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GENESIANS PERFORMING AT THE FRENCH FESTIVAL



“Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend.” Albert Camus

Albert Camus (7 November 1913 – 4 January 1960) was a French-Algeria-born French Nobel Prize winning author, journalist, and philosopher. His views contributed to the rise of the philosophy known as 'Absurdism'.



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Editorial

Holiday homework is a long standing tradition adopted by most Indian schools. The thought of vacation might bring joy to all those over-taxed students, but the sight of holiday home-work always dampens the holiday spirit.

Parents doubt the credibility of the institution if no homework is given and, of course, how are they to keep their precocious child occupied?

Teachers, inevitably become monsters! Is there a solution to this problem?

Instead of giving projects and research work, what if the scholars are given some kind of exposure to the real life outside the realms of their cocooned existence. Young teenagers can take up summer jobs – join some fast food chains, take up tuitions, volunteer their services for social work; the list seems endless.

Taking up summer assignments will not only help them in developing life-skills but also help in making them responsible and sensitive citizens. An initiative so bold can only be taken if both the parents and students are ready to forgo the luxury of an exotic holiday and utilize these precious moments sagaciously. That does not imply that you do not go on holidays. A year has two major breaks, so one can definitely be dedicated to indulging in gratifying our soul!

Reena Verma
Staff Editor

Holiday Homework

A boon or a bane?

Holiday homework has now become a ritual in our education system. There were times when summer vacations occurred just after the final exams and scholars had two months of quality and quantity time.

A burden or not, holiday homework has always been a debatable issue. This arbitrary action of the teachers has been cursed by the students for ages. While teachers think doing holiday home work will make students responsible and active, it only makes them slothful. Completing holiday homework becomes merely a compulsion and drudgery.

Over recent years, holiday home work has gained some negative publicity, because it has been traditionally viewed as a menace by the students. Teachers give homework as a punishment for students, which unintentionally creates a negative image about homework in their minds.

We live in a fast paced world where at times even adults find it difficult to take out some time for themselves and cope up with their hectic daily schedule! Some even say that holiday homework kills the hobby time for students. Gone are the days when students were free of tension and visited their grandparents. We live in a very commercial world these days in which several enterprising individuals earn their living by completing this holiday homework for the students in just a week and you only have to pay them a thousand bucks! But, at the end of the day, it's all a waste of time and energy.



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As this load of homework increases, priorities of the family are neglected. Some scholars put their heart and soul in finishing their assignments and while they do so, vacations come to an end. Nowadays parents are so busy in their jobs that they are unable to help their kids and eventually their children fail to complete their homework and then land up getting a bad grade. Giving a book to the students to be read over the vacations is one of the most annoying assignments given to any student. What if the student has no interest in the book? What if he/she wants to read another book but is unable to do so? However, because of our CCE, holiday homework is now a part of our FA. That means if no HHW, no grades in FA.

As a result of HHW, students are failing to pursue their hobbies and interests actively. It's not only about the holiday homework: High school students need to cope up with their studies on a daily basis and completing their holiday homework only confuses them. This leaves no choice for the students but to turn them into bookworms suffering from obesity.

HHW should not be stopped completely, but it should only be reasonable. They could be replaced by a student's involvement in his favourite co-curricular activity during the vacations. This will make holidays both interesting and relaxing. Such assignments could be more rewarding than just filling up a number of sheets.

Holiday homework somehow traps students in the boundaries of his home and makes it difficult for him to explore different things outside his house and spend some happy time with his friends. The philosophy of homework that it makes a child self-reliant is just a myth. A student often keeps on postponing it and then regrets the fact that he wasted his entire vacation. This creates a paradox and the students land up without doing any homework and even fail to pursue their hobbies. How good it would have been, if a student who wanted to learn to play the guitar would have been lucky enough to get an assignment on the topic or activity of his choice only. A student's vacations would have been worthwhile if his homework did not only involve a sharp pencil, thick books and long sighs!

Aviral Kapoor
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I Wish I Could Fly

I wish I could fly
 And stay up in the sky!
 So high, that I would feel the cool breeze
 I don't want to stay here, on Earth, and watch
 the pollution increase.
 Down here, I can feel the suffocation.
 Up there, I'd be in heavenly liberation. People
 are polluting this planet in many ways
 And nothing, to them, anyone ever says. I
 want to fly up in the sky
 And not watch the people here cry and die
 I wish I was a bird
 They are better living beings, I have heard. I
 wish I could fly
 Up in the sky, so high!

Rene Thakur
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Rules

Rules, rules, rules
 Are they all to be followed?
 I scratch my head
 I put pressure on my thoughts
 Because even Gandhi went to jail
 And Lincoln broke the law
 They thought Columbus was crazy
 Because he said the land was round.
 That doesn't mean there should not
 be any rules.
 For when murderers kill, thieves steal
 And people like Gaddafi rules.
 It is then that these rules overrules!

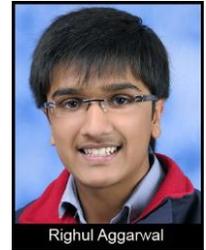
Keshav Priye Dhall
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Class X Toppers(2012-13)



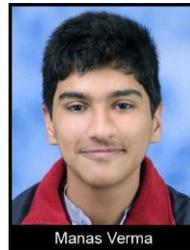
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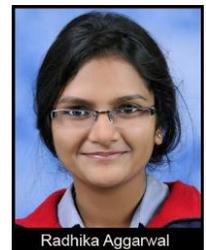
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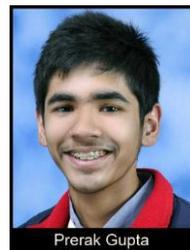
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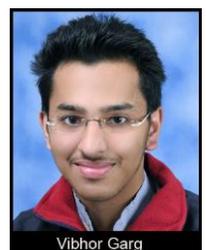
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Vibhor Garg

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A Sparrow

“You humans have become so insensitive to everything around you,” said the sparrow to Delly, its voice high and squeaky.

Instantly, Delly sat up straight in her chair, rubbing her eyes vigorously. I must be really tired, she thought, if I’m imagining a sparrow talking to me!

She glanced at the alarm clock that sat on her desk, beside a scattered pile of books and her personal laptop, and saw that it was already four in the afternoon. Not one to miss her daily afternoon naps, Delly promptly slapped her laptop shut, and got up from the desk to make her way to the cosy confines of her bed.

“Now that’s rude!” came the small, shrill voice from behind her again, and this time she was sure she hadn’t imagined it. Delly whirled about, only to find the same little sparrow, perched on her window sill. Its head was cocked to one side, as if it was judging her by appearance. It opened its beak again, as if to chirp, but the same shrill voice reached Delly’s ears again: “Don’t turn your back when I’m talking to you!”

It couldn’t be, Delly thought. How was it that a bird was talking to her? For a second, her innate inquisitiveness struggled with all the “science” they had taught her at school. However, curiosity got the better of her, and though it felt really stupid talking to a sparrow, Delly ventured, “Are you talking to me, little birdie?”

“Little!” cried the sparrow with what seemed an attempt at rage, but what sounded like an out-of-tune whistle. “I am two years old, miss, and I’ll have you know that that is quite a long period nowadays for a house sparrow to live!”

“No, I meant...,” Delly’s voice trailed away. Now that she noticed, the sparrow did seem rather old, and particularly ruffled. Its feathers were all falling out, and its tail had withered utterly as well. It looked quite sick and aged.

“You do seem old,” Delly agreed, her voice filled with awe.

“I am not old,” said the sparrow, “but rather, I am dying. And it’s all because of you!”

“Me?” said Delly, a slight indignation tugging at her tone. “What have I done to hurt you? We have barely just met!”

“Oh, you, your brother, your father, what’s the difference?” said the sparrow. “All you humans are alike! Not a care in the world for the rest of us! We animals and birds continue to suffer and slowly die, while you replace our lovely natural forests with ugly metallic towers and concrete jungles!”



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Utterly distraught, the sparrow's minute chest heaved up and down; it was quite breathless, and Delly saw it again, undoubtedly sick. She felt a pang of pity for the sparrow. "Tell me," she said gently, "How can I help you?"

"Oh, I'm beyond help," the sparrow lamented. "You with your fancy Wi-Fi" and tacky laptops saw to that very well!"

Bemused, Delly frowned. "How so?" she asked, not sure what the sparrow was getting at.

"The waves and signals that emerge from those huge antennas and cell towers," the sparrow said, its voice surprisingly heavy with sorrow, "are fatal for my kind. We've been dying unnoticed for a while now, each time you use a laptop, or an iPad! Not that it should matter to you..."

Now, Delly was feeling really bad. She'd been surrounded by gadgets for her entire life, always dependent on the internet to get things done for her. Never though, had she paused to think about how it might be affecting those around her who weren't human, but who had an equal right to live!

"I'm really sorry, Mar. Sparrow," she said, her eyes welling up with tears. "I wish I could help you. If you want, I'll stop using the internet, and ask others to protect you and your sparrow friends!"

The sparrow stared at her hard, and there was an unnerving sorrow in its eyes. "It's too late to apologize," it said softly. "It's too late."

The scene dissolved, and Delly woke up at her desk with a start. For a moment, she was unsure of where she was, but then it dawned on her that it had just been a dream. She was really glad for the whole thing had been rather depressing! And though she knew none of it had really happened, she made a mental note to restrict using the internet to a bare minimum. Even if she couldn't save them all, at least she could try.

Strangely though, the corners of her eyes were wet, as if she had really cried in her sleep. Then, as she got up from the chair, her eyes fell on something across the desk, and a chill ran down her spine. It couldn't be...

There, on the window sill, nestled in dry, colourless feathers lay a dead sparrow!

Aritro Bose

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Creative Minds

Being a part of the English Creative Writing Club, we get many different tasks to do. This time, our teachers Reena Ma'am and Aradhana Ma'am divided the club into various clubs and asked us to act as reporters. We had to write a report on any two SUPW clubs, other than our own. This group of three decided to go observe the work being done in the Art Club and the Needle Work club, as we were very interested in them.

First, we went to the Art Club and observed the happenings. Vijay Sir was conducting the Art Club. The total strength of the club was around twenty two. He started with an introduction on the importance of art, and then moved on to explaining to the students which activities they would be doing. He taught his students in a very unusual manner. He talked about shapes, themes, symmetry, and paints.

When we visited the second club, Needle Work, we sat with the class and learnt all that they learnt. Kanika Ma'am was in charge of this club. We saw that the total strength was only four, and were disappointed. We had expected a lot of enthusiasm here, because of the nature of the activity. When we arrived, they had not started with the needle work as Ma'am was talking about the advantages of the ability to work with hands. On being asked why the club was started, she replied, "Stitching is a great way to understand the importance of working with hands, and it would make students a little more independent."

In the end, it was an interesting experience as it gave us the chance to learn about the other clubs too!

Avani, Ananya and Riya
English Club

News

Shuttle Express

Olympian Champion Saina Nehiwal visited Genesis Global School on 12 July 2013 to mentor and motivate the young badminton players for the Shuttle Express, an initiative of the Indian Badminton League for schools.





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Four students from Genesis Global School, Noida participated in the Indian Badminton League School Programme - Shuttle Express held on 16-17 July 2013. Porramet of class 9 reached the finals and secured the Runners - up position. He has also been selected to represent Delhi in the finals to be held in Mumbai. Dravit Gupta and Mansi Gupta played in the 1st round and Rashi Tyagi made it to the Pre-Quarter-final. Once again, our budding badminton players have made us proud!

French Day

On 15th July, 2013, Genesis Global School celebrated French Day on a lavish scale. The whole school seemed to be in a French frenzy! The morning saw the volunteers busier than the bees, as they decorated the MPH and made all the necessary arrangements for the inter school cultural extravaganza: "La Fierce de la France".

Fifteen schools participated in the various events that were held, displaying creativity and talent.

A panel of esteemed guests - Mr Muthuswamy Varadarajan, Retired IAS officer, Dr. Abhijit Karkun, Professor at Jawaharlal Nehru University and Dr. Sushant K Mishra, Director (I/c) lit the lamp to commence the competition.

The first event was Poster Making, where the students got busy making posters in the art room. These posters were made on different topics related to France such as "French Monuments", "Life in France", there were even some posters that were particularly creative showing the "Indo-French connection". Other events like poetry recitation, group song, Power Point presentation and dance followed shortly after. The PowerPoint presentations were made on the Culture and Traditions of France, where participants spoke in fluent French. For Poetry Recitation, we were pleased to see that many participants were wearing fancy costumes that reflected the theme of their poems! The group songs were extremely melodious, but the most exhilarating event was the dance competition, as the cheers of the crowd proved.

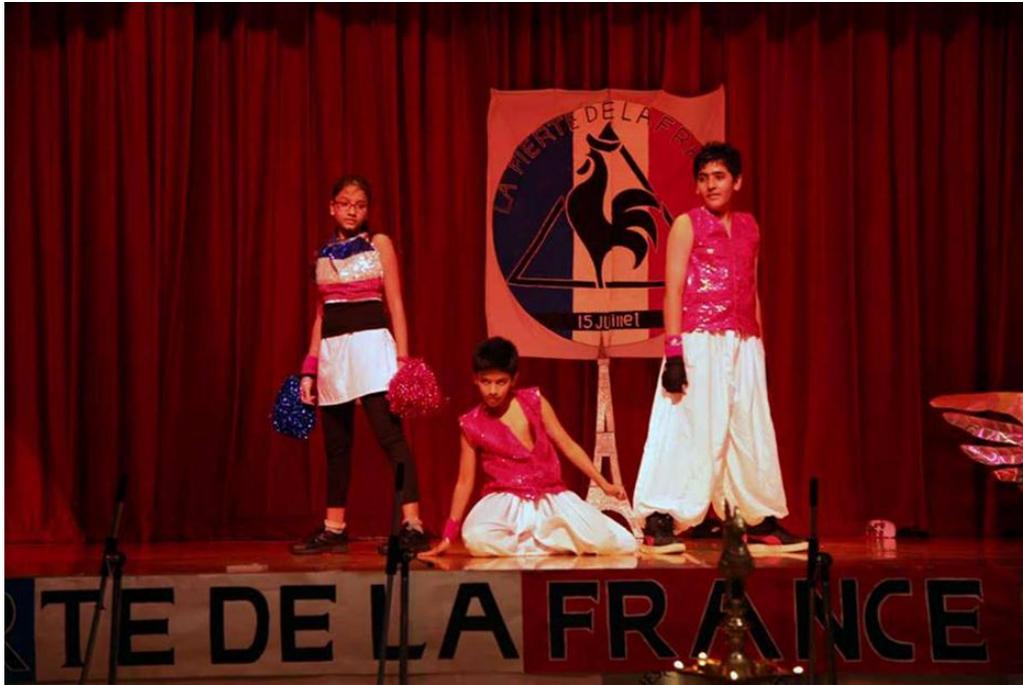
One could sense the anticipation of the crowd at the most awaited awards ceremony. Heartfelt applause and congratulatory cheers could be heard each time a school came up on stage to collect an award. MVN (Aravali) came first in three different events, which made the school worthy of being awarded the trophy for "The Best School".

As the festival ended and everyone broke for lunch, the students and staff heaved a sigh of relief. We all had tried our best to make it a memorable day, and it felt good that we had achieved our goal.

Neeyati Uppal, Rehan Verma
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Genesians performing during the French Festival



Dance performance at the launch of the Shuttle Express



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NASA Trip

To set foot on the soil of the asteroids, to hold a rock from the Moon in the hand, to observe Mars from a distance of several tens of kilometers, to land on its satellite or even on its surface, what can be more fantastic?

That's how we all felt when we landed at NASA Camp – US Rocket and Space Centre, Huntsville on June 10, 2013. Our group had 33 students from classes IX to XII and two escorts, Mr Ganesh Tiwari and Ms Madhur Gupta, our own mentors. How can we forget Mr Sanjay Saini who was guiding us at every step and was always there at all the crucial junctures?



Following were the main activities during their five day camp:

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| Simulated Space missions | Mars Missions | History of space exploration |
| Experiments on International Space Station | IMAX- 3 D Movies | Astronaut Simulators |
| Rocket Construction and Launch | Adventure Activities | |
| Graduation Ceremony | | |



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Main attractions at the Camp:

1. Original Saturn V Rocket
2. Pathfinder Orbiter
3. Rocket Park
4. Space Museum
5. Area 51



The students and teachers both had a wonderful trip.

G. P. Tiwari and Madhur Gupta



The group visited

- Niagara Falls
- New York City.
- Empire State Building
- 9/11 site – Ground Zero
- Times Square
- Broad Way Theatre



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Elections 2013–14

“The ballot is stronger than the bullet”, said Abraham Lincoln, a great leader of the world. Genesis is pleased to announce the truly democratic election of the new office bearers for the academic year 2013-14. However, the Head Boy and the Cultural Secretary were elected unopposed.

While informally chatting with a group of class X scholars, the Principal inquired from them about the qualities which were the basis of the choice of their leaders. Some said “friends” while the others said “*tuck-bribes*”, but a voice was heard saying “personality and capability”, which lit up the Principal’s face as he realized that there are still those who respect the true values of a person.

The actual voting went relatively well, as the Genesians elected the leaders they thought were the best for them. Praveer Singh, still as the Head Boy of the school, stood up to deliver his speech of acceptance and thanks. Zuha Wani, the newly elected Head Girl of the school, followed his example with grace and dignity to join him on the Student Council: Her predecessor, Chelei, chose not to stand for elections this time. With the new Sports Captain, Amit Chauhan joining the Council, Achal Mishra, the Cultural Secretary of Genesis, was unanimously elected for a consecutive year.

As far as the Vice Heads were concerned, it had been rather challenging for the voters to choose the right representatives, yet the results weren’t as surprising. Gumlee Ete was elected as the Vice Head Boy with a clear victory of 144 votes; Malvika Gupta, who had lost by 1 vote last year, secured the post of the Vice Head Girl with 104 votes this time. Hrishikesh Deo, a new face to Genesis, yet a promising sports person, clinched the position of the Vice Sports Captain with 125 votes. Lastly, Simran Sandhu was elected as the Vice Cultural Secretary with a sweep of 98 votes.

No matter how much a nominee canvassed for votes, ultimately, the best was chosen through a clear democratic procedure. Only those who aren’t affected by such customs and those who work and not just wait can be called true leaders.

Urja Risal and Ruchi Chander Bhasin
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Visit to Clifton



For the past three years, I've been going for exchange programmes. And every time I've returned... I've returned with memorable and meaningful experiences. These memories will be treasured forever. And this time was no different. It was another dream come true for me, My London Dream!

In the United Kingdom, educational institutions have an identity of their own and a certain prestige is attached to each one. Clifton College is one amongst the many. It is a very prestigious institution and a benchmark in education. True to English tradition, Clifton College lays much emphasis on appropriate conduct at all times including behaviour towards fellow students, teachers and elders. Doesn't all this sound familiar? Yeah, that was my first impression too. But then I remembered India has historical links with the British culture.

The very first view of Clifton from the window of the taxi left me astonished. It was a sprawling structure with no boundaries unlike our school. The school formed a part of the Bristol city and the roads through the school were used by everyone. I had never been to an open boundary school, so this was unfamiliar to me. The other interesting thing which fascinated me was the fact that students could go to town after school. It was a part of their system. I feel that it is a smart thing because this way there will be no cases of breaking bounds in the school. The school timings varied from 8am-6pm to 8am-12pm. This was to allow students to pursue their other interests. They used high-tech learning tools in the classroom like use of iPads instead of notebooks. This was another notable thing... Students do not use notebooks. They either use their iPads to note down the notes or the teacher hands out a sheet of paper. They used to record the experiments done in class in their iPads. Their art class adopted an interesting innovative method. The scholar first had to click a picture and then draw the same picture on a sheet of paper and paint it. Their music classes were technology inspired and scholars were taught to compose their own musical pieces. All these activities weren't done just for fun but the school gave grades for effort and attitude to learning to the scholars, giving them a reason to work hard. Plus, they also gave prizes for outstanding grades to the scholars.

David Kashyap, yes, the ex-genesian was assigned the task to look after me. I still remember the first thing he said to me, 'First Mayo... Then Genesis... and now Clifton!' I was really glad to meet him after a long time. He showed me around the school, took me to classes with him and of course, we went to explore Bristol city together. Well not the city, just the shopping area actually. David looked after me really well. He was very helpful and introduced me to his friends. I really had a remarkable time with David and his mates. The people of Clifton were very friendly.

The Clifton adventure was an amazing one and I will cherish this chapter of my life forever!

Jaissal Shagolsem

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सजल नयन

यह देश भारत है
हम सब भारतवासी हैं
देश को भी हम भारत माँ कहते हैं
इसके सब प्रान्तों को इसकी संपत्ति कहते हैं
यह देश भारत है
हम सब भारतवासी हैं
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उपरांत विवाह के हम इसे लक्ष्मी कहते हैं
बनने पर इसे हम जननी कहते हैं
नारी की इस शक्ति को हम मातृशक्ति कहते हैं

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हम सब भारतवासी हैं
परंतु आज युग बदल गया है
बदल गई ज़माने की सोच
नहीं सुरक्षित है नारी उम्र के किसी मोड पर

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जो थी कभी आदिशक्ति भवानी
मिटा दी जाती है उसकी कहानी
यह देश भारत है
हम सब भारतवासी हैं

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भ्रष्टाचार

देश में फैला है भ्रष्टाचार का संक्रामक रोग
सत्ता और संपत्ति का हो रहा दुरुपयोग

भूख और गरीबी बन गई आदमखोर
रोज़ नए –नए घोटाले करते हैं ये नेता बेशर्म
कभी कोलगेट , कभी रेलगेट तो कभी टू जी
स्पेक्ट्रम

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मेंहगाई और बेरोज़गारी से मचा हाहाकार है
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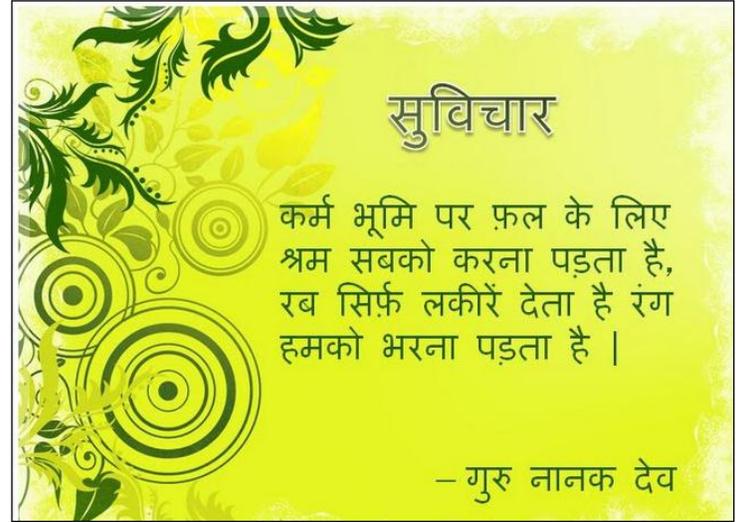
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करें

घूसखोर और नौकरशाही ने किया प्रशासन को
कमज़ोर

आओ मिलकर हम नव भारत का निर्माण करें

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SPORTS NEWS

Genesis Global Swimming Team -13th Inter Public School Swimming Competition held on 18th & 19th July 2013 at Birla Vidya Niketan, Pushp Vihar, New Delhi.

Total numbers of medals: 4 Gold, 8 Silver and 4 Bronze



Raphael Banerji with his Mentor
Rajeev Nagpal

NAME	EVENTS	MEDAL
RIDHRAJ G. SINGH	50 M FREESTYLE	GOLD
	25 M FREESTYLE	GOLD
	50 M BACKSTROKE	SILVER
	50 M BUTTERFLY	SILVER
	DECLARED BEST SWIMMER IN GROUP -V	
RAPHAEL GABRIEL BANERJI	50 M BREAST STROKE	GOLD
	50 M FREESTYLE	SILVER
	200 M IM	SILVER
	25 M FREESTYLE	SILVER
	50 M BUTTERFLY	SILVER
50 M BACKSTROKE	BRONZE	
CHRIS ARTHUR JORDAN	50 M FREESTYLE	GOLD
	50 M BACK STROKE	SILVER
	50 M BUTTERFLY	SILVER
	100 M FREESTYLE	BRONZE
SIDDHARTH SAHAY	50 M FREESTYLE	BRONZE
ESHA SHARMA	50 M BREAST STROKE	BRONZE

We're starting a new column from the next issue titled "Genesis Talks". We'll pose a question to Genesians and print their responses in the subsequent issue! The question for this month is "What are your thoughts on the downfall of Indian rupee?"

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