



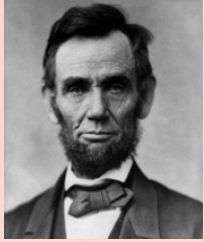
# DEEN-A-LOGUE

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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Dear Readers, The month of February kept the children busy with a galore of activities. The Reading Campaign made them explore new books and new vocabulary; Matrbhasha Diwas - a week of celebrating our mother tongue - gave them the opportunity to dwell in their roots. National Science Week filled their time with scientific research, presentations, experiments and much more. This exciting and invigorating month converges on a month of assessments and examinations. Our best wishes to the whole school for a fine new beginning. Do read the contributions of these budding writers. Thank you for all your encouraging comments throughout the year.

## ABRAHAM LINCOLN



12th February is a historic day for the United States of America. But why? This is because 12th February is the birthday of the well-known figure, Abraham Lincoln. Abraham Lincoln was the 16th president of the US. He was, in fact, a very kind-hearted and honest president. Lincoln was born in a very poor family. He attended school for less than one year in his entire life. However, he had a great desire to learn and was encouraged by his stepmother to read and write. At the age of 22, he settled in Illinois, located in the Midwestern region of the United States. He was then given the name, 'Honest Abe'. After trying for various jobs, he became a highly successful lawyer.

During the 1800's, there was a lot of discrimination between the blacks and whites. The people with white skin colour or the whites, felt that they were more superior than the blacks. They made them their slaves and made them do all sorts of odd jobs. These blacks were termed as 'Negroes' (a disrespectful term that is no longer used). Despite being white, Lincoln was against slavery. This made him unpopular in the Southern states where slavery was favoured. But, the Northern states were with Lincoln, and were ready to fight for the freedom of the slaves. In 1860, Lincoln was elected as the president of the USA. After this election, the southern states decided to separate from the country. But Lincoln was determined to keep his country together. This led to a war between the Northern and Southern states. This war is popularly known as the American Civil War, and it lasted for four years. During the war, he signed the Emancipation Proclamation. and declared that he would free all the 3 million slaves of the US and make slavery illegal.



The war was won by the northern states and thus, the country would remain united. Even after his opponents lost to him, Abraham Lincoln was very kind and helped the southern states rebuild. Unfortunately, he was not alive to see his dream come true. On 14th April 1865, Abraham Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth while watching a play in the theatre on Good Friday. On the next day, 15th April 1865, Abraham Lincoln was pronounced dead. Though he is no more, Abraham Lincoln still lives in our memories and is remembered till this day. This great hero was one of the most remarkable presidents of the United States of America. His face has been carved on Mount Rushmore, along with three other presidents, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Theodore Roosevelt. He is a role model to many.

- Sai Shreshtha - 5E



## Poem on Valentine's Day

"Hello, hello"  
Says yellow,  
To pink and red  
Colours which sadists dread,  
People rejoice and celebrate,  
And then they dance and exhilarate,  
So, don't you be sad on this special day,  
Come on, and shout, "Hurray, oh yay!",  
So come and play,  
On Valentine's Day!

- Gayathri - 5D

## Darwin Day

A hidden treasure of February

When one thinks about the importance of 12th of February, the more popular answer would be- "Abraham Lincoln's Birthday." However, many don't know that along with being Lincoln's birthday, this day has another importance as well. It is the great English naturalist, geologist and biologist, Charles Darwin's birthday too, also known as Darwin Day.

Charles Darwin is known as the "Father of Evolution". His 1859 book, "On the Origin of Species", described the case for natural selection. In a famous quote from the book, Darwin said:

*"This preservation of favourable variations and the rejection of injurious variations, I call natural selection or the survival of the fittest."*

Darwin continued to work and publish on evolution and selection for the next 22 years of his life. His work has formed basis of life sciences as we know them today.

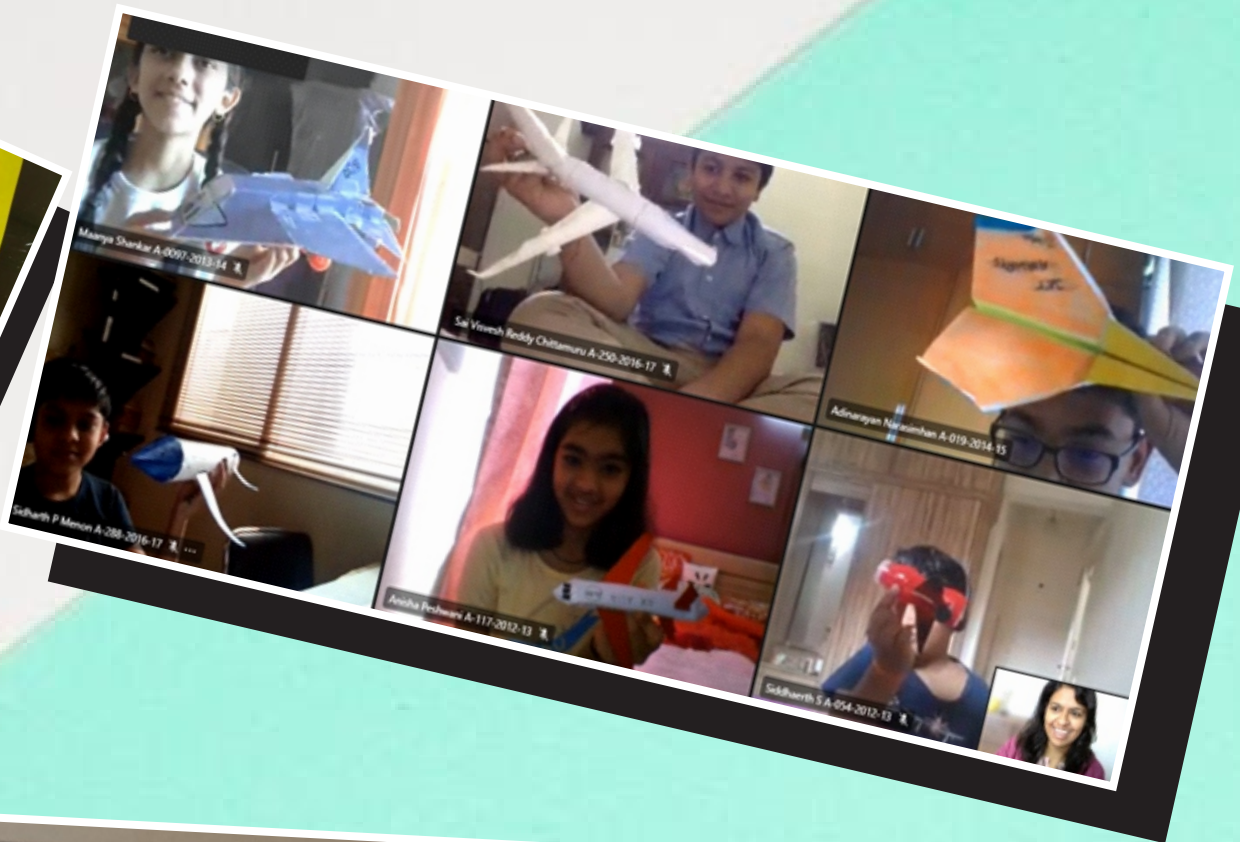
Darwin Day is celebrated to commemorate Darwin's birthday and his contributions to science. It is a day to promote science in general. There are many events across the globe in order to celebrate this day such as workshops, lectures, debates, competitions, symposia, concerts, plays and poetry readings, exhibitions, and library display.

This day is also observed by the United Nations to inspire people from all across the world to "act on the principles of intellectual bravery, perpetual curiosity, scientific thinking, and hunger for truth as embodied in Charles Darwin". It is an opportunity for fostering international partnerships to use the power of science for the betterment of all humankind.

- Shreyan Bagchi - 5E



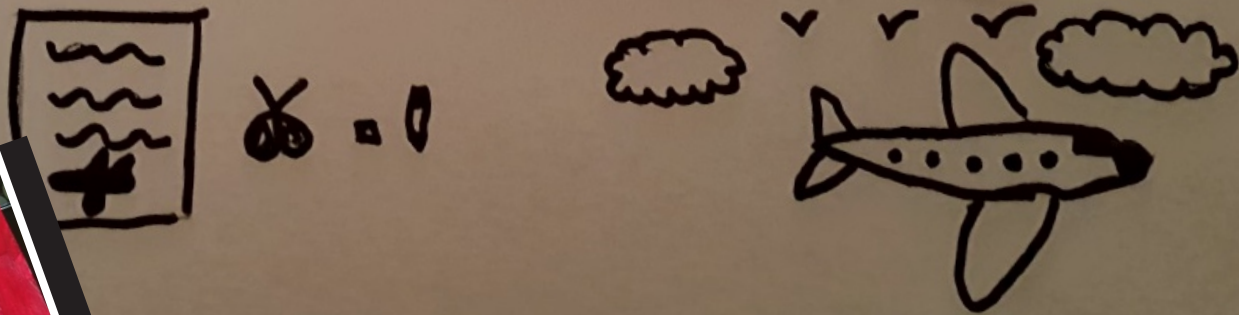




## SANSKRIT ACTIVITY

In this activity, we had to make a plane out of the materials we had at home. I made a jet out of paper. I had a lot of fun making this project. After making the plane, we had to write about it in Sanskrit. Me and my classmates had a lot of fun making this project.

~ Adinarayan, Maanya, Sai, Siddharth P, Siddharth S and Anisha.

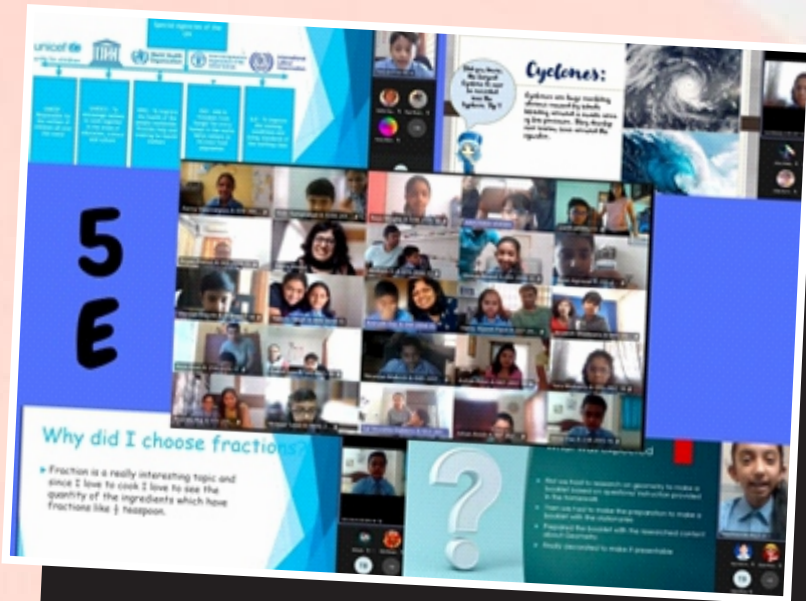




## Portfolio Presentation Report for Grade 5E

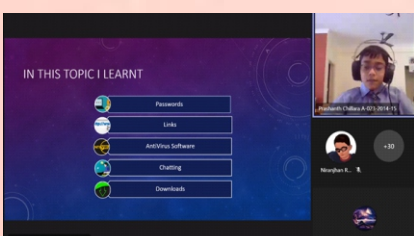
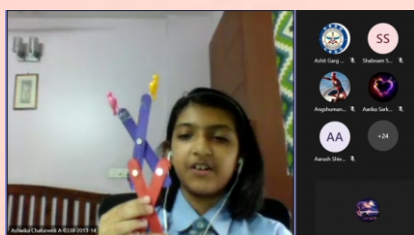
The students of grade 5E portrayed 2 key factors required for succeeding in today's world while presenting their portfolio, determination, and hard work. Each student was well prepared and gave clear and neat speeches. Each student showed enthusiasm, gave us information and their speeches showed the amount of hard work put into making this program a success. They all delivered their presentations with big smiles and I as a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student was astounded to see the presentation. The students kept us interested and made sure it was entertaining too. The teacher, Tripta ma'am also deserves a big round of applause for organizing and making sure the entire program was in sync and that the students perform well. You could see how proud the teacher was on finishing their work. The parents encouraged their children throughout helping them rehearse, practice and watched their children shine. To conclude I would like to thank everyone involved in the making of this presentation as it made the parents and my day better.

- Pragati Rajan - 7C



## Portfolio Presentation Report by Soumya

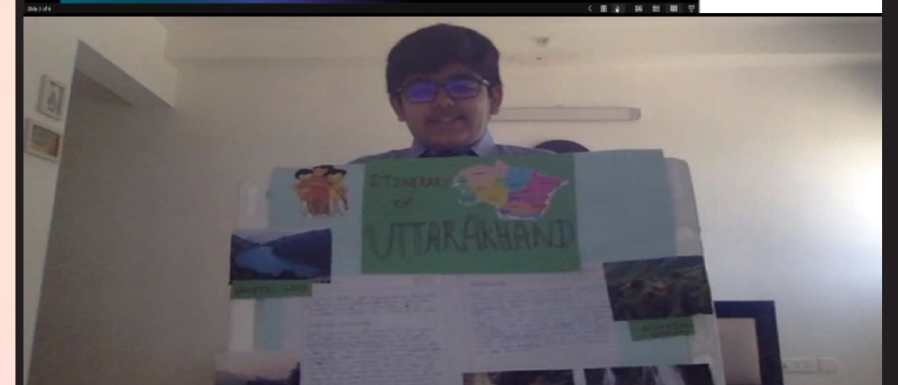
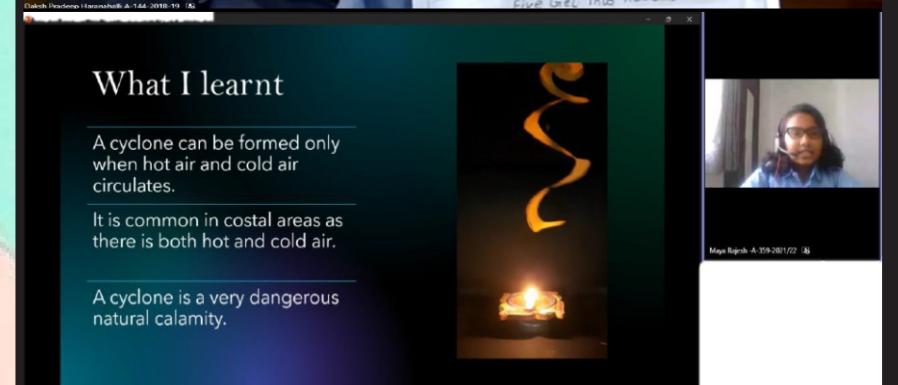
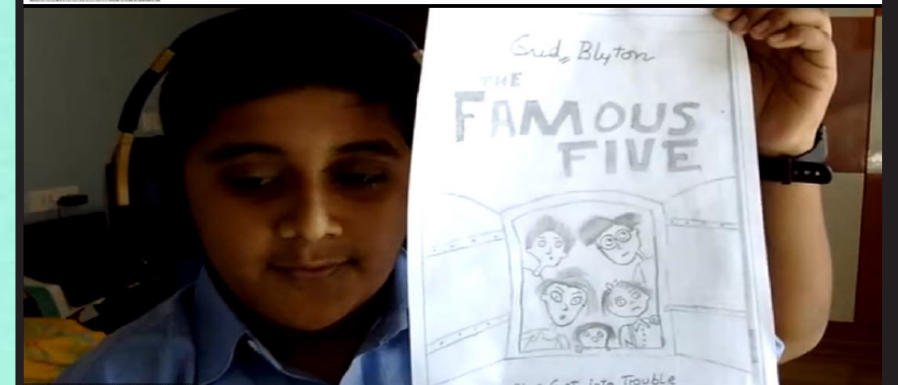
The portfolio presentation of class 5D was fabulous. The students, led by their class teacher Shabnam mam, worked in perfect coordination and sync to throw a spectacular performance for the parents. Aarika Sarkar started it off with her welcome speech. Everyone's presentation was very interesting and they all picked different subjects and a variety of topics. Rakshit Ramasubramanian did his presentation on Smart Art, Ashwika Chaturvedi made a simple machine, Prashant Chillara did a PPT on Cyber safety, Aashay Vijayavargiya showcased his EBSB activity and Anjali Natarajan did a presentation on Saudi Arabia. At the end everyone thanked the parents for attending the presentation and all parents and children came in front of the camera for a group picture. I had an amazing time watching the presentation indeed.



## Portfolio Presentation Report by Mansi Singhal 7A

The purpose of presenting our portfolio is to show what we have learnt throughout the year and how we improved, in the form of a crisp and short presentation. And it was lovely to see the young faces of our school, present the topics with so much clarity, and such passion & excitement. It was an amazing experience to see 5<sup>th</sup> graders present their portfolio, on different subjects, and different topics, with such great confidence. The portfolio presentation not only helps us to teach others what we've learnt and to show our accomplishments, but it also improves our public speaking and social interaction skills. Each and every presentation was unique and extremely interesting. I enjoyed watching each of their presentations very much and learned a lot as well. I am sure that one day, these bright students at our school will reach the stars.

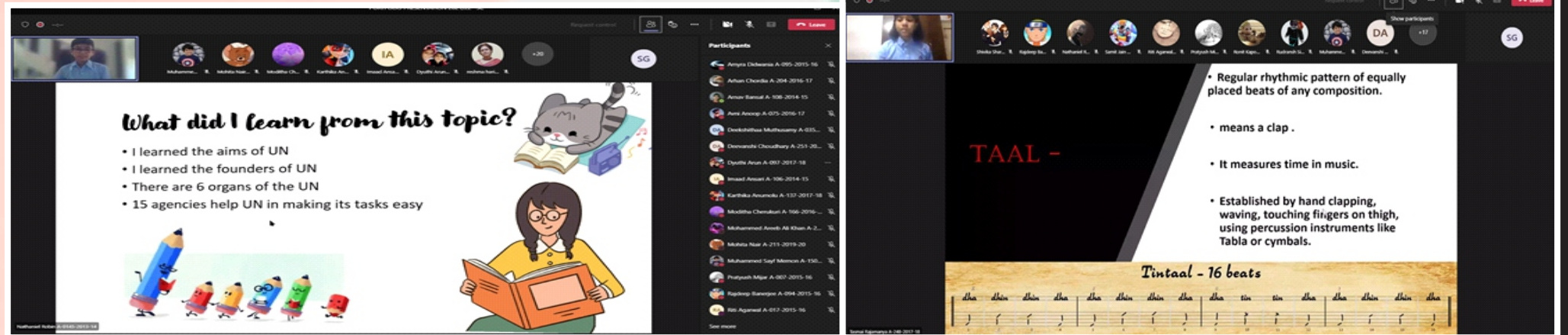
- Mansi Singhal - 7A





## Portfolio Presentation Report by Samanvi G7

The Portfolio Presentation of Grade 5C was a very beautiful one. The Class Teacher, Reshma mam, had given an introduction. Advit Tripathi, who had chosen his topic as science for the portfolio, showed an interesting compound elevator model. Anvi Anoop gave an outstanding performance on adjectives. Deekshithaa Muthusamy gave an interactive presentation with a ppt on geometry. Mohita Nair gave an astonishing presentation on the government of India. The students Thanked one another after their presentations. All the students were Honest about the difficulties they had while making the project or learning the topic. This was concluded by a vote of Thanks by Pratyush Mijar. After the vote of thanks, all the parents came up to the screen to take pictures with their students. That was indeed a beautiful presentation done by the students of Grade 5C. I had an amazing time watching the presentation.



## Portfolio Presentation

Class : 5A  
Year : 2021-2022

### Summary of the Presentation

The students of 5A portrayed their works in their chosen subjects. They briefed through the objective, learnings from the topic and challenges they faced while working on it. They then concisely presented their work. Their hard work put behind the portfolio was reflected in their presentations. Some used demonstrated using props while others elaborated the points in detail. Each student seemed ardent and passionate about their work.

Quick snippets of their presentations are below:-

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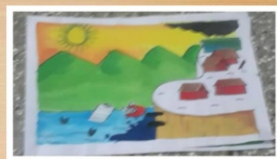
Je m'appelle Anishka, j'étudie 5-A.

(Hello! My name is Anishka, I study in 5A.

Name : Anishka  
Subject : French  
Topic : Days of the Week

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Lakes are being polluted as people throw waste material in water.



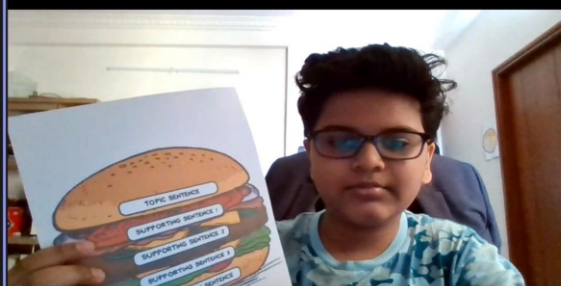
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Subject : Kannada  
Topic : Water Conservation



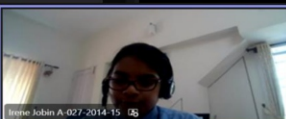
Name : Irene  
Subject : Computer Science  
Topic : Smart Art Graphics



Name : Suhavi  
Subject : Math  
Topic : Geometry

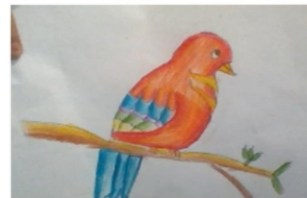


Name : Veeir  
Subject : English  
Topic : Paragraph Writing

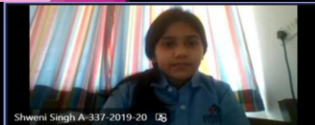
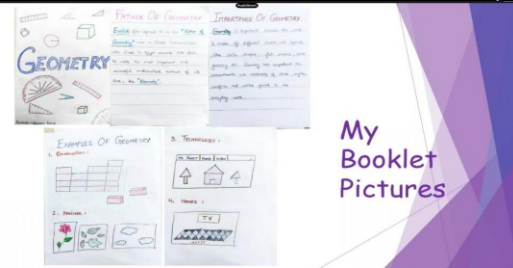


Name : Mayukha  
Subject : Science  
Topic : Vegetative Propagation

### THE FINISHED PRODUCT



Name : Shweti  
Subject : Art  
Topic : Bird Illustration



Their presentations were flawless and they were fluent in their chosen subject.



My Mother Tongue - Telugu

What is a Mother Tongue?

The term "mother tongue" refers to a person's [native language](#) — that is, a language learned from birth. Also called a first language, dominant language, home language, and native tongue . Every place has a unique language with unique words and letters. In India there are a total of **121 languages** and 270 mother tongues.

My Mother Tongue

My mother tongue is Telugu, a language spoken in the Andhra Pradesh and Telangana . From my childhood my parents used to read Telugu stories which wire filled with humour, wit, and intelligent characters.

Anyone who knows Telugu, knows that the language is filled with puns and wordplay. This has allowed many Telugu writers to make intelligent political and social commentary for centuries without being openly rebellious. It has also generated an entire genre of comedy, which is smart and witty and does not insult the audience's intelligence. Instead of writing smart, crisp scripts, writers fall back on offensive, slapstick dialogue to create a stronger dramatic effect but this enthusiastic Telugu literature is in danger of being extinct. The classic Telugu books are nowadays being published in very less number due to many reasons – people preferring films over books, less Telugu readers, and a focus on English more than Telugu and many more.

Why do we need to learn our mother tongue?

The [Intercultural Development Research Association](#) (IDRA) reiterates that continuing to study your mother tongue after childhood helps you learn how to value your culture and heritage. For parents, keeping your first language alive at home teaches children to take pride in their culture and roots. In terms of its value in social interactions, speaking your first language can strengthen ties with family members. If the native language isn't maintained, important links to family members may be lost.

- Rishitha 7A

A poem about Bangla by Omkrita Sahu - 8B  
Bangla: My Mother Tongue

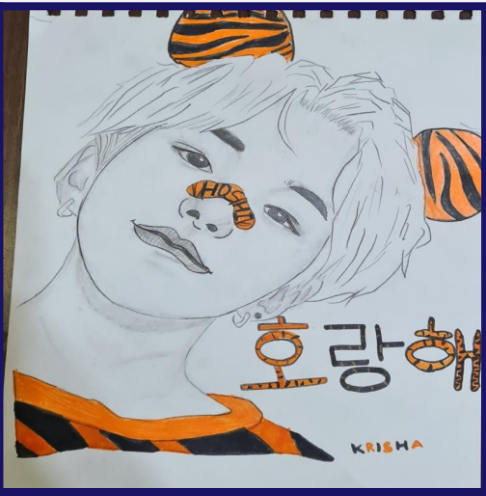
I feel so proud I say it very loud,	I hope, I sing I demand, I dream
Bangla is my pride Bangla in my mind.	Bangla is my Pride Bangla in my mind.
My hope, my dream My joy, my scream	my weeps, my talk my laughter, my walk
My sadness, my glee My love, my plea	My first word "Maa", I uttered in Bangla,
My feeling, my anger My thoughts, my manner,	I say without fear My Bangla, my mother
Bangla is my Pride Bangla in my mind.	Bangla is my Pride Bangla in my mind.
I wish, I say I ponder, I play	*****

Matrabasha- By Navika Goel of 8A

Mother Tongue, these are the two words you hear throughout the journey of life, but have you ever thought about what this actually means?

Mother tongue is basically the language that a person learns from infancy. Mother tongue is the first language we acquire naturally. It is the first language that a person learns to socially engage with family, parents, relatives etc. Mother tongue is vital in framing the thinking and emotions of people. Learning to speak in the mother tongue is very necessary for a child's comprehensive development. A mother tongue is not only used for communication but widely to preserve the culture and the refinement of the particular race.

My mother tongue is Hindi. I have been speaking Hindi since I was able to speak. My first words were in Hindi and I hope my last words are in Hindi too. I speak Hindi at home. All the time. It has a sense of something different in it. It makes me feel comfortable and happy to speak it. I feel connected to the people around me when I communicate in Hindi and there is no other language, I can express myself in, better than I do in Hindi.





ANONYMOUS MAR 04, 2022 07:03AM

## Ashwath

Online exam is better than online class as we don't need to ask ma'am whether we can go to washroom or not.

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## Tanmayi

Offline and online exams each have their own sets of plus and minus points.

Offline exams- Offline exams ensure that no one cheats on the tests and reduces the worry of getting disconnected, scanning or any other technical issues. All things good have disadvantages. Offline exams have a tense atmosphere and increase anxiety. You feel nervous and more tensed.

Online exams- Online exams provides a pleasant and relaxed environment. Online exams do increase the chances of cheating. They reduce concentration levels a little but are much more easy-going and calm.

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## Sanika

**Advantages:**

Online Exams:

- Students can take exams from the comforts of their homes.
- There is no travel-time to school.
- Students are free from peers copying their answers.
- They are exposed to work on advance apps that improve their connection with technology which is extremely applicable in future jobs (well-paid jobs like software developers).

Offline Exams:

- Teachers can invigilate the students.
- It encourages physical writing over typing which is preferable in the higher grades. It gives good practice.
- There are no distractions than what you might meet at home.
- There is also friendly interaction amongst students on school premises.

**Disadvantages:**

Online Exams:

- Students may strain themselves.
- They require a device to scan their papers.
- There are higher chances of cheating during online exams.

- Good internet must be provided to successfully complete them so when there are fluctuations, it distracts the student.

Offline Exams:

- There is the time taken to reach schools.
- Students may be prone to covid and hence have to follow certain safety precautions which can be avoided in offline examinations.

Overall, I conclude by saying that I would prefer offline exams as there are less distractions and is much more convenient for parents.

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## Anika

i prefer offline exams as we dont have to worry about internet and video and unmuteing instead we can concentrate on our exam and uploading is made easier too. hence i prefer offline exams.

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## Aanya Pillai

Online exams have multiple advantages like we can write the exam in an comfortable environment. We can write the papers while being safe. It also allows us to write and focus completely without distractions.

Offline examinations have their own set of advantages. There is no scope for cheating in offline exams. It helps the teachers accurately assess our learning. Internet connection issues will not interfere with us writing the exam. Also it is way easier to write the paper and hand it in physically rather than writing, scanning the papers, and then uploading.

SHOBHANA R MAR 04, 2022 06:52AM

## Anyu

**Offline exams**

During offline exams, the technical issues can be minimized. We can finish our paper and not worry about uploading.

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## Navika

In my opinion I would prefer online exams, since I am adjusted to this type of learning. Online exams decrease the amount of



distractions and allow us to write exams peacefully.

**ANONYMOUS** MAR 04, 2022 06:49AM

## Shreya

Offline-

Offline classes are good as the students focus more during the class and interact with each other. But there are more chances of students getting covid because we haven't got the vaccine yet. Online-

Online classes help us be more organized, is very convenient and saves a lot of time. But the screen time increases.

**ANONYMOUS** MAR 04, 2022 06:45AM

## Prisha

Online exams do not make me nervous, but offline exams provide more of a tensed atmosphere. Online mode is more casual and many technical issues can occur. Whereas, offline exams are taken more seriously and give an exam kind spirit.

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## Online v/s Offline Exams

I preffer Online exams...Offline exams are are good, like we can discuss before exams, talk and have fun, but Online exams are more better for our convenient. No time to wate, no nervousness, etc  
~Aarti

**RIDDHI CHAUHAN** MAR 04, 2022 06:40AM

## Riddhi

Both online and offline exams have their advantages and their disadvantages

While online exams have been more environment friendly they have unfortunately increased the chances of taking up unethical practices in exams and also uncertainty about the connection

While offline exams were a way to expose us to the actual environment of giving exams, they were feasible in-terms of setup and there were negligible chances of cheating and paper leak travelling back and forth used to kind of strain out some of us

So I would rather prefer offline exams where our job is just to write the paper and give it to teacher and not scan and upload and check whether all pages have reached or not

**SHOBHANA R** MAR 04, 2022 06:41AM

## Adrusht, Darsh, Habib, Vidyuth, Vidyut

Offline Exams

1. Offline exams are better because of the environment.

the paper especially when the network bandwidth is low. Hence, I find offline exams more comfortable than the exams being online.

**ANONYMOUS** MAR 04, 2022 06:32AM

2. Technical difficulties can be avoided such as late uploads, internet problems and camera/mic problems etc...  
3. Cheating can be easily prevented by being in a physical environment.  
> Therefore we prefer offline exam.

**ANONYMOUS** MAR 04, 2022 06:57AM

## Online vs Offline Exams

I feel that online exams would be better. That we don't waste any time studying. For offline exams, we would have to wake up early and figure out the transport system. I also feel that we have all become skilled in uploading. Yes, it is tedious but it isn't a new thing for us. I know we eventually need to get back to normal, but I feel for 8th grade online exams would be better. Starting 9th grade offline would be good.

I know that cheating would be possible in online exams, but if we all keep our videos on and our camera positioned in a proper angle from where we can see everything, I feel cheating shouldn't be a problem.

And for internet issues, we've been online for 2 years. We know how to use a hotspot, we know exactly what to do and what not to do.

Overall, I feel online exams would be better because going to school for just one week seems like a very tedious thing. Plus, to get used to offline school, I feel examinations is a bad start to get back to normal. Offline exams are going to be tensed and we wont get to talk to literally anyone. If we start it from a whole new year, it would be much easier to adapt.

**ANONYMOUS** MAR 04, 2022 06:38AM

## Aditi

In online exams, as you do not have to travel to and from school you have more time to utilize to study peacefully. However, offline exams are easier and you do not have to go through the challenge of scanning and uploading which can cause technical glitches and difficulty in submitting your paper.

**ANONYMOUS** MAR 04, 2022 06:37AM

## Offline vs Online Exams

My thought with online exam is that it is fine as due to the pandemic we couldn't go to the school ut sometimes due to the internet it does not sync or it dosen't get saved in the page and sometimes people cheat in online exams and there is no way get to know that.

Offline exams are good as it dosen't increase our screen time and there is no way someone can cheat without getting caught

**ANONYMOUS** MAR 04, 2022 06:36AM

## Kevin

I personally prefer offline exams over online exams as internet issues can be a great problem. It will also be much easier to hand over the answer sheet to the invigilator than to scan and upload

## Online v/s offline exams

I feel that offline exams are OK because we are back in school, but I feel that online exams are much more convenient.



# Offline vs Online Exams-thoughts of 8B

Made with an open mind

**SHOBHANA R** MAR 03, 2022 05:29PM

**HARMAN BHATIA** MAR 04, 2022 05:26AM

## Harman

I believe offline exams are better as it provides a competitive environment and that's how its going to be in life. As far as stress is concerned , a person should learn how to deal with it. If dealing with stress in such small exams isn't learned during the early ages , it will be hard to deal with stress in the future when we will be writing exams which decide our future.

**SHOBHANA R** MAR 04, 2022 05:25AM

## Amogh

Offline exams have an edge over online exams, for several reasons. Offline exams have a different atmosphere of seriousness and tension. A student may not function very well under these conditions, but one must get accustomed to it. Offline exams also have stricter supervision and a more disciplinary routine for candidates to follow. One may argue saying that offline exams offer less sleep, but a student can study accordingly from before.

**SHOBHANA R** MAR 04, 2022 05:16AM

## Ankrish

according to me, offline exams are better. Every exam we see people cheating. We see them getting marks more than their average marks. In offline mode, when you call these people for exams you will see they no longer get the marks they used to get and get even lesser than their average. In offline mode, the children would be right in front of the teachers and they won't be able to cheat, it's going to be a fair and square. In offline exams, you can wake up earlier and get better marks.

**NAMITHA NAVANEETH** MAR 04, 2022 05:16AM

## Namitha

I'm in favor of both,  
Offline exams test our ability to focus and drown out everything around us, considering we would be in a different environment.

On the contrary, online exams give us a sense of comfort, knowing that we're in our own rooms, with no disturbance. We don't feel as though we are at gunpoint with the teachers walking around and other students flipping their pages and taking more sheets than you.

**SOBITH SURESHKUMAR** MAR 04, 2022 05:11AM

## Sobith

As we all know exams are coming and we are getting pretty stressed already as it is going to be offline. We aren't in our comfy snug-outfit nor with our own sheets of paper in which the borders are all pre-made and everything which poses as an advantage.

But Offline exams has its own advantages and more adventure which makes me prefer it. Time passing by in the silent eve of the hall room is even better than your parents banging the door over and over to see whether you finished- that too to just get the information if they would get their phones or not! Offline exams give a sort of real perspective of where you stand unlike online exams (easier) which is the actual point of EXAMS. Offline exams is also a situation where u meet your friends and gather, exchange ideas for the first time in two years!

**ARYAVAGYANI** MAR 04, 2022 05:11AM

## Arya

Online exams are better as:

1. Online exams are more manageable
2. They are less stressful
3. There is less pressure
4. It saves a lot of time
5. More convenient

**ADVAY JALAN** MAR 04, 2022 05:24AM

## Offline vs Online Exams

According to me, offline exams are better than online exams because it provides a reality check on whether the student cheats in his exams or not. Also it reduces screen time which is also good for the eyes. - Advay Jalan

**AIDAN STEPHEN REMEDIOS A-113-2014-15** MAR 04, 2022 05:33AM

## Aidan

Online exams are better because-

1. It is less stressful
2. You can write in an environment where you are comfortable
3. You don't have to worry about waking up early and getting ready.