



IN OMNIA

PARATUS

INDUS
INTERNATION SCHOOL
PUNE

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 2022

CEO's Message October 2022

The metaverse has arrived. Its implications because of the use of exponential technologies will be profound. Some of the technologies which Indus schools will adopt to improve student effectiveness will be:

1. When we read content, we retain only 10%. But when students are given an immersive experience in VR, the retention increases to 75%.
2. Big data for peak performance in academics, whole education, design thinking process and teacher-development.
3. Building e-portfolios in Senior School to augment campus placements.

PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME (PYP)

Teachers Day Celebration



Teacher's day in the PYP was celebrated with a lot of gusto as the PYP 3 students and teachers organized a special assembly to outline the importance of the day and the contributions that teachers make to the lives of the students. Students performed a dance and role play to glorify the significance of the teachers on each one's life. The celebration did make the teachers feel special and ensured a lot of laughter and fun, as well.



Anti-Bullying Sessions

The PYP academic and behavioral counsellors conducted anti - bullying sessions for PYP 3 - 5 students. The sessions covered the necessary aspects like empathy and respect for peers and the need to follow essential agreements. It also gave students clarity of what is counted as a prank and an act of bullying.

3 Way Conference with Mini Principal

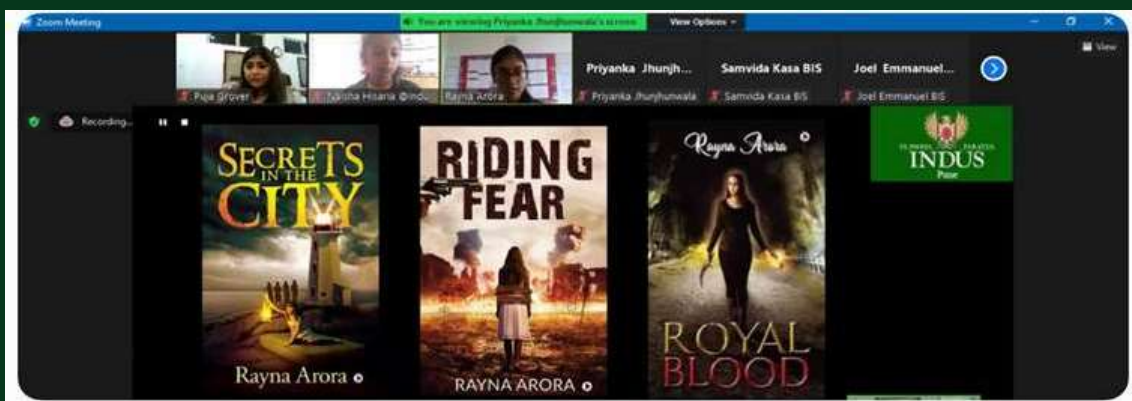
A 3 - way conference between the parents, teachers and students was held for all grades in the PYP on 29th and 30th of September. Through this conference, students got an opportunity to share their progress related to the goals set by them in the beginning of the year. Some students also spoke about their creative pre - DTP tasks that they have been doing in their Innovation Curriculum classes.



Virtual Literary Festival



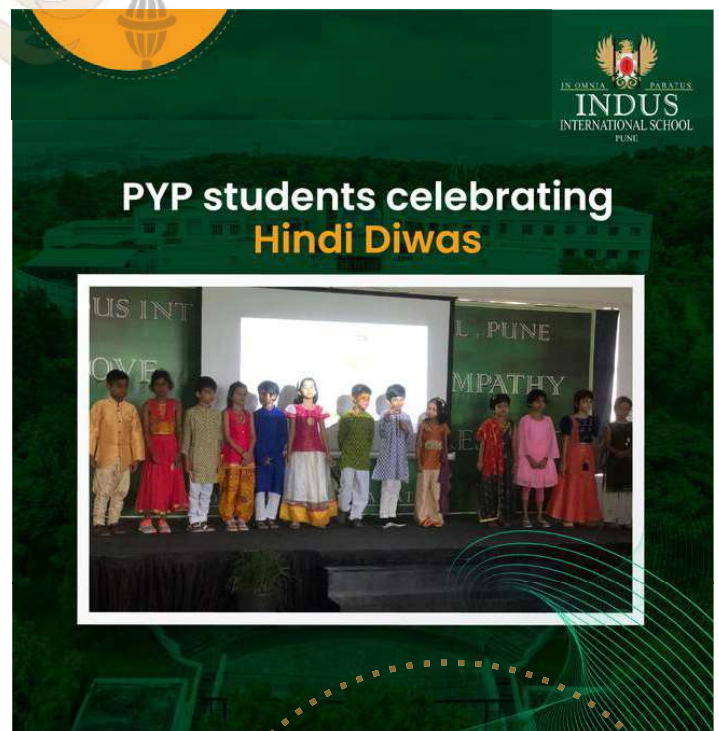
The second PYP Interschool Literary Festival was held on September 14th and 15th for students of PYP 3 - 5. Eleven IB schools from Bangladesh, Delhi, Pune, Nasik and Surat volunteered to be a part of this event by allowing their students to participate in this virtual challenge organized by IISP. A few challenges which gave an opportunity to students to showcase their writing and verbal skills were organized and children from the 11 participating schools took part in them with a lot of gusto. The winners of the challenges were declared on the second day of the festival during the closing ceremony. The literary festival was indeed a celebration of stories, poems and essays. IISP students outshined all school, by securing a place in all the events.



Hindi Diwas

Namaste. **Hindi Diwas** in the PYP was celebrated on the 14th of September with a lot of enthusiasm. The importance of this day was spotlighted and some students took active part on this day. There were poem recitations, action song and translation fun games in the program. The assembly not only focused on the importance of the day but also gave our learners an opportunity to show case their talents in different aspects.

We were delighted that many students showed interest in learning Hindi and enjoyed translating commonly used words from English to Hindi. This assembly educated the audience on the importance of Hindi Diwas and made them aware about the language and diversity of our beautiful culture.



PYP 3 – 5 Taekwondo Challenge



PYP 3 – 5 students who have chosen Taekwondo as a part of their WEP Sport, took part in the challenge organised for them on 26th September. They showcased the skills acquired by them until now for kicking, punching and blocking. They competed with their peers by representing their own houses in the challenge. Winners for each grade were announced.



Investiture Ceremony

The Investiture Ceremony of the Second Innovation Council took place on 2nd September 2022. After the traditional lighting of the lamp, our Principal, Mr Sandeep Chhabra welcomed the newly elected Innovation Council, and the swearing in ceremony of the Council took place. The ceremony was inaugurated by the Guest of Honour, Mr Praveen Rana, from the Indus School of Leadership, who has summited Mt. Everest in May 2022.



Star Awards Ceremony

The star awards for the academic year 2021 – 22 were also held on the same day. These awards appreciate the effort of students in the realm of academic, leadership, innovation and holistic achievements. We congratulate all the star awardees.



Parent Workshop

The PYP team conducted a workshop for the parents this month on Teaching and learning in the PYP. The session focused on the important aspects of the enhanced PYP and the way that the parents can further enhance the learning of their child at home. Important aspects related to the Inquiry Cycle followed in the classes was discussed about while giving a small insight into the various classroom strategies that are used by the PYP teachers. Parents were also involved in various activities that would aid in the planning of the inquiry cycle.



Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration

Indus International School Pune embraced the warmth and love of one of our favourite Gods – Lord Ganesh, with our young learners of the PYP programme. The event began with religious fervour, as the students performed brilliant musical dances and regaled the audience with a harmony of voices. Dhol Tasha got the children excited and gave them an opportunity to soak in the happiness that the Gods have bestowed upon us.

The event concluded with a sincere ceremony, where the children connected one-on-one with their deity in the form of a special prayer. They offered sweet and delicious modaks to Lord Ganesh to cap off the event.

IISP would like to wish each and every one a Happy Ganesh Chaturthi. May Lord Ganesh's blessing always be on us and our families and lead us on the way to prosperity.



Session With Kyoto

As Grade 2 concluded their inquiry into the unit - Who we are, the learners and teachers were allowed to collaborate and share their learning journey.

The learners of Kyoto International School, Japan, guided by their facilitators, shared their understanding of caring for one's social, mental and physical health. Their knowledge of the concepts was clear and well stated, as they were very knowledgeable and reflective of their learning.

The learners at Indus International School also shared their learning journey and spoke with zeal about well-being's social, mental and physical aspects. They dived into the opportunity to collaborate with their peers' miles away with an open mind and an enthusiastic drive to learn. The experiences were indeed one of wonder and defined the true meaning of collaboration in one's learning journey.



Grade 4 learners went for a field trip to an art gallery. The objective was to give them an opportunity to connect the unit “How We Express Ourselves” with real life experiences.

They were amazed at the beautiful artwork that was there on display by some of the top artists of the country



Trip to Art Gallery

A class on “How to express ourselves”

CLASS 4

Learning creative expression through real-life experiences



They asked numerous questions about the artworks displayed. They were curious, excited and communicated with the hosts with confidence. Overall, it has been a fun and enriching experience for the young learners.

At Indus International Pune, we aim to inspire a ‘stroke’ of genius by handing a paintbrush in the hands of each and every one of our creative minds and assist them in forming their own, unique identity.



MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME (MYP) Year 2 - Chemistry Aisha Khanyari



Water filtration is the process of eliminating or reducing the concentration of particulate matter from toxic water that can provide safe and clean water for a specific purpose. This comprises suspended particles, parasites, bacteria, algae, viruses, and fungi. During our three-minute presentation on their research, each student of Year 2 held up their charts and recited their lines as the other students listened closely.

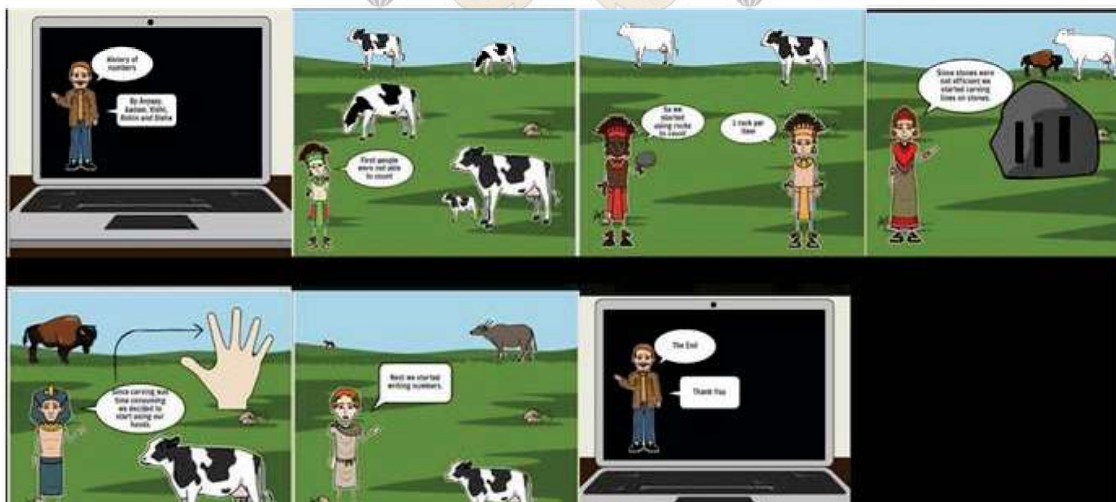
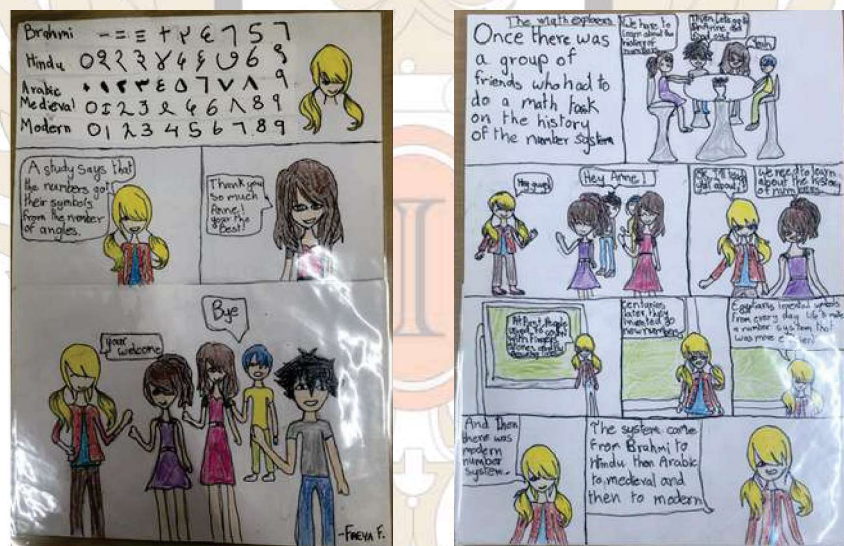
This was our second chemistry project, and it necessitated a lot of teamwork as we were divided into groups. On Microsoft Teams, we all worked in groups and spoke about our responsibilities and who on the team required to get an earache. When an individual was absent, another team assisted the opposing team. This event strengthened our capacity to work as a team and made us more tolerant of other people's views. We were better managed since every team had to have a team leader who gives directions to the teammates.

Through this project of experiential learning, we worked on our collaboration skill, critical-thinking and also had a lot of fun!

MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME (MYP)

Year 1 - Math

Students of MYP Y1 worked collaboratively in heterogeneous groups and created a comic strip on the history of numbers. They researched on and discovered a range of number systems that have arisen as civilizations evolve and humans interact.



MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME (MYP)

MYP students have been part of Collaborative Learning Model in which there is a collaboration between indigenously built Robots, Teachers and Students. In this model robot is responsible for content delivery, the human teacher ensures the learning is personalized and concept has been delivered and understood by all students.

Students can interact with robots get their doubts clarified. Automated assessments, a unique feature of CLM where students will get scores and prescriptive feedback post assessments. This analysis can help the teacher to revisit the topic in a regular classroom if needed.

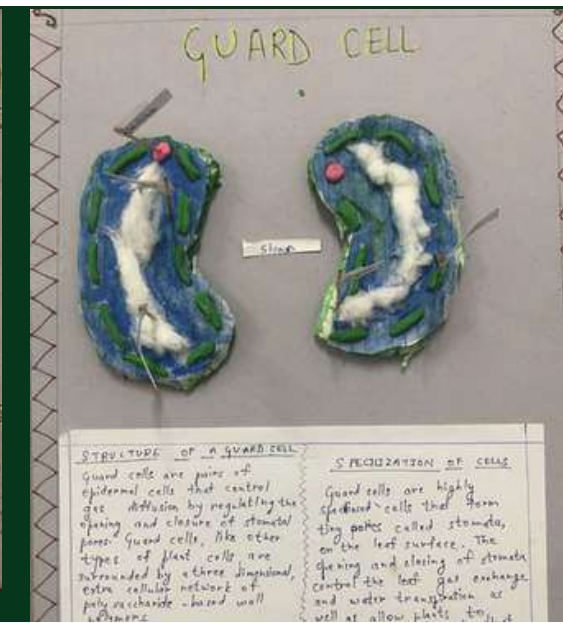
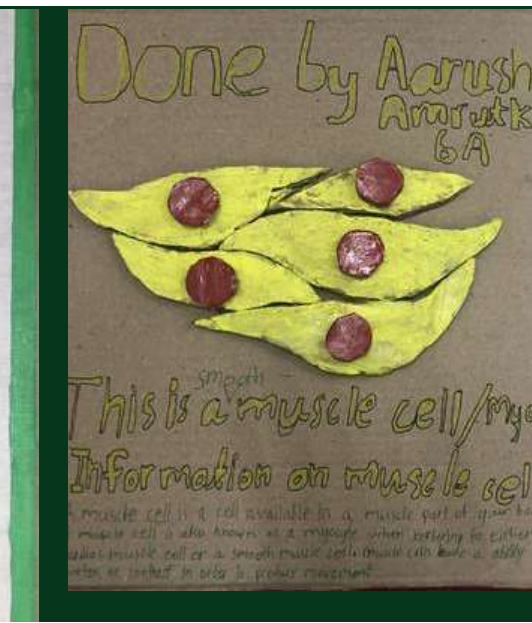
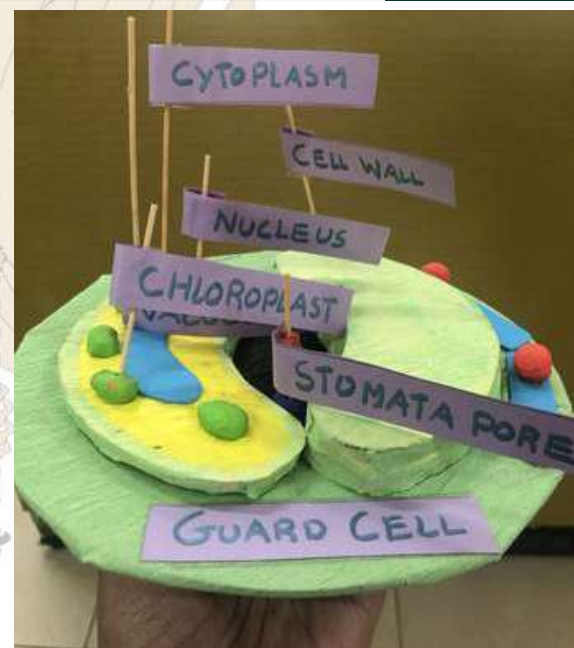


MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME (MYP)
Year 1 - Science



MYP Year 1 students created 3D models of plant, animal and specialized cells to get a better understanding of the structure and functions of the cells. They were asked to use waste or recyclable materials for the project which also reinforced the sustainable approach to learning.

Along with the 3D models they also turned in write-ups to display their understanding as well as a reflection on the process undertaken. Students brought their own creativity to the forefront and the submissions were colourful, well made and unique.



Tamhini Ghat

Indus International School, Pune organized an adventurous and exciting excursion for our Grade 10 students to Tamhini Ghat. It was an educational and informational experience for our students as they observed the formation of rocks, the V-shaped valleys and the grand canyons and gorges.

The students were left in awe and admiration as they witnessed the beauty of nature in the form of serene, majestic flowing rivers and the diverse and fascinating environments and wildlife. They asked numerous questions to satiate their curiosity. It was a wonderful trip that helped in understanding a part of our natural world, while at the same time making our students more knowledgeable about the landforms and geography of Mother Nature.

IISP hopes to organize more such educational field trips for our students in the future.

Geography Study Tour – Grade 10



Trip to Tamhini Ghat



Observing & Learning the **Beauty of Nature** through a curious lens





**Whole School
Investiture Ceremony**

IISP Investiture Ceremony

The Investiture Ceremony of the Second Innovation Council took place on 2nd September 2022. After the traditional lighting of the lamp, our Principal, Mr Sandeep Chhabra welcomed the newly elected Innovation Council, and the swearing in ceremony of the Council took place.

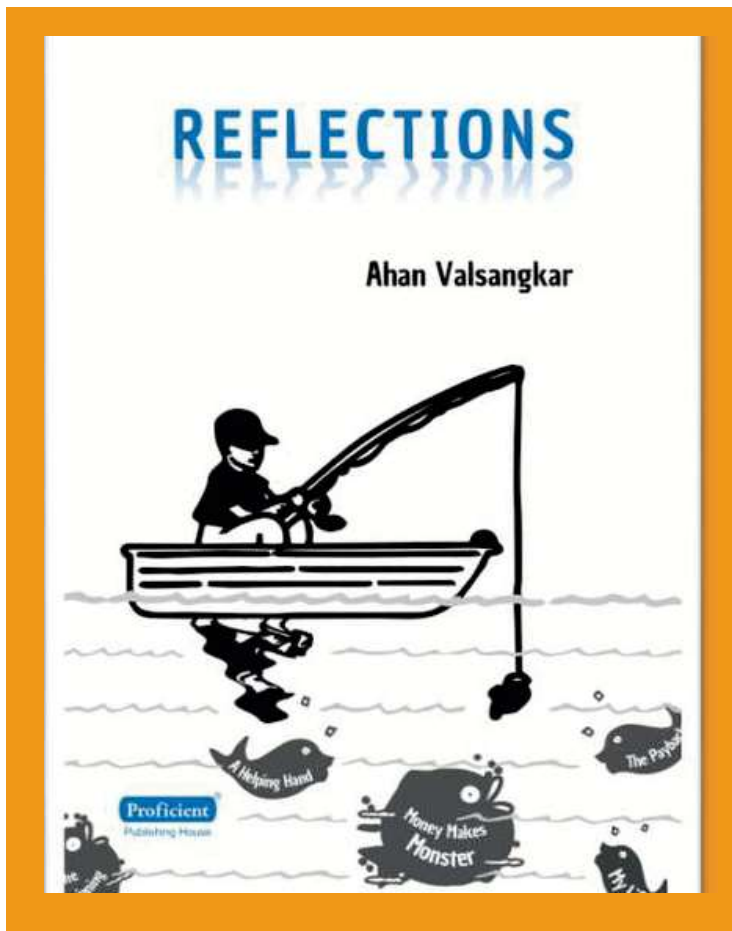
The ceremony was inaugurated by the Guest of Honour, Mr Praveen Rana, from the Indus School of Leadership, who has summited Mt. Everest in May 2022.



Star Award Ceremony 2nd September 2022



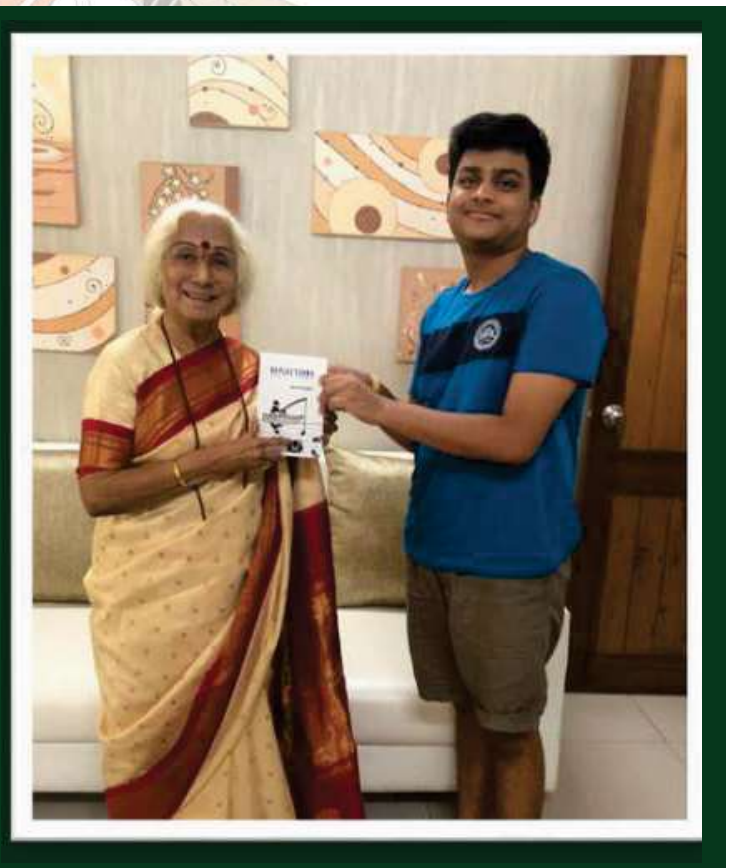
DIPLOMA PROGRAMME (IBDP1) Student Achievement -Ahaan



The “Reflections” is a compilation of creative short stories written by Ahan Valsangkar. These stories are the first pieces of literature that have been written at a professional level. The book is a representation of his thoughts and a few of his different outlooks on the world and the society’s role in its functionality throughout the generations.

The liking for English literature, coupled with his keen interest in fiction and script, inspired him to write this book. During the same time, he had finished with casual reading of “50 greatest short-stories”, which introduced him to this genre of creative writing.

The book is meant for entertainment and leisure. Various stories in the book have elements of different philosophical concepts and hence promotes higher thinking within the general audience for the topics discussed in the stories. These stories convey different morals about life through the usage of coming-of-age content and reflects on the realities of the world instead of fantasy.



DIPLOMA PROGRAMME (IBDP1) Student Achievement – Jui Keskar



Jui leads Beat-the-tremor foundation initiative to bridge the information gap among patients of Parkinson's Disease in India. She has built a community of about 103 patients who have subscribed to her monthly newsletter so far. Newsletters are published in English, Hindi and Marathi. It includes summary of new advancements in the PD world and life style tips (diet, exercise). This initiative clocked its first anniversary in September 2022.

Awards:

International

- 1) Two patents have been filed by Jui for this invention while she is working on taking it forward.
- 2) Jui has received two international awards (Grand Award for 3rd place in Biomedical Engg at ISEF, USA; Science Seed Award from Shanghai Youth Science Education Society) at ISEF, USA (2021)

National Level:

- 1) Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2022;
- 2) Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Ignited Mind Children Creativity and Innovation award) 2020
- 3) CNN-News18 – Byju's Young Genius 2022
- 4) IRIS National Fair – Grand award 2021



JUI ABHIJIT KESKAR
Kumari Jui Abhijit Keskar born on 28.03.2008 has invented a wearable tremor profiling device, called Jtremor3D. She was inspired by her uncle who was having Parkinsons and wanted to ease his living. The device is in the form of a glove or a strap. Kumari Jui has also come up with Jtremor Index to represent the tremor profile of a body. The tremor profile analysis can assist Neurologists during dosage planning.

Kumari Jui Abhijit Keskar is being awarded the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar, 2022, for her excellence in the field of Innovation.

जुई अभिजित केशर
जुई ज्यु अभिजित केशर यांचा जन्म 28 मार्च 2008 रोजी झारखंड राज्यात झारखंडच्या जमशेदपूर येथे झाला. तिच्या वडीलांना पार्किन्सन रोगाचे त्रास होते. तिने या रोगाच्या त्रासास तोंड देण्यासाठी 'Jtremor3D' नावाचा एक घड्याळ बनविला. हा घड्याळ हात किंवा बंधनकारक वस्तूच्या स्वरूपात असतो. तसेच तिने 'Jtremor Index' नावाचा एक सूचकांकही तयार केला आहे. हा सूचकांक शरीराच्या कंपनांचा प्रमाणमापन करतो. हे प्रमाणमापन तंत्रज्ञान न्युरोलॉजिस्टांना वारदा नियोजनासाठी मदत करू शकते.

Kumari Jui Abhijit Keskar is being awarded the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar, 2022, for her excellence in the field of Innovation.



Adding a Human Touch to Innovation
Jui Keskar



Ministry of Women & Child Development
Government of India

myGov

Pradhan Mantri
Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2022



JUI ABHIJIT KESKAR

Age: 15 | Maharashtra

Category: Innovation

She has invented a wearable tremor profiling device, called Jtremor3D. She was inspired by her uncle who was having Parkinson's. The tremor profile analysis can assist Neurologists with dosage planning.



ADVITA KARNAD

**IBDP-1 student at Indus
International School Pune**

*Participated in Sunfeast's "India – Move as One"
Campaign on the International Charity Day*

*Secretary General of IISP's intra-school Model
United Nations*

Organizer of MYP Creative Writing Competition

Receiver of Blue Star Award for all-round excellence

Shreya Gautam

Shreya Gautam is currently studying in IBDP 1. She is an independent, self-motivated and an accomplished student at Indus International School Pune. Her work in the field of Mental Health is highly commendable. She has helped create awareness on this sensitive yet highly important topic through her own organization – Mental Health Horizon. Through her organization, she has helped to prepare several kits relating to different mental health problems and how to tackle them efficiently.

Shreya has been recipient of the Green and Blue Star Awards and is a member of our student council on multiple occasions. She is actively involved with the school's MUN program and was a Founding Member of Lake & River Revival Initiative (LARRI) at Indus.

We congratulate Shreya on her achievements and continue to support her endeavours to give back to our society.



SHREYA GAUTAM

IB-DP 1 Student at Indus International School Pune

- *Mental Health Activist – Founder at Mental Health Horizon*
- *Founding Member of Lake & River Revival Initiative (LARRI) at Indus*
- *Deputy-Secretary General of IISP's intra-school MUN*
- *4-Time Recipient of IISP Green and Blue Star Awards*

DIPLOMA PROGRAMME (IBDP1) Hindi Diwas

मिस प्रतिमा जोहरी और डॉ. रेखा कठारे के मार्गदर्शन में हिंदी दिवस के उपलक्ष्य में इंडस इंटरनेशनल स्कूल, पुणे के डीपी २ और डीपी १ के हिंदी छात्रों ने विभिन्न प्रकार के कार्यक्रमों की प्रस्तुति दी | जिसमें डीपी १ के छात्र अभिषेक रॉय ने कार्यक्रम का संचालन किया |

डीपी १ के ही छात्र कारुण्य दहीकर और सारांश अग्रवाल ने हिंदी दिवस के महत्त्व पर भाषण दिया | डीपी २ की छात्रा मनप्रीत बाबा ने एक सुंदर सी कविता प्रस्तुत की | इस के उपरांत डॉ. रेखा कठारे ने सभा को धन्यवाद देते हुए कार्यक्रम का समापन किया |



MYP and DP TEACHERS DAY

Dear Mr. Chhabra, HAPPY TEACHER'S DAY! You are invited to the

MYP & DP TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

WHEN ?

2.50 PM ONWARDS, 5TH SEPTEMBER

WHERE ?

SPORTS COMPLEX AUDITORIUM

WHAT ?

LIVE MUSIC & DANCE PERFORMANCES



SCREENING OF TEACHER'S DAY CARDS

An Innovation Council Initiative by the Senior Council members. The students presented an enjoyable ensemble of music and dances for their teachers in the Sports Complex.



DIPLOMA PROGRAMME (IBDP2)

Theory of Knowledge Retreat- 24th and 25th September

The cohort of IBDP 2 started out on a 2-day TOK Retreat on 24th September 2022. The Retreat was organized at the beautiful Evershine Resorts, Mahabaleshwar.

The student led enthralling workshop sessions were followed by intensive guidance sessions on the TOK essay component by the TOK team of facilitators along with reflection sessions and team building fun activities for the students.



DIPLOMA PROGRAMME (IBDP)



Theory of Knowledge
Retreat- Glimpses
Student Led
Workshops and Essay
Sessions





Indus Pune Interact Club students go GREEN!

Tree Plantation drive with the rural kids of Nanegaon and Mulshi schools, followed by an exciting farm trip with insights into the local plants and indigenous farming techniques. Nature is a divine gift; enjoy every chance you get amidst it and continue to preserve it for the future generations.



The Next Genius College Fair for Scholarships

Indus International School Pune hosted the Next Genius College Fair on 14th Sep 2022. In the last 7 years, Next Genius partner colleges have awarded scholarships worth \$28 million, helping 234 students to pursue their undergraduate education in the US. Our Grade 11 and 12 students got to interact directly with the admission officers and enquire about scholarship opportunities offered by 14 reputed liberal art colleges in the US.

Our students benefitted greatly as they learnt about the various undergraduate programs as well as clubs, sports and other facilities that these colleges have to offer. They had a very fruitful interaction with the admission officers, and we thank the Next Genius Foundation for this amazing exposure offered to our students.



CAREER GUIDANCE & PLACEMENTS DEPARTMENT

.....

Admission Officials from New York University, University of St. Andrews, University of Glasgow, Kings College London and Swiss School of Hospitality visited our campus to learn more about our students and share their valuable insights and tips on the application process.



.....

The officials addressed our Grade 11 and 12 Students on various topics including Education in UK, Switzerland, Admission requirements and most importantly how do they review an application. Our students received in depth information about the courses they offer.

.....

CAREER GUIDANCE & PLACEMENTS DEPARTMENT



Session with Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD)

Grade 9 and 10 Visual Art students at Indus International School Pune got an opportunity to interact with Ms Khushnam Mirza from Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD), the University of Creative Careers.

SCAD which is at the forefront of art and design education, is known for preparing talented students for creative professions through engaged teaching and learning in a positively oriented university environment. They offer more than 100+ degree programs and specializations in creative careers.

We thank Khushnam Mirza from SCAD for this insightful session!!

CAREER GUIDANCE & PLACEMENTS DEPARTMENT

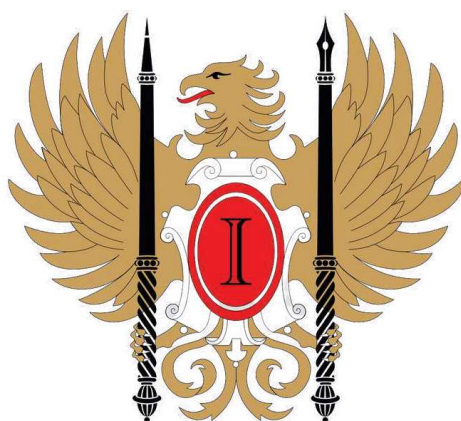
Grade 9 and 10 Counselor Assignment
Students of Grade 9 and 10 were assigned dedicated counselor who would take them to their Career and College Exploration journey from hereonwards. Students of both the grades were also addressed by the Careers team respectively.



CAREER GUIDANCE & PLACEMENTS DEPARTMENT

Upcoming University Visits and Workshops

University	Date	Venue
NTU	10/1/2022	Virtual
USC & UIUC	10/5/2022	Virtual
Vijaybhoomi University	10/6/2022	School
Ashoka University	10/7/2022	School
Temple University	10/10/2022	School
University of British Columbia	10/13/2022	School
University of Edinburgh and University of Manchester	10/19/2022	Virtual



SPORTS



Jodhpur

**Sayura Lokhande-DP 1 Tennis
Silver Medal U-19 Girls Individuals**

**Arjun Veluri-MYP2 Tennis
Bronze Medal U-14 Boys Individuals**

**Sayura Lokhande-Shriya Sriram-Jazz Narula IISP
Tennis
Silver Medal U-19 Girls Team Event**



SPORTS



Jodhpur

Harshini Pandey-MYP 5 Squash
Gold Medal U-17 Girls Individuals

Bengaluru

Avni Bogavat-DP 1 Badminton
Silver Medal U-19 Girls Individuals

Mumbai

Nishka Bothara-DP 1 Shooting 25mtrs
Gold Medal U-17 Girls Individuals



Swimming ISSO National Championships – MIT Gurukul, PUNE



ZENIA ABAD IRANI
(Under-19) - 800 FREESTYLE
Silver medal, 200
BREASTSTROKE Bronze
medal, 4x100 FREESTYLE
Relay Silver medal & 4x100
MEDLEY Relay Silver medal



TANISHA VIEGAS
(Under-19) – 50 FREESTYLE
Silver medal, 200 FREESTYLE
Silver medal, 200 FREESTYLE
Bronze medal, 4x100 FREESTYLE
Relay Silver medal & 4x100
MEDLEY Relay Silver medal



SNEH GOYALA
(Under-19) - 200 INDIVIDUAL
MEDLY Gold Medal, 100
BUTTERFLY Silver Medal, 50
BUTTERFLY Bronze Medal,
4x100 FREESTYLE Relay Silver
medal & 4x100 MEDLEY Relay
Silver medal



ANVESHA HATGAONKAR
(Under-19) - 4x100
FREESTYLE Relay Silver
medal & 4x100 MEDLEY
Relay Silver medal



YAJAS GUPTA
(Under-14) – 50 MTRS
BREASTSTROKE- Bronze
Medal, 4x100 FREESTYLE
RELAY- Silver medal & 4x100
MEDLEY RELAY- Silver medal



ONUR KACMAZ
(Under-14) – 4x100
FREESTYLE RELAY- Silver
medal & 4x100 MEDLEY
RELAY- Silver medal

Horse Show Jumping

We are happy and proud to share that **Ronith** has qualified for participation in "Horse Show Jumping" in JNEC (Junior National Equestrian Championship) this year in December.

He has won this qualification by clearing 2 rounds of "Horse Show Jumping" at REL (Regional Equestrian League) held at Modi Equestrian Academy, Meerut, today on 4th Sept. 2022.

He cleared the rounds on 2 horses - Abrazzo and Cuebbo. As a matter of pride, he has won the third position in the event on Cuebbo for 105 CM height jumping and bagged a cash prize of Rs. 6000.

He will now continue to prepare for participation in JNEC in Dec. 2022

We thank you for your relentless support in nurturing Ronith in all forms of life.



BOARDING



The month of September started with the welcome of the Ganpati with its idol where the boarders decorated the space, performed the Aarti for 5 days and then performed Ganesh Visarjan with immersing the idol in the water. A drawing competition was organised for the PYP kids, where the children drew various Disney characters and exercised their creativity together. Treasure hunt was organised which was a house-wise activity for all the grades in which they searched the chits across and around the dining hall in pursuit of winning. Following the house-wise competition trend for DP, MYP and PYP, a campus cleaning drive was conducted having groups and sending them to different areas of the school. All the teams collected different types of litter totaling up to 25 kilos of waste being segregated into plastic, paper, and other hard material. To have a break from dining in the boarding, an outing was also planned for the boarders to McDonald's where all munched their bite. Various classes have been organized for our boarders to keep them engaged during the weekends like the music classes, chess coaching etc. To add further excitement, a visit was planned for the PYP boarders to the Joshi's miniature railways museum where they saw miniature models of various trains. Gardening as an activity was organized for the MYP and PYP students to improve the motor skills, object control skills and management skills amongst the students. The weekends were full of activities keeping the boarders busy throughout.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PYP

PYP Reports – Term 1 – 11th October
PYP PTM – 15th October
PYP 5 MUN – 15th October
PYP 3 – 5 Squash Skill Show – 18th October
Inter house Cultural Fete – 20th October
Mufti Day and Diwali Celebration – 21st October
Autumn Break – 22nd October – 30th October

MYP & DP

MYP & DP Reports – 3rd October
DP1 ISL [Batch 2]- 29th-3rd October
MYP & DP PTM – 8th October
World Mental Health Day – 10th October
MUN Conference – 14-15th October
Diwali Dress-up & Celebration – 20th October
Halloween Dress-up & Celebration – 21st October



Thanks, and warm regards

**Mr. Sandeep Chhabra
Principal**

**Indus International School Pune
principal@indusschoolpune.com
sandeep.chhabra@indusschoolpune.com
www.indusschoolpune.com**