



**LOTUS VALLEY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL,
NOIDA**



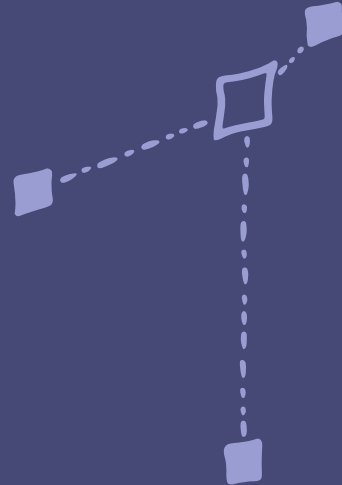
THE INTERDISCIPLINARY FEST

**ASTROPHEL
AND
STELLA**

NEWSLETTER 2022-23

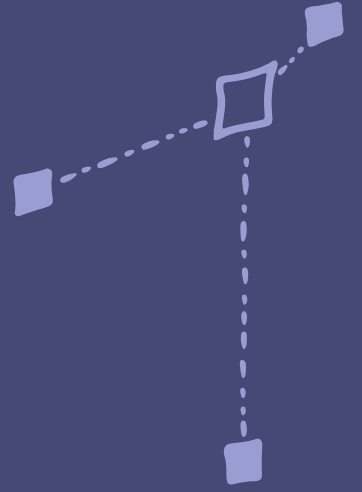
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FROM THE PRINCIPALS' DESK

“Ah but a man’s reach should exceed his grasp, or what’s a heaven for?” – Robert Browning

The global changes we are observing require a complete rethinking of education in terms of the curriculum and in the development of pedagogies, which ensure that every student acquires the highest level of skills to thrive in the dynamic world of the 21st century. To make our learners independent thinkers, strong problem solvers and effective designers, it is imperative to adopt an approach that reflects the use and integration of analytical methods and frameworks across disciplines.



**DIRECTOR PRINCIPAL,
DR. RUCHI SETH**

The Interdisciplinary Fest – *Astrophel and Stella* was an attempt to encourage the development of creative thinking and problem-solving techniques by promoting excellence in a competitive, out-of-the-classroom setting. There is no doubt that we are experiencing a fierce pace of change in an increasingly global world. The challenge for schools was stated quite clearly by Jack Welch, the former CEO of General Electric, when he said, “If the rate of change on the outside exceeds the rate of change on the inside, the end is near.” In order to thrive in such a fast-paced world of constant change, the attitude and skills to become lifelong learners must be imparted to all our students.

Turning the pages of the Newsletter- *Astrophel and Stella* is like walking around the garden and admiring its beautiful sights and smells. The newsletter not only reflects the achievements of all participants in the fest but also expresses the creative talents of our children along with their aspirations.

FROM THE EDITORS' DESK

Sky is not the limit; your imagination is.

The youth of today seem far more self-aware than the generations of yore. With the Internet to their aid, and the ever-evolving technology, they are exposed to a database of information, which allow them diverse choices to set their unique goals to and help them develop an understanding of their future as early as the onset of teens. This Gen Z is fast becoming the agents of change, redefining cultural norms, defying stereotypes and fighting for a cause that they truly believe in. For instance, is it not heartening to note a 16-year-old Greta Thunberg, campaigning for climate change or a 19-year-old Malala Yousafzai, courageously advocating women's right to education? Or for that matter, the very recent 19-year-old Jahnvi Dangeti, who has scripted history by becoming the youngest person to complete the Analog Astronaut programme from the AAT Centre at Krakow, in South Poland.

These youth are driven; they are the cohorts determined to achieve the best for themselves as well as contribute to the evolution of the society to their aspirations. To that effect, these youth are the Astrophels of today and their Stellas are their myriad pursuits and dreams. With the catalyst of inspiration, right exposure and fair opportunities to explore from, they would be empowered to succeed in their own capacity and become confident Samaritans ready to usher in a new & complex renaissance. We hope that this Interdisciplinary fest has empowered students with the 3 Cs: confidence, collaboration and critical thinking.



NAYANI SHARMA,
PGT ENGLISH



MALOBIKA MUKHERJEE,
PGT ENGLISH

STUDENT EDITORS AND ARTISTS

How many times have we, as children, thought of the phrase, 'When I grow up, I'll be a star'? To be a star is to bring hope to others, to be the light shining through all-encompassing darkness, to stand out from the dull monotony that life can devolve into with the light of the fire burning inside you; your own unique passion. And indeed, life had fallen into monotony for the past two years, with the pandemic keeping us stuck, both metaphorically and literally. There was little room for us to shine, to let our inner fires burn bright.

We, at Lotus Valley believe that creativity makes a star out of all of us and with this view we based our fest on the theme Astrophel and Stella, the epic which details the story of Astrophel, the star lover, and Stella, the stars.

In this newsletter we have collated a star chart of the fest and arranged fond memories in a way that lights up the eyes of any reader.

As the student editors, going through our final years of high-school, we are proud to say that we have indeed set foot on the path to becoming the stars that we have always aspired to be.



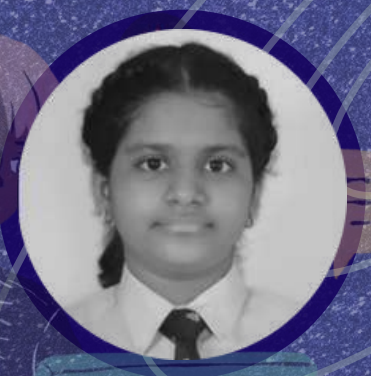
**AYANNA KOHLI,
XII TOLSTOY**



**ANUSHREE ZAROO,
XI HAWKING**



**IPSITA CHOWDHURY,
XII ARYABHATTA**



**JANHVI VARSHNEY,
XI ELIOT**

FROM THE VICE - PRINCIPAL'S DESK

ASSESSMENT THROUGH EXPLORATION & EXPERIMENTATION

Even when we shudder thinking about being assessed, we know in our hearts that it is imperative to our teaching-learning process. It is the only means to give feedback to the teacher and the taught. We have traversed a long way from rote learning to competency-based education, from direct questions to questions testing higher order thinking skills, from pen and paper tests to alternate modes of assessment.



MS JYOTI VATS
VICE PRINCIPAL,
ACADEMICS

The guidelines of NEP 2020 focus on 'transforming assessment for optimizing learning and development'. What could be better than out of the classroom hands-on activities and competitions? The multifarious competitions and presentations designed at *Astrophel and Stella* were not only designed to equip our learners with the new changes and innovations but also to bring to the fore their artistic talents and honing their research skills.

The culmination of the event was truly gratifying. The excitement of the children to showcase their best through the week, the jubilation of having won contests and the contentment of peer learning was testimony to the fact that our learners are ever ready to explore, experiment, discover and create. We hope to continue this legacy of intellectual exchange and create meaningful assessment parameters, which would help learners become confident custodians of the world and embrace new changes.



FROM THE VICE - PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Astrophel and Stella, the Inter-disciplinary Fest fostered advanced cognitive ability along with problem solving skills, self confidence and self-efficacy. While participating in various activities, students equipped themselves with the new set of skills and techniques.



MS DEEPTI SINGH
VICE PRINCIPAL,
STUDENT WELFARE

Consequently, the purpose of learning became meaningful and resulted in deeper understanding, which is required to face the challenges of the times. Students had the opportunity to meet industry leaders, professionals, entrepreneurs, policy makers and corporate heads from diverse fields, who shared their experiences. These interactions were useful to students in career planning and will help them in developing leadership qualities, management and analytical skills.



Apoorva Sharma
Indus Valley International
School

FROM THE VICE - PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Astrophel and Stella, The Fest

Themed around the vain romantic pursuit of Stella by Astrophel, the nomenclature of the integrated festival of Lotus Valley International School, Noida after Philip Sidney's iconic poem left me somewhat pensive at first, and subsequently delighted. I progressed from wondering what the commonality between a school fest and a story about star-crossed lovers could be to marveling at the brilliance of finding the common denominator once the theme was elaborated – the race to conquer space. It was epiphanic to realize that our pursuit of dominance over space would prove to be as “vain” (pun intended! It is as futile as it's arrogant!) and simultaneously, as inspiring, as Astrophel's pursuit of Stella. Neither will conquer; both will perish.

Besides the thematic and titular virtuosity, I was also floored by the immense talent I was privileged to bear witness to in the Fest, which proved to be a virtual buffet of events that called forth multifarious competencies among students. Ranging from fashion shows and yoga presentations to STEM challenges and Entrepreneurial ventures featuring socio-civic-political collaboration, the Fest provided a platform for synergistic transaction for students of multiple intelligences, be they spatial, linguistic, mathematical, inter or intrapersonal, kinaesthetic, naturalistic or existential. It was heartening to watch the depth and width of participation, with almost 35 schools completely immersing themselves in the week-long basket of events! I look forward to many more such inter-disciplinary opportunities for the holistic development of our children!



MS SHILPIKA DASS
VICE PRINCIPAL,
CO-CURRICULAR

FROM THE ACADEMIC CO-ORDINATOR'S DESK

'And above all, watch with glittering eyes the whole world around you because the greatest secrets are always hidden in the most unlikely places. Those who don't believe in magic will never find it.' -Roald Dahl

The devastating pandemic was both, humbling and clarifying. It was science that saved us from the virus. It was the arts that helped us ride the storm, staying strong and sane. It was commerce that recalibrated our understanding of how to rebuild the country and perhaps the world. Therefore, in many a ways, the pandemic reaffirmed LVIS' inherent belief that learning pans across disciplines, boundaries and restrictions. It was this very tenet that allowed us to plan what we proudly call Astrophel and Stella, a 5 day Integrated fest which brought together 28 schools and 750 students together to synergise, learn and celebrate the spirit of holistic education. Having been an unabashed bibliophile my whole life, I was always smitten by Sidney's sonnet sequence of Astrophel's undying love for Stella and what it truly represents. To me, it has always been an allegory for man's indomitable spirit and unquenchable thirst. Espousing the theme of 'The Race to dominate Space' we brought together 10 competitions for Grades VI-XII to hone, support and rejoice in the multitude of abilities each child possesses. I hope you enjoy this newsletter, a collaborative work of all the schools that participated which allows us some glimpses of the fest that was as joyful as educational. I congratulate the LVIS Editorial Team for bringing this together!

With love,

Sukriti Roy

Academic Coordinator



MS. SUKRITI ROY
ACADEMIC COORDINATOR
IX-XII



Ruhani Malhotra
VIII Cubbon



IGNITING THE SPIRIT OF ENQUIRY

'Go into the impossible. There you will discover new possibilities.'

The well-crafted Inter-Disciplinary Fest provided an incredible opportunity to the young minds of our school for the synthesis of ideas and characteristics from various disciplines. The students benefitted from participating in an array of competitions as it paved the way for honing several skills such as critical thinking, communication, analysis etc.



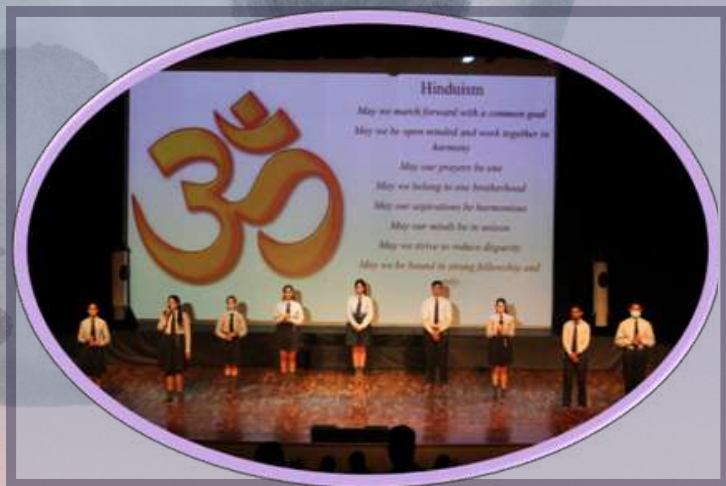
**NEERJA RISHI,
IN CHARGE VI – VIII**

The fest served students best as it enabled and encouraged them to build their own inter-disciplinary pathway. It fostered love for learning and ignited a spark of inquisitiveness in the students.

Students demonstrated their intellectual prowess and capacity to work on challenging projects, either individually or as part of a team. It is certain that their learning from the fest has left an indelible mark on their minds and would help them in making well-informed choices related to diverse fields.

MAGIC & MAGNIFICENCE GALORE...

INAUGURATION OF 'ASTROPHEL AND STELLA'



Lotus Valley International School, Noida organised a week-long Inter-disciplinary fest from 25th - 29th July 2022. The main objective of the fest was to encourage the development of creative thinking and to cherish and respect the wide variety of people, personalities and thoughts.

The opening ceremony was presided over by the Chief Guest, Dr. Shayama Chona, Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan awardee, and graced by the school Vice Chairperson, Ms Sureena Uppal. Dr. Shayama Chona thoroughly appreciated the theme of the Fest, *Astrophel and Stella*, describing it as a unique notion to conjoin the antique romance with the modern pursuit of Science and Space.



The school premises were abuzz with music and excitement as more than 28 schools, over 700 participants had gathered to witness and showcase their scientific temper, business acumen and linguistic prowess.

The programme commenced with a mellifluous rendition of multi-faith prayer, followed by a thought-provoking digital presentation on the theme, Race to Dominate Space.

Dr. Shyama Chona congratulated the young Lotusians on presenting a magnificent show and formally declared the fest open.



25 JULY 2022

Priceless Treasures



RAGING REVOLUTION

Eco-friendly Satellite Models



Results

First Prize- Mayoor School Noida
Second Prize- Pacific World School
Third Prize- Tagore International
School, East of Kailash
Judges Choice- Father Agnel
School, Noida

Necessity is the mother of invention, but its second parent can be identified as ingenuity. The interschool competition for Satellite model making and presentation was organised on the first day of week-long interdisciplinary fest. Students of grades VI-VIII from schools across Delhi NCR enthusiastically participated in the event themed 'Around the World, the Eco-friendly Way'. It was indeed a great experience to see how young students have researched on the topic and presented their beautiful satellite models. The illustrious panel of judges comprised Mr. Akhlesh Agarwal and Ms.Koheli Puri.



AVNEEY RAWAT
MAYOOR SCHOOL

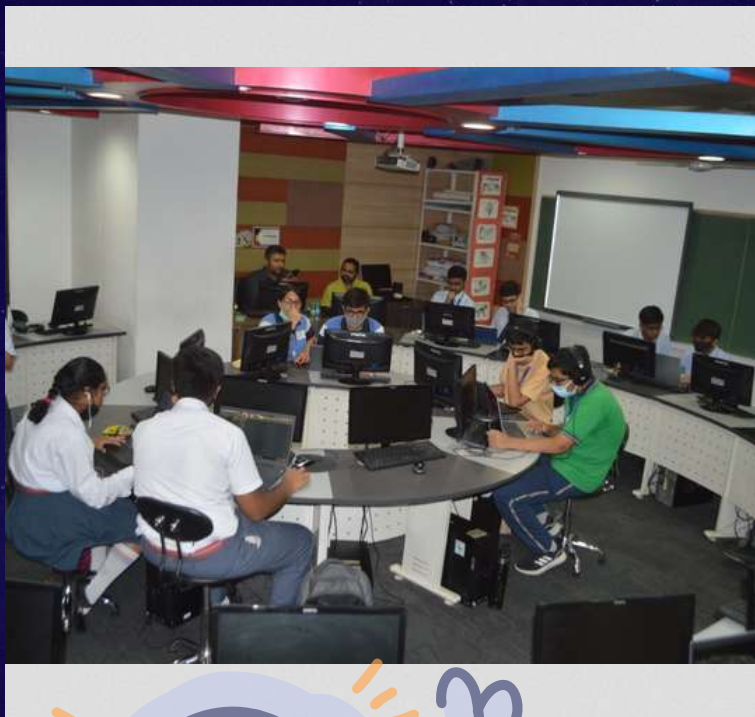


SPACE JAM

Mash-up Melodies

The LVIS campus reverberated again on 25 July 2022 with soulful music when more than 24 reputed schools from Delhi NCR participated in SPACE JAM. Teams of budding music producers produced 'Electronic Dance Music' or Edm tracks using the samples provided to them.

Mr Sagar, Founder and President of Hansraj College Music Society 'Swaranjali' from 2010 and Mr Manish Behl renowned dubbing artist were the judges for the event.



As remarked by the Judges, 'This event served as an exposure kit for the music industry. Good resources from the school's end help to take them ahead in their field.'

RESULTS

First Prize

Army Public School, Noida

Runner's Up

Lotus Valley International School,
Noida

Best Rhythmic Arrangement

Amity International School, Noida

Best Composition,
The Heritage School



MOVIE MANIA

Creating Depth and Dimension

Life and light are inextricable, with light signalling a beginning in each major chapter of life, illuminating the dark corners of our minds and chasing away ignorance and fear.

Movie Mania centered on filmmaking, seeking to send a message through the audience to all humanity. The event presented a host of diverse short films, through which the team of budding filmmakers from each school hoped to answer the question: 'Is Science Gendered?' A total of 20 schools across Delhi NCR had sent their entries for the competition, out of which 7 best entries were selected and showcased at the final event on 25th July 2022. Movie Mania event presented a host of diverse films that the audience was able to see the pattern in, our contestants' own veritable constellations of creativity.



Result

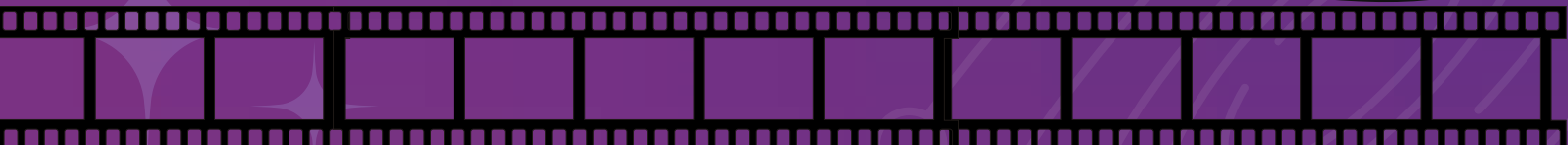
The WOW Reel (1st Prize)

LVIS Noida Extension

The Imaginative Footprint (2nd Prize)

Tagore International School, East of
Kailash

The Team Player (3rd Prize) Presidium
School, Indrapuram



MOVIE MANIA

The venerable judges of the event, Dr. Anurakti Mathur, an expert in psychometric profiling, and Mr. Sanjay Sharma, an editor at Aajtak, thoroughly appreciated the arguments presented by students in their movies and also shared their respective thoughts on the theme.

The event was truly stellar from beginning to end, leaving the audience with a new perspective on Science.





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Unforgettable Memories



ROCK THE JOCK

Harmony of Science and Music

Rejoicing the spirit of distinction and excellence, Rock the Jock, the invigorating Radio Competition, was organized for the students of Grade VI- VIII 27 July, 2022.

The space-centered radio show, on the theme Astrophysics, was graced by our Guest of Honor, RJ Rahul Makin from 104 Fever FM. The esteemed judge for the event was Mr. Ajit Panicker, Founder and CEO, ARPA Consulting.

The spell-binding performances of more than 16 schools enthralled the judges and raised the bar of the competition. The results were announced by Ms. Neerja Rishi, Incharge Middle School, Lotus Valley International School, Noida.

Results

First Prize- DPS Noida

Second Prize- Lotus Valley International School, Noida

Third Prize- Presidium, Indirapuram



**Rocking Jockey of the Day
Sharanya Mittal, LVIS,
Noida**

**Best performer of the Day
Juanita Sajan George,
Father Agnel**

ROCK THE JOCK



HIDDEN FIGURES

Express-Mania

Hidden Figures – the soliloquy presentation was conducted on 27th July, 2022, in the Amphitheatre as a part of the Interdisciplinary Fest, 'Astrophel and Stella'. Participants presented soliloquies on unsung scientists, showcasing the journey of their heroes and highlighting their trials and victories.

19 schools from Delhi-NCR participated in the competition. The judges, Ms. Shobha Bagai and Ms. Aashisha Chakraborty were impressed by the performances of all participants. They appreciated the efforts put in by the competitors to recognise the scientists who did not get their due credit despite their extraordinary contribution to the benefit of mankind. The event was a grand success.

Best speakers:

1st - LVIS, Noida

2nd - LVIS, Noida Extension

3rd - The Indian School

Best Team :

Indraprashtha World School,
Paschim Vihar



MATH-E-RON

Math Wizards in the Making

Math-E-Ron was designed as an amalgamation of Sports and STEM. Participants answered questions related to Mathematics and Space Sciences, keeping their focus on the winning trophy.

The multiple qualifying rounds consisted of 50 mts. relay (Tangrams), 100 mts relay (Hurdles along with crossword puzzle based on Mathematics and Space Sciences) and 4×100 mts relay along with logical reasoning based questions on Mathematics and Space Sciences)

20 schools across Delhi NCR enthusiastically participated in this event.

Results

First Prize - Gyanshree School , Noida
Second Prize - Mayoor School , Noida
Third Prize - Pacific School , Greater Noida

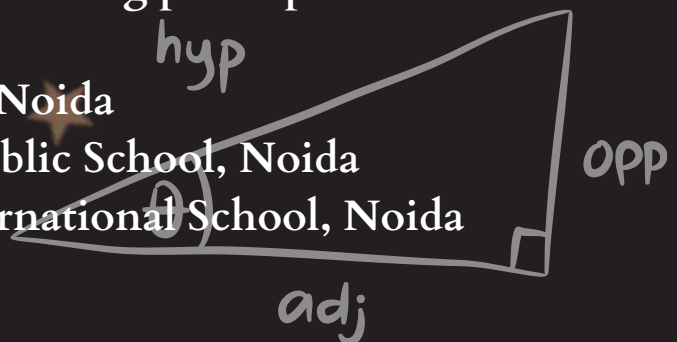


Appreciation prizes were awarded to –

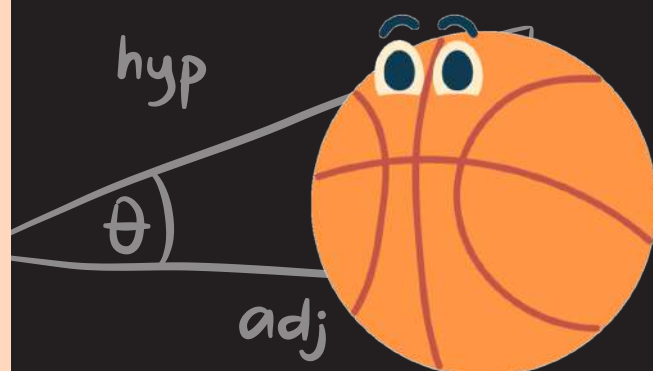
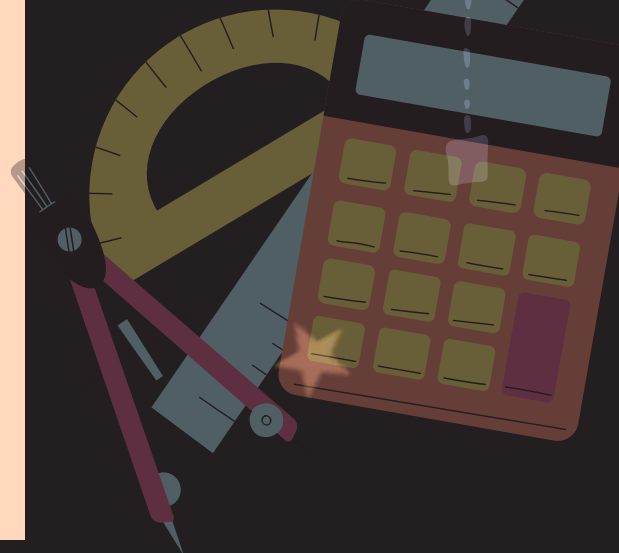
Math Wizard – Devesh Kumar Srivastava, Ramjas School, New Delhi
Most Fit Student – Sayyam Jha, Gyanshree School, Noida

To motivate the participants who could not qualify for the second round, an audience round was conducted in the form of a crossword puzzle. Consolation prizes were awarded to the following participants:

- 1) Hemakshi Bhati, Jaypee Public School, Noida
- 2) Nayonika Reddy Peddireddy, Jaypee Public School, Noida
- 3) Arjun Maheshwari, Manav Rachna International School, Noida



MATH -E-RON



BATTLE OF WORDS

Rhetoric Radiance

'Battle of Words', an English Parliamentary Debate competition, was organized on the 27th and 28th of July, 2022. Twenty leading schools of Delhi/NCR participated and vied for the coveted trophy of the event.

The distinguished panel of judges comprised Dr Urvashi Sabu, Professor, Delhi University, and Ms Yamini Roy, Head of Legal Counsel from Bechtel India.

The participants exhibited great rhetorical skills and it was clear from the debate that the youth of today are not only observant and well informed, but also exigent Indians who are assertive when it comes to putting forward their views confidently and convincingly.



RESULTS

Best Team- Mayoor School, Noida

Best Team Proposition- Mayoor School, Noida

Best Speaker- Mayoor School, Noida

1st Runner-up- Manav Rachna International School, Noida

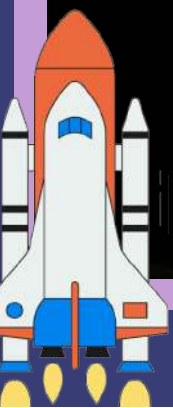
Best Team Opposition- DPS, Noida

Best Speaker Opposition- Army Public School Noida

1st Runner-up- LVIS, Noida Extension

Special Mentions:

LVIS, Noida and Presidium Indirapuram





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Candid Captures



COLOUR MANTRA

A Colourful Odyssey



Colour Mantra - Paint a Poem competition was a colourful event where the participants unleashed their creative genius by discerning metaphysical poems and creating an artistic rendition of the same.

The judges for the event were Ms. Somita Suri and Ms. Preeti Lata.



1st PRIZE

MAYOOR SCHOOL, NOIDA

2nd PRIZE

SAPPHIRE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL,
NOIDA

3rd PRIZE

SAPPHIRE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL,
NOIDA

GOLDEN PAINT BRUSH
THE HERITAGE SCHOOL

EXTRA ORDINAIRE AWARD
SOMERVILLE SCHOOL, GREATER
NOIDA

BEST TEAM AWARD
MAYOOR SCHOOL, NOIDA



FIT TO FLY

Exploring the infinite

With a focus on the importance of a robust body and an active lifestyle LVIS, Noida hosted an interesting and unique group event called Fit to Fly. The competition showcased brilliant performances from the participants. It was a delight to see them put their best foot forward to showcase their creativity and spirit of innovation by combining yoga, dance and aerobics around the broader theme of space.

Ms. Veena Sharma, Senior Yoga teacher from Rajkiya Pratibha Vikas Vidyalaya and Ms. Suhani, Entrepreneur, House of Kapaali graced the event as the chief guests. The event was beautifully curated and covered by all team members.



Breathtaking performances demonstrating the beautiful flexibility of human body in harmony encapsulated the wonder of the atmosphere, shown through music, around it.

Result:

First Prize- Army Public School

Second-LVIS Noida

Third- Pacific World School



CATECHIZE

Quizzing Fun



STEM as a discipline does not only teach us facts but also personifies the virtues of teamwork, group dynamics, and knowledge sharing, which are needed by students to be successful in today's world, regardless of specific interest or career goals.

To enhance students' collaboration, communication, research, problem solving, critical thinking, and creativity skills, Catechize- the STEM quiz, was organised as a part of *Astrophel and Stella*.

A total of 19 teams took part in the event, of which 13 teams qualified the preliminary round. 4 teams made it to the final round and competed head to head for the 1st position.

The quiz masters, Suyash Handa and Prarthana Puri exercised a good control of the rounds, under the able guidance of Ms Rashmi Rai, Ms Komal Sharma, Ms Rachna Chahar, Ms Rachna Marwah, and Ms Vanisha. Sohum Chandra Srivastava aptly handled the IT department while Devaansh Kumar and Parna Sinha made sure the scores were on point.

It was a fun filled and engaging event. All the contestants participated with full enthusiasm and kept each other on their toes.

First Prize

**Amity International School,
Noida**

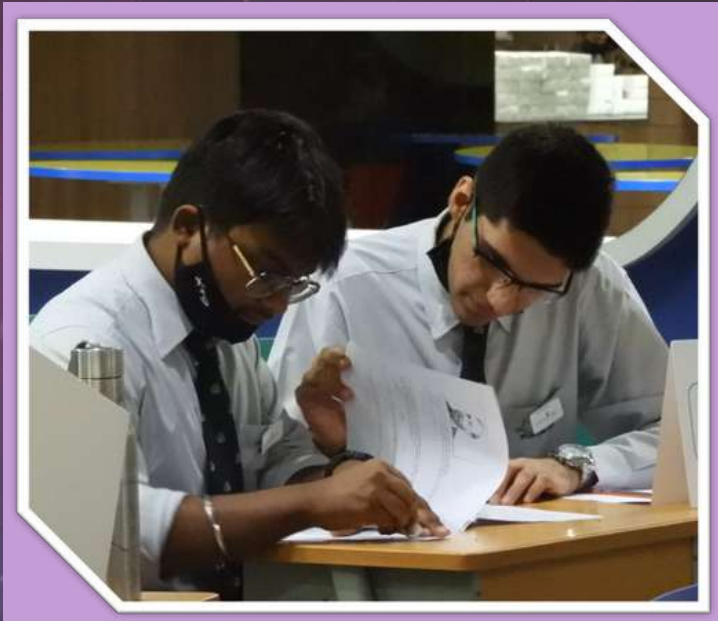
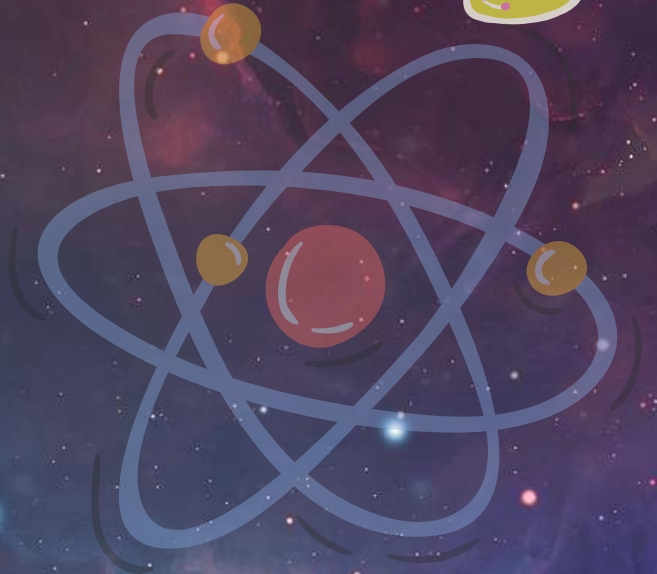
**Second Prize
DPS Noida**

Third Prize

**Bal Bharti Public School,
Noida**

**Runner up
Presidium School, Indipuram**

CATECHIZE



GALACTIC GALA

Interstellar Imagination

Fashion is just another accessory for someone with great style.

Fashion captures the imagination of many. Especially, when it's fashion from the outer world! Galactic Gala had the participants design and don avant-garde attires intended for an 'out of the world' experience.

Wonderful and artistic, glamorous and elegant, the competitors went all out to create unique yet believable outfits, using futuristic materials and matching accessories, with meticulous care, to inspire and awe the audience. The excitement among the crowd amplified when participants began sashaying on the ramp in their attires and shared their concept design and idea with the judges.

The judges Mr. Manish Gupta, a passionate artist and fashion business entrepreneur, and Ms. Damini Saxena, a fashion expert and senior designer and photographer lauded the budding fashionistas for their skill and design sense.

Results:

First Prize: Mayoor School, Noida

Runner Up: LVIS Noida

Most Eloquent: Amity International, Noida

Astrophysicist in the Making: Indraprastha

World School

Modiste: The Indian School

Stylish Diva: LVIS, Noida



GALACTIC GALA





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Emotions through Clicks



TECHNOVENTION

An Exemplary Synergy of 3 Disciplines:
Finance, Engineering & IT, Marketing, Advertisement & CSR

The only way to discover the limits of the possible is to go beyond them into the impossible.” –Arthur C. Clarke.

Technovention- the ATL Innovation Expo was a multi-discipline product launch competition, which combined STEM, Commerce, and Communication.

More than 14 reputed schools of Delhi NCR were expected to innovate a system or product that could improve driver safety as well as the safety of citizens on the road. To enable the transition to a truly sustainable India, we welcomed innovative solutions that help reduce our carbon footprint to develop climate resilience.



In the Finance Division, teams pre-submitted a project file and elucidated the logistics of their product manufacturing by way of a verbal presentation; in the Engineering and IT division, teams showcased their ground-breaking inventions to improve road safety and reduce the world's carbon footprint wherein the Marketing, Advertisement and CSR participants marketed their products via innovative advertisements, websites, and 3D logos.

Many distinguished personalities from diverse fields judged the events and shared their valuable inputs with the budding inventors.

TECHNOVENTION

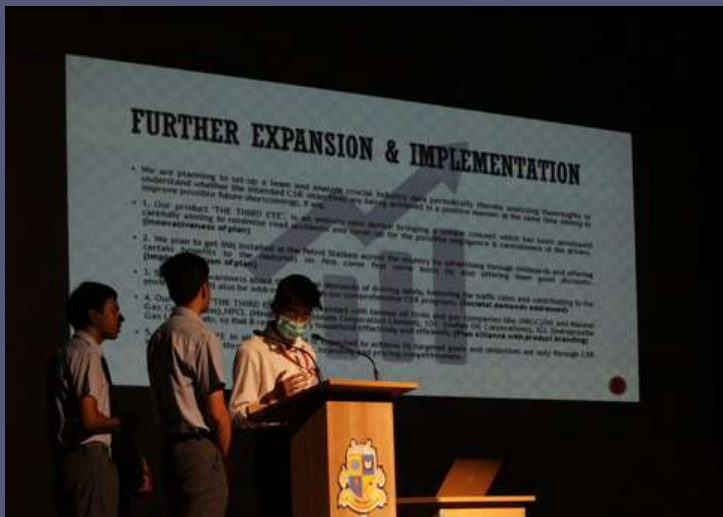
First Prize- Tagore International, Vasant Vihar
Runners-up- Lotus Valley International School,
Noida

Best in Engineering: Tagore International School,
Vasant Vihar

Best in Marketing: Lotus Valley International School,
Noida

Best in CSR: Tagore International, Vasant Vihar

Best in Finance: Indraprastha World School



VALEDICTORY CEREMONY

A celestial fest to remember...



The Valedictory ceremony of Astrophel & Stella was an astral round-up of a week-long celebration at LVIS Noida. It was the culmination of a batch of twelve diverse events on the theme: The Race to Dominate Space. From making movie reels in *Movie Mania* to showcasing futuristic fashion trends in *Galactic Gala*, from the nail-biting quiz, *Catechize* to the intriguing *Math-e-Ron*, painting, yoga and acting galore... students had the opportunity to explore multiple domains of their choice.

The ceremony began with an invocation, followed by a spirited and enlightening discussion between LVISN's Principal, Dr. Ruchi Seth, Ms. Sutapa Basu, a renowned author and Chief Guest of the day, also joined by prominent actress, Ms. Sushmita Mukherjee. The session was moderated by LVISN's Vice Principal, Ms Shilpika Dass. Our guests discussed the meaning of true happiness in today's world and the means to attaining true happiness. Post the discussion, the book launch was conducted for LVISN's 2nd anthology "Quote-Unquote", a collection of short stories written by our brilliant young authors who were guided throughout the process by the Young Authors' Program.

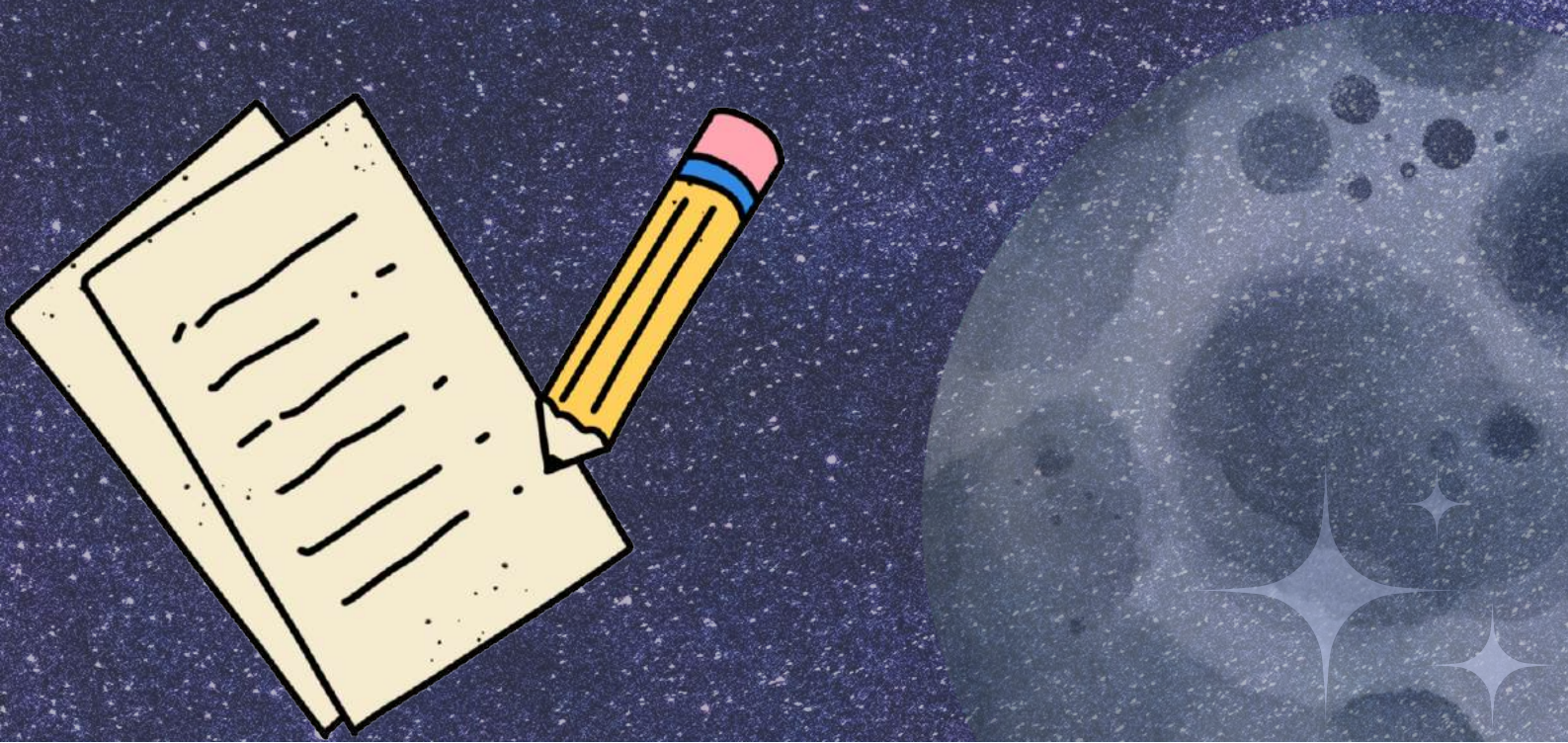
YOU'RE A WINNER!
OVERALL CHAMPION'S TROPHY
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Sr. CATEGORY
PRESIDIUM SCHOOL, INDRAPURAM





*Coming together is the beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success."* -
Henry Ford

HERE ARE SOME
EXQUISITE & INNOVATIVE
ENTRIES FROM THE
PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS...



SPACE EXPLORATION, WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Human space exploration helps to address fundamental questions about our place in the Universe and the history of our solar system. Through addressing the challenges related to human space exploration we expand technology, create new industries, and help to foster a peaceful connection with other nations. Curiosity to explore is vital to the human spirit and accepting the challenge of going deeper into space will urge the generations of today and tomorrow to join NASA on this exciting journey.

This is the beginning of a new era in space exploration in which NASA has been challenged to develop systems and capabilities required to explore beyond low-Earth orbit, including destinations such as translunar space, near-Earth asteroids and eventually Mars.

NASA will use the International Space Station as a test-bed and stepping stone for the challenging journey ahead. By building upon the learnings there, astronauts will be prepared with the challenges of long-duration flight and the permanent expansion of human exploration beyond where we have been before. Explorers may visit near-Earth asteroids where we may get answers to the questions humans have always asked. Visiting an asteroid will provide valuable mission experience and prepare us for the next steps—possibly for the first humans to step on Mars.

Robotic exploration continues to deliver profound answers about our Universe by visiting far-off destinations, providing reconnaissance and collecting scientific data. When combining both human and robotic exploration methods we will use technology and our senses to increase our ability to observe, adapt, and uncover new knowledge.

-NIKITA SHUKLA

SAPPHIRE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, NOIDA



THE RACE TO DOMINATE SPACE

New world is what we're hoping for,
Not thinking about the one we had before,
The urge to forget past and move on to the future we can't
ignore,
The love for our current world is no more.

Running to a future that is not certain,
Taking care of our planet is now a burden,
Not thinking what could be a better version,
Realities that we have now feels like a drawn curtain.

We might stand together in hopes of a better future,
Not realizing that the best and
the only planet we have we're losing a lot sooner.

-PRIYANGANA MUKHERJEE
SAPPHIRE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, NOIDA



THE RACE TO DOMINATE SPACE

The space race was a series of competitive technology demonstrations between the 2 countries, aiming to show superiority in spaceflight. The Space Race was initially a struggle between two nation-states, the Soviet Union (USSR) and the United States. World War II fuelled a space race that began in the 1950s. The successful launch of Sputnik prompted competitive countries to send unmanned space probes to the Moon, Mars & more. The space race is dominated by new contenders In the early years of the space race, reaching orbit was hard. This changed when European countries started building launchers through a state-owned company, which was touted for custom among satellite-makers around the world. Later, the West's space-launch market has become more competitive thanks to an innovative new entrant, SpaceX. In 2003 China became the third country to send a person into orbit; India plans to monitor suit in 2022.

-AZKA ANWAR
JAYPEE PUBLIC SCHOOL, NOIDA



THE SPACE RACE

All the countries are trying to ace,
They want to conquer every corner of space.

Cosmos and galaxies are no more embraced.
Pain and agitation can only be traced.
They have been to the moon, sent probes to mars,
They have now forgotten the beauty of stars.

All the countries are trying to ace,
They want to conquer every corner of space.

Technology and wars are what they chase.
A word of love can be enough to set a heart ablaze.
They have diminished the auras of earthly colours
bright.
The horizon now glows in radiant man-made lights.

All the countries are trying to ace,
They want to conquer every corner of space.

-AARNA GUPTA
LOTUS VALLEY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL,
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THE COMMON CANVAS

While countries race to discover the numerous wonders of space, hundreds of young minds are inspired by the jaw-dropping discoveries. Little George looked out from the window gazing over the stars remembering how he read that an average star is 1-10 billion years old! He had always been comforted by the vastness of space. The farthest venture in space is over 14.459 billion miles from earth and yet there were so many mysteries still undiscovered. The official race to space had only begun in 1995, and George could not fathom the exciting new revelations he would make when he would become an astronomer. He thought about Edwin Hubble, the man who had discovered space, and George climbed back into bed to read his favorite book about Hubble before he slept. That night, he dreamed of an alien in a faraway galaxy looking at the same stars in the sky.

—NAISHA ABBEY
AMITY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, NOIDA



THE GARGANTUAN COSMOS

In the mystical abyss of the great unknown
Divine orbs of whorls, clouds, smoke and snow
Eddy gracefully, causing ripples on the hues and swirls
And a whirlpool of stars gleam their traces on the billow.

Where is it? I wonder as I look afar
On the darkest of the night at the sky so distant, so
enormous.

If I were to fly right into it, I think,
Would I be able to race to the pacific of this inky ocean of
nothingness?

It calls to me in the morning, night and day
And another moment without it, my insanity I'll misplace
So I pledge to journey into the great beyond,
And sail to dominate this boundless energy, this obsidian
space...

- DITI SHARMA
AMITY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, NOIDA



R A C E ^{to} dominate SPACE

January 1 1925. A historical day. Perfect news to start the new year. This was the day humankind discovered the universe. Since that day, we have been trying new ways of getting to know more about space. Today in 2022, we know a lot more about space than we used to. Every country in the world has been trying to launch their space exploration missions. Russia was the first country to launch a satellite into space. There was a telescope first, then a rocket, then satellites and then the first man-mission. 27-year-old Yuri Gagarin was the first man to go to space on 12 April 1969. It was a historic moment for the whole world to be proud of. We have come a long way from the first mission and discovered planets, stars, the black hole, Sun, Moon and other galaxies. As Stephen Hawking once said....

WE ARE JUST AN ADVANCED BREED OF MONKEYS
ON A MINOR PLANET OF A VERY AVERAGE STAR, BUT
WE CAN UNDERSTAND THE UNIVERSE. Makes us special.

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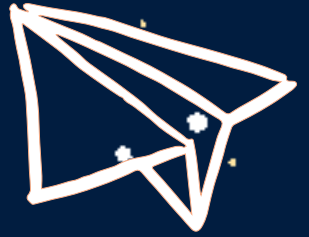
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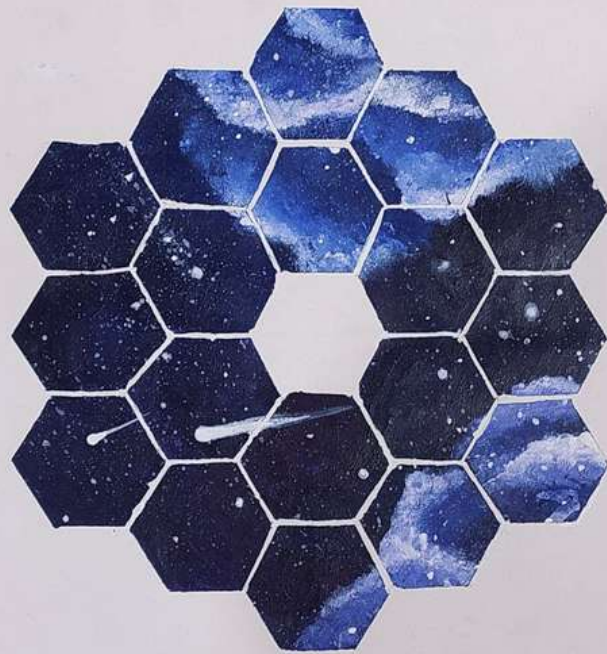
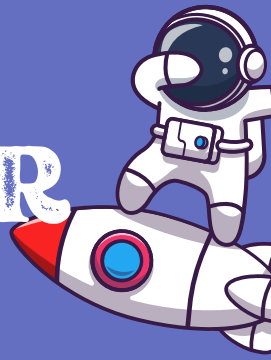


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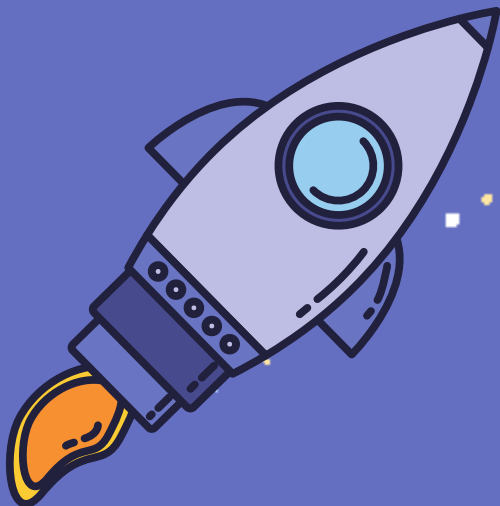
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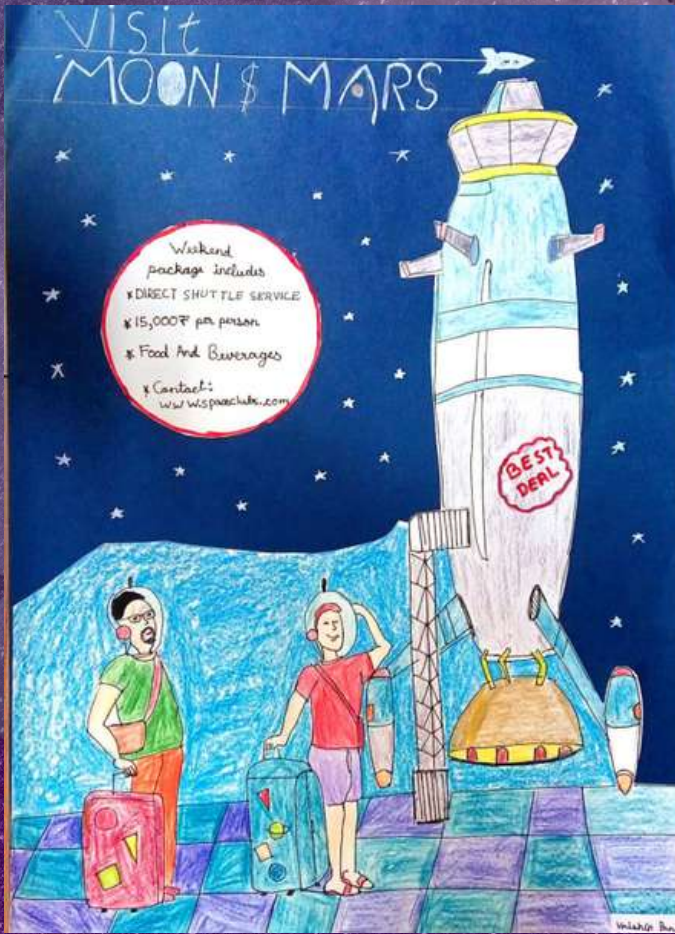


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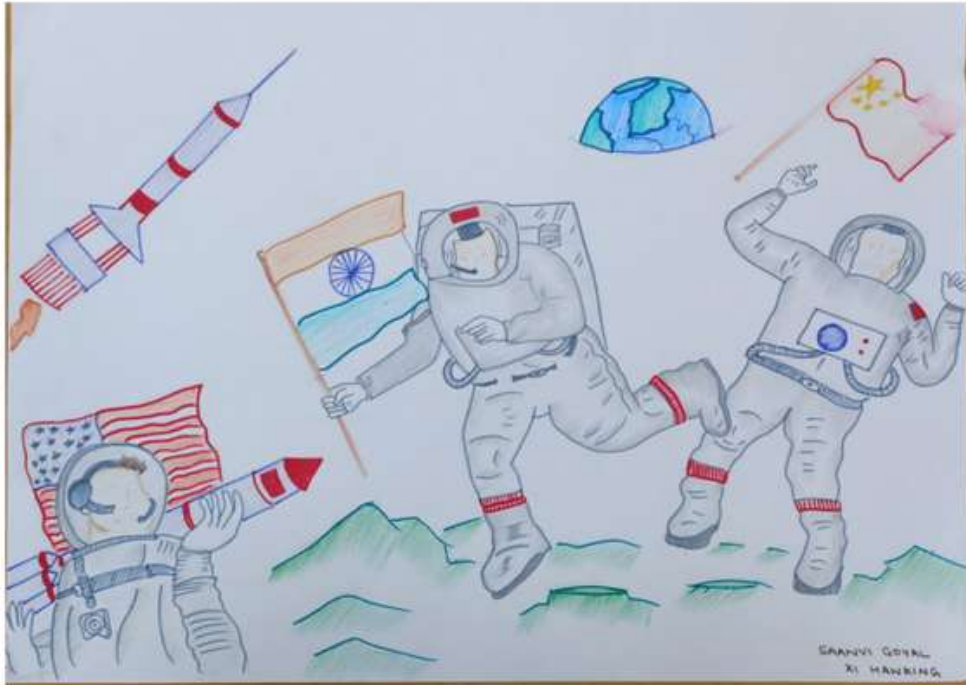


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