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CBSE Permanent Affiliation Certificate to ICSK



It is a red letter day in the annals of ICSK, the pioneer institution of Kuwait, to get the permanent affiliation from CBSE. No other schools in Kuwait have this rare honour.

Central Board of Secondary Education was established in 1952 and reconstituted in 1962 expanding its jurisdiction stretching beyond the geographical boundaries. From 309 schools in 1962, the Board today has 15799 schools including 197 schools in 23 countries.

The Indian Community School, Kuwait was established on 5th May, 1959. Since its inception it is providing excellent education exclusively for Indian children.

Criteria for affiliation: The Board has to approve the quality of education provided by the said school. The average result of the school in the last three years must be above the average performance of classes X and XII of the Board. Moreover, the school has to strive for excellence in Co curricular activities. Therefore the track record of school is an essential aspect for CBSE affiliation.

ICSK has been recognized as CBSE Examination Centre, NIOS Examination Centre and CBSE Nodal Centre for Evidence of Assessment.

At this time, we pay homage to the founders of this renowned institution who envisioned the idea of a school for Indian Community in Kuwait. We believe that the management will pass on the torch lit by the visionaries to the future generations to ignite the passion to excel.



My dear Children,
You may be little stressed with the thought of examinations. Be happy and make this exam as a positive experience. You will succeed in the coming exams. The best is to enjoy what you have but keep trying for more and better. Remain in Action mode with right intentions. Do not think about results, the awards which will automatically come. As in cricket, runs will keep coming as long as you stay at the wicket.

God, your parents, your family, teachers, society and country. Say 'Thank You' and make it your favourite word. Negativity in mostly insignificant small things like not appreciating anything good, always harping on bad or expecting bad to happen, blaming and criticizing as if there are rewards for that, habit of complaining and grumbling, losing temper, uncooperative attitude towards friends, being selfish and greedy, such vanities which make us unpopular and unpleasant to be with. Maintain your dignity and grace. Be helpful and kind, say less, listen more. Do not compare with others. You are decidedly towards an incredible goal called Positivity.

While you focus on staying at the wicket, remember the following FOUR 'Ps':

- 1. PRAYER :** When you walk the way guided by humanly desires and selfish motifs, you will find hopeless end. But if you walk the way guided by Goodness, God and Spirituality, you will find endless hope and unlimited opportunities. Just count your blessings. Life is an endless joy if you embrace positivity and look for good in your heart and prayer on your lips. Just fill your heart and mind with gratitude for the One who has provided so many things of joy and happiness. Prayer is the Mobile which connects you with Him. It never fails, needs no recharge and always in full charge mode.
- 3. POSITIVITY:** Nature has given us total negativity as birthday gift. Positivity has to be instilled, best done in childhood. Be positive, but how? Well, adopt an Attitude of Gratitude, to start with. Gratitude towards

4. PATIENCE: Patience is controlled behaviour, to remain calm and cool in difficult & unpleasant situations. World is full of provocations which leave us with two options, react or respond. When we react angrily, we expose ourselves, lose energy which could be better used to meet the challenge coolly with all the abilities at our command. Patience may be bitter at times, but it's fruit is always sweet.

5. PERSEVERANCE: Perseverance in Effort and Patience in wait will win the race. Perseverance is to keep trying. Try, try and try again and again, till you succeed. Never accept defeat and if you don't accept defeat, you are never defeated. Action only is in our hands, not the awards. So best is to detach your thoughts from results and concentrate 100% on action. Then only best action can be performed which produces best result. **BEST OF LUCK FOR YOUR EXAMS.**

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*Integrity is what we say,
what we do and what we say
we do.*

BELIEVE IN YOUR ACTIONS

As drought continued for what seemed an eternity, a small community of farmers was in a quandary as to what to do. Rain was important to keep their crops healthy and sustain the towns people’s way of life.

As the problem became more acute, a local pastor called a prayer meeting to ask for rain. Many people arrived. The pastor greeted most of them as they filed in. As he walked to the front of the church to officially begin the meeting he noticed most people were chatting across the aisles and socializing with friends.

When he reached the front his thoughts were on quietening the attendees and starting the meeting. His eyes scanned the crowd as he asked them to be quiet. He noticed an eleven-year old girl sitting quietly in the front row. Her face was beaming with excitement. Next to her poised and ready for use, was a bright red umbrella. The little girl’s innocence made the pastor smile as he realized how much faith she possessed. No one else in the congregation had brought an umbrella.

All came to pray for rain, but the little girl had come expecting God to answer. It is important to believe in our actions to succeed in life.

Dear friends, this is the season of examination. It is to test your knowledge. Indeed, all of you have stood the test of time. Just like the innocent little girl expecting God to answer, you too must go for the exam with the same belief after doing your part of the job – study. This action will help you to score better in your examination. WISH YOU ALL A ‘CELEBRATION’ OF EXAMINATION.

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ICSK Table Tennis, Chess and Athletics Teams Participated in CBSE National Level Events

In yet another glorious achievement for the Indian Community School Kuwait, teams for 3 different events participated in the CBSE National level events.

The ICSK U-19 Boys Team of Table Tennis represented the school in the CBSE National Tournament held from 30th November, 2015 to 2nd December, 2015 at Shanti Niketan Vidyapeeth School, Meerut. The team comprising Pranav Jogiani, Sarthak Jogiani, Adeep Singh Chadha and Joel Mathew flew to India to participate in the event.



Further, the U-14 Girls team of Chess participated in the National Event held in Singhania Lakshmi Pathy School, Kolkata from 9th December, 2015 to 12th December, 2015. The team members were Mahilya Mohan, Sandra Mabel Elvin, Pranathy Prasanth and Kezia Jennie Santosh.



Also, the ICSK Athletics team went for the National Athletic meet held from 26th December, 2015 to 30th December, 2015 at the N. H. Goel School, Raipur. The team comprised Christa Filo Vincent, Janet Florine D’Souza, Favin Fernandes, Jijo Jacob, David Thomas, Terence Braganza, Athil Umer Kari, Bradley Margulhao and Dinah Stephen. Christa Filo Vincent went on to win a silver medal in the event.



How to tackle Failures in Life?

Dept. of Psychology

"A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing" - George Bernard Shaw.



Tackling failures in life is really a big deal. It is a bit hard to say unless you yourself are called as failure. We are not failures. In fact, no one is failure in life. You can compare failure as the necessary part of your life or better called as a necessary pause.

When we fail we might be tempted to think that we have wasted our time and thus regret it. But that is should not be the case. The fact that you have done something is much better than doing nothing. Rise up and move on. The regret lies **not in doing, but in not doing.**

Failure is inevitable, if we succeed in life. Unfortunately many people do not know how to overcome failure, and they stopped by it when they encounter one.

The ability to overcome failure is one big difference between successful and mediocre people. After all we should pass failure on the way to success, so it is the ability to pass it that makes the difference between those who eventually reach success and those who do not.

So, knowing that the overcoming failure is essential, what should we do?

Here are some tips to overcome failure

Stop and Think

If you recognize that you have failed to do a particular task for which you have been trying for years or months or days then just sit quietly in silent corner and think; was it really your fault or others?

Be sure where to lay the Blame

If the fault was others then don't read this article further. But if the fault is yours then you have to think where you did the mistake.

Put some serious thought into it

You will surely find the reason or the cause. If you can change the situation then don't think further, just do it.

Learn from your mistakes

Don't just run from it. Make an attitude to tackle every stone thrown towards you.

Start Over

The thing which has gone, the moment you have lost, the time that you have wasted, just forget it. Start with a new wish, new dreams, and new enthusiasm, of course, with new lesson you have learned from the great loss.

Remember every man has a day

Your day will also come. Just start from now. If you have to achieve the best, you first have to do the best. Don't run behind the success. Let the success run with you.

बारिश

बरसात का मौसम होता है सुंदर जिसकी सुगंध महकती है सबके घरों के अंदर। बारिश की बूंदें जिस प्रकार में आसमान से गिरती हैं, मानो धरती को छूने के लिए बहुत उत्तेजित हैं।

बारिश जब खिड़की पर बौछार करती है, ऐसा लगता है कि जैसे हमें बुला रही है। सूरज जब बादलों से लुकाछिपी खेलता है, तब मोर अपने पंख फैला कर नाचता है।



Manaal
Mohammed
-10A

BOOST YOUR VOCABULARY

Abhor	: hate
Bigot	: narrow-minded, prejudiced person
Counterfeit	: fake; false
Enfranchise	: give voting rights
Hamper	: hinder; obstruct
Kindle	: to start a fire
Noxious	: harmful; poisonous; lethal
Placid	: calm; peaceful
Talisman	: lucky charm
Knotty	: complex; difficult to solve

Neerja Bhanot - 'Heroine of the Hijack', A Brave Indian Who Saved 360 Lives During The Karachi Hijack



It's difficult to pick one single most daring thing ever done by a woman. But what else can be more heroic than saving passengers from terrorists in one of the worst hijacks in aviation history. The successful model who later became an air hostess with Pan Am. The average Indian middle-class girl who became an inspiration for her self-sacrifice. Some people live till eternity and the 'Heroine of the Hijack' was one of them

September 5, 1986: The aircraft, Pan Am Flight 73, with 360 passengers on board, had just arrived from Mumbai and was preparing to depart Jinnah International Airport in Karachi for the United States.

Neerja Bhanot was the senior most crew on the ill-fated Pan Am Flight 73. When the terrorists hijacked the flight, she alerted the cockpit, but the three-member American cockpit crew of pilot, co-pilot and flight engineer fled from the aircraft, thus making Neerja, the senior most cabin crew member on board.

She was instructed by the terrorists to collect the passports of all the passengers so that they could identify the Americans.

The hijackers were a part of the Abu Nidal Organization and were backed by Libya. Bhanot along with the other attendants hid the passports of the 41 Americans on board below the seats and the others in the trashcan to protect them from the Arabic speaking gunmen.

After 17 hours, the hijackers opened fire and set off explosives. Neerja quickly opened the emergency door and then she helped a number of passengers escape.

At the end of the hijacking, Neerja shielded 3 kids during the final bloodbath, but was hit by several bullets and succumbed to her injuries. She died just two days before her 23rd birthday.

She became a global icon and was praised for her dedication and commitment to humanity. Posthumously, she became the first and only woman recipient of the Ashok Chakra, India's highest civilian award for bravery.



In 2004, a stamp was released commemorating her and a square in Ghatkopar is named after her which was inaugurated by Amitabh Bachchan

After Neerja's death, her parents used the insurance money and contribution from Pan Am for using their brand name in the Trust's title, and set up the Neerja Bhanot Pan Am Trust. Every year, two awards are given, one for a flight crew member, worldwide, who acts beyond the call of duty and another to an Indian woman who, when faced with social injustice helps other women in similar social distress.



Malaika IX-A

A single seed life begins,
No color, no beauty, no tints
Starting its journey with a beam of light,
Spreading its arms it tries to fight.
Slowly it grows a bud of red rose,
Wins the fight and over it grows.
Now it blooms and dances in the rain,
And this is its reward for bearing all pain.
Enjoys its days with its colorful petals'
With thrones and thistles playing lethal.
Withering away, counting its days,
The point where life ends,
with a faded day....



Quotable Quotes

Perfection is achieved, not when there is nothing more to add, but when there is nothing left to take away. - *Antoine de Saint-Exupéry*

To the man who only has a hammer, everything he encounters begins to look like a nail. - *Abraham Maslow*

A wise man gets more help from his enemies than a fool from his friends. - *Baltasar Gracian*

What we think, or what we know, or what we believe is, in the end, of little consequence. The only consequence is what we do. - *John Ruskin*

Try a thing you haven't done three times. Once, to get over the fear of doing it. Twice, to learn how to do it. And a third time, to figure out whether you like it or not. - *Virgil Garnett Thomson*



Maalavika Menon IX-B

The Sun

Oh the pretty sun...
Your rays come through
The trees
You give us light
And make the world so bright,
You are in height
You are our gift from god
You give us heat
When it is cool...
You are very hot in summer,
But I don't know why you run
On seeing the moon,
Without any reason.

CAPTAINS & VICE CAPTAINS - FEBRUARY 2016

CLASS 12 J		CLASS 11 A		CLASS 11 B		CLASS 11 C		CLASS 11 D	
SAYED WALEED	AUSTIN ALMEDIA	MEGHNA UMESH	ABHISHEK SURAJ	NEETHU ELIZABETH	BENCY JOSEPH RAJ	NAWAEM SAYED	AKIN JAMAL	ANANTHA KRISHNAN	DWAYNE HERALDO LOBO
CLASS 11 E		CLASS 11 F		CLASS 11 G		CLASS 11 H		CLASS 11 I	
IFSHA NOURIN FYSEL	JEFFIN MANOJ	ALEX JOHNSON	SAKINA FAKHRUDDIN	DHANU ACHU MANO	MICHELEN EDEN	KHALID MUKADDAM	CAROL D'SOUZA	SAKINA MAZAHIR R.	THOMAS P MATHEW
CLASS 10 A		CLASS 10 B		CLASS 10 C		CLASS 10 D		CLASS 10 F	
MUNIRA SHABBIR	HASSAN HABIBULLA	ZAIYAN KARDAME	WAF A IMTIYAZ P.	TARIQ AHMED	SHREYA SAJEEV	ALVINA CARLITA	MUFFADAL	ZENAB TAPIYA	DANISH
CLASS 10 G		CLASS 9 A		CLASS 9 B		CLASS 9 C			
ALISHA	SAMEER	ANN LIZ	NAJITHA ASHRAF	NASIHA ASHRAF	AMAL ROY	RITAJ FAROOQ	MUSKAN PALIWAL		
CLASS 8 A		CLASS 8 B		CLASS 8 C					
CLEONA NATASHA F.	AADITYA KUMAR S	ABBAS	AMNA SAYED RASOOL	ASRA ARIF AIJAZ	PRANAV				

Christmas Celebration



It is Christmas again! The season of joy, happiness and festivity. Just as every year ICSK-Senior celebrated this great occasion of the birth of Jesus Christ on the 23rd December. The students of 9B conducted an assembly with great enthusiasm and fervor, but with a little unique touch to it. The theme of the day was hope-The hope that Jesus poured into every individuals mind. The assembly begun with the usual proceedings. Then introduced the theme and expressed the meaning



of hope in their very own ways. Sidarth of class 9B sketched the portrait of the very symbol of hope-Mother Teresa. The amazingly talented Swaranjali team enriched us with their melodious voices by presenting the Christmas Carols. Then came real joy bringer-Santa Clause, who brought joy as always. But in this new generation, in the and burtle of celebrations the real meaning of Christmas has been stolen. The students of class 9B brought back a little bit of that very real meaning of Christmas



through their skit. A small prayer was conducted thanking the Almighty for all the blessing that he showered upon on us in 2015. Our students were once again back with a thought provoking song-"Tell me why". Clas teacher, Mrs. Ancy Varghese presented a wonderful message on hope and on Christmas and finally Principal Dr. V. Binumon shared the greetings of the season.

May this year bring lots of joy and happiness to everyone and may God bless everyone to fulfill their hopes.

INTERVIEW IN PROGRESS



**Tasnim -
NIOS Class
XII Topper**

The EPIC Team interviewed the following NIOS students to get the feed back and this is what they said.

ET: Describe your experience as a NIOS student at ICSK.

Tasnim : It was really enjoyable, and enriching experience .Academic and Co curricular activities went hand in hand.

ET: How was it beneficial for you to attend the regular NIOS schooling at ICSK.

Tasnim: In many other institutes in Kuwait only evening classes are conducted. The teaching faculties are in experienced and not qualified. In ICSK, trained and experienced teachers are there to handle the subjects. Moreover, we get an environment to study just like day scholars.

ET: Compared to the CBSE syllabus, what is your opinion regarding syllabus of NIOS.?

Tasnim: I feel, both are some what same.

Only difference in that NIOS is little more simplified in content which is a motivating factor to a student like me.

ET: Are you satisfied with teaching faculties?

Tasnim: I think, they are excellent, best of the lot.

ET: Do you have any suggestion for the improvement in any area of learning?

Tasnim: I don't think so. I felt at home in ICSK and that has helped me to score better. I thank the Principal and all the teachers for their great support.

ET: Did you find any difficulty to get admission in major institutions.

Tasnim: To tell you the truth, they prefer CBSE regular. However if the scoring is good no difficulty to get admitted.



**Hafsa Ameer
NIOS Class X
Topper**

ET: Describe your experience as a NIOS student at ICSK.

Hafsa : I Found it very difficult in the beginning. Later enjoyed it because the teachers were very

helpful in explaining the content in a simple way. I really found it easier than the CBSE syllabus.

ET: How was it beneficial for you to attend the regular NIOS schooling at ICSK.

Hafsa : Many institutes conduct classes for short duration. Here in ICSK I felt like regular school student.

ET: Compared to the CBSE syllabus, what is your opinion regarding syllabus of NIOS.?

Hafsa : The syllabus is much easier compared to CBSE. Moreover the NIOS has choice of subjects than CBSE options.

ET: Are you satisfied with teaching faculties?

Hafsa : I am very much satisfied with teaching faculty. I consider them more than teachers. In fact they not only teach but also helps to develop my character. I sincerely thank the teachers for their great support extended to me.

ET: Do you have any suggestion for the improvement in any area of learning?

Hafsa : My only suggestion is to issue books in the beginning of the classes. It would be helpful to conduct more revisions.

Sastra Prathibha Contest

On January 14th, SIF (Science International Forum) - Kuwait along with the ever inspiring Management and dedicated teachers of 17 Indian Schools in Kuwait, conducted the Sastra Prathibha Contest . The results of SPC contest is expected to be announced on February 28, the most auspicious day, when Sir.C.V. Raman discovered the Raman Effect, which later won him the Nobel Prize. The day is also celebrated as the National Science Day in India.



“7 things negative people will do to you. They will...

1. Demean your value;
2. Destroy your image
3. Drive you crazily!
4. Dispose your dreams!
5. Discredit your imagination!
6. Deframe your abilities and
7. Disbelieve your opinions!

Stay away from negative people!”





Let go of your Stresses!

A psychologist walked around a room while teaching stress management to an audience. As she raised a glass of water, everyone expected they'd be asked the "half empty or half full" question. Instead, with a smile on her face, she inquired: "How heavy is this glass of water?"

Answers called out ranged from 8 oz. to 20 oz.

She replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, it's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my arm. If I hold it for a day, my arm will feel numb and paralyzed. In each case, the weight of the glass doesn't change, but the longer I hold it,

the heavier it becomes."

She continued, "The stresses and worries in life are like that glass of water. Think about them for a while and nothing happens. Think about them a bit longer and they begin to hurt. And if you think about them all day long, you will feel paralyzed – incapable of doing anything."

It's important to remember to let go of your stresses. As early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down. Don't carry them through the evening and into the night. Remember to put the glass down!



Bency Joseph Raj
- 11B



RAIN



Meriya Rajan-9C

Tip tap, tip tap it flows
When the wind blows.
Filling up the river and
Ponds and lake with a
Glimpse of water.

Inviting the rainbow with
Beautiful colors that beautifies
The sky, so the children can
See the wonder of nature.
But as comes the rainbow
The rain had already departure.

The children wait for the rain
So that it could remove their pain.
The rain showers like fountain
Then flows through the mountains.
"Oh my poor rain, you come from sky,
And take a tour then die on the ground."

BEST STUDENTS JANUARY



SYED WALEED
- 12J



THOMAS P. CHANDRY - 11A



NEETHU E. THOMAS - 11B



ALIYA ASHRAF
-11C



KEVIN MATHEW THOMAS -11D



CHRISTA FILO VINCENT-11E



EARLENE CHRISSAN RODRIGUES-11F



MADHUMITA VENUGOPAL-11G



NOOH FAISAL
- 11H



ADNAN P. MURTAZA
-11I



MUNIRA SHABBIR
- 10A



VITAL VARGHESE
- 10B



RANJANA RAJENDRAN-10C



NANDITHA MARIAM THOMAS-10D



CLETUS - 10F



JAWAD - 10G



ALEENA ROSE
- 9A



MAIMUNA - 9B



NANDHA KRISHNAN - 9C



KULSUM BAGRI SYEDA - 8A



AADITYA KRISHNA - 8B



SANDRA SAJANA
- 8C



13th Magnificent Mega Carnival at ICSK



The Indian Community School Kuwait held a spellbinding magnificent 13th Mega Carnival on 15th January, 2016. A bright sunny day, fun-activities on the stage, dances, songs, battle of bands, couple-show, talent show and so much more made it a mega successful show. The ICSK carnival is the most-awaited event among the Indian Community of Kuwait.

The Indian Ambassador to Kuwait Mr. Sunil Jain, Lt. Col. Faris Jatly Al Azemi from the Salmiya Police Station, Manager of Activity Department of the Ministry of Private Education Mr. Ali Jawhar, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Indian Embassy Mr. Subhashis Goldar, Honorary Chairman Mr. S. K. Wadhawan, Honorary Vice-Chairman Mr. Bobby Mathew, Honorary Secretary Mr. Vijay Karayil, Honorary Treasurer Mr. Sunil C., Honorary Joint Secretaries Mr. Santhosh Mathew and Mr. Sherin Mani, Carnival Convener Mr. George Mathew, other Honorary Members, Members of the Council of Elders, Members of the Ex-Students association, members of the Parent Advisory Council, Principals, Vice-Principals and staff members graced the event. The inaugural ceremony was based on the theme of rustic

India with the grand entry of a beautifully crafted bullock cart. The programmes that followed entranced the audience. The Master of Ceremonies for the day kept the audience entertained throughout the day. Performance by Mubarak, the renowned Kuwaiti singer, along with our ICSK singer Julia put the crowd in rhapsody. The parents and 7500 students of ICSK enjoyed the annual fun and frolic event.

The proceeds of the Mega Carnival; with the help of sponsorships, advertisements and ticket sales; build the school endowment fund which is used for the noble cause of paying the fees of needy children.



CHARITY FUND

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2016

INCOME (DECEMBER)		KD	EXPENDITURE (JANUARY)		KD
Balance c/f from December		2421.080	Mrs. Sheela Vasavan		150.000
			Mrs. Anitha Kumary		150.000
			Mr. Subaida Abdul Bader		150.000
					450.000
Balance from December		1971.080			
Contribution from students (January)		373.310			
Contribution from Staff and Well Wisher (January)		68.000			
Contribution from Class XI Students		71.000			
Balance in hand		2483.390			



BIRTHDAY AND CHARITY FUND FOR JANUARY : 2016

CLASS / SEC	Birthday Fund	Charity Fund	Sub Total	CLASS / SEC	Birthday Fund	Charity Fund	Sub Total	CLASS / SEC	Birthday Fund	Charity Fund	Sub Total
XII A				XI C	-		20.000	X F	-	5.265	5.265
XII B				XI D	-	2.170	2.170	X G	-	4.160	4.160
XII C				XI E	-	5.515	5.515	IX A	4.000	11.600	15.600
XII D				XI F	-	6.670	6.670	IX B	1.000	1.875	2.875
XII E				XI G	73.500	8.545	82.045	IX C	18.000	12.250	30.250
XII F				XI H	-	3.335	3.335	VIII A	4.000	17.370	21.370
XII G				XI I	1.000	2.750	3.750	VIII B	11.000	6.425	17.425
XII H				X A	38.000	6.350	44.350	VIII C	10.000	9.670	19.670
XII J	-	27.225	27.225	X B	4.500	8.225	12.725				
XI A	-	9.600	9.600	X C	-	6.650	6.650				
XI B	7.000	14.955	21.955	X D	-	10.705	10.705				
								TOTAL	172.000	201.310	
								SUB TOTAL			373.310

CHARITY CONVENORS - FEBRUARY 2016



FRANK FERNANDES
-12 J



PRAVEEN
DEVARAJAN-11A



SYEDA ASMA
FATIMA-11B



SIDHARTH
SANTHOSH-11C



ARSHAD NASIR
KHAN -11D



KEVIN SAJAN
MENAMUTTIL -11E



MARIYAM -11F



HOOR BANU
ABDUL KADER-11G



FATEMA BHOLU
-11H



ALPHIYA
MUFFZZAL-11I



AARON BABY
THOMAS-10A



SYED MUSTAFA
IFTHEKAR -10B



AHMED K. ISMAIL
-10C



MOHAMMAD
ABBAS-10D



MOHAMMED
ISMAIL-10F



MELITA
- 10G



ALINA ANN - 9A



SIDDARTH SURESH
- 9B



NAFISA BEGUM
- 9C



MUNAZZA
MAHEALAM - 8A



AVINASH KUMAR A.
- 8B



AISHWARYA
SATHEESH-8C

General Knowledge

1. World's first 'robot- run' farm is set to come up in which country?
2. Which company is set to build the world's tallest free-standing clock tower?
3. Who has won the 2016 Syed Modi Grand Prix Gold Badminton championship title in men's singles category?
4. Which state government has launched a scheme titled 'Ashray' to save girl child?
5. India's first underwater restaurant has been opened in which city?
6. Which company has become the most valuable publicly-traded company in the world?

1. A Japanese company announced that it would open world's first 'robot-run' farm. The farm, measuring about 4,400 square metres, will have floor-to-ceiling shelves where the produce is grown. Seed planting will still be done by people, but the rest of the process, including harvesting, will be done by industrial robots.
2. Software giant Infosys has set to build the world's tallest free-standing clock tower at its global education centre in Mysuru. The proposed 135-metres tall will be taller than Big Ben (96 m) in London, Hoover Tower (87 m) in California and McGraw Tower (53 m) in Cornell.
3. Ace Indian shuttler Kidambi Srikanth has won the 2016 Syed Modi International Grand Prix Gold Championship title of Badminton in men's singles category at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. He defeated China's Huang Yuxiang to win his fifth title overall.
4. Rajasthan The Rajasthan government has launched an initiative 'Ashray' to save girl child. Under the scheme, the government will place specifically designed cradles in 65 state hospitals. The cradles has an automatic system of alarm, which will become active after two minutes of placing the child in the cradle. In it, the identity of the person, who places the baby in the cradle, will remain secret.
5. Ahmedabad India's first underwater restaurant 'Real Posidon' has been opened in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. It is built 20 feet below ground level, spreads across 3000 square feet and offers a view of around 4000 fish and marine species. It is opened by Ahmedabad-based businessman, Bharat Bhatt.
6. Alphabet Alphabet Inc. (GOOGL), Google's parent company, has become the most valued publicly-traded company in the world. Alphabet's market cap rose to around \$570 billion as against Apple \$534 billion. This is reportedly the first time Google's value has exceeded that of Apple's since 2009.

Treasure Imperishable

HOUSE

The beauty of the house is order;
The blessing of the house is contentment;
The glory of the house is hospitality;
The crown of the house is godliness.

EACH DAY IS PRECIOUS

Each day is a new beginning
to learn more about ourselves
to care more about others,
to laugh more than we did,
to accomplish more than we thought we could,
and be more than we were before.

10 Most Important Things

1. LOVE: the special feeling that makes you feel all warm and wonderful.
2. RESPECT: treating others as well as you would like to be treated.
3. APPRECIATION: to be grateful for all the good things that life has to offer.
4. HAPPINESS: the full enjoyment of each moment. A smiling face!
5. FORGIVENESS: the ability to let things be without anger.
6. SHARING: the joy of giving without thought of receiving.
7. HONESTY: the quality of always telling the truth.
8. INTEGRITY: the purity of doing what's right, no matter what.
9. COMPASSION: the essence of feeling another's pain, while easing their hurt.
10. PEACE: the reward for living the 10 most important things.

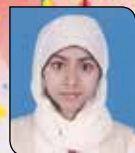
Birthday Gallery JANUARY



ANGELIN M. D'SOUZA
12D - JAN 1



ANNABELLE E. PEREIRA
12J - JAN 1



MONA MOHAMMED
12G - JAN 1



ALITA J. QUADRUS
9A - JAN 2



DIVYA KUMARI
12B - JAN 2



KRISHNENDU SURESH
12C - JAN 2



TARANJIT SINGH
11D - JAN 2



FANTAN LANY
10B - JAN 3



RAJKUMAR
12E - JAN 3



PIONELLE ANNIE
10G - JAN 3



SAAHEER SHABBIR
11C - JAN 3



MESHAEL A. SHAIKH
12A - JAN 4



MOH'D SANOSH MOH'D
10G - JAN 4



AHMED K. ISMAIL
10C - JAN 5



FATEMA JIRUWALA
SAIFEE - 12A - JAN 5



HUSAIN.TAHER ALI MODI
11F - JAN 5



NAKEEYA IDRIS
11I - JAN 5



RACHEL ELIZABETH
12A - JAN 5



VRITIKA VIJAYLAL NAIK
11A - JAN 5



ABBAS MURTAZA
11C - JAN 6



HUSSAIN ALI BANDOOR
WALA - 9C - JAN 6



JULIA ANIL
12E - JAN 6



HARNAM SINGH
8A - JAN 7



JOVIAL ALEX LEJO
12B - JAN 7



RONAK KISHORE H
8B - JAN 7



MIR ALAMDAR
8B - JAN 8



SANDRA ELSA SAJI
11A - JAN 8



TARUN T. JOSE
12C - JAN 8



CLEONA NATASHA
8A - JAN 9



BLOSSOM
12C - JAN 10



SHAGUFTA
10G - JAN 10



SIDHARTH SURESH
9B - JAN 10



AAMIR WAHID P.
12A - JAN 11



ARLENE C. PEREIRA
8B - JAN 12



ASTREL MENEZES
10D - JAN 12



DEEPAK KUMAR
8C - JAN 12



GEISHA A. D'MELLO
12D - JAN 12



NANDHA KRISHNAN
9C - JAN 12



NELSON THOMAS
12G - JAN 12



TINA TONY ALAPATT
8B - JAN 12



KARTHIKEYAN SURESH
10B - JAN 13



EMAN HASHIM
8A - JAN 14



JAINIL .K. RANA
9C - JAN 14



JENESSA FERNANDES
10A - JAN 14



VINEETH A. JOSEPH
11A - JAN 14



ASHLY MARIAM
10A - JAN 15



BRENNAN FERNANDES
9C - JAN 15



IMAD FAISAL KASIM
9A - JAN 15



JESSICA ANNAMALAI
8A - JAN 15



SHYAM THOMAS
12J - JAN 15



YUSUF MOHIDDIN
10G - JAN 15



AAFRAIN MEMON
10D - JAN 16



YUSRA A. PARKAR
10A - JAN 16



ANISHA A. DANIEL
11G - JAN 17



DAVID THOMAS
10B - JAN 17



PARAMVIR SINGH
8C - JAN 17



TAIKHUM BURHAN
12G - JAN 17



ABEL G. ABRAHAM
11B - JAN 18



AUSTIN ALMEIDA
12J - JAN 18



ZAIYAAN KARDAME
10B - JAN 18



AISHWARYA
12D - JAN 19



DHANU ACHU MANO
11G - JAN 19



HANNAH S. RONY
10A - JAN 19



JESLIN ANN JACOB
8C - JAN 19



JOSHUA P. GEORGE
12D - JAN 19



ZEHRA HUSAINI TAILOR
12E - JAN 19



ABDUL KADER HANIF
10G - JAN 20



MANI MAHADEVAN
11H - JAN 20



ALPHIYA MUFFZZAL
11I - JAN 21



RHEMA E. SHALOM
12D - JAN 21



SHAIKH ABDUL LATIF
12J - JAN 21



HADASSAH ANGEL
11G - JAN 22



AISWARYA
8C - JAN 23



CRISTINA E. SHIBU
8A - JAN 23



JENNIFER H. DSOUZA
11D - JAN 23



RASHIDA
8B - JAN 23



YASMEEN NASAR ALI
10F - JAN 23



AANSHUL DAUDKHANE
10F - JAN 24



BREANNE BANZE
8A - JAN 24



REBEKAH RAJI
12E - JAN 24



ANSILA MEHABOOB
12A - JAN 25



SHEJIN CHRISTO
11G - JAN 25



SAKINA FAKHRUDDIN
11F - JAN 26



JOHEN V. JOHN
10A - JAN 26



ASHIFA SAYED
11A - JAN 27



DHRUV SHARMA
11A - JAN 27



NAFEESA SUHAIL
9C - JAN 29



RUKAIYAH BURHAN
12F - JAN 29



MEHREEN SAYEED
9C - JAN 30



MOIZ POONAWALA
11I - JAN 30



SAKINA SAIFEE
12B - JAN 30



SOJIN C. SAIJU
10G - JAN 30



SAKINA SOEB R.
11B - JAN 31



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1ST JAN



MRS. CATHERINE
13TH JAN



MR. NINS PETER
14TH JAN



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15TH JAN



MR. MANISH
16TH JAN



MRS. SUSY JOHN
18TH JAN



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26TH JAN



MRS. SUSAN ROY
28TH JAN



MR. YUSUF
SHABBIR - 29TH JAN

Republic Day Celebration



"Where the mind is without fear, the head is held high" Rabindranath Tagore's, 'Gitanjali' rightly echoes the proud patriotic feelings of India from the day it was announced a free Republic sixty six years ago.

Saluting the supreme glory of the mother land on the proud occasion of the sixty sixth Republic Day of India, a fabulous assembly was held at ICSK Senior Salmiya by the students of VIII A under the able guidance of their class teacher Mrs. K. Lamba. With the Indian National flag proudly flying high, the students recounted upon the importance of the Republic Day and of the Constitution that came into force on the day. Owing their allegiance and

patriotism to Mother India, children took the oath to be its worthy citizens making the homeland proud. A heart touching patriotic song was also rendered by the students creating a serene atmosphere inspiring the young minds to salute their motherland.

The students offered intense reverence to the occasion of pride, by decorating and adorning the school with the tricolor flag and rendered an inspirational speech recounting the proud heroes', martyrs and stories of sacrifices which led India on to the dais of being a Republic. The procession of students in their white attire, including representations of different states, with the national flag, made the events of Rajghat relive in the minds of the audience. It was followed

by an amazing cultural staging which invoked the patriotic emotions in the hearts of the students. The resonating rhythms of patriotism in the air communicated the unified diversity of our country.

Throughout the assembly, the dignified glory and colourful unity of the country was enhanced upon with immense pride. The Principal, Dr. Binumon Vasudevan addressed the gathering and recounted a brief history of pre-republic India. He also wished all the students and faculty of ICSK Senior School a happy Republic Day.

WORLD January 2016 in a Nutshell



Wipro names Abid Ali Neemuchwala as CEO: India's third largest IT exporter Wipro Limited announced the appointment of Abid Ali Z. Neemuchwala as the Chief Executive Officer and Member of the Board of the company.



An emotional Obama unveils his plan to cut gun violence: A visibly emotional U.S. President Barack Obama, at one point wiping tears from his cheek, unveiled his plan to tighten control and enforcement of firearms in the U.S., using his presidential powers in the absence of legal changes he implored Congress to pass.



NGT warns Volkswagen not to sell cars with 'cheat device' in India: The National Green Tribunal directed German automobile major Volkswagen not to sell any diesel vehicle in India fitted with "cheat device" and give an undertaking in this regard. Cheat or defeat device is a software in diesel engines to manipulate emissions tests by changing the performance of the vehicles to improve results.



NASA finds giant burping black hole 26 million light years away : NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory has found evidence of powerful blasts of gases produced by a super massive black hole about 26 million light years from Earth, an event that may trigger the formation of new stars. This is one of the nearest super massive black holes to Earth that is currently undergoing such violent outbursts, researchers said.



Chandela wins gold with world record effort: Indian shooter Apurvi Chandela broke the world record on way to winning gold in the women's 10 metre air rifle event at the Swedish Cup Grand Prix.



NRIs likely to get Aadhaar card: The government is considering giving Aadhaar cards to non-resident Indians and a decision on it will be taken soon, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj said while inviting the diaspora community to actively participate in India's growth story.



Iconic singer David Bowie dies at 69: David Bowie, the other-worldly musician who broke pop and rock boundaries with his creative musicianship, nonconformity, striking visuals and a genre-spanning persona he christened Ziggy Stardust, died of cancer. He was 69 and had just released a new album.



Leonardo DiCaprio wins Golden Globe for film drama actor: Leonardo DiCaprio won the Golden Globe award for best dramatic actor in *The Revenant*. DiCaprio was saluted with a standing ovation at the Beverly Hilton hotel. He beat out Bryan Cranston of *Trumbo*, Michael Fassbender of *Steve Jobs*, Eddie Redmayne of *The Danish Girl*, and Will Smith of *Concussion*.



Indian engineers, scientists in U.S. nearing one million: Indian-origin scientists and engineers in the U.S. grew 85% between 2003 and 2013, says a report by the National Science Foundation, a key funder of research in the United States as well as a monitor of demographic change among scientists and technologists.



Modi is now second most followed Indian on Twitter: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has pipped Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan to become second most followed Indian on social media site Twitter.



WHO declares end to Ebola epidemic: The World Health Organisation declared an end to the deadliest Ebola outbreak ever on Thursday after no new cases emerged in Liberia, though health officials warn that it will be several more months before the world is considered free of the disease that claimed more than 11,300 lives over two years.



Pranab warns against intolerance, criticises Parliament impasse: President Pranab Mukherjee, addressing the nation on the eve of the 67th Republic Day, warned against the forces of violence, intolerance and unreason in the backdrop of the Dadri lynching incident and the death of Dalit student Rohith Vemula, even as he put the opposition on the mat for blocking crucial reforms in the economic sphere.



Mrinalini Sarabhai passes away : Noted danseuse and Padma Bhushan recipient Mrinalini Sarabhai passed away today morning in Ahmedabad. She was 97. Trained in Bharatnatyam, Kathakali and Mohiniyattam, she was educated at Shantiniketan under Rabindranath Tagore. She was married to the architect of India's space programme, Dr Vikram Sarabhai.



Nand Bhardwaj takes back his Sahitya Akademi award: After agreeing to take back the Sahitya Akademi award that he had returned, Rajasthani and Hindi writer and former Director of Doordarshan Nand Bhardwaj, said that taking back the award was his "personal decision". According to the Akademi, of about 40 writers who had returned the awards, Nayantara Sahgal and Mr. Bhardwaj had agreed to take them back.



India test fires Akash missiles: India on test fired its indigenously-developed surface-to-air Akash missile as part of a user trial from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur. The missiles, with a strike range of 25 km and capability to carry warhead of 60 kg, were test fired from 11 AM to 2 PM from the launch complex-3 of the ITR.

Secondary



1st - 8A

**BEST
CLASSES
JANUARY 2016**

Senior



Jehan Sharukh Bhathena Class 8A secured 2nd prize in CRY Chess 2015 competition organized by the Friends of CRY Club



2nd - 8B



1st - 11B

GOOD WILL AMBASSADORS



AVINASH KUMAR SEN
8A



SYED WALEED
12J



3rd - 8C



2nd - 11G

New Year

On New Year's Day a year ago,
I started off the year
by making resolutions
that were probably severe.
I said I'd save my money,
and this seemed so very wise.
I vowed I would improve my health.
I swore I'd exercise.
I stated I would do my homework
every single day.
I'd brush my teeth religiously
to ward off tooth decay.
I'd eat my fruits and vegetables
and keep my bedroom clean.
I'd treat my sister kindly
though she's often very mean.
My resolutions lasted me
about half a day.
I promised I would keep them
but I broke them anyway.
And yet I think I may have found
the best of all solutions,
and this year I've resolved
to not make ANY resolutions.



Meghna Umesh
Deshnur-11A



3rd - 9A



3rd - 12J

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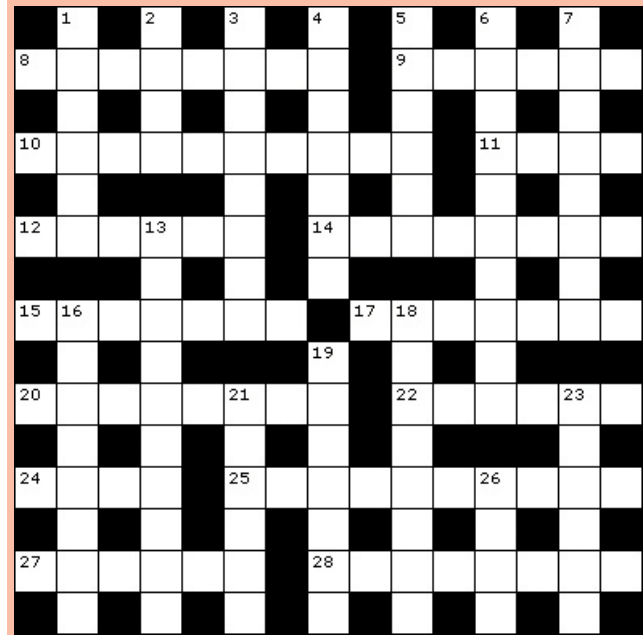
Forthcoming Events



- AISS (Class X) and AISSC (Class XII) Examination
- Blessing Ceremony for Class XII 2016-17
- NIOS class X and XII examination
- Entrance test for class X

Crossword Puzzle

This is a special crossword where all the clues contain ANAGRAMS of the answers! An anagram is created by rearranging the letters of a word to form another word.



Across

- 8 Infringe
- 9 Bistre
- 10 Domination
- 11 Itch
- 12 Rugged
- 14 Curtness
- 15 Eastern
- 17 Locates
- 20 Gardenia
- 22 Erupts
- 24 Peri
- 25 Sexpartite
- 27 Unfelt
- 28 Triangle

Down

- 1 Adored
- 2 Idol
- 3 Insisted
- 4 Editing
- 5 Action
- 6 Reductions
- 7 Sedative
- 13 Determines
- 16 Idolatry
- 18 Parasite
- 19 Astilbe
- 21 Slater
- 23 Genies
- 26 Sari



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