

DEEN-A-LOGUE



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Presented to you by the editorial team of grade 7E, this edition is dedicated to celebrating our glorious state, Karnataka, along with the other happenings that keep the corridors of Deens buzzing with excitement.

Section 1- News@Deens, Gunjur Karnataka- One state, many worlds



Our state, Karnataka known for its blend of rich history and technological innovation. The state is characterized by diverse geography, including a long coastline, the Western Ghats mountain range, and the Deccan Plateau. Bengaluru, also called as 'Silicon Valley of India' and one of the most vibrant IT hubs of India, is the capital of the state.

Mysore, being the second-largest city in Karnataka, known as the "Palace City of India," and is famous for its rich cultural heritage, palaces, and the annual Dasara festival. Shimoga, having the major waterfall of India: Jog falls, is also located in Karnataka. From Bengaluru to Shimoga, Karnataka feels like heaven. But why only talk about Karnataka?

We all live in Karnataka, and it is, therefore important for us to understand the state better. This month, we aspire to learn more about Karnataka and its culture, its beauty and its diversity. Let us bow down to this land which we call home!

- Medhansh Sachdeva, 7E

Kannada Rajyotsava: Celebrating the soul and strength of Karnataka



Kannada Rajyotsava was celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm on the 1st of November. This day commemorates the successful unification of all Kannada-speaking regions into a single state named Mysore State, in 1956. This state was later renamed as Karnataka in 1973. The celebration is marked by great enthusiasm, featuring the hoisting of the red and yellow Karnataka flag and the state anthem, "Jaya Bharatha Jananiya Tanujate", is sang with great joy. The state government also presents the prestigious Rajyotsava Awards on this day.

At Deens Academy Gunjur campus we celebrate this auspicious day with great excitement. The students practise for weeks in advance to make their parts. The junior grades presented cute skits and beautiful poems, while middle school and high school students presented dances, skits and speeches. There was also a fun quiz, presented by grade 9, in which general knowledge questions were asked on Karnataka to both teachers and students and whoever gave the right answer was rewarded with a candy bar by the Kannada teachers. Even in classes our Kannada teacher told us about Karnataka, and we decked up the hallways with beautiful charts and decorations. It was a beautiful celebration indeed.

- Niyati V Nair 7E

Mental Health Week



The Mental Health Week emphasized the thought of 'Health is Wealth'. Mental Health week is an annual event in our school, aimed at bringing about awareness about mental health in students. Mental Health week reminds us that we should stay fit both physically and mentally. And ensure it's one of the best chances we have to make emotional wellbeing a normal part of everyday life rather than an afterthought. Stress and anxiety are a part of everyday life, and we should be equipped to address these concerns. As a part of this, we had a poster making competition, where each classroom was required to make one poster on the importance of mental health.

- Roshna Rizvi 7E

Annual Day - A Journey of Excellence !



The theme of our Annual Day 2025 was 'Mirrors and Masks'. Mirrors and Masks represent the interplay between self-reflection and social identity. Mirrors symbolize authenticity, inner values, and self-awareness, while masks signify the roles individuals adopt and the expectations they encounter in society. The theme emphasizes the importance of maintaining one's true identity while navigating external influences, reinforcing the value of integrity, confidence, and personal growth. Let's see from all the aspects of the play:

Choir- Voices United in Harmony:

The choir stood as a distinguished expression of musical unity and disciplined artistry. Through harmonized voices and precise coordination, it reflected a strong sense of collective purpose and dedicated practice. Each selection was delivered with clarity, balance, and musical sensitivity, demonstrating both technical proficiency and expressive refinement. The choir embodies the values of cooperation, perseverance, and cultural appreciation, contributing a dignified and enriching musical presence to the Annual Day celebration.

Dance- Where Grace Meets Rhythm

Dance is a profound form of artistic expression that seamlessly blends rhythm, movement, and discipline. Through well-coordinated formations and thoughtfully crafted choreography, it reflects creativity, cultural richness, and dedicated practice. Each movement conveys emotion and narrative, transforming music into a visually engaging experience. The presentation highlights harmony, precision, and expressive depth, celebrating the timeless beauty of dance. As an integral part of the Annual Day celebration, it adds vibrancy and elegance while showcasing the importance of coordination, commitment, and artistic excellence. Some of the dances that rocked the stage were 'The army dance', 'Ashoka dance' and 'Grand finale dance'.

Drama - Bringing Stories to the Stage

Drama serves as a powerful medium of expression, bringing stories, emotions, and ideas to life on stage. Through dialogue, movement, and character portrayal, it reflects human experiences, values, and social perspectives. Each presentation is carefully crafted to convey meaning with clarity and impact, demonstrating creativity, teamwork, and disciplined preparation. As a significant component of the Annual Day celebration, drama engaged the audience while reinforcing the importance of empathy, reflection, and expressive communication. Our Annual Day was a vibrant celebration that beautifully blended dance, music, and drama, creating an evening filled with creativity, expression, and energy. Each performance reflected dedication, talent, and collaboration, coming together to make the event truly memorable. The spirit of enthusiasm and togetherness that marked this celebration has left us with cherished memories. With great anticipation and excitement, we now look forward to the next Annual Day, confident that it will be an even more enriching and inspiring celebration.

Sports Day- When the going gets tough, the tough get going- Grades 1-4

Under the brilliant morning sun, the sounds of whistles and applause marked the beginning of an unforgettable sports day for the primary section at Deens Academy, Gunjur. We kicked off with our pilot march squad, consisting of the 5 sub-junior captains from each house: Caeruleus, Rubrus, Prasinus, and Flavus. Next, the flag hoisting ceremony took place, with our Founder Principal, Ms. Shanti Menon, and Principal, Ms. Hemalatha Pande, proudly raising the flag. It was followed by a march past, where we witnessed 4 house contingents march by in their house uniforms. It was an amazing sight to see the students march in perfect coordination. We then had a torch relay, just like the ones in the Olympics! The torchbearers took a lap of the field before lighting up the flame.

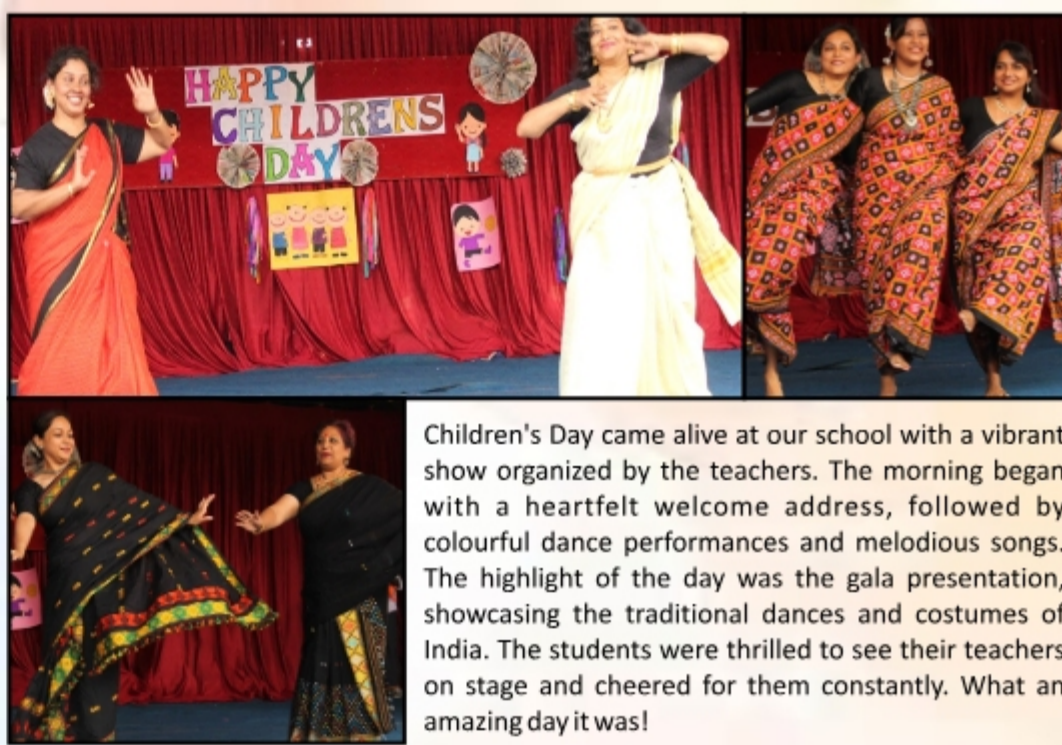
Next, the sports representative recited the oath of sportsmanship, which was followed by the choir taking centre stage. They sang the song "Better when I'm dancing", but with a twist. Then came the moment everyone had been eagerly waiting for – the races! The competitors were neck and neck, each pushing themselves to the limit. After the races, a perfectly executed drill was followed by an energetic Zumba session, leaving everyone energised and thrilled. Ants do it without music, but we did it with Zumba beats! Finally, we reached the grand finale of the event – the prize distribution ceremony. All in all, it was a day packed with whistleblowing, racing, dancing, singing, and endless fun.

- Advay Kulkarni , 4C

Ethnic Day- Celebrating our diversity, uniqueness and the beauty of ethnic wear!**Hearts That Give, Hands That Help!**

The students of Grade 6 truly proved that even small gestures can create big smiles during our Joy of Giving Week! Throughout the week, our corridors buzzed with excitement and creativity. We poured our hearts into making handcrafted cards, bags, diya, and chocolate pouches—each one a token of gratitude for our wonderful aunts, drivers, and admin staff who make our school days smooth and happy. To give our hardworking helpers a break, our responsible students took charge of guiding the KG children to their classrooms and even cleaned our own classrooms and corridors—a small act that made a big difference! We wrapped up the week on a beautiful, eco-friendly note by designing biodegradable flowerpots, painting and decorating them, and planting saplings as symbols of growth, gratitude, and care. This heartwarming experience reminded us that giving is the greatest joy of all!

- Sarish Deshmukh & Sujay Vijaykumar, 6B

Children's Day- What a day it was!

Children's Day came alive at our school with a vibrant show organized by the teachers. The morning began with a heartfelt welcome address, followed by colourful dance performances and melodious songs. The highlight of the day was the gala presentation, showcasing the traditional dances and costumes of India. The students were thrilled to see their teachers on stage and cheered for them constantly. What an amazing day it was!

**Section B- News@ The Deens Academy, Whitefield
SURABHI 2025 –The Masquerade Within**

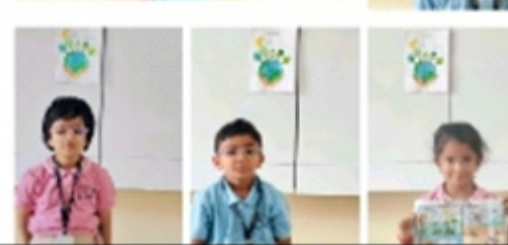
On the delightful day of 23rd November 2025, the students of Grades 5 to 9 of Deens Academy presented this year's School Day production titled "The Masquerade Within". The theme focused on the Devil, the Seven Sins and the journey toward Mindfulness. The entire show was brought to life through a strong blend of drama, dance and music. The performance began with a striking narration by the Devil, instantly setting a dark and gripping mood. One by one, the Seven Sins were portrayed through expressive and symbolic dance performances that reflected their meaning and impact. The Indian and Western choirs added depth and emotion to the production with their powerful musical pieces. Their voices enriched every scene and helped carry the story forward. The acting by the students tied everything together, guiding the audience from temptation and disorder toward understanding and calmness. Surabhi 2025 became a memorable reflection of creativity and thoughtfulness. It reminded everyone that mindfulness begins when we look beyond the masks we wear and face the truth within ourselves.

Sports Day- Primary section

Sports Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at The Deens Academy. The program began with a short opening ceremony that included the traditional torch relay. Our esteemed principal, Mrs. Shanthi Menon, hoisted the flag and declared Sports Day officially open. Parents and students were captivated by Shanthi ma'am's inspiring speech. The primary grades, in their respective house contingents, marched briskly in synchronization, and the march past by the primary grades was a delight to witness. Students from Grades 1 to 4 participated in various track events, including the 50 m, 100 m, 80 m, relay races (100 m and 200 m), and fun races. The excitement amplified when a surprise fun race for parents was announced. Everyone was thrilled to see parents participating, and we cheered them on to encourage their enthusiasm. The ground resonated with our cheers, further intensifying the excitement as the finalists competed in their races. The day concluded with a final walk past and an award ceremony. The students were overjoyed when the best-disciplined class was announced. Sports Day not only showcases agility and strength but also promotes character development, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Joanne- 4A, Smera- 4B

Section C- KIDEENS- Gunjur and BR Campus



November was a joyful and engaging month for our UKG children. To celebrate Children's Day, teachers dressed up as cartoon characters, delighting and surprising the little ones. Fun activities and energetic dance performances added to the excitement, making the day truly special. A Recitation Competition was conducted on the themes "Mother Earth and Seasons", where children confidently recited poems with clarity and expression. Purple Day was celebrated by the UKG children with a symmetric drawing activity and a creative lavender garden take-away. The day concluded with an engaging story session, "Lavender Magic in Kashmir," which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

Role Play -At the Vet



LKG children stepped into the role of little veterinarians, caring for their pets using bandages, stethoscopes, injections, and medicines. Through this engaging role-play activity, the children learned the importance of care, empathy, and responsibility while enjoying meaningful and imaginative play.



PG children enthusiastically participated in tracing activities that encouraged fine motor development and early writing skills. Through fun, focused, and hands-on play, the children improved their pencil control, concentration, and confidence while enjoying the learning process.



Children's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and joy across the campus. The highlight of the day was the delightful performances by our teachers and the admin staff which brought smiles and laughter to every child. Students enjoyed a series of fun-filled activities designed to make the day memorable and engaging. To encourage the love of reading, each child received a storybook as a special gift from the school. The celebration truly reflected the spirit of childhood and strengthened the bond between teachers and students.

LKG and UKG Field trips



Our little LKG stars had a delightful field trip to the dentist's clinic, where they learned all about keeping their pearly whites shiny and bright! From brushing tips to healthy habits, it was a morning filled with smiles and giggles. Our curious UKG explorers had a delightful outing to the supermarket, where learning came alive!

They browsed through fresh produce, dairy, and household items—engaging with real-world transactions and discovering the joy of making healthy choices. Through this hands-on experience, our little shoppers not only learned about buying essentials but also embraced interactive, memorable learning beyond the classroom!



Our students joyfully celebrated Kannada Rajyotsava, diving into the state's rich heritage with enthusiasm! They learned about Karnataka and enjoyed singing Kannada poems. Our UKG students shone with their vibrant dance performance to a popular Kannada track, adding a delightful touch to the celebration!

Section D- From The Teacher's Desk- Ms. Anita Dhiman,
Subject Coordinator, Hindi, Gunjur Campus

When I look back today, it feels as if it all happened just yesterday. Teaching, for me, is no longer just a profession—it has become a sacred devotion. It is my deepest form of worship. Teaching Hindi has always been more than a profession for me—it is a passion, responsibility, and a deeply fulfilling journey.

Hindi is not just a language; it is a bridge that connects children to their cultural heritage, values and identity. Helping students discover the beauty of Hindi literature, the joy of creative expression, and the confidence to Communicating effectively gives me immense satisfaction. In my classroom, I believe in creating a learning environment where every child feels involved and excited. To achieve this, I use a variety of strategies such as activity-based learning, storytelling, group discussions, and visual aids.

These methods make Hindi both enjoyable and easy to understand. I also focus on differentiated instruction so that each student—whether confident or hesitant—gets the support they need. Worksheets, reading exercises, vocabulary-building tasks, and continuous assessments help reinforce concepts and allow me to track students' individual progress. What brings me the most happiness as a teacher is watching my students grow.

Their curiosity, their willingness to try, and the spark in their eyes when they finally understand something—these moments make my teaching journey memorable. When a child who once hesitated to speak now participates confidently, or when a student expresses thoughts creatively through poetry or stories, it reaffirms my belief in the power of teaching. Looking ahead, I aspire to continue evolving as an educator.

I hope to integrate more digital tools and innovative teaching techniques into my lessons, making learning more interactive and future ready. I also plan to develop structured learning resources, and someday publish my own educational material or a book based on Hindi poems. My long-term dream is to contribute to curriculum development and support other teachers by sharing best practices. Teaching Hindi fills me with purpose, and every day in the classroom reminds me why I chose this path—to inspire, to guide, and to help children discover the power of language.

Hands and minds that worked together



Roshna, Medhansh and Niyati-7E