



# EPICS



MONTHLY MAGAZINE  
**THE INDIAN  
COMMUNITY  
SCHOOL (SENIOR)  
KUWAIT**

**E** EMOTIONAL **P** PHYSICAL **I** INTELLECTUAL **C** CULTURAL **S** SPIRITUAL

**DECEMBER 2016**



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Children,  
Welcome to the December Edition of EPICS. New year 2017 is approaching. At this time, let's see the ways to

become a wiser person. Let us become a better wiser person in 2017. Following are the tips to become a wiser person.

### 1. Open mindedness

Wisdom is the ability to understanding all aspects of a problem, without surrendering to personal feelings. The meaning of an open mind is to find true empathy and to understand that everyone has a life story that affects them in some way, and it is not our place to judge. A good habit is to write down, every day, what ails you. At the end of the day, take a look at that list and try to get a new perspective on each problem, you'll be surprised what things will come to mind.

### 2. "I could be mistaken"

A smart person understands that it is impossible to know everything, and that life always throws you a curve when you least expect it. Acknowledging our mistakes may, and often does, lead to greater wisdom. Remember, your ability to be wrong shouldn't damage your reputation as a wise man, but should increase it, because wise people know how to take responsibility for their mistakes. Friedrich Nietzsche, the German philosopher is quoted "Wisdom sets limits on knowledge too." Acknowledge the limits of your knowledge and admit when you are wrong.

### 3. Experiencing new things

While we each have our own personal tastes in books, music, art or just what is good cinema, it is important to note that getting familiar with styles unknown will broaden your horizons and introduce new world views, new ideas and new outlooks on life. So put down the novel you're reading and try a science fiction story, a history book or just a poem. Whatever it is you almost never read, now is the time to add some real experience in things you haven't really touched on. So try something new, or learn a new skill - it won't just make you wiser.

### 4. Self awareness

Many will say they have rich life experience, but when was the last time you really stopped to think of all you've learned throughout life. Try this exercise: Write down your three biggest failures and your three biggest successes. Next to each of them write some of the events that lead to it and the lessons you learned. Look for patterns, without pride or regret, simple patterns to teach you about how you used each experience to drive you forward. After all, knowing yourself is the biggest challenge of all.

### 5. Know what goes on around you

Yes, the news is often dramatic, misrepresented or just depressing. But it's hard to make balanced decisions for yourself and others if you don't learn from the mistakes that happen to others and to on larger scales, to your city, country and world. Keep updated, read a newspaper, watch the news or just read a news site online from time to time. Read the articles, not just headlines, and understand how you fit into this bigger world, and where you stand. This is crucial for true wisdom. Dear Children, let's step in to the new year with these positive thoughts of wisdom.

**BEST WISHES and HAPPY NEW YEAR IN ADVANCE.**

**02** EDITORS' NOTE

**04** THE YOUNG CHAMPIONS OF ICSK STEAL THE SHOW

**08** BIRTHDAY ARCADE - DECEMBER

**10** INDIAN SCHOOLS' MEGA ARTS FEST 2016

**12** 42<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

**18** WORLD IN A NUTSHELL

**WHAT'S INSIDE**

## ICSK BAGS KUWAIT CLUSTER ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE RECORD 15<sup>TH</sup> TIME



The Indian Community School, Kuwait has once again emerged as the overall champion in the 18th CBSE Kuwait Cluster Athletics Meet 15<sup>th</sup> time in a row with 366 points. The Athletics meet was held from

3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 at Kheifan Stadium. The students of ICSK have also stood apart in merit as Ms Christa Filo Vincent of Class XII has set two new meet records in High Jump and Triple Jump respectively and bagged the individual championship in Under 19 Girls' category. Similarly, Arnold Andrade of class VII for Under 14 category, Dinah Stephen of Class IX and Hanan K. Abdulla of Class XII for Under 19 Girls' category have bagged prestigious individual championships. ICSK has also grabbed the overall category championships for Under 14 Boys with 40 points, Under 14 Girls with 37 points, Under 17 Boys with 68 points and Under 19 Girls with 102 points respectively. Out of total 56 individual and 10 relay events, ICSK scored 16 and 6 Gold, 17 silver, and 9 and 2 bronze medals respectively in these two types of events. The management, principals, staff and students of ICSK family congratulated the winners and appreciated the efforts of physical education teachers.

# EDITORS' NOTE

Dear Children,

Christmas... that magic blanket that wraps itself about us, that something so intangible that it is like a fragrance. It may weave a spell of nostalgia. Christmas may be a day of feasting, or of prayer, but always it will be a day of remembrance – a day in which we think of everything we have ever loved. Christmas can warm hearts that have felt cold throughout the entire year. It is not about giving or receiving gifts, though everyone looks forward to that the most. It is about spending time with loved ones and friends and really appreciating the additional warmth that they bring to the holiday season.

When the family gathers for the holidays, you will see the love and attention that is spread throughout the entire house, and you will feel the warmth and comfort that comes from it. Christmas is a time to practice tolerance and respect, love and caring, and to speak the kind words of encouragement. Christmas is traditionally, a special day spent in the warm circle of family and friends. There are no gifts that can compare to the unbelievable feeling of love that comes when family and friends gather for Christmas.

One great aspect about Christmas that can bring a smile of warmth and comfort to the face of someone you know is that you can invite anyone that you wish to be a part of your holiday. Sometimes people find themselves with nowhere to go on Christmas. This is when it is most rewarding to open your heart and home and to include them in your Christmas festivities. This is a gift that cannot be purchased but that will mean more than any other gift they could have gotten. With each loving smile and each warm embrace, the true feeling of Christmas begins to take its place. The Christmas season ends all too quickly. It is important to make the best of every single moment that is provided. As the season changes and the trees again begin to bloom, we will begin our eager anticipation of another Christmas season that seems so far in the distance.

It's hard to believe that the year has come and is almost gone. It seems like only yesterday that we were still in the hot days of summer and were surviving through the dog days of August. We've passed through a relatively orderly fall and as we come to December, it's always a good opportunity to take stock of the past year. Finally, with all the unrest and intolerance in the world, we hope you and your friends and family find peace and have a safe, healthy and happy holiday season - however you choose to celebrate. And let's all hope for a more prosperous year next year. We're facing a new year, a new set of challenges and opportunities, and a clean slate for the year ahead.

You can mail us: [epicseditors@gmail.com](mailto:epicseditors@gmail.com)

**Mrs. Sicy Abraham**  
**Mrs. Priya Ashok Kurup**



## Life without Music

"Music gives a SOUL to the universe, WINGS to the mind and LIFE to everything!"



VRITIKA NAIK  
XII - A

Life without music would be as boring as a T.V. that only shows one color or a house that has only one room.

Music isn't just something that orchestras perform, but found in movies, bird's songs, even our rhythmic heartbeats. Life without music would be like life without the enhancement of colors: dull and monotonous.

Music is in many ways the fabric of our lives and the definition of society. It is a reminder of how things once were an indication of how things are, and a view of where society is headed. Music is a direct reflection of the picture of society. Music can be a way to deliver messages, a poetic medium, a fine art, or nothing more than a source of entertainment. No matter what it is used for, music is the perfect art and our lives would be that much less complete without it that life as we know it would not at all be the same without music. Music is the perfect form of art.

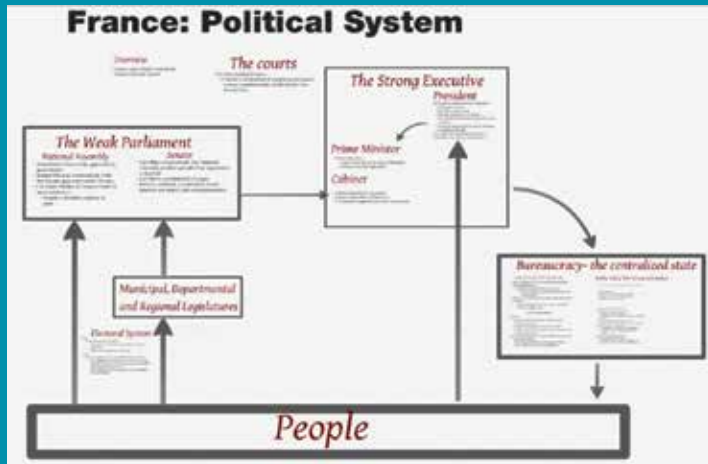
The German philosopher, Friedrich Nietzsche put it simply "Life without music would be a mistake". Music is the universal language, uniting humanity and destroying the boundaries between all kinds of people- at times even lessening disabilities. The blind can hear it and bask in the sweet melody, experiencing a beauty which they may have never understood, otherwise in their sensory darkness. While the deaf, although unable to hear, can compose it for the enjoyment of others and may very well create the most enjoyable and majestic masterpiece of all as Beethoven so showed in his later years. What's more, music is inherently unique to each individual, each person tailoring his or her own meaning and relevance to every piece. What might inspire a kind childhood memory to one could spark a triggering and painful moment to another. It also allows each person to validate their own unique individuality.

Music most certainly has the ability to soothe the savage beast. It also has the capacity to incite fury and passion. The blowing of a horn has long been used to signal the beginning of a battle in ancient times, much like how today, popular, energetic songs are used in the preliminaries to sporting events to make the fans and players feel the heat of the game.

Music has changed the artistic and non-artistic world immeasurably, such that a world without music is nothing more than a terrifying fantasy. A world without music would be a quiet place indeed.



# FRENCH POLITICAL SYSTEM



The POLITICAL SYSTEM of FRANCE take place with the framework of a semi-presidential system determined by the French Constitution of the fifth Republic. The nation declares itself to be an "indivisible, secular, democratic, and social Republic". The constitution provides for a separation of powers and proclaims France's "attachment to the Rights of Man and the principles of national sovereignty as defined by the Declaration of 1789."

The political system of France consists of an executive branch, a legislative branch and a judicial branch. Executive power is exercised by the President of the Republic and the Government. The Government consists of the Prime Minister and ministers. The Prime Minister is appointed by the President, and is responsible to the Parliament. The government, including the Prime Minister, can be

revoked by the National Assembly, the lower house of Parliament, through a "censure motion"; this ensures that the Prime Minister is always supported by a majority of the lower house (which, on most topics, has prominence over the upper house).



AHALYA KUTTY  
- 9 A

Parliament comprises the National Assembly and the Senate. It passes statutes and votes on the budget; it controls the action of the executive through formal questioning on the floor of the houses of Parliament and by establishing commissions of inquiry. The constitutionality of the statutes is checked by the Constitutional Council, members of which are appointed by the President of the Republic, the President of the National Assembly, and the President of the Senate. Former presidents of the Republic also are members of the Council.

The independent judiciary is based upon civil law system which evolved from the Napoleonic codes. It is divided into the judicial branch (dealing with civil law and criminal law) and the administrative branch (dealing with appeals against executive decisions), each with their own independent supreme court of appeal: the Court of Cassation for the judicial courts and the Conseil d'Etat for the administrative courts. The French government includes various bodies that check abuses of power and independent agencies.

France is a unitary state. However, its administrative subdivisions - regions, departments and communes - have various legal functions, and the national government is prohibited from intruding into their normal operations.

## RENOWNED ARCHITECT PADMA SHRI PROF. G. SHANKAR VISITS ICSK SENIOR



On 6th November 2016, Padma Shri Prof. G. Shankar, the pioneer of people's housing movement based on cost effective and sustainable building technologies in India, honoured The Indian Community School (Senior) Kuwait with his presence. His concept of green architecture has brought about a much-required qualitative change to the shelter sector in Kerala, India. His sensitivity to the needs of the common man, the marginalized, the fisher folk, the slum dwellers and the tribals earned him the title of 'People's Architect'. Since 1987 he is UN Consultant for disaster mitigation (Srilanka & Maldives). He is also the Chairman of the National Committee constituted by the Government of India to formulate guidelines on disaster resistant building technologies. He is the founder and chief architect of Habitat

Technology Group, an NGO working in the shelter sector in south Asia with responding centers in India and in other developing countries like Bangladesh, Srilanka and Nigeria. Presently it is a group of 400 professionals with a support base of 30000 trained habitat workers. The programme commenced with an introduction of the Guest by Dr.V.Binumon, Principal & Senior Administrator ICSK. He welcomed the Guest Padma Shri Prof. G. Shankar who was accompanied by his wife Mrs. Sugatha Shankar, a retired English professor to the function. In his address to the students the guest exhorted them to be the future of the nation & explained to them the importance of travel in order to expand one's horizons. He equated travelling to the experience of reading thousands of books. Talking about his desire to help the downtrodden he shared his experience with Mother Teresa, who served as a motivational figure in his life. He draws inspiration from the architect Laurie Baker and has taken up the mission to involve the people in every step of the building process. He then appealed to the students to wholeheartedly help the less fortunate to secure their dreams. He also entreated them to take the road less travelled so that they can make a positive difference in the lives of others. A memento, as a token of appreciation was presented to the Guest which was followed by a photo session to capture the moment for eternity. The programme culminated with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Sam. T. Kuruvilla, the Vice Principal.

# THE YOUNG CHAMPIONS OF ICSK STEAL THE SHOW



David Thomas, Benson Daniel, K. John, Nikhil Menezes, and Sidharth Dileep.

In the 18th **CBSE Kuwait Clusters Basketball tournament 2016** organized at Bayan Sports Club on 27th, 28th and 29th November, ICSK Basketball team were the Runners Up. The team members are Ryan Johnson, George Kurian, Saran Prem, John Varghese, Lionel Marc, Kevin Tom Biju, Akhil Firoze, Egan Ligorio, Rohan Philip, Hrishikesh Murali, David Thomas and Sharvan Ravi. Congratulations to all the winners and participants.



Ryan Johnson - XII E

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> **SAFEENA Jimmy George Volleyball Tournament 2016** organised by Indian Volleyball Association, Kuwait, from 2nd-5th November, the ICSK Volleyball team were the champions. They defeated United Indian School in the finals. Ryan Johnson of class 12-E was adjudged the Most Valuable Player of the tournament. The team was led by Ryan Johnson, and the team members are Nooh Faisal, Stephen D'Souza, Kevin Sajan, Christy Sajan, Ali Hussain, Mohammed Juzar,



# MARVEL COMICS



Marvel Worldwide Inc., commonly referred to as Marvel Comics, was the most famous comic series in late 1950s. The movies of these fictional characters such as the The Avengers, Spiderman, X-Men, The Fantastic Four, etc. Martin Goodman founded the company later known as Marvel Comics under the name Timely Publications in 1939. Martin Goodman, a pulp magazine publisher who had started with a Western pulp in 1933, was expanding into the emerging - and by then already highly popular - new medium of comic books. Timely Publication's, or Marvel Comic's first comic, which was published in October 1939, was The Human Torch, which included the first appearance of Carl Burgos' android superhero. The company's first true editor, writer-artist Joe Simon, teamed with artist and emerging industry notable Jack Kirby to create one of the first patriotically themed superheroes, Captain America, in Captain America Comics #1 (March 1941). It, too, proved a hit, with sales of nearly one million. Goodman formed Timely Comics, Inc., beginning with comics covered dated April 1941 or Spring 1941. While no other Timely character would achieve the success of these "big three", some notable heroes - many

of which continue to appear in modern-day retcon appearances and flashbacks - include the Whizzer, Miss America, the Destroyer, the original Vision, and the Angel. Timely also published one of humor cartoonist Basil Wolverton's best-known features, "Powerhouse Pepper", as well as a line of children's funny-animal comics featuring popular characters like



RUTVIK VENKATA VISHWANATHAM - 8 B

Super Rabbit and the duo Ziggy Pig and Silly Seal. In addition to Spider-Man and the Fantastic Four, Marvel began publishing further superhero titles featuring such heroes and antiheroes as the Hulk, Thor, Ant-Man, Iron Man, the X-Men, Daredevil, the Inhumans, Black Panther, Doctor Strange, Captain Marvel and the Silver Surfer, and such memorable antagonists as Doctor Doom, Magneto, Galactus, Loki, the Green Goblin, and Doctor Octopus, all existing in a shared reality known as the Marvel Universe, with locations that mirror real-life cities such as New York, Los Angeles and Chicago. Communism affected Marvel comics a lot from which DC comics, which included the Superman, Batman and Justice League of America, were highly benefited. In 2009, Disney offered a deal to Marvel Comics of 4 billion Dollars to acquire its' parent corporation. It was a huge kickstart for Marvel comics. In September 2010, Marvel switched its bookstores distribution company from Diamond Book Distributors to Hachette Distribution Services. Marvel relaunched the CrossGen imprint, owned by Disney Publishing Worldwide, in March 2011. Marvel and Disney Publishing began jointly publishing Disney/Pixar Presents magazine that May. Its' a long way from 1939 to 2016. We have and still enjoy the most famous.

Super hero comics in the world .I'm waiting for more. Are you???



# BEST STUDENTS - NOVEMBER



LEAH MARIAM  
JOSEPH - 12A



AYSHA MUBEENA  
- 12B



MAYOOKHA  
BALAKRISHNAN - 12C



STEPEN ROSHAN  
D'SOUZA - 12D



DIANA JEFFREY  
CABRAL - 12E



CHRISTA FILO  
VINCENT - 12F



SHEJIN CHRISTO  
- 12G



AISHA HAMZA  
- 12J



SAKINA ABBAS  
- 12K



VISHAKA JAYARAM  
- 11A



VIVEK PRASAD  
DALBEHERA - 11B



AASIF KHAN  
- 11C



KRIPA ELSA  
VARGHESE - 11D



SALAMUDEEN  
THAMSUDEEN - 11E



ANNMARIYA JOSEPH  
- 11F



SANJANA  
BHANDARY - 11G



DALE MARIA DSILVA  
- 11H



MERLYN MARIA  
NORONHA - 11I



BATUL HUSSAINI D.  
- 11J



NIHA ANN SAM  
- 11K



HUSSAIN  
FAKHRUDDIN - 11L



MALAIKA  
- 10A



FAREEHA FAIZ  
AHSAN - 10B



KABILA  
GNANASEGAR - 10C



DILANO SIMON  
CORREYA - 10E



JAYDEN SHAUN  
D'SOUZA - 10F



TINA TONY  
ALAPATT - 9A



RUDRA VIPUL PATEL  
- 9B



MANPREET  
SINGH - 9C



CHARUKESH  
PRASANTH - 8A



FIONA FRANCIS  
FERNANDES - 8B



SANIA GEORGE  
- 8C

## Bucoleon Palace



Bucoleon Palace is a Byzantine coastal palace. It is located on the Marmara Sea shore, at Catladikapi location between Cankurtaran and Kumkapi today in the east of Little Hagia Sophia. Only the ruins of the palace have survived until present. It is believed that its history dates back long ago considering its name, which is thought to be a pre-Christianity name. In fact, the Bucoleon Palace was constructed on the order of Emperor Theodosius II (408-450). The parts that are known and still visible today were probably added in the era of Teofilos (829-842).

Lying over castle walls in-between the lighthouse called Pharos-an the foreland which was used as the imperial port, the palace has its foundation made up of marble blocks dating back to the First Age. The approximately 300 meters- high frontal façade that can

be seen behind the castle walls is mainly composed of two sections. The monumental stairs connecting the small port in the front and the palace by passing through a low-height wall in south-north direction separated these two sections. The Western section of the palace was demolished in 1870s during the railway construction works. Both sides of this section had bays ornamented with sculptures of sitting lions. The Eastern side of the palace still stands. The locations at Pharos side are decorated with columns that are enriched with ornaments. A few of the support pillars are still exhibited in Istanbul Archeological Museum. There are also other column heads with different ornaments on the Eastern side.



ABEL CHRIS - 10 C  
STUDENT EDITOR



# World Affairs, Art Affairs - ICSK Carves a Niche in all



Students of ICSK had the honour of attending the **Model United Nations** session conducted by Indian Educational School, Kuwait on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of November 2016. The school team was led by Madhumita Venugopal. Anupama Nambiar, Shaik Mathar and Madhumita Venugopal were the members of the General Assembly, Basil Habeeb and Mohammed Mishal were in the Historic Security Council, Adithya Narayan and Karthikeyan Suresh in the International Cricket Council and Vivek Dalbehra was the reporter. Madumita Venugopal, Anupama Nambiar, Shaik Mathar, Mohammad Basil Habeeb and Mohammed Mishal were selected to be the delegates of Israel, South Sudan, the U.K, Russia and Turkey respectively. A Position Paper by each student was submitted a week in advance to the event. Mohammad Basil Habeeb was awarded the prize for



Best Delegate and Mohammed Mishal received a verbal mention for the Best Speaker. The delegates are eager to attend the next MUN session and possibly begin an MUN club at ICSK.

The 19<sup>th</sup> of November proved to be a great day for the young talents of ICSK. An Interschool competition, **'Xpressions 2016'**, was conducted by The Indian English Academy School and all the participants of ICSK participated with great enthusiasm. In the Solo Singing competition, Moses Kurian secured the first position. For Paper Quilling, Patriotic Song and Filmy Songs competitions, the ICSK Senior students emerged victorious. This certainly shows that ICSK Senior does not lack flair proven by the cocktail of talents in the school.

## CHRISTMAS IS HERE

It's a time for singing  
It's a time for friends  
It's a time for wrapping packages to send  
It's a time for hugging  
Everyone you meet  
It's a time for baking all their favourite treats  
It's a time for secrets  
No one knows but you  
A time for family and neighbours too  
It's a time for children –  
A time for toys  
But mostly it's a time for joy!

CHRISTMAS IS HERE! My favourite time of the year filled with laughter, joy, gifts, Christmas trees, lights the food and various festivities the carols and so much more .

But this is how it all began : This is the story of Christmas.

Let me take you back, way back about two thousand years ago to the town of Nazareth. There lived a young woman named Mary who was to be engaged to a man named Joseph, an angel of the lord appeared and told her that she was going to have a son and his name would be 'Immanuel' which means God with us. Soon after this, Mary and Joseph were married. During that time Caesar Augustus decreed that each person should go to their own city to be registered for the census. So Mary and Joseph made their way to Bethlehem in Judea. While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and said "For to you is born this day in the town of David A Saviour ,who is Christ the Messiah". Hearing the good news they hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph and the baby. The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.

In the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem searching for the King of the Jews and they said "For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." When Herod heard this he was disturbed so he secretly called the chief priests and learnt where the child was to be born. He then told the Wise Men to go and find the child and return in order to tell him where the child was born. When they had listened to the king they went their way and the star which they had seen in the east in its rising went before them and stood over the place where the child was. And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Being warned in a dream they departed home. An angel of the lord appeared to Joseph and told him to flee to Egypt for Herod desires to search and destroy the child.

All this was fulfilled which was prophesied by Isaiah and Malachi around 700BC came to pass on that quiet Bethlehem night. Christmas is a time to enjoy and be happy but most importantly it's the time to give.



SHARON MANOJ  
11 A - STUDENT EDITOR

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!





# THE GHOST TOWN

One of the scariest places,  
Is the Ghost Town.  
With so many freaky faces,  
To keep our confidence down.

The evil spirits are terrible,  
The witches are so horrible.  
The wolves start to howl,  
Warning us that they are on the prowl.

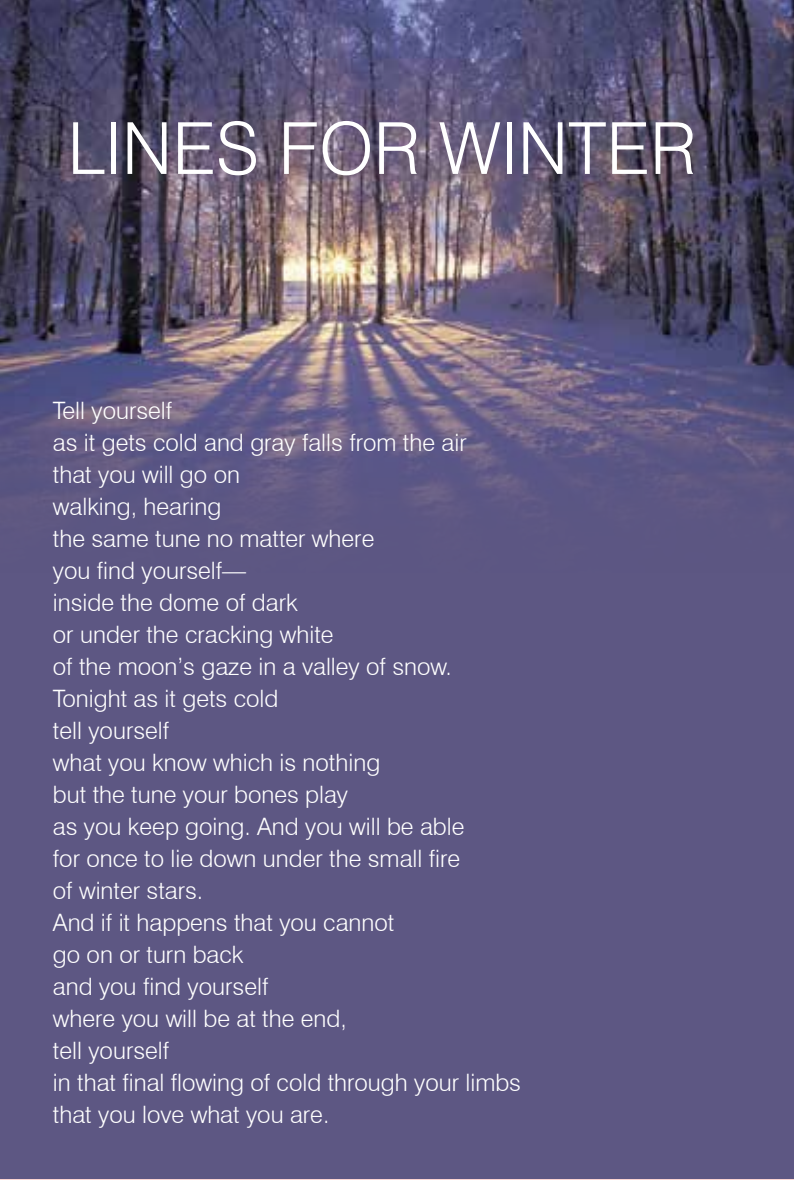
At midnight, as the stars blend with the blue sky,  
Alas! The beauty is destroyed by a little girls cry.  
Following it was a wizard's scream,  
As I neared, there was a blood stream.

I went further and reached an abandoned house,  
There I heard the squeaks of a mouse.  
And not very late,  
I had to lie down in a hungry state.  
As the party continued, one of the witches saw me,  
They caught me and as I shouted at them to free me,  
I gave out a loud scream,  
And there ends my horrible dream.



SIDHARTH SUDHEER  
9-B

# LINES FOR WINTER



Tell yourself  
as it gets cold and gray falls from the air  
that you will go on  
walking, hearing  
the same tune no matter where  
you find yourself—  
inside the dome of dark  
or under the cracking white  
of the moon's gaze in a valley of snow.  
Tonight as it gets cold  
tell yourself  
what you know which is nothing  
but the tune your bones play  
as you keep going. And you will be able  
for once to lie down under the small fire  
of winter stars.  
And if it happens that you cannot  
go on or turn back  
and you find yourself  
where you will be at the end,  
tell yourself  
in that final flowing of cold through your limbs  
that you love what you are.

## ICSK SENIOR CELEBRATES CHILDREN'S DAY WITH PANACHE



The Indian Community School, Senior Branch, held a grand celebration on 14th November, 2016 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India. The day is celebrated all over India as a day of celebration of childhood and symbolizes Pt. Nehru's deep affection and concern for children. The celebrations spirited the young minds with zest and enthusiasm inspiring them to preserve childhood in their minds throughout their life. ICSK campus wore a festive look as children walked in wearing coloured clothes. Various quotes by Pandit Nehru embellished the school campus. A special assembly was organized on the day by

the teachers of ICSK Senior as a tribute to the pristine purity and innocence of childhood. Each and every student was welcomed at the school gate by the team of teachers under the leadership of the Principal Dr. V. Binumon.



Dr. V. Binumon welcomed the gathering urging the students to enjoy every small step that takes us ahead in life. Prayer, music and thoughts enriched the minds of the children reinforcing the values taught and followed. One teacher did a convincing impression of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India and rendered a dazzling speech to conscientise the students upon the need to be proactive in the present scenario. Musical extravaganza and dance performances by teachers further made the special assembly memorable. Chocolates sprinkled with good advice and love distributed to all the students created the right mood of happiness throughout the day imprinting the happy memories in minds of all the children.



# Birthday Arcade - December



**AADIL MUHAMMED**  
11F - 1ST DEC.



**MOHAMMED SHARIYAF**  
12K - 1ST DEC.



**SANDRA SAJEEV**  
10A - 1ST DEC.



**SIDHARTH DILEEP**  
8B - 1ST DEC.



**ZAIBA HABIBULLA MITHA**  
10C - 1ST DEC.



**ADARSH ASHOK**  
11B - 2ND DEC.



**ABIGAIL MARY YANG**  
9B - 3RD DEC.



**RASHA ASLAM K.**  
12C - 3RD DEC.



**ABHINAV GIRISH K.**  
11A - 4TH DEC.



**JAVERI PHILIX**  
12J - 4TH DEC.



**NAJIHA ASHRAF**  
10B - 4TH DEC.



**NASIHA ASHRAF**  
10A - 4TH DEC.



**PRAVEEN JAMES**  
12D - 4TH DEC.



**BATUL HUSSAINI D.**  
11J - 5TH DEC.



**MOHAMMED NAFEESA**  
10B - 5TH DEC.



**YADHU KRISHNA**  
11D - 5TH DEC.



**JENNY SARA G.**  
12G - 6TH DEC.



**NOOR AMATULLAH P.**  
12D - 6TH DEC.



**FATEMA ALI AHMED**  
11K - 7TH DEC.



**JOEL ANTO**  
9B - 7TH DEC.



**RUKAIYA HUSAIN K.**  
11I - 7TH DEC.



**JULIANA MARIAM G.**  
11C - 8TH DEC.



**KEVIN FRANCISCO**  
12J - 8TH DEC.



**MUSTAFA TAHER ALI**  
12K - 8TH DEC.



**NABELA BEGUM**  
9C - 8TH DEC.



**RENITA SEQUIERA**  
11H - 8TH DEC.



**ZAINAB HAKIMUDDIN S.**  
12B - 8TH DEC.



**MOHAN DODEJA**  
10C - 9TH DEC.



**SHERIN SILLA STANLY**  
12C - 9TH DEC.



**AISHA IMTIYAZ MEMON**  
11H - 10TH DEC.



**SANA SALEH M.**  
12F - 10TH DEC.



**ABBAS**  
9A - 11TH DEC.



**MALAIKA**  
10A - 11TH DEC.



**NEELANJANA BEHJU B.**  
11A - 11TH DEC.



**PATHAN SAADKHAN Y.**  
11A - 11TH DEC.



**ADNAN PARTAPURWALA**  
12D - 12TH DEC.



**AMATULLAH ASGARALI**  
11L - 12TH DEC.



**ATHIRA REVIPRASAD**  
11B - 12TH DEC.



**RIYA ANN ELIAS**  
11D - 12TH DEC.



**FRANCESCA A. V.**  
11J - 13TH DEC.



**KEENAN LUCAS D'SOUZA**  
11B - 13TH DEC.



**MEREEDA A. THOMAS**  
11F - 13TH DEC.



**SIDDHARTH ABY**  
11A - 13TH DEC.



**ABDUL RAHIM HAMID**  
11D - 14TH DEC.



**BERTILLA RITHU**  
10B - 14TH DEC.



**JOEL JOHN SHAJI**  
10A - 14TH DEC.



**SNEHA ASHOK**  
12E - 14TH DEC.



**YASH THAKKAKKAR**  
10A - 14TH DEC.



**DONA AJAY**  
11H - 15TH DEC.



**HUSSAIN HAKIMUDDIN**  
10B - 15TH DEC.



**MERIL ANN VARGHESE**  
8B - 15TH DEC.



**AIJAZ HUSSAIN**  
12D - 16TH DEC.



**AYSHA MUBEENA**  
12B - 16TH DEC.



**CHRIS SAL D'SILVA**  
10E - 16TH DEC.



**AKASH CHANDRAMOHAN**  
11D - 17TH DEC.



**ASMA SYED ABDUL**  
10B - 17TH DEC.



**KAGITHA PRIYANKA**  
9B - 17TH DEC.



**THOMAS P. CHANDRY**  
12A - 17TH DEC.



**IMAD AMANULLAH K.**  
11K - 18TH DEC.



**AKSHAYA PRAMOD**  
8A - 19TH DEC.



**ASMA BASHIR DESAI**  
12B - 19TH DEC.



**FATIMA TAPIYA**  
11H - 19TH DEC.



**JESSICA AN LEJO**  
8C - 19TH DEC.



**KABILA GNANASEGAR**  
10C - 19TH DEC.



**TARIQ AHMED**  
11C - 19TH DEC.



**BRANDON**  
12A - 20TH DEC.



**FUAD ABDURAHIMAN**  
11C - 20TH DEC.



**JAINY PRINSON**  
12F - 20TH DEC.



**NAWAL MOHAMED K.**  
10C - 20TH DEC.



**PAVAN KUMAR**  
12D - 20TH DEC.



**KASAM MANNAN C.**  
11J - 21ST DEC.



**ASHITHA E. THOMAS**  
11G - 22ND DEC.



**BERTIN PAUL WILSON**  
11E - 22ND DEC.



**REEM TARIQ ABDUL**  
8B - 22ND DEC.



**JANNADHUL RISWANA**  
11E - 24TH DEC.



**LIJAMOL VARGHESE**  
11E - 24TH DEC.



**MOHMED SADIK**  
11C - 24TH DEC.



**RAYYAN ABUBUCKER**  
12B - 24TH DEC.



**ABHISHEK R.**  
8A - 25TH DEC.



**NEHA SURESH M.**  
12B - 25TH DEC.



**DIANA CABRAL**  
12E - 26TH DEC.



**JOEL THOMAS GEORGE**  
11H - 26TH DEC.



**NIDHI THOMAS**  
12D - 26TH DEC.



**FAHD ANWAR KHAN**  
12D - 27TH DEC.



**ISRAA YUNUSKHAN P.**  
9C - 28TH DEC.



**RUKAIYA SHABBIR**  
12G - 29TH DEC.



**RUPALI JAIN**  
9B - 29TH DEC.



**SHRIYA NAIR**  
12E - 29TH DEC.



**AZIZ ZUJAR B.**  
11K - 30TH DEC.



**MANNAH ACHU ALEX**  
10C - 30TH DEC.





SOMU K SUNNY  
12K - 30TH DEC.



AREFA SHABBIR N.  
11H - 31ST DEC.



ELBER LOURENCO  
10F - 31ST DEC.



HRISHIKESH MURALI  
11B - 31ST DEC.



JABER JALEEL  
11K - 31ST DEC.



KRISTEN GEORGE  
10E - 31ST DEC.



PATURI VENKATESH  
11L - 31ST DEC.



MR. MURTAZA ALI  
1ST DEC.



MRS. MARIAMMA  
SHAJI - 5TH DEC



MRS KAVITHA ANIL  
ANTONY - 10TH DEC



MRS LUBNA LODHI  
- 13TH DEC



MRS SUNITHA  
GEORGE - 18TH DEC



MRS MERINE JOBY  
23TH DEC



MRS NANCY INOCENCIA  
DSA - 29TH DEC

# MY FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS STORIES



The holiday season is my favorite time of year. If you're like me, you want to establish thousands of timeless traditions for years to come. Put up the lights, shovel some snow, and crank out the carols. Add some stories to this year's festivities and read about my top five Christmas stories and the lessons behind each one. The more love you show this season, the more you will understand the importance of family time, not only around the holiday season, but every day of the year.

## 1. The Grinch

Dr. Seuss's classic tale of the grumpy man in the mountain above Whoville will tug at your heart and teach you the true meaning of Christmas. As the Whos in Whoville become caught up in the commercialism of Christmas time, the Grinch hatches a plan to put a

reality check on the entire town on Christmas Eve. After stealing all of the town's presents, and before he is about to drop them off the mountain, the Grinch remembers the warmth of young Cindy Lou Who. She teaches him the beauty of love and charity. The happy ending promotes the true meaning behind Christmas: that "maybe Christmas, perhaps, doesn't come from a store."

## 2. A Christmas Carol

Mean Mr. Scrooge is a must-read on your list of family stories. After living a hard, lonely life wealthy Scrooge is visited by three ghosts and faces the fearful facts about his future. With no close family or friends, Scrooge's visions and encounters with the Spirits remind him of the person he once was and the person he still can be. Life lesson? "I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the Past, the Present, and the Future."

## 3. The Polar Express

Yes, watch the movie, but don't forget to read the book and admire the beautiful artwork. Make one of those cardboard trains if you're feeling adventurous! The Polar Express takes you on a midnight train ride filled with children heading towards the North Pole. Santa gives

the first gift of Christmas - a silver bell - to a young boy, who learns how to believe. This is a heartwarming movie with a sweet lesson on the magic of Christmas.



ABHIRAM V. KURUP  
XIA

## 4. Jingle All the Way

Yes, we know it may seem out of place, and Arnold isn't exactly magical, but this Christmas lesson is for parents. Whether it's Turbo Man, Barbie, or Mr. Potato Head, plan ahead and don't be the frantic fool searching seven stores on Christmas Eve.

## 5. The Nativity

Perhaps the most meaningful story, it's the reason we celebrate Christmas. Retell the story of Mary and Joseph in your home, or act it out with each child taking a part. This lesson is one I am still learning. It's a lesson of ultimate love, gratitude, humility, and sacrifice.

Start a new tradition this year as you trifle through the treats and tinsel. Christmas is always so much more than it seems, so make this year your most meaningful yet. Try to find love in everything you do.

# EPICTIONARY

Latest words added to the dictionary

- Bling (n)** - Expensive, ostentatious clothing and jewelry.
  - Look at the bling he is wearing on his left arm.
  - I do not appreciate the usage of too many blings
- Muggle (n)** - A person who is not conversant with a particular activity or skill.

- She is a muggle with no educational background, aptitude or understanding.
  - I am a muggle when it comes to drawing.
- Upcycle (v)** - To reuse something.
    - Sustainable builders routinely reclaim and upcycle materials.
    - We usually upcycle all the plastic waste in our school.
  - Screenager (n)** - A person in their teens who has an aptitude for computers and internet.

- My brother is a screenager.
  - I dislike screenagers
- Locavore (n)** - A person whose diet consists only or principally of locally grown or produced food
    - Join the locavore movement by seeking out nearby spring-break options
    - This article is all about the significance of the locavore movement.

# INDIAN SCHOOLS' MEGA ARTS FEST 2016



The Indian Schools' Mega Arts Fest is a manifestation of master talents in Kuwait. Never before in the history of Indian schools in Kuwait had such opportunities to express and expose the hidden talents of the young minds. So, for the first time, the Indian Community School Kuwait organized Mega Arts Fest, with more than 80 different types of items in various categories in 2 days, 3 venues, 6 stages from 8.00 am to 8.00 pm with participation of more than 2000 students from all the Indian Schools in Kuwait. This was an epoch making event in the Middle East.

The inauguration of Mega Arts Fest began with the recitation of the traditional Islamic Prayer and Prayer song followed by the rendering of the National Anthem of Kuwait and Britain. Dr. V. Binumon, Principal and Senior Administrator of ICSK welcomed the guests followed by the Lighting of the Lamp. In the inaugural address by the Chief Guest, His Excellency Mr. Matthew James Lodge, Ambassador of Britain to Kuwait, gave an inspiring speech. The address by Guest of Honour, Mrs. Sudha Chandran, Cine Artist and Dancer was an eye opener for the listeners. She was magnanimous enough to show few dance steps to our students. They did benefit from her expertise. The words of Special Guest, Mrs. Maryam Abdul Rahman Dashti, Dept. of Middle & High School,

Ministry of Private Education, Kuwait, too was an energizer. Representing the Organising Committee, Mr. Agnello A.S. Fernandes, Joint Secretary, Board of Trustees, ICSK addressed the gathering.

Although Gurupranam is not a new concept for Indians, in the Gulf region it was



considered to be a novelty. It has shattered the barriers and boundaries of nations. It was a custom in ancient India, especially in the field of education to get the blessings of Guru. Guru is given the highest respect in Indian society. From 21 schools 20 principals took part in the Gurupranam. They were honoured with 'ponnada', covering the individual with linen cloth signifying high thinking and simple living.

There were off-stage and on stage programmes. Off-stage items were conducted well in advance and the results were kept ready. The two days of



competitions were the highlights of the Mega Art Fest. Individual and group items were conducted on various stages at different locations for five categories from 8am to 8pm. The thundershower on both days could not dampen the spirit of the participants.







Neck to neck competitions put the Judges in a hot spot to choose the winners.

The Valedictory Ceremony began with recitation of Islamic prayer and rendering of Kuwait and Indian National Anthem. The welcome song was sung by the Swaranjali the ICSK choir. The welcome address given by Dr. V. Binumon, Principal ICSK & Senior Administrator which was followed by the lighting of the lamp by H.E. Mr. Sunil Jain, Ambassador of India to Kuwait and Padmashri. Dr. Resul Pookutty, an Oscar Award Winner and Golden Reel Award Winner. The Special Guest for the day. His Excellency Mr. Sunil Jain in his inaugural speech showered praises on ICSK in organizing this event in such magnitude. The words of wisdom from the Special Guest, Padmashri Dr. Resul Pookutty made everyone to think and re-think the value of education.

wonderful gesture by the Special guest for having agreed to hand over all these prizes individually to each and every winner and take snaps too. Kalaprabhitha and Kalathilak (in each category) were given 4gm. of Gold and a Crystal Trophy. The organizers as well as the parents and participants were deeply touched by this gesture.

Cultural events presented on stage by ICSK students mesmerized the audience prior to the distribution of prizes for Category 4 and 5 (Individual and group) and the Kalathilak and Kalaprabhitha, special awards for Categories 1,2,3,4,5 and the distribution of the overall Trophy. The live concert by Stephen Devassy, a gold medalist from The London School of Music, picked up the momentum to give it a befitting finale to the Mega Arts Fest. Though the performance was short, he made everyone in the auditorium to be on their feet, forgetting the hard times they had due to spoiler rain.



Under category- 4 Abel Chris of ICSK -Senior claimed the Kalaprabhitha while Aishwarya Shaji of FAIPS PVT.School became the Kalathilak.

Milan Abraham Mathew of ICSK -Khaitan and Batul Rokadiya of Salmiya Indian Model School declared to be the Kalaprabhitha and Kalathilak respectively.

The winners of Kalaprabhitha in category -1&2 were Aibel Praveen Panampally,FAIPS Pvt. School and Aaron Varghese James, ICSK - Junior respectively.

Nakshatra Neeraja Binu, and Reine Mary John, both from Indian Educational School declared to be the winners of Kalathilak in category 1&2.

SCHOOL WISE POINTS POSITION AS FOLLOWS: ICSK Senior secured 186 points under category 5 and FAIPS PVT SCHOOL 102 points under 4 category. In category 3 ICSK AMMAN scored 94 points and in category-2 INDIAN EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL 56 points. In category -1 INDIAN EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL secured 42 points.



The Special guest, Padmashri Dr. Resul Pookutty had kindly consented to give away about 600 prizes for Category 1, 2 and 3 (individual and group) . That was indeed a



With the vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Rajesh Nair, Principal, ICSK Amman Branch brought the Mega Art Fest 2016, to the close.

The following winners in different categories were declared to be the Kala Prathiba and Kala Thilak of Mega Art Fest 2016.

In category -5 Muhammed Basil Habeeb of ICSK Senior and Parvathy Sudeer Nair of United Indian School declared to be the winners of Kalaprabhitha and Kalathilak.





# THE INDIAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL, KUWAIT ORGANISES 42<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL SPORTS DAY



The 42nd Annual Sports Day of the Indian Community School Kuwait (ICSK), was held on Friday, 18th November, 2016 at Khaifan Stadium, Kuwait with great pomp and fervor. Mr. Shubashis Goldar, Deputy Chief of Mission and Chief Public Information Officer, of the Indian Embassy was the Chief Guest of the event and Mr. Ganghadhar Shirsath, Principal and Sports Coordinator presided over the function. The presence of Mr. Vinukumar Nair, Hon. V. Chairman, Mr. Amar Mohammed, Hon. Secretary, Mr. Agnello Fernandes, Hon. Jt. Secretary, all the branch Principals, Vice Principals and the other invited distinguished personalities of the Indian diaspora in Kuwait added to the grandeur of the event. The sports day is the culmination of the athletic events which are conducted house-wise earlier in the four branches of the school.

The programme began with the recitation of the verses from the Holy Quran followed by the National Anthems of both Kuwait and India. Dr.



V. Binumon, Principal & Senior Administrator welcomed the august gathering. After the school flag was hoisted, the best athletes of the ICSK took turns to carry the torch to light the sports flame. This was followed by the march - past of the four Houses - Shanti, Seva, Sahyog and Santhosh.

Mr. Vinukumar Nair, Hon. Vice Chairman, in his presidential address, lauded the success of the school in the field of sports and games. He referred to the various accolades and medals of appreciation acquired by the ICSK Students. He also congratulated the grit, hard work and determination of the Physical Education Teachers in leading the ICSK team to victory. The Chief Guest in his inaugural address exhorted the students to acknowledge and appreciate their competitors. He encouraged all the participants to exhibit true sportsman spirit as apart from commemorating victories, sports meets also aim at imparting lessons on fairness, integrity and camaraderie to children. The Chief Guest then declared the annual sports meet open amidst thunderous applause by releasing balloons in the air.

A mesmerizing band display by the famous ICSK Band that followed, captivated all the hearts present at the event. The athletic events were interspersed with the spectacular drill displays by all the four branches which added colour to this momentous occasion. The Chief Guest, the Members of the Board and the Principals gave away trophies to the CBSE Kuwait Cluster champions and other sports event winners of all the branch schools.

The event concluded as the School flag was lowered and the meet was declared closed by Mr. Amar Mohammed, Hon. Secretary which brought an end to a memorable day. The 42nd Sports day of ICSK Senior was brought to a close with the words of gratitude by Mrs. Sheryl Dennis, Principal -in -charge of ICSK Junior, to all present, for the efforts rendered in making this event a grand success.





# NOBEL LAUREATES OF 2016



JOE MAMMEN  
10B

The Nobel Prize is a set of annual international awards bestowed in a number of categories by Swedish and Norwegian institutions in recognition of academic, cultural, and scientific advances. The will of the Swedish inventor Alfred Nobel established the prizes in 1895.

## Nobel Prize in Medicine or Physiology



Yoshinori Ohsumi illuminated a cellular process called autophagy, or "self-eating," in which cells take unneeded or damaged material, including entire organelles, and transport them to a recycling compartment of sorts. His discoveries led to a new understanding of how the cell recycles its contents, opening up a window into the importance of autophagy to several physiological processes and even to understanding certain diseases.

## Nobel Prize in Physics



David J. Thouless, F. Duncan M. Haldane and J. Michael Kosterlitz were jointly awarded this year's Nobel Prize in physics for "theoretical discoveries of topological phase transitions and topological phases of matter." These theoretical discoveries revealed the possibility of a bizarre world where matter can take on different, and strange, states.



## Nobel Prize in Chemistry

Jean-Pierre Sauvage, Sir J. Fraser Stoddart and Bernard L. Feringa were jointly awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry.



This trio developed the world's smallest machines by linking together molecules into a unit that, when energy is added, could do some kind of work. These machines, a thousand times thinner than a strand of hair, included a tiny lift, mini motors and artificial muscles.

## Nobel Peace Prize

Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos has won the Nobel Peace Prize "for his resolute efforts to bring the country's more than 50-year-long civil war to an end. President Santos helped to negotiate a peace deal between the Colombian government and Marxist FARC guerrillas, or the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia.



## Nobel Prize in Literature

Robert Zimmerman, more commonly known as Bob Dylan, has been awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature for having created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition. He is the first musician to be honoured in this category.



# AWAKENING: LESSONS OF LIFE



We blame the external circumstances, systems, powers and persons for all our sufferings and woes. Is it possible for us to live a happily without ever losing our cool? I place two narratives before you. Read on.

## Buddha Is Abused

Once Buddha sat under a tree meditating. His rival stood at a distance and hurled many abuses at the meditating Buddha. Even

after an hour of this episode Buddha seemed quite unruffled by the insults hurled at him by this abusive visitor.

When his disciples later asked him what the secret of his serenity was, he said:

"Imagine what would happen if someone placing an offering or a gift on your palm and you did not open your palm to receive it, who would have that offering/ gift?"






























































"Of course, the giver would still retain it" answered one disciple and others nodded in support.

Buddha further clarified: "Or, someone sent you a letter and you refused to open? Surely you would be unaffected by its unpleasant contents, would you not? I merely did the same. Do this each time you are abused and you will not lose your serenity."

**We teach others how to treat us. - Anonymous**



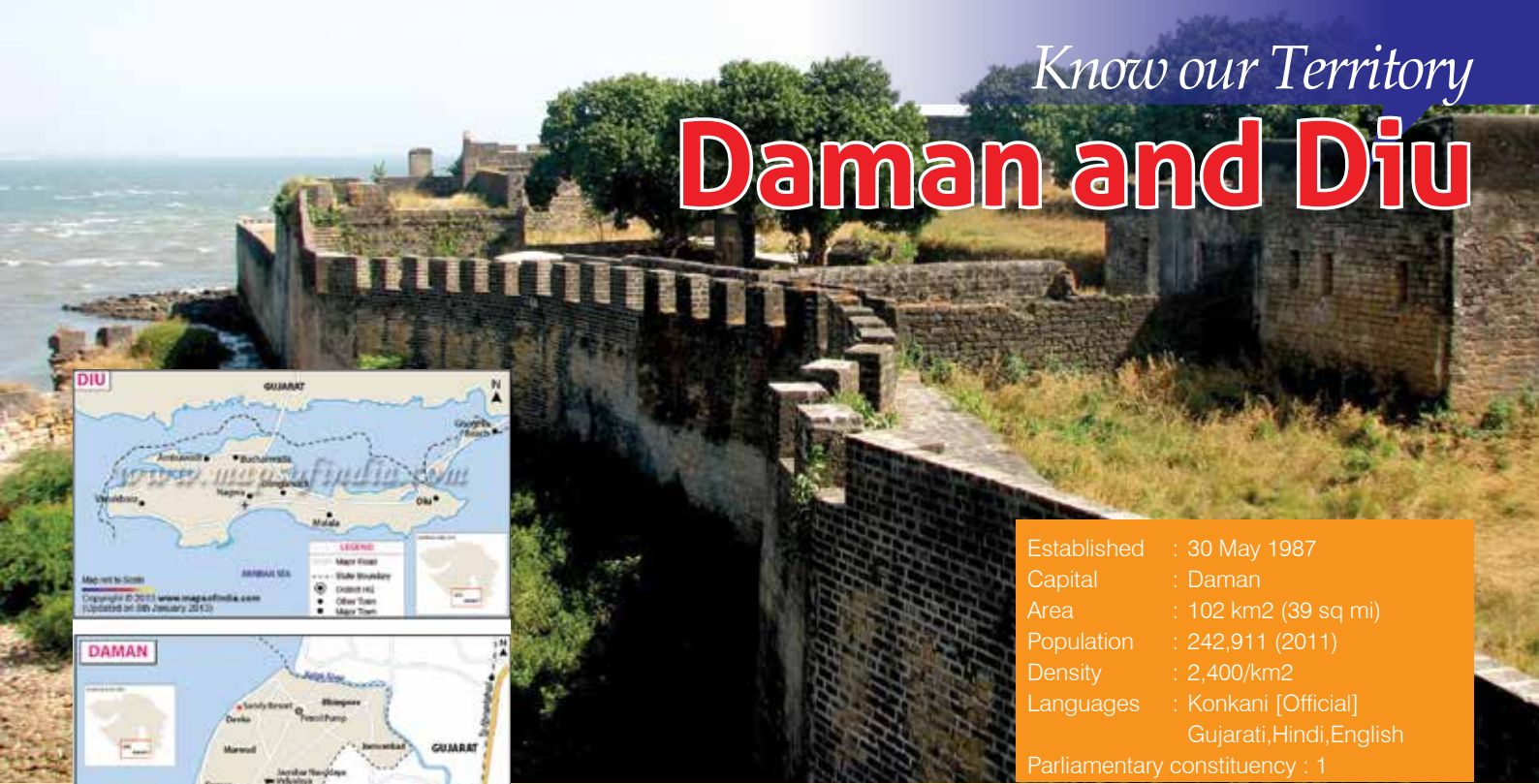
# CAPTAINS & VICE CAPTAINS - DECEMBER 2016

|   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| <b>CLASS 12A</b>  |   | <b>CLASS 12B</b>  |   | <b>CLASS 12C</b>   |   | <b>CLASS 12D</b>  |   | <b>CLASS 12E</b>  |   |
|     |    |    |    |     |      |     |    |    |    |
| THOMAS P. CHANDY  | LEON JEREMIAH   | AYISHA NADIR  | SANOBAR SOUDAGAR  | ARSHIYA FATHIMA  | SHERIN S. STANLY  | AJAZ HUSSAIN HAKIM  | FAHD ANWAR KHAN   | MUFADDAL KUTBUDDIN  | ROOHI PILLAI  |
| <b>CLASS 12F</b>  |   | <b>CLASS 12 G</b>   |   | <b>CLASS 12J</b>   |   | <b>CLASS 12K</b>  |   | <b>CLASS 11A</b>  |   |
|     |    |    |    |     |      |     |    |    |    |
| HUSAIN TAHER ALI  | RUSENER JOSE  | HADASSAH ANGEL  | MICHELEN EDEN   | SHAIKH SHAMINA   | BARNETT TITUS   | NOEL  | FARZANA   | ABISHA EBINESAR   | ADEEBA NOOR   |
| <b>CLASS 11B</b>  |   | <b>CLASS 11C</b>  |   | <b>CLASS 11D</b>   |   | <b>CLASS 11E</b>  |   | <b>CLASS 11F</b>  |   |
|     |    |    |    |     |      |     |    |    |    |
| VIVEK PRASAD  | ANGELA ANN ALEX   | TARIQ AHMED   | VAISHNAV A.   | SHABBIR MURTAZA  | ROYCE D'SOUZA   | BERTIN PAUL W.  | ANJALI ANN  | SAANDRA VARGHESE  | ANURAJ  |
| <b>CLASS 11G</b>  |   | <b>CLASS 11H</b>  |   | <b>CLASS 11I</b>   |   | <b>CLASS 11J</b>  |   | <b>CLASS 11K</b>  |   |
|    |   |   |   |    |     |    |   |   |   |
| PRIYA BABU  | FIDHA NAZAR   | JOEL THOMAS   | MURIEL FERNANDES  | ZAHBIYA JOOZER   | ALI HUSSAIN   | SACHINI MALSHA  | VALANY RASHA  | ZIYAD ALI ASHRAF  | ROSHAN K. THOMAS  |
| <b>CLASS 11L</b>  |   | <b>CLASS 10A</b>  |   | <b>CLASS 10B</b>   |   | <b>CLASS 10C</b>  |   | <b>CLASS 10E</b>  |   |
|   |  |  |  |   |    |   |  |  |  |
| FAHAD MONAWAR   | SIMRAN HAREESH  | JULIE ANNA GERALD   | SHABBIR BURHANUDDIN   | MAIMUNA TARIQ  | ANN LIZ VARGHESE  | ASMA ATHAR S.   | MOHAN DODEJA  | KRISTEN GEORGE V.   | SYED HYDER ALI  |
| <b>CLASS 10F</b>  |   | <b>CLASS 9A</b>   |   | <b>CLASS 9B</b>  |   | <b>CLASS 9C</b>   |   |   |   |
|  |  |  |  |   |   |  |  |   |   |
| SANTOSH KUMAR   | FEBA STANLY   | JESSICA ANNAMALAI   | YOUSUF FAISAL   | SIDHARTH SUDHEER   | ASWANTH GANI  | SAFA JAVID RAWOOT   | JERSHON DEVA  |   |   |
| <b>CLASS 8A</b>   |   | <b>CLASS 8B</b>   |   | <b>CLASS 8C</b>  |   |   |   |   |   |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |
| ALEFIYA ABBAS   | J. JOHN BRYANT  | ASHBINN MANAS   | ELYSIA PERPETUA LUIS  | SAMREEN FATHIMA  | SHOHAIB NASIR   |   |   |   |   |

1. The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today - H. Jackson Brown
2. If opportunity does not knock, build a door - Milton Berle
3. Start by doing what is necessary; then do what is possible; and suddenly you are doing what is impossible - Francis of Assisi
4. Health is the greatest gift, contentment the greatest wealth, faithfulness the best relationship - Buddha
5. In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing is to do nothing - Theodore Roosevelt



# Daman and Diu



|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Established                | : 30 May 1987                                    |
| Capital                    | : Daman  |
| Area                       | : 102 km <sup>2</sup> (39 sq mi)                 |
| Population                 | : 242,911 (2011)                                 |
| Density                    | : 2,400/km <sup>2</sup>                          |
| Languages                  | : Konkani [Official]<br>Gujarati, Hindi, English |
| Parliamentary constituency | : 1  |

Schedule of the Indian Constitution as a territory of Indian Union. By the 57th Amendment of the Constitution Daman and Diu was separated from Goa to become an independent union territory. In 1987 Daman & Diu was pronounced a union territory by the Constitution of India.



The Union Territory of Daman and Diu comprises two districts, situated on western coast of India, at a distance of about 700 km. Daman is on main land near southern portion of Gujarat State. It is the head quarter of this union territory. Diu is an island near Una of Junagarh District in Gujarat State. A portion of Diu District is on main land which is named as Ghoghla.

The administration of Daman and Diu is looked after by an Administrator, appointed by the President of India, assisted by a number of other officers.

Daman District covers a land area of around 40 sq. km. The main settlement is the city of Daman.

Diu District is spread over an area of about 72 sq. km. The main settlement is the town of Diu.

The Daman and Diu economy is largely dependent on the small scale industrial units that the union territory is endowed with. Apart from industries, agriculture and tourism also contribute substantially to the Daman and Diu economy.

of the people of Daman and Diu. Paddy is the principal cultivated crop. Besides paddy, pulses, oilseeds, groundnuts, ragi, beans, wheat, mango, sapota and banana are also grown aplenty. Almost 67% of the total land area of Daman and Diu (about 3727 hectares) is under cultivation.

Daman and Diu, being a popular tourist destination has a well-developed tourism industry. The tourism industry has also accelerated the growth of several auxiliary sectors like real estate and the hospitality industry. Several hoteliers and industrial magnets have invested in hotels, seaside chalets, bungalows and farmhouses in the union territory. Daman and Diu have turned out to be ideal seaside holiday spots. Bordered by coconut groves, the rocky and sandy terrains of Daman and Diu boasts of a history that dates back to antiquity. It attracts hordes of tourists all year round. Some important tourist locations in Daman and Diu include Moti Daman Fort, Devka Beach, Nani Daman, Jampore Beach, Damanganga Tourist Complex, fort of St. Jerome, Jain Temples, the medieval Se Cathedral and the fascinating Church of Our Lady of Rosary whose walls illustrate some stunning Portuguese sculpting are some of the must see destinations in the panoramic union territory.



There are about 550 registered scale industrial units in Daman and Diu. Although these industrial enterprises are spread all across the union territory, the principal industrial belt is concentrated around the towns of Dabhel, Kadaiya, Somnath and Bhipore. Mechanical products, chemical paraphernalia, electronics and electrical goods, plastic, rubber, pharmaceuticals, paper packaging, metallurgy and instrumentation industries have also mushroomed in the union territory. Agriculture is the main source of livelihood

Under the Constitution (Twelfth Amendment) Act 1962, Goa was included in the First

# CHARITY FUND

## BALANCE SHEET FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2016

| INCOME (OCTOBER)                                 | KD       | EXPENDITURE (OCTOBER)           | KD      |
|--|----------|---------------------------------|---------|
| Balance c/f from October                         | 4022.910 | Mrs. Vennila Das                | 150.000 |
|  |          | Mrs. Ratnamma Kote Venkatesu    | 150.000 |
|  |          | Mr. Iqbal Khan                  | 150.000 |
|  |          | Mr. Upul Nishantha Karunanayaka | 150.000 |
|  |          | Mrs. Noemi Ygay Ostria          | 150.000 |
|  |          |                                 | 750.000 |
| Balance from October                             | 3272.910 |                                 |         |
| Contribution from students (November)            | 775.980  |                                 |         |
| Contribution from Staff & Well Wisher (November) | 172.000  |                                 |         |
| Balance in hand                                  | 4220.890 |                                 |         |

## BIRTHDAY AND CHARITY FUND FOR NOVEMBER 2016

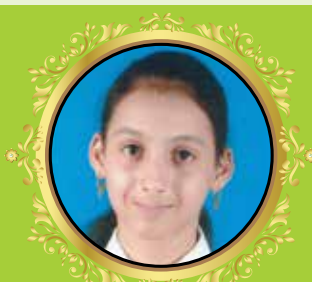
| CLASS / SEC      | Birthday Fund | Charity Fund   | Sub Total |
|------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|
| XII A            | -             | 32.255         | 32.255    |
| XII B            | 25.000        | 26.545         | 51.545    |
| XII C            | -             | 16.670         | 16.670    |
| XII D            | 3.000         | 200.000        | 203.000   |
| XII E            | 3.000         | 27.550         | 30.550    |
| XII F            | 3.000         | 6.020          | 9.020     |
| XII G            | -             | 3.840          | 3.840     |
| XII J            | -             | 9.250          | 9.250     |
| XII K            | -             | 3.735          | 3.735     |
| XI A             | 5.000         | 27.595         | 32.595    |
| XI B             | -             | 22.050         | 22.050    |
| XI C             | -             | 40.035         | 40.035    |
| XI D             | -             | 13.150         | 13.150    |
| XI E             | 7.000         | 12.285         | 19.285    |
| XI F             | -             | 22.730         | 22.730    |
| XI G             | 3.000         | 6.740          | 9.740     |
| XI H             | 2.000         | 8.105          | 10.105    |
| XI I             | -             | 11.680         | 11.680    |
| XI J             | -             | 5.090          | 5.090     |
| XI K             | 2.000         | 5.650          | 7.650     |
| XI L             | 4.000         | 14.270         | 18.270    |
| X A              | 51.000        | 17.570         | 68.570    |
| X B              | -             | 7.205          | 7.205     |
| X C              | 2.000         | 14.215         | 16.215    |
| X E              | -             | 8.650          | 8.650     |
| X F              | -             | 5.780          | 5.780     |
| IX A             | 5.720         | 3.000          | 8.720     |
| IX B             | 1.000         | 9.685          | 10.685    |
| IX C             | 1.400         | 10.970         | 12.370    |
| VIII A           | 5.500         | 21.645         | 27.145    |
| VIII B           | -             | 16.075         | 16.075    |
| VIII C           | 2.000         | 20.320         | 22.320    |
| TOTAL            | 125.620       | 650.360        |           |
| <b>SUB TOTAL</b> |               | <b>775.980</b> |           |



**GOOD WILL  
AMBASSADORS**

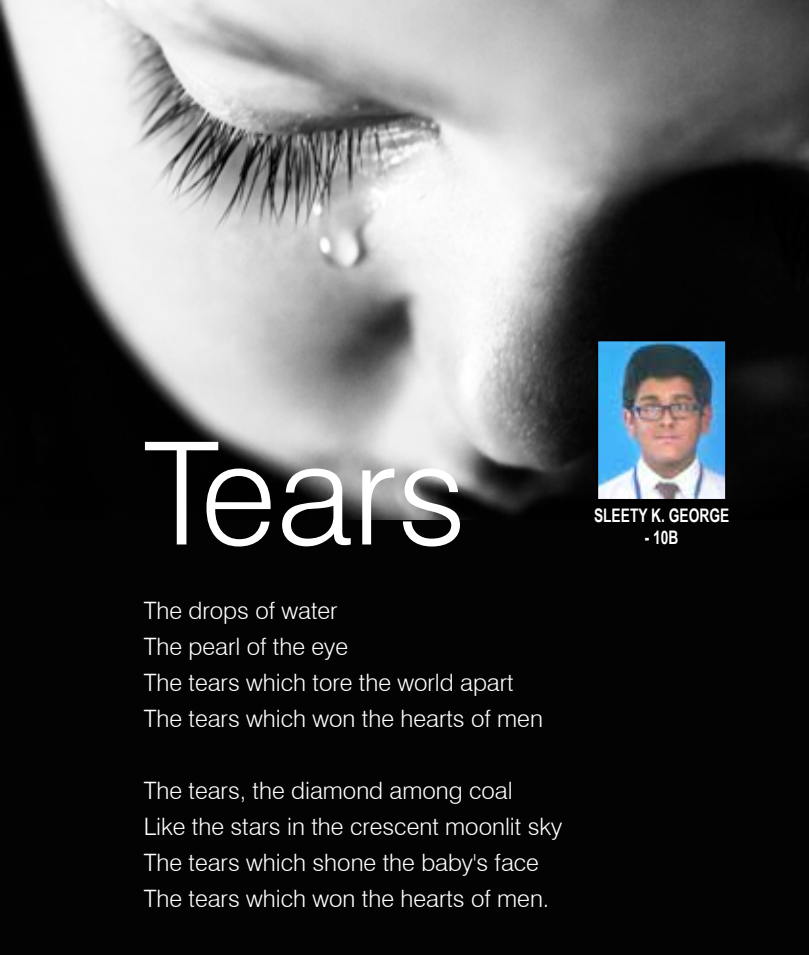


**RICHARD BENRARD**  
12D (SENIOR SEC)



**AMAL RAWOOT**  
8A (SEC)





# Tears

The drops of water  
 The pearl of the eye  
 The tears which tore the world apart  
 The tears which won the hearts of men

The tears, the diamond among coal  
 Like the stars in the crescent moonlit sky  
 The tears which shone the baby's face  
 The tears which won the hearts of men.



**SLEETY K. GEORGE**  
- 10B

## ICSK SENIOR STUDENTS SHINE AT KUWAIT CHILDREN'S SCIENCE CONGRESS & IGNITE SCIENCE WRITING CONTEST



ICSK Senior students participated in the Kuwait Children's Science Congress- 2016 conducted by Science International Forum, Kuwait, which was held on 18th November, 2016. One of the teams won A grade in the senior category.

Miss. Sana Mohammed Sahi of class 8B, ICSK Senior has been awarded the 'Outstanding Performer' in the IGNITE Science Writing Contest-2016, junior category, conducted by the Science International Forum, Kuwait.



**SANA MOHAMMED SAHI**  
- 8A

## CHARITY CONVENORS - DECEMBER 2016



**JASKIRAT PAL SINGH** - 12A



**SADNAN ISLAM** - 12B



**ARSHAD NASIR KHAN** - 12C



**KEVIN SAJJAN MENAMMUTTIL** - 12D



**AMENA JOHAR ALI** - 12E



**JEFFIN MANOJ** - 12F



**AYESHA IMRAN SHAIKH** - 12G



**ANJALI SANTHA KUMAR** - 12J



**SOMU K. SUNNY** - 12K



**NEELANJANA BEHJU BALAN** - 11A



**ARJUN RAJASEKHARAN** - 11B



**JULIANA MARIAM GEORGE** - 11C



**SRINIVASAN RAMRAJ** - 11D



**ZAMEEL AHMED THARI** - 11E



**UMME HANI** - 11F



**STEVE DAY PHILIP** - 11G



**KELLY IONA DIAS** - 11H



**AARON DEEPAK SHARMA** - 11I



**MURTAZA HASAN ALI** - 11J



**FATEMA ALI AHMED** - 11K



**MIR AZAM** - 11L



**BRENNAN CRISTOVAM** - 10A



**AKHIL JOSE ANTHONY** - 10B



**ZAIBA HABIBULLA MITHA** - 10C



**AYISHA SHAHAMA** - 10E



**AARZO BANU** - 10F



**MOHAMMED OWAIS BUKHARI** - 9A



**YUSUF SHAFI HASHIM** - 9B



**AFIFA NADEEM** - 9C



**CHRIS D'COSTA** - 8A



**RUTVIK VENKATA** - 8B



**CONROY JOSEPH ANTAO** - 8C

## THE SMALLEST BIRD IN THE WORLD



The smallest bird is the bee hummingbird (*Mellisuga helenae*) of Cuba and the Isle of Youth. Males measure 57 mm (2.24 in) in total length, half of which is taken up by the bill and tail, and weigh 1.6 g (0.056 oz). Females are slightly larger. This is believed to be the lowest weight limit for any warm blooded animal.



**LinkedIn inks MoU with govt to create more jobs for students:** Leading global professional network LinkedIn today said it has signed an agreement with the human resource development ministry to create more job opportunities for Indian students.



**Twitter's MD for India and Southeast Asia Parminder Singh quits:** Barely two days after Twitter's India head Rishi Jaitly resigned, Twitter's Managing Director for Southeast Asia, India, Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region Parminder Singh announced that he has quit the company.



**Indian-American Kamala Harris creates history, wins U.S. Senate seat:** California's Attorney General Kamala Harris scripted history as she won the U.S. Senate seat from the state, becoming the first Indian-American to achieve the feat.



**Brexit ruling brings hope, anger and uncertainty:** Historic ruling of three high court judges upheld the sovereignty of Parliament triggering Brexit. The ruling raises many more questions than it answers - leaving the certainty of whether Brexit will take place, its shape and timeline hanging in the balance.



**Jayapal becomes first Indian-American woman to be elected to the U.S. House:** Pramila Jayapal became the First Indian-American woman to be elected to the U.S. House of Representative, winning the Washington State Senate seat.



**First woman Attorney-General of U.S. dead:** Janet Reno, the first woman U.S. Attorney-General and a lightning rod for Republican attacks during Bill Clinton's presidency, died in Florida.



**Two U.S. astronauts cast vote from space:** Two American astronauts who are orbiting the Earth at 17,000 miles per hour cast their votes from space.



**Donald Trump wins White House race to inherit a divided nation Republican:** Donald J. Trump was elected the 45th President of the United States, the first public office that the 70-year-old real estate mogul-turned politician will hold.



**NCBS researchers find a biomarker for stress-induced memory loss:** Timely intervention to prevent or delay hippocampus-linked memory loss that occurs as a result of chronic stress may now be possible, thanks to the discovery of a biomarker.



**Chinese ship opens new trade route via Gwadar port in Pakistan:** Pakistan's top civilian and military leaders traveled to the country's southwest, to open a new international trade route by seeing off a Chinese ship that is exporting goods to West Asia and Africa from the newly-built port.



**British man aims to swim across Atlantic from Senegal to Brazil:** Former British police officer Ben Hooper hopes to make history by swimming every mile of the Atlantic Ocean from Africa to South America. After more than three years of preparation.



**Paris marks first anniversary of attacks:** France marked the anniversary of Islamic extremists' coordinated attacks on Paris with a sombre silence that was broken only by voices reciting the names of the 130 slain, and the son of the first person to die stressing the importance of integration.



**Archaeologists find ancient jug with 'thinking person' statuette in Israel:** A team of Israeli archaeologists and high school students have unearthed a 3,800-year-old pottery jug bearing a statuette of a person who appears deep in thought, sitting with knees bent and head rested on hand.



**China launches world's longest quantum communication line:** China launched a 712-km quantum communication line, stated to be the world's longest secure telecommunications network, which boasts of ultra-high security making it impossible to wiretap, intercept or crack the information transmitted through them.



**Archaeologists unearth 1000-year-old ruins in China:** Archaeologists have unearthed 1000-year-old ancient building ruins believed to be dating back to the Jin and Yuan dynasties in China's northern Hebei province.



**Mother Teresa award for Dhaka cafe attack victim:** Faraaz Ayaz Hossain, one of the three Bangladeshi hostages killed in the terrorist attack on the Holey Cafe in Dhaka's Gulshan diplomatic zone on July 1, was awarded the Mother Teresa Memorial International Award for Social Justice for 2016.



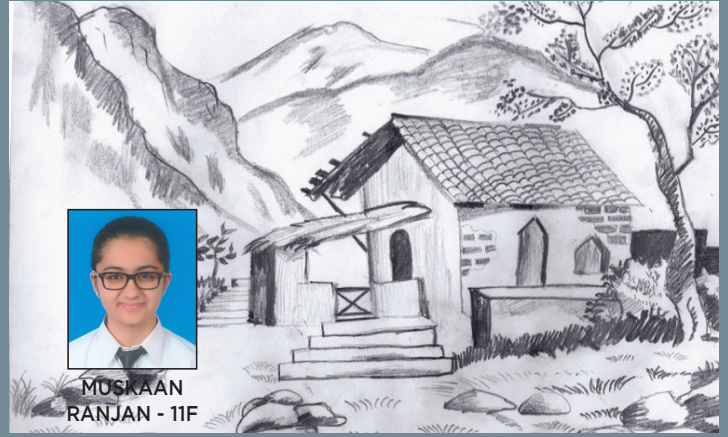
**Amazon, Flipkart stop cash on delivery option:** Amazon and Flipkart, the two largest e-commerce players in the country, have temporarily stopped accepting cash on delivery for new orders after government demonetized Rs.500 and Rs.1,000 currency notes.



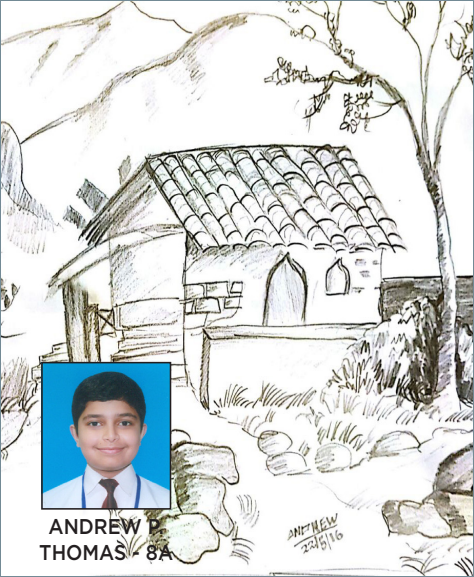
# art gallery



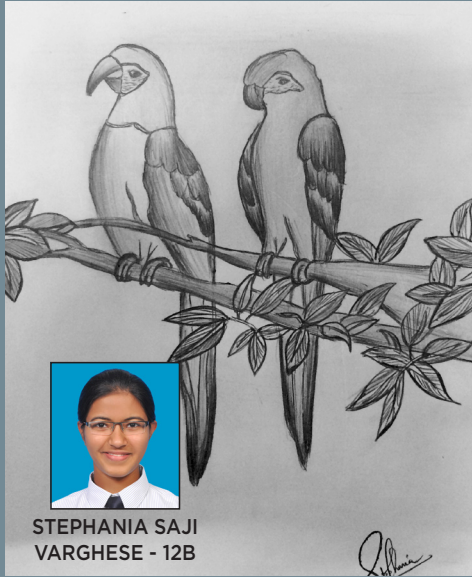
DALE MARIA  
DSILVA - 11H



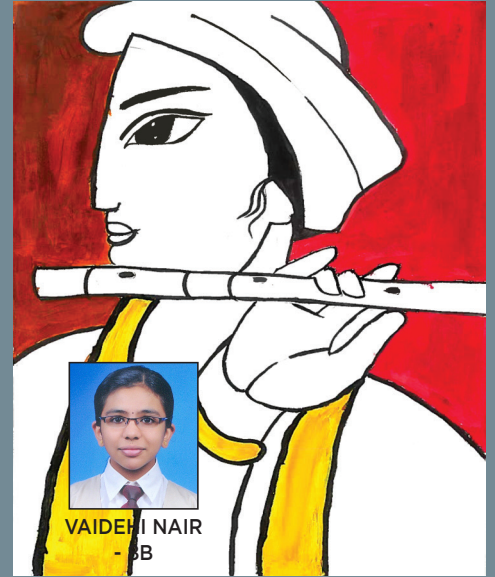
MUSKAAN  
RANJAN - 11F



ANDREW  
THOMAS - 8A



STEPHANIA SAJI  
VARGHESE - 12B



VAIDEHI NAIR  
- 8B



VISHAKHA  
JAYARAM - 11A



TASNIM  
FAKHRUDDIN-11J

Student Name: .....

Class : ..... Section: ..... Roll No.: .....

Serial No.



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, the parent of ..... studying in class ..... section ..... hereby, acknowledge the receipt of the December, 2016 edition of the ICSK Senior Monthly Magazine, EPICS.

Signature: ..... Date: .....

Name: .....



# BEST CLASSES

## NOVEMBER 2016

### Secondary



FIRST - 8C

### Senior



FIRST - 11A



SECOND - 10A



SECOND - 11B



THIRD - 8B



THIRD - 12E

## INDIAN NAVY DAY

### 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

Navy day in India is observed on 4th December every year to celebrate the achievements and role of the naval force of the country. The Indian Navy is the marine branch of the Indian Armed Forces and is led by the President of India as Commander-in-Chief. The Maratha Emperor, Chhatrapati Shivaji Bhosle of the 17th century is considered as "Father of the Indian Navy".

The Indian Navy plays an important role in securing the marine borders of the country as well as enhancing the international relations of India through seaport visits, joint exercises, humanitarian missions, calamity relief and so on. The modern Indian navy has undergone speedy renovation in order to improve its position in the Indian Ocean region. According to the report, the strength of the Indian Navy includes of 58,350 personnel, an aircraft carrier, a big transport dock, 15 frigates, 8 guided missile destroyers, 24 corvettes, 13 conventional submarines, 1 nuclear attack submarine, 30 patrol vessels, 7 mine countermeasure vessels including variety of auxiliary ships.

## 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER- WORLD'S AIDS DAY

World aids day is celebrated every year all over the world on 1<sup>st</sup> of December to raise the public awareness about AIDS (Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome). AIDS is a pandemic disease caused due to the infection of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). The day is celebrated by the government organizations, NGOs, civil society and other health officials by organizing the speeches or forums discussion related to the AIDS. The President of United States declared an official announcement for World AIDS Day in the year 1995 which was followed by other countries all across the world. According to the rough estimation, around 25 million people died from 1981 to 2007 because of the HIV infection. Even after the access of antiretroviral treatment at many places, around 2 million people (at least 270,000 of total were children) in 2007 were infected with this epidemic disease.

World AIDS Day has become the most recognized health day celebrations internationally. It offers the key opportunity to health organizations to increase the awareness among people, most possible access to the treatment as well as discussing the preventive measures.



## Forth coming Events

- Award ceremony for classes X and XII - March 2016
- Carnival
- Model Exam for class XII
- Practical Model Exam for class XII



THE INDIAN  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
KUWAIT

#### The Indian Community School (Senior) Salmiya

Tel: 25629583, 25659126, 25613260, 25623370  
Fax No: 25652308  
Website: www.icsk-kw.com  
Email: senior@icsk-kw.com

#### The Indian Community School Khaitan

Tel: 24717193, Fax No: 24717192  
Website: www.icsk-kw.com  
Email: khaitan@icsk-kw.com

#### The Indian Community School (Junior) Salmiya

Tel: 25613344, Fax No: 25652308  
Website: www.icsk-kw.com  
Email: junior@icsk-kw.com

#### The Indian Community School Amman St.

Tel: 25624405 / 25624397 Fax No: 25624318  
Website: www.icsk-kw.com  
Email: amman@icsk-kw.com