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Message from the Head of Publications

Dear Readers,

As we close another chapter in our journey, I'm delighted to bring you this latest edition of our newsletter. Each issue is a reflection of the hard work, creativity, and dedication of our team, and I am proud to share these efforts with you.

In this edition, we cover a wide range of topics—from new trends to exciting updates within our community. We hope that you find the content insightful and engaging. Thank you for your continued support and readership. Your feedback helps us improve and evolve with every issue. We look forward to bringing you even more valuable content in the upcoming months.

Nukkad Natak on Swachh Bharat Abhiyan Held during IAYP Week

By Sheena Dhiman

As part of the International Award for Young People (IAYP) week, the students of Grade IX organized and performed an impactful Nukkad Natak (street play) on the theme of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan on 20th November 2024. This initiative aimed to raise awareness about the importance of cleanliness and maintaining a hygienic environment among the community.

The Natak was staged at three key locations: Ambedkar Circle, Patel Chowk in Humnabad, and in the evening at Hanuman Mandir, Maniknagar. Each location attracted a diverse audience, including local residents, shopkeepers, passersby, and devotees, ensuring the message reached a wide spectrum of the community.

Through engaging dialogues, thought-provoking scenes, and powerful messages, the students highlighted:

1. The harmful effects of littering and open dumping.
2. The significance of proper waste segregation and disposal.
3. The collective responsibility of citizens to keep their surroundings clean.

The play ended with a motivational appeal to the audience, urging them to adopt cleanliness as a way of life and actively contribute to the vision of a Swachh Bharat. The enthusiastic response from the crowd, evident through their applause and interaction, showcased the success of the initiative.

The Nukkad Natak not only emphasized the importance of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan but also empowered the young performers to take a leadership role in driving social change. The event truly reflected the spirit of IAYP, fostering active citizenship and community engagement.



Art work by Ms. Shaileja

Radhe Krishna! 🙏👁️

By Nikhil Rawat

Here is an analytical look at Lord Krishna. "Krishna is a path breaking figure in the Epic, Mahabharata. He is a tough guy, as evident from the numerous battles and physical combats he wins, beating demons, champion wrestlers, and others, but there is no machismo about him. He happily spends time with the women and his music, chills out with friends, takes care of his looks; in fact, he is the first metrosexual man in history. He is aware of his divine status, but doesn't rub it in, preferring a mortal lifestyle. Moreover, except for the fabulous motivational speech set to poetry that's the Geeta, which he uses as a last resort to kickstart the wimpish Pandavas, he doesn't even sermonize at the drop of a hat. He is comfortable with women and has a beautiful platonic relationship with Draupadi, establishing that men and women can be friends and equals, something that the testosterone-charged male characters did not display. His complete surrender to his lover, another married woman Radha, beats all stereotypes. He is a true feminist. He shuns the throne, and supports a republic. In fact, the Mahabharata could be seen as a battle between two political ideas, the republic of the Yadavas versus the Monarchy of Jarasandha, where the Kuru Pandavas were mere pawns. So we have a true democrat. Despite being a masterly warrior, he prefers to change his capital rather than needlessly expose his citizens to war, preferring the ignominy of being called a coward, the Ranthambore, to glory in battle. He was the original peacenik. He was extremely loyal to his friends, whether Sudama or Arjun or Draupadi, and could be the originator of the bro code. He helps his sister elope with her lover, facing the wrath of his family for breaking her arranged marriage with a powerful king. How cool is that! A very mischievous child, wild youth makes him very human, no goody goody milksop like his earlier Avatar Ram or a mad max like the even earlier Parasuram. He also lived a good life, enjoying material pleasures and a generally chilled out lifestyle, not obsessing over his duties, whilst at the same time being the mastermind at all political games and providing exemplary governance to his people. He manipulates the entire war, whilst apparently driving a chariot. He displays mastery over Art of War. The greatest motivational speaker of all time, he gets Arjun to get over his last-minute nerves and creates a masterpiece in the process. A poet cum Management Guru, can you beat that? Finally, he ends his life in obscurity, killed by a stray arrow, his family scattered. This shows that he didn't believe in a dynasty or legacy that bestows special privileges on your lineage". THAT'S SHREE KRISHNA! 🙏👁️



Bathrooms, restrooms, the loo!! Adwait Pandey, IX

Bathrooms, restrooms, the loo—whatever you wish to call it—are a very important part of human life. In fact, the average person uses the washroom for 813 days in total! Oh, what would we do without them? What can we do without good ones? What are we supposed to do if they are downright suffocating?

And that, my dearest reader, brings us to the real meat of the piece today: the Manik Public School and its very public restrooms. We are all well aware of the dire conditions our precious washrooms are in; it only takes one step and a sense of smell to find out. For the sake of humanity and since a reminder is one of the last things the Manikian desires, I will omit the gory details.

While we are certainly receiving a brand new installation of the restrooms, the date of their inauguration remains to be determined. That implies that their construction will require a significant amount of time. That is less than ideal. Perhaps until then, we should attempt to engineer temporary fixes? One that quickly comes to mind is proper ventilation. Another one is maintaining cleanliness. This is where you, the reader, gets involved.

The Japanese have a tradition, one that might not sound very pleasant, but certainly is effective. Essentially, all students clean their schools, including the washrooms, for fifteen minutes after academic hours. Their line of thought is undeniably correct: "If you have the right to use it, you have the duty to maintain it". There are many long-term advantages to this line of thought, far more than just clean bathrooms.

So, fellow Manikians, why not take matters into our own hands? Let us demand decent ventilation and get our own hands dirty for the greater good. Allow me to conclude this piece with a short verse;

Restrooms are great!
Perhaps not in their current state,
But we can fix them, you and I
We just have to give it a try!

NOTE: After reading this article the school management got into action and November sees cleaner building with new washrooms coming up soon.

November: A Month of Transition and Reflection By - Editorial Board

November, the eleventh month of the year, holds a unique position in the calendar as a time of transition. It sits between the vibrant colors of autumn and the onset of winter in the Northern Hemisphere, offering a moment of reflection before the hustle and bustle of the holiday season.

The Change of Seasons

In many parts of the world, November marks the deepening of autumn. Trees shed their remaining leaves, blanketing the ground in a mosaic of golds, oranges, and reds. The days continue to shorten, and temperatures dip further, ushering in the crispness of late fall. For people in colder regions, November signals the imminent arrival of winter, with the first frosts and sometimes even snowfalls making an appearance.

However, for those in the Southern Hemisphere, November is a month of late spring, with warmer temperatures, blooming flowers, and longer days. This contrast between the two hemispheres adds a dynamic aspect to the month's significance.

Themes of Reflection and Gratitude

November is often associated with reflection and gratitude. In countries like the United States and Canada, the month plays host to major holidays centered around giving thanks. In the U.S., Thanksgiving Day—celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November—has become a cherished tradition, where families and communities gather to share a meal and give thanks for the blessings of the past year. It's a time to pause and appreciate the things that matter most: family, friends, health, and the simple joys of life.

In Canada, Thanksgiving is celebrated earlier, but the themes of gratitude remain the same. In both countries, the act of giving thanks in November serves as a reminder to slow down and appreciate the present, especially in a world that can often feel busy and overwhelming.

A Time for Preparation

Beyond its themes of reflection and gratitude, November is also a month of preparation. As the end of the year draws near, people begin to look ahead to the coming holiday season. Stores start decorating for Christmas, and individuals begin to plan their holiday festivities. For many, it's also a time to reflect on the year that's passed, assess personal goals, and make resolutions for the coming months.

In the workplace, November marks the beginning of the end of the fiscal year for many businesses, prompting a rush to complete projects, finalize budgets, and close deals before year-end.

Notable Days and Events

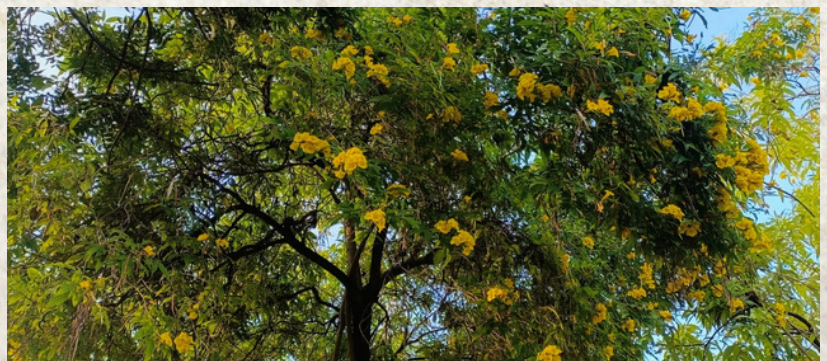
November is filled with observances, both national and global. For instance:

All Saints' Day (November 1) and All Souls' Day (November 2) are significant religious observances for many Christian communities, dedicated to honoring saints and remembering the deceased. Remembrance Day (November 11) is observed in Commonwealth countries like Canada, the UK, and Australia to commemorate the end of World War I and honor fallen soldiers. Veterans Day in the U.S. (November 11) serves a similar purpose, recognizing the sacrifices made by military veterans. In addition to these solemn observances, November also brings World Diabetes Day (November 14), International Day for Tolerance (November 16), and Thanksgiving Day (the fourth Thursday of November in the U.S.), among others.

The Spirit of November

November may seem quieter than its holiday-heavy cousins, December and October, but its quietude gives it a unique charm. It is a time to savor the slower pace of life, embrace the seasonal changes, and reflect on both personal and collective history. As we transition into the final weeks of the year, November invites us to consider the value of gratitude, the importance of rest, and the need for preparation.

Whether it's through family gatherings, personal reflection, or community observances, November provides a space for growth and connection, setting the stage for the festive months that follow.



Poem on Winters By - Department of Marathi

हिवाळ्याची सर आली, गार वारा सुटला,
धुंदीच्या पांढऱ्या धुंदीत, धरणी नवी गंधली.
धुंद लागली छान कापडी, साजले सगळी लोक,
ठंडी वाऱ्यांतही धग राही, चांगली उबदार होक.

अंबर गडद, मृदू सुगंध, शेतांवर शून्य आलं,
मिटला चंद्राचाही रस्ता, धूसर धुंदीचा झंझाळा.
झाडांच्या पानांत कुंडली उडता, निसर्ग समंजस झाला,
आनंदाचा शिंपला धरा, हिवाळ्याची गोड गाथा.

वाद-विवाद: कितना आवश्यक है?

- संपादकीय

वाद-विवाद (Debate) समाज में विचारों के आदान-प्रदान और विभिन्न दृष्टिकोणों को समझने का एक महत्वपूर्ण तरीका है। यह किसी भी मुद्दे पर विचार-विमर्श के माध्यम से बेहतर समाधान खोजने का एक प्रभावी तरीका हो सकता है, लेकिन यह तब आवश्यक और लाभकारी होता है जब इसे सुसंस्कृत और सकारात्मक रूप से किया जाए।

वाद-विवाद का महत्व विचारों का आदान-प्रदान

वाद-विवाद के माध्यम से हम विभिन्न विचारों, दृष्टिकोणों और तर्कों को समझ पाते हैं। यह हमें अपने विचारों को स्पष्ट करने, उन्हें मज़बूत करने और दूसरों के विचारों को जानने का अवसर देता है। इस प्रक्रिया से हम अपने दृष्टिकोण में सुधार कर सकते हैं और अधिक संतुलित राय बना सकते हैं।

समाधान की खोज

किसी भी समाज में समस्याओं का समाधान तभी संभव है, जब विभिन्न दृष्टिकोणों पर विचार किया जाए। वाद-विवाद के दौरान, दोनों पक्ष अपने तर्कों को प्रस्तुत करते हैं, जिससे समस्याओं के समाधान की दिशा में नई विचारधाराओं का जन्म होता है। यह न केवल व्यक्तिगत स्तर पर, बल्कि सामूहिक रूप से भी विकास की प्रक्रिया को तेज करता है।

संचार कौशल में सुधार

वाद-विवाद एक व्यक्ति के संवाद कौशल को बेहतर बनाने में मदद करता है। इसके द्वारा व्यक्ति को अपने विचारों को स्पष्ट, संक्षिप्त और प्रभावी तरीके से प्रस्तुत करने की कला सीखने को मिलती है। यह कौशल जीवन के विभिन्न पहलुओं में उपयोगी साबित होता है, चाहे वह पेशेवर जीवन हो या व्यक्तिगत रिश्ते।



समाज में जागरूकता और शिक्षाप्रद प्रभाव

वाद-विवाद समाज में जागरूकता बढ़ाने का एक साधन हो सकता है। जब लोग विभिन्न मुद्दों पर बहस करते हैं, तो इससे समाज में महत्वपूर्ण मुद्दों पर चर्चा होती है और लोग अधिक सचेत और शिक्षित होते हैं। यह सामाजिक सुधार की दिशा में भी योगदान करता है।

वाद-विवाद में संतुलन की आवश्यकता

हालांकि वाद-विवाद के कई लाभ हैं, यह महत्वपूर्ण है कि इसे संतुलित और सकारात्मक तरीके से किया जाए। जब वाद-विवाद में अत्यधिक गर्मागर्मी, व्यक्तिगत हमले या अनावश्यक उत्तेजना आ जाती है, तो यह संवाद के उद्देश्य को नुकसान पहुंचा सकता है।

सुसंस्कृत और सभ्य तरीका

किसी भी वाद-विवाद में सभ्यता और सुसंस्कृत तरीके से बात करनी चाहिए। यदि दोनों पक्ष सम्मानपूर्वक एक-दूसरे के विचारों को सुनते हैं और तर्क प्रस्तुत करते हैं, तो वाद-विवाद से सकारात्मक परिणाम निकलते हैं।

ध्यान से सुनना

एक अच्छे वाद-विवाद में न केवल बोलना, बल्कि दूसरे की बातों को ध्यान से सुनना भी जरूरी है। यह न केवल हमें अपने तर्क को सशक्त बनाने में मदद करता है, बल्कि हमें सामने वाले के दृष्टिकोण को समझने का भी अवसर मिलता है।

नतीजे पर ध्यान केंद्रित करना

वाद-विवाद का मुख्य उद्देश्य जीतना नहीं, बल्कि सबसे अच्छे समाधान तक पहुंचना होता है। इसलिए हमें नतीजे पर ध्यान देना चाहिए, न कि केवल व्यक्तिगत आत्मसंतोष पर।

निष्कर्ष


वाद-विवाद समाज में विचारों की विविधता को समझने, समस्याओं के समाधान की दिशा में कदम बढ़ाने और संचार कौशल को बेहतर बनाने का एक प्रभावी तरीका है। हालांकि, इसका सही उपयोग तभी संभव है जब इसे समझदारी, संतुलन और शालीनता के साथ किया जाए। वाद-विवाद केवल तब महत्वपूर्ण है जब यह सकारात्मक परिणामों की ओर अग्रसर हो, न कि केवल बहस और विवाद के रूप में।



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