# SVKM J.V. PAREKH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER– (2021-2022)

**Brief about SVKM J.V. Parekh International School**

SVKM J.V.Parekh International School was established in 2008.The School is committed to nurture an inquiring, thinking, enterprising, informed, open minded, principled and compassionate generation empowered to meet local and global challenges. The School endeavors to draw out the best in its students by facilitating holistic and lifelong learning through meaningful opportunities and creating an environment that encourages creative thinking, free expression and conscientious action; making them global winners. SVKM J.V. Parekh International School is a Nursery to Grade XII International School implementing a holistic curriculum over six hours a day, five days a week, graded for various age groups. It offers the Unique "Pre Cambridge-Curriculum" for Pre-primary Section, University of Cambridge Programmes starting class 1 to class VII, Check-point at class V and VIII, the IGCSE Program of 2 years for classes IX-X followed by IBDP and 'A' Level programs for classes XI-XII for 2 years.

**PRE-PRIMARY SECTION HIGHLIGHTS 2021-22**

Every event at the Preprimary Section of SVKM J.V. Parekh International School is an opportunity for students to exhibit their potential and capabilities.

A glimpse of the few festivals, special celebrations and annual events celebrated in the virtual as well as physical school are as follows –

1. Virtual Incredible India Trip
2. Hindi Diwas
3. Terrific Together Friday
4. Grandparents Day
5. Infotsav 3
6. Finesephillia – Sports Day
7. Holi
8. Citation Ceremony ( Sr.Kg. Graduation Day )
9. Super Probe!
10. Last Day Party

***VIRTUAL INCREDIBLE INDIA TRIP – NURSERY***

The nursery children celebrated the Indian Independence week by engaging themselves in a 5 day virtual field trip around India. This trip showcased the culture and beauty of our country. Sitting in one's bedroom, the children travelled to 5 places starting from Mumbai, Kashmir, Kolkata, Lakshadweep, Ahmedabad and lastly Delhi. They embarked on a city tour of each of these places, visiting the different monuments and famous tourist spots. They enjoyed the special food of each of these places prepared by the parents under the guidance of the teachers. The children also enjoyed participating in the various interesting activities like dance, painting, craft work, games, etc. The trip ended with the children visiting the Red Fort to watch the Prime Minister proudly hoist the India Flag.

***VIRTUAL HINDI LANGUAGE CELEBRATION***

The month of August was dedicated to the Hindi language as part of the 'Independence Day' celebrations. Children were introduced to the official language – Hindi for the first time in preprimary. They learnt to say the Hindi names of different fruits, vegetables, colours and vehicles in hindi. They enjoyed watching the Hindi drama and puppet show put up by the teachers. For the 'Hindi Diwas' celebration, the children performed songs, stories, riddles and jokes in front of their classmates.

***TERRIFIC TOGETHER FRIDAY – Jr.Kg.***

The Jr.Kg. children came together as a whole class on the last Friday of every month and celebrated a few 'World Days and International Days' specific to that month. The focus of this session was to impart knowledge of a broad range of facts about various subjects, as well as, bring about general awareness about the important aspects of human life and history. Children watched videos and PowerPoint presentations during the session to understand the importance of these days. They were delighted to be engaged in the hands on activities related to each of these special days.

## ***VIRTUAL GRANDPARENTS DAY CELEBRATION***

The theme of the event was 'Back To School' and the grandparent along with child had to wear colour coordinated outfit. The event started with all children and grandparents taking a virtual tour of the school. It was a fun-filled day with many activities like games, Music, Yoga, Zumba, and Bingo. The highlight of the celebration was a Musical Tribute from Ms. And Mrs. Jigar and Priya Saraiya, who presented a medley of Old Bollywood songs. They also had a Musical quiz session for the grandparents, which all the grandparents participated with lot of enthusiasm. The grandparent and children were happy to receive a virtual photo frame marking their participation in the event. The virtual Grandparents day celebration was a memorable event.

## ***VIRTUAL INFOTSAV 3 : CELEBRATING LEARNING***

Children's curiosity about the natural world is a powerful catalyst for their work and play. **Infotsav** is an event which serves as a platform for children to present and share their knowledge with the classmates as well as learn through engagement in various activities.

Infotsav 3 consisted of varied themes across the different sections, which were as follows:

**Nursery – Colourpedia, Jr.Kg. – Glob - O – Fest and Sr.Kg. – For a Better Tomorrow**

All the children participated with great zeal and enthusiasm. Infotsav 3 provided a great experience for our little ones celebrating learning with peers. As peer to peer teaching and learning makes each child more confident to strengthen their own knowledge and skills.

## ***FINESEPHILLIA 2 : SPORTS DAY – GROSS MOTOR & FINE MOTOR ACTIVITIES***

Children very enthusiastically participated in the sports day which consisted of 2 parts – gross motor races and fine motor 1 minute games. In each activity there were 3 children competing. Each and every child was felicitated with a medal as well as certificate.

## ***HOLI CELEBRATION***

The first physical festival celebration for this academic year was 'Holi'. The children were thrilled to play various water and colour related games. They were very overjoyed to have their teachers apply organic colour on them.

## ***CITATION CEREMONY - SR.KG. GRADUATION DAY***

The first physical event witnessed by parents as the audience was the **'Citation Ceremony'** of the Sr.Kg. graduates who have successfully completed their 3 years of Pre-Cambridge Programme.

This ceremony included a devoted period of time for felicitating our young graduates who will step out from the Pre-Primary section and move ahead with confidence to flourish more in their Primary education. The highlights of the ceremony were the floral walk by

the children, singing of the graduation song by children and playing of the Djembe. The entire event was a cherished experience for the school fraternity as well as the parents.

***SUPER PROBE! – Jr.Kg.***

Super Probe was a two-day buddy program to trigger the curiosities of the Jr.Kg. children leading to inquisitive and thoughtful minds. The first day the children together with their buddies conducted simple water experiments. The second day the children together with their buddies explored a few indoor areas and outdoor areas to measure the length of different objects using candysticks. Children developed their scientific skills and mathematical skills through this buddy play.

***LAST DAY PARTY***

Children were dressed in their favourite-coloured clothes for the last day party. They were thrilled to engage in foam play in an inflatable pool with their classmates. They also enjoyed playing games planned for them along with their classmates. They were delighted to watch a short children's movie and relished the snacks of French fries, cheese sandwiches and donuts.

## PRIMARY SECTION HIGHLIGHTS 2021-22

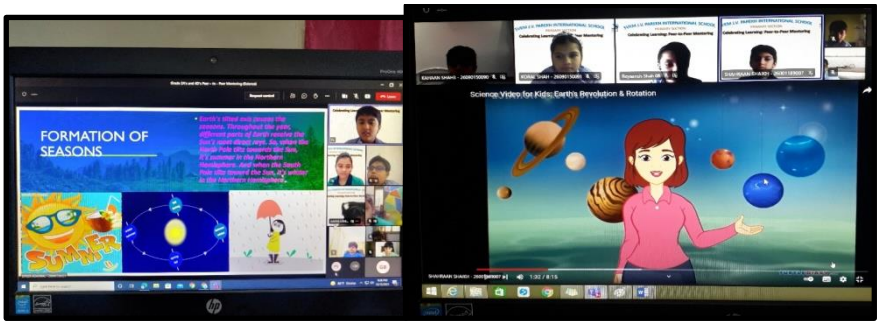
**Primary Section's English Elocution Competition:**
**Eloquence - The Speech Craft**

Keeping up with its annual tradition, Primary Section conducted the English Elocution competition: ***Eloquence- The Speech Craft***, for Grades 1 to 5, virtually, during the period of July to September 2021.

**Celebrating Learning: Peer - to - Peer Mentoring**

***'Harness the Power of Peers'.***

Peer-to-Peer mentoring was one such event where senior children of Grades 4 and 5 taught a Scientific Concept to their younger peers from Grades 1 to 3 as a part of the Primary section's Celebrating Learning in December 2021. The students of Grade 4 and 5 visited the Grades 1 -3 classes and took on the responsibility of mentoring the young ones via the e-learning platform Microsoft Teams. Prior to the sessions, detailed discussions and feedback sessions were conducted by the in-house Science faculty to help guide the students with their lesson plans. The children used a variety of resources such as PowerPoint presentations, online quizzes, audio-visual clippings as well as used demonstrations and role-plays to enhance the teaching-learning process further.




**<u>Primary Section's Celebrating Learning 2021-22</u>**

**<u>Euphoria 2.0: Skill-a-thon</u>**

For ending the academic year 2021-22 with a bang, Primary Section's culmination fiesta ***EUPHORIA 2.0*** (a part of Primary Section's ***Celebrating Learning***), stayed true to its theme: ***Skill-a-thon***. This was achieved by including a plethora of enriching experiences which were very high in skill- building, application and usage, were filled with fun and enjoyment, and thus created some wonderful memories for all involved!

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# SECONDARY SECTION HIGHLIGHTS 2021-22

***'Learning is a constant process of discovery – a process without end'***

In our pursuit for holistic development of every child, various opportunities were provided to students to achieve individual goals, nurture curiosity and develop a love for learning. The essence of education at SVKM JV Parekh isto create progressive scholars who will eventually fulfil the goal of school education. With this aim and purpose, several events were organised throughout the academic year to ensure that learning is paramount.

## INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

**'Yoga does not just change the way we see things; it transforms the person who sees.'**

## MUSIC AND ART FESTIVAL

**'We are the music makers, and we are the dreamer of dreams.'**

## Environment Week Celebration

**'Educating the mind, without educating the heart is no education at all'**

## LANGUAGE DAY CELEBRATION

**'Multilingualism promotes culture. A culturally diverse child is better prepared toparticipate and foster and compete in a global society'**

**MERAKI- ANNUAL CULTURAL CELEBRATION**

**'Seek what sets your soul on fire'**

**FAREWELL 2022**

***'Teachers who put relationships first don't just have students for one year; they have students who view them as 'THEIR' teacher for life'***

**EDUFEST- 2022**

**ODYSSEY- "A Voyage into the World of Knowledge"**

**'In your journey, yield to experimentation; it may not pass your way again.'**

***Education is the power to think clearly, the power to act well in the world's work, and the power to appreciate life."***
***– Brigham Young***

# IBDP HIGHLIGHT 2021-22

## PROUD TO ANNOUNCE OUR ACHIEVERS FROM IBDP AND A LEVEL BATCH OF 2021

### A Level Achievers

Highlights of AS and A Level Results March 2021

Total number of students appeared: 49 (AS+A2)

Total number of Subject Entries: 177 (AS+A2)

45% Subject Entries scored A*and A

A Level Toppers

Tarini Maheshwari (appeared for 5 subjects and scored 4 A*

Siddh Gala (appeared for 4 subjects and scored 3A*and 1A

Radhika Choudhary (appeared for4subjects and scored 3A*)

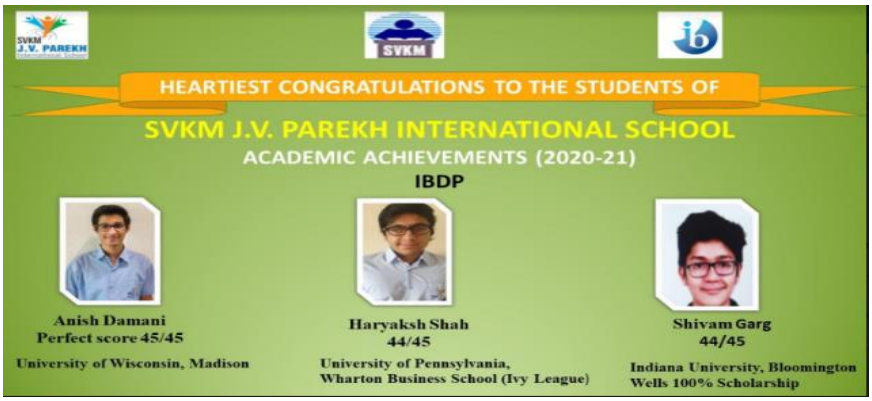
AS Level Toppers

Rahul Mistry, Atharva Thakur and Siya Mehta appeared for 3subjects and all scored all A's (the highest achievable grade in AS Level)

Outstanding Achievements

**Kabir Hirani**, a recent graduate of the A Level Batch, added yet another feather to his cap and brought laurels to the school by receiving an ***Outstanding Cambridge Learner's Award*** as he scored the highest marks in India for *Art and Design* in March 2021.

**Bhagyashree Birje,** also received the ***Outstanding Cambridge Learner's Award*** for *IT* in November 2021.




**IBDP Achievers**

Highlights of the IB Diploma Results May 2021

Our School toppers:

Anish Damani (Perfect score of 45 out of 45)–University of Wisconsin, Madison

Haryaksh Shah (44 out of 45) – University of Pennsylvania,

Wharton Business School (Ivy League

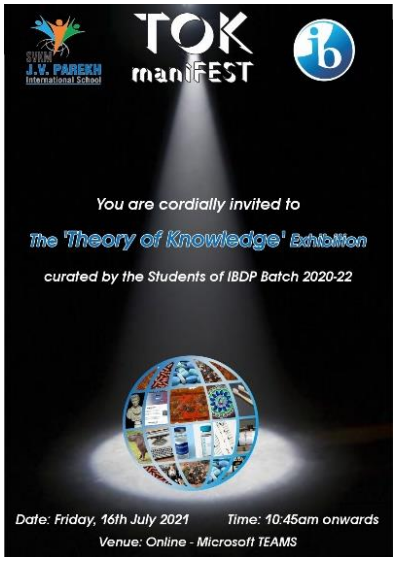
Shivam Garg (44 out of 45) – Indiana University, Bloomington

Wells 100% Scholarship

*Out of 49 students registered for the May 2021 Exam session, 14 students scored grade 40 and above & more than 51% students scored grade 38 and above.*

**University Updates & Scholarships**

*We proudly celebrate 100% placement for all students in the World's Top Universities like University of Pennsylvania, Wharton Business School (Ivy League), Indiana University Bloomington (Wells Scholarship 100% including total cost of attendance and travel allowances), University of Wisconsin Madison, University of California campuses, Boston University, Purdue University, University of Colorado Boulder, Pennsylvania State University, Arizona State University, University of Toronto, University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser University.*




**'TOK Manifest' - TOK Exhibition**

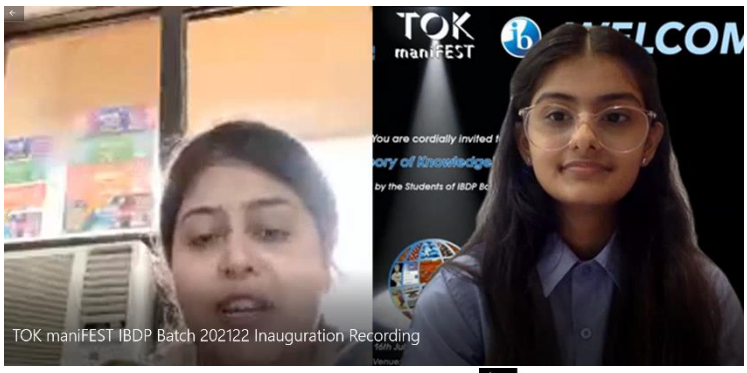
**16th July 2021**

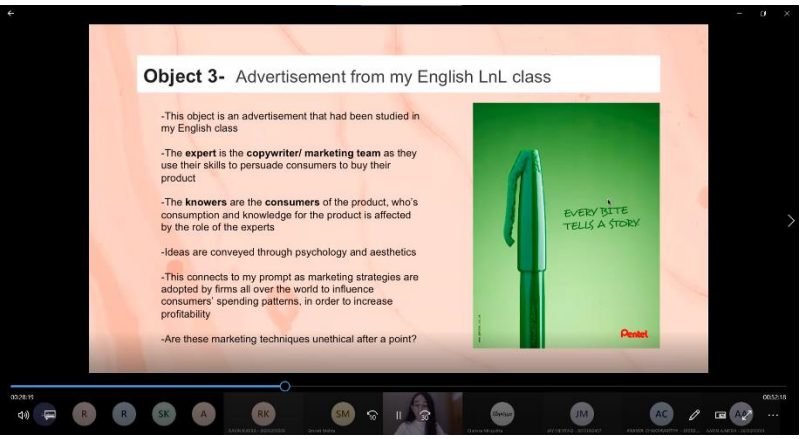
***The painting, the photograph; the sculpture, the song; the blog, the book; the satellite, the seismometer; the toothbrush, the tablet - these are not merely mundane objects - they embody knowledge and have the answers to many a question.***

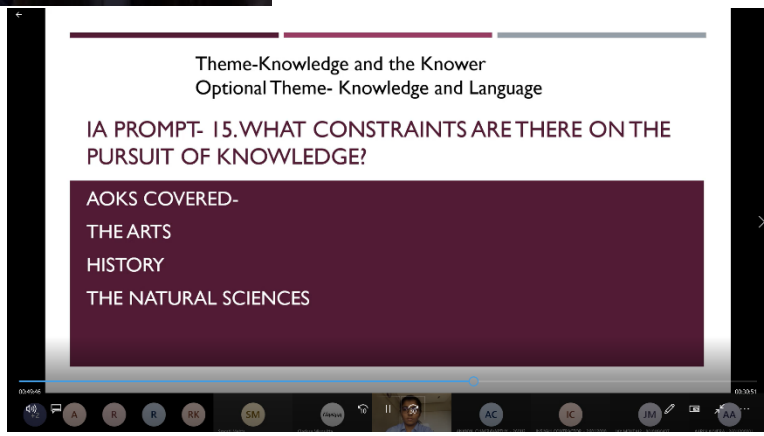
As a part of the IB curriculum, the students of IBDP Batch 2020-22 created the Theory of knowledge Exhibition ***'TOK maniFEST'*** online and took us on a journey to explore such objects from their entourage.

They shared the depth and breadth of their TOK exhibits on 16th July 2021.

The Exhibition was ceremonially inaugurated and organized on the virtual platform Microsoft TEAMS. Parents, Visitors and Guests were free to enter the virtual EXHIBITION ROOM of their choice.




**'Bhashaangan' – In the lap of languages**

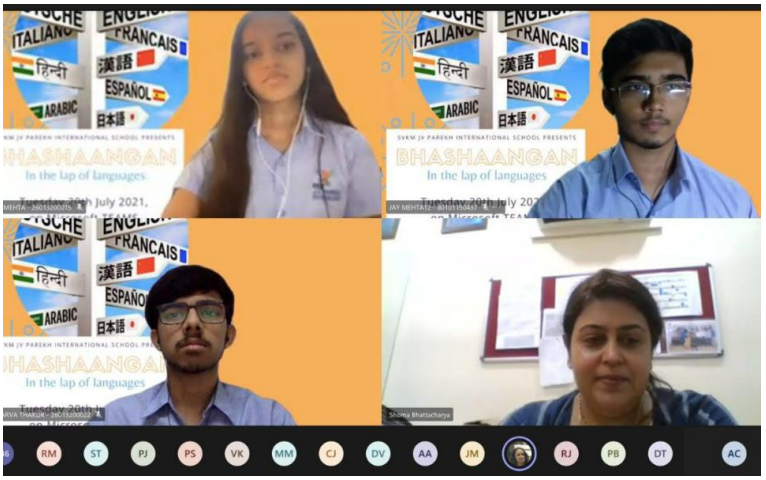
**20th July 2021**

***"Language is the road map of a culture. It tells you where its people come from and where they are going."***

- Rita Mae Brown

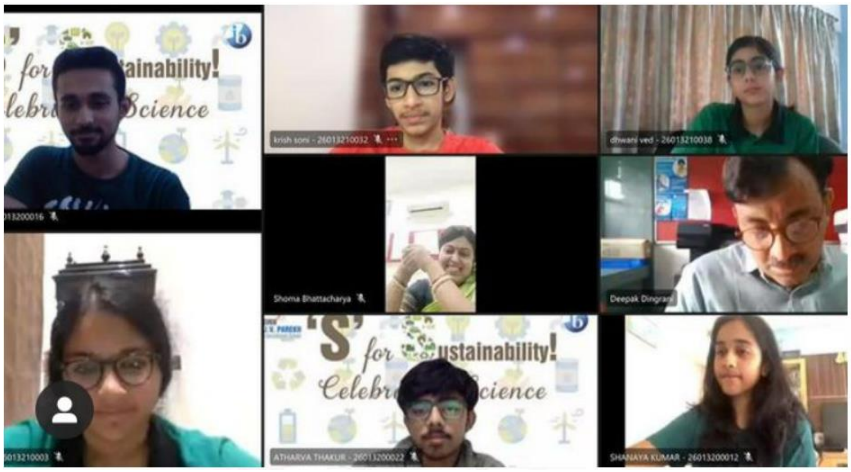
Language Day was celebrated on 20thJuly 2021. Though virtual, the celebration lacked no splendor.

Students participated in activities which varied from Translation of Hindi film dialogues into a Regional/Foreign language to Reading of the text *'The Little Prince'* in different languages (in order to gauge the extent of meaning lost in translation); from creating a Netflix series ('An international student hostel in Mumbai') with multilingual dialogues to an Advert for a new product, incorporating a mask or sanitiser. The linguistic diversity at SVKM truly came alive through the activities and inter-clan competitions.



**‘S’ for Sustainability – Celebrating Science**

**13th August 2021**



The event started off with the introduction of the main theme of the day- "Sustainability". The hosts explained the importance of sustainable living in order to save our planet from an environmental crisis. After listening to a thought-provoking verse from the Rigveda – a vision of the world by ancient *rishis*, we began one of the most anticipated events of the day, the inter-clan science debate. In the semi-finals, Apollo clashed against Demeter, whilst Poseidon went up against Zeus. They argued on whether AI can help us humans achieve our sustainability goals. After a fiery debate, the finalists and the debate topic for the finals were announced.

Secondly, Mr. Sunny Gungar, from RUR Greenlife, gave us valuable tips on sustainable lifestyle.

Surprisingly, we discovered that some of our own peers have already started to embrace sustainability by overhauling their wardrobes. We were audience to a spectacular fashion show, ‘Stylish and Sustainable’, which was judged by Ms. Anita Dongre - founder of House of Anita Dongre & Global Desi.

After the announcement of the winners of the fashion show, we listened to an interactive lecture from Bisleri regarding "Bottles for change". We learned how we can avoid plastic pollution by using proper disposal techniques.

Next, we had the long-awaited inter-clan poster competition. The theme for the competition this year was "The Effect of the COVID-19 Pandemic on our Environment". After viewing a long and informative lineup of posters and listening to each presentation, Namita Ma'am & Miss Rajkumari declared the winners, 2nd place & 3rd place.

For the last event of the day, we held the final round of the debate competition between Apollo & Zeus on the topic of "Should humanity colonize mars or use its resources to make planet earth more habitable?". After a long and grueling debate, with many unexpected points being raised and tensions high, the Science & English faculty came to a consensus. And the winners were.... Apollo Clan!!!

It was an exciting day, filled to the brim with knowledge, drama and creativity. The VP and DP Co-ordinator Ms. Shoma Bhattacharya wrapped up the event with her words of wisdom. Surely, Science Day will stand out in this year’s calendar of events.

**Celebrating Learning through the Spirit of CHRISTMAS**

**24th December 2021**

Despite a tumultuous external environment, students of the entire IBDP and A levels came together for the first time after COVID-19 regulations were relaxed, juniors and seniors alike, to participate in an inter clan Christmas competition. Not only were they required to create a stunning Christmas tree as their central brief, but also to do this sustainably. 3

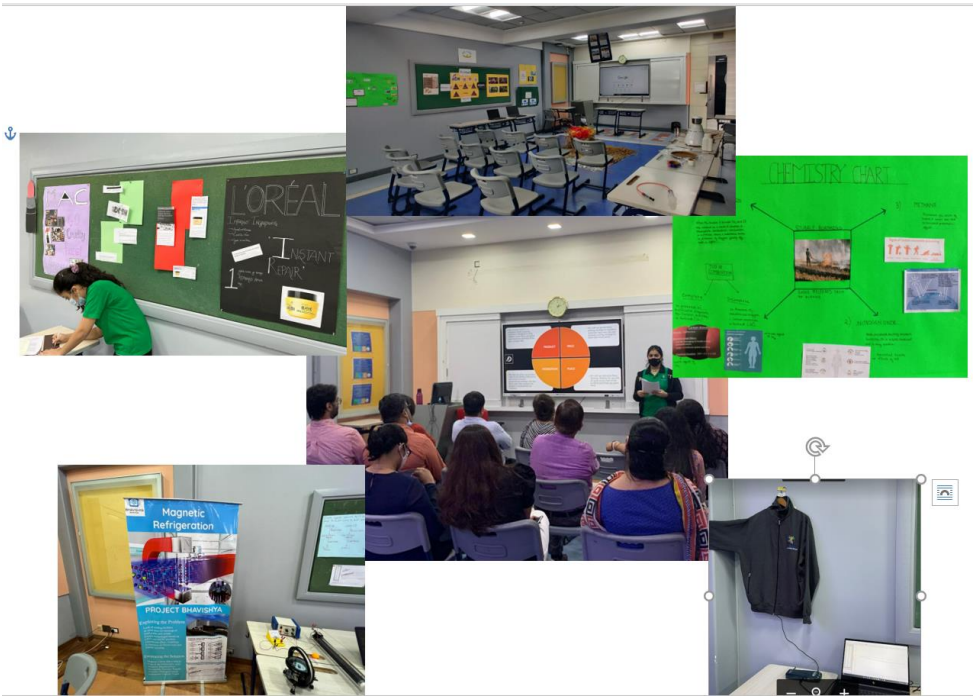
Assigned different countries, each clan represented cultures of France, Spain, India and Russia. From employing reusable fairy lights to trees made from scrapped paper, even going as far as to give handmade desserts to the judges, students wowed everyone with their ability to stay green, but mix just the perfect amount of red with it.

Taking inspiration from pervasive practices everywhere, they made nativity scenes and snowmen from toys and leftover paper bits, even taping cellophane to the lights, bathing the rooms in a red and blue hue. It was truly an enriching Christmas, paralleling something that could grow even the Grinch's heart by three sizes.

**Educulture / Group 4 Project**

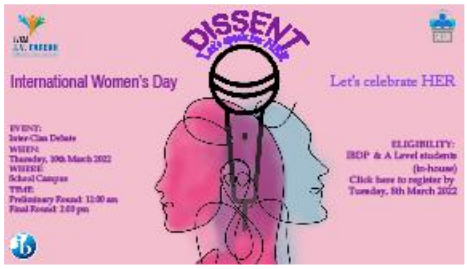
**8th - 11th March 2022**

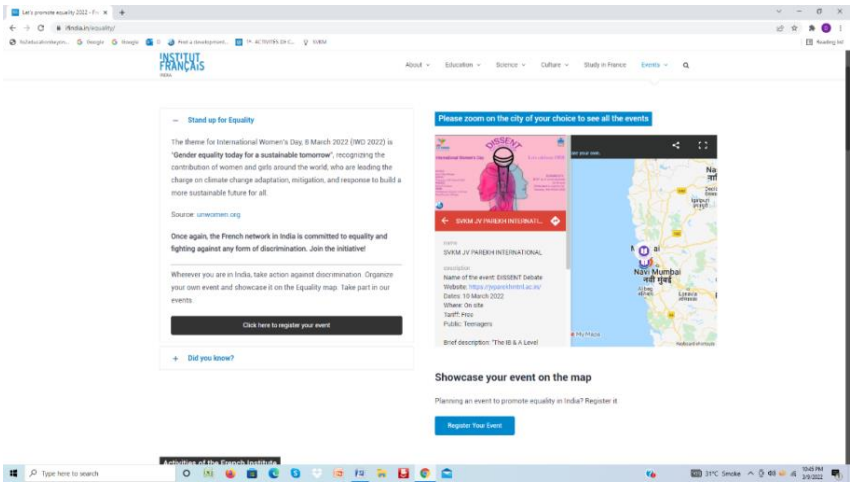
This year's Group 4 Project not only dwelt upon the principles of Science but spanned across the subjects of Business Management, ITGS and Psychology. Students got the true taste of interdisciplinary and experiential learning.



The students organized "Educulture" from 8th to 11th March 2022. True to its title, the event and all the activities explored the role of culture in education and vice-versa, and highlighted the interdependence of Education & Culture.

Women's issues have always been an integral part of Culture and Education. Students staged a Debate entitled **'DISSENT - Lets speak for HER'** on such issues and burning questions of society.




The debate was registered on the website of *IFI* (*Institut Français en Inde*) - the French Institute in India. It reflected on their ***'Let's promote quality'*** interactive event page on International Women's Day, thereby endorsing our solidarity and commitment with the global mission.

**Graduation Ceremony**

**12th April 2022**

**IBDP & A Level Class of 2022**

SVKM celebrated the graduation day of the 2022 batch of IBDP and A levels on April 12th, in the presence of our renowned joint secretary of SVKM Dr. Jayant Gandhi, the managing and committee director Sri Vinod Goradia, our Principal, Dr. Swaminathan, and our Vice principal Miss Shoma Bhattacharya. The graduation ceremony's main goal is to recognize students who have achieved all of their academic and extracurricular requirements for graduation. At SVKM, we offer a venue for graduating students to receive their diplomas, officially recognizing their completion of high school.

Receiving diploma and certificate from dignitaries

Marking presence of all the graduating students with class teacher.

**Sunday Streets**

**1st May 2022**

On 1st May 2022, the students put their Creativity and Activities to the Service of the mangrove-saving initiative taken up by JVSR161. They participated and coordinated activities on the Juhu-Versova Link Road. It was developed with the goal of raising awareness for the declining mangrove environment, which is critical for stabilising coastline ecosystems, preventing erosion, and protecting against flooding.

Box Cricket, Football, Photo Booth, Chalk Art and Mural Art were among the activities set up by students in the open air to regale the crowd. They also surprised the audience with a Flash Mob. Choreographed and performed thrice on different foot-stomping musical numbers in the early morning hours, the flash mob was the show-stopper which energized spectators of all ages.