



DESH APNAYEN NEWSLETTER

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From the Editor's desk

Dear readers,

Hello!

Welcome to our third newsletter.

It feels like we are old friends now. Us, creating better leaders for the country and you supporting us every step of the way and more importantly, participating in the change.

This has been an invigorating few months for us. When we started out, simply armed with great content and a noble intent, little did we know that our journey would benefit so many in such few months.

We are pleased to share with you that more than fifty top schools of Mumbai have signed up for our school programme and are actively using our resources. This is the highest testament to both, our material and our cause. You can view more details about our school programme [here](#). To know some of the schools that have signed up with us, click [here](#).

We are also very excited about the support we have been getting on social media. We are very active on Facebook and Twitter. This support matters to us because of so many reasons. When we see someone liking some of our initiatives or responding to our posts, it gives us courage to go on. When we see our teachers tweet about the wonderful workshops we have held for them, it strengthens our intent in the cause. You see, dear reader, we are re-imagining citizenship education and eventually, enabling our young students to reimagine India. To reimagine their lives, their communities and their cities. It's a huge task, and we love doing it. Your support on social media pushes us more. Our only request to you – don't stop!

To follow us on Facebook, click [here](#). Our twitter handle is @deshapnayen. We also guarantee two unique blogs every month. We promise you won't be disappointed! To read our blog, click [here](#).

Come. Join the movement. Let's Desh Apnayen!

Aditi Mehta, Editor

Contributions from partner schools

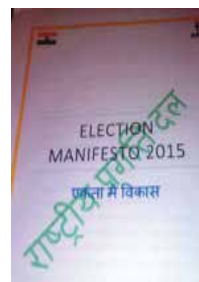
'Electing' to lead

The class 9 students of one of Campion School (Fort), held a mock election to understand this vital process of democracy building. The students carried on the entire procedure meticulously and learnt the detailed intricacies of the election procedure. Each party also had an election manifesto. They led from the front, creating political parties, symbols and ballots with the 'NOTA' option included. They even set up an election commission to ensure the smooth running of the process.

The teacher in charge, Mr. Sunil Almeida says he was "Happy to witness students' enthusiasm. It's a fun way of learning a key concept and a great hit with the students."

The principal of the school, Mr. Paul Machado showed his support for the project. His wise words ring true for us all. "An opportunity is a gift by Campion School to its students, what they can make of it, is their gift to Campion and to the society at large", he believes. We could not agree more.

PARTY SYMBOL	PARTY NAME	CANDIDATE NAME	VOTE
	KASHTRINA PRAGATI DAL	ANSH DOSHI	
	SAMAIK SURAKSHA PARTY	MESH PATIL	
	BHARTIYA AADMI PARTY	PRATYUSH GADODIA	
	NONE OF THE ABOVE		



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Superheroes of the Earth

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The students of Grade 5 participated in a poster making activity. In the morning, the students of the Primary Section, dressed as Mother Earth, welcomed the parents, students and teachers. On the road outside the school, the students spread awareness about the importance of preservation of ozone layer through melodious music and a thought provoking street play. The street play was presented in Hindi in order to reach out to the masses.

In the later part of the day, the students of Grade 2 and Grade 3 conducted a programme in the auditorium. They performed skits, dances and songs and a quiz to reinforce important environmental concepts.

The grand finale of the programme was a pledge taken by the students to preserve the

ozone layer and to reduce, recycle and reuse, in order to protect Mother Earth. We salute all the young Earth Saving Superheroes of Pawar Public School!

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Our monthly favourites

Website of the month

Youthkiawaaz.com is India's largest online platform for the youth to address the world's pressing issues through thoughtful opinions and reportage. Completely crowd-sourced, YKA's approach to media is founded on a simple idea: Public opinion is the new superpower. With stories on politics, society, learning and youthkiawaaz.org is the one stop platform for every change maker today.

Achievement of the month

Celebrating India's Astrostat Mission

Our Indian scientists and astrophysicists have ensured through a one-of-a-kind mission for India to have a view in space only four other countries have. On 12th October 2015, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) tweeted a mesmerising image of Crab Nebula which is one of the brightest hard X-ray sources in the sky. The tweet marked a new scientific achievement; India is now just the fourth nation to have this sort of lookout in orbit. According to ISRO, now "Astrosat would be looking at some of the black hole sources/candidates like GRS 1915+105, Cygnus X-1, Cygnus X-3 during the month of November."



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For more on this
amazing event,
read the full article
here.

Fun and Games

Find the Indian capital cities hidden in this word box.

G	O	A	S	H	I	M	L	A
K	O	H	I	M	A	S	K	I
G	J	A	I	P	U	R	O	Z
L	Q	M	B	D	S	I	A	A
D	K	L	U	C	K	N	O	W
V	I	J	F	M	S	A	O	L
H	L	S	W	P	B	G	Y	D
Z	F	A	P	A	N	A	J	I
M	I	B	S	U	X	R	I	A
I	H	C	N	A	R	L	A	A

JAIPUR
RANCHI
DISPUR
PANAJI
AIZAWL
KOHIMA
SHIMLA
MUMBAI
LUCKNOW
SRINAGAR

Indian Nobel Laureates

The Nobel Prize for peace, the sciences and literature will be given out on the 10th of December 2015. The winners of all the prizes were announced over the course of the last month. Take this quiz of Indian Nobel Laureates below.

1. The first Indian to receive a Nobel Prize was _____.
2. The South Indian physicist who received a Nobel Prize in 1930 was _____.
3. This doctor of Indian origin received the Nobel Prize in Medicine in 1968 along with Robert W. Holley and Marshall W. Nirenberg: _____.
4. _____ and _____ are both Indian recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize.

Answers will appear in the next issue.