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"Freedom
is nothing
but a chance
to be better."

— Albert Camus





Gloria de Souza

5th April 1937 - 3rd April 2013

First Ashoka Fellow, 1982

Founder, Director,
Parisar Asha, Centre for Educational Research and Training,
Mumbai

*Since 10 years,
Keeping your Hope Alive....*

**We believe that every child
should have a chance to feel special.**

LIGHT HOUSE

is our sincere effort to showcase the talent of our students
and encourage them to explore their potential.

The content is created by the students, for the students
as they will be a source of inspiration to each other.

We look forward to active participation.

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**With your Name, Age, Std.,
School Name and Location,
School Email id, Also your photograph.**

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I begin by wishing all a very happy and prosperous new year.

It gives me great joy to reach out to the students of Maharashtra through this wonderful initiative of Parisar Asha, called "Lighthouse". As the name suggests, Parisar Asha, a not-for-profit organisation has been working as the guiding force and a catalyst in bringing about continuous positive change in the education system as per the significant changes in the environment. Over the years, their school transformation program, Eco-tech World School Program has enabled millions of children to receive 'quality education' and ace in their life. I want to applaud their relentless efforts and congratulate them for achieving this wonderful feat.

Lighthouse, a quarterly e-paper is a great space created for children to showcase their talent and unleash their creativity. In today's time it is very important that children are given the opportunity to explore their creative facets apart from just concentrating on academic excellence. Lighthouse will provide that access to children for free where they can reach out to the bigger world and nurture their creative facet. In 2020 we had declared about the National Education Policy 2020. This policy is a path-breaking initiative which revolutionizes the existing education system. It emphasises on a multi-curricular approach with the intention of giving the children a balanced avenue where literacy and numeracy skills will be honed along with skills in visual art, performing arts, music and many other creative expressions which were considered as co-curricular activities in the past. Additionally, it is an effort in preserving the rich Indian art & culture and educating the future generation about our heritage and keep reminding them that they are the torchbearers of this tradition. It aligns strongly with United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which emphasises that a country's culture contributes immensely in improvement of the social development indicators. Lighthouse strengthens this effort and opens up a great opportunity for all the students of Maharashtra.

I urge all parents and teachers to encourage your children to be free about their creative expressions as creativity is the best tool to develop a child's emotional quotient. I also reach out to the entire education fraternity to collaborate with Lighthouse and make it a grand success.

I hope in future Parisar Asha comes up with many more interesting and significant initiatives for the students and teachers and continue helping the parents as they have been doing through their myriad programs since 1982. I wish them all the best and wish for a grand success of the Lighthouse.

Deepak Kesarkar

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Lighthouses are not just stone, brick, metal, and glass. Every lighthouse has many more stories of human lives associated with it. That's the story we want to tell.

Happy Independence Day!

Dear young readers and leaders,

As we celebrate the freedom and sovereignty of our nation, let us remember that education and creativity are crucial in nurturing the true essence of independence. Education empowers us to make informed decisions and shapes us into responsible citizens, driving progress and prosperity. Meanwhile, creativity fuels innovation, inspiring us to find unique solutions to challenges and propel our country forward. So, let's cherish our freedom by embracing education and unleashing our creativity, ensuring a brighter future for all.

Happy Independence day.



Aarati Savur
CEO, Parisar Asha

Dear Readers,

Wishing you all a very happy Independence Day!

This 15th August, we will celebrate 76 years of freedom. Freedom which we have gained after 200 years of struggle and the sacrifices of great many freedom fighters. Today, we are enjoying luxurious lives with access to imported brands, frequent trips to the shopping malls, indulging in good food across the world, catching up films for entertainment and many more leisure activities. Things were not the same seven decades back where every household had atleast one family member who was involved in the freedom movement and was going through unimaginable struggle and pain fighting to free our motherland from the clutches of the British Raaj.

While we enjoy this independence, we should never forget the sacrifices of the millions and should enjoy our freedom responsibly. You might wonder what is meant by enjoying freedom responsibly?

Freedom is like a power which gives us the right to speech and expression, right to education, right to practice a religion and many more rights as stated in the Constitution of India. But, remember, with great power comes great responsibility!

You are the shining beacon of hope and it is your responsibility to make your nation proud. Small acts of change like working to conserve the environment, making use of the education which you are so fortunate to receive, reforming lives and showing acts of kindness can touch innumerable many lives and make a remarkable difference.

These small initiatives will bring a bigger difference in the forthcoming years. In this special edition commemorating the Independence Day, we have showcased many such inspiring paintings, poems and essays which strongly evoke these ideas, thoughts, and emotions.

We hope to hear about many more such stories of change which you have dreamt of and created in our forthcoming issues of the Lighthouse.

Till then, be that shining ray of hope and keep working towards the greater good.

Jai Hind!



Love & Best Wishes
Sridatta Gupta
Editor



The Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi's Message to the Youth of the Country

Many of Gandhi's teachings are relevant to modern youth. He understood the feeling and emotions of the youth and called them as instruments of social change. He believed that only spiritual and ethical values can bring in changes to the social order. He wanted youth and students to foster idealistic thoughts. He encouraged young minds about self-reliance as a crucial necessity to success. He was open-minded and wanted all the young people to be the same. He insisted on being tolerant towards all religion, which is crucial in today's time.

Gandhiji emphasized on simplicity, kindness, truth, and non-violence as his life's mantra. These are the essential things that we as students have to learn and follow from him. Moreover, he wanted the youth of today to follow moral values. His ideas and philosophy teach us a lot about his morals and principles. He wished Indian youth to get inspired and follow his ideals to lead a peaceful India.

Gandhiji and his messages are a timeless contribution to humanity, irrespective of time and space. No doubt, he is a global leader, inspiring millions of people across the world, even today.

What is Art?
It is the response
of man's creative soul
to the call of the, 'Real'.

Rabindranath Tagore

Our
Young
Artists



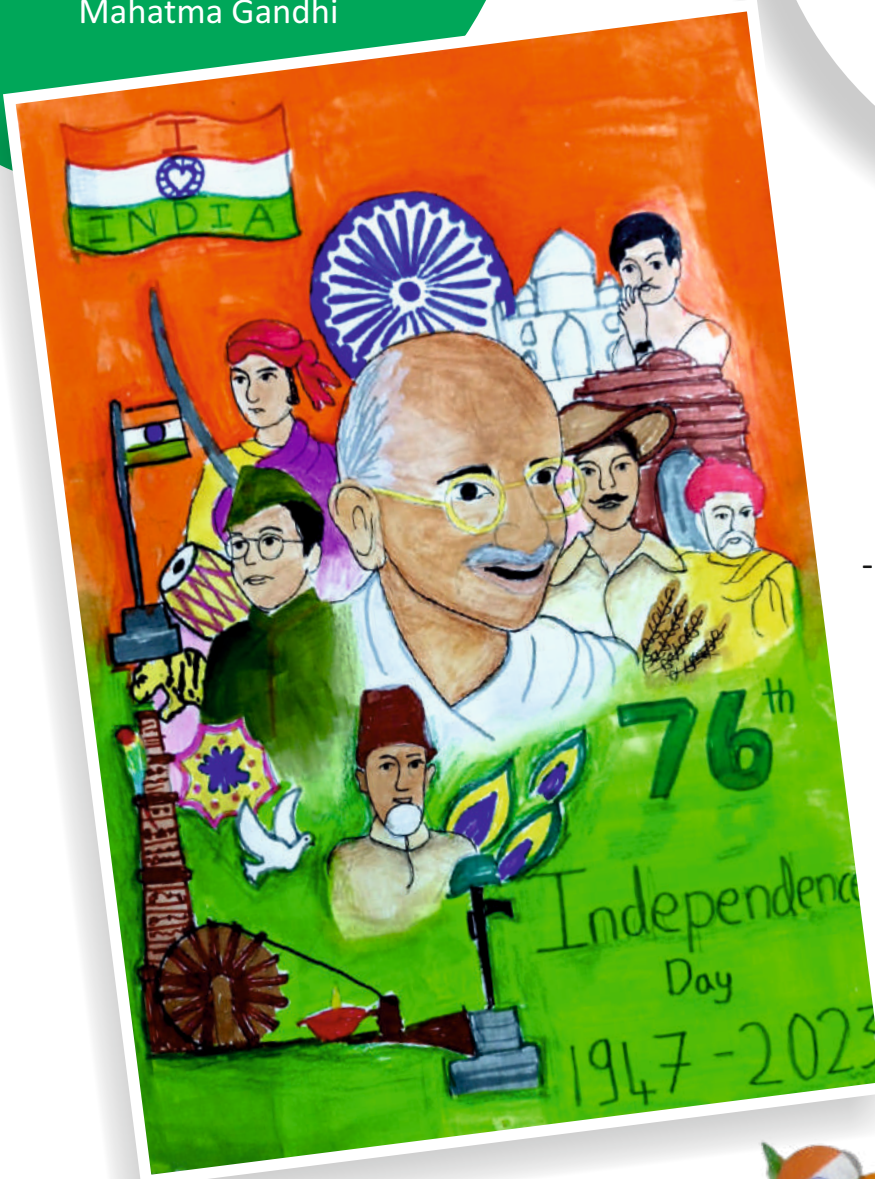
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True art
must be evidence
of happiness,
contentment and
purity of its authors

Mahatma Gandhi

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Kartik Bukhredia

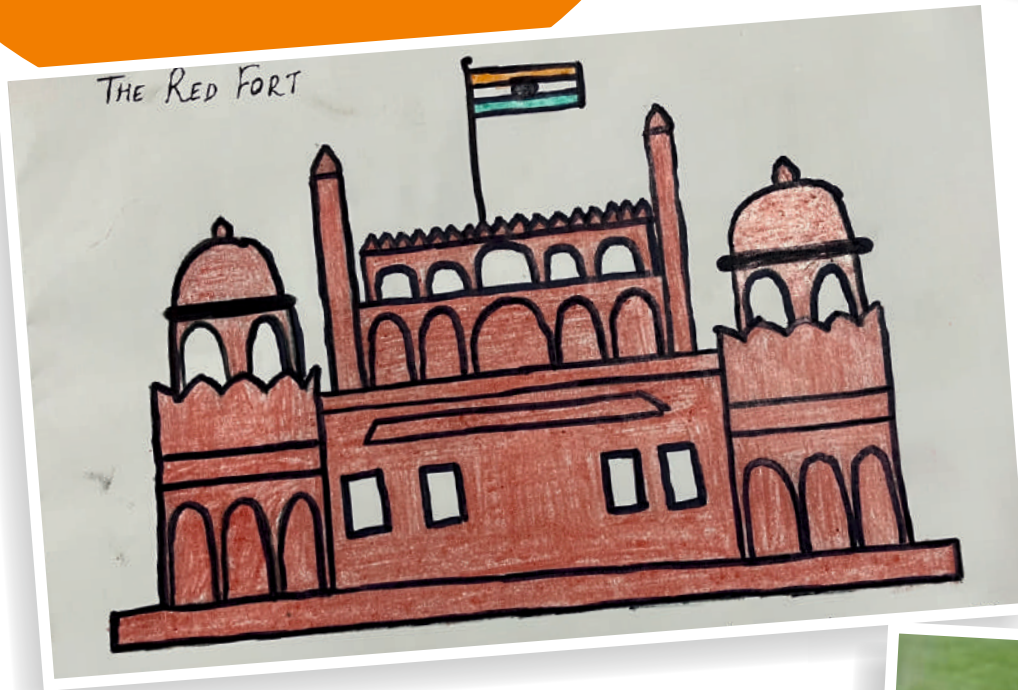
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To a true artist
only that face is beautiful
which, quite apart
from its exterior,
shines with the truth
within the soul

- Mahatma Gandhi

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Naksh Laxmanan Iyer
Lodha World School



Kabir Kamble - Std I
Parle Tilak Vidyalaya ICSE



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Our Budding writers and Poets

Our Precious Independence

Independence is a precious thing,
A feeling that makes our hearts sing.
It's the power to make our own way,
To choose our own path every day.

Independence is a light that shines,
A symbol of strength that defines
The courage to stand on our own,
To face the world, unafraid and alone.

Independence is a flame that burns,
A passion that within us yearns
To be free from the chains that bind,
To leave the past and move forward in kind.

So let us celebrate our independence,
And embrace the power it represents.
For it is through our own strength and will,
That we can conquer any hill.

Kamakshi Kulkarni

- Parle tilak Vidyalaya



My Flag

My flag is up so high
It is almost touching the sky

It is dancing in the wind
Flying in the wind
Up so in the sky

Its tri colour looks so pretty
Like flowing in the centre of the city

Strength and courage shown
by the saffron band

Peace & truth shown
By the middle white band

Fertility & growth shown
By the last green band

They all represent our auspicious land.

The middle circle is blue like penumbra,
It is called Ashok Chakra.

Shreya Nair - Std VIII

Fr. Agnel Multipurpose School

Independence Day

Independence Day in India is the most important day for every Indian citizen as our country got freedom from the British rule. Every year, we celebrate this day on 15th of August, 1947. Our country is counted as the world's largest democracy all over the world. India became an independent country on 15th of August in 1947 after sacrifices of thousands of freedom fighters; such as Mahatma Gandhi, Bhagat Singh, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Moulana Abul Kalam Azad, Sukhdev, Gopal Krishna Gokhale, Lala Lajpat Rai, Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Chandra Shekhar Azad, and many more who worked hard to get independence from the British rule.

On this day, every Indian celebrate his/her freedom in their own way such as decorating their places, hoisting the National Flag, participating in march past, watching their favourite movie, dancing on the streets, singing the National Anthem or the patriotic songs or participating in many social activities organized at various public places.

This day is observed by the Prime Minister of India by hoisting our tri-colour flag at Red Fort followed by the parade by the Indian Army, 21 guns firing, march past, singing the National Anthem, speech and

Nikki Wadhwa

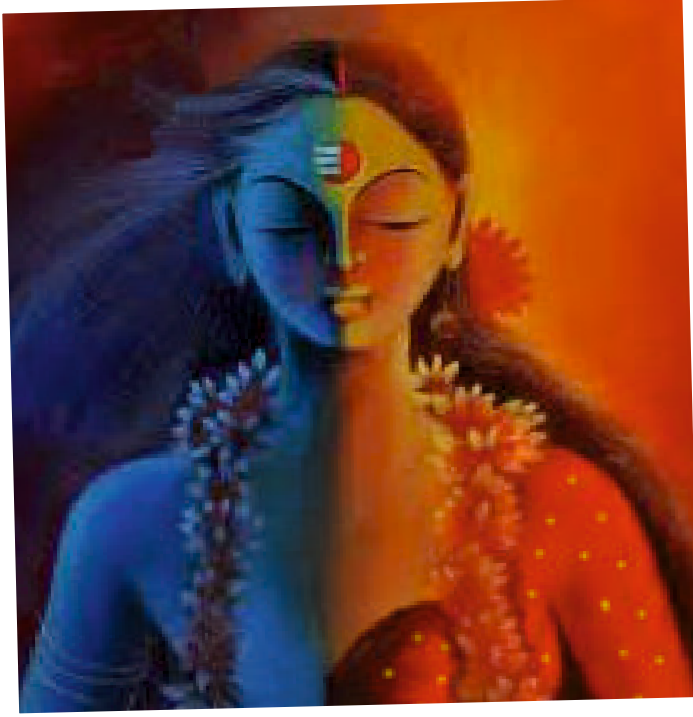
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other cultural activities. Similarly, Independence Day celebration takes place in every state of the country in the presence of the Governor and the Chief Minister. Some people get prepared in the early morning and wait for the speech of the Indian Prime Minister relayed on television. On 15th of August people get remember the history of India's independence and perform social activities to observe the day. They also celebrate this auspicious day by watching movies based on the patriotic themes. The great non-violence movement of Mahatma Gandhi, lovingly called Bapu, helped us a lot to gain freedom from the British rule after 200 long years of struggle. The struggle for Independence has worked as a huge moving force for every Indian which bind them together irrespective of their caste, class, culture, beliefs, to fight against the British rule for their rights. Even women like Aruna Asaf Ali, Vijay Laxmi Pandit, Sarojini Naidu, Kasturba Gandhi, Kamala Nehru, Annie Besant and many more joined forces to fight against the British rule.





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अर्धनारी

ना मैं नर, ना मैं नारी,
मैं शिव का एक रूप हूँ अर्धनारी।

हूँ तोह मैं एक इंसान ही,
पर सुलूक जानवरो से बत्तर किया जाता है।

कभी छक्का, कभी मीठा
नजाने क्या क्या कहा जाता है।

सिर्फ मेरे अलग होने की वजह से
मुझे समाज से अलग कर दिया जाता है।

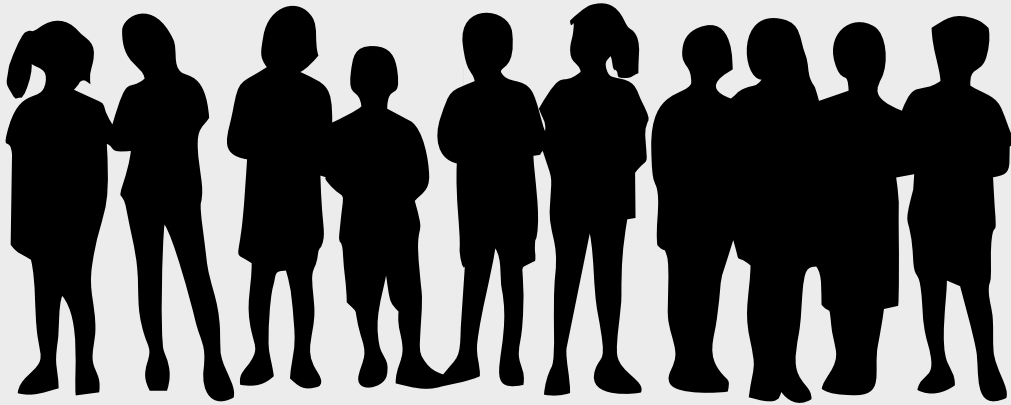
पैसे तो मिल जाते हैं समाज से,
मगर इज्जत नहीं मिलती।

इतना कुछ होने के बाद भी
मेरे मुँह से आह! तक नहीं निकलती।

हर खुशी के मौके पर दुआ देने
के लिए मुझे बुलाया जाता है,
वही मेरे नौकरी के काबिल होने के
बावजूद भी मुझे नौकरी नहीं दी जाती।

Samriti Lohat

The CHANGE LEADERS



Dear Readers,
Let us be the Change Leaders
and bring about small changes in our own ways
to make the society a better place for all of us.

What We Can Do...

Conserve the Environment...

Plant a tree in your society and nurture it...
Take responsibility of it's growth and care for it.

Keeping your School Premises and your neighbourhood clean

Get your friends to form a team and start a cleanliness drive
in your school or neighbourhood.

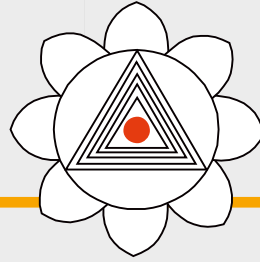
Showing acts of kindness

Be kind and compassionate always
and help others in whatever way you can.
Make this a way of life.

As a kind world is a beautiful world.

**Send us photographs and stories of your change :
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