

## Fiesta: A celebration of change

### IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE A CARNIVAL YOU CAN'T RESIST..

When we hear the word 'Carnival', the very thing that comes in our mind is 'enjoyment' and 'fun'. But do you know how this word 'carnival' came into being? Possibly from the Latin phrase 'Carnem levāmen' which means 'meat dismissal', the word 'Carnival' is of Christian origin and in the Middle Ages it referred to a period following Epiphany season that reached its climax before midnight on Shrove Tuesday.

This coincides with the fact that carnival is the final festivity before the commencement of the austere 40 days of Lent, during which Roman Catholics in earlier times fasted, abstained from eating meat and followed other ascetic practices.

Carnival has its roots in a primitive festival honoring the beginning of the New Year and the rebirth of nature.

Carnival was firstly introduced as a pagan festival in Ancient Egypt. Perhaps the oldest carnival in existence, 'Kukeri' from Eastern Europe dates back to these pagan times.

In Rhineland in 1823, the first modern Carnival parade took place in Cologne.

And so this was the start of the Carnival. Nowadays School Carnivals are a common sight which is being organized by the school management along with the instrumental support of the teachers and students. As it suggests 'winter carnival' is usually being held up between the months of December to February.

School winter carnival gives the much needed break from studies and gives the students an opportunity to indulge in different activities. Many schools organise at least one carnival each year and ensure active participation of the students. It is an opportunity for both the students and teachers to show their talents.

These day Schools also honor the winners of various extra-curricular activities with certificate and prizes, who have shown their talents throughout the year.

Parents are also specially invited to attend the carnival. They also get a chance to get them entertained and refresh them by visiting the carnival with their children.

Overall, the 'School Carnival' provides a day of entertainment away from the tensed class room environment. It brings a feeling of joy and entertainment along with a lot of fun..

*Sutithi Das IX B*

### উৎসবের মজা

উৎসবে আজ মেতেছে মন,  
চারিদিকে আজ নানান আয়োজন।  
হোক না ঈদ, হোক না পূজা কিংবা ক্রিসমাস,  
এভাবেই কাটে যেন বারোটা মাস।  
নতুন জামা, নতুন কাপড় পরতে ভালোবাসি,  
দু হাতে কুড়াবো আজ খুশি রাশি রাশি।  
নানান কাজ, নানান পড়া,  
জীবন আজি ছন্নছাড়া।  
তারি মাঝে উৎসব আসে,  
নাড়িয়ে দিয়ে মনের কড়া।  
আমরা যে ভারতবাসী,  
আমরা উৎসব বড় ভালোবাসি।

*Aryan Abid IX A*

### Breaking Stereotypes

Reducing inequalities and ensuring no one is left behind should be our key motive to achieve sustainable development. Wealth inequality, political inequality, gender inequality are different types of social inequality in India. But nowadays this types of problems are decreasing and many of the people are getting equal rights.

During festivals and occasions, people work together and enjoy themselves but there are certain discriminations visible during the festival too. It's a belief that only men have the power to shoulder the responsibilities and fulfil them.

But today's generation has broken all the stereotypes. Recently during the Durga Puja of Kolkata, female priests are doing all the complex rituals instead of male priests. And even in our area, men and women are shouldering responsibilities and fulfilling that equally. They are working together and making a difference. They are managing their assigned roles with great care. This is a replica of Pre Vedic era where women shouldered complex roles and was respected immensely.

The era of those foolish superstition have gone and the era of strong and accountable women have emerged and they will prosper in future.

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### RARE FESTIVALS AROUND THE WORLD

Festivals, who don't like to celebrate it? Usually it's a series of events celebrated by a community centering a certain believe, essence of the community. We are embodied with many cultures from each and every corner of the world. The diversity is astonishing! And talking about festivals, there are some which are very familiar and some are rare and unique. Let's talk about the rare festivals which take place around the world and let the common people be acquainted with it.

#### • Busó Festival - Mohács, Hungary

This unique festival dates back to the 18th century. It involves men dressing up as horned devils or as the name says "Busós" in a motive to chase the winter away. Well it's a terrifying sight but all for a good cause. It takes around the month of March.

#### • Noche de Radichos (Night of the Radishes) - Mexico

The name might sound like the name of horror movie but this festival is a work of art to say nonetheless. This festival has its origin in the colonial period when the radishes were introduced by the Spanish. Sculptures are carved into the radishes which depict the historical scenes.

#### • La Pourcaillade (Festival of the Pig) - France

Celebrated in the small of Trie-Sur-Baïse of France this festival involves display pig figurines, pig races, eating contests and other competitions. This small town of France is widely known for this uncommon festival.

#### • Puli Kali - Kerala

This is one of the most unknown festivals of India. It depicts a theme of hunting tigers where performers are dressed in the costumes of hunters and their faces are painted like tigers in the shade of yellow and black. Following the beat of drums they dance along and enact as the wild beasts.

These were some of the rare festivals mentioned. The list doesn't end here. We are still unaware of the festivals which take place in the small cities or towns. Festivals are something which diverts our mind for a certain period of time and help us loosen ourselves.

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### HOW DIFFERENT RITUALS HELP TO DEVELOP OUR HEALTH

Hinduism is an Indian religion. As a religion, almost 15-16% of the global population follows Hinduism. Hindus believe in cycle of life, death and rebirth; and worship different GODS- who are immortals. To attain MOKSHA or enlightenment they perform rituals like meditation, silent prayers, yoga, recitation of scriptures from Bhagavat Gita, fasting and doing pujas at home.

Do you know about the health benefits? Let's see one by one:

1. Meditation- the emotional and physical benefits of meditation can include building skills to manage our stress, increasing self-awareness, reducing negative emotions, increasing patience, develops creativity etc.
2. Prayers- Silent prayers reduce anxiety, increase thankfulness, puts off temptation and shift our focus to others.
3. Yoga- Yoga is the most beneficial ritual after all. It improves strength and flexibility, helps with pain relief, benefits heart health, helps to sleep better and improves mental health.
4. Recitation- Recitation of religious scripts like Vedas helps place emphasis on the sounds and the rhythm of language. It also helps to solidify a foundation of reading abilities.
5. Fasting- Fasting has been associated with several health benefits, including weight loss, improved blood sugar control, decreased inflammation, and enhanced heart health.

Also, performing pujas collectively helps to reduce our mental stress for uniting with our friends and family...

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### Festivals around the world

Whether celebrating life or death, wildlife, religious deities, rowing, or even ice sculpting, festivals add another dimension to life. Festivals are a great way to have a fantastic time with others while engaging with local customs in a tangible way. And each and every part of the world has its own specific festival. Let's take a quick look at some of the festivals, shall we?

- India and Nepal- Holi (Festival of Colours)
- Rio de Janeiro, Brazil- Rio Carnival
- Chiang Mai, Thailand- Yi Peng Festival: Lantern Festival
- Albuquerque, USA- Albuquerque International Balloon Festival
- Mexico- Día de los Muertos or 'Day of the Dead
- Buñol, Spain- La Tomatina
- Dublin, Ireland- Saint Patrick's Day

These are some of the most well known festivals around the world. And we have got one more festival knocking at our door – yes it's Christmas of course. Wishing everyone abundance of joy and happiness. Merry Christmas!

Sampan Mandal XII D

### Book Fair

This year's Sonarpur Book Fair was an enthralling experience for me . Our school hosted different events like dance and music performances, science exhibition and quiz competition etc. I got a chance to do anchoring for one of the dance performances. It was a great experience to say the least. All the performances were amazing and the science exhibition was simply great. The model that my classmates had put up with their hard work and efforts had helped them secure the 1st position. They had explained their model to each and every person with extreme attention. I can't be more proud of my classmates. After the programme had ended, me and a few of my friends decided to stay for a little longer and spend some time. So we decided to have some food first. So we went to the food section and got ourselves few food items. They were simply delicious. Our next destination was the book fair where we strolled for some time looking for good books. Well I didn't find anything interesting to buy so we went to the fun zone to enjoy the rides. It was really a memorable day we all enjoyed.

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### Winter Carnival

Winter carnivals are full of fun and frolic. The students can take up initiatives and participate whole heartedly in the carnival. This is just the perfect time to indulge in extra-curricular activities, explore one's talent and hone skills. Winter carnivals offer just the right platform for the students to participate in different kinds of interesting activities and display their talents.

My school organises the Winter Carnival every year in the month of December. This year it was held on 23rd of December. The carnival was held on the school ground. There was a medium sized stage built. Many students starting from class V to class XII performed amazingly. I recited a poem.

Everybody appreciated my performance. Now about the fun part was the stalls! The students of Classes V - XII have set up different types of food stalls. Me and other students of Class VII also got a stall to display and sell different food items: Chilli Chicken, Chilli Rice, Chicken Pakora, Puchka and many more. According to me, the stall of Class XI was the best as they had Mocktails at the cheapest price one can think of! The non participants bought different food items which henceforth helped us to gain profit. We thoroughly enjoyed the event. Winter Carnivals provide a good opportunity to involve the students in different kind of activities, find out their talents and build school reputation.

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### To a Better Future

When we think of festivals, we think of celebration, feasting of food, music and dance and anything joyful. Yes, festivals are supposed to be a joyful event, bringing happiness to our monotonous lives. One such festival of our West Bengal is Durga Pujo which is celebrated annually during the month of September to October. The happiest months, as we know it. The excitement of the upcoming pujo holidays, making plans of pandal hopping with friends and families and what not. The whole city is decorated with lights. We can hear the sound of fireworks bursting. And a lot more goes on. But have we ever taken a second to think how much it affects our environment?

If we take the example of Diwali, then it will become more clear to us. Thousands of fireworks are burnt on this day. These fireworks or firecrackers releases toxic chemicals into the air making it polluted and toxic.

However, Diwali originally means the festival of lights. "Diya" or "Deepa" made out of clay or wet mud is used. People light them up and keep them in rows outside their houses. Wax candles are also used.

This huge festival has a sustainable side as well as a very unsustainable side too.

Let's try to take up measures to make our festivals more sustainable and enjoyable so that we can enjoy them without effecting our surrounding environment. Let's also create sustainable festivals that will not only benefit us but everyone across the globe. We can become a good example for the future generations.

We can and should create awareness among people through education, various programmes on television or newspapers. It's a long journey indeed. But I believe that people will come together for a better future. These festivals are what brings us joy and happiness in our lives. We can at least go ahead and try to make these festivals sustainable, so that it doesn't harm our planets or our future. This way, we can savour and celebrate each and every festivals in our lives.

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# IN THE LANE OF WORDS

## स्थितिशील उन्नयन

स्थितिशील उन्नयन हल - परिवेशेण भारसाम्य बजाय रेखे, परिवेशवाक्व काजे नियुक्त हओया। अर्थां अर्थनैतिक, परिवेशगत एवं सामाजिक चाहिदार भारसाम्य बजाय राखा। या वर्तमान एवं भविष्य प्रजन्मेण उन्नतिर पथ देखाय। एते सामाजिक अग्रगति, समता, परिवेश सुरक्षा, प्राकृतिक सम्पद संरक्षण एवं स्थितिशील अर्थनैतिक प्रवृद्धि अन्तर्भूक्त रयेछे। समस्त धरनेण जीवनेण प्रति श्रद्धा एवं यत्न, मानुषेण जीवनेण मान उन्नत करे। प्राकृतिक सम्पद अक्षुण्ण थाके। स्थितिशील उन्नयनेण कतशुलि पर्याय आछे। आमी निजे एकटि स्थितिशील उन्नयन पर्यायेण सजे युक्त छिलाम। शेति छिल स्फुधा मुक्ति। सालटा २०२१, तखन राज्य तथा देशेण अनेक मानुष सकटापन्नेण मध्ये छिल। कारण करोना परिस्थिति। आमी एक काजे गियेछिलाम, सजने खालि। सेखाने गिये देखलाम, कत मानुष दु-बेला-दु-मुठो ना खेये दिन काटाछे। आमार देखे खुबई कष्ट हल। काज हरिये, परिस्थिति वेडाजाले आटके गिये तादेण एई अबस्था। मनसिहर करलाम ये, ५०० जनेण खाबारेण व्यवस्था आमी करव। असहाय मानुषुलोण मुखे दु-मुठो अन्न तुले देओयार सिद्धांत निलाम। तारपर थेके ५०० मानुषेण खाओयार व्यवस्था शुरु हलो। सकाल- सन्धे आमी तादेण काछे येताम। एईभावे एक बत्सर चलते थाके। आमी देखताम तादेण मुखे अन्न हसि। खुबई भालो लागतो। आर आमार मने तैरि हतो एकटा आलादा अनुभूति। एईभावे दायित्व सहकारे ५०० जनेण मुखेण हसि फोटाते पेरे आमी गर्वित। आमार एई संस्कार पक्ष थेके ये सुविधा मानुष पेत, तार समस्त अर्थ उपार्जन हत परिवेशके अक्षुण्ण रेखे। अर्थां परिवेशेण भारसाम्य बजाय रेखेई स्फुधा मुक्ति घटियेछिलाम।

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## गरीबी और उसका हथियार

### "गरीबी हिंसा का सबसे बुरा रूप है" - महात्मा गांधी

हम गरीबी को उस स्थिति के रूप में परिभाषित कर सकते हैं, जहां एक परिवार की बुनियादी जरूरतें, जैसे भोजन, आश्रय, कपड़ा और शिक्षा पूरी नहीं होती हैं। यह गरीब साक्षरता, कुपोषण आदि जैसी अन्य समस्याओं को जन्म दे सकता है। एक गरीब व्यक्ति पैसे की कमी के कारण शिक्षा प्राप्त करने में सक्षम नहीं होता है। और इसलिए बेरोजगार रहता है। एक बेरोजगार व्यक्ति अपने परिवार के लिए पर्याप्त और पौष्टिक भोजन नहीं खरीद पाता है और उनका स्वास्थ्य गिर जाता है। एक बेरोजगार व्यक्ति गरीब ही रहता है। नोबल पुरस्कार विजेता दक्षिण अफ्रीका के नेता नेल्सन मंडेला के अनुसार, "गरीबी प्राकृतिक नहीं है, यह मानव निर्मित है"। उपरोक्त कथन सत्य है क्योंकि गरीबी के कारण आमतौर पर मानव निर्मित होते हैं। इसका एक कारण जनसंख्या है। बढ़ती आबादी को भोजन, आश्रय और रोजगार प्रदान करना सरकारों के लिए मुश्किल हो रहा है। अन्य कारण हैं - शिक्षा की कमी, युद्ध, प्राकृतिक आपदा, रोजगार की कमी, राजनीतिक अस्थिरता आदि।

भारत सरकार ने भारत में गरीबी उन्मूलन के लिए कई उपाय किए। उनमें से कुछ हैं - सृजन, रोजगार के अक्सर जनसंख्या को नियंत्रित करना, आदि। भारत में लगभग ६०% आबादी अभी भी अपनी अजीविका के लिए कृषि पर निर्भर है। सरकार ने भारत में कृषि को बढ़ावा देने के लिए कुछ उपाय किए हैं। सरकार ने सिंचाई के लिए पानी की आसान उपलब्धता प्रदान करने के लिए हमारे देश में कुछ बांधों और नहरों का निर्माण किया। सरकार ने 'राशन की दुकानें' भी खोल दी हैं। अन्य उपायों में १४ वर्ष तक के बच्चों के लिए मुफ्त और अनिवार्य शिक्षा प्रदान करना, गरीब पृष्ठभूमि के योग्य छात्रों को छात्रवृत्ति, गरीब लोगों को सब्सिडी वाले घर उपलब्ध कराना आदि शामिल हैं।

गरीबी एक सामाजिक बुराई है, इसे नियंत्रित करने में हम भी अपना योगदान दे सकते हैं। उदाहरण के लिए- हम केवल गरीब लोगों को पुराने कपड़े दान कर सकते हैं, हम किसी गरीब बच्चे की शिक्षा का खर्च भी उठा सकते हैं, या हम अपने खाली समय का उपयोग गरीब छात्रों को पढ़ाकर कर सकते हैं। खाना बर्बाद करने से पहले याद रखें, कोई भी भूखा सो रहा है।

गरीबी की समस्या को हल करने के लिए हमें जल्दी और सही ढंग से कार्य करना चाहिए। इन समस्याओं को हल करने के कुछ तरीके किसान को उचित सुविधाएं प्रदान करना है। ताकि वे खेती को लाभ का धंधा बना सकें और रोजगार की तलाश में शहरों की ओर पलायन न करें। साथ ही अनपढ़ लोगों को आवश्यक प्रशिक्षण दिया जाना चाहिए ताकि वे बेहतर जीवन जी सकें। बढ़ती जनसंख्या को रोकने के लिए परिवार नियोजन का पालन करना चाहिए। साथ ही भ्रष्टाचार को समाप्त के उपाय किये जाने कहिय, ताकि हम अमीर और गरीब के बीच की खाई को पाट सकें। अंत में, गरीबी एक व्यक्ति की नहीं बल्कि पूरे देश की समस्या है। साथ ही, प्रभावी उपायों के कार्यान्वयन से इसे तत्काल आधार पर निपटाना जाना चाहिए। इसके आलावा, लोगों, समाज, देश और अर्थव्यवस्था के सतत और समवेशी विकास के लिए गरीबी उन्मूलन आवश्यक हो गया है।

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## जलवायु उन्नयन

जलवायु हल एकटि निर्दिष्ट एलाकार आवहाओयार दीर्घमेयादी नकशा। जलवायु आमामेण जीवनेण प्राय प्रतिदि दिकके प्रभावित करे, आमामेण खादेण उंस थेके आमामेण परिवहन परिकारामो, आमरा कोन पोशाक परिधान करि, येखाने आमरा छुटिते याई। एटि आमामेण जीविका, आमामेण स्वास्थ्य एवं आमामेण भविष्यतेण उपर विशाल प्रभाव फेले। वैश्विक जलवायु परिवर्तन भविष्यतेण समस्या नय। हिट-ट्र्यापिंग ग्रिनहाउस ग्यासेण बर्धित मानव निर्गमनेण द्वारा चालित पृथिवीर जलवायु परिवर्तन इतिमधेई परिवेशेण उपर व्यापक प्रभाव फेलछे: हिमबाह एवं बरफेण टाईशुलि संकुचित हछे, नदी एवं ह्रदेण बरफ आगेई डेडे याछे, उड्डिद एवं प्राणीर भौगोलिक परिसरशुलि स्थानान्तरित हछे, एवं गाछपालार वैचित्र्येण परिवर्तन आसछे।

जलवायु परिवर्तन एवं टेकसई उन्नयनेण मध्ये सम्पर्क शक्तिशाली। दरिद्र एवं उन्नयनशील देशशुलि, विशेष करे स्वल्नत देशशुलि तादेण सामाजिक, अर्थनैतिक एवं प्राकृतिक व्यवस्थाय प्रत्याशित धाक्काशुलि सथे मोकाबिला करतसे सबचेये बेशि प्रतिकूलभावे प्रभावित एवं कम सक्षम हवे। टेकसई उन्नयनेण जन्य २००० एजेन्डाय, सदस्य राष्ट्रशुलि ग्रहटिके अवक्षय थेके रक्षा करतसे एवं जलवायु परिवर्तनेण विषये जरुरि पदक्षेप निते तादेण प्रतिश्रुति प्रकाश करे। आलोच्यसूचि तार अनुच्छेद १४-ए जलवायु परिवर्तनके "आमामेण समयेण सबचेये बड़ च्यालेणशुलि मध्ये एकटि" हिसावे चिह्नित करे एवं "एण प्रतिकूल प्रभावशुलि टेकसई उन्नयन अर्जने समस्त देशेण क्षमताके क्षुण्ण करे" सम्पर्के उद्दिष्ट। वैश्विक तापमात्रा वृद्धि, समुद्रपृष्ठेण उच्चता वृद्धि, समुद्रेण अल्लकरण एवं अन्यान्य जलवायु परिवर्तनेण प्रभावशुलि उपकूलिय अक्षल एवं निम्न-उन्नत उपकूलिय देशशुलिके गुरुरतभावे प्रभावित करछे, यार मध्ये अनेक स्वल्नत देश एवं स्फुद्र द्वीप उन्नयनशील राष्ट्र रयेछे। समाजेण बेँचे थाका एवं ग्रहेण जैविक सहायता व्यवस्था बुँकिर मध्ये रयेछे। "जीववैचित्र्येण स्थानान्तर एवं जलवायु परिस्थिति परिवर्तन आमामेण खादेण उंस, समुद्रेण उच्चता वृद्धि, आमामेण शहरशुलि नकशा एवं आरओ अनेक किछुके प्रभावित करे," निउम्यान बलेछेन। जलवायु कर्मेण अनुसारे स्थायित्व व्यक्तिगत पछन्द एवं आचरण सम्पर्के चिन्ता करार जन्य एकटि उपाय हते पारे।

किन्तु जलवायु परिवर्तन टेकसई उन्नयनेण जन्य क्रमवर्धमान हम्कि हये दाँडियेछे। ताई टेकसई एकटि अतन्त्र जरुरि एवं सर्वजनीन उद्देग। जलवायु संकट मोकाबिलाय आमरा आर आमामेण प्रचेष्टा बन्ध करतसे पारि ना। आमरा यदि ताडाताडि एटि प्रतिरोध ना करतसे पारि, ताहले आमामेण विश्व अनाकाङ्क्षित परिणतिर मुखामुखि हवे।

Tamalika Dey XI D



## AVANTI

Once upon a time, there was a small village named Damjani Gaon. Avanti, a village girl used to live with her parents there. Her father was Dasuphati Debnath, was one of the rich men in the village and her mother was Madhura. Her elder brother, Rishi, was a pilot of AIR INDIA. She always wanted to be a airline pilot as her brother but her family did not give any importance to her dream. Her father always wanted to give her less education and get married her soon. But she wanted to be educated and she studied in secret. Her mother always supported her and in secret she admitted Avanti to Calcutta University. Later she passed from Calcutta University and started the air service course. There she got the higher marks and became an assistant pilot. When she joined as the assistant pilot in AIR INDIA, she met with her elder brother who felt very angry and started ignoring her. One day due to very bad climate, the plane did not work well and all the system became out of control. It was about to crash. Avanti's brother became very scared and he lost hope. But Avanti with great braveness, handled the control panel and at last she saved the lives of thousands of Indian passengers who were travelling from INDIA to CHINA. This news spread all over INDIA and all news channels of INDIA began to forecast this news. Her brother was very shocked and requested Avanti to forgive her. In all newspaper, Avanti's photo was printed even in foreign countries. Her father was able to understand his mistake and became very happy. Her mother also became very happy. Avanti also received award for her bravery from the Government of India. That day, India understands that girls should not be discriminated...

MEGHADRI SARDAR VI A

# PHOTO GALLERY



# SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

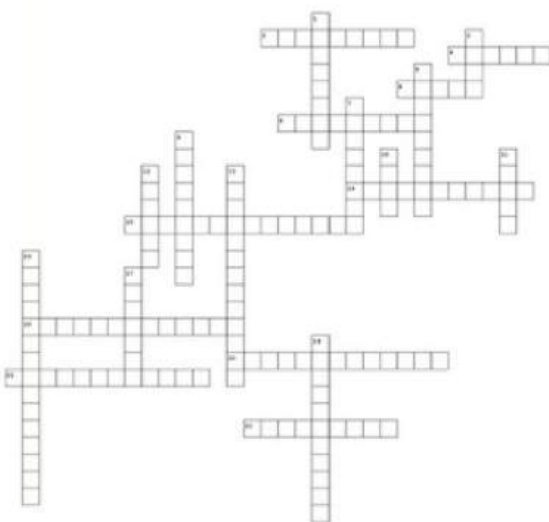


- Inter School Sports & Games Competition**  
 JPS makes its mark in its first ever Team Event in the Inter School Sports & Games Competition, 2022-23, Organised by CBSE & Recognised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India. The Girls KABADDI Team of JPS bagged the THIRD position in the Kabaddi Cluster II Tournament, held in Orissa from 01-03 December, 2022. A special note of appreciation must be reserved for the Boys Kabaddi Team too, though they could not make it to the medal tally, but had put in their best efforts in a very short time.
- CBSE Zonal Skating Championship**  
 AAROHI SARKAR of class III has secured the FIRST POSITION in the CBSE Zonal Skating Championship, in the 300 & 500 Metre Race, Under 10 Girls Inline category and has qualified for the NATIONALS to take place in Haryana. Organised at Krishna Public school, Sarona, Raipur, Chattisgarh, the event occurred from 2nd-4th December 2022 & witnessed participants from various CBSE schools across the far East Zone.
- গানে প্রাণে নজরুল আন্তর্জাতিক প্রতিযোগিতা সিজন-থ্রি**  
 It gives us immense pride and delight to announce that our very own Ramit Kayal of Class 8, Section B participated in an Internationally Based Singing Competition organized by NRB News.com. from Bangladesh on 24th of May 2022. গানে প্রাণে নজরুল আন্তর্জাতিক প্রতিযোগিতা সিজন-থ্রি has been the name of the competition which was conducted totally online. Ramit not only took part from the third category of the competition comprising students from Grade 5 to 8, but also made us and India proud by securing the third position.
- CBSE Zonal Taekwondo Championship**  
 Proud to announce the remarkable achievement of Rudra Halder of class 5 in CBSE Zonal Taekwondo Championship. Rudra has bagged the third position, in the Under 14 & below 41 Weight Category, out of 19 participants. The tournament was organized in Modern English School, Assam from 9th to 10th of December.

# Brain Storming

## Cross Word

### Festivals of India



- | Across                                    | Down                                   |
|---|--|
| 2. Guru Nanak Dev's birth anniversary     | 1. Ravan was killed by Ram on that day |
| 4. Harvest festival of Tamil Nadu         | 3. Festival of colors                  |
| 6. Punjabi folk festival                  | 5. marks start of Assamese New Year    |
| 8. Celebrated widely by Bengalis          | 7. Festival of Nine nights             |
| 14. Dr. Radhakrishnan's birth anniversary | 9. New Year of Maharashtrians          |
| 15. Festival of Kites                     | 10. Harvest festival of Kerala         |
| 18. Called as Vasant Panchami             | 11. Telugu/Kannada New Year            |
| 20. Festival of love between siblings     | 12. Festival of lights                 |
| 21. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's birthday    | 13. Festival Honoring Lord Shiva       |
| 22. Festival of Santa Claus               | 16. Festival of Lord Ganesha           |
|   | 17. Month of fasting for Muslims       |
|   | 19. Festival celebrating birth         |

## Quiz

- QUESTION 1:** In Home Alone, where are the McCallisters going on vacation when they leave Kevin behind?
- QUESTION 2:** What are the two other most popular names for Santa Claus?
- QUESTION 3:** After Mahishasur was killed, his sister plotted for revenge. What was her name?
- Question 4:** Along with the warrior goddess Durga, what else do the Rajput worship during the Navaratri?
- Question 5:** Who started the festival of Eid ul Adah?
- Question 6:** When is 'Eid ul Adah' celebrated?
- Question 7:** What is the traditional flower of Easter?
- Question 8:** Easter Islands forms part of which south American country?
- Question 9:** From which language is the name Diwali derived?
- QUESTION 10:** What is expected from non-Muslims, in Muslim countries during Ramadan?

### Previous edition answers

- | QUIZ                   | CROSSWORD          |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. 20th November       | 1. Glitch          |
| 2. Geneva              | 2. Humidity        |
| 3. 4th November        | 3. Venus           |
| 4. UNICEF              | 4. Quito           |
| 5. Rose Day.           | 5. SushantDas      |
| 6. Salaam Baalak Trust | 6. Tornado         |
|                        | 7. Cheetah; Chores |
|                        | 8. Hydrophobia     |
|                        | 9. Library         |
|                        | 10. Cat            |
|                        | 11. Fertilization  |

**Crossword puzzle:**  
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 So what are you waiting for??  
 Drop your answer in the link below within 5th of Jan!!  
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 New Year  
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