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## FUELING MINDS, IGNITING CHANGE

### Celebrating 50 Glorious Years of Excellence in Education

## ALUMNI COLUMN



## VEDANT

## KHAITAN CLASS OF 1999

Not a day goes by when I don't think of the incredible learnings, lifelong friendships, soulful guidance, and timeless memories I gained from MSVV. The iconic red brick building with its sprawling campus was a home away from home, and its corridors hold many secrets that have shaped countless personalities in our society.

My time at Modern is one I remember with great fondness and gratitude. It was the perfect mould to shape me into the person I am today, with teachers encouraging and supporting me in various pursuits, including photography, singing, piano, and golf. They also helped and pushed me in developing leadership skills by according opportunities such as House Captain, Editorial Board Member, Member of the School Band, Secretary of the Computer Club, President of the Interact Club, Member of the Debating Club, and countless others.

I attribute my admission to one of the best engineering colleges in the world (the University of Michigan) to all of my teachers, but one in particular Mrs. Anuradha Handa with whom I have had the privilege of being connected till today. It is individuals like her who define what good teaching and learning truly look like, going far beyond textbooks, classrooms, and routine examinations.

Any organisation or institution is only as good as one's willingness to extract value from it. Nothing comes ready-made or served on a platter, but if you dig deep enough, MSVV is a treasure trove of ideas, opportunities, memories, friendships, and experiences that shape both the mind and soul with love, respect, and care.

# SCHOOL NEWS



The Interact Club organised a Blood Donation Camp on December 13, 2025, within the school premises, as part of its ongoing commitment to community service. The initiative aimed to promote social responsibility and encourage voluntary blood donation among participants. The camp witnessed active participation and reflected the school's dedication to nurturing empathy, civic awareness, and a spirit of service among students and the wider community.

- The first Preboard Examinations for Grade X concluded on December 12, 2025, followed by those for Grade XII on December 22, 2025. These examinations served as valuable preparation for the forthcoming AISSE and AISSCE 2026.
- The second round of Periodic Tests for Grades VI to IX were completed on December 2, 2025, while Grade XI concluded theirs on December 8, 2025. These evaluations reinforced conceptual understanding and supported preparation for the final term examinations.
- A Parent Teacher Meeting was held on December 13, 2025, to review students' academic progress and holistic development, fostering constructive collaboration between parents and teachers.
- On the same day, the Principal conducted an informative seminar for parents of Grades X and XII, outlining the structure and preparation strategies for the two board examinations. The session addressed queries and helped build students' confidence.
- The Annual Fete, held on December 14, 2025, featured a range of games, food stalls, and rides, offering students a welcome respite from academics and enriching campus life.
- Grade IX students undertook an educational excursion to Jodhpur, visiting prominent forts and heritage sites of Rajasthan, which enhanced experiential learning and peer bonding.
- In view of rising air pollution levels, the school adopted a hybrid mode of instruction to ensure continuity of learning in a safe environment.
- The winter break commenced on December 31, 2025, allowing students time to rest and prepare for the upcoming academic term.

# STUDENTS' COLUMN

## *India's Festive Season- A Time of Joy and Unity*

When the monsoon clouds have passed, India dresses itself in vibrant and vivid colors. The air is infused with the scent of sweets, the sounds of laughter, and the sparkle of lights. From the cities to the rural areas, from every city street to each rural corner, everyone across the country comes out in jubilation. This is India's festival season — a magical time with lightened hearts, broadened smiles, and the culmination of traditions at their finest.

The year kicks off with Raksha Bandhan and Janmashtami celebrations, which are then followed with festivities such as Ganesh Chaturthi, Navratri, and Dussehra. All of these celebrations are marked with religious zeal, music, and dance. In particular, Navratri brings to the people the joy and tradition of gathering for Garba and Dandiya nights and fills the air with combined energy and vibrations during this time. One of the largest festivals in India is Diwali, the festival of light.

Homes are decorated with diyas, rangoli, and fairy lights. Families exchange sweets and gifts, and set off firecrackers (though with some changing to green celebrations now). It is a time of cleaning, worship, and sharing in joy.

Next comes Christmas, adorned with carols, cakes, and trees embellished in the winter spirit—enjoyed among all faiths in India. The festive season wraps up with New Year's, which Catholics celebrate, infused with hope and resolutions. What makes India's festive season so special is how it brings people together. In schools, offices, and neighborhoods, everyone joins in — regardless of their background. It is a reminder that despite our differences, festivals unite us with joy, respect, and shared traditions.

The festival time in India is not only about celebrations — it is about culture, community, and the joy of togetherness. It really reinforces the spirit of "unity in diversity."

**NITYAA BUDDHIRAJA X-B**

# EDITORS' COLUMN



## The Winter Solstice: The Longest Night of The Year

The winter solstice feels like waiting through the longest, quietest night of the soul, trusting that light will return even when darkness seems endless. It is the night where time slows, where the cold settles deep into the bones, and hope feels fragile yet stubborn. Hours pass in silence, wrapped in shadows, as if the world itself is holding its breath. Then, slowly, almost shyly, the light arrives. It does not rush in triumph; it seeps in gently, warming the edges of the dark. That first glow feels like reassurance, like a promise kept. The sun's return reminds us that endurance matters, that even the deepest night is temporary. The winter solstice teaches patience, faith, and quiet resilience. It whispers that waiting is not weakness and that light, when it finally comes, feels brighter because of all the darkness that came before.

## Christmas Bells

**ESHANYA NAHAR X-C**

Winter breathes a softer song,  
Frosted nights grow deep and long,  
Stars hang low in velvet skies,  
Dreams awake as daylight dies.

Candles flicker, steady, kind,  
Gentle hopes in fragile minds,  
Faith is found in simple grace,  
Love made clear in each embrace.

Windows glow with amber light,  
Sheltering the hush of night,  
Footsteps fade on snowy streets,  
Time slows down where wonder meets.

Christmas lives in what we share,  
Small, unspoken acts of care,  
Mercy given, grudges cease,  
Kindness teaches lasting peace.

Laughter spills through open doors,  
Warmth outlasts the winter's roars,  
Hands are held, and hearts draw near,  
Every voice is bright with cheer.

As new mornings softly start,  
Let this glow remain in heart,  
When the nights grow cold and long,  
Be the light, be the song.

**OJAS PANDA X-C**



## THINGS AROUND US



### **1. 4 cities, 1 GOAT: Lionel Messi's India tour that had it all**

*Lionel Messi's G.O.A.T tour in India was more than just a visit. It was a rollercoaster journey that saw the many faces of the country. Across the four cities, the tour swung like a pendulum, hovering between disappointment, delight, missteps, and moments that become core memories. Fans got a once-in-a-lifetime chance to see football's legend live. For organisers and leaders, it was an opportunity to boost their image. For Messi, it was a brief, intense visit filled with overwhelming affection, even when plans faltered.*

### **2. Delhi air pollution: India imposes new measures as AQI worsens**

*Delhi's air quality has reached dangerous levels, with the AQI hitting 471, over 30 times the safe limit. Schools have switched to online classes, construction has been halted, and old diesel trucks have been prohibited. The toxic air, caused by emissions, crop burning, and stagnant winds, has led to health advisories for vulnerable groups like children and the elderly, as the city faces a rising number of respiratory illnesses.*



### **3. IndiGo Flight Fiasco 2025**

*Over 1,000 Cancellations disrupted travellers. The December 2025 IndiGo crisis was a significant operational failure characterised by widespread flight cancellations and delays. It was caused by the airline's inability to adjust its rapid expansion to the stricter pilot Flight Duty Time Limit (FDTL) regulations, resulting in a pilot shortage and system failure. This led to passenger chaos, increased regulatory oversight, and exposed systemic governance issues within India's aviation industry.*

# THE FUN PAGE

## DID YOU KNOW?



Did you know that the modern Christmas tree originated in Germany? Families would set up a paradise tree in their homes on December 24, the religious feast day of Adam and Eve. They decorated it with wafers, symbolizing the Eucharistic host and representing redemption, and often added candles to represent Jesus Christ as the light of the world. Over time, the tradition grew to include fruits, nuts, and eventually ornaments, creating the festive trees we know today. Fun fact: The world's tallest cut Christmas tree was 212 feet high, erected and decorated at Northgate Shopping Center, Seattle, in 1950!

## WHO AM I?

I am a famous inventor who invented the telephone. Who am I?

I am a famous female scientist who studied radioactivity and won two Nobel Prizes. Who am I?

I am the "Father of the Nation" of the United States and the first president. Who am I?

## FESTIVE HOT CHOCOLATE RECIPE

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup milk (any milk of your choice)
- 2 tablespoons cocoa powder
- 1–2 tablespoons sugar (adjust to taste)
- ¼ teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 small pieces of chocolate
- Whipped cream or marshmallows (optional)

### Instructions:

- Heat the milk in a small pot over medium heat. Don't let it boil!
- Stir in cocoa powder, sugar, and chocolate pieces until fully melted and smooth.
- Add vanilla extract and mix well.
- Pour into a mug and top with whipped cream or marshmallows and enjoy!

Fun Tip: Add a pinch of cinnamon or a candy cane for a holiday twist!

## SUDOKU

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## QUOTE

"It is never too late to be what you might have been."

– George Eliot

## JOKE

How much did Santa pay for his sleigh?

Nothing. It was on the house!

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