



# John's Eagle



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## From the Principal's Desk



Dear students, parents & teachers

With great enthusiasm and zeal the whole nation celebrated the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'. It was apt that we too celebrated the independence of our mother nation in multifaceted ways keeping in mind the true spirit of the event. Dedicating the latest issue of the school's newsletter to 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' makes our chest swollen with pride as we pledge to be committed to our nation following the example of the many known and unknown, well acclaimed and unsung heroes and bravehearts of our independence struggle and nation building.

Even though 75 years have passed after obtaining our independence, we, as a nation lag behind in many areas because we have failed to work as true citizens of the largest democracy in the world. Yes, there have been individual achievers from our country. But we need to grow as a whole. Here comes the importance of thinking on a national perspective. When we look only for our personal gains we are pushing ourselves to further bondage; bondages of corruption, hatred, disharmony, violence and many other social evils.

Therefore I exhort all of you to have a different thinking and attitude at the platinum jubilee of our independence, an attitude where our nation comes first before everything else, and by the time we celebrate the centenary jubilee of our independence may our nation be found the prime example of prosperity and happiness, peace and harmony, love and compassion where no narrow walls of human selfishness will divide us.

May almighty God bless our nation and all of you individually.  
Jai Hind!

Fr. Shaji Joseph  
Principal

## Congratulations to our Toppers...

**St. John's School, Firozabad**  
Proudly Salutes the Brilliant  
Result (2021-22)  
Class XII Science

94.8 %	94.2 %	93.8 %	93.8 %	93 %
92.8 %	92.8 %	92.8 %	92.8 %	92 %

**Congratulations !!**

**St. John's School, Firozabad**  
Proudly Salutes the Brilliant  
Result (2021-22)  
Class X

92.8 %	92.8 %	92.8 %	92 %	92.2 %	92.2 %	92.2 %	92.2 %
92 %	92.8 %	92.8 %	92.8 %	92.8 %	92.2 %	92.2 %	92.2 %

**Congratulations!**

**St. John's School, Firozabad**  
Proudly Salutes the Brilliant  
Result (2021-22)  
Class XII Commerce

92.4%	92%	92%	92%	92.8 %	92.8 %	92.8 %	92.8 %
92.2 %	92 %	92 %	92.8 %	92.8 %			

**Congratulations!**



### Editorial Desk

*"Freedom in our minds, freedom in our words, pride in our souls, Proud of our deeds"*

We salute our Nation.....

'Azadi' the word became a slogan and was raised to attain freedom from colonial rule. After 75 years the word is echoing in every corner of Indian soil louder than ever with the strong support of 130 crores of Indians to celebrate the Independence day -Azadi ka Amrit Mahostav. As we commemorate the Aazadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav let's not forget the sacrifices made by our national heroes and the efforts put forth to by our leaders for a free and progressive India. It is my strong conviction that the youth of today will bring back the glorious past of our NATION.

Let us go hand in hand to build India a VISHWA GURU by 2047 as envisioned by our honourable Prime Minister.

We are delighted to bring the special edition of "Aazadi ka Amrit Mahotsav", an unfettered thoughts of our budding writers. I sincerely thank the editorial team for their tireless supports and the students who exhibited their talents in John's Eagle through articles, poems and art.

Arul Anand Sir

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### My Vision for 2047

Education for child, employment for youth  
 Our all imaginations will be the truth  
 Equality in all caste and creed  
 There will be Honesty instead of greed  
 We will eliminate the corruption  
 Opportunities will be more than population  
 My nation will reach to the highest  
 This is what I have dreamt  
 Country will be little better than heaven  
 I am sure about and can do the prediction  
 On completing 100 years of freedom in 2047  
 "Because "we" the youth will lead the  
 nation...

Riya Yadav - XII A

### Value of Freedom



Freedom is one of the most precious gifts we have received from God. Hence its misuse can easily destroy us. Besides, because of the limitations of our nature, at times we are unable to repair the damage that results from the misuse of freedom. We can, for example, kill a person but we cannot bring him back to life.

15th of August is a day when we raise our flag high and proudly sing our national anthem on the top notes and breathe the air of freedom. Today we all feel privileged to be born in free India and celebrate our 76th Independence Day of our country. The fight for freedom was a long battle and there were a lot of freedom fighters who made big sacrifices and gave everything for the country. Mahatma Gandhi was an eminent personality who fought not only for the freedom of our country but also to eradicate social evils present within our society. He taught to seek liberty without any violence and guided every Indian towards the path of hope.

We sometimes may not cherish this freedom or might take it for granted but our brave fighters fought

more than 200 years for the freedom we have today. Let us always remember to respect our flag and the contribution of people who associated with it.

When we love someone, we like to honour that person. God's love for us is immense. Hence His desire to honour us is beyond any measure. As we know, freedom is the basis of our honour, dignity and self respect, it is also the source of our right for a reward for the good we do and the evil we conquer. How could we ever assert our rights and claims, if we were not free beings? When slave trade was prevalent, slaves were considered like animals. They had no right to be respected. They had neither the right to claim wages for their labours nor the right to complain against the unjust behavior of their cruel masters. What they suffered in their lives speak to us about the value of freedom.

When values are pushed out of the scene, freedom regenerated into immorality. Some people, for example invoke the name of freedom to justify their desire to do whatever they want but are unwilling to accept the corresponding responsibility of owning and repairing the harmful consequences of their actions. They conveniently ignore the fact that their right to be free to make their own decision and the consequences that would follow. We know, we are God's creatures. This means that we depend on God for our continued existence and that He is our supreme Lord and master.

Sr. Maxie Monterio  
Headmistress

## *The Golden Bird India*



A land where its unity is in its diversity. A land which gives a lot of intelligent people. A land where every personality has its own personality. Yes truly, beautifully, gratefully and incredibly it's India. This beautiful and honorable land was in the control of Britishers. And its people had suffered a lot and became fighters actually freedom fighters. The struggle of its people has its own histories.

The term 'Atithi Devo Bhava' welcomed the whites but the 'Dev' turned into the 'Danav' soon. The first organized freedom struggle was started in 1857 which is also known as the revolt of 1857. In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century the emergence of Indian nationalism began with the movements and campaigns raised and the aim was to end the British rule in India. First revolutionary movement for independence emerged from Bengal. The 20<sup>th</sup> century saw a more radical approach towards self-rule by the Lal, Bal, Pal triumvirate, Aurobindo Ghosh and V.O Chidambaram Pillai, Mahatma Gandhi's policy of non-violence, civil disobedience., etc. Some female leaders like Sarojini Naidu, Priti lata Waddedar and Kasturba Gandhi promoted the emancipation of Indian women and their participation in the freedom struggle. And finally on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1947 India got its independence.

Since ancient times, India has been known as 'Sone Ki Chidiya' or 'The Golden Bird' due to its abundance of culture, tradition, rich heritage and beautiful art & architecture.

Now India has potential for glorious future, a second golden age, a huge economic prospect & a nation's status to become a world leader. We can learn from the past & strive hard to carve out as prosperous present and more promising future.

**"People are born free and freedom is their habitat."**

**Priya Chaurasiya X E**



### *What I Feel About India*

Saffron, White and Green

The colours of landscape is serene.  
 When I stand and close my eyes  
 I see a nation of bravery and pride with the glorious  
 rise.  
 I feel the breeze against my cheek  
 like the stroke of my mother's hand so gentle and so  
 meek.  
 The water in my eyes  
 When I look at the scene of paradise.  
 India means land of strength, peace and fertility  
 Where I find freedom, peace and tranquility.  
 This nation is the reason for my pride  
 It bears history and stories in its stride.  
 India is not merely a land, a nation or a country  
 But it is a land of people, the culture and history.  
 India means - Saffron, White and Green  
 The colours of landscape is Serene.

**Ayushi Sharma VIII B**



### *Long Live our Motherland*

A Long live our land of culture,  
 a place of love, beauty and nature  
 Long live the stories we wrote,  
 A tale of freedom, our history brought  
 Long live all the people we love,  
 The one we relate with blood and the one with our heart  
 Long live .....

Long live all the discoveries we did,  
 A ray of hope, for those who in need  
 Long live the memories of whom we lost,  
 Had to say goodbye, to those who we love the most  
 Long live all the legacies we made  
 a magic of wonder, a worthy story to tell  
 Long live.....

Long live the knowledge we passes, the most valuable  
 gift than any of jewels  
 Long live the smile on our faces,  
 Which can light up the world, it from its darkest phases  
 Long live our land of culture,  
 a place of love, beauty and nature  
 Long live .....

**Sayantani Parbat XII A**

### *Unsung Heroes*



**Hooriya Anam X E**

Deep beneath the Indian soil,  
 Millions of pearls are concealed,  
 The soil has preserved them for years,  
 Under its powerful shield.

But these pearls are not white,  
 They are red,  
 These are the drops of blood,  
 of heroes who laid their heads.

Millions sacrificed their lives,  
 Millions were ready to do so,  
 For achieving freedom,  
 Up to any limits they were ready to go.

Not all of them we remember,  
 Remember a few, forgot a lot,  
 Let's pay a salute to them all,  
 Whether know them or not.



## *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav: A festival of freedom*

Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav is an initiative taken up by our Central Government to celebrate 75 glorious and bright years of our independence. It was launched by our Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 12th March 2021. According to him, Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav means elixir of energy of independence, elixir of inspirations from the warriors of freedom struggle; elixir of new ideas and pledges and elixir of "Atmanirbharta".

This initiative is a festival through which our Prime Minister is awakening us to fulfill the dream of good governance. Through this Mahotsav our government is organizing various competitions through which the students are getting inspired and encouraged to learn about their nation and its struggle for freedom. It is the best opportunity for the people of different diversities to come together and inspire the people by telling about their struggle for freedom.....

The future of nation is bright only when it remains connected moment by moment with the pride of its past experience & heritage.

**Sugandhi Singh X B**

## *The Freedom I Dream*



This year we are commemorating the 75th year of Independence. The sacrifice of the patriotic leaders brought the captivity of the Golden Bird to an end. The freedom we possess today is quite precious and hard-earned. Though every Indian is granted the democratic power by law and decree but still I am forced to think, Are We Really Free?

Child labour, corruption, black marketing, human trafficking and dis-respecting women are common sights in India. Was this the freedom we had craved for? We struggle for the rights of Indians but sadly the struggle is restricted to region and religion. We are living in 21st century- the era where girls are flying aero plane and excelling in every sphere of life, still women are mercilessly burnt due to dowry. Here I am forced to think "Are we really free?"

Freedom of expression and right to equality are our constitutional rights. But where is the right to justice if a woman cannot walk safely to her home at night? Let us be the torch bearers, designing a new freedom for our country, Checking riots, terrorism and fear to make in real sense our nation is free. It is a matter of pride that every Indian is commemorating the 75th Independence Day with a great zeal and fervour. We must make this celebration grand, splendid and resplendent with the feeling of patriotism, affection and humanity, this is my humble appeal. The day when all illegal practices and heartedness will come to an end we will celebrate the real freedom. So let's together awaken and rise to turn our motherland into a paradise.

**Mrs. Roli Bansal**

*"If We are not Free, No one will respect us"*

**Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam**



*'... ....Into that heaven of freedom, my father, let my country awake.'*

76<sup>th</sup> Independence Day, Aazadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was celebrated in our school in two days, 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> August, with patriotic fervor and zest. Every effort was made to make the celebration as grand as possible. The school campus was decked with flags and festoons to mark the occasion and cultural diversity, pride and patriotism and tricolor reflected in every activity of the celebration.

The month long preparation of Juniors culminated on 13<sup>th</sup> with flag hoisting by our honorable Principal, Rev. Fr Shaji Joseph, in the presence of our guests of honour, Mr. Upendra Singh, Nagar Shiksha Adhikari, and Mr. Ashok Anuragi, Principal, GIC and DIOS officiate, Firozbad. . The flag song and the prayer song sung by the school choir enthused the gathering with a sense of pride and gratitude for God's abundant blessing. A mélange of patriotic activities created an atmosphere of national pride in students. The patriotic speeches by the Head Girl Miss Anvesha Singh and the teacher representative Mrs Prathana instilled the spirit of patriotism in every heart. The inter house group singing and group dance competitions were enthralling and giving goose bumps to everyone.

The main celebration commenced on 15<sup>th</sup> with the flag hoisting by the Chief Guest Dr Mukesh Verma , MLA, Shikhoabad and Principal Rev. Fr. Shaji Joseph. The skit staged by the senior students showcasing the sacrifices of our soldiers brought tears in everyone's eyes. The special dance by Miss Anvesha Singh and group on valour and sacrifice of Jhansi Ki Rani, Laxmi Bai, mesmerized the minds of the audience. The folk dances of various states of our country demonstrated the diversity and ethos our great nation. These dances engaged the children in learning about all the Indian states showcasing the rich heritage, customs and traditions.

Dr. Mukesh Verma, our Chief Guest, addressing the gathering appreciated and congratulated the school fraternity in their efforts for instilling the spirit of patriotism in young minds. He urged the students not to forget the sacrifices made by the freedom fighters who laid their lives for our freedom. The Principal, Rev. Fr. Shaji Joseph while addressing the students urged the students to work with honesty and dedication to take the nation to greater heights.

The newly elected students' cabinet took their office on the same day. The oath taking ceremony was headed by the principal and the badges and sashes were distributed by the Chief Guest of the Day, Principal & Headmistresses. Certificates were distributed to the outgoing office bearers.

The program was a memorable one with so many new things to learn. The day seemed to be no less than a festival, a festival that we celebrated with the whole community of ours, forgetting all the differences and sharing our happiness of freedom with each other. The day concluded with the children echoing the slogan 'Jai Hind'.

Hooriya Anam, X E



## आजादी का मार्ग

देश की लड़ाई थी जब  
आजादी का मार्ग चुना था  
वीरों की तरह लड़े थे  
भारत माँ से मुँह ना मोड़ा था ।

कितने लोगों ने खोए थे अपने,  
बिखर गए थे उनके सपने  
देश से खुद को जोड़ा था  
आजादी का मार्ग चुना था ।

वीरों ने दिया बलिदान  
शहीद का उनको मिला सम्मान,  
सरहद पर लड़ते थे भाई,  
बस थी देश की चिंता सताई

राखी पर घर ना आते  
होली पर खून बहाते  
देश से खुद को जोड़ा था  
संघर्षों से वीर जवानों ने  
कभी मुँह ना मोड़ा था ।

शगुन गुप्ता XD

## आजादी का अमृत महोत्सव



आजादी का अमृत महोत्सव  
हम मिलकर मनाएंगे  
याद करेंगे शहीदों को,  
और उनकी गाथा जन-जन तक पहुँचाएंगे  
फहराएंगे तिरंगा हम  
खुशियाँ भी फैलाएंगे  
आजादी का अमृत महोत्सव हम मिलकर मनाएंगे  
यह उत्सव है प्यार का  
यह उत्सव है नए विचार का,  
फिर एक नए विचार के साथ  
कोने कोने को चमकाएंगे  
प्यारे देश भारत को स्वच्छ हम बनाएंगे  
आजादी का अमृत महोत्सव हम मिलकर मनाएंगे  
अज्ञानता को दूर कर  
ज्ञान का दीपक जलाएंगे  
देश की तरक्की में हम  
मिलकर हाथ बढ़ाएंगे  
प्यारे देश भारत को खूब आगे हम ले जायेंगे  
आजादी का अमृत महोत्सव मिलकर हम मनाएंगे

अंशिता यादव XF

## क्रांतिकारी



रिया यादव  
(XII A)

हजारों मोहल्ले आजाद हुए  
इनके कदम उठाने से  
कुछ घर बर्बाद हुए इनके गुजर जाने से  
निराशाजनक अंधेरे में यह तारों से चमकते थे  
इन्हें लोग क्रांतिकारी भी कहते थे  
21-22 की उम्र में फांसी पर चढ़े थे  
भीड़ से अलग उस पथ पर अकेले ही चले थे  
उम्मीद सिर्फ खुद से थी  
भरोसा बस रब पर था  
ना डर था किसी के जाने का  
ना ख्वाहिश किसी के आने की  
एक छोटी सी जिंदगानी में  
बुजुर्गों की कहानी में  
कुछ "आजादी" जैसे शब्द सुने थे  
जिन्हें सच करने ये निकले थे  
जिंदगी को खोकर अमर ये हुए हैं  
दुनिया में ना सही पर दिलों में तो आज भी ये  
बसे हुए हैं ।।



"Ayushi Sharma & Yashika Singh", The budding writer of St. John's School, Firozabad, presenting their books "The Hidden Passageway & The Destiny" respectively to Rev. Fr. Shaji Joseph, the Principal.

Anjali Singh Rathore of Class VI has won Gold Medals in #International General knowledge Olympiad, #National Science Olympiad, #International Social Science Olympiad. We are proud of what you have accomplished!!

## मातृभूमि का सुंदर गहना



उज्जवल बंसल  
IX D

विभिन्न भाषाओं, संस्कृति और धर्म के परिधानों को मेरे देश ने पहना है  
हिंदू मुस्लिम सिख इसाई,  
हर मजहब का यह कहना है।  
आजादी मेरी मातृभूमि का सबसे सुंदर गहना है ॥  
आजादी को हासिल करना कभी नहीं होता आसान  
जो भारत माता के वीर जवान हँसते हुए देते न अपनी जान  
निस्वार्थ भाव से जिन्होंने रखा मेरे देश की स्वतंत्रता का मान  
उन वीर क्रांतिकारियों को मेरा कोटि-कोटि प्रणाम ॥  
इस खुशहाल भारत भूमि पर आज चारों ओर नफरत की आँधी है  
जाति -धर्म और ऊँच-नीच की बेड़ियों ने

आजादी ही जंजीरों में बाँधी है  
सोचती हूँ क्या यही जश्न ए आजादी है?  
कहने को आजाद हैं हम सब  
कहीं कोई अवसाद नहीं  
आतंकवाद और अधर्म से बड़ा  
आज कोई विवाद नहीं  
क्या हमारी आजादी पर यह एक अभिशाप नहीं?  
आजादी के 75 वर्ष में भारत की नई तस्वीर बनाते हैं  
जाति- धर्म के भेदभाव को जड़ से आज मिटाते हैं  
नफरत और अनैतिकता की दीवार को मिलकर आज  
गिराते हैं  
मिलजुल कर रहेंगे हम सब, चलो ये सौगंध उठाते हैं  
आजादी का अमृत महोत्सव मिल कर आज मनाते हैं ॥

## आजाद भारत की तस्वीर



श्रीमती सुनीता दीक्षित

स्वतंत्रता का अमृत महोत्सव मना रहे भारतवासी ।  
गंगासागर, पुरी, अयोध्या द्वार द्वारिका शिवकाशी  
मुरलीधर मथुरा वृन्दावन, रामेश्वर तिरुपति बालाजी ।  
हरिद्वार, बद्री, केदार नाथ उदगम यमुना गंगाजी ।  
पावन तीरथ से लगते हैं जनजाति और वनवासी ॥  
स्वतंत्रता का अमृत महोत्सव मना रहे भारतवासी ।  
हरा रंग ध्वज का खुशहाली, मध्य श्वेत शान्ति प्रतीक ।  
ऊपर केसरिया क्रान्ति रूप, राष्ट्रगान है सटीक  
हाथ तिरंगा लिए उमंगे आई बन कर विश्वासी ॥  
स्वतंत्रता का अमृत महोत्सव मना रहे भारतवासी  
सैंतालीस की अर्द्धरात्रि से, आजादी हुई पचत्तर की ।  
अनुसंधानो ने लिखी कहानी, नये पुराने अंतर की ।  
कृषि चिकित्सा उद्योगो की विज्ञान भूमि है जिज्ञासी  
स्वतंत्रता का अमृत महोत्सव मना रहे भारतवासी  
कलरव करते खग कुल मानो, नव संकेत बहारों के  
गर्जन करते वायुयान नभ, हैं संदेश इशारों के  
बन्धुत्व भाव मातृभूमि हैं पर शत्रु भावना की नाशी  
स्वतंत्रता का अमृत महोत्सव मना रहे भारत वासी ।  
धरती माँ की सौगंध, देश नहीं झुकने देगे ।  
आन-बान के वंशज हम, गतिमान चक्र नहीं रुकने देंगे ।  
वीर शहीदों की प्रेरक गाथाएँ पढ़ने के हैं अभिलाषी ॥  
स्वतंत्रता का अमृत महोत्सव मना रहे भारतवासी ॥

"Great things are done by a series of small things brought together".



Kavya Agarwal VII-B



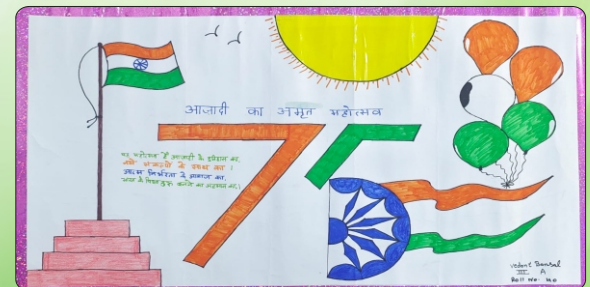
Smriti Shakya X F



Naman IX C



Mansi Kumari IX D



Vedant Bansal III A



*"Education is not just about going to school and getting a degree. It's about widening your knowledge and absorbing the truth about life."*

*-Shakuntala Devi*



**Van-Mahatsav : An annual tree plantation festival**



**Felicitating our supporting staff on Labours Day**



**Raksha Bandhan Celebration by Red House**



**Drill Session on Fire Safety Awareness by Mr. Rahul Gautam (Fire Officer)**



**Sahodaya Conference organised Inter School Debate Competition at St. John's School, Firozabad**



**Children exploring their art talent in drawing competition**



**Strengthening body, mind & soul with Yoga on International Yoga Day**



**Slogan writing competition on the theme of "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav"**



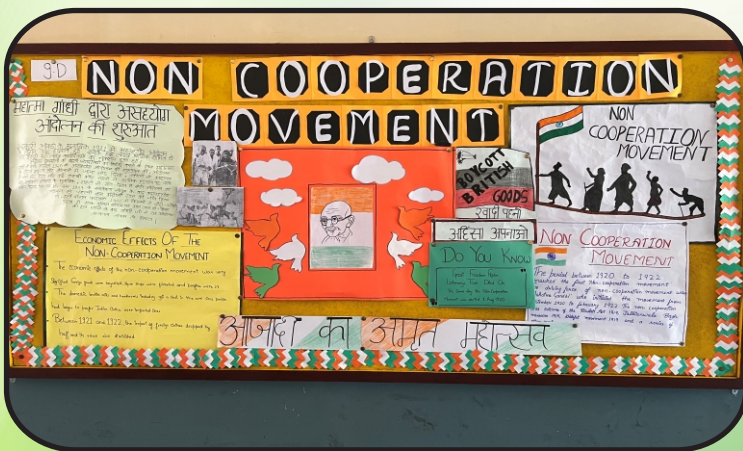
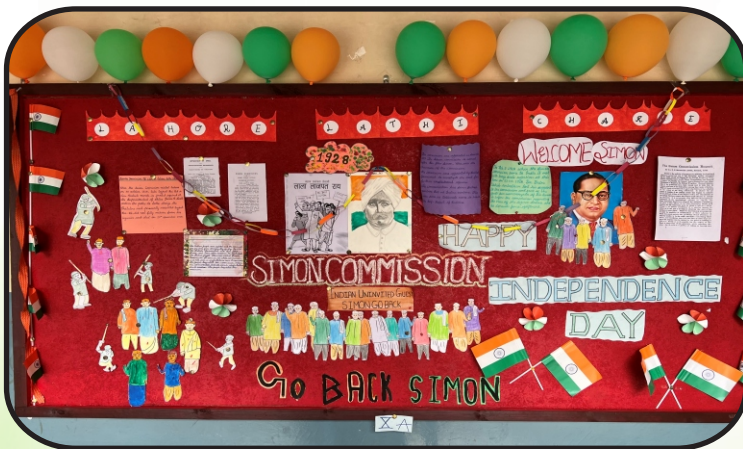
**"Creative writing & learning go hand in hand." Hand writing competition held in school**



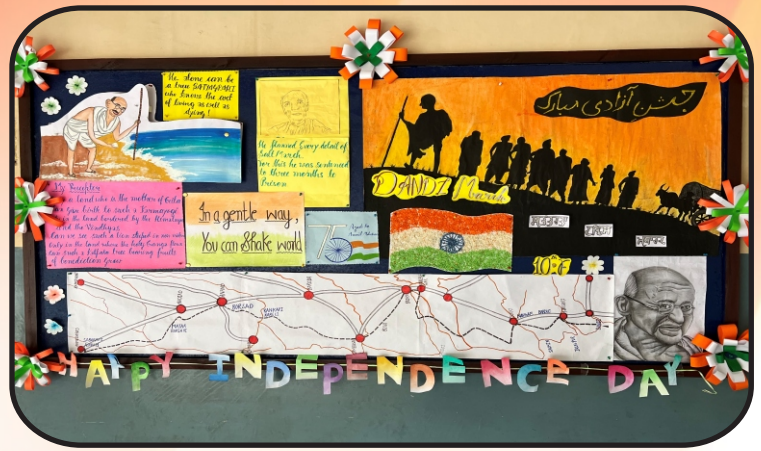
**"Come Lord come and bless us all" Invoking God's blessings on the re-opening of the school**

# Making of India (1857 - 1950)

## Glimpses of Presentations by Students



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# TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATION



Special assembly on Diwali celebration



Children's day celebration 2022

# Independence Day Celebration





**Winners of various competitions**



**Friendly Volley Ball Match St. Johns Sr. Sec. Teachers team V/s St. Johns UPSIDC Teachers team**



**Winners of Cultural titles**



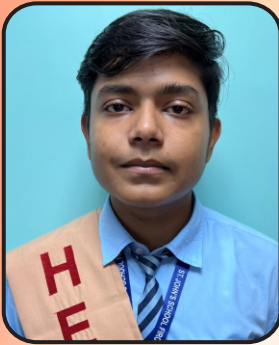
**Seminar for Teachers on NEP**



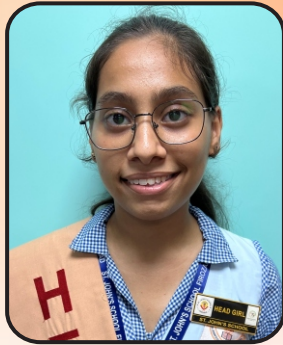
**St. Johns Participating in CTKIC, Tundla Golden Jubilee**



## STUDENTS COUNCIL 2022 -23



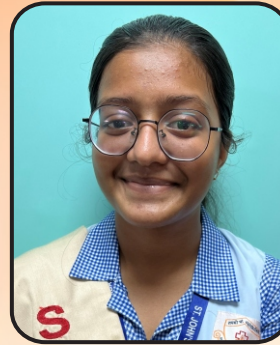
**RISHABH MITTAL**  
Head Boy



**SAMPADA LALWANI**  
Head Girl



**PRANAV AGARWAL**  
School Captain Boy



**MUSKAN PAINGORIA**  
School Captain Girl



**KASHVI SHARMA**  
Speaker 2022 - 2023

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Ayushi Chimnani

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Ritu Yadav

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Rimjhim Bahadur

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Shivank Yadav

GREEN HOUSE



Siya Bansal

BLUE HOUSE



Akshat Bhardwaj



Adhya Mittal

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Tejas Upadhyay



Ashika Gupta



Ujjwal Jose



Priyanshi Sharma

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