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# REFLECTIONS



*October: An Ode to Our Nation*

*“From every mountainside, let freedom ring.”*





# From The Editor's Desk

Indians are known for their patriotism and their devotion to their country. Our country's stellar performances in the recently held Hangzhou Games, the Asia Cup, and the Cricket World Cup have been a matter of immense pride for all Indians. However, it's only fair to say that this boundless enthusiasm and sincere pride have also been put to the test on numerous occasions. One such trying period was the pandemic that brought the country to a standstill. Scepticism and cynicism pervaded throughout the nation, compelling us to question our loyalties and reevaluate our priorities. Notwithstanding these challenges, India emerged strong and manufactured Covaxin, her first indigenous vaccine for COVID. Even today, many countries are ravaged by war, destroying the peace and sanity of their citizens. The Russia-Ukraine war and the Israel-Palestinian conflict are cases in point. Our country, on the other hand, provides a safe haven for its citizens who thrive in an environment of peace and harmony. The October edition of the newsletter is a humble effort by the students of Grade 8 to pay tribute to this spirit of patriotism. We had great fun putting this edition together for you, and we hope you will have as much fun reading it.

-The Editors

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# *Gandhi: An Inspiration*

*Mahatma Gandhi, the iconic national leader of India, was born on October 2, 1869. This day is celebrated every year as Gandhi Jayanti all across India in honour of Mahatma Gandhi to commemorate his unparalleled contribution to the Indian Independence Movement. Mahatma Gandhi believed in the principle of non-violence and practiced it throughout the freedom struggle of our country. As such, Gandhi Jayanti is celebrated as the International Day of Non-Violence worldwide.*

*People celebrate Gandhi Jayanti by conducting prayer meets, cultural programs, and various other social events. Special celebrations are observed in Delhi, the capital of India. Some of his most valuable quotes are re-iterated at the celebrations through speeches by prominent personalities depicting all about Gandhi Jayanti in the most creative ways.*

*Gandhi Jayanti is a significant event in India, marked by visits to the Sabarmati Ashram in Gujarat, where Mahatma Gandhi spent years and initiated the Dandi March to protest against British salt laws. Gandhi was cremated in Raj Ghat, where the President and Prime Minister of India gather for a prayer meeting.*

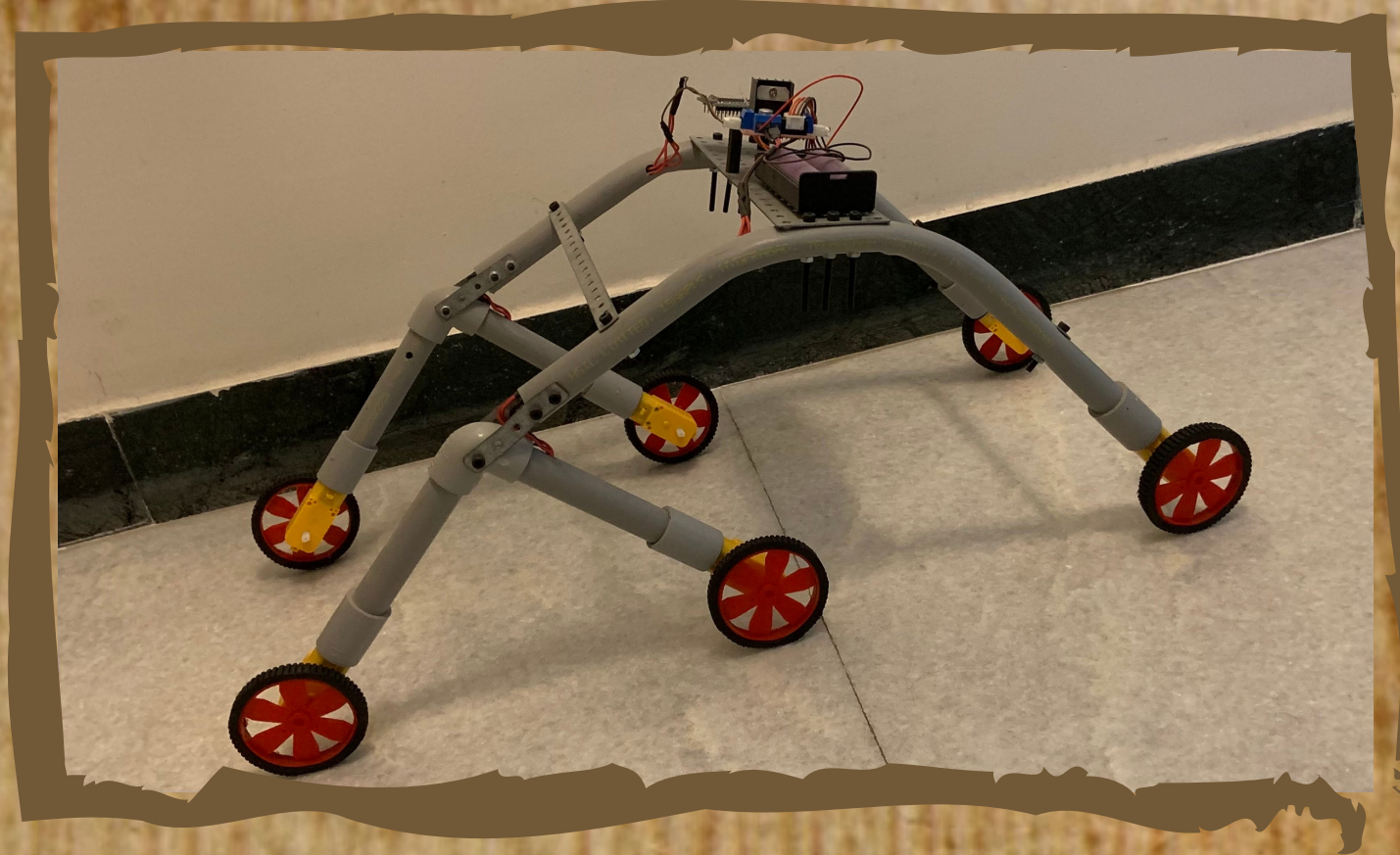
*Cultural events, such as painting competitions, essay competitions, and performances, are organized to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti. The statues of Gandhi are decorated with flowers, and the importance of his teachings is highlighted through songs, speeches, and demonstrations. In 2014, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan to commemorate this day.*

*Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of our Nation, made many sacrifices to make India what it is today. We should attempt to emulate his principles and contribute to creating the India Mahatma Gandhi envisioned.*

*By Aadya Sinha - 8A*



# Pragyaan Rover



*On August 23, 2023, the Vikram lander of the Chandrayaan-3 mission successfully landed on the Moon's far side. Our country had achieved something that no one else had accomplished! This ignited a spark in my mind to learn more about this extraordinary mission, which positioned our nation as one of the world's leading space powers. The Pragyan rover, an integral component of this mission, intrigued me the most. So, I decided to build a smaller-scale model of this remarkable rover to understand how it would navigate obstacles and traverse the Moon's rugged surface.*

*While constructing the miniature model, I quickly realized the immense effort our country's scientists had to put in to make this mission a resounding success. My respect for them grew tenfold from its already high level. We should take pride in our country's achievements and play our part in bringing more glory to our nation.*

*Jai Vigyaan, Jai Anusandhan, Jai Hind!*

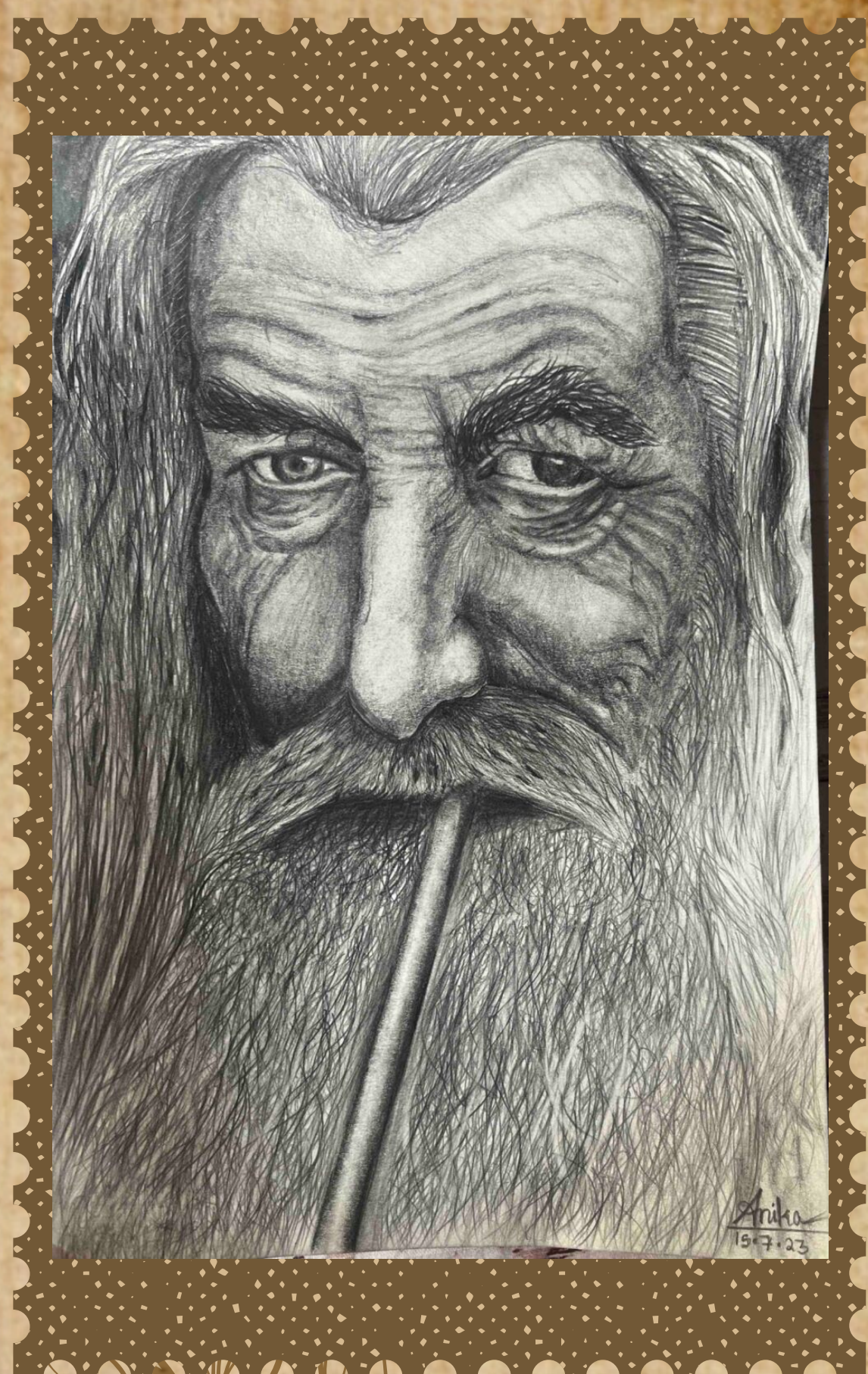
*-By Udbhav Vasudevan - 8C*





*Jawaharlal Nehru*

*By A Sai Sudeeksha - 8B*



*Rabindranath Tagore*

*-By Anika Sharma - 8A*

## आज का भारत

भारत यह केवल एक नाम ही नहीं, अपितु एक पवित्र तीर्थ है, कोटियों की एक आशा है, ममता की परिभाषा है तथा ज्ञान का एक महासागर है।

कुछ सप्ताह पूर्व चन्द्रयान 3 ने चाँद के दक्षिणी ध्रुव की सतह पर उतारकर इतिहास रच दिया और पूरे विश्व में भारत का गौरव बढ़ाया। यह उपलब्धि केवल 'इसरो' की ही नहीं, बल्कि संपूर्ण राष्ट्र की है और यह हमें हिंदुस्तानी होने पर गर्व दिलाती है। विक्रम लैंडर की सफल अवरोहण ने भारतीय विज्ञान की उन्नति का प्रदर्शन किया। अब भारत पीछे नहीं, अब भारत एक देश है जो सबसे तेज़ी से आगे बढ़ रहा है।

रूस-यूक्रेन युद्ध के दौरान, भारत की विदेश नीति में आया परिवर्तन साफ-साफ दिखाई पड़ रहा है। भारत अब अन्य देशों से भयभीत नहीं। आज का भारत बाकी देशों के पीछे-पीछे नहीं चलता, बल्कि अपनी राह बनाता है। यह सब हमारे विदेश मंत्री की नीति से साफ-साफ पता चलता है की भारत वही करेगा जो भारत और भारतवासियों के हित में हो।

दिल्ली में हुए जी-20 समिट में सफलतापूर्वक संयुक्त घोषणा करने में भी भारत की अहम भूमिका रही थी। रूस-यूक्रेन के मामले में देशों के अलग-अलग दृष्टिकोण होने के बावजूद, भारत ने सब देशों को एकत्रित करके समिट को सफलता दिलाई।

इस वर्ष के 'एशियाई गेम्स' में भारतीय खिलाड़ियों का अद्भुत प्रदर्शन रहा। इस बार, भारत ने कुल मिलकर सौ से अधिक खिताब जीते।

और तो अब भारत विकास और उन्नति का केंद्र बन रहा है। आज का भारत प्राचीन काल की संस्कृति एवं नवयुग के टेक्नोलॉजी का एक अनूठा सम्मिश्रण है।

परन्तु अभी भी भारत में चोरी, लूट और भ्रष्टाचार जैसे कर्म किये जाते हैं। अगली पीढ़ी होने के नाते, इस अज्ञान और असत्य के अंधकार में प्रकाश और उजाला भरना हमारा धर्म है और आज के गौरवशाली भारत को आगे बढ़ाना हमारा कर्तव्य।

*-By Ahan Bhardwaj - 8B*





## The Asian Games, 2023

As APJ Abdul Kalam once said, "Excellence is a continuous process and not an accident." At the 19th Asian Games held in Hangzhou, India scored a grand total of 107 medals, consisting of 28 gold medals. India proved their place by scoring in shooting, archery, squash, cricket and kabaddi. The following medal count has been cited from the Times of India: India won a record 107 medals at the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, with 28 gold, 38 silver, and 41 bronze medals. The Indian contingent's medal rush was led by track and field athletes and shooters, who won 29 and 22 medals respectively. Athletics saw a rich haul of six gold, 14 silver, and nine bronze medals. India also won nine medals in archery, six in wrestling, five each in squash and rowing. India has made a commendable development in terms of growth in the sports industry. As a nation, we must strive constantly to reach greater heights.

By Aaheli Adak - 8B

### The Light In Disputation

The King upon the Nation  
And the People below  
Endeavour like slave and master  
But for a common goal

Their purpose is found  
Incessantly—  
Uniting them, then  
In adversity

In a nation of Patriots  
The heavens extend  
Unto glorious dimensions  
To wealth they propend

Oiling diversities  
Fostering prosperity  
Blooming like hydrangea  
In meagre austerity

Nationalism swells  
within the pitiful soul  
Colouring it with vibrant—  
Vivid— sunrays of gold

By Gauri S. Nair - 8A

### Bharat

India, that is Bharat  
Is a country of gold, 24 karat  
Filled with smart minds  
And the very best of mankind

Everyone is welcome here  
Men and Women can lead their lives without fear  
India is a country of great diversity  
Many cultures have been here for eternity

Everyone here respects one-another  
And people treat each other like sister and brother  
This country has achieved a lot intellectually  
Chandrayaan 3 and the Vaccine was just a glimpse of our capability

What more is left to say about this great land  
Oh yes, more than 200 invasions, we could withstand  
The bravery of our people is unparalleled  
In high respect, India is now held

But this was not always the case  
When the British had left plundered our sacred place  
We were left reeling, with nothing at all  
Between different religions, there were many a brawl  
But at last we understood, united we stand, divided we fall

By Ketam Jha - 8D





## *Book Review: The Diary of a Young Girl*

*I would like to share my review of 'Anne Frank, The Diary of a Young Girl,' that moved me deeply. She was a young girl like me who was forced to hide with her family to save themselves from the cruel Nazi army during the second world war timeframe. The book is an account of her everyday life as a teenager until her life was cut short when the family was caught hiding by the Nazi and taken to a camp where she perished. It is unfortunate that even as I am writing this, there is a war raging that is seeing innocent victims, including children dying. Reading this book was like paying homage to a happy, brave little girl who will always be remembered as a victim of holocaust, the worst event in history. Let's hope for a world that is peaceful for all.*

*By Riya Pramod - 8D*

### *Peace*

*Peace-*

*A feeling enjoyed by many.*

*Easy to take away*

*And Hard to gain back.*

*Peace-*

*An outstanding substitute to war.*

*Saving money and time,*

*Is the most adept form of conflict resolution.*

*Peace-*

*Attained by love, tolerance, forgiveness, and brotherhood.*

*Absence of it leads to unnecessary and devastating bloodshed*

*Against what many of our ancestors followed.*

*Peace-*

*To which we pledge,*

*To never resort to arms*

*To make the world a better place to live in.*

*By Abhinav Sachhin - 8A*





# Events That Marked the Month

## Term-End Exams

The term end exams in NPS-HSR were held from the 25th of September to the 13th of October. The students were tested in various subjects such as sciences, social sciences, maths and languages. After these term-end exams, the students were given a well-deserved ten-day break.

## Inter-house Sports Meet

The inter house sports meet, held on 26th October, offered the students a chance to demonstrate their athletic prowess and sportsmanship. The event promoted physical fitness and fostered a sense of camaraderie among peers. It also consisted of fierce competition between the four houses.

## Upcoming Events

1. Karnataka Rajyotsava
2. Diwali
3. Children's Day
4. Cybernautica

## Dussehra Vacations

As the students of NPS HSR completed their half-yearly exams, they were given a break from 14th to 24th of October to celebrate the festival of Dussehra or Navaratri as well as recharge and prepare for the next term full of learning.



Thank You!