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## ICSK SENIOR STUDENTS INTERACT WITH EX-STUDENT LIEUTENANT AARON MATHEWS ABRAHAM

**WHAT'S INSIDE**



The Indian Community School Kuwait, Senior, conducted an interactive session with a former student of ICSK who is now serving as a lieutenant in the Indian Army. The session with Lt. Aaron Mathews Abraham was held at the senior school auditorium on 10th October 2016, at 11.30 am. The programme provided a rare opportunity for the students to gain an insight into the

work and life of officers of the Indian military service.

Principal and Senior Administrator Dr. V. Binumon welcomed the Chief Guest and introduced him to the gathering. Lt. Aaron, in the interactive session, shared his personal experiences that not only inspired the students but also stirred their patriotism. The students were highly enthusiastic and energetic while interacting with the young Lt. Aaron Mathews Abraham. Remarkably, many students, including girl-students, expressed their desire to become part of the Indian Army. Lt. Aaron Mathews Abraham also presented a video for the students which showed the adventurous life of soldiers. The session concluded with the vote of thanks by the Vice Principal Dr. Sam.T. Kuruvila

It was indeed an eye-opening session for the students as it helped them to recognize the thrill and the sacrifice behind the life of Indian Army personnel.

# EDITORS' NOTE

*Every child is a different kind of flower, and all together, they make this world a beautiful garden.*

A child's smile can cause a miracle to happen in our lives. They are God's precious gift to us. A gift to be treasured and loved – to be nurtured and guided along life's way. I take this opportunity & wish all the children that all your dreams may come true. May you be a beacon of light, spreading radiance wherever you go.

On this special month in which, while we celebrate Children's Day, I would like to give you a few hints which I am sure will help you live successfully.

Smile always. Give the world the best you have and the best will come back to you.

The magic key to happy living is sharing. It is only with friendship, mutual trust and a quest for service to others that one will secure abundant life.

Dream big. Wise ambition is the root of all great achievement. It is the courage to dream big and the will to act on your dreams that counts. This ability to see beyond the immediate horizon, to dream of a wider, brighter world, has characterized the life of all successful people down the ages.

The world is full of opportunities waiting to be seized. Making the most of an opportunity is action. Sure, there are disappointments and setbacks along the way, but your life is a journey only you can take. Remember! It is dreams that give birth to inventions!

And keep smiling all the way.

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**Mrs. Sicy Abraham**

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## DIWALI SPECIAL ASSEMBLY CONDUCTED AT ICSK SENIOR



ATHIRA SREELA RAVIPRASAD-XI-B



A special assembly on the occasion of Diwali was held at the Indian Community School Kuwait on 27th Oct 2016. Diwali is the festival of lights celebrated every year in the month of October.

The students of class XI-K conducted the assembly. A wonderful speech was delivered by the students. Diwali greeting cards were given to the Principal Dr. V.Binumon and the Vice Principal Dr. Sam.T.Kuruvilla. A soulful melody by students of XI-K and a cheerful Diwali song by the school choir entertained the audience.

Senior Administrator and Principal of ICSK Senior Dr.V.Binumon addressed the gathering on the special occasion and appreciated the efforts of the class in conducting the assembly. The assembly was very vibrant and entertaining.

## STUDENTS OF ICSK SENIOR WIN ACCOLADES

Master Manjot Singh of class 12th was selected for ACC cricket world cup qualifier in 2015 for the KWT U-19 cricket team hosted in Kualalampur. He was also selected to play in ICC cricket world cup U-19 team in September 2016 hosted in Kualalampur. He won the player of the match award for two matches played against Thailand and Saudi Arabia and secured 5th position out of 10.



MASTER MANJOT SINGH



SHAIK MATHAR

In the Gulf Talent Examination 2015 conducted for the students from all GCC countries who have achieved CGPA10 in the 10th CBSE examination, Shaik Mathar became the Kuwait topper. Special congratulations to these budding talents of ICSK Senior.

# CHILDREN'S DAY - A DAY DEDICATED TO CHILDHOOD



Children's Day - a day dedicated to children - is observed as an event across the world to celebrate childhood and promote awareness about children's welfare. Endorsed by global organizations and governments, this celebration aims to promote the wellbeing of children and to uplift their social rights. In 1954, the United Nations with discretion has recognized November 20 as Universal Children's Day to create attentiveness on the commitment on the development of children and ensure a better future. However, celebration date of Children's Day varies but in India it is observed every year on November 14.

Numerous theories have been suggested pertaining to Children's Day celebration dates. In 1925, the World Conference held in Geneva, Switzerland, has recognized June 1 to observe the International Children's Day. But, in 1954 the United Nations General Assembly has approved November 20 as Universal Children's Day with the

objective to promote the wellbeing of the children and celebrate childhood. The UN has also recommended that the Day should be devoted to promote its benediction.

Children's Day in India coincides with the birthday of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru (November 14, 1889 - May 27, 1964), first Prime Minister of India after Independence, and so is observed in a grand way. This celebration commemorates Jawaharlal Nehru for his affection towards children and faith that education of children could propel the country's progress.

India celebrates Children's Day with a range of innovative and fun filled activities at schools that seems much as a festival. Various competitions, Children's Day poems, dance and feast is organized by schools and community groups to mark the event and make it a special day for children to enjoy childhood. Additionally, the events and activities of Children's Day festival also focus to identify the education, recreation, health, cultural, economic and social needs of children.

For many parents, it is an important date and they take initiative to celebrate Children's Day by giving gifts and spend the day with them to make them feel special.

The enthusiasm of Children's Day festival can also be witnessed in the practice of exchanging 'Happy Children's Day' wishes with the collection of lovely SMS. To celebrate the event, inspiring Children's Day SMS or messages are available in varied languages that are just perfect to spread and share the significance of the festivity so that children deserve a better future and life.

## Awake, "my world"!

God gave me two luminous eyes  
To see the best things around me  
God gave me my well-built hands  
To work and script good thoughts  
God gave me long limbs  
To go around this sophisticated world  
I have got ears  
To hear the music of Mother Nature  
I have god given tongue  
To express me to others  
I have got a nose  
To smell fragrance of flowers  
But in my great blue planet, where can I see good things,  
As people around me are misusing their gifted organs,  
Where can I travel safely in this cursed world?  
Where am I supposed to hear good news?  
Whom can I talk to with trust and joy?  
Why are these people despotic??  
Where can I smell flowers when there is nothing but polluted air  
So I pray to god to make my little dreams  
Come true in this world of witches and vice.....  
Yes. One day, it will be fruitful because  
He is omnipotent and omnipresent.....



VRISHIKA V NAIR  
STUDENT EDITOR

## AWAKENING - LESSONS OF LIFE

### PARABLE OF THE EMPTY BOAT

A monk decides to meditate alone, away from his monastery. He takes his boat out to the middle of the lake, moors it there, closes his eyes and begins his meditation.

After a few hours of undisturbed silence, he suddenly feels the bump of another boat colliding with his own. With his eyes still closed, he senses his anger rising, and by the time he opens his eyes, he is ready to scream at the boatman who dared to disturb his meditation. But, when he opens his eyes, he sees it is an empty boat that had probably got untethered and floated to the middle of the lake.

At that very moment, the monk achieves self-realization, and understands that the anger is within him; it merely needs the bump of an external object to provoke it out of him.

From then on, when he comes across someone who irritates him or provokes him to anger, he reminds himself: "The other person is merely an empty boat. The anger is within me."

**Moral of the story:** *Blame no one for the negative feelings in you. Look for the cause within. External circumstances merely provoke or intensify them. Just understand, watch and let them be. Smile and peace will set in.*

# SOHAN ROY, THE EMINENT FILM DIRECTOR VISITS ICSK SENIOR



Sohan Roy, eminent film director, naval architect and the esteemed CEO of the Aries Group of Companies visited the ICSK campus on 12th October 2016. The class XII Students had the opportunity of attending this programme. A Ship Designer by profession, Sohan Roy started his career as a Marine Engineer, to become the first Naval Architect in India to join Merchant Navy. However he always had an inclination towards the film industry. Along with a Guinness Book entry, today he has global reputation as the Director of the Oscar selected movie DAM 999 and is the Creative Head & Project Designer of many award winning films & documentaries. Sohan Roy encouraged the students to make proper goals and follow their dreams. He urged the students to thrust forward and to realize the latent potentials hidden within them. A technology geek, Sohan Roy announced that he and the acclaimed director I.V.Sasi will be soon making a movie based on the 1990 Kuwait war. The shooting will commence in 2017 and ICSK Senior Branch will be one of its shooting locations. "The canvas is big and the film is being made for a worldwide audience. Hence, the making of the film would be world-class. There will be no compromises made on technology and post production work," said Sohan Roy. He also announced that soon there will be a talent search "INDIWOOD" to select the hidden talents of students related to different phases of filmmaking. There was an Interactive session in which he answered questions related to filmmaking as well as careers in the film industry. Before leaving, he encouraged every student to realize their dreams and focus on achieving. Our Vice Principal, Dr. Sam.T. Kuruvilla gave the vote of thanks and bid adieu to the esteemed guest.



VRITIKA NAIK  
- XII A

## BEST STUDENTS - OCTOBER



KEVIN C KOSHY  
- 12A



SURYA NARAYANAN  
VINODKUMAR - 12B



RASHA ASLAM  
KORANATH - 12C



VINEETHA REBECCA  
JACOB - 12D



ALEX JOHNSON  
PUTHETHU - 12E



JEFFIN MANOJ  
- 12F



LORINE GIGI  
MATHEW - 12G



JAVERI PHILIX  
- 12J



MOHAMMED AZIZ  
- 12K



ABIMATHI  
ANANTH - 11A



ATHIRA SREELA  
REVIPRASAD - 11B



KARTHIKEYAN  
SURESH - 11C



PAVAN KUMAR  
- 11D



HANAN HASHIM  
- 11E



ETHAN ROSS  
DE SOUZA - 11F



JOSHUA SHIBU  
- 11G



ASTREL REBECCA  
MENEZES - 11H



ALVINA CARLITA  
D'SOUZA - 11I



EMAN PONDALURU  
CHAND BASHA - 11J



JERY ROY VARGHESE  
- 11K



BURHANDUDDIN  
ABBAS - 11L



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THAKKAR - 10A



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ANILKUMAR - 10B



ABEL CHRIS  
10C



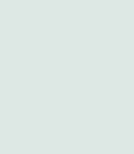
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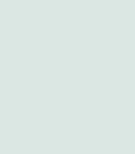
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- 10F



NUHA - 9A



GAUTAM PRAKASH  
- 9B



MRINTA RACHEL  
MATHEW - 9C



SARAYU  
MURUGASWAMY - 8A



VAIDEHI NAIR  
KRISHNAKUMAR - 8B



BLESSY KAVUTURU  
- 8C

## Bucoleon Palace



Bucoleon Palace is a Byzantine coastal palace. It is located on the Marmara Sea shore, at Catladikapi location between Cankurtaran and Kumkapi today in the east of Little Hagia Sophia. Only the ruins of the palace have survived until present. It is believed that its history dates back long ago considering its name, which is thought to be a pre-Christianity name. In fact, the Bucoleon Palace was constructed on the order of Emperor Theodosius II (408-450). The parts that are known and still visible today were probably added in the era of Teofilos (829-842).

Lying over castle walls in-between the lighthouse called Pharos-an the foreland which was used as the imperial port, the palace has its foundation made up of marble blocks dating back to the First



ABEL CHRIS - 10 C  
STUDENT EDITOR

Age. The approximately 300 meters- high frontal façade that can be seen behind the castle walls is mainly composed of two sections. The monumental stairs connecting the small port in the front and the palace by passing through a low-height wall in south-north direction separated these two sections. The Western section of the palace was demolished in 1870s during the railway construction works. Both sides of this section had bays ornamented with sculptures of sitting lions. The Eastern side of the palace still stands. The locations at Pharos side are decorated with columns that are enriched with ornaments. A few of the support pillars are still exhibited in Istanbul Archeological Museum. There are also other column heads with different ornaments on the Eastern side.



ALEENA SAM  
XII A

## "COLOURS OF LIFE"

Colours fill our life with the great spectacle of nature in all its hues and shades. Helen Keller once quoted that "Of all the blessings God has gifted us; sight is indeed a marvel of blessing endowed by God to mankind". Colours fill the shades of the scenes that we view, thereby adding a captivating dimension to the human glimpse. At dawn and dusk, we are reminded of the changing hues of the horizon that seems to be a miracle of nature and indeed proves to be a feast to our eyes. The palette of colours slipped from the creator's hands onto the 'creation of life' on the canvas escalates its artistic beauty up by a thousand times.

Life is full of thorns and happiness is just one small part of it. But on a lighter tone, I believe that if the road of darkness is enveloped in different shades of colours, our life will be transformed into an enjoyable endless journey. The pictures being joyful and of happiness, carving the different layers of life. Hence, dear friends, the canvases of life is waiting for some bright colours and let us ensure that we paint ourselves a whole lot of colourful days by seasoning it with shades of joy, peace and happiness.

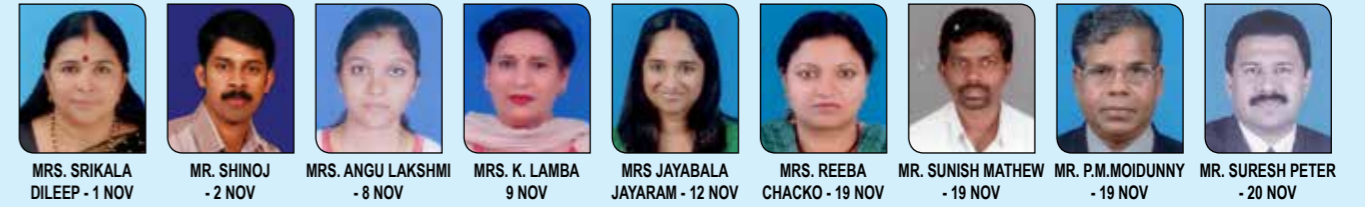
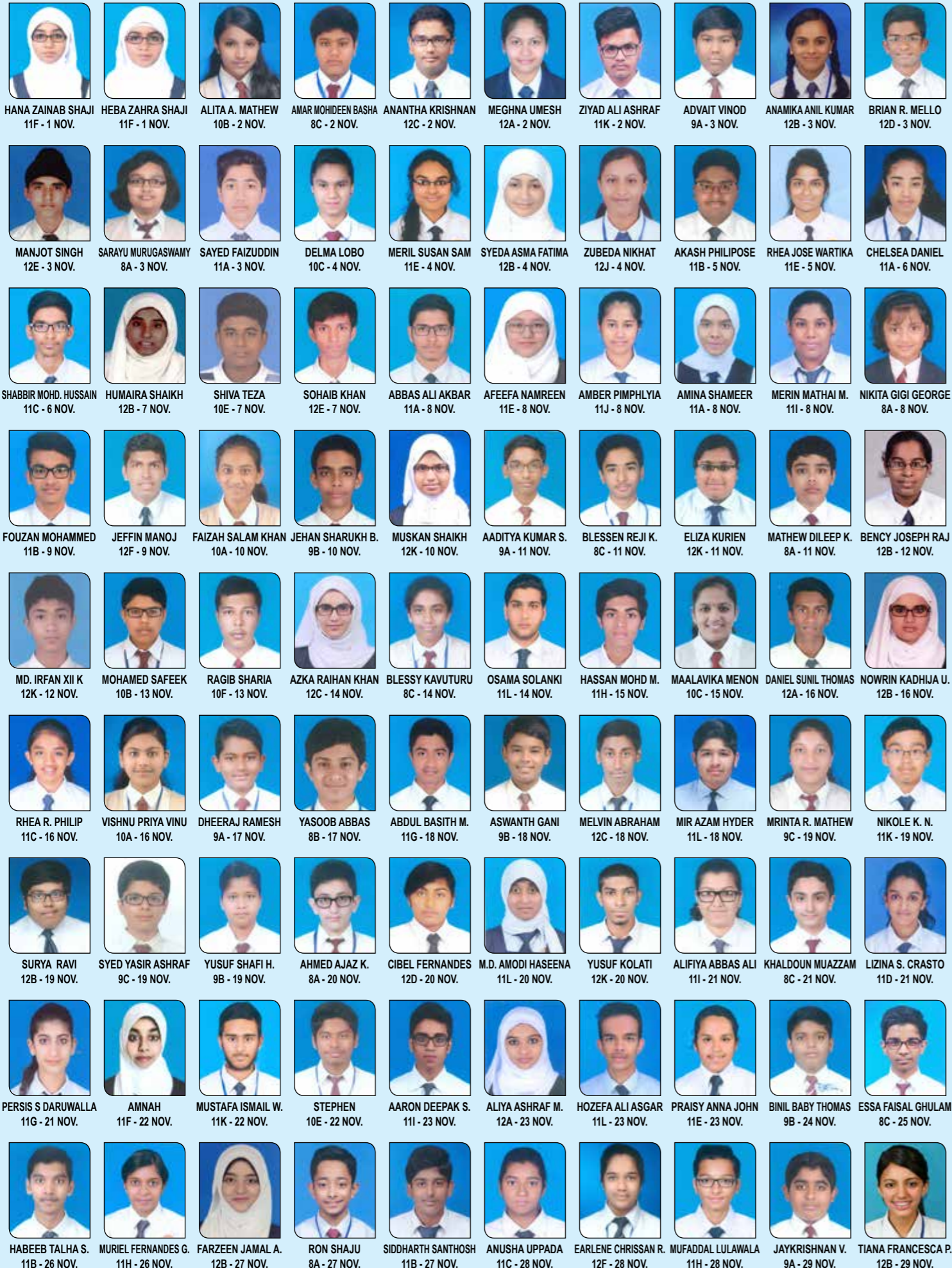


ALIYA ASHRAF  
- 12 A

## I've learnt....

- I've learned... that people will forget what you said, will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.
- I've learned... that our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but we are responsible for who we become.
- I've learned... that even when you think you have no more to give, when a friend cries out to you, you will find the strength to help.
- I've learned... that sometimes when I'm angry I have the right to be angry, but that doesn't give me the right to be cruel.
- I've learned... that true friendship continues to grow even over the longest distance and time.
- I've learned... that no matter how much I care, some people just don't care back.
- I've learned... that you should always leave loved ones with loving words. It may be the last time you'll see them.
- I've learned... that no matter how good a friend is, they're going to hurt you every once in a while, and you must forgive them for that.
- I've learned... that you cannot make someone love you. All you can do is be someone who can be loved. The rest is up to them.
- I've learned... that it takes years to build up trust and only seconds to destroy it....

# Birthday Arcade - November



# DIWALI, THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

## THINGS PEOPLE DO ON DIWALI

Before Diwali night, people clean, renovate, and decorate their homes and offices. On Diwali night, people dress up in new clothes or their best outfit, light up diyas (lamps and candles) inside and outside their home, participate in family puja (prayers). After puja, fireworks follow, then a family feast including mithai (sweets), and an exchange of gifts between family members and close friends. Deepavali also marks a major shopping period in nations where it is celebrated. People buy new clothes for themselves and their families, as well as gifts, appliances, kitchen utensils, even expensive items such as cars and gold jewellery. People also buy gifts for family members and friends which typically include sweets, dry fruits, and seasonal specialties depending on regional harvest and customs. It is also the period when children hear ancient stories, legends about battles between good and evil or light and darkness from their parents and elders. Girls and women go shopping and create rangoli and other creative patterns on floors, near doors and walkways. Youth and

adults alike help with lighting and preparing for patakhe (fireworks).

## SIGNIFICANCE OF DIYA

A Diya or an earthen lamp is synonymous to the festival of Deepavali or Diwali. Diyas adorn every corner of the house on this very auspicious day and add fervour to the festive spirit which is accompanied by a number of delicacies to gorge on, bright and new clothes to wear, splash of rangoli on the floor and above all a time for families and friends to get together.

## SWEETS

Diwali is the festival of lights, crackers and sweets. Day before the festival, the women in the family start preparing traditional delicacies for the family and friends. On Diwali there is a custom to exchange sweets to friends and neighbors that is why Diwali can't even be imagined without sweets. The list of diwali special sweets is exhaustive. The festival is complete without sweets, sweet dishes are the most popular dishes of diwali.



SHARON MANOJ  
11A  
STUDENT EDITOR

## EPICTIONARY

- Calumny - false accusation of an offense.**  
Eg: The best way for you to defend yourself against calumny is by ignoring the false statements of others.
- Exacerbate - make worse.**  
Eg: My headache started to exacerbate when my daughter played her loud music.
- Inane - devoid of intelligence.**  
Eg: Your idea about eating plastic fruit is totally inane.
- Licentious - lacking moral discipline.**

- Ostracism - the act of excluding someone from society by general consent.**  
Eg: The conflict between the two leaders ended in the ostracism of Aristides.

Eg: His mask of veneration slowly turned into a licentious grin.

Eg: The conflict between the two leaders ended in the ostracism of Aristides.

# 'PARADIGM 2016'

## SHOWCASED MULTIFARIOUS TALENTS OF ICSK (SENIOR) STUDENTS

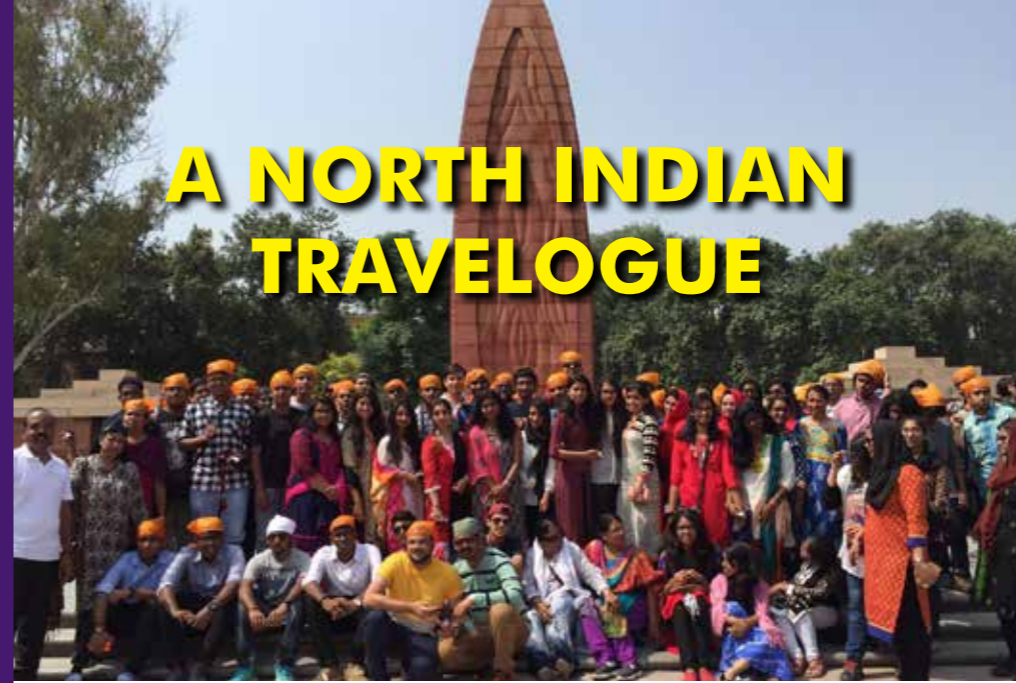


The Indian Community School (Senior) Kuwait organized the School Arts Fest- 'PARADIGM 2016' on 19th and 20th of October 2016. Education aims at the all-round development of an individual and the components for the same include skills in Art, Music and Literature in addition to Academics. Paradigm was an ideal platform where a synchronization of intelligence and talents blended at its best. Undoubtedly, 'Paradigm 2016' paved a magnificent opportunity for the students of The Indian Community School (Senior) Kuwait to polish and display their multifarious talents.

the lamp, symbolically denoting the journey from darkness to light. Brigadier General Md. Nasimul Gani, afwc, psc was the Chief Guest of the occasion. Dr. V. Binumon, Principal & Senior Administrator-ICSK, Kuwait welcomed the gathering. The honorary members of the ICSK Board of Trustees graced the occasion with their presence. The deputy Convener of 'PARADIGM-2016', Dr. Sam T.Kuruvila delivered the introductory speech and Joint Convener Mr. Sunish Mathew extended the gratitude to the esteemed guests in his Vote of Thanks.

The competitions were conducted under category 4&5 respectively on stage 1 and 2 for Secondary and Senior secondary students. It was highly commendable and laudable that 70% of students participated in this kaleidoscope of 83 events, both off stage as well as on stage. Moreover, there was a massive crowd on both venues to witness the exhilarating performance of students by blending ancient and modern expressions, classical and popular elements from both the Indian and the Western cultures. 'Paradigm 2016' fully served its objective to develop the aesthetic leadership and advocacy for

the curricular and co-curricular development in an individual. Master Abel Chris secured maximum point individually under category 4 and won the title of KALAPRATHIBHA and Miss Shilpa Shaji Mohan was given the certificate and Trophy for the KALATHILAK for the same category. Under category 5 Master Muhammad Basil secured maximum points individually and won the title of KALAPRATHIBHA and Miss Fatema was adjudged the KALATHILAK. The Chief Guest of the Valedictory function was Shri Shubashis Goldar, Deputy Chief of Mission & Chief Public Information Officer (The Indian Embassy) who gave away the prizes for the winners on the occasion. Renowned guests, parents, ICSK alumni & honorary BOTs enriched the occasion with their auspicious presence and the grand finale of 'Paradigm 2016' culminated with the Vote of Thanks by Dr. Sam T. Kuruvila.



# A NORTH INDIAN TRAVELOGUE

The evening of 3rd September found the school grounds full of chattering teenagers setting foot on a week long journey. Nearly 150 students, accompanied by 12 teachers boarded the aircraft to Delhi, India via Doha. On reaching India, the group spent an entire day travelling by bus from Delhi to Shimla on the 4th of September. Most days of travelling fostered late night arrivals at fancy hotels, spread across North India by reason of vast distances. Each hotel, as each day, was unique to itself. The cool, fresh Himalayan air inspired a sense of beauty and tranquility and the breath taking grandeur of the mountain was spellbinding.

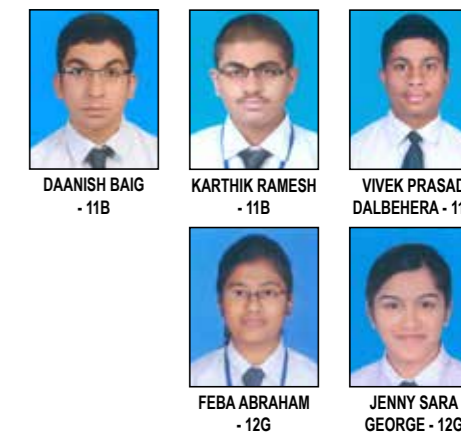
## The tour coiled around Shimla, Manali via Kullu and Amritsar.

Shimla: Shimla stands on a mountainside, with its long winding roads and green views. The students visited the Green Valley and the Kufri Hills where they split to either visit the zoo or to go horse riding. In the evening, they were let loose to visit touristic highlights; Mall Road donned with items pertaining to the local culture. A bonfire was held on the last night at Shimla in celebration of Teachers' Day where students showcased their talents. On the way to Manali, they stopped at a shawl factory in Kullu.



Manali: Manali, a high-altitude Himalayan resort town, was absolutely breathtaking with the constantly changing landscapes, varying heights and depths and the River Beas running all the way through. The students visited Solang Valley which is a picturesque destination. A group of students went up a hill by cable cars and the other batch went bike riding. On their way to the Hadimba Temple, they got to see natural hot and cold springs. The Temple, surrounded by a cedar forest at the foot of the Himalayas, enabled the students to recapture the age of the Pandavas. They also had the privilege to go zip-lining. Some of them were taken shopping. Later that day, the students enjoyed a DJ night organized by the hotel and teachers.

Amritsar: Amritsar is a metropolitan city




with its busy roads and touristic spots. The students visited Jallianwala Bagh which invoked a sense of patriotism in them. They also visited the Golden Temple which is a marvel in itself. This temple welcomes more than one lakh worshippers on a daily basis. A key attraction of the shrine is its reflection in the Temple pond. Langar is an open kitchen run on unasked charity. The Students had their lunch there at the Golden Temple. A few students also got the opportunity to witness the display of exaggerated marching and other coordinated moves by the Indian armed forces at the Wagah Border between India and Pakistan. The ceremony commenced with a parade by soldiers on both sides of the border.

This educational tour helped the students to discover the rich history of their country. India truly is a land of diversity with the most profound of unity spiraling to the very heart of the nation.

The team set out on their journey back to Kuwait on the same day. The next day at the Kuwait airport, parents were greeted by happy faces.



# CAPTAINS & VICE CAPTAINS - NOVEMBER 2016

<b>CLASS 12A</b>  JOSHUA ABRAHAM	 FATHIMA R. ASOKAN	<b>CLASS 12B</b>  RAYYAN ABUBUCKER	 STEPHANIA SAJI V.	<b>CLASS 12C</b>  BISMY M. K.	 CHELSEY A. SAM	<b>CLASS 12D</b>  JOAN SURESH PETER	 SWETHA S. RAMAN	<b>CLASS 12E</b>  NADA	 GLADSON BABU
<b>CLASS 12F</b>  K. RABAB YUSUF	 SAKINA	<b>CLASS 12G</b>  MADHUMITA VENUGOPAL	 SHREYA SUDHIR	<b>CLASS 12J</b>  RONALD ANTHONY	 MOHAMMED AZIZ	<b>CLASS 12K</b>  MUSTAFA TAHER ALI	 MELITA STEPHANIC	<b>CLASS 11A</b>  SIDDHARTH ABY	 ABHINAV GIRISH
<b>CLASS 11B</b>  KEENAN L. D'SOUZA	 KARTHIK SUBRAMANIAN	<b>CLASS 11C</b>  ADITHYA NARAYAN	 STEFFI BIJU V.	<b>CLASS 11D</b>  ADON ANTONY K.	 YADHU KRISHNA	<b>CLASS 11E</b>  HANAN HASHIM	 SALAMUDEEN T.	<b>CLASS 11F</b>  DIVYA SARAH M.	 ABDULLA FAWAZ
<b>CLASS 11G</b>  AKHLIL	 ADARSH REJI	<b>CLASS 11H</b>  SARAH JOHNSON	 ALBAN ANTONY	<b>CLASS 11I</b>  RUBIYA SALEEM	 BURHANUDDIN JUZER	<b>CLASS 11J</b>  FAHADA ARIF	 ZEENATHUL HASNA	<b>CLASS 11K</b>  MOHAMMED GHADAFI	 EGAN L. COLACO
<b>CLASS 11L</b>  SAAGAR KADYAN	 AMATULLAH	<b>CLASS 10A</b>  RESHMA SARAH M.	 ALAN K. EBY	<b>CLASS 10B</b>  MUSKAN KAUR	 BERTILLA RITHU	<b>CLASS 10C</b>  MOYNA P. MOHNISH	 ABHIJITH SATHEESH	<b>CLASS 10E</b>  MARYAM JAFAR	 SHAIK ASIF
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## QUOTE GARDEN

"The best way to predict your future is to create it." - *Abraham Lincoln*  
 "Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there." - *Will Rogers*  
 "Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time." - *Thomas A. Edison*  
 "Success comes in cans; failure in cant's" - *Wilfred Peterson*  
 "Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly." - *Robert F. Kennedy*

## GOOD WILL AMBASSADORS



CLEONA NATASHR FERNANDEZ - 9C



ALMAZ HABEEBUN NAZAR - 11C

Know our Territory

# Lakshadweep



Formation	: 1 November 1956
Capital	: Kavaratti
Area	: 32 km <sup>2</sup> (12 sq mi)
Population	: 65,473 (2011 Census)
Density	: 2,000/km <sup>2</sup>
Languages	: Malayalam, English Mahl (Dhivehi) is spoken on Minicoy Island.
Ethnicity	: 84.33% Malayali 15.67% Mahls



Lakshadweep Tourist Map

Kalpeni are included in the list of the tourist attractions of Lakshadweep group of islands. Tall green coconut palms create spectacular beauty and transform this land into a tropical paradise. The calm waters of the lagoons are home for an amazing, colourful exotic underwater marine life. Out in the open sea, Dolphins, Turtles, Tuna, Rays and Flying fish can be sighted.



Lakshadweep, formerly known as the Laccadive, Minicoy, and Aminidivi Islands is a group of islands in the Laccadive Sea (in The Arabian Sea) 200 to 440 kilometres off the south western coast of India. The archipelago is the smallest Union Territory of India and is governed by the Union Government of India. Their total surface area is just 32 km<sup>2</sup> and the lagoon area covers about 4,200 km<sup>2</sup> and the exclusive economic zone area 400,000 km<sup>2</sup>. The region forms a single Indian district with ten sub divisions. It consists of twelve coral atolls, three coral reefs, five banks, and numerous islets. It is under the jurisdiction of Kerala High Court. Kavaratti is the capital of this union territory.

Due to its isolation and scenic appeal, Lakshadweep was already known as a tourist attraction for Indians since 1974 and earns significant revenue. In the absence of industries, the government is actively promoting tourism as a means of income in Bangaram and Kadmat islands which are projected as a major destinations for international tourism. Marine fauna are plentiful. Water sports activities such as scuba diving, wind surfing, snorkelling, surfing, kayaking, canoeing, water skiing, sportfishing, yachting and night-voyages into the sea are quite popular activities among tourists.



It is a famous tourist destination and has many state-of-the-art hotels. Among these only a few islands are accessible to the tourists. The Kavaratti, Minicoy, Bangaram, Kadamat and

The inhabited islands of Lakshadweep are Aminidivi, Minicoy, Laccadive, Cannanore, Bitra, Kiltan, Bangaram, Chetlat, Kadmat, Amini, Kavaratti, Agatti, Androth and Kalpeni. These islands are mainly inhabited by a community of people whose major economic activities are agriculture and fishing. There is little economic inequality in Lakshadweep and the poverty index is low. Coconut cultivation is also a major economic activity of the people here. Coconut fibre extraction and production of fibre products is Lakshadweep's main industry. There are five coir fibre factories, five production demonstration centres and seven fibre curling units run by the government of

India. These units produce coir fibre, coir yarn, curled fibre and corridor mattings. Fishing is the main livelihood of the islanders. Eleven workshops in islands and two boat building yards cater to the needs of fishermen. There are 375 boats in operation in Lakshadweep.

The Lakshadweep Archipelago forms a terrestrial ecoregion together with the Maldives and the Chagos. It has over 600 species of marine fishes, 78 species of corals, 82 species of seaweed, 52 species of crabs, 2 species of lobsters, 48 species of gastropods, 12 species of bivalves, 101 species of birds. It is one of the four coral reef regions in India. The corals are a major attraction for the tourist. Pitti Island has been declared a bird sanctuary.

Visitors appreciated the people of these islands for their wonderful hospitality. They are peace loving and have a community based lifestyle. Most people of Lakshadweep are descendants of migrants from the Malabar Coast of southwest India and the islanders are ethnically similar to coastal Kerala's Malayali people. More than 93% of the population who are indigenous, are Muslims and the majority of them belong to the Shafi School of the Sunni Sect. The southernmost and second largest island of Minicoy has an ethnically Mahls population that are native to the Maldives.

# CHARITY FUND

## BALANCE SHEET FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2016

INCOME (SEPTEMBER)	KD	EXPENDITURE (SEPTEMBER)	KD
Balance c/f from September	4035.635	Mr. Shaikh Abdul Hafeez	150.000
		Mrs. Indravathy Kehelwath	150.000
		Mrs. Vanitah Honnaya Poojary	150.000
			450.000
Balance from September	3585.635		
Contribution from students (October)	330.275		
Contribution from Staff & Well Wisher (October)	107.000		
Balance in hand	4022.910		

## BIRTHDAY AND CHARITY FUND FOR OCTOBER 2016

CLASS / SEC	Birthday Fund	Charity Fund	Sub Total	CLASS / SEC	Birthday Fund	Charity Fund	Sub Total
XII A	-	6.215	6.215	XI I	-	5.115	5.115
XII B	11.000	12.280	23.280	XI J	-	2.230	2.230
XII C	-	11.025	11.025	XI K	-	2.095	2.095
XII D	5.000	4.080	9.080	XI L	2.000	3.500	5.500
XII E	2.000	1.650	3.650	X A	2.000	17.105	19.105
XII F	13.000	4.550	17.550	X B	-	5.915	5.915
XII G	-	15.170	15.170	X C	-	5.700	5.700
XII J	-	2.535	2.535	X E	-	2.730	2.730
XII K	-	1.265	1.265	X F	-	6.145	6.145
XI A	5.000	26.340	31.340	IX A	2.000	5.560	7.560
XI B	5.000	5.685	10.685	IX B	1.000	10.305	11.305
XI C	-	23.000	23.000	IX C	8.000	13.395	21.395
XI D	-	11.100	11.100	VIII A	-	4.235	4.235
XI E	1.250	7.065	8.315	VIII B	17.000	2.975	19.975
XI F	-	5.305	5.305	VIII C	5.000	6.400	11.400
XI G	3.000	11.890	14.890			<b>82.250</b>	<b>248.025</b>
XI H	-	5.465	5.465				<b>330.275</b>



## ICSK SENIOR STUDENTS EXCELS IN HINDI ACHIEVER AND DINKAR POETRY AWARDS

Habeeb Talha Shahan has won the award for the highest marks in Hindi in class 10 Examination. In Original poetry in Hindi by Students, Hinal Srivastav Eden Rosario and Rupali Jain were recognized & in recitation of Hindi poetry VI-VIII Muskan Singh, Alifiya Abbas Gheewala Hiba Hameed & Samreen Pathima. were given certificates. In Hindi poetry recitation for classes IX-X Yash. D. Thakkar Imad .F. Kasim, Miria Johnson, Eman Hashim and Zahabiya were the winners.



# INAUGURATION OF THE COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT @ICSK



The Indian Community School (Senior) Kuwait witnessed an extraordinary inaugural ceremony of the Dept. of counselling on 13th October 2016. According to the modern education concept the school counsellors are vital members of the education team. The main objective of the Counselling department is to help all students in the areas of academic achievement; personal/ social development and career development, ensuring today's students become the productive, well-adjusted adults of tomorrow.

School counsellors are an important part of the educational leadership team and provide valuable assistance to students regardless of whether they work in an elementary school or middle school, high school or beyond.

































The programme began with invoking the blessings of the God Almighty. Dr.V.Binumon, Senior Administrator & Principal ICSK (Senior) welcomed the august gathering and introduced the chief guest Dr.Joanne Hands, Director-Kuwait Counselling

Centre to the audience. On this auspicious occasion, Dr.Joanne Hands Inaugurated the Counselling department and traditionally lighted the lamp along with other dignitaries. Dr. Hands expressed her great happiness and appreciated the department of Counselling for taking a new endeavour for the wellbeing of the Indian Community. She also whole heartedly offered her all support for the further growth.

Mrs. Asha Sharma, Kuwait Cluster Convener, felicitated the occasion and emphasized in her speech about the benefits of having an advanced counselling centre in Kuwait. She also appreciated the effort taken by the Department of Counselling. The programme coordinator, Mr.Riaz, a faculty from the Department of Psychology spoke on the occasion about the merits of the counselling. Mrs .Aarushi, a teaching faculty of the same Department conducted a power point presentation, explaining the scope of counselling. Mr. K. Gangadhar Shirsath, Principal ICSK –Khaitan, Father Lionel Braganza, Principal Don Bosco – Kuwait were present to grace the occasion.

The meeting was over with the vote of thanks by Mr. Shirsath, Principal, ICSK – Khaitan.

## CHARITY CONVENORS - NOVEMBER 2016

 SANDRA ELSA SAJI - 12A	 ROSERANI JOSE THOTTAN - 12B	 MAYOOKHA BALAKRISHNAN - 12C	 RICHARD BERNARD - 12D	 SIMRAN CHABBA - 12E	 MARIYAM - 12F	 SHEJIN CHRISTO - 12G	 YOUSIF KALATI - 12J	 MOHAMMED ISMAL - 12K
 DIYA MARY VARGHESE - 11A	 ADARSH ASHOK - 11B	 NEVIN JAISON - 11C	 LIZINA STEPHANY CRASTO - 11D	 ZAHABIYA - 11E	 SWATHI NANDA KUMAR - 11F	 NANDITA MARIAM THOMAS - 11G	 HASSAN MOHD MUKHTAR - 11H	 ABDULHADI H. - 11I
 HAMMAD ALI ASHRAF - 11J	 MELVIN MANOJ MATHEW - 11K	 S. ABDUL HAMID - 11L	 CLIFTON GEORGE SAMUEL - 10A	 MOHAMMED ABDUL ADNAN - 10B	 LARSEN LAWRENCE GOMES - 10C	 S. WASSIM AHMED - 10E	 JENSSEN MARSH - 10F	
 JERIN THOMAS - 9A	 ALI RIYAZ WASTA - 9B	 PRENZILA SARILDA ABREU - 9C	 AMAL RAWOOT - 8A	 FATHIMA JIHAN JALEEL - 8B	 ALLEN MATHEW JACOB - 8C			

# WORLD in a Nutshell

October 2016



**Indian NGO bags UN climate award for clean energy project:** An Indian NGO, Swayam Shikshan Prayog, has bagged the UN climate award this year. The NGO, which trains women to become clean energy entrepreneurs across Maharashtra and Bihar, is one of the 13 projects to be recognised at the forthcoming UN climate summit in Marrakesh in November.



**A deadly Hurricane Mathew closes in on Florida:** Hurricane Matthew pelted Florida with heavy rains as the deadly storm steamed ever closer to the coast with potentially catastrophic winds of 130 mph. Two million people across the Southeast were warned to flee inland. It was the most powerful storm to threaten the U.S. Atlantic coast in more than a decade, and had already left more than 280 dead in its wake across the Caribbean.



**Putin scraps plutonium disposal deal with U.S.** Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered a halt to an agreement with the United States on plutonium disposal, citing Washington's "unfriendly actions". The two countries recommitted to the deal in 2010.



**No re-evaluation of Class 12 marks from 2017:** CBSE: The Central Board of Secondary Education will discontinue the practice of re-evaluation of marks for all subjects from 2017. As of now, the board re-evaluates the marks for Class 12 students, for 10 of the roughly 250 subjects, if a student is not satisfied with marks. The practice of re-evaluation, however, is not old: it has begun in 2014.



**Modi congratulates ISRO:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Indian space scientists for successful launch of the communication satellite, GSAT-18, calling it "another milestone for our space programme. The Indian communication satellite GSAT-18 was successfully put into orbit by Ariane 5 rocket belonging to French company Arianespace.



**Obama celebrates Diwali, lights first-ever diya in Oval Office :** US President Barack Obama has celebrated Diwali by lighting the first-ever diya in the Oval Office of the White House and hoped that his successors would continue the tradition.



**Cambodia's first post-Khmer Rouge prime minister dies at 80 :** Former Cambodian Prime Minister Pen Sovann, who was installed then imprisoned by the Vietnamese after they defeated the brutal Khmer Rouge regime, has died. He was 80.



**Imprisoned Chinese minority scholar given human rights award:** A group of leading rights organisations has awarded its annual prize for human rights defenders to imprisoned Chinese Muslim minority economics professor Ilham Tohti, shining new attention on a case that has brought strong international condemnation. The Martin Ennals Award is bestowed by Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and eight other human rights groups.



**Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej, world's longest-reigning monarch, dies:** Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej (88), who was the world's longest reigning monarch, passed away at Siriraj Hospital peacefully," the palace said, adding that he died at 3.52 p.m. local time (2.22 p.m. IST). His son and heir apparent, 63-year old Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn, is expected to become the new king.



**Indians reap Facebook 'Bug Bounty':** Facebook Inc.'s 'Bug Bounty' program has made its highest payout to security researchers in India over the past five years. The program that rewards researchers for finding bugs, which make the social networking site and other group products including WhatsApp vulnerable to risks, has paid in excess of \$5 million to more than 900 researchers worldwide since the start of the program.



**India, Russia sign deal on information security:** India and Russia on Saturday sealed a deal on 'information security' aimed at countering terrorism, drug trafficking and other illegal cross-border activities.



**Gandhian activist Mewa Ramgobin dies at 83:** South African struggle icon and Gandhian activist Mewa Ramgobin has died at the age of 83 after a prolonged illness. Ramgobin, the former president of the Natal Indian Congress which fought discrimination against Indians in South Africa, breathed his last at a Cape Town hospital. Ramgobin was married to Ela Gandhi, a human rights activist and Mahatma Gandhi's granddaughter.



**Maradona's former house turned into museum in Argentina :** The home where Maradona lived as a teenager while playing for Argentinos Juniors recently opened to the public, becoming a new shrine for the soccer legend. Items that belonged to soccer legend Diego Armando Maradona are displayed inside his old home in Buenos Aires, Argentina.



**Dams close to glacial lakes in Himalayas under flood threat :** Of the 177 hydropower projects (HPP) located close to Himalayan glaciers over a fifth - including many in India - could be under threat from floods caused by the outbursts of glacial lakes, European researchers have warned.

# art gallery



CHELSEA SAJU  
11 A



ASMA PARWEZ  
9 A



ARSHIDA ABDUL  
KADER - 11I



MALAIKA  
10-A



LORINE GIGI  
12 G

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JESSICA ANN LEJO  
8C



RUDRA VIPUL PATEL  
9B



RITHIKHA RAGHUPATHY  
10A

### SENIOR SECONDARY



NILAY PRAFULKUMAR  
THUMMAR  
11C - SCIENCE



NITYA KAPOOR  
11G - COMMERCE



GAYATHRI NAIR  
11J - HUMANITIES

### SENIOR SECONDARY



VRITIKA VIJAYAL NAIK  
12A - SCIENCE



VINEETHA REBECCA  
JACOB  
12D - COMMERCE



NAMRITA SHANKAR  
12G - HUMANITIES

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# BEST CLASSES

## OCTOBER 2016

### TELEPHONE METADATA CAN EXPOSE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION!!

Researchers at the Stanford University performed cunning, guile, yet an interesting study and published a paper recently on the exposure of information through our cell phones. It is astonishing to know that it is possible to glean this much information with just telephone metadata.



KARTHIKEYAN  
- 11 C

Telephone metadata (it is the number of phone calls, durations, and phone numbers of our phone calls) is one of the less protected and vulnerable data of the present age. Even though the actual content of the calls is well protected, not much importance is given to this type of data.

Researcher Patrick Mutchler and his colleagues at Stanford, with the help of a telecom company used an application which would silently collect information from the phones of the volunteers for this study. This app pulled metadata out and they collected this information from the telecoms. The actual words spoken or the content of the messages weren't available, but the results were appalling enough.

They made an extraordinary profile of the volunteers by analysing this data. They first found the owners of phone numbers through FB, Google and other networking sites. Then they checked the numbers which they called the most. From analysing the duration, frequency of calls they made their volunteers' profiles.

This discovery is very shocking and so now steps are being taken to protect this type of data as well.

#### Secondary



FIRST - VIII C

#### Senior



FIRST - XI A



SECOND - X A



SECOND - XII B



THIRD - IX B



THIRD - XI B

## Forth coming Events



- INDIAN SCHOOLS' MEGA ARTS FEST
- SPORTS DAY
- SHRAMDAAN
- INTER HOUSE COMPETITION-Vegetable Gardening
- INAUGURATION- Social Awareness Club



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