

# SNIPPETS



## From The Editors' Table

Did you notice? We are finally moving past the covid monotony and settling into "The Rajghat Life", stuff is happening! Weekend activities, movies, cultural get togethers and most of all, the Gitayan is back!

Have fun experiencing this. Have fun reading about it.

Thank you. Bye.

# HAPPENINGS



## RAKHI

Colourful figures seated in rows, with lit up faces and wrists covered with radiant intricately knotted bands- a symbol of acknowledgement of our significance in each others lives. Unlike, conventional celebrations of Raksha bandhan, we don't limit ourselves only to this one relationship between a brother and sister. Here people tie rakhis to just about anyone and anything be it friends, teachers, chachis and bhaiyas, or even dogs or trees.

Claps and cheers of encouragement echoed within the assembly hall as Ayansh played the flute, girls from class 10 presented a semiclassical piece, and even Urshia di sang! These were few of the many wonderful performances all of which added a sense of togetherness and warmth to the festivities.



In anticipation of the event, preparations started two weeks in advance; everybody could be seen around with threads, meticulously making rakhis and having midnight sessions about what to wear and what to do. The festival was celebrated in Rajghat after two years and it was a day full of joy, giggles and Yays! This was all possible because of the sincere efforts of the cultural committee and the volunteers.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY

The day every heart share the sentiments of patriotism, enthusiasm and unity is the independence day. It begins with the vigorous efforts of giving everything the tricolour effect with patriotic songs playing in the background.

The basketball court of Vasanta College looked like a canvass painted with college students, teachers, and staff members in different colours while all students dressed in white bringing together different hues and shades of languages, religions, cults and other faiths. The fluttering of the Tiranga reminded us of the courage, the struggle, the strength, and the selflessness of thousands of people for the freedom of our country. Even today, there are people who make these sacrifices for us from the peaks of the mountains, to the depths of the oceans, from the dust of the deserts to the thick of the jungles.

On the day, all hearts were filled with respect and gratitude.

## FRESHERS' DAY



It was the day! It was the day we were all waiting so desperately for. The day faces become familiar and strangers become family. Freshers day! An inescapable tradition, wherein the newbies get to flaunt their talents while the oldies in the audience sit with bright eyes and a wide grin.

From gracefully choreographed dance performances to thoughtful poetry, from humorous plays to innovative art and craft displays, and a power packed qawwali presentation; it was a breathtaking rollercoaster ride. The credit for orchestrating this event goes to the cultural committee, the volunteers -they made this possible after two years- and the participants who practised religiously for an entire month. Stories and anecdotes of this day will be told and retold for years and years to come.



## KAVYA GOSHTI

It takes courage to walk up the stage with your heart poured out on a piece of paper, to offer it to faces -known yet unknown- to be in that vulnerable position.

This kavi sammelan, held on the sunny morning of August 17, was an opportunity for such courageous children to share their poems. Everybody was coming from a different head space, different experiences, different feelings and hence a wide range of themes emerged. Emotions of loneliness, darkness, rejection as well as social welfare, nostalgia, and hope were conveyed beautifully by an interplay of words, sending shivers down the spine.

It was astonishing to see how this group of teenagers were so aware of their feelings and at the same time could find just the right words to express them.

Ritu di's enthusiastic efforts made it all possible. Now we have a grand kavya goshti to look forward to in the month of September, where we will get to listen to the teachers as well.

## FITNESS TEST

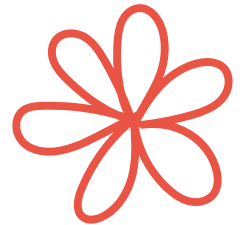


Right after the fun games the physical education group organised the fitness test from 12th July to 8th August for the students and teachers of RBS. It can not be denied that physical fitness is an integral and important part of our lives and hence the fitness test was organised to check where one stands in terms of physical competency. Six parameters were used to get a bird's eye view of one's development starting with 50 meter dash, that tested speed and acceleration,

followed by height, weight, flexibility test, sit-ups, push-ups, and standing broad jump. We saw exuberant participation from children and teachers and would encourage more in the upcoming events.

## INSIGHTS

SUGANDHA DI



You must remember her from her graceful performance on new talents day or seen her in school walking with a bright smile on her face. Sugandha di, the SST teacher of class 8, is from Saharanpur, UP, who joined our school this session. She graduated from Delhi College of Arts and Commerce and later completed her masters from Jamia Milia Islamia University in history. The foundation of her classes is, "education should aim at the inner transformation and liberalisation of human beings" by Krishnamurti. It is one of the reasons she was attracted to this school.

Being surrounded by nature, she feels that the place gives her a platform to explore herself. Such a picturesque environment has also motivated her to take up photography and explore it with interested students.

On being asked about her future plans she said that she is not a person who makes plans, instead prefers to go with the flow.

So history and photography enthusiasts out there...you found the right person to go to.

# MUSINGS



## WHAT DO WE SEE?

A tree

Is that all we see?

A bunch of cells and nothing more

A stack of wood to cut and store?

Is a bird nothing but a pair of wings

The colours it has and the songs it sings?

Did you ever stop to a tiger's speech,

To the sounds that stir up upon the beach?

Thus the tigress roar a deadly maul

Or is it the anxious mother's call,  
But no!

A bird is to be cages away

The trees cut before the branches sway

A tigers call is a sign to shoot

Shoot it dead before it scoots!

Oh lord of heaven and stars above

Cast your eyes upon this earth

Do you see people fail the test of life?

As they wish for struggle and struggle  
for strife.

-Amogh (class 9)

निराशा ही तो है जो और बेहतर करने की आशा देती है

अभिलाषा ही तो है जो उससे पूरे करने की चाह देती है

हम ही है जो उससे कर दिखाने की क्राबलियत अपने मुकद्दर में लिखा लाते हैं

-अनुष्का चतुर्वेदी (कक्षा ११)



# THE RAJGHATIANS



Credit : Mansi Shroff

## JOKES

My grandmother started to walk 4 miles everyday when she was 67 years old. Now, she is 90 years old and I don't know where on earth she is.

Knock knock  
Who's there?  
Broken pencil  
Broken pencil who?  
Never mind. its pointless.

What did one toilet say to the other?  
*You look a bit flushed*

I invented a new word.  
Plagiarism.

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