

E CHATTER ARTICLES - AUGUST 2024

SELF-MOTIVATION BY RITHISH.V (125224) CLASS 11A

I recently read a short story on Medium (A website for writers) that showcased the power of trying something unconventional. The last line of that short story was what stirred me – “He was not special, uncommon, or different from the rest of the men and women in the hole. He was simply willing to try.” It disproves the common notion that achievers are special, gifted people who win because of innate talent. Rather, they are ordinary people like you and me, and the only difference between us and them is that they are capable of trying the unimaginable while having the capacity to endure any failure they encounter.

Trying something radical is never an easy task; it is an uphill battle. It requires courage and resilience to step outside of our comfort zone and do the unthinkable (The morally correct ones, that is). We may and most definitely will face innumerable failures, but we should not lose heart. It's ok to make mistakes, but we should learn from them, for “Failure is life's greatest teacher”.

Whenever we try new things, there will always be people who will discourage us; who will laugh at us and say that we are a fool for doing it. We should never lose heart, for giving up will not make us successful. At the same time, we should also not refuse any constructive criticism, for it is what guides us on our path of progress towards the finish line. But the negative voices seeking to tear you down rather than build you up? They are merely background noises, distractions from your path of progress.

The key to success is to listen to your inner voice. You know, the one that makes you understand everything in your own words? It is the voice that provides impartial feedback on what your mistakes are and how to rectify them. Success is not gatekept by anything; it is open to anyone who dares to reach it.

So, the next time you hesitate to take that leap of faith, remember: you don't need to be extraordinary to achieve something remarkable. You just need to be willing to try, to learn, and to grow in order to achieve extraordinary things. The difference between those who succeed and those who don't is not in their physical abilities; rather, it is in their ability to keep moving forward, to be willing to try.

A BOOK AND A READER BY SIVATHMIGA (125123) CLASS 11A

The synopsis looked good
The cover looked nice
You opened the book
and began a new life
You found a new home
You met some new friends
You kept on reading
hoping it would never end
You danced thro' the pages
You sang out the words
You felt all their joys
and all their pain and hurt
The pages cut your finger
and the words cut your heart
like the author had a knife
and was tearing your soul apart
You laughed with the characters
and with them you cried
You fell in love with them too
but with them you died
and when the book reached its end
and your broken heart couldn't heal
You suddenly realize that
 it's
 not
 real

A REPORT ON THE TRIP TO ISRO BY BHUVANESHWARAN.P. (114740) CLASS 11D
(As Read out in the Morning Assembly)

I would like to present the report of the educational trip for Classes IX and XI students to ISRO, Sriharikota on 16th August 2024 to witness the launch of the rocket SSLV-D03.

Our day started early in the morning at 4 AM when we assembled at our school campus and prayed to God to make our trip safe and wonderful. We departed from the campus at around 5 AM in five tourist buses. We had our homemade breakfast at around 7 AM.

We reached the Launch View Gallery in the Space Museum of ISRO at 8:30 AM. We participated in the quiz programme conducted by the ISRO officials, before the rocket launch. There were other schools too which participated in the quiz. We enthusiastically counted down the launch from 20 and the rocket SSLV-D03 was launched at 9:17 AM sharp. It was a magnificent sight to see the rocket flying very close, closer than we had ever seen before. After the launch, a few students from our school even shared their experiences with television news channels. We then took a quick and delightful look inside the Space Museum where they showcased the miniatures of previously launched rockets. We then departed from the museum, and on the way, stopped at Hotel SRM Grandeurs to have our lunch. While returning, we could witness the really captivating landscapes on the way. We reached the school campus at around 3:30 PM and they went home.

We, the students of Class IX and Class XI, would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Management, Sujatha Ma'am, Viswanathan Sir, Principal Ma'am, Assistant Principal Sir, and Senior Vice-Principal Ma'am for bestowing us with this remarkable and unforgettable opportunity. We also express our thanks to the teachers who accompanied us and diligently took care of us throughout this memorable experience. Thank you.

HUMILITY BY A.J. TANISHQA (125173) CLASS 10 D
(SPEECH GIVEN IN THE MORNING ASSEMBLY)

A Pleasant morning everyone.

I am Tanishqa of class X D . Today I would like to share with you, the story of a remarkable individual who embodies the essence of humility – Mahendra Singh Dhoni, fondly known as Captain Cool. In the world of cricket, where egos often run high, Dhoni shines as beacon of modesty and grace .

Dhoni's leadership style on the field reflects his humility. He is known for his calm demeanour. His ability to listen to his teammates and his unwavering focus on teamwork are often lauded by many. Despite achieving great success, he remains grounded : always crediting his team for their collective efforts.

Just like in a cricket match where every player's role is vital, Dhoni understands the importance of every individual in a team. He values each one's contribution, no matter how big or small and he leads by example, showing that true greatness is not about personal glory but about lifting others up.

So, lets take a leaf out of Dhoni's book. Let's embrace humility in our actions, appreciate the strength of those around us, and remember that true leadership is about empowering others. As Dhoni famously said , "the only time you should look back is to see how far you've come".

Thank you for the opportunity given. Have a nice day.

FREEDOM FIGHTERS BY J. VARNIKA (125222) CLASS 10C
(SPEECH GIVEN IN THE MORNING ASSEMBLY)

Before I begin my speech I would like all of you to do something. Please close your eyes and imagine how you would feel if your freedom was taken away from you? How would you feel if you didn't have the most basic rights? You would feel oppressed and stifled, isn't it? Well that's exactly how people felt when they were ruled by the British. Thanks to our freedom fighters, for enabling us to live a life of freedom and dignity.

Good morning to one and all present here. I am Varnika, and I am here to shed light on the sacrifices of two revolutionary freedom fighters who struggled to get our country freed from the shackles of the British.

Rani Velu Nachiyar was the queen of Sivaganga Estate. She was the first Indian queen to wage war with The East India Company in India. She is known in Tamil Nadu as Veeramangai. She also became the first female warrior to flag the struggle for Indian Independence. The renowned author Professor Sanjeevi even mentions in his book 'Maruthiruvar' that Velu Nachiyar was the Indian Joan of Arc.

Well, now let me tell you about another revolutionary who played an important role in our country gaining its independence. This particular freedom fighter died at the age of 24 years. Isn't that sad? I am talking about Birsa Munda. Birsa Munda was a freedom fighter, a religious leader, a folk hero who belonged to the Munda tribe. He was well known for his tribal revolt against the British authorities in the Jharkhand region in the late 19th century.

Well we have paid a great price for our freedom and it is our duty to acknowledge and honour the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters. You all might think how we can do that?

Simple. The first step is to understand that freedom is enjoyed with showing a sense of responsibility. We should not take our freedom for granted and should not misuse it. So let us strive to make a difference : by doing our bit for the sake of our motherland. By doing this, we are making our freedom fighters proud.

PATRIOTISM BY B. DIYAA SHAMBAVI (135565) CLASS 10B

Charles E. Jefferson said, "A man is a patriot if his heart beats true to his country." Patriotism can be defined as having and expressing devotion to and vigorous support for one's country. The expression of patriotism can take various forms. The beauty of patriotism is that, at its core it is a simple feeling of pride and respect for one's homeland but has the power to change the world. It could be in the mere act of standing up for one's national anthem or not littering to keep the country clean or even becoming educated and choosing to engage in the kind of work that would make the country progress (such as studying medicine, conducting research or participating in sports to represent one's country to put it on the map).

Being a patriot requires a special kind of affection for one's country. Similarly, patriotism in itself builds a special type of affection towards one's country. They go hand in hand and the one cannot exist without the other. When a person is born and brought up in a particular place, their identity is shaped by the country too. They have a special place in their hearts for their country and identify with it even subconsciously. Unknowingly, they start to identify themselves with the characteristics of the country such as the culture, the languages, and the ideology and before they even know it, it would have become a part of their identity and mould the kind of person they are.

When a person starts to personally identify with their country, they have a special concern for its well-being. They try their best to safeguard the country's interests and ensure that its sovereignty is not threatened by anything or anyone. On paper, it sounds very political but in reality, it is the simplest decision for a patriot to make. For them, putting their country first and protecting it from threats is worth any price that they might have to pay for. Patriotism can take the form of not only appreciating one's country but also being willing to sacrifice one's life for it.

In conclusion, patriotism is not a behaviour that can be taught or trained instead it is a feeling, an emotion that is so innate that it feels one with the individual and drives him/her to strive for the welfare and prosperity of their country.

Jai Hind

PUNCTUALITY BY M. A. PRAVEEN (125292) CLASS 10A

Punctuality is the quality of being on time. It is the key to success and an important quality of a good leader.

So, how can we as students be punctual?

Following a daily schedule, arriving to school on time, completing homework and assignments within the stipulated time...

Let me share a famous quote with you....

“Time waits for no man, but it rewards those who honour it”.

Time waits for no man is understandable, but the phrase, it rewards, those who honour it, what does that mean?

Does time give us a gift like we get on a festival or on our birthdays, if we follow punctuality? No.

It rewards us with self-confidence, trustworthiness, and helps us be happy.

Mahatma Gandhi is one of the greatest examples of a leader who followed Punctuality. The reason why we talk about him even today is because of his adherence to time. We can also be successful in life if we follow punctuality.

REPORT ON THE TRIP TO GUINDY PARK BY KAVIN PRANAVI (210141) CLASS 7C

(As read out in the Morning Assembly)

Good morning to one and all present here.

I am Kavin Pranavi of Class 7C, and today I am excited to share the wonderful experience my classmates and I had, during our school trip to Guindy Park last Sunday. It was a day filled with fun, learning, and exploration, making it a truly memorable one.

Our adventure began with a lively bus ride, filled with chatter and excitement. We left school at 9 AM and reached Guindy Park by 9:35 AM, and we were greeted by the cool shade of tall trees and the cheerful sounds of chirping birds.

Our first stop was the mini zoo inside the park, where we had the opportunity to see a variety of birds and animals, including egrets, pelicans, herons, painted storks, spoonbills, sambar deer, golden jackals, spotted deer, barking deer, and more. It was fascinating to observe these creatures up close.

Next, we visited the serpent house, where we saw impressive reptiles like the reticulated python, Burmese python, Indian python, and others. It was both thrilling and interesting to learn about these magnificent snakes.

After exploring the wildlife, we moved on to the playground area. It was the perfect place for us to be let loose and have some fun. We ran around, played on the swings and slides, and enjoyed the open space to the fullest.

One of the highlights of the trip was when we all sat together for lunch in the park. It was a wonderful time to bond with our friends outside the classroom, sharing laughs and stories.

We returned to school at 2:30 PM.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our school management, Sujata Viswanathan Ma'am, Viswanathan Sir, our Principal Ma'am, Assistant Principal Sir, and Senior Vice- principal Ma'am for organising this fantastic trip. We had an incredible experience, and I am sure it was a day we will all remember for a long time.

Thank you.

PATRIOTISM BY Ms. H. ARUNA

(SPEECH GIVEN IN THE MORNING ASSEMBLY)

Good morning Teachers and Students!

" Patriotism is the love and loyalty we have for our nation, and it is the foundation for our country's strength" said Bal Gangadhar Tilak.

Today, I want to talk about something that unites us all - patriotism. Patriotism is about love, respect, and pride for our country and its values.

We often take our freedom for granted, but there are countless heroes like Rani Lakshmbai, Bhagat Singh, and Mahatma Gandhi who fought tirelessly for our independence. Their sacrifices inspire us to be better citizens.

Patriotism is about respecting our national flag, anthem, and values.

When our national anthem is played, we should show respect by singing the anthem with pride and enthusiasm and not talking or whispering to others during the anthem .

Standing for the national anthem is not just a rule, it's a way to show our gratitude and respect for our country. It is also a way to unite ourselves as one nation, one voice, and one heart.

So, let us make a conscious effort to stand up straight, with our hands by our sides, and sing the anthem with pride. Let us show our patriotism and respect for the country.

As students, you have the power to shape the future of our country. Patriotism is not just a feeling, but a choice. Let us choose to make a difference, every day, in every way.

I conclude with a quote of Mahatma Gandhi ji", "Be the change you wish to see in the world." So let us be that change!

Let us march forward together, with pride and patriotism in our hearts and build a better future for our country.

Jai Hind!

HUMILITY BY Ms. VASANTHI SIVAKUMAR

(SPEECH GIVEN IN THE MORNING ASSEMBLY)

HUMILITY IS THE MOTHER OF MANY VIRTUES BECAUSE THAT IS WHERE OBEDIENCE, FEAR, REVERENCE, PATIENCE, MODESTY AND PEACE ARE BORN. Humility is the ability to accurately view your talents and flaws while being devoid of arrogance. Some believe that being humble means having a low self- esteem and lacking in confidence, but it is the opposite. Humbleness is showing respectful behaviour toward other beings—those whom we face in our day-to- day life. There is absolutely nothing in our control except our own hard work. Then what is there to feel great about?

By being humble there are huge takeaways: It strengthens connection with others, broadens perspective of one’s own self, broadens our perspective of the world, strengthens spirituality and last but not the least improves mental health.

In the epic Ramayana, two powerful incidents involving Lord Rama and the characters of Bharatha and Hanuman exemplify profound lessons in humility. 1. Bharatha’s humility: When Lord Rama, adhering to His father’s word, refuses to return before the fourteen years of exile are complete, Bharatha’s response showcases the pinnacle of humility and surrender. He accepts Lord Rama’s sandals as representatives of the Lord and vows to rule only as a regent, awaiting Rama’s return. 2. Hanuman’s humility: Hanuman, the monkey god and devotee of Lord Rama in Hindu mythology, is revered for his exceptional knowledge and wisdom. He was well-versed in the Vedas, Upanishads, and other Hindu scriptures. He was a master of Navavyakarna and linguistics. He possessed knowledge of medicine and Ayurveda, which he used to heal others. He was a skilled warrior and knew various war strategies. Yet he always remained humble though being an epitome of knowledge.

As students we need to remember that we should exhibit humility in order to learn. Only when we have humility, we will be able to admit mistakes and learn from them. Students, “Before a man's downfall, his mind is arrogant, but humility precedes honour”. Humility is that virtue in life that is the touchstone of true greatness. So let us inculcate this virtue as a part of our life and march towards greatness.

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पात्रत्वात् धनम् आप्नोति धनाद् धर्मं ततः सुखम्

Knowledge makes one humble, humility begets worthiness, worthiness creates wealth and enrichment, enrichment leads to right conduct, and right conduct brings contentment.” Thank you

