

# Sneak Peek

## RELIVING 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

Our Independence Day, 15 August, is celebrated throughout the country with much patriotic fervor. It is an occasion for us to pay homage to our leaders who sacrificed their lives for the liberation of India. Like every year, Anubhutians celebrated the 72<sup>nd</sup> Independence Day on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August with much enthusiasm. Dressed in all-white, we gathered outside the assembly hall after breakfast for the flag hoisting ceremony.

Mr. Dalubhau Jain, the chairman of the Shree Mahavir Sahakari Bank Ltd. was the chief guest on the occasion. After the tricolor was unfurled, the chief guest addressed the School and inspired us all to serve the nation even though we may be pursuing our personal ambitions and goals as adults. It was now time to move to the assembly hall for the cultural program. A bunch of students performed a patriotic song titled Jayostute. Three students from different classes gave speeches in Marathi, English and Hindi. Next was a couple of dances by our budding dancers. Finally a soul-stirring poem recited by Nalini akka not only brought goosebumps but also tears in our eyes. The whole program was well organized and aroused the feelings of patriotism and selfless service in our hearts. Coming out of the assembly hall, we were greeted by the welcome sight of sweets and we relished them joyfully. In the afternoon, we were shown a Hindi movie called *Raazi*, based on a real life story of an Indian college girl who

sacrifices her personal ambitions to serve the nation. Let me conclude by saying that my first Independence Day celebration experience at Anubhuti truly filled me with great patriotic fervour.

*-Suswaramayi Potharaju, Class 8*



## IIMUN CHAMPIONSHIP CONFERENCE

It was the 9<sup>th</sup> of August. We packed our bags and left for the Indian International Modal United Nations championship conference in Mumbai. It was the beginning of our journey, full of excitement and promise. Nine students, including me, went to the conference, accompanied by Neerja Akka. We left the campus with a lot of excitement and looked forward to gaining a global outlook and an insight into some of the burning issues confronting the world. We reached Mumbai the next day and after an hour's bus ride, we found ourselves at the venue of the conference, The Retreat Hotel & Convention Centre Madh Island.

It was nice to see so many new faces from across the country. They looked excited but nervous too, wondering what was in store for them in the following days. I was sailing in the same boat. On the very first day, the IIMUN championship conference was officially inaugurated by the founder himself, Mr. Rishabh Shah. Many speakers spoke one after another trying to encourage us to make the most of our participation in the IIMUN. Their speeches motivated us to earn the title of the Best Delegate. They also told us about their own profession and the struggles they went through to reach where they were. After dinner we had our very first social which was eagerly awaited by us all. The main attraction of the night was the singer Lesle Lewis who not only entertained us but also made the night memorable for us.

The committee sessions formally began on the 11<sup>th</sup> of August. There were 18 committees in all including the international press. All the committees were allotted different sites right inside the hotel. The delegates were ready with their speeches. They were eager to express their ideas and views, open a debate, challenge each other and make statements. Being the first day of the conference, there was a bit of confusion but towards the end of the day everything got sorted out. On that day, we finished our

committee session earlier than scheduled. We had a few more celebrity speakers, who stirred us with their work and achievements. The social ended with a stand-up comedy by Rehman Khan.

On the third day of the conference, I really felt that I was in the United Nations Environmental Program (which was my committee), because each and every delegate was participating with full enthusiasm.

And finally on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August, we wrapped our sessions by making a draft resolution which included all possible solutions we had discussed during the previous committee sessions. Though I didn't win any title, participating in such an interesting event was very rewarding for me. Overall, it was a great experience for me and my fellow participants as we got to learn many new things which were totally unknown to us. Meeting the other students from various schools helped me develop self-confidence and broaden my horizons. Thus, the IIMUN 2018 was a wonderful experience for me.

*-Rohan Reddy, Class 10*



## MAKING OF GANESHA IDOLS

It was our very first attempt to make the idols of Lord Ganesha. The students involved were right from grade 5 to 8. Under the able guidance of our art teacher, Sachin Sir, we all started working on our individual idols. We were very excited about it, trying to make it as fast as we could. Firstly, we watched carefully and learnt how to make a model. Later that day when we had learnt the whole procedure, we took the materials from the art block. Charged with passion and devotion to Lord Ganesha, we were ready with the clay to work on our respective idols. We got down to the job of modelling the clay in an orderly manner. Once our idols were complete, we left them for drying. It took almost 2 hours for them to dry completely. After getting our models dried, we finished the work zealously by painting them. Not only Sachin Sir, but Pritam Das Sir and Nilesh Dada also were constantly guiding and helping us with our activity. We

wrapped up our session and went with a big satisfaction in our hearts and a bigger smile on our faces. The next day our creations were displayed at an exhibition inaugurated by Nisha Akka and Principal JP Rao Sir. They were all very pleased with the efforts made by us. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August, when we were leaving for the midterm break, the parents who had come for the PTI were shown the work done by us. They were very happy to see our creativity and felt proud. Happily then, we left the campus with our Ganesha idols in our hands.



*-Purvashri Kalade & Tanisha Tayal, Class 8*



## SUNDAY FOOD PREPARATION

"Balanced diet is the key to good health. Eat a variety of foods such as whole-grain cereals, pulses, milk and milk products, fruits and vegetables to prevent nutritional deficiencies."

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of August, Pandey sir gave us the task of preparing a special dinner for the whole school with the help of dining hall department. I along with my classmates were so happy for getting such task which was not at all a part of academics and moreover, it was an experiential learning activity. All of us gathered in the dining hall nearly at 3 o' clock on Sunday. We started the work by washing our hands. Hygiene is a vital part of our lives as one must keep his surroundings clean. Hence our nails were checked by Pandey sir and then we were sent into the kitchen.

Working in Anubhuti kitchen is a huge responsibility and work of dignity. A clean and hygienic kitchen would be nowhere as such. Here each one of us could offer a helping hand for the tias and dadas. We realized their daily hard work. Mulchand dada "the great curry maker" in our kitchen divided all of us into a few groups and we carried on with our preparation. Firstly, we saw the menu which was carrying items like cauliflower 65 (which is made from boiled cauliflower), gold coin, Biryani, milkshake, parathas and papad, and a special mixed vegetable curry. Primarily

potatoes were washed, boiled, peeled off and were grated for the gold coin. One group was washing the rice for biryani, another was cutting fruits for the milkshake, while some girls were making parathas and I along with the other boys was busy in arranging the tables. We were also a part of the food factory where I tried my hand at cutting the fruits and frying macroni, which is not easy.

As the time passed, the dinner prepared by us was ready. We served the food to the whole school. On the whole, it was a great experience as it was a great success from which we learnt organizing and teamwork skills. At last we took a sigh of relief as we ate our food, cleaned up the mess and left for our dorms praising our own hard work.

- **Ritesh Mahajan** ,  
Class 11



## FUN @ ANUBHUTI

It is impossible to live without fun in our lives. This enjoyment can help us in releasing the stress and keeping our minds fresh and active. Thus, in order to achieve this our school has decided to make every Sunday a Fun day. We, the students along with the teachers have fun together on the weekend. Till now we have organized and completed two activities successfully. The activities held were Antyakshari and Advertisement presening. All of these actives are conducted according to our House groups namely Topaz, Diamond, Pearl and Amber.

Starting with the activity of Antyakshari, all the students and the teachers participated in it very enthusiastically. The evening was totally filled up with the melodious voices of all the singers of our school. We had a healthy competition and all the students enjoyed the event a lot. In the end, Gangadhar sir entertained us by performing a dance. The second activity held was Advertisement. The students from class 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> were told to enact an authentic advertisement in an appropriate manner. The very thought that we have to act in front of all, made us a bit nervous but much more thrilled. On the other hand, students from class

9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> were expected to perform a small advertisement based on the products of the future technology. There were a lot of discussions and talks but the acts were truly worth watching.

The new initiative taken by the school is very useful and helpful as it helps one to rejuvenate the mind and relax the body.

- **Harshita Nahata** , Class 7





## ANUBHUTI THROUGH A MONTH



Grade XI @ Bhaunchi Shrushti



The Scholastic Book Fair



Mr. Onishi and Mr. Yamashita interacting with the students



Friendship Day sale by TAXI



Ganesha modelling by students



First session of Anubhuti Speaks



Security personnel @ Independence Day celebrations



## FRESHERS' PILGRIMAGE TO GANDHI TEERTH

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of August, an educational trip to Gandhi Teerth (Gandhi Research Foundation) was organized for the new Anubhuti students (both students & staff). It provided a great opportunity for them not only to explore the beautiful Jain Hills but also to help them recall and revise their knowledge and understanding of the Father of Nation, Mahatma Gandhi—his life and philosophy. In the museum, they were able to see a rich collection of relics, letters, correspondence and a few personal effects of Gandhiji. Each picture had an interesting tale to narrate. The guides and instructors gave us a portable audio device with a headset which made listening to the narration an enjoyable experience. They not only told us about his life but along with that we were also told about the entire history of our freedom struggle under Gandhiji's

leadership. We were also shown a documentary on the life of Mahatma Gandhi.

Visiting Gandhi Teerth was a memorable experience for students as well as the teachers. We learnt about Gandhi's values and practices such as unity is strength, Satyagraha, truth and non-violence. A peep into Mahatma Gandhi's life inspired us all a lot. The biggest lesson we received that day was that we should always be on the side of truth, take decisions without prejudices and the bravery to fight injustice and evil in the world. The teachings of Gandhiji encourage us to live rightly every day in our lives. This visit to the Gandhi Research Foundation was indeed an enriching and enjoyable experience.

*-Samyak Jain, Class 7*



## CAMPUS EYE

- The school under-19 football champs participated in the district level competition held in Jalgaon and they have qualified for the divisional level.
- Mr. Onishi & Mr. Yoshika Yamashita visited our school and interacted with the students of Anubhuti. They offered to invite our school to the Asian and Oceanic High School Student Forum 2019 to be held in Wakayama, Japan.
- An exciting weekly assembly activity named ANUBHUTI SPEAKS has commenced. This is conducted on every Friday during our assembly time.
- The school under-17 and under-19 champs participated in the ISC Table Tennis state level competition in which under 19-girls, Shreeja Mundada, Komalpreet Kaur Chabbra and Deepshika Katre have been selected for the national level competition.





## SINGING COMPETITION

On 19 August, we the choir group of Anubhuti School went for the district level singing competition for Independence Day which was held in Jalgaon. Our practice had started long back and on the day of our performance we were fully prepared and confident. We were quite certain that we would get a chance to represent our school at the state level. Dressed in our school kurta we left the campus with the hopes of winning this competition. Including Anubhutians there were nineteen participating schools in all. We were the first to perform as the schools had to come on stage in alphabetical order. All of us were quite nervous as well as determined to perform on stage before so many who were better singers than us. Our song named "Jayostute" by Shankar Mahadevan was a difficult song to perform but Nikhil sir and Bhushan sir had full confidence in us. We went on the stage full of mixed emotions and began our song with great zeal and energy. After our performance we were praised by the judges and anchors not only for the

singing but also for our lovely school uniforms. As all the performances came to an end, we all were eagerly waiting for the results. Firstly, the consolation prize was announced and then the first three places were left. We were sure that we would be the winners but we were declared as the runners-up. We were not disappointed; we were happy that we secured the second position as we proudly went on stage to receive our trophy.



*-Snehal Maloo , Class 8*

## ONAM FEAST

Every year at Anubhuti, Onam is celebrated in a very special manner. On the 16<sup>th</sup> of August 2018, the students of Grade 11 were given the task for the preparation of Onam lunch. Having lunch at Anubhuti has always been a reminiscence to cherish and great fun. We were too eager to do the task and after our classes were over for the day, we went to the Dining Hall and started the preparation for the lunch. Then we got some knowledge about the different food items prepared for this festive season. Hearing that was stunning as we were just wondering how the Dining hall staff would be able to prepare so many dishes every day. It was a very big responsibility assigned to us, which turned to be a successful one.

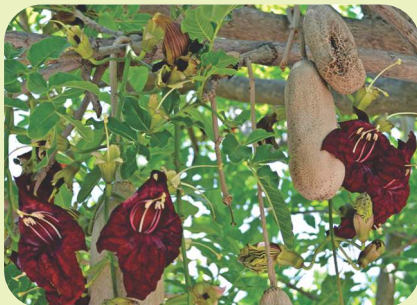
Firstly, we all were supposed to arrange the banana leaves in a proper direction as per the tradition in Kerala. Each one of us took the initiative to serve a particular item which comprised Payasam, Rasam, Sambhar, Kaalan, Banana chips, Upperi, Avail, Sharkar Varatti, Chenna Mezha Kkumaratti, Inji curry, Chor (Rice), Pappadam, Thoran, Poovan Pazham (Banana). With the help of Pandey sir, we systematically arranged all the items on the banana leaves as directed by him. Around 1:20 pm all the students arrived at the dining hall, looking at them made us feel eager to serve. All the students were allotted the dining tables as per their classes. The students were also eager to taste the festive food, a new experience for them. We happily served them and were able to see the immense satisfaction on their faces as they savoured their food. We are looking forward to having such opportunities again in the upcoming weeks and months. I would like to thank Pandey sir and the whole dining staff for giving us this kind of opportunity.



*-Agam Jain, Class 11*

The **sausage tree** of sub-Saharan Africa (*Kigelia*) is beautiful in flower. The blood-red to maroon flowers hang in long panicles. The fragrance of the flower is not pleasing to humans but attracts the Dwarf Epauletted Fruitbat (*Micropteropus pusillus*), its pollinator. As the flowers drop from the tree, animals come to feed on the nectar-rich blooms. Impala, duiker, baboons, bush pigs, and lovebirds all feed on the flowers of the Sausage tree. Grey fruits grow out of these flowers. These grey fruits resemble sausages and can grow for months to become over a foot long, weighing over 10 pounds.

The blood-red flowers of the South African sausage tree bloom at night on long, ropelike stalks that hang down from the limbs of this tropical tree. The fragrant, nectar-rich blossoms are pollinated by bats, insects and sunbirds in their native habitat. The mature fruits dangle from the long stalks like giant sausages. They may be up to two feet (0.6 m.) long and weigh up to 15 pounds (6.8 kg). You can find this variety in front of class 12.



The **yellow-footed green pigeon** (*Treron phoenicoptera*), also known as yellow-legged green pigeon, is a common species of green pigeon found in the Indian subcontinent. It is the state bird of Maharashtra. It is called Hariyal in Marathi. The species feeds on fruit, including many species

of Ficus. They forage in flocks. In the early morning, they are often seen sunning on the tops of emergent trees in dense forest areas. They are especially found sitting in couples on tree branches.

They are commonly found in roadside trees, particularly near Banyan and Peepal trees. They are found in pairs or small groups of 5 to 10, and sometimes in large groups.

The size of an adult yellow-footed green pigeon is between 29 and 33 cm. They have a yellowish olive-green body, duller above with a blue grey crown. They are herbivores. The breeding season is between March and June.

You can find this variety around BH 10.

## EDITORIAL TEAM IN AN INTIMATE TALK WITH PRAVIN DADA

**ET:** How did you come to be associated with Anubhuti and Dadaji?

**PD:** I joined Anubhuti on 3 August, 2011. Initially, I didn't have the courage to face Dadaji and was too nervous to talk to him. But then, the day arrived when there was no escape, and I found myself standing before him and trying to talk to him. I immediately realized that he was one of the most kind-hearted persons I had seen in my life. I still remember and cherish my first encounter with Dadaji. His voice was very gentle and soothing, and it filled me with so much happiness. After that, whenever I was in his presence, I felt a strange and strong aura around Dadaji—so distinct and full of energy.

**ET:** How do you like your experience so far at Anubhuti?

**PD:** Before joining Anubhuti, I used to work at Sane Guruji College in Pune as a Xerox machine operator. When I came to know about Anubhuti, I was eager to join it. For me Anubhuti is not just the workplace but heaven, which motivates me to work hard every day with the same honesty and loyalty. I work with equal zeal for all: teachers, students, and my colleagues.

**ET:** Do you remember facing challenges while working here?

**PD:** I was first given the work of a lab assistant at Anubhuti, but I had hardly any idea of the tasks involved as a lab assistant. In the beginning, I only worked in the physics, computer and geography labs. Later, in the absence of my senior colleague, I got the responsibility of handling jobs in the chemistry lab too. As I lacked the relevant knowledge I felt very bad, so I gradually started learning chemical formulas. In the course of time I gained more and more confidence. What I have realized is that with every problem comes a solution. Where there is a will there is a way!

**ET:** What is it that motivates you and keeps you moving on the path of life?

**PD:** This is no doubt a great fortune for me to be working at a school like Anubhuti. Each day arrives with a new challenge, but at the same time with new hopes and possibilities. I enjoy a special bond with the children here. This school has given me the experience and confidence to work in any situation without hesitation. I am now equipped with the necessary skills to work in any position, whether as a lab assistant or a helper in the administration. As a matter of fact, Anubhuti offers a wide range of experience to the people working here, which will help them to progress in life. This is what keeps me moving further and further.





## START-UPS MUSHROOMING AT ANUBHUTI

### TAXI

The students of class XI decided to establish a mock company with the kind permission and blessings of respected Nisha Akka and JP Rao Sir.

The Company named *TAXI* is actually the acronym for 'The Amazing XI'. The first sale organized by this business venture took place just a day before Friendship Day: 4 August, 2018 where we sold different types of friendship bands, friendship cards and keychains.

Though we outsourced the friendship bands, the friendship cards were beautifully made by the Production and Designing team of TAXI. Keeping in mind the environmental issues, the boys of class XI also made paper bags for the convenience of the buyers.

The enthusiasm could be felt right from morning. The students of other classes were excited to buy things on display for their friends while the faces of class 11 students betrayed mixed emotions of fear, eagerness and commitment.

The entire sale went on very smoothly and quickly. The students loved the collection we had. The stock finished soon after it entered the exhibition (assembly) hall whereas the demands of the students continued. Overall, it was a wonderful learning experience for all the 11<sup>th</sup> graders. We were also able to figure out how we could improve up on our first endeavour and hope to put up a flawless sale the next time. We promise that TAXI will never let you down.

*-Vanshita Bhatia, Class 11 (Vice-Chairperson)*

### THRIVE 'n' GO

Getting inspired by the grade XI students, we the students of grade XII also established a mock company, *Thrive 'n' Go*, the anagram of 'overnight'. It was established on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August, and it practically commenced its operation by putting up its first sale on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August, 2018, Friendship Day.



While selecting the items for sale, our emphasis was on quality. It was a great experience which helped us to put our theoretical knowledge into practice. We look forward to running this business successfully and promise to provide our customers with quality products.

*-Pratham Vaidya, Class 12 (Vice-Chairperson)*

## SIGNING IN

Being a part of the editorial team of our newsletter is by no means a piece of cake—neither for students nor for teachers. We suddenly feel a lot of responsibilities on our shoulders. In the course of time, as we learn the ropes and become more and more skilled, it is an activity rather than a challenge, which helps us enhance our literary skills. It is indeed a privilege to be selected as editors from among all the class 11 students, and we are determined not to let down our selectors who believe in us and have entrusted us with an important responsibility. In fact, we look forward to living up to their expectations in the coming months. No doubt we would face several challenges as we move along but they would help us grow.

We would like to take this opportunity to bid adieu to the old editorial team—Sarthak Meshram, Kartikeya Lunawat, Shivam Agrawal, Janhavi Joshi and Anjali Palod. They worked very hard to keep you posted with all that has been happening on the campus during the last one year. We would like to say a big thank you to them all even as the mantle is passed on to us.

“Life is full of experiences and every change teaches us something” are the wise words used by the outgoing

editorial team in their first issue. We cannot promise that this shift will be smooth and easy for us, but we wish to reassure them that things are hopefully going to be more exciting from now on and each issue of Sneak Peek would leave all our readers longing for its next edition!

*— Editors*



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