

Issue 1

29 April 26



**La Chatelaine Junior College**

*Presents*

# **e - CHATTER**

*A Monthly Magazine*

**"Pages Powered by Students"**

A small space where ideas, creativity,  
and voices come together.



# Table of Contents



1. **Blessings & Legacy** 3-7
2. **Student Chronicles** 8-12
3. **Fun Fact Galaxy** 13
4. **Giggle Zone** 14
5. **Brain Battle** 15
6. **Sudoknow** 16
7. **Inspire Hub** 17
8. **Inksphere** 18-21
9. **Calendar Spotlight** 22-23
10. **Linguistic Lane** 24-25
11. **Credits And Acknowledgements** 26
12. **References** 27
13. **Answers** 28-29

# Blessings & Legacy

With the blessings of Shanta Ma'am and Ambi Sir, we present this edition of E-Chatter. Released on 29th April 2026, her birth anniversary, this magazine represents more than a publication. La Chatelaine continues to be her vision of a place, where every student is heard, valued, and empowered. Through these pages, we honour her legacy and demonstrate that her dream endures.

As students of La Chatelaine, we sing the school anthem every single day. La Chatelaine, "The Keeper of the Keys." The Students are those keys. Shanta Ma'am and Ambi Sir are the ones who have guided, protected, and nurtured those keys, unlocking our potential.



# *More than a founder*



**La Chatelaine was not just a school for her—it was her everything, her house, her soul, her life. She seemed to know every student, not just by their names but by who they were, their strengths, their struggles, even the things they didn't say. That's what made the difference—the students never felt like just students in a system. They felt acknowledged, valued, and truly cared for. One alumna once shared something unforgettable—that they were not treated like students but like the children of Shanta Ma'am & Ambi Sir-being guided, supported and cared for, just as parents do their own children.**

# Care That Walked With Us Every Day




Some of the things she did may seem small, but they meant a lot. “The slam book”, is her brainchild something none of us can forget. Sir and Ma’am wrote personally to each student, not just as general comments, but real thoughts. It indicated that they took time to understand each and every student. In a place with so many students, that kind of effort is rare and it made the students feel cared for.

The parent ID system was a clear sign of how much she cared about students’ safety. “The two-book system” showed that she truly understood our daily struggles of carrying a school bag. These weren’t just rules; they were thoughtful decisions that made students’ lives easier. She never just focused on marks or ranks; she helped shape every student’s character. The confidence, direction, and values she gave us, stay with us even today.

As we often say, “She lived for us... and now, we live for her.”

**“SHE LIVED FOR US... AND NOW, WE LIVE FOR HER.”**



*Shanta Ma'am truly lived for her students and believed every child deserved a chance to grow and shine. Nine years ago, when a Vedic Mantra Chanting Competition was announced, she encouraged the participation of the students with the guidance of teachers. Her unwavering belief, guidance, and support turned doubt into credibility/confidence, leading the team to win the overall trophy—a legacy of success we continue to own even today.*

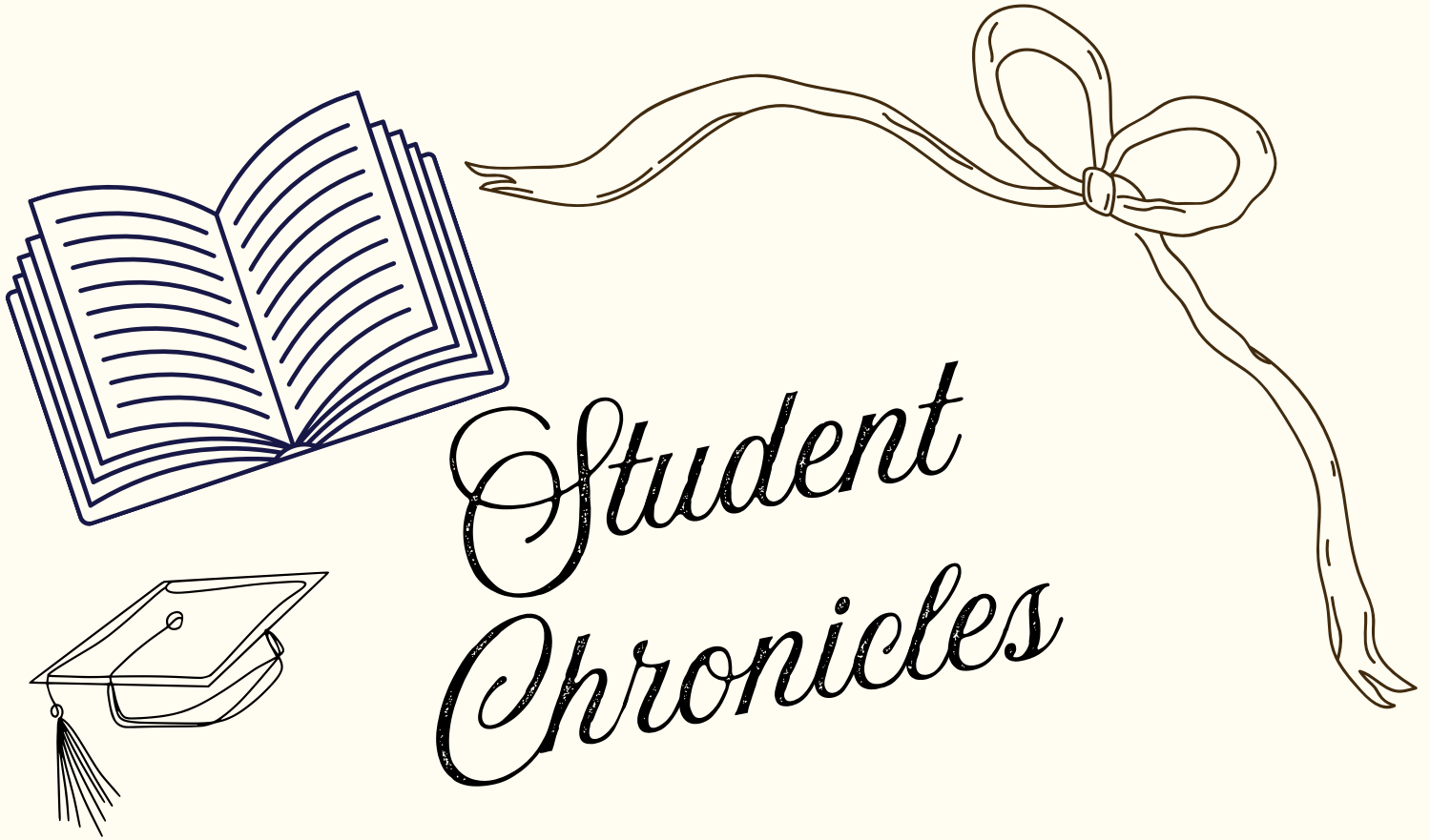
*Even now, there are moments when it feels like she is still around the school. Maybe not physically, but in the way we think, the way we act, and the way we find strength during tough times. It reminds us of Narasimha—not in a dramatic sense, but as a symbol of protection and power.*

*She once said she would always be a part of La Chatelaine—in the dust, the leaves, and every corner of the campus. And honestly, it really does feel like that. She may not be with us in person, but the legacy she left behind is very much alive, and it always will be.*



*The Heartbeat of*  
**LA CHATELAINE**

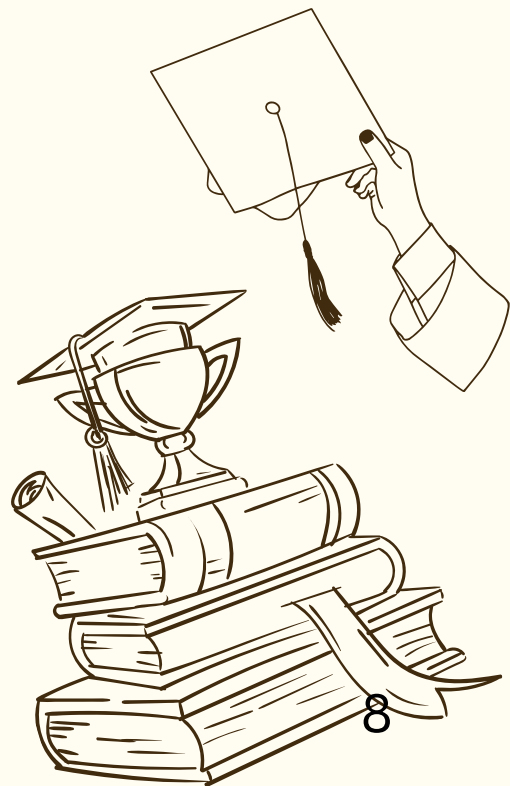
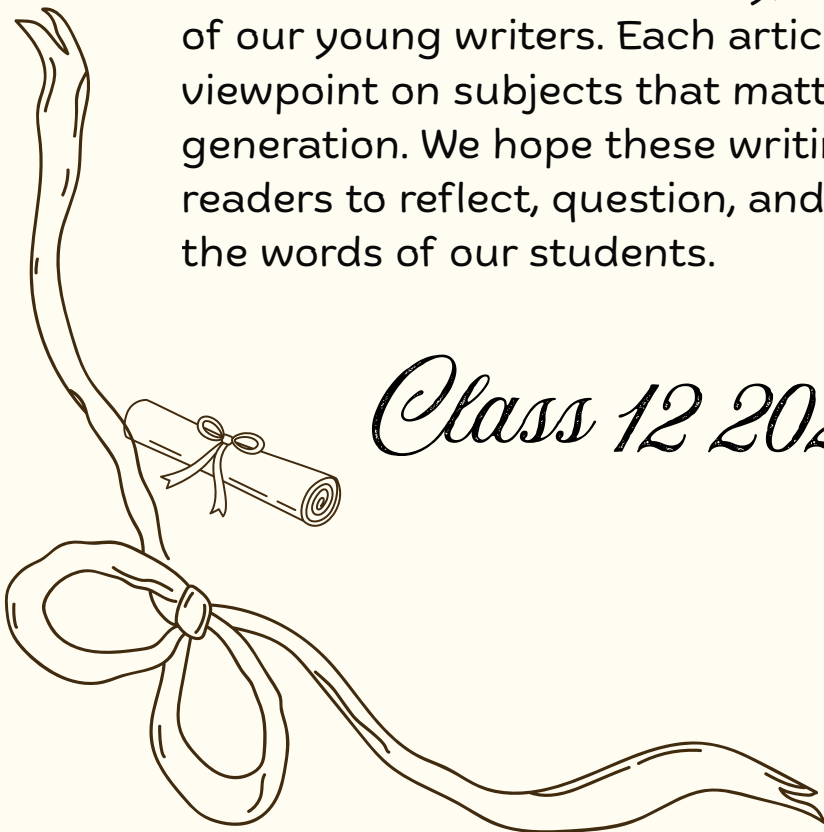
“MOTHER OF LA CHATELAINE, ANGEL OF EVERY CHILD — SHE DIDN'T JUST BUILD A SCHOOL, SHE BUILT HEARTS AND LIVES. SIR AND MA'AM ARE NOT REMEMBERED IN WORDS, BUT IN EVERY LIFE THEY TOUCHED — THAT IS THE TRUE LEGACY OF LA CHATELAINE.” ALONG WITH SIR, SHE BECAME THE VERY MEANING OF LA CHATELAINE — THEIR VISION, DISCIPLINE, AND LOVE CONTINUE TO LIVE ON IN EVERY STUDENT AND EVERY SUCCESS OF THE INSTITUTION.”



# Student Chronicles

Student Chronicles brings to our readers a collection of engaging and thought-provoking articles penned by our class 12 students. Through their words, ideas, and perspectives, this section reflects the creativity, awareness, and intellectual spirit of our young writers. Each article offers a unique viewpoint on subjects that matter to today's generation. We hope these writings inspire readers to reflect, question, and appreciate the words of our students.

*Class 12 2026 - 27*



# COMMERCE: THE PLOT TWIST NOBODY SAW COMING

Let me start with a situation.

A brilliant scientist discovers a life-saving medicine. Everyone claps, headlines come out, big achievement. And then someone asks, "Okay... how much does it cost?"

Suddenly, things get awkward because the invention is impressive, but without a plan, it is just a very expensive idea sitting there. And that is exactly when commerce quietly enters the scene.

Now if someone asks, "Why do you think scientists can't decide the price?" It's not that scientists can't decide a price, of course they can. But the real question is — will the price be correct, sustainable and practical?

Before we get into that, let me introduce myself. I am Abirami of class XII-D. Now some people may think commerce means accounts, numbers, calculators. But honestly, if that's all it was, calculators should be topping the class, not us. Commerce is not about numbers, it's about decisions.

When you wait for a sale and feel like you have saved ₹99 — that's commerce. When your parents say, "We will buy it later, price will drop," that's not delay... that's strategy.

And when you go to buy one thing and come back with five — that is not lack of control... that is business.

And this doesn't stop with shopping. Doctors save lives, but hospitals don't run on stethoscopes alone, they run on budgets. Engineers build amazing things, but projects don't run on designs alone... they run on planning and money.

Even the smartest invention needs to be managed, priced and delivered properly. If it doesn't reach people properly, it just stays there appreciated but unused.

That is where commerce comes in.

So honestly, commerce is that friend in the group project who doesn't talk too much but ends up doing the part that actually gets more marks.

Because at the end of the day, ideas are important, but making them work? That is commerce.

Thank You

ABIRAMI IYIER  
156131.  
12 - D



# ARE WE THINKING... OR JUST REPEATING?



QUESTION. REFLECT. UNDERSTAND. THINK.

*Let me ask you something honestly... How many of our thoughts are fully our own?*

*Because recently, I've started noticing something – we don't think anymore... We just repeat.*

*Not just words..... but beliefs.*

*We hear something once.....*

*and it starts to feel like truth.*

*We hear it again..... And it becomes our opinion.*

*And after a point, we defend it, as if we discovered it ourselves.*

*But do we really think or ponder?*

*Or did we simply inherit it?*

*Today, information reaches us faster than thought.*

*Before we even question something, we already have a conclusion.*

*A headline becomes a belief.*

*A rumour becomes a certainty.*

*A theory – even without proof – becomes something we argue about.*

*Not because we understand it deeply, but because it sounds convincing.*

*And that is where thinking quietly disappears.*

*Real thinking is slow.*

*It is uncomfortable.*

*It asks questions we may not like.*

*But repeating is easy.*

*It gives us quick answers, a sense of certainty, and the comfort of agreement.*

*So, we choose it – without even realising.*

*A philosopher once said,*

*“The greatest illusion is believing that what we think is truly ours.”*

*Because true thinking is not just accepting ideas –*

*it is questioning them, breaking them, rebuilding them.*

*It is the courage to say, “I don't know enough yet.”*

*So may be the real question is not “What do I think?”*

*But, “Did I truly think about it?”*

*Because we live in a world full of borrowed beliefs, thinking for yourself is not intelligence – it is courage.*

*So let's not just repeat what sounds true. Let's search for what actually is.*

**A.J.Tanishqa.**

**125173**

**12-D**

# THE BEAUTY OF INDIA SEEN THROUGH

## MY EYES

To look at India is to witness a land where ancient traditions and modern practices dance in a perpetual, virtual embrace. Through my eyes, India is not just a place on a map, but a sensory symphony that refuses to be quiet. It is entrenched in our culture from time immemorial. From the ethereal, marble glow of the Taj Mahal at dawn, to the rugged, every stone tells a story of empires and artisans. From the intricate carvings of the Khajuraho, to the towering tombs, and temples of Thanjavur, India's beauty and magnificence can't be described in mere words.

The beauty of India is woven in the various silk tapestries. From the various varieties of silk to the vibrant prints, the beauty of India is hidden in every puzzle and pattern. Nature adds its own elegance to India. From the snow-capped mountains of the Himalayas to the golden-hued sunset at Kanyakumari, the natural beauty of India extends from the North to the South.

But, the actual beauty of India lies in its people who stand united despite the diversity and hardships. It is their shared resilience, their kindness and dignity that tells the beauty of India.

Aahana.S

135667

Class 12A

# WHAT IF PHONES DISAPPERARED FOR A DAY ?

**No alarms. No social media. No notifications. Just one day without phones.**

**At first, it would feel strange, right? We wouldn't know what our friends are upto, no quick google searches, no checking updates.**

**But then something interesting might happen.**

**We'd start talking more, laughing with friends without checking our phones every few minutes. Spending time with family without distractions. We start noticing things that we usually ignore. We start to enjoy even the smallest of things.**

**But don't you think it is possible? Just imagine - every single school day, students already spend 6 to 8 hours without using their phones at school!!! And the beauty is we just don't miss the phone... During that time, we still manage to learn, talk, laugh and create memories. Maybe we're more capable of living without screens than we think.**

**Students spend hours everyday on their phones!!!! Imagine getting even a small part of that time back.**

**Phones are super useful, we learn, connect, have fun through them. But, sometimes we forget to take a break. So maybe we don't need phones to disappear completely.. maybe we just need to take a break.**

**Because sometimes, the best moments aren't on a screen they're happening right in front of us.**

# Fun Fact Galaxy

Did you know ?

## DID YOU KNOW ?



**An octopus has 3 hearts !**

**The Moon has moonquakes , just like Earth has earthquakes !**



**Bees can recognize the human face !**



# Giggle zone !!

"Learning can definitely be serious, but smiling makes it better."

What's the best way to make an octopus laugh? With tentacles.



What's the best way to catch a fish? Ask someone to throw it to you.

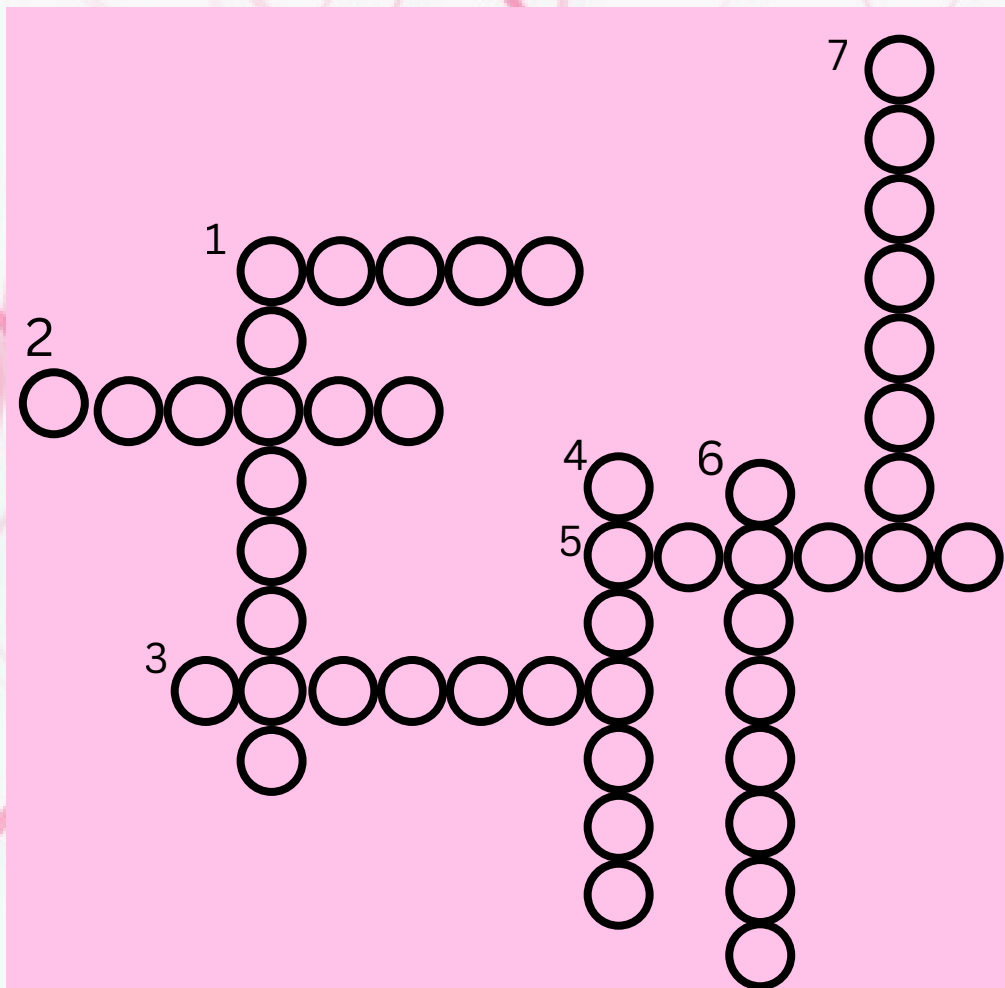
What do you call a crocodile wearing a vest? An investigator.



What's the hottest part of any room? The corner, because it's always 90 degrees.

# Brain Battle

## Back To School!



### Across

- 1- I will read \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 - I need this to write.
- 3 - I can explore this subject.
- 5 - I have this outside everyday but sometimes indoors if the weather is bad.

### Down

- 1 - I bring my supplies to and from school using a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 - I make new and keep some old \_\_\_\_\_ each year.
- 6 - I have a \_\_\_\_\_ to follow throughout the day.
- 7 - They help me learn.

The answers to the puzzle are on page 28

# *Sudoku*

<b>6</b>				<b>9</b>				
			<b>2</b>		<b>8</b>			
	<b>2</b>							<b>5</b>
								<b>9</b>
	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>		
	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>4</b>		<b>8</b>		
			<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>				
						<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>
			<b>3</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>		

*Difficulty Level*

*MEDIUM*



*The answers to the puzzle are on page 29*



# Inspire Hub

*Small Steps Today, Big Success Tomorrow.*

**FOCUS**  
DON'T LOSE

*“One small page, one gentle start — learning slowly heals the heart.”*

## Monthly Challenge

### The 7-Day Focus Challenge

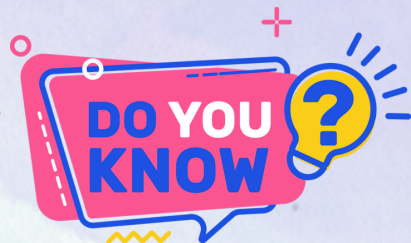
- Study at least 20 minutes daily
- Write one thing you learned each day
- Reduce overthinking, increase action

[Click to Share your Results](#)

be the best  
version of  
yourself

*When thoughts feel heavy, slow your pace, Learning brings a gentle grace. One small step is all you need, Quiet effort plants success's seed.*

*25 minutes of focused study can enhance memory retention more than hours of distracted study. Focused study can actually train your brain to be productive even in a relaxed state.*





# INKSPHERE

The articles featured in Inksphere bring to the readers a glimpse of the events that took place at La Chatelaine during the month of April 2026.

Our Class 10 students went on a social awareness educational **Trip to Farmshaala**, organized by the school, on Saturday, 11 April. Many students shared their valuable takeaways from the visit, but due to space constraints, we are pleased to present two selected articles on the trip.

Our Class 12 students delivered speeches on Thursday, 16 April, on the Topic: **Vande Mataram** as part of the commemoration of the **150<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of the great patriotic song. We bring to you one of those inspiring speeches

Our visit to Farmshaala was a truly memorable and a unique experience. Doing the activities practically made everything exciting. The team spirit during these activities was amazing, and doing them with my friends and teachers made it even more enjoyable.

We usually eat many varieties of food in our daily life, but experiencing how that food is grown and knowing how it reaches our plate was truly fantastic.

This trip became special because it gave us a new experience beyond our daily routine.

The instructors at the farm site were warm and caring, just like grandparents teaching us with love and patience. They made us feel happy and comfortable. This created a deep emotional connection and helped us truly appreciate the value of farming and simple living.

I would like to sincerely thank my school for selecting such a wonderful place for our trip.

I also thank Farmshaala for organising such amazing activities and making us smile throughout the day.

It was truly one of the happiest moments of this year. 19

Our school trip to Farmshaala was a refreshing break from our busy city life. Away from the traffic and constant noise, the peaceful surroundings and greenery made The experience truly special. We got to experience village life closely. We observed farm activities, learned how crops are grown, and understood the importance of nature and sustainable living.

What made the experience even more meaningful was a small but impactful activity.

Without our knowledge, they collected the waste we had casually thrown. Later, they measured it and showed it to us, explaining the importance of reducing waste

Finally, The trip ended with the slogan:

"Jai Jawan, Jai Kissan, Jai Hind," by Lal Bahadur Shastri.

I truly felt connected to its meaning and I will always remember and follow this

inspiring message.

**"Farming is not a profession; it is a lifestyle."**



# VANDE MATARAM

Praneetha K 124995 XII-B

வந்தே மாதரம்

அனைவருக்கும் வணக்கம். வந்தே மாதரம், வந்தே மாதரம்,  
இந்த இரண்டு சொற்களை சொல்லும்  
பொழுதே இந்தியனாய் பிறந்த ஒவ்வொருவருக்குள் ஓர்  
மின்சாரம்பாய்வதை உணர முடியும். உள்ளத்துள்  
உத்வேகம் எழுவதைக் காண முடியும். எண்ணத்துள்  
கிளர்ச்சி இதயத்துள் மலர்ச்சி நம் மக்கள்  
ஒவ்வொருவரையும் தட்டி எழுப்பும் அந்த வார்த்தைகள்  
தரும் அளவில்லா உணர்ச்சி. இந்த இரண்டு சொற்கள்  
சாதாரண வார்த்தைகள் அல்ல. பாரதத் தாயே உன்னை  
வணங்குகிறோம் என்று ரத்தத்தை சூடாக்கி நாடி  
நரம்பெல்லாம் முருக்கேறச் செய்யும் ஓர்கர்ஜனை ஒலி,  
ஆம் அது ஓர் இடி முழக்கம்.

வந்தே மாதரம் என்னும் இம்மந்திரச் சொல் உருவாகி  
நூற்றைம்பது ஆண்டுகள் நிறைவடையும்  
இவ்வேளையில் பாரதம் கடந்து வந்த பாதைகளும் எட்டிய  
சிகரங்களும் எத்துணை எத்துணை யோ! இறை  
யாண்மை போற்றும் இந்தியாவாய், அறிவியல் களத்தில்  
ஆளுமை கொண்ட ஆகச்சிறந்த நன்நாடாய், பெண்களின்  
புகழைப் போற்றும் புண்ணிய பூமியாய் விளங்கும் நம்  
நாட்டிற்கு மாணவர்களாகிய நாம் செய்ய வேண்டிய  
கடைமைகளை, புதுயுகப் புரட்சிகளை என்றும்  
பொறுப்புடன் செய்வோம்; சிறப்புடன் வாழ்வோம். வந்தே  
மாதரம் என்று மீண்டும் ஒரு முறை என் பாரதத்தாயை  
வணங்கி நன்றிபாராட்டி விடை பெறுகிறேன். நன்றி.  
வணக்கம்.

# Calendar Spotlight

May

May is not just another month on the calendar; it is a time filled with important happenings, reminding us of the importance of gratitude, kindness, and connections between people. Many important days in May honour the people who contribute to the betterment of society and our lives every day.

---

## International Labour Day

1

History: Labour Day has its origins in the Haymarket Movement in Chicago (1886). This movement was started by workers who protested demanding an eight-hour workday. This movement became a worldwide emblem of workers' rights and social justice, resulting in many countries observing May 1st as a day honoring laborers.

Meaning: This day recognizes the importance of workers in the construction of nations.

---

## World Red Cross Day

History: This day is celebrated on the birthday of Henry Dunant, who founded the International Red Cross after witnessing the suffering of soldiers during the Battle of Solferino in 1859.

Meaning: This day promotes the values of compassion, neutrality, and humanitarian work.

---

8

## International Nurses Day

12

History: This day is observed on the birthday of Florence Nightingale (1820-1910). She revolutionized the nursing profession during the Crimean War by focusing on hygiene and caring for soldiers. This day was officially started by the International Council of Nurses in 1965.

Meaning: Appreciates the dedication and service of nurses in healthcare.

# May

10

## Mother's Day / International Day of Families

History: Modern Mother's Day was promoted by Anna Jarvis in the United States in 1908 to honour mothers' sacrifices. The United Nations later introduced the International Day of Families in 1993 to highlight the importance of family welfare and social development.

Meaning: Celebrates family support, care, and emotional strength.

## National Technology Day

History: National Technology Day is celebrated on May 11 to mark the success of the Pokhran-II nuclear tests in 1998. These tests, led by scientists like A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, showcased India's technological strength.

Meaning: Celebrates innovation, scientific progress, and the role of technology in national development and self-reliance.

11

22

## International Day for Biological Diversity

History: This day was created by the UN after the Convention on Biological Diversity at the 1992 UN Earth Summit. This day is celebrated globally to create awareness about the need to conserve biodiversity of species on the brink of extinction.

Meaning: Highlights the importance of conserving biodiversity for future generations.

## World No Tobacco Day

History: This day was introduced by the World Health Organization in 1987 to create worldwide awareness about the health hazards of smoking and the need for adopting healthy lifestyles through the implementation of health policies worldwide.

Meaning: Encourages healthy lifestyles and the prevention of diseases.

31

**Behind every observance lies a story from history that continues to guide present and future generations.**

# தமிழ் *Linguistic Lane*

*Nakkeerar stated that the First Tamil Sangam lasted an extraordinary 4,449 years.*

*Tamil is spoken by over 85 to 89 million individuals globally, uniting a diverse linguistic community.*

*Works like*

*Tolkāppiyam date back to the 1st century BCE.*

*The first Indian language to be printed and published (in 1578).*

*Tamil possesses a unique, hard-to-pronounce retroflex consonant "zha" (ழ).*

*Tamil is often personified as "Tamil Thaaai" (Mother Tamil), symbolizing the language as a nurturing force for its people.*



# हिन्दी Linguistic Lane



- *Hindi, written in the elegant Devanagari script, is the third most spoken language in the world, bridging cultures and history.*
- *The first Hindi typewriter was introduced in the 1930s.*
- *Over 180 million individuals in India identify Hindi as their mother tongue, while an additional 300 million speak it as a second language.*
- *The Devanagari script consists of 34 consonants and 12 vowels, with diacritics used to denote the vowels. Consonant clusters are intricately formed into ligatures, showcasing a distinctive ornamental style.*
- *'Hindi Diwas' is commemorated annually on September 14th.*



# Credits & Acknowledgements

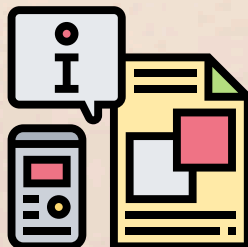
This monthly magazine is the result of a group effort that involved planning, creativity, and working together. We extend our sincere gratitude to **Ms. Sujatha Vishwanathan, Trustee Academics** for her unwavering support and encouragement, which made this publication possible.

We gratefully acknowledge the support provided by **Ms. Poornima Murthy** for refining our ideas through language guidance, and editorial support and **Ms. Gayathri Ganesan**, who offered technical assistance and valuable contributions that have truly enhanced this edition.

We, the **Student Editorial Team**, are happy to be a part of this publication. This issue has truly brought out our creativity, dedication and enthusiasm. We truly enjoyed working as a team to bring life to these insightful pages.

We want to thank everyone who has read and contributed, for their continued interest, which in turn supports education, creativity, and a society where everyone can express themselves.

— Editorial Team



EDITORS DESK @ LA CHATELAINE

## E-CHATTER

# EDITORS

- B Santhosh Kannan
- Abburi Geethika
- V Lakshana
- M Muthamizh Selvan
- L.S Leslin Santino

# Thank You

# References



[pngtree.com](https://www.pngtree.com)

Bibliography on Tamil Language

Subramanian, T. N. History of Tamil Printing and Publishing. University of Madras, 1966.

– Covers the earliest Tamil printing in Goa (1578) and missionary presses.

Zvelebil, Kamil. The Smile of Murugan: On Tamil Literature of South India. Brill, 1973.

– A comprehensive study of Tamil literature from Sangam age to modern times.

Ethnologue: Languages of the World. SIL International, 2025 Edition.

– Provides updated statistics on Tamil speakers worldwide (~85–89 million).

Shulman, David. Tamil: A Biography. Harvard University Press, 2016.

– Explores the cultural identity and personification of Tamil as “Tamil Thaaï” (Mother Tamil).

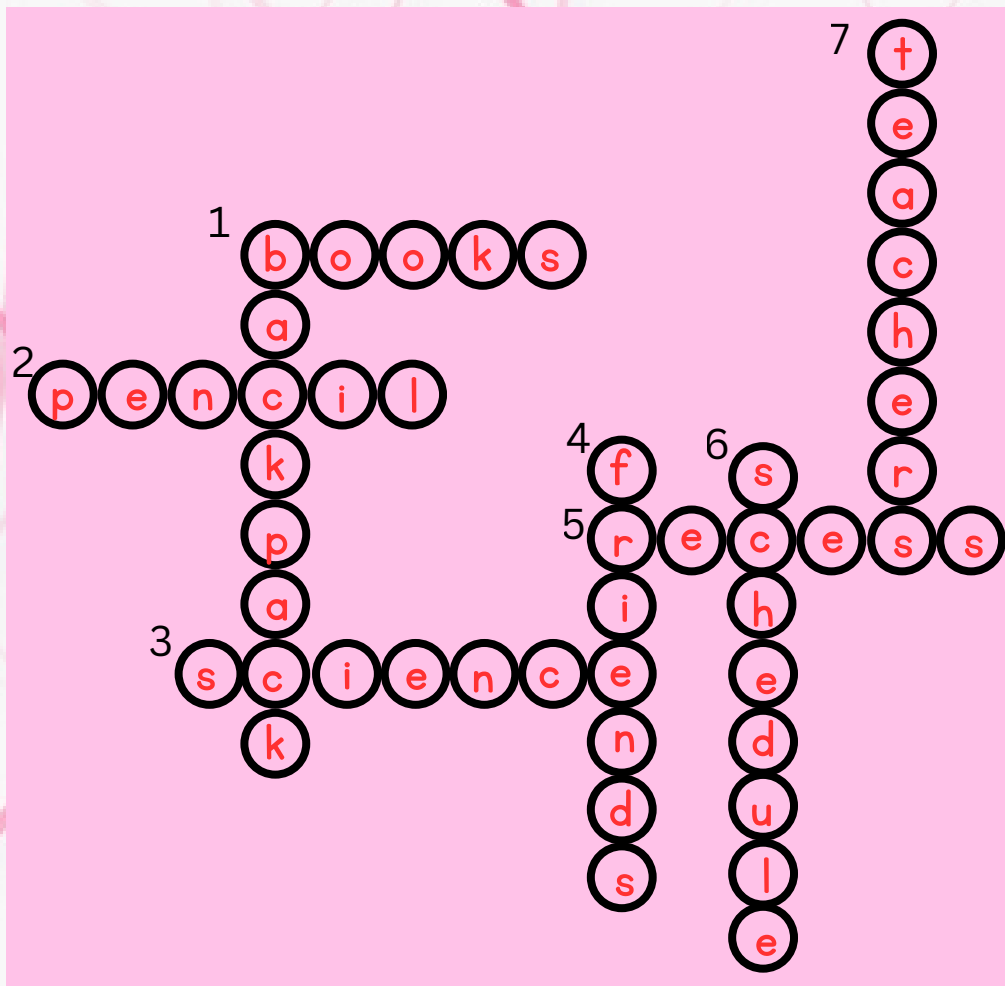


[HAVE A FUN TIME  
SEARCHING AND CLICKING  
ON THE LINK](#)



# Brain Battle

## Back To School!



### Across

- 1- I will read \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 - I need this to write.
- 3 - I can explore this subject.
- 5 - I have this outside everyday but sometimes indoors if the weather is bad.

### Down

- 1 - I bring my supplies to and from school using a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 - I make new and keep some old \_\_\_\_\_ each year.
- 6 - I have a \_\_\_\_\_ to follow throughout the day.
- 7 - They help me learn.

# *Sudoku*

<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>

*Difficulty Level*

*MEDIUM*

