

MSVV TIMES

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FUELING MINDS, IGNITING CHANGE



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Aim for the moon.
If you miss, you may
hit a star.

W. CLEMENT STONE

SCHOOL NEWS

- Final Term Examinations, AISSE 2025, were conducted successfully during the months of March and April. Result of the Final Term Examinations was declared at the end of March.
- The new session for the academic year 2025–26 commenced on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. The reopening of the school was an eagerly anticipated occasion, filled with cheerful faces and bustling hallways. Daily morning assemblies with affirmations set a positive tone for the day.
- In collaboration with Debaters of India, the Annual Modern Middle School Debating Championship held its online rounds on April 4 and 5, 2025, followed by the semifinals and finals in the school auditorium. Students from Grades VI–IX participated, and one MSVV team proudly reached the semifinals.
- The school hosted a vibrant week of Orientations, introducing parents to academic life by sharing information about Clubs, Class Teachers, Subject Teachers, and expectations from students.
- On April 8, 2025, the Heritage Club organised a Walk to the iconic Qutub Minar for Grades VI–XII, where students explored its grand architecture and unravelled mysteries from Delhi's past.
- The school held a lively Open Day for parents on Saturday, April 12, 2025, welcoming all parents into the school and allowing new subject teachers and parents to interact informally.
- Students visited IIT and Hindu College for educational day trips, gaining valuable insight into top academic institutions.
- On April 21, 2025, the Behes Team conducted an introductory session on debating for all students from Grades VI–XII, imparting knowledge on public speaking and boosting self-confidence.
- Students paid rich tributes to Ustad Zakir Hussain, Tabla Maestro, through an enchanting musical ensemble 'ZIKR' on April 21, 2025.
- The Leadership Camp, held on April 26 and 27, 2025, for Grades XI and XII, under the supervision of various teachers, allowed students to run for positions in the Student Council such as Head Girl, Head Boy, Cultural Captain, Prefect, House Captain, and Sports Captain.
- Earth Day was celebrated on April 28, 2025, with a series of inter-house activities promoting sustainability and teamwork.
- Periodic Tests 1 for the academic year 2025–26 for students of Grades III–XII commenced on May 1, 2025.
- Summer vacations are set to begin on May 17, 2025, bringing a pause and offering students a much-needed break to relax and recharge.
- The school launched a new AI Lab for Grades VI–XII, offering students practical learning during allotted periods to build skills and a clear understanding of artificial intelligence.
- Our school conducts a variety of inter-house sports activities every Wednesday, building teamwork, confidence, and new skills.



ALUMNI COLUMN



DARAIUS SHROFF CLASS OF 1997

Message for students:

My happiest years were spent at school, and MSVV truly helped make me what I am today. The equal importance given to studies, co-curricular activities, and sports is something I consider unique to this school.

Despite being a so-called “nerd”, I participated in so many different activities at all times & this was encouraged, unlike other “study factory” schools.

One of my happiest memories was being part of the MSVV production of Dagg's Hamlet at the StageFest contest and winning the first prize at that competition.

My most awkward moment during my school years was getting caught eating someone else's tiffin during assembly, by the Principal, Mr Vari, when I was the Head Boy!

The motto “impossible is nothing” really applies to Modern- despite actually hating math, I got so much encouragement & help that I worked very hard and won a position in the RSBM contest!

MSVV taught me to work hard and also to enjoy myself to the fullest. And this is why I still managed to study and get into MAMC- one of India's most prestigious medical schools in my first attempt. I think the confidence boost you get from Modern is something that helps you face any challenge!

STUDENTS' COLUMN

India's Growing Influence in Global Diplomacy: Strategic Partnerships and Regional Leadership

India officially has linkages with over 200 countries and has emerged as a significant player in contemporary geopolitics. The broad range of strategic relations illustrates historical relationships as well as practical calculations



US and India: After a long stand-off due to Cold War tensions, the US and India have established a close partnership. Significant defense partnership agreements such as COMCASA, big energy partnerships, and growing bilateral trade worth \$120 billion prove their partnership is growing in importance, with cooperation in AI, semiconductors, and clean/renewable energy.

Russia and India: India has made it clear that even whilst being scrutinized and pressured by the West to distance itself from Russia, it remains closely connected to Russia especially in defense and energy interests. India is purchasing S-400 missiles and securing discounted oil from Russia to sustain that relationship.

China and India: Trade between China and India is now worth more than \$100 billion, but not without challenges that have surfaced with tensions over border issues, as well as, China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). In light of some of these challenges, India is trying to focus on partnerships within ASEAN and on African partnerships.

European Union and India: India has a well established trading relationship with the EU worth \$88 billion, and is trying to reinvigorate a free trade agreement between the two. France and Germany have become significant partners for India in defense and green technology.

Neighbourhood First Policy: India has placed value on regional stability via its Neighbourhood First Policy with grants of funding for infrastructure . Additionally. currently India has neighbourhood initiatives underway for disaster relief to its neighbours.

[Some statistics in this story have been borrowed from published sources without citation.]

Arav Saigal X-A

A Power In Progress

India stands poised,
An emerging power in the global blizzard.
From ancient roots to modern,
She will shine with knowledge, truth, and light.
She is being heard in peace forums,
As discussions grow and tensions diminish.
With trade, and tech, and quiet,
She weaves her solidarity and ties with creators.
Not militarily, but quietly,
She leads the world to a brighter day.
An emerging power, calm, connected.
India is going for the sky.

Samaksh Verma X-C



EDITORS' COLUMN

You weren't made to fit in

If you've ever felt like you don't quite fit in — like you're speaking a different language in a room full of people — I want you to know something: that's not a weakness. It might just be your greatest strength.

At some point, we've all had moments of feeling like the odd one out. Maybe you think differently, dress differently, or dream differently. Maybe you find yourself standing at the edge of the group, wondering if you'll ever fully belong.

But here's the truth: you weren't meant to blend in. You were meant to stand out. Think about the people who've changed the world — artists, inventors, leaders — they were often misunderstood. They didn't follow the crowd. They questioned, they imagined, and they dared to be different. Not fitting in was the beginning of something bigger.

Our school isn't strong because we're all the same. It's strong because we're not. Each person brings a new story, a new perspective, and a new light. When you embrace what makes you different, you give others permission to do the same.

So if you feel out of place, don't shrink. Don't hide. Don't twist yourself to match someone else's idea of "enough."
"Be loud. Be weird. Be thoughtful. Be you. Because the world doesn't need more copies — it needs originals."

And maybe, just maybe, someone else watching you will realize they're not alone either. You weren't meant to fit in. You were meant to wake people up.

AANYA JAIN XI-D

#Democracy: Powered by Social Media

We all know the three classic pillars of democracy: the Legislature, the Executive, and the Judiciary. But there is one more that has quietly—okay, *loudly*—taken center stage in recent years: the media. And not just newspapers or TV channels. Today, *social media* has become the true face of media—like a rebellious teenager who refuses to be ignored.

Social media is not just a collection of apps; it is like a vast system of people where a single tweet or reel can change someone's entire fortune. That is because social media does not sleep. If something happens at 2 AM, you will know by 2:01 AM! Is that not both crazy and impressive at the same time? Does that not make it a crucial part of global movements like #MeToo and #BlackLivesMatter?

Like everything in this world, it has its flaws—the main one being the lack of authenticity and the malpractice of information. A single mistake or misuse of words on live television can change your life. Social media works on algorithms, which often show you content that agrees with one side of the story while simply neglecting the other.

While some may argue that it is not fair, the truth is that social media is not just like a rebellious teenager; it is like a child too—chaotic, messy, and fun. But the reason it acts as a pillar for our democracy is its ability to connect people, whether from a small village in Tripura or New York City. Social media connects people, gives them a purpose, and makes them aware of their democracy.

After all, isn't living in this meme-filled democracy more fun and engaging than living in the plain, boring democracy of the 1960s—one with no discussions, debates, or instant connectivity? Social media does to democracy what spice does to food: it makes it a gazillion times better—but only in moderation. Because too much spice can ruin the dish. Too much social media can do the same to democracy. So, for me, social media is not just the fourth pillar of democracy—it is the cement holding us together, where memes, hashtags, and viral reels are the glue that binds the people's voice to the halls of power.

VANSHIKA BAID X-A

THINGS AROUND US

Price increases for Tata Motors due to rising costs

Tata Motors, one of India's leading automobile manufacturers, It is rumoured that there is a 2% increase in prices for its commercial vehicle lineup beginning April 2025. The company noted that the decision was driven by increasing input prices and the growing expense of raw materials, and will vary depending on individual model and variant



Big Changes in U.S. Trade: Implementation of new tariffs

New tariffs, or additional taxes on imported goods, were announced by President Donald Trump. Nearly all imports are now subject to a 10% duty, with the exception of those from Canada and Mexico, as they had been previously subjected to trade restrictions. Trump also introduced "reciprocal" tariffs, meaning if a country charges high taxes on American products, the U.S. government is bound to impose heavy taxes on American goods.

The biggest impact is on China, which now faces a huge 104% tariff after both countries raised their rates in a back-and-forth trade fight. A bewildering fact is that 10% tariffs have also been applied to islands where there are no human inhabitants, only penguins!

Clashes in Manipur: Displacement and Violence

Violent conflicts between the Kuki-Zo and Meitei communities have been occurring in Manipur since May 2023. About 60,000 people were relocated, thousands of homes and places of worship were destroyed, and 258 people have killed as of November 2024. Shortly after Chief Minister N. Biren Singh resigned in February 2025, violence resulted in the establishment of President's Rule. Peace efforts are in progress, and many families continue to recover.



THE FUN PAGE

BOOKS TO BE READ

Feminism: Butter by Asako Yuzuki

Romance: All The Bright Places by Jennifer Niven

Science Fiction: Dune by Frank Herbert

Autobiography: I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou

Murder Mystery: Murder in The Family by Cara Hunter

History: India After Gandhi by Ramachandra Guha

CAN YOU FIND?

8 words from the letters given below:

L E C T R U Y

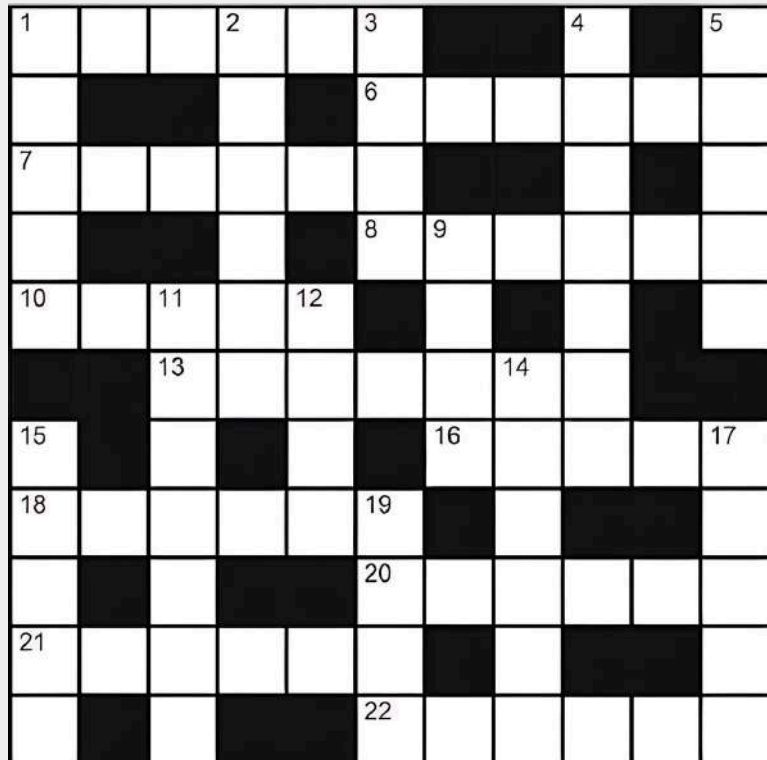
(hint: 1. extremely merciless 2. things you eat with)

DO YOU KNOW ?

णमो अरिहंताणं,
णमो सिद्धाणं,
णमो आयरियाणं,
णमो उवज्झायाणं,
णमो लोए सव्व साहुणं ।
एसोपंचणमोवकारो, सव्वपावप्पणासणो ।
मंगला णं च सव्वेसिं, पडमम हवई मंगलं ।

Mahavir Jayanti, one of the biggest festivals of Jainism, was celebrated on 10th April, 2025. Namokar Mantra is one of the most important mantras in Jainism. This mantra is special because it is dedicated not only to a particular individual or deity but also to qualities and virtues. It signifies spiritual evolution and purification of the mind through its calming verses. The mantra represents the five supreme beings in Jainism. These supreme beings have liberated and enlightened souls. Through this mantra we connect with teachers, monks and nuns who have invoked the path of ahimsa.

CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 Stroke tenderly (6)
- 6 Floating aimlessly (6)
- 7 Forever (6)
- 8 Hurry (6)
- 10 Mixture of rain and snow (5)
- 13 Droplet (7)
- 16 Hinged lifting tool (5)
- 18 Relating to the stars (6)
- 20 Sir Malcolm ____, English composer and trumpeter (6)
- 21 Tight-fitting underpants (6)
- 22 Involuntary expulsion of air from the nose (6)

Down

- 1 Applauds (5)
- 2 Substance covering the crown of a tooth (6)
- 3 Framework that holds the panes of a window in the frame (4)
- 4 Number indicated by the Roman XVI (7)
- 5 Rise to one's feet (5)
- 9 Lie adjacent to another (4)
- 11 Image boost (3-4)
- 12 Roman cloak (4)
- 14 Living room (6)
- 15 Greta ____, film star (1905-90) (5)
- 17 Move furtively (5)
- 19 Young, unmarried woman (4)

RIDDLE TIME



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