

# CHRONICLES OF NPSI, CHENNAI

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UPDATES FOR PARENTS OF NPSI, CHENNAI

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Children learn as they play; most importantly, in play,  
children learn how to learn.

KEN ROBINSON



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October brings with it a fresh opportunity to foray into new avenues that spotlight varied talents and skills.

At NPSIC, this month was truly a notable one – with the school playing hosts to the country's top table tennis talent as they competed in the CISCE National Table Tennis Tournament, as well as holding one of the most eagerly awaited events of the academic year – Utsaham, the annual cultural day. It is support from the management and hard work of the staff and students that has resulted in the grand success of both events.



## **EARLY YEARS**

It was exhilarating to see our children back in school for the second term after the Navaratri vacation. This month has been an eventful one with children involving themselves in numerable activities.

In the Montessori, freshers were engaged in making chandan paste that exhibited fine motor skills and concentration. Juniors were engrossed in pairing sound boxes that required them to use their auditory skills and also their cognitive skill of pairing. Reading folders were provided for the senior students to practice their reading of non-phonetic words.

The youngest of the kindergartners continued their scholastic learning of letters and numbers. Origami – the art of paper folding, challenged their fine motor and creative skills. The senior students resumed their learning of digraphs. Our young learners also had fun learning skip counting by 5 with the learning material.





## STUDY ROUTINES

As the school reopened, children eagerly awaited the results of their term assessments. Answer papers and mark files were shared, errors corrected and some concepts revisited for a better hold. Practical assessments that challenged the mettle of the senior students in the lab along with viva on projects also added to the performance analysis of the first term. New lessons began and our learners gradually settled back into the school routines.

Grammar was the month's focus for the young learners of the primary grade. Matching pictures with the words, pasting the appropriate pronouns were a few of the many activities of the month. As a part of the course to inculcate a sense of self in these learners, children worked in groups to create posters that emphasized the age-old adage about cleanliness and godliness.

From playing charades to learn tenses to presentations on religious and national festivals, collaborating to learn various landforms, mocking elections to solving fractions and making lemonades – the students of the upper primary grades had fun even as they internalized these different concepts.

Academic pursuits balanced with the practice of the cultural show were the order of the day for the middle years. Scholastic activities, STEM lab, and Science lab activities coupled with Math lab activities helped the children hone new concepts. Activities ranged from clay models of plant and animal cells to flower dissection to mixing and observing the various chemical reactions in the Science lab.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

Chess has always captured the imagination of one and all and at NPSI, the talent pool is definitely expanding and making our presence known in the city. With several organizations organizing tournaments, our children are bagging these prestigious prizes. Nivedha Subramaniam of Grade 8A participated in several tournaments – she bagged the 8th and the 11th places in the International Open Fide Rating Blitz chess and Rapid chess tournaments for the Under-14 category held at DAV Krida Kendram school while she bagged the 2nd prize in the Chengalpet District Chess tournament held at Valluvar Gurukulam school, Tambaram in the under-16 category. She also turned up trumps at the 1st SRM International Fide Rating tournament held at SRM college in the under-14 category. Prithvi Arokiadoss of grade 4B, another chess whizz, has secured the 1st prize at the Azure International Raid Fide tournament held at Coimbatore in the last week of September – a tournament that saw over 300 participants. He also won the 2nd prize at the State Level Chess tournament in the under 10-boys category.

Maya Vijayakumar of grade 4B has won the 1st prize in the under-8 girls category of the Kata event and the 2nd prize in the Team Kata event of the Shoten Karate 1st State Level Inter Championship held at the C.S.I Higher Secondary School for the Deaf, Chennai.

The CISCE National Chess Championship held at Amritsar, Punjab saw our students return victorious. Koppalli Naga Ram Charan of gr 8B secured the gold medal in the u-14 boys' category while Advika Satish Pillai of gr 9B secured the silver medal in the u-19 girls' category.

A big shout-out to these children as we wish our students reach greater heights in all their endeavors.

### **Talent exams**

We conducted the Olympiad and the NMTC exams which witnessed several students across grades attempt. Preparing in a focused manner, most children are hopeful of securing medals and certificates of merit.



# ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES









# Events



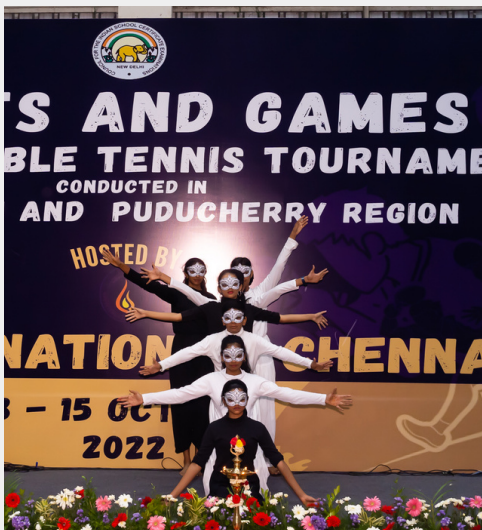
## NATIONAL TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Under the aegis of Mr. Dileep Kumar, an internationally qualified player and referee, the National Table Tennis Tournament (NTTT) 2022 of CISCE, conducted in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry Region, was hosted by NPS International, Chennai at the Meston Hall, Wesley School Royapettah, from 13th to 15th of October. The games were declared open by Ms. Arul Selvi, former International Table Tennis Player and Gold medallist in South Asian Games and National Games. With over 250 participants from all over the country aided by their managers and coach, 256 matches were played in team and individual events. Of the 6 categories of competition, Maharashtra, and Goa walked away with the top prize in 5 categories while Andhra Pradesh and Telangana secured victories in the under-19 girls' category. The winners were awarded their prizes by the dignitaries including our Principal, Ms. Sudha Balan who thanked the various organizations and Wesley school in particular for the support rendered.

A special mention must be made of our students who added colour and vivacity to the tournament with their fantastic displays of band, music, and dance.

Kudos to all winners and participants and to our own students who played various roles in ensuring that this tournament would be one to remember.









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## UTSAHAM

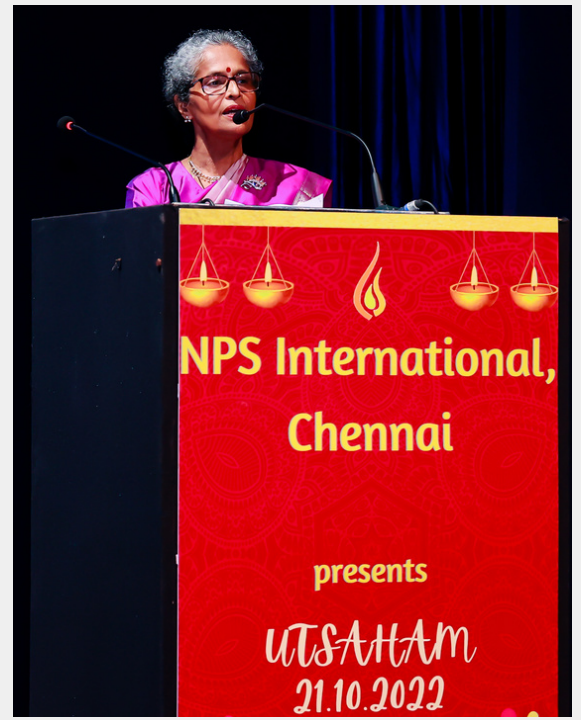
One of the most awaited events of the year, Utsaham celebrates the multiple talents of students of grades 6 to 9. This year witnessed our children partaking in the celebration of our country's heritage. The presence of our Founder Chairman sir, Dr. K G Gopalkrishna, Co-Founder and Dean ma'am, Dr. Santhamma Gopalkrishna, Vice-Chairperson, Mrs. Bindu Hari with Ms. Radhe Jaggi, Bharathanatyam exponent as the Chief Guest was a matter of pride for all of us. Titled Mahaanbharat and Mahabharath, the event was a celebration of the nation's rich heritage and its greatest epic – Mahabhaarath.

Opening with mellifluous song on Lord Saraswathy and the lighting of the lamps, the event began with grade 9 students presenting a vibrant parade of the incredible innovations and inventions characteristic of ancient India followed by an appealing exhibit of classical and folk dances, a part of the cultural diversity.

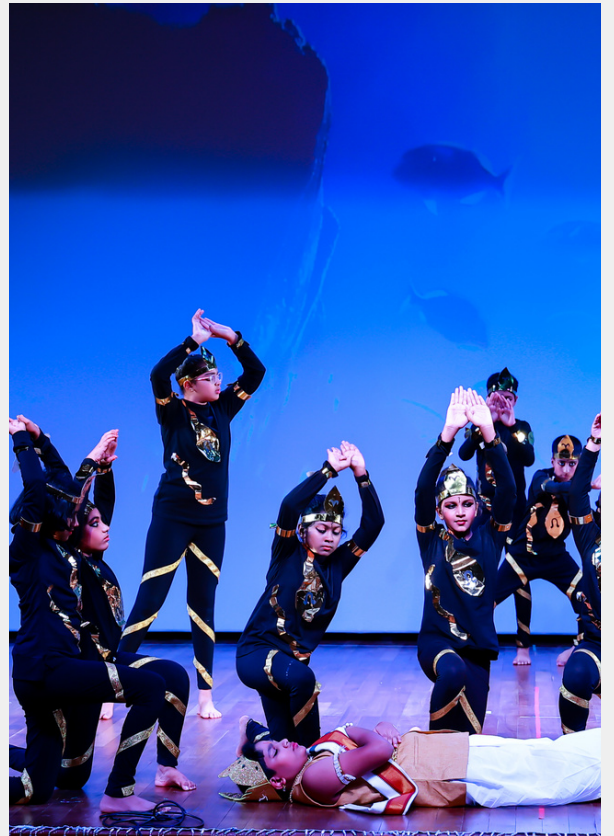
The story of the Pandavas and Kauravas was beautifully showcased by the students of grades 6 to 8 – from the marriage of Shantanu and Satyawati to the vow of chastity by Bheeshma to the various trials and tribulations of the Pandava princes and finally culminating in a fascinating war dance representative of the battle of Kurukshetra. The audience was mesmerized by the narrators accompanied by the dancers, singers chanting Sanskrit shlokas and singing lilting tunes and the actors whose emotions captured the brilliance of the story – the entire event gained greater visual eminence through the glitter and shimmer of the attire and the props. The distinguished guests were appreciative of the show even as our Principal, Ms. Sudha Balan applauded and appreciated the students for their mesmerizing performances. All credit to the students, the key players in the success of the show. A momentous day, indeed, at NPSI.



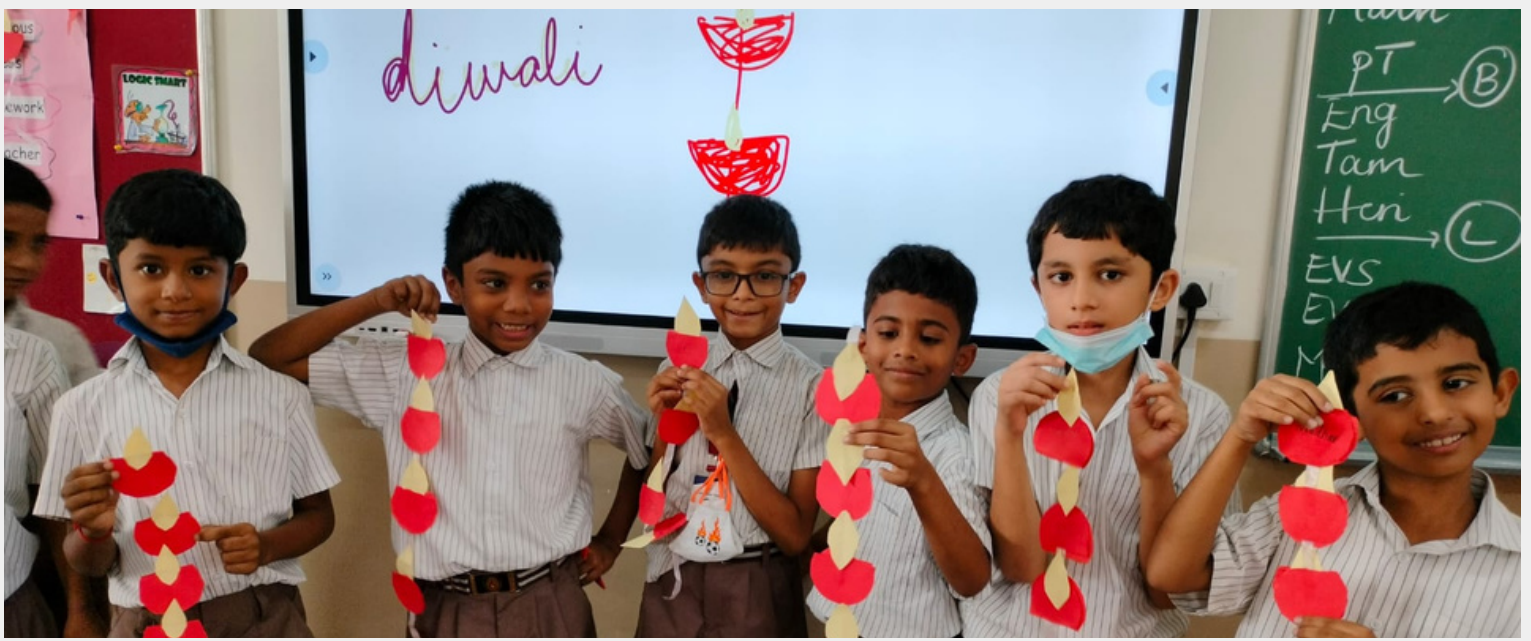












## DEEPAVALI CELEBRATION

With the festival of lights around the corner, children participated enthusiastically in Diwali celebrations organised in their classrooms. The spirit of Diwali was widespread in the class with children making fancy fire crackers with paper craft. Students of grades 1 and 2 enjoyed making paper diyas while the older children used the opportunity to make lanterns and wall hangings. A short but enthusiastic discussion on the origins of Deepavali and their plans for the festive holidays added to the festive spirit.

