



Empowering Dreams: Transforming Ideas into Reality

SANDESHANUBHUTI

"Ideas that occur in one's mind need not be great but should be practical."

– Bhavarlal H. Jain

Highlights of Commerce Week Celebration

Inaugural Ceremony

Commerce Week commenced with an inaugural ceremony graced by the esteemed Shri Athang Bhau, Director of Jain Farm Fresh Foods Ltd. as the chief guest. The ceremony was an absolute spectacle, featuring the grand unveiling of a stunning backdrop, followed by a thought-provoking speech by Bhau on the significance of entrepreneurship in today's world.

The annual celebration of Commerce Week aims to inspire and foster the entrepreneurial spirit among students, and it did just that.

After the special assembly, a Nukkad was organised on the theme of 'Healthy Food', which was vibrant and energetic. It educated the audience on the importance of eating healthy. The play was performed by talented students who put on a spectacular show, leaving the audience in awe of their skills.

As the day progressed, the excitement levels only escalated with the commencement of a fireless cooking competition called 'Zaika-e-Anubhuti'. The competition was thrilling, as the students put their culinary skills on display and prepared mouth-watering





dishes without using fire. The competition brought out the imaginative and innovative

side of the young participants, who went above and beyond to create something unique and delicious.

Overall, Commerce Week was an exceptional event that provided a fantastic opportunity for students to learn, explore, and showcase their talents. The celebration of entrepreneurship and healthy living was a resounding success, thanks to the participants, organisers, and esteemed guests who graced the event with their presence. It was truly inspiring.

- **Khush Kawre**, Class 9

Anubhuti NEO



Our day two was packed with exciting activities that kept us on our toes from morning till evening. So, in the morning, we had an assembly where we learned about the 'effect of elections on the Indian economy'. It was an eye-opening session that shed light on the impact of political events on the economy. I was amazed to discover how much of a ripple effect elections can have on the economy, and many of my peers felt the same. After that, we had an event called Anubhuti NEO (New Entrepreneurial Opportunities), which was like a mini version of Shark Tank - the famous TV show where entrepreneurs pitch their ideas to investors. Our school had

organized this event, and students presented their startup ideas to a panel of judges. It was exhilarating to see all the creative ideas that came from my fellow students, and I was thrilled to participate too. The event kicked off with a random draw of chits that had the product and group names. Everyone was excited and eager to showcase their ideas. The judges asked some tough questions, but we all tried our best to impress them.

The participants were judged based on their presentation, creativity, feasibility, and how well their product/service fits in today's market. The winners were given a free food coupon for the food fair the following day, which was a great incentive.

The event concluded with a fantastic speech by the chief guest, Dr. Yuvraj Pardeshi. Overall, it was a fun and informative day that helped me improve my problem-solving skills and creative thinking. I can't wait for the next event!

- **Ved Bhuskade**, Class 9

Treasure Hunt & Fun Fair

Excitement filled the air on the last day of Commerce Week, December 31st, 2023. Everyone was eagerly anticipating the much-awaited Treasure Hunt game, and the energy levels were soaring high! The day began with a Zumba session to pump up the students, and then it was time for the game to commence at 10 in the morning. All the houses were raring to go, and the objective was clear - complete the tasks and gather hints to find the treasure. Teamwork, collaboration, and unity were the keys to success, and each house tried its best. The competition was fierce, but



in the end, it was the Green House that emerged victorious! As a member of the Green House, I celebrated the win with my team and basked in the glory of our triumph. But that wasn't all - the commerce students still had more fun in store for the day!

The Fun Fair was next on the agenda, and it was a blast. A variety of games were set up,



including Brick Lifting, Bowling, and others. The art block was decked out with beautiful decorations that added to the festive vibe. The students of Classes 9 and 11 worked tirelessly to get everything ready by 3:30 PM, and coupons were distributed to all the students. The Fun Fair began after that, and it was a riot of colours, laughter, and joy. Mayank Mutha, dressed as Santa Claus, gave out gifts to the winners of each game, and everyone enjoyed themselves to the fullest. The Food Fest began at six o'clock, and it was a veritable feast for the senses. Mouth-watering dishes were served, and everyone savoured the delectable flavours and aromas. The last day of Commerce Week and the year ended with a bang, leaving us with unforgettable memories that we will treasure for a lifetime.

- Prapti Gugale, Class 9



Commerce Week





75th Republic Day Celebration



The Republic Day festivities left an indelible mark on my heart. The atmosphere was electric with pride and joy, as we all came together to honor our great nation. It was an honor to be a part of such a significant occasion, and the sense of unity and camaraderie was truly inspiring.

The day began with a solemn flag hoisting ceremony in the school courtyard, where Shri. Sharatchandra Chhapekar, a distinguished guest, joined us to pay our respects to the national flag. The ceremony was a proud and emotional moment for all of us, as we stood with our hands on our hearts, feeling grateful for our country.

After the flag hoisting, we moved to the assembly hall for the cultural programs. The performances were a delightful mix of drama, dance, song, and speech, each one showcasing the rich cultural diversity of our country. My classmates were incredibly talented and creative, and they performed with confidence and grace, leaving us all mesmerized.

I was especially thrilled to see some of my closest friends perform in the dramas and dances. Their hard work and dedication paid off, and it was a joyous moment to see them shine on stage. The energy and excitement in the hall were palpable, and everyone was thoroughly enjoying themselves.

As the celebration drew to a close, we were given a packet of delicious Peda. I felt grateful for being a part of such a memorable and wonderful celebration.

- Adarsh Patil, Class 8



An exposure visit to Tissue Culture Park



Tissue culture is a biological research method in which fragments of animal or plant tissue are transferred to an artificial environment where they can continue to survive and function. The cultured tissue may consist of a single cell, a population of cells, or a whole or part of an organ. Cells in culture may multiply, change size, form, or function, exhibit specialized activity, or interact with other cells.

In December, we went on an industrial visit to a tissue culture park in Takarkheda which is the World's Largest Tissue Culture Park spread over 400+ acres and produces more than 200 million plants every year. It was a thrilling experience for me. After travelling for around an hour from our school, we were

warmly welcomed by the Co-ordinators who also arranged refreshment and fresh fruits for us. We all enjoyed the snacks. They then took us to a dome-like structure where they kept many different types of plants. The tissue culture took place inside the dome. These plants were not for sale but were just for exhibits for guests who visited the park. The entry to the domes was fascinating and designed in a way that prevented fungi or germs from entering and damaging the saplings. It was made of glass and had 3-4 doors, with a turn after each one. There was a drip irrigation system installed for the saplings' irrigation, which provided sufficient water to the plants.

- Sparsh Mohite, Class 9



A Special Interaction with Padma Shri Dr. Sharad Kale

It was an absolute privilege to host the esteemed guest Dr. Sharad P Kale, a renowned scientist recognized for his pioneering work in developing biogas plants utilizing biodegradable waste resources (Nisargruna). Dr. Kale is currently serving as the Head of Technology Transfer and Collaboration at the prestigious Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC). He was awarded the Padma Shri Award by the Government of India on 26 January 2013 for his exceptional contributions to science and engineering.



Dr. Kale's presence as a Guest Speaker added immense value to our event. He delivered an insightful discourse on various pressing environmental issues, including waste management, climate change solutions, resource depletion challenges, and the



imperative of maintaining environmental balance. His emphasis on the principles of “restrict, reduce, reuse, and recycle” resonated deeply with the student community, providing practical strategies for sustainable living and environmental stewardship.



His ability to address their curious questions with profound insight and clarity made it relevant and understandable. It was truly an unparalleled experience, leaving a lasting impression on all students.

In conclusion, I extend our heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Sharad P Kale for inspiring us with his wisdom and vision. The guidance will surely help us to make a positive impact on the environment and society.

- Diya Deshpande, Class 7

Charting Professional Path - A Career Counselling Workshop

A career counselling workshop was conducted for Class 10 students by Mr. Jaydeep Patil. The workshop aimed to provide insights into the importance of stream and subject selection for university programs, and discuss the scope for professions.

During the workshop, Mr. Jaydeep Patil emphasized the significance of making informed decisions regarding stream and subject selection for the Higher Secondary Education program. He highlighted how the chosen stream and subjects lay the foundation for future academic pursuits and career paths. The workshop discussed the differences between streams like Science, Commerce, and Humanities, and the career opportunities associated with each one of them.

Further, he discussed potential career paths in fields such as Engineering, Medicine, Business Management, Humanities, Social Sciences, and more. Additionally, he offered guidance on selecting appropriate university programs based on students' interests, aptitudes, and career aspirations. The workshop aimed to help students gain a better understanding of the various higher education options available after ISC



and enable them to make informed decisions regarding higher education.

The workshop also shed light on the evolving landscape of professions and the demand for skilled professionals in different sectors. Mr. Patil discussed emerging career trends, technological advancements, and the importance of acquiring relevant skills to stay competitive in the job market. Through real-life examples and case studies, students gained insights into the dynamic nature of various professions and potential career growth opportunities.

A key highlight of the workshop was the interactive question-answer session, where students had the opportunity to seek clarification on specific queries related to career choices, university admissions, and professional prospects. Mr. Patil adeptly addressed individual concerns and provided personalized guidance to help students make well-informed decisions about their future paths.

The workshop proved to be very beneficial for Class 10 students.

- Meehan Surana, Class 10



Snappies





“The Career Next” Career Counselling Session



On 7th December 2023, an exclusive career counselling programme titled “The Career Next” was conducted for Classes 10, 11 & 12 seeking admission to engineering, commerce, and management programmes. The

session was conducted by Prof. Rajendra Agrawal, an educator and mentor at NMIMS, Dhule Campus.

The primary objective of the programme was to provide comprehensive guidance and insights to students regarding their academic and career choices. Prof. Rajendra Agrawal aimed to assist participants in making well-informed decisions about their future educational pursuits and professional endeavours.

During the programme, Professor Rajendra Agrawal stressed the importance of thoughtful career planning and informed decision-making. He went on to provide an overview of the various academic pathways available in the engineering, commerce, and management domains, highlighting the unique opportunities and challenges associated with each field.

Professor Agrawal engaged participants in interactive sessions and discussions, addressing their queries, concerns, and aspirations. He offered personalised guidance tailored to their individual needs. Through the programme, students gained insights into emerging trends, industry demands, and future career prospects, enabling them to gain a holistic understanding of their chosen fields.

The session proved to be highly informative and beneficial for students. We look forward to being part of similar initiatives in the future to support students in their pursuit of academic and career excellence.

- Akul Rath, Class 11



Paper Presentation - Raisoni Institute of Business Management

On January 18th, my friend Krisha and I were busy preparing for our presentation at Raisoni College while most of our classmates packed up for the break. Despite juggling it between our exam schedules, we were able to put together a great presentation with guidance and support from our teacher, Swagat sir. After completing our exams, we attended the inauguration ceremony, networked with others, and enjoyed a delicious lunch.

Then, it was time for our presentation. We met a lady who had already presented before us, which made us a bit nervous.



However, we kept our cool, introduced our presentation, and successfully answered all the questions asked by the judges. Our presentation was met with appreciation and praise from everyone present there.

Although we came third in the seminar, the process we followed to strive towards it was what mattered most. Through the experience, we gained new insights and knowledge that we can apply in our future endeavours. Overall, it was a great learning experience that we will cherish for a long time.

- Jiya Rathod, Class 11



Parent Teacher Interaction

On the bright morning of November 24th, my siblings and I eagerly anticipated the end of the school day as our parents had promised to pick us up early. However, we knew there was still one thing to attend before we headed home - the Parent-Teacher Interaction (PTI). As students who sometimes caused trouble, we felt a mix of nervousness and anticipation about hearing feedback from our teachers. We knew that the PTI was an opportunity for our parents to interact with our teachers, learn about our progress and understand the areas we needed to improve upon.



As we made our way to Saraswati Point, we could see that many other parents and students were also waiting for the PTI to commence. The assembly hall was decorated with colourful posters and a projector displayed wonderful pictures of school activities. The atmosphere was lively, with background music playing and teachers interacting with parents in a friendly and welcoming manner.



Compliments and areas of improvement were shared honestly, by our teachers providing valuable feedback to our parents. We were pleased to hear that we were making good progress in our studies and extracurricular activities. Our parents were happy to hear about our successes and the areas where we could improve. Despite the initial fear surrounding the PTI, it served as an opportunity for all of us to learn from our mistakes and strive for improvement.

After the PTI, we were treated to a delicious lunch provided by the school. We enjoyed our meal while chatting with our teachers and friends, feeling content and happy with our achievements. As we left school for the holiday break, we felt proud of ourselves and grateful for the experience of the PTI. We looked forward to returning to school with renewed energy and motivation.

- Rutva Shah, Class 8



Khandesh Run

One fine day, when the sun had barely risen, we were all ready and up at 5 am. The school had provided us with some bananas and milk for supper, which we devoured in no time. We were all geared up and excited to take part in the 3km run scheduled for the day. So, we gathered at the school gate and set off for Sagar Park.



When we reached there we took some amazing pictures and warmed up with a lively Zumba session. It was a great way to get our blood pumping and muscles ready for the run.

Finally, the run started, and we all took off towards the finish line. The adrenaline was pumping, and we were all determined to put our best foot forward. It took us around 45 minutes on average to complete the run, however Suraj Khandelwal, one of our 12th-graders, finished in just 20 minutes! We were all in awe of his incredible speed and congratulated him on his impressive achievement.

After the run, we did a cool-down session to help our bodies recover. Soon breakfast and medals were provided to all participants. Each of us received a medal for our efforts, and it felt great to be recognised.

We stayed back for a while, enjoying the music and dance. It was a fantastic experience for us, and we felt proud of ourselves. We were grateful to have had the opportunity to attend such an amazing event that helped us become more active and healthy.

- Jayant Mukundam, Class 9



E-Time Quiz

We were all geared up for the E-time quiz that we had been preparing for, for over a month! The date was set for December and the venue was our very own library.

Now, the E-time quiz is not your average quiz. It focuses on a wide range of topics like General knowledge, Science, Mathematics and English. All the students selected for the quiz worked hard and learnt a lot during the preparation process. But as they say, “Don’t value the journey for the destination, but the destination for the journey”.



The quiz was scheduled from 2:30-3:30 pm and we were all set to showcase our knowledge. Everyone was hoping to pass to the next round, but what mattered most was the knowledge we gained while preparing for the quiz.

Our guides and mentors throughout this journey were Swagat sir and Suvendu sir. Their support and motivation encouraged us



to try harder and do our best. In the end, two students were selected from each class, and only one of them would pass to the next round.



The best part about the quiz was that around 8 schools from 3 different districts participated, which gave us a wide scope to gain knowledge and learn. As the selection round was an objective paper, it also gave us an idea about how competitive exams work.

To sum it up, the E-time quiz was an extremely fun and enhancing experience for all of us. I hope we get more such opportunities in the near future.

- Palak Surana, Class 8

Dadaji's Birth Anniversary

I had the pleasure of experiencing a truly unforgettable day on December 12th. As I awoke at 5 am, the sweet sounds of melodious music greeted me, blending seamlessly with the cool breeze and serene view of nearby lakes. Although it was a beautiful day, it was also a day of great sorrow as we said our final farewell to our beloved Dadaji.

As planned, we all woke up at 4:30 am, got ready, and boarded the bus to reach Shraddha Dham, where the Bhakti Sumananjali program was scheduled. We were enchanted upon witnessing the first performance of the day - a prayer song performed by our school choir group.

The highlight of the day, however, was the music performance that followed, featuring three incredibly talented artists - a flautist, a violinist, and a renowned singer and guitarist Vikram Hazra. The music they

created was so beautiful and captivating that it held us spellbound. The breathtaking view surrounding us only added to the experience, making it a feast for our eyes and souls.



Following the music performance, we listened to a few speeches before heading to a delicious breakfast. Once our tummies were filled, we were taken on a tour of the entire farming process. From witnessing the various technologies and processes used in farming to exploring the vast fields and farms, it was a truly enlightening experience. Our visit to Shraddha Dham was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and we were all grateful for the chance to be a part of it.

- Lakshya Tolani, Class 9



Exploring Ajanta Caves

Board exams can be an extremely daunting experience for students. However, our school understands this and tries to alleviate some of that stress by organizing exciting excursions every year. This time, the students of classes 10th and 12th were given a wonderful opportunity to go on a one-day trip to the Ajanta Caves, which is a UNESCO World Heritage site. The trip turned out to be an awe-inspiring and delightful experience



that we will cherish for years to come. On the morning of January 28th, we gathered at Elephant Point, our minds brimming with anticipation and excitement for our final school trip. Our group leaders for the day - including Swagat sir, Parvati Akka, Rahul sir, Sukumaran sir, and Rajitha Akka - ensured that we had



an enjoyable time throughout the day. After an enjoyable bus ride, we arrived at our destination and were amazed by the splendour of the Ajanta Caves. The caves are famous for their ancient Buddhist rock-cut monuments and murals that date back to the 2nd century BCE. We were greeted by a multitude of Gautam Buddha statues in various postures, as well as some empty



caves. The paintings on the walls and the small meditation rooms were fascinating to see. We spent the next three hours exploring the caves, which are spread over 30 rock-



cut caves that are carved into a horseshoe-shaped cliff. We climbed up numerous steps and felt exhausted but thrilled at the same time. The intricate details on the walls and the ceilings were breathtaking, and we were amazed by the skill of the ancient artisans who created them. Some students even had the energy to climb a small hill with a viewpoint, while others stayed behind to relish some delicious Bhel. After exploring the caves, we had lunch at Waked, which is the birthplace of our beloved dadaji. We also got to play volleyball and kho-kho at the small play area before returning to school. In the end, it was an exhilarating and unforgettable experience that left us all feeling happy and exhausted by the time we got back to school. We are grateful to our teachers for making it possible and giving us a fantastic time. Without a doubt, we created memories that will stay with us for a lifetime!

- Vedika Kalantari, Class 10



Fauna - Sykes's Warbler

Sykes's Warbler (*Iduna Rama*) is an Old World warbler in the tree warbler family. It was formerly considered a subspecies of the booted warbler, but is now considered a full species. Its breeding range is from northeast Arabia to Turkestan, west China and Afghanistan. Like the booted warbler, many populations of the species migrate in winter to the Indian subcontinent as far south as Sri Lanka.



Medicinal Flora - Terminalia Arjuna



Arjuna grows to about 20–25 metres tall; usually has a buttressed trunk, and forms a wide canopy at the crown, from which branches drop downwards. It has oblong, conical leaves which are green on the top and brown below; smooth, grey bark; it has pale yellow flowers which appear between March and June; its glabrous, 2.5 to 5 cm fibrous woody fruit, divided into five wings, appears between September and November.

Flora - Mimosa

At some point of time, we all have poked our fingers at these curious leaves only to see it shrivel up immediately. The opening and closing movement of the touch me not plant is amusing to say the least. This very act is so entertaining that one tries it several times, waiting for the leaves to open up again. This famously sensitive touch me not plant is scientifically named *Mimosa pudica* (from Latin: *pudica* "shy, bashful or shrinking") In the UK it has gained the Royal Horticultural Society's Award of Garden Merit. Owing to its 'shy' nature, it is also called sensitive plant, sleepy plant, action plant, as well as shame plant. Yes, you read that right. This perennial flowering plant is often touched, blown or shaken on purpose to see its compound leaves rapidly fold inward and droop, defending themselves from harm, and re-opening a few minutes later. Like a number of other plant species, it undergoes changes in leaf orientation termed "sleep" or nyctinastic movement. The foliage closes during darkness and reopens in light.



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