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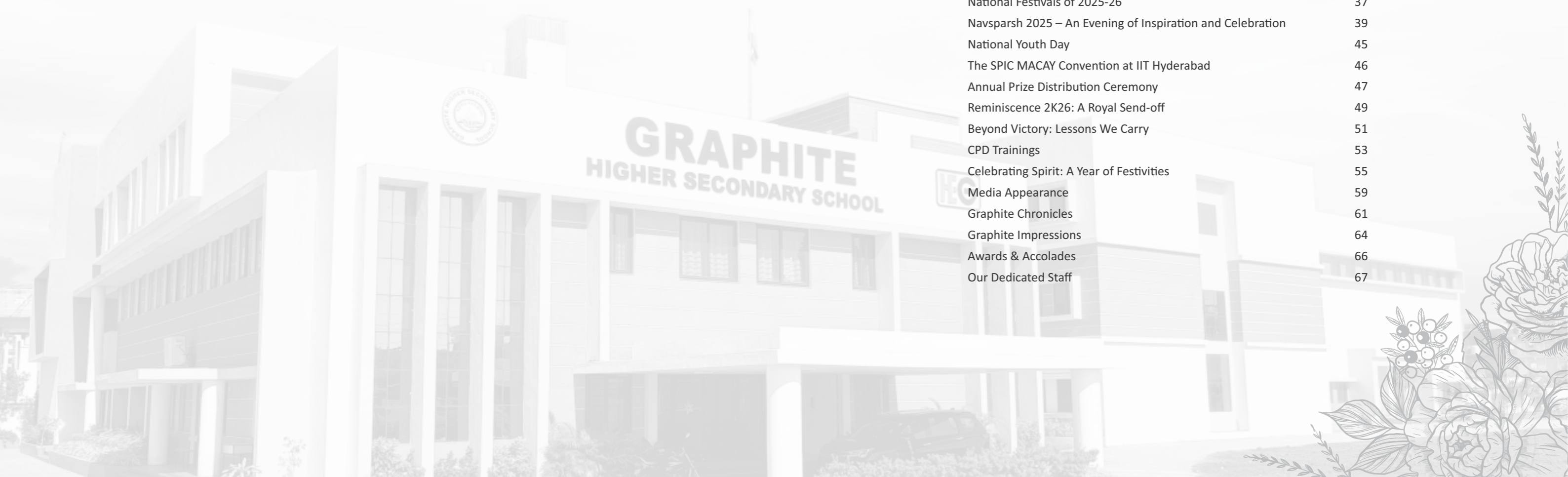
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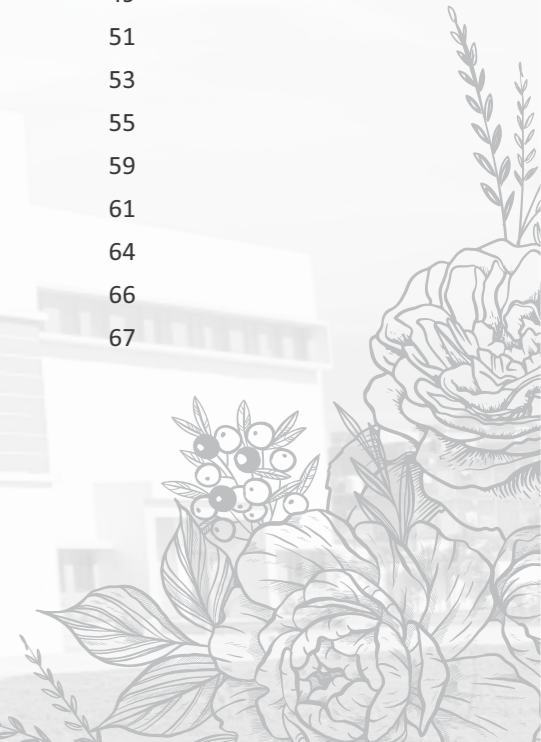
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## From the Desk of *President*

*“The path to success is rarely easy, but it is always worth choosing—especially when it is guided by integrity, perseverance, and purpose.”*

Graphite Higher Secondary School stands today as a proud realization of the visionary dream of our founder, Shriyut L. N. Jhunjhunwala ji, who believed in making quality education accessible to all. His vision continues to inspire us as we move forward with a deep sense of responsibility and commitment.

In today's fast-evolving and highly competitive world, success demands far more than academic knowledge. It calls for discipline, resilience, and the courage to step beyond comfort zones. I firmly believe that true achievers are those who are willing to make sacrifices, stay focused on their goals, and consistently choose the right path—even when it is the more challenging one.

At our institution, we strive to nurture this very spirit among our students. We encourage them to be dedicated, hardworking, and competitive in a healthy and constructive manner. Alongside academic excellence, we place equal emphasis on character building, values, and the development of a strong sense of responsibility.

However, the journey of a child's growth is never the responsibility of the school alone. Parents play an equally vital role in shaping the attitudes, discipline, and outlook of their children. I urge all parents to remain actively involved, to be attentive to their child's progress, and to participate wholeheartedly in the initiatives undertaken by the school. A strong partnership between school and home creates the most conducive environment for holistic development.

I take this opportunity to appreciate the relentless efforts of our dedicated faculty and staff, whose commitment continues to drive the institution towards excellence. I also extend my gratitude to the HEG Management for their unwavering support and encouragement.

As we look ahead, let us continue to work together—with determination, discipline, and shared vision—to prepare our students not just for examinations, but for life itself.

**Manish Gulati**

President SMC & ED HEG LTD



## From the Desk of *Principal*

*SODASHI – The Path Towards Enlightenment*

Education is not merely the pursuit of academic success; it is the continuous journey of self-discovery, character building, and enlightenment. SODASHI beautifully symbolizes this journey — a path where every learner evolves, excels, and transforms year by year into a more confident, compassionate, and capable individual.

At Graphite Higher Secondary School, we firmly believe that true excellence is not achieved in a single moment but nurtured through consistent effort, discipline, and inspiration. I take immense pride in witnessing our students grow stronger academically, creatively, and ethically with each passing year. Their achievements in scholastic and co-scholastic domains reflect dedication, resilience, and the spirit of continuous improvement.

This edition of SODASHI captures the vibrant tapestry of activities conducted throughout the academic session — academic competitions, cultural celebrations, sports events, community initiatives, leadership programs, and numerous opportunities that allowed our students to explore their potential beyond the classroom walls. Each activity has been a stepping stone toward holistic development, shaping not just intelligent minds but responsible citizens.

A special highlight of this year has been our Annual Function, Navras — a magnificent celebration of emotions, art, and expression. Through mesmerizing performances, our students brought to life the nine emotions that define human experience, reminding us that education must nurture both intellect and sensitivity. The dedication, teamwork, and confidence displayed on stage reflected months of hard work and the harmonious collaboration of students and teachers alike.

As you turn the pages of this magazine, you will witness not just photographs and reports, but stories of perseverance, creativity, leadership, and growth. May SODASHI continue to inspire every learner to walk steadily on the path of enlightenment — striving to be better than yesterday and prepared for a brighter tomorrow.

With pride and best wishes!!

**Swati Rahatekar**

Principal, Graphite Higher Secondary School



## From the Editorial Desk

*“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.” — W. B. Yeats*

A school magazine is a reflection of that very spark of curiosity and creativity that education ignites. This edition brings together the voices, achievements, and experiences that have shaped our academic journey throughout the year.

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Within these pages lie moments of learning, celebration, and inspiration—from cultural festivities and educational excursions to remarkable accomplishments and creative expressions of our students. Each contribution stands as a testament to the vibrant spirit of our school community.

As you turn these pages, we hope you relive the memories, appreciate the talent, and feel the collective pride that defines our institution. May this edition inspire every reader to continue learning, creating, and striving for excellence.

## School Snapshots



## Summer Bonanza

Garmi Ke Rang, Hindustan Ke Sang



On April 24, 2025, our school came alive with colour and enthusiasm during "Summer Bonanza – Garmi Ke Rang, Hindustan Ke Sang." The event beautifully celebrated the vibrancy of summer while highlighting India's rich cultural diversity.



Students enthusiastically presented traditional summer beverages from different regions, including Aam Panna, Jaljeera, Lassi, and Nimbu Pani, offering a refreshing glimpse into regional flavours. A special attraction was the flameless cooking segment, where students creatively prepared healthy and delicious dishes without the use of fire.

The event was more than a celebration—it was a meaningful platform for experiential learning, encouraging teamwork, creativity, and an appreciation of India's culinary heritage in a joyful summer spirit.

## Verba Bellum 2025

A Battle of Words and Wisdom

Graphite Higher Secondary School, Mandideep, proudly hosted the Inter-School Debate Competition “Verba Bellum – War of Words” on August 2, 2025, under the aegis of Sahodaya Complex, Bhopal. The event stood as a remarkable platform for intellectual exchange, critical thinking, and articulate expression.



Carmel Convent School, BHEL secured the **First Position**, followed by SPS Gandhi Nagar in the **Second Position**, while St. Francis Co-Ed School, Raisen achieved the **Third Position**. The winners were felicitated by **Mr. Manish Gulati**, President of the School Management Committee and Executive Director, HEG Ltd., who emphasized the significance of resilience alongside intelligence.

The event was graced by **Sister Rose Tom**, Vice-President of Sahodaya Complex, who appreciated the participants for their eloquence and confidence. The competition was evaluated by an esteemed panel of judges including **Mr. Nagrajan T**, **Dr. Teena Tiwari**, and **Mr. Ekansh Shukla**, whose insightful feedback enriched the experience for all.



Centred around the thought-provoking theme “*Mental Resilience over Mental Ability: The Need of the 21st Century*,” the competition witnessed participation from 20 prestigious schools. The young debaters presented compelling arguments, reflecting a fine balance between IQ and AQ in today's dynamic world.

## Investiture Ceremony 2K25

A Pledge to Lead with Integrity



On August 06, 2025, Graphite Higher Secondary School proudly celebrated its Investiture Ceremony, marking a significant milestone in the academic calendar. The solemn occasion symbolized the formal entrustment of responsibility to the newly elected Student Council.



The ceremony was graced by **Mr. Manish Gulati**, our esteemed SMC President and Chief Guest, who conferred badges and sashes upon the young leaders. In his inspiring address, he congratulated the council members and urged them to discharge their duties with integrity, dedication, and accountability.



Principal Mrs. Swati Rahatekar extended a warm welcome to the Chief Guest and distinguished SMC members. She congratulated the student leaders and expressed her confidence in their ability to lead by example. The ceremony reaffirmed the school's commitment to nurturing responsible leadership and strengthening democratic values among students.



### Victory Vignettes



To showcase the best Group Achievements of Students with caption.  
(Inter-school competitions focused on Artificial Intelligence, Cyber Security, and Science & Technology held at IES School Ratibad, Bhopal. First Prize in Cyber Checkmate Second Prize in Cyber Patrol Consolation Prize in Cyber Director, Commendable performance in the CBSE Cluster Under-14 Boys Kho-Kho Tournament, Students Shine at an Ideathon with Model making Competition on the theme "Bhartiya Antriksh Station, Students of classes V to X won in SGFI State Pencak Silat Federation Championship)

A compilation of triumphs, big and small, showcasing the resilience and achievements of our students. From academic milestones to extracurricular feats, these vignettes celebrate the spirit of success at Graphite Higher Secondary School, Mandideep.





## Festive Activities

Graphite Higher Secondary School celebrated a series of vibrant festivals throughout the year, embracing the spirit of India's rich traditions.



The Holi celebration on March 13, 2025 filled the campus with colours and joy, fostering unity and happiness. On Guru Purnima (July 10, 2025), students paid heartfelt tributes to their mentors through cultural expressions, honouring the timeless teacher-student bond.





The **Rakshabandhan** celebration (August 2, 2025) featured a special assembly by Pre-Primary students with acts and traditional dances, while a Rakhi-making activity reflected creativity and the spirit of sibling bonds. During **Shri Krishna Janmashtami** (August 7, 2025), students presented classical dances and skits, while teachers shared insights into Lord Krishna's teachings.



On **Ganesh Chaturthi** (August 26, 2025), a skit by Class I B highlighted respect for parents, followed by an energetic group dance. Commemorating the joyous spirit of **Navratri and Dussehra**, the campus resonated with festive energy as students, dressed in vibrant traditional attire, performed graceful Garba, Dandiya and celebrated the spirit of devotion and victory of good over evil. The festive fervour culminated in the **Diwali** celebration on October 27, 2025, marked by a special assembly themed "Green Diwali, Clean Diwali." The school also celebrated **Vasant Panchami** on January 23, 2026 with great enthusiasm, paying tribute to Goddess Saraswati and the spirit of learning. These celebrations beautifully reflected the school's commitment to preserving cultural values while promoting environmental consciousness.





## Edutainment Trips

During the academic session 2025–26, students of Graphite Higher Secondary School enriched their learning through a series of thoughtfully planned educational excursions. These visits provided valuable opportunities for experiential learning beyond the classroom.



A remarkable highlight was the **SPIC MACAY 10th International Convention** held at IIT Hyderabad from May 26 to June 1, 2025, where participating students explored India's rich cultural heritage through captivating performances, interactive workshops, and artistic sessions.



The school also organized several educational trips within Bhopal for different classes. Students of Classes I and II visited **Sair Sapata** on February 1, 2026, while Classes III and IV explored the **Tribal Museum** on February 22, 2026. Classes V and VI also visited the Tribal Museum on February 8, 2026, gaining insights into the traditions and lifestyle of India's indigenous communities. Meanwhile, Classes VII and VIII visited **IGRMS (Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya)** on February 15, 2026.

These excursions made learning engaging, meaningful, and memorable for students.



## Honouring Dedication: Long Service Awards 2026

During the Annual Function 2026, Graphite Higher Secondary School proudly honoured its committed educators with **Long Service Awards**, recognizing their years of dedicated service and invaluable contribution to the institution's growth. Teachers who completed **20 years** of exemplary service were felicitated with certificates of appreciation for their unwavering commitment. The honoured educators included **Ms. Kunda Landge (PGT Hindi)** and **Mr. Nirmal Yadav (PGT Physical Education)**.



Certificates were also presented to faculty members who completed **10 years** of dedicated service at the institution. The awardees included **Mr. Manoj Kumar Richhariya (PGT Mathematics)**, **Mr. Nitin Dasondhi (TGT Mathematics)**, **Ms. Chandrakala Mandloi (TGT Hindi)**, **Ms. Manisha Shrivastava (PGT Economics)**, **Ms. Neeta Bhansali (PGT Business Studies)**, **Ms. Neeta Chourey (PRT)**, and **Ms. Vanita Upasni (Librarian)**.

This recognition celebrated not only their years of service but also their lasting contribution to shaping young minds and strengthening the academic legacy of the school.

## Academic Activities

### Science-Tech Arena



Graphite Higher Secondary School continues to nurture scientific curiosity and awareness through a wide array of engaging and meaningful activities. In the session 2025–26, the school organized several events aimed at promoting environmental consciousness, health awareness, and experiential learning.



The year commenced with the observance of **World Health Day on April 7, 2025**, followed by **World Earth Day on April 22, 2025**, sensitizing students towards well-being and environmental responsibility. A **Painting Competition on the theme “Beat Plastic Pollution” held on June 5, 2025**, further reinforced the message of sustainability, along with the observance of **World Pollution Day on July 11, 2025**.



Students also participated in enriching programmes such as the **Jigyasa – One Day Scientist Programme at CSIR AMPRI Bhopal on July 23, 2025**, and the **MANAK Science Exhibition (2023–24 & 2024–25)**, showcasing innovation and scientific aptitude. The school also commemorated the **164th Birth Anniversary of the Father of Indian Chemistry from August 1 to 2, 2025**, followed by the **Aryabhata Astronomy Quiz on August 14, 2025**, and the **National Space Day Celebration on August 19, 2025**, igniting interest in space science.



The learning journey continued with the **Drone Tech Workshop & Expo held on October 30 and 31, 2025**, and the **Inter-School Annual Science Quiz on January 6, 2026**. The series culminated with the **Inauguration of the Dobsonian Telescope received from Aryabhat Foundation on yearlong active participation on January 31, 2026**, and a visit of **Mast. Arav Nagar to Astrology Lab at IIT Kanpur** after winning the Aryabhat Quiz, providing students with hands-on exposure to advanced scientific tools.

These initiatives reflect the school's unwavering commitment to fostering scientific temper, innovation, and readiness for future challenges.

**Realms of Learning**



At Graphite Higher Secondary School, holistic education remains a cornerstone, where academic learning is seamlessly blended with creative and intellectual pursuits. The session 2025–26 witnessed a vibrant array of activities aimed at enhancing students' language skills, critical thinking, and cultural awareness.



The year commenced with the celebration of **International Children's Book Day on April 2, 2025** through **Character Parade** (presented eminent authors from the three languages), fostering a love for reading. This was followed by the observance of the **Jallianwala Bagh Massacre on April 12, 2025**, and **World Heritage Day on April 17, 2025**, instilling historical awareness and cultural sensitivity. The **English Day – Inter-House Spell-O-Mania Competition held on April 23, 2025**, further strengthened students' linguistic abilities, while an **Essay Writing Activity on CA Day on July 1, 2025**, enhanced their expression and analytical skills.



The month of August witnessed enthusiastic participation with events such as the **MP Tourism District-Level Quiz on August 1, 2025**, **Curo Quiz on August 2, 2025**, and the **Voice of the Street – Nukkad Natak Competition on August 4, 2025**. This was followed by the **Inter-House Business Idea Competition on August 21, 2025**, the vibrant **WOW – Literary Fest on August 22, 2025**, and the **Solo Stars Monologue Competition on August 23, 2025**.



The celebrations continued with **Hindi Diwas on September 14, 2025**, and the **Geeta Gayan Competition on September 29, 2025**, followed by the **International Parliamentary Debate Competition on October 15, 2025**. The series concluded with the **Model-Making Competition on November 4, 2025**, and a **Hindi Speech Competition on E-Waste Management on November 7, 2025**.



These initiatives nurtured confidence, creativity, and a deep appreciation for language, culture, and expression.

## Students' Perspective



### A Journey of **Growth** and Belonging

Deepa Upadhyay | Class XII

For me, Graphite Higher Secondary School is not just an institution, but a place I have called my second home since Nursery. Growing up in this nurturing environment has been a truly enriching experience. What makes this school special is its balanced focus on academics as well as the overall development of a student's personality.

The disciplined yet comfortable atmosphere, along with supportive and approachable teachers, has always made learning meaningful. I take immense pride in being a part of this institution, as it has played a significant role in shaping who I am today.

My teachers have constantly guided and encouraged me, helping me build confidence and strive for excellence. Graphite has instilled in me discipline, responsibility, and self-expression.

Serving as the **Commerce Club Prefect (2024–25)** has been a proud milestone in my journey. I owe much of my growth and achievements to my teachers, whose constant support has always motivated me to do better.



### Striving for **Excellence** with Values

Vivek Gupta | Class XII

Graphite Higher Secondary School holds a special place in my life, as I have been a part of this institution since Nursery. What makes it stand out is its perfect blend of academic excellence and holistic development. With highly qualified and dedicated faculty, modern infrastructure, and a student-friendly environment, the school ensures engaging and meaningful learning experiences. Equal emphasis on co-curricular activities further enhances skills and overall personality development.

I feel immense pride in being a Graphitian, as the school nurtures discipline, strong moral values, and a spirit of excellence. The supportive atmosphere and numerous opportunities for growth have instilled in me confidence and a deep sense of belonging.

My teachers have played a pivotal role in shaping my journey. Their constant guidance, encouragement, and mentorship have helped me grow academically and personally. Their influence has made me more responsible, disciplined, and determined.

Being **part of the Class X Top Merit List** and serving as the **Discipline Prefect (2024–25)** have been significant milestones in my journey. I owe much of my success to my teachers, whose unwavering support has always motivated me to strive for excellence in every sphere.



### Growing with **Confidence** and Individuality

Naina Maheshwari | Class XII

Graphite Higher Secondary School has been an integral part of my journey since Nursery, shaping me into the person I am today. What makes the school truly unique is its approach towards nurturing individuality. It provides students the freedom to think independently, express themselves, and grow beyond academic boundaries, making learning both meaningful and enriching.

I feel proud to be a Graphitian because the institution has instilled in me confidence and the courage to stand by my beliefs. It has encouraged me to embrace my individuality and face different situations with self-assurance.

My teachers have been constant mentors, guiding and motivating me while also trusting me to grow independently. Their support and constructive feedback have helped me become more confident, expressive, and self-reliant.

Securing **97.4% in Class X**, serving as **Vice Head Girl in Class XI**, and actively participating in oration and school activities have been significant milestones in my journey. I owe a large part of my success to my teachers, whose encouragement and belief have always inspired me to achieve more.



### A Journey from **Hesitation to Confidence**

Shubhi Shukla | Class XII

Being a part of Graphite Higher Secondary School since Nursery, I have experienced a journey of continuous growth and self-discovery. What makes this school truly special is the bond students share with their teachers. They go beyond academics to understand us as individuals, creating an environment where we feel heard, supported, and valued.

For me, being a Graphitian reflects personal growth. From being hesitant to speak in class, I have gradually become more confident and expressive. This transformation is what fills me with a sense of pride.

My teachers have played a crucial role in this journey. They consistently encouraged me to step out of my comfort zone, participate actively, and learn from my mistakes. Their guidance has helped me develop confidence, communication skills, and maturity.

Serving as the **Literary Prefect in Class XI** has been a significant milestone, teaching me responsibility, teamwork, and leadership. I owe much of my growth and achievements to my teachers, whose constant support and belief have shaped my journey.

## Parents' Perspective

**Mr. Gajendra Sharma | Sheetal Town, Mandideep**  
Parent of Surya Pratap Sharma, Class XII (Commerce)



Graphite Higher Secondary School stands out for its holistic approach towards education, where academic excellence is complemented by strong values, discipline, and overall personality development. The nurturing environment encourages students to explore their potential beyond textbooks, making learning both meaningful and enriching.

Being associated with the school fills us with immense pride. Its consistent academic performance, dedicated faculty, and emphasis on moral values assure us that our child is in the right hands.

The teachers have played a vital role as mentors and guides, providing opportunities across diverse fields while nurturing confidence, discipline, and a positive attitude towards learning. Their constant encouragement and personal attention have made a significant difference.

The school has helped my child become more confident, independent, and responsible. His achievements in academics, quizzes, plays, and presentations reflect not only his efforts but also the unwavering support and guidance of his teachers.

**Mr. Upendra Tiwari | Mandideep**  
Parent of Mayra Tiwari, KG-II (B)



Graphite Higher Secondary School stands apart for its thoughtful blend of traditional Indian values with modern education. The school not only focuses on academics but also ensures that children grow in a balanced environment enriched with moral values, discipline, and technological awareness.

Being associated with the school fills us with pride, as it provides a positive and engaging learning atmosphere supported by highly dedicated and caring teachers. Their commitment towards every child's growth is truly commendable.

The teachers have played a vital role in my child's development by encouraging reading habits and inspiring students to explore beyond textbooks. Their constant support has helped in building confidence and curiosity at an early stage.

The school has had a significant impact on my child's life by fostering social skills, emotional strength, and critical thinking. It has also helped develop maturity, independence, and self-motivation. We truly value the guidance and encouragement provided by the teachers in shaping our child's journey.

**Mr. Manoj Jain & Mrs. Sonali Jain | Mandideep**  
Parents of Aarav Jain (Class IV A) & Arnav Jain (Class I A)



Graphite Higher Secondary School stands out for its commitment to quality education, enriched with diverse activities, programmes, and a strong emphasis on sports. The school ensures a well-rounded development that goes beyond textbooks.

We feel immense pride in being associated with an institution known for its unwavering standard of excellence. Graphite's strong academic foundation and its focus on preparing students for real-life challenges make it a trusted choice for our family.

The teachers have played a transformative role in our child's journey by simplifying complex concepts and ensuring that every student progresses with confidence. Their dedication and personal attention have significantly enhanced academic performance.

The impact is clearly visible in our child's growing curiosity and analytical thinking. Learning has become an engaging process rather than a task. Aarav has shown remarkable progress in confidence and active participation, and we attribute his growth entirely to the constant support and encouragement of his teachers.

**Mr. Dharmendra Singh | Seth Phool Chand Nagar, Mandideep**  
Parent of Devang Singh, Class XII A



Graphite Higher Secondary School stands apart for its focus on holistic development, where equal importance is given to academics, creativity, and personality building. The school nurtures curiosity, confidence, and conceptual understanding, ensuring that students grow as individuals rather than merely striving for marks.

We feel immense pride in being associated with the institution, as it consistently motivates our child to excel in both academics and co-curricular activities. The supportive environment and thoughtful guidance have instilled confidence and a sense of responsibility in him.

The teachers have played a transformative role in his journey. Their constant encouragement, patience, and mentorship have helped him overcome challenges and grow into a disciplined, confident, and independent individual.

Graphite has positively shaped his life by enhancing his time management, decision-making, and ability to handle pressure. His consistent academic performance and participation in quizzes and tournaments reflect his growth, for which we sincerely credit the dedicated efforts and unwavering support of his teachers.

## NCC Arena



An NCC camp was organized from **June 4 to June 13, 2025**, providing an enriching and transformative experience for the cadets. A total of 25 students, including 14 boys and 11 girls, actively participated in the camp, which was conducted at St. Xavier's School.

During the camp, cadets underwent rigorous training in various areas such as aeromodelling, weapon handling, and physical fitness, along with other core NCC activities. These sessions were designed to instill discipline, enhance endurance, and develop leadership qualities among the participants.

The camp also provided ample opportunities for teamwork and collaboration, helping cadets build confidence and a strong sense of responsibility. Overall, the experience proved to be highly rewarding, equipping students with essential life skills and reinforcing the values of dedication, unity, and perseverance.



## Scores and Highlights from Sports Events

Graphite Higher Secondary School has had an impressive year in sports. From **May 1-10, 2024**, 25 students participated in the **NCC CATC-1 Camp** at St. Xavier School, Bhopal, where they engaged in drills, sports, cultural activities, and received training in **22 rifle handling and aero-modelling**.





In May, six students brought home medals from the 22nd World Traditional Shotokan Karate Federation Championship in Nashik, winning 2 gold, 2 silver, and 1 bronze, with two students qualifying for the International Karate Championship.

In June, the school celebrated International Yoga Day with a Yoga Competition to promote mindfulness and well-being.

July saw the school commemorate International Chess Day with an Inter-House Chess Competition. The school's Chess team scored 16.5 points and secured second place in the National-level FIDE-rated Chess Tournament.



In August, Graphite students excelled in Karate, Wushu, and Kho-Kho, with the Boys' Kho-Kho team winning a silver medal in the 68th State SGFI Kho-Kho Tournament (Under-14). Students also claimed gold, silver, and bronze medals at the Pencak Silat District Championship, where the school earned the Overall Champion Trophy.

Hockey players won multiple medals in Under-14 and Under-19 categories, with Payal Noriya representing the school at the National Championship.



These remarkable achievements underscore the school's commitment to fostering sportsmanship and excellence across a variety of disciplines.

## Player Profiles and Interviews

### Liyanshi Junghare, V – Karate (National Gold Medallist)

**Interviewer:** How did you begin your journey in Karate, and what inspired you to take it up?

**Liyanshi:** I started learning Karate at a young age because I was very interested in martial arts. I was inspired by the discipline and strength it requires, and I wanted to become more confident and self-reliant.

**Interviewer:** What is your favourite technique in Karate?

**Liyanshi:** My favourite technique is the front kick, as it requires balance, speed, and precision. I enjoy practicing it the most.

**Interviewer:** How do you practice Karate regularly?

**Liyanshi:** I practice daily under the guidance of my coach **Ms. Vineeta Raikwar** and revise my techniques at home to improve my skills.

**Interviewer:** How did you feel after winning the National Gold Medal?

**Liyanshi:** I felt very happy and proud. It was a special moment for me and motivated me to work even harder.

**Interviewer:** What do you like the most about Karate?

**Liyanshi:** I love the discipline, focus, and confidence that Karate gives me. It helps me stay strong both physically and mentally.



### Netra Thakkar, VIII C - Pencak Silat (National Gold Medallist)

**Interviewer:** How did you begin practicing Pencak Silat, and what inspired you to choose this sport?

**Netra:** I developed an interest in martial arts and wanted to learn something unique and challenging. That's when I started practicing Pencak Silat, and over time it became my passion.

**Interviewer:** What is your favourite move or technique in Pencak Silat?

**Netra:** My favourite technique is the sweeping move because it requires perfect timing, balance, and focus.

**Interviewer:** How do you practice and prepare for competitions?

**Netra:** I practice regularly under my coach's guidance and focus on improving my strength, speed, and techniques. Consistent practice helps me stay prepared for competitions.

**Interviewer:** How did you feel after winning the National Gold Medal?

**Netra:** I felt extremely happy and proud. It was a very special moment for me, and it motivated me to continue working hard and achieve more in the future.

**Interviewer:** What do you enjoy the most about Pencak Silat?

**Netra:** I enjoy the discipline, agility, and confidence that it builds in me. It also teaches me to stay focused and determined.

### Gourav Suryawanshi, IX A – Chess Champion

**Interviewer:** How did you begin your journey in chess, and what inspired you to play?

**Gourav:** I started playing chess out of curiosity, and gradually I developed a strong interest in the game. I enjoy the strategic thinking involved, which inspired me to take it up seriously.

**Interviewer:** What are your recent achievements in chess?

**Gourav:** I became the **Raisen District Champion in School Games** and also secured the title of **Open State Champion**, where I was awarded a cash prize.

**Interviewer:** How do you prepare for your matches?

**Gourav:** I practice regularly by solving puzzles, studying different openings, and analysing my games. I also focus on improving my concentration and decision-making skills.

**Interviewer:** How did you feel after winning at the district and state levels?

**Gourav:** I felt very proud and happy. These achievements motivated me to work harder and aim for even bigger tournaments.

**Interviewer:** What do you enjoy the most about chess?

**Gourav:** I enjoy the challenge and strategy involved in chess. It helps me think ahead, stay focused, and make better decisions.



## School SDG Club Activities



Aligned with its commitment to holistic and value-based education, Graphite Higher Secondary School actively integrated the principles of the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** through a series of impactful initiatives during the session 2025–26.



The school reinforced the importance of well-being through a special assembly on **SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being** on **July 12, 2025**, promoting healthy lifestyles and awareness among students. This was followed by an assembly on **SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production** on **October 16, 2025**, encouraging mindful use of resources and sustainable practices.





Further strengthening social awareness, the school organized the **Gender Campaign on December 20, 2025**, advocating equality and respect. The **Bal Vivah Mukht Bharat (BVMB) Campaign on December 21, 2025** sensitized students towards eradicating child marriage, while the observance of **Veer Bal Diwas on December 26, 2025** instilled values of courage and sacrifice.

These initiatives reflect the school's dedication to nurturing socially responsible, aware, and empowered global citizens.



## Career Counselling: Shaping Futures with Guidance

To help students make informed and confident career choices, a series of career counselling sessions were organized throughout the session. These sessions guided students in selecting suitable streams after school by aligning their interests, aptitude, and long-term goals.



A special focus was also placed on building awareness about Artificial Intelligence and its expanding role across various fields by the representatives of SGSU, Bhopal. Students were introduced to emerging career avenues and the relevance of AI in shaping the future workplace.

These sessions served as a valuable platform for clarity, exploration, and direction—empowering students to step forward with confidence and a well-informed vision for their future.



## Self-Awareness Session

value-based education forms the foundation of holistic development. Throughout the session 2025–26, a series of thoughtfully conducted special assemblies emphasized the importance of discipline, punctuality, and respectful communication in students' lives.



A special assembly on **Discipline** held on **July 19, 2025**, highlighted the significance of self-control, responsibility, and adherence to rules in shaping a strong character. This was followed by an assembly on **Punctuality** on **November 1, 2025**, reinforcing the value of time management and the importance of being consistent and dependable.



Towards the end of the year, an impactful assembly on **“Kind Words Win, Abusive Words Sin”** on **December 27, 2025**, sensitized students about the power of words and the need for kindness and empathy in communication.

These initiatives played a vital role in nurturing responsible, respectful, and value-driven individuals.

## National Festivals Celebration

Graphite Higher Secondary School celebrated the **79th Independence Day** on **August 15, 2025**, with great fervour and patriotic spirit. The campus resonated with pride as the celebrations commenced with a disciplined March Past by the students, followed by the flag hoisting ceremony, where the tricolour fluttered high, symbolizing the nation's glorious legacy.



The Principal addressed the gathering with an inspiring message, emphasizing unity, responsibility, and the role of youth in nation-building. The programme was further enriched by a melodious patriotic song and a graceful dance performance by the students, filling the atmosphere with devotion and love for the motherland.

The celebration instilled a deep sense of pride and responsibility, inspiring all to contribute towards a stronger and progressive India.



Graphite Higher Secondary School celebrated the 77th Republic Day on January 26, 2026, with great pride and patriotic fervour on the school grounds. The event reflected the spirit of unity, integrity, and brotherhood among students and staff.



The celebration commenced at 9:00 a.m. with the hoisting of the National Flag by the Senior IT Head, HEG Ltd., and the School Manager, **Mr. Rajesh Jetha**, followed by the rendition of the National Anthem. The solemn ceremony instilled a deep sense of respect for the nation and its Constitution through some presentations by young performers.

The occasion served as a reminder of the values that bind us as citizens, inspiring everyone to uphold the ideals of democracy and contribute towards the progress of the nation.



Navsparsh 2025 – An Evening of Inspiration and Celebration



Graphite Higher Secondary School successfully organized its Annual Function on December 6, 2025, marking a grand celebration of talent, creativity, and collective effort. The event stood as a true reflection of the dedication, coordination, and teamwork of the entire school community.





The occasion was graced by the esteemed Chief Guest, **Ms. Rashmi Arun Shami**, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Madhya Pradesh. The event was further honoured by the presence of distinguished Guests of Honour, **Mr. Manish Gulati**, Executive Director, HEG Ltd., and **Mr. Haseeb Khan**, renowned stand-up comedian and proud alumnus of the school.



Students captivated the audience with vibrant and meaningful performances based on the theme “Navsparsh”, which beautifully depicted the spectrum of human emotions through the concept of Navaras. Each presentation reflected creativity, cultural richness, and confident expression, leaving a lasting impression on the audience.





The programme witnessed an overwhelming response, with an audience of over 2000 attendees, making it a truly memorable and enriching experience for all.



## National Youth Day



Graphite Higher Secondary School celebrated National Youth Day on January 12, 2026, with enthusiasm, honouring the ideals of Swami Vivekananda.



To mark the occasion, Class IV students participated in a **Poster Making Activity**, creatively expressing themes of youth empowerment, while Class V students attended a **motivational movie screening**.

The celebration inspired students to imbibe values of confidence, responsibility, and self-belief, encouraging them to become responsible citizens of tomorrow.

## The SPIC MACAY Convention at IIT Hyderabad



Students of Graphite Higher Secondary School had the privilege of participating in the **SPIC MACAY 10th International Convention** held at IIT Hyderabad from May 26 to June 1, 2025, under the theme “*Anubhav – Experiencing the Soul of Indian Culture.*” Five students represented the school in this enriching global gathering that celebrated India’s classical heritage.



The convention brought together young minds from across the world, offering immersive exposure to Indian classical arts, music, and traditions. A key highlight was the intensive **Kuchipudi dance workshop** conducted by renowned artist **Mrs. Kalaimamani Sailaja**, whose expert guidance helped students appreciate the grace, discipline, and depth of classical dance. The experience was further enriched by a heritage tour to iconic landmarks such as the **Charminar** and the **Salar Jung Museum**, deepening their understanding of India’s rich cultural legacy.



The convention proved to be a transformative journey, inspiring artistic expression, cultural pride, and lifelong learning.

## Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony



Graphite Higher Secondary School celebrated its **Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony** on January 28 and 29, 2026, with great pride and enthusiasm. The occasion was graced by the Chief Guest, **Mr. Manish Gulati**, President of the School Management Committee and Executive Director of HEG Ltd., along with the Principal, SMC members, teachers, and parents.





The ceremony recognized and honoured outstanding achievements across academics, sports, cultural activities, science projects, and literary pursuits. Meritorious students of Classes X and XII (2024–25) were felicitated with trophies and certificates in the proud presence of their parents.



The event served as a celebration of dedication, perseverance, and excellence, inspiring students to strive for greater heights in all spheres of learning.

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Graphite Higher Secondary School bid a heartfelt farewell to the outgoing Class XII students on **January 17, 2026**, in the gracious presence of SMC President **Mr. Manish Gulati**, the Principal, and all staff members.

Organized by the students of Class XI, the ceremony was filled with enthusiasm and nostalgia, celebrating the cherished journey of the graduating batch. The day beautifully reflected the years spent together, marked by friendships, learning, and countless joyful memories.

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The cultural programme added vibrancy to the occasion, with lively group dance performances and melodious songs showcasing the talent and affection of the juniors. A special highlight of the event was the announcement of prestigious titles—**Mr. Sourish Singh Rajput** as *Mr. Graphite* and **Ms. Yogita Mehra** as *Ms. Graphite*, while **Robby Singh** and **Deepa Upadhyay** were honoured as *Mr. Eve* and *Ms. Eve* respectively.



Apart from these special recognitions, several other students were also honoured for their achievements in diverse fields such as academics, singing, and art and craft, celebrating the multifaceted talents of the batch.

The farewell concluded on an emotional note, leaving behind cherished memories and inspiring students to step ahead with confidence and uphold the values of the institution.



## Beyond Victory: Lessons We Carry



True success is not always measured in medals, but in the lessons we take back. Our students enthusiastically participated in RANGOTSAV, the Music and Art & Craft Workshop at Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Hurda (April 22nd–26th, 2025), and the Ninad Group Folk Song Competition (April 26, 2025).



Though they did not win, they gained something far more meaningful—confidence, creativity, and real-world exposure. They learned the value of teamwork, resilience, and self-expression while stepping beyond their comfort zones.



These experiences remind us that every effort counts, and every stage becomes a classroom—because the true victory lies in learning, growing, and moving forward with courage.



## CPD Trainings



At Graphite Higher Secondary School, learning is a lifelong journey—not just for students, but for educators as well. Through a well-structured Continuous Professional Development (CPD) program, our faculty actively engaged in internal peer trainings, external expert-led sessions, and CoE workshops.



Internal trainings fostered collaboration and knowledge-sharing among teachers, covering areas like classroom management, competency-based education, adolescent empowerment, and the integration of AI tools. External sessions conducted by reputed organizations such as YEP Publication, ISHA Foundation, S. Chand, KIPS, SGSU, and Rachna Sagar enriched teachers with modern pedagogical practices, mindfulness, and technological advancements.



Additionally, participation in CoE Bhopal's Capacity Building Programs on Learning Outcomes and Pedagogies and on National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCF SE) 2023 strengthened the understanding of holistic and outcome-based education.



These initiatives reflect our commitment to nurturing reflective practitioners who continuously evolve—because empowered teachers create empowered learners.



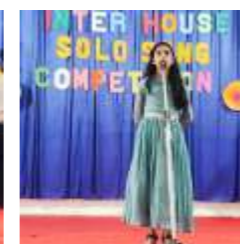
## Celebrating Spirit: A Year of Festivities



At Graphite Higher Secondary School, every celebration is an opportunity to honour our values, culture, and the spirit of unity. Throughout the year, we come together to celebrate important occasions like **Women's Day, Father's Day, World Heritage Day, Teachers' Day, Children's Day, Gandhi Jayanti** and more.



These events provide our students and staff with the chance to reflect, learn, and express gratitude. Whether it's through heartfelt speeches, performances, or community activities, each celebration fosters a sense of belonging and respect. These moments not only commemorate historical events but also inspire future generations to live with purpose and dedication.







"समय की कीमत "

एक शहर में विकास नाम का लडका रहता था। उसे मोबाइल गेम खेलना बहुत पसंद था वह घंटों गेम खेलता रहता था और पढ़ाई पर ध्यान नहीं देता था। उसके माता-पिता और शिक्षक उसे समझाते।

"समय बहुत कीमती है। इसे बेकार मत करो" लेकिन विकास उनकी बातों को अनदेखा कर देता। परीक्षा का समय आया और विकास अच्छे से तैयारी नहीं कर पाया। जब परिणाम आया तो उसके सबसे कम अंक आये। उसे अपनी गलती का अहसास हुआ।

उस दिन उसने निश्चय किया कि अब वह समय का सही उपयोग करेगा। उसने मोबाइल कम इस्तेमाल करना शुरू किया और पढ़ाई पर ध्यान देने लगा।

अगली परीक्षा में विकास सर्वाधिक अंकों से उत्तीर्ण हुआ।

भीख :- "समय का सही उपयोग सफलता की कुंजी है।"

नाम- तान्या महावर  
कक्षा-सातवीं 'स'

आज की नारी

वह अब चुप नहीं रहती, सवाल करना सीख गई है, हर 'क्यों' का जवाब अब, खुद लिखना सीख गई है। वह सपने भी देखती है, और उन्हें जीती भी है, किसी की इजाजत नहीं, खुद की ही सुनती है। वह डरती भी है, फिर भी बढ़ती है। गिरती भी है, फिर भी संभालती है, अब कोई भी हर उसे रुकती नहीं है, बस उसे मजबूत बनाती है। यह नई सदी की नारी है, जो पहले खुद बदलता है, फिर दुनिया बदल देती है।

वंशिका धर्मवाणी  
कक्षा- दसवीं 'अ'

इंसान

किसी के काम जो आए उसे इंसान कहते हैं, पराए दर्द जो अपनाए, उसे इंसान कहते हैं। कभी धनवान है कितना, कभी इंसान निर्धन है। कभी सुख है कभी दुख है, इसी का नाम ही तो जीवन है। जो मुश्किलों में ना घबराए, उससे ही इंसान कहते हैं। यह दुनिया एक उलझन है, कहीं धोखा कहीं ठोकर है। कोई हंस के कहता है, कोई रो -रोकर सहता है। जो गिरकर फिर संभल जाए, उससे ही इंसान कहते हैं। किसी के काम जो आ जाए, उससे ही इंसान कहते हैं। कुछ पल हंसते हैं, कुछ पल रुलाते हैं। भला है भूलना होना, कभी वह हो भी जाती है। जो कर ले ठीक गलतियों को, उसे इंसान कहते हैं। किसी के काम जो आ जाए, उससे ही इंसान कहते हैं। यूं तो पेट भरने को दुनिया में, पशु भी पेट भरते हैं। जो दूसरों का पेट भर, उसे इंसान कहते हैं। जो बाट कर खाए, उसे इंसान कहते हैं। किसी के काम जो आ जाए, उसे इंसान कहते हैं।

निधि राजपूत  
कक्षा नवी 'ब'

*Spread your wings high*

*Spread your wings high  
Your hearts and hands,  
For tears and cry  
Make the way through spirits and hope  
Perhaps the path full of spring and autumn  
But the fruits are there on the way  
Hand in hands takes away  
The grief and sorrows  
Raise the rays of hope and smile  
Problem will be over for ever !*

*Ranu Tiwari  
TGT English*

मेरे विचार से

मनुष्य को अपनी बात रखने के लिए सही व्यक्ति, सही स्थान और सही समय का चयन करना चाहिए। जब हम इन बातों का ध्यान नहीं रखते हैं, तो अनुरूप परिणाम दृष्टिगोचर नहीं हो पाते हैं। फलस्वरूप ईश्वर को, भाग्य को, यहां तक की दूसरों को भी दोष देने लगते हैं। हमें हमारे इतिहास से अवश्य सीखना चाहिए। वैसे भी इतिहास सीखने के लिए ही होता है। महर्षि वेदव्यास द्वारा रचित 'महाकाव्य' 'महाभारत' में भी उल्लेखित है, कि जब भरी सभा में दुर्योधन द्वारा द्रोपदी का चीर हरण किया जा रहा था, तब पांच पतियों की उस लाचार पत्नी ने अपनी अस्मिता की रक्षा हेतु भरी सभा में उपस्थित धर्म ( युधिष्ठिर) प्रेम (अर्जुन) बल (भीम) ज्ञान (द्रोणाचार्य) अनुभव (भीष्म पितामह) सत्ता (धृतराष्ट्र) से याचना भरी दृष्टि से पुकार लगती रही, परंतु किसी न किसी स्थिति में विवश किसी ने भी उसकी सहायता नहीं की। परंतु जब द्रोपदी ने करुणा निधि को पुकारा तो वे द्रौपदी की अस्मिता की रक्षा करने दौड़े चले आए। क्योंकि द्रौपदी की आखिरी पुकार सही स्थान, सही व्यक्ति और सही समय पर लगाई गई थी। फिर इस तरह लगाई गई पुकार का परिणाम यह हुआ, कि दुर्योधन चीर खींचते- खींचते थक गया, परंतु वह द्रोपदी का चीर हरण नहीं कर पाया। इस प्रकार हम इन सिद्धांतों पर अग्रसर हो तो निश्चित रूप से सफलता हमारे कदम चूमेगी।

कुन्दा लांडगे  
हिंदी शिक्षिका

GIRLS CHILD

A girl child brings a bliss, a smile with its birth, it removes all the darkness and all the dearth. It spreads a petrichor when it lands on dry land. Its arrival itself is so special and too grand. It changes a concrete house to a home, it shines brightly like a chrome. She looks after her parents better than a son, Sorrow she removes, brings lots of fun She is the abode of light to eliminate the gloom, She spreads a sweet fragrance with her bloom. She in no way lags behind to her counterpart, she faces the ordeals she doesn't ever depart. She is the most adorable person for her father, A supporting hand and a friend for her mother. She is full of life, energy, zest and zeal, Ready to face with courage every ordeal.

Anuj Saxena  
(Son of Sun ☀ )

लघु कथा- मेरे सपनों का मानचित्र

एक समय की बात है, सृष्टि नाम की एक छोटी बच्ची थी। उसने अपने को व्यस्त रखने के लिए एक चित्र बनाया, जिसमें घना जंगल डरावनी गुफा भविष्य के सपनों की उड़ान और तारों का जाल था। अचानक से वह चित्र चमकने लगता है, और वह उसे चित्र के अंदर चली गई उसने पाया कि वह उसे चित्र में आ चुकी थी और वह वहां घूमने लगी उसने वही सब जगह देखी जो उसने उस चित्र में बनाई थी। उसे डरावनी गुफा में डर भी लगा घने जंगलों में खूबसूरत नजारे भी दिखे फिर वह भविष्य के सपने की उड़ान पर पहुंची उसने वहां देखा कि सभी लोग अपने सपनों को पूरा करने के लिए संघर्ष कर रहे थे उसने भी सोचा कि वह भी इसी तरह संघर्ष करेगी उसने देखा अचानक से वह चित्र मिटाने लगा पर वह किसी तरह बाहर आ गई जब वह अपने कमरे में आई तो वह चित्र वहां नहीं था पर उसने यह ठान लिया कि वह अब अपने सपनों को पूरा करने के लिए पूरी मेहनत करेगी और उसने सोचा मुझे अपनी मंजिल का रास्ता साफ दिखाई दे रहा है और वह सफलता की सीढ़ियों पर चढ़ने लगी। शिक्षा -सपनों को पूरा करने के लिए मेहनत का तड़का लगाना आवश्यक होता है।

नियति बाजपेई  
कक्षा-सातवीं 'ब'

उन्नति के नव उत्कर्ष

सत्य पथ पर यूँ निरंतर, तुम सदा चलते रहो, उन्नति के नव उत्कर्ष को तुम, यूँ ही छूते रहो। मार्ग की बाधा तुम्हें, अब रोक पाए न कभी, पर्वतों को पार कर तुम, यूँ ही बढ़ते ही रहो। ध्येय से अपने कभी तुम, यूँ नहीं डिगना कहीं, हर स्वप्न को तुम अपने, यूँ साकार करते रहो। राष्ट्र प्रहरी, तुम राष्ट्र की, सशक्त एक नींव हो, नील नभ में नित नई तुम, उड़ान भरते रहो। मात-पिता और गुरुजनों का, तुम ही अभिमान बनो, सदा इनको हृदय से तुम, यूँ नमन करते रहो।

अनुज "पराग

### What If I Lost Something

What if I lost something  
I never knew I had—  
A quiet piece of sunlight  
On days that felt too sad?  
What if it slipped away from me  
Like whispers in the air,  
A laugh I didn't notice,  
A moment unaware?  
What if it was a memory  
That faded far too fast,  
A smile I forgot to hold,  
Now buried in the past?  
Would I search in empty rooms,  
Or in my restless mind?  
Would I trace the stars at night  
For something left behind?  
Or maybe what I lost,  
Was never mine to keep—  
Just a fleeting little dream  
That wandered through my sleep.  
And maybe losing something  
Is not the end we fear,  
But space for something new to come,  
Softly drawing near.  
So if I lose something someday,  
I'll try not to break apart—  
Because what truly matters most  
Still lives inside my heart.

Ananya Sharma  
VI A

### आ गया बसंत

नए जीवन का उल्लास लिए, लो फिर आ गया बसंत।  
मां सरस्वती के आशीर्वाद से, तुम भी कर लो अपने।  
नए जीवन का चयन, क्योंकि आ गया बसंत।  
आएगी मुश्किलें भी, तुम्हारे जीवन में।  
जैसे पेड़ों पर लगते हैं, कीट और पतंग।  
पर उन मुश्किलों से ही लड़कर, निखरेगा तुम्हारा यह जीवन।  
जैसे पेड़ों पर आता है बसंत...  
चाहे लाख परेशानियां हो, कभी हारने ना देना अपने मन को।  
जरा सोचना अपने बारे में, परेशानियों का सामना करना डटकर  
ठीक उसी तरह...  
जैसे एक पौधा पेड़ बनता है, बसंत आने पर।  
निर्मल, निर्झर ये पवन, गुनगुनाते हुए तुम्हारे कानों में।  
कहती है ये पवन, लो करो तुम भी अपने नए जीवन का सृजन।  
जैसे पेड़ों पर आता है बसंत...  
जैसे पेड़ों पर आता है वसंत...

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