

**BY CHITRA BANSAL**

Now is the time of the year when everyone is excited to celebrate the New Year. One way to make it more fun is to set up a photo booth. You can use a backdrop, balloons, and some props to make it look like a professional photo booth. You can also have a small sign that says 'New Year Photo Booth'.

### 2. GO CAMPING

**BY CHITRA BANSAL**

One of the best ways to celebrate the New Year is to go camping. You can go to a nearby park or a forest and set up a tent. You can also have a bonfire and sing songs. It's a great way to spend time with your family and friends.

### 3. DIY PARTY CRACKERS

**BY CHITRA BANSAL**

One of the most fun ways to celebrate the New Year is to make your own party crackers. You can use old newspapers and cardboard to make them. You can also use paint and markers to decorate them. They are a great way to add some fun to your party.

### 4. ORGANISE A BRUNCH BASH

**BY CHITRA BANSAL**

One of the best ways to celebrate the New Year is to have a brunch bash. You can invite your friends and family over for a meal. You can also have some games and activities. It's a great way to spend time with your loved ones.

### 5. THEME PARTY

**BY CHITRA BANSAL**

One of the most fun ways to celebrate the New Year is to have a theme party. You can choose a theme like 'New Year, New Me' or 'New Year, New Friends'. You can also have some games and activities. It's a great way to spend time with your friends.

### WE LOVE NEW BEGINNINGS AND ALWAYS WELCOME FRESH IDEAS HERE. TEACHERS & STUDENTS SHARE WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO READ MORE ABOUT...

#### LANGUAGE CORNER

I would like to see a column where students can express themselves in different languages. There is a need of a platform for regional languages. We must give respect to our mother tongue.

**NEELANANDA, Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore**

#### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Make people aware of things such as cleanliness, security, pollution, etc. Another column can be an editor's column about various happenings in 2020 and what they expect in 2021.

**A. KASHVI, class IX, Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore**

#### JOBS TRICKS

A column on finding jobs that a student can apply for after school. It can give them information about the job field and also the new way of working.

**SHARAD KANAK BHOIRAPPA, class IX, Sarda's The Center School, Hyderabad**

#### WELL-BEING

Students need to know about mental and physical health. The editor can write about the importance of mental health and how to take care of it.

**ANURAG BHOSAPPA, class IX, Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore**

#### FOOD & DRINK

Food is one of the most important things in our lives. We can have a column where students can share their favorite recipes and food items. It can also be a place where they can learn about different cuisines and food items.

**ANURAG BHOSAPPA, class IX, Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore**

#### NEWS CORNER

A good review of latest events, sports and games along with their prices. It can also be a place where they can learn about different news items and events.

**ANURAG BHOSAPPA, class IX, Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore**

#### LEARN READER

A column where students can share their learning experiences. It can be a place where they can learn about different subjects and topics. It can also be a place where they can share their own ideas and thoughts.

**ANURAG BHOSAPPA, class IX, Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore**

#### HOUSE BUILT BY STUDENTS

Children are home and safety and also learn to be responsible. We can have a column where students can share their own ideas and thoughts about building a house. It can also be a place where they can learn about different building techniques and materials.

**ANURAG BHOSAPPA, class IX, Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore**

#### STUDENT TIME

A column dedicated to the students. It can be a place where they can share their own ideas and thoughts. It can also be a place where they can learn about different student activities and events.

**ANURAG BHOSAPPA, class IX, Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore**

#### HEALTHY TIPS

We are all living in a pandemic. Sometimes getting sick is a common thing. We can have a column where students can share their own ideas and thoughts about staying healthy. It can also be a place where they can learn about different health tips and advice.

**ANURAG BHOSAPPA, class IX, Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore**

#### PROFESSOR

A place to let our students know about the importance of education. It can be a place where they can learn about different subjects and topics. It can also be a place where they can share their own ideas and thoughts.

**ANURAG BHOSAPPA, class IX, Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore**

#### PICTORIAL MESSAGE

A pictorial message which tells a story and also carries a strong message. It can be a place where students can share their own ideas and thoughts about different subjects and topics. It can also be a place where they can learn about different pictorial techniques and styles.

**ANURAG BHOSAPPA, class IX, Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore**

## Q&A STUDENT HUB

A column which says CHIT CHAT WITH ME or CHIT CHAT WITH \_\_\_\_\_ (the person's name). One or more students can be chosen to answer emails from other students who would wish to share their thoughts and queries on any topic. It will make interesting reading as both question and answer would be from the students' point of view. This will be read by many students and will help them come out of similar dilemma they may be facing. They will know what is the right thing to do and get to know others' opinion too.



**KASHVI YADAV AVULA, class VIII, D.D.M.S (A.M.S)  
P Obul Reddy Public School**

31 DECEMBER 2020



13 Jan 2021

# MAKING HER SCHOOL PROUD

**DDMS P Obul Reddy Public School**

**Hyderabad**


**B**ringing laurels to the school, Sai Shreya of class X A of DDMS P Obul Reddy Public School participated in a national level writing competition conducted by The Quill House publishers on September 2, 2020 to find young creative writers. She has been announced as one among the over 30 winners. She received a participation certification and her poem is now published in a book called "Endeavours". The aim of this competition was to give young writers an international platform to showcase their talents. Participants had to choose to write either an essay or a poem on any topic of their choice.



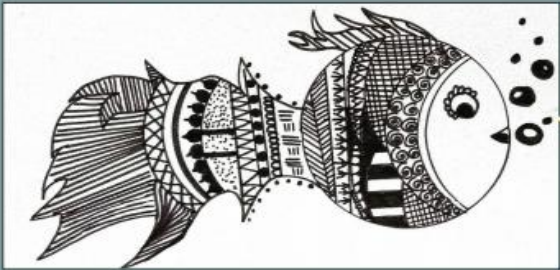
## ART AND EXPRESSION

4 March 2021

### Painters' Gallery




**PICTURESQUE:** D DHEERAJ REDDY, class V D, Little Flower High School, Abids



watching the series as they unravel the mystery behind their lives.


**SAATVIKA BOMMI,** class VI, Silver Oaks International School, Hyderabad



**DIVINITY:** MANASVI AMBATI, class VIII, Scholars International School, Hyderabad


**MAKING SPLASHES:** MOHD AYAAN, class VII A, DDMS P Obul Reddy Public School, Hyderabad

**MESMERISING:** PRANAVI DWIVEDI, class VII, Army Public School, Bolarum



13 May 2021

### Painters' Gallery



**FRONTLINE WARRIORS:** RASHMI, class VI D, DPS Mahendra Hills

**SAFETY FIRST:** ABHAVYA SHREE, class VI C, DDMS AMS P Obul Reddy Public School

**AMAZING ART:** MRUDULA RAJU KUCHARLAPATI, class X B, AMS P Obul Reddy Public School, Jubilee Hills

**PRETTY PERFECT:** SRIKSHETRA CH, class VII C, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Public School (Vidyashram)



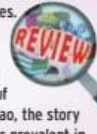
## Holding up a mirror to realities on ground

**T**he White Tiger is arguably one of the most influential and critically acclaimed pieces of Indian writing and one of my favourite books as well. Written by Aravind Adiga (who won the prestigious Man-Booker prize for the same novel in 2008) and recently adapted into a film by award-winning director Ramin Bahrani, the book follows the rags to riches story of Balram Halwai, a villager from 'the darkness' who ends up working as a driver. But what's impres-



sive about the novel is not its story but the elegant writing, the reading between the lines and heavy themes it carries.

Narrated by Balram as a series of letters to the Premier of China, Wen Jiabao, the story explores themes prevalent in modern-day India like poverty, corruption, caste, communal distrust, child labour, the impact of globalisation and most importantly, the



lives of the 'half baked' men. With long eloquent paragraphs filled with heavy doses of sarcasm and dark humour, Adiga grabs your attention in the most amusingly intuitive ways. Though the book is shunned for its pessimistically exaggerated critique of India (which it is), it does call for a close introspection on our system and, what we must do to make it better. After all, the power to change is only in our hands.

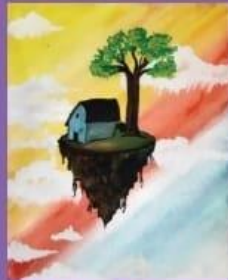
**HRUSHIKESH EMKAY**, class XII, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's Public School - Vidyashram, Jubilee Hills

20 May 2021

## Painters' Gallery



**SUNNY: SHARANYA BASU**, class IX E, P Obul Reddy Public School



**ROOTED: L SAI PRANAV**, class X B, Delhi Public School, Nadergul



**ENGROSSED: ASRITHA E.**, class VII C, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavans Jubilee Hills (Vidyashram) Hyderabad

5 June 2021

8 June 2021

## TENNIS



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stadium support and r favourite teams, or : afterwards, the d placards they leave d to a huge mess. So you don't leave them d. Carry them back with you and dispose them appropriately.

**ANANYA KULSHRESTHA**, class X, Convent of Jesus and Mary, Dehradun

### "KEEP IT CLEAN WITH OWN CUTLERY, BOTTLE"



Watching a match at a stadium is a long-drawn affair. Like at the movies, eating and drinking while the game is on is a given. Carry your own water bottle and cutlery. That way you avoid buying plastic ones, and littering the stadium. It might seem like a lot in the beginning but this simple practice is bound to take us a long way in keeping our environment clear the future.

**PADMASRITHA MORUSUPALLI**, class XII, P Obul Reddy Public School, HYD

### "GATH PACKA"

Bring your own containers. The



as a responsible  
**GARVIT AGGARWAL**, Mum



**LIFE SAVERS: MAHITH KARTIKEYA**, class UKG C, Obul Reddy Public School



## SUMMER, PARADISE FOUND

As the Earth tilts towards the sun,  
Dazzling sunrays pass through the canopy reflecting  
the days of fun.  
The precious gold gives birth to the king of fruits,  
And our appetite rich in shakes and smoothies needs  
no substitutes.  
The lineaments of summer are different for all phases  
of lifespan,  
Relaxing on the couch with AC switched on for an old  
man;  
To an adult, it's all about less work and scrumptious  
cuisine,  
A carefree vacation and mouth-watering ice-creams  
for a teen;  
The bright sunshine of desert and the cold breeze of  
the beach,  
Many places like the diverse colours in a palette to  
reach;  
Hearth of affection and life, the sun, spreads burning  
love to earth,  
Relish it to the fullest as its truly worth!  
All of us miss the heat outdoors as we are all locked  
indoors!

**M SHRADDHA REDDY**, class XII, P Obul Reddy  
Public School, Hyderabad

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class IX E, P Obul Reddy  
Public School



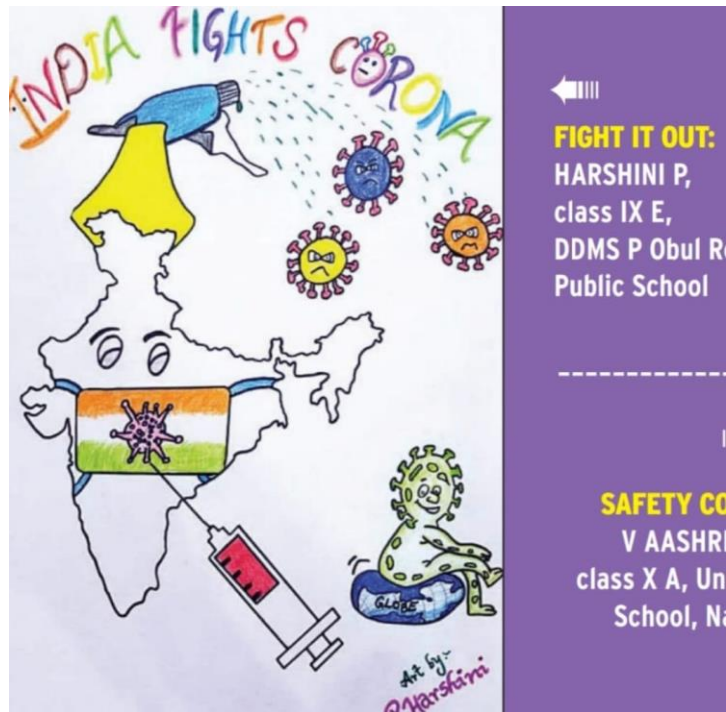
**FINE DESIGN:** SATWIK PADHI,  
class VIII H, Bhavans Sri Rama  
Krishna Vidyalaya, Sainikpuri



June 2021



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## School life is pretty cool & joyful



School School, How I miss my school,  
A joyful place and pretty Cool.  
giggles and laughter, Scoldings thereafter.  
Sometimes A twist in an ear, Far or near,  
The sounds of a Screech, A class each.  
What a fun in learning, The ease of discerning.  
Lessons engrossing, And also engaging.  
Tests are given, No mistakes forgiven.  
The teachers spellbound us,  
With the magic of their teaching.  
Coming onto the fun,  
Together everyone,  
We play in The pretty,  
firing Hot Sun.  
The bell rings, Sorrow it brings,  
We all Saunter along.  
But while we go, Excitement And Lo,  
We have a quite narrow staircase,  
Hundreds of students and very little space,  
We Squeeze and push, Everyone We Shush.  
But what a Fun, Enjoyed by each one.  
Coming to the end, The bell Upon We all depend,  
To go home quick, Not letting Even a Minute to Tick.  
How we hurry, With a lot of merry,  
Out of our school, And into our buses, Having quite a relief.



**SRI PRAGNYA ANUPOJU**, class VI C, DDMS P Obul Reddy Public School

← 23 JUNE 2021



## Choosing the right career option

**D** DMS P. Obul Reddy Public School partnered with KIC Uni-Assist to co-host a Webifair recently. The Webifair helped students to find a suitable career choice and narrow down the options so that finding the right college becomes easy.

The event was introduced by Krishna Kumari K, career counsellor and with a welcome address by Principal Latha Shankar which was followed by two exclusive workshops on 'How to build your profile for college admission- India/Abroad' by Shikha Vij, a career advisor of Step by Step School, Noida and 'How to write a winning es-

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say' by Prateek Shankar, a visual & communication designer.

The Webifair had an interview panel of college students from India currently studying abroad, and a career fair with participation of over 40 universities around the world. This virtual education event showcased their various areas of study and one on one interactions. Students from classes IX to XII participated in the Webifair enthusiastically.

29 JUNE

15 July

## WASTE NOT



### STATIONERY HOLDER

**MATERIALS REQUIRED:** Plastic bottle, decorative beads from old clothes, tape, wire and a lace.

**METHOD:** Take a plastic bottle and cut the top and bottom parts, leaving out the middle portion.

■ To join those two parts, firstly make two holes on each side and take a wire and roll it over.

■ Now take a lace and make a ribbon, stick a bead in the middle of the ribbon.

■ Take a decorative tape and stick it all along the joint in the middle as shown in the picture. Start sticking the decorative beads on the bottle.

■ Now the STATIONERY ITEMS HOLDER is ready.



**HARSHINI P,**  
class IX E,  
DDMS P Obul  
Reddy Public  
School,  
Hyderabad





## PROUD MOMENT FOR SCHOOL

### DDMS P Obul Reddy Public School

Hyderabad

**S**oham Bilolikar, a student of class VII from DDMS P Obul Reddy Public School, made his school proud as he has been selected for the final round of the Yuva Conclave 2021 organised by IPN India. He spoke on 'We are the Future.'



More than 650 nominations from about 150 schools of South Asia were received, of which 75 students were finalised. The event was conducted on a virtual platform.

Sharing his experience, Soham said, "IPN YUVA Conclave 2021 gave me an opportunity to speak on Sustainable Development Goals. The platform provided many students from across South Asia including me, with a chance to discuss on various aspects of daily ways to implement SDGs. I learned by interacting with many participants and listening to various speakers. I thank IPN Yuva foundation, my school, our principal Latha Shankar, all my teachers and my parents for their support and encouragement for this event."

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Hyderabad

**H**aritha Haram is an initiative of the Telangana Government under the leadership of Chief Minister K Chandrababhan Rao, to improve the green quotient of the state. DDMS P Obul Reddy Public School celebrated Haritha Haram by conducting a special assembly for its students.

S V Rao, chairman, Durgabai Deshmukh Mahila Sabha P Obul Reddy Educational Academy, planted a sapling on the school premises. Principal Latha Shankar, vice-principals Vinitha Anil and B Nagaveena also planted saplings on the occasion.

Students of classes I, II and III had a special assembly where their teachers presented a PPT to create awareness about the importance of plants and the need to take up tree plantation programmes.

If students are oriented on environmental issues at a young age, they become responsible and eco-friendly citizens. They were motivated to plant saplings at their homes and nurture them. Children enthusiastically participated in the assembly, dressed up in green coloured dresses, spoke about the importance of plants, recited poems on trees and promised that they would contribute by taking care of the plants at their homes. The students of classes IV and V also presented PPTs. Some of them planted saplings in their home gardens.

Students from classes VI to VIII along with their parents also participated with much enthusiasm online. Students

were dressed in green and showed their balcony gardens during the special assembly.

As part of the initiative, the students of classes IX and X took up the responsibility to spread awareness on the importance of planting trees virtually during the assembly. They along with their



teachers were dressed in green and presented some PPTs on this topic. The students of classes XI and XII participated in discussions on the green theme, and its significance in the present times. It was indeed a beautiful sight as students enthusiastically showed their balcony gardens during the assembly.



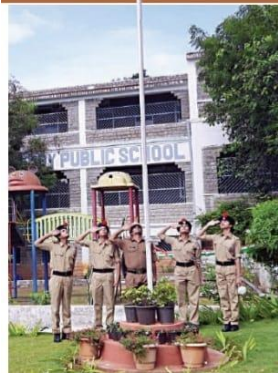
**OUR IDENTITY:** MADADI AKSHAYA REDDY,  
class VII B, P Obul Reddy Public School

## Painters' Gallery



**SALUTE:**  
NAKSHATRA  
MADDEY, class VIII,  
DDMS P Obul Reddy  
Public School

## A CELEBRATION OF UNITY, HARMONY & INDEPENDENCE



**D**DDMS P Obul Reddy Public School celebrated the 75th Independence Day of India with great fervour and patriotism on the school premises. Chairman S VRao hoisted the national flag. Principal Latha Shankar, vice-principal (Senior Secondary), Vinitha Anil, headmistress (Primary) Srivani and headmistress (pre-primary) Vijaya Durga were present along with the Physical Education Department and the team of NCC cadets.

The team of Scouts and Guides celebrated the event on a virtual platform by showcasing their skills led by their Patrol Leaders. All the Scouts and Guides, teachers and parents witnessed the show. Devanshi Nair and Dhruvi, the unit leaders, hosted the programme. Kashvi Avula of class IX gave an inspiring speech calling out to the youth

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to continue the process of nation building.

A special assembly was conducted by the pre-primary wing on a virtual platform to celebrate the day. The students participated in different activities with great enthusiasm.

The activities included role play of different national leaders, a short talk on importance of Independence Day, the national flag, national symbols and rendition of patriotic songs.

The students dressed themselves as the heroes of the freedom struggle, in the colours of the flag, and presented their speeches in the assembly. Some also presented a video of themselves singing the National Anthem.



26 August 2021

## A celebration of love & care

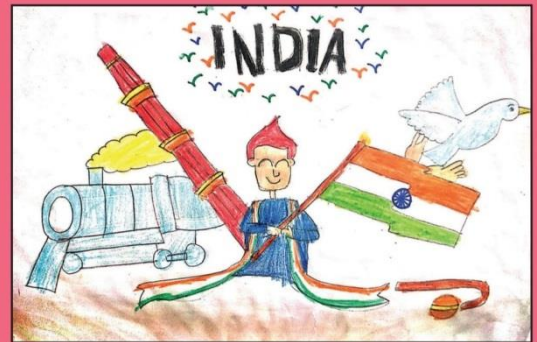


**R**aksha Bandhan celebrates the bond between a brother and sister. On this day, the sister ties a sacred band around her brothers' wrist and in return her brother presents her a gift and the promise of protection. Of late, this ritual has transcended all regions of India. It is celebrated with great pomp and fervour in the North, but the other regions are also catching up.

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In order to celebrate the importance of the siblings' bond, the students of the pre-primary wing of DDMS P Obul Reddy Public School participated in a special rakhi making activity. The little ones from LKG and UKG enjoyed making rakhis on the virtual platform.

## Painters' Gallery



**JAI HIND: MADADI AKSHAYA REDDY, class VII B,**  
P Obul Reddy Public School

27 AUGUST 2021

# New leaders take charge

DDMS  
P Obul  
Reddy  
Public  
School

**T**he School Council is a place where students learn valuable lessons in leadership. Elections for the council were held in a fair manner with e-nomination forms, shortlisting of selected candidates and virtual as well as physical interviews for some of the posts.

The results were declared in the morning assembly a few days ahead of the investiture ceremony. The Hybrid Investiture Cere-



mony of the newly elected school council was conducted on August 12.

Ansh Bansal and M Shradha Reddy of class XII were selected as head boy and head girl respectively. Other

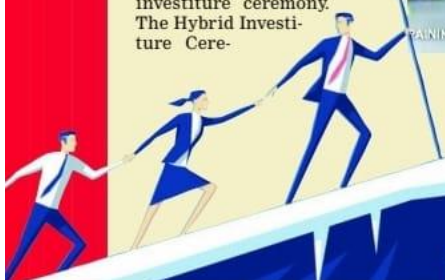
council members to be invested included Deputy Head Boys and Deputy Head Girls, House Captains and Vice Captains, Sports Captains and Vice Captains, Cultural Secretaries and Editorial Board members.

Some of the members attended the event remotely and

it was a great opportunity for parents to tie the sashes. S V Rao, Chairman, DDMS P Obul Reddy Educational Academy, read out the oath to the students during the oath taking ceremony. In his address to the students, he called upon students to uphold the values of the school and take up their responsibilities sincerely.

Principal Latha Shankar, in her address to the students, reminded them to prove themselves worthy of their appointment, and to take up the responsibilities and duties of the council with diligence. The Head Boy and Head Girl expressed their gratitude to the school management for entrusting them with their duties and pledged to take up their duties in right earnest.

The ceremony culminated with the vote of thanks proposed by Vice Principal Vinita Anil.





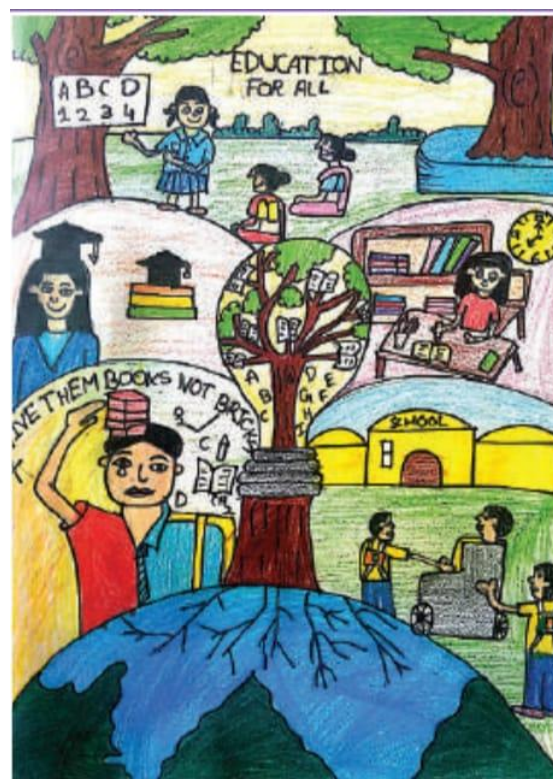
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Hyderabad**

One of the most popular festivals that is widely celebrated across the country is Krishna Janmashtami. It marks the birth of Sri Krishna and he is mostly worshipped in his mischievous child avatar.

The students from Lower Kindergarten and Upper kindergarten, donned Krishna and Radha attires and frolicked around with flutes, peacock feathers and matkas. The programme commenced with slokas followed by songs and colourful dance performances by students. The celebration was informative as well as entertaining.





**EQUALITY: MADADI AKSHAYA**



**REDDY, class VII B, P Obul Reddy  
Public School**

## HC: Don't compel students to attend classes in school

**Tells Govt To  
Keep Residential  
Schools Shut**

Sagar Kumar Mutha  
@timesgroup.com

**Hyderabad:** The Telangana high court on Tuesday directed schools, both government and private, that they cannot compel a student to attend school in person if his or her parents are not inclined to send their wards to the institution.

Educational institutions across the state are set to reopen on September 1.

A bench of acting Chief Justice MS Ramachandra Rao and Justice T Vinod Kumar also directed the state, social welfare and tribal wel-



Teachers hold discussions on safety protocols at an institution a day ahead of reopening of schools for physical classes, on Tuesday

fare wings not to reopen residential schools until further orders.

"Any undertaking, obtained by any school management absolving it of any liability if the child gets infected with coronavirus while in school, shall not have any legal effect and shall be

construed as having been given under duress and as contrary to public policy. No punishment should be given to children who fail to attend physical classes," the court said.

The HC gave several other interim directions while hearing a PIL filed by

### Pvt schools to stay with online classes

Soon after the Telangana HC directive, many private schools have decided to continue with online classes and not reopen for physical classes. However, most budget and government schools will either offer offline classes or adopt the hybrid model by conducting, both offline and online classes, reports Preeti Biswas. P2

Balakrishna Mandapati of East Marredpally in Secunderabad, who had challenged the decision of the school education department ordering reopening of even pre-primary and primary schools.

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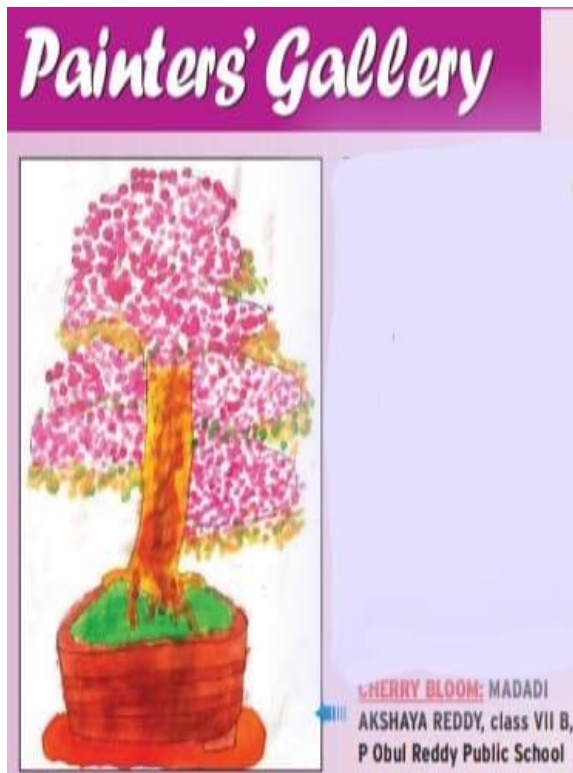
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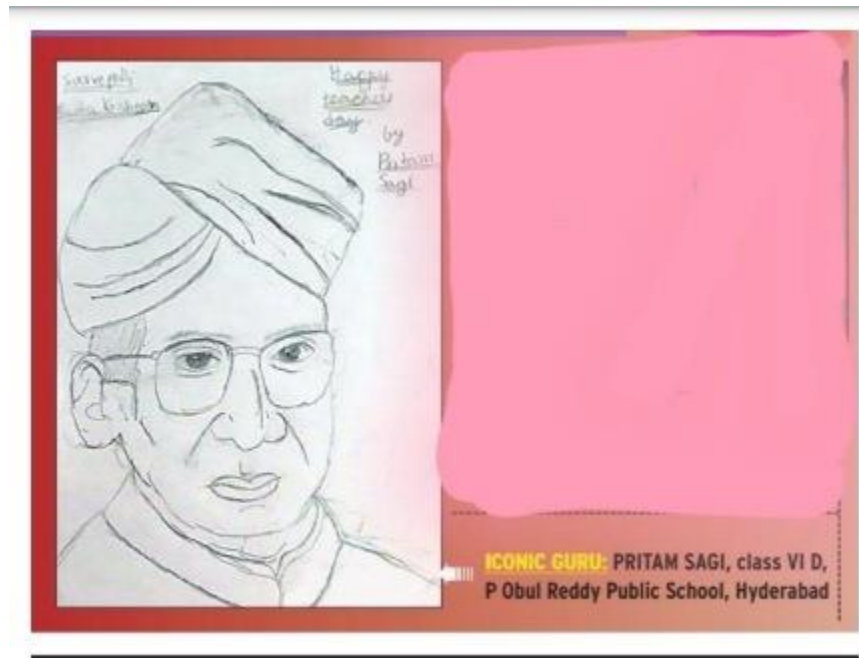
**WARM EMBRACE:** SHRIHAN  
SAHOO, class VIII, DDMS P Obul  
Reddy Public School



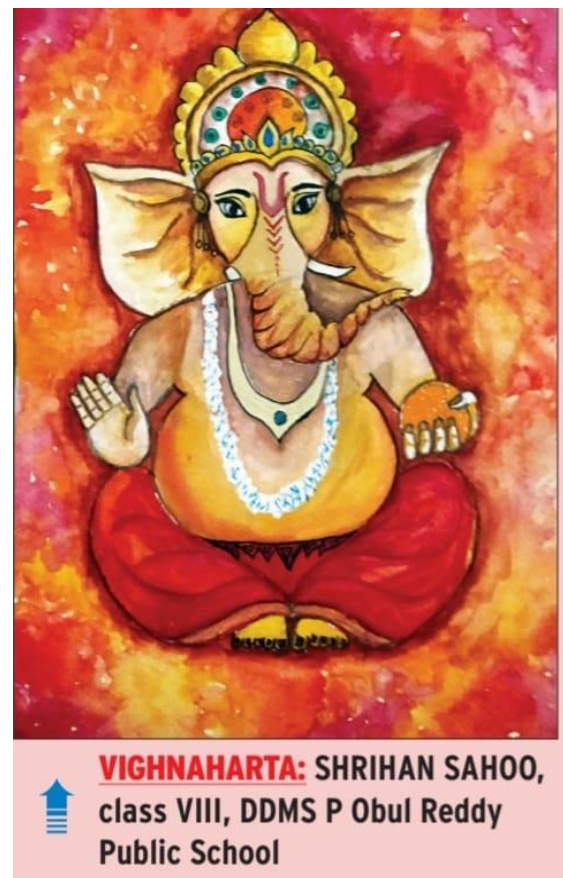
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## TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATION



**P Obul Reddy Public School**  
**Hyderabad**

Teachers' Day was celebrated by students of P Obul Reddy Public School in the indoor sports stadium on the campus. The school council presented a wonderful programme on the theme, "Retro". Senior students presented a medley of old songs. Head Boy Ansh Bansal too joined in, and sang a few songs. Junior grade students presented a group dance, grooving effortlessly to the music. The senior students presented a skit, set in a classroom. A game of Musical Chairs followed by Ramp Walk were conducted for teachers. Overall, it was a memorable day for both teachers and students.

16 SEPTEMBER 2021



**GREEN LEAF:**  
**MADADI AKSHAYA**  
**REDDY, class VII B,**  
**P Obul Reddy**  
**Public School**

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**ONE NATION:**  
**NITHIKA**  
**JAVVAJI, class**  
**VII B, DDMS**  
**P Obul Reddy**  
**Public School**



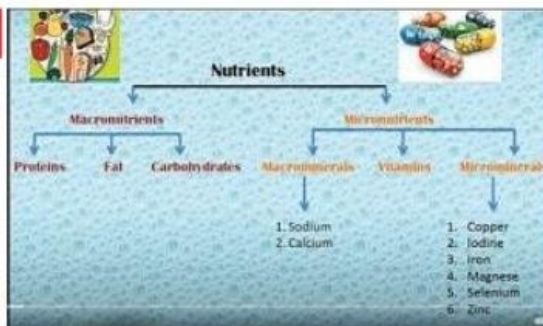
# Celebrating Good Health

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National Nutrition Week is held to spread awareness and encourage people as a society to understand the importance of nutrition and adopt a healthy, sustainable lifestyle. Malnutrition is one of the main hurdles in the overall development of a country.

In this context, the school celebrated National Nutrition Week with the initiative taken by students of class XII Home Science Department, under the guidance of R Rachana.

They presented a short video on the theme of the year, 'Feeding Smart Right from Start.' The topics covered during the week-long events covered Malnutrition and its types and effect, Food Pyramid, Micro and Macro Nu-



trients, Food Plate, Balanced Diet, Nutrition during Early Childhood. Myths about Home Science as a subject, eating disorders during adolescence, terms like RDA, BMI were also covered.

Overall, it was a wonderful experience in gaining knowledge on nutrition through all stages of life and the ways need to be healthy.



**GANESHA: MADADI AKSHAYA REDDY**, class VII B, Obul Reddy Public School, Hyderabad



29 SEPTEMBER 2021



11 OCTOBER 2021



# Painters' Gallery



**MOTHER'S LOVE:**  
SRI MAHASWETHA  
KONDA, class VII C,  
DDMS P Obul  
Reddy Public  
School, Hyderabad

19 OCTOBER 2021



**B**athukamma was celebrated at DDMS-P Obul Reddy Public School premises in the presence of the school principal, vice principals, head mistresses, and administration staff. As part of the celebration, the womenfolk dressed in traditional attires performed puja and sang songs of folklore by making rounds around the Bathukamma. The occa-

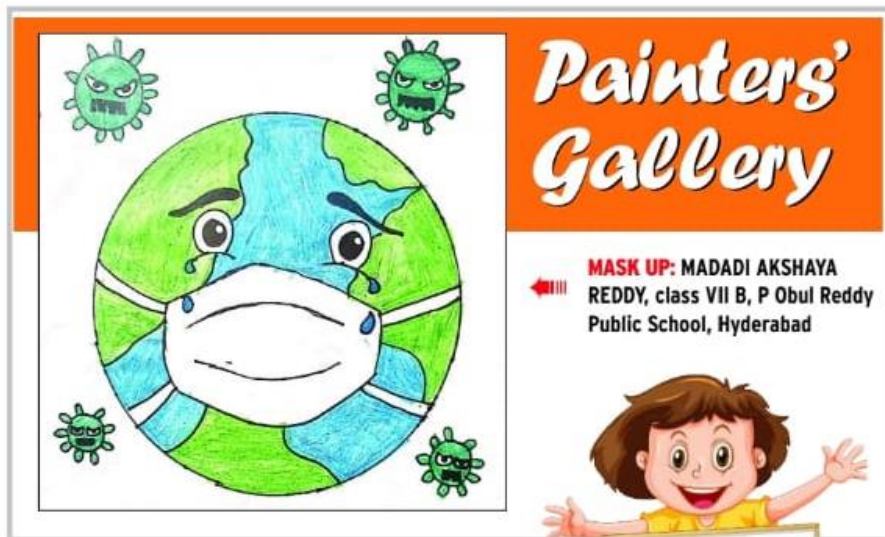
**DDMS-P Obul Reddy Public School**  
**Hyderabad**

sion ended with the distribution of prasadam and God's blessings. It was indeed an opportunity to appreciate the beauty of vibrant and colourful flowers in nature.



**TAKING AIM:** MADADI AKSHAYA REDDY,  
class VII B, P Obul Reddy Public School

27 OCTOBER 2021



**MASK UP:** MADADI AKSHAYA  
REDDY, class VII B, P Obul Reddy  
Public School, Hyderabad



3 NOVEMBER  
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### GREEN DIWALI

Diwali is a festival of hope and adds colours to life. I plan to celebrate a green Diwali and donate gifts or clothes to street children and my van driver to support them through these hard times. I will meet my grandparents, who prepare tasty traditional sweets and khara for me, and meet all my relatives in the evening who come to my house for Lakshmi Puja. We will pray to God to guide us to come out of this pandemic even through tough times.



**CH SNIGHA**, class X E, P Obul Reddy Public School, Hyderabad

4 NOVEMBER 2021

### DISPELLING DARKNESS

The festival of Diwali brings hope. Diyas have always been an integral part of our fight against Covid. We lit diyas to mark our fight against this deadly virus. Covid couldn't shatter our dreams, hopes and aspirations. Let's become mentally, physically, emotionally strong and celebrate this beautiful festival with loads of hope and good luck.

**DEEKSHIKA**, class IX-E, P Obul Reddy Public School

### GOOD OVER EVIL

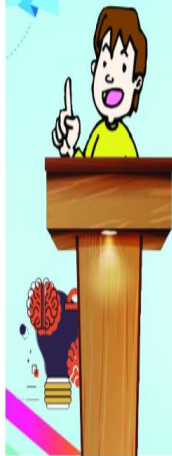
Our minds are well-equipped with the ethos of social and behavioural patterns that form intricate relationships with people around us. Our beliefs shape our minds; therefore, we must never lose faith in festivals. Diwali teaches us to be kind to everyone and have a patient heart and mind to wait for good results to come through. The festival teaches us that good always wins over evil and that we must eradicate darkness with light.

**SHREYAS SAHOO**, class VII, DDMS P Obul Reddy Public School



9 NOVEMBER

# Summit showcases debating skills of delegates



**D**DMS (AMS) P Obul Reddy Public School hosted Yugen, its Annual Intra-School Summit on Oct 29 and Oct 30, a week after the United Nations Day.

More than 90 delegates marked their presence in the conference. The chief guest Krishna Bhaskar, IAS, Industries Director, Government of Telangana, addressed the gathering with his wise and thoughtful stories and the lessons all delegates must learn from this conference. Secretary General Abhinav

**DDMS P Obul Reddy Educational Academy**  
**Hyderabad**

Poludasu declared the conference open. The opening ceremony was graced by S V Rao, chairman, DDMS P Obul Reddy Educational Academy.

The summit consisted of three committees - Human Rights Council, The Bilderberg Conference and the International Press - with the best EB in the city, including Ansh Bansal, Timothy Preetham

and Raghav Panjiray.

The delegates debated on diverse agendas, from the human right violations in Afghanistan to the recovery of the global economy post the pandemic. The young delegates brought up creative and innovative solutions, a subtle reminder of the change youth can bring to the world.

The summit ended on a bright note, with some glittering cultural events and the awards ceremony, graced by Principal Latha Shankar and Vice Principal Vinitha Anil.



10 NOVEMBER

A photograph showing a young man, Ansh Bansal, wearing a black t-shirt and a face mask, interacting with a group of children. He is handing something to a girl in an orange shirt. Other children are standing around them, some wearing masks. The background shows a crowd of people outdoors.

**FIGHTING PANDEMIC ACROSS CITIES**

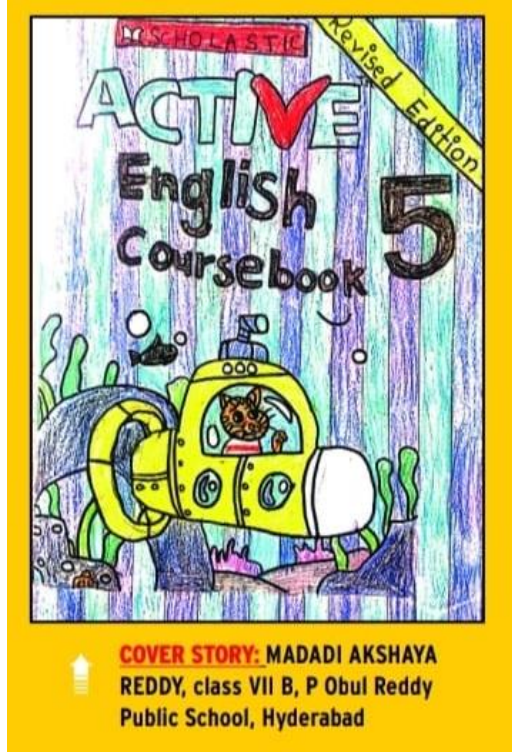
**Ansh Bansal | Class 12**

**A**t a time when students across the country were facing uncertainties over their academics, Ansh Bansal, class 12 student of P Obul Reddy Public School started a students' network 'Indian Conclave' that changed the lives of many during the pandemic last year. Launched on June 27, 2020, the Indian Conclave started raising funds by organising model united nations (MUN) and pre-MUN events. "We conducted events such as legal workshops for students who wanted to pursue law. Initially, our target was to raise Rs 15,000 through these events and help those in need. But the response was overwhelming among all students as we ended up raising close to Rs 1.5 lakh and soon Rs 2.7 lakh through such events," said Bansal. With funds raised, he collaborated with students from seven cities -- Hyderabad, Warangal, Mangalore, Bengaluru, Chandigarh, Mumbai and Siliguri -- to help those in need. "We reached out to people to understand what they needed during the lockdown. We distributed food packets, umbrellas, grocery and medical kits among various other items, especially among the slum dwellers," said Bansal. The youth group spearheaded by him was recognised by the IT minister K T Rama Rao, education minister Sabitha Indra Reddy among others.

A circular inset photograph showing several hands sorting through numerous small, white, rectangular packets or boxes, likely the relief supplies mentioned in the text.



15 NOVEMBER



## హాకీ టోర్నమెంట్ ప్రారంభం



### కార్యక్రమంలో అలరించిన సాంస్కృతిక ప్రదర్శన

సికింద్రాబాద్, న్యూస్టుడే: జవహర్లాల్ నెహ్రూ హాకీ టోర్నమెంట్ సొసైటీ (జెఎన్హెచ్టీఎస్) ఆధ్వర్యంలో గుండా ఎస్టేట్ ప్రైవేట్ లిమిటెడ్ సహకారంతో సీనియర్ హాకీ టోర్నమెంట్ ఆదివారం దక్షిణ మధ్య రైల్వే స్పోర్ట్స్ కాంప్లెక్స్లో ప్రారంభమైంది. ఐటీశాఖ ముఖ్యకార్యదర్శి జయేశ్ రంజన్ ముఖ్యఅతిథిగా హాజరై జ్యోతి ప్రజ్వలన చేసి టోర్నమెంట్ ప్రారంభించారు. ఈ సందర్భంగా నిర్వహించిన సాంస్కృతిక కార్యక్రమాలు అలరించాయి. జయేశ్ రంజన్ మాట్లాడుతూ.. సుదీర్ఘ చరిత్ర కలిగిన జెఎన్హెచ్టీఎస్, దాని వ్యవస్థాపకులు ఐఎం కపూర్జీ సేవలను కొనియాడారు. ఈనెల 23 వరకు టోర్నమెంట్ జరుగుతుందని, 22 మ్యాచ్లు జరగనున్నాయని నిర్వాహకులు తెలిపారు. గుండా గ్రూప్ ఎగ్జిక్యూటివ్ డైరెక్టర్ యష్ భర్వానీ, జెఎన్హెచ్టీఎస్ ప్రధాన కార్యదర్శి కుకు వాలియా పాల్గొన్నారు.

**Eenadu Pg-8 (15-11-2021)**

16 NOVEMBER

MY SCHOOL PROJECT
DIY COMPUTER

## A custom-made connect with cyber world

**E**lectronics prices peaked during the time of the pandemic. Today, a simple low-end laptop/PC costs a lot of money, but did you know that we can make one for about half the price of the original one.

So, to build a PC that performs exceptionally well, we need a few things:

- Single-board computer
- SD card
- Peripherals
- Hard Drive (optional)

Also, no need of power supply like in those huge PCs, as these are powered by a normal phone charger and these single board computers have in-built RAM.

We can use either a Raspberry Pi or a NVIDIA Jetson Nano. For those of you who don't know about Raspberry Pi, it is a single board computer made in UK for teaching basic computer science in schools and Jetson Nano is a low-power system and is designed for accelerating machine learning applications and computing. Both have different RAM configurations and do not need an SSD or a HDD to boot, as they use an SD-card as primary storage and for the booting process.

Raspberry Pi comes with a RAM configuration of 1GB, 2GB, 4GB and 8GB. (prices vary based on RAM configuration). Jetson Nano has comparatively less options, i.e. 2GB and 4GB.

Nano has a more powerful GPU in it, while Raspberry Pi has a wide range OS to be used with it, ranging from Linux to Windows10, 11 to gaming OS and many more, but Jetson Nano has only a special image (OS) of Ubuntu that is made by NVIDIA. You can buy them from trusted websites.

### HOW TO SET IT UP

- An SD card of at least 8GB is required, one of up to 1TB capacity can be used. Now we need a laptop/PC for the next step. We need to install SD card formatting app, and an application that writes or flashes the respective OS to SD card like etcher.io.
- You can find more information online about supported images and how to flash them. We need to download the OS or image from their website for eg: <https://www.raspberrypi.org/software/operating-systems/#raspberrypi-os-32-bit>. We can use a HDD, SSD or a thumb drive as extended storage. Both of these boards have 4 USB ports, an ethernet port, HDMI.
- In addition to this Raspberry Pi has wifi and bluetooth built in unlike Nano (Nano doesn't have built-in wifi or bluetooth). Both of these have GPIOs (general purpose input output pins) using which you can build projects based on robotics.
- "Rasbian OS" is the basic OS for Raspberry Pi

based on Linux. Like this there are many operating systems for the Raspberry Pi and Ubuntu for Jetson.

- Now we need to format the SD card using SD card formatter (formatting will delete all the files on it). After downloading the OS file, locate it (the OS zip file) extract it and open up etcher.io and flash the image (OS) to the SD card. (Instead of the etcher, we can also use the original Raspberry Pi flasher app built by their team. It has more options like in-built OS downloader and flasher, SD card formatter and third party OS).

Now all we have to do is to eject the SD card from the laptop/PC and place it in the Jetson Nano's or Raspberry Pi's SD card slot. We will need a monitor. If you don't have one, you can connect it to TV as they use HDMI for video output.

Connect it to a charger and watch it boot. After booting, connect it to a mouse and keyboard and you can use it as a PC. (If you don't have a computer to flash OS to SD card you can buy a kit that comes with NOOBS SD card. NOOBS is in-built setup as for Raspberry Pi).

**M. PURNEETHA,**  
Class X D,  
DDMS P Obul Reddy  
Public School,  
Hyderabad

18 NOVEMBER



**T**he teachers of DDMS P Obul Reddy Public School came together to celebrate Children's Day on the school premises. The students were happy to be back at school and enthusiastically waited for the events to unfold.

Principal Latha Shankar extended warm greetings of the day to all the children. The students were treat-

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ed with an hour- long cultural programme by the teachers which included dance performances, skit and songs. The students were joyous and thanked the teachers for their meticulous efforts in making the day special for them.



# Why does poverty still exist?

**T**he purpose of economic planning is wealth generation and its distribution in order to close the gap between the haves and the have-nots.

Many great economists and Nobel laureates (including Amartya Sen from India) have addressed issues to eradicate poverty. The Union government, through its planning commission (Niti Aayog) has been trying hard for the same cause through its 5 year plans and yearly budgets.

Huge budgetary allocations for decades stimulated economic and industrial growth but could not meet the desired goal of total eradication of

poverty. It's a known fact that the rich are becoming richer and the poor are becoming poorer.

So, how are the allotted funds being utilised? How much is actually utilised for developmental works and to uplift the socioeconomic conditions of the poor? It is high time that people and governments focus on how to avoid misappropriation of funds and other resources.

It is heartening to find some state governments establishing food canteens for the poor, especially in cities, serving reasonably good meals at very low subsidized rates. These need to be expanded to all towns and rural areas wherever feasible.

The government, to check exploitation of labour, has enacted laws such as minimum wages act., etc. and ensured employment for them by introducing schemes like Employment guarantee schemes (minimum 100 working days in a year). The Union government has also promulgated an act for allocation of Corporate Social Responsibility fund by major private establishments from their annual profits.

There is a need for many more such measures. A society can flourish if there is scope for everybody to flourish.

**NAISHA K,**  
class XII, AMS P  
Obul Reddy Public  
School, Hyderabad



**MAGICAL:** MADADI AKSHAYA REDDY, class VII B,  
P Obul Reddy Public School, Hyderabad

2 DECEMBER



## YOUNG DELEGATE MAKES SCHOOL PROUD

**G**aurav J Karnawat, a student of class XII of DDMS P Obul Reddy Public School got the opportunity to intern at the Industries & Commerce department of the Government of Telangana and later travelled to Dubai as a delegate for the government's Expo 2020 project.

The Telangana Pavilion at Expo 2020 was the epitome of a transparent and vibrant business landscape in the state. Gaurav's work was largely to reach out to global business leaders, especially the Emiratis and orient them about var-

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ious investment opportunities and policies that the I&C team developed over these years.

He credits his outreach skills to the lockdown where he got the opportunity to interact with the founders of many companies through mails. Gaurav's participation in the Expo 2020 is indeed a moment of pride for the school and we laud his talent and expertise.

10 DECEMBER



**TWINKLING:** MOHD AYAAN,  
class VIII-A, DDMS P Obul Reddy  
Public School, Hyderabad







## P Obul Reddy Public School

The tiny tots of P Obul Reddy Public School love celebrating Christmas as they eagerly wait for Santa Claus. This year too children came dressed in bright colourful dresses for the festive occasion. The Pre-Primary lobby was beautifully decorated and the session was fun-filled with songs and colourful takeaway activities.

29 December

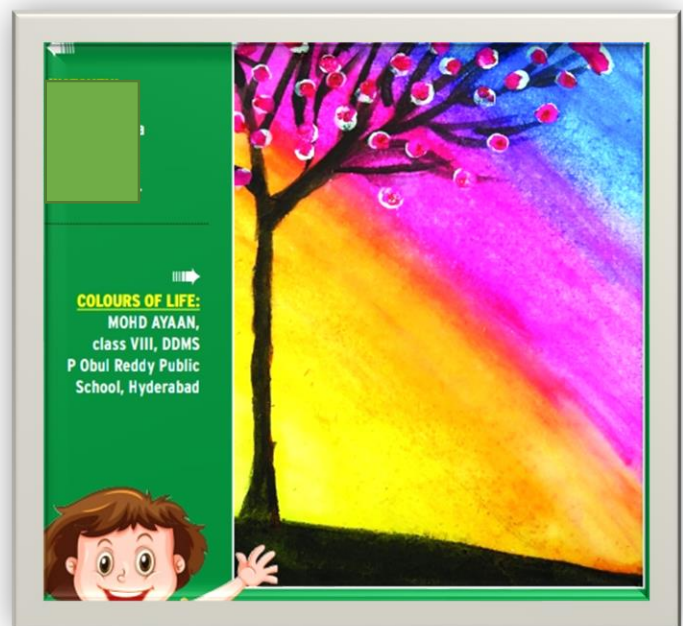


**DIVINE:** MADADI AKSHAYA REDDY, class VII B, P Obul Reddy Public School



**GIFTING TIME:** P BHAVISHYA SAI, class VII-B, DDMS P Obul Reddy Public School, Hyderabad

**Painters'**



**COLOURS OF LIFE:** MOHD AYAAN, class VIII, DDMS P Obul Reddy Public School, Hyderabad

January 4<sup>th</sup> 2022



It is in our hands to make our future better or worse. I greatly look forward to sitting in a real classroom with my classmates and teachers, and interacting with them in person. I also hope to become more consistent with every effort, be it in academics or art, so that all my hard work sums up to a better human. The past year has made

### STAND OUR GROUND

us realize that when we continue to stand our ground against the hardships thrown at us, we can still have a chance to triumph. It is a simple idea to wrap our heads around, but I truly believe it will aid us in finding the 'tomorrows' we want.

**SHARANYA BASU**, class IX-E, AMS P Obul Reddy Public School, Venkatagiri, Jubilee Hills

5<sup>th</sup> January



## POSTCARD TO THE FUTURE: INDIA IN '47

India Post organised a '75 lakh Postcard Campaign' as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations. The students of DDMS P Obul Reddy Public School took this initiative as an opportunity to inscribe their vision for India in 2047 in different languages.

The school arranged for postcards for all the students through the local post office. The postcards were decorated with

the tricolour and students also wrote about many unsung heroes of our country and handed them over to the local postal authorities. It was a rewarding experience for the students to learn more about these hidden and forgotten gems of India.

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14<sup>th</sup> January

## FESTIVAL

consider the best of the bad, in his hand to the sun god applaud the cows I make vows to with everyone and have fun

**TRADITIONS:**  
G VANSHIKA, class VIII-B, Delhi Public School, Nacharam




**U** KG-C students of DDMS P Obul Reddy Public School celebrated the festival of Sankranti. The young students made kites, got dressed as the traditional Haridasu and even set up Bommala Koluvu (toy golu) as part of the festivity. Teachers encouraged them to learn about the festival by participating in the varied activities.


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## BEST WATER CONSERVATION PRACTICES SHOWCASED




**S**tudents of DDMS AMS P Obul Reddy Public School participated in the Jalshakti programme which is part of the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat activity where Telangana state is paired with Haryana. Students of class IX showcased the importance of water in a group discussion, both on the online and offline platforms, sharing the best practices of water conservation in Telangana and Haryana.


Charts were displayed showcasing the importance of water in our day to day life. They also did research on government initiatives like Mission Bhagiratha and Mission Kakatiya and displayed the information on charts.


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**Hyderabad**

23<sup>rd</sup> January




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**EMOTIONS:**  
**M LOUKICK CHOWDARY,**  
 class VII-B, P Obul Reddy Public School,  
 Hyderabad

## Painters' Gallery



**MOSAIC:** MADADI AKSHAYA REDDY, class VII-B,  
 P Obul Reddy Public School, Hyderabad

31<sup>st</sup> January

## DDMS P. Obul Reddy Public School

Hyderabad

**D**MS P Obul Reddy Public School celebrated the 73rd Republic Day marked with the spirit of patriotism and allegiance. The Chairman, S V Rao, DDMS P Obul Reddy Educational Academy, presided over the event by hoisting the national flag in the presence of Principal Latha Shankar, Vice Principal Nagaveena, Headmistresses Srivani and Vijaya Durga, the administration staff, and the sub-staff members of the school.

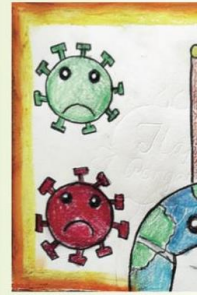
A virtual special assembly was conducted for all the classes at 8:30 am that morning where students participated with patriotic fervour. The celebration concluded with the singing of the national anthem.



6<sup>th</sup>

February

## Painters' Gallery



**FESTIVE VIBES:**  
MADADI AKSHAYA REDDY,  
class VII-B, P Obul Reddy  
Public School, Hyderabad

8<sup>th</sup> February

## LEARNING TO SHOW GRATITUDE



**T**he sub-staff of DDMS P Obul Reddy Public School fosters positive and trusting relationship with students, ensuring a safe and supportive learning environment. Giving them their due, a Gratitude Day was celebrated on the school premises.

The event was an initiative planned by the Student Council members and the students of Classes XII and X under the guidance of Principal Latha Shankar. The day commenced with various competitions for the sub-staff like the Rangoli and the Musical Chairs. As a token of appreciation and gratitude, special gifts curated by the students were given to all the sub-staff members by Chairman S V Rao. Lunch was organized and the event concluded on a happy and an emotional note.

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11<sup>th</sup> February

## A park of a different kind



**A** unique Math Park was inaugurated on the school premises by chairman S V Rao along with Secretary E Narsimha Rao and Guest of Honour Santi Rohith Rao.

They were then accompanied along the garden, and the students briefly explained the different elements of the math park to them. In the prize distribution ceremony, we touched upon the significance of Srinivas Ramanujan in the field of mathematics and the importance of National Mathematics Day. The prizes to the winners of all the competitions held in the two week long math fest were distributed.

The guest of honour and the Secretary also addressed the gathering, expressing their admiration towards the newly inaugurated Math Garden. Santi Rohith Rao talked about how after being graduated from high school after so many years, she still sees the relevance of maths in her own work environment and the workspaces around her. She also believes that the practical and experimental learning

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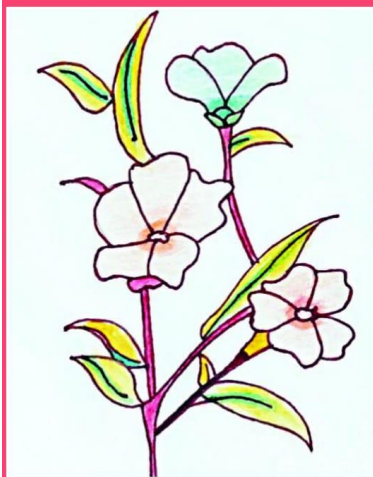
that the math garden has to offer is a unique yet apt way of explaining complex concepts to young students. Secretary also shared his insights on how he felt the math park has been constructed in a way to feed information easily to both the amateurs and experts. We expressed our gratitude towards the men behind the making of the math garden, Trinath, the welder, and our sub-staff Ramesh, the painter, and Ramu, the gardener, by giving them a token of our gratitude. Their hard work was what turned our Principal, Latha Shankar's vision into a reality. With her innovative ideas as a foundation to the structure of the park, Trinath, Ramesh, and Ramu, along with the help of several others, used scrap material and in-house equipment to build the structures of the math garden.

14<sup>th</sup> February





**STANDING TALL:** MADADI AKSHAYA REDDY,  
class VII-B, P Obul Reddy Public School



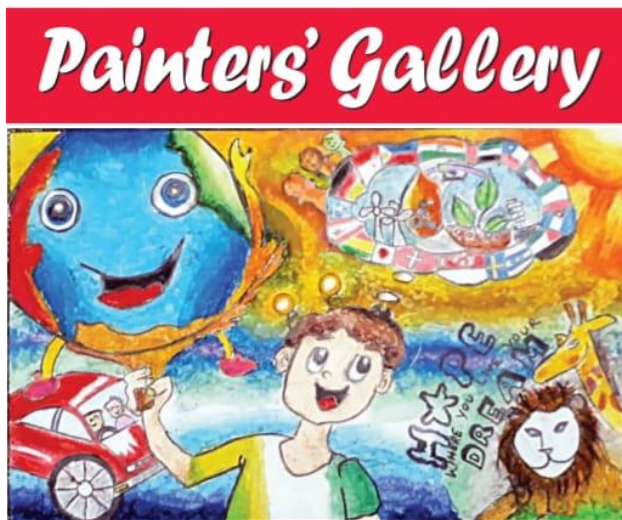
**BLOOMING:** LOUKICK, class VII-B,  
P Obul Reddy Public School



**SPARKLE:** MADADI AKSHAYA  
REDDY, class VII-B, P Obul Reddy  
Public School, Hyderabad

25<sup>th</sup> February

21<sup>st</sup> February



28<sup>th</sup> February