



# INTELLECTS TALK

*"Intelligence, Integrity, Perseverance, Success"*

BY INTERNATIONAL INDIAN PUBLIC SCHOOL- RIYADH

## From the Principal's desk

Dear Students, Parents and Teachers

Welcome to the first issue of our semi-yearly digital newsletter 'Intellects Talk'. We are elated to share with you the latest news and events happening at our school. With this newsletter, we tried to be as informative as possible, and also made sure to keep it concise and to the point.



We include supporting examples and anecdotes to showcase the hard work our students and teachers put in to make our school what it is today. Whether it is our students winning any competition or excelling in academics, or our teachers coming up with innovative teaching techniques, we wanted to highlight every achievement, big or small.

I take this opportunity to congratulate all students of grades X and XII of the academic year 2022-23 for their excellent board results and wish them best wishes in their future endeavours. Additionally, we have included some compelling visuals in our newsletter to supplement our message. Pictures speak louder than words, and we want to showcase the school spirit and energy that our students bring to our school.

This is to inform the parents that from the academic year 2023-24, we have included Artificial Intelligence from Grades I to VIII to sensitize our students about the latest technologies and how they are being used in different walks of life and prepare them to hone the skills they need to be successful in the 21st century.

We hope parents, students, and teachers will feel excited about what we have in store for them and look forward to another successful year.

With Profound Regards  
**Mohammad Imran**  
Principal

## SCHOOL MANAGING COMMITTEE

**May 23, Tuesday:** We are delighted to inform you that the new School Managing Committee has been formed (2023–2025). Mr. Parvez Imtiyaz Surve will serve as the chairman and Mr. Mohammed Ammar Kazia will be a member of the SMC.

### The Chairman's Message:

Dear Parents and Students,

"An educational institute is not just about bricks, mortar and concrete, but about building character, enriching minds and enriching experiences that last a lifetime."

With immense pleasure and warmth, I welcome everyone to the International Indian Public School and thank you for the trust and responsibility that you have entrusted to our institution. I am equally grateful to the parents for their patronage and belief in us.

Dear Students, as you continue your journey through school and beyond, I want to encourage you to stay motivated and focused on your goals.

Setting goals is one of the most important things you can do to achieve success. When you have a clear idea of what you want to accomplish, it becomes easier to stay motivated and work towards your objectives.

Remember, success is not achieved overnight. It takes hard work, dedication, and perseverance to achieve your goals. Along the way, you may encounter obstacles and setbacks, but don't let them discourage you. Instead, use them as opportunities to learn, grow, and become stronger.

Always remember that you have the potential to achieve great things. Believe in yourself, stay motivated, and work hard towards your goals. With time and effort, success will follow.

I encourage the students to stay disciplined and respectful, and I wish them continued success in life.

With Regards  
**Parvez Imtiyaz Surve**  
Chairman - SMC



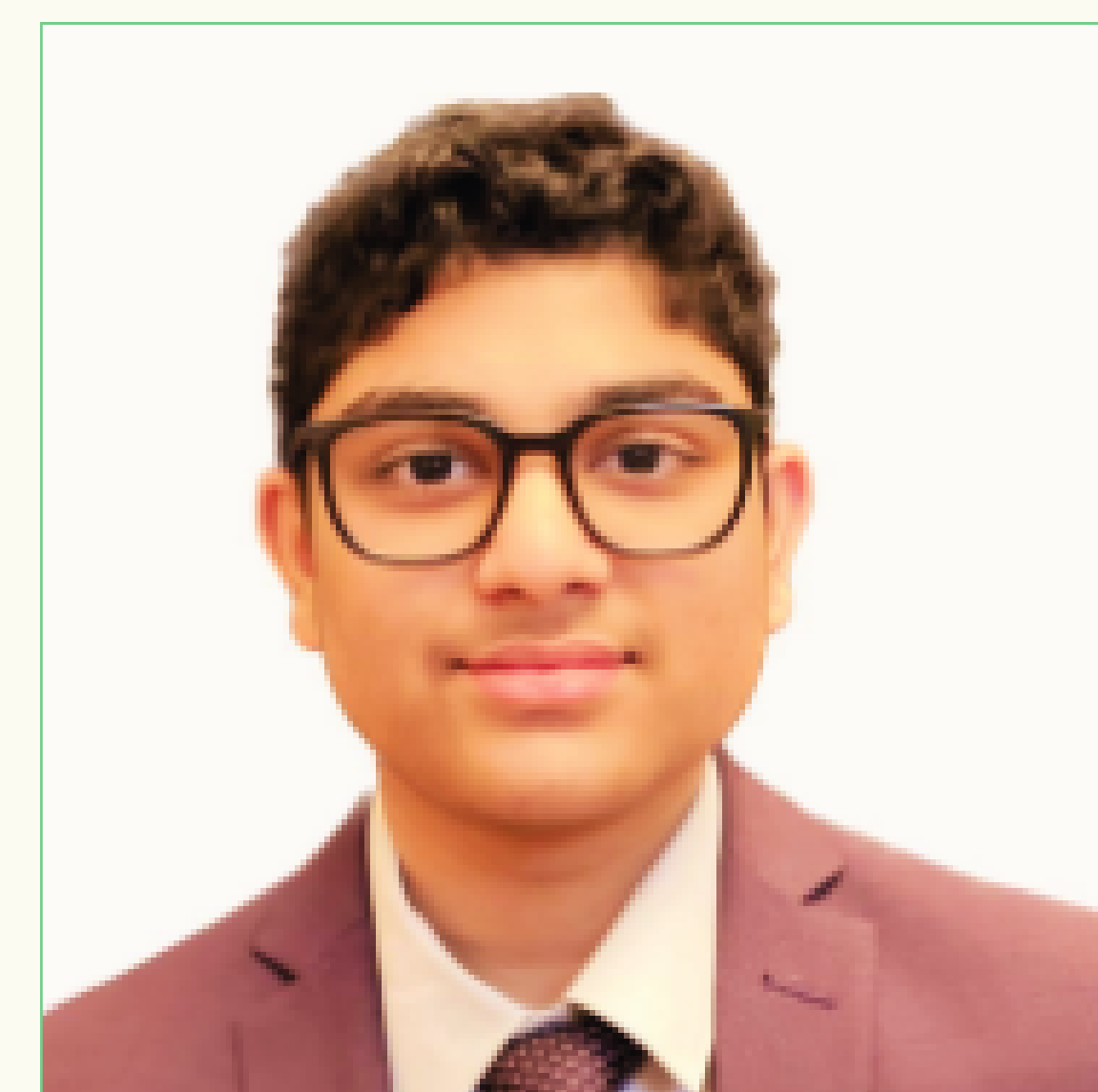
# **CBSE EXAM RESULTS ANNOUNCED: IIPSR STUDENTS EXCEL YET AGAIN**

**May 12, Friday:** Over the weekend, the eagerly expected 2023 Board Examination Results of X and XII were released. Our students have brought laurels to the institution, gratifying the teachers and the entire school with joy and pride.

## **CLASS X**



**Rayan Ali**  
97.4%



**Jugal C.**  
97%



**Juwairiya Thabassum**  
96.4%



**Adwaith G Prasad**  
95.8%



**Ann Mary**  
95.4%



**Siddharth Madhavan**  
95.2%

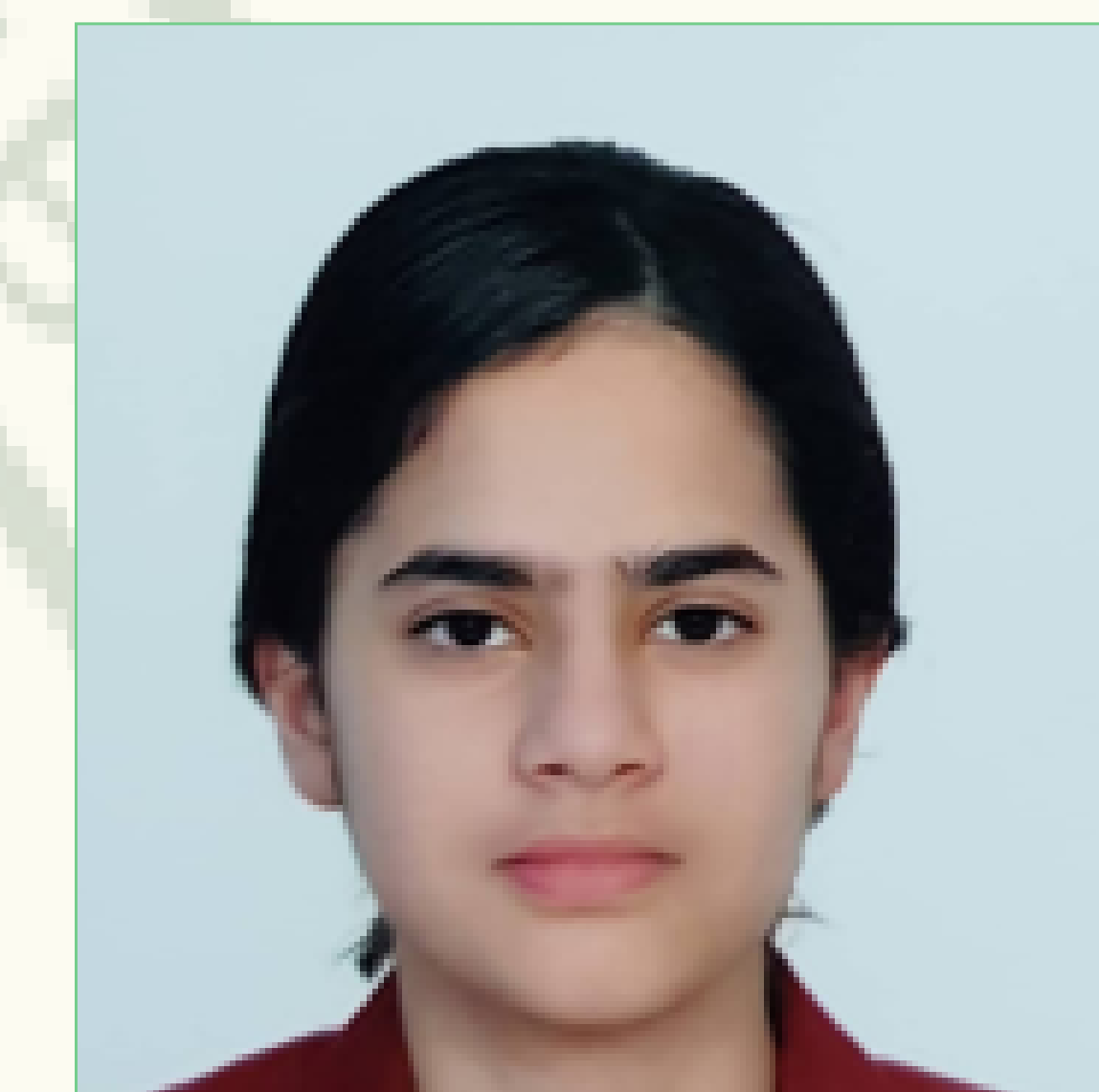
### **Subject Toppers-**

**English-** Juwairiya Thabassum (97)  
**Mathematics-** Chirag Goyal (100)  
**Science-** Jugal C. (97)  
**Social Science-** Rayan Ali & Ann Mary (99)

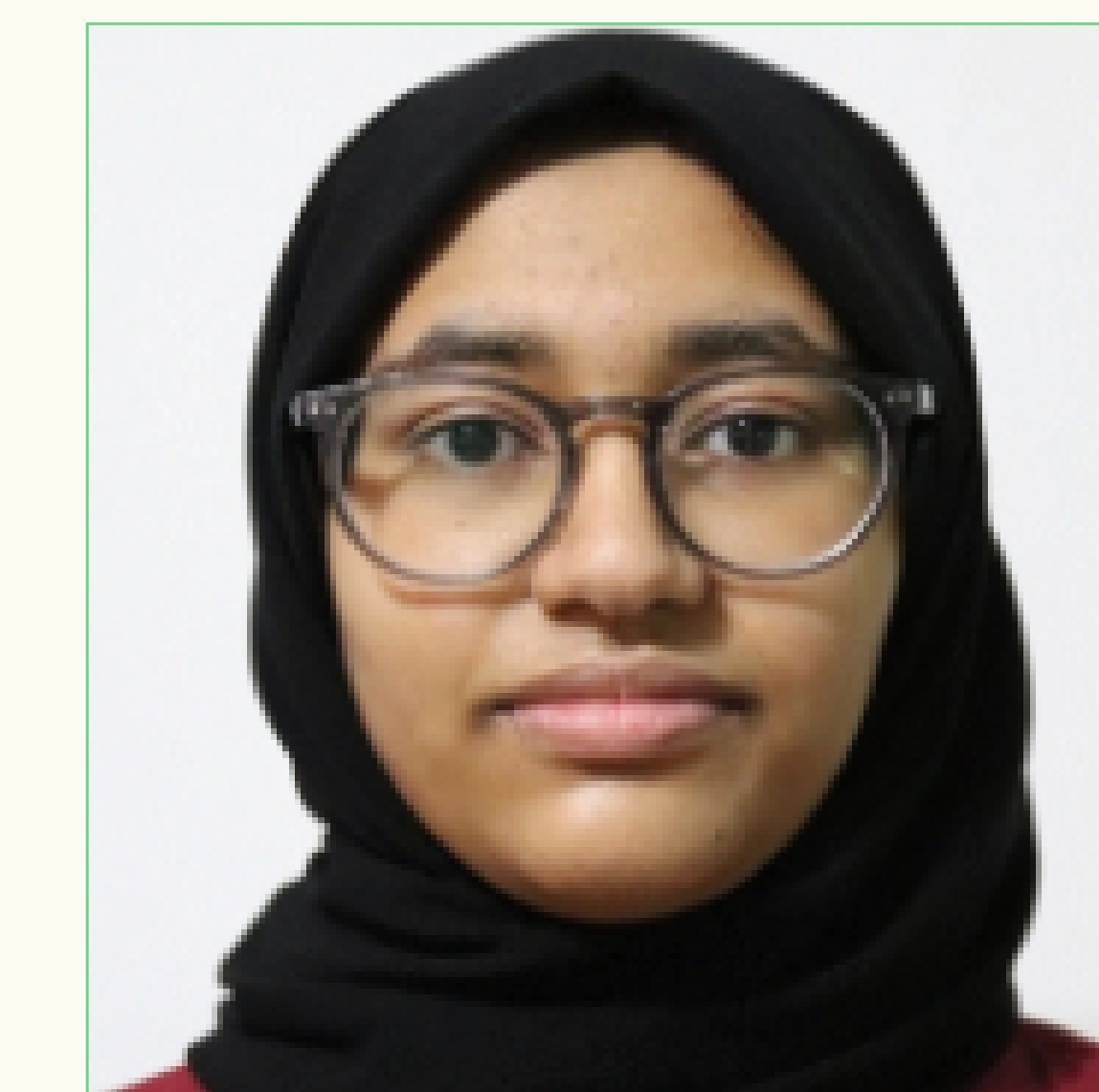
### **Language Toppers-**

**Hindi-** Amtul Haseeb (96)  
**Malayalam-** Rayan Ali (100)  
**Urdu-** Amina Razzack, Mohd. Hamdaan & Maryam Lohani (100)  
**French-** Chirag Goyal (96)  
**Arabic-** Mohd. Ibrahim (99)  
**Telugu-** Chekha Sreshta Sri (93)  
**Tamil-** Siddharth Madhavan (97)

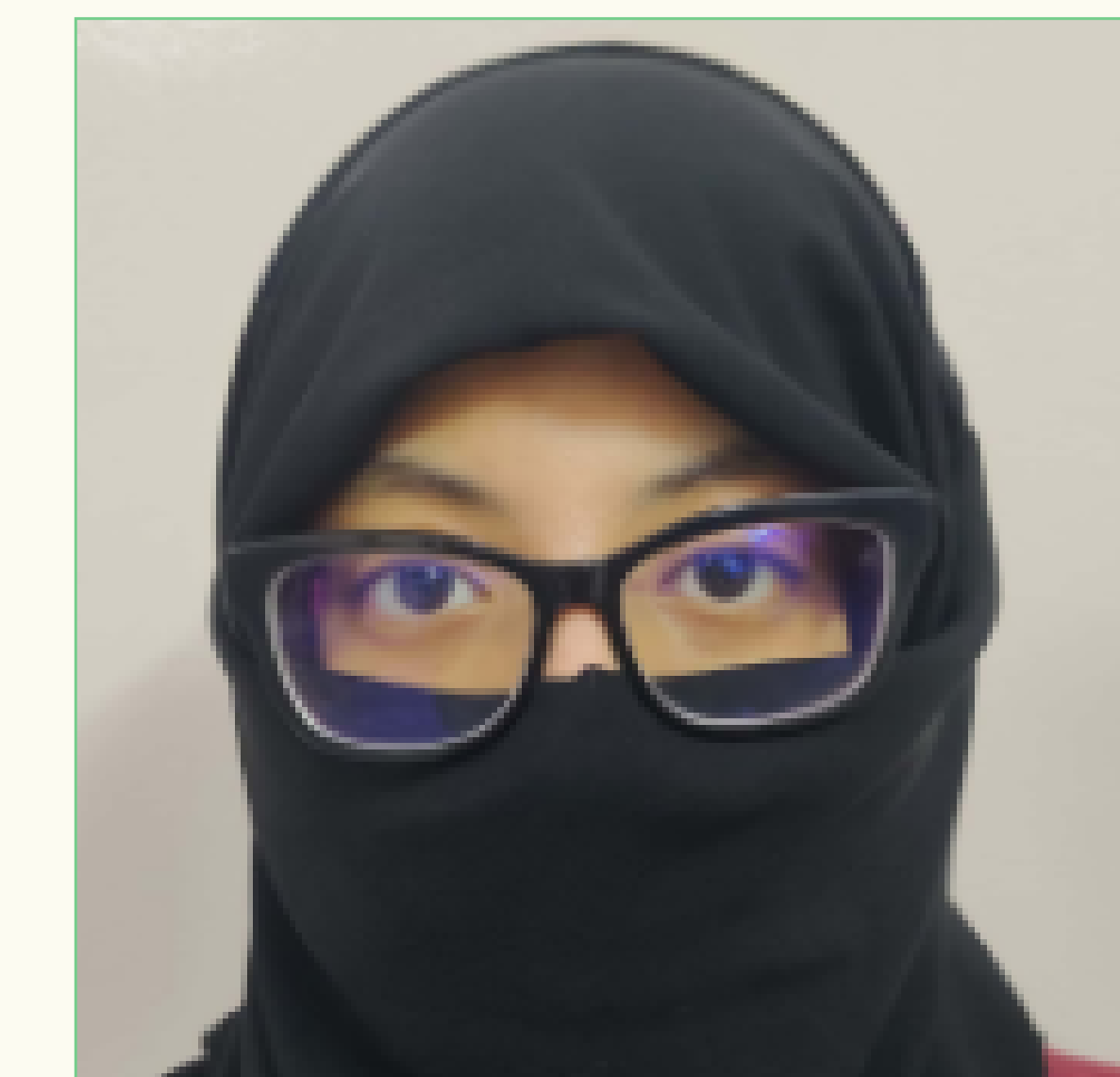
## **CLASS XII**



**Ayat Shoaib Shah**  
95.8%



**Wafa Nawafa Mahmood**  
95%



**Nadaa Khan**  
92%



**Muhamad Muzammil**  
90.8%



**Arisha Saman**  
90.8%



**Sahil Patel**  
89.2%

### **Subject Toppers-**

**English-** Ayat Shoaib Shah, Zakaria Asif Ali (98)  
**Physics-** Ayat Shoaib Shah, Wafa Nawafa Mahmood, Sahil Patel (95)  
**Mathematics-** Nadaa Khan (94)  
**Chemistry-** Ayat Shoaib Shah, Wafa Nawafa Mahmood, Nadaa Khan (95)  
**Home Science-** Ayat Shoaib Shah (96)  
**Computer Science-** Aahil Riyaz, Faraz Rasool (93)  
**Biology-** Ayat Shoaib Shah, Wafa N. Mahmood (95)  
**Physical Education-** Ibrahim Salman Khan (88)

# INVESTITURE CEREMONY: NEW STUDENT CABINET MEMBERS TAKE OATH IN A GRAND FORM

**May 25, Thursday:** The most auspicious ceremonial occasion of the school, the Investiture Ceremony was celebrated on 25 May. New Student Council leaders were chosen after the most recent election. Some candidates faced little opposition, while others faced fierce rivalries!

The newly elected student council members officially accepted their posts, took the oath of office and performed a march-past. The salute was extended by the young leaders to the Principal Mr. Mohammad Imran, Chief Guest Mrs. Asima Saleem, Principal of Yara International School, Guest of Honour Chairman Mr. Parvez Imtiyaz Surve, and SMC Member Mr. Muhammed Ammar Kazia. The title of the Digital Newsletter was revealed at the ceremony, which was a much-anticipated event.



## BOYS

**Head Boy:** Siddharth Madhavan  
**Cultural Secretary:** Rayan Ali  
**Literary Secretary:** Atulya Sood  
**Sports Captain:** Mohammad Aayan S. K.

## GIRLS

**Head Girl:** Abrina Hussain  
**Cultural Secretary:** Juwairiya Thabassum  
**Literary Secretary:** Haniyah S. Umar  
**Sports Captain:** Samiya Fatima

### TOPAZ

**CAPTAIN**  
M. Umair Ahmed (Boys)  
Amtul Haseeb (Girls)

**VICE-CAPTAIN**  
Jubel Benny (Boys)  
Pranavi Pradyu (Girls)

### EMERALD

**CAPTAIN**  
Saad Nasir (Boys)  
Fatima F. Khan (Girls)

**VICE-CAPTAIN**  
M. Nabeel (Boys)  
Aleena F. Ahamed (Girls)

### SAPPHIRE

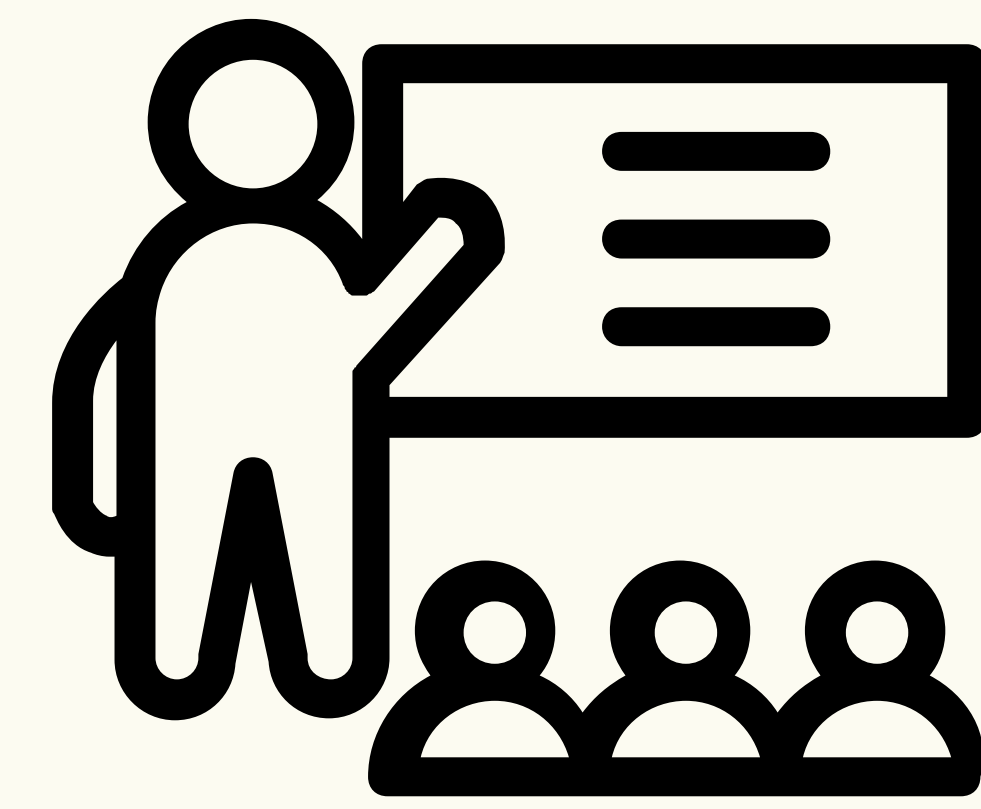
**CAPTAIN**  
Misbah S. Khan (Boys)  
Afifa Shabir (Girls)

**VICE-CAPTAIN**  
Harshit Reddy (Boys)  
Syeda Manaal (Girls)

### RUBY

**CAPTAIN**  
Amith Simhan (Boys)  
Arshiya Hadis (Girls)

**VICE-CAPTAIN**  
Hamza Khan (Boys)  
Haripriya S. (Girls)



## From Little Seeds To Mighty Trees

Kindergarten is a fun and memorable period for our kids because it may be the first stage established for the little ones to peek into this incredible world. At IIPSR, we are dedicated to providing a secure, supportive, and enjoyable atmosphere that lays a solid foundation for developing affectionate, social, kind, cooperative, generous, and disciplined behaviours.

The kindergarten Graduation Ceremony is unique because it preserves innocence, marks the beginning of a journey, and inspires dreams that have yet to be realized. The UKG class celebrated their transition into the new year with proud expressions, maroon clocks, and maroon hats to symbolize their success and advancement. The UKG students presented class-based performances comprising a range of dances, songs, and speeches. The chief guest, Mrs. Meera Rahman, the principal of IISR, expressed her happiness at the blooming buds.

The LKG and Nursery children made the end of the year memorable with their performances. The Nursery kids dressed up for a fancy dress competition on March 19, 2023, and the LKG kids participated in the LKG Got Talents Competition. The success of the event was due to the support of the parents, teachers, staff, and assistants.

**Mrs. Sabiha**  
Supervisor - Kindergarten

## SCC: Providing Inclusive Education to Special Children

\*Whatever an education is, it should make you a unique individual, not a conformist.\*

Special Care Centre (S.C.C.) is a part of the International Indian Public School that offers inclusive education to specially abled children. The Centre helps them develop their physical, mental, cognitive, social, and academic skills through various activities, teaching strategies, and individualized plans. The Centre also teaches them self-help skills to be more independent in their daily lives. The Center arranges competitions and outings focused on subjects that are pertinent to the pupils.

Students are integrated partially for extracurricular and co-curricular activities. At the same time, the children learn core subjects and appear for assessments in the mainstream with the support of Special Educators and specialized support staff.

**Naazia Zafar Shaikh**  
Supervisor - SCC



## EVENTS REPORT



"Extracurricular activities are an essential part of every student's academic journey, and our school offers a plethora of options that cater to students' interests beyond the classroom.

In addition to celebrating Saudi National Day, Teacher's Day, Children's Day, Gandhi Jayanti, and Republic Day, our school has also organized various grade-specific activities for students of grades IV – VIII and IX-XII to foster personal growth and enhance their overall educational experience.

### Grades IV-VIII

- Drawing & Coloring Competition
- Kho-Kho (a traditional Indian game)
- Holy Quran Recitation/Singing
- Basketball (girls)
- Throwball (Boys/Girls)
- Hand Ball (Boys)
- English Public Speaking
- Spelling Bee
- Running Race
- Badminton
- Indian Heritage & Current Affairs Quiz
- Inter House Football (boys)
- Throw Ball (Girls)
- Inter House GK & Current Affairs Quiz
- English Creative Writing
- Hindi Essay Writing

### Grades IX & XII

- Inter House Basketball (Girls)
- Cricket (Boys)
- Drawing & Painting
- English Debate
- English Essay Writing
- Subject-wise activities
- Football Inter House
- Throwball (Girls)
- Science Quiz
- II Lang Essay Writing (Grades IX-IP)
- Current Affairs & General Awareness Quiz (Grades IX & X)
- Science Quiz (Grades XI-XII)

Our school also runs SEVA GAVEL CLUB for students of Grades VI–XII. The club provides a safe and supportive environment for young people to develop their communication and leadership skills, often through a structured program of speeches, evaluations, and other activities.

# Glimpses of Primary Section

"Learning is not the product of teaching. Learning is the product of the activity of learners." -John Holt

Our school explores activities that offer the overall development of children.

The academic year 2022–23 was an eventful year for the students of grades 1-3. Numerous inter-class competitions were organised to cater to diverse academic concepts and make learning a pleasurable experience. Special programs and celebrations were held throughout the year to celebrate different cultural and national events like Saudi National Day, Teacher's Day, Viswa Hindi Diwas Educational Day, Gandhi Jayanthi and Republic Day.

The competitions and events held were: Drawing and Coloring, Card Making, English and Hindi Poetry Recitation, Word Search/Crossword Puzzle, Spelling Bee, Math Rapid Fire, General Knowledge Quiz, Master Chef, Creative writing, Fruit Salad Day and Sports Day,

Sadia Farooqi  
Supervisor - Primary Section



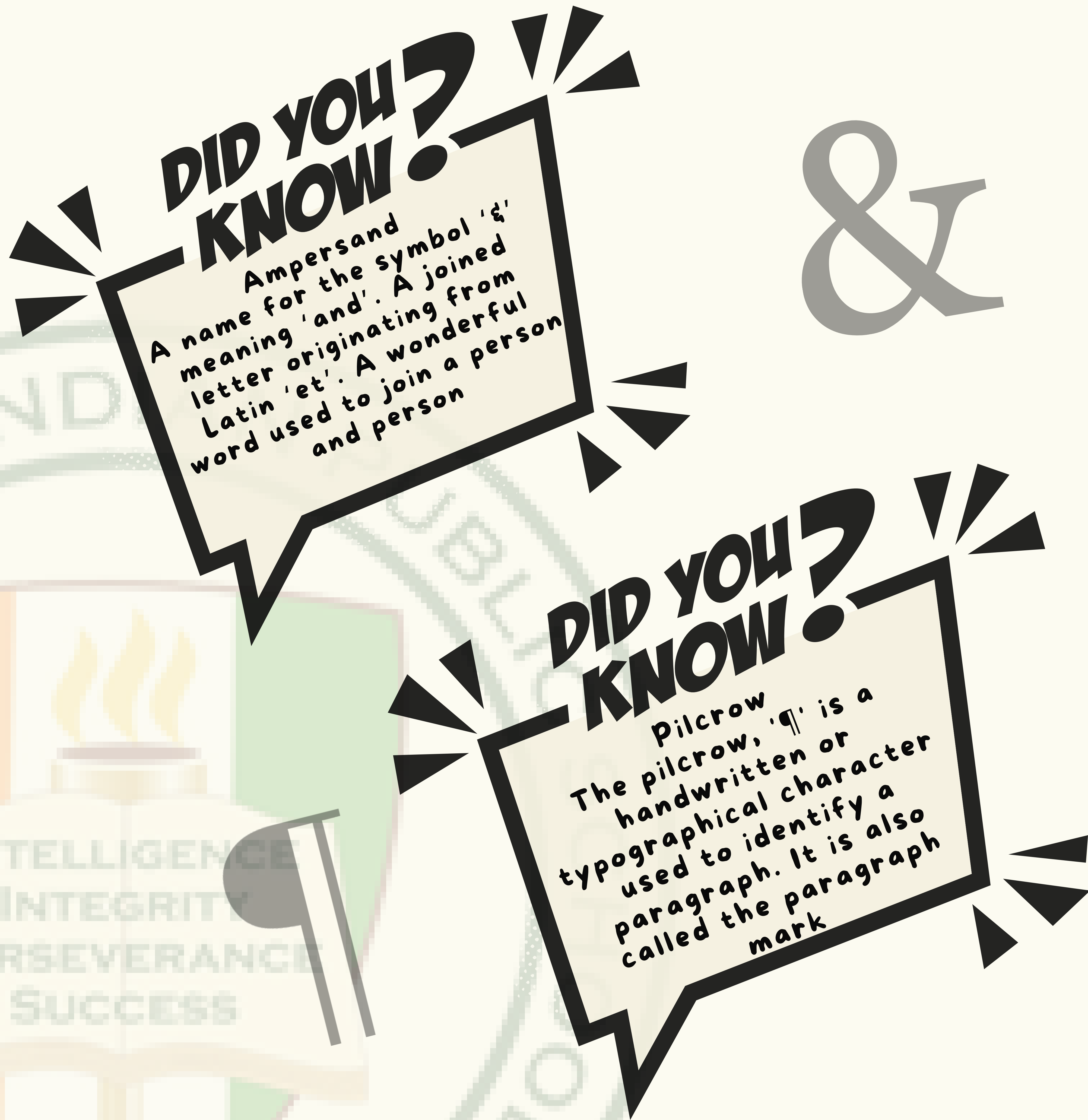
## Tale Of A Mysterious Horse

On a cold Monday night, something woke me up with a startle—a shadow of what seemed like a black horse that looked as if its tail was combed using the finest hair gel. I quickly ran out of my room to see what was happening, but as soon as I reached the front yard, it just vanished!

Then I heard the dinner bell ring. "Hasal, dinner's ready". Yes, that's me. WAIT... Who has dinner in the middle of the night? I rushed to the dinner table, and to my surprise, mom and dad were having dinner. "Why are you having your dinner now?" Right as I asked that, I remembered that they had gone to buy groceries at nine. Well, that day was something else, but the same thing happened the very next day, but this time, I really got hold of the horse—quite literally! I could feel its soft and smooth fur against my fingers. It was as smooth as silk! The next night, just before I went to sleep, I saw it again! It looks like it only appears at night, like a star that fights the darkness in the world! This time I sneaked out... I could hear the horse's slow and steady movement from the other side. I had been as sneaky as a ninja. Suddenly, I swerved, jumped like a cheetah, and grabbed its tail. The rest is a little embarrassing; I was being dragged like a trailer hanging on to a truck while the horse tried to jump and gallop away. I lost control of its tail.Eventually, I had to see this horse someday. The next night, I was determined to find this horse. So, I was packing my stuff because I knew it was going to be a long night. So, as I thought, from afar I could see the same horse running around in circles as if it needed some kind of help. So, I quit everything, dropped the bag I was holding, grabbed my torch, and stormed outside! There was no turning back now, as I had kept a promise to find this horse's true colours and its reason to stalk me from my bedroom window! As I was about 10 meters away from the horse, I started sneaking again, slowing down my pace. Finally, I got hold of the horse, and luckily for me, there were no sudden movements this time. But it felt strange that it had no movement even after I held the horse tightly. Well, this is where my whole theory went haywire, because I could find out that the horse was not stalking me! Rather, she called me for help as the horse's friend was stuck in a giant hole.

So, I returned home quickly and informed my dad about the situation, and right as I said that, he quickly grabbed the longest rope he could find and ran towards the poor horse to save him. I didn't go with him this time because I was already tired from all the running. A few minutes later, Dad walked in and said that we were going to keep the horse for a day or two. We couldn't keep the other horse, as there was no space in our tiny garden.Oh yeah! I almost forgot, the black horse is now living on a nearby farm, where I can go meet and pet the horse whenever I want to. And by the way, her name is Raven!

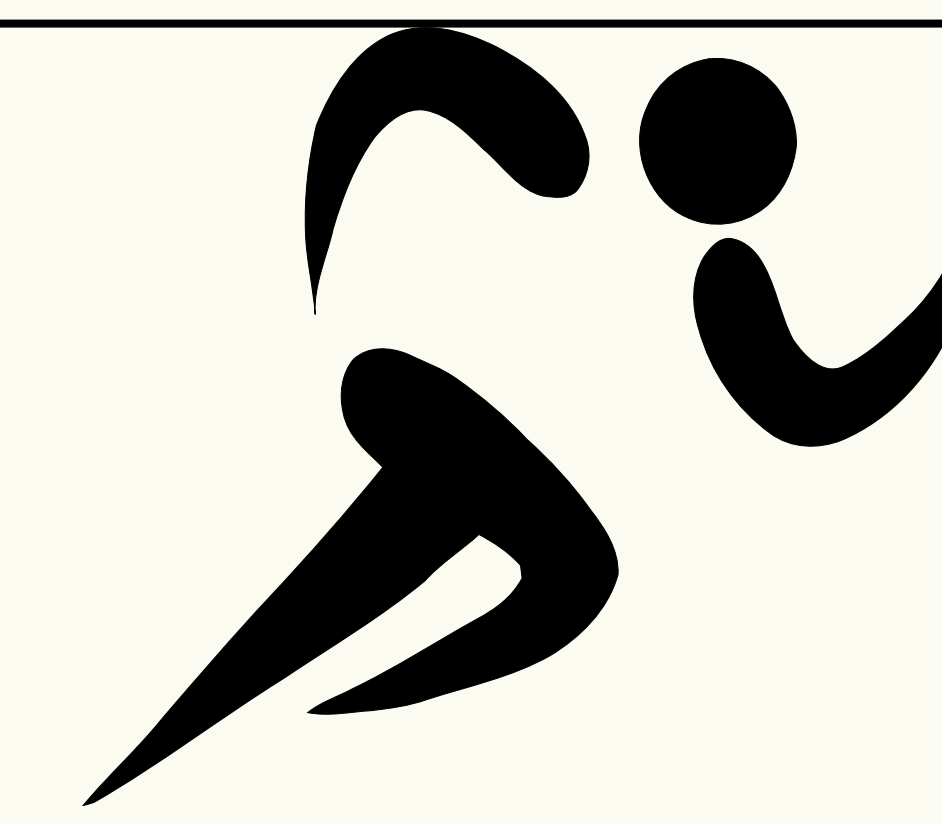
By Nehan Shaji  
IX-C



COMING UP	
<b>GRADE IV-VIII</b>	
3 September	Hindi Poetry Recitation IV-V
4 September	Hindi Essay Writing VI-VIII
14 September	English Debate for VIII

# BEST IN THE FIELD

*A team above all. Above all a team*



## HOOPS, THEY DID IT!

After an amazing and tenacious season, the IIPSR girls' basketball team advanced to the Nationals the previous year. They have shown exceptional talent, teamwork, dedication, and love for the sport. They have inspired the students and made us all proud of their successes.

Here's a short recollection of their experience by Naira Shahdan:

The news that we were approaching Jubail quickly filled the bus like wildfire and it started bubbling with excited chitters and awaiting minds. I still remember the white lettering spelling out 'Jubail' on the green sign board. After we dressed up in our jerseys and tracksuits, we boarded the bus once again to head towards our first destination after reaching Jubail: IIS Jubail school for the inauguration. The schools from all over Saudi Arabia were divided into pools of three. We came first in that whole process after closely defeating DPS Riyadh as well as the IIS Dammam. The Finals, the day we were all eagerly anticipating, was drawing closer than ever. We were informed that DPS Riyadh will serve as our opponent.



Our captain, Sara Jamal, gave us extremely specific instructions, we had to score first. However, we came up short, and they scored first. The tension in the air rose imminently after that. Up to the very last instant when we realized we had won, we were anxious. Hugs were given and received, and happy phone calls were made to the friends and family who were waiting for them back home.

## INTERVIEW SPECIAL

*Miss Sara Jamal who was a dedicated basketball player of IIPS was selected as the captain of U-19 by FIBA 3x3 which was run by SBF -Saudi Basketball Federation. Sara was also the captain of Challenge C. Let's know more about Sara and her accomplishments from her.*

**Do athletes have the same meal plan as regular students?**

No, athletes need special meal plans according to their requirements or game. They need more proteins, Fats, carbohydrates, and other food constituents.

Athletes need more energy as compared to regular students. Lots of wear and tear happen in the body of an athlete while they participate in competitive sports. They have to avoid junk food and cold drinks as these will reduce endurance and strength and also weaken the immune system.

**How do you see yourself 5 years from now?**

First, I'll try to participate in All India University Championship, then I'll work hard to represent basketball national team

**What inspired you to become a basketball player?**

When I was in 5th grade, my father used to train the IIPSR basketball team from then I was inspired to become a basketball player.

**Who trained and inspired you?**

My father gave me training and instructed the fundamentals of the sport. Mr. Arif, my sports trainer taught me basketball's finer points and most sophisticated moves.

My mother, who supported me on the road and taught me how to let go of other people and their unfavorable remarks, is my strongest motivation.

# COMING UP



### GRADE IX-XII

**10 & 11 September** Debates for XII & XI



**12 & 13 September** Debates for X & IX



**20 September** Art and Craft Exhibition



**What do you have to say about the teachers at your school who have helped you all these years?**

I want to express my gratitude to all my teachers, and in particular our principal, Sir Mohammad Imran, for his kind assistance and support. He was always there for my fellow teammates and me when things became tough.

**What advice do you have for your fellow students, admirers, and supporters who may be reading this?**

I would advise perseverance, a balanced diet, consistent practice, and attention to your goal.



## COMING UP



### GRADE I-III

**30 August** Card Making Competition

**18 September** Sports Event-Running Race

**27 September** Hindi Poetry Recitation

# VERSELETS OF IIPSR

*Young talent from the young poets of IIPSR*

## *A Peaceful Seat*

I want to sit in a place,  
Where there is lots of  
space,  
The nature surrounding  
me,  
Makes my mind free.  
The grasshoppers bounce,  
And make a cricket sound.  
The butterflies fly with  
colors,  
That matches the flowers.  
The beautiful creatures,  
That surrounds me,  
It clears my mind,  
of all my worries...

Khalid Faiyaz  
VII-E

## *Goodbyes*

Goodbyes are a bitter pill to swallow,  
Hard to say, harder to follow.  
The fear of loss, the pain of parting,  
Can leave a heart forever smarting.

Maybe forever is just a lie,  
A fleeting memory that will die.  
But promises made and bonds so strong,  
Should last forever, not be gone.

Goodbye, my love, it hurts to let go,  
To watch you leave and feel alone.  
But maybe, just maybe, we'll meet again,  
And forever won't be a memory in vain.

Bibi Khadija  
X-A

## *Interrogating the Bully*

To Me  
I know you are too tall  
I know you are too dark  
I know you are too fat  
I agree you are imperfect  
but I still genuinely adore you.

I know you aren't well-built  
I know you lack a jawline  
I agree you don't match any image which fit the 'beauty  
standard'  
but I still genuinely adore you.

Hurtful teasing, blaming, humiliating  
Height, weight, colour  
They call it 'bullying'

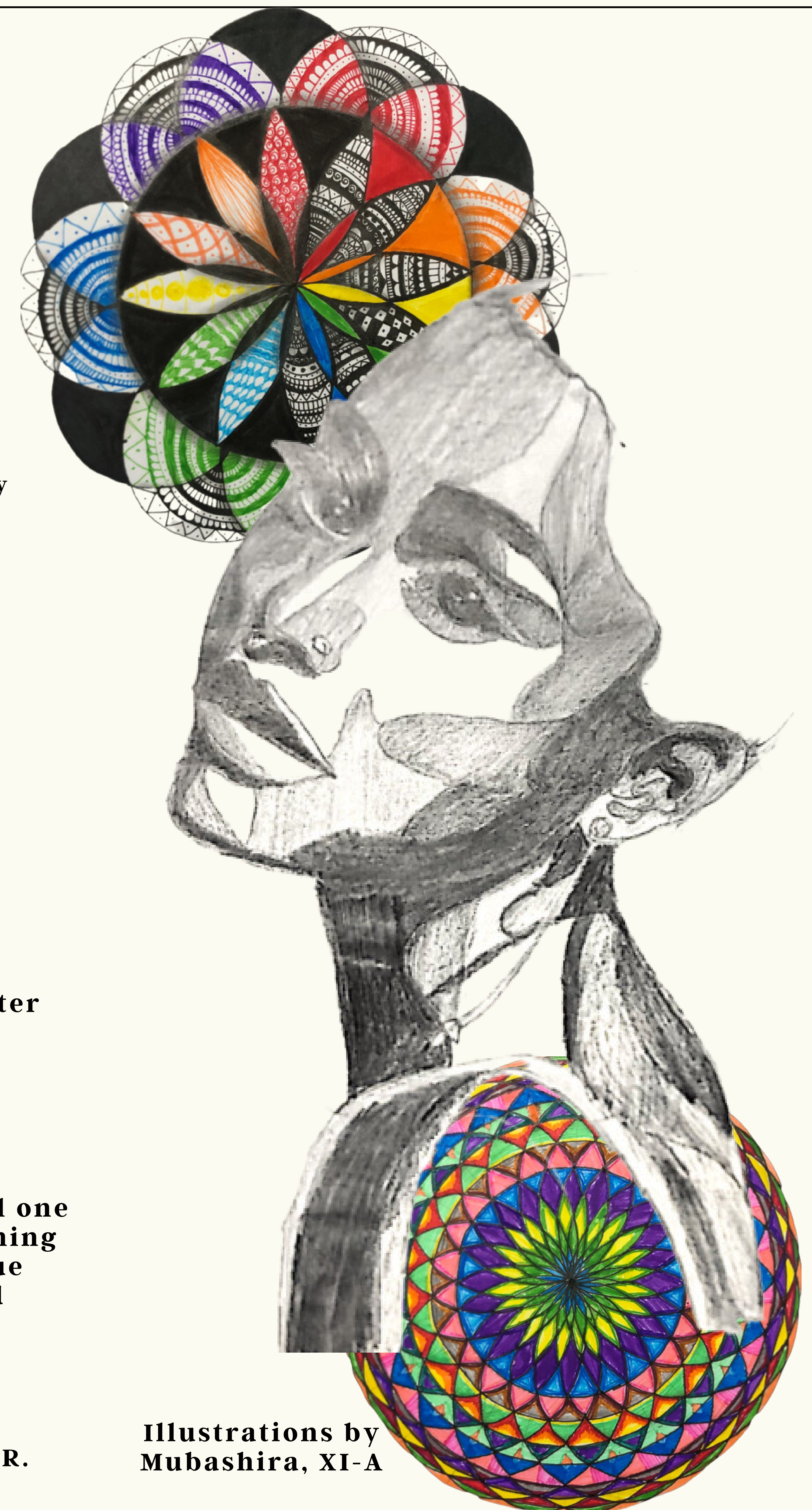
Several queries!!!  
Hello, bully  
Are you flawless?  
Are you muscular and stylish?  
Wouldn't the world be boring and bland,  
If everyone in the world is the same?

Anyqa Abis  
VIII- A

## *Freidnship*

Oh my friend!  
What joy you bring to me  
Your smile makes every day much better  
We shared our fears and  
Felt each other's tears  
You encouraged me when I felt sad  
And made sure I would be glad  
All the time you were beside me  
And you are the special one  
That made my childhood an exceptional one  
You are like the glue that can fix anything  
The bond we share is just very unique  
Our friendship can never be ruined  
You my friend have  
Made me laugh a little harder,  
Cry a little less  
And smile a lot!

P. Nithisha R.  
VII-B



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Mubashira, XI-A

# Literary Laureates



Where thoughts meet the pen

## EDGE OF THE END

This is a story about a man who saved the whole world, but you might not have heard his name.

In 1962, the Cuban missile crisis saw the US and Soviet Union in a potential world-ending standoff. On October 27, three Soviet commanders boarded a submarine off the coast of Cuba. The US Navy had found this submarine and wanted to resurface it. So they began dropping non-lethal bombs in hopes of forcing it to resurface. But little did they know that the Soviet vessel was armed with a nuclear torpedo. The Soviets in the submarine believed they were under attack by the US Navy and that war had broken out. Since they had no communication, they couldn't know anything. Fearing for his life, one of the three commanders decided to launch the nuclear torpedo, which would have started an all-out nuclear war. However, he needed the approval of both commanders to launch the torpedo. One of the commanders had approved the strike. But Vasili Arkhipov said no and saved the entire world with just one word.

There were many more incidents like this. It's crazy if you think about how many times we were on the edge of war, especially if you count the incidents the public doesn't know about and maybe will never know about. Remember, we are standing on the edge of a cliff that can always be broken with a single word!

By Siddharth M.  
XI-B

## A MEMORY LONG GONE

On July 14, 2014, sitting on the rooftop of Mia's house were Amelia and herself. They had been best friends for twelve years now, with Amelia just turning 16 the week before. Sadly, Amelia's dad had now been transferred to a different country. The night before they would leave for good had finally come. Neither of them said a word as they lay heartbroken, silently staring up at the stars. Mia hated the sad atmosphere. She wanted to say something but felt a lump in her throat. Both of them just lay there soundlessly. Fast forward to February 1, 2023, Mia was shopping for groceries when she saw someone. A little girl, barely 5 years old with a reminiscent face. Standing beside the little girl was a woman, a tall brunette with her back turned. Just as the woman turned, Mia was caught by surprise. For a second she completely froze. Shaking her back to reality, there stood Amelia. A face she thought she would never see again with a little girl who looked just like her. Amelia was the same as she was before. She hadn't changed a bit. Amelia greeted her well asking about how she was doing now, but all Mia could think of was about their childhood. Oh, how they had made plans to go on a world tour together and try out different things, having ice cream after school together and playing in the park, doing their homework together, trying to talk in between the classes and always getting scolded by the teacher. Even their inside jokes that no one would ever understand. Snapping back into reality again she realized that all these memories were now long gone and nothing but a thought.

By Afifa Shabir  
XI-A


## NO PLACE FOR HATE

A crime (typically involving violence) that is motivated by prejudice based on religion, race, caste, or similar grounds is a hate crime. Hate crime is something that has plagued our society for centuries, and it's a pity that despite all the popular movements and struggles that have emerged to combat this, it has continued to rise exponentially, especially in recent times. According to the US Department of Justice, over 10,000 single-bias hate crimes have been committed in the US alone. What is even more bizarre is that these crimes are becoming more and more acceptable and justified in today's society. Millions of innocent people are being discriminated against and denied the right to live an equal and lawful life simply because they belong to a particular race, religion, caste, etc. It is profoundly concerning how widespread this kind of hate has become as we increasingly become prejudiced without even realizing it.

It almost seems like we are going backward in time. Everything our ancestors and the world's greatest activists fought for is beginning to be undone. Ideas that discriminate based on race, religion, gender, caste, etc. are becoming increasingly widespread and adopted. Hate crimes not only harm the victim, but they also make the perpetrator a prisoner of hate. It leaves a scar on the community being discriminated against and encourages similar discrimination against the community of the perpetrator. Hate crime does not only affect society at a social or emotional level but has been linked to a decrease in productivity, damage, property losses, etc. According to a Swedish study, the magnification of extremism and hate speech spurs negative emotions toward the target community, which results in real violence and an increase in crime rates. A perfect analogy can be found in our geography textbooks for class X, which state, "Every litre of polluted water pollutes eight times its quantity". Every time someone decides to commit a hate crime, he spurs enough negative emotions in a community to give rise to even more criminals.

Therefore, the need of the hour is for each one of us to stand up against hate crimes. We must introspect and look back at our values, for it is more natural for a human being to love than to hate. We must embrace our positive nature of fraternity and humanism; only then can we make this world a better place to live in.

By Atulya Sood  
XI-B



### Respecting Differences

Although the term dwarf is widely accepted, most dwarfs prefer the terms "short statured" or "little person". The term that offends most people with dwarfism is "midget". Most little people don't mind an inquisitive second look because they realize they look different from the average-size person, but they do mind being pointed to or laughed at - as would anyone with a physical difference.

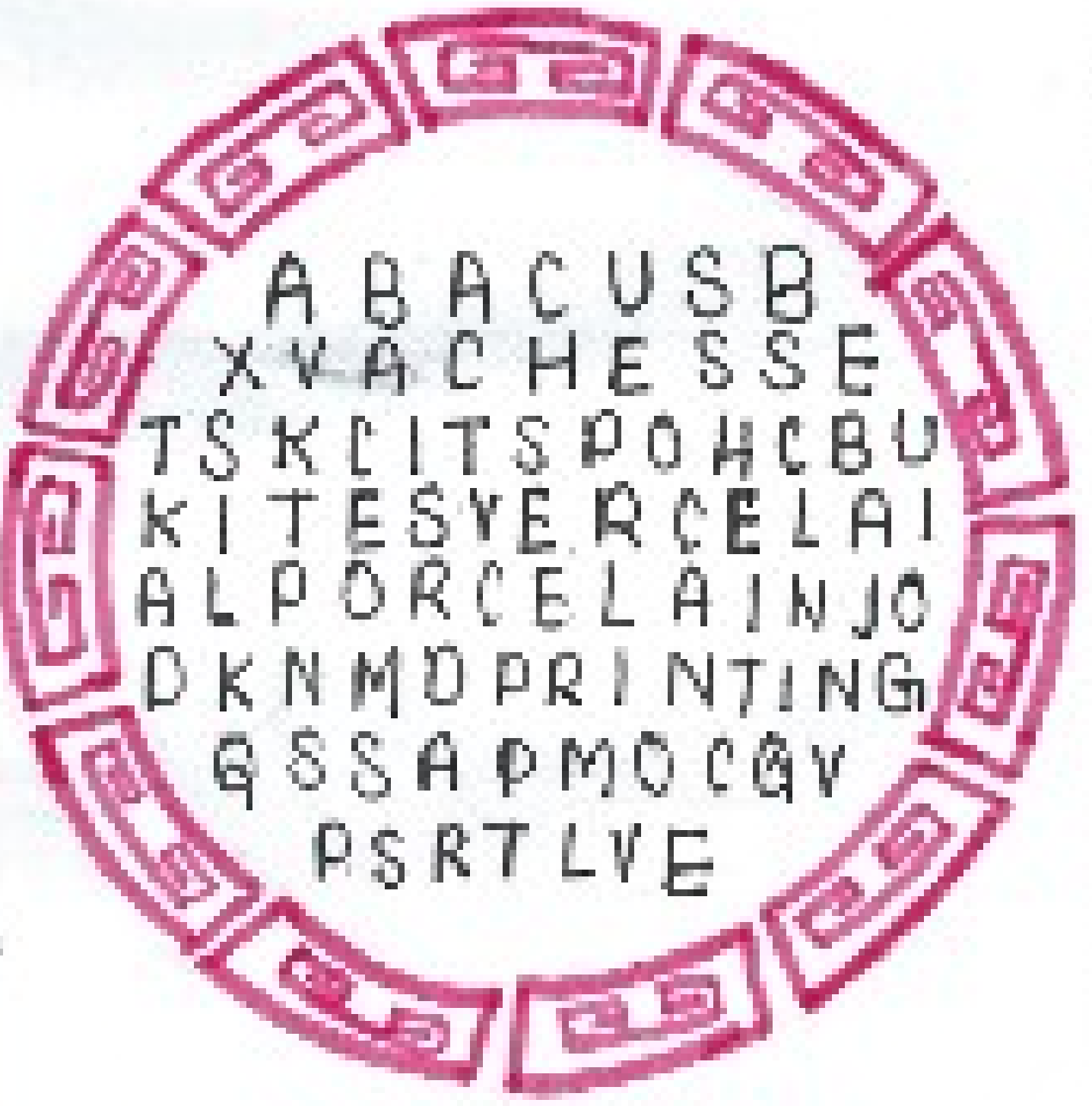
### What is dwarfism?

DWARFISM occurs when an individual person or animal is short in stature resulting from a medical condition caused by slow growth. In humans, dwarfism is sometimes defined as an adult height of less than 4 feet 10 inches (147 cm). Dwarfism can be caused by more than 200 distinct medical conditions, such that the symptoms and characteristics of individuals with dwarfism vary greatly.

### WORD SEARCH

PAPER	COMPASS
CHOPSTICKS	SILK
ABACUS	PORCELAIN
CHESS	KITES
PRINTING	

### CHINESE INVENTIONS



ABACUS  
XVACHESSE  
TSKITSPONCBU  
KITESVERCELAI  
ALPORCELAINJO  
DKNMDPRINTNG  
QSSAPMOCCV  
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By Mariyam Afaq  
VIII -B

# ***AN INSIGHT INTO DR B.R AMBEDKAR'S EARLY LIFE***

Bhimrao Ambedkar is well known throughout India as the chief architect of the Indian Constitution. His efforts to eradicate evil from society were awesome. He was called the ‘Messiah’ of the Dalits and the oppressed in India. He served as the law and justice minister in the first cabinet of Jawaharlal Nehru. He is undoubtedly one of the most spectacular and outstanding luminaries shining in the political and social firmament of Indian history.

His greatness and glory became more phenomenal because of the mean and wretched social conditions he was born into and which he had single-handedly resisted with his emotional, intellectual, and moral power. The extraordinary genius and powers that he exhibited in confronting the various challenges in his early life, education, and work are exciting and exhilarating. His full name is Dr. Bhim Roa Ramji Ambedkar, popularly known as Babasaheb. He was born on 14th April 1891, in Mhow, Madhya Pradesh. He was the 14th and last child of Ramji Maloji Sakpal and Bhimabai Sakpal. His father, Ramji, was in the Indian Army, serving the country.

Ambedkar was born into a Mahar caste. The people in this community were treated as untouchables at that time. Untouchability was so severely prevalent in India in those times that these marginalized people were brutally oppressed and suppressed. Even the children belonging to the lower caste could not go to school due to the poor and mean attitude and viewpoints of society.

However, fortunately, the government ran a special school for all the employees working in the army. So B.R. Ambedkhar’s early education was possible there. After Ramji Sakpal retired in 1894, his entire family moved to a place called Satara in Maharashtra. But just after two years, Ambedkar’s mother died. It was so hard for Ambedkar to study as an untouchable student in those days. In 1897, Ambedkar got admission to Mumbai High School, and he was the first lower-caste student to get admission to that school. In 1907, Ambedkar passed his high school examination. This success triggered a wave of happiness among the people of his caste because it was an amazing episode to pass high school at that time, and it was amazing to have someone from his community achieve it.

In spite of his childhood poverty, his efforts and dedication helped him become the most educated Indian of his generation. Every Indian must feel proud to belong to a country shaped by the incessant and unselfish trials and tribulations of a man born to excel and win against the odds of his own destiny.

"Life should be great, rather than long."

**By Pranav Gopan  
VIII-D**

## ***MY SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENT***

Everything is theoretically impossible until it is done. This was the same case with my science project. So, it all started a few months ago when I started surfing the web for projects to make for the upcoming science exhibition at school. After about a whole week, I finally decided to make an automatic pet feeder. My first task was to prepare a list of parts required for my project. At first, it was very overwhelming to see so many parts on my list, but eventually, I got all of them. I had to go to an electronics store that was quite far away from my house and buy all the parts I needed. Some of them were: a motor, a Wi-Fi module, a motion sensor, and the main CPU that controls it all. I had gotten everything I needed, or so I thought. When I got home, I realized that I had forgotten to buy one key component, a logic-level converter. It’s a device that reduces the voltage that, in this case, was supposed to go to the Wi-Fi module that I’d bought earlier. So I had to order it online. I spent many hours just tinkering around with all the parts and testing them. I also used an LCD screen and pieces of metal to make a base for one of my old toy robots. When it came to the last few days, I started my project. That’s one bad habit that I have, and I know a lot of you have it too: leaving everything to the last minute. If you do, there will be consequences sooner or later. Mine was that I didn’t have enough time to code everything for the Wi-Fi module. So, I had to take out a remote-control sensor from another one of my old toy robots and use it to make my project remote control. This was done with the help of my brother on the same day of the exhibition at around 1:00 a.m. When I woke up in the morning, I was so excited, as the day had finally come.

I got to school a bit late, and most of the tables were already occupied, but luckily, I got a spot next to my friends. First, the principal and the chief guest came and inspected all the projects, including mine. The principal asked a few questions about it, and I was happy to hear that they liked my project. Later, the judges came and asked me a lot of questions, and one of them was, "Did you make this yourself? Be honest." I told them that I had a little help from my brother with the metal base of the project and the code for the remote-control sensor. After some time, a lot of lower-grade kids passed by my project while I was pressing the "feed" button on its remote. I realized that every time I pressed the button and the pet feeder dispensed the food, I would get a "gasp" from the kids. So, I just sat down, relaxed, and kept pressing the ‘feed’ button, and all the little kids passing by were gasping and saying, "WOW!" When I got home, I was exhausted. I told my mom about my day, and she asked me to upload a video on my YouTube channel about my project. If you want to subscribe to it (please do), it’s called NTuberz. But all this was short-lived, as a week later my cat, Nibbles, for whom I had made the pet feeder, passed away. Later, I came to know that I had won first place for my project. I was happy about it, but not that much, as my cat was no more. "Life has its ups and downs, but you can only look forward."

**By Nehaan Ahmed Shah  
VIII-E**

# Where Next?

Here. There. Everywhere!



## The Californian Get Away

The United States is the ideal travel destination for breathtaking landscapes, delectable cuisine, urban sophistication, wildness, cultural diversity, stunning beaches, and much more.

As I journeyed from Los Angeles to Irvine, I was treated to some of Southern California's most stunning scenery. I arrived at Irvine and a must-visit location there is the Irvine Spectrum Center, a massive outdoor shopping centre. Another treasure is Irvine Regional Park, which offers miles of hiking and biking paths in addition to a lake where boating and fishing are permitted. As I made my way toward the park, I was greeted by a stunning view of the Saddleback Mountains and the lush greenery of Orange County. The Irvine Regional Park also features a zoo, a train ride, and many playgrounds, making it the perfect destination for families with kids. And of course, no trip to Irvine would be complete without a visit to the University of California, Irvine, a world-renowned research institution with a thriving student community. Its campus is sprawling and modern, with a wide range of academic programs and facilities. My final destination was the land of magic and wonder, Disneyland in Anaheim. The enchanting castle stood in all its glory, and as I strolled through the streets, the atmosphere transported me to a world of fairy tales. My journey continued to Hollywood, the land of cinema and a world of stars.

Overall, California is the perfect destination for those looking for a mix of relaxation, entertainment, and exploration. Whether you're here for a day or a week, you'll find plenty to keep you busy and delighted.

By Abrina Hussain  
XI-A

## The Land Of Pharaohs

Egypt is a country that has one of the oldest civilizations in the world. Whether you are watching the sunrise from the lofty heights of Mt. Sinai or the shimmering horizon from the terrific safari around Bahariya Oasis, the landscapes of the desert in Egypt are endlessly fascinating.

The capital city of Egypt at present is Cairo, which is located on the coast of the Nile and also a few kilometers away from Giza. One of its famous visitor attractions is the Civilization Museum. It's famous for the ancient Egyptian tools, pieces of equipment, the queen's jewellery, and most importantly, the mummies of the pharaohs. And of course, no trip to Egypt is complete without visiting the Sphinx. An interesting fact about the word 'sphinx' is that it isn't even an Egyptian word; it's a Greek word. The Egyptian name for a sphinx is 'Horemakhet'.

Egypt is a country blessed with half desert and half brine. The coast along the Red Sea has a rugged desert beauty above the waterline and a psychedelic vibrancy below. It is quite rewarding to explore on a multi-day outing to one of the globe's greatest dives or on an afternoon's snorkeling jaunt along a coral wall. The soft white beaches and blue crystal water will surely leave an unforgettable memory and will be the main reasons for your trip back to Egypt.

By Misbah S. Khan  
XI-B

## Kashmir, My Home

Everyone loves their homeland, and so do I. I originally hail from Kashmir, which is a beautiful valley located in the northernmost part of India. In this short essay, I won't bore you with facts and figures but would like to share my very own experience.

I usually visit Kashmir every year during my summer vacations. This is an annual trip that I await and enjoy a lot. After arriving in Kashmir, just as I come out of the airport, I am welcomed by a refreshing fragrance and a cool breeze, away from heat and dust, and then I know that I am home.

I usually go to my grandparents' house first. And the moment they see me and my brother, they rush out and hug us. They also prepare the famous Kashmiri cuisine called Wazwan' for us, and I simply love that.

After a few days, I visit my cousins, and that is what I like the most. We chit-chat a lot and go to many places for picnics, for a drive, and also for trekking.

Last time, I visited various places, such as the famous Mughal Gardens and the Dal Lake, where we took a shikara ride. We also went trekking in the mountains and visited many more beautiful hill stations. Next time, I plan to visit Kashmir during the winter and experience skiing at the famous Bill station in Gulmarg.

You find yourself in the lap of nature, surrounded by lush green meadows, lovely orchards, paddy fields, and Himalayan ranges, not only when you visit certain famous locations but even as you stroll around or drive on suburban roads. Additionally, if it starts to sprinkle, you will undoubtedly swoon.

Indeed, Kashmir is one of the most beautiful places in the world. The Mughal emperor Jahangir rightly said about Kashmir:

"If there is a heaven on earth, it is here. It is here. It is here." If anyone of you is a nature lover, Kashmir is a must-visit place for him.

By Hammad Tariq  
VIII-C

# Alumni Accolades

*With joyful hearts let's remember*



## My Journey through IIPSR

Sitting back here in Kerala, India, and thinking about IIPS, my school, lots of emotions are going through my mind. First and foremost, I miss my school very badly, and not a day passes when I do not complain to my parents about our decision to relocate to India for my higher studies.

School life is one of the most important phases of our lives. It is the period during which one learns the basic principles of life and gains the wisdom that will prepare us for our future. IIPS has taught me all this and much more. When I arrived at school back in 2010 as a tiny 4-year-old, I did not know or even think that this school would become such an important and memorable part of my life. IIPS had been a part of my life for 12 years, and it was only when I left that I realized how much IIPS had influenced me. I have met amazing teachers who have always supported and encouraged me, fabulous friends, who have helped me create some of the best memories of my life, and wise people who have provided me with a strong foundation and the strength and power to face the world. With my hard work and the help of my teachers and parents, and by God's grace, I managed to become the Saudi top scorer in the CBSE Grade 10 Board Examination. I feel extremely proud that I have been able to bring this laurel home for not just myself but my beloved school as well. Every moment I spent at IIPS held a special place in my heart and was filled with learning.

I am extremely thankful to IIPS for everything it has given me, and I will always cherish the memories I made and the people that have entered my life because of IIPS.

**By Malavika S.R**  
**Ex-Student IIPSR**

## Down The Memory Lane

Change is not easy nor is it enjoyable. Reflecting on the last two years, moving to IIPS may have been the best choice.

Meeting new people and adapting to unfamiliar surroundings were always challenging for me. But surprisingly, I had managed to breeze through my time spent there. In a short period, I have come across wonderful teachers who guided and encouraged me to reach my full potential and friends who stood by me and made those two years of my life the best. My struggle and my teachers' continuous aid have led me to success.

My school life was a learning experience. I couldn't get to where I am today without the trust and inspiration it gave me. IIPS has provided me with all the opportunities to learn and grow. Most importantly, it is the place where I was acknowledged for my individuality and uniqueness.

My teachers inspired me to cultivate a healthy attitude that gave me a broad outlook on life. The principal and management of this school were the benign creators of the various opportunities for personal growth that I was provided here.

Now here in California, I sit reminiscing about my school IIPS, I feel that everyone back home was my biggest supporter and only wanted the best for me, which has brought me to The University of California. I'm thankful to all my teachers, friends, administrative staff, above all the Principal Sir and most importantly my family for all their support, guidance and love that they bestowed upon me.

**By Abrez Hussain**  
**Ex Student IIPSR**

## Reflections on my time at IIPSR

My tenure at the International Indian Public School in Riyadh remains an unforgettable experience that instilled in me a high-quality education, laying a solid foundation for my personal and professional growth. After I graduated in 2016, the school offered a challenging and exceptional academic program that equipped me with the tools necessary to thrive in my career. The school was dedicated to academic excellence and provided a rigorous curriculum that demanded students think critically and pursue their interests. Our teachers, highly qualified and passionate about their subjects, went above and beyond to ensure each student received personalized attention and support, nurturing our potential.

The school fostered a culture of innovation and creativity, fostering a supportive and nurturing environment for students to explore their interests and develop their talents. Extracurricular programs such as sports, music, and debate were integral to our growth, allowing us to discover new interests and develop crucial life skills. Furthermore, the school emphasized the significance of community service and social responsibility, teaching us to be empathetic and compassionate towards others and use our education and talents to make a positive impact on society. The emphasis on character development and service instilled in us a sense of purpose and inspired us to be better global citizens.

I was fortunate to have a supportive family and outstanding teachers that provided me with a nurturing environment to thrive both academically and personally. They imparted valuable life skills, instilling in me a sense of purpose and a drive to create a positive impact on society, and equipping me with the tools necessary to succeed. The school's commitment to quality education and personal growth helped me excel in my career. The robust academic foundation and life skills I acquired at the school enabled me to overcome challenges and achieve my goals. I remain grateful for the education and experiences I gained at the International Indian Public School, and I am confident that they will continue to guide me in my personal and professional endeavors. After completing school, I went on to qualify for JEE Mains in 2016, pursuing a B.Tech. in Electrical Engineering. I am currently pursuing my M. Tech. in Controls and Instrumentation from JMI, New Delhi.

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