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Another month has ended which means a new edition of The OASIS Pulse is here! August has gone by so quickly and it's hard to think that a new year is only four months away. Nevertheless, August was a fun month beginning with The OASIS' first ever Inter-House Model United Nations where students diplomatically spoke about pressing issues relating to COVID-19 and refugee camps.

This year India also celebrated its 75th independence day, so the theme for this month's Pulse is "independence". The newsletter for this month contains some amazing artwork and writeups done by students which are relating to the theme. This year on the 15th of August, we had the chance to see amazing performances by the students which showed their love for our beloved India. August really kept us on our toes and as the month ends, we get ready for another happening month. On behalf of the editorial team, I would like to thank all of you for taking the time to go through this month's Pulse and wish all of you readers happy reading!

Aarini Mehta (Grade XI)

Ekea (Kaleidoscope)



THE IMPORTANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY

“At the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom.”- Jawahar Lal Nehru.

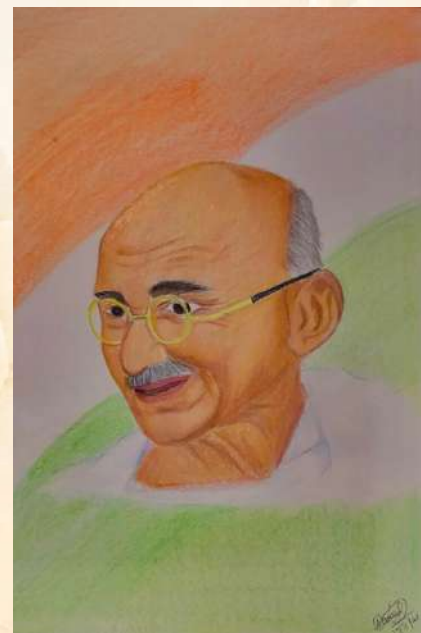
Its been seventy-four years since India finally gained independence and our very first Prime Minister Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru made this speech.

The importance of Independence Day should not be underestimated especially by us, as we are three to four generations removed from the generation who saw the perils and disadvantages of foreign rule. We gained freedom through the sacrifices made by them and we should never forget that.

Throughout India independence day is marked with flag-raising ceremonies, drills and the singing of the National Anthem. Independence Day commemorates the sacrifices made by freedom fighters and political visionaries. We get reminded of the benefits of self-governance and parliamentary sovereignty and to value freedom more. Independence Day promotes brotherhood among the culturally and religiously diverse people of the country.

It is said that those who forget history are doomed to repeat it. Therefore, every year on independence day, we mustn't just celebrate but also understand the meaning, importance and sense of entitlement we have with our freedom.

Aarini Mehta (Grade XI)





My India

India is a country of religious, cultural and traditional diversity. Each state is unique with its own language and various signature food items and dishes. The north of the country is home to one of the most beautiful landscapes in the world, the Himalayas. On Travelling southwards, one would find themselves in the 'land of nawabs' which is popularly known for its rice dishes. The metropolitan city of Kolkata lies in the east and is famous for its festivals which are always celebrated with a great deal of enthusiasm. Lastly, the western part of the country is covered with sand and deserts in addition to being widely known for its fabrics and clothing.

India is also famous worldwide for its excellence in the arts. Various dance forms such as Bharatanatyam, Odissi and Kathak along with Hindustani classical music all originated in the country centuries ago. Being a secular state, India has a large population of Hindus, Muslims and Buddhists which in turn results in the celebration of numerous colourful and lively festivals throughout the year.

India is also one of the world's fastest growing economies and has made major progress in the field of science and technology by becoming the first Asian country to successfully send astronauts to mars. The country is also expected to be the worlds second-largest economy by 2050, surpassing the United States of America. In conclusion, India is a land of diversity and its citizens are all tied together by an undying sense of brotherhood. Our forefathers have shown true commitment and love to the motherland, which has inspired future generations to be proud of their country and carry their legacies forward with bravery and poise.

Tarana Kapur (Grade X)



My India, My Pride

India is one of the oldest civilizations in the world with rich culture and traditions which represent the rich heritage of India's ethnicity. Despite the country being colonized for hundreds of years, India still maintained its customs and traditions and the nation that was once suppressed by the Europeans is now one of the leading economic, scientific and agricultural civilizations in the world.

Apart from having unique cultures and traditions, India also has beautiful and extensive geographical landforms. Such as the Great Himalayas in the north, the Thar Desert in the west, the Indian ocean in the south and forests in the east. India is also the seventh largest country in the world in terms of land area.

India has shown the world how skilled it is when it comes to fields like Science and Technology. The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) is the third most successful space agency in the world. ISRO was the fourth space agency to reach Mars and the first to reach in the first try. It is also the first Asian Space Agency to reach Mars. India is also among the few nations to have ballistic missiles which are self-guided strategic weapons which makes India a part of the top-five nations for field explorations in space.

India also has some of the world's largest armed forces with over a million soldiers in Navy, Army and Air Force combined. And these brave soldiers who serve their motherland with sheer willpower and determination are responsible for winning numerous wars against the enemies and also numerous surgical strikes against terrorism.

And all these determinants are the reason that today, I can say with my heart that 'MY INDIA, MY PRIDE'.

Harshit Singh (Grade X)



India Uncloaked!

India is a country of great diversity. People of different cultures, tribes and origins, live in India with pride, peace and harmony. India has the second largest population in the world with more than one hundred and thirty five million people residing in it. It is quite difficult to stay up with so much of diversity and yet remain together, but India has always given its credence to 'unity in diversity'.

Apart from the cultural aspect, India is also rich in terms of monuments, temples, churches, forts, palaces, mosques and museums. Yoga, which is practiced all over the world today, originated in India. The essence of India is incomplete without considering its historic struggle for freedom. India has had a past full of patriotism, struggle, unity and resilience. India had been under the British rule for more than a hundred year. The Britishers came as traders but ended up as rulers. They tried their best to create rifts and break India's unity but it wasn't as easy as they thought, as we revolted back with full courage and determination against the misdeeds of the East India Company. The chapter of Swaraj which began with the death of Mangal Pandey ended with the death, struggle and sacrifices of many great freedom fighters like Bhagat Singh, Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Jyotibha Phule and many others.

Even after being invaded and exploited so many times, our country has continued to keep its back strong. India is a country of fighters and an epitome of strength. It doesn't discriminate anyone on the basis of race, caste, and gender. It respects and welcomes one and all.

Mayuri Rawat (Grade X)

A Single Home for All Cultures

“India is a country in which every great religion finds a home.” -Annie Besant.

India, the seventh largest country in the world, home to over 136 crore people, is one of the most culturally and physically diverse countries in the world. With its islands to the snow-clad peaks of Himalayas, India's majesty continues to shine a light apart.

But the truth is that, even though these facts and many more, are enough to impress, the true beauty of India lies intricately woven in the lives of its people. The cultures, the celebrations, makes India what it is. One phrase often used to define or rather summarize the beauty of India is “unity in diversity”, which means that despite our cultural, religious, ideological differences, Indians have continued to stand united, and history would bear witness to this argument, from the First War of Independence of 1857 to the Non-Cooperation Movement of 1942, Indians stood together to fight against anything that would threaten India's unity.

While in the war for independence, swadeshi and boycott became weapons to fight the British Raj, India's true independence was realized when India, home to one of the oldest civilizations in the world could learn to fend for itself. Hu Shih said, “India conquered and dominated China culturally for 20 centuries without ever having to send a single soldier across the border.” India has proven to be an excellent example of happiness and joy breaking borders, social and ideological. Here, in India, festivals are celebrated by the entire country. This is the true beauty of India.

The only question that remains is whether this beauty of India can be kept preserved, in times of not only peace but also during hardships. It can be and we have examples, both in history and the present to attest to this, for every Indian remains an Indian first and foremost, and for every Indian, India is their pride. Gandhi himself said, “A nation's culture resides in the hearts and in the soul of its people.”

Anshulika Gupta (Grade X)

UNCONQUERABLE INDIA

Mr. Kapoor, ensconced in his armchair, was engrossed in his thoughts.
When little Denny's attention his face caught,
"Grandpa, Grandpa" little Denny called,
"Why is your face so tensed, after all?"
"I'm reminiscing about the grandeur of my India" he replied,
"Do you want to know the story
That fills my heart with honor and pride?"
"Yes! yes!" screamed little Denny wanting to learn all about India's glory.
The country that is filled with dignity,
The country that is known for empathy,
The country whose head is always held high,
The country whose magnificence no one can deny.
The country whose morality always shines,
That country is the glorious India, my child.
India was not always this magnificent,
Its Freedom struggle is not that ancient.
Seventy-five years ago, India was ruled by Britishers.
The people who were rather malicious,
They tried so hard to crush India's indomitable spirit
And to make Indians submit.
Their cruel ways left Indians enraged,
But little did they know about our courage.
With hearts full of compassion
Every citizen stepped forward, to fight for their nation.
They forgot about all their difference that once existed in the neighborhood.
They fought for their country with unity and brotherhood.
Indians embraced India's diversity
And used it as a weapon to free our country
Led by the finest freedom fighters
With the aim of throwing out the oppressors.
India attained Swaraj on 15th August 1947,
The day that every Indian celebrates, even in heaven.

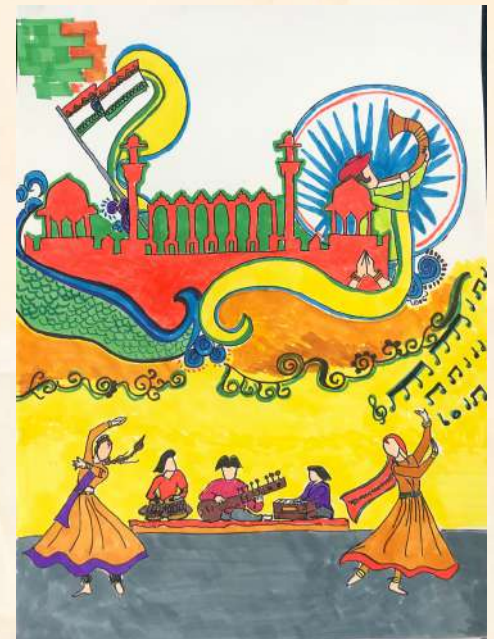
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Udaan - Ideas that Fly



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Freedom for All

How would you feel if someone trapped you in a cage and told you to do everything they say? Bored? Sad? Devastated? That is how animals feel in Zoo cages.

Firstly, I think that animals are being tortured in zoos. They are trapped and have to do what the zookeeper says. They must feel powerless and so alone. Research says that entrapment causes depression and sometimes even loss of hope.

Secondly, animals are separated from family during shipment to zoos. Family is the most important part of life in my opinion. I would give up my life at that point.

Lastly, some might say that zoos conserve wildlife, but no. Animals don't even breed animals to get more population of the animals. They just trap them for their whole lives for their personal gains.

In conclusion, I would like to say that we should stop going to zoos. Just ask yourself, "How would you feel being trapped your whole life?"

Aditya Singh (Grade VI C)



Vanshika Rawat(Grade IX-A)



'Zoos Should Be Confined to History Books'

How did you feel when you were in lockdown during pandemic? This is how animals in the zoo feel, caged, controlled and sad.

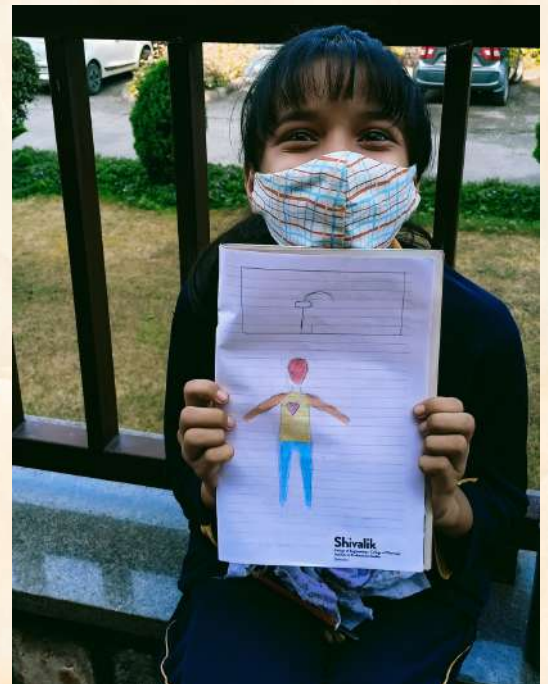
Animals are made to live in artificial environments. They don't get to spend their life with freedom to go whenever they wish. They can't meet their family and friends in zoos.

It is said that animals that are kept in zoos are more aggressive and depressed than animals in forests. They don't feel happy as they are not given freedom to be where they want to be.

In zoos they can't do what they want to do. One of their ways of living are taken away. The animals' freedom, their right of living, is not in their hands.

Animals don't have a voice to tell and complain that they shouldn't be locked up. So, it is our job to be that voice for them. To give them the freedom they deserve. To make sure that zoos are banished and never come back again. One small step today and animals are free with happiness in their hearts.

Saadhana Kunjupidukkal (Grade VI C)



Manvi Rawat (Grade VI C)

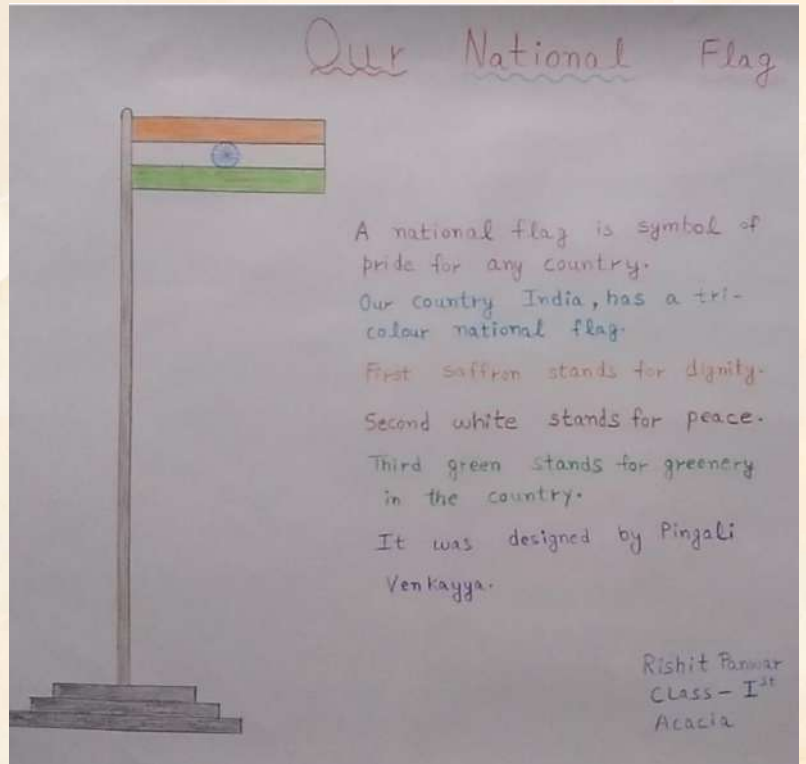


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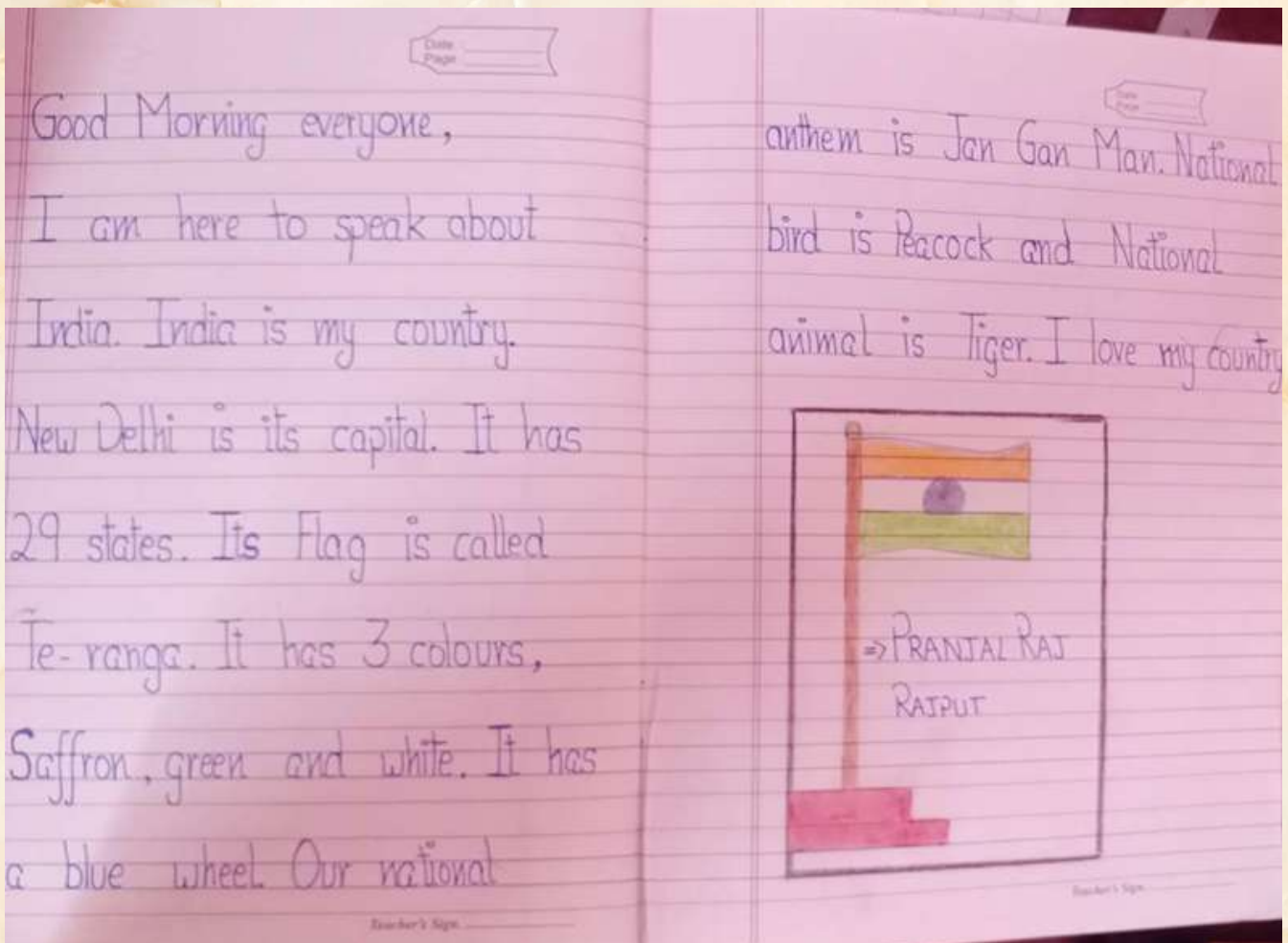
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COMMUNIQUE

INTER HOUSE SPELL-IT-RIGHT-CLASSES IV AND V

Results of the Inter-House Spell It Right Competition from Class IV

1st Position: Abheer Peshin from Starling House
2nd Position: Kamaira Rawat from Pelican House
3rd Position: Dhairya Kriplani from Cardinal House

Results of the Inter-House Spell It Right Competition from Class V

1st Position: Anvita Singh from Starling House
2nd Position: Rudra Sen from Cardinal House
3rd Position: Tanvi Kantoor from Oriole House

Congratulations to all the participants!

INTER HOUSE MODEL UNITED NATIONS- CLASSES VIII-XI

Results of the first-ever OASIS Inter-House Model United Nations-

1st position - Daivik House
2nd position- Vinaya House
3rd position- Mahit House

Individual winners :

UNGA:

Best Delegate – South Sudan, Gauri Juyal -Daivik House
High Commendation- Pakistan, Arshiya Sandlas Chandna -Vinaya House
Special Mention- Burundi, Vanshika Rawat - Mahit House

IPC-

Best Delegate - The Times of India, Yashasvi Kandwal - Vinaya House
High Commendation- Associated Press, Sahima Singh - Daivik House
Special Mention- The New York Times, Jigyasa Kukreti - Daivik House

Congratulations to everybody who participated and helped in organizing the event!

INTER HOUSE SPELL-IT-RIGHT- CLASSES I, II, III

Results of the Inter-House Spell It Right Competition from Class I

- 1st Position: Agastya Dogra from Pelican house
Udayan Nath from Cardinal house
2nd Position: Vyaan Jatin Singhal from Oriole house
3rd Position: Agastya Uniyal Starling House

Results of the Inter-House Spell It Right Competition from Class II

- 1st Position: Armaan Kalkhandey from Oriole house
Kimaya Hurla from Starling house
Priyesh Singh from Cardinal house
2nd Position: Anaahat Kaur from Pelican house

Results of the Inter-House Spell It Right Competition from Class III

- 1st Position: Samanyu Kumar from Oriole house
2nd Position: Uditansh Uniyal from Starling house
3rd Position: Maanveer Singh Sandhu from Cardinal house and
Aadishree Gururani from Pelican house

Well Done Everybody!

INCREDIBLE INDIA QUIZ- CLASSES VI-XI

Results of the Inter-House Incredible India Quiz for classes VI-XI

- 1st Position - Daivik House
(Aveer Prakash class VII and Shreekant Batra class IX)
2nd Position - Vinaya House
(Adarsh Nautiyal class VI and Pragyan Rawat class IX)
3rd Position - Mahit House
(Anika Negi class VI and Sanskriti Kandari class VIII)

Congratulations to all the students!

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