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From MIS to the World: Agrim Jain's Remarkable Achievement



Dr. Monica Chabra, Principal MIS International School felicitating Agrim Jain

Congratulations to Master Agrim Jain from grade 10 for an outstanding global achievement. His essay has been shortlisted among the top 15% worldwide in the prestigious John Locke Essay Competition, selected from 1,00,000+ entries across 180+ countries.

Agrim has also been invited to London to attend an exclusive seminar with leading professors from Oxford, Cambridge and Princeton. BRAVO Agrim.

Anti-Drug Abuse Awareness Session



As part of Anti-Drug Abuse Week, MIS International School, Balewadi organized an Anti-Drug Abuse Awareness Session on 2nd July 2026 for higher grade students.

The session began with Principal Dr. Monika Chhabra welcoming Mr. Shriram Kapre and Mrs. Supriya Mandhare, the police officers. She explained the importance of creating awareness about drug abuse among students.

The Police officer enlightened the students about the harmful effects of narcotic drugs, their legal and social consequences and the importance of making responsible life choices. They also spread awareness about the POCSO Act, cyber safety and responsible use of social media, common cybercrimes and traffic rules.

Students were given practical tips to stay safe online and protect their personal information. The officers encouraged students to participate in sports and related activities to build discipline and resilience. Mrs. Supriya Mandhare assured that she would extend her guidance and support to students aspiring to appear for the MPSC examinations.

The session concluded with an interactive question-and-answer session, where students actively participated and got clarified their doubts. The informative session left students with a greater awareness of leading a healthy, safe, and drug-free life. The school sincerely thanks the police officer for their valuable guidance and support.

Educational Visit to the R.K. Laxman Museum: Inspires Young Minds



July 11, 2026: Grade 10 students of MIS International School, Balewadi, embarked on an educational visit to the R.K. Laxman Museum, where they explored extraordinary life and legacy of one of India's most celebrated cartoonists.

The museum offered students an immersive experience through its thoughtfully curated exhibits, including the charming miniature Malgudi village, an extensive gallery of R.K. Laxman's iconic cartoons, and a life-sized wax statue recreating his workspace at The Times of India. These exhibits highlighted the brilliance with which Laxman captured the essence of Indian society through his timeless creation—the 'Common Man'.

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The visit enabled students to gain a deeper understanding of cartoons as a powerful medium of social and political commentary while appreciating the role of art in reflecting contemporary issues. The experience encouraged them to observe society with greater sensitivity. The excursion provided a refreshing blend of learning and inspiration beyond the classroom.

The educational trip proved to be a memorable learning experience, leaving students inspired by R.K. Laxman's enduring artistic legacy and the timeless relevance of his work.

Little Warkaris, Big Smiles!



MIS International School, Balewadi conducted traditional Palkhi in school premises. Students celebrated the vibrant Palkhi with great enthusiasm to appreciate Maharashtra's rich cultural heritage.

The campus was filled with devotion and festive spirit as students dressed in traditional attire participated in a symbolic Palkhi procession. The celebration is inspired by the famous Palkhi procession associated with the annual pilgrimage to Pandharpur, dedicated to Lord Vitthal.

Students came to school dressed up as warkaries carrying saffron flags, palkhi and Tulsi saplings in 'Tulsivrundavans'. They joyfully sang devotional songs, chanted "Gyanba Tukaram," and carried beautifully decorated palanquins, creating a vibrant and festive atmosphere. The school premises echoed with music, laughter and the spirit of togetherness.

Students learnt about the values of kindness, humility, sharing and devotion associated with the Wari. Teacher explained the significance of the Palkhi pilgrimage in an age-appropriate manner, helping the young minds connect with our cultural roots.

The celebration was a wonderful blend of learning and enjoyment, fostering respect for traditions while creating cherished memories for our little ones. It was heartwarming to see the students embrace the festival with enthusiasm, innocence and joy, making the day truly special.

The Palkhi celebration was a memorable experience that strengthened the students' connection with Indian traditions while promoting values of togetherness, devotion and mutual respect. The traditional drapery, the colorful props and the sound of Tal, mridang, bhajan, abhang and bharud added to its beauty. The atmosphere was filled with enthusiasm and devotion.

Breaking News: UFO Sighting



As part of the Co-Curricular Activities (CCA), the verbal activity "Breaking News: UFO Sighting!" was successfully conducted for students of Grades 6 to 9. The activity aimed to enhance students' communication skills, creativity, imagination, confidence, and stage presence through an engaging role-play as television news reporters.

Students participated enthusiastically in groups of 3–4 and presented imaginative live news bulletins based on an imaginary UFO sighting. They creatively reported from the scene, interviewed eyewitnesses, spoke to scientists and officials, shared breaking updates, and presented unexpected twists in their stories. Their innovative ideas, confident delivery, and expressive presentations kept the audience engaged throughout the event.



The active participation of all students nurtured critical thinking and confidence through experiential learning.

The event was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by both students and teachers.



Manthan 2026 – Grade 4



The Grade 4 students enthusiastically participated in Manthan 2026, an interactive learning exhibition held on Thursday, 25th June 2026. The event provided a wonderful platform for students to showcase their knowledge, creativity, and confidence by presenting curriculum-based concepts through innovative working models and demonstrations to their parents. Each presentation reflected empirical learning, where students confidently explained concepts, demonstrated models, and answered questions with enthusiasm.

The exhibits included:

Mathematics – Area and Perimeter Zoo:

Students used an attractive zoo model to explain the concepts of area and perimeter through square, rectangular, and triangular animal enclosures. They demonstrated how perimeter helps calculate the fencing required, while area represents the space available for animals.



Mathematics – Nets of 3D Shapes:

Through colourful 2D nets, students showed how flat shapes can be folded to form 3D objects such as cubes, cuboids, cylinders, and triangular pyramids. They also explained the concepts of faces, edges, and vertices.

Science – Iodine–Starch Test:

Students performed a live experiment to demonstrate the presence of starch in different plant parts using iodine solution. They explained the importance of photosynthesis and how plants store food in the form of starch.

Science – Tie and Dye & Block Printing:

Students introduced the traditional Indian art of Bandhani and demonstrated the processes of tie and dye as well as block printing. Their colourful samples highlighted India's rich textile heritage and encouraged everyone to "Be Vocal for Local."

English – The Conjunction Express: Using an engaging train-themed model, students explained different conjunctions such as because, so, if, when, both...and, either...or, and neither...nor. Through simple examples, they showed how conjunctions connect ideas and make sentences meaningful.

Social Studies – Features of the Himalayas: Students presented a detailed model of the Himalayan mountain range, explaining its three parallel ranges, major rivers, biodiversity, and significance as India's natural barrier and lifeline.

Social Studies – Famous People of India: Through role-play and creative presentations, students portrayed inspiring personalities including Aryabhata, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, Kalpana Chawla, and Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, highlighting their remarkable contributions to the nation and the world.

Robotics – Voice Controlled RGB Light: Students demonstrated a voice-controlled RGB lighting system using a Qbit, Qbrick Controller, microphone, and RGB LED. They explained how coding and voice commands work together to control coloured lights, connecting classroom learning with real-life smart technology.

Parents appreciated the students' confidence, communication skills, and conceptual understanding. The interactive models and practical demonstrations made learning enjoyable and meaningful, reflecting the school's commitment to activity-based and experiential education.

Manthan 2026 proved to be a grand success, providing young learners with an opportunity to develop presentation skills, critical thinking, creativity, and teamwork while celebrating the joy of learning. The event concluded with heartfelt appreciation from parents and teachers for the students' remarkable efforts and enthusiastic participation.



Manthan 2026 – Grade 5



Manthan, the academic presentation by Grade 5 students, was conducted at MIS International School. The event aimed at nurturing scientific temperament by encouraging critical observation, inquisitiveness, creativity, and logical thinking among students.

The students confidently showcased projects across different subjects. Their presentations reflected a clear understanding of the topics, along with their ability to apply knowledge in innovative and practical ways. The event provided an excellent platform for students to enhance their communication skills, boost their confidence, and celebrate their learning journey.

Following are the titles of the projects:

English

1. Idioms in Action

Math

1. Find HCF & LCM without calculation
2. Quick Multiplication Trick

Science

1. Fun with Magnets
2. Nervous System- Reflex Action

Robotics

1. Obstacle Avoided Car

SST

1. Longitudes and Latitudes
2. Layers of the Atmosphere

A Vibrant Celebration of Indian Culture- Utsav



MIS International School, Balewadi joyfully celebrated Utsav, a colourful event that showcased the rich heritage, traditions and diversity of India. The young learners enthusiastically participated in a variety of cultural performances, making the celebration a memorable experience for everyone. Students dressed in vibrant traditional attire representing different cultures.

The little ones delighted the audience with lively dance performances and narrations. Their cheerful smiles, vibrant costumes and energetic participation made the celebration truly special.

Parents enthusiastically cheered the students, making the event even more meaningful. Event provided a wonderful platform for students to express themselves, build confidence and celebrate the joy of learning in a nurturing environment. Students presented energetic folk and classical dances that reflected the country's cultural richness. Their confidence, enthusiasm and cheerful performances won the hearts of the audience.



The event also featured a special segment where students dressed up as renowned Indian personalities, including freedom fighters, scientists, social reformers and national leaders. Through their costumes and short presentations, the students highlighted the inspiring contributions of these iconic figures to the nation.

The celebration reflected school's commitment to holistic development by encouraging every student to learn, perform and grow with confidence. The event concluded on a happy note, leaving everyone with cherished memories and a renewed appreciation for the enthusiasm and innocence of early childhood.

The celebration aimed to instil pride in India's cultural heritage while encouraging creativity & confidence among the young learners. Parents thoroughly enjoyed the performances and applauded the efforts of the little participants.

MIS School Maan, Hinjawadi

Happy Doctor's Day



The Pre-Primary and Primary Section of MIS Maan, Hinjewadi celebrated Doctor's Day with great enthusiasm and respect. The session was organized to help students understand the importance of good health, personal hygiene, and healthy lifestyle habits.

The programme began with a warm and heartfelt welcome speech by the teacher, who welcomed our esteemed guest, Dr. Ajay Mahajan. The students greeted him with great excitement and respect.

Dr. Ajay Mahajan conducted an informative and interactive session. He explained the importance of maintaining healthy habits and personal hygiene in simple and engaging language. He encouraged the students to wash their hands regularly, eat nutritious food, drink plenty of water, and stay active every day.

He also spoke about the benefits of eating seasonal fruits and vegetables, explaining how they help keep our bodies healthy and strong. The doctor further introduced the students to Ayurveda, explaining that it is a traditional system of medicine that has been practised in our country for decades. He shared the importance of natural remedies and healthy living in maintaining overall well-being.

The programme concluded with an inspiring speech by Principal. She encouraged the students to follow healthy habits every day and ended her address with a beautiful quote:

"Early to bed and early to rise makes you healthy, wealthy, and wise."

The Doctor's Day session was highly informative and engaging. It inspired the students to adopt healthy habits, maintain personal hygiene, and appreciate the importance of a healthy lifestyle.



Yellow Day and World Emoji Day Celebration



The Pre-Primary Department of MIS School celebrated Yellow Day and World Emoji Day with great enthusiasm and joy. The celebration aimed to introduce children to the significance of the colour yellow while encouraging them to express their emotions through fun emoji-themed activities.

The school campus was beautifully decorated with smiles, and colourful emoji cut-outs, creating a cheerful and welcoming atmosphere. The little learners arrived dressed in bright yellow outfits, adding warmth and vibrancy to the celebration. They also brought yellow-coloured food items.

Teachers began the day by introducing the colour yellow and explaining how it represents happiness, sunshine, positivity, and energy. Children enthusiastically identified yellow objects around them and participated in engaging discussions.

To celebrate World Emoji Day, teachers introduced different emoji faces representing emotions such as happiness, sadness, surprise, love, excitement, and laughter.

Through storytelling, songs, games, and interactive discussions, children learnt to identify and express their feelings in a healthy and enjoyable way.

The young learners participated with great excitement and confidence. The activities helped enhance their emotional awareness, communication skills, colour recognition, creativity, and social interaction in a joyful learning environment.

The celebration concluded with smiling faces, memorable photographs, and appreciation for the enthusiastic participation of the children, teachers, and parents. The event successfully combined learning with fun, making it a memorable experience for all.

MIS School remains committed to providing meaningful learning experiences through engaging celebrations that foster creativity, emotional development, and holistic growth in every child.

Ashadhi Ekadashi Celebration



To immerse our young learners in the rich culture and tradition of Maharashtra, the Pre-Primary section celebrated Ashadhi Ekadashi with great enthusiasm and devotion on July 22. The event aimed at introducing students to values of unity, devotion, and the historical significance of sacred Waari pilgrimage.

1. Festive Attire

Adding vibrant color to the festivities, all our little students came dressed in beautiful traditional Maharashtrian attire. The boys looked dapper in kurta-pyjamas and topis, while the girls looked adorable in traditional nauvari and parkar-polka dresses, truly bringing the cultural spirit alive.

2. The Grand Entrance: Teacher Waari

The celebration commenced with a mesmerizing atmosphere as teachers, dressed in traditional Warkari attire, chanted "Vitthal Vitthala, Hari Om Vitthala" with joyful energy. Recreating the spirit of the Waari pilgrimage, the teachers marched onto the stage with tal (cymbals) and veena, instantly captivating the young audience.

3. Educational Skit: Understanding Vitthal and Waari. To make the concept simple and engaging students, our teachers performed a short, interactive act

4. The Big Waari & Palakhi Procession

The highlight of the day was the grand Palakhi procession. As the Palakhi entered through the main gate, Principal performed a traditional pooja to seek divine blessings. Primary school students warmly welcomed the procession by showering flower petals, adding colour and joy to the sacred atmosphere.

Conclusion & Prasad Distribution

The festive day concluded on a sweet and spiritual note with distribution of prasad to all the children and staff. The event successfully conveyed the core values of devotion, discipline, and togetherness to little ones in a joyful and manner.

Kargil Vijay Diwas

Inter- House Patriotic Song Competition

MIS School, Maan proudly commemorated Kargil Vijay Diwas by organizing an Interhouse Patriotic Songs Competition, paying tribute to the courage, sacrifice, and unwavering spirit of the brave soldiers of the Indian Armed Forces.



The programme commenced with National Anthem, followed by a warm welcome extended to our esteemed judge, Principal, teachers, and students. The event was graced by Mr. Karthik Iyer, Regional Manager of Torrens School of Music, who was introduced to the audience. His passion for music and experience in the field inspired the students and added great value to the occasion.

The celebration continued with a heartfelt skit titled "A Letter from the Border", presented by the students of Grades 3 to 7. The moving performance beautifully portrayed the emotions, sacrifices, and patriotism of our soldiers, leaving the audience deeply touched.

The patriotic spirit soared as the four houses presented their melodious and energetic performances:

- Athena House – Suno Gaur Se Duniya Walo
- Apollo House – Kandhon Se Milte Hain Kandhe (Kadhe So Kadhe Milte Hai)
- Helios House – Chak De India
- Spartan House – Jai Ho

Each house showcased remarkable enthusiasm, teamwork, musical talent, and love for the nation through their performances.

Addressing the gathering, Principal appreciated the sincere efforts of all the participants and highlighted the importance of remembering the sacrifices made by our brave soldiers. She encouraged the students to uphold the values of patriotism, unity, and responsibility in their daily lives.

After careful evaluation by the judges, Spartan House was declared the winner of the competition and was felicitated amidst loud applause and appreciation from the audience.

The programme concluded with the Guest Felicitation, followed by Vote of Thanks, expressing gratitude to the judge, Principal, teachers, participants. The celebration came to a fitting end with soulful rendition of "Vande Mataram", filling every heart with pride and love for the nation.

The Investiture Ceremony - MIS School, Hinjawadi



On the fine afternoon of 30th June 2026, deserving young talents of MIS School, Hinjawadi, were bestowed with the responsibility of leading their School from the front with their commitment, confidence and competence. The Investiture Ceremony thus marked the formal induction of the newly elected Student Council for academic session 2026–27.

The ceremony commenced with the National Anthem, creating an atmosphere of pride and patriotism. This was followed by a warm welcome extended to Principal, teachers, parents and students. The programme emphasized that leadership is not merely a position but a commitment to serve with dedication, responsibility, and integrity. The presence of the parents made the occasion even more memorable as they gathered to witness this proud milestone in their children's lives.

The most awaited moment of the ceremony followed as the newly elected Student Council members were invited on the stage amidst enthusiastic applause to receive their badges and sashes. Each student leader was introduced with appreciation for their individual strengths, leadership qualities, and commitment towards the school. The School Captain, School Vice-Captain, School Sports Captain, School Sports Vice-Captain, and the House Captains of Apollo, Athena, Helios, and Spartans proudly stepped forward to accept their responsibilities.

The badges and sashes were presented by Mrs. Leena Bhosale, Principal symbolising trust and confidence reposed in the young leaders. The ceremony reflected the school's commitment to nurturing confident, disciplined, and responsible future leaders.

A defining moment of the ceremony was the Oath-Taking Ceremony, administered by the Principal. The newly invested council members solemnly pledged to discharge their duties with honesty, fairness, discipline, dedication, and integrity. They promised to uphold the values and traditions of the school, lead by example, and inspire their fellow students by exemplary conduct.



Following the oath, our Principal, addressed the gathering and congratulated the newly elected Student Council. In her inspiring address, she emphasized that leadership is not about authority but about responsibility, service, and setting the right example. She encouraged the young leaders to perform their duties with sincerity, confidence, humility, and dedication while upholding the values and traditions of the school. She also appreciated the unwavering support of the parents and teachers in shaping responsible and confident future leaders.

The ceremony concluded with heartfelt congratulations to the newly elected Student Council and best wishes for a successful tenure ahead. A sincere Vote of Thanks was delivered, expressing gratitude to the Principal, teachers, parents, and everyone whose support and dedicated efforts ensured the grand success of the programme. The event concluded with the National Anthem, leaving everyone inspired by the spirit of leadership, responsibility, teamwork, and service.

STUDENT COUNCIL (2026–27)

Sr. No.	Designation	Name
1	School Captain	A. S. Harshiv
2	School Vice-Captain	Harshita Pasutkar
3	School Sports Captain	Ishaan Patidar
4	School Sports Vice-Captain	Swaraj Vishwakarma
5	Apollo House Captain	Rutvi Maske
6	Athena House Captain	Ishit Sharma
7	Helios House Captain	Savar Mishra
8	Spartans House Captain	Nitya Raman

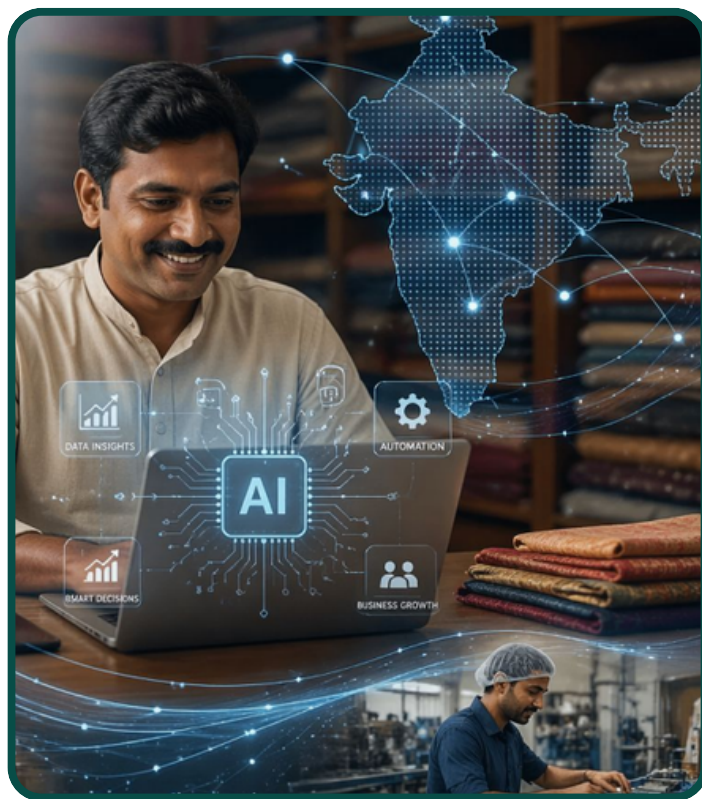
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AI Enablement for MSMEs

YouthBuild Foundation, in collaboration with Microsoft, launched the AI Enablement for MSMEs Programme to help small and medium enterprises to leverage Artificial Intelligence for improved productivity, business growth and digital transformation. The programme is designed as a 60 day learning journey featuring expert-led live sessions, self-paced learning, AI powered support, and mentorship to build practical AI capabilities among MSMEs.

The initiative aims to empower 1000 representatives of 500 MSMEs across Maharashtra, by enabling them to integrate AI into key business functions such as marketing, sales, operations, and customer engagement. Participants also receive a Microsoft-approved lifetime certificate, expert mentoring, and an opportunity to be recognized among the Top 50 Hero MSMEs, unlocking exclusive networking and visibility opportunities.

During July 2026, the programme witnessed encouraging participation from MSMEs across Maharashtra. Cohort 1 successfully completed four training sessions with 12 MSMEs and 24 participants, while Cohort 2 completed three training sessions engaging 60 MSMEs and 120 participants. Building on



this momentum, registrations for Cohort 3 are currently underway, reflecting the growing enthusiasm among MSMEs to embrace AI-driven technologies for business growth and innovation.

Through this initiative, YouthBuild Foundation continues its commitment to strengthening MSME competitiveness by promoting technology adoption, enhancing digital capabilities, and enabling enterprises to achieve sustainable growth in an increasingly digital economy.