

Editorial #

The Legacy of Gurus and Teachers in India

"Teachers are the architects of our future, building bridges of knowledge and wisdom that connect us to our dreams and aspirations'.

In India, the reverence for teachers has deep roots that stretch back to ancient times. The legacy of gurus and teachers in Indian culture is a testament to their pivotal role in shaping society and guiding the path of knowledge and virtue. Historically, India's educational system was profoundly influenced by revered figures like Guru Dronacharya and Acharya Chanakya etc.

Guru Dronacharya, the eminent teacher of the Mahabharata, was not only a master of martial arts but also a paragon of ethical instruction. His role extended beyond mere education; he melded the characters and destinies of the Pandavas and Kauravas, emphasizing the holistic development of his students.

Acharya Chanakya, on the other hand, was a sage whose teachings on political strategy and economics profoundly impacted ancient Indian governance. His work, the Arthashastra, remains a cornerstone in the study of statecraft and administration. Chanakya's insights into leadership, morality, and societal structure highlight the enduring importance of a teacher's role in shaping the intellectual and ethical frameworks of a nation.

In modern India, the essence of this legacy continues. Today, teachers are seen as torchbearers of knowledge and values, adapting ancient wisdom to contemporary contexts.

They play a critical role in not only imparting academic knowledge but also fostering critical thinking, creativity, and ethical responsibility among students. The essence of teaching remains profoundly influential. Teachers now navigate a landscape of rapid change and technological advancement, but their core mission—to inspire, educate, and foster critical thinking—remains unchanged.

They are not only educators but also mentors and motivators, playing a pivotal role in shaping a progressive society. Our teachers, much like their ancient predecessors, continue to illuminate the path of knowledge, guiding us towards a brighter, more informed future. From the early years of learning to the later years of growth, teachers are the guiding lights who shape our minds, foster our creativity, and inspire us to reach for the stars. They are the architects of tomorrow, building a foundation of knowledge, skills, and values that will serve us well in the years to come.

Teachers' Day is celebrated on September 5th to commemorate the birthday of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a revered philosopher, scholar, and educator. Born on September 5, 1888, Dr. Radhakrishnan made significant contributions to education and philosophy, and his legacy continues to inspire educators and students alike. Teachers' Day serves as an occasion to honor educators who dedicate their lives to fostering knowledge and nurturing young minds. It also acts as a reminder of Dr. Radhakrishnan's enduring message: the role of a teacher is pivotal in building a better society. His legacy continues to remind us of the profound impact that dedicated educators can have on individuals and on the world.

So, let us take a moment to express our gratitude to our teachers, past and present, for all that they do. Let us celebrate their commitment, their expertise, and their love for teaching and remember the influence of the great teacher that lasts for lifetime. Shreya Kurmi Happy Teacher's Day! (Dy. School Captain)

### SANSKRIT SHLOK GAAYAN PRATIYOGITA HELD

On 2nd September 2024, the 'Sanskrit Shlok Gayan Pratiyogita' was organized in the Naykan Hall during the morning assembly. The competition saw participation from 6 students, each of whom recited some Sanskrit Shlok with enthusiasm and dedication. Each participant presented a Sanskrit shlok, demonstrating their ability to articulate and interpret the ancient texts. The recitations were met with admiration from the audience, showcasing the students' hard work and dedication.

Mr. Jitendra Tiwari left no stone unturned to prepare students for the event. The panel of judges comprised Ms. Vinit Litoriya and Dr. Kitivardhan Shrivastav. They provided insightful feedback on the recitations, highlighting strengths and areas for improvement.

The principal addressed the assembly, expressing appreciation for the students' efforts and the successful organization of the event. The principal also took the opportunity to explain the meanings and significance of some of the shlokas recited, adding depth to the students' understanding of the texts.

The event was well-attended by students and teachers from classes 5 to 8, reflecting the significance and interest in preserving and celebrating Sanskrit heritage. This event was part of our ongoing efforts to promote and give exposure to the ancient language of Sanskrit among students The aim of the competition was to give students exposure to the Sanskrit language and to enhance their appreciation for its cultural and historical significance. The support from students and teachers also played a crucial role in making the event memorable.



## HINDI VAKTYA KAUSHAL HELD

On September 4, 2024, the Hindi Vaktavya Kaushal activity was organized in the Naykan in the morning hours, where ten students showcased their speaking skills in Hindi on various topics. The students were prepared by Mr. Vinita Litoriya. It was witnessed by 5-8 class students with their teachers. The primary aim was to enhance students' public speaking abilities and deepen their knowledge of the Hindi language. The participants demonstrated notable improvement in their oratory skills, reflecting the effective preparation and guidance provided. This initiative successfully fostered a greater appreciation and proficiency in Hindi among the students.





#### **TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATED**

On September 5th, an auspicious occasion 'Teacher's Day' was celebrated in the Naykan Hall with excitement and feeling of gratitude. As our Indian tradition, the event began with a solemn prayer to seek blessings of the Almighty. This was followed by speeches from both students and teachers. The speakers eloquently highlighted the critical role teachers play in shaping lives and the positive impact they have on their students' futures.



Students warmly welcomed everyone with a melodious welcome song. The performance was followed by a series of entertaining events, including a vibrant dance performance that captivated the audience and showcased the students' appreciation for their teachers.



A quiz was held to test the teachers' knowledge on various subjects, adding an element of fun and competition to the day. This was followed by a special address from the principal, who praised the teachers for their unwavering commitment and contribution to education. In a moment of honor and recognition, all teachers were called onto the stage. The event provided a public platform for acknowledging their hard work and dedication, reinforcing the respect and admiration the school community holds for them. The celebration took a lively turn with a series of friendly sports matches. Gents' teachers faced off against students in cricket and volleyball, creating an engaging and spirited atmosphere. Meanwhile, the ladies' teachers participated in a fun chair race and traditional pittu game, showcasing their enthusiasm and camaraderie.



In the second half of the day, both students and teachers relaxed and enjoyed a selection of movies in the hall. This provided an opportunity for everyone to unwind and bond over shared entertainment.



Adding a unique twist to the celebration, students from the senior classes (11th and 12th) took on the roles of teachers. They conducted classes for middle and primary school students, offering a glimpse into the challenges and rewards of teaching. This activity not only gave students a deeper appreciation for their teachers but also demonstrated their creativity and leadership skills.

The entire program was meticulously planned by The School Captain, Gautam Patel and his cabinet members. Their goal was to show gratitude and respect for teachers through a well-rounded and engaging series of events. Overall, the Teachers' Day celebration at Naykan Hall was a resounding success, filled with moments of joy, respect, and appreciation. The well-organized activities and heartfelt tributes ensured that teachers felt truly valued and celebrated for their integral role in our educational journey.

as our school celebrated, a day dedicated to honoring and appreciating the hard work and dedication of our educators. The celebration was thoughtfully planned and executed, providing a memorable experience for both students and teachersTop of Form

# ENGLISH ELOCUTION COMPETITION HELD

On September 7, 2024, the Interclass English Elocution competition was organized in the Naykan Hall, featuring 17 students who delivered speeches on a range of topics. The judges for the event were Ms. Sonali Yadav and Mr. Sachin Kumar Khan. Mr. Shashikant Dave prepared the participants for their presentations. The event was attended by students from classes 6 to 11 along with their teachers. The principal suggested areas for improvement to further refine public speaking skills. The primary aim of the elocution was to enhance students' public speaking abilities and foster a deeper appreciation for the English language.



# SHORT SKITS STAGED ON 'DAS LAKSHAN PARV'

The Jain festival 'Das Lakshan Parv' means 'the Ten Virtues', a significant ten days celebration, highlights a period of reflection, spiritual growth, and penance. It marks the time when Jains deepen their faith and renew their commitment to the teachings of the Tirthankars. This festival is crucial for self-purification and embracing non-violence, truth, and compassion. These ten virtues that are central to the Jain ethical code are:

**1. Uttam Kshama Dharma (Supreme Forbearance):** Patience and forgiveness are crucial. They protect you

from harm and help you avoid anger and hatred, leading to inner peace.



2. Uttam Mardav Dharma (Supreme Modesty): Humility is essential. It prevents arrogance, fosters genuine

knowledge, and helps build positive relationships.



**3. Uttam Arjav Dharma (Supreme Rectitude):** Honesty and simplicity are virtues that lead to righteousness.



Deceit harms faith and love, while rectitude brings respect and clarity.

**4.** Uttam Satya Dharma (Supreme Truth): Truthfulness is fundamental. It earns respect and trust, while lies lead

to negative consequences and suffering.



**5. Uttam Shauch Dharma (Supreme Contentment):** Contentment and purity come from recognizing one's

spiritual essence and avoiding greed. It leads to a peaceful and revered life.

**6. Uttam Sanyam Dharma (Supreme Renunciation):** Renunciation of worldly attachments and passions leads to

spiritual freedom and acclaim.

7. Uttam Tap Dharma (Supreme Austerity): Selfdiscipline and control over desires purify the soul and lead to

spiritual growth.

**8.** Uttam Tyag Dharma (Supreme Self Restraint): Controlling desires for wealth and power, and practicing charity, brings spiritual bliss and freedom.

9. Uttam Aakinchanya Dharma (Supreme Possession less): Recognizing that material possessions are illusory and focusing on spiritual essence leads to liberation.

10. Uttam Brahmacharya Dharma (Supreme Celibacy): Abstaining from sensual pleasures and focusing on

spiritual wisdom helps overcome worldly attachments and achieves spiritual elevation.

To commemorate this occasion, students performed the short skits based on various ten virtues - 'Das Lakshan' during the school morning assembly, illustrating the festival's importance and teachings of the enlightened souls. Mr. Akhilesh Jain, Mr. Prasant Diwakar, Ms. Pooja Jain and Ms, Ayushi Samaiya prepared the students for the performance. The skit aimed to connect young minds with their cultural and religious roots, fostering an understanding of Jain principles. By engaging students in this manner, the school sought to instill a deeper appreciation for the values of 'Paryushan Parv' and its relevance in modern life, bridging tradition with contemporary learning



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