



EDITORIAL

Dear readers

WINTER IS COMING, Wow !

It's been seven months, and I'm still home writing to you all yet another "this too shall pass Ed".

Back in April, I had a lot many opinions to share with you via the first page of our fortnightly. About corona pandemic, the virus- COVID 19, the following lockdown, the abrupt, unexpected and somewhat forced transformation our lives underwent and what not.

And now I have tons of positivity that COVID 19 vaccine shall pass all the stages of its trial, successfully and soon be available for masses. (Amen)

Just when we were all close to going stir crazy, unlock 4.0 brought relief into our lives. And it came with many instructions to follow. Earlier on many occasions, I had heard people say- 'With great Power comes Great Responsibility'. Now the phrase that pops up in my mind every now and then is - 'With every unlock phase comes greater responsibility'. Foremost among all is keeping a safe distance from other fellow beings and using a mask.

Sometimes I wonder, can a social animal maintain social distancing for too long without getting somewhat warped? Though life under social distancing norms, publicly seems like one long aside. But then, this is the new normal we have to live in. While the risk of catching infection has increased manifold, the fear level has gone down inversely. Isn't it ironical? But blame it on quarantine fatigue. Anyways, my advice to you is 'exercise caution folks'.

It is appalling to see the growing carelessness among the public towards this pandemic. Instead, the VDJS student body has shown an inclination for continuing with online classes for a couple of months more. (Though, the School had offered the provision of contact classes from 21st September for the local students. Hats off to the teaching community for keeping students' interest on the top!)

However, from this column, I sincerely urge all our precious readers to restrict their movement for some more time and follow precautionary measures with sincerity in their outbound visits.

Dear readers, do you know about the best part of this corona pandemic? (I mean it seriously.) It has given us ample time and opportunity to practice the optimistic approach towards everything and finding joy in every little thing happening around us. In the following pages, you will find the reflection of the same from Jindalites' expressions.

Amidst corona pandemic last month, we celebrated Teacher's day online with the same loving fervour. It was a sheer success wherein the twelfth graders teamed up together on the one and only MS Teams platform to showcase our love for our teachers albeit sitting a thousand miles away from different parts of the country. It was the most opportune day for the honest confession that their absence upsets us each passing day. The online classes have enabled us to continue with our studies. It was possible because our teachers did not give up. They accepted the challenge thrown to them overnight. They underwent the necessary metamorphosis, which was demanded of them. Thank you, Nation Builders once again! You never disappointed us. You are 'the wind beneath our wings'.

Where there is a teacher, there is teaching followed by an examination. Am I right girls? Yes. So, Jindalites soon our fingers are going to be running with the speed of thunderbolt on our keyboards, and we'll enter in our favourite (actually inescapable) zone of all- the Online Midterm Examination (the word online sounds unusual here, aah!). This is the time generally we all wish to disappear somewhere in the space.

Space has always been a raw topic on for me to think upon, (yea, I do know I gave up on science yet,) whenever a notification pertaining to the cosmos pops up my heart races. So just sharing with you all an ahha moment to feel proud of. An American commercial cargo spacecraft bound for the International Space Platform has been named after NASA astronaut Kalpana

Chawla, the India-born woman to enter space, for her key contributions to human spaceflight. It said and that I quote, " While Chawla made the last word sacrifice in commission to the space programme, her legacy lives on through her fellow astronauts and people she has inspired to follow in her footsteps."

With so much interesting happening around the world and at the home front each day, there is no reason to feel downcast. We cannot always direct our lives the way we would like, but we sure can prefer to live and cherish the happy bits.

That's a wrap here!

Stay Happy, Stay Safe.

Student Editor
Yashi Singh



‘जीवन चलने का नाम, चलते रहो सुबह-शाम’ गीत की पंक्तियाँ हमारे हौसले, हमारी हिम्मत को बढ़ाने में अपना महत्वपूर्ण योगदान देती हैं। सुख-दुख जीवन रूपी गाड़ी के दो पहिए हैं, जिस पर हमारा जीवन चलता है। दुख भले ही हमें पीड़ा देता है किंतु यही दुख हमें जीवन जीने की अद्भुत शक्ति भी प्रदान करता है। यह दुनिया आशाओं और उम्मीदों से भरी हुई है। हर मनुष्य इस जीवन रूपी गाड़ी को खींचते हुए आगे बढ़ रहा है। दुखों से सामना होने पर, पराजय का स्वाद चखने पर वह दुगुनी ताकत और ऊर्जा के साथ अपने कर्तव्य पथ पर जुट जाता है। उसकी असीम इच्छाएँ परेशानी के दौर में भी उसके मनोबल को कमजोर करने में हमेशा ही असफल रही हैं। कुछ नया करने की अभिलाषा में वह एक-एक पल का इंतजार करता है। वह जानता है कि उसके सोचने से परेशानी का अंत नहीं होगा अपितु उसका समाधान करने के लिए उसे कर्मरत् होना होगा। इसी बात को सार्थक करते हुए बच्चों ने अपनी भावनाएँ इस प्रकार व्यक्त की हैं—

जीवन रुक नहीं सकता

कैसे नादान हैं हम?
दुख आता है तो अटक जाते हैं
और सुख आता है तो भटक जाते हैं
यही बन चुका है जीवन का सार
जैसे नानक दुखिया सब संसार—2
ऐ जीवन गर तू कभी रुक जाएगा
तो यह संसार तरक्की न कर पाएगा
प्रकृति के साथ खेल रहा है
मानव करके छेड़छाड़
वह भी मान जाएगा एक दिन हार
जैसे इस महामारी से हार कर
दुनिया हो गई है बेहाल
इतना सब होने पर भी
जीवन रुक नहीं सकता
जीवन—मृत्यु का क्रम
हर दम चलता रहता है
कभी कोई आता है
तो कोई जीवन से रुखसत हो जाता है
यह तो रहेगा सदा ही चलता
क्योंकि मनुष्य की है असाधारण क्षमता।
जीवन कब सरल होता है
यह तो हर कदम, हर डगर
हमारा इस्तिहान लेता है
जीवन नहीं है बिलकुल सीधा—साधा
कैसे कर पाऊँगी मैं इससे कोई वादा
फिर भी कहना यही चाहूँगी
घड़ी सदा है टिक-टिक करती
रुकने का नहीं लेती नाम
वैसे ही जीवन, घड़ी की सुइयों की भाँति
टिक-टिक कर रहा सदा पुकार
हो गया मानो उसका बेड़ा पार
यही सार्थकता है जीवन की
कि जीवन रुक नहीं सकता।

अवनूर सिंह
कक्षा— दसवीं ‘ड’



कोरोना को भगाना है

कोरोना तुम हमारे देश में आए
तो हो,
पर नहीं यहाँ टिक पाओगे।
तुमने फैला तो दिया है अपना
कहर,
पर पाओगे न ज्यादा देर ठहर।
हम सब निकाल फेंकेंगे तुमको
यहाँ से,
वापस तुम यहाँ पनाह न पाओगे।
हम सबने यही ठाना है,
तुमको दूर भगाना है।
हम बचेंगे इस खतरे से,
हाथ जोड़कर करेंगे नमस्ते।
दूरी हम बनाए रखेंगे,
इस वायरस को हराएँगे।

अनंतवीर कौर
कक्षा—दसवीं ‘ब’

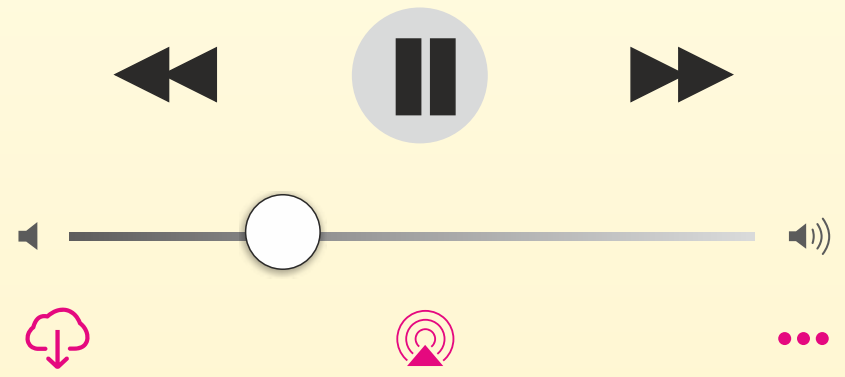
जिंदगी का झूला

यह प्यारा जिंदगी का झूला,
कभी आगे है सरकता,
कभी पीछे है झुकता
मनुष्य को सबकुछ सिखाता है
सदा परिश्रम करना
जीवन में आगे बढ़ना
खुद पर घमंड न करना
मुश्किलों का सामना करना
यह प्यारा जिंदगी का झूला,

कभी ऊपर है उठता
कभी नीचे है गिरता
हिलते-हिलते हमेशा है कहता
एक बार में नहीं मिलेगी सफलता
जिंदगी में उतार-चढ़ाव आते रहेंगे
परंतु हम हर हाल में मुसकराते
रहेंगे

तहजीब दलाल
कक्षा—आठवीं ‘स’

Little THINGS



The sadness, the temper, the exhaustion. Why?

Do you ever think, how would it feel to be truly happy. To fall in love with yourself, and with everyone and everything around you. To truly appreciate this life we're living.

I had been having some really bad days in the past, and this spirit of self-victimisation shadowed me everywhere. I was done and exhausted with the negativity around me and started utterly hating this

'corona' lifestyle. So, I sat with my dad in the living room and we shared a 5-star chocolate. We connected, and it was pure bliss.

It got me thinking of the endless blessings I'm bestowed with; the privilege of living with my parents, the true constants of my life, under one roof, and having the time of my life to think, understand and work on myself. I started feeling happy and content about every small, usually neglected, happening of my life.

And all this because of the 5-star my dad and I shared.

We have to harness our energy in observing and appreciating the little things in our lives, instead of wasting it on baseless sorrows. We have to change our perspective and look at the other side of things. We really have to start falling in love with the little things, being grateful, and feeling the abundance this world beholds.

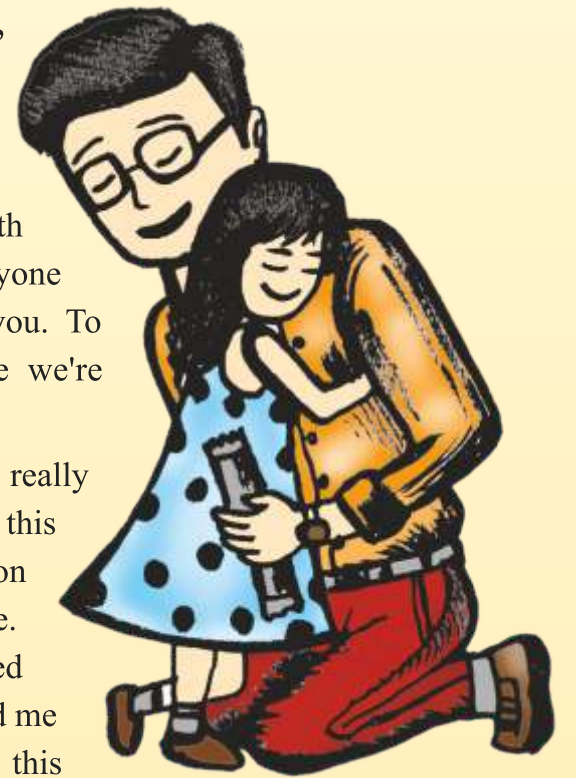
And in no way am I implying there won't be hard times, but the only way of getting through them is to accept and move-on. And the only thing which will make it easier is to find pleasure and contentment from everything around you.

So, let's stop for a while and think of all the little things that happened with us during the last 130 days and made us smile for a second. Are we cherishing it today or do the negative ideas have the spotlight again?

Relive the beauty of moments that are gone and appreciate the ones you're making and know their worth. Start your days with a different outlook. Acknowledge the beauty of nature and the patience of your thoughts.

It feels different today. It feels good to have shared a 5-star in the afternoon.

-Aarya Jain, XII-E



Faculty Enrichment

The Synopsis of the Webinars Attended by VDJS Faculty (21 August-21 September) :

Date	Title of the Webinar	Resource Person/ s	Attended by:	Key points of discussion
25/08/2020	Revisiting the Feudalism Debate	Prof. Harbans Mukhia	Mr Raza Qasim (PGT History)	Feudal Beliefs in Modern Day Industrial Structure
27/08/2020	Introductory Session on Integrated Learning	Mr Retnesh from Aarohi	Ms Meenakshi Chugh (TGT Math)	Integrated Learning- Concept, Need & Importance, 8 Intelligences, Ways to ensure integrated learning via different activities through classroom transaction
29/08/2020	OLABS Orientation	Prof. Methil Krish Chairman -CCD, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham	Ms Meenakshi Chugh (TGT Math)	How to use OLABS for Math and Science for Online Teaching
04/09/2020	Education- Remote Learning	Mr Mohammad Azharuddin	VDJS Teaching Faculty	How to Use Class Notebook & Assignments in Microsoft Teams
05/09/2020	Teacher's Day Special Spic Macay Live on Art and Music Integration in Education.	Pt. Hariprasad Chaurasia Prof. Kiran Seth	Ms Meenakshi Chugh (TGT Math)	How better understanding of Music is helpful for students' mental health
05/09/2020	Paradigm Shifts in Education	Prof. M .M. Pant	Mrs P. K. Gill (HM Sarojini House)	How learning in future will be different from that in the past, The New Education Policy 2020, Learning how to Learn, Equitable and Inclusive Education
06/09/2020	The Bose Legacy-Linked Through Letters	Sandipan Mitra Madhuri Bose, Anchored by - Malvika Bhatia	Mr Raza Qasim (PGT History) & Ms Chhaya Singh (TGT Hindi)	Highlights on Bose Legacy through a skit based on the personal letters exchanged between Sarat Chandra Bose and Netaji Subash Chandra Bose
11/09/2020	Eminent Educators' Colloquium: Agenda setting for leadership on the theme: "The Future of Education - Democratic Values and Leadership"	Ms Tulsi Bhatia, Mr.Mansoor Khan, Ms Nandita Sahu, Dr Gagpreet Singh, Mr.Dilip Thakur, Professor(DR.)C.Rajkumar	Mr Raza Qasim (PGT History) & Ms Chhaya Singh (TGT Hindi)	Instilling Democratic Values and Leadership among Learners through Education
12/09/2020	Shifting to Interactive Classroom	Guruprasad Holla	Mr Raza Qasim (PGT History)	Practical tips for making classes interactive using various tools and techniques
13/09/2020	Online Workshop on Vedic Math	Mr Rakesh Bhatia, National Assistant Coordinator, Vedic Math from Vidya Bharti	Ms Suman Arora (TGT Math)	Application of Vedic Math in Algebra
14/09/2020	Hindi Divas Sammalan- 'Samvad'	Dr. Usha Kiran Khan, Shri Akhelendra Mishra, Dr.Kumar Vimlendu, Dr.Shiksha	Ms Chhaya Singh (TGT Hindi)	Hindi- the most Scientific Language, Significance of Hindi in Modern Times, <i>Bal Sahitya</i>
20/09/2020	Webinar on Vedic Maths	Prof. Anil Vashith, Prof. Nandita Goel, Mr Ram Chauthaiwale	Ms Suman Arora (TGT Math)	Application of Vedic Math in Algebra
21/09/2020	Hindi Webinar	Mr Kapil Kumar from Rachna Sagar Publication	Ms Chhaya Singh (TGT Hindi)	Revised Syllabus 2020-21, Deleted Portion, Synopsis of NEP 2020, New Marking Scheme

A Letter of Appreciation

VDJS is a member of Round Square which is an internationally diverse network of 200 like-minded schools in 50 countries on 6 continents. As a member school, we share a commitment to character education and experiential learning built around six themes – IDEALS- International Understanding, Democracy, Environmental Stewardship, Adventure, Leadership and Service. These IDEALS are underpinned by twelve Discoveries that students explore on their learning journey. With great pride we share with you the appreciation letter received by Ms Aradhna Malik, VDJS RS Rep, for the commendable work the School is doing in this field.

From: Sandy Watt
Date: Wed, 23 Sep, 2020, 3:31 PM
Subject: Annual Affirmation Form -2020
To: VDJS Round Square

Dear Aradhna

I do hope that this message finds you well.

Many thanks for the signed copy of your Annual Affirmation for 2020 which I greatly appreciate.

It was a huge honour to read and learn about the many wonderful things which are going on in your school – where do you all find the energy from?! The Environmental element in your school is so strong, you must be extremely proud of your achievements, especially with regard to the development of your 'Living Laboratories' and 'Grow Green Programme.' Congratulations on receiving the 'Green School Certificate,' from the centre for Science and Environment, India and in your role as mentors raising awareness about how to manage natural resources. Reading your Annual Affirmation has really lifted my spirits on a rather grey wet day in Windsor, especially during these challenging times! I wish that I lived nearer so I could come and see your wonderful school in action and share in the many opportunities and experiences you have to offer your very fortunate students.

Best wishes to you and everyone at Vidya Devi Jindal School.

Take care and keep safe.

Warm regards

Sandy Watt
RS Membership Secretary

Campus News

A new learning everyday and being a part of every activity that school offered has kept our girls positive and motivated all these months of lockdown. While school reopening still remains a contentious issue we are leaving no stone unturned to provide every possible experience to our girls on a virtual platform. We are extremely proud of their enthusiasm and their commitment to self growth.

Accolades

VDJS ranked 2nd in Times School Survey 2020

With immense pride we share that Vidya Devi Jindal School is ranked 2nd in North region in Times School Survey 2020 conducted by The Times of India. Congratulations VDJS!

GIRLS RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL NORTH	
1	Welham Girls School, Dehradun
2	Unison World School, Dehradun
2	Vidya Devi Jindal School, Hisar
3	Hopetown Girl's School, Selaqui
4	Convent Of Jesus & Mary Waverly, Mussoorie
5	All Saints' College, Nainital

VDJS recognized as the Eco-School of the Year

In yet another validation of our efforts towards creating ecological consciousness the Education Today Magazine has recognized VDJS as Eco School of the Year. It further strengthens our resolve to continue with our eco-friendly practices. Congratulations VDJS!

VDJS Outshone at ATL State Level Forum

VDJS bagged two awards in the State Level Forum organized by SRF Foundation in collaboration with Atal Innovation Mission NITI Aayog and IBM. Ms Shravani Ganti, Faculty of Science and ATL In-charge, was adjudged one among the top ten Best ATL In-charges and the prototype shared by VDJS, "Pain Buster", bagged the second prize in the 'Best Innovative Prototype' category. The awards were announced in the virtual meeting held for the presentations by ATLs' from Haryana, on 31st August wherein 352 schools out of 673 participated and presented their best prototypes and practices.

School Life

Fine Arts Competitions

Nitya Chachan, a Fine Arts student from Class XI won gold medal in an Online Art Competition organised by 'Aram 360'. She also secured 1st position in Nation Design Art Competition by World Art Organisation. Kudos to Nitya!

Fit India Movement

VDJS NCC cadets participated in "FIT INDIA MOVEMENT" launched by the Ministry Of Sports & Youth Affairs, India from 15th August – 2nd October. They participated in Yoga, Cycling, Skating, Skipping, Shooting and some other physical activities organised under this programme. They even motivated their family members and friends for participation in these physical activities, and thus contributed their bit in making the 'Fit India' movement a grand success.

Teacher's Day Celebration

Teacher's Day 2020 in VDJS was an experience of its kind, full of zeal, affection and gratitude. The event was organised virtually on Microsoft Teams by Class XII girls on 5th September. The programme started on an energetic note by the compere welcoming and wishing the entire VDJS fraternity a happy Teacher's Day. Thereafter, a dance video dedicated to the teaching community was shared which left the teachers swinging in their places. Then came a round of short but adorable speeches dedicated to Ma'am Principal, Sir Administrator, the Deans and all the departments of the school, loaded with appreciation and respect for them befitting the occasion. While the pre-recorded short skit perfectly highlighted the struggle of teachers during on-line classes, at the same time it appreciated their selfless service to the student community. Efforts of love by the tiny tots of the school and words of appreciation by parents were compiled into a video and streamed along with glimpses of competitions organised for the teachers. The event came to an end with closing address by the Principal and lighting of candles by the students as a gesture of gratitude for the teachers, thanking them for their continuous efforts during the outbreak of the pandemic.

Fire Drill



Mr. Nikhil Kumar giving demonstration

A Fire Drill was conducted in VDJS by Mr Nikhil Kumar, from Fire Safety Department, JSL, Hisar on 14th September for raising awareness about fire safety mechanisms. The initial introductory session aimed at discussion on different types of fire emergencies which one can come across at home and workplace. The right way to decode the expiry date of the domestic LPG cylinder mentioned on it and contain the household oil fire in the kitchen with the help of flour were also elaborated upon. The demonstration session aimed at highlighting the basic difference between different fire extinguishers. Thereafter, a hands-on training session was also held for the staff members where they learnt use of different fire extinguishers in emergency.

Vishwakarma Puja



Vishwakarma Puja in progress

On 17th September, Vishwakarma Puja was held in VDJS following all safety guidelines. As the global crisis is still far from over, the ceremony was held on a smaller scale with a few members of the staff in attendance. The Principal, Ms Shalini Mehrotra, performed the rituals amidst vedic *mantracharan* and offered prayers on behalf of the entire VDJS community.

Workshop on Vedic Math

An online workshop on "Vedic Math" was organized by Ms Suman Arora, Faculty of Mathematics for the students of Classes VII- VIII on 20th & 27th September respectively. Forty one students from Class VII and 56 students from Class VIII attended this workshop. The sessions started with a general introduction on Vedic Math and the application of two 'Sutras' i.e., "EKADHIKEN PURVEN" & "NIKHILAM". They were also introduced with the concept of 'SHUNAYANTAM (शून्यांतम)' which equipped them with the skill of fast multiplication. These workshops turned out to be enjoyable and educative for the girls.

Theatre Workshop

Nine Jindalites attended an online **Theatre Workshop: 'Refining our Expressions'** on 12th-13th September. All the mentors were well-experienced and recognized theatre artists from 'The History Diaries'. Children were engaged in various astounding activities that focused primarily on improving their imagination, alertness, and listening skills. There were three main aspects that were mirrored throughout the workshop i.e., Imagining and understanding the script; A stronghold over emotions and expressions; and ways of engaging the audience through story oration. It was an extremely informative and valuable online experience.

Art Workshops

25 Jindalites from the Classes XI-XII participated in a **Workshop on Wall Mural Art (Interior Decoration)** on 13th September. The workshop was conducted by Mr Abhimanyu Soni, Faculty of Arts, wherein the students learnt the art of making Wall murals on a wooden panel using ceramic relief, wall putti, acrylic colours and golden dust. The workshop was thoroughly enjoyed by the participants.

18 Jindalites from the Classes IV-V participated in a **Workshop on Kinetic Origami** on 19th September. The workshop was conducted by Mr Biswanath Bhadra, Faculty of Arts, wherein the students learnt the Origami (paper folding) art and made beautiful subjects like jumping frog & other animal using simple paper & glue. It was a wonderful experience for the participants.

Jindalites' Participation in Round Square Activities

Zoom Postcard from Doon School

Four Jindalites from Class XI- Vanshika Patwari, Sanjeevni Agarwal, Gloria Agarwal, and Dristi Grover, enthusiastically participated in an interactive virtual meet organized by The Doon School, Dehradun, India on the topic, "Resilience: The courage to bounce back", on 11th August. More than 90 students from 23 different schools from all over the world participated in this event. Together all the participants talked about the welfare of students and the various turn of events which would affect it because of the pandemic. The session shed light on the students to be courageous and brave to face the future and its challenges.

SAIMUN 2020

Four Jindalites from Class XI, Monika Madhigaria, Sanjeevini Agarwal, Dristi Grover, Vidhi Aaryan, attended the 8th edition of SAIMUN 2020 organised by Sai International School, Bhubaneswar from 13th-14th August. Around 750 delegates from 34 different schools from across the globe participated in this e-conference. The young students debated on several contemporary global issues in twenty different committees in two groups. They also participated in the plenary session organised to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the United Nations along with strengthening eight-year long relationships with UNIC. **Sanjeevini Agarwal** and **Vidhi Aaryan** got the special mention awards in their respective committees. Congratulations girls!

Zoom Postcard from Latin America

On 26th August 2020, six Jindalites from Classes XI and XII- Kumkum Suneja, Ashna Pathak, Shruti Kamalia, Yashi Singh, Vanshika Agarwal and Vrinda Munjal avidly took part in a "Round Square Postcard" which was jointly hosted by seven schools: Markham College, San Silvestre School, St Georges College, Craighouse School, Aubrick, Belgrano Day School, and Anglo Colombiano school, Bogota in Latin America. More than 70 students across the globe participated actively in the discussions related to the diversified culture and tradition of Latin America and their native countries. The interactive session ended up with the partakers gaining an insight into the Culture and Traditions of different parts of the world.

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