



# NVS ECHO



## WHAT'S ON CAMPUS

**1st March:**

Semester assessment two begins for classes 6, 7, 8, 11. Class 9 revision starts.

**11th March :**

Exams for class 9 begins. Exams for class 11 ends.

**14th March :**

Exams for classes 6, 7, 8 ends. Class 11th visit Mumbai for their study tour.

**22nd March :**

Exams for class 9 ends.

**23rd March :**

Club day celebrated. Interhouse debate and quiz held.

**31st March:**

Mr. John Mason's workshop with primary and secondary teachers and students of class 9, 10 and 12.

## WORLD NEWS

**March 9 :** Longest tunnel in India to open in Jammu and Kashmir.

**March 11:** BJP wins big in UP, Uttarakhand ; hung verdict in Manipur, Goa

**March 12 :** Iraqi security forces have retaken more than a third of west Mosul from the ISIS since launching an assault on the area last month, a commander said.

**March 13:** Manohar Parrikar takes oath as Goa's Chief Minister and steps down as the Defence minister of PM Modi's cabinet of ministers.

**March 15 :** Shashank Manohar steps down as ICC chairman.

**March 19 :** Cheteshwar Pujara created a record by batting for an incredible 525 balls and spent 665 minutes at the crease.

**March 19:** Yogi Adityanath takes oath as the 21<sup>st</sup> Chief minister of Uttar Pradesh.

**March 24:** The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday issued show-cause notice to Knight Riders Sports Pvt. Ltd (KRSPL), its director Gauri Khan, her husband Shah Rukh Khan and actor Juhi Chawla under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA). The agency has alleged a loss of Rs..73.6 crore in foreign exchange.

**March 26:** Australia braces for 'very destructive' Tropical Cyclone Debbie

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The month of March comes with one of India's favourite festival "HOLI". There was an unusual energy all over the school campus because every mind was resolute about their goals and targets in the ultimate quarter of the year. However there is a sense of relief on everyone's face now after the exams for classes 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> were over. The new session has begun and everyone is gearing up for their upcoming academic year.

The temperature has risen considerably in the last few weeks and as always there is a lot of crowding near the water filter for getting their bottles filled with cold water.

The club day was a great show and we congratulate all the prize winners for their consistent hardwork and effort in making creative projects and their contribution to their club.

We wish the new class 10 batch best of luck for their new full year portion board pattern.

So here we bring you the last edition of NVS echo of this academic year with the theme "Festivals around the globe".

## POLL QUESTION

**Qs.** Do you think that JIO will be able to sustain its popularity after 31<sup>st</sup> march?

**YES:** 49.7%

**NO:** 50.3%



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## SCRAMBLING THROUGH THE SONGKRAN

It was the 13<sup>th</sup> of April and I was in Bangkok, Thailand. Don't get jealous I wasn't here for the Songkran, though it was something I had wished to attend since 7. I couldn't afford to stay for such a long time in one place or else they would catch me. Wherever I went they were not far behind. I didn't know who they were or what they wanted, they weren't the police that much I knew for sure for I had been running from them for almost a year now.

A gunshot brought me to the present. I stole a glance at my pursuers, there were only two of them, "This will be easier than the usual" I muttered under my breath as I ran out of the warehouse, almost slipping as I stepped on the wet pavement.

Allow me to brief you about my life, I live a life of misery running from armed assailants who want to kill me (believe me I don't know why and it isn't my annoying behavior). Let me begin again, I ran down the streets of Bangkok, it was hot but the water fights occurring



all around kept the temperatures low. Songkran is a much-loved local tradition and plus marks the New Year in Thailand, and all of Thailand's 60 million inhabitants got involved in it, nurturing their inner child through the biggest water fights in the world. The festival consisted of three days of merry-making and water fights.

I turned left to find myself on the Khaosan Road where the water fights make even Holi look tame. Without wasting any time I ran towards the far end of the street, but I went sprawling to the ground with the the sheer force with which someone threw water at me. I burst out laughing; it was just the seriousness of my situation and the fun-filled extravaganza that was going on all around me that set me off. I couldn't blame the man, Songkran had one simple rule: if you're on the streets during Songkran you're fair game.

I got up and helped myself to some water balloons kept in a bucket nearby, and started throwing them around randomly at anyone and everyone. I'd take care of my assailants as I did every time, but I'd let them come to me this time, and while I was waiting, have a gala time. I let the festive feeling in the air wash over me and enjoyed myself getting soaked with ice-cold water while I soaked many and more. I was amazed by the fun-loving yet caring nature of my fellow Songkranians they soaked the adults and got soaked with pleasure going easy on the kids, not spoiling the festive mood.

Around midday, the festivities grew wilder, but lucky for me my pursuers till then had caught up to me. I began to run once again, but this time not before planting obstacles in problem-duo's paths (I gave them a name, couldn't call them assailants again and again could I?). I carried a bucket full of water balloons stumbling into vendors and Songkranians alike while throwing balloons at the problem-duo every once in a while. The best part of the day came around noon when I saw the problem-duo tripping and banging their heads together causing many more to fall on them. The fun-filled atmosphere was disturbed by their curses as they tried miserably to get up only to fall once again. Soon the problem-duo and their curses were far behind me. times I found myself on the wrong end of a bucket of water during the day. "They won't ever find me, Dad, not today and not ever".

-Prabhansh Singh Sabarwal

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## NEVER SAY NEVER AGAIN



THANK YOU NUS

SAURAV KALE

## THAT NIGHT!!

I was all alone at home  
I felt so scared...  
I didn't have the guts to roam,  
'Cos i was imagining that lady who was long-haired !!

That night was the worst  
It felt like I am dying of thirst  
And yes, that night was too dark  
With that fear I heard the dogs  
howl & bark !!

There was knock on my door  
That'd be my last I was sure  
I thought of getting myself  
hanged,  
But the door continued being  
banged !!

I heard scary noises  
My heart started beating fast,  
I kept imagining that lady's face,  
My imaginations were too vast !!

Oh my goodness !  
I tried to open the door...  
To my wonder at the door,  
Was standing my mom !!



-ISHA RAUT II-D

## CHERRY BLOSSOM

Springtime is the season of colour and life returning to nature. It's a time of the year when all earthly life is elated.

The nature with its vivid and radiating beauty manages to capture our attention. A number of spring festivals are celebrated around the globe, one such festival is the cherry blossom festival celebrated in Japan every year. It is termed as Hanami which is a Japanese word for flower viewing. It is a Japanese tradition which involves beholding and rejoicing the transient beauty of flowers. From the end of March to early May, sakura bloom all over Japan, and around the first of February on the island of Okinawa The blossom forecast "cherry blossom front" is announced each year by the weather bureau, and is watched carefully by those planning hanami as the blossoms only last a week or two. In modern-day Japan, hanami mostly consists of having an outdoor party beneath the sakura during daytime or at night. Hundreds of tourists flock from around the globe to the land of the rising sun to behold this captivating scenery. The cherry blossom represents the fragility and the beauty of life. It's a reminder that life is almost overwhelmingly beautiful but that it is also tragically short.



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-Shravani Indurkar X A

## Harbin Ice and Snow Festival

The Harbin International Ice and Snow Sculpture Festival is an annual winter festival that takes place with a theme in Harbin, Heliogiang ,China and now is the largest ice and snow festival in the world which has 10 to 15 million visitors annually. At first participants in the festival were mainly Chinese, however it has since become an international festival and competition. The festival includes the world's biggest ice sculptures. Officially, the festival starts on January 5 and lasts one month. However, exhibits often open earlier and stay longer, weather permitting.



While ice sculptures are erected throughout the city, During the festival, there are ice lantern park touring activities held in many parks in the city. Winter activities during the festival include Yabuli alpine skiing, winter-swimming in the Songhua River, and the ice-lantern exhibition in Zhaolin Garden. Harbin is located in Northeast China and receives cold winter wind from Siberia. The average temperature in summer is 21.2 °C and -16.8 °C in winter. Annual lows of -35 °C are not uncommon.

Swing Saws are used to carve ice into blocks, taken from the frozen surface of the Songhua River Chisels, ice picks and various types of saws are then used by ice sculptors to carve out large scaled ice sculptures many of them intricately designed and worked on all day and night prior to the commencement of the festival. De-ionized water can also be used, producing ice blocks as transparent as glass to make clear sculptures rather than translucent ones. Multicolored lights are also used to give color to ice, creating variations on sculptured spectacles when lit up especially at night. In 2007, the festival featured a Canadian themed sculpture, " As a Memorial" of Canadian doctor Norman Bethune. It was awarded a Guinness record for the world's largest snow sculpture: 250 meters long, 28 feet (8.5 m) high, using over 13,000 cubic meters of snow. So next time you are planning a tour to china don't miss this amazing festival.

-Pranav Wakade X D

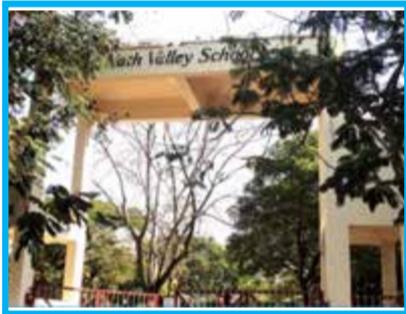
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## Previous Issue's Picture



1. Gateway to future!

– Mrs. Y. Kale

2. Gateway to alternate reality.

- Prabhansh Singh X-D

3. Where it all began.

-Anuja Vare VII-B

# Am I Worth It?

Their expectations are high  
But they aren't demands that lie.  
Too many hopes are lit  
But I wonder if I am worth it.

They praise my every success  
And offer another chance when I fail.  
Without them life is a land where  
My boats just don't sail.

They've trusted me more than I deserve  
Their smiles that carry hope, I preserve  
Their belief in me is tightly knit  
But I wonder if I am worth it.

I am scared of something which isn't pressure  
It is my unsure capability at measure  
I hope I was worth their money and time  
And I wish I can reach their level and do just fine.

It is time to give back  
And cover up for things that I lack.  
I owe them for my every breath  
That I have to pay back by making  
them stand with pride,  
Still calling me their little girl who always cried.

- Anisha Surana IX D

## WORD SEARCH

Y H T C V E K R A E C J L N T  
U C A D A U C A R N E V A L E  
R A L L G L A S T O N B U R Y  
B S A M B X L A L Z L R Y D G  
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E R T U G Q G Y G R L O Y G B  
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## Festivals:)

Holi  
Cascamorass  
Carnevale  
MardiGras  
Oktoberfest  
LaTomatina  
Coachella  
Burning Man  
Glastonbury  
Songkran  
Albuquerque  
CalleOcho