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Life this year has been a sinuous curve of ups and downs, mainly the collective downs. As the aestival months now come to a close, life has become even more unusual. To neutralize the monotony of being latched up in our homes for about half a year now, we have the festive season upon us! It is the most anticipated time of the year when festivity creeps into our souls like sweetness to sugar. Notwithstanding the fact that we were not able to enjoy Durga Puja to its fullest, the enthusiastic appetite with which we await Deepawali and Kali Puja is not any lesser than previous years. The fervour of festivals in the pandemic-affected world has decreased considerably, yet we cannot abstain our cheerful spirits from taking over the moment. This year has been all about finding the faint glimmers of light amidst the dark mazes that time has stunned us with. This Diwali, we will light diyas to pray for the well being of our beloved heroes, we will flare the crackers of hope, we will illuminate and embellish our lives on the anvils of belief! In the face of despair, we will light the torch of human will.

When normality returns, the flowers will remind us why the rain was necessary. In the words of Ernest Hemingway “We are all broken, that's how the light gets in”.

INDIA SCHOOL RANKINGS 2020-2021

We at MCKV have always believed that a child's mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled. With this firm belief, MCKV has worked relentlessly, night and day, for years now, trying to build a learning community, in which students can expand

and augment themselves as 21st century global citizens.

Our obdurate efforts have borne fruits and how! EducationWorld in association with C fore, Delhi, concluded its **14th Annual EducationWorld India School Rankings survey**. A sample respondents database of 11,368 SEC [socio-economic category] 'A' parents, educationists, principals, teachers and senior school students in **28 cities and education hubs across India** were interviewed to rate the country's Top 2,000 schools on 14 parameters of education excellence.

And the results are out in the open for one and all to applaud.



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by

the EducationWorld India School Rankings 2020-2021.

Ladies and gentlemen, we have done it! And, with your continued support and cooperation, we will only grow from strength to strength. Heartfelt gratitude to our parent community who have always been appreciative of our joyful approach towards imparting all round and holistic education. Parents, you are truly the wind beneath our wings.

SPOTLIGHT ON STEAM: A LEARNER'S EDGE

A webinar titled Spotlight on STEAM: A Learner's Edge was organised by Department of Physics, M.C. Kejriwal Vidyapeeth on 2nd October, 2020. The webinar was designed to provide an insight and understanding regarding the key concepts of 'STEAM Education' with reference to NEP 2020. The importance of inter-disciplinary approach towards the teaching-learning process and the practical steps involved in planning and conducting a STEAM Classroom were also discussed. The webinar was attended by the students, parents and teachers of M.C. Kejriwal Vidyapeeth and also by several students of other reputed schools. The event started with words of encouragement from our revered Chairman, Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal followed by an international panel of four eminent speakers hailing from diverse background enumerating on various facets of STEAM education. **Ritu Sehji, Head of Food Technology** at West Lake Boys High School, New Zealand, spoke about the meaning and benefits of STEAM learning and suggested formats for organising a STEAM classroom. The second speaker **Rina Mitra, Head of Centre for Creative and Performing Arts, NSHM Kolkata Campus**, explained the inseparable bond between the left and the right brain; 'the Arts and the Science' thus focussing on integrated learning. **Dr. Shreyosi Mukherjee, content QA editor at Hennessey Digital, Singapore**, illustrated that narrow boundaries of the specific subjects must be shattered to get an edge in today's interdisciplinary world. **Dr. Soma Chakraborty, an eminent Data Scientist and also KTP Associate, Dept. Of Biomedical Engineering, University of Reading, UK**, shed light on the need and importance of



interdisciplinary outlook towards a problem by giving various examples of scientific breakthroughs that were achieved by the means of collaboration between several scientists from diverse backgrounds. On the whole, it was an enriching webinar that gave us a new perspective of the modern education system.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY ON DURGA PUJA

The days are dark and gloomy right now, but with the advent of **Goddess Durga** and the beginning of the most important festival of Bengal, we all are looking ahead to a brighter and a better world. To be in tune with the spirit of festivity, MCKV celebrated the perpetual victory of good over evil through a special assembly conducted separately by both the Junior and the Middle and Senior school students. At both the levels, the assembly was brilliantly conducted. **Soulful instrumental presentations and the traditional 'Dhak' and 'Dhunuchi'** presentations simply stole the hearts of the audience. Mellifluous voices of the students transported everyone to a different world altogether when they sang songs associated with the festival. Thoughts regarding the festival were eloquently expressed by the students which definitely added to the fervour and flavour of the whole ambience. The presence of our Honourable Chairman Sri Kishan Kumar Kejriwal and his words of wisdom added more meaning to the entire programme. The programme would definitely resonate in our hearts and minds for days to come.



INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELDERLY

On the occasion of the **International Day for the Elderly** on 1st October 2020, the Social Service group of M.C. Kejriwal Vidyapeeth organised an event called **'Thank you Grandparents'**, for the students of **Class 5**. The students prepared 'Thank You' cards, showing their gratitude and expressing their love for their grandparents. They also took a photo of the card being handed over to their grandparents. This was a perfect way to show their genuine love, care and gratefulness towards the elderly. The effort of the students was appreciated by all.



Women education is an essential part of a progressive society. When we educate girls, we educate a whole nation. However, Gross Enrolment Ratio of girls across all levels of education in our country is lower than boys due to the alarming poverty rate and social discrimination. Keeping this in mind, the Interact Club of MCKV adopted a **Girls' Orphanage at Chandannagar named 'Prabartak'**. The adoption process included taking the responsibility of their education. MCKV firmly believes that the most important benefit of girl education is that the country's future will be brighter and better. For over three weeks, students of Class 11 as well as teachers worked closely and prepared educational videos on various topics for the girls at 'Prabartak'. These videos helped them during their daily lessons. The idea was to provide an enriching learning experience to the girls at the orphanage so that they receive quality education. The students of MCKV also decided to conduct a test after teaching them for three weeks. **Through this project, our students learnt to identify their role in building a wider movement for equality of educational opportunities.**

ENRICHING LEARNING PROCESS AT 'PRABARTAK'



CELEBRATING MAHA SAPTAMI AT SURJA KIRAN

Like every year, the Interact Club along with the Social Service group of M.C.Kejriwal Vidyapeeth arranged a **festive lunch for the residents of Surja Kiran, an old age home at Chandannagar, on 23rd October 2020**. The residents received **clothes and sweets on the occasion of Mahalaya to usher in the festive season**. Six teachers visited the home in the early morning and spent an entire day with the residents who were entertained through video performances by students and teachers, kindling the festive fervour. It was a humbling experience for the teachers to serve lunch to the elderly. The residents shared their life experiences with the teachers and expressed their heartfelt thanks and gratitude for our kind gesture on this festive season. The residents bade goodbye to our teachers with a heavy heart. The teachers left the Home with promises to visit it again in the near future. Honouring the venerable elders gave the teachers an opportunity to serve the society better and to inculcate moral values in our learners as well.



SPECIAL ASSEMBLY ON DIWALI

A special assembly was held on the occasion of Diwali on 11th November, 2020. To celebrate the spirit of the 'festival of lights', the children of the Primary Section of M.C.K.V showed active participation, assisted by the ever-enthusiastic interactors.

The assembly was conducted by Akansh Jaiswal of Class 4C, followed by the prayer which was read out by Hrid Banerjee of Class 1A. The shloka was chanted by Saptarshi Paul of Class 2D. This was followed by a presentation by Mudit Agarwal and Vatsal Baheti of Class 3D. Students of Classes 11 and 12 presented a mesmerizing performance on behalf of the Interact Club. They performed a skit on the theme of 'Anti-Cracker Diwali Celebration', which was thoughtful as well as praiseworthy.

The assembly concluded on a happy note with warm Diwali wishes from our respected Chairman, with hopes and prayers for good to triumph over evil.



INTER HOUSE COMPETITIONS, THE ACHIEVERS

POSITION	NAME OF THE STUDENT	CLASS	ROLL NO.
FIRST	SOURIK GHOSH	KG C	7072
SECOND	SHREYANSH SHAH	KG A	7060
THIRD	SABORNO BANDYOPADHYAY	KG D	7038

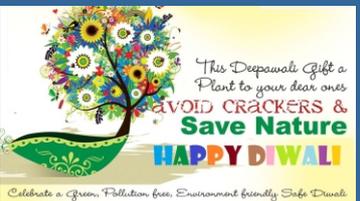
SINGING COMPETITION KG



SHOW AND TELL COMPETITION NURSERY



POSITION	NAME OF THE STUDENT	ROLL NO.	CLASS
FIRST	JASKIRAT SINGH	7131	NURSERY A
SECOND	SPARSH CHAKRABORTY	7450	NURSERY A
THIRD	SAMARPAN MAHATO	7431	NURSERY A
FIRST	AVIKSHIT SARKAR	7343	NURSERY B
SECOND	VAIBHAV DAGA	7084	NURSERY B
THIRD	ADIDEV HALDER	7324	NURSERY B
FIRST	JAINIK BAID	6980	NURSERY C
SECOND	KOUNISH MAZUMDAR	7380	NURSERY C
THIRD	AARUSH GHOSH	7315	NURSERY C
FIRST	MOHAK PAL	7390	NURSERY D
SECOND	ARNISH DASGUPTA	6936	NURSERY D
THIRD	VIRAT SINGH	7092	NURSERY D



ANTI-FIRE CRACKER DOCUMENTARY

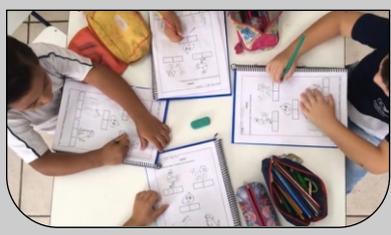
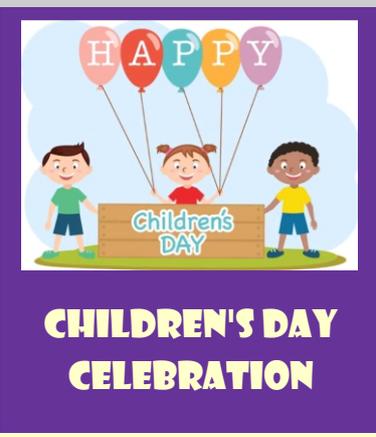
On the occasion of Diwali, the Interact Club of M.C.Kejriwal Vidyapeeth thought of **spreading awareness against bursting crackers which is a major cause of air and noise pollution**. The students of the school made a video on the ill effects of bursting crackers. It also focussed on issues like global warming, increasing rate of pollution and the idea of helping people working in pyrotechnics industry by providing them employment elsewhere. People with heart diseases and asthma face immense problems due

to the adverse effects of crackers. Even the animals become a victim of noise pollution during this time. Moreover, in the year 2020, when the whole world is fighting against Covid-19, the Government took a great initiative of banning the sale and use of firecrackers. **Keeping all these in mind, the Interactors requested the students to be sensible and to spread the idea of celebrating an eco-friendly Diwali.**



Children's Day is celebrated on **14th November every year** to commemorate the birth anniversary of Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru who was also called Chacha Nehru due to his immense love for children. Usually on this day, our school is decorated and the children add youthful energy to the grand event, but it was a little different this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This year, we all chose to celebrate the day virtually. On this joyful occasion, the Interact Club of M.C. Kejriwal Vidyapeeth spent quality time with the children of Bal Vikas Kendra. A video presentation was made through which the **President of the Interact Club**

wished the students and enlightened them about the importance of Children's Day. Channelizing the creativity of students through various activities, the students and teachers presented numerous entertaining programmes. There was a musical rendition by the students of our school. **This was followed by mellifluous songs presented by the Interactors.** A video was also shown where the teachers narrated funny stories to the students. The programme ended with a dance performance. The students thoroughly enjoyed the programme.



TO LIGHTEN UP THEIR HEARTS - PROJECT ON DIWALI

On the occasion of Diwali, the Social Service group of M.C.Kejriwal Vidyapeeth tried to lighten up the lives of the underprivileged section of the society in a small way. A project was designed for the students of Classes 3 and 4 wherein they handed over either hand painted diyas or a packet of candles to the underprivileged, to celebrate Diwali. This was done to foster in them the virtue of sharing and caring for our fellow human beings. The students shared this small token of love and expressed their endeavour in the form of a photograph depicting their action. Their thoughtful effort was highly appreciated by one and all.



Trees are an essential and indispensable part of our lives. They act as a vital part of our environment and are essential to maintain the balance in the ecology. However, in recent times, the practice of deforestation is on the rise. Tree plantation drives in schools are a practical and effective way of engaging students from an early age. These drives make them aware of the challenges they will have to address in order to conserve the environment for our future generations. With this vision in mind, the Interact Club of M.C.K. V hosted a Tree Plantation Drive throughout the month of November. Students from Classes 5-12 planted saplings and sent photographs of the aforesaid activity to the teachers. A total of about 35 saplings were planted and photographs were posted on our social media handles in order to motivate others. All the participants were awarded with e- certificates.

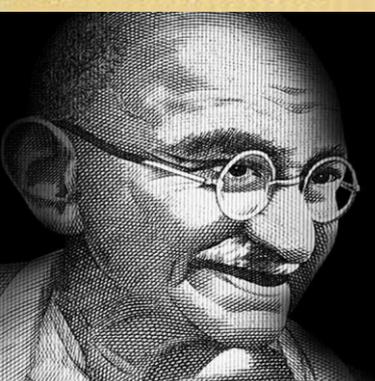


**SPECIAL ASSEMBLY ON
151ST BIRTH ANNIVERSARY
OF
MAHATMA GANDHI.**

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, born on 2nd of October 1869, was one of the greatest leaders of modern India, who for decades guided and led the people of India in its path to attain complete Independence. To commemorate his 151st birth anniversary, M.C. Kejriwal Vidyapeeth organized a special assembly to once again recall his ideologies, truthfulness, sacrifices and his greatest weapon: non-violence. The assembly was conducted by the students of Class 11. A Power Point Presentation based on the life and works of Mahatma Gandhi was also presented which was appreciated by all.



A lawyer and an anti-colonial nationalist who for decades guided and supported India in its path to attain complete Independence.



**“
The future
depends on
what you do today.
”**

Mahatma Gandhi

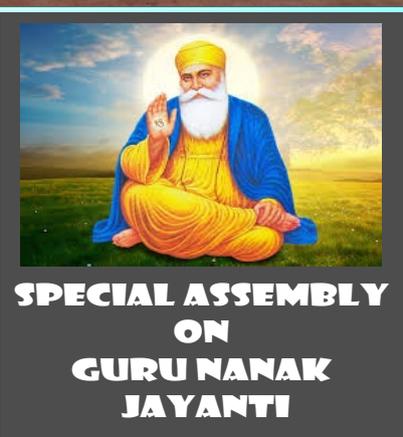


**LENDING A
HELPING HAND**

On the occasion of **Guru Nanak Jayanti on 30th November**, the **Social Service Group and the Interact Club** of M.C.Kejriwal Vidyapeeth thought of lending a helping hand to the orphanage, **Badami Devi Shishu Kalyan Kendra, Howrah**. The whole team extended their support to the boys of the orphanage. Each of the 30 boys was given a hygiene kit along with items that are daily essentials and some eatables. The orphanage was also provided with **basic items of hygiene for regular usage in order to help them during the pandemic**. The idea was to inculcate in our students a sense of brotherhood and a feeling of empathy for the underprivileged section of our society.



A special assembly was held on 1st December, 2020 on the occasion of **Guru Nanak Jayanti**, also known as **Guruparab**, to mark the birth anniversary of the founder of Sikhism. The assembly was conducted by Aditya Shah of Class 8A, followed by the daily morning prayer by Yuvraj Singh of Class 6C. Debanjan De of Class 5C chanted the daily morning shloka and a captivating PowerPoint presentation was showcased by Gurveer Singh Sabarwall and Lakshya Tripathi of Class 8B. Our revered Chairman concluded the assembly by praising and encouraging the children for their performance and presentation.



The education of even a small child, therefore, does not aim at preparing him for school, but for life.
- Maria Montessori



Flower Printing Activity on Letter 'V' Pre-Nursery

Pre-Nursery



Pre-Nursery

Dry Fruits Decoration



Nest Making Activity Pre-Nursery



Kidney Beans Pasting Activity Pre-Nursery



Play dough Activity Pre-Nursery



Spray Painting on Dhak Pre-Nursery



Activity on Letter 'O' Making of Garland Pre-Nursery



Corn Printing Pre-Nursery



DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES NURSERY



Nursery

Thanks Giving Activity

PIC-COLLAGE

Nursery

Counting Activity

PIC-COLLAGE

Nursery

Activity on Water Animal

PIC-COLLAGE

Nursery

Durga Puja Activity
Chandmala making

PIC-COLLAGE

Nursery

Class Party-Jhaal Muri Making

PIC-COLLAGE

Nursery

Play dough Activity

PIC-COLLAGE

Nursery

Diya Decoration Activity

PIC-COLLAGE

Nursery

Dry fruits Activity

PIC-COLLAGE

Nursery

Wool Pasting Activity (grasses)

PIC-COLLAGE

Nursery

Bear Making Activity

PIC-COLLAGE



DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES KINDERGARTEN



POTATO PEELING ACTIVITY KINDERGARTEN



Shankh Making Activity Kindergarten



Cleanliness Activity Kindergarten



ROLE PLAY ON RAMAYANA KINDERGARTEN



NAMING WORDS ACTIVITY KINDERGARTEN

HEALTHY AND JUNK FOOD ACTIVITY



PIC-COLLAGES



PAPER MAKING DIYA ACTIVITY KINDERGARTEN



WALL HANGING ACTIVITY KINDERGARTEN



HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY

PIC-COLLAGES



Shankh Making Activity Kindergarten



Storytelling Activity Kindergarten



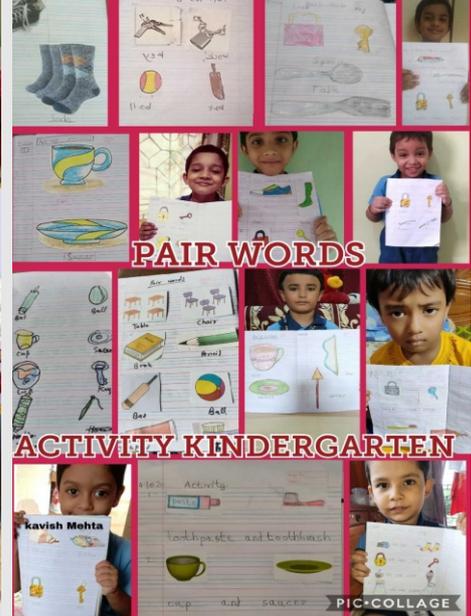
DHUNUCHI DANCE KINDERGARTEN



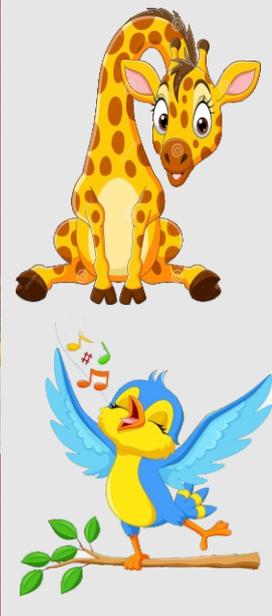
FORWARD AND BACKWARD COUNTING ACTIVITY KINDERGARTEN



ALOO CHAT PARTY KINDERGARTEN



PAIR WORDS ACTIVITY KINDERGARTEN



DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES PRIMARY



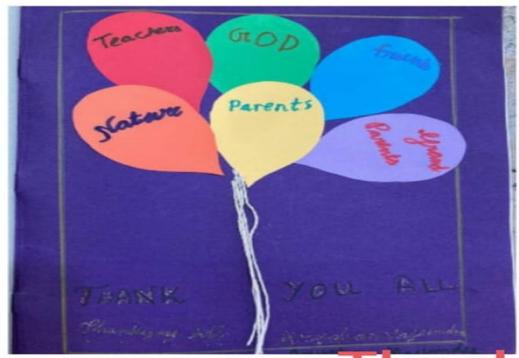
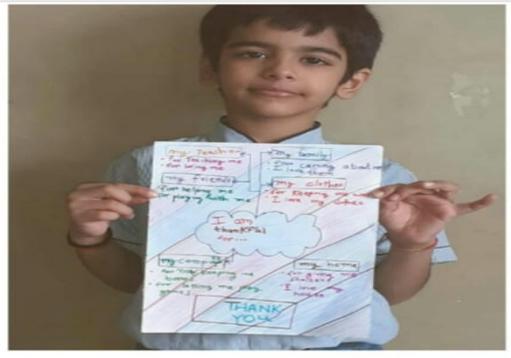
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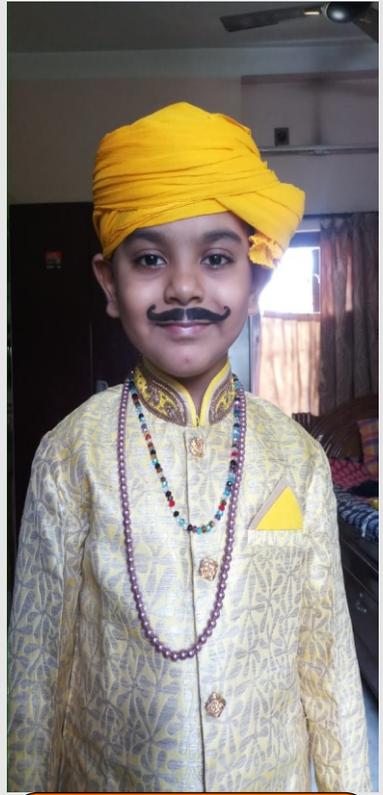
Rangoli Competition



Diya Decoration



Thanksgiving Activity



Bengali Recitation



Ms. Subhechhya Chatterjee
English Department

All my life I have been an out and out old school romantic, who relives every story she reads in her imagination, so the obvious after effect of reading The Diary of a Young Girl, the first time, was coaxing my parents for my own copy of a diary. The initial plan of course was to create a masterpiece of the likes of Anne Frank, but in actuality it turned out to be a personal memoir where I jotted down my secret wishes, my list of secret crushes, my opinions about relatives I hated, a few sonnets and poems, lyrics of my favourite songs, short messages from my besties, in short, an account of any day worth a mention in the life of a teenager (which ranged from scoring terribly low in a class test, the loss of my dear grandfather, star gazing in summer evenings or even watching back to back movies of Shahrukh Khan, with my cousin, when the whole family was out, under the pretext of studying).

The 'Diary' was always one of my most prized possessions, I remember spending hours decorating it, writing all so important stuff in it. Very few people, which included me, my best friends and cousin had access to it. I sometimes wonder that in whom does today's teenagers confide their deepest secrets, and of course the answer is Instagram. Unlike us where the fun and excitement lay in hiding things, now it's more about sharing. Not

that I wasn't a show off, I do remember carrying my diary to school and sharing it my 'friends' while the ones who didn't make a cut looked on jealously. Someone even blabbered to the class teacher, and thankfully, she was kind enough to return it to me with a smile. The 'Diary' survived it all, curious gazes of onlookers, manipulations of treachery and a few 'great falls' which my mother very occasionally ensured, considering the amount of time I devoted to it. It was my 'constant' from 1998-2006, a large part of my school and college days. And then, well I grew up, I became too mature to keep a diary, and Internet happened!

Every time I visit my mom's place, the old school romantic gets the better of me and compulsorily I, browse through my text books (yes I still have my Class 10 text books!), and just this Christmas, what a surprise it was when I found my lost diary! The faded sketch pen marks, the disappearing letters of the blue ink pens, the stains of dried rose, the yellow pages transported me back to the days left behind. What an overwhelming experience it was just to turn the pages of something, I held so dear at a time in life! I felt silly reading most of it yet it made me smile fondly. If not anything, it inspired me to write this one!

Well children, it's a joy to be old school! Just sometimes, keep your smart phones away and take up the pen and the paper, the memories it leaves behind last a lifetime, unlike the old smart phone you replace so conveniently for the new one.

Corrigendum : In the 'PRIDE OF MCKV' section of our Annual School Magazine Voyage 2020, the photograph of Hemant Chokhani, one of our ISC (Commerce) toppers who secured the 3rd position (96%), was misprinted. The correct image is given here. The error is highly regretted.



Hemant Chokhani

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