



# The Sagarian Times

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## From the Principal's desk

The new Academic season saw our students return rejuvenated and embrace new friendships with the new admissions. Students as buddies played a crucial role in settling in the freshers. We bid emotional farewells to the outgoing class XII as they finished their final exams and left. A new Student Council took charge after a well contested election. Democracy and good leadership won!

Academics started with the right focus. All concerned were informed on the new examination system replacing the CCE pattern. The days were also marked with lots of Inter Class and Inter House Competitions in Sports and Co-Curricular activities.

The vacations have started and I hope you will enjoy these moments of togetherness, bonding and joy with the children with you. Here's wishing you happy times with your loved ones as you peruse through our newsletter for a more detailed flavour...



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## Sagarians @ The Bombay Stock Exchange

**April 7** - Siddhant Mathur, class X; Jai Mehra and Yash Bothra, both of class XII made us proud as they cleared the final round of The Bombay International Finance Olympiad (BIFO), 2017. They were invited to the prestigious Bombay Stock Exchange and were awarded with cash prizes. Yash Bothra and Jai Mehra received sums of Rs 12,000/- each while Siddharth Mathur was presented with a cheque of Rs 8,000/-.



*Tales from Dalal Street*

**Jai Mehra**, class XII says...

The Bombay Stock Exchange, known as India's fastest stock exchange, is a major trading hub enlisted with renowned companies accounting for innumerable transactions 24x7. As students, such an extraordinary opportunity to visit it was truly impressive. In our teens, attaining such a platform widens our knowledge and horizons about stocks and the imperative role of the stock exchange for various investors across the country. During the trip, we were first briefed about the history of the stock exchange. Moving on, all participants from various schools in the country were handed over a 30 MCQ aptitude test to be solved within 30 minutes. Participants who passed the test were then selected for a quiz competition as per the class-wise groups of 6 teams with 3 members each. The quiz consisted of General Knowledge, Audio-Visual and Acronym based questions. I'm fortunate that my team won the first prize in the quiz. It wasn't easy! What added to a relatively exhausting day was when I received my certificate of merit and my cash prize from the Managing Director of the BSE. It indeed was an honour and a proud moment that I shall cherish throughout my life!



# CHEERS AND CELEBRATIONS

## Investiture Ceremony

**April 24** - The best time in one's life is on being recognised by one's own institution. The Student Governing Body was sworn in after being elected unanimously through a democratic e-voting system. The newly elected members were awarded badges and sashes by the Director, Ms. Sharmistha Julka and the

Principal, Dr. Deepak Raj Singh Bisht. The oath was administered by the Principal. While addressing the gathering, the Director emphasized on the aspects of leadership and that the Student Body would stand as a connection between the Management, staff and the students, to be looked upon as idols and trailblazers.



*Badged with pride*



*Taking oath*

### **Aaron Engti, Head Boy shares...**

The palpitation was like having run a 100 metre race while the results were being announced. After the declaration of the results, I was elated with joy. I thank everyone for having put their faith in me. It's a long journey ahead and I am prepared for the upcoming challenges. I am determined to bring in a change for the better in the working scenario of the Council by helping my juniors and cooperating with everyone on campus.

### **Yangchen Dolkar, Head Girl says...**

Being elected as the Head Girl was a dream come true for me. The badge comes with a lot of responsibilities which I will surely undertake with poise and confidence. It wasn't easy to start with as I had to do many things within a limited time. However things have started falling in place with the support of the students and the guidance of my teachers. I am sure to make a mark along with my team in The Sagarian Schoolbook.

## A Poet Par Excellence

Purvi Wadhwa, class X has been dabbling in poetry since a very young age. Her poetry reflects life in all its hues and flavours. She entered her poems in All India Anthology contest and succeeded in getting six of her poems published in two books: The Pen Man's Diary and The Scribbler's Diary. Here are a few lines from her poem "An Enigma":

A perfect example of her predictability in her own unpredictability  
She wasn't gullible but naïve  
She had made her own words her strength  
Which were always fruitful in soothing her soul like no one else...



*Kudos!*

## An Evening With Bhiwadi Rotary Club Members @TSS Campus

**May 14** - Members of the Rotary Club, Bhiwadi along with their family members visited our campus on May 14. The Staff mingled with the guests at the Club over high tea and shared information about the institution. The Rotarians were taken on a guided tour of the campus. Later everyone moved to the auditorium for Tambola, Quiz and Karaoke sessions. This was followed by a star gauging session at the Observatory. The guests admired and appreciated the world class facilities, infrastructure and the Sagarian hospitality. The evening ended with a sumptuous dinner accompanied with effusive thanks from the guests.



*Token of Appreciation*

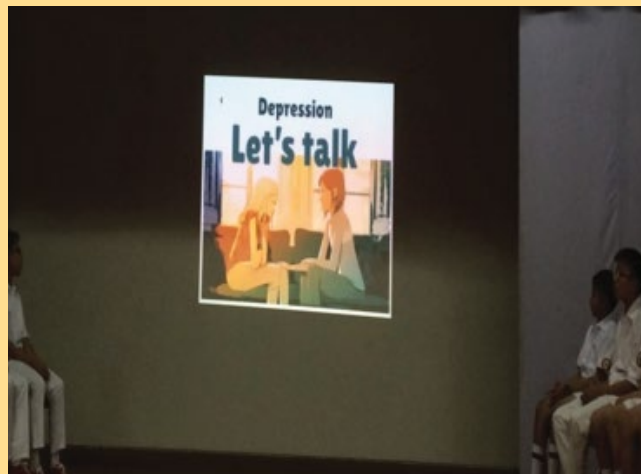


*A memorable evening with Rotarians*



## World Health Day

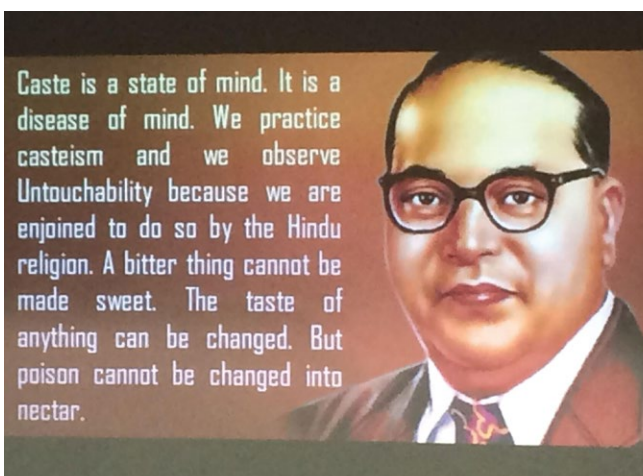
**April 7** - "Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity." The morning mass was dedicated to mark the anniversary of the World Health Organisation. The year 2017 has its theme as "Depression: Let's Talk" pertaining to the rising cases of self-destruction amongst the youth of today. The assembly showcased a video on the necessities of speaking up regarding the problems of daily life and not letting it take a toll on the mental wellbeing of people, especially youngsters.



*Mental well being*

## Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Remembrance Day

**April 14** - The Sagar School is the home away from home for a mass of youngsters hailing from different parts of the world. Equality runs in its veins. The celebration of Ambedkar Jayanti boosted up the spirits of oneness among the Sagarian hearts as the story of Babasaheb touched all. Having risen from the shackles of casteism and overpowering of the Dalits by the then self-proclaimed higher classes to being the backbone of the Indian Constitution, this was a story of self-determination and courage to fight against the odds. The students of Emerald House enacted Tagore's famous dance drama "Chandalika", emphasising on the basic rights of a human being.



*Basic rights!*



*Let equality prevail!*

## International Mother Earth Day

*“And forget not that the earth delights to feel your bare feet and the winds long to play with your hair”*

Kahlil Gibran, the Prophet

**April 22** - The International Mother Earth Day was observed to express our gratitude and celebrate Mother Earth. The Man in his hedonist pursuits has plundered the wealth and gifts of nature. We need to pause and think about the environment. This message was imparted in the presentation at the assembly as the relentless degradation of the environment is leading to unavoidable devastation. The students enacted a hard hitting skit on “Save Trees, Save Life” that depicted that man needs earth for survival and not vice versa.



*Pause and think!*



*Celebrating Earth*



*Nurture the nurturer*



## World Intellectual Property Day

**April 26** - Intellectual property is an important legal and cultural issue. Society as a whole has complex issues to face here: private ownership versus open source and so on. The morning assembly was dedicated to familiarise the students with these aspects. A presentation on various terms and aspects of rights to ownership was shown to create awareness on the same.

## World Dance Day

**April 29** - To dance is to let out the emotions in the best of its form. The Sagarian stage witnessed some wonderful foot tapping performances for the World Dance Day which was celebrated in the campus marking the commencement of the Inter House Dance Competition. The students showcased their best as they amalgamated various forms of dance in keeping with the theme of 'Fusion', with music ranging from Indian Classical to the peppy Jazz. Judges opined that it was a tough call as they had to choose the winner. Diamond House emerged at first position, followed by Emerald as the first runners up and Sapphire claiming the third position. The competition was followed by a DJ and dinner night where students teamed up with the faculty members and enjoyed the evening!

## GLIMPSES



*Dudes and Divas at Dance*

## International Labour Day

**May 1** - "Labour is the only prayer that nature answers." International Labour Day was observed to recognise the industrious manpower that acts as a support to the building of the society. A message of "Work together- grow together" was passed on through a vivid video on the principles followed by the colony of industrious ants.

### Labour day

- Labor Day is an annual holiday to celebrate the achievements of workers. Labor Day has its origins in the labor union movement, specifically the eight-hour day movement, which advocated eight hours for work, eight hours for recreation, and eight hours for rest.
- The history of the Labour Day dates back to May 1, 1886. On this day, labour unions in the United States of America decided to go on a strike with the demand that workers should not be allowed to work more than 8 hours a day. This strike was followed by a bomb blast in Chicago's Haymarket Square on the 4th of May. This led to the death of several people and police officers. In addition, more than 100 people were injured in the blast.

## Say No To Bullying

*"Never be bullied into silence. Never allow yourself to be made a victim. Accept no one's definition of your life, but define yourself."*

Harvey Fierstein

**May 5** - Many of us have been a victim of bullying or have helped someone who has been a victim and they've become a stronger person because of it. A morning assembly under the guidance of the School counsellor Ms. Shivanie Kapoor was organised to combat this menace and sensitize the students. A short skit was presented which put forth the message that if there are no heroes to save you, then you be the hero.



*Telling a tale*



*Be a buddy not a bully*



*Stomp out bullying*



## International Red Cross Day

“A helping hand that you lend today comes back to you when in crisis.”

**May 8** - The International Red Cross Day marks the birth anniversary of Jean Henri Dunant, the founder of the International Committee of Red Cross and the recipient of the first Nobel Prize for peace. The day is dedicated to the selfless service rendered by the millions of volunteers across the globe; those who work towards building a better life for the underprivileged ones, regardless of caste, creed or colour. A special assembly dedicated to this day showcased the operations of the Red Cross Society and the way they work with humanity being their goal. The students of Emerald House also presented a short play on the importance of blood donation and community service.



*Being Human*

## OUTDOOR JAUNTS

### Camping @Aravalis

There is no Wi-Fi in the wilderness but a promise of a better connection. Sagarians across the classes had the time of their lives as they camped at the Aravalli foothills under a brightly lit night sky - an ecstatic evening filled with adventurous activities. Various games were played which acted as a bonding factor between the newbies and the others. Staff members also let down their hair as they joined hands, reliving their childhood. The students enjoyed rock climbing, crossing the valley and trekking down the rugged terrains.



**Siddhartha Patro**, class V shares...

School became utter fun since its very beginning. It is my first year in the School and the camping trip was my weekend getaway. I enjoyed a lot with my friends, slept in tents and also made chapattis for dinner. The hill climbing and valley crossing was all too adventurous and enjoyable. I loved it and experienced many new and exciting things.



*Fun and Adventure*

## Cycling Expeditions

*"It is by riding a bicycle that you learn the contours of a country best, since you have to sweat up the hills and coast down them"*

Ernest Hemingway

The Sagarian cyclists set forth to explore beyond the school boundaries and ran the sweat, taxed the feet and inoculated new energy on the sunny Sundays.



*The Sagarian Cyclists*

## SOCIAL OUTREACH AND ENDEAVOURS

The IAYP Volunteers have been persistently contributing to their cause. They were recognised for their efforts and 10 of them were presented Bronze medals at the morning assembly. Their contribution is worthy of praise as they have been taking time out of their daily chores and working for the betterment of the nearby communities. The volunteers are:

Nitin Mehlawat, Wangchuk T. Tonyot, Arnav Rai, Harshil Rai, Aman Agarwal, Ashish Jakhar, Aryan Agarwal and Anurag Gulia all from class XI. Kudos!



*IAYP Volunteers*

On the occasion of The Red Cross Day the IAYP volunteers visited The Mother Teresa Home in Alwar and interacted with the inmates bringing forth a smile on each face. Our IAYP team also distributed clothes and food items.



*Spreading smiles*



*Lend a hand*



# ACADEMICS AND SCHOLASTIC EXTENSIONS

## Inter Class Bulletin Board Display Competition

*Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort.*

**April 11** - The academic blocks were a sight to behold as the creative hands of our students had completely transformed them. The competition witnessed the dedication and ingenuity of the Sagarians. The students put in their heart and soul in this creative process and racked their brains to come up with brilliant topics ranging from development to spirituality. In the junior category classes VIII A, VI and V bagged the first, second and third positions respectively. Class X B was adjudged the best in Senior Block followed by XI C and XII B.

**Divya Mavaskar**, class X B shares...

There was a tough competition and even the judges shared that they found it hard to pick up the winners. I along with my classmates were elated when we were declared winners in the Senior Block. Our hard work finally paid off. Moreover, this competition helped me create a better bonding and relationship with my classmates. We all worked as a team, which is why we were the best!!



*The Jury*



*Innovative young minds*



*Artistic endeavours*

## Inter Class Essay Writing Competition

**April 21** - On the occasion of the Bard's birth anniversary, commemorating Shakespeare, the Inter Class Essay Writing competition was conducted. The students penned down their expressions on "Joys of writing". The winners are - Garv Gulati, class IV; Khushi Bairwa, class V; Krish Agarwal, class VI; Yangchuk Renee Rinzing, class VII; Naman Chhaparia and Samiksha Negi, both of class VIII; Samarpita Mahadani, class IX; Priyanka Advani, class X; Miji Jung, class XI and Ugyen W. Lachungpa, class XII. Congrats!



*Young Essayists*

## Inter House Hindi Poetry Recitation Competition

*Poetry is the one place where people can speak their original human mind. It is the outlet to say in public what is known in private.*

**April 22** - It was a platform for the students to display their candour on the stage. The topics ranged from flowers to humanity to compositions tickling our funny bones. The participants mesmerised the audience with their beautiful renditions. Khushi Bairwa, class V bagged the first position in Group A; Nikita Sharma, class VII was adjudged as the winner in Group B; Pranav Lahoti stood first in Group C; Vishvjeet Yadav and Aastha Singh both of class XI stole the show in Group D.

**Vishvjeet Yadav**, class XII writes...

It was a great experience for me altogether. The competition was tough and initially I was quite nervous. However I gained confidence and overcame my stage fright as I recited my piece. I am looking forward to further participation and more accolades in future.



*Emotions recollected*



*Ace reciters*



*Lyrical*

## Inter Class Story Writing Competition

**There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you.**

**April 25** - The Sagarians gave a free reign to their innermost thoughts and imagination as they created their own masterpieces on different topics assigned to the respective groups. The stories ranged from fantasy to mystery; each one a masterpiece and a delight to read. The ace writers are:

Group (IV-V) Glory Grace, class V stood first; Siddhartha Patro, class V second and Bharti Upadhyay, class IV stood third.

Group (VI-VIII) Samiksha Negi, class VIII bagged first position; Vupivi K. Yeptho, class VII second and Iris Sarda, class VI third position.

Group (IX-X) first position went to Helga Khumanthem, class X; Purvi Wadhwa, class X stood second and Mesak Takhelmayum, class IX third.

Group (XI-XII) Miji Jung, class XI and Vishvjeet Yadav, class XII stood first; Mandeep Chauhan & Arnav Rai, class XI stood second and third respectively.



*All attention!*



## Best Kept Hostel Competition

**April 26** - Hostel life is all about growing up, beyond the beds and books. The Best Kept Hostel Competition saw all this and more across the ten hostel units in the best of their colours, creativity and composure. The First prize was bagged by Hostel 1, Block-D; second position went to Hostel 1, Block-C and Hostel 1, Block-A and Hostel 2, Block-A shared the third position. During his address, the Principal appreciated the efforts of all the hostellers.



*All smiles!*



*Awarded for excellence*

## ASTRONOMY CLUB NEWS

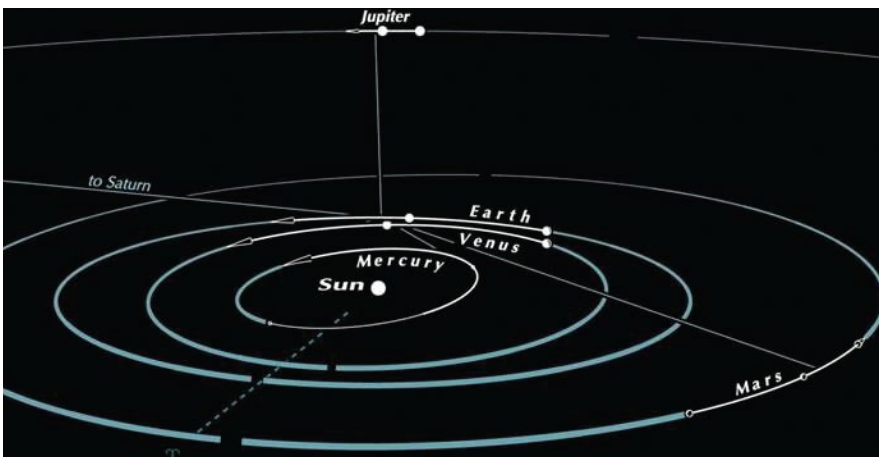
### *Overtaking the King - The Opposition of Jupiter*

**Mr. Ajay Talwar** our visiting astronomer writes

Last month, April 7th Jupiter reached at its point of opposition with the Sun. Since it is directly opposite the sun in the sky, it rises just as the sun sets, remains visible all night long and sets as the sun rises. During Opposition Jupiter or any other planet for that matter, remains available for observation for the longest time. Jupiter appeared the brightest object in the night sky with the exception of the Moon.

This is what the opposition of Jupiter means.

*Planets' space paths in March and April, with sightlines from Earth at April 7. The view is from 15° north of the ecliptic plane. The dashed line is the vernal equinox direction. The planets are exaggerated 300 times in size; Jupiter, 50 times; the Sun, 5 times.*



Earth overtakes Jupiter on the inside, so that Jupiter is directly outward from – opposite to – the Sun. Around this time, Earth itself is being overtaken on the inside by Venus (the moment of this “inferior conjunction” was March 25) and Mercury (the moment will be April 20). Far out beyond Jupiter shine the stars of Virgo.

## Observing Jupiter and its moons

The students of The Sagar School observed Jupiter with the observatory Celestron telescope during the entire opposition month. Jupiter's moons are fascinating to watch through a telescope. They can be seen shifting positions in less than an hour and often pass in front of or behind the Jupiter planet. While passing in front of Jupiter, they cast their shadows on the giant planet's face.

The cloud tops of Jupiter's thick atmosphere are clearly visible. There are two dark cloud belts parallel to its equator, with thinner cloud belts visible toward its poles. It has a famous cyclonic feature in its upper atmosphere with a distinctive salmon-pink color, known as the Great Red Spot.

Here is an image of Jupiter at Opposition two years back, shot by students themselves.



*Observing Jupiter and its moons*

## SPORTING TIMES

### Inter House Chess Championship - April, 15 to 20

Chess is art, science and sport rolled into one, where every move counts. The Inter House Chess Championship saw emerging young masters of the game as they took on to the game of boards planning every move. Sapphire House bagged the winner's trophy with Diamond at second position, Ruby and Emerald shared the third spot.



*Brainstormers*



## Inter House Squash Championship - April, 22 to 24

They call it “Boxing with the racquets” for it takes a perfect coordination of the hands, the feet, the brain and the eyes to hit the ball. Inter House Squash for the year 2017-18 was organized on League cum Knockout basis according to the rules adopted by SRFI (Squash Racquet Federation of India). Diamond House emerged the winners, followed by Sapphire in the second and Emerald claiming the third position.



*Squash-ed*

## Inter House Table Tennis Championship - April, 29 to May, 1

The Inter House Table Tennis Championship 2017-18 was conducted on League cum Knockout basis. Diamond House shone bright as it was declared the winner. Emerald bagged the first runners up spot as Ruby claimed the third stand.



*Across the table*



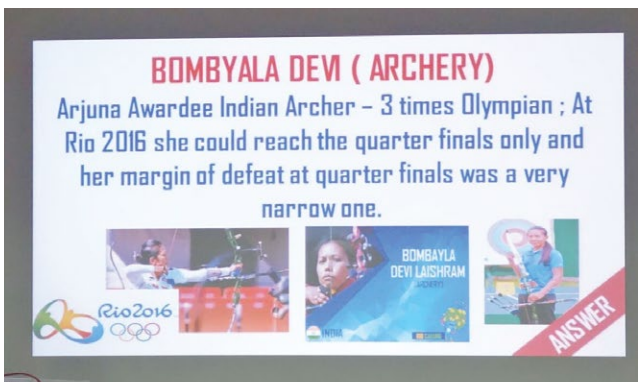
*All action*

## Inter House Sports Quiz

**May 6** - The Inter House Sports Quiz was conducted in Junior and Senior categories, with the four Houses contesting against each other. The questions covered all the major sports and even included the Sagarian sporting times. As the curtains drew Diamond House stole the show in the senior category, followed by Ruby House in second position and Emerald House standing third. The junior wing saw Sapphire House as the winner, Diamond House as the first runners up and Ruby House in the third position.



*The winners!*



*Facts and Gen*



*Quizzer*

## The Sagar Premier League - May, 11 to 13



*Eye on the basket!*

The Sagar Premier League for this academic year kicked off with the basketball matches wherein four teams contested, namely Sagar Piston, Trail Blazers, Sagar United and Renaissance. Sagar Piston emerged as winners with the Trail Blazers in the second position and Sagar United claiming the third spot.





## The Alwar Book Festival and Art Mela

**April 16** - 17 students from our School accompanied by 3 teachers visited the event which was organised by National Book Trust, India and District Administration, Alwar, Rajasthan. Our students also attended Creative Writing Workshop from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm. They wrote stories and spoke on stage about their creativity. There were also known personalities like Mr. Rameshwar Kambose (Hindi writer) from National Book Trust. He spoke about the importance of books in one's life. It was an enriching experience for our students.



*Imbibing knowledge*

## Chitrangan - The Art Fest at Amity Gurgaon

**May 9** - There is an artist in every child where creativity reigns strong. Seven students escorted by Mr. Parvesh Chauhan represented the School in various categories like recreation of painting, sculpture, relief work in clay, landscape painting and quilling. The children showcased their creative talents as they learnt lessons on art and artistry.



*The Mother  
by Adyasa Panda and Purab Golecha, class X*

## Career Counselling - April, 26 to 27

The future depends on what is done today. A workshop was organised for the students of Classes IX –XI by Mr. Pradeep Narayanan and Mrs. Harminder Kaur from Admizzionz Campuz on careers in Healthcare and Management. Class XI was also oriented on careers in Journalism and Mass Communication whereas Class XII got a detailed overview on the opportunities and challenges that are likely to occur during College admissions. Students of class XI also had one to one sessions with the visiting counsellors.



*Guiding careers*

## The Indo German Teachers Association (InDaf), April, 22 - 23 @ Udaipur

**Ms. Meghana Mangal**, German teacher, writes...

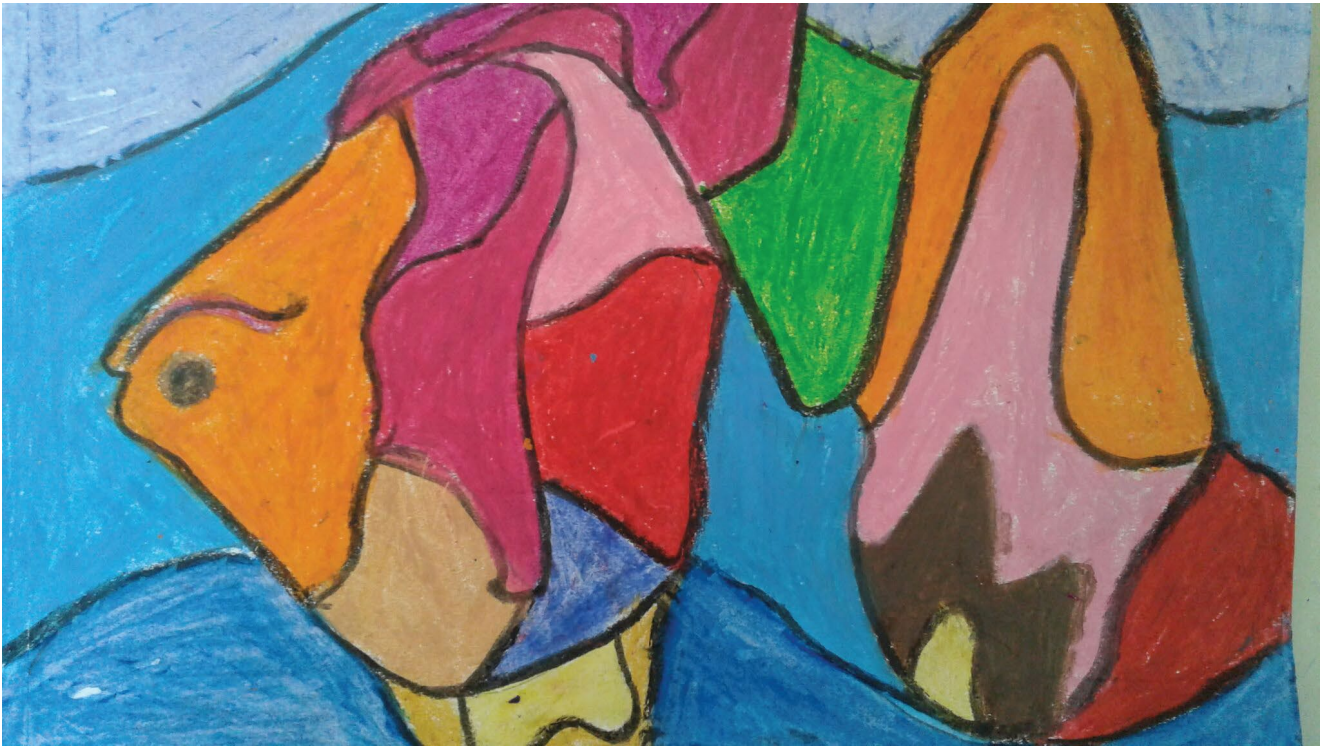
InDaf in collaboration with the Goethe Institute (Max Mueller Bhavan, Delhi) had organised a workshop on "Methodik und Didaktik des Fremdspracheunterrichts" which was attended by 72 teachers. It focused on tools for German classes to improve and increase the vocabulary and evaluation as per CBSE. The workshop was very interactive, informative and knowledgeable.



*Sharing experiences*



# STROKES



*Glory, class V*



*Rachit Singhal, class VII*

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*Jigmet Diskit, class XII*



*Miji Jung, class XI*