

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Presented to you by the editorial team of grade 7, this edition is dedicated to the eternal values which are the essence of humankind- empathy, humility and togetherness, along with the other happenings that keep the corridors of Deens buzzing with excitement.

- Ms. Hemlata Pande, Principal, Gunjur Campus

Section 1- Theme of the Month

Eternal Values- Empathy, Humility and Togetherness



Eternal values- Which will never go out of fashion!

We all must have heard the terms "Empathy," "Humility" or "Togetherness." But what do these words mean in our day-to-day lifestyle and what is their importance?

Empathy is the ability to understand one's feelings and share their feelings. It is important for one to build social connections, important for proper well-being. Humility is the quality of having a modest view of someone's opinion. It allows you to be a better problem solver and to learn. Whereas togetherness is unity, it is what binds people together in a community. Each of these values is meant to serve the greater good and draw a good crowd. These are the basic principles on which our life runs by, as these are the wheels of the cart to a long path with multiple adversities. These merits are needed aside us as we face this chaotic world, to hold our hand when there still is nothing to hold onto.

- Shubhra Sandwar, 7E and Armaan, 5D

Eternal Values – Poem

Deep inside our heart
There lies a tiny space
It is locked within us forever
Through rest and race

This little compartment
Holds the key
For all of us to prosper
And live happily

When this space is unlocked
Empathy and humility will be found
With which we can spread joy
To every corner and all around

No matter the money,
Status or class
Without the use of these
Our life is rusted brass

Help the poor,
Help the homeless
And leave an open door
For everyone's feelings

Take a pledge
Clean off the rust
With a giving and honest mind
Let us free our lives of dust

So, work together,
Lift your chin
Empathy and humility for the win!
-Akshara Madhusudhanan, 7B

Values We Must Nurture

In a world of fleeting moments, ever-changing trends,
Eternal values stand as beacons, faithful friends.
Empathy, a treasure, the key to open hearts,
A bridge to span the gaps, where understanding starts.

In the tapestry of life, eternal values shine,
Empathy, a beacon, in every heart, a sign.
To feel another's pain, to share their joy and sorrow,
Empathy's the bridge that connects us today and tomorrow.
Togetherness, a bond, that makes our spirits soar,
In unity we find our strength, forever wanting more.

Hand in hand we journey, through life's twisting road,
Together, we can conquer, together, we are not alone.

Eternal values, timeless and true,
In empathy, humility, and togetherness we grew.
They light our way, like stars in the night,
Guiding us through darkness, with their gentle, guiding light.

- Mantika Bhardwaj, 7B

Our World Is How We Make It.

Our world, our heaven. People say that our world has bad people. No, people are not bad; their actions are bad. God has given us a gift called 'Life.' Now it is on you if you want to fill this life with merry worlds or dark words.

You can remove sadness with just two words: Kindness and a Smile and with the values of humility, empathy, and togetherness. If you want a heaven on earth, start from inside. The key to heaven is in being humble, empathetic, and kind. You must become a better version of yourself and create a domino effect, so that these values spread.

- Siya Tiwari, 5D

The Mango Tree

Once upon a time, in an enchanted forest, there was a humongous and beautiful mango tree. This was not a friendly tree, but a proud one. While all other trees were friends with the animals and let them use the trees for food and shelter, this tree always got irritated by the animals and did not want to share its fruits with them. Once a troop of monkeys came and sat on the branches of the tree. It annoyed the mango tree so much, that it started blowing and shaking profusely. This made the animals frightened and angry, and they ran off to other trees. The mango tree was so relieved as it finally found a way to get rid of animals. No animals went near the mango tree.

Once a group of woodcutters decided to get wood from the same forest. But when they arrived in the forest, they were terrified by the animals which would not let them cut the trees except for the mango tree as it was all alone. The woodcutters instantly cut the tree.

So, now do you know how important togetherness is? How important is it to share and care? How important is it to be humble and help everyone around you? Pride only makes you happy, but humility makes everyone around you happy.

- Aaradhya Mishra, 5B

Section 2

Field trip to Jain Farms- Grade 6-8



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11th October 2023. Grades 6-8 had eagerly been waiting for this day to arrive. On the D Day, we excitedly got onto our buses, chatting animatedly. It was about a 45-minute drive to the place, Jain Farms, with an amazing view out the window. Throughout the ride we played games, sang songs, and ate snacks.

On reaching the place, we were greeted by emus and greenery as we walked to the halls for classic South Indian breakfast, *idli vada sambar* with *chutney*. After breakfast, we were quite surprised when the teachers gave us the freedom to roam anywhere, we wished. Some went to see the animals out in the open, some to the trampoline and pottery area, others to the park. Some of us played near the swings or rode on the bullock cart. Romel Sir stood near the pool and jungle gym, regaling us with his tales of adventure.

We were then arranged in lines, grade by grade, to see the irrigation process of the place, how sprinklers were arranged neatly in a straight line to water plants in a routine. It was quite interesting to see how water gushed out from the pipes and managed to fall at a particular place.

After some time, the people in charge started playing Bollywood hits and a lot of us rushed to the stage to do the signature dances. Some people even made personal song requests backstage. After half an hour, we were called for lunch and a different menu - *dosa* and noodles. By the time we were finished, everyone was quite tired, and we sat at the open theatre for a magic show, with music playing in the background. Following that we were shown a video on the types of irrigation and its purposes.

After the above events came to the time in which we had to leave. We were each given a plant as well as a manual to take as a souvenir. Going back, too, was indeed a thrill, as we reminisced on all the best moments, and finished any food that was left with anyone. This trip was indeed one to remember and cherish, to a time with our friends.

- "Enjoyed the activities... Especially the trampoline. The food served was also quite good." - **Smruti Sriram, 6A**
- "Amazing place... A very eco-friendly area to enjoy with friends" - **Ashna Saxena, 6E**
- "It was a wonderful place with a good environment... The experience was nice... Had fun chasing and teasing my friends" - **Manya Jain, 7B**
- "Exhilarating experience... Must visit again" - **Aryan Ghosh, 7B**
- "Jain farms is a place where you and nature can be one... Not only that but even the food is amazing... There are many fun and educational activities from where we can learn. It is a place where we can go to, again and again." - **Srishti Jain, 7B**
- "It is good place for vegetarian people as they serve only vegetarian food. There are a lot of the activities too. This place is recommended for kids." - **Anmol Soni, 7B**
- "A nice eco-friendly place with good food" - **Swadha Sah, 7C**
- "Jain farms was a very adventurous and exhilarating trip; it was indeed the most enjoyable trip I have ever been to. The part which I enjoyed the most was the magic show." - **Fouza Najumon, 7D**
- "It was fun, and the food was amazing. It had lots of activities and fun games to play. You could also pet animals like goats, ostriches, dogs and more" - **Tarun Suryadevara, 7E**
- "Our trip to Jain Farms was so memorable! We had a fantastic time, with friends and the trip got us closer together. It is a day I will always remember for the fun and laughter we shared." - **Varshini Appana, 7E**

- **Shubhra Sandwar, 7E**

Section 3

KRIDA'23 The Sahodaya Athletics Meet



"Sports has the power to change the world" - **Nelson Mandela**. Our school had the privilege of hosting the Sahodaya athletics meet, Krida '23 on 13 and 14th October 2023, with about 35+ other schools taking part in it. We had U13, U15, U18 categories for both boys and girls, further spread into different track events and field events such as shot put, long jump, javelin and discus. The regional officer, Mr. Ramesh Menon graced the opening ceremony. Our team of editors interviewed the athletes of our school for their views and opinions.

Events: - 100 meters, 200 meters, Relay, Shotput

Prajith Elango - "It was a competitive challenge. It was fun and interesting as we worked together and planned our strategy in relay to bag fourth place. I had won a silver medal in shot put. It was sunny but it was overall an enjoyable experience."

Events: - 400 meters, long jump, Relay

Koutik Mukherjee - "It was an incredibly fun and playful event. Me and my team had lots of fun. Meeting with other schools was an unforgettable moment as I had met them previously. I am proud to say that I bagged second place on long jump. I would like to give my dearest regards to our P.E teachers and sports staff as in their absence this success would not have been possible."

Events: - 600 meters, 400 meters, Relay

Tiana Ghosh - "At first, I was quite nervous, but later, I realised there was nothing to worry about. I felt I would not win anything due to the enormous number of schools taking part in the event, the boiling sun also worsened my condition. A few of my friends came to cheer me up, which made me feel a little bit better. As we neared relay, me, and my team started with the lead, and in the end, we managed to come 3RD. I had a lot of hope since we had a dedicated team."

Events: - 100 meters, 200 meters, Relay

Dhanya Nair - "I felt confident and excited before the event, sure that I would win. We planned and prepared for the relay, hoping to apply the best strategy. I was confident and secured first place in 200 meters. Unfortunately, due to my overconfidence, I came 4TH place. Yet, I am proud to have taken part in the event."

Events: - Shotput

Sana Ganesan - "It was a well-planned event however the competition was not that easy. It was fun meeting new people from other schools. I had also given a girl a few tips for shotput. Overall, it was a fun event!"

- **Datta Bharatula and the Editorial Team**

Section 4 - Ethnic Day



"The beauty of the world lies in the diversity of its people."

"Unity in diversity"-Jawaharlal Nehru

Ethnic day was celebrated in our school on 12th October. It portrayed the diversity and richness of our Indian culture. Some children wore dhoti-kurta, while some people wore kurta pyjama. We saw saris, ghagra cholis and kurtas in different fabrics. It was heartwarming to know that even though there are differences in every person's culture, we stay united. Ethnic day is a splendid example of this. We should not be ashamed of wearing our traditional dress instead, be proud of it! This day taught us this beautiful message and trust me when I say this, the school looked festive and joyous that day. If you do not believe me, hear it from my schoolmates-

"I had fun knowing more about our Indian culture and our traditional dresses"-
Shubhra Sandwar 7E

"It was really fun dressing up in our traditional dresses and our school looked beautiful that day"- **Fouza Najumon 7**

- **Pranav Garg, 7E**

Section 4 – Dusshera

When we think of Dusshera, we think of good over evil, but it is more than just a series of colourful celebrations and holidays. It conveys a deep message - the struggle between light and dark, right, and wrong. It symbolizes the emotional and moral battles that we meet throughout our lives. The central story revolves around Lord Rama's fray with a demon king Ravana about righteousness.



The fact that Lord Rama had gone through so much trouble just to do what was right, keep his relationship, and teach a wrong doer a lesson, is truly inspiring. Dusshera reminds us that life is full of battles, both internally and externally, for yourself and for your loved ones. It is not only about Rama's victory but also Goddess Durga's triumph over a demon 'Mahishasura.' It is said that he had become greedy for power and began causing destruction and havoc, interfering with the peace and harmony of the place.

These stories encourage a determined spirit to do good in this world and not let negative people ruin the environment. The lesson is not just for the world around us but the world inside us. Never let your inner demons win every win makes them more intense. The inner Ravana may not have ten heads, but even so, it is stronger than a buffalo demon and demon king combined but the best part is that so are you. This festival champions courage and resilience. It is a reminder that bravery lies within, and it is waiting to be kindled. In conclusion, Dusshera is not just a festival, it is a journey of self-discovery and a reminder from the better version of you that it is ready to come out. Writing this made me realize that different topics can offer profound wisdom when you delve beneath the surface.

- **Varshini Appana, 7E/ Artwork- Aryan Nair, 7B**

Packing The Trolley Bags

Dussehra is an occasion for Bengalis to welcome their daughters home. In Bangla, the daughter's home is called her "baper bari". We don't treat her as a guest – we treat her as our "ghorer meye"(daughter of the house). She comes with the kash phul and after five beautiful days, she goes back home. When she goes back, there are tears, yet there is also a promise – "aschhe bochor abar habe!"(We'll celebrate again next year.) During this time, we meet with friends and relatives, enjoy, pray, and of course, eat!

It was Ponchomi – the day before Shosti. Durga and her children, Lakshmi, Saraswati, Kartik and Ganesh were packing their trolley bags. "Maa, how is it fair that Lakshmi and Saraswati each get a trolley bag while Ganesh and I share a trolley bag?" Kartik glared at Ganesh as though it was his fault.

"All you need is a single dhoti. You would be content if you don't have to bathe for a year, Kartik!" At Lakshmi's comment, Ganesh snorted with laughter, earning himself a glare from Kartik. "Watch your trunk elephant," Kartik growled, or at least, he tried to. Everyone heard "Watch your trunk -"

"Watch your mouth Kartik," the eldest, Saraswati glared at him. "You have been snappish lately." Durga entered the room. At once the atmosphere became calmer. "Kartik? You were calling?" "Maa," Ganesh started. "Kartik is temporarily muted. So, I will be voicing his query. Why do we share a trolley bag?" "Your trolley bag's rather large. Double the size of Lakshmi's. However, if you are fighting due to this, I will not take you to my baper bari. Saraswati,

unmute your little brother."Durga glared at her young children. "United-" Saraswati and Lakshmi looked at each other and started chanting, "United we stand and divided we fall. We know." Durga sighed. "I know you know. However, what is the meaning behind these? words? Saraswati, I am disappointed in the 'goddess of wisdom and music',"

Saraswati blushed. Durga continued, "In the pandals, we are all set together. We are in perfect harmony. We are united. Even though Shiva does not like to come, he's always watching over us. You asked me why you are worshipped along with me, right? This is because we represent a united family. When a society has many people, who hold their families together, it is stronger. I am not only going to meet my family, I am affecting others by holding my family close, thus inspiring them to do so too. WHEN you both stop fighting, we are strong. No one can harm us. Do you understand? Also, do you still want a new trolley bag?"

"Yes and no," Ganesh said, making everyone laugh. "Good," Durga said. "Finish packing and then we will read Sanchaita together." Saying so, Durga walked out. Saraswati groaned. "Does Maa only own Sanchaita, the collection of poetry by Rabindranath Thakur? I mean it's beautiful, but we have read it so many times!"

Durga Pujo is the most important festival in the year for Bengalis. We celebrate Mahishasura Mardini, or Durga. Most Bengalis enjoy "pandal hopping" – moving from one pandal to another. While doing so, I came across a beautiful statue. According to Bengali tales, Lakshmi, Saraswati, Kartik and Ganesh are Durga and Shiva's children. Most statues depict Durga killing Mahishasura. However, this special statue depicted the three most important principles in life: forgive, forget and hold your family together.

-**Sharanyaa Biswas, 6C**

Section 5

India's World Cup Road to Glory

The Cricket World Cup is an incredibly special event. It occurs once in every four years. It is an event cricket lovers wait for eagerly. In this year's world cup, there will be a total of 48 matches (including the semifinals and finals). Out of all the 48 matches India is guaranteed to play 10 matches and the 11th one being the finals. This article is going to be about India's road to glory in the World Cup. In 2019, India played a strong attacking gameplay against most of the teams. Unfortunately, India had to pack their bags after the loss in the semifinals against New Zealand who sadly turned out to miss The World Cup by one run.

After the very unfortunate loss India knew they had to show who is the real boss. Again in 2021 India matched up against New Zealand in The Test World Cup to prove themselves. However, tables turned, and India again lost against New Zealand and handed over the cup to them, facing defeat again. But they knew they had to rise their heads high to make their country proud. Currently, India is at the top of the table in the world cup and proud to say that they beat New Zealand with 12 balls to go and defeated South Africa known to be one of the strongest teams in the 2023 world cup. Till date India continues their campaign to victory.

- **Datta Bharatula, 7E**

Section 6- Grade 6 and 8 Bagless Day



Ever had a day at school when studies took the backseat, and our fun and creativity were the stars of the show? Well, that's exactly what happened on our second "bagless" day of the year! Everyone was consumed by excitement, eagerly anticipating the various extensively-thought-out activities our class teachers had scheduled for us. My friends and I felt that such a day was much needed, allowing everyone to focus on bonding with each other.

The activities scheduled for the day were quilling and a MUN session. In quilling, we had to make an art piece out of the first letter of our names, decorating it using various techniques shown to us by our favourite Sathya ma'am. There was friendly chatter in the air as people tried their best to make their work look pretty.

This activity showed us that we can make amazing art with just 1-cm thick strips of paper. It showed that taking our time, maintaining a steady hand, and paying attention to small details can lead to stunning end results. This was a collective endeavour where each of us was cheering each other on and helping whenever someone required it. Even if our art wasn't perfect (imperfections can be beautiful), it was still special. I am sure that this memory, seemingly insignificant compared to our futures, will remain with us.

Moving forward, the next activity was a fun MUN session by a guest lecturer who was quite experienced in her field. I found myself pleasantly surprised by how engaging the session was, and how well she explained it without making it boring. After we were shown a brilliantly put-together slideshow, there was an interactive activity planned. In only 15 minutes, groups of 10 students had to create a full chart on the sustainable development goals, make a sort-of position paper as the delegates of India and write down our country's relation, positions and possible resolutions on the topic, and do a one-minute presentation on it all! The winning group received a small prize of Choco-pies, and all of us received small candies in recognition of our active participation.

The activity encouraged us to delve into a complex topic like sustainable development goals. This experience taught us the importance of effective time management, as we had to juggle multiple tasks in a short period. The support and encouragement we gave each other, even if it led to some lively discussions, showcased the power of teamwork.

Finally, we ended the day with our lunch break and annual day practice sessions. Together, these activities not only expanded our horizons but also strengthened our bonds as a school community. It was a day well-spent, leaving us with not only a newfound appreciation for the diverse aspects of learning but also lasting memories of the strong feeling of camaraderie and laughter that we will cherish for a long time to come.

- Maitreyi Deshpande, 8E

School days meant a bunch of bags for us until we experienced the magnificence of a bagless day. I am excited to tell you what happened on October 6th, our 2nd bagless day of 6th grade. The day was filled with excitement, enjoyment, and valuable learning experiences for everyone.

First, we had an activity in which we made biodegradable pots that we could plant in the soil. These pots, made from newspaper, decompose in the soil, allowing plant roots to establish themselves and grow.

After this, we had our second activity. We cut out sheets of cardboard in different shapes and sizes. We, then, soaked this newspaper in water for a while and mixed them with various colours and covered the cardboard sheet with the coloured newspaper. We formed rainbows, clouds, butterflies and more with these shapes.

These activities taught us about recycling and reusing objects. We learnt that using recovered material generates less solid waste and doing this helps us save and protect the environment. Finally, our last activity joined both Math and Art together. We had to form rangolis with rangoli powder and rice flour. We had to form shapes on the ground and measure their perimeter. After this, we filled them up with rangoli powder which led to a beautiful result. Our "bagless day" was a truly wonderful and illuminating experience for all of us!

- Anagha Nair, 6A

PRS is a non-profit research institute which aims to make the Indian Legislative process better informed and more transparent and participatory. Recently, there was a partnership between Deens and PRS which allowed selected students to take part in a mock Parliamentary session to give students a better understanding of what happens in the Lok and Rajya Sabha. On October 7th, a virtual induction session took place which gave students a preview into what would happen on the day of the parliamentary session. A representative gave us details of the research we had to do to prepare ourselves for the session. When the day for the session arrived, everyone gathered in the conference room with excitement. We started with the representative of the PRS giving us tips on how to come up with questions and comebacks. We started the actual session with Question hour, where various pre-assigned groups were given roles according to which they needed to research and find answers and updates on selected questions.

After the Question hour, we had the Bill Discussion where a bill on the regulation of pre-examination coaching centers was discussed. Each group had a stakeholder which had been decided beforehand. According to the assigned stakeholder, the group had to decide whether they were for or against the bill. Every group had time to state their arguments and there was a break given to convince others to take your side. In the second proceeding of the bill, an amendment process was made where each group suggested an amendment to make to the bill. Each amendment was announced to the parliament and voting took place on whether to add the amendment to the bill or not. Once the bill was amended, there was a final voting that took place on the full bill which, in our case, passed. All in all, this experience was a great one and I greatly recommend it for students. It really helped me understand how to use my debate and research skills effectively. I really enjoyed this event and I really hope more of them happen in the future.

- Niyati Deshpande, 9D

Section 7 - Kideens

As always, our little ones had a fabulous month! And why not? With role play time when the little ones donned their painter coats took up their paint brushes to create masterpieces, circle time to learn new things and imbibe new values and play dough modelling, which is always messy yet oh so good! Our babies love celebrating festivals and Dussehra was celebrated with great joy.



Hands And Minds That Worked Together



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