

THE VANVERSE



BRICS SUMMIT



India hosted the 18th BRICS Summit at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on September 12–13, 2026, under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, with the theme "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability." It was India's fourth BRICS chairmanship, following 2012, 2016 and 2021.

Eleven full members and several partner and outreach nations attended, including leaders from Kazakhstan, the Philippines, Malaysia and Uganda, in addition to Brazil, Russia, India,

China, South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

The leaders discussed reforms of global governance, trade, reducing use of the US dollar, energy security, critical minerals, technology cooperation, health and disaster preparedness, and the West Asia conflict. On the first day of the summit, they unanimously adopted the New Delhi Declaration, which condemned terrorism, including the April 2025 Pahalgam attack, and endorsed a two-state solution for Israel-Palestine. The declaration also called for a BRICS early warning system for disease and disaster preparedness. India then passed the chairmanship to China, which will host the 2027 summit.

The summit is seen to have been a success for India, as despite sharp disagreements between members on the West Asia conflict, all 11 countries reached unanimous consensus on the declaration — an impressive diplomatic achievement for India's chairmanship.

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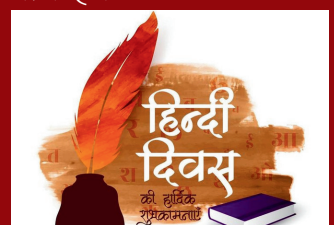
पर आयोजित निबंध प्रतियोगिता में से एक निबंध हम यहाँ प्रस्तुत कर रहे हैं:

प्लास्टिक प्रदूषण: विकास या विनाश?

प्लास्टिक ने आधुनिक जीवन को आसान बनाया है, पैकेजिंग से लेकर चिकित्सा उपकरणों तक। लेकिन इसकी सुविधा ने पर्यावरण को भारी नुकसान पहुँचाया है। हर साल लाखों टन प्लास्टिक कचरा नदियों और समुद्रों में पहुँचता है, जिससे जलीय जीवन खतरे में पड़ जाता है। मिट्टी में प्लास्टिक सैकड़ों वर्षों तक नष्ट नहीं होता, जिससे उर्वरता कम होती है। माइक्रोप्लास्टिक अब हमारे भोजन और पानी में भी मिलने लगा है, जो मानव स्वास्थ्य के लिए गंभीर खतरा बन गया है। सवाल यह है कि क्या यह वास्तव में विकास है या विनाश की ओर बढ़ता एक खतरनाक कदम है। इसका समाधान

पुनर्वक्रण, वैकल्पिक सामग्री और जिम्मेदार उपभोग अपनाने में है।

संतुलित सोच और सतत विकास ही असली प्रगति का मार्ग है।



-TEJASWINI PANDEY

NEWS



GUKESH STRANDED

HIMACHAL PRADESH ATTAINS 99.55% LITERACY; RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD



Himachal Pradesh has achieved 99.55 per cent literacy under the New India Literacy Programme (ULLAS). The state was felicitated on Tuesday, International Literacy Day, with a national award for development in the educational field. The education minister of Himachal Pradesh, Rohit Thakur, received the honour on behalf of the state in the national capital, Delhi and expressed his gratitude to teachers, students, and government officials for the achievement.

THE NEPAL FLOOD CRISIS



Nepal faced severe flooding in August after intense monsoon rainfall caused rivers, including the Trishuli River, to overflow. Floodwaters swept through several areas, damaging homes, roads and bridges and leaving families stranded. Rescue teams and local volunteers worked tirelessly to evacuate people from affected areas. Boats and other rescue equipment were deployed to reach communities surrounded by floodwater. The disaster has once again highlighted the vulnerability of Himalayan communities to extreme weather, climate change and inadequate disaster preparedness. As the waters rise, Nepal faces an urgent call for stronger disaster preparedness and more resilient communities.

INDONESIAN WILDFIRES LEAD GLOBAL EMISSIONS, DATA REVEALS

Indonesia is facing a surge in emissions from wildfires burning through parched stretches of forest and peatland on the islands of Borneo and Sumatra, with carbon dioxide readings currently the highest in the world,

IRAN AND US HIT TANKERS IN BIGGEST WAVE OF ATTACKS ON SHIPPING SINCE WAR BEGAN

Iran said on Wednesday it had attacked 10 ships near the Strait of Hormuz after the U.S. sank five Iranian oil tankers, in the biggest declared wave of tit-for-tat attacks on shipping by both sides since the start of the six-month-old war.

The attacks sent the price of oil surging, with benchmark Brent crude futures breaching \$100 a barrel for the first time since July. At least one seafarer aboard a tanker was reported killed and another listed as missing.

SCIENCE CORNER

A discarded SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket stage struck the Moon on 5 August. Researchers subsequently studied the crater created by the impact.

VERSE & VOICES

Daffodils

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company
I gazed and gazed but little thought
What wealth the show to me had
brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

-WILLIAM WORDSWORTH.

THE LONELINESS PARADOX

The Paradox of Being Alone

A thousand friends online, yet no
one to call, a hundred chats open,
yet silence through it all.

We sail in perfect seconds, We laugh
at every shot, But behind the shining
screens, Sometimes we are lost.

We like, we share, we comment and
link, but what we really want is
someone who understands.

Always on the web But never really
here, Surrounded by so many But
wishing someone would care.

Maybe loneliness isn't when you're
alone maybe it's when you're

invisible in a world that never stops
Put the phone down, look someone in
the eyes, start a conversation and let
the silence pass.

Because sometimes, one real
connection is worth more than a
thousand online.

-AKSHARA GUPTA

THE PRAYER I CARRY

The sky seeks answer for the
prayers I wish I asked

The hue whispers the remorse of
those prayers

When shall I pray ?

Or am I the prey-

When shall I seek an answer?

Or am I the prancer

I will crave for more and more and
more

Like an atheist searching for a soul

Like the clouds in the lost night

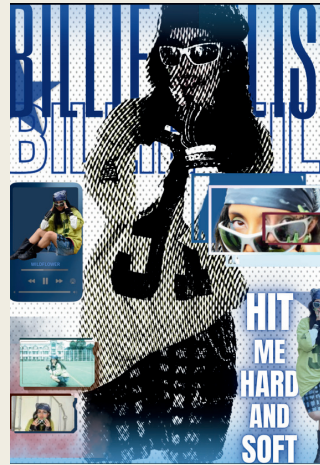
For I am meant to crave but not get
all my might.

— KRITTIKA SARKAR

BITS & PIECES



Teachers Day was celebrated with enthusiasm and gratitude through lively performances, fun activities, games and special moments dedicated to our teachers.



As part of the Milestone project, students had to create a digital poster featuring an artist. We chose Billie Eilish as our inspiration and created a digital poster designed by Amairah, Kashvi and Ipsa.



As part of the Milestone project, Astha and Tanvi designed and created an original dress, showcasing their creativity and fashion skills.



Grade 8 students visited the Forest Research Institute (FRI), exploring its rich history, architecture and fascinating world of forestry and research.



The school hosted a three day Western Music Workshop for students across all grades, ending with a showcase where participants presented what they had learned.

During nutrition week our school hosted an exciting cooking competition on Saturday, bringing together creativity, teamwork and a love for food. Students prepared a variety of delicious and healthy dishes, showcasing their culinary skills and innovative ideas. The event was a perfect blend of fun, flavour and learning.

COOKING CHALLENGER competition





TEEN SCOOP

OLIVIA RODRIGO BAJA BLAST: PRETTY IN PINK

Olivia Rodrigo and Taco Bell just gave Baja Blast a seriously pretty makeover. You Seem Pretty Pink for a Baja Blast mixes the classic tropical lime Baja Blast with a refreshing pink lemonade twist, creating a bright pink sip inspired by Olivia's latest musical era. It's playful, refreshing and basically Baja Blast in its pop star era.



ALUMNI MEET-UP EVENT

Univariety conducted an engaging Alumni Meet-up, bringing together our past students and the current student community for an insightful interaction. Our alumni shared valuable experiences and guidance on career planning, future exploration, effective communication and making informed choices. Their journeys offered students a practical perspective on life beyond school and the many possibilities ahead.



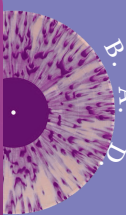
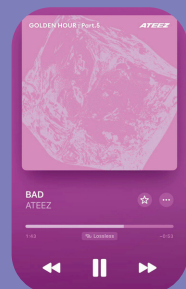
4B MOVEMENT

What if saying "no" became a movement? Emerging in South Korea, the 4B movement centres on four refusals: no dating, no sexual relationships, no marriage and no childbirth. It grew from conversations around gender equality, independence and the expectations placed on women.

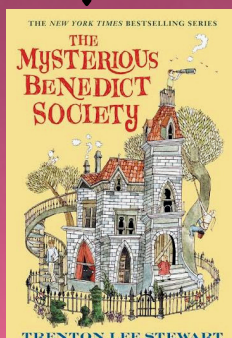
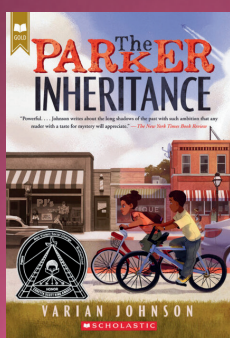
But 4B is bigger than just four "nos". It raises a question worth thinking about: Should society decide what our future is supposed to look like? For many, the movement represents the freedom to make personal choices without being boxed in by traditional expectations.

The takeaway: Your life isn't a template and your choices don't need society's approval.

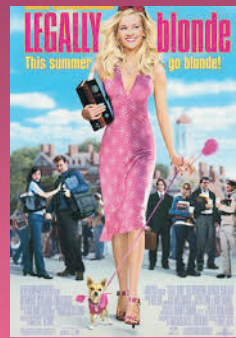
THE PLAYLIST



BOOK CORNER



CINEMA PICKS



1. Two kids uncover a decades-old mystery and letter left behind by their town's past, exposing buried secrets of racism and justice.

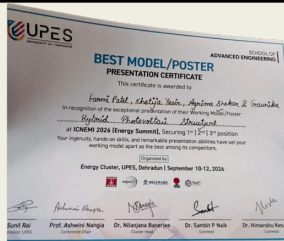
2. Four gifted orphans go undercover at a strange academy to stop a genius villain's mind-control scheme.

1. A bubbly sorority queen heads to Harvard Law to win back her ex, and proves brains and style aren't mutually exclusive.

2. Sherlock's teenage sister strikes out on her own, using sharp wit and disguise to solve mysteries and outsmart her famous brother.



ACHIEVEMENTS



Our Falcons proudly participated in the Energy Summit at UPES, showcasing creativity, teamwork, and innovation. Their efforts earned them the **Second Prize and a ₹3,000 cash prize**, making the school proud.

Our Falcons showcased skill and precision at the Inter-House Shooting Competition, with all three houses giving their best. **Phoenix House secured 1st place, Thunderbird House 2nd place, and Griffin House 3rd place.**



Our Falcons showcased their acting talent at an inter-school drama competition at Kasiga School, securing **2nd place and making the school proud.** They also had the exciting opportunity to interact with Alia Bhatt.



Our Falcons showcased creativity and talent in the Inter-House Board Display Competition. **Griffin House currently leads in 1st, Phoenix in 2nd, and Thunderbird in 3rd. These standings are provisional and may change.**



Our falcons participated in the Heerla Go Green Competition by Red FM, bringing their creativity, innovation, and passion for sustainability to the forefront. With a fresh idea and an innovative approach, they showcased how young minds can turn simple concepts into meaningful solutions for a greener future.



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