

MIND TREE SCHOOL, Panjokhra, Ambala

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# **HIGHLIGHTS**

'BOOK BUGS'
SHINES IN NATIONAL COMMUNITY RADIO
AWARDS!





This new insignia attached to Book Bugs is a moment of pride for the entire Mind Tree Family. Our special book review chat show, Book Bugs, being aired on 91.2 FM, Radio Mind Tree, has bagged the third prize in Most Creative / Innovative Community Engagement Award Category by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, at the 9th National Community Radio Awards. The ceremony was held at Indian Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi on 23rd July 2023. The award was conferred by Sh Anurag Thakur, Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Youth Affairs and Sports. It gives us immense pride to share with you that Sh Anurag Thakur, in his speech, also admired our unique initiative of involving children from a tender age in community radio activities.

This recognition is a testament to the tireless efforts and dedication of our incredible team - right from our visionary management, passionate faculty members and, of course, our brilliant students who continue to inspire us every day.

Receiving this award is a milestone for us, as it reflects the outstanding commitment to excellence that defines our institution. This achievement would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our amazing community - students, alumni, parents, and partners. As we celebrate this momentous occasion, we also renew our commitment to providing the highest quality education and creating a positive impact in our community. Together, we will continue to push the boundaries of knowledge, inspire innovation, and shape future leaders.

#### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

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Sr. No.	Competition	Date	
1.	Readathon (Finals) IV - V	November 04	
2.	Candle Decoration IV - V	November 04	
3.	Build a Story around a Moral IV - V	November 04	
4.	Skating / Lawn Tennis IV - V	November 04	
5.	Kavita Path Pratiyogita (Finals) IX - X	November 25	
6.	Readathon (Finals) IX - X	November 25	
7.	Best Out of Waste IX - X	November 25	
Sr. No.	ANNOUNCEMENT	Date	
1.	Child-Parent-Teacher Dialogue Day (PTM) IX - X	December 16	
2.	Child-Parent-Teacher Dialogue Day (PTM) IV - VIII	December 23	

#### May 23, 2023: Assembly on 'Guru Arjun Dev Ji' - Grades VIII - X:







A true embodiment of truth, humanity and composure, Guru Arjun Dev Ji' prowess was celebrated and paid tribute to by Anhad Kaur of Grade VI B. Gaurang Chitkara of Grade VII C also gave an enlightening talk on the topic. The importance of reminiscing Guru Arjun Dev Ji along with his teachings was appreciated by everyone. Divyanshi Bansal of Grade VII C shed light on the day's eminence with an enlightening thought.

May 31, 2023: Assembly on 'Global Warming' - Grades VIII - X:





The significance of this burning topic 'Global Warming' is something that must concern the youth if they want to bring remarkable and pragmatic changes in the environment. For this reason, Mayank Buddhiraja of Grade IX D addressed the audience with the cruciality of 'Global Warming' and ways to contrive positive changes. Yaasha Bhardwaj of Grade IX D gave a thought on the topic to further reiterate its vitality.

July 5, 2023: Assembly on 'Benefits of a Healthy Lifestyle' - Grades VIII - X:





A healthy mind resides in a healthy body and the contrary is true as well. Kulnoor Kaur Dhindsa of Grade X A gave some inputs on how to lead a healthy lifestyle and suggested ways to prevent sedentary lifestyle. Kritika Aggarwal of Grade X A also put light on the matter and left the audience with a food for thought.

#### July 22, 2023: Kavita Path Pratiyogita - Grades VI - VIII:

Poetry frames the rhythm of mind and adds music to heart. The recitation of the most loved and appreciated poems build a deep insight amongst the students. This time, Kavita Path Pratiyogita exuded a fantastic display of poetry by the MindTreeans. The winners are:

	1st	2nd	3rd
VI	Ayaan Singh - D	Aanya Gaba - A Nityam Jain - D	Divij Chotani - A
VII	Suvir Gupta - A Aratrik Chaudhary - B	Reet Gupta - D Vaibhavi Garg - D	Aadhar Khattar - VII C
VIII	Reva Bhasin - A	Parav Sharma - A Saanvi Jain - A	Aastik Arora - B Ruhin Jain - C

July 26, 2023: Felicitation Ceremony for the Batch of 2022-2023:

















The well-deserved achievements of the students of Grade X, batch 2022-23, in the CBSE Grade X Examination was celebrated with a felicitation ceremony; and the high scorers were honoured with 'Angad Singh Scholarship for Meritorious Students'. Mr and Ms Himmat Singh graced the occasion with their presence. They encouraged the students to widen their horizons with greater intellect and stronger will.

# July 30, 2023: Theatre Club Activity, Brahmarakshasa Ka Shishya:



The month of July was adorned with some of the most illuminating dramas of all times. Students of Mind Tree School Panjokhra ruled the stage with their enterprising acting skills and ebullient expressions. A mesmrising drama was performed on stage with nuances so deep that children and the audience started to retrospect and introspect of what leads one from destitution to enlightenment. They performed an enlightening play titled 'Bramharakshash Ka Shishya', based on the poem composed by a renowned poet, Gajanan Madhav Muktibodh. The play delivered awareness on the power of education. The plot and the theme enraptured the audience and the seamless dialogue delivery enthralled all present there.

### July 29, 2023: Extempore English Competition - Grade IX - X:

There are many events around the world that require pragmatic approach and awareness. For this reason, it is highly significant that students are prepared for 'on-the-spot' competitions. Extempore assists in a child's focus, extraordinary brain-power, research ability and confidence-building. The following winners showcased a stupendous performance:

	1st	2nd	3rd
IX	Adviti B Gupta - B Aarav Ahuja - C	Akshadha Arora - B Hargunjeet Kaur - D	Rayna Bajaj - C Tanveer Singh - D
х	Kulnoor K Dhindsa - A Arshiya Garg - C	Sanchika Gupta - A Yahvi Gupta - D	Niharika Dhingra - B Pankhuri Kulshrestha - B

#### July 29, 2023: Creative Writing Competition - Grade IX - X:

Creative Writing Competitions develop the flair to disseminate a child's thoughts into writing. It helps one express, in writing, one's deep insight. The students showcased their exceptional creativity. The winners are:

	1st	2nd	3rd
IX	Adviti B Gupta - B Yaasha Bhardwaj - D	Sara Nain - D	Anshika - A Harshika - C
х	Niharika Dhingra - B	Parth Malik - A Aadi Jain - B	Manan Munjal - B Pearl Gupta - C

# July 30, 2023: Theatrical Dance Performance dedicated to the Partition of India:

Dance has a language of its own, and often delivers across a message to illumine one's alter ego. August 14, 1947 marks the partition, the partition of not just borders but beliefs, communities, love, and families. This day casts light on how innumerable innocent lives suffered due to political propaganda of a few. The magnetic performance enlivened the beauty of dance and also brought 'Partition' to life.









July 30, 2023: Theatre Club Activity - Dramatisation of 'Maharani Lakshmibai':









Heroes like 'The Gallant Queen', Maharani Lakshmibai are fashioned out of common clay but display the epitome of valiance. Mind Tree students brought forward their acting to pay tribute to the life of this valourous queen who proved that colonialism won't be accepted. With their dynamic act, the students captivated the audience.

Mr and Mrs Munjal, Directors, Tulsi Group of Institutions; Mr Saurabh Kapoor, Press Secretary, Haryana Progressive Schools Conference and Director, Shri Geeta Nand Public School, Ambala; Mr DS Mathur, Senior Advocate and Journalist; and Ms Sonia Mongia, Founder, Samsara Foundation graced the occasion with their presence.

# August 01, 2023: Assembly on 'Plastic Straws are Harmful to the Environment' - Grades VI - VII:





There is a growing awareness of how plastic straws end up in incinerators, landfills and areas innumerable. They disturb the entire ecosystem by clogging gutters, rivers, lakes, streams, polluting our environment.

Their usage must be restricted for a healthy space to live in. Krishika Narula of Grade VI A shed light on this matter and Aaradhya of Grade VI A with her thought put the audience wise to the issue.

August 02, 2023: Assembly on 'Importance of Plantation' - Grades VIII - X:





Tree planting is highly incumbent to endure an eco-friendly environment and is also regarded as a fun activity that people enjoy participating in to help the planet. Trees reduce the risk of flooding and with the current devastation that took place in areas nearby, we must now take charge of the situation and be pro-active. Advika Shrivastav of Grade VIII A gave a speech on this topic and Myra Gangwar of Grade VIII A illuminated the audience with a retrospective thought.

# August 15, 2023: Special Assembly on Independence Day:

Independence Day marks the freedom of the nation from ideologies that hinder its growth. The celebration of the event was a panorama of cultural infusion. After the flag hoisting ceremony by our hounourable Director Principal, Mrs Sudha Mathur, there was a wide array of performances that charmed the audience. Adviti Bharti of Grade IX C and Rishika Narula of Grade VI A compeered the event calling upon the events with immense energy and vigour. Vaibhav



Gupta, with his flair and eloquence, gave a speech on the importance of the day and how we must, as the citizens of the country, align with the nations' ultimate goal of achieving glory and success. Drishti Goel of Grade IX D with her English poem; and Aanya Sharma and Maanya of Grade VIII D with her Hindi poem allured everyone present. The play by Mind Tree students on 'Independence Day' was a great insight into how we all must join in to save the nation's pride. We must unite, irrespective of gender, caste, creed or race, to achieve nation's welfare. Along with a Haryanvi traditional dance performance, a patriotic dance performance was also spellbinding. Both the performances set the energy right and voiced patriotism and national glory. Mind Tree Rockers intertwined the spirit of the day with their beguiling performance and ravished the day with zeal and invigoration. The entire school rejoiced upon the patriotic fervour.

























September 01, 2023: Spell Bee (Hindi) Competition - Grade V - X:

Spellings help storm students' brains with in-depth analysis of word formation and enhance concentration. They assist in building syllable formation and also create better reading skills. The winners are:

	1st	2nd	3rd
٧	Arohi Sood - A	Gurman Kaur - A	Aashvi Gupta - B
VI	Aasmi Salvan - B	Vihaan Bansal - D	Jaskeerat Kaur - D
VII	Smyan Makkar - A Samar Sharma - A	Avya Bansal - A Divyanshi Chopra - A	Piyush Ahuja - D
VIII	Jaanya - A Harshdeep - B	Aaditya - C	Dimpi - B
IX	Mannat Budhiraja - A Parul - D	Aaditya Gulati - A Mayank Budhiraja - D	Navya Ahuja - A
X	Savvnie Thapar - B	Aarushi - B Dhairya Gangwar - D	Anhad Kaur - B

### September 05, 2023: Slogan Writing Competition - Grade IV - V:

Slogans are a way to articulate a child's inner voice in ways that invite one's attention towards the burning issues around the world. They sensitise the masses, build awareness and help the readers build their psycho-social skills. The participants displayed some thoughtful and eye-opening slogans. The winners are:

	1st	2nd	3rd
IV	Anmol - C	Bhuvika Jain - C	Shivansh Chopra - B
	Ridhaan - C	Inayat Punj - D	Amrit Kaur - B
V	Atharv Gupta - B	Priyanshi Dutt - B	Gurman Kaur - A
	Bani Makkar - B	Siya - C	Mudita - B

#### September 05, 2023: Drawing and Painting Competition - Grade IV - V:

Artistic expressions are highly vital to widen children's horizons. Their aesthetic sense takes the primary position and kindles imagination along with creativity. Mind Tree students, with their exposure to all the workshops on 'Drawing and Painting', are now seasoned in the field and it is displayed in their artwork. The winners are:

	1st	2nd	3rd
IV	Bhavkaran Singh - A	Yatharth Dhiman - B	Aaditya Kumar - B
٧	Anush Singla - A	Aarush Aggarwal - B	Raaisha Dua - B

# September 05, 2023: Special Assembly on Teachers' Day and Janmashtami:



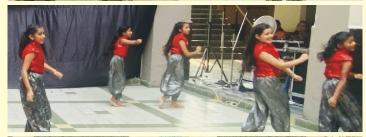
















Every year, this day quintessentially carries a very different energy, with happy and grateful faces flooding the campus. The management, the teachers as well as the students have this day at their end to reckon to the existence of 'gurus' in life. The celebration was grand and wide with anchors, Rishika Saini and Aarav Ahuja of Grade IX C taking over the stage, inviting phenomenal performances. Gurpreet Ahuja of Grade X A, with his speech asserted on the importance of the day, also reminded the audience about the birth anniversary of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. Jannat of Grade IX C, with her enthralling poem, enraptured the listeners. Grades IV to VIII also participated in an enchanting dance performance alongwith a musical retreat by Mind Tree Rockers. Besides Teachers' Day celebration, Janamastami was also rejoiced with an ebullient cultural dance performance.

# SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

#### May 16, 2023: Road Skating Championship:

Focus, conviction and a blend of healthy body with a healthy mind build the athletic stride of a child. Our zealous skaters displayed finesse in the arena of skating in Road Skating Championship organised by The Ambala Roller Skating Academy on 29th April 2023 at Don Bosco School, Ambala City. Varenya Mittal of VI D also bagged a Silver Medal inspiring many others to find their strength within.



Varenya Mittal (VI-D) Silver Medal (9-11) Inline

# June 20, 2023: 15th Haryana State Kyorugi & Poomsae Taekwondo Championship:

Competitions set the adrenaline racing and charges one to fight against the perils of life. Taekwondo is one such sport that assists the practitioners to apply different techniques to make themselves stronger.

Shaurya Chaudhary of Grade VIII bagged two gold medals in Under-13 years category at the 15th Haryana State Kyorugi & Poomsae Taekwondo Shaurya Chaudhary - VIII C Championship 2023 organised in Ambala on June 4. His resilience and consistent efforts to achieve his dreams are worth an applaud.



1 Gold in Poomsae 1 Gold in Group (Under-13, Weight 51kg)

#### July 18, 2023: District Yoga Championship:

With a plethora of schools and organisations taking part in the District Yoga Championship, on June 19th at Rajiv Gandhi Stadium in Ambala City, Adviti Bharti, a student of Grade 9, marked her presence by bagging a silver medal in the block level yoga championship.

She also participated in District Yoga Championship that was held on 21 June, 2023 at Yogshala, Ambala Cantt. to celebrate International Yoga Day, wherein she secured third position with a cash



Adviti Bharti Gupta - IX B Silver Medal (Block Level) 3rd Position with Cash Prize - 1100/-

prize of Rs 1100. Her commitment towards the sport is inspirational.

### July 19, 2023: Ambala Open District Badminton Championship:

MindTreeans showcase that they are dynamic and highly skilled. Yatharth Singh Negi of Grade VIII proved this by securing second position in singles in the Under-15 year category at the Ambala Open District Badminton Championship organised at Shaheed Lt. Mukesh Anand Memorial Badminton Sports Complex Ambala Cantt. from June 24 to June 26, 2023. He has also been selected for Haryana State



Badminton Championship. It's a moment of pride and jubilation!

# August 24, 2023: Haryana Karate Championship and the **Ambala District Tournament:**

The fervour of martial arts echoed through the halls of Taneja Public School as the Ambala District Karate Championship unfolded on the 29th and 30th of July, 2023. This spirited event gathered enthusiasts and practitioners from across the district to showcase their skill in the ancient art of karate. In the KATA category, Abeer Gupta, VIII B U-14 (Boys) 45 Kg, exhibited unparalleled finesse, secured a Gold medal and Gold & Silver Medal in KATA Silver medal in Kumitya category.



Abeer Gupta - VIII B Silver Medal in Fight

Abeer's prowess also extended to the

State Level held from 4th August, 2023 to 6th August, 2023, at Kurukshetra, in the Kumite category, where his remarkable strategy and impeccable technique earned him another Gold medal.

# September 09, 2023: Haryana School Games Lawn Tennis Championship at the Alta Academy - Ambala City:











Medha Aggarwal VI A Under 14 - Girls

VI B Under 14 - Girls

Tiana Nayyar VI B Under 14 - Girls

Ameerah Chahal VI B Under 14 - Girls

Arshiya Jain VII A Under 14 - Girls

Haryana Games Lawn Tennis Championship held at the Alta Academy, Ambala City witnessed some of the most remarkable talents in the field. MindTreeans displayed their expertise in Under-14 and Under-17 (Girls) team bagging the first position. Even the Under-14 (Boys) team shone out and secured the first position.

# September 13, 2023: Haryana School Games Chess Competition:















Harshit Siwatch VIA Under-14 (Boys)

Arshveer Virk VI C Under-14 (Boys)

VII B Under-14 (Boys)

Namish Goyal Devanssh Bhardwaj VII B Under-14 (Boys)

Smarth VIII A Under-14 (Boys)













**Akxit Sharma** VIII A Under-17 (Boys)

Kartik Sehgal VIII A Under-17 (Boys)

Ayushman VIII A Under-17 (Boys)

Lakshay Kumar VIII D Under-17 (Boys)

Madhav Garg Under-17 (Bovs)

Chess is the game of the 'expertise conundrum'. MindTreeans always participate enthusiastically in this brain game of 'insight'. Haryana School Games Chess Competition was held on September 4, 2023, at Police DAV School and the Mind Tree students performed in the U-14 (Boys) and U-17 (Boys) category. Our talented teams displayed remarkable skills and determination, ultimately securing the FIRST PLACE in both the categories!

#### September 23, 2023: SGFI District Shooting Championship:

Shooting is one sport that requires a lot of dedication and focus. Ansh Vig participated in the SGFI District Championship held at Shivalik Gurukul, Barara and aced it with his skills and finesse. In the intense and challenging 10-metre Air Pistol category for U-17 (Boys), he secured an impressive **second position**. The core values of this sport require humility, integrity, teamwork, enthusiasm and mental toughness. Ansh, with his technique, intertwined these qualities and showcased a majestic win.



Ansh Vig - IX D Under 17 - Boys Second Position

# **EDUCATORS' CORNER**

# June 1, 2023: Counselling session by Dr Neeru Attri - Grades VI-VIII:



Mental Health has made its mark in the most crucial and substantial arenas of a child's growth. Analysing the growing psycho-social issues especially amongst teenagers, a three day workshop was conducted for the students of grade VI, VII, and VIII on the topic 'Empowered Choices - Strategies for Dealing with Peer Pressure, Overcoming Bullying, and Managing Digital Addiction' by Dr Neeru Attri.

Dr Neeru Attri is a professional counsellor certified by NCERT, New Delhi. She was awarded a PhD for her work in Psychology with special emphasis on Parenting and Adolescence. Dr Neeru also turned an author in 2017 with "Deciphering Young Minds", a book on emotional issues faced by teenagers.

With a pre-eminent expertise in the field, she was able to guide the students to be at the helm of their emotions and channelise them in a way that they turn fruitful.

### September 23, 2023 - 'The Voice of Youth':

Manan Munjal has always had flair for writing with a constructive thought. He penned his life learnings and wishes to inspire the world of budding writers and poets. His journey has taken an eventful turn and his efforts have been acknowledged.

He composed a poem inviting thought and insight. He received accolades for penning down his poem for the anthology 'The Voice of Youth' and was awarded a certificate for contributing to the English Poem



Anthology which includes the verses by 100+ poets.

# September 24, 2023 - Inauguration of Adolescent Life Skills and Well-Being Centre at Mind Tree School:

Mind Tree School has always aimed for a c o n d u c i v e e n v i r o n m e n t a g g r a n d i s i n g psychological and emotional well-being among the students as well as the teachers. Moving



forward with the same aim, Adolescent Life Skills and Well-Being Centre was inaugurated at Mind Tree School, Sector-1 on September 24 by Dr Jitendra Nagpal, a Senior Consultant Psychiatrist at the esteemed Moolchand Medcity in vibrant New Delhi. Dr Nagpal's speciality lies in the delicate areas of child, adolescent, and women's mental health.

Dr Nagpal is also currently serving as the consultant psychiatrist for the advisory committee for the CBSE life skills education. Dr. Jitendra Nagpal has been honoured with the 'Delhi State Child Welfare Award' by the Department of Social Welfare recognising his distinguished services in Child Development.

In order to help teachers in nurturing the future ambassadors of the world, he conducted a workshop to help the educators in inculcating the socio-emotional learning.









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