



DEEN-A-LOGUE

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Looking at the varied contributions from our young writers, photographers and artists, I feel, the New Year 2022 is welcomed by the Middle School with a gusto, notwithstanding the recurrence of Online Schooling!

Here is a plethora of activities done in different classes – some promoting their movies, some displaying their delectable dishes they made, some their art and some promoting Chanakya's political strategies! Do peruse this edition of Deen-a-Logue and have a wonderful year ahead!

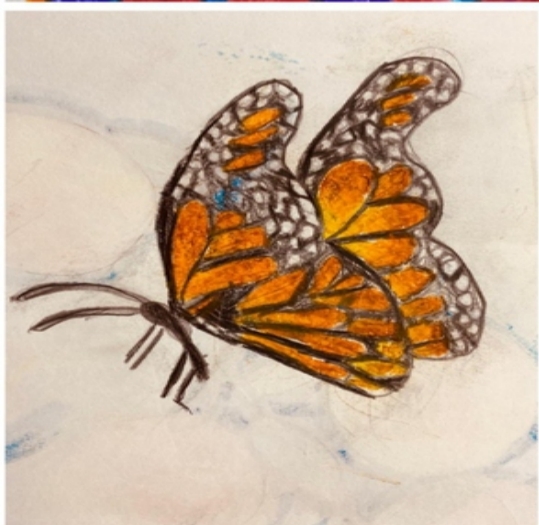
Are you ready for the ride?

Once upon a time, there was a girl. The name, I don't know. To celebrate New year, they were going to ride a rollercoaster ride. Her elder brother was most excited to ride it. Off they went. On the way, the ticket to ride the rollercoaster flew away. The family was very sad. They were looking forward for the ride so much! On their way back home, they found that they had kept an extra ticket back home! Again they went back to the rollercoaster. As they were about to ride it, their parents asked, "Are you ready for the ride? We all faced ups and downs to come here, isn't it?"

This year might also be a ride, only the most luckiest ones will have very little downs; So, good luck! And good luck to me me too!

By Gayathri (5D)

Can you imagine our little Grade 5 students coming up with such creative designs? They seem to prove Dewitt Jones right who says - "Creativity is the ability to look at the ordinary and see the extraordinary."





THANK YOU NOTE

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Hello ma'am, This is Venkata Ishanth from 6 B Deems Academy.

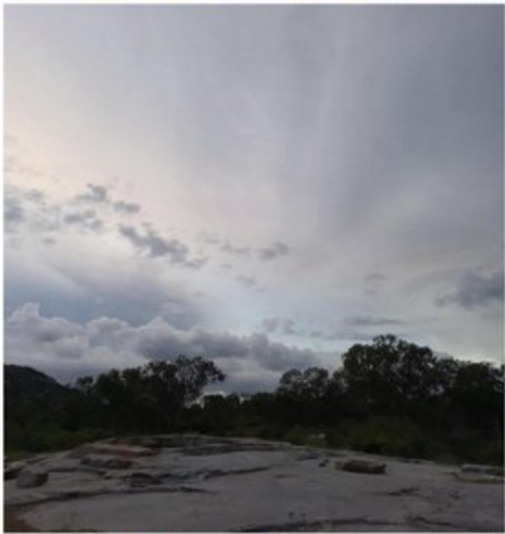
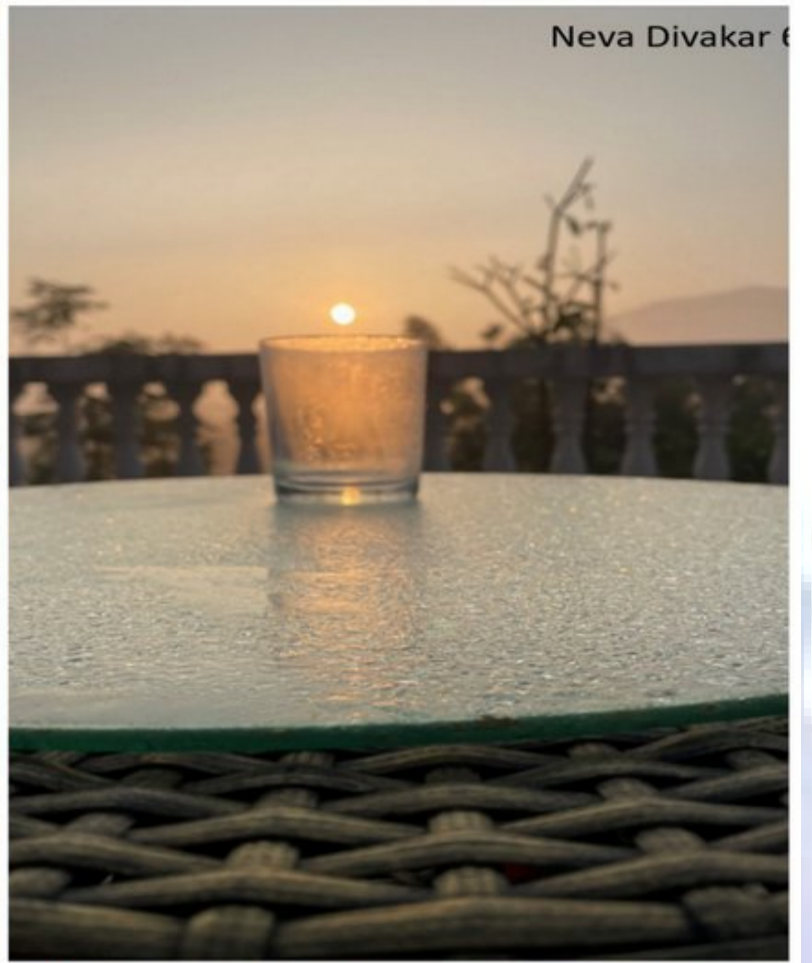
My heartfelt thanks to you for sharing the wonderful children's day gift - Gardening kit with Sunflower seeds.

I thoroughly enjoyed right from sowing the seeds in cocoplat, moving the tiny saplings to bigger pots and finally waiting with patience to see the beautiful bloomers. We had read in books that Sunflower turns towards Sun, but experiencing it was really amazing.

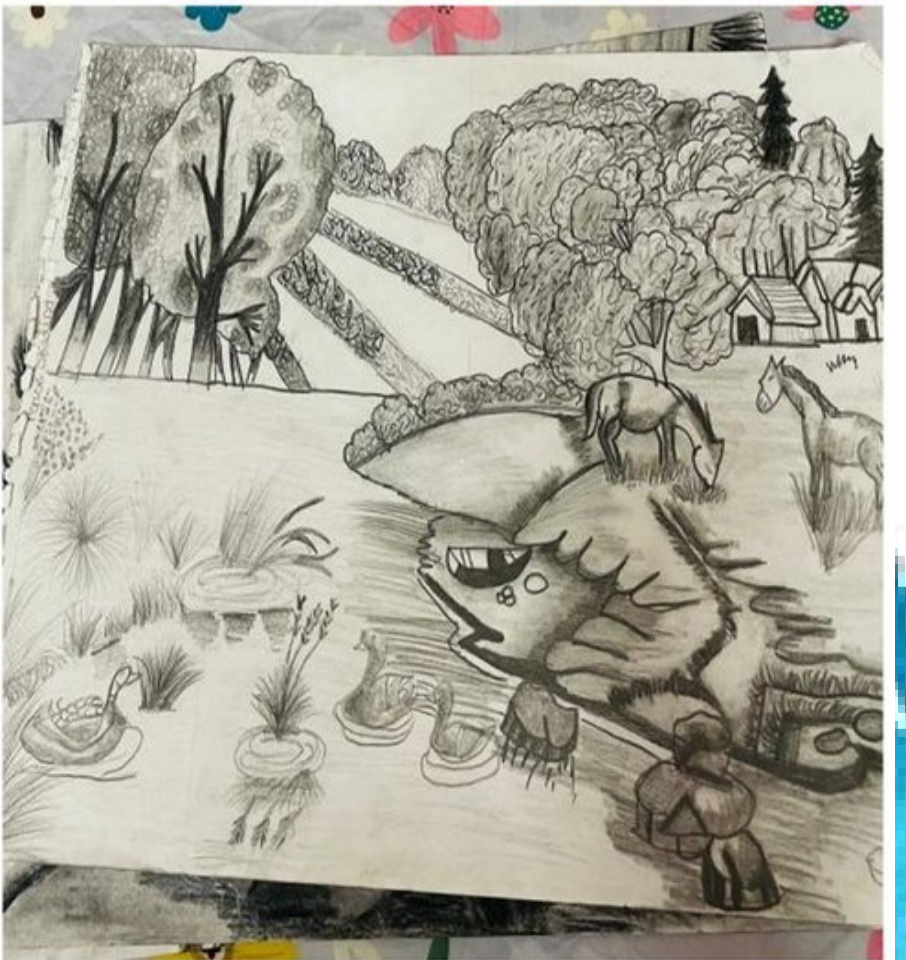
Once again I thank you for sending us such a lovely gift.

"Why try to explain miracles to your kids when you can just have them plant a garden"
- Robert Breault

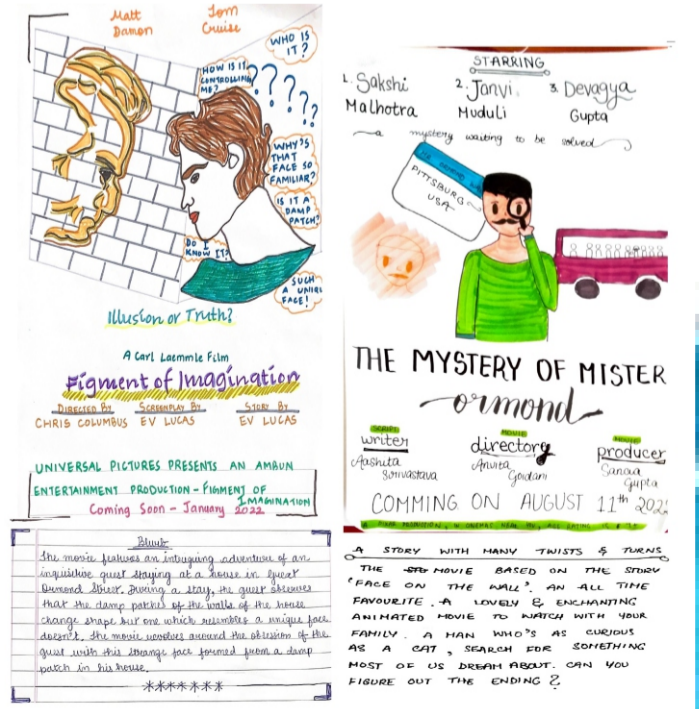
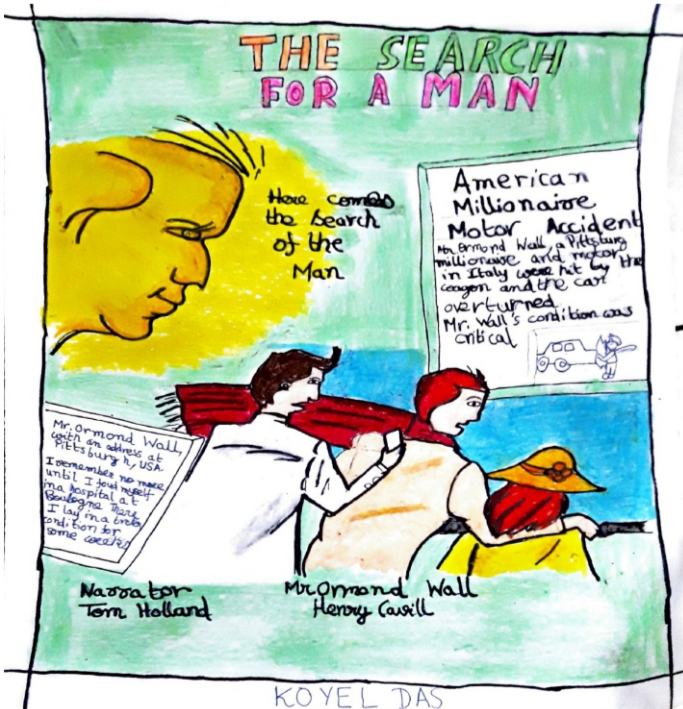
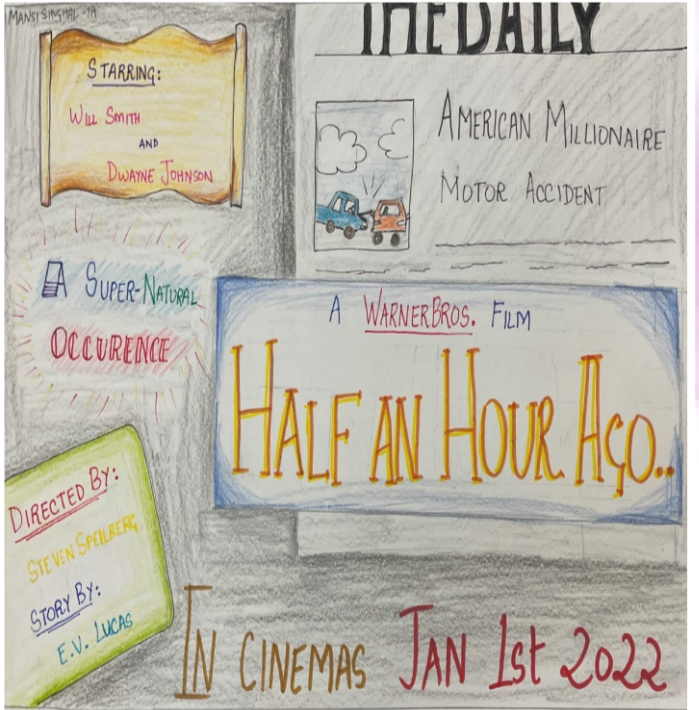
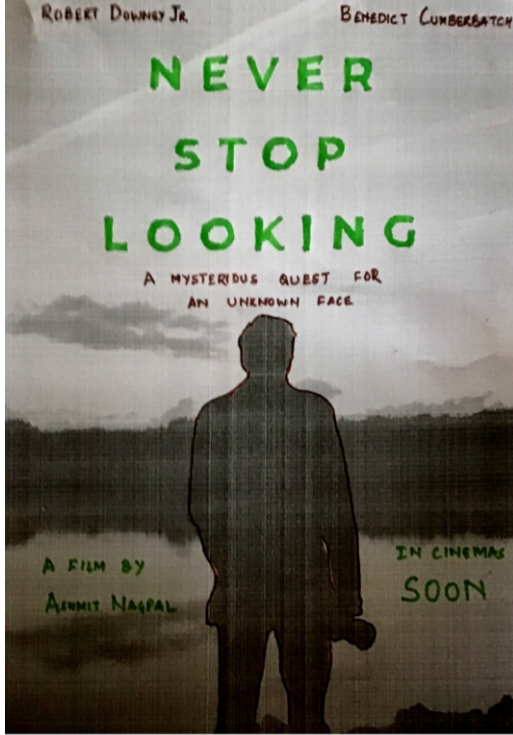
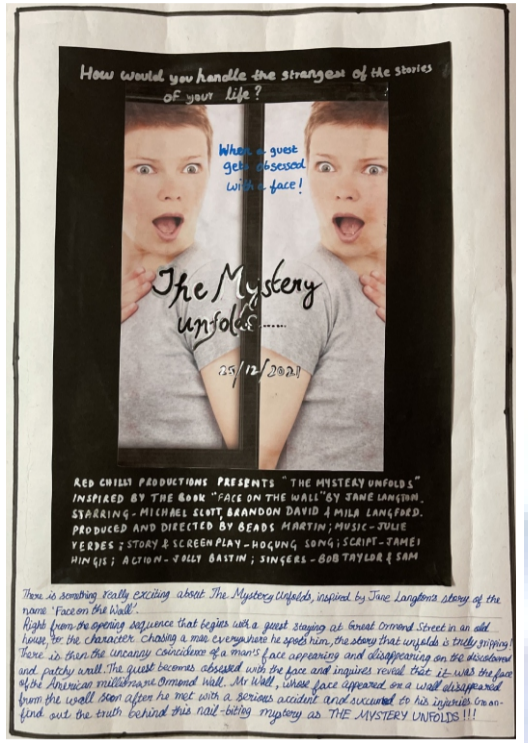
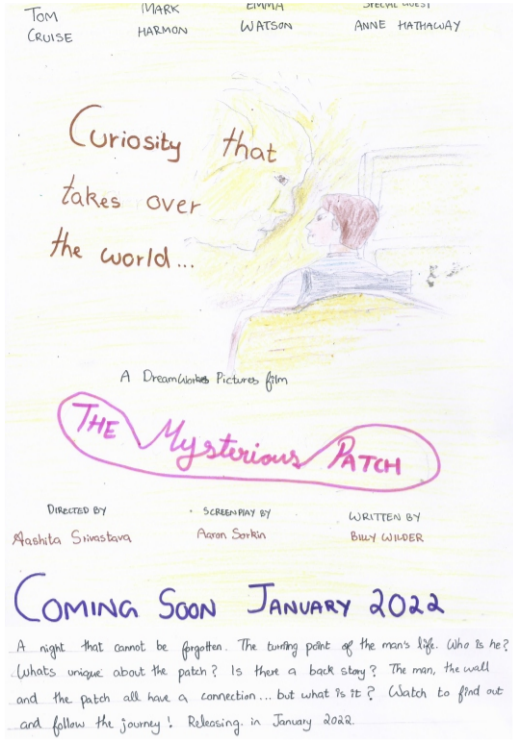
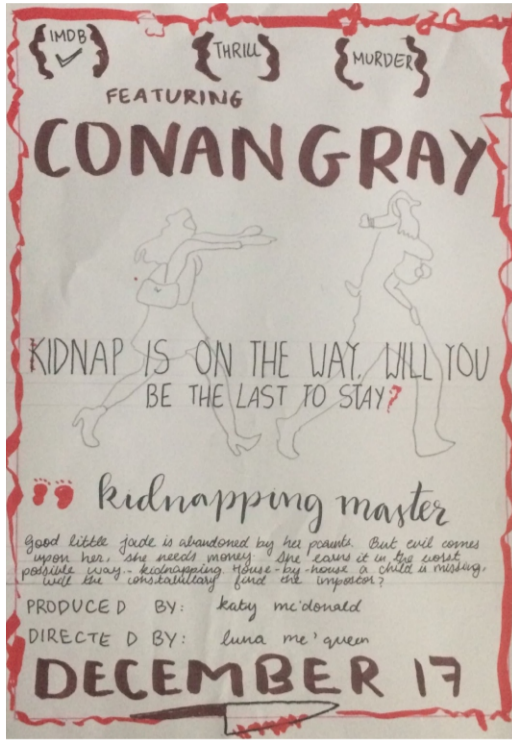
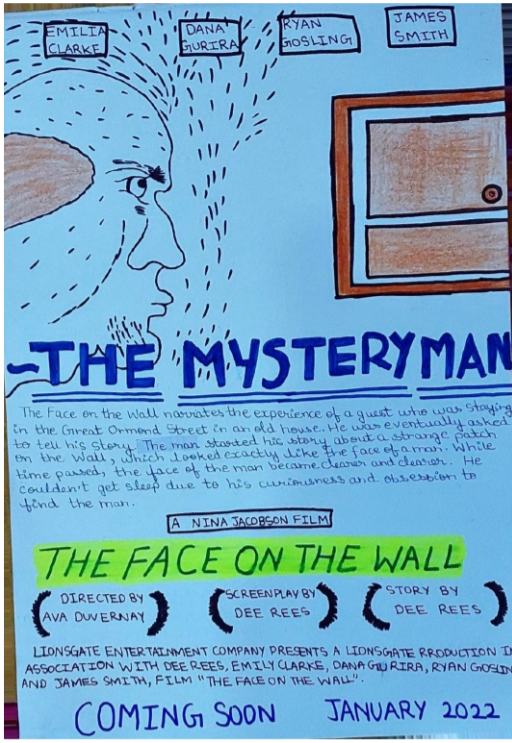




Sanjana
6E



Grade 7 students put their heart into promoting their well-thought of Movie Posters. The activity connected to a story written by E.V. Lucas gave them food for thought.



Janani Anand of 8C spent her time fruitfully with activities ranging from baking to glass painting.

BAKED GOODIES:

Baking is one of my favorite things I do to pass my time. I enjoy baking new deserts every time!!

Sugar cookies:



These are my sugar cookies I made for Christmas. I decorated them with royal icing.

Yule Log Cake:



Yule log cake or bûche de Noël is a Famous France desert.

Vanilla Cupcakes:



These are very easy and my go-to vanilla cupcakes.

Recipe :

Ingredients

Vanilla Cupcakes

- 1 1/4 cups (163g) all-purpose flour
- 1 1/4 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 6 tbsp (84g) unsalted butter, room temperature
- 3/4 cup (155g) sugar
- 2 tbsp (30ml) vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup plus 2 tbsp (150ml) milk

Vanilla Buttercream Frosting

- 1 cup (224g) unsalted butter, room temperature
- 4 cups (460g) powdered sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2-3 tbsp (30-45ml) water or milk
- Pinch or two of salt
- Sprinkles for decoration

Instructions

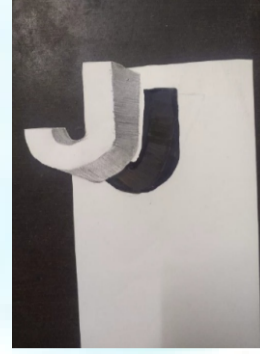
Vanilla Cupcakes

1. Preheat oven to 350°F (176°C) and prepare a cupcake pan with cupcake liners.
2. Combine the flour, baking powder and salt in a bowl and set aside.
3. Add the butter, sugar, oil and vanilla extract to a large mixer bowl and beat together until light in colour and fluffy, about 3-4 minutes.
4. Add the eggs one at a time, mixing until mostly combined after each.
5. Add half of the dry ingredients to the batter and mix until mostly combined.
6. Slowly add the milk and mix until well combined.
7. Add the remaining dry ingredients and mix until well combined and smooth.
8. Fill the cupcake liners about 3/4 full and bake for 15-18 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the centre comes out clean.
9. Remove cupcakes from the oven and place on a cooling rack to cool.
10. Then pipe the frosting on top and decorate with sprinkles!!

CRAFTS:

I also like to do some drawing and artwork in my free time. this helps me express my creativity.

3D drawing:



This is a 3D drawing of the letter J.

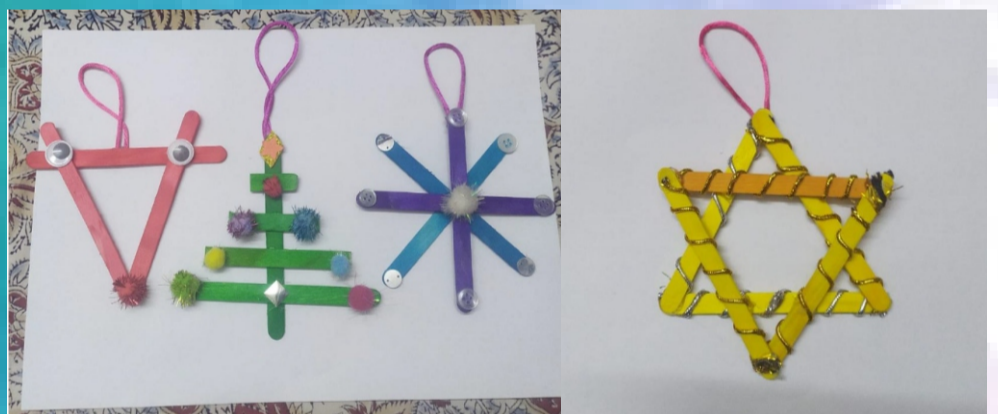
Glass painting:



I did this on OHP transparency sheet with glass paints and liners.



Crafts:



These are few Christmas ornaments I made with ice cream sticks.

Bookmark:



I made this bookmark and decorated with quilling paper.

Designed T-Shirt:



I painted this shirt with fabric paints.

7 Strategies of Chanakya

- By Satvik Banerjee

Introduction

Chanakya has made many things possible in his time, he has done some very amazing things. Because of some amazing work he is considered as one of the smartest mind in the Indian history. Few examples of Chanakya's Amazing work:-

Because of Chanakya's brain, his student Chandra Gupta was able to defeat Nanda Dynasty and become the king.

It is said that Chanakya was the master mind, due to which Alexander the great was defeated in India, when he was out to conquer the world.

It is also said that it was Chanakya who brought different kingdoms which had different kings and rulers together and made it Arya Varta. He made it a country which had only one governance that Arya Varta become India

Strategy #1 - Leadership Equals Power

A very important point under Leadership is Power. For thousands of years until today, the only people able to go ahead in life or in any field, are people who have power. Hence to be successful in life it is very important for you to be powerful, and in order to become powerful, Chanakya asks you to focus on four things -

- Intellectual Power
- Manpower
- Financial Power
- Enthusiasm and Morale

A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves.

- LAO TZU

Strategy #1 - Leadership Equals Power- Intellectual Power

Today we are living in the information age. More than any previous time, a person who has true knowledge and wisdom can become very successful. In fact, in the coming future, Knowledge will be the most expensive commodity. And the only people who have more knowledge compared to others, will be able to become the most successful.

Strategy #1 - Leadership Equals Power- Man Power

All people that work for you or with you will come under manpower. These people's power will make you powerful. The more powerful they are, the more powerful you'll become. Here I will add those powerful people too, who know you or the people whom you know, because the more powerful connections you'll have, the more powerful you'll be.

Strategy #1 - Leadership Equals Power-Financial Power

Many people think that they will work for other people's betterment and money is not that important. But the reality is if your company or business is not making money, then no matter how much you want, but you will not be able to help others for very long. This is because money gives the power to convert things into reality.

Strategy #1 - Leadership Equals Power- Enthusiasm and Morale

As per research chances of getting success becomes high for those leaders who are full with enthusiasm energy and confidence that too with discipline.

Final Word of Strategy #1

Chanakya says, that if a person focuses on Enthusiasm and Morale, then that person will be able to achieve other three factors as well as the Art of Punishment. In order to become a powerful leader, it is very important for you to be tough and understanding. This means to achieve your goals and targets; you must know how to use a Stick. It is true that if a leader is always too strict and gives punishment, then others will hate him. But if a leader act very sweet and lenient and never corrects anyone's mistake, then no one will respect him, nor anyone will work properly. Therefore, Chanakya says, that to be powerful you must know the art of using Stick. Don't be so strict that people fear to talk important things with you, and never be so sweet or lenient that people don't value your words.

Strategy #2 - Staying at the Top

Chanakya says, that it is easy to become powerful once but staying in that position is very difficult. Hence in order to become a good, powerful, admirable, leader; you must know how to have **Self-Control**, i.e. You must have control over your 6 negative emotions -

It is more difficult to stay on top than to get there.

- Mis Hummer

The 6 Negative Emotions

Lust (Kam) - Always desire of getting more and more destroys the person's life. Hence it is important that after reaching at top, people should teach others and should mentor new leaders.	Anger (Krodh) - Anger never allows a person to take right decisions. Hence everyone should protect themselves from it or should avoid it.
Greed (Lobh) - There's a saying by Mahatma Gandhi: "Earth Provides Enough to Satisfy Every Man's Need, But Not Every Man's greed." Therefore, man should never greed for himself but should always try to help others.	Pride (Mana) - In order to stay at top a person should never become slave of his Ego otherwise people will not consider him as a good leader.
Arrogance - Taking Credit for every win and blaming others for every loss never keeps a person at top.	Over-Excitement - A leader should never allow his emotions to influence him and should never show more happiness or more sadness. This is so whenever a horse catches fire, only the person who can think properly is able to survive.

Strategy #3 - Own Law

We can stick to the ground and we don't fly because of the Gravitational law or force of gravitation. Similarly, the entire world is running in different laws, and it is very important to have laws so that everything can work properly. Similarly, every house, organization and countries should have such laws which keeps everything in control. Similarly, even you maintain certain laws at your home and business and never break it as a leader you must make laws by considering three things -

What makes a good Law?

- 1) Why you are making that law and what is the benefit of that laws
- 2) That law should be beneficial for all last
- 3) Leader should make a law by considering all

Example: if a hungry man stole food to survive, then rules for such person should be less strict compared to the person who steals poor people's food just for fun and enjoyment.

Strategy #4 - Control Office

In the ancient time, the most important place for any kingdom was the King's Empire. From the king's fort they use to control the entire kingdom. There used to be their Treasury from which they used to control and command their army. And from there they used to discuss strategies with their Wazir commanders and intelligent people etc. They used to rule from there, therefore whenever any enemy use to attack the fort and used to win then they were considered as winning the entire kingdom. Fort used to be very important if we talk about today, then today's fort is leaders' office or the place where leaders work on which his control is really very important.

Elements a Leader should Control

- 1) Treasury- Means business Finance
- 2) Army - In modern terms All employees from CEO Till Peon (Janitor)
- 3) Wazir and Commanders- These are all the trustworthy people and the people who worked with you and know how to handle business.

As per Chanakya the best Strategy is that a powerful leader should focus on Treasury and army and should allow trustworthy people to handle business.

Strategy #5 - Maintain Secrets

The way it is important for a tailor to take measurement twice before cutting the cloth so that tailor can be sure about the measurement and can avoid cutting the wrong amount of cloth. Similarly, every individual should think before speaking, and should think twice before saying anything. If you want to be a powerful leader then it is very important for you to keep secrets of important things and never say anything which can create problem for you. Don't say things unless it is not very important. Two big reasons because of which a leader should never share a secret are:

Reasons you should Maintain Secrets

It will bend you: a leader whose secrets are known by his people always live in fear, because he worries that his secrets can be leaked by others many times person can blackmail over your secrets which can make leader weak.

Defensive: Sharing secrets can make a leader helpless because instead of planning and dealing with situation, leaders will start protecting his secrets.

Chanakya Enemies use to fear him, forget about enemies even Chanakya's friend never used to know about his next move or plan.

Strategy #6 - Threefold Success

Chanakya Says success can be three ways or can be in threefold -

First: Success By Counsel. Every individual needs advice, the better advisor person will get, the more likely he is to succeed.

Second: Success by Might. A person who is in a powerful position can take more decision without thinking much or without any worries which is really very important for success hence you should always be in the powerful position and if person is not in the powerful position, then at least he should have the powerful connections.

Third: Success By Energy, this type of success is achieved by a person because of his energy, work, enthusiasm and passion.

Strategy #7 - Power Management

A person who can handle any type of situation is really a very powerful person. Chanakya says that the three most common situation which can come in front of the leader are -

- 1) **People Situation:** Any person who wants to reach the top position then they must know how to handle people. Now however every individual is different therefore the way of handling them is also different. Therefore, Chanakya gives advice to everyone to read and understand the subject of Human Psychology.
- 2) **Knowledge Situation:** In today's world, knowledge is economy. Companies spend in crores and millions for Research and Development because in order to move ahead in life having proper knowledge is must. Hence always gain knowledge by reading books, today you can read as well as can listen books can gain knowledge in many ways.
- 3) **Material Situation:** Under material money, machines, technology comes etc.



STRATEGIC mind Of CHANAKYA

"Learn from the mistakes of others... you can't live long enough to make it all yourselves!!"

"A person should not be too honest. Straight trees are cut first and honest people are screwed first."

"Even if a snake is not poisonous it should pretend to be venomous"

"The biggest Guni-Mantra is: Never share your secrets with anybody... It will destroy you"

"As soon as fear approaches near attack it and destroy it"

"Even from poison extract nectar, wash and take back gold if it has fallen in filth, receive highest"

"highest knowledge from a low born person"

"before you start some work, always ask yourself three questions - why am I doing it, what the results might be and will I be successful."

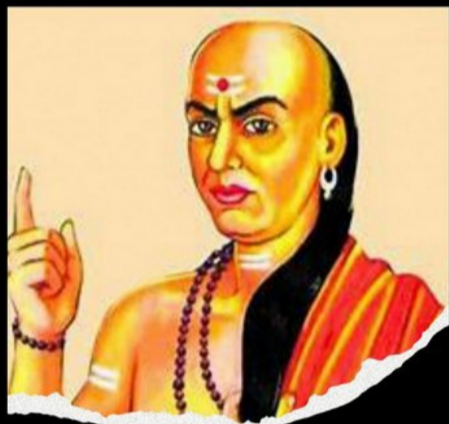
ONLY when you think deeply and find satisfactory answers to these questions, go ahead."

"The world's biggest power is youth and the beauty of a woman"



Strategies used by Chanakya

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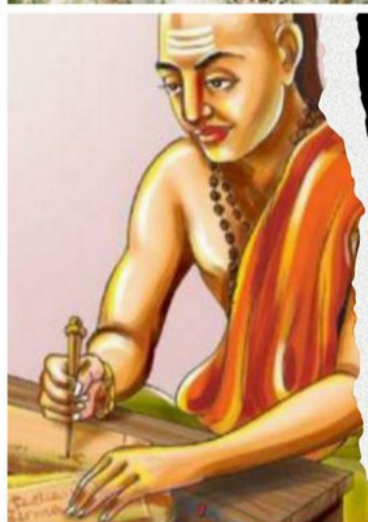
Chanakya saw Chandragupta as the last hope to protect India

Hence, he trained him and they together raised an army to challenge the might of Dhananada. To put things into perspective Dhananada's army amounted to - 200,000 infantry, 80,000 cavalry, 8,000 chariots, and 6,000 war elephants. This was the main reason the Greeks couldn't invade the whole of India.



Chanakya defeated Dhananada, achieving a feat even Alexander the Great couldn't achieve.

Chanakya, with his clever military tactics, one by one, took away all of Dhanananda's empire, finally laying siege on Pataliputra. He was thwarted many times but still Chandragupta won Pataliputra from Dhananada. Chandragupta was just 20 years old when he became king. Chandragupta had a massive army and Chanakya directed him to reconquer the rest of India from the Greeks. Greek philosophers, who recorded history pegged the number to 600,000 - far more than Dhanananda's, when he was the king. Seleucus, who was Alexander's successor ceded a lot of territory in the Northwest. Hence, Chanakya and Chandragupta recaptured the territory that belonged to India.



Chanakya used to add little amount of poison in his food daily so that his body would become tolerant to it.

As Chanakya was loyal to the king and the kingdom, he sometimes over-extended this commitment. Chanakya would add very small doses of poison to Chandragupta Maurya's meal every day. Chandragupta Maurya died of natural causes and since poisoning was so ridiculously common in those days, it is right to say that Chanakya's tactic worked successfully. The technique is called Mithridatism, and many zookeepers in Australia still successfully use this technique.



Chanakya desired a unified India, and not a large India

He knew that even though Chandragupta conquered a lot of Indian territory back, he didn't want Chandragupta to become a conqueror. So he devised a plan where he arranged Chandragupta's marriage to Seleucus's daughter. Thus, finally, Seleucus wouldn't attack and was effectively neutralized.

His vision of a unified India did come true and he took steps to ensure that it stayed this way. He helped Chandragupta rule fairly and successfully. Chanakya also had foresight. He knew that one day Chandragupta would cease to rule and someone less able will sit on the throne. He decided to write a treatise on able leadership that we know today as - Arthashastra.



Here is an interesting story about him

A foreign visitor to the Chandragupta empire visited Chanakya's house in the evening. Chanakya was writing on his desk under the light of an oil lamp. He welcomed the visitor in and told him to wait until he finished his work. After Chanakya finished, he extinguished the oil lamp, leaving the room in total darkness, and the visitor in fear. But after some time, the visitor was relieved to see another oil lamp lit. The visitor was curious and asked Chanakya about this strange ritual. Chanakya replied that the first oil lamp contained the oil given to him by the kingdom, and is only used for official purposes. As soon as he was done with official work, he switched to his personal oil lamp - thereby saving oil that belonged to the kingdom. One may argue that the quantity of that oil is not significant, but it's not about the oil, but the value of incorruptibility.