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Editors' Note

Our first attempt at an E-magazine last academic year was fun and an exciting ride indeed. This edition is no different. We were quite literally buried in a landslide of submissions which, in actuality, made us happier than ever, for, exhibiting our talent to the world is the very purpose of the E-magazine. The seeds of creativity that were planted by the first edition have borne fruit, resulting in a bevy of paintings, articles and poems that greatly astounded us. Furthermore, we truly hope from the bottom of our hearts that the E-magazine encourages children to work on their strengths and acknowledge their weaknesses, so that they may become better people, that Manthan can look at with pride.

REMEMBERING MANTHAN'S CLOSE FRIEND AND ASSOCIATE

Narasimhan Venkatesan
(1938-2022)

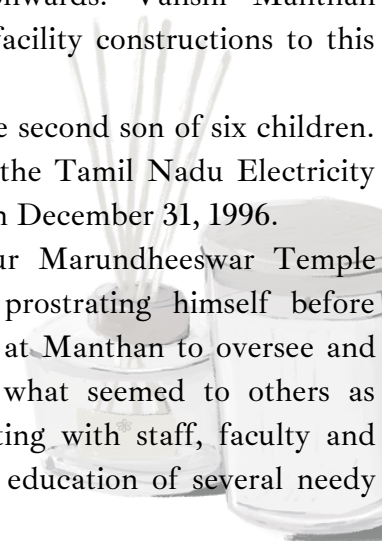


Narasimhan Venkateshan (Engineer mama as he was popularly known) had a fairly long and close association with Manthan from early 2011 onwards. Vanshi Manthan Vidyashram school at Kottivakkam owes much of its civic facility constructions to this Civil Engineer who literally made Manthan his second home.

Born on 31 December 1938 in Salem, Tamil Nadu, he was the second son of six children. He completed his Diploma in Civil Engineering and joined the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board in mid-1957 and retired as Executive Engineer (Civil) on December 31, 1996.

His daily routine included going round the Thiruvannamiyur Marundheeswar Temple twelve times starting at 5 am, performing Gopuja and prostrating himself before Mahaperiva's sandals kept in the temple. Thereafter he was at Manthan to oversee and resolve civil work-related issues and finding solutions for what seemed to others as intractable problems. Mama loved being at school, interacting with staff, faculty and children- his age being just a number. He has financed the education of several needy children apart from donating clothes.

It was an effort to make mama go slow; he was fit until the day he met with an accident in December 2021 and finally breathed his last on September 1, 2022



"A very good creation of Bhagwaan. Every inch of Manthan will speak about him. He was with Manthan from February 7, 2011, 8 am - the day we performed inaugural Pooja of Kottivakkam school. We had rain on that day. Water started pouring from an open electrical duct. He immediately found the open duct on the second floor and blocked it just before parents started arriving. Am unable to forget all that he did- stage and stage improvements, sewage treatment, all construction from phase 2, gate installation, water canal for rain water.

During heavy rains he was the first to come to school to ensure water drains out quickly, and, avoided water entering inside the building. I can go on and on....

He was in Manthan on December 10, 2021 - the day before his accident.

Manthan and I have lost a good guide. He promised to take care of Manthan in my absence but now I am alone.

I pray for his Atma to be one with Bhagwaan."

- TG Swaminathan



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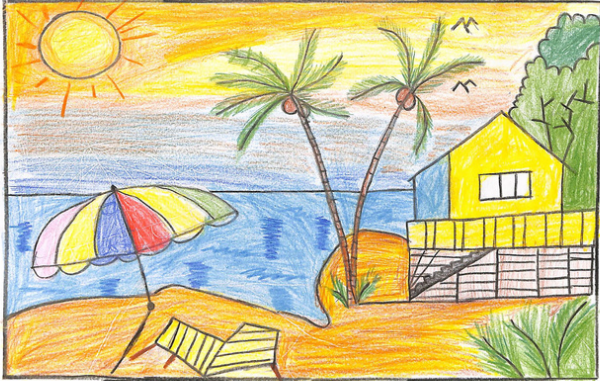
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Artists at work



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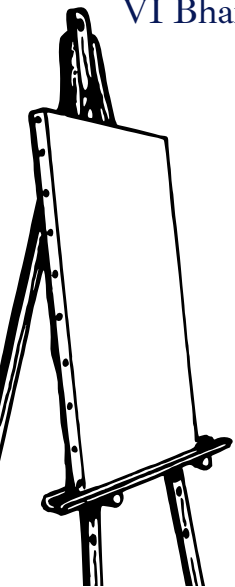
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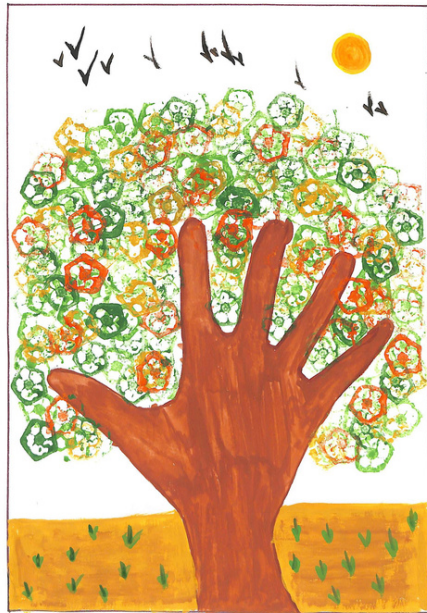


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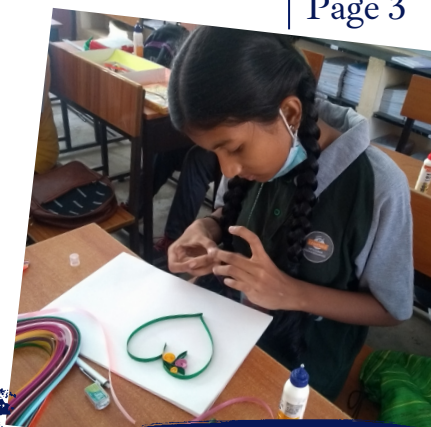
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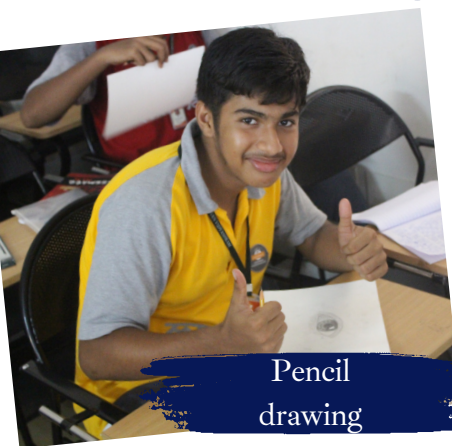


Dancing



Quilling

Talent Day 2022



Pencil drawing

The line between talent and hard work is blurry. Does hard work lead to talent or is it inborn? This argument can be easily neutralized by simply saying that talent is fully realized through hard work. Thus, Manthan decided to host a set of competitions that helped students showcase their talents in many an area on 'Talent Day' held on 16 July. It was a pleasure to watch so many students finally have the chance to show their peers what they had up their sleeves.



Martial Arts



Students decorating their classroom



Shloka recitation



Martial Arts



Oratorical

Talent Day 2022

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Painting



Oratorical



BEST OF TALENT DAY



Dancing



Knitting



Chalk carving



Quilling



Embroidery

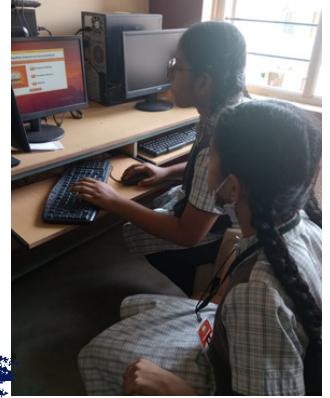


Elections

For every kingdom, a king, and for every empire, an emperor. Having a role model to look up to and receive guidance from, is a must for young minds such as ourselves. Manthan's elections do just that. For the first time after the lockdown, elections were held for the important positions of student captains for the respective houses. A Level students were the candidates for captaincy, and all students, 6th and above, cast their vote after 2 days of campaigning. Here are a few pictures.

Candidates campaigning

Students voting



Meet Our Captains



Shantiniketan Captains

Teacher - Mrs. Manjusha
Student - Maanasvini Anand

Ujjain Captains

Teacher - Mr. Sarath Vikram
Student - Vishal M



Nalanda Captains

Teacher - Mrs. Prem Deepa
Student - Arnav Tushar Ghugal

Takshashila Captains

Teacher - Mrs. Hemalatha
Student - Megala V

Chess Tournament

Chess isn't a physically demanding sport. It doesn't have the most number of fans whose support borders on fanaticism like football, nor is it widely recognized. But the world's current trends say otherwise. Seeing the rising popularity of chess and its evident advantages to the human brain, Manthan decided to put together a team that would compete in a tournament at the KCG College of Fashion Technology. The team consisted of Vibishan Ashil and Sreedhar Prabhu of class 12, and Sarang Rajgopaul and Mahathee Srinivasan of class 8.



(R to L) Mahathee, Sarang, Vibishan and Sreedhar

Our team was relatively new, but our vibrant enthusiasm more than made up for it. The fact that none of us had previously gone to a tournament didn't bog us down in the slightest. Telling ourselves that we were going there for 'experience', we wore our sports uniforms, donned our bags, and went to the college in relatively high spirits.

We immediately began our first game in a large AC hall where even one's breathing sounded deafening. But it seemed that the gods took pity on us, showering us with good fortune, for we all won our first rounds. Ecstatic, we all celebrated the best we could in the waiting room, discussing our mistakes and our 'genius' plays. But our overconfidence cost us dearly, and all of us were beaten in our second round. We went home forlorn, sad that we failed at winning both, but we did learn an incredibly important lesson, that conceit is not a good attitude to have. The other rounds went fairly well, with all of us winning a couple more rounds, but this competition brought home the fact, the sheer number of talented people out there in the world. The revelation both stirred our competitive spirit and urged us to further hone our skills.

Cricket Match

Cricket in India is not a sport but a religion. Being one amongst the most popular and well received sport, cricket has its influence all over the country right from toddlers to old grannies. However one must not forget about the origins of some of our international players, namely gully cricket. Gully cricket has its own rules and its own difficulties. To set up a good competition Manthan had put together a team of three players, Aarush, Siddharth and Pranav who were to compete at the state level selections for tennis ball cricket at the V.Ramakrishna Polytechnic college.

While a team required eleven of us, we were just three and so we were merged with North Chennai's team. Although the faces were new, the sport and the enthusiasm for a win brought us together and helped us to get along easily. As the sun soared high in the sky, the selections kicked off. The rules for the matches were laid down and the lots were picked. Each team was to play a set of two matches and the best one amongst them would get to lift the trophy. Our first match was against Kanchipuram team. It was a quick 4 over nail biting match. The first innings ended with 46 runs on board by the Kanchipuram team and our batsmen were to be on a full alert to chase down the humongous target. Although the second innings started off slowly, it caught fire in the mid overs. However, it was a close call and we lost the match by a small margin of just 2 runs.

After a small break it was time for our next milestone. We were under pressure to win this in order to stay alive in the selections. Things didn't go the way we wanted though and we ended up losing the latter one too, but this time with a larger margin of about 10 runs. The selections were wrapped up by about 6 at dusk with rains showering all over drenching the pitches. It was a new and a memorable experience as it helped us learn where we stood and where we needed to concentrate to improve our skills. As a token of appreciation, we were given a participation certificate.

Wednesday Winners



The lockdown was not a time which anyone would look back with fondness or longing. The school had online classes, and it was an arduous task for the teachers to say the least. But Manthan did not want the gloom surrounding the world affecting the school experience of students. Thus, they decided to hold online competitions that became a medium through which students could showcase their extracurricular talents and skills. The winners of these competitions and other benchmark examinations are awarded their medals and cups on Wednesdays. Here is one such prize distribution ceremony. Please scan the QR code to watch the prize distribution video or click on the QR code.

Alumni Interviews

As the final years of high school approach, students constantly worry about college. After realizing the need for information and guidance, Manthan decided to host a set of interviews with their alumni, hoping to receive some well-needed advice, especially for students of classes soon to graduate. Here is an excerpt from one of these interviews.



Prithivisree: Good afternoon! Thank you for being here. We really appreciate it.

Jayanth: Thank you for having me.

P: Would you like to introduce yourself to the audience?

J: Yeah, sure. I am Jayanth. I am from the batch of 19. I am studying C.S at the National University of Singapore. I am in my second year now

A: What were your favourite parts or aspects of the whole schooling as such?

J: Definitely this particular room (mentioning the room the interview was held in). Because we were just 5 people. We had 5 desks here and Geetha teacher let us bring a separate desk. We played table tennis over there and we played squash against this wall. We brought a carom board inside and we used to play right there. So yeah, those were definitely some of my best memories.

P: We are paranoid about losing touch with our classmates. Do you think it's reasonable? Are you in touch with your classmates?

J: Yeah, I think it's quite reasonable. Honestly, I expected to lose touch with my classmates but I didn't. We stay in touch on Discord all the time, we do video calls. But it is a reasonable thing, it happens. You just need to accept and move on.

A: What prep work did you do before college, say for entrance, college applications and statement of purpose?

J: Well, I did the whole JEE rigmarole, so, I did 4 years of FIITJEE coaching, and I wrote a bunch of statements of purpose for a bunch of universities. Apart from NUS, I applied to universities in the UK. You just have to write one essay for that, which was nice.

P: You mentioned about 4 years of constant studying. So, the pressure, did that lead to frustration? And how did you deal with it?

J: Yeah for sure. School, was fine. I never had trouble with A-Levels or IGCSE except for geography. I never had trouble with school. FIITJEE was, it was frustrating at times. You just find ways to cope with it. I played chess, I watched Netflix.

A: You talked about applying to multiple universities and colleges. How many did you get accepted to and did have the luxury of choice?

J: Well, strictly speaking, I just applied abroad because I didn't want to miss out any opportunity. There was really no scope of going to the UK because it was very expensive. And, even NUS, it wasn't my primary plan per se. I just took it because I had a scholarship. Otherwise, my initial plan was writing JEE and applying to universities. I also wrote VITEEE and a bunch of other local exams.

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P: You moved to Singapore for university. So, how did you adjust to living in a new environment?

J: Well, it's really not that bad once you get used to it. For the first one week, I was really homesick. And this was at the time when there were a lot of travel restrictions. For the first 7 days we had to be quarantined in a hotel and the hotel's food was garbage. That just made the whole thing worse. Once I went to the university, things became better. There were lots of good food in the cafeteria and all of that. And, I had friends of course. I made friends during the online semester and so I got to meet them and it became better. You adjust to it.

A: You talked about friends, so I wanted to ask about the social aspect of college. Is it hard to handle or?

J: Well, I never had a social life in school. I have a better social life in college, I'd like to say. College is pretty relaxed, at least where NUS is concerned, lectures aren't compulsory; you have tutorials in labs that you can either choose to or not to attend. So, it's pretty relaxed. You can do what you want, basically. There are no restrictions on when you have to come back to the university, or whatever. So, you can just hang out with your friends outside or inside. I really enjoyed the Education Resource Centre which is placed in an open area and across it is a plane with a lot of grass, it's pretty nice to sit there and work on your laptop or whatever. But we went outside, a lot. There's a metro station within the university, so you can just take that and go outside.

P: What were your expectations of college and how did it change after you went there?

J: Honestly, I thought college would be as smooth sailing as school. A-Levels were generally smooth sailing but, education-wise, it gets harder. I went there, 10 % of my peer group have already, published academic papers or they have their own start-ups or they are, like, IOI medallists, IMO medallists, all of that. So, it's hard to stand out in a cohort where everyone is so talented and good. So, that was a definite change from school. We were 5 people here and A Levels weren't particularly hard. That was definitely something I did not expect in college.

A: Was there any reason you chose this course? Or did you have any courses that you would have preferred to take?

J: Well, I got into CS through math puzzles. So, I enjoyed solving them by writing code to solve it. CS is like the default choice when you are not passionate about anything. I like CS, I like the logic, I like writing code.

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A: Did you take up or continue any extracurricular activities there in college?

J: Yeah. So, I was in the university chess club and I played a bunch of tournaments representing the university in a team. That was a lot of fun. And I also continued my violin classes.

A: How did you find the time for this? In college you would expect there to be a lot of studies.

J: Like I said right, you don't. Lectures are optional, you don't have to attend them. And it really wasn't that bad, like it wasn't that tight or anything. There was work. When there is work, you know, you sit until 2 am, finish it. But, it was mostly relaxed. I was able to pursue all the activities I wanted.

P: Have you got any internships or work experience?

J: Not yet, actually. I applied to like one or two. But it's hard to get an internship as a freshman. So, this semester, I just did a project on my own, instead. Hopefully, I will get one next semester and I will tell you about it then.

A: Of what we know, the scholarship you have is from the government. Like, you do work there after your college, right? How does that work?

J: There are 2 things here. The tuition grant is offered to all international students, that's a 3 year bond. You work 3 years, and you have to pay only half your tuition fees. But, you have to pay all your living expenses and all that. The scholarship I got makes me work for 6 years, and they pay for everything. They pay for the tuition, they give me a stipend for living expenses and all that. So, basically, I graduate and upon graduating, I work there in a Singapore-based entity for 6 years. Doesn't need to be based in Singapore, it just has to be a company out of Singapore.

A: The second one is also offered by the government?

J: It's actually given by the university, I think. The Office of Financial Aid gives these medic scholarships. This is, I think, one of two scholarships offered to international students.

P: What is your biggest takeaway from college?

J: There are a lot of talented people out there, is what my takeaway is. There are a lot of people who are good at what they do. And you make friends with them, and, you know, learn from them, and they learn from you. And, have fun.

P: Do you feel the school could have done anything to prepare you more for college?

J: I don't think so. So, the school did "Home Alone" and all right? We learnt how to cook and all that. But I never cooked there. I would just buy food. The cafeteria has 5\$, 10 \$ food, I would buy that. Maybe, ironing clothes would have been useful. That I had to pick up when I went there. Folding clothes I found the hardest. But that's all your personal responsibility, you just have to develop. Because at home, if you make mistakes your parents are there to mitigate them. But when I'm there, my parents are 3000 km away. So, if I miss that alarm, that lecture is gone or that tutorial is gone. If I don't want to wash my clothes for one day, I mean, one week's clothes on Sunday, then, I just have more clothes to wash on Monday. That's how it works. So, you just become more responsible, I guess.

A: And how do categories of people change, as you go from school to college?

J: Well, my parents, they are pretty hands-free with all of these. They just want me to do well academically, which I do. They are not very concerned. They are a little concerned about the fact that I stay holed up in my hostel room most of the time. And I am working to fix that. My current excuse is that Singapore is a small city. So, if I go out right now, there will be nothing to see in the next 4 semesters. But, yeah, I will go out a little more.

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A: How long is your course?

J: 4 years

P: How did you find the sports curriculum of the school?

J: Like Narendran (another alumni interviewed on the same day) said, it was a lot of fun, for sure. But, I don’t think anyone was particularly serious about it. So it served its purpose. It was fun.

A: Getting back to the scholarship aspect, you have to study there for 4 years, and you will have to work. So, does the campus give you placements, or do you have to find placements yourself?

J: Well, internships are a compulsory part of my course. I can’t graduate without them.

J: And, the way hiring works is that, most companies, they will look at their interns first, and then hire, right- they will hire out of their interns. So most probably, I should have a job by the time I graduate. You need to do an internship before you can graduate. But, you should be doing many more, like every summer. This summer, I didn’t get one, but probably next summer, and the ones after that, I will be doing a few. So, yeah, I should be able to get a job. NUS has a resources team who connect the employers with you. But they don’t give you jobs per se.

A: Are you planning on taking up anything extra, or in college?

J: What do you mean extra?

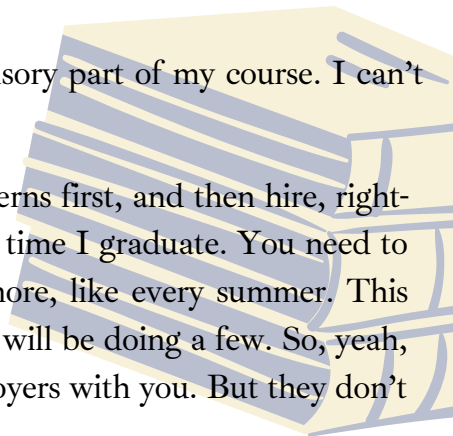
A: Extracurricular like sports.

J: No, not really, NUS actually has pretty good resources, which is why my parents complain that I don’t go swimming and all that. I might join a few clubs. They have a few clubs for like, fintech, and all of that, learning more about financial instruments. That sounds cool, so I might join. But sports, not really.

P: We will end with a last question. If you were to write an autobiography, what would this chapter of your life be called?

J: That is such a weird question. Because, I wouldn't be narcissistic enough to write an autobiography, I hope. I would probably call it anxiety. Because, I’m not very sure where I am going right now. I am just going with the flow, right. So, I would say anxiety.

P: Thank you.



Interviewee: Jayanth

Interviewers: Prithivisree and Arnav of Class 12

Date: 16 July

Location: Manthan Vidyashram



Students of Class 8 Chambal were in charge of the Gokulashtami celebrations on 26th Aug 2022; the total celebrations lasted for an hour and was filled with songs, drama, dance, namavali and a drawing & decorations exhibit by the students.



The compering team helped us to bind the entire program. Our singers sang the famous song “Vishamakara Kannan”. One of our teachers played the Mirudhangam and one of us played the Jalra for beats.



We staged a drama on the friendship between Krishna and Sudhama. The day before the performance, we were satisfied with the rehearsal and were ready. However, on the day of the performance, there was an unexpected power cut right at the start causing a panic. But we continued the drama, as we had memorised all our dialogues. The dance that followed was a fantastic experience, where our visual conceptualisation of Krishna and his playful and cheerful characters came alive on stage. The dance also depicted devotees of Krishna like Meera Bai. This dance showed us how Krishna can rule over all our hearts and make our surroundings magical. We danced to the song Achutham Kesavam, Krishna Damodharam. The Namavali was a good tongue twister and was difficult to pronounce. We had to practise reciting each name many a times to get the pronunciation correct. As we had less time on the day of celebrations, the audience were requested to listen to the recitation without repetition. It was a very good experience.



We had a variety of feelings running through us. It was a mix of some chaos, some responsibility, some togetherness, some sacrifices, and, for some overcoming stage fear. Overall, it was a thoroughly memorable and probably once in a lifetime opportunity. We had our fair share of both positive and negative emotions and we put up a great fight to hush the negatives down. That is what counts as our final victory. We thank BSV Sir, PPS Sir, SUM teacher for co-ordinating the drama. The students are thankful to Shradhanjali and Subhasree teacher for helping us with the choreography and for giving us such a wonderful opportunity. We thank all teachers who helped us and gave us this fantastic opportunity.



ONAM

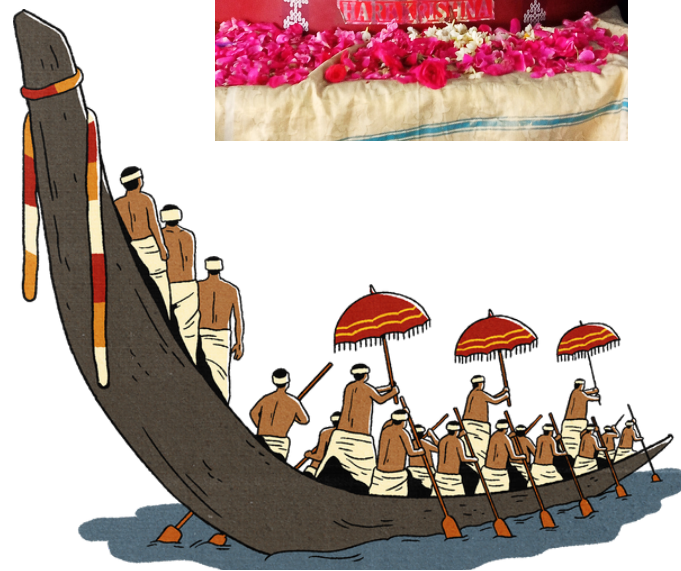


We the students of class VII Purna were given an opportunity to perform for Onam. The celebrations happened on 6th September. Many of us enjoyed preparing ourselves for the celebration that we conducted at school. For most of us, it was the first time that we were performing in front of our friends and teachers. It was a new experience for all of us. We had lots of fun.

It was exciting to dress up in different costumes. We were all nervous and afraid that we may mess up things at the last minute. All of us took part in various activities such as dancing, singing, and drama. We all liked staying back at school to practice for our roles in the celebration.



This event helped us to overcome stage fear and improve our ability to speak in front of a large gathering. We had a lot of support from our teachers who helped us express ourselves on the stage. I think the reason behind the successful completion of the event was because of our teachers. They did a lot of work backstage and supported us. We are determined to work harder and be able to give our schoolmates a better performance next time.



The World Through A Lens



**Orange and
Pulchritudinous**

**Deekshitha R
VIII Chambal**



Infinity

**Vetrivel
III Kabini**



**Vibha
Ramgopal
V Sutlej**

**A Watery
Paradise**



**Tranquil
Among
the
Trees**

**Prakrithi
X Trisul**



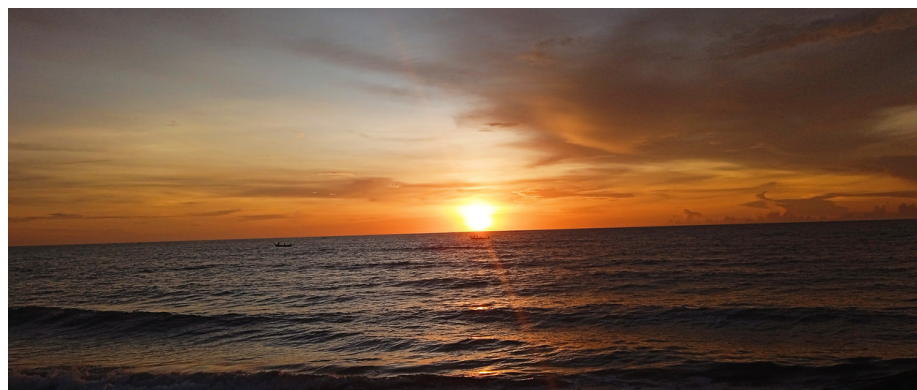
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**A
Droplet's
Tenacity**



**Conquerors of the
Tide**

**Aditi Keshav
X Trisul**



Liminal Beauty

**Prithivisree
XII Kanchenjunga**

Natco Colony - The 'Flood Bowl' of Chennai

The problem of flooding is endemic to the city of Chennai, including the Kottivakkam area where our school, Vanshi Manthan Vidyashram, is situated. During the monsoon season, while there is always flooding, the rains of November - December, 2021 were particularly disastrous, to say the least. With 1,000mm of rainfall in just four weeks, these were the worst rains since the devastating floods of 2015 when it poured for 22 out of 30 days in December, setting a record of 1,049mm.

Vanshi Manthan Vidyashram was relocated to the Kottivakkam campus in the year 2009.

During the first 2 phases of its construction, the school authorities were unaware of the underlying problems of the area which began to surface whenever the intensity of rainfall crossed a threshold beyond which the ground could not absorb the rain water. Consequently, on such days the school experienced rapid flooding.

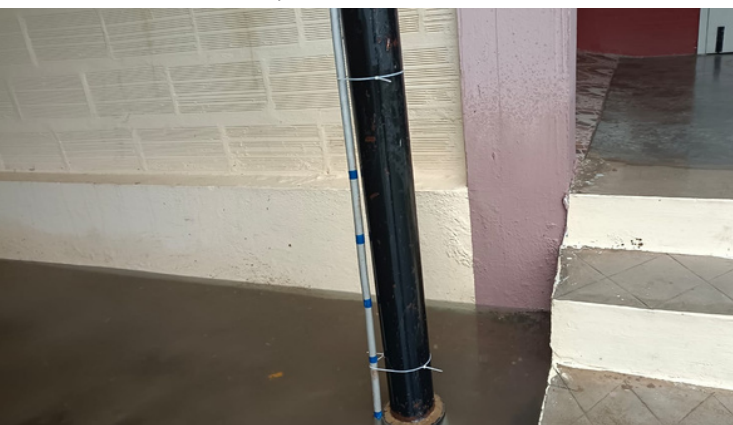
When the problem of non-absorption of water persisted for days on end, Manthan understood that this needed to be addressed. While today there is a fair amount of comprehension of the problem, a satisfactory solution to the same has remained elusive,

not least because it requires political intervention to implement the technical aspects *in toto* and not, as is done now, in piecemeal.

A report was compiled based on studies conducted in and around the campus. In this regard, the support of both parents and residents of Natco Colony was gathered by going around and getting their signatures on a petition, which also appealed for new roads. The report, along with this petition was personally submitted to the councilor of Kottivakkam. The petition was reviewed and accepted, after which we were reassured that appropriate action would be taken to resolve the issue.

in toto(Latin): as a whole

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Poems

Right or wrong

The game begins,
As you're born,
From growth till death,
It's only right or wrong

In the world of bad,
being good can be hard,
But all has one end,
Which may have a worse part

The good you think,
Can never be flawless,
The flaws you think,
Can lead to better

Harshini V
VII Indravati

The Journey Of Ambition

She roams the streets, in her thoughts lost,
Knowing what she must do but unable to bear
the cost.

She looks to the stars desperate for answers,
Yet all she sees are the cosmos' bejewelled
dancers.

Her dreams had once been all that mattered,
But now a nudge in the wrong way could render them
shattered.

The path to greatness, once alluring and great,
Now seems like a daunting leap in deciding one's
fate.

Steeling herself against the menacing night,
She draws a breath and sets off, to a new dawn,
bright.

Sarang
VIII Indus

மன்தன் மாணவர்களின் நவீன திருக்குறள்

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சேராமை செய்யம்மை நன்று

சினம்

உடலையும் உணர்வுகளையும் கொள்ளும் சினத்தை
போன்று உளவோ பிற

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காலம் பொன் போன்றது என்று,
உணர்ந்தவரின் வாழ்க்கை விண்ணைத்தொட்து,
உணராதவரின் வாழ்க்கை வீண் ஆனது !!!

மேகலா. வே
XII கஞ்செஞ்சங்கா



கவிதைப் பக்கம்

உலகசுற்றுசூழல் பாதுகாப்பு தினம்

சிட்டுக்குருவிமின் சிறகடிக்கும் ஒலியை
கேட்ட தம் செவிகளுக்கு...

ஒலியெழுப்பானின் ஓசை மதுவுமே கேட்கிறது
வீட்டிற்கு வீடு மரம் இருந்த காலம் சென்று...
வீட்டிற்கு வீடு மகிழுந்து வந்து விட்டது.

பறவைகள் கூடு கட்டி வாழும் மரங்களை அழித்து விட்டு...
மனிதர்கள் பன்னிரண்டு அடிக்கு கூடு வாழ்கின்றனர்.

அறை அடிக்கு செடி வைத்திருந்தால்...
ஆயிரம் அடிக்கு கிணறு வெட்ட வேண்டுமா?
தோட்டங்களை பராமரித்திருந்தால்...
வானிலை மாற்றங்கள் நிகழ்த்திருக்குமா?

மாசடைத்த காற்றை தவிர்த்து...
மண்ணாய் போவதை தவிர்த்து...
மண்ணில் விதை விதைத்து...
இவ்வுலகின் முதுகெலும்பை நிமிர்த்து!

-சு.தருண் கிருஷ்ணன்
(IX கங்கா)

உலகச் சுற்றுசூழல் தினம்

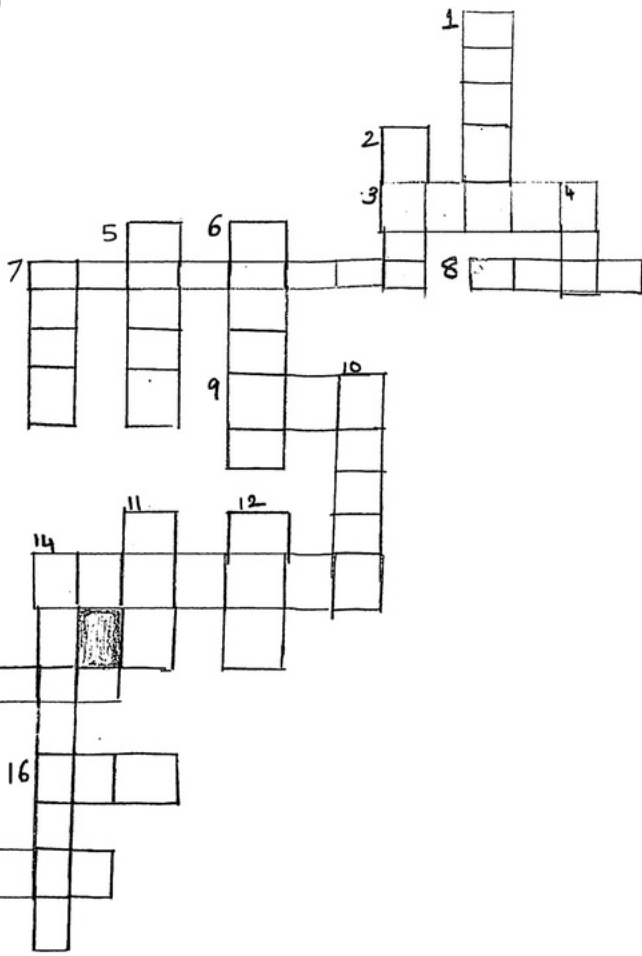
பச்சை பசேல் என்று உலகமம்மா!
மரமும் வனத்தோடும் நிறைந்து இருந்ததம்மா!
நச்சுப் பொருட்களை கலக்கிவிட்டு,
நம் வாழிடத்தை நாசமாகிவிட்டோமம்மா!

சுவையும் இனிப்பும் கலந்து ஆறு இருந்ததுமம்மா!
உலகம் முழுவதும் தண்ணீர் தந்ததம்மா!
துணி அலசி கழிவு அடைத்து,
நீரை மாசாக்கி விட்டோமம்மா!

உலகசுற்றுசூழல் தினத்திலாவது,
மரம் வளர்ப்போமம்மா!
பூமியைச் சுத்தம் செய்து,
உலகத்தைக் காப்போமம்மா!

-கமலேஷ்
(IX கங்கா)

Crosswords



ACROSS

- 1. Joint between leg and foot
- 2. Part between eye and the top of head
- 3. Joint in the middle of the leg
- 4. Part between the shoulder and hand
- 5. Part that digests food
- 6. Joint in the middle of arm
- 7. Part attached to the hip
- 8. Part attached to the hand

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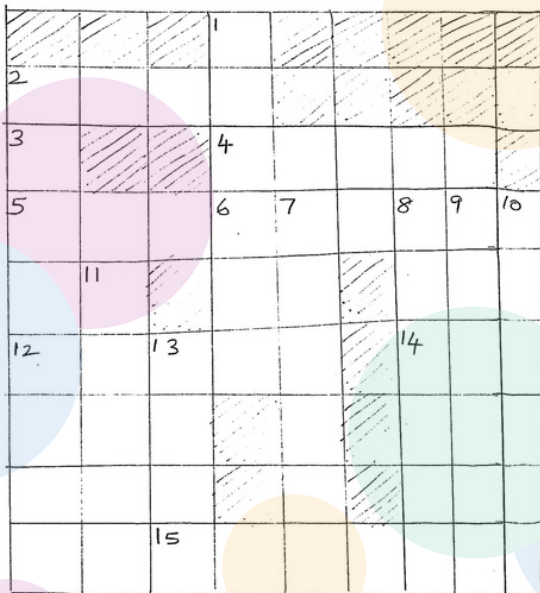
- 1. Part between head and the body
- 2. Part attached to the arm
- 4. Part help us to see
- 5. Joint between arm and the hand
- 6. Part inside the neck
- 7. Part attached to leg
- 10. Part helps to eat and drink
- 11. Part attached to the foot
- 12. Part help us to hear
- 13. back of the foot
- 14. Joint at the top of arm
- 17. Joint at the top of leg



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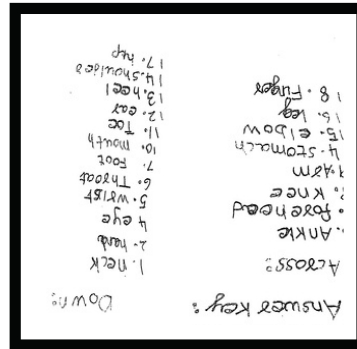
- 2. An exercise which increases flexibility and balance.
- 4. A type of chocolate.
- 5. How will you call your father's sister?
- 6. A sharp pointed tip that is present in few plants.
- 12. It is a red planet.
- 14. A piece of ground used for growing plants outside.
- 15. To welcome someone with a particular word.

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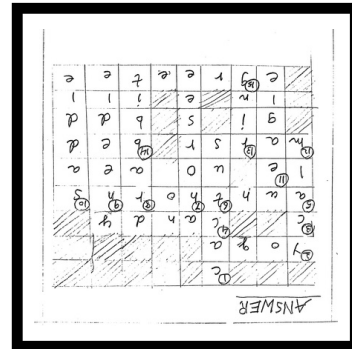
1. The plant which lives in the desert and has thorns in it.
3. Teacher asks this to do when we shout.
7. An animal that neighs.
8. An animal that sits with hind legs and has shorter front leg.
9. An object that has small hole in it.
10. A supportive structure for a rider of an animal.
11. A large bird that fly up in the sky and make an amazing sight.
13. An ornament used for wedding.

Solutions

1)



2)



Home Alone



Due to the sheer diversity of the world, the things that people like are disparate, to say the least. But the one thing that people crave and collectively adore is, of course, 'Food'! It is something that we cannot live without and something that many people take for granted. Manthan, seeing its importance, set up 'Home Alone' to teach children to cook for themselves, and we dare say that it has been quite the success. Home Alone classes are currently held for classes 10 to 12 and they have knocked up some interesting dishes. Here is one of them: Poha Chaat

- Wash the Poha and soak it for an hour for thick poha or 10 minutes for thin poha. After draining the excess water, mix turmeric chilli powder, salt and sugar evenly and spread the poha out. Heat oil in kadhai followed by , mustard, hing, curry leaves , cut and boiled potatoes, and finally add the poha.
- To make green chutney, grind mint, coriander and green chillies. Add salt to taste

To make the red chutney, soak tamarind, and remove the pulp. Soak jaggery and de-seeded dates in hot water and grind with tamarind water. Boil the mixture and add chilli powder, dhaniya powder and Jeera powder. Reduce the chutney until desired consistency is reached.

Assembling:

Ladle some poha into a bowl. Add diced onions, chopped tomatoes and both the chutneys. Add some sev on top and sprinkle some chat masala to add flavour.



Foo Foo's Dream

My pet dog name is Foo Foo. It dreams that its in a dessert. It plays happily in there. Suddenly it feels thirsty so it look for water. But it could not find it. It saw a camel gulp its saliva, Foofoo also did the same.



It still feels thirsty. Then it saw a bird pecking the cactus and it drinks water from it. By seeing that Foo Foo jump and run towards the cactus. It bite the cactus without thinking about the thorns to drink water.

Thorns pricked its mouth, it shouted in pain as bow...bow...bow. Suddenly Foofoo wake up from the bed and touch its mouth but no thorns, because It was a Dream!!!

By

Rithiksha.R.
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Fairy's star

The fairy glided high up to space
 To find a star that fits her place
 Craving for a star that's rare
 She looked here and there.

Searching every nook and corner
 She started to ponder and wonder
 "Will there be a star that I expect?
 Everything here aren't perfect"

But never did she lose her hope
 Again she started to scope
 And now looking behind a huge rock
 She was really wonderstruck

At last she found the star she wanted
 The silver one with orange dotted
 Thus she proved that hardwork always pays
 Doesn't matter how many days you take

- V. Sreenithi

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My first trip on a metro train

One evening during my vacation, myself and my family planned to go on a trip in Chennai metro train. I was so excited and happy since it was my first trip in metro train. First, we all walked to the metro station. The station was clean and beautiful. We bought tickets to reach the last station which was airport. I was so happy to enter the train.

All the places were tidy and clean and we were all seated. The train was so fast and it took underground passage route. It was so dark outside and the train slowly raised above the ground. I saw many road transport vehicles through the window. Many people entered and left the train at every station. The sunset was beautiful to watch from inside the train. I enjoyed my trip and I felt train route is the fast and best to reach many places.



By. KEERTHANA.A
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The Lost Rabbit

Once upon a time, there lived a rabbit. He had two friends, a deer and a tortoise. They would always play happily in the forest. One day the rabbit went to take a bath. But the river was dry, so he went in search of another river. He went deeper into the forest. At a distance he saw a cave. He wanted to explore the cave and so he entered the cave. It was fully dark and couldn't see anything. He was so scared that he started shouting "HELP! HELP!". The deer and the tortoise saw that the rabbit was missing

The deer and the tortoise went search searching for the rabbit in the forest. While searching, the deer saw the footprints of the rabbit and shouted to the tortoise. Both of them followed the footprints in search of their lovely friend the rabbit. They followed the footprints into the cave. They were scared too. Then they heard the rabbits cry for help. They rescued him and advised him not go to places he doesn't know. The rabbit nodded and said "Thank you"

- Deeksha R
IV Kosi

One day my family and I visited granny and grandpa's house. That day was a very special day because it was my brother's birthday. Our grandparents were so eager to visit us. After we arrived there we ran and hugged them. My grandma prepared a sumptuous lunch and a chocolate cake for my brother. We celebrated his birthday with pomp and enjoyed the lavish spread. My brother enjoyed the day a lot.

-Nandhana S
V Jhelum



A Sumptuous Lunch



The Surprise

One day, Ananya thought about the gift she wanted to present to her mom on her birthday. She planned to give two creative gifts to her mom. So she made one creative book. It is all about her mom. Another gift she planned was to take some money from her piggy bank and buy different kinds of seeds because her

mom likes gardening very much.

Ananya thought these two gifts will make her birthday special. When her mom saw her gifts she suddenly started to cry like a baby. She said what creative gifts you have given to me my dear. Thank you. Love you. This is my most lovely birthday ever

-Yuvandhikaa S K
II Hooghly



A Walk in the Jungle



It was a warm summer day when my family and I went on a guided jungle trek to Wayanad, Kerala. When we crossed a trench we saw a tiger pug mark (footprint). Hidden among the trees was a dead deer. As we were passing a bush close to the kill, we heard something bolt from the bush and the purring of a tiger nearby. That was scary. The guide left us at the abandoned and broken-down house where our watchtower was located. After setting up the tent, I saw only treetops and the watering hole as we were 30 feet above the ground in the middle of the forest.

Soon I started hearing the music of the jungle: the tweeting of birds, the chattering of monkeys, the sound of the crickets, the croaking of the frogs, the mating call of the deer, peacocks squawking, the rustling of the leaves due to the wind, growling of tiger & trumpeting of the elephants. It was a good experience but I am not sure whether I would like to go through it again as it was very scary, or on second thoughts, maybe I will!!!

- Nina Marie Royan
VI Bharathapuzha



Trip to Meghalaya

We started from Chennai domestic airport and boarded the flight to Guwahati. From there we all went to Cherrapunji. A gist of what we covered is given below:

- Double decker living root bridge-It is a bridge created by intertwining the roots of two trees. It was a difficult trek of 3500 steps and we finally reached the destination. We enjoyed climbing back down too.
- Nohkalikai Falls- Next we went to the 340 metres high Nohkalikai falls and enjoyed the splendid view.
- Mawsmi Cave-We travelled to the Mawsmi cave. It was fantastic going through the narrow slippery tunnels. I took a photo wearing the Meghalayan traditional dress.
- Mawdok -Dympep Valley-It was a valley with a fantastic view and it had zip-lining too. My mother enjoyed riding it.
- Laitlum Canyon-It is a beautiful valley to explore nature and enjoy the climate. It was my favorite place in the tour.
- Dawki River-I was amazed at its sight as it had pebbles instead of sand on the river bed. We went boating there and enjoyed the crystal clear water.
- Mawlynnong village-We enjoyed a stroll in the cleanest village in Asia.
- Umananda Temple-The next day we went to Umananda temple in Guwahati across the Brahmaputra river in a ferry. It was an exciting experience.



-Nidharshanaa G
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Activists

- Sparsh Mehta
IX Ganga

Activists are people who campaign to bring about social, economic, political or environmental reform for the betterment of society. They demonstrate their displeasure towards those policies that, in their opinion, harm society, by petitioning authorities, boycotting certain businesses, by demonstrations or by using the internet. However they are impactful only when there is a well-coordinated and collective action between individuals and groups. Human-rights activists aim to protect the basic rights stated by the UN like speech, freedom, religion etc. They oppose patriarchy, slavery, oppression of indigenous people and racism. Ramos Horta of East Timor was a human rights activist who criticized the government on issues like underdevelopment and poverty.



He not only went on to win the Nobel Peace Prize but also was the youngest person to give solutions to the problem his nation, East Timor, was facing at the UN. Environmental activists urge us to protect Mother Nature by reducing pollution and conserving resources along with the flora and fauna. Greta Thunberg a young Swedish activist became the cynosure of all eyes when she held a poster “School strike for Climate Change” outside Sweden’s parliament. She is critical of leaders for not taking enough measures in this field. Political and economic activists take a clear stance in national or development related matters.

They oppose government policies that are supposed to be developmental in nature, but end up benefiting one community at the expense of another. Cultural and religious activists promote social change by showing how some beliefs such as sati or child marriage in the name of preserving culture or religion do more harm than good. They work towards raising awareness in spiritual and cultural matters. Have you ever wondered if problems didn’t exist, if there were good policies and mutual understanding between people, why would we need such activists? So “Be the change you want to see in this world.”

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ANVESHANAM

अन्वेषणम् means "to seek" in Sanskrit. We, the developers team, seek for the creativity in children.