

## HIGHLIGHT



## विक्रम और बेताल

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

| Sr. No. | Competitions               | Dates                |
|---------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1.      | Typing Contest (Finals)    | IV - V January 18    |
| 2.      | Creative Writing (English) | VIII - X January 20  |
| 3.      | Hindi Recitation (Prelims) | IV - V February 01   |
| 4.      | Creative Writing (Hindi)   | VI - VII February 03 |
| 5.      | Hindi Recitation (Finals)  | IV - V February 13   |

| Sr. No. | Announcements          | Dates              |
|---------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1.      | Parent Teacher Meeting | IV - X February 17 |
| 2.      | Declaration of Result  | IV - VIII March 24 |

## ACHIEVEMENT



Winners of Overall Trophy - Sh. Sushil Kumar Memorial 17th Ambala District Roller Skating Championship (2017-18)

## Outstanding Performers in ASSET



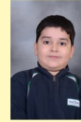
3 A - Garvit Sharma



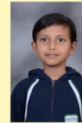
3 B - Shreyans Kumar



3 D - Akshadha Arora



3 D - Karan Vohra



3 E - Kavya Dugala



4 B - Aditya Gururaj Sankh



4 B - Soumil Thapar



4 B - Trisha Bansal



4 D - Gautam



5 A - Aniket Goel



5 A - Rakshit Gupta



5 A - Soneera Tewari



5 C - Tanvi Gupta



7 B - Shiva Garg



7 B - Yash Garg



9 C - Khushi Chhabra



10 A - Sparsh Verma

## Distinguished Performers in ASSET



3 A - Akah Chhabra



3 A - Arashi Arora



3 A - Mishika Bansal



3 A - Samridhi Oberoi



3 B - Lakshita



3 B - Siah Mahajan



3 B - Vidya Tripathi



3 C - Anvi Garg



3 C - Tanmay Mahajan



3 D - Ayaan Verma



3 D - Rishika Sani



3 D - Shiven Raghuvanshi



3 E - Aarav Ahuja



3 E - Mayank Budhraj



4 A - Anhad Kaur Anil



4 A - Anav Aggarwal



4 A - Harshwardhan Khilery



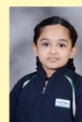
4 A - Kulnoor Kaur Dhindsa



4 A - Madhav Garg



4 B - Anvashi



4 B - Ananya Arora



4 B - Daksh Sharma



4 B - Jahnavi Nayyar



4 B - Madhav Muggli



4 B - Madhav Toyal



**September 26 & 27, 2017: Workshop on 'Ethical Hacking' by Mr Sahil Baghla - Grade IX & X:**



It is not very often that one gets a chance to meet someone of a great stature and learns something out of the box. The students of Grade IX and X got an opportunity to know about Ethical Hacking and Cyber Security. A two-day workshop was conducted by Mr Sahil Baghla, founder and CEO of IH1 Infotech, on behalf of IIT, Kharagpur. Although the workshop covered many aspects of hacking, such as VPN, Antivirus, IP address and ATM security; Google hacking was the showstopper. In the end, 3 lucky students Kriti Gupta (IX C), Akshit Jain (XA) and Divyam Jain (XB) were chosen via a quick quiz to represent the school in a 'Spring Fest Competition' that will be conducted at IIT, Kharagpur. In a nutshell, the journey proved helpful to every student present there.

*"It is ironic that the very thing i.e. the internet which we find so exciting and useful, can change into a monster if not used carefully. I am glad that we learnt how to handle it well in time. Thank you for the workshop."*  
Divyansh Malik - XB

*"The cyber security workshop is something which we all need as it reminds us that we need to be very careful because we all have become habitual of it and cannot do without it. So students, teachers and parents must learn its pit falls and uses."* Jagteshver S. Sahni - X

**September 28, 2017: Workshop on 'Child Psychology' by Dr Harish Sharma - Grade IX & X:**



Dr. Harish Sharma, a child psychologist, conducted a workshop to identify the talents, interests and aptitude of the children. He assisted students with concentration issues and diverted intelligence. The students were made aware of the varied perspectives and ways to enhance academic excellence. The phobia of exams was also a part of the discourse.

*"Dr Harish gave us tips on enhancing our academic performance and also gave directions on career choices as per the students' aptitude and skills."*

Anshul Modi - IX C

*"It was a well-timed workshop because it cleared many doubts and answered numerous queries students had, regarding psychological and career issues. We must attend these workshops whenever we get the chance."*

Annvi Mittal - X B

**October 04, 2017: Session on 'Literary Introspection' - Ms Chatura Rao:**



The world of literature is enchanting. It's an irrefutable fact that contributions of countless people over the years have led to its magnificence. Ms Chatura Rao, an award-winning author, storyteller and a freelance journalist, with her charming voice and expression, read excerpts from her book 'Growing up in Pandupur'. She also informed students about her recent books – 'A Blueprint for Love' and 'Gone Grandmother' – a picture book. She ended the session with pearls of wisdom. For hours, she held the audience ranging from Grade IV to X spellbound.

*"Ma'am's voice is so melodious, I could go on listening to her the whole day. In fact, even the story is wonderful."*

Aniket Goel - VA

*"I think story-telling is a wonderful profession, especially for someone like me who loves to imagine and talk. I will become a story-teller."*

Soneera Tewari - VA

**October 11, 2017: Workshop on Candle Making - Grade VIII:**



On the occasion of 'The Festival of Lights – DIWALI', Mind Tree School organised a creative, Jelly Wax Candle making workshop. The students of Grade VIII used variety of decorating materials like pebbles, pearls, beads, stars, glitters etc. and made candles of different shapes and sizes.

*"Attending a candle-making workshop showed us how to create attractive and elegant candles using gel wax. We learnt how to properly melt the wax, embed the wick, carve beautiful candles and incorporate perfumes, coloured sand, essential oils and colours into the candle designs."*

Sagar Nain - VIII A

**October 12, 2017: Special Assembly on Diwali Celebration:**



Diwali is a festival which dispels darkness and spreads light. It empowers us to commit ourselves to good deeds and brings us face-to-face with divinity. The invigorating lights illuminate every corner of India during Diwali; the scent of incense sticks hangs in the air, mingled with the sound of fire-crackers, joy, togetherness and hope. It is, indeed, a festival which uplifts the mind and soul.

The celebration of Diwali 'the festival of victory of goodness' came alive at Mind Tree School, Panjokhra on the 12th of October when the whole school wore a festive look. The dance 'Jai Jai Kaar' brought out the essence of the festival - celebration of life and happiness. Ojas Jain of Grade X A gave a talk informing about the significance of the festival. She stated that good always conquers evil. She informed the reasons for celebrating this festival all over India. Ojas Jain sensitized students about the ill-effects of crackers and gave tips on being safe while handling them. The students showcased the spirit of Diwali through a mesmerising dance performance. The assembly concluded with a play which once again stressed upon the importance of celebrating clean, peaceful and bright Diwali.

*"This Diwali Mind Tree students spread the message of love, peace and harmony all around them, thus, lighting up the heart and mind of everyone. Crackers give temporary pleasure, but this was a joy which spread a special light everywhere."*

Ms Vashuda Sharma - Faculty

**October 12, 2017: Diya Decoration Competition - Grade IV - V:**

With the excitement of the festive season in the air, the students of Grade IV & V participated in the Diya Decoration Competition. They displayed their creativity by decorating the earthen lamps beautifully. Children also learnt about the significance of lighting diyas on Diwali.

|    | 1st                                     | 2nd                                   | 3rd                                   |
|----|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| IV | Anmol - C<br>Tanmay Jain - D            | Daksh Sharma - B<br>Adhiraj Nanda - B | Ananya Arora - B<br>Manan Manocha - D |
| V  | Akshat Khubber - C<br>Keshav Mittal - C | Sania Arora - A<br>Mihika - D         | Raghav Tayal - B<br>Pranav - A        |



**Students of Art & Craft Department Making Stage Decoration**

Amidst great zest, enthusiasm and elation, Mind Tree celebrated the annual class function on October 14, 2017. The play displayed a gamut of human emotions. The cultural bonanza was a harmonious and aesthetic ensemble of drama, dance, music and art. This year, the theme of the day revolved around the famous Indian folklore 'Vikram aur Betaal', wherein the diligent efforts of the entire Mind Tree team bore fruitful results and the audience was left in awe of the splendid programme. With celebrations galore, the function brought out the creative best of the students. It paid a tribute to favourite Chanda Mama stories. Sculpting values and principles of the Indian heritage, the students were successfully able to transcend the audience to the rich legacy of the past.

**October 12, 2017: A Visit to IISER, Mohali - Grade IX - X:**

A team of Mind Tree teachers and students ventured into the campus of Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) to gain hands-on experience of exploring the practical experiments of Post-graduate and Doctorate level researches in the laboratories. This augmented the refined minds of the students and further added to the knowledge gained in their space-bound classrooms.

*"It was an enlightening and enriching experience to visit IISER as we saw for ourselves the scientific researches being carried out. Thank you Mind Tree for providing first-hand knowledge."*

*Adhiraj Singh - X B*

**October 14, 2017: Annual Function - Grade VII:**



*"Participating in the school play was the highlight of my life. I have never felt so important and happy. All eyes were on me. It was an awesome experience."*

*Rishabh Dwivedi - VII C*

*"I never knew that I would look so natural and original while enacting the role of Betaal. The cherry on the cake was the ride I got on the back of Vikram."*

*Maulik Gupta - VII C*

**October 23, 2017: Assembly on 'Increase in Pollution Level after Diwali' - Grade IV - V:**

Kulnoor Kaur Dhindsa from Grade IV A expressed her concern on the current topic 'Increase in Pollution Level after Diwali.' Everyone is aware that creating pollution is easy, but resolving the impact of it is difficult. The bursting of crackers and release of enormous quantities of particulate matter along with other noxious gases aggravate the pollution problem which affects humans, animals and birds adversely. He exhorted all to take a pledge to observe a cracker-free Diwali in future and invest in a safer and greener future.

**October 24, 2017: Assembly on 'Importance of Extra Curricular Activities' - Grade VI - VII:**

*"I make most of my friends through my extra-curricular activities."*

*-Kiernan Shipka*

Co-curricular activities supplement as well as complement the academic activities. They are an integral part of all educational institutions. Life Adlakha of Grade VI A is of the view that they prepare students practically for future. She further added that these activities cater to social, cultural and aesthetic development of the child.

**October 25, 2017: Assembly on 'Soft Skills' - Grade VIII - X:**

Gurmyiesha of Grade VIII A presented a talk on 'Soft Skills' which is a synonym for 'people skills'. Soft skills enable people to interact effectively and harmoniously with other people. These skills are highly sought after by employers and students themselves.

**October 28, 2017: Typing Competition - Grade VIII - X:**

The transformation in technology has almost converted typing from a person's interest to one of his chores. However, with the ever increasing competition in the field of I.T, the students need to keep pace with these mundane technical skills. Mind Tree students are well versed in this skill. The winners are as follows:

|      | 1st                   | 2nd              | 3rd                                 |
|------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| VIII | Jasleen Sabharwal - C | Shreya Sethi - C | Pranvi Jain - B                     |
| IX   | Akanksha Arora - C    | Ananya Goel - C  | Harshita Chandok - A                |
| X    | Sparsh Verma - A      | Dron Pandit - B  | Bhavika Jain - A<br>Manvi Arora - A |

#### October 28, 2017: Creative Writing Competition - Grade VI - VII:

The winners are:

|     | 1st                 | 2nd                         | 3rd                      |
|-----|---------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| VI  | Vrinda Gambhir - A  | Vinya - A                   | Suryansh Singh - B       |
| VII | Rishabh Dwivedi - C | Noor - A<br>Akshat Jain - C | Raj Fatehveer S Brar - A |

#### October 31, 2017: G K Quiz Competition - Grade IV - V:

The winners are:

|    | 1st  | 2nd   |
|----|--|---|
| IV | Madhav Garg - A, Dharya Aggarwal - B<br>Lakshit Dhiman - C, Gautam - D   | Kunsh Sobti - A, Trisha Bansal - B<br>Dhairya - C, Prachi Sharma - D          |
| V  | Anirudh Rao - A, Hriday Tuli - B<br>Keshav Mittal - C, Angad S Walia - D | Arnav Bhatnagar - A, Poorva Goyal - B<br>Saksham Jain - C, Laksh Sachdeva - D |

#### October 30, 2017: Assembly on 'Death Anniversary of Mrs Indira Gandhi' - Grade IV - V:

Mrs Indira Gandhi, the first and only female Prime Minister of India, known for her aggressive stance on a variety of issues, served as the Prime Minister of India from 1966 to 1977 and from 1980 until her assassination in 1984. Her political career was surrounded with controversies. The 'Blue Star' operation carried out in the Punjab by her, eventually, scripted her assassination on 31st October, 1984. This informative talk was delivered by Lavanya of Grade V C.

#### October 31, 2017: Assembly on 'Importance of Discipline in School' - Grade IV - V:

Suyash Sagar of Grade IV B gave a talk on how it is necessary for both students and teachers to be in discipline. In fact, no organisation can function properly if there is lack of discipline. He stated that it is imperative that everyone must make sure that they lead a disciplined life if they desire to be successful. He urged all students to follow the path of discipline at all times.

#### November 03, 2017: Special Assembly on Gurupurab and Haryana Day Celebration:

Akshat Gupta and Manan Bajaj from Grade VI B presented a talk on 'Haryana Day' which is celebrated with gusto across the state of Haryana on 1st November. Haryana is the land of plenty and is known for its rich heritage and epic historical accounts. One is often amazed at the sheer beauty of the state's folklore. Due to its paddy fields and the colourful festivals it celebrates, the state is also known as the 'The Home of Gods'. The day was celebrated with a lot of zeal and



enthusiasm and a folk dance performance was given by the students of Grade IV. A satirical play 'Badalti Soch' by Aghaaz Group highlighted the alarming situation of gender bias and discrimination prevalent in the society, though with changing times, people's mind-set has been changed to some extent.

Gearing up for the celebrations with gusto, Gurupurab was also enjoyed. Students dressed in their traditional attire recited the 'shabad' to perfection.

*"Theatre is something I love to do. I like it best when our group performs in front of the whole school. It makes me come alive."*

*Khushi Chhabra - IX C*

*"Singing the sacred shabad at Gurupurab made me feel very important. It really created a holy atmosphere."*

*Ikjet Kaur - VA*

#### November 06, 2017: Assembly on 'Importance of Reading Newspapers' - Grade IV - V:

*"The newspaper is a greater treasure to the people than uncounted millions of gold."*

*- Henry Ward Beecher*

Reading newspaper is one of the cheapest and the most effective means of acquiring information and knowledge. Newspapers can speak at all times and to all classes of people. They help people keep abreast of the current events all over the world. These were the views of Muskan Kochar of Grade IV C. She concluded her talk saying that newspapers are the backbone of democracy and are good for improving our language and vocabulary.

#### November 07, 2017: Assembly on 'Importance of Gadgets in Our Life' - Grade VI - VII:

*"What is so brilliant about the gadgets is their simplicity."*

*- Desmond Llewelyn*

Gadgets have simplified our lives and made them more comfortable and luxurious. The latest 'Android Apps' have come to bring a revolution in the world of gadgets. Nandini Aggarwal of Grade VI C shared her views on how today, gadgets have taken over the age-old methods of writing, recording and the like. She stressed upon the importance of gadgets for making lives easy.

#### November 08, 2017: Assembly on 'World Run Day' - Grade VIII - X:

Running feeds our bodies and minds and souls.

World Run Day, which always occurs in November, celebrates the sport of running and charitable giving. The mission of this day is to broaden and promote the health benefits of running and also to encourage runners to donate to various charitable organisations on this special day. Prachi Utreja of Grade VIII B familiarised us with the benefits of running and its aim to secure a healthy future for both old and young.

#### November 10, 2017: Assembly on 'World Science Day for Peace and Development' - Grade VIII - X:

*"Science is a beautiful gift to humanity; we should not distort it."*

*- A.P.J. Abdul Kalam*

We live in a society absolutely dependent on science and technology. Syna Bhatnagar of Grade IV B highlighted the significant role of science in day-to-day life. She said, the day aims to ensure that people are kept informed of latest developments in science and the need to engage the public in debates on latest scientific issues. Syna cautioned everyone to use science only for benefit of mankind.

**November 12 to 14, 2017: Workshop on 'Ikebana – Way of Flowers' - Grade VI - X:**



A workshop on Japanese art of flower arrangement was held on 12th, 13th and 14th November, 2017 by a reputed artist and classical dancer, Mr Lalit Mittal. To enliven this vanishing art form, students were guided to prepare driftwood pieces from branches and ferns found in the school. Students also used fresh flowers and twigs to make beautiful pieces of decoration. This art form is very popular all over the world. In fact, it is counted as one of the three classical Japanese arts of refinement.

*"Learning to create Ikebana floral artifacts was very interesting as we learnt how to prepare everything from scratch. At the end, we ourselves were amazed at our handiwork."* Hritik Babbar - VIII A

*"Ikebana - the language of flowers is a very sophisticated and refined art form. We are lucky to have got the chance to learn it."*

Aashi Saxena - VI A

**November 13, 2017: Workshop by Dr Sanjay Mandal - Grade VIII to X:**



*"To have an extraordinary quality of life, you need two skills: the science of achievement and the art of fulfilment."*

– Tony Robbins

Dr Sanjay Mandal from Department of Chemical Sciences, IISER, Mohali enlightened the students from Grade VIII to X on 'Priorities in Life', 'Innovations and Inventions' and 'Chemistry in Daily Life'. Through his presentations, he advocated that science and life go

hand-in-hand, and life-skills play a vital role in the accomplishment of any goal. He also said that simple phrases like 'Thank You', 'May I Help You?', 'I'm Sorry' are small coins which we must use liberally and generously in our daily life.

He maintained that the educational institutions must emphasise upon linking the curriculum to the industrial needs wherein the students can find a relationship between practical application of their knowledge and their profession, later in life.

*"Application of scientific concepts, we learn in the classroom, to every day life and situations, is what this workshop has taught us. It was very necessary and relevant."* Ethiesh Gupta - VIII C

*"It was mesmerising workshop which cleared all our doubts about chemistry. Mr Mandal taught us about chemicals and their reactivity with polymers."* Pranav Gupta - VIII C

*"For me, it was a chance to get inspired by the variety of thoughts about life and get to know the marvels of science, at the same time I imbibed positive and informative vibes in the hall."* Suhani - VIII B

*"Academics provide food for the mind, sports build bodies but it is life skills education which polishes and adds refinement."*

Ms Neeta Batra - Faculty

**November 14, 2017: Special Assembly on 'Children's Day Celebrations:**



The teachers and children remembered Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of free India. They celebrated the love that he had for all children with a host of fun-filled activities and delicious food.

It was a day wherein fun and frolic dominated, after the grind and rigour of academics in the morning. The students presented a light-hearted assembly dedicated to children. A play by Aghaaz - 'Sapney Buland Karo' and dance performances made the day all the more exciting for the kids.

*"Children's day celebrations are a great way to emphasise the place children have in the lives of all people. We learnt how important we all are."*  
Hargun Batra - VI A

*"The marvellous presentation given by the students showcases immense talent and skill students are endowed with. It stresses the fact that teachers and parents need to come up, and go beyond children's expectations."*  
Ms Setu Rehan - Staff

**November 15, 2017: English Recitation Competition - Grade IV - V:**

Mind Tree students are well versed with intricacies of recitation, i.e. proper intonation, rhythm and stress. Hence, competitions are held frequently to bring out the spirit to perform better each time. The winners are:

|    | 1st                | 2nd        | 3rd                                    |
|----|--------------------|------------|--|
| IV | Jahanvi Nayyar - B | Daksh - B  | Ananya Arora - B                       |
| V  | Keshav - C         | Ananya - D | Ruhaan Jain - D<br>Arnav Bhatnagar - A |

**November 15, 2017: Assembly on 'World Diabetes Day' - Grade VIII - X:**

Though everyone loves sweets, yet too much of the same can be harmful, in fact, even deadly. People fail to realise that diabetes, a condition with excess sugar in the blood, is the silent killer which kills part by part of our life. Aaditya Sharma of Grade VIII C informed how 'World Diabetes Day' seeks to create awareness about the way it affects people on a global scale.

**November 17, 2017: General Assembly on 'International Day for Tolerance':**

Tolerance is the respect and admiration for the culture and way of life of the people worldwide. Intolerance of any form like violence and marginalisation should be avoided to develop tolerance. Rajveer Singh Dhamija from Grade IV C, through his talk, said that tolerance is an act of humanity which we must nurture and practise.

**November 19, 2017: Workshop on 'Introduction to Debating' by Mr G. Rhydian Morgan - Grade VIII - X:**



An enlightening workshop on life skills was organised with a motive of guiding students upon the various aspects of motion analysis, argument preparation, building arguments etc. by Mr G. Rhydian Morgan. The students were introduced to numerous nuances of debate, like breathing exercises, tone and pace to help them deliver an effective speech.

*"Mr Morgan left all of us with the plethora of knowledge conveyed through an eloquent speaking style refined by years of experience."*

Anshika Goel - VIII A

*"It was indeed a riveting experience which covered every aspect of debating in a short and witty way. It enhanced our debating skills."*

Saumya Aggarwal - VIII A

**November 19, 2017: Street Play on 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padoo' - Grade VIII - X:**



An informative and humorous street play was performed by Mind Tree students. The play was produced and directed under the guidance of Ms Shivani Kharbanda. This performance was given wide media coverage and was appreciated by one and all present there. The response of the audience during the complete show was superb. Mr Aseem Goyal (MLA, Ambala City) encouraged the students by his esteemed presence.

**November 20, 2017: Talk on 'National Integration Day' - Grade IV - V:**

Samyra Gill of Grade V A shared her views on the significance of the unity that must prevail in a diverse country like India, if any progress and development has to take place.

**November 21, 2017: Talk on 'World Television Day' - Grade VI - VII:**

Television industry has evolved in the recent years and brought with it various facets of the boon and bane of television. Television enjoys a very popular place in today's world. It provides entertainment as well as knowledge to the masses. The only cost incurred is time and patience of the viewer. Neelanshi Sood of Grade VI D informed how a balanced use of this gadget created by J. L. Baird can provide infotainment nationally as well as globally.

**November 22, 2017: Life Skills Workshop Conducted by Ms Srividya Rajaram and Ms Ajita Singh - Grade VI - VIII:**



With the objective to enable adolescents to understand and accept physical, emotional and mental changes that occur during adolescence and to equip them with the skills that enable them to make informed choices for a responsible behaviour. Mind Tree School, in coordination with School of Life, recently organised a two-day 'Life Skill Training Programme'.

The workshop was conducted separately for the boys and the girls.

*"I have attended this kind of training workshop for the first time; it helped me to discuss my personal issues openly with the trainer."*

*Niyati Aggarwal - VI A*

*"Adolescence is perhaps our last chance to harness the public good to ensure our most vulnerable teenagers build better lives and eventually better societies."*

*Ms Anu Vadhera - Faculty*

**November 22, 2017: Satvik Veena Recital by Tantree Samrat Pt. Salil Bhatt – the Global Indian Musician:**

*"A nation's culture resides in the heart and soul of its people."*

*- Mahatma Gandhi*

SPIC MACAY organized a morning of blissful musical session with Tantree Samrat, Pt. Salil Bhatt and accompanist tabla master Shri Kaushik Kunwar. Designer of Satvik Veena and heir to a 500 year musical legacy, Salil Bhatt represents the dynamic face of new age Indian musician.



*"The heavenly strains of classical music truly mesmerised me. Long afterwards the tunes kept floating in my mind and made me feel ecstatic."*

*Reet Mahajan - VII C*

*"Indian classical music is diminishing at the cost of westernisation, however, this concert ignited a passion for classical music in me."*

*Palak - IX C*

**November 24, 2017: Joint Assembly on 'National Law Day or Samvidhan Divas - India':**

For any country to progress and develop, strict adherence to the national rules and regulations must be achieved by all citizens of the nation. Rayma of Grade IV D notified about the importance of spreading awareness about the constitution and the ideas of Dr B. R. Ambedkar.

**November 24 & 25, 2017: Star Gazing Night - Grade IV to X:**



The students of Mind Tree School were given a guided tour of the sky by Mr Sarang Sahastrabudhe and Mr Shubham Kulkarni from Jyotirvidya Parisanstha, Pune. Students spotted ISS (International Space Station), numerous star clusters, constellations, satellites and nebulas. Multifarious, known and unknown secrets and stories of the universe were investigated upon. This star gazing camp ignited the latent desire of students to become future astronomers.

*"It was a beautiful time with the stars. The magical night still brings a smile to my face and stars within my heart."*

*Hunar - VI B*

*"That night has left an indelible imprint on my mind. The joy of being with my buddies under the stars with a dash of learning imparted along with the scent of friendship has made me crave for such events all the more."*

*Swarit Kashyap - VIII A*

*"It had been a wonderful and altogether an unforgettable experience for the kids especially mine as she is a practical learner. Her date with stars had already been noted as one of her life's best experiences at school till now. I take this opportunity to thank you for organising "Star Gazing" event at senior wing. She was all praise for the teachers and the sub-staff who took good care of them overnight and made all the students feel so homely. Looking forward to see more such exciting and inspiring events for kids at school!"*

*Ms Gitanjali Vohra - Parent of Hunar*

**November 25, 2017: Social Science Quiz - Grade VIII - X:**

Social Science provides a wide spectrum of learning both about individual and society. This area of learning becomes vital for the holistic growth of any individual as 'no man is an island.' The winners are:

|      | 1st   | 2nd   | 3rd  |
|------|---|---|------|
| VIII | Varnika Sharma - A<br>Ishaan Sharma - B<br>Shreya Sethi - C | Armeet Kaur - C<br>Shourya Khubber - B<br>Yashdeep - A    | ---- |
| IX   | Jasmine Wadhawan - A<br>Aadi Jain - B<br>Utkarsh Vohra - C  | Tejaswini - A<br>Madhav Sharma - B<br>Armaan Aggarwal - C | ---- |
| X    | Parth Goyal - A<br>Vidit Sarin - B                          | Akshit Jain - A<br>Sujal Garg - B                         | ---- |

**November 27, 2017: Talk on 'Chandigarh Carnival' - Grade IV - V:**

A culturally vibrant city, Chandigarh witnesses a three-day festival every year to celebrate its exuberance and zest-filled vibes of multifaceted cultural heritage. Angel Aggarwal of Grade V B notified that the people of the city enjoy fun and frolic activities along with performances by renowned artisans and artists from varied fields. There is a wide range of food cuisines displayed on stalls along with amusement activities.

**November 28, 2017: Talk on 'Road Safety and Traffic Rules' - Grade VI - VII:**

It becomes every citizen's duty to adhere to traffic rules for safety of self and society. Noticing ever-growing technology and constant increase in the number of vehicles and accidents, Bhavya Talwar of Grade VII A focused on the importance of driving safe and following traffic rules to the dot.

**November 29, 2017: Talk on 'Fundamental Rights in India' - Grade VIII - X:**

Vaibhav of Grade IX B presented a talk on 'Fundamental Rights' which constitute the backbone of the nation. These rights are essential to safeguard the interests of an individual as well as other people. He stressed that one must be aware of one's rights but, at the same time, should also be conscious of one's duties towards the society and the country.

**December 01, 2017: Street Play on 'Beti Bachao, Beti Pado' - Grade VIII to X:**







The play 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padoo' was a great hit from the start. It was organized by the dramatic troupe of Mind Tree School students of Grades VIII, IX & X under the guidance of theatre in-charge Ms Shivani Kharbanda. The play changed the perspective of the audience as well as the participants. It was organized in the Pooja Saree Complex and was covered widely by the media. The audience appreciated the good work done by the school by creating awareness amongst the people about this sensitive issue. Mindtreeians believe that by accepting responsibility we take effective steps towards our goal and at the same time we also move closer to creating a better world that works for all.

**December 01, 2017: Workshop by Mr. Ranjit Lal:**



The students of Mind Tree School had a great opportunity to interact with Mr Ranjit Lal, an author, environmentalist and ornithologist. He is the winner of the Crossword Children's Book Award and has been honoured by IBBY for his contribution to children's literature. He not only shared incredible facts, stories and movies for e.g. 'Fly Away Home' about fascinating birds, but also discussed the different aspects of writing a flawless story. Mr Ranjit Lal said "All of us are aware of the importance and benefits of expressing our emotions related to nature in a positive manner." He advised the students to keep this in mind, while penning their thoughts. He made the workshop more interesting with interactive activity 'Lost in the Jungle'.

*"I never knew that the birds we see around us are so interesting, in fact, each one is different from the other and we can write stories about them."*  
Anirudh Rao - VA

*"Mr Ranjit Lal gave us many tips on bird-watching and observing nature at different times of the day."*  
Arnav Arora - VA

**December 01, 2017: Session by Mr. Ranjit Lal:**

Mr Ranjit Lal conducted a session in Mind Tree School, Panjokhra. During the session, he shared some valuable information regarding migratory birds, beautiful experiences with nature and about his knowledge of environment with the entire school.



**Session Time**

**December 02, 2017: Creative Writing Workshop by Mr. Ranjit Lal:**



On the second day of his visit to Mind Tree School (Panjokhra), award-winning author and ornithologist, Mr. Ranjit Lal conducted a two-hour creative writing workshop for the second group i.e. VI to VIII graders. Having explained the finer nuances of story writing, Mr. Lal asked the students to weave a story around 'Lost in the Jungle' using their own imagination and going into detailed description. Children were very enthusiastic during the activity. They penned down their own stories and read out to the entire group. Mr. Lal not only listened to their details with rapt attention, but also provided his valuable feedback to improvise upon their work. Mr Lal commented:

*"I thoroughly enjoyed the two-hour workshop which, initially, I thought would be too long for the children to sit quietly through. But they did – spending about an hour writing about forests, wildlife and nature. Even better, they were not shy of reading what they had written in front of the whole class. This came through also in the number of questions they bombarded me with. Some of the questions were very perceptive and indicated active mind as well as a healthy curiosity."*

*Mr Ranjit Lal - Author and Ornithologist*

*"Mr Lal is amazingly creative and talented. I feel very charged by his guidelines and tips about writing. In fact, he praised me for the story I had written. I feel on top of the world."*  
Noor Arora - VIIA

**Guidelines to Bird-Watching in Mind Tree School**



Being observant takes practice. It takes mental effort, thought and mindfulness of our environment and surroundings. Children are so engrossed with their studies, or mobiles and laptops that they hardly find time to observe nature and the surroundings. To sensitize the coming generation of the beauties that nature abounds in, Mind Tree School, Panjokhra organised a special workshop on bird-watching by a renowned bird watcher and prolific writer, Mr. Ranjit Lal.



*"It looks like I have been wasting my time watching T.V. and at the laptop because there are more interesting and fruitful ways of spending time in activities like bird watching and amidst nature." Thank you Ranjit Lal Sir for opening my eyes." Anshika Goel - VIII A*

**December 03, 2017: Bird-Watching at Sukhna Lake - Chandigarh:**



A Memorable trip to Sukhna Lake with award-winning Author and Ornithologist, Mr Ranjit Lal

December 3, 2017 was an amazing day when Mind Tree students got a long-coveted and lifelong opportunity to visit Sukhna Lake for bird-watching. Describing the peculiar features of the migratory birds around the lake and the ones that perched on the trees, Mr Lal identified for the students; coots, wagtails, sun-birds, common pochas etc. Naughty coots playing amongst themselves and common pochas diving into the water was a sight to behold. Mr Lal, very patiently, answered the questions he was barraged with.

*"The workshop made us realise that we are spoiling our beautiful nature. It tells us how birds live and from where we got the inspiration to make aeroplanes. The workshop was MIND-BOGGLING!"*

*Samyraa Gill - V A*

*"Sir Ranjit Lal taught us a new way of looking at the world. He gave the important message of saving nature and its resources in a fun-filled and enthusiastic manner."*

*Soneera Tewari - V A*

**December 04, 2017: Indian Navy Day - Grade IV - V:**

So as to secure the marine borders and develop better international relations, navy of any country plays an important and pivotal role. Indian Navy Day is celebrated every year so that people become aware of the achievements of naval force of India. Saksham Gupta of Grade V C informed that Chhatarpati Shivaji Bhosle of the 17th century is considered as 'Father of the Indian Navy'.

**December 05, 2017: World Pollution Prevention Day - Grade VI - VII:**

Pollution of any kind or at any place, poses a threat to mankind and other forms of life existing on earth. Parrish Budhiraja of class VII B spread awareness on the subject and gave an informative talk on making everyone aware about the contributions and responsibilities of man towards taking care of the environment. The observance of World Pollution Prevention Day is an attempt to create awareness about rising level of pollution. Pollution has adverse effects on almost everything, be it our food, our surroundings or our health.

**December 05, 2017: Declamation Contest (English) - Grade VIII - X:**

The winners are:

|      | 1st              | 2nd                            | 3rd                                   |
|------|------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| VIII | Aahna Jain - B   | Swatti - B<br>Shaurya Jain - C | Shreya Sethi - C<br>Sarthak Kalra - A |
| IX   | Aditya Singh - C | Devanshi Bharara - B           | Riya Sharma - A                       |
| X    | —                | —                              | Ojas Jain - B                         |

**December 06, 2017: Pinjore Heritage Festival - Grade VIII - X:**

Akanksha Arora of Grade IX C stated that the vibrant *heritage festival of Pinjore* is a yearly fair that offers one a chance to get a sneak-peak into the rich heritage and gardens of Pinjore. At the same time it promotes the city as a potential tourist destination. Folk dance competitions, kids fashion show, rangoli competitions and heritage walk are some of the attractions of the day.

**December 08, 2017: Joint Assembly on Indian Armed Forces Flag Day:**

Akshita Dua of Grade V B informed that the Armed Forces Flag Day or the Flag Day of India is a day dedicated to Indian Armed Forces. Funds are collected from the public of India for the welfare of the Indian Armed Forces personnel. The armed forces look after the country and secure the borders of the nation. Hence, it becomes our bounden duty to take care of the families of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the country. Over the years, it has become a tradition to commemorate this day in honour of the soldiers, sailors and airmen of India.

**December 11, 2017: Human Rights Day - Grade IV - V:**

Anmol Singh of Grade V D stated that Human Rights Day is celebrated annually across the world on 10th December every year. The United Nations General Assembly declared this to make us aware that there should be a common standard of achievement for all people and all nations. Individuals and societies should strive to provide opportunities for the people to secure universal and effective recognition. This day ensures that values of equality, justice and human dignity be available for all.

**December 12, 2017: International Mountain Day - Grade VI - VII:**

Reet Mahajan of Grade VII C informed about this day which was started by United Nations General Assembly in December 2003 to create awareness about all the things we rely on mountains for. Mountains are the crown and glory of a country, hence, we must realise their importance and utility. To pay a tribute to mountains and their hardy inhabitants, this day is celebrated in a cavalcade of fun and educational ways.

## SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

### October 15 to 18, 2017: Haryana State Khel Mahakumbh Lawn Tennis:

The championship was organized at Yamuna Nagar from 15th October to 18th October 2017. Our Mind Tree Lawn Tennis team of Rishabh Dwivedi of Grade VII C and Sajal Gupta of Grade VIII C bagged 3rd position in Haryana.

We are proud of the laurel winners and their accomplishments and are confident that they will continue to succeed in future ventures.



### October 15 to 18, 2017: School Skating Championship of State - Kurukshetra:

*"It's always darkest before the dawn. The bigger your challenge, the closer you are to your victory."— Joel Osteen*

Setting another landmark in the field of skating, champions of Mind Tree School brought fame by clinching 3 Gold medals. The winners are: Varnika Sharma (300 mts), Yashika Nagpal (Road Race) and Sameeha Garg (500 mts). 4 Silver medals were also bagged by Varnika Sharma (1000 mts), Manan Garg (300 mts & 1000 mts) and Yashika Nagpal (1000 mts). Sameeha Garg (300 mts) won a Bronze medal in the School Skating Championship.

### Varnika Sharma has been declared Group Champion in Haryana for Under 14 Years Girls Quad Skates.

Icing on the cake is selection of the skaters for the Nationals. Congratulations!

### October 30 to November 01, 2017: Haryana School State Gymnastic Championship held in Gurugram:

*"Winning is not everything but wanting to win is everything."*

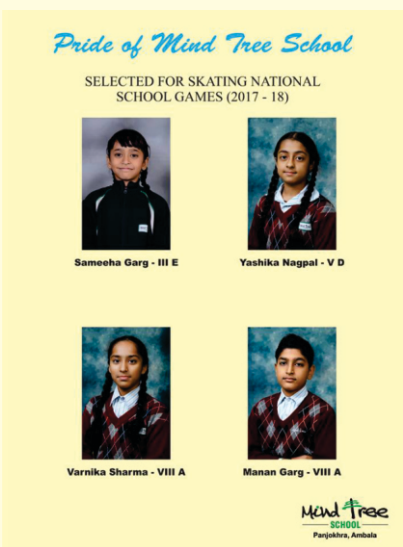
Life Adlakha of Grade VI A was declared 'All Round Best Gymnast' under 14 (girls) during the Haryana School Gymnastics Championship of State. She won two Gold, one Silver and one Bronze medals.

May today's success be the beginning of tomorrow's achievements. Congratulations Life Adlakha!!!!

### Life Adlakha has been selected for 'National School Games' to be held at Kolkata from 14th November to 18th November, 2017.

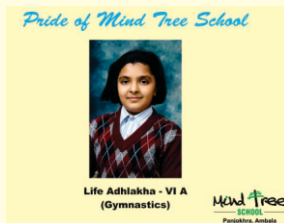
### November 08 to 12, 2017: CBSE National Gymnastics Championship:

Life Adlakha of Grade VI A Won Gold Medal in Club Rhythmic Gymnastics. The CBSE National Gymnastics Championship (2017-



18) was held at Hari Om Shiv Om Public School, Yamuna Nagar.

Well Done!! You've made everyone immensely proud. You truly stand out with your sincerity and hard work.

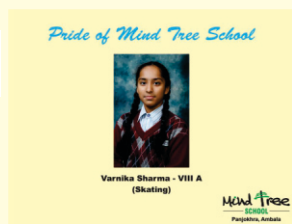


### November 05 to 08, 2017: CBSE National Skating Championship:

*"It always seems impossible until it is done." - Nelson Mandela*

Varnika Sharma of Grade VIII A once again bagged two Gold Medals (300 mtrs & 500 mtrs) in the CBSE National Skating Championship held at Bhopal.

Varnika Sharma, we are elated at your victory and we wish you hearty CONGRATULATIONS! May life always bless you with great success and happiness! Well Done!



### November 14, 2017: Inter School Open Chess Championship:

Inter School Open Chess Championship was held at Central Phoenix Club, Ambala Cantt. Congratulations to all the medal winners of this year's championship! Your strategies and hard work has paid off well for you. Enjoy your new-found-fame and the prizes. CHEERS!!



### November 14, 2017: School Sports Ranking Roller Skating Championship:

*'Champions keep playing until they get it right.'*

— Jean King

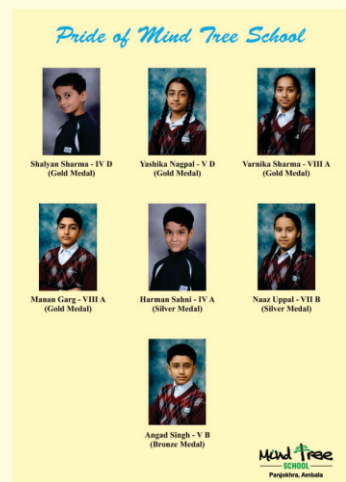
Setting a milestone in the field of skating, champions of Mind Tree School brought victory to the school by clinching 4 Gold Medals. The winners are: Shalyan Sharma, Yashika Nagpal, Varnika Sharma and Manan Garg. Harman Sahni and Naaz Uppal got silver medals and Angad Singh won a Bronze Medal in the recently held School Skating Championship on 14th November, 2017.

Congratulations!

### December 02, 2017: District Roller Skating Championship (2017-18):

It is said that hard work always pays off in life and you have proven that it is absolutely true.

Mind Tree School won an overall Roller Skating Championship Trophy during 17th Sh. Sushil Kumar Memorial Championship (2017-18) organized by District Roller Skating Association, Ambala.



Yashika Nagpal, Varnika Sharma, Manan Garg, Naaz Uppal and Hanshika Kapoor have been selected for State Level Championship. Congratulations on your fabulous victory! We know you all are winners. Your achievement is truly commendable.

## EDUCATORS' CORNER

**September 29 to October 05, 2017: Workshop at Aavishkar in Kangra (Himachal Pradesh):**



Science and Maths teachers attended a seven-day Science and Maths workshop at Aavishkar in Kangra. The team of Mind Tree teachers was guided about latest method of teaching, where the focus was on students rather than on the teacher. It was an attempt to initiate a culture of scientific and mathematical enquiry and the aim was to ensure that the students have an enjoyable experience in the process of learning.

With the vision of building better communication between the teachers and the students, they facilitated teachers with social-connecting tools which would assist in solving the problems of the students. The prime goal of the workshop emphasised on active learning instead of activity-based learning. The main idea was to apply the concepts to real-life situations.

*"The time spent at Aavishkar has been fruitful as now we are able to teach students better because we have learnt to see their point of view. It is good to see the students' happiness."*

*Ms Neetu Nanda - Faculty*

**October 02 to 07, 2017: Expedition to Delhi:**



A team of Mind Tree teachers attended six-day workshop at Delhi. During the workshop, they explored the local history of Delhi. The idea was to facilitate teachers with tools to help children develop a systemic understanding of their local context. This results in building better individuals who are ready to take responsibilities of actions for their society and, further, help in the betterment of their community. There were some overwhelming story-telling and Dastangoi sessions which were creative ways of keeping the team involved.

*"It was learning experience at its best. We appeared to see the monuments of oft-visited Delhi as if for the first time, in a new light. I am sure we will be able to create the same magic for our students also. The workshop and expedition was a great experience."*

*Ms Anuradha Saini - Faculty*

**October 31, 2017: Workshop on 'Power of Objects' - National Museum, New Delhi:**

Museum Learning Master class was conducted by Flow India at National Museum, New Delhi. Social Science educators Ms Anu Puri and Ms Setu Rehan attended this



workshop based on the 'Power of Objects'. This workshop was very informative as it guided the teachers about object-based learning. Objects are universal; tell stories; foster imagination; discover feelings and enhance observation. Our teachers learnt this through numerous activities conducted at the National Museum.

*"Now, we have to unravel the stories that objects and buildings tell, by teaching students the method of listening to these seemingly lifeless objects. I am sure the students will enjoy immensely."*

*Ms Anu Puri - Faculty*

**December 06 & 07, 2017: Maths Workshop by Senior Mathematics Faculty, Bulls Eye - Mr Sanjay Joshi:**



Mr. Sanjay Joshi, acquainted students of Grade 7 and 8 with the connections between fractions, decimals and percentages. He encouraged students to understand the concepts deeply in order to apply them to real-life applications. He has more than 10 years of experience in preparing students for competitive exams and his zealous approach was contagious as the students could be heard shouting the answers to the questions he was putting.

*"Invasion of new methodologies open our blocked minds. It was an amazing workshop which taught us simple tricks to solve difficult mathematical problems. Mr Sanjay is a perfect demonstrator."*

*Seerat Kaur - VII B*