

SRI PRAKASH

YOUNG SMILES

SURGING AHEAD WITH MILES OF SMILES

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Education is not merely the transfer of knowledge; it is the art of inspiring curiosity, creativity, and compassion. As we present this edition of our school news letter we proudly embrace the Vision of Our School "Nurture Joyful Learning for Holistic Growth."

In today's fast-paced world, true education must go beyond textbooks and exams. It should cultivate intellectual, emotional, social, and physical well-being. By nurturing joyful learning, we empower students to explore their passions, discover their strengths, and develop resilience. Our school has consistently strived to create an environment where learning is not just an obligation but a source of excitement and fulfillment.

ment. This past year, we have witnessed numerous initiatives that have brought this vision to life. From interactive workshops that encouraged creative thinking to engaging cultural programs that fostered teamwork and empathy, every experience has contributed to shaping well-rounded individuals.

We owe the success of these endeavours to the unwavering support of our esteemed guests,Dr. Sudhakar C. Agarkar, Former Professor. Sri Kankatala Mallikarjun Rao, an Eminent Entrepreneur, Sri K. Ramesh, Joint Commissioner (VMRDA), Dr. Srinivasa K. Rao, a renowned scientist,Dr. C.V. Narasimham, an esteemed educator, Dr. P. Bala Murli Krishna, a distinguished professor, Ms. Shalini Kocherla,

Dr. Sudhakar
C Agarkar,
Retd. TIFR, Mumbai

Dr.Robin Groves,
an eminent
Professor
from Australia

Sri Kankatala
Mallikarjun Rao,
an eminent
entrepreneur



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



23rd
Annual Day
Celebrations
aroma
the fragrance of celebration
2024

Ms.Bongiswa R Kotta,
International Story teller,
South Africa



Sri Ch.Vasu Prakash
Director
Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan

Sri K. Ramesh, Joint Commissioner, VMRDA

a noted psychologist, Sri Y. Sreenivas Rao, Former Director General (Naval Systems & Materials) DRDO, Visakhapatnam, have enriched our students with their insights, knowledge, and encouragement. Professor Kotagiri Ramamohana Rao ,Dr. Robin Groves and Dr. Elaine Horne, eminent professors from Australia have made a lasting impact through expert guidance. Bongiswa Kotta, an esteemed storyteller from South Africa, Ms. Nivedita Kolekar, an eminent storyteller through their motivational talks engaging storytelling sparked imagination among students. Dr. Ahamed Basha, Scientist at ICAR-CIFT, Swarnalekha Basak, Sri T.S.R. Prasad, Chairman of the Basketball Association, Sri P. Janardhan, Joint Organising secretary RSS presence has played a vital role in nurturing a joyful learning atmosphere. As we turn the pages of this magazine, may these memories remind us that education is not just about achieving milestones but about enjoying the

THE HINDU
City school
project
selected for
display at
national-level
Students of Sri Prakash
Vidyaniketan, Sri Pavan Teja
and G. Manikanta of Class
IX, submitted their science
project on "Resource Man-
agement" at the CBSE Re-
gional Science Exhibition
held in Hyderabad, Hydrabad
recently. Among the 10 projects
from 40 different schools
of Andhra Pradesh, Pavan
Teja and Manikanta's project
has been selected to
represent the region at the
national-level in Delhi.
The project is an innovative
idea on space resource
management using plasma
and ion thrusters.
The engine design pro-
cesses thrust through plas-
ma and ion waves, provid-
ing momentum for
spacecraft. Highlighting
the students' outstanding
scientific insight and
creativity.
School Director Chinnel
Vasu Prakash and all other
members of Sri Prakash Vi-
dyaniketan congratulated
the students on the occa-
sion.

U.Pavan Teja
Class IX



G.Manikanta
Class IX

Congratulations Prakashites
on your project being selected for
National Level...
@ CBSE Regional
Science Exhibition



journey of growth and discovery. A very special thanks to Rashtriya Bal Puraskar awardee **Keya Hatkar** for her motivational words. We proudly continue to celebrate the successes of our children in various competitions including Quiz, Painting, Dance, Basket Ball, skating, chess, Rifle shooting and various olympiad exams. Above all, I extend heartfelt congratulations to our dedicated students and their ever-supportive parents, whose enthusiasm and encouragement have been instrumental in making this journey of learning truly remarkable.

With this spirit, we encourage our students and parents to continue exploring, question- ing, and evolving. Together, let us build a future where joyful learning leads to holistic development and lifelong success.

Happy Reading !

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

Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan
celebrated Kids' day at
Vuda Children's Arena.



Congratulations Prakashites



**BHARAT
KO JANO**

Prakashites Won Bharat Ko Jano
Quiz Competition Regional level (South) &
Qualified for National level



1st
Prize

Dr. P. Bala
Murali Krishna
an eminent
professor

Dr.Shalini Kocherla,
an eminent psychologist



Dr. Srinivasa K. Rao,
an eminent scientist

Mrs. Nivedita
Kolekar,
an eminent
Storyteller,
Mumbai

Dr.
C.V.Narasimham
an eminent
teacher

Engaging Storytelling Seminar by Ms. Nivedita Kolekar



Our students had a unique opportunity to attend a captivating storytelling seminar conducted by Ms. Nivedita Kolekar, a professional storyteller. Ms. Kolekar's sessions emphasize process-based learning to foster creativity, critical thinking, emotional growth, and social skills among young minds. During the seminar, Ms. Kolekar introduced storytelling techniques designed to enhance communication skills and boost self-confidence. She demonstrated how storytelling can be a powerful educational tool, showing our

students how to engage and express themselves effectively. The students were particularly inspired by her program "Storytelling for Early Childhood Development-Storytime." It was a highly interactive experience where students enthusiastically participated in various storytelling exercises, discovering how stories can be used to convey ideas and values. The session engaged the students motivating them to view storytelling as a pathway for personal and academic growth.

Empowering Educators -Dr. Robin Groves and Dr. Elaine Horne on Modern Teaching Practices and Advanced Science



A seminar featuring renowned educators Dr. Robin Groves and Dr. Elaine Horne was hosted at our campus. The event focused on advancing teaching practices and integrating Einsteinian Physics into school curricula. Dr. Robin Groves, an educator with over five decades of experience, highlighted innovative strategies for teaching and assessment. He introduced interactive methods like KWLH, peer feedback, and self-assessment, emphasizing decision-making in teaching and creating student-centered learning environments. Dr. Elaine Horne, a science educator and advocate for environmental sustainability, proposed incorporating Einsteinian Physics into school curricula. She stressed the importance of teaching concepts like relativity and quantum mechanics through hands-on experiments and simulations. Dr. Horne also provided free online resources to equip teachers with the tools to introduce these advanced topics effectively. The seminar inspired educators to adopt modern teaching approaches, foster critical thinking, and explore innovative strategies to make learning more meaningful and interactive.



Digital Literacy by Young Indians



A seminar on digital literacy was organized by Ravi Verma, a member of young Indians aiming to highlight the significance of mastering digital tools and technologies. During the seminar, Ravi Verma covered essential topics such as using computers, navigating the internet, and understanding various software applications. He also stressed the importance of online safety, privacy concerns, and ethical behaviour while using digital resources. The session explored how digital literacy is crucial for personal development, career growth, and effective communication in today's digital world. Practical tips and real-life examples were shared to help students improve their digital skills. The seminar encouraged participants to adopt responsible online behaviour and to stay informed about emerging technologies. Overall, it was an enriching experience that enhanced participants' understanding of digital literacy.

A brief tour to Australia

A brief tour to Australia by sitting on a chair in the Conference Hall of Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan on 10th December, 2024 was made possible by a respected guest speaker Dr. Elaine Horne who is an advocate for environmental education. She introduced Australia to students by giving a brief information about its land, population, occupation and flora and fauna through her presentation. She also spoke about the beautiful islands that are found in Australia and how not only the land surface but also the deep sea enhances its beauty.



Become a Better Learner

Dr. Robin Groves, another eminent educator and leader gave the lessons to the students on Communication. He said, "There are different means of communication - communication through words, communication through actions and communication through body language." Dr. Robin advised the students to put the brain in gear before opening the mouth. He said the way one communicates it showcases their intention whether the person wants to help the other with the right answer or make them feel better or both. According to Dr. Robin, communication is a way to become a better learner



Demystifying Artificial Intelligence by Prof. Rama Mohanarao Kotagiri



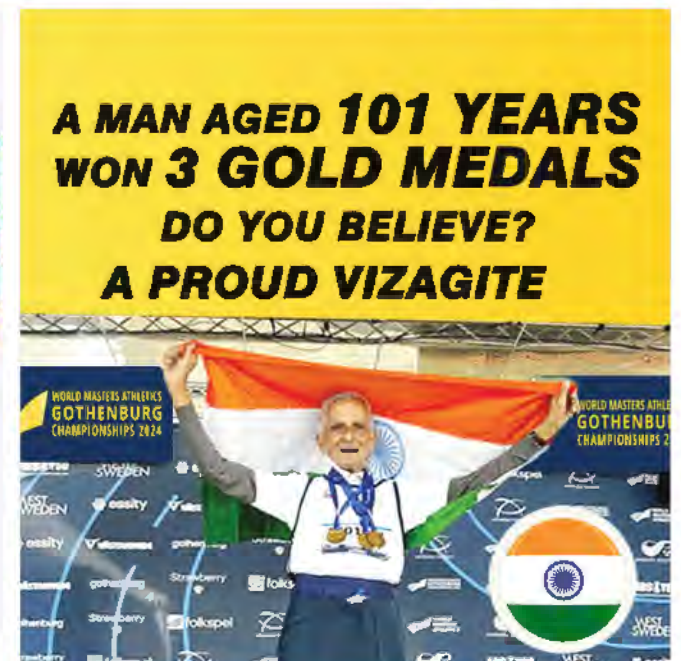
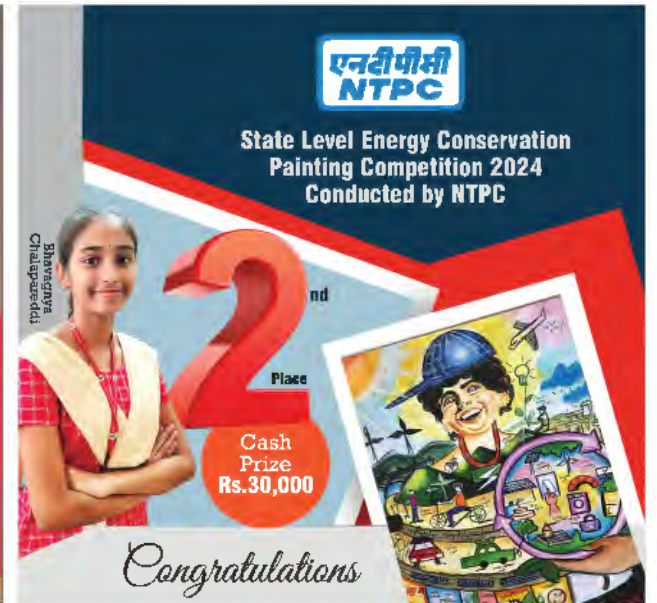
Prof. Rama Mohanarao Kotagiri's seminar focused on the rapid growth and future potential of artificial intelligence (AI). He discussed major breakthroughs such as AlphaZero, AlphaFold, and Neuralink, explaining how AI is revolutionizing in fields like medicine, gaming, and neuroscience by solving complex problems. The seminar highlighted the significance of data and advanced AI tools, including GPT-4 and Gemini, in driving innovation. Prof. Kotagiri emphasized the importance of combining domain-specific knowledge with AI to achieve better results. He also covered key AI concepts like neural networks, backpropagation, and machine learning. To conclude, he encouraged students to deepen their knowledge in subjects like computing, mathematics, physics, chemistry, and languages to succeed in AI and related fields. The seminar was both informative and inspiring.

Ms. Bongiswa Kotta Ramushwana : A Celebration of Storytelling and Culture



Following the 23rd Annual Day celebrations, Aroma, Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan had the privilege of hosting Ms. Bongiswa Kotta Ramushwana, a renowned South African storyteller from the Xhosa Tribe. The seminar was a captivating blend of storytelling, music, and dance. Ms. Ramushwana opened with a soulful song on mental health, delivering the poignant message, "Pain will consume you if you don't let it out." She then engaged students with interactive songs and inspiring stories, including the tale of Chi Chi, an eagle that symbolized growth and perseverance, and a humorous story about a child and a lion, teaching the value of staying calm in challenges. The session concluded with a celebratory song that had everyone dancing and left an indelible mark on the students. Ms. Ramushwana's unique storytelling style celebrated culture, creativity, and the importance of learning and self-expression, leaving the audience inspired and energised.





ATL School of the month (October 2024)
We have been awarded the ATL School of the Month for October 2024, marking our third recognition this year! This achievement celebrates the relentless creativity and passion of our students and mentors at the Atal Tinkering Lab. Kudos to everyone who made this possible.



Congratulations ! We are pleased to announce that prakashites M.Vaishnavi, K.Saathvika & U.G.Varshini Yadav have been nominated for the Kalaakriti Conclave, which will be held in Bengaluru. The Kalaakriti Conclave serves as a distinguished recognition platform for budding talents who have demonstrated excellence in the fields of Indian Classical Singing & Classical Dance.



An Interactive Session with



**Alumna of Sri Prakash
P. Shalom Teresa**
MSc in Geographical Information Systems
from the University of Leeds, England.



Interactive session with Ms.M.Satwika



Our school had the privilege of hosting an interactive session with our Alumna, M. Satwika, who is currently studying at IIT Kharagpur. The session aimed to provide valuable insights into her journey, the challenges she faced, and to guide the Grade X students on the path after completing 10th grade. Ms.Satwika began by sharing her experience of how she navigated through the rigorous preparation for IIT entrance exams. She emphasized the importance of time management, consistent hard work and the need to stay focused on one's goals. According to her, balancing academic pressures and personal life was one of the key aspects of surviving the competitive environment. Satwika stressed that while academics are important, extracurricular activities, personal development and building soft skills are equally essential for overall success. Furthermore, she provided valuable guidance on making career decisions after the 10th grade. Satwika suggested that we should explore various fields of interest, research potential career paths and understand the options available to us. She recommended speaking to professionals in different fields, taking up internships or even doing online courses to gain exposure to various industries. Students were found more confident and motivated about their future educational choices by the end of the session.

Awareness on Antimicrobial Resistance By Dr Ahmed Basha, Scientist at ICAR - CIFT.

Dr. Ahmed Basha, Scientist at ICAR-CIFT, Visakhapatnam, delivered a seminar during World Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Awareness Week (Nov 18-24), emphasizing the global threat of AMR. He explained that AMR occurs when pathogens no longer respond to antibiotics or other antimicrobials, making infections harder to treat and leading to increased illness and death in both humans and animals. Dr. Basha highlighted the 2024 theme, Educate. Advocate. Act now, urging immediate action to combat drug-resistant pathogens. He called for active participation from animal health professionals, farmers, policymakers, youth, and the public to enhance AMR awareness and develop effective solutions. His speech emphasised the urgent need for collective action to combat this growing health crisis and left the students reflecting on it.



Meditation Session By Swapna Lekha Basak

Prakashites had the opportunity to attend a special meditation session with Swapnalekha Basak, a leader with over 30 years of experience in social enterprise, HR, and mental health. During the session, Swapnalekha Ma'am shared insights from spiritual figures like Mahaavatar Babaji, Sri Bhoga Siddhar, Atamanandamayi Amma garu, and the Dhruva Tara story, emphasizing the importance of spiritual growth and balance in daily life. She introduced the practice of Sushumna Kriya Yoga, focusing on improving mental clarity, concentration, and emotional well-being, explaining how this practice can help individuals achieve a peaceful state of mind and enhance focus. Additionally, she presented the "Three SSS Formula" - Smart, Speedy, and Sharp - showing how yoga contributes to developing these essential qualities. The session encouraged students to integrate mindfulness into their daily routines, promoting better mental health and a more balanced, focused life. The teachings left a lasting impact, inspiring students to adopt practices for overall well-being.



Rashtriya Bal Puraskar Awardee Keya Hatkar flipped impossible to I'm possible

We had the privilege of hosting Ms. Keya Hatkar, an inspiring 14-year-old author. Despite being diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) when four months old, has achieved remarkable milestones. She is the recipient of India's No.1 Best Selling Author Award at Bribooks NYAF 2023-24 for her book I M POSSIBLE and the prestigious Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar from President Droupadi Murmu in 2025. Keya shared her journey of resilience, highlighting her participation in a dance competition on a wheelchair and the role her mother and teacher played in her success. She also

spoke about founding the NGO I M POSSIBLE & SMAART, which raises funds for SMA-affected families. Keya's meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who commended her efforts and supported the translation of her books into regional languages, was a key moment in her journey. Her message, "Don't let your disabilities hide your abilities," left a lasting impression on everyone, inspiring us to embrace challenges with courage and determination. The session concluded with a powerful chant of "I M POSSIBLE," echoing her indomitable spirit.

14-year-old Keya is the recipient of the prestigious Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2025.

She is a national & global award winning, young Author of 3 best sellers from Mumbai, India.



"Prakashites had an absolute delight interaction with the talented Keya Hatkar! Her insightful thoughts and engaging personality made for a truly unforgettable experience."

Keya Hatkar



Infosys Prize

The Infosys Prize 2024 award ceremony was held on January 11, 2025, at the Taj West End, Bengaluru



Mr. Peter Sarnak, Professor of Mathematics, Institute of Advanced Study & Princeton University



Sri K.Dinesh, Co Founder, Infosys & Ms. Divya

Padma Bhushan Ms.Sudha Murty Indian educator, author & philanthropist



Mr. Siddesh Kamat, Indian Institute of Science Education & Research, PUNE

Ms. Vedika Khemani Stanford University

Mr. Shyam Gollakota University of Washington

Seminar on Cambridge Curriculum by Ms.Sharon Rozario.



Educators of Cambridge Curriculum had an interactive session with Ms.Sharon Rozario, an eminent educationist from Mumbai. Participants gained valuable insights into the key pedagogies underpinning Cambridge

PLS FLE Resources. The session provided a comprehensive understanding of effective teaching strategies, lesson planning and classroom management. The seminar highlighted the importance of ongoing professional development and effective teaching practices. The take away is that the teachers continue to explore and implement the strategies and frameworks discussed during the session.



NCC Cadets Commemorate National Unity Day



The NCC cadets of Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan observed National Unity Day with great reverence by paying tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his birth anniversary. The cadets garlanded the statue of the Iron Man of India at

Visakhapatnam, honoring his invaluable contributions to the nation's unity and integrity. The occasion served as a reminder of his visionary leadership and inspired the cadets to uphold the spirit of national integration.

Educational Field Trip to the Zoological Park & VUDA Park

Prakashites visited the local zoological park for a fun-filled educational field trip that combined learning with adventure. The trip provided students an opportunity to observe a variety of animals-from tigers to colourful birds-and learn about their habitats and conservation needs. They shared fascinating insights on animal behaviours, endangered species, and the importance of protecting biodiversity. This memorable outing fostered a greater appreciation for wildlife and underscored the importance of environmental responsibility, enriching learning beyond the classroom.



CHEMUN XVIII: A Global Learning Experience

CHEMUN XVIII, held from 8th to 10th November 2024, at the American International School of Chennai, brought together 650 students from around the globe to engage in vibrant discussions on contemporary international relations. Eight Prakashites represented Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan in six committees: SPC, UN4MUN, GA3, EC2, HRC, and DISEC. The delegates demonstrated exceptional preparation and enthusiasm, gaining valuable insights into diplomacy, debating, and resolution drafting. Highlights included participation in bloc formation, resolution submission, and engaging debates on various global issues.

Students also cherished the cultural and social experiences, such as interactive sessions, social nights, and a visit to Phoenix Mall, which added a memorable touch to the event. The CHEMUN experience not only enhanced their speaking and reasoning skills but also provided a platform to interact with peers worldwide, fostering cultural exchange and camaraderie. For many, it was a transformative journey, instilling confidence and sparking a deeper interest in global affairs. CHEMUN XVIII truly reflected the spirit of global partnership and inclusivity, leaving lasting impressions on all participants.



Annual Sports Day



A fun filled and exciting day was the Annual Sports Day for the Prakashites when they participated in various sports arranged by the school. The whole school was lively and filled with excitement as there were energetic sports activities and unwavering school spirit. It also enhanced teamwork and sportsmanship among the students. The day began with primary sports like huddle race, throw ball and cricket followed by higher and senior secondary sports - basketball, volleyball, throwball, cricket, race

and table tennis. Prakashites showed incredible strength and skills on the field. Student DJ music added a vibrant touch to the sports. The cheering and encouragement from the non-participants energized the participants to give their best. As the day drew to a close, the prize distribution ceremony was held. The winners were awarded medals and the same was given away by Director Sir Shri Chitturi Vasu Prakash. The Annual Sports Day was a day of joy, fitness, sportsmanship and friendship.

Honoring the essence of the Gita

Gita Jayanti was celebrated with great reverence, aiming to instill the timeless wisdom of the Bhagavad Gita among students. As part of the celebrations, students from across the Junior, Sub-Junior, and Senior categories actively participated in sloka recitation. The recitations and interpretations reflected the

students' enthusiasm to connect with the spiritual and philosophical essence of the text. Such initiatives serve as an inspiration for young minds to integrate moral and ethical principles into their lives, fostering holistic growth and character development.



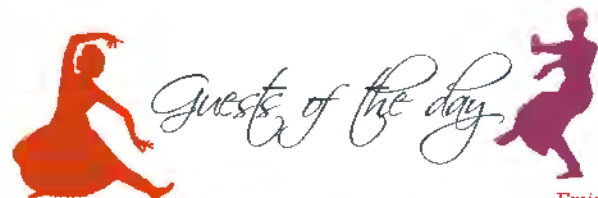


Annual Day AROMA was celebrated in an atmosphere brimming with enthusiasm, joy, and admiration. The event commenced with a heartfelt prayer, invoking divine blessings for a delightful evening filled with knowledge and joy. The prayer set the tone for an enchanting

celebration ahead, embracing the essence of harmony and togetherness. The Sri Prakash Musical Band then took the stage, mesmerizing the audience with their soulful performance, showcasing the universal power of music to connect hearts and elevate the spirit. The ener-

gy in the air was palpable, as the audience eagerly awaited the proceedings to unfold. The evening's theme, AROMA, symbolized the unwavering dedication and enthusiasm of the school community, with the hosts articulating the essence of the word through their vibrant

introductions. The celebration was a kaleidoscope of talents, creativity, and perseverance, reflecting the collective achievements of students and staff alike. The highlight of the evening was the release of the school's newsletter, Young Smiles.



Eminent Mathematician

Eminent Entrepreneur

Joint Commissioner (VMRDA)

Eminent Professor from Australia



Eminent Storyteller from South Africa



P.Niharika Exemplary Performance in Mathematics

T.Shyama Dakshita Exemplary Performance in Mathematics



Vansh Agrawal Exemplary Performance in Mathematics



V. Saayoojya Scholarship for Academic Excellence



Date: 10 Dec. 2024 04.30 PM GURAJADA KALAKSHETRAM, SIRIPURAM, VISAKHAPATNAM



P.Durga Pranathi Best All Rounder



K.VENKATA SAI SITA NIKHILESH Best All Rounder



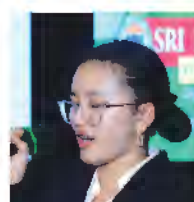
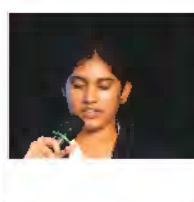
UPPADA JASWANTH REDDY Best All Rounder



Ch.Bhavagnya Scholarship for Academic Excellence

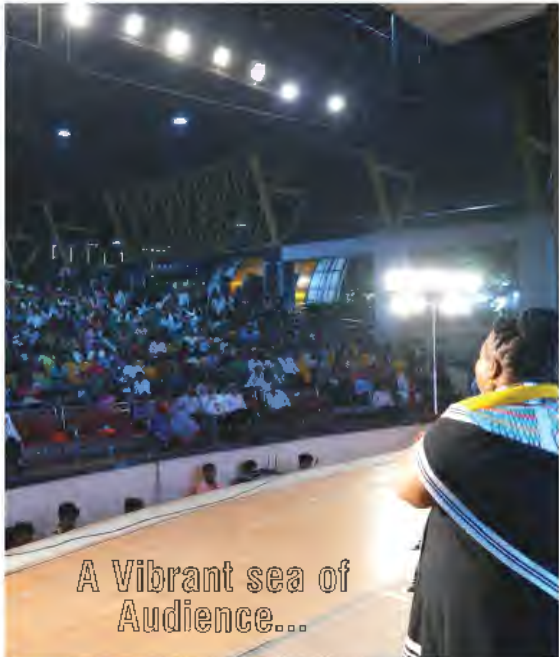
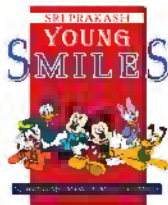


MD ABDUL BASITH Scholarship for Academic Excellence



Our Charismatic Anchors





A Vibrant sea of Audience...



The newsletter encapsulated the remarkable journey of the year, celebrating the achievements, dreams, and growth of the school's young minds. Esteemed guests, including Dr. Sudhakar Agarkar, Former Prof. of Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mr. Mallikarjun Rao Kankatala, an eminent entrepreneur, Mr. K. Ramesh, Joint

Commissioner of VMRDA, Dr. Robin Groves, an eminent professor from Australia, and Ms. Bongiswa Kotta Ramushwana, an eminent storyteller from South Africa, graced the occasion and addressed the gathering, praising the efforts of the school in nurturing young minds. They emphasized the importance of Holistic education and

shared valuable insights to motivate and inspire the students and all present. The prize distribution ceremony followed, recognizing the dedication and hard work of students who had excelled in various fields. Each prize symbolized not just academic or extracurricular excellence but also the spirit of perseverance that defines the Sri

Prakash community. As the evening progressed, the stage was set for a memorable conclusion, with everyone present acknowledging the school's exceptional growth and looking forward to a future filled with more accomplishments, creativity, and success.



Our Charismatic Anchors



Toppers X Board Exams
Naitik Jain, S. Arshiya, A.Hari Priya & R.Sai Abhiram





A kaleidoscope of Talent and Joy...
we celebrated our Annual Day of Pre Primary and Primary on the 8th of November. The Kids Day celebration was graced by esteemed chief guests who inspired the audience with their enlightening speeches. Ms. Nivedita Kolekar, an eminent storyteller, captivated everyone with her words on creativity and imagination. Dr. Srinivasa K.

while Ms. Shalini Kocherla, a noted psychologist, spoke on nurturing emotional well-being. Their speeches were a blend of wisdom and inspiration, leaving a lasting impact on stu-

students. The program began with the craft exhibition by the students followed by the adorable performances of LKG and UKG students. Their colourful dances on Rainbow and

Umbrella performances by Classes I and II, which captivated the audience. The welcome dance by Class III added a touch of cultural pride, followed by a stunning semi-classical dance to Dheem Ta Dare.

Zumba by Class IV students, aptly titled better, brought an English flavour to the stage, while the Telugu performance Diwali captured the festive spirit. Class V's devotion-filled Krishna-Govinda in Hindi left everyone enthralled. Adding a dose of laughter, the Clown Dance Music delighted the audience, while patriotism was celebrated with the power-packed Hindi

performance Chak De. The event was a perfect blend of joy, culture, and creativity, leaving everyone inspired and proud of our talented young stars.

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8 Nov. 2024
LKG TO II CLASS 09.30 to 12 noon
&
III TO V CLASS 04.30 to 08.00 pm

VMRDA CHILDREN'S ARENA,
SIRIPURAM, VISAKHAPATNAM

PRAKASHITES HEARTILY
WELCOME



MS. NIVEDITA KOLEKAR



Dr. SHALINI KOCHERLA



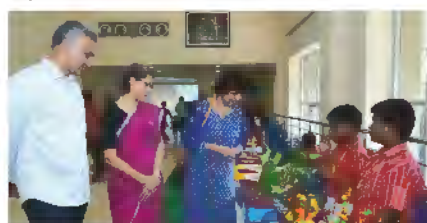
Dr. SRINIVASA K. RAO

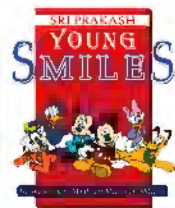


Dr. C.V. NARASIMHAM



Dr. P. BALA MURALI KRISHNA





Honouring libraries and launching young authors - 'Storysmiths'



Director General, (Naval Systems & Materials), DRDO, Visakhapatnam, as the guest of honour. Dr. Rao, a leading figure in missile technology with an impressive career of over two

decades, inspired the gathering with his insights and contributions, sharing his valuable words of encouragement and inspiration. To mark the occasion, a special book release was held to celebrate budding literary talent within the school. The Storysmiths, an e-book containing 21 stories authored by students from Classes 5 to 10, was unveiled. This creative project, completed as part of the CBSE Budding Authors Programme 2024, showcases the imagination and skill of young Prakashites, marking a significant achievement in the school's ongoing commitment to fostering literary talent.

International Library Day was observed at our campus with an engaging celebration that honoured the role of libraries in nurturing creativity and knowledge. The event featured the esteemed Dr. Y. Sreenivas Rao, Former



Children's Day



Children's Day is an occasion that fills students hearts with harmony and warmth. Children at different grades have participated in various activities and competitions with a lot of zeal. The Pre-Primary wing was blossoming with costumes of Fancy Dress disguising themselves as 'Chacha Nehru'. There were competitions like elocution, cricket commentary, drawing, one minute talk, handwriting, rubik cube, poster

making and origami. All their efforts were truly recognized when the winners were awarded with prizes and certificates. There was a cry of joy amongst the crowd of participants during the prize distribution. It was an atmosphere of fun and frolic the entire day. The Children left the school arena and carried home a sense of fulfillment and joy.

The Great Kindness Challenge 2024-25

The Great Kindness Challenge 2024 has been observed, fostering empathy, gratitude, and harmony among students through a series of engaging activities. The event began with the introduction of GKC during the assembly and club period, where students pledged kindness

and learned to say "Thank You" in various languages. Creative activities such as doodle making on "Be Kind", forming 'Harmony Hearts' in house colors, and a puppet show on kindness brought vibrancy to the week. A 'Service Salute' honored the contingent staff for their dedicated

service, while a 'Kindness Tree' adorned with appreciation notes highlighted their contributions. Teachers inspired students with placards promoting kindness, and a notice board featuring 'Be the I in Being K _ ND' reinforced the theme. Students shared their thoughts through

a reel-making activity, and the week ended with a fun cake-decorating activity for friends. The challenge successfully instilled compassion and unity across the school community.



Capacity building programme for teachers on Active Learning

Mr .Sameer Pandey emphasized that active student participation is key to effective learning. By encouraging discussions and incorporating interactive activities, teachers can transform students from passive listeners into active learners. This approach helps deepen their understanding and engagement with the material. Mrs Sridevi Atuluri added that teachers must



continuously update their knowledge and teaching strategies to keep students motivated and interested. This ongoing professional development creates an environment where critical thinking, collaboration, and problem-solving can flourish. By using modern teaching methods, teachers can inspire students to actively apply their knowledge, encouraging deeper learning. Overall, this dynamic approach not only enhances students' understanding



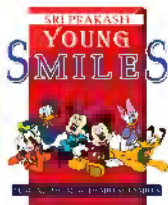
ing but also empowers them to engage meaningfully with the subject matter.



National Mathematics Day 2024

National Mathematics Day has been commemorated on 22nd December 2024, honoring the birth anniversary of the mathematical genius, Srinivasa Ramanujan. A variety of activities like power point presentation, engaging worksheets on puzzles and display of mathematics models and origami creations were organized to instill a love for mathematics among students and highlight its significance in daily life. The inter-branch activities added a competitive spirit to the occasion. Students showcased their analytical and logical skills in a Mathematics Quiz, while the Rubik's Cube competition tested their speed and strategic thinking. The day concluded with students expressing their excitement and newfound appreciation for the beauty of Mathematics. The event was a fitting tribute to Srinivasa Ramanujan and his timeless contributions to the world of numbers.





"Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful." Christmas at Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan was celebrated with great pomp and show, spreading joy and cheer across the campus. The festive spirit came alive as students from Nursery to Grade 5 took part

in a spectacular program that reflected the essence of the season. The event commenced with an enchanting fancy dress performance. Young children adorned in vibrant costumes brought Santa Claus and graceful angels to life, filling the audience with awe and delight. Adding to the festivities was a melodious Christmas carol sung by a talented choir. The program reached

its peak with an energetic and captivating dance performance by the girls. The Christmas celebration at Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan beautifully highlighted the spirit of togetherness and joy, leaving everyone with memories to cherish and a renewed sense of festive cheer.



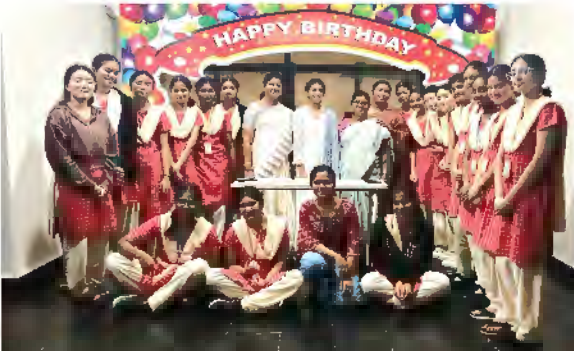
Sankranti Sambaralu

Sri Prakash Vidya Niketan Celebrates Sankranti with Grandeur and Cultural Fervor

Sri Prakash Vidya Niketan celebrated Sankranti with immense enthusiasm and grandeur, transforming the campus into a vibrant hub of colours, traditions, and cultural festivities. The event served as a beautiful reminder of the rich heritage and customs associated with this harvest festival, fostering a deep sense of community among students, teachers and parents alike. The celebration was marked by a series of cultural performances that highlighted the essence of Sankranti. Students showcased their remarkable talents through engaging acts such as Burrakatha storytelling, a traditional narrative art form that captivated the audience with its rhythmic narration and thought-provoking messages. A mes-

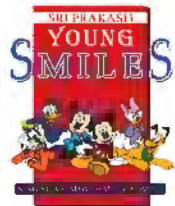
merizing dance drama on Godadevi's Kalyanam brought mythological tales to life, reflecting the students' dedication and artistic flair. Performances such as Haridasu and Kommadasu, along with the vibrant tradition of Bhogi Pallu, where children were blessed with prosperity, further enriched the festivities. A combination of percussion and steps- 'Tappeta Gullu' was performed by the boys, which is a traditional folk art form of the Yadava

community in North Andhra. The Rangoli competition for parents showcased intricate designs and vivid colors, reflecting creativity and cultural significance while Mehendi designing added an artistic flair to the event. Surprising gifts and prizes were given to the winning parents. The celebrations were further enhanced by a delightful food festival, featuring an array of traditional delicacies like Pongal, tilgul, and other regional specialties, offering a taste of the diverse culinary heritage associated with Sankranti. Director Sri Chitturi Vasu Prakash commended the involvement of students, teachers, and parents in preserving and promoting cultural traditions, ensuring that these are passed onto future generations.



Hostel at Sri Prakash is considered a home away from home, providing not just shelter but also a nurturing environment where students build lasting friendships and create cherished memories. Life in a hostel is a unique blend of learning, personal growth, and cultural exchange. One of the most beautiful aspects of hostel life is the way children celebrate various festivals together, creating a sense of unity and belonging despite being away from their families. Festivals like

Diwali, Pongal are celebrated with great enthusiasm and fervour. These celebrations are not just about festivities but also about honouring and preserving traditions. Students actively participate in New year celebrations by organizing and engaging in cultural events, showcasing their talents through dance, music, drama, and art. The hostel premises are often beautifully decorated with lights, rangolis, and traditional motifs, adding to the festive spirit.



Sri Prakash 2nd Basketball Tournament 2024

The Sri Prakash Basketball Cup 2024 witnessed an electrifying atmosphere at the TPT campus on 28th and 29th December, with 12 teams competing for the prestigious title. The tournament showcased exemplary sportsmanship, teamwork, and an unwavering passion for basketball. The event was graced by distinguished guests such as Sri TSR Prasad, Chairman of the Basketball Association of Visakhapatnam, and Sri Sunil Mohanty, President of the Association. Sri Bhushanam, Secretary who offered their valuable encouragement and support to the participants. The competition was intense, with each team showcasing

skill, determination, and teamwork. After two days of exciting matches, Prathibha Vidhya Nilayam emerged as the champions, while Sri Prakash Vidya Niketan (TPT) secured the runners-up position and Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan, KPLP, claiming the Second Runner-Up spot. The Director, Chitturi Vasu Prakash, applauded the students for their outstanding performance and dedication. Beyond the sport itself, the tournament emphasized the importance of discipline, teamwork and sportsmanship, while helping students build friendships and promoting physical fitness



Sailing into Learning : Prakashites discover naval operations at Vizag Port

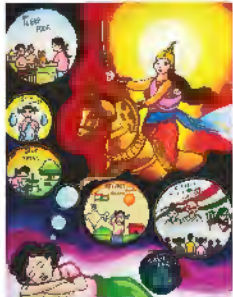
Prakashites had an incredible opportunity to visit the Vizag Port for an educational tour of a naval ship. The visit to INS Shivalik and INS Mumbai was designed to provide students with a deeper understanding of naval operations, safety protocols, and the importance of maritime defence. The students also received valuable insights into safety precautions that are critical during operations on board. The visit concluded with refreshments, leaving the students with lasting memories of an enriching and engaging experience. The naval ship visit was both educational and enjoyable, sparking interest in maritime defense and fostering a sense of patriotism among the students.



REPORT ON CBSE ACTIVITIES

The educators at Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan have always grabbed a chance to expose our students towards various activities proposed by CBSE which has been reciprocated with the same intensity by our young Prakashites. As the saying goes 'leave no stone unturned' our students of classes 3 to 10 participated in various literary activities like Poster making, Painting and Essay Writing as a part of observing Veer Baal Diwas. Samvidhan diwas or Constitution day was celebrated on 26th November wherein special

morning assembly was arranged to make children aware about the significance of constitution. Students of grades 6 to 10 also enrolled themselves in the 8th edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC), an interactive program of Hon'ble Prime Minister with students, teachers and parents by participating in an online Multiple choice question competition followed by posting various sensible questions on the topics like Exam stress and Exam fear etc to Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.



VEER BAL DIWAS POSTER MAKING, VIKRAM BATRA

ROLE OF CHILDREN IN NATION BUILDING



Youth day Celebrations Youth Day was celebrated on 12th January in honour of the youth icon, Sri Swami Vivekananda. Sri. P. Janardhan, Joint Secretary, RSS Sevak garlanded the statue of Vivekananda and unveiled a portrait of Swami Vivekananda made of sand. On this occasion, he urged everyone to follow the ideals of Swamiji and be responsible citizens of the country.



Dr. MANMOHAN SINGH A SNAPSHOT

ECONOMIST, ACADEMIC AND FORMER PM OF INDIA



Born: September 26, 1932 in Gah, West Punjab, British India (now in Pakistan)

Parents
Father: Gurmukh Singh
Mother: Amrit Kaur

Spouse: Gursharan Kaur

Death: December 26, 2024

He studied in a small Urdu medium school in his village. His family migrated to Amritsar following the Partition of India.

Manmohan Singh was an Indian economist and politician, born on 26 September 1932 in Gah, West Punjab, now part of Pakistan. Manmohan Singh was the Prime Minister of India from 2004 until 2014. He passed away at the age of 92. He is remembered as the first Sikh Prime Minister of India and is held on a certain pedestal due to the major transformation India's economy has seen under his work.

Early Life and Education : Manmohan Singh started his education at Punjab University, receiving his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in Economics in 1952 and 1954, respectively. From here he came to the University of Cambridge and in 1957 received a First Class Honours degree in Economics and post-graduate work with a D.Phil. from Nuffield College, Oxford, in 1962. His early career entailed teaching at Punjab University, the Delhi School of Economics, and the UN Conference on Trade and

academic record



- 1948: Matriculation from Punjab University
- 1952: Bachelor's degree in Economics from Punjab University
- 1954: Master's degree in Economics from Punjab University
- 1957: Economic Tripos (Honours) University of Cambridge.
- 1962: DPhil in Economics from the University of Oxford.

term. Singh was re-elected in 2009, but problems like inflation and corruption scandals hurt his administration's credibility.

Achievements and Legacy : Millions of people were delivered from the clutches of poverty, and India emerged as a major world economic power in its success as a leader. Some landmark legislations of his government had enshrined rights to food, education,

work, and information for citizens. Despite all these successes, controversies in his later years that trailed him and his government included, amongst others, the 2G spectrum allocation scam and allegations surrounding Commonwealth Games.

He received many awards throughout his career. In 1987, he was conferred India's second-highest civilian honour, the Padma Vibhushan. Singh has made very vital contributions to economics and has been recognized internationally to be one of the most influential figures in India and beyond.

Personal Life : Manmohan Singh is married to Gursharan Kaur and has three daughters. He is very humble in his nature and scholarly in his approach to governance. Even though he has left office, Singh remains an influential figure in Indian politics.

Singh's legacy is marked by his role in steering India away from a state-controlled economy towards a more market-oriented approach. His reforms not only rescued India from economic collapse but also laid the foundation for sustained growth and increased global integration. The entrepreneurial culture fostered during his tenure has led to a vibrant economy with a burgeoning middle class and increased consumerism.

Manmohan Singh's policies were highly important in reshaping India's economic landscape, promoting liberalization, and addressing social challenges through targeted initiatives. His tenure is often viewed as a turning point that set India on a path toward becoming an emerging global economic power.

Awards and Honours : Dr. Manmohan Singh was conferred

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hold important positions like chief economic advisor and Secretary in the Ministry of Finance. In many ways, it was as Finance Minister from 1991 to 1996 that Singh's finance policies transformed Indian economics. Singh presented drastic reforms that liberalized the economy, cheapened the rupee, reduced tax burdens, and encouraged foreign investment into India when the economy was in devastating shape.

In 2004, the Indian National Congress swept the parliamentary elections, and Sonia Gandhi named Singh Prime Minister. Singh's government achieved inclusive growth and poverty reduction while continuing to pursue the economic boom, which spurred an average of around 7.7% during his five-year

political career



- June 1991-May 1996: Finance Minister of India; introduced significant economic reforms liberalising the Indian economy.
- 1991-2004: Rajya Sabha MP, representing Assam and later Rajasthan.
- 1998-2004: Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha.
- May 22, 2004 - May 26, 2014: Prime Minister of India.

Manmohan Singh was never elected to the Lok Sabha but had been a member of the Rajya Sabha since 1991. He retired from the Rajya Sabha in April 2024.

with numerous awards and honors during his illustrious career, which speaks to the importance of his contributions to India's economic and political landscape. Some of the most notable awards include:

government service



- 1972-1976: Chief Economic Adviser, Ministry of Finance, Government of India.
- 1976-1980: Secretary, Ministry of Finance.
- 1982-1985: Governor of the Reserve Bank of India.
- 1985-1987: Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission of India.
- 1987-1990: Secretary-General of the South Commission in Geneva.
- 1990-1991: Advisor to the Prime Minister on Economic Affairs.
- March-June 1991: Chairman of the University Grants Commission.

Padma Vibhushan: This is India's second-highest civilian honor, received in 1987.

Jawaharlal Nehru Birth Centenary Award: Received from the Indian Science Congress in 1995.

Finance Minister of the Year: Both Euromoney and Asiamoney awarded him in 1993 and 1994, respectively.

Lifetime Achievement Honour: Awarded by the India-UK Achievers Honours in 2023 for his contributions in economic and

political life. Honorary Degrees: He received honorary doctorates from leading institutions, including the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford. He further won several international accolades. Some of them included Grand Cordon of the Order of the Paulownia Flowers from Japan, conferred upon him in

academic & early career



- 1957-1959: Senior Lecturer in Economics at Punjab University
- 1959-1963: Reader in Economics at Punjab University
- 1963-1965: Professor of Economics at Punjab University
- 1966-1969: Worked with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).
- 1969-1971: Professor of International Trade at the Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi

Development (UNCTAD).

Political Career : His political career began as an economic advisor in the Ministry of Commerce in 1971. Soon, he rose to

key awards & honours



- Padma Vibhushan (1987)
- Jawaharlal Nehru Birth Centenary Award of the Indian Science Congress (1995)
- Asia Money Award for Finance Minister of the Year (1993 and 1994)
- Euro Money Award for Finance Minister of the Year (1993)
- Adam Smith Prize of the University of Cambridge (1956)
- Wright's Prize for Distinguished Performance at St John's College in Cambridge (1955)

the year 2014; the same reflected his reach across the globe and acceptability in economic policy formulation.

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