

# THINKER'S LEAF



## Editor's Message

### January - A month of Hope

January is a season of new beginnings - a new start. Everyone around is filled with a vigour and determined to create a better self. With resolute heart, to push the limits of self is most common in this month.

In this edition of "Thinker's Leaf", our contributors have been undergoing the same zeal to create something exceptional and have tried to put their best foot forward.

I request the readers to dive into this edition of " Thinker's Leaf" , with a resolution to learn and adopt something that is life transforming for them and enhance their knowledge as well. In this season of beginnings, many must have adopted healthy reading habits in their schedules. This edition can surely serve as a kick start to it. Happy Reading !

- Aditi Bhargava, 9th A

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## GENERAL AWARENESS

### RAM MANDIR PRAN PRATISHTHA

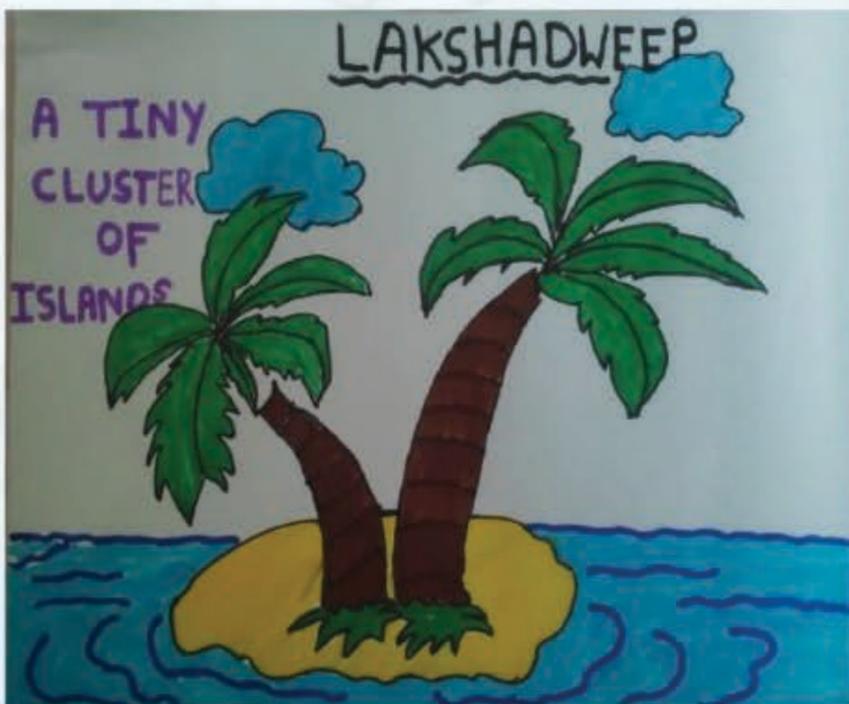
As the much-anticipated opening of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya nears, set for January 22, excitement builds for the special ceremony where Lord Ram Lalla's idol will be placed. This significant event is expected to draw many important guests and celebrities. To make sure preparations are on track, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath visited the temple site on January 9 to check on the progress.

- Ujjwal Chauhan, II



- Jitain Narula, II

### INDIA & MALDIVES: UNDERSTANDING THE DIPLOMATIC DISCORD



- Shreethya Bailwal, II



The visit of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Lakshadweep led to controversy with the Maldives, after negative comments about Modi and India by three Maldivian deputy ministers. This incident has prompted Indian celebrities to show solidarity with India, encouraging domestic tourism over trips to the Maldives.

- Avanya Badoni, IV A

### MERO UTTARAKHAND



Uttarakhand Marks a New Era of Economic Growth as Global Investors Summit concluded Successfully in Dehradun on 8th and 9th December, 2023. The goal of the Global Investors Summit 2023 in Uttarakhand was to attract investments and showcase the state as a preferred destination for economic development. The summit aimed to highlight Uttarakhand's economic potential, competitive advantages, and investor-friendly policies.

- Aditya Rana, IV A

## Events of the Month

### Christmas Celebrations



A merry day was spent at Manava Bharati India International School's pre-primary wing. The students dove into a heartwarming celebration of the festival of Christmas. Children of Nursery, L.K.G., and U.K.G. prepared a song and dance, which they performed in a special assembly at school.

### CBSE Induction Training



Teachers from Manava Bharati India International School, Ms. Nikita Batra and Preeti Sirohi went for training at Shri Guru Ram Rai School, Race on 19th and 20th January, 2024 . This training workshop was done to enhance the skills of the teacher and make them more competent towards their respective fields. Manava Bharati always motivates its staff to be updated and well equipped in all possible ways. We strongly believe in the ideology that , "A teacher is always Learning."

### Workshop on National Education Policy 2020



An Informative and interesting workshop was conducted for the teachers on NEP 2020.

### Exploring Nature's Wonders



A picnic to Nature's Park Lachchiwala was organised for the students of Junior Wing to bring them close to nature, develop team work and confidence in them.

### Waste Warriors



Our students participated in various activities like Swachhata Shapath, Green Ink, Waste Detectives, Formation of Young Warriors Club, Junk Genius and Making of Compost, Kapda Daan, Share and Care organised by Waste Warriors.

### Memorable excursion to Anghaila Hills



The students of our school went for an excursion to Manava Bharati Anghaila Hills Campus.

## Creative writing

### A GLASS OF MILK

There once was a poor boy who spent his days going door-to-door selling newspapers to pay for school. One day, as he was walking his route, he started feeling low and weak. The poor boy was starving, so he decided to ask for food when he came to the next door. The poor boy asked for food but was denied every time, until he reached the door of a



girl. He asked for a glass of water, but seeing his poor state, the girl came back with a glass of milk. The boy asked how much he owed her for the milk, but she refused payment. Years later, the girl, who was now a grown woman, fell sick. She went from doctor to doctor, but no one was able to cure her. Finally, she went to the best doctor in town. The doctor spent months treating her until she was finally cured. Despite her happiness, she was afraid she couldn't afford to pay the bill. But, when the hospital handed her the bill, it read, "Paid in full, with a glass of milk."

**The Moral : No good deed goes unrewarded.**

### Smile

A smile is a cup of tea,  
which you can have all day.  
With some biscuits, Smile  
waiting for you in the tray.  
A smile is an act,  
which you can perform any time.  
With lots of fun!

And you will be happy all the time.

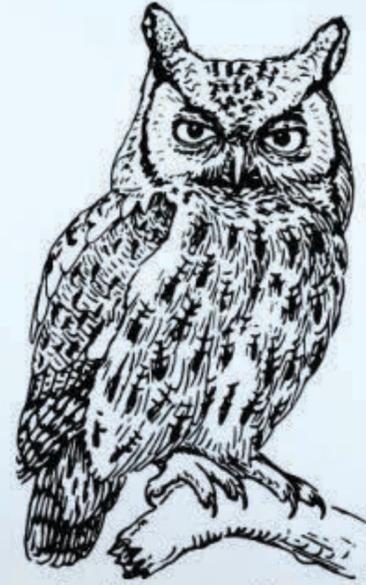
A smile, when you see it on someone's face,  
you too want it on your face.

Because the happier you feel,  
the more you need  
to have a smile!



### A WISE OLD OWL

There was an old owl who lived in an oak tree. Every day, he observed incidents that occurred around him. Yesterday, he watched as a young boy helped an old man carry a heavy basket. Today, he saw a young girl shouting at her mother. The more he saw, the less he spoke. As the days went on, he spoke less but heard more.



The old owl heard people talking and telling stories. He heard a woman saying an elephant jumped over a fence. He heard a man saying that he had never made a mistake. The old owl had seen and heard what happened to people. There were some who became better, some who became worse. But the old owl in the tree had become wiser, each and every day.

**The Moral : Be more observant. Talk less and listen more. This will make us wise.**

### Vegetable printing



Vegetable printing is a fun creative activity for children. UKG class recently did bean vegetable printing of a beautiful flower. They used beans dipped in paint as the flower's center and stem, pressing them onto paper to create unique patterns. This is a great way to encourage artistic expression and explore different textures. It's important to ensure that non-toxic, washable paint is used and to supervise the activity to ensure a mess-free and enjoyable experience.

### EMPOWERING YOUTH THROUGH "AGNIVEER"

On December 19th, 2023, Manava Bharati India International School, was honoured to host a session conducted by Captain Jai Lal (Corps of Signal Regime) and his team. He interacted with the students of class 9th and 11th. He made them aware about the "Agniveer" scheme which encourages the



youth to join the Indian Army and render the service for a period of 4 years. He discussed in detail the criteria of selection, remunerations and incentives of the program.

He also informed about how the Union cabinet of India launched this scheme called "Agnipath" for the youth and selected candidates under this scheme are known as "Agniveer". He told us about the educational qualifications required for Agniveer - class 10th with 45% marks and a minimum of 33% in each subject. 10+2 intermediate exam in science stream with 50% in aggregate and 40% in each subject. Indian army Agniveer selection process involves various phases including an online common entrance exam, recruitment rally, physical fitness test, medical examination and merit list.



This scheme is open for both male and female candidates between the age of 17-21 who have qualified in 10th exam from any board of school education recognised by the ministry of education.

The salary allowance starts with Rs.30,000 -40,000 without TA, DA and HRA. An Agniveer is also entitled to various allowances called the "Seva nidhi" package which amounts to Rs.11.71 lakh.

If Agniveer killed in line of duty, family to get over Rs. 48 lakh as non compensation insurance, Rs. 44 lakh as compensation, 30% of Seva nidhi contribution by the Agniveer with equal matching contribution by the government. He also added the pioneering Agniveer initiative launched in 2022, that has yielded exceptional results in bolstering the Indian Army's technical prowess and modernization efforts.

On completion of 4 yrs period Agniveer will go back to the society as disciplined, dynamic, motivated and skilled work force for employment in other sectors thereby contributing further in nation building.

Over all, he infused the air with the vibe of patriotism among all present .

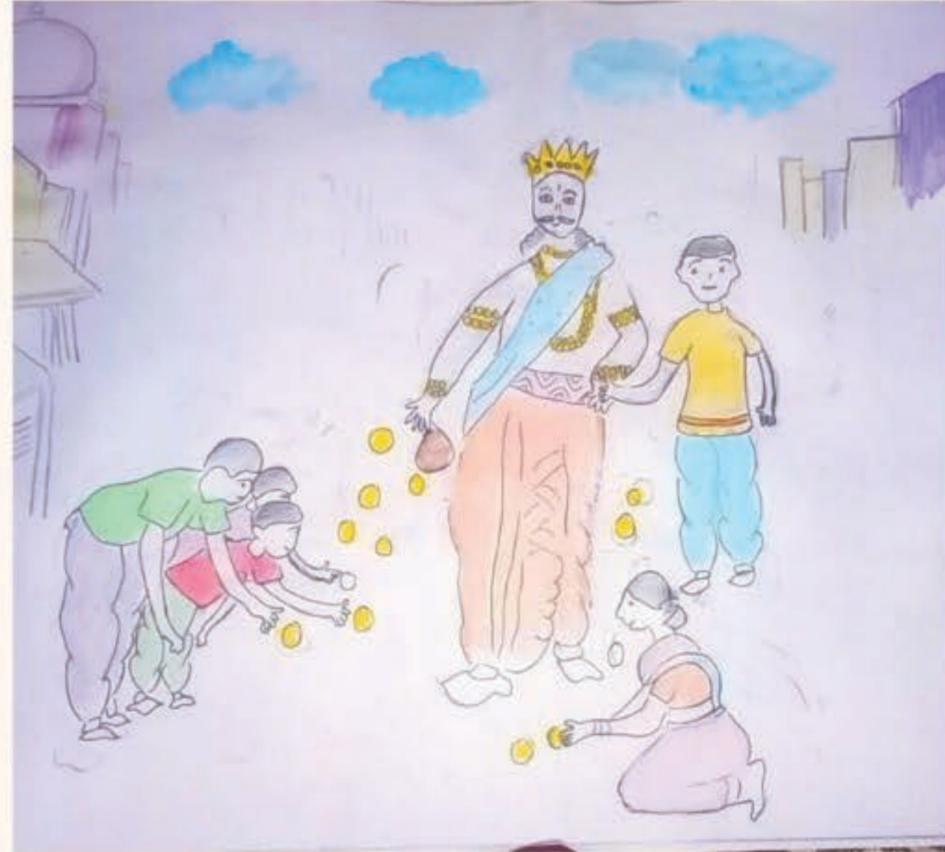
The event concluded with everyone taking a selfie together to memorise the day.

## Building Values

### A True Servant

Once upon a time, there was a great king who lived in splendid palace full of infinite wealth. He was known for his kindness towards servants and subjects. One day, the king wanted to know who was the most loyal of his servants. He asked his wise and great minister for advice on how to test his servants. The minister thought for a moment and came up with a great idea.

The next day, the king set out with his soldiers into the countryside. He took with him a big purse full of gold coins. When they arrived, the king ordered his soldiers to spread out and clear the street. Then, he opened his wallet and threw the gold coins on the road. The people and servants of the area heard the sound of gold coins hitting the ground and rushed towards them to collect as many as they could.



Everyone ran towards the road except a servant who stayed with the king to protect him from the mob. The king was pleased to see the loyalty and devotion of the servant towards him. He rewarded the loyal servant by promoting him to an important position in the palace.

From that day, the king realized the importance of loyalty and how it could bring about a change in his kingdom. He continued to treat his people and servants with kindness and generosity, knowing that they were the ones who made this kingdom great. And the faithful servant lived happily ever after knowing that his devotion to the king was rewarded with great honor.

**Moral : Stay true to your purpose and your reward will definitely come to you.**

- Saanvi Rauthan, 6th A

### Bernie the Reindeer

Bernie is a reindeer. He is not so popular, that's probably because he was not very special. He couldn't do anything at all and Santa had a hard time, finding a job for him to do. Bernie did not like to be on sight so Santa said, "Hey, let's put him in the workshop in making toys with the elves". But Bernie's antlers were so big that he kept knocking everything over and the elves were getting very angry. On that Santa thought and said, "Hey, let's put him in the kitchen! He can help in making Christmas dinner." On the other hand Bernie liked to eat. He ate everything he saw. He ate the chair, vegetables and even the table. But Bernie liked to talk.



In fact he talked all the time so, Santa Claus said, "Hey wait, we need someone to answer the phones at the North pole. The people always call. I think Bernie would be the perfect ! And now Bernie is the new telephone guy.

Everyone has their own potential in one thing or another.

- Divya Negi, VII A

## FUN-O-LOGY

### FUN RIDDLES

**Riddle :** What has to be broken before you can use it?

**Answer :** An egg

**Riddle :** I'm tall when I'm young, and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?

**Answer :** A candle

**Riddle :** What month of the year has 28 days?

**Answer :** All of them

**Riddle :** What is full of holes but still holds water?

**Answer :** A sponge

**Riddle :** What question can you never answer yes to?

**Answer :** Are you asleep yet?

**Riddle :** What is always in front of you but can't be seen?

**Answer :** The future

### TONGUE TWISTERS

- Sheena leads, Sheila needs.
- If a dog chews shoes, whose shoes does he choose?
- Top chopstick shops stock top chopsticks.
- Selfish shellfish. (Repeat many times)
- No need to light a night-light on a light night like tonight.
- Thirty-three thousand feathers on a thrushes throat.
- The great Greek grape growers grow great Greek grapes.



### Did you know?

- The longest one-syllable words in the English language are "scaunched" and "strengthened." Some suggest that "squirreled" could be included, but squirrel is intended to be pronounced as two syllables (squir-rel) according to most dictionaries. "Screeched" and "strengths" are two other long one-syllable words, but they only have 9 letters.
- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
- The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing (when using the proper position of the hands on the keyboard; Hunting and pecking doesn't count!).
- Wearing headphones for just an hour could increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times.
- The Mona Lisa has no eyebrows.
- Ants take rest for around 8 Minutes in 12-hour period.



- Yashrab Aysha, 8 A



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