

## HIGHLIGHT

# The Holocaust

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sr. No.	Competitions	Dates
1.	Typing Contest (Finals) IV - V	January 16
2.	Story Writing - Hindi VI - VII	January 19
3.	Kavita Path Pratiyogita (Prelims) IV - V	January 31
4.	Story Writing - English VIII - X	February 02
5.	Kavita Path Pratiyogita (Finals) IV - V	February 15
Sr. No.	ANNOUNCEMENT	
1.	Parent-Teacher Meeting IV - X	March 23

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### SOF English Olympiad Result



**Shreya Sethi - IX A**

School Rank - 1st

Zonal Rank - 1st

International Rank - 4th

Medal of Distinction

Certificate of Distinction



**Aahna Jain - IX B**

School Rank - 2nd

Zonal Rank - 17th

International Rank - 57th

Medal of Distinction

Certificate of Distinction

September 27, 2018: Workshop on Legal Literacy Camp - Grade X:



Though we are citizens of India sometimes, we aren't aware of the rights and duties that have been enshrined in our constitution. To give us a glimpse of one such entitlement i.e. free legal aid, a workshop was organised in Mind Tree School for the teachers and the students of Grade X. It informed students about free legal aid that can be sought from the District Legal Services Authority. The enriching workshop was conducted by Mr Danish Gupta (Chief Judicial Magistrate). It encompassed a multitude of aspects ranging from 'Who is entitled?' to 'How can it be availed?'

*"The workshop was very useful as none of us knew that free legal aid can be availed free of cost by people who cannot afford it. We are definitely going to spread this information."*

Gaurish Batra - Grade X A

**September 29, 2018: 'Prism 2018' - Episode 08 - Tribute to Shaheed Bhagat Singh:**



**“Bombs and pistols do not make a revolution. The sword of revolution is sharpened on the whetting-stone of ideas.” - Bhagat Singh**

Shaheed Bhagat Singh Committee recently organised a function on the occasion of 111th birth anniversary of the great revolutionary Bhagat Singh. Students from Mind Tree Theatre Academy, under the mentorship of Shivani Kharbanda, presented a play on the theme of 'Women Empowerment'. It brought to the surface the evils that are afflicting our society even today and inspired students to fight back. I am sure that these little efforts by our children will go a long way, and will bring about the desired change in society.

**October 01, 2018: Storytelling Session by Ms Deeptha Vivekanand:**



In an effort to polish storytelling skills in students, a storytelling session was conducted by the renowned storyteller, Deeptha Vivekanand. Presenting tales from India and Africa, she made the students paint imaginary pictures by using animal sounds, mimicry, rhythm and repetition. A variety of stories such as 'Swami and his Uncle', 'The Hairy Spider' and 'The Traveller from Kabul' were narrated. It was definitely a treat to watch our young audience burst into laughter at her antics and expressions. Our budding storytellers are sure to take home many tricks on how to make a story more lively and interactive.

*“I am enthralled by the wonderful stories narrated by Deeptha ma'am. I am sure I'll become a storyteller.” Jasmanpreet Kaur - VIII A*

**October 02, 2018: Talk on Gandhi Jayanti:**

**“Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes.” - Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi**

M.K. Gandhi's legacy of truth and non-violence lives on for over 70 years even after his death. His universal teachings continue to inspire people around the world. Followers and admirers eulogise him on his birthday and in day- to-day life. Anhad Kaur of Grade V A

paid tribute to this hero through her speech. Jasmeet Kaur of Grade VIII B kept the audience engrossed by reciting a poem about calm and composed Mahatma Gandhi. Students of Grade VII A also presented a play based on the principles of cleanliness laid by M.K. Gandhi.



**October 04, 2018: Talk on J.K. Rowling:**

**“I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book.”**

**- J.K.Rowling**

Anshika Madan of Grade VIII A informed that J. K. Rowling is a woman who is known as the symbol for love of literature. She is an author who will live on forever through her stories which have changed the lives of many people all over the world. She gives the readers across the world, a home away from home. She has created a magical world so vast and wonderful that children feel that they are a part of it. She has sparked imagination and inspired dreams and aspirations of children and adults alike.



**October 02 - 05, 2018: Painting Workshop on Mahatma Gandhi:**

A painting workshop was organised in Mind Tree School on the occasion of 'Gandhi Jayanti' wherein the students of Grade VI to X discussed the thoughts and ideologies of 'Bapu' with the resource persons, Mohan Shingne and Rajni Shingne. Adding aesthetic values to these ideals and beliefs, the students displayed their extraordinary artistic skills. Like pieces in a puzzle, the individual creative contribution of the students was put



together to form a painting as a tribute to the 'Father of our Nation'. This workshop not only enlightened them with the perspectives of Gandhiji's beliefs and outlook but also enhanced their knowledge about the freedom struggle.

*"We learnt to draw and paint but more important is that we learnt about the ideologies of this great Mahatama."* Maanas Sehgal - VIII C

**October 04, 2018: Odissi Dance Workshop:**



A seven-day workshop on 'Odissi Dance' was conducted by renowned dancers Bishwa Bhushan Mohapatra and Dr Lalit taught the disciples various 'abhinayas' and 'mudras' associated with dance. The danseuse brought out the exquisite grace of Odissi dance through his great performance of 'Pallavi'. The presentation of 'Devi Shakti Durga' left the audience speechless. The workshop and performances widened the cultural knowledge of the students and the teachers.

**October 05, 2018: Talk on Interesting Facts about Sanskrit Language:**



Pranavi Salwan and Navya Jain of Grade VI B discussed with the students about the most ancient language (i.e. Sanskrit) of the world which documents a history of around 3500 years. They revealed that this language is believed to be the most systematic and technical one and it's still in use for ceremonial and religious purposes.

**October 06, 2018: Macramè Workshop:**



In order to germinate the seeds of art and aesthetism in the students of grade 8, 9 and 10, an art and craft workshop emphasising the 'Ancient Arabic Macramè' was organised in the school by Lalit. The week-long workshop which began on 31 August 2018 encompassed intricate patterns and knotting techniques. The end result was beautiful textile pot-hangers, hanging-tables, wall-hangings and dream-catchers. Macramè is a sophisticated and pains taking art,

but under the skilled and expert guidance of Dr Lalit, the students made beautiful geometric designs.

*"It was learning by doing. We all made wonderful works of Art that amaze us till date."*

Tanvi Mittal - X B

**October 08 to 12, 2018: Workshop on Motivating Children to Become Thinkers!:**



Life Skills and their impartment has become an integral part of Mind Tree learning environment. In the modern world, the challenges that a child faces are different from what we, the teachers and the parents faced in our times. Hence, the importance of an effective Life Skills Programme cannot be denied. Keeping this in mind, Mind Tree School recently organised Life Skills Sessions for students of Grades IV and V. Based on the P4C module (Philosophy for Children module), this one of a kind programme aims to strengthen thinking skills of children. The two resource persons Padmanabh and Akshay, along with our teachers, shared stories and "Thought of the Day" so that the students could ponder over the themes discussed.

*"With the practical learning of developing thought process, I hope and believe that I will be able to bring about a positive change to the society."*

Jahanvi Nayyar - V B

**October 06, 2018: Experiment Extravaganza:**

On the previous PTM students of Mind Tree School came together to demonstrate an experiment extravaganza. Their broad knowledge of the scientific



concepts gave them a chance to engage in multiple senses of both practical and theoretical understanding of the subject. It was, indeed, a treat for the parents to witness.

**October 09, 2018: Who was Charlie Chaplin?:**



Charlie Chaplin was considered to be one of the most pivotal stars of the early days of Hollywood. Suhani Sethi and Ruchi Arora of Grade VI A informed about the life of this hero who not only showcased his talent in reel life but also in real life. An overview of his life history and his achievements were very well commemorated by both the students.

**October 12, 2018: What is 'OM'?:**

The mystic syllable 'OM', with its sublimity and power, has enchanted many. It is considered one of the most powerful religious sounds which have proved to be helpful in strengthening the soul and spirit of lots of people. Anmol Chawla of Grade X A presented a talk and guided the students about its sublimity.



Anmol Chawla

**October 22, 2018: Talk on Parasites:**

Kanishka Walia of Grade V B shed light on the organism that lives in other organisms called the host. They get their food from it and often harm it. It depends on its host for survival. It was an informative talk.



Kanishka Walia

**October 16, 2018: Who was Ferdinand Magellan?**

Arshita Gupta and Anant Jain of Grade VII-B informed about one of the greatest explorers in the history of the world, Ferdinand Magellan who was a Portuguese explorer. He discovered the 'Strait of Magellan'.



Arshita Gupta



Anant Jain

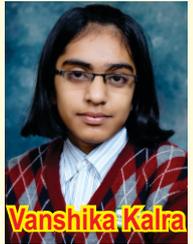
**October 25, 2018: English Declamation Competition - Grade IV - V:**

Declamation not only helps children to improve their diction and stage presentation skills, but also aids them with boosting their self-confidence. The winners are:

	1st	2nd	3rd
IV	Riddhaan Sharma - B	Tanmay Jain - D	Drishti - A Jasnum K Sawhney - D
V	Syna Bhatnagar - B Ananya Arora - B	Anhad Kaur Antal - A	Daksh Sharma - B

**October 26, 2018: Scientifically-backed Ways to Stop Worrying:**

With the increasing competition and demanding work pressure, the number of the people encountering a downfall, due to stress and tension, is elevating day-by-day. Vanshika Kalra of Grade X B guided the students with ways to help the students relax their minds during times of stress.



Vanshika Kalra

**October 18, 2018: Beautiful Minds by Dr Harish Sharma:**

An eye-opening session by Child Psychologist, Mr Harish Sharma was organised for the students of Grade VIII to X. The session incorporated interesting psychological researches which included practical and useful suggestions for students to implement immediately, from 'correct effect of hormones' to 'healthy diet plan' to 'precise level of gadget addiction'.

*"It was a really enlightening workshop which paved my path to success and moulded my mind to build concentration and focus on my studies."*  
Divyam Aggarwal - IX B

**October 18, 2018: 'Prism 2018' - Episode 10 and 11:**



A street play (Ep. 10) on 'Say No to Compromise' was staged at Civil Hospital, Ambala Cantt, based on the theme of 'Women Empowerment'. Students of Grade VII C and D gave a spellbinding performance that was applauded by one and all.

Grade VI C and D (Ep. 11) presented a street play in Ambala Club on 'Road Safety' to sensitise masses about road safety rules. The aim of the play was to generate traffic awareness. Students presented various issues like 'Don't drink and drive' 'No to use of mobiles while driving', 'Lane driving' etc in a very interesting and humorous way. The plays were directed by Shivani ma'am.

**October 20, 2018: Talk on Marie Curie:**

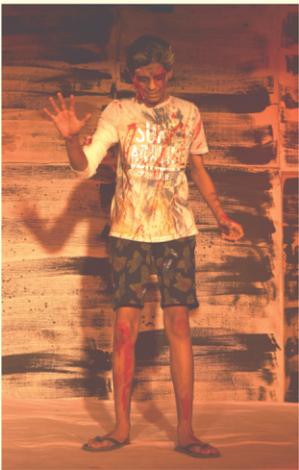
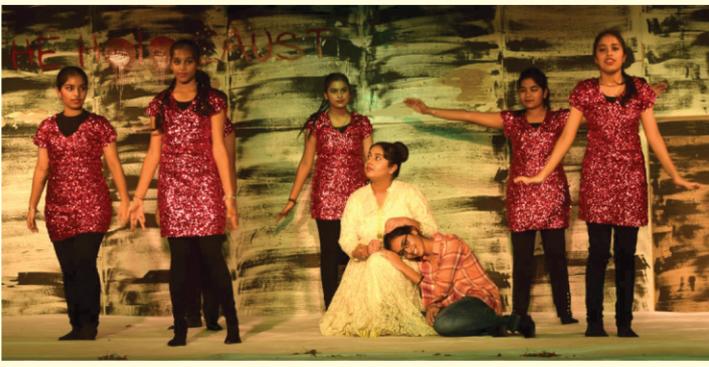
Annanya Khattar of Grade VIII C spoke about Marie Curie, whose legacy still inspires women to achieve "firsts." She was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize and the first of only two people to win a Nobel Prize in two different fields. Marie Curie made progress not only in science but also augmented women's place in the scientific community.



Annanya Khattar

**October 31, 2018: Annual Function "The Holocaust" - Grade IX:**





Mind Tree School celebrated its Annual Function 2018 on 30th October, 2018 amidst great zest, vibrance and elation. It was graced by the presence of Aseem Goel, MLA, Ambala City, and Neelam Ohri, Principal, Mind Tree School, Sector 1. In the second show Vikram Aggarwal, District and Sessions Judge, Ambala, was the Chief Guest. The cultural programme comprised of Ganesh Vandana followed by the play 'The Holocaust' - a plethora of talent and emotions. A splendid performance was put up by our 9th graders with full dynamism. They felt immensely elated to have been given this opportunity.

The play was directed by Aparna Nanda and assisted by Sheetal Bibra. It highlighted the growing addiction of social media sites among the Gen X. However, the play ended on a positive note with students as well as the audience pledging to eradicate the menace of social media addiction.

The show will be remembered for years to come, by those who witnessed the brilliance of it and those who were behind it.

*"The play was a great learning experience as we learnt the nuances of acting, directing and managing both skill and emotions together."*

*Pranav Gupta - IX A*

### November 02, 2018: Diwali Celebration:



Diwali is a time of enjoyment, fun and reunion. Mind Tree School celebrated the festival with great enthusiasm. The school corridors resonated with the happy sound of laughter and joy. During the special assembly all the students and teachers put their best foot forward and made the function an epitome of elegance. The songs, skits and dances reflected the true spirit of Diwali.

### November 02, 2018: Candle Decoration Competition - Grade IV - V:

It is a ritual to decorate homes with diyas and candles on Diwali. With students' personalised touch, candles took a whole new meaning on this festival. They displayed exquisite ideas which were a surprise for everyone. Of course, this gave the judges a hard time. The winners are:

	1st	2nd	3rd
IV	Shreyans Arora - D	Araisha Arora - D	Tanmay Mahajan - D
V	Arnav Aggarwal - A	Manan Munjal - B	Rupinder Kaur - C

### November 03, 2018: Science Quiz - Grade VI - VII:

Mind Tree strongly believes that quiz promote active learning, and provide motivational impetus. It also enhances meaningful knowledge retention by igniting interest and placing theoretical subjects in a real-world perspective. The same was observed among the students after the quiz. The winners are:

	1st	2nd	3rd
VI	Rishit Verma - A Anshika Sakhuja - B Yuvika Kalra - C Abhiveer Goindi - D	Arnav Bhatnagar - A Sheehan Batra - B Harshit Aggarwal - C Ronit Kalra - D	—
VII	Aashman Garg - A Abhitej Singh - B Ishika Gupta - C Tara Aggarwal - D	Trijal Kansal - A Anant Jain - B Pravanya Singh - C Yashasvini Chadha - D	—

### November 13, 2018: The Wright Brothers:

Kishiv Gupta & Ruhaan Jain of Grade VI D talked about the inventors of the world's first successful aeroplane i.e. the Wright Brothers. They successfully conducted the first free, controlled flight of a power-driven aeroplane on December 17, 1903. They surpassed their own milestone two years later when they built and flew the first fully functional aeroplane. This great initiative paved the way for future success and advancement.



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## November 14, 2018: Special Assembly on Children's Day:



Children's Day was celebrated with a lot of ecstasy and splendour at Mind Tree School, Panjokhra. This is the day that belongs to the children, and they have all the right to feel special. In order to make them feel special, a class party was organised from the school's side and a cultural extravaganza was put up.

Suhani Kulshreshtha, Vice-Head Girl, Mind Tree School shared her experience of visiting 'Mercy Home - an orphanage. She made our young minds aware of alternate ways to celebrate Children's Day so that we can light up the faces bereft of smiles.

### November 15, 2018: Workshop on Child Helpline Number - 1098:

The representatives from 'Child Line 1098' organisation made the children aware of how they can make the best use of the facility of this helpline service to make their life and the life of the people known to them secure and healthy. They also emphasized on certain facts that children don't need to ignore issues like sexual abuse, mobile hacking, child labour, kidnapping.



### November 15, 2018: Why is the Sky Blue?:

Pawanveer Singh of Grade IV B, fascinated by the blue colour of the sky, tried to bring to the notice of the students that the unique blue colour of the sky is due to the sunlight that reaches Earth's atmosphere and is scattered in all directions by all the gases and particles in the air.



Pawanveer Singh

### November 16, 2018: Nandan Nilekani:

Diya Aggarwal of Grade VIII A exchanged her views on the life of an Indian entrepreneur, bureaucrat and politician, Nandan Nilekani, who earned name and fame due to his immense contribution for the country.



Diya Aggarwal

### November 14 - 18, 2018: Delhi Ki Khoj:



Mindtreeans went on a four-day trip to explore important historical landmarks of Delhi, the capital city. Our enthusiastic explorers were led by Ms Shagufta Sidhi Bhardwaj, a famous historian. They visited Shahjahanabad and were awe-inspired to witness the Mughal architecture. Looking at the 'busyness' and 'business' of Chandni Chowk, they learnt why it is a business hub. They visited the Jain Temple and also bowed their heads at Gurudwara Sis Ganj Sahib. Amitava Sanyal, a prominent print journalist and a recipient of the prestigious New India Fellowship conducted a workshop and gave tips to the students on writing a journal. He has worked with big names like The Hindustan Times, The Economic Times and the BBC. The students were highly delighted and flummoxed after the pleasing Qissa-Goi Session.

*"It was an experience which will remain in my memories forever. I believe learning through fun is such a great way to bring victory to one's your life. The workshop did just that to us." Trijal Kansal - VII A*  
*"I believe that this is the way for a lasting teaching experience which will aid the students, and create great learning."*

Anuradha Saini - Faculty

**November 22, 2018: Special Assembly on Guru Nanak Jayanti:**



Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Prakash Purab was celebrated with utmost devotion in Mind Tree School. A special assembly was organised to mark the importance of the day. The celebration started with a talk by Ms Tarunjeet Kaur who shared the ideals and philosophy of the first guru of the Sikhs. This was followed by shabad recital by Ikjot Kaur from Grade VI A, Sukhleen Kaur from Grade VI C, Jasmanpreet Kaur and Japneet Kaur from Grade VIII A. The assembly culminated with a speech on the Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji by Harsimrat Kaur of Grade IX. Everyone hummed to the tune of the religious song on Guru ji's life which was presented by Jaspreet Singh and Harmannat Singh from Grade VIII.

**November 23 - 25, 2018: "Mapping Ambala" Project by Ms Anuradha Sengupta:**



Anuradha Sengupta, a renowned journalist/editor, has appeared in print and broadcast media in India and abroad. She is currently based in Mumbai and is founder-editor of Jalebi Ink, a media collective for young adults. She held the third session of a year-long project 'Mapping Ambala' that started in April this year. The students from VIII to X, on the first day, discussed their research work that had already been assigned to them in the previous sessions. Next day, they were in the field interviewing dignitaries, social workers, old shop keepers and army personnel who could guide and enlighten them in this project. They visited Amba Devi Temple, Panjokhra Sahib Gurudwara, Reservoir of City, Raj Hotel, B. D Women Hospital, Dhari Shah ki Hatti and many more interesting places.

*"With our research and development process, I believe, we have been equipped with a lot of practical information about various places of Ambala."*  
*Rahul Kalra - IX B*

*"With the hands-on experience, I'm really glad to be a part of this project and I look forward to gaining dexterity in the same."*

*Reet Mahajan - VIII C*

**November 24, 2018: Heritage Quiz - Grade VIII:**

The heritage of any nation builds a healthy financial and environmental setup for both the citizens and its economy. The retention and management of heritage places is well understood by

Mindtreeans and they displayed a cut-throat competition in the quiz. The winners are:

	1st	2nd	3rd
VIII	Rupanshi Goel - A Srijan Sharma - B Vishu - C	Nandini Singla - A Arnav Gupta - B Parangat M Mehta - C	---

**November 26, 2018: Typing Contest - Grade VIII - X:**

Typing has drastically cornered the market aiding in communicating with the world and also in researching and exploring new information. The winners are:

	1st	2nd	3rd
VIII	Maanas Sehgal - C	Noor - A	Radhika Goyal - B
IX	Harsimrat Antal - C	Shreya Sethi - A	Jasleen K Sabherwal - C
X	Ananya Goel - C	Akanksha Arora - C	Sanjoli Rana - A

**November 28, 2018: Science Quiz - Grade IV - V:**

The students of Mind Tree are always ahead of the pack while displaying their scientific skills both outside and inside the classroom. The Science Quiz was a pure success with students bubbling with zeal to win. The winners are:

	1st	2nd	3rd
IV	Siah Mahajan - B Yaasha Bhardwaj - A Kanveer Singh - C Karnik Dua - D	Saksham Jain - A Riddhaan Sharma - B Divisha Talwar - C Jannat Baweja - D	---
V	Muskan Kochar - C Saksham Sharma - D Manan Munjal - B Tanishq - A	Prabhnoor Singh - D Tanisha Batra - C Anhad Kaur - A Ananya Arora - B	---

**November 28, 2018: What is Body Index?:**

Aware of the sedentary lifestyle of the people now-a-days, Deepika Sharma and Vrinda Verma of Grade IX C, informed the students about the importance of BMI. In general, the higher your BMI, the higher the risk of developing a range of conditions linked with excess weight including diabetes, arthritis, liver disease and the like.



**November 29, 2018: Qissa Goi Session by Mr Irshad Khan - Day 01:**



Bringing an ancient form of storytelling Qissa Goi from the streets of old Delhi to Ambala, the Irshad Talent Group an NGO of young and dynamic theatre activists - visited the school and enchanted their audience with the unique depictions of tales, passed on from generation to generation.

Mr Alam and his young, dynamic actors transported the audience to the court of the mighty Mughals. These actors extraordinaire, who were not older than the students themselves, involved the audience in their acts, interacted with them, entertained them with their clever humour and left them with sides hurting.

*"This session helped me to know about the different cities of Delhi. It was thrilling to learn the same with the help of excellent theatre."*

*Garv Singh Rathore - IX B*

**November 30, 2018: Ambala Ki Khoj by Mr Irshad Khan - Day 02:**

Grade VII students, along with the Talent group, visited different places in Ambala. During this educational trip 'Ambala Ki Khoj', they discovered many historical facts by observing the architecture of old buildings like BD Flour Mill, Purani Havelis in Kotwali Bazar etc. They also tried to discover the time period of their construction by studying the primary archeological resources like bricks, materials used to join bricks, carvings etc.



*"It was an experience extraordinaire. I'm surely benefitted with the kind of exposure I received."*

*Sarisha Gupta - VII A*

**November 30, 2018: Heritage Quiz - Grade IX - X:**

With a vast and unique heritage of the world, teachers teased the students' brains with intriguing and tricky questions. The winners are:

	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>IX</b>	Sanyam Aggarwal - A Nishtha Mehta - B Harsimrat K Antal - C	Shreya Sethi - A Yoshita - B Grace - C	—
<b>X</b>	Shubh Khandelwal - A Umang - B Arman Aggarwal - C	Ananya Jain - A Arush Anand - B Akarsha Arora - C	—

**December 01 & 02, 2018: Adventure Camp:**

Adventure camps are not only fun but they also help in inculcating the 'dare to do' attitude. Within the camp setting, children develop a sense of



independence as they try new adventures from zip line to zorbing ball to walking on the Burma bridge and indoor rock climbing. In order to give our students the desired exposure, an Adventure Camp was organised at Mind Tree School, Panjokhra, on 2nd December, 2018. Students from Grade IV to VIII participated in the camp.

**December 08, 2018: A Tribute to the Soliders:**

The heroes of our armed forces, our soldiers, represent the character of our nation. They boast of a long and glorious history of patriotism and honour, and of fighting many battles to keep our country free from threats of terror. As instructed by the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, Government of India, our students made handmade cards



and wrote letters, prayers and poems on the occasion of Republic Day and the coming New Year. This is their small initiative to salute huge sacrifices of our soldiers dedication and service to our country and to lift the morale of troops as they serve far from home.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

**S.G.F.I District Cricket Championship:**

Kartik Bhardwaj of VIII B and Shivam Batra of X A left the adjudicators in awe with their exhilarating performance at the S.G.F.I District Cricket Championship organised at Murlidhar D.A.V. School in Ambala City on 1st September, 2018. Both the cricketers have been selected for Haryana School State Championship.



Kartik Bhardwaj - VIII B



Shivam Batra - X A

**Inter District Cricket Championship:**

Eshaan Chaudhary of Grade VIII B was recently hailed as the leading wicket taker in the Under-14 Inter District Cricket Championship (Ambala v/s Kaithal) organised by Haryana Cricket Association at Indus Public School, Kaithal on 3rd September 2018. He made 48 runs on 61 balls and also took 12 wickets in 3 matches that have taken place till date.



**S.G.F.I. District Skating Championship:**

Sameeha Garg of IV A bagged a Gold Medal and Trisha Bansal of V B won a Bronze Medal at the S.G.F.I. District Skating Championship. This event was organized at The Police Ground Skating Rink on 1st September, 2018. Both the girls have also been selected for the Under-11 School Skating Championship.



Sameeha Garg - IV A  
Gold Medal



Trisha Bansal - V B  
Bronze Medal

**S.G.F.I. Under-14 District Athletics Competition:**

Manjot Singh of VII D secured the second place in Discus Throw event at the S.G.F.I. Under-14 District Athletics Competition was organised at Rajiv Gandhi Sports Complex on 1st September, 2018. He has been selected for Haryana School State Athletics Championship in the Discus Throw event.



**S.G.F.I. District Lawn Tennis Championship:**

Rupanshi Goel of VIIIA, Aditi Goel of VIII B and Ruhani Rai Dhamija of IX B gave an exemplary



Rupanshi Goel - VIII A



Aditi Goel - VIII B



Ruhani Rai Dhamija - IX B

performance at the S.G.F.I. Under-17 District Lawn Tennis Championship organized at Police Grounds, Ambala City on 29th August, 2018. The trio has also been selected to represent the school at the State Lawn Tennis Championship.

**Haryana Inter-District Cricket Tournament:**

In the recent selections, Eshaan Choudhary from Grade VII A and Raghav Puri from Grade VIII B have been selected to represent Mind Tree School as a part of the 'Rest of Haryana' team in their match against Panchkula in the Under-14 Haryana Inter-District Cricket Tournament.



Eshaan adds another feather to his cap by emerging as the leading wicket-taker in the Inter-District Cricket Tournament organized by Haryana Cricket Association. He succeeded in taking 19 wickets in six matches and that's a whopping number as he was ranked as the leading wicket-taker in Haryana.

**NTSE Awardee:**

The prestigious National Talent Search Examination (NTSE) is conducted by NCERT every year at the Secondary School level to recognise students with high intellect and academic talent. This year, Dhananjay Goel of Mind Tree School, Ambala, is the only student from Ambala district who has cleared this esteemed NTSE examination.



**Regional Mathematical Olympiad Champions:**

Aayush Parashar and Keshav Gupta have made us proud by qualifying for Regional Mathematical Olympiad. RMO held in India. It is the first time that an Indian student has got a chance to represent India in the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) - the world championship mathematics competition for high school students.



Aayush Parashar - Grade X (Batch 2017-18)



Keshav Gupta - Grade X (Batch 2017-18)

**Haryana School State Choi Kwang Do Championship:**

Krish Sharma of VII D secured the first position in S.G.F.I. Haryana

School State Choi Kwang Do Championship held at G.M.N. Public School, Ambala Cantt. from 20th September, 2018 to 22nd September, 2018. Krish has also been selected for National School Games 2018-2019.



**THE WAR OF TALENT:**

For the first time ever in India Flying Twins Entertainment and Shree Ram Film Creations presented a unique Theatrical Web Reality Show named "THE WAR OF TALENT". It aims to provide an empowering stage to passionate and talented Dancers, Actors, Singers and Models across India. Ananya Arora – V B, Satvik Kharbada – VI B and Abhishek Aggarwal – X A (Batch 2017-18) have been selected in junior category, and Shivani Kharbada (Faculty) has also been selected in senior category. Legendary music director, Ismail Dardar and actor / choreographer Salman Yusuff Khan judged the show.



Ananya Arora - V B



Satvik Kharbada - VI B



Abhishek Aggarwal - X (Batch 2017-18)



Ms Shivani Kharbada (Faculty)

**Skating Carnival Organised At Blue Bird High School:**



Himpreet Singh - IV A  
3rd Position (500 mts race)



Yashika Nagpal - VI A  
3rd Position (500 mts race)  
3rd Position (1500 mts race)



Varnika Sharma - IX A  
1st Position (500 mts race)  
2nd Position (100 mts race)

The skaters from Mind Tree School recently participated in a Skating Carnival organised at Blue Bird School, Panchkula, on 25 September 2018 and ranked as above.

**Manav Mangal Skating Carnival:**



Himpreet Singh - IV A  
2nd Position  
(300, 500 & 100 metres)



Samecha Garg - IV A  
3rd Position  
(300 and 500 metres)



Shalyan Sharma - V D  
1st Position (500 metres)  
2nd Position (1000 metres)



Manan Garg - IX A  
3rd Position (500 metres)

Manav Mangal Skating Carnival – 2018 was organised in Manav Mangal Smart School, Sector 64 (Phase X) Mohali. The above named students scored as given above.

**A Budding Writer Rewarded:**

Reet Mahajan's (Grade VIII C) story was published in the national daily 'The Hindu'. It's a moment of glory for both Reet and Mind Tree School. The School has succeeded to groom these young writers who have the potential to become prolific authors in time to come.



**S.G.F.I Haryana School State Skating Championship:**

S.G.F.I Haryana School State Skating Championship was held at Gurugram. Nothing is impossible for Varnika Sharma of Grade IX A. She got 1st position in 500 metres and 2nd position in 1000 metres. She is also selected for National School Games Skating Championship 2018-19.



**S.G.F.I Haryana School State Skating Championship:**

S.G.F.I Haryana School State Skating Championship was organised at Rohtak. The following students made the school proud once again. Sameeha Garg and Shalyan Sharma have been selected for National School Games Skating Championship.



Sameeha Garg - IV A  
2nd Position  
(500 Metres Rink Race)  
(500 Metres Road Race)  
(1500 Metres Road Race)



Shalyan Sharma - V D  
2nd Position  
(100 Metres Rink Race)  
(500 Metres Rink Race)  
(1500 Metres Road Race)

**CBSE North Zone-II Skating Championship:**

CBSE North Zone-II Skating Championship was organised at Ajnala, Amritsar.



Himpreet Singh - IV A  
1st Position (300 metres)  
2nd Position (1000 metres)



Shalyan Sharma - V D  
3rd Position (1000 metres)



Varnika Sharma - IX A  
1st Position (300 metres)  
2nd Position (500 metres)

Once again the following students from Mind Tree School proved their determination and spirit. Himpreet Singh and Varnika Sharma qualified for CBSE National Skating Championship, 2018-19 at Raipur from 26th November to 30th November 2018.

**Khel Maha Kumbh:**

Open Category Badminton Championship was organised at Kurukshetra. Team from Mind Tree School bagged 'Third Position', receiving cash award of Rs 750/- each.



Vinya - VII A  
3rd Position  
Cash Prize ₹ 750/-



Yashasvini Chadha - VII D  
3rd Position  
Cash Prize ₹ 750/-

**District Level Yoga Championship:**



Kriti - IV C  
Silver Medal



Shreyans Arora - IV D  
Gold Medal



Adviti B Gupta - IV D  
Bronze Medal

A number of students from Mind Tree displayed exceptional physical and mental strength and agility as they came out with flying colours at the District level Yog Championship organised by District Ambala Yog Sport Association in Ambala Cantt. The students left the audience in awe by presenting strenuous yogic poses or asanas. We believe, through yoga, our students will learn a way of improving health and fitness of the body, and attain personal and spiritual development.

**Reet Mahajan Once Again Pens down her views on 'Becoming a Teenager':**

Reet Mahajan of Grade VIII C gave vent to her feelings in the MY SPACE section of 'The Hindu'. She shared the various changes that are being experienced by her during this magical period. It is, indeed, a moment of joy both for Reet and the school. Mindtree's efforts in grooming future writers are bearing fruit.



**HT Scholarship Programme:**

Jashanpreet of VII B was given the golden opportunity to air his opinions on the topic 'If We Can be Heroes, Just for a Day'. This was a privilege given to him under the HT Scholarships Programme 2017-18. His article 'Putting Environment First' was published on 25th October 2018 in The Hindustan Times, Chandigarh Edition.



**Inter School Chess Tournament:**



Kulnoor K Dhindsa - V A  
First Position



Trisha Bansal - V B  
Second Position



Akshadha Arora - IV B  
Third Position



Amisha Gulati - V D  
Consolation Prize



Tapmann K Sawhney - V B  
Consolation Prize



Kritgya Kapoor - V B  
First Position



Garvit Jain - V C  
Second Position



Parth Malik - V B  
Third Position



Vasu Singla - V D  
Consolation Prize



Abhijeet Singh - V A  
Consolation Prize

Inter School Chess Tournament for Grade IV and Grade V was organised at Mind Tree School, Sector 1, Ambala City. The results are mentioned above.

**3rd School Kids Chess Championship:**

3rd School Kids Chess Championship was held in New India Sr Sec School, Sector 15, Panchkula organised by The Chess Association, Panchkula. Kushaldeep Kaur of Grade VI A bagged second position with a cash prize of Rs 900/-. Congratulations!! All the Best!



Kushaldeep Kaur - VI A  
2nd Position  
Cash Prize ₹ 900/-

**Model United Nations:**

MUN also known as Model United Nations is an educational simulation in which students can learn about diplomacy, international relations and the United Nations. SD Vidya School, Ambala, organised MUN 2018 and students from twenty-six schools from all over the North India participated in it. The two-day long event that involved rigorous debate and diplomatic skills showcased four different committees of the UN. The discussions revolved around 'Oil Influencing World Politics' with special emphasis on Venezuela. Shreya Sethi of IX A won the high commendation award. She received a certificate and a silver coin.



**Essay Writing Event:**

The Shri Ram Chandra Mission along with the United Nations Heartfulness Education

Trust, organised an All India Essay Writing Event (2018) both, in English and Hindi. Shreya Sethi of Grade IX stood second at National Level in English. Dhriti Aggarwal and Nishtha Mehta also of Grade IX bagged 3rd and 10th position respectively at State Level in Hindi.



**North Cricket League (NCL Camp):**



Our Cricket Champs were recently selected in North Cricket League Camp. They are among the few privileged ones who attended a special camp in Ludhiana on 15th and 16th December 2018. They also attended a training session under the chief coach from Australia.

**An Ingenious Writer Rewarded Once Again:**

Reet Mahajan of Grade VIII penned down the struggles and challenges of her



grandfather during the heart-wrenching partition and resettlement in India. She narrated the experiences of her grandpa's childhood, and how it is different from today's generation. With words coming from the depth of her heart and expressions that touch you, this tell-a-tale was published in 'The Hindu' on 30th November 2018 in the column 'My Space'. Keep it up, Reet!

**SOF English Olympiad:**



The Science Olympiad Foundation organised the SOF English Olympiad on 11th October, 2018. Fifteen students have qualified for Level - II.

**CBSE National Speed Skating Championship:**

CBSE National Speed Skating Championship was held at Krishna Public School, Raipur (Chattisgarh) from 26th November to 30th November, 2018. Varnika Sharma of Grade IX A won Silver Medal in 500 metres.



**District Roller Skating Championship:**



A number of students from Mind Tree School, Ambala City and Mind Tree School, Panjokhra, participated in the 18th District Ambala Roller Skating Championship 2018-19 held on 24th November, 2018, and bagged a multitude of positions in various roller skating events. It was a delight to see our talented skaters swoosh through the skating rink, making way to the victory podium. Team Mind Tree bagged the Overall Champion Trophy and earned applause from the enthusiastic crowd.

## Inter-School Chess Championship:



Kushaldeep Kaur - VI A  
Gold Medal



Tanvi Gupta - VI A  
Silver Medal



Siah Mahajan - IV B  
Bronze Medal

Chess is the art born after the confrontation between two ways of thinking. Students of Mind Tree School, once again, made their presence felt at the 1st District level Inter-School Chess Championship 2018-19, held at Riverside DAV Public School, Ambala Cantt. on 29th and 30th November. Students of Mind Tree Chess Academy made everyone proud of their accomplishment as they also lifted the Runner-up-Trophy at the event.

## District Level Inter-School Sports Competition:



Arnab Aggarwal V-A  
Silver Medal



Dharya Aggarwal V - A  
Bronze Medal



Manya Bansal V - C  
Gold Medal



Vyusti Mittal VIII-B  
Silver Medal

The Karate Champs of Mind Tree made a mark at the District Level Inter-School Karate Championship organized at DAV Public School, Ambala Cantt, on 29th and 30th November 2018.

## EDUCATORS' CORNER

### October 08 to 12, 2018: A Life Changing Workshop for Teachers:



Mind Tree School recently organised a five-day long workshop from 8th to 12th October, 2018 for the teachers and transformed them into facilitators. The purpose of this workshop was to create a culture of thinking by developing a community of enquiry. The resource persons Padmanabh and Akshay who came all the way from Pune adopted a very profound yet simple module that helps introduce thinking in groups of people in a non-intimidating fashion.

The teachers were trained for the P4C module (Philosophy for Children module) to help them delve deep into the psyche of the child, and make him or her think by providing a stimulus for the same.

*"It was truly an enriching experience for us. We learnt so much. In fact, I think I was able to analyse that rather than telling children what to do, it is better to make them think what needs to be done. The experience can't be put into words."* Parul Jain - Faculty

### October 08 to 11, 2018: Re-awakening the Thinking Process in Parents:

Mind Tree School also organised a workshop for parents, wherein



the facilitators Padmanabh, Akshay and Atul Gopal explained to all the parents about their vision and how 'Thinking Through Philosophy' programme is going to be implemented in Mind Tree School over the years. This programme works to develop the Thinking Ability, Emotional Quotient (EQ) and Spiritual Quotient (SQ). During this session, the resource persons not only apprised the parents of their plans, but also tried to explain how thinking generates responsible individuals. Through various activities and stories, the parents were made to think how thinking can actually change lives!

### November 30, 2018: 'Tech-Talk' by Dr Stephan K Thieringer:



Mind Tree School organised a 'Tech-talk' for teachers, keeping in mind the growing demand of technology in education. Incorporation of technology in the field of education is relatively new, but it surely has a bright future and that's what our resource person Dr Stephan K. Thieringer explained to our faculty. Dr Thieringer, a US-based business thinker and a renowned personal innovation strategist is a successful serial entrepreneur and CEO of 'The Human Innovation Garage'. Dr Thieringer is the recipient of the prestigious 2012 World Education Award for 'Visionary Leadership in Impacting Economic Development' and '1992 Malcolm Balridge Award' with Ritz Carlton Hotels. Dr Thieringer, in his talk, enlightened our faculty how technology can bridge the gap between teaching impact and fun. He clarified how Automation and Artificial Intelligence will complement teaching, and it is in no way a replacement for teachers.

*"We consider ourselves really fortunate to have got this opportunity to interact with such an eminent person as Dr Thieringer."*

Anu Puri - Faculty