

THE ACADEMY LENS, PATRIKA

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Message from the Principal



"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."
Yeats

– William Butler

This thought beautifully captures the spirit of our school. True education is not merely about imparting knowledge, but about igniting curiosity, nurturing values, and inspiring determination. The achievements of our students, whether in academics, co-curricular activities, or their personal growth, reflect this flame of learning that continues to shine brighter with every effort.

It gives me immense joy to present the second edition of our school's Patrika. The school is truly blessed with dedicated teachers and sisters, whose tireless efforts have nurtured our students to excel in academics and beyond. The first batch of Class X brought laurels to the institution by performing exceptionally well in the CBSE Board Examination. Their perseverance through challenges reflects the spirit of determination and hard work that defines our school.

Alongside academics, equal emphasis has been placed on co-curricular activities, sports, and cultural programmes, which have been warmly appreciated by parents and well-wishers. Participation in competitive examinations such as Silverzone, SOF, and ITO continues to raise the standard of quality education imparted here. We also strive to bring attitudinal changes by offering holistic education—helping students inculcate God's consciousness, care for creation, and awareness to promote sustainability.

The academic year was enriched with various academic, cultural, and co-curricular activities, culminating in Periodic Test I and the celebration of St. Julie's Day on the 30th. You will find the detailed account of these events in this edition of Patrika.

I extend heartfelt gratitude to NTPC for their continued support. Special thanks to HOP Sir Shree Arnab Maitra, Shri Amit Kumar Asthana (HOHR), the Coordinating Manager of the school, LMC members, parent representatives, Shri Manish Singh (Sr. Manager), parents, teachers, sisters in community, and all well-wishers. We have indeed been blessed in every way. Through the collective efforts of all, we are able to progress and bring glory to God through our dedicated service.

Hearty congratulations to the editorial team for their hard work and commitment in bringing out this magazine. May God's blessings be upon all!

Sr. Manju Joseph

Principal, Notre Dame academy, NTPC, Salakati

STUDENTS COUNCIL MEMBERS 2026-27

Student council motto- Building a Holistic Environment, Inspiring Inclusive Minds, Achieving Excellence together



Principal



HEAD BOY
Mandip Roy



HEAD GIRL
Rakshita Shrestha



SECRETARY
Chandini Basumatary



BAND MASTER
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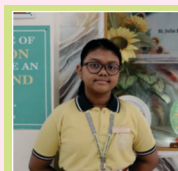
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Prem Basfor



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Surojyoti Daimary



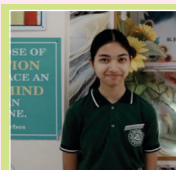
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Debanjali Das



CAPTAIN
Thomas Basumatary



VICE CAPTAIN
Jwngma Narzary



VICE CAPTAIN
Dimpal Barman



VICE CAPTAIN
Barhungkha Basumatary



VICE CAPTAIN
Torali Barman



Teaching staff



New School Uniform

APRIL 6: Orientation Programme

- Orientation conducted for new students (LKG–Class I).
- Included welcome address, prayer, lamp lighting, and the traditional rice-writing activity to mark the beginning of learning.



APRIL 30: Support Staff Felicitation

Support staff were honoured ahead of Labour Day in appreciation of their dedicated service.



April 8: Fire Safety Week

- Fire Safety Week observed on the theme “Safe School, Safe Hospital and Safety-Aware Society – Together for Fire Prevention.”
- Fire safety training and competitions (essay, poster, and drawing) were organised.



MAY 8: Mother's Day Celebration

- Students presented songs, dances, and handmade cards.
- Salad Making Competition organised for mothers.



APRIL 13: Bohag Bihu Celebration

- Students and teachers celebrated in traditional Assamese and Bodo attire.
- Special assembly showcased the cultural significance of Bihu.



MAY 11: National Technology Day

Class VIII displayed innovative hands-free dustbins during the assembly.



APRIL 18: Cricket Match

- Friendly cricket matches were held.
- Class VI defeated Class V, and the Blue & Green Houses won the senior house match.



MAY 16: Grandparents' Day

- Celebrated with multilingual poems, dances, and cultural performances.
- Students honoured grandparents with Gamusa and Aronai.



APRIL 22: Earth Day

- Special assembly by Class IX.
- Fancy Dress (Classes I–IV) and Poem Recitation (Classes V–X) competitions were held.

APRIL 25: Investiture Ceremony, Class X Felicitation & Yellow Day

- Newly elected Student Council took the oath.
- Outgoing Class X students were felicitated.
- Yellow Day celebrated for LKG–Class I.



MAY 23: Environment Awareness Competitions

NTPC organised Drawing, Poetry, and Elocution competitions on the theme “Green Energy for a Better Future.”





JUNE 5: World Environment Day

Observed with a special assembly, Nukkad Natak, Green Rally, and plantation drive.






JUNE 6: Visit by Dr Arup Kumar Mishra

Dr. Arup Kumar Mishra, Chairman of the Pollution Control Board, Assam, interacted with students on sustainable living.





JUNE 20: International Yoga Day & Father's Day

- Yoga session conducted by an invited instructor.
- Students presented flowers and handmade cards to their fathers.












JUNE 20: Book Fair

Book Fair promoted reading habits among students.



JUNE 30: St. Julie's Birthday & Sisters' Day

Celebrated with prayer, cultural programmes, and tributes honouring the life and values of St. Julie Billiard.





Class X Board Examination Achievers (2025–26)








 Bhawana Bhujel
84%


 Neeta Brahma
81%


 Swarup Debnath
81%

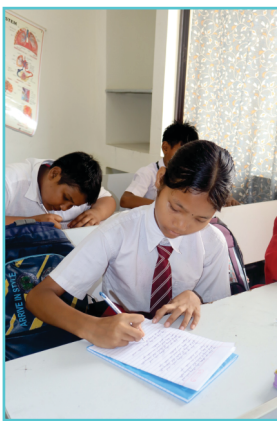

 Pallabi Mallik
80%


 Prashanta Basumatary
62%

COMPETITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

April 20: Calligraphy Competition

Competition conducted for students from LKG to Class X.



April 22: Fancy Dress

Fancy Dress
(Classes I–IV)



April 22: Poem Recitation

Poem Recitation (Classes V–X) competitions were held.



May 30: Hindi Elocution

Hindi Elocution for Classes IV–VIII & Hindi Speech for class IX."



May 29: Hindi Storytelling Competition

Conducted for
LKG–Class III.



June 26: Declamation Competition



Declamation Competition encouraged public speaking.

Book Review by Rakshita Shreshta (VIII)

"All of Me": The Journey of Finding Light Within Oneself

Ari Rosensweig, a seventh grader who recently joined Mill Valley Middle School, is an only child who lives with his parents after moving from New York. A professor of English at the San Diego City College and author of the poetry series Under the Broom Tree, Chris Baron is known for his effortless flowing free-verse work.

Ari, a fictional character in "All of Me" living in modern-day San Francisco, is a young middle-schooler who suffers relentless bullying from his mates all because of his weight. People call him names, tease him for his habits and he stays silent since his parents are mostly travelling. Later, he meets new friends such as Pick, Jorge and Lisa, who see him for his personality rather than just his looks. Those friends point out his flaws and show him that staying silent and dwelling on his own problems will not fix them. It is like the saying, "A sleeping lion never catches the deer." And slowly, with their help, Ari accepts the fact that no one's words or attitudes are in his control, and instead, he focuses on being happier, healthier and being himself.

"All of Me," a novel-in-verse, is a beautifully woven masterpiece, explaining the importance of accepting one's imperfections and understanding that one cannot control everything happening in life. By writing in a poetic form instead of long paragraphs, Baron strips away the dull and tedious text making way for readers to hunt for the complex yet ethereal hidden meaning in short, punchy lines. His way of keeping the novel in first person as well keeps it engaging and relatable.

In conclusion, "All of Me" is a must-read for any person of any age group who has felt like an outcast all because they are different. Baron has explained adroitly that our differences are what make us special and we should be proud of them.

Creative Corners

MY DREAM OF INDIA

"At the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom." — Jawaharlal Nehru

India's independence was not merely the end of colonial rule; it marked the beginning of a greater responsibility—to build a nation that upholds justice, equality, and opportunity for all. The vision shared by our founding leaders continues to inspire generations.

I dream of an India where every child receives quality education, where no one goes to bed hungry, and where every citizen is treated with dignity and respect. True freedom is not only political—it also means social equality, economic opportunity, and equal rights for every individual.

I dream of an India where young minds lead with innovation and creativity, villages prosper alongside cities, and development is inclusive, sustainable, and beneficial to every section of society.

A nation's true strength lies not only in its economic progress but also in its values. Honesty, kindness, compassion, unity, and respect for diversity must remain the foundation of our country's growth. These values shape responsible citizens and create a stronger nation.

"The future of India lies in the hands of its youth, guided by knowledge, integrity, and service."

The dream of a developed and united India does not belong to leaders alone. It belongs to each one of us. Every small act of responsibility, every effort towards excellence, and every contribution to society brings us one step closer to realizing this dream.

As students and future citizens, let us work together to build an India that is peaceful, prosperous, inclusive, and admired by the world.

"My Dream of India is an India where every citizen has the opportunity to learn, grow, serve, and shine." — Together, let us make this dream a reality.

— Darshana Sonowal (V)

YOUTH OF THE NATION

"The youth are not just the future of a nation— they are its greatest strength today."

A nation is built not only with bricks and stones but with the dreams, dedication, and determination of its people. Among them, the youth play the most important role. They are the builders of tomorrow, carrying the responsibility of shaping a stronger, brighter, and more prosperous India.

As Swami Vivekananda wisely said, "Arise, awake, and stop not till the goal is reached." His inspiring words remind us that hard work, discipline, and perseverance are the keys to success. Every student has the power to contribute to the nation by studying sincerely, developing good values, and becoming responsible citizens.

Nation-building begins with small yet meaningful actions. Keeping our surroundings clean, respecting others, protecting the environment, using technology wisely, and spreading kindness are simple habits that create a positive impact. Instead of wasting time or spreading misinformation, young people should use the internet to learn new skills, gain knowledge, and inspire others.

Sports also play a vital role in nation-building. When athletes like P. V. Sindhu and Neeraj Chopra bring glory to India, they inspire millions of young minds to dream big, work hard, and believe in themselves. Their achievements teach us that dedication and perseverance always lead to success.

Today's students are tomorrow's teachers, doctors, scientists, engineers, soldiers, artists, and leaders. By choosing honesty, discipline, compassion, and excellence in everything we do, we can contribute to the progress of our nation.

"The future of India rests in the hands of its youth. Let us dream big, act wisely, and build a nation that every citizen can be proud of."

— Shangavi Ranjan (VII)

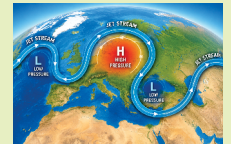
The Omega Block:

Why Europe is Baking Under Stuck Weather

Climate change isn't just making the world warmer; it's making the weather get stuck. In recent years, Europe has suffered from historic heatwaves and droughts caused by a meteorological traffic jam known as an Omega Block.

What is an Omega Block?

The jet stream—a high-altitude ribbon of fast-moving air—normally moves weather systems steadily from west to east. However, it sometimes warps into a giant, wavy shape resembling the Greek letter Omega (Ω)



When this happens, a massive high-pressure system (a heat dome) becomes trapped between two low-pressure systems. The low-pressure systems act like anchors, pinning the hot, dry air mass over Europe for weeks at a time.

The Climate Change Connection: Scientists point to a phenomenon called Arctic Amplification. The Arctic is warming roughly four times faster than the rest of the planet. Because the jet stream is powered by the temperature difference between the cold poles and the warm equator, a warming Arctic weakens this engine.

A weaker jet stream becomes sluggish, wavy, and prone to buckling into persistent blocking patterns.

More intense heat: When an Omega Block forms now, it bakes a landscape that is already drier and warmer due to baseline global warming, amplifying the heat wave to record-breaking levels.

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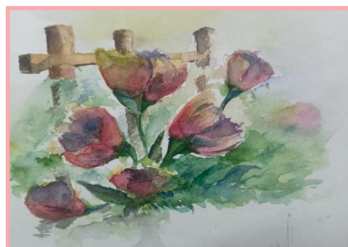
बेसेबा बोसोरनि थै थां नांथाबनाय आरो थोजासे जोहोलाव जोहोलावजोफोरनि जिउ बावसोमनायनि उनाव, गाहाइ मन्थि पि. भि. नरसिंह रावनि देदनायाव भारत सरकार मिरु रेखाथि मन्थि शरत पावार बिथानि हेफाजाबाव गोबाखेब सावरायनायनि उनाव दुलाराय बर फरायसा आफाद (एबसु), बर गण संग्राम समिति (बि.पि.ए.सि.) आरो आसामनि गिबि मन्थि हितेश्वर शङ्कीय बिथानि गेजेर जानाय सावरायनाय बादिये 1993 मायथाइनि 20 फेब्रुवारी अक्ट'आव बड'लेण्ड अट'नमास काउन्सिल (बि.ए.सि.) दानाय जायो।

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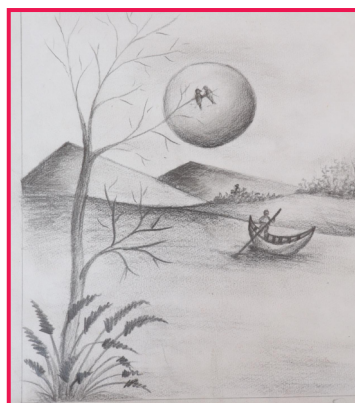
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Jugami Basumatary (VIII)



Mandip Roy (IX)



Mandip Roy (IX)



Aditi Ranjan (IV)

Curious Facts and Trivia Challenge

1. The fingerprints of a koala are so similar to those of humans that they can even confuse forensic experts.
2. A day on Venus is longer than its year. Venus takes about 243 Earth days to rotate once but only about 225 Earth days to orbit the Sun.
3. Neutron stars are so dense that a single teaspoon of their material would weigh around one billion tonnes on Earth.
4. Sharks existed before trees. Sharks have inhabited Earth for over 400 million years, while the first trees appeared about 350 million years ago.
5. Octopuses have three hearts, and two of them stop beating when they swim.
6. The shortest war in recorded history lasted only 38–45 minutes. It was fought between Britain and Zanzibar in 1896.
7. A cloud can weigh more than 500 tonnes despite appearing light and weightless.
8. Wombats produce cube-shaped droppings, helping them mark territory without the droppings rolling away.
9. Honey never spoils—sealed jars of honey found in ancient tombs are still edible after thousands of years.
10. A bolt of lightning is about five times hotter than the surface of the Sun.

Trivia Challenge

1. Which country is the only one located in all four hemispheres?
2. What is the only continent without an active volcano?
3. Which animal has the highest blood pressure of any living creature?
4. Which planet has the shortest day in the Solar System?
5. Which is the only letter of the English alphabet that does not appear in the name of any chemical element?
6. Which famous monument was originally intended to stand for only 20 years?
7. Which animal can survive being frozen solid and come back to life after thawing?
8. Which sea has no coastline and is surrounded entirely by ocean currents?
9. Which is the largest desert in the world?
10. What is the smallest country in the world?

— Compiled by Omi Sharma and Apratim Yadav (X)



Oh, how good is the good God!

Looking Ahead (August to October, 2026)

- Debate Competition (V to X)
- Fancy dress (LKG 1 to UKG)
- Maths Quiz (VI to X)
- Football match
- Blue Colour Day
- Teachers' Day
- Best out of waste
- Solo Song and Games Day
- Red Colour Day
- Dance Competition



More than an auditorium—it's where talents blossom, ideas come alive, and unforgettable memories are created.

GAMES ROOM

- Answers:**
1. Kiribati
 2. Australia
 3. Giraffe
 4. Jupiter
 5. J
 6. Eiffel Tower
 7. Wood Frog
 8. Sargasso Sea
 9. Antarctic Desert (Antarctica)
 10. Vatican City