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FLOODS – NATURAL OR HUMAN-MADE DISASTERS?



I travelled extensively during the summer vacation in the months of June and July. One of my trips was a round trip: from Jammu to Kashmir, Kashmir to Kargil, Kargil to Zanskar, Zanskar to Darcha, Darcha to Manali and Manali to Jammu. Another trip was to Bengaluru. I also travelled to Mcleodganj & Dharmashala, Jalandhar and Hoshiarpur. Yet another trip with which concluded my summer vacation was from Jammu to Kanyakumari, and from Kanyakumari to Jammu.

During all these trips, one common factor I found in all these places was massive road constructions. Hon'ble minister Nitin Gadkari is on a mission. For our comfort and for better business outreach, we need better and broader roads. To build such roads, agrarian lands, forest lands, mountains, and river banks are compromised. To have better road and rail connectivity, we set aside our conscience and began to construct long tunnels through huge mountains. Having broader roads means loss of thousands of acres of agrarian and forest lands. The long tunnels and the broader roads need long flyovers in the valleys and bridges across the rivers. Hence, river paths are often narrowed as we witness in our own City of Temples with the river path of Tawi river being narrowed. Bridges across the rivers mean huge columns in the rivers and its banks, and in the valleys.

Development has its own cost. What cost are we willing to pay? What is the cost do we currently pay? Animal species are being extinct, because we have unethically and illegally occupied their habitation – the forest. Unpredictable, and intemperate weather conditions are now norm of the day, because we have unfairly and criminally fell myriad of trees. Unprecedented and unparalleled landslides frequently occur, because our mighty mountains are now frail and friable.



Catastrophic and calamitous floods is now alarmingly a regular feature, because flood paths are mostly shut, river paths are obstructed, ponds and lakes are increasingly shrinking and are being levelled up.

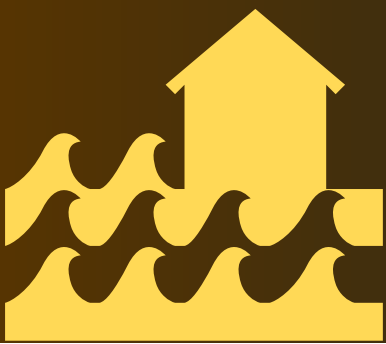
Hence, our towns and cities get sunk (as in the case of Joshimath, Tapovan and Gulabkoti). Our houses, hotels, shops, vehicles and other belongings are washed away by the raging flood waters (as in the case of recent frightening floods in various towns in Punjab and Manali). Our recently constructed highways and expressways are eroded (as in the case of National Highways to Srinagar from Jammu, from Mandi to Manali), and highway bridge caved in (as in the case near Kathua - J & K). I hope that you do agree with me that such disasters are no more natural, but human-made.

Have we found leisure and comfort? Or are we in for more trouble and distress? A question we sincerely need to probe and answer. Where has our search for comfort landed us in? What have we lost in trying to find more ease and coziness? The worse is yet to come. For, we are not ready to learn yet. In our greed for comfort and luxury, we lost our stewardship, our foresight, our conscience. We are unfortunately on our drive to self-annihilation. Yet we are leaping forward. We are regrettably blinded by our urge for hurried development. In the name of development, we are awkwardly on the path of destruction – of our planet, and the future of our younger generation. No doubt, we need development – an accountable development, and a caring development, a development with foresightedness, conscience and healing touch.

Our children and their children have the undeniable right to an inhabitable planet for all species, greener surrounding, healthier earth, cleaner air, and recovering atmosphere. And we are duty-bound to provide them the same. God bless the Petrine Family and our mesmeric Jammu.

- Principal

Fr. S Joseph



Death anniversary of Fr. Adrian (Harry) Bijvoet



Reverend Father Bijvoet is our school's longest serving former principal. He was the principal for 13 long years. It was during his tenure the school reshaped itself and became the premier institute in the state. We are proud to declare that our Principal, Rev. Fr. S. Joseph was his student. Fr. Bijvoet was his mentor and ideal priest.

May his departed soul rest in peace.

The Petrines observed a minute silence in gratitude and charity on this significant day of the death anniversary of our former principal Rev. Fr. Adrian Bijvoet. Our co-ordinator Fr. Peter Paul paid his tribute by lighting the lamp. Moreover, our principal Fr. S Joseph prayed for his departed soul.



Our heritage talks about the roots of our nation

Our heritage connects us to our roots and tells us where we belong. They are the reminiscence of our glorious past and rich culture. Our heritage is a hereditary possession that we have got from our forefathers, and we must keep it intact. Today the Petrines of Heritage Club showcased their thoughts on the theme, "Our heritage talks about the roots of our nation". They also mesmerized us with their scintillating performance during the morning assembly.



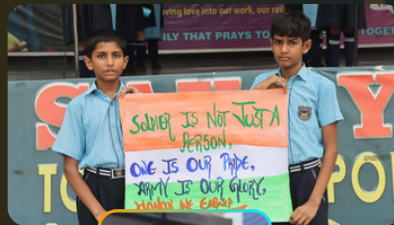
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Kargil Diwas

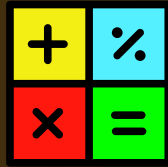
Kargil Diwas - A day to remember the chivalrous, and gallant steps and sacrifices of the Indian Armed Forces. The Petrites gave tribute to the bravery and valour of those 527 Indian Army personnel who sacrificed their life. To commemorate Kargil Vijay Diwas which is celebrated on July 26, students of Peace Club conducted a special assembly and paid homage to the martyrs of the Indian Army. The day marks the victory of Indian soldiers and became the symbol of India's proud, valour and steadfast leadership.



It is celebrated to remind our victory and commemorate our brave soldiers, who laid their lives for the better future of the nation. An emotional song and a patriotic dance was presented by the students of Peace Club to boost our morale, strengthened our emotions and rekindled pride in who we are, and what we represent, as a great nation.



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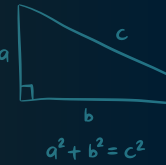
Today the Petrines of Maths Club expressed their views on the theme, 'Mathematics is not just about numbers and equations, it is about reasoning and understanding'. It aimed at addressing the fear of students regarding the subject Math, which is actually a fun-filled game and the most useful subject of our daily use. Unfortunately, due to the aura of phobia around this most exciting subject due to misinformation and misunderstanding, many students suffer with the subject.



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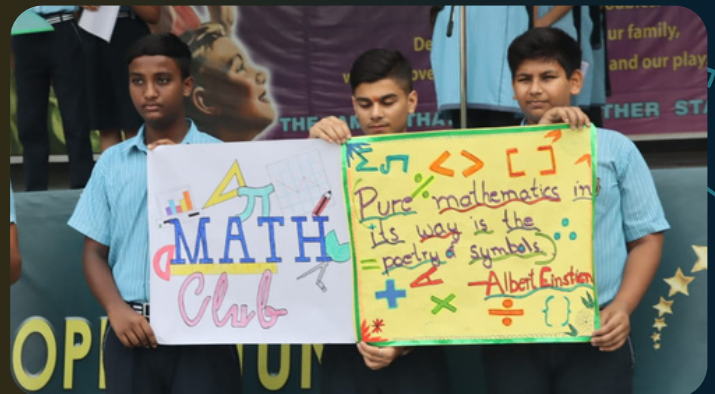
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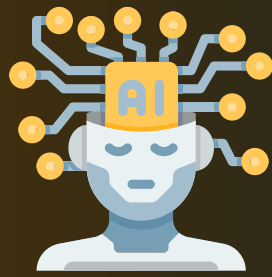
$$y = mx$$



$$y = mx + b$$



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Artificial Intelligence - How it works in the digital world

The students of Computer Club organised a knowledgeable assembly on 'Artificial Intelligence' telling the Petrine family about the importance of it and its usage in the real-life situations. An informative skit was also performed to educate students about Python based block coding, that has been recently introduced in the AI and Robotics lab of the school. Our school's Robotic lab and EMBIBE are evidences to the school management's sincerity to bring Artificial Intelligence to our students and the staff. Make use of the provided opportunities and leap forward, dear Petrines.



Ashoora



A reflection was also made on 'Ashoora', a day of commemoration in Islam, that is world-wide observed by both Shia and Sunni Islamic communities. It is known as Ashoora in Sunni Islam and Muharram in Shia Islam. In Shia Islam: Mourning the death of Husayn ibn Ali, a grandson of prophet Muhammad and son of Prophet Muhammad's daughter Fatima, during the Battle of Karbala in 680 CE and In Sunni Islam: Celebrating the salvation of Moses and the Israelites from their enslavement in Biblical Egypt.

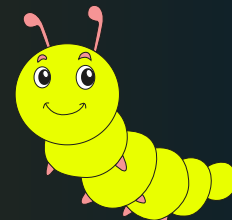
Celebrate endings for they precede new beginnings

The students of class 7 th C conducted a mesmerising assembly on the topic 'Celebrate Endings for they precede new beginnings.' An ending whether bitter or sweet, should be celebrated as it gives us new opportunities and new possibilities. It was an attempt to prepare children to embrace the change by being acceptable to the situations that life will bring onto them.



A STORY ON HOW TO ADAPT TO NEW SITUATIONS IN LIFE

Once upon a time, in the garden of St. Peter's,
 was a small petite caterpillar named millar.
 He was scared of endings and even more scared of the new
 beginnings.
 For one day came a butterfly,
 who could soar up high.
 For she told the caterpillar to have courage dear millar,
 for change is beautiful,
 And so is the end.
 When you will embrace the beginning and you will lend
 a thank you to the almighty,
 for providing you this opportunity.
 Hearing to her wisdom, the caterpillar turned into a butterfly
 Millar,
 And thereby said, 'For all I have embraced this new beginning
 and
 here I cherish my beautiful ending.'

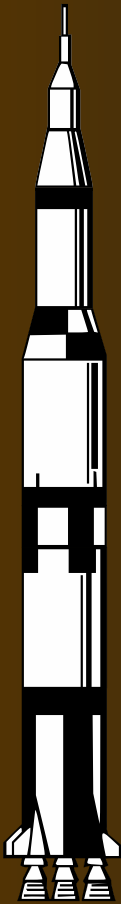
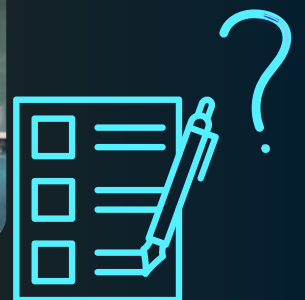
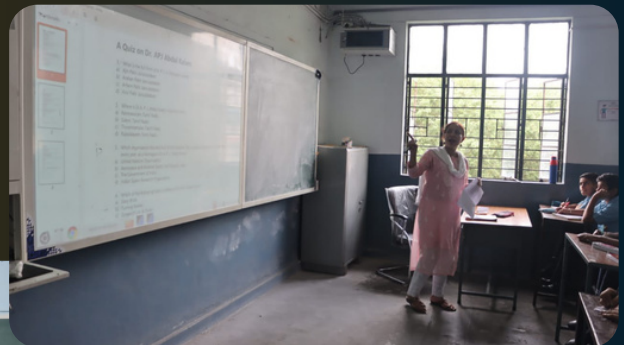
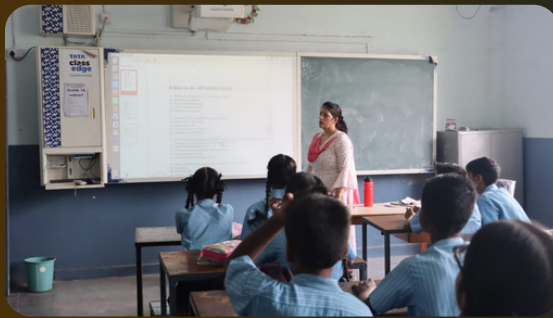


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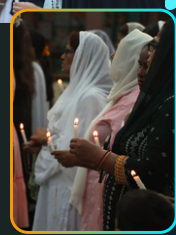
APJ Kalam Death Anniversary

APJ Abdul Kalam: Reminiscing the 'missile man' of India. A special Quiz was held today in the campus for the students of grade 6 to 10 reminiscing the 'missile man of India' on his death anniversary. The country's powerhouse of inspiration left his mortal body for heavenly abode today. He was delivering his last lecture at IIM, Shillong when he suffered a cardiac arrest. Apart from focussing on hi... See more



Weekly Glimpse

A special community prayer was offered by the catholic students and their families in the school on 29.07.2023 for the people who have lost their loved ones in the violence in Manipur.



Know More... ^{UPCOMING} Events



- The second cycle of Term 1 Periodic Test of English will be conducted on 31.7.23.
- The petrones will participate in Jammu Sahodaya School Complex Inter-school group dance activity on 05.08.2023.
- In-house activity of Table Tennis for juniors will take place in the campus on 05.08.2023.



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