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FUELING MINDS, IGNITING CHANGE



"What do you say to your sister when she's crying?"



"Are you having a crisis?"

*If you are positive, you'll see **opportunities** instead of obstacles.*

-Confucius

SCHOOL NEWS

- An Informal Farewell for the outgoing Class of 2025 was organized by Grade XI students on January 16, 2025. The event was filled with nostalgia, laughter, and heartfelt moments.
- An Anti-Bullying Workshop for students of Grades VI to IX took place on January 21, 2025. This workshop emphasized empathy, respect, and inclusivity while encouraging meaningful discussions and interactive activities.
- Republic Day was celebrated on January 24, 2025, with the unfurling of the tricolour. Students from junior school presented short speeches on iconic freedom fighters of our country.
- The school's Annual Sports Day was held on January 29, 2025, showcasing enthusiastic participation and team spirit in various athletic and field events. The event concluded with a Prize Distribution Ceremony, honouring students for their remarkable achievements.
- Formal Farewell for Grade XII took place on January 31, 2025. Mr. Kapil Batra, distinguished alumnus and eminent media personality was the Chief Guest. In his speech, Mr Batra spoke with candour, wit and humour, and remembered his time in MSVV 43 years ago. He urged the students to make the most of their school years while keeping a firm eye out for the future.



ALUMNI COLUMN



ARCHANA GARODIA GUPTA
CLASS OF 1983

When I look back on my years in Modern, what stands out is the tremendous variety of things we did—I sang, played the sitar and harmonium, did clay sculpture, painted, rode horses, and even cooked.

I took part in quizzes, plays, ballets, debates, recitations, and so many other activities. I wrote for and edited Hindi and English magazines.

And still, I did well academically.

MSVV offers a unique opportunity to each of you to learn so many things, provided you take part and do not fear looking ridiculous.

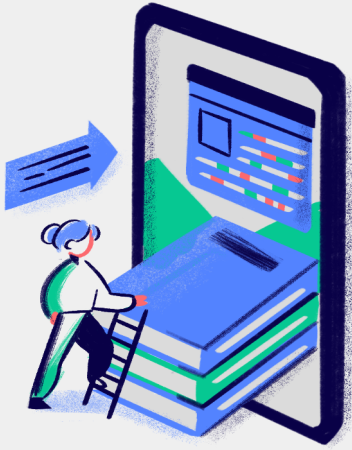
Also, time spent in non-academic activities is not 'wasted'—it is something that will give you confidence and enrich your life in the years to come.

*"Our doubts are traitors,
And make us lose the good we oft might win
By fearing to attempt."*

—Measure for Measure, William Shakespeare

STUDENTS' COLUMN

Digital India – The Dawn of a New Era



Have you ever imagined life without the internet? No YouTube to watch adorable cat videos, no Instagram to capture your best moments, and definitely no online shopping! Thankfully, Digital India—our very own digital revolution—has transformed our smartphones into powerful tools of convenience.

Launched in 2015, Digital India was like a magic wand, bringing government services right to our fingertips. From bill payments and healthcare to job applications, everything is now accessible from the comfort of our homes. And let's not forget how effortless it has become to pay for that late-night pizza delivery—now that's a game-changer!

But the real transformation? Digital India ensures that no one is left behind, bridging the digital divide even in the most remote villages.

This has paved the way for online education, telemedicine, and countless other opportunities, empowering every citizen regardless of their background.

Of course, there are still a few bumps along the road—like when your internet lags right before an important online exam! But as technology evolves, so will Digital India. With AI, 5G, and groundbreaking innovations on the horizon, the future promises to be even more connected and dynamic.

So, the next time you make an online purchase or binge-watch your favoUrite show, remember—you're part of something revolutionary. Digital India isn't just an initiative; it's the foundation of a truly digital era!

By Shreya Arora 9A.

Digital India: A cultural Transformation

Step onto any street in India today, and you'll witness a remarkable transformation in progress. Technology has woven itself into the fabric of everyday life, changing the way 1.4 billion people interact, work, and thrive. Whether in the heart of a bustling metropolis or a quiet rural village, this digital wave has reached every corner, making India a frontrunner in tech adoption on the global stage.

One of the most visible changes is in the way people handle transactions. The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has turned even small-scale vendors—like the local ice cream seller—into digital entrepreneurs. The once-common hassle of finding change has been replaced by a quick scan-and-pay system, pushing India to the top of the global rankings for real-time digital payments.

Entertainment, too, has found a new home with Hotstar becoming a global platform to binge-watch an endless selection of movies. Meanwhile, healthcare has undergone a

Digital makeover with services like Practo and Tata Health making it possible to consult expert doctors without stepping out of the house. And it doesn't stop there—governance has also adapted to this new era. From booking vaccine appointments on CoWIN during the pandemic to storing important documents securely in DigiLocker, India's administrative processes have seamlessly gone online.

This is not just a digital shift; it's a cultural transformation. Whether it's a farmer using an app to check market prices or an entrepreneur selling goods through WhatsApp, Indians are no longer just participants in the digital age. They are setting the pace and redefining what it means to be a technology-driven society.

By Ritivi Jain 9C.



EDITORS' COLUMN

BOYS DONT WEAR PINK

Boys don't wear pink
Boys don't wear pink,
It's too soft a shade.
Boys don't have squeaky voices,
Deep tones must be made.

Boys don't cry,
They must stay tough.
They can't be scared—
As if fear's not manly enough.

Boys must be strong,
Broad shoulders, tall stance.
But if they dare to dance?
Oh no—one disapproving glance!

Boys must be bold,
Brave, daring, and wild.
But singing a song?
Now that's out of style.
Boys can work, and so can girls,
Yet only he can't cry even when his heart hurts

We preach of fairness, loud and clear,
Yet boys still hold back every tear.
And when, at last, the dam breaks down,
We blame their anger—like it's nature-bound.

What we need is a kinder, bolder hour—
Raising boys to know that vulnerability is power.
Teach them to feel without fear or restraint,
So they can grow whole, free of society's taint.

Aanya Jain 10D

ESCAPING REALITY: ONE EPISODE AT A TIME

Between the endless relaxation of school assignments, the joy and happiness of standardised tests and rote memorisation, and the ever-present adrenaline-inducing thrill of personal crises, we students often solace in the noble art of binge-watching shows and procrastination. It is a time-honored tradition passed down for decades - escaping reality by drunkenly drowning in someone else's far more dramatic (and not only conveniently scripted but also humorous!) problems.

TV shows offer the perfect escape—whether it's a sitcom about minimum-wage workers affording NYC apartments, a drama full of life-altering secrets and zero communication, or a childhood cartoon with unexpected existential depth. For a brief moment, we forget deadlines, questionable choices, and that one assignment we swore we'd start last month. After all, nothing says "I have my life together" like binge-watching five seasons while ignoring responsibilities.

It is important to realise, however, that as much as binge watching seems like a warm, comforting hug from across TV screens, it is only that good in moderation. There is a fine line between a well earned break and suddenly realising that it's 3 AM, your exam is in five hours, you've memorised the entire theme song of your favourite TV show, but yet not a single word from your textbook.

Sure, studies, assignments and all things academic like a constant push testing our patience and will to live, but unfortunately, they are the only things standing between us and a future that doesn't involve explaining why we are 'passionate about customer service' in job interviews. So, let's end this on a good note - after all, I, too, must return to my regularly scheduled programme of pretending to be productive while actually resisting the urge to sleep.

Ojas Panda 9C

THINGS AROUND US

Trump's Bold Moves Reshape U.S. Policy

President Trump has swiftly enacted major policy shifts, including halting federal aid, reviving the U.S.-Mexico border wall, and restricting transgender care, alongside eliminating DEI programs. The U.S. is withdrawing from the Paris Climate Agreement and WHO, while trade ties with China, Canada, and Mexico face review, with possible blanket tariffs. Birthright citizenship for children of undocumented migrants is under threat. In symbolic moves, the Gulf of Mexico was renamed the "Gulf of America," and Mount Denali to Mount McKinley. Several actions face legal and political battles.



Maha Kumbh 2025: Devotees Gather Amidst Tragedy

The 2025 Maha Kumbh, marked by a rare celestial alignment last seen 144 years ago, attracted millions of pilgrims. The festival's roots in Hindu mythology symbolize the victory of gods over demons, and devotees believe that bathing at the confluence of the Ganges, Yamuna, and mythical Saraswati rivers cleanses sins. Tragically, a pre-dawn stampede at the Sangam area claimed 30 lives and left 60 injured, overshadowing the sacred occasion.



THE FUN PAGE

BOOKS TO BE READ

1. 1984 by George Orwell
2. The Great Gatsby by F Scott Fitzgerald
3. Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn
4. And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie
5. Catch 22 by Joseph Heller

CAN YOU FIND?

8 words from the letters given below:

S O P T A U T A S

(hint: after seeing the biggest word, you might just 'swoon')

DO YOU KNOW ?

या कुन्देन्दुतुषारहारधवला या शुभ्रवस्त्रावृता या
वीणावरदण्डमण्डितकरा या श्वेतपद्मासना। या ब्रह्माच्युत
शंकरप्रभृतिभिर्देवैः सदा वन्दिता सा मां पातु सरस्वती भगवती
निःशेषजाड्यापहा ॥

Saraswati Puja was celebrated on the second day of this month. This is the mantra we hymn to attract the attention of Goddess Saraswati, goddess of music, art, knowledge and learning. This mantra tells us how the goddess is radiating with white light sitting on an auspicious lotus with various instruments in her hands like the harp. Even other Gods like Brahma and Shankara worship her. We ask her for protection from illusions through this chant.

GENERAL SCIENCE WORD SEARCH



ASTRONOMY
ANATOMY
BIOLOGY
CHEMISTRY
CELLS

ORGANISMS
EVOLUTION
FORENSICS
GENETICS
GEOLOGY

LOGIC
PHYSICS
NUCLEAR
MICROSCOPE
THEORY

RIDDLE TIME

If you drop me I'm
sure to crack, but
give me a smile
and I'll always
smile back.

What am I?

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