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Dear Vandya International School Community,



I am delighted to bring to you the first edition of Vandya International School's Newsletter 'Vandya Insights'. It is with immense pleasure that I address you as the Principal of Vandya International School.

At Vandya International School, we believe in providing a holistic education that empowers our students to become confident, compassionate, and responsible global citizens.

Our dedicated and passionate team of educators are committed to providing an enriching educational experience for every student. We embrace innovative teaching methods and constantly adapt our approach to meet the evolving needs of our students in this ever-changing world. We believe in creating a supportive and inclusive environment where each student feels valued, respected, and encouraged to reach their full potential.

We are proud to offer a wide range of co-curricular activities and extracurricular programs that cater to the diverse interests of our students. Through participation in sports, arts, music, drama, and community service initiatives, we encourage our students to discover their passions and develop a well-rounded personality.

As we embark on the first academic year of the school, we are excited about the possibilities and opportunities that lie ahead. Our focus remains on providing a safe and stimulating learning environment that equips our students with the knowledge, skills, and values they need to navigate the complexities of the world and make a positive impact.

I would like to express my gratitude to the entire Vandya International School community—students, parents, staff, and management—for their unwavering support and trust.

I would also like to thank the editorial team of 'Vandya Insights' for having taken the initiative to keep the entire community abreast of the recent happenings in the school, thereby, gaining 'insights'. I wish them all the success.

Apu Dey
Principal

In the Shadow of Conflict: Manipur's Struggle for Stability

- Niharika Chakravarti, Editor

The beautiful north-eastern state of Manipur, known for its vibrant culture and scenic beauty, is facing an unfortunate problem which was dubbed 'Manipur violence'. It is important that as responsible citizens we understand this issue and work together to build peaceful communities. This article examines the causes and consequences of violence in Manipur and discusses how we can contribute to a harmonious future.

On 3rd May 2023, violent clashes broke out at various places in Manipur during a 'Tribal Solidarity March' by the All Tribal Students' Union of Manipur (ATSUM). This march was called to oppose the long-standing demand that the Meitei Community be included in the list of the state's Scheduled Tribes (ST).

Speaking of Manipur's geographical area, the state is predominantly divided into two regions: hills and valley plains. The hill regions include 90% of the land and these areas are mainly inhabited by the Nagas, the Kukis, and other tribes. They form about 35% of the total population. The Meiteis are the largest community in Manipur, and they form about 65% of the total population. They however occupy only about 10% of the land in Manipur.

In their plea before the High Court, the petitioners argued that the Meitei community was recognized as a tribe before the princely state of Manipur was merged with the Union of India in 1949. It lost its identity as a 'tribe' after the merger. It was stated in the court that their demand for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status arose from the need to 'preserve' the Meitei community and save their ancestral land, culture, tradition, and language. The court directed the government to submit its recommendation after thoughtful consideration

Violence has a very negative effect on the people of Manipur. Homes and infrastructure are destroyed, families are split apart, and priceless lives are lost.

Curfew and shutdowns force schools to close, which disrupts learning. In addition, people's lives have been profoundly harmed by the terror and psychological suffering it has generated. Working together is essential if we are to escape this vicious cycle.

Here are some ways through which we can make a difference in addressing violence in Manipur:

1. Education and awareness: Learning about Manipur's diverse cultures, histories and traditions fosters understanding and respect among diverse communities. Through education, we can foster empathy and bridge the gaps that foster violence.



2. Emphasis on non-violence: An effective method for settling conflicts is an honest and courteous discourse. People can voice their opinions, discover common ground, and seek out peaceful dispute resolution by encouraging peaceful discussion. It is crucial to pay attention to one another, consider various viewpoints, and work toward reconciliation.

3. Standing up for social peace: We can actively promote social peace by bringing people from different communities together and organizing cultural exchange programs that celebrate their diversity. By cherishing and respecting each other's customs, languages, and traditions, we can foster unity and build peaceful coexistence.

Violence in Manipur is an urgent problem that requires our attention and action. Let's walk hand in hand, embrace diversity and work towards a future where everyone can live without fear, violence, and discrimination. Together we can build a community that celebrates unity, harmony, and understanding.

Promoting Inclusivity: Embracing Diversity in the School Community

Bhargabi Kashyap, Special Educator

The Department of Special Education and Counselling at Vandya International School aims to recognize the individuality and creativity of every child in a caring environment thereby emphasizing the moral, social, emotional, physical and intellectual development of the child.



Every child is unique and all of them are constantly learning and developing at different rates, in different ways. We, at Vandya International School help

to create an enabling environment where we work together with the parents and caregivers to address each child's needs as an individual.

The school has a fully functioning- Learning Support room which provides a positive and safe learning environment for children with special needs and those who require additional support. The school has a very efficient system of referral which helps in early screening and identifying learners who have difficulties to help them cope in the classroom. The school also has networks with eminent Clinical Psychologists in the city, which are effective external referral systems, which make the process of assessment, diagnosis and interventions much easier and quicker.

The counselling room provides a haven to the students from the anxiety and worries of day-to-day life. The counsellor helps students identify issues, difficulties and problems caused by thoughts, feelings and emotions and encourages them to respond and make progress towards resolution.

The Counsellor provides face-to-face counselling sessions or group sessions depending on the need and concerns of the students. The team of counsellors and Special Educators works collaboratively with the Masters at Vandya to help the students manage stress and enable them to thrive in a stress-free environment. Further, the team is instrumental in assessing learning styles, and multiple intelligences to understand different learners and help teachers to design effective learning experiences to cater to different preferences and individual needs.

Striking the Right Chord: Role of Music in Education

Nitul Krishna Goswami

We, the Vandyan, are consistently trying to strengthen and brighten up the potential of the students in their various domains of Music, Art and Dance. We have two authentic forms of music: Indian Music and Western Music comprising both

instruments and vocals along with Art and Dance in Classical, Conventional and creative forms. Even though this esteemed institution stands only in the third month since its inception, our students left no stone unturned to give their best. During this time, we had various dignified events where our students rendered sparkling vocal, instrumental and dance performances. Besides this, Special Assemblies were conducted on various occasions like Rabindra Jayanti Week, World Environment Day celebrations etc where students performed brilliantly well. An **Inter House Painting Competition** was also organized for **Ankuran, Bodh and Srijan** to showcase the inherent talent of the students in the field of Art.



CAMPUS NEWS



Dheer Parasramka a first-grade student at Vandya has established a record for recalling the names of country flags in 1 minute and 24 seconds without making a single error. The record was successfully set on 29th April 2023.

Khushi Jain a first-grade student has established a record for reciting the Bhaktamar Stotra in 14 minutes and 17 seconds. Khushi recited the Stotra of 712 words in about 857 seconds or roughly 1.20 seconds per word.



Ritisha Mayra Rajbongshi, Grade 5 secured second position in the Inter-School Chess Tournament in the junior category held at Kaziranga English Academy.

Vandya International School takes pride in introducing the youngest horse rider in the North Eastern Region of India - **Nirvan Siotia**. Nirvan has made it to the Assam Book of Records. We are extremely proud of his achievement and wish him many more accolades





Dishani Mittal a first-grade student has established a record for recalling the Hanuman Chalisa in 3 minutes without a single error. The record was successfully set on 4th May 2023.

Nirvan Siotia of Grade 1 has brought laurels to the school by winning the Gold Medal in the U-16 Category at the 6th Kamrup District Taekwondo Championship, 2023 held at Nehru Stadium, Guwahati



Jonak Jiwan Das of Grade I has won the Gold Medal in the Sub-Junior Boys' U-18 Kg category at the 8th Kamrup District Taekwondo Championship.



Nainika Jain of grade 1 sets a record and made it to the Assam Book of Records (ABR) for performing the maximum number of cartwheels in just one minute.



Shrestha Chakraborty a Grade IV student has made us extremely proud by winning two gold medals, one silver medal and one bronze medal under Jr. categories in the 12th District Taekwondo Championship held at Jalpaiguri, West Bengal.



Yashvi Kankaria of Grade I won the Gold & Bronze medals in the U-8 category of the Interclub Speed Skating Championship held at Dispur. She also bagged the Gold Medal in the 400-meter Race in the U-8 category at the 1st Meghalaya Open All Speed Skating Competition held at St. Anthony's School, Shillong on the 3rd of June 2023.



Academics Activities @ Vandya

The first Periodic Test for Grades 3-7 commenced from 12th of June, 2023 and came to an end on 20th June, 2023. The students were well prepared and fared well in the 30-mark paper. The duration of the Test was for 1 ½ hrs. The papers were assessed and the scripts shown to the students before the school closed for the summer vacation on 25th of June, 23. The PTM for the same was held on 19th July, 2023 where parents had an opportunity to meet the Home room Masters and the Masters of various subjects, coaches and they were happy with their ward's performance understanding the scope of improvement.

Teachers' Workshop:

Workshops help to mould outstanding teachers with high social commitment and radiate moral and spiritual values.

A Jolly Phonics workshop for the English Teachers was conducted by Ms. Komal Goenka and another workshop Jodogyan was conducted by Ms. Jazcynth Prudence Leewait to make Maths fun.



Bhargabi Kashyap, Special Educator at Vandya International School participated in a Mental Health Workshop on Identification, Assessment and Intervention for students with academic difficulties organized by Dr. Mythili Hazarika and Mr. B. Moses Henrick on 19th May, 2023 at MYND. Dr. Kersi Chavda, Child Psychiatrist from Hinduja Hospital threw light upon different behavioral symptoms shown by children which are ways of communication.

The IC3 Regional Forum Guwahati was held at Vandya International School for the second time on the 2nd of May, 2023. We were honoured to have with us Dr. Nani Gopal Mahanta, Academic Adviser to the Government of Assam and Director of the Centre for South East Asian Studies who was the keynote Speaker for the day. The learning sessions were led by Mr. Ganesh Kohli, IC3 Founder and Ms. Krithika Balaji Academic Head, IC3.



A professional development workshop was organized for the teachers from 26th to 28th June, 2023.

- Ms. Anubha Goyal (Head of Academics), conducted a workshop on Classroom Management
- The Principal Mr. Apu Dey enlightened the Masters on the nuances of the NEP.
- A workshop on Social Emotional Learning was taken by Jahnavi Dutta, the school counsellor.
- Mr. Rupjyoti Das conducted a workshop on the usage of Microsoft Office.



Sports Activities @ Vandya

International Yoga Day

International Yoga Day was celebrated at Vandya International School with great verve. Parents took part in the celebration with avidity. Mr. Pranab Kumar Nath, a renowned figure in the field of Yoga graced the occasion. The theme for this year's Yoga Day was Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam- The World is One Family which we at Vandya International school strongly believes in. A group of talented students demonstrated advanced yoga poses, leaving the audience in awe of their flexibility and dedication to practice.



Sub Junior Category

Position	Name	Class	House
Gold	Reyansh Agarwala	Class I	Sunbird
Silver	Samarth Jain	Class II	Sunbird
Bronze	Sivam R Choudhury	Class I	Minivet

Junior Category

Position	Name	Class	House
Gold	Ritisha M Rajbongshi	Class V	Barbet
Silver	Nitisha Jain	Class V	Sunbird
Bronze	Vansh Ghorawat	Class V	Barbet

Middle Category

Position	Name	Class	House
Gold	Pranay Jain	Class VI	Barbet
Silver	Suwagiyoti Deka	Class VI	Minivet
Bronze	Pragyan R K Deka	Class VII	Sunbird

Inter House Chess Competition was held on 23rd of June, 2023. There were three categories- Sub-Junior, Junior and Middle School. Students of Grades I to VII took part and showed great skills. The matches brought forth the eagerness and enthusiasm with which the students were building their skills in Chess.



Transcendental Meditation:



Vandyans regularly practice Transcendental Meditation to improve the overall well-being of the students. Transcendental Meditation aims to promote relaxation, reduces stress and enhances overall well-being. It was developed by Maharshi Mahesh Yogi in the 1950s and 1970s. Masters and students of Vandya International School got an opportunity to experience, learn and practice and were trained under the guidance of Mr. Anand B. Singh, the Director of Foundation for Vedic Science and Technology, New Delhi. It was interesting to learn that within 10-20 minutes of Transcendental Meditation, one can reach the source of thought where there is infinite energy, bliss, peace, knowledge and also freedom.

Cultural Activities @ Vandya

“Education isn’t just about feeding the brain. Art and Music feeds the heart and soul” -Julie Garwood.

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Rongali Bihu Celebration : On 12th of April, 2023 we celebrated Rongali Bihu at our School Multipurpose Theater where our students enthralled the audience with their Bihu Song, Husari and Dance presentation.



World Environment Day: To observe the World Environment Day, two events called ‘The New Horizon’ and ‘Prakriti’ were organized on 30th of May and 2nd of June, 2023 respectively for the Ahaan and Ankuran kids. Besides Thematic Songs, two Orchestral Percussions were brilliantly performed by the tiny tots of Ahaan and Ankuran.



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Ravindra Jayanti Week: Vandya International school observed a weeklong programme on 162nd Birth Anniversary of Rabindra Nath Tagore. The programme was concluded with a Special Assembly comprising beautiful renditions of Songs, Dance and Poem recitation on contributions of the Polymath.



Inter House Painting Competition: On 26th of June’23 an Inter House Painting Competition was organized for Ankuran, Bodh and Srijan to showcase the inherent talent of the students in the field of Art. The competition was organized in two categories-Individual and House wise. Students participated in the competition with full enthusiasm and enjoyed the entire event.

IC3 Regional Forum@ Vandya

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Prakriti

A unique assembly called "Prakriti" was staged by Vandya International School to commemorate World Environment Day in 2023. The 3Rs—Reduce, Reuse, and Recycling—were emphasised, and the little ones emphasised saying "no" to plastic.



New Horizon

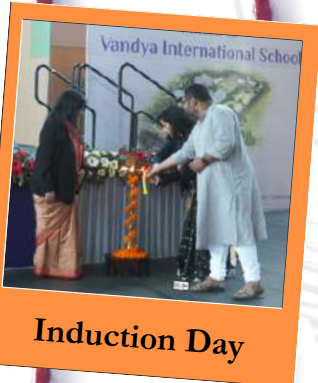
The Nursery, Lower Kindergarten, and Upper Kindergarten students captivated their parents with a special assembly called "New Horizon" that had the theme "Environment" as its focus.

In the "Best Out of Waste Competition," parents also participated enthusiastically and worked closely with their children. A wonderful feeling came from witnessing the little children perform on stage for the first time. Vandya International School had a very enjoyable day.



GLIMPSES...

1st Day of School : The campus was bustling with energy and enthusiasm as the Vandyaans set step making it the brightest place to be. The day was a harbinger to a wonderful first session of growth, learning and unforgettable memories.



Induction Day



Rongali Bihu



Mother's Day



Tagore Week



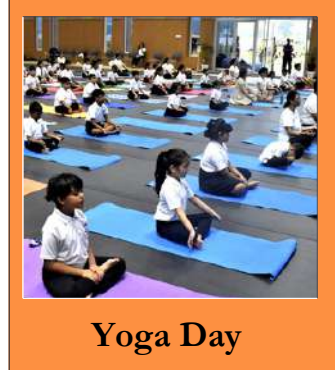
World Music Day



Transcendental Meditation



Bio-Diversity Day



Yoga Day



Rabha Divas



Inter-House Chess



Inter-House Art



Prakriti

LITTLE GENIUSES...



Rongali Bihu



Rangali Bihu



Rongali Bihu



Mother's Day



Mother's Day



Father's Day



Father's Day



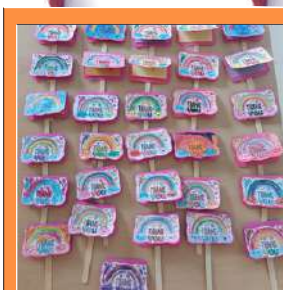
Father's Day



Good Friday



Easter Egg Hunt



International Labour Day



International Labour Day

Assamese Section

সাহিত্য-সংস্কৃতি সমাজৰ দাপোন স্বৰূপ। নতুন
প্রজন্মক অসমীয়া সাহিত্য-সংস্কৃতিৰ লগত পৰিচয়
কৰি দিবলৈ বন্দ্যা ইন্টাৰনেচনেল স্কুলৰ অসমীয়া
বিভাগৰ পৰা বিভিন্ন উদ্যোগ হাতত লোৱা হৈছে।

ব'হাগ বিহু উদযাপন: বিহু অসমীয়াৰ জাতীয়
উৎসৱ। প্রতিজন অসমীয়াই বৰ উলহ-মালহেৰে
বিহু পালন কৰে। বন্দ্যা ইন্টাৰনেচনেল স্কুলৰ
ফালৰ পৰাও এক বৰ্ণাঢ্য সাংস্কৃতিক কাৰ্যসূচীৰে
ব'হাগ বিহু উদযাপন কৰা হয়। বন্দ্যাৰ ছাত্ৰ-ছাত্ৰী
সকলে অনুষ্ঠানৰ আৰম্ভণিত প্ৰাৰ্থনা কৰি বিহু
বিষয়ক কবিতা আবৃত্তিৰ লগতে বিহু নাচ তথা
হুচৰি প্ৰদৰ্শন কৰে। স্কুলৰ প্ৰত্যেক ছাত্ৰ-ছাত্ৰী তথা
শিক্ষক-শিক্ষয়িত্ৰীয়ে কাৰ্যসূচীত অংশগ্ৰহণ কৰি
বিহুৰ আনন্দ উপভোগ কৰে।



**মহাপুৰুষ শ্ৰীশ্ৰী মাধৱদেৱৰ আবিৰ্ভাৱ তিথি
পালন :** অসমত মহাপুৰুষীয়া ধৰ্ম বা এক শৰণ নাম
ধৰ্ম প্ৰচাৰৰ লগতে সাহিত্য সংস্কৃতিৰ পূজাৰী
মহাপুৰুষ মাধৱদেৱৰ সাহিত্যিক জীৱনৰ কীৰ্তিস্তম্ভ
হ'ল নামঘোষা। ভক্তিৰত্নাৱলী আৰু বৰগীত সমূহো
মাধৱদেৱৰ অনুপম সৃষ্টি। মহাপুৰুষজনাৰ পবিত্ৰ
পুণ্য তিথিত আমাৰ ফালৰ পৰা সশ্ৰদ্ধ প্ৰণাম যাচি,
এগছি বন্তি জ্বলাই আবিৰ্ভাৱ তিথি পালন কৰা হয়।
ছাত্ৰ-ছাত্ৰীসকলে ঘোষা নাম পৰিবেশণ কৰে। শেষত
প্ৰসাদ বিতৰণ কৰা হয়।



কবিতা আবৃত্তি: কবিতা বা কাব্য এবিধ উৎকৃষ্ট
কলাকাৰ্য্য। কবিতা আবৃত্তি হৈছে এই কলাৰেই
অন্যৰূপ, ই মানুহক অন্যান্য কলা সমূহৰ দৰেই
আনন্দ আৰু তৃপ্তি যোগায়। বিদ্যালয়ৰ ছাত্ৰ-
ছাত্ৰীসকলে বিভিন্ন সময়ত 'গছ', 'মৌ-মাখি', 'বিহু'
আদি বিভিন্ন বিষয়ক লৈ কবিতা আবৃত্তি কৰে।

-Deepa Moni Devi, Assamese Department



Hindi Section

भारत में दस्ताना पुतली की परंपरा उत्तर प्रदेश, ओडिशा, पश्चिम बंगाल और केरल में लोकप्रिय है। दस्ताना पुतली को भुजा, कर या हथेली पुतली भी कहा जाता है। इन पुतलियों का मस्तक कपड़े, पेपर या लकड़ी से निर्मित किया जाता है तथा गरदन के नीचे से दोनों हाथ बाहर निकले होते हैं। वेश-भूषा के नाम पर एक लहराता घाघरा होता है। इनके संचालन की विधि अत्यंत सरल है।

1. गूगल, पावाकूथू।

गूगल केरल के पारंपरिक पुतली नाटकों को 'पावाकूथू' कहा जाता है। पावाकूथू में पुतली की लंबाई एक से दो फीट के बीच होती है। मस्तक तथा दोनों हाथ लकड़ी से बनाकर एक मोटे कपड़े से जोड़कर एक थैलानुमा आकार में सिले जाते हैं। पुतली के चेहरे की रूप-सज्जा के लिए रंग, चमकीले टीन के टुकड़े और मोरपंखों का उपयोग किया जाता है।

2. पुत्तलनाच।

पश्चिम बंगाल की पुतलीकला 'पुत्तलनाच' के नाम से जाना जाता है, इसका संचालन भी काष्ठ से किया जाता है। इसमें संचालक की कमर से बाँस की टोपी बँधी रहती है तथा उसपर पुतलियों से जुड़ी छड़ें आधारित होती हैं। संचालक गीत गाता हुआ संवाद बोलता है और मंच के साथ बैठे हुए तीन-चार संगीतकार ढोलक, हारमोनियम और झांझ बजाते हुए संगीत देते हैं।

3. यमपुरी।

बिहार की पारंपरिक छड़ पुतलियाँ 'यमपुरी' नाम से जानी जाती हैं। ये पुतलियाँ भी लकड़ी से ही निर्मित होती हैं।

4. कठपुतली राजस्थान की।

राजस्थान की परंपरागत पुतलियों को कठपुतली कहा जाता है। इन पुतलियों का निर्माण काठ के एक टुकड़े को तराशकर किया जाता है।

हन दादी, काठ की बनी होने के बाद भी ये बहुत सुंदर दिखती हैं। इनकी साज-सज्जा गुड़ियों के समान होती है और वेश-भूषा स्वरूप राजस्थानी शैली में। इनका मुँह अंडाकार, आँखें मछलियों के आकार की और बड़ी-बड़ी तथा बड़े-बड़े होंठ आदि कुछ विशेष लक्षण हैं। पुतलियाँ पुछल्ला लहंगा पहनती हैं। पुतली का संचालक अपनी उँगलियों बँधे धागों द्वारा उनका संचालन करता है।

5. 'कुनढेई' कठपुतली

ओडिशा की धागा पुतली 'कुनढेई' कहलाती है। इस पुतली के पैर नहीं होते और यह हलकी लकड़ी से निर्मित होती है। ये पुतलियाँ भी राजस्थान की पुतलियों की भाँति पुछल्ला लहंगा पहने होती हैं।

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Students' Section

IF MICE COULD ROAR

If mice could roar
And animals soar
And trees grew up in the sky.
If tigers could dine
On biscuits and wine
And the fattest of man could fly!
If pebbles could sing
And bells never ring
And teachers were lost in post.
If a tortoise could run
And losses be won,
And bullies be buttered on toast.
If a song brought shower
And a gun grew flower,
This world would be nicer for all !

- Jigyasman Goswami
Class VII A

YOGA AND MIND HEALING

Yoga is derived from the Sanskrit word "YUJ" meaning to unite. It aims to harmonize the physical, mental, and spiritual aspects of an individual. By improving strength, flexibility, and balance, yoga enhances both physical and mental well-being. Through breathing exercises and meditation, yoga promotes relaxation and helps redirect thoughts. It allows the body and mind to recover from stress, regulating heart rate, blood pressure, and breathing. Yoga boosts the body's own healing abilities and contributes to mental tranquillity. Additionally, it has been observed to improve sleep patterns and combat anxiety disorders. Overall, yoga is a holistic practice that promotes harmony and health in both body and mind.

-Priyanka Sarma
Class VII A

AN ANGEL IN DISGUISE

Once, there was a kind-hearted girl named Isabella. Although not conventionally beautiful, she worked for a young lady named Stacy. One day, Isabella encountered an injured old lady who turned out to be an angel seeking help. The angel asked her to stay at Isabella's house to protect the village from powerful demons. Isabella cared for the angel, who granted her beauty in return. However, the villagers mistook Isabella for a witch until Stacy intervened and saved them both. With the angel's powers, Isabella and the angel fought and defeated the demons, but became weak in the process. The villagers apologized and cared for them. After recovering, the angel bid farewell, giving Isabella the power to become an angel and protect the village. Isabella lived happily ever after and could visit the angel in the fairyland.

-Ritisha Mayra Rajbongshi
Class V A



- Aditi Nawlakha
Class VII A



- Sakshi Pareek
Class V A



- Kunal Kalita
Class VII A

My Dream

The dream I dreamt
Yesterday night,
The fairies and the magical flies
Flying with delight!

The funny deer
Met a bear,
Who greeted her
With a cheer.

The twinkling stars
Spreaded blue,
The rabbit and the deer
Got into!

Rainbow and the flowers
Swung with colours,
And the cute, pretty unicorn
Shone its horns.
I dreamt a dream
With a happy morn.



- Shabdita Jain
Class V A

-Nirvi Krishna Goswami
Class IV A

IMPORTANT TERMINOLOGIES IN NEWS

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1. **BIPARJOY:** A tropical cyclone named 'Biparjoy' formed over the east central Arabian Sea and made landfall in Kutch district of Gujrat. Landfall refers to the centre of a storm – or its eye – moving over land from the sea. Countries recommended names of tropical cyclones on a rotational basis as per guidelines provided by the World Meteorological Organisation. The word 'Biparjoy' means 'disaster' and was recommended by Bangladesh.

2. **ETHNIC CONFLICT:** According to the Oxford Dictionary, 'Ethnic' refers to 'of or belonging to a population group or subgroup made up of people who share a common cultural background or descent.' An 'ethnic conflict' is a conflict that takes place between two or more ethnic groups. For instance- The ongoing ethnic conflict in Manipur between the two ethnic groups – the Kukis and the Meiteis.



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