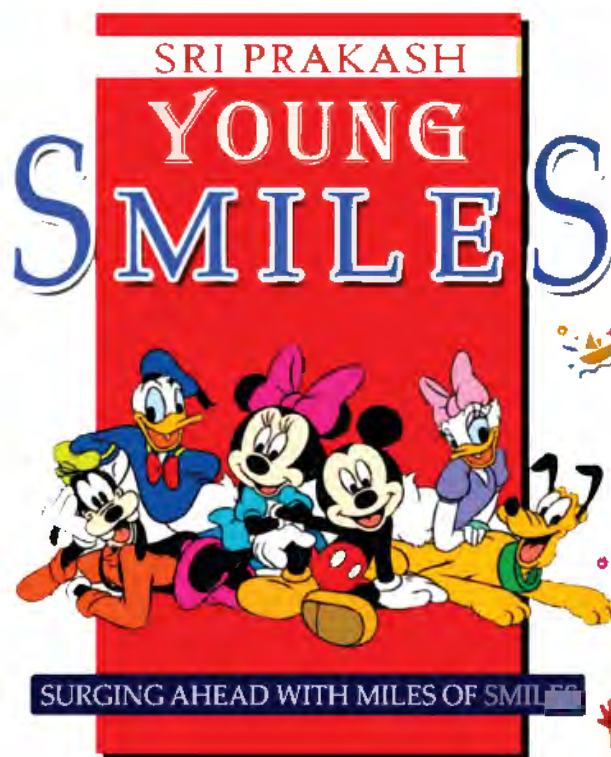




SRI PRAKASH NEWSLETTER



It's **Kids Day** of the **Kids** for the **Kids** and with the **Kids...**

PRAKASHITES WELCOME HEARTILY



VMRDA CHILDREN'S ARENA, SIRIPURAM, VISAKHAPATNAM



Our Inspiration - Our Guide
Sri Ch.V.K. Narasimha Rao

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EDITORIAL >>>>>

Reflecting on the journey of Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan, we take pride in our two decades of nurturing joyful learning for holistic growth. Our commitment to fostering an environment where students excel academically, artistically, and personally continues to drive us forward. By emphasizing holistic development and balancing academics with extracurricular activities, we prepare students for a changing world, valuing empathy, teamwork, and leadership. Our supportive environment empowers students to explore their potential and pursue their dreams. I extend heartfelt gratitude to esteemed guests, including Prof.

Rajaganapathi Pragada, Joint Secretary, Gayatri Vidya Parishad, Visakhapatnam; Dr. Rajni Mukherjee, Consultant Paediatrician and Neonatologist; and Sri Prahlad Acharya, world-famous ventriloquist, storyteller, magician, and shadow artist, for gracing Kids' Day with their inspiring speeches. My sincere thanks to Mr. John Castellas for his insightful session on Vizag Heritage that enlightened and inspired Prakashites. I whole heartedly thank Sri M.S.K. Prasad, Eminent Cricketer, Prof. Sultan Ahmad Ismail, Ph.D, D.Sc, Member State Planning Commission, Govt. of Tamil Nadu & Member, State

Education Policy, High Level Committee Dr. Umesh Mahant Shetty, Professor and Senior Consultant Radiation Oncologist at Tata Memorial Centre in Mumbai, India and Dr. Y. Sreenivas Rao, Distinguished Scientist, Director General, Naval Systems & Materials (NS & M) for gracing AROMA 2023. Their motivational speeches greatly inspired our students. Special thanks to Dr. A.P. Jayaraman, President STEAM Academy and Retd. Senior Scientist BARC, and Abhishek Arekar for their webinar on the microplastic crisis, and to Sri. G. Ramesh, Sri. K. Ashok Kumar, and Sri. S. Ram Murthy for educating our students

Congratulations Prakashites for outstanding Achievements



Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage



on traffic rules. My heartfelt gratitude goes to Sri Adhi Shwaranandha Swamiji, for his inspiring anecdotes on National Youth Day, and to Mrs. Jayshree Hatangadi for her address on World Heritage Day. I express appreciation to Prof. Balkumar Murthi, Prof. Vikas K Srivastav, and Prof. Rajkumar Bollem for their guidance during the STEAM entrepreneurship program, and to Dr. P.Guru Prasad, Professor and HOD at Andhra Medical College; Dr. K. Susmitha Divya, Assistant Professor at Andhra Medical College; Dr. S. S. Raju, Principal Scientist at CMFRI; and Prof. Kandarpa Viswanath, Retired Professor and Dean, Andhra University, for gracing our UKG convocation ceremony. I sincerely thank Ms. Shreya Ramnath and Madam

Sreemathi for their contributions to Bhava Sangeetham, and to CBSE for organizing the Financial Literacy and Stress Management programs. Dr. D. Ramaganesh and Dr. D. Rajasekhar Batchu for their enlightening session on Twins Day. My appreciation goes to Dr. C.V. Narasimham, Retd. Principal, Ramanath Secondary School for conducting & supporting our Homi Jehangir Bhabha quiz competition, and to Sri A.V. Jagannadha Rao for his session on managing exam stress. We proudly celebrate our students' achievements in 2023-2024, with highlights including successes in Olympiads, Taekwondo, chess, drawing competitions, and national-level project selections. These accomplishments reflect our students' dedication and the unwaver-

ing support from educators and parents. Lastly, I congratulate our dedicated students and hard-working staff for their remarkable Class X and XII board exam results. Their perseverance and commitment have truly paid off. I thank our parents for their unwavering support and look forward to seeing our students reach even greater heights in the future.



Sri Ch. Vasu Prakash
Director -
Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan



Heritage of Vizag – Honouring Mr. John Castell



Our school had the honour of welcoming Mr. John Castell, a distinguished guest deeply rooted in Visakhapatnam's heritage, on 2nd December. Educated at St. Aloysius School, Mr. Castell had a remarkable career as General Manager of Engineering at Boeing and Qantas before turning his attention to his passion for Vizag's history and culture. Mr. Castell conducted an insightful session, taking the Prakashites on a fascinating journey through Vizag's rich heritage. He shared unbelievable heritage stories, historical

anecdotes, and cultural pasts, including the lost treasures of Vizag. Highlighting the foremost paintings and photographs of Vizag, he provided in-depth descriptions of the famous hill ranges and artefacts from 1872. Notably, he mentioned that the first Bible was printed in Vizag in 1812. The session concluded with Mr. Castell emphasising the significance of Vizag's forgotten treasures. It was an enriching experience for all, deepening our understanding and appreciation of the City of Destiny.

Heritage Talk by Mrs. Jayashree Hattangadi



"Culture shapes who we are. It is our identity and personality. It is a way of thinking and a set of values which influence our behaviour and both natural and cultural heritage are treasures of human diversity," said Mrs. Jayashree Hattangadi, Tribal Community Facilitator and Heritage narrator addressing Prakashites on the occasion of World Heritage Day. Madam revealed that the theme of this year is "Discover and experience diversity."

Further speaking on the topic "My heritage- Visakhapatnam – My pride," Mrs. Jayashree shared some interesting facts about the history and heritage of Vizag (For eg. the original name of Visakhapatnam which was "Kulothunga Chola Pattana") and the need to preserve the historical monuments, the surrounding tribal communities' languages and culture.



Bhava Sangeetham

Sri Prakash's Tarang Club's distinguished lecture series 3 - Ms. Shreya Ramnath, Indian Classical Singer & Ms. Sreemathi Ramnath, Coach, Trainer, Leadership Consultant and Media Person.



Bhava Sangeetham, celebrates the profound expressions inter woven within each melodic note. At Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan's Tarang - Music and Dance club, a profound immersion into this cultural treasure trove was orchestrated, fostering a deep connection with the rich tapestry of Indian Classical Art. This transformative journey was led by two luminaries, Ms. Shreya Ramnath, a distinguished scholar and singer, and Madam Sreemathi, a revered Leadership Consultant and trainer. Their artistic prowess resonated in a harmonious blend of classical and devotional melodies, unravelling the emotional tapestry of Bhava Sangeetham and evoking an immersive experience for all. Ms. Shreya's

mellifluous voice, traversed linguistic boundaries effortlessly. Her renditions, spanning Sanskrit, Telugu, and Bengali, were more than mere songs; they were captivating narratives. Each note painted vivid portraits, whether in the ode to the sacred river Godavari, the heartfelt homage to India as a nurturing mother, or the mesmerising fusion of Tagore's iconic "Ekla Chalo Re," uniting the essence of Bengali and Telugu. Complementing this melodic odyssey was the insightful guidance of Madam Sreemathi, who intricately unfurled the historical and contextual foundations of the melodies. The magic woven by their combined artistry took everyone on a captivating voyage, transcending boundaries of time and culture.

Interaction with Mr. M.S.K. Prasad, an eminent cricketer

Students of class X of Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan got a golden opportunity to interact with the eminent cricketer, Sri M. S.K. Prasad on the 9th of December 2023. He advised the students to have their own innovative ideas which can enhance their knowledge with productive thoughts. Quoting the lifestyle of Virat Kohli, he suggested accepting success and failure on the same wavelength. He also said that as a student one should have smart goals which should be specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time bound. He advised them to have belief in one's stamina and potential. He also suggested them to handle pressure with an optimistic mind set. He concluded the session saying that discipline and honesty play a vital role in one's life which can help every student to reach the pinnacle of success. Director Ch. Vasu Prakash thanked M. S. K. Prasad for his guidance and motivational words.



ATL School of the Month - January 2024



Being chosen as the ATL School of the Month by Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) is indeed a notable achievement of the students as well as the staff. The ATL School of the Month initiative aims to recognize and appreciate the exceptional efforts of the schools

within the ATL community. Our school has stood out in committing ourselves to foster innovation, creativity, and hands-on learning experiences to the students. This dedication and commitment would see further laurels coming up.

Career Counselling with Mr. Peter Dahl, MSOE



Peter Dahl, an esteemed academic counsellor, copywriter, administration counsellor, and writing AB specialist from the Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) in Oregon, US, recently engaged in an enlightening interaction with students from classes X, XI, and XII. His guidance was invaluable as he assisted students in deciphering their academic paths based on their individual interests and aptitudes. Moreover, he provided assurance of ongoing support in selecting their streams within the Milwaukee School of Engineering, ensuring that students make informed decisions about their future academic endeavours. Mr. Dahl's visit was instrumental in helping students understand the various opportunities available at MSOE and how to align them with their personal goals and strengths. His expertise and personalised advice have empowered our students to confidently navigate their academic journeys and future careers.





Ch. Bhavagna - Lions Club
Drawing competition -
First prize at district
level; Andhra Pradesh
Pollution Control Board,
Vizag, Earth Day
Celebrations-2024,
Drawing
Competition - 1st Prize

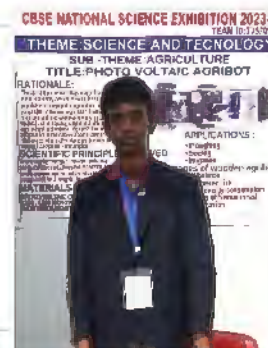
K.Srivalli Seshadri - NTPC,
Drawing Competition, won
II Prize at State level and
Rs.30,000/- cash prize;
Andhra Pradesh Pollution
Control Board, isakhapat-
nam, Earth Day
Celebrations-2024, Drawing
Competition - 2nd Prize.



Super Talented Kid - Charvisree Niruoji



CBSE National
Science Exhibition
Theme: Science and
Technology.
Sub-Theme:
Agriculture, Title:
Photo Voltaic Aribot
K. Haricharan
Selected for
National Level



Taekwondo Belt Test



N.Eeshika Visakhapatnam
District Interclub Roller skating
Championship- 2023
1st Prize.



Secured Fourth
place in NTPC
Painting
Competition
by receiving
Rs.7500 Cash
Prize -
Eda Yahudha
Yashurun.



National
Program on
Technology
Enhanced
Learning
(NPTEL) -
Abdul Basit
attempted IOT



Ayyak
Poosarla
Selected for
the II Round
of National
Statistics
Olympiad



Akhil Prasad Grade VI
Stood 12th place in
national level chess
championship
Akhil got 12th place
in National Chess
competition.
Awarded a Cash
prize of Rs.10000.
For being the best
performance from
Andhra Pradesh, State
Government
awarded a cash
prize of Rs.1,00,000
additionally.



Secured second position
in Bharat Ko Jaano Quiz District level :
E.Amrutha Varshini & B.Chaitra Veena

Twins Day : Celebrating Unity and Unique Bonds



ment to holistic education, nurturing social and emotional well-being alongside academic excellence. Twins Day leaves an indelible mark, echoing laughter and shared stories that enrich our school's vibrant tapestry of memories.

Twins Day at our school is a celebration of unity and the extraordinary bond shared by siblings. The event features inspiring stories like that of the Everest twins, Nungshi and Tashi Malik, reminding us of the incredible feats twins can achieve together. Distinguished guests, Dr. D Ramaganesh and Dr. D Rajasekhar Batchu, shed light on the science and facts surrounding twins, adding depth to the celebration. Through twin-sharing experiences and parent anecdotes, the day highlights the joys and challenges of being twins. It's a testament to our school's commit-



Gita Jayanti

The Advent of Bhagavad Gita
A Celebration of Spiritual Wisdom

held, categorising students into sub-junior, junior, and senior groups. Guided by devoted sloka teachers, students delved into the depths of the Bhagavad Gita, gaining insights and appreciation for its profound teachings. On Gita Jayanti, Prakashites immersed themselves in worship, offering pooja to Lord Krishna, embodying the essence of devotion and wisdom heralded by the Bhagavad Gita. This celebration not only honoured the sacred scripture but also instilled values of reverence, devotion, and spiritual connection among students.

Gita Jayanti, observed with reverence at Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan, embodied a deep spiritual journey. The ceremonial lighting of the lamp heralded the event, where children, adorned in traditional attire, recited verses from the Bhagavad Gita with profound devotion. The verses resonated, bringing to life the timeless wisdom and eternal truths of the Mahabharata, fostering spiritual growth and enlightenment. Anticipating this auspicious day, an enlightening Gita Sloka Inter-School Competition was

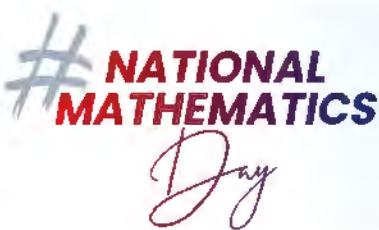


Interaction With Dr. A.V Jagannadha Rao,
Retd. Dy Comissioner KVS (Regional office Bhubhaneswar)

Mathematics Day 2023: A Celebration of Numbers and Creativity

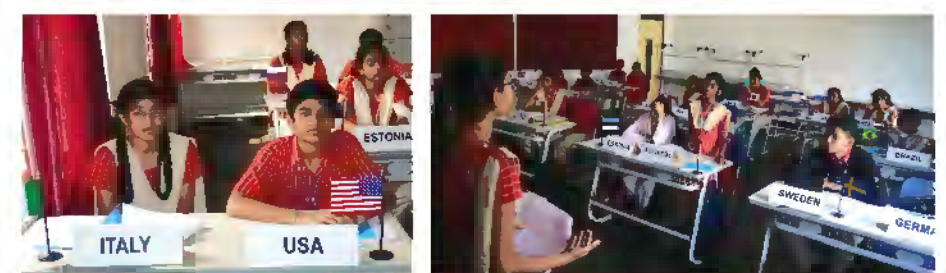
Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan commemorated National Mathematics Day on December 22, 2023, paying homage to the renowned mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan. The day was marked by a plethora of engaging activities aimed at igniting students' passion for mathematics. From interactive quizzes to model-making competitions, students across various classes showcased their mathematical skills and creativity. The Math Relay Race tested teams' speed and accuracy in solving

ing math problems, fostering teamwork and quick thinking. The corridor



ridors transformed into galleries of mathematical wonders, adorned with vibrant notice board presentations on different mathematical

concepts and mathematicians. These displays captivated teachers and visitors, showcasing students' knowledge and creativity. The Rubik's Cube competition added excitement, challenging students to solve the puzzle swiftly, highlighting spatial reasoning and problem-solving skills. Overall, Mathematics Day at Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan was a vibrant celebration, emphasising the fun and importance of mathematics in a collaborative and creative learning environment.



SPVN MUN: Fostering Diplomacy and Global Awareness

On December 24, 2023, Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan hosted an enriching Model United Nations (MUN) conference in Kapuluppada, spanning from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. The event, aimed at enhancing students' logical thinking and debating skills, featured five committees, including ECOSOC, HRC, SC, SOCHUM, and EC, each led by dedicated individuals. Under the guidance of Secretariat Members like P. Harsha, Siva Sishir, and Shyam Sunder, students from different branches engaged in lively debates, representing various nations

and tackling real-world issues. The conference witnessed active participation from TPT, Pendurthi, and Kapuluppada branches, ensuring diverse discourse throughout the day. Throughout the event, students delved into enriching discussions, crafting resolutions, and refining their diplomatic skills. The culminating closing ceremony marked the success of SPVN MUN, fostering intellectual growth and collaborative discourse among participants. This immersive experience serves as a testament to Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan's commitment to empowering informed global citizens through experiential learning.



VIZAG MUN
One World, One Future:
Working Together for Peace and Prosperity



Financial Literacy Seminar for Teachers



Financial literacy forms the foundation of one's relationship with money, encompassing a lifelong journey of learning. Recognizing the importance of equipping teachers with the right financial knowledge, CBSE has organised a sensitization program on Financial Literacy and the Use of Digital Tools at Sri Prakash Vidyarniketan on January 18th. CBSE's initiative aims to educate teachers across the country on the basics of financial literacy and the application of digital tools in today's context. Mr. E. Satish, an experienced and certified financial planner, conducted the session, emphasising the importance of basic financial planning and strategies to avoid cyber frauds. The seminar was highly informative and insightful, providing valuable knowledge to the attending educators. By empowering teachers with financial literacy, the program aims to foster a more financially aware and secure future generation.

Worlds of light and shadow
by Sri Prahlad Acharya

Prahlad Acharya stands as a beacon of awe-inspiring talent, internationally acclaimed for his mastery in shadow play artistry and storytelling. With his extraordinary skills as a magician and ventriloquist, he mesmerises audiences worldwide. Remarkably, he crafts intricate worlds of light and shadow using only his bare hands, a feat that sets him apart in the entertainment realm. Recently, he graced our premises and graciously treated the residential students of the campus to a captivating performance. As the shadows danced and stories unfolded, children remained spellbound, enraptured by the sheer wonder of his artistry.



Prakashites Pay Rich Tributes To Swami Vivekananda On The National Youth Day

NATIONAL
YOUTH
DAY 12th JANUARY

Sri Prakash Vidyarniketan celebrated the National Youth Day to commemorate the 161st birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. Sri Adhi Shwaranandha Swamiji, from R.K. Mission graced the occasion. The celebrations began unveiling the portrait of Swami Vivekananda and garlanding it. He shared some interesting anecdotes about Swamiji's life, which



detailed his brilliance and saintliness even as a child. He advised all the children to inculcate the qualities of Swamiji like self confidence, self reliance, self-knowledge, honesty and straightforwardness. Some memorable slokas of Swamiji were chanted by the Swamiji and the children. Students, dressed up in Swamiji's attire, paid their homage to Swamiji. The prominent Chicago address of Swami Vivekananda was replicated by a student to relive the magical moment and remind everyone the essence of it. Prakashites also paid their respects to Swamiji by enacting the different ages of his school days depicting his honesty and genius as a child.



INVICTA Career Consultancy: Guiding Students Towards a Bright Future

On December 30th, 2023, an insightful career counselling session was conducted by INVICTA Career Consultancy, featuring esteemed speakers Mr. Vivekananda Murthy Jonnalagadda and Mr. Ram Mohan Adibatla. This session proved to be a beacon of enlightenment for our young Prakashites, guiding them through the pivotal milestones after 10th and 12th grade. Mr. Vivekananda Murthy, a seasoned career counsellor, shared comprehensive plans for both post-10th and post-12th

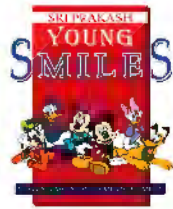
grades. He emphasised aligning personal interests with professional choices and encouraged exploring a blend of STEM fields with creative arts. His guidance on college choices and career paths highlighted the significance of each course in contributing uniquely to society. Mr. Ram Mohan Adibatla, an English lecturer passionate about language and literature, stressed the importance of reading, particularly non-fiction, in honing language skills and broadening intellectual hori-

zons. He outlined three pivotal strategies for success: prioritising non-fiction reading, meticulous planning, and nurturing resilience. Together, their insights provided a roadmap for students to navigate career choices and personal development. This illuminating session underscored the importance of self-discovery, informed decision-making, and resilience in shaping promising futures for our students.

Sri Prakash
Vidyarniketan: Active
Participants
in Vizag Marathon

The Vizag Marathon, organised by Sandhya Marines is an esteemed running event that holds a special place for Sri Prakash Vidyarniketan's students and staff. Year after year, they actively participate, showcasing their dedication to health and wellness. Led by experienced runners, the marathon welcomes individuals of all fitness levels from our school community.





Our young Prakashites from various grades have always been zealous and passionate to participate in various activities organized and proposed by CBSE. These activities have helped them not only to unleash their unexplored potential but also have projected them as best writers, thinkers and best decision makers in science. These competitions included CBSE Budding Authors, One of the activities under CBSE Reading Mission for grades V to X, which aims to ignite the creative spark within students

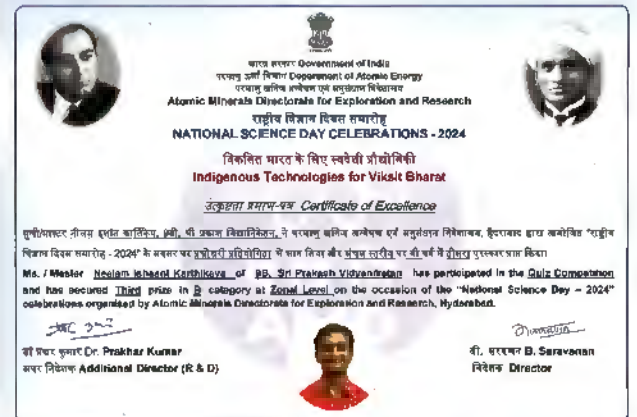
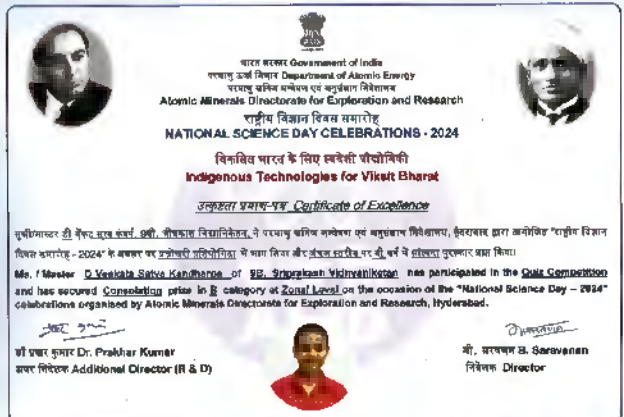
by encouraging them to explore the art of storytelling and CBSE Science challenge for grades 8 to 10 that helped the students to think, solve problems and make informed decisions. Ek Bharat Shresth Bharat, Republic Day Activities create a sense of responsibility in children. Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan proudly congratulates its students on their remarkable achievements in the NPTEL Online

Certification Courses, a part of the National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL) and SWAYAM initiative. NPTEL, a project initiated by 7 IITs and IISc, Bangalore, under the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), aims to provide quality education accessible to all. SWAYAM, a platform hosting

interactive lessons by esteemed educators, free of cost. In the recently concluded 12-week Internet of Things (IoT) course, eight students from Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan exhibited exceptional dedication and proficiency. Among them, Abdul Basith emerged as a shining star, securing an impressive 81 marks out of 100 in the Online examination. Notably, Abdul Basith stands out as the youngest participant in this course, underscoring the school's commitment to nurturing young talent.



CBSE Activities



HOME AWAY FROM HOME

The residential students of our school ushered in the New Year with an electrifying celebration, showcasing their vibrant spirit through an enthralling display of dance set to popular film music. With infectious energy and enthusiasm, they moved to the beats, choreographing mesmerising routines that captivated the audience. The rhythmic melodies and dynamic performances infused the atmosphere with joy and excitement, creating unforgettable memories to kickstart the year ahead.



FOOD Festival

The school campus was abuzz with excitement as students and teachers alike gathered for the eagerly anticipated food fest. The air was filled with tantalising aromas from various cuisines, ranging from savoury to sweet delights. Booths adorned with colourful banners and decorations lined the pathways, offering an array of culinary delights prepared by students. Laughter and chatter filled the air as people sampled different delicacies, shared their favourites, and embraced the spirit of community through food. The food fest proved to be a delightful celebration of diversity, culture, and the joy of sharing good food with one another.



HAPPY Vasant Panchami

On Vasant Panchami, our school radiated with reverence as we celebrated Saraswathi Pooja, honouring the embodi-

Celebrating Saraswati Pooja : Embracing Knowledge and Wisdom

ment of knowledge and wisdom, Goddess Saraswathi. The premises were adorned with divine arrangements, symbolising gratitude and devotion towards the provider of enlightenment. This sacred occasion aimed to deepen students' appreciation for learning and creativity. Vasant Panchami,

marking the onset of spring, is dedicated to Goddess Saraswathi, heralding renewal and new beginnings. The festival's essence lies in Saraswathi Pooja, where books, instruments, and learning tools are worshipped, seeking blessings for wisdom and success. This year, on February 14th, 2024,

our school campus became a sanctuary of education and devotion as students gathered for Saraswathi Pooja. The ceremony commenced with invocations to Lord Ganesha, followed by soulful renditions of Saraswathi Vandana by students.



Sankranti Sambaralu

Sankranti festivities at Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan were a testament to the school's vibrant cultural spirit. Students, adorned in traditional attire, immersed themselves in the joyous celebrations, reflecting the rich heritage associated with the festival. From kite-making work-

Sankranti Sambaralu : A Cultural Extravaganza

shops to rangoli competitions, the event was a blend of creativity and tradition. The school grounds buzzed with activity as intricate rangolis adorned the surroundings, showcasing the artistic talents of students and parents. Traditional performances like Burrakatha and dance dramas added a touch of authenticity, while the display of Bommala Koluvu and cultural rituals enriched the festive atmosphere. The event also fostered community participation, with parents joining in the festivities and bonding with their children over traditional activities like making rangolis and flying kites.



Celebrating Christmas at Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan

Christmas at Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan was a jubilant occasion, filled with festive fervour and heartwarming celebrations. The school echoed with the melodious voices of children singing carols, while a skit beautifully



depicted the birth of Jesus Christ, emphasising the essence of love and redemption. The school premises were adorned with a beautifully arranged crib, symbolising the true meaning of Christmas and spreading joyous vibes. On December 23rd, the school transformed into a festive wonderland, as students from

LKG to Grade 5 participated in a delightful fancy dress show, dressing up as Santas and angels. The day was marked by captivating performances, with primary students showcasing their talents through enchanting dance routines and melodious carol renditions. A highlight of the celebration was the food fest, where a variety of cuisines delighted the taste buds of

parents and students alike. Laughter, smiles, and festive spirits filled the air, bringing together the entire school community in unity and joy. Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan's Christmas celebration not only showcased talent but also fostered a sense of togetherness and festive bliss, embodying the spirit of giving and gratitude.





Hoop a hula



Sri Krishnaamrutham



Swagatham



School Band



Jaldeep



Dreamers



Every drop counts

AROMA 2023, held on December 8th at Gurajada Kalakshetram, was a vibrant showcase of Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan's academic, cultural, and co-curricular excellence. The event began with prayers and a mesmerising band performance. Under the guidance of dedicated teachers, students displayed their talents through dances, musical performances, and mime. Esteemed guests, including Prof. Sultan Ahmed Ismail, Dr. Umesh Mahanth Shetty, Dr. Y. Sreenivas Rao, and cricketer Sri. Mannava Srikanth Prasad, graced the occasion and inspired the audience with their speeches. Principal's annual report highlighted the school's achievements, followed by the release of the newsletter "Young Smiles" and the book "Worming

My Way" by Mr. Sultan Ismail. The prize distribution ceremony honoured outstanding students, motivating everyone. Cultural performances, from the welcome dance "Swagatham" to a Yoga showcase and a mime on 'Save Water', captivated the audience. The event featured vibrant Western and Sankranti dances, the enchanting "Dreamers," and a stirring patriotic dance. School Director Sri Chitturi Vasu Prakash presented mementos to the distinguished guests, expressing gratitude. AROMA 2023 left cherished memories, embodying the school's commitment to holistic education and a thriving student environment.

22nd Annual Day Celebrations 2023



Date: 8 Dec. 2023
04.30 PM
GURAJADA KALAKSHETRAM, SIRIPURAM, VISAKHAPATNAM

Eminent Doctor	Eminent Scientist	Eminent Cricketer	Eminent Professor
Dr. Umesh Mahantshetty Director, Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre, Vizag	Dr Y Sreenivas Rao Distinguished Scientist, Director General, Naval Systems & Materials (NS & M)	Sri M.S.K. Prasad Former Chief Selector Indian National Cricket Team	Prof. Sultan Ahmed Ismail, Ph.D. D.Sc. Member State Planning Commission, Govt. of Tamil Nadu & Member, State Education Policy, High Level Committee



Felicitating Dr. Sultan Ahmed Ismail



Dreamers

A vibrant sea of audience...





Choir Group of Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan rendering the melodies



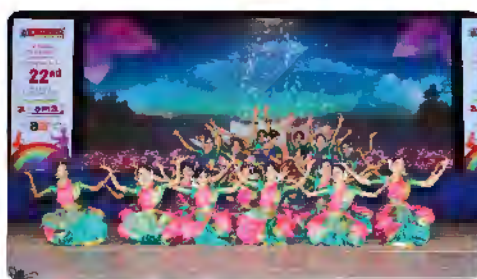
Party Time



Chichara Pidugulu



Sankranthi Sambaralu



Natya Sangamam



Rhythm Rockers



My India - My pride



Book Release "Worming My Way"



Bhavaraju Chaitra Veena
Best All-Rounder



Release of Sri Prakash News Letter - Young Smiles



Sushree Swastika Tripathy
Best All-Rounder



S.Abbiram
Topper X Board Exams



B.Hema Madhuri
Topper X Board Exams



M.Sai Charan
Topper X Board Exams



Aditya Nandan
Topper XII Board Exams



T.Sahiti, Scholarship for
Academic Excellence



G.Sai Harsith, Exemplary
Performance in Mathematics



V.Bhavani, Exemplary
Performance in Mathematics



Linisha Agrawal, Scholarship for
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R.Satwik, Scholarship for
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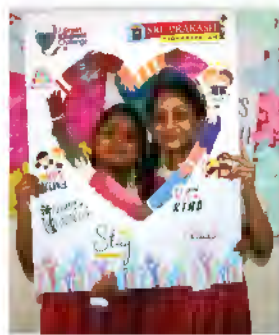


Our Charismatic
Anchors



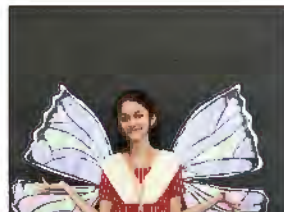


Republic Day at our school was a poignant tribute to the essence of democracy and patriotism. This 75th Republic Day was a testament to our commitment to fostering a spirit of unity, freedom, and responsibility among the students, ensuring they carry forward the legacy of our republic with pride and dedication.



All kids deserve to learn in a safe, supportive and caring environment. The Great Kindness Challenge that was observed at SRI PRAKASH VIDYANIKETAN provides powerful tools that actively engage students, teachers and all the staff in creating a culture of compassion, acceptance, unity and respect. The Great Kindness Challenge is a one-week devoted program to performing as many acts of kindness as possible on our campus. Using the provided kindness

checklist, our Prakashites have accepted the challenge to show the world that KINDNESS MATTERS! As responsible beings we ought to aim at cultivating kindness and compassionate feelings to the society we live in. School is the right place to instil the seed of empathy, compassion, benevolence, sympathy, generosity along with other virtues which can shape Prakashites into the ideal citizens in general and human beings in particular. During the week of January 22 – 26, 2024, the students of classes I to XII have taken part in the Great Kindness Challenge. This was the time where students were encouraged to demonstrate kindness with their words and actions, involving in the set act of kindness – be it peace pledge or kindness quote, expressing gratitude to our dear soldiers by sending them messages through postcards or nurturing a sense of gratitude towards everybody who serves us or planting saplings, or serving the inmates at old age homes - with each undertaken activity, the students expressed and experienced the joy of being kind. They remain motivated and encouraged to adapt and demonstrate kindness in their daily lives. The students are inspired to reflect on the kindness they exhibited throughout the week and remain connected with the joy "that giving, gives to self". Kindness has the power not only to improve self-love but also increase campus morale, peer relationships and empathy.



Cambridge learners are reflecting their learning outcomes in the Open House





The Grand Sabha, where fun meets learning and creativity and the talent and calibre of Prakashites is showcased, was held on 22.04.24. It was an event which let them represent what they truly believe in, a time to explore themselves and let the world know who they truly are. The program began with seeking the blessings of Lord Ganesha, after which the cultural

Grand Sabha

program started with an array of visual treats like Bhangra, street show, mythology, back to school and a skit on tenses. As the evening culminated spectacularly, students flaunted their patriotism with their patriotic song, reminding everyone present that this is just the beginning of a greater tomorrow, at Sri Prakash.



Summer Camp

Closing Ceremony

Sri Prakash Vidyanketan's summer camp, held from March 27th to April 20th, 2024, concluded with a vibrant closing ceremony showcasing the myriad talents of our students. The camp catered to 149 enthusiastic participants from grades 1 to 9, offering a rich array of activities designed to foster creativity, learning, and fun. Junior students

engaged in wooden cartoon painting, pottery, communication development, Zumba, 3D floral painting, and more. For the seniors, the camp featured advanced activities like robotics, coding, tie and dye, and sports such as cricket and basketball. The grand finale was a jubilant celebration, starting with an exhibition featuring students' bottle art, pottery, and best-out-of-

waste crafts. The stage was alive with captivating dance performances and soulful songs, culminating in a spell-binding shadow puppet show that blended creativity and storytelling. This summer camp truly encapsulated the essence of holistic growth, leaving participants with cherished memories and a sense of accomplishment.



The annual UKG convocation ceremony at our school was a jubilant celebration of our young students' academic journey. Distinguished guests, including Dr. Guru Prasad, Professor and HOD at Andhra Medical College, Dr. Kethireddy Susmitha Divya, Assistant Professor at Andhra Medical College, Dr. S. S. Raju, Principal Scientist at CMFRI, and Professor Kandarpa

CHANGE MAKERS OF THE FUTURE

Kindergarten Graduation Day

Viswanath, graced the occasion with inspiring speeches. They emphasised the significance of education, lifelong learning, and the importance of making children independent and well-mannered. The event began with the chanting of Ganesh Vandana and culminated in the awarding of certificates, with elated parents and students celebrating this significant milestone.

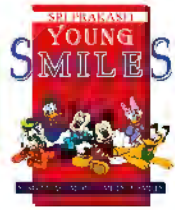


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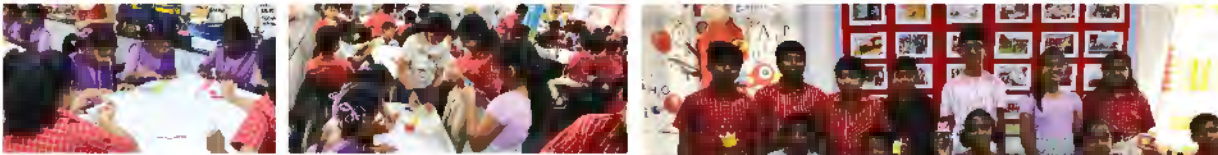




Atal Tinkering Labs
Nurturing Young Minds to Innovate.



Teach to learn better – Prakashites engaged in community teaching and learning along with the students of MPUP, Kapuluppada, at our ATL, on STEM principle, vibration, based on the concept of sound.



Community Day



CHEMUN | Chennai Model United Nations

CHEMUN XVII was held from 17th to 19th November, 2023, at American International School of Chennai. About 650 students around the world attended the conference to show their passion and insight for contemporary international relations. The eight Prakashites who attended the conference were allocated to four committees - SPC, ECOSOC, GA3 and GA4. They prepared themselves for the given topic under their committee with guidance regarding the preparation of Country Information Chart, Position Paper, Opening Speech, Resolutions and Debate. The students accumulated a good deal of knowledge.



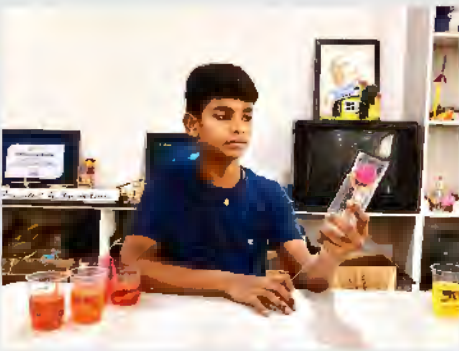
National Youth Parliament



Beyond The Classroom Walls - Celebrating Life At Summer Camp (Residential Summer camp)



This summer, Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan transformed into a vibrant hub of discovery and fun as we hosted an unforgettable residential summer camp open to students from all schools! The campus buzzed with excitement as campers were on a journey of learning, exploration, and endless entertainment. Nestled within our state-of-the-art facilities,



campers enjoyed a safe and comfortable environment with our dedicated staff providing 24/7 care and supervision. Led by certified and experienced coaches, the camp offered a diverse program overflowing with engaging activities. From sharpening their skills in English Enchantment and Math Mania Extravaganza to unleashing their cre-



ativity with Artistry Adventure and Robo Revolution & Coding, campers had the chance to explore their talents. Beats & Moves got everyone moving, while Yoga offered a chance to relax and focus. Teamwork and problem-solving skills were put to the test in thrilling Treasure Hunts and Heritage Walks. Friendly competition and



physical activity filled their days with laughter and excitement through sports and games. This residential summer camp provided an unparalleled opportunity for students of all backgrounds. It was more than just a camp; it was a chance to explore new interests, make lasting friendships, and create memories that will last a lifetime.





Traffic Rules & Awareness Program

It is often said that our recklessness and negligence can make our lives complicated and at times put us in danger. We often come across tragic road accidents wherein some people get severely injured and others end up losing their lives. Such horrible accidents lead to physical and emotional trauma for victims and their families. So, we must follow traffic and safety rules while driving on the roads. The younger generation should abide by these rules of safety as they often ignore these rules out of their adventurous spirit. Due to an increase in the number of accidents, our school had conducted a "Traffic Awareness Program" on 6th November 2023, to give an insight about the importance of traffic rules and safety to the young Prakashites. Mr.G.Ramesh, Traffic Sub Inspector of Police and Mr.K.Ashok Kumar, Traffic Circle Inspector of Police and Mr.S.Ram Murthy, Circle Inspector of Dwaraka police station addressed the students about the traffic rules and safety measures to be followed on the road while commuting via two wheelers and four wheelers.

Mr. G. Ramesh, Traffic S.I. & Sri. K. Ashok Kumar, Traffic C.I. and Sri. Rammurthy, C.I., Dwaraka Traffic Police Visakhapatnam City



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Unity in Diversity : Celebrating Ekta Diwas



"Manpower without unity is not a strength unless it is harmonised and united properly, then it becomes a spiritual power." – Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. On the auspicious occasion of Ekta Diwas, the students of Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan came together to honour the legacy of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India. The event commenced with a heartfelt ceremony where students garlanded the statue of Sardar Patel, paying homage to his immense contribution to the unity and integrity of our nation. Commissioner of police Mr.Ravi Shankar also graced the occasion.



Empowering Teachers : Stress Management Workshop



A capacity-building session on stress management was organised on March 9, 2024. The resource persons, Ms. Penumaka Padmaja, Principal of Visvodaya CBSE School, and Mrs. Sreedevi Atluri, International School Coordinator at Delhi Public School, Ukkunagaram, led an informative and interactive session. The impact of stress on our physiological, psychological, and social well-being and offered strategies for managing both long-term and short-term stress were discussed. Through positive mindful mantras and stress-relief techniques, attendees were equipped with practical tools to lead a stress-free life. Mrs. Sreedevi also encouraged teachers to follow seven rules of life and take their time to make well-considered decisions. This enriching session provided valuable insights into handling stress and its effects.



Celebrating Excellence And Team Spirit: Spectacular Sports Day

The sports day event was a kaleidoscope of athletic prowess, friendly competition, and joyful celebration, involving students from classes 1 to 12 in a myriad of sports and activities. For the youngest participants in classes 1 to 3, the day began with the 50-metre run, the balloon blast race adding a burst of excitement, and a display of Taekwondo skills showcasing discipline and agility. Classes 4-5 engaged in the hurdle run, stepping stones challenge, and further Taekwondo exhibitions, promoting physical fitness and coordination. The sports spectrum expanded for classes 1 to 5 with a thrilling junior cricket tournament, providing budding cricketers with a platform to showcase their skills and learn valuable lessons in teamwork and strategy. The upper grades from 6 to 12 engaged in a diverse array of sports, from the fast-paced 50-

metre run to the strategic and teamwork-driven basketball, throwball, volleyball, and handball competitions. The seniors cricket tournament and intense table tennis matches added an extra layer of competitive fervour. One of the highlights of the day was the inter-branch basketball tournament, where Kapulupada emerged victorious in the boys' category, and Pendurthi showcased their prowess in the girls' division. To add to the festive atmosphere, the school organised food stalls offering a variety of delectable treats and a soda stall to keep everyone refreshed. This not only contributed to the enjoyment of the day but also provided a platform for students to engage in entrepreneurial activities and understand the nuances of teamwork and customer service.



Vizag Junior Theatre Fest to mesmerise kids with plays, clowns, and much more...

Webinar on Microplastics

Dr.A.P.Jayaraman, President STEAM Academy, Retd. Senior Scientist BARC and Abhishek Arekar explained the impending problem of microplastics and the solutions to tackle it. Dr.Jayaraman threw light on the history of plastics and how it has gradually become a global threat now. Abhishek Arekar elaborated on the plastic evolution, uses and problems they are posing now, especially how the microplastics are a major threat to marine

and how eventually they enter the food chain and become life threatening by being carcinogenic. The solutions they prescribed included developing biodegradable plastics, efforts by governments and NGOs to reduce plastic, retrieve plastics from oceans and collect them from rivers before they enter the oceans, global collaboration, developing bacteria that can degrade plastic and edible fungi which can consume plastic etc.



SAVE OUR EARTH
... from Global Warming

Let's nurture Nature for our safe Future

Think Organic, Grow Organic
Eat Organic to stay 'As fit as a fiddle'.

...Prakashites' Initiative

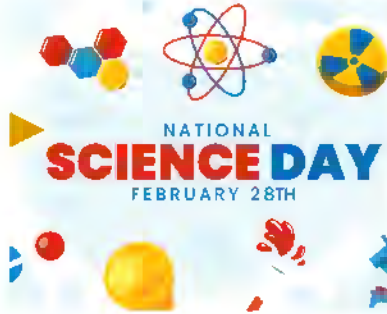
PLANTATION - Drive by Prakashites

This Diwali, the school management of Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan embraced an eco-friendly initiative by distributing seeds to students to promote environmental balance. The campaign aimed to encourage planting and nurture a greener future.



On February 28th, the school joyously celebrated National Science Day, commemorating the discovery of the Raman Effect by esteemed Indian physicist Sir C.V. Raman. The theme for this year was "Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat." The event commenced by paying tribute to Dr. C.V. Raman. Students gathered to reiterate the significance of science in our lives through articles and PowerPoint presentations. Following the celebration, an exhibition of Atal Tinkering Lab (ATL) projects took

place, showcasing the innovative creations of students from classes 8 and 9. These young minds were elated for the opportunity to demonstrate their scientific ideas and theories. Students from classes 1 to 8 were later guided to the ATL lab to witness the science exhibition. They immersed themselves in the interactive displays, eagerly exploring the principles behind various working models like the space games such as alien shooting and space war, fostering curiosity and learning.



ATL – Igniting Innovations And Empowering Minds

Step into our ATL (Atal Tinkering Lab), the beating heart of innovation at our school. Here, young minds are nurtured to be tomorrow's problem-solvers. It's not just a lab; it's a culture, a mindset fostering creativity and practical solutions. Our ATL is where innovation thrives. Students dive into real-world challenges, transcending conventional thinking. Recently, our projects, "Translator Glasses" and "Swipe and Drive," stood out in the ATL Marathon, showcasing our resourcefulness. "Translator Glasses" aids communication for tourists and migrants with disabilities, offering various translation modes. Meanwhile,

"Swipe and Drive" enhances vehicle security with personalised access cards. Behind these successes is our dedicated ATL faculty and collaborative spirit. Together, we tackle diverse issues with projects like the Automatic Irrigation System and Alcoholic Detecting Sensor. Guided by our school's ethos, we, the Prakashites, flourish in the ATL lab. It's more than a physical space; it's a catalyst for personal and intellectual growth. In conclusion, our ATL journey is about unleashing student potential. As we innovate, we shape a brighter future. ATL isn't just a hub; it's a launchpad for dreams.



Quiz

Homi Bhabha - The life and legacy quiz

Know About Homi Bhabha

Homi Jehangir Bhabha was an Indian nuclear physicist who is widely credited as "father of the Indian nuclear programme". An exciting quiz competition was held on 22nd November 2023. The event was held in the school auditorium and was graced with the presence of Director sir and Dr C.V.Narasimham . The goal of the quiz competitions is always interesting and informative, which keeps energy levels of the students high. The primary goal of this event is to educate them on the contributions put by Homi Jehangir Bhabha in science. The quiz was divided into 6 rounds. All the students were at the edge of their seats to know the answers and the participants

were very active. This quiz has been a valuable learning experience for both the audience and the participants.





We will rock you



Diwali Dazzle



Bhum Bhum Bhole



Shadow Art



Salam ISRO

On November 8th, Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan celebrated Kids' Day at the VMRDA Children's Arena, blending tradition and modern flair with vibrant cultural displays. The festivities began with a spirited performance by the school band, comprising primary students. Esteemed guests included Dr. Rajaganapathi Pragada, Dr. Rajini Mukherjee, and shadow artist Sri Prahlad Acharya, who inspired and captivated the audience with their speeches and performances. The cultural show featured talented students from classes I to III performing traditional dances like Bala



It's **Kids Day**
of the **Kids**
for the **Kids**
and with
the **Kids...**

Date **8 Nov. 2023** 04.30 PM **VMRDA CHILDREN'S ARENA,**
SIRIPURAM, VISAKHAPATNAM

GUESTS OF THE DAY

An
outstanding
Professor



Prof. P. Raja Ganapathi
Joint Secretary, Gayatri Vidya Parishad,
Visakhapatnam

An
Exemplary
Doctor



Dr. Rajni Mukherjee
Consultant Paediatrician
and Neonatologist

Internationally
Renowned
Storyteller



Sri Prahlad Acharya
World-Famous Ventriloquist
Storyteller, Magician and a Shadow Artist.



Atithi Devobhava



Radha Gopalam



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Disney World



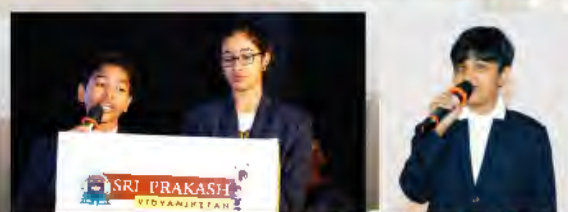
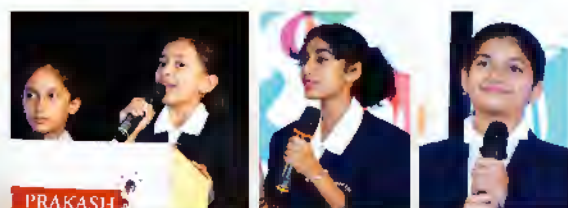
The Minion

Gopalam and playful renditions of popular tunes such as "Atithi Devo Bhava" and "Minion" dance. A special highlight was the tribute to ISRO through a live painting session, where students created beautiful artworks honouring ISRO's contributions to space exploration. Additionally, the Diwali celebration included students presenting creative diyas made from various materials, exemplifying the concept of 'best out of waste'. The event concluded with Director Sri Chitturi Vasu Prakash felicitating the dignitaries and extending heartfelt wishes to all. The day left everyone with cherished memories and a renewed commitment to nurturing young minds for a brighter future.

Our creative and confident anchors.. on the path of glorious future...



Our
Charismatic
Anchors



Field Marshal Sam Hormusji Framji Jamshedji Manekshaw, (4 April 1914 – 27 June 2008), widely known as Sam Manekshaw and Sam Bahadur, was the Chief of the Army Staff of the Indian Army during the Indo-Pakistani War of 1971, and the first Indian Army officer to be promoted to the rank of field marshal. He is widely regarded as the architect of India's victory during the 1971 Indo-Pakistani war.



Manekshaw as cadet at the Indian Military Academy

A SOLDIER FOR ALL SEASONS

A Tribute to India's Greatest Soldier Field Marshal
Sam Hormusji Framji Jamshedji Manekshaw, MC

(4 APRIL 1914 – 27 JUNE 2008)



With his parents and siblings (he is on the left in the suit)

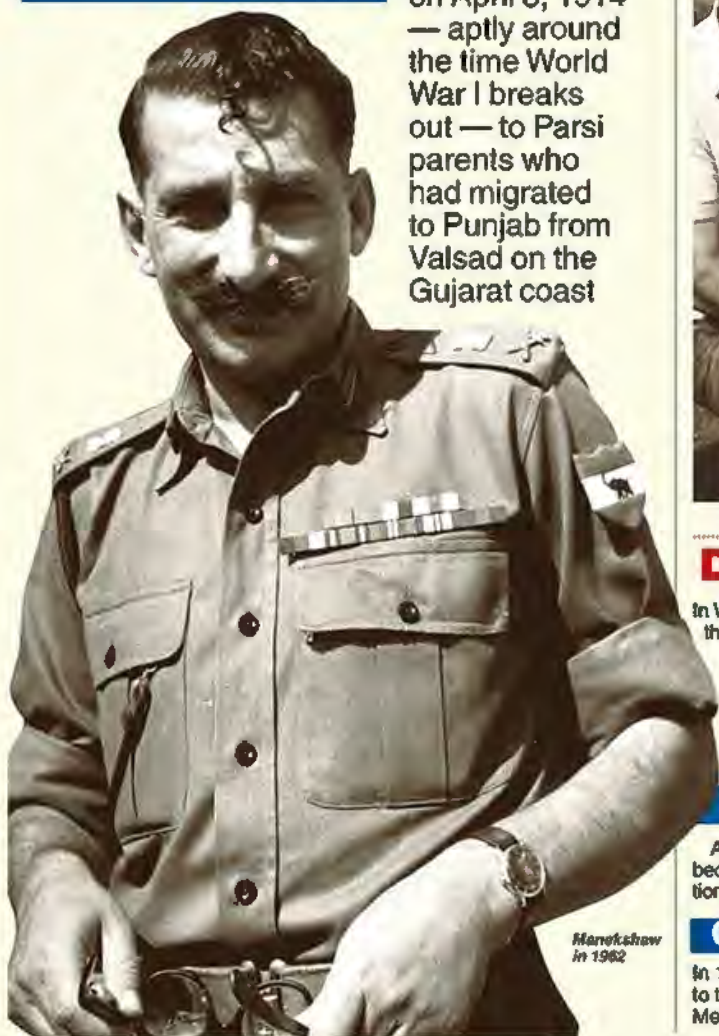


Manekshaw at his wedding

MARSHAL'S MILESTONES

Warrior's arrival

Born in Amritsar on April 3, 1914 — aptly around the time World War I breaks out — to Parsi parents who had migrated to Punjab from Valsad on the Gujarat coast



Manekshaw in 1962

Grooming...

Joins first batch of 40 cadets at Indian Military Academy, Dehra Dun, in 1932 and passes out in 1934

...To groom



Manekshaw in 1981

In 1937, at a social gathering in Lahore, meets Siroo Bode, falls in love and gets married to her on April 22, 1939. She died seven years ago. "The army was his life, yet his two daughters and three grandchildren were more than life (for him)," Manekshaw's daughter Shelly Balliwala says. His domestic help Bahadur says: "Saab used to enquire about my health and about the maintenance of the garden and the cow he reared."

Dying? Who, me?

In World War II, gets hit by LMG bullets in the stomach while fighting the Japanese in Burma. Fearing he is dying, Maj Gen D.T. Cowan quickly pins his own Military Cross ribbon on Manekshaw, saying: "A dead person cannot be awarded a Military Cross." But Manekshaw pulls through

The Bahadur

After Independence, 8 Gorkha Rifles becomes his regimental home. The association earns him the nickname "Sam Bahadur"

Gets Menon's goat

In 1961, the outspoken Manekshaw refuses to toe defence minister V.K. Krishna Menon's line and is sidelined

10 feet tall

Menon resigns when army is routed by Chinese. Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru rushes Manekshaw to command the retreating Indian forces. Manekshaw convinces troops that the Chinese soldier is not "10 feet tall". His first order says: "There will be no withdrawal without written orders and these orders shall never be issued." The electrified soldiers check further Chinese advance



Honours list

Gets Padma Bhushan in 1968 for acumen in tackling Naga insurgency as GoC-in-C, Eastern Command. On June 7, 1969, becomes eighth army chief. Gets Padma Vibhushan in 1972

President V.V. Giri conferring the Padma Vibhushan on Manekshaw

Finest hour



Crafts India's greatest military victory in the 1971 Bangladesh war, becoming a national hero and a legend himself. Manekshaw's troops attack Pakistan on both fronts — in East Pakistan and in the west, going up to Lahore. The Pakistani army is vanquished in 14 days flat and a new nation, Bangladesh, is born

People congratulating Manekshaw after the Bangladesh war

THE EVER-READY



Just before the Bangladesh action, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi asks him, "General are you ready (for war)?" He quickly replies: "I am always ready, sweetie." Later, when Indira asks him if he is planning to take over the country, he points to his long nose and says: "I don't use it to poke into others' affairs"

Damn right, too

On a visit to his unit, asks what action was taken against a man who contracted venereal disease. Told the man's head was shaved, he roars: "Shaved off? Dammit, he didn't do it with his head"

Top gun

Made Field Marshal on January 3, 1973. Retires on January 15, 1973, and settles down in Coonoor in the Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu

Fighter till the last

"I am okay" are his last words to doctors on June 24, 2008. "These words... are still echoing in my ears," says a doctor who treated him



Abdul Kalam, the then President, with Manekshaw at the Wellington military hospital in February 2007

SAM BAHADUR

First Indian Army officer to be promoted to the five-star rank of field marshal

His career spanned 40 YEARS & 5 WARS

"I wonder whether those of our political masters who have been put in charge of the defence of the country can distinguish a mortar from a motor; a gun from a howitzer; a guerrilla from a gorilla, although a great many resemble the latter"



Fought in World War II

Indo-Pak wars of 1947, 1965 & 1971, and Indo-China war of 1962

He was awarded the Padma Vibhushan and the Padma Bhushan, the second and third highest civilian awards of India, respectively.



Padma Vibhushan



Padma Bhushan



The Military Cross



Manekshaw on a 2008 stamp of India

"Professional knowledge and professional competence are the main attributes of leadership. Unless you know, and the men you command know that you know your job, you will never be a leader."

- Sam Manekshaw



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