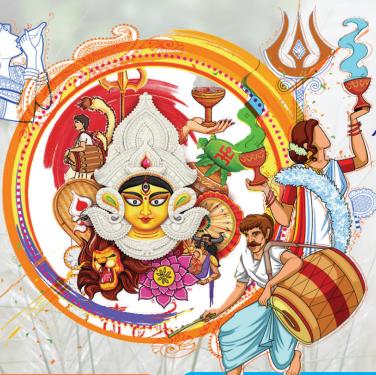
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YOU ALL
A VERY HAPPY
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### **Editorial Board**



All these months of being locked up in the confines of the home, have made us all yearn to breathe in the aroma of carbon dioxide once more, to feel the dust against the face and to once again travel in those claustrophobic public commutes. That looks promising,

though! But then, something else might cheer us up even more. As if this year wasn't strange enough already, we had Mahalaya, followed by thirty-six days before the festive fervour grips everyone! Yes, the festivals are finally here, all lined up, one after the other. The pandals might not be as grand, the roads might not be as bright, the experience might not be the same either. It's been a bizarre year so far. We all know that. Therefore, it might be foolish to floccinaucinihilipilificate it! Festivals unite us, bring us together, remind us of our roots and why we mustn't wander far from them. We must not only remember the good times with a smile but also accept the bad ones with an equally wide grin, for in the words of Christopher McCandless, "The joy of life comes from our encounters with new experiences, and hence there is no greater joy than to have an endlessly changing horizon, for each day to have a new and different sun." Wish you Subho Bijoya and a happy Dusshera.

Soham Ghatak 12A Chief Student Editor "পুরো একটা বছর পর মা আসছে মোদের ঘরে আকাশ মেঘের ভেলায় চড়ে মন মাঝি কে সঙ্গী করে পাড়ি দিচ্ছে আপন মনে কাশ ফুলের গহন বনে"-

আমরা প্রতীক্ষায়। তবে এক কঠিন সময়ের মধ্যেই আনন্দময়ী মা দুর্গা আসছেন। পুজোর আর কয়েকদিন বাকি। ভয়-তরাস সঙ্গে নিয়ে বঙ্গবাসী পুজোর চারটে দিন কাটাবেন কীভাবে? শিশু থেকে বয়স্কদের কেমন কাটবে পুজো? সপরিবারে বাঁধনহারা আনন্দপালন করা যাবে কি?

আশাকরি প্রতিটি বাঙালী মানুষ অবশাই আনন্দণালন করতে পারবে। বাঙালী চিরকালই উৎসবপ্রেমী জাতি। লোকমুখে প্রচলিত "বাংলার মানুষের বারো মাসে তেরো পার্বণ" কথাটি মোটেই অত্যক্তি নয়। সারা বছর জুড়েই বাঙালীর জীবন নানাপ্রকার উৎসবের আলোয় মুখরিত হয়ে থাকে। তবে এত সব উৎসবের মধ্যেও যেটি বাঙালীর কাছে সবচেয়ে বেশি প্রিয় এবং অন্তরের উৎসব তথা বাঙালী জাতির সার্বজনীন, তা হল শরৎকালের দুর্গোৎসব।

বলা যায় বাঙালী জাতির সমগ্র প্রাণ এই পূজার মধ্যে নিহিত থাকে। বর্ষার কালো মেঘ সরিয়ে শরতের রোদ্ধর উকি দিলেই বাঙালীর মন হিসেব কষতে শুরু করে দেয় মা দুর্গার আগমনের আর কতদিন বাকি। প্রতিদিনকার পরিচিত গতানুগতিক জীবনে বাস্ত বাঙালী গোটা একটা বছর শত উৎসবের মধ্যেও অধীরভাবে প্রতীক্ষা করে থাকে এই মহোৎসবের জন্য।

পুজো আনন্দে কাটুক। সবাই সুস্থ ও কুশলে থাকবেন। তাই জানাই প্রাক-শারদীয়ার অগ্রিম শুভেচ্ছা ও অভিনন্দন।

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### **TEACHERS' DAY 2020**















Teachers' Day is reminiscent of all those teachers who influence our lives profoundly and bring back nostalgic and sweet memories. The covid – 19 pandemic might have shaken up the world, but teachers have shown their resoluteness to tackle even this problem with their expert skills at innovations and their tenacity to impart knowledge even in the most trying situations. This year too, enthusiasm and festivity marked the Teachers' Day celebration at M.C. Kejriwal Vidyapeeth. Students organised a short virtual programme for the teachers, in which they engaged themselves in unbridled capacity to show love, admiration and respect for their

teachers through some pre-recorded videos, song, dance and a short humorous skit. An interesting pictorial quiz was conducted which added more fun to the celebration. The speeches delivered by the School Captain, Ankit Mondal, Vice Captain, Md. Shahid Dayer and Chief Student Editor, Sohom Ghatak, took the occasion to a different level.

This year, it was a week long celebration which started from 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2020 to 4th September, 2020. An appreciation week filled with pleasant and heart touching surprises from students came on the teachers' way in a unique manner and made this year's Teachers' Day a memorable one for the entire MCKV teaching faculty.





# Inter House Competitions, The Achievers

### JUST A MINUTE COMPETITION

			CONTRACTE CONTENTION		
POSITION	HOUSE	NAME OF THE STUDENT	CLASS & SECTION	ROLL NUMBER	
FIRST	THETA	YUG PATWARI	10D	3914	
SECOND	DELTA	ASMIT SHAW	10D	3533	
THIRD	BETA	SWYAM SEKSARIA	10B	3509	
FIRST	ALPHA	SOURAV BHATTACHAR YA	12A	2974	
SECOND	THETA	KAUSHAL CHANDAK	11A	3660	
THIRD	ALPHA	ANISH GOENKA	11A	3229	

### PICTURE TALK COMPETITION

POSITION	HOUSE	NAME OF THE STUDENT	CLASS & SECTION	ROLL NUMBER
FIRST	THETA	ABHIGYAN TALUKDAR	2D	5875
SECOND	THETA	AYAN CHATTERJEE	1B	6582
THIRD	DELTA	AGNIPR AVA GHOSH	2B	6224









### MAHALAYA AT SURJA KIRAN

Keeping up with the tradition of spending quality time with the revered and aged of our society, the Social Service group, along with the Interact Club of M.C.Kejriwal Vidyapeeth, joined hands to visit an Old Age Home called Surja Kiran, situated amidst the lush green ambience at Chandannagar. The residents were greeted with clothes and sweets as a compliment for the festive season. Five teachers, armed with a variety of video presentations prepared specially for the occasion by the students of the school to entertain the inmates, visited the Home on 17<sup>th</sup> September,2020. The teachers not only played the videos made by the students but also sang and recited poems to entertain them. The venerable elders also participated to express their happiness. The students' videos and the teachers' performances made the day of the residents and offered them a memory to cherish forever. The teachers having spent an enjoyable autumn morning with the elders, came back with a heart full of happiness as they were able to usher in joy in the lives of the old and aged.

#### WORLD LITERACY DAY

"One book, one pen, one child and one teacher can change the world."

The role that education plays in our lives is pivotal to change our world, inner and outer. It holds the key to transform our lives for the better.

To commemorate World Literacy Day on 8th September, the Social Service Group of M.C.K.V designed a special initiative for the students of Class 7. The students were engaged in the process of teaching their siblings or cousins from the Junior School. Achievement tests were also devised to judge the academic improvement of their pupils, after their week long endeavour. Their efforts bore fruit on being deeply appreciated.



### **WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY**

On the occasion of World Humanitarian Day on 19<sup>th</sup> August, the Social Service group of M.C.Kejriwal Vidyapeeth organised a competition for the students of Class 8. The competition involved students to describe in brief one humanitarian act that they have done or are doing in this lockdown period. The participants were instructed to write a paragraph on their experience, click a photo of the humanitarian act that they had done, stick it on a white background and sent it to their respective class teachers, so that their efforts can be appreciated.

Few entries sent by the students were really commendable. This endeavour inculcated in the students a sense of fellow feeling and humanitarian understanding of the society at large. This will also foster universal brotherhood and compassion for fellow citizens.



### **RACIAL DISCRIMINATION**

"I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin, but by the content of their character."

Following the reverberating words of Martin Luther King Jr., the Interact Club of M.C.Kejriwal Vidyapeeth made an endeavour to create an awareness among the students that one should not let skin colour and ethnicity dictate our attitude towards somebody. The event, organised on 1st September, witnessed the entire school come together where the Primary Section prepared a short video and the Senior Secondary students edited and compiled the same. The video effortlessly showcased how students mix with each other seamlessly, be it playing or sharing food.

Racial intolerance is a problem prevalent in almost all walks of life even in this 21st century. If each one of us make it our unfailing duty to stand up against racial prejudice and intolerance, the world will definitely be a better place to live in.













## PRE-NURSERY DEPARTMENT

"If we are to teach real peace in this world, we shall have to begin with the children."

- Mahatma Gandhi.







Pre Nursery Potato Peeling Activity



Leaf Pasting Activity on letter 'L' Pre Nursery













## KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT











# **PRIMARY DEPARTMENT**

















#### LITERATURE AND SOCIETY





Literature is the artistic expression of thought which is replete with feelings and imagination. Literature is one of the instruments and one of the most powerful instruments for forming character, for giving us characters armed with reasons, braced by knowledge, clothed with steadfastness and courage and inspired by that public spirit and public virtue of which it has been well said that they are the brightest

ornaments of the mind of the man. Francis Bacon is right when he bides 'to read not to contradict and refute neither to believe nor take for granted nor to find talk and discourse but to weigh and consider'.

Literature is great because of its universality. It is powerful enough to supersede the narrow interests of a class in favour of humanity as a whole. The recited epics of Homer, the acted plays of Shakespeare, the chanted songs of Chandidas have a more universal appeal than our modern poets and novelists who express only segments of social life and direct their appeal to a particular social class. Poetry that expresses intensely individual standpoints, novels that depict the manners of a class or a community and deal with highly specialized problems cannot surely be of the same level as are Tulsidas' or Kirtidas' Ramayana which had and still have a mass appeal. Literature has close connection with life. In fact, literature is the study of life. Life provides the raw material by which literature interfuses an artistic pleasure, pattern and form.

Unfortunately, the general commercialization of the literary market has led to a division into branches-now there are fairs and festivals of this or that type of literature and they are completely separate, creating a clientele of readers eager to hole up with a crime novel, some fantasy or science fiction. A notable characteristic of this situation is that what was only supposed to help booksellers and librarians organize on their shelves the massive quantity of published books and readers to orient themselves in the vastness of the offering, became instead abstract categories not only into which existing works are placed but also according to which writers themselves have started writing. Increasingly, genre work is like a kind of cake mould that produces very similar results. Their predictability considered a virtue and their banality an achievement. The reader knows what to expect and gets exactly what he wants.

Today, we can have the great satisfaction of seeing the emergence of a wholly new way of telling the world's story that is purveyed by the on-screen series, the hidden task of which is to induce in us a trance. Of course this mode of storytelling has long existed in the myths and Homeric tales, and Hercules, Achilles or Odysseus are without doubt the first heroes of series but never before has this mode taken up so much space or exerted such a powerful influence on the

collective imagination. The first two decades of the twenty-first century are unequivocally the property of the series. Their influence on the modes of telling the story of the world and on our way of understanding that story too is revolutionary.

We live now in a world of too many contradictory, mutually exclusive facts, all battling one another tooth and nail. Our ancestors believed that access to knowledge would not only bring people happiness, well-being, health and wealth but would also create an equal and just society. What was missing in the world, to their minds, was the ubiquitous wisdom that would naturally arise from information.

In today's world, there is no longer any need to keep a travel diary when you can simply take pictures and send those pictures via social networking sites straight into the world, at once and to all. There is no need to write letters since it is easier to call. Why write fat novels, when you can just get into a television series instead? Instead of going out on the town with friends, it would be better to play a game. Reach for an autobiography? There's no point since I am following the lives of celebrities on Instagram and know everything about them.

However, we should not forget that literature poses questions that cannot be answered with the help of Wikipedia or by any other social media since it goes beyond just information and events, referring directly to our experience. Reading is quite a complicated psychological and perceptual process and it must be inculcated gradually to master it.

Today, we are facing a revolution on a similar scale when experience can be transmitted directly, without recourse to the printed word. We should bear in mind that literature is one of the few spheres that try to keep us close to the hard facts of the world because by its very nature it is always psychological and it focuses on the internal reasoning and motives of the characters and reveals their otherwise inaccessible experience to another person or simply provokes the reader into a psychological interpretation of their conduct. Only literature is capable of letting us go deep into the life of another being, understand their reasons and share their emotions and experience their fate. It is a matter of happiness that in spite of numerous hindrances and barriers, literature has miraculously preserved its right to all sorts of eccentricities, phantasmagoria, provocation, parody and lunacy. Thanks to this miraculous tool, the most sophisticated means of human communication that our experiences can travel through time reaching those who have not yet been born but who will one day turn to what we have written, the stories we told about ourselves and our world. As A.E Housman says:

"Great literature should do some good to the reader: Must quicken his perception though dull,

And sharpen his discrimination though blunt, and mellow the rawness of his personal opinions."

-Biswajit Majumdar

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We heartily congratulate Ms. Madhushree Bagchi for being blessed with a baby girl.