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INTER-HOUSE EXTEMPORE COMPETITION

The Inter-House Extempore Competition was conducted on 4th and 13th October 2025 for students of Classes III to XII across four categories. The event aimed to enhance students' confidence and ability to speak spontaneously on diverse topics.

Results:

Category A (XI–XII):

Champion – Tagore House | Runner-Up – Teresa House | Second Runner-Up – Gandhi House

Category B (IX–X):

Champion – Tagore House | Runner-Up – Gandhi House | Second Runner-Up – Teresa House and Gandhi House

Category C (VI–VIII):

Champion – Tagore House | Runner-Up – Teresa House | Second Runner-Up – Netaji House and Gandhi House

Category D (III–V):

Champion – Tagore House | Runner-Up – Teresa House | Second Runner-Up – Gandhi House and Netaji House

The competition showcased remarkable oratory skills and healthy inter-house spirit among students.

Mrs. Papiya Ghosh Dutta

Assistant Teacher



INTER-HOUSE QUIZ COMPETITION

The Inter-House Quiz Competition was held on 14th October 2025. Students from Classes I–XII participated. They were divided into three categories: Junior (I–V), Middle (VI–VIII), and Senior (IX–XII), representing the four houses—Netaji, Teresa, Tagore, and Gandhi.

The Senior Section quiz consisted of four rounds: General Knowledge, Slides, Audio-Visual, and Connection. The competition was particularly close between Gandhi House and Netaji House. The junior and middle school rounds were conducted by Mr. Rahul Mojumder and Mrs. Papiya Ghosh Dutta respectively.

Results:

Senior Category–Winner:Gandhi House;Runner-up:Netaji House;Second Runner-up:Teresa House

Junior Category–Winner:Tagore House;Runner-up:GandhiHouse;SecondRunner-up:Teresa House

MiddleCategory– Winner: Tagore House; First Runner-up: Netaji House;Second Runner-up:Gandhi House

The event was successfully conducted and promoted confidence, and healthy competition.

Amartya Pathak

Assistant Teacher



From the Desk of Secretary & Administrator.....



Renewing Our Campus: The School Renovation Initiative

St. Francis Xavier School has always believed that the environment in which students learn plays a crucial role in shaping their educational experience. In keeping with this belief, the school has recently initiated a comprehensive programme to upgrade and modernise several parts of the campus. The objective of this initiative is to ensure that our students and teachers benefit from facilities that are comfortable, safe, and aligned with the evolving needs of modern education.

A key component of the renovation plan is the modernisation of classrooms. The school is in the process of upgrading classroom interiors with improved lighting, refined finishes, and better infrastructure to support teaching aids and digital learning tools. Importantly, the renovated classrooms will also be air-conditioned, creating a more comfortable and conducive learning environment, particularly during the hot summer months. These improvements are being planned carefully so that they enhance both the functionality and the aesthetics of the learning spaces, while supporting a more effective teaching and learning experience.

In addition to classroom improvements, corridors, staircases, and other common areas are being upgraded with durable materials and improved lighting systems. The aim is to make these high-traffic areas safer, brighter, and easier to maintain, while also creating an atmosphere that reflects the vibrancy and dynamism of our school. These changes will contribute to a campus that is both practical for everyday use and welcoming for students, teachers, and visitors alike.

Large infrastructure projects, however, inevitably come with certain challenges. As the renovation progresses, there may be temporary disruptions to normal school

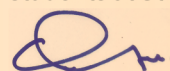
routines. Some work will have to take place during the academic year, and despite careful planning, students and teachers may occasionally experience some inconvenience or adjustments in the use of certain spaces. These circumstances may require short-term sacrifices, compromises and adjustments from everyone involved. We sincerely request the understanding and patience of parents and students during this period as we work towards improvements that will benefit the school community for many years to come.

The school management has undertaken this project with a deep sense of responsibility and long-term vision. A substantial portion of the funding for the renovation is being drawn from the school's own accumulated savings, reflecting our commitment to invest directly in improving the infrastructure available to our students. At the same time, projects of this scale require careful financial planning, and if necessary, the school may explore appropriate ways in which the broader parent community may support specific initiatives connected with these improvements.

Looking ahead, the renovation programme will continue in phases so that academic activities can proceed with minimal disruption. Future stages may include further improvements to learning spaces, integration of modern teaching infrastructure, and continued enhancement of common areas within the campus. Each step is being guided by the principle that a well-designed school environment contributes meaningfully to the academic growth and well-being of students.

As with any collective endeavour, the success of this renovation programme depends not only on planning and execution but also on the cooperation and goodwill of the entire school community. We therefore request the continued support, patience, and understanding of our parents, students, and staff as these works progress.

The renovation of our campus represents more than a physical transformation; it is an investment in the future of our students. By improving our learning spaces today, we hope to create an environment that continues to inspire excellence, curiosity, and growth for generations of students at St. Francis Xavier School.



Ajay Chopra
Secretary & Administrator, St. Francis Xavier School

From the Desk of The Principal's Office.....



Dear Students, Parents and Well-wishers,

It gives me immense joy to address you through our school newsletter as we continue our journey of excellence at St. Francis Xavier School. Each edition of Espectro reflects not only our achievements but also the aspirations that guide us towards a brighter future.

Education is not merely the acquisition of knowledge; it is the transformation of attitude. I urge each of you, dear students, to bring about a meaningful change in your outlook towards life. Cultivate a positive, disciplined, and determined approach to your academic responsibilities. Excellence in academics lays the foundation for higher studies and opens doors to prestigious opportunities. A focused and consistent study routine builds clarity of thought, confidence and intellectual strength.

At the same time, remember that true education extends beyond the classroom. Active participation in co-curricular activities—be it debates, sports, music, art, science exhibitions, or community outreach—helps in developing leadership, teamwork, creativity, resilience, and communication skills. These experiences shape your personality and prepare you to face real-world challenges with courage and adaptability.

The world you are preparing to enter is highly competitive and dynamic. Institutions of higher learning and the job sector today seek individuals who are not only academically sound but also equipped with practical skills, critical thinking ability, emotional intelligence, and technological competence. Therefore, I strongly encourage you to identify and nurture at least one special skill—be it coding, public speaking, creative writing, data analysis, entrepreneurship, design, or any other talent

that sets you apart. These competencies will give you an edge when you step into universities and professional arenas.

Develop the habit of self-discipline, time management, and lifelong learning. Read widely, stay curious, ask questions, and embrace challenges as opportunities for growth. Remember, success is not accidental; it is the result of sustained effort, right attitude, and unwavering commitment.

Let us work together—students, teachers, and parents—to build not only academic achievers but responsible citizens and future leaders who will contribute meaningfully to society.

With best wishes for your continued growth and success.



Anil Srivastava
Principal
St. Francis Xavier School

From the Desk of The Headmistress.....



It gives me great pride to present **ESPECTRO**, our school newsletter that captures the vibrant life of our institution. Each edition is a reflection of our students' creativity, achievements, and growing sense of responsibility.

As we move forward, let us continue to uphold values of discipline, empathy, and excellence in all that we do. I encourage every student to participate actively-not only in academics but also in co-curricular pursuits, community initiatives, and collaborative learning. True education lies in developing confident, compassionate, and curious individuals.

My heartfelt appreciation to the editorial team and contributors for their dedication and thoughtful efforts. May **ESPECTRO** continue to inform, inspire, and connect us as one strong school community.

Mom Chattopadhyay

Mom Chattopadhyay
Headmistress

EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION TO NEHRU CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Students of Classes I to V went on an educational excursion to the Nehru Children's Museum, Kolkata, on 18th October 2025 (Saturday). The trip was organised to provide students with an enriching learning experience beyond the classroom. The journey was filled with excitement, songs, and cheerful interactions. Teachers and support staff accompanied the children to ensure their safety and supervision throughout the trip.

At the museum, students explored various sections displaying Indian culture, art, dolls from different countries, and models depicting the epics Mahabharata and Ramayana. The exhibits fascinated the students and helped them gain valuable insights into history, traditions, and creativity.

The excursion successfully combined education with enjoyment, making the day memorable and enriching for all.

Sanchaita Saha
Assistant Teacher



INTER-HOUSE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Inter-House Football Tournament was organised by the Sports Club of St. Francis Xavier School on 25th October 2025 at Turf Street, Baisakhi Rooftop, AMP Baisakhi Mall.

The participants were divided into three groups as per age: Group A, Group B and Group C. Each match displayed remarkable teamwork, sportsmanship, and competitive spirit. The results were as follows:

Group A

Winner: Tagore House
Runner-up: Gandhi House

Group B

Winner: Tagore House
Runner-up: Gandhi House

Group C

Winner: Tagore House
Runner-up: Teresa House

Tagore House emerged as the overall champion. The tournament provided students with an excellent platform to showcase their talent and strengthen inter-house camaraderie.

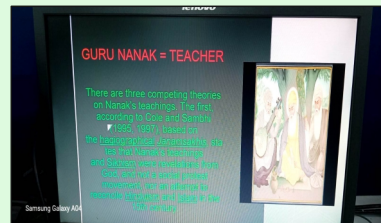
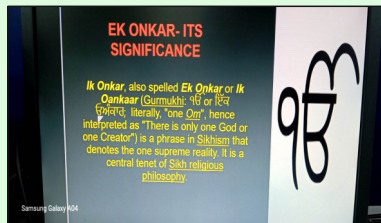
Debojyoti Chakraborty
Assistant Teacher



GURU NANAK JAYANTI

Guru Nanak Jayanti was observed on 4th November 2025. The programme highlighted the life and teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, emphasising the values of equality, truth, and service to humanity. Students presented speeches, a meaningful skit, informative charts, and an engaging Power Point Presentation, reflecting the message of harmony and brotherhood.

Sarbani Biswas
Assistant Teacher



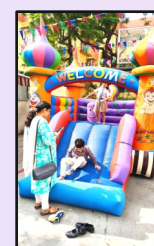
FRANCOTSAV

The much-awaited school Fest, Francotsav, was celebrated on 7th November 2025 with great enthusiasm. The campus came alive with vibrant stalls, games, and cultural attractions.

Teachers and students collaborated to set up engaging stalls. The Primary Section organised delightful game stalls such as Pick the Balance, Stack and Splash, Bottle Up, and Test Your Balance, which were a major attraction. Senior students showcased creativity through themed stalls like Pantheon, Robo Sparta, and Era Odyssey. Mind games such as Smart Spark added an element of intellectual challenge.

Food stalls, an hourly Raffle Draw, and lively participation made the event memorable. The surplus funds generated were donated to Tata Medical Centre, Kolkata, reflecting the school's spirit of social responsibility. Francotsav truly fostered joy, teamwork, and community bonding.

Riti P. Bhatt
Assistant Teacher



SWAMI VIVEKANANDA JAYANTI

The school observed Swami Vivekananda Jayanti on 9th January, 2026 with reverence to commemorate the birth anniversary of the great spiritual leader. Shreyan Ghosh (XIS1) delivered an inspiring speech during the morning assembly. The day section featured a melodious song by Chandreyee Ghosh and Ditipriya Saha (VIII A), followed by a thought-provoking skit performed by students of Classes VIII and IX, portraying Swami Vivekananda's message of self-belief and service to humanity. Informative charts displayed by Class XC highlighted his life and teachings. The celebration encouraged students to embrace discipline, truth and dedication.

Mrs. Sarbani Biswas
Assistant Teacher



CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Children's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and joy on 14th November 2025, making it a memorable occasion for students.

The celebration began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp and garlanding the portrait of Jawaharlal Nehru along with that of our beloved Founder Principal Madam. This was followed by delightful performances by the Primary Section. Teachers presented cheerful songs such as Zoobi Doobi and You Are My Sunshine, creating a lively atmosphere. A dance performance on Chhota Bachha added to the enjoyment, followed by an engaging skit titled The Donkey and the Lion, conveying a meaningful message. The segment concluded with a thoughtful recitation by Mr. Rahul Majumder.

The Senior Secondary Section also presented captivating performances, including a graceful solo dance by Sarbani Biswas and an energetic group dance by Roli Ma'am, Papiya Ma'am, and trainee B.Ed. teachers. A special dance performance on Sapphire by Indrani Ma'am, Gargi Ma'am, and Rameesha Ma'am added elegance to the event. The teachers' skit, Every Child is Unique, delivered a powerful message about recognising individual potential. The celebration concluded with inspiring addresses by the Principal Sir and the Secretary and Administrator Sir, who extended their best wishes to the students.

Indrani Banerjee
Assistant Teacher



EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION FOR CLASSES VI TO VIII

The Educational Excursion for Classes VI to VIII was held on 22nd November 2025. The students visited the Indian Museum, where they explored fascinating exhibits on history, art, archaeology and natural science. The ancient sculptures, fossils and Egyptian mummies captured everyone's interest. Teachers guided the students and explained the significance of various artefacts. The visit proved to be both informative and enjoyable, enriching the students' knowledge beyond the classroom.

Mrs Papiya Ghosh Dutta
Assistant Teacher



INTER-HOUSE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Inter-House Basketball Tournament was conducted on 18th and 26th November 2025 for students of Classes VIII to XII. The tournament included three categories:

Group A – Boys (Classes VIII–X)

Group B – Boys (Classes XI–XII)

Group C – Girls (Classes IX–XII)

The Results were as follows:

Group A

Winner: Teresa House

Runner-up: Netaji House

Group B

Winner: Tagore House

Runner-up: Gandhi House

Group C

Winner: Tagore House

Runner-up: Netaji House

Debojyoti Chakraborty
Assistant Teacher



CONSTITUTION DAY

St. Francis Xavier School observed Constitution Day on 26th November 2025. Students presented informative charts, delivered speeches, showcased a PowerPoint Presentation, and performed a meaningful skit highlighting the importance of the Constitution of India. The programme reinforced awareness of democratic values and civic responsibility among students.

Mrs. Sarbani Biswas
Assistant Teacher



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER FEAST DAY

St. Francis Xavier Feast Day was celebrated on 3rd December 2025 with reverence and joy. The morning section assembly featured a speech by Parna Saha (XI C1), followed by the hymn “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” sung by the school choir and teachers.

The day section programme included soulful songs by Arpit Kalundia (VIII C), Rajanya Paul (VI A), and Subhalakshmi Saha (VII B). Mananya Chakraborty (IX S) delivered a speech on the life and values of St. Francis of Assisi. Students displayed informative charts reflecting his message of love, humility, and service. A well-presented skit by students of Classes VIII and IX beautifully conveyed his teachings.

Mrs. Sarbani Biswas
Assistant Teacher



INTER-HOUSE CRICKET TOURNAMENT

The Inter-House Cricket Tournament was organised on 6th December 2025 by the Sports Club at the East Calcutta District Sports Council Ground for students of Classes VIII to XII. Matches were played in an 11-a-side format with four substitute players.

Netaji House emerged as the champion of the tournament.

Debojyoti Chakraborty
Assistant Teacher



WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

Students observed Human Rights Day on 10th December 2025 with enthusiasm and awareness. The programme included speeches, declamation, and creative charts highlighting the importance of human rights in ensuring dignity, equality, and justice for all. Through their presentations, students aimed to spread awareness and encourage respect for human rights in everyday life.

Sarbani Biswas
Assistant Teacher



STAFF PICNIC

The staff picnic of St. Francis Xavier School was organised at Banabithi Resort on 23rd December 2025. The management arranged excellent facilities, including a lavish spread of food. Teachers enthusiastically participated in games, enjoyed the meals, and spent the day in a cheerful and relaxed environment, returning refreshed and rejuvenated.

Indrani Banerjee
Assistant Teacher



BIENNIAL SPORTS MEET (2025–26)

The 21st Biennial Sports Meet was held on 20th December 2025 at FE Playground, Sector III, Salt Lake, Kolkata. **Mehtab Hossain, former member of the Indian Football Team, graced the occasion as Chief Guest.** The Guest of Honour was Bhaswati Chakraborty, Principal of Bidhannagar Municipal School. Special guests included Mr. Sundeep Kapoor, Mrs. Minal Kapoor, Mr. Tapas Kumar Sinha, and Mr. Raj Kazi. Distinguished members of the Managing Committee and Governing Body were also present. The programme began with a welcome address followed by felicitation of guests. The School Flag was hoisted by the Secretary and Administrator Sir, followed by a torch relay by the Head Boy, Head Girl, and House Captains. The junior squad of Classes I–V welcomed the audience, followed by the March Past by students of Classes VI–VIII, led by Netaji House and accompanied by the Kolkata Police Band. The Chief Guest delivered a motivational speech, followed by the oath-taking ceremony. Various individual and group events, including races, drills, karate display, pyramid formations, tug-of-war, relays, and fun activities, were conducted. Special events for teachers and parents added to the excitement.

Gandhi House won the Best March Past Trophy. Tagore House won the boys' Tug of War, while Teresa House won the girls' category. Tagore House emerged as Champion House, with Gandhi House as Runner-up.

Best Athletes trophies were awarded to:

Group C :

Avanish Jaiswal (XI Science),
Monalisa Mondal (XII Commerce)

Group B :

Pratham Shaw (IX),
Adrija Das (X)

Group A :

Arpit Kalundia (VIII),
Abhrana Saha (VIII)

The meet concluded with the lowering of the School Flag, a Christmas dance performance, a Vote of thanks by the Principal, and the National Anthem.

Indrani Banerjee
Assistant Teacher



WORLD HINDI DAY

World Hindi Day was celebrated on 9th January 2026 to promote the Hindi language and encourage appreciation of its richness and significance. Students from different sections participated in activities such as poem recitation, poster making, and role play. Tannu Shaw of Class III B portrayed Subhadra Kumari Chauhan, while Aariz Raghiv of Class III C enacted Munshi Premchand, helping students learn about prominent Hindi literary figures. The poem recitation segment was equally engaging, with students presenting Hindi poems confidently and expressively, receiving appreciation from teachers and peers.

Mrs. Priti Singh
Assistant Teacher



INTER HOUSE BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

The Inter House Badminton Tournament was organized by the Sports Club on the 21st of January, 2026 at Spuddy Badminton Academy, Phoolbagan for Classes IV-XII. Students were divided into 4 groups with single knockout events.

The winners were:

- **Kavya Singh** from Netaji House (Group A)
- **Anu Priya** from Netaji House (Group B)
- **Titikshatrina Sarkar** from Gandhi House (Group C)
- **Sumit Singh** from Netaji House (Group D)

Debojyoti Chakraborty
Assistant Teacher



NETAJI JAYANTI AND REPUBLIC DAY

Special assemblies on Netaji Jayanti and Republic Day were held on 22nd January 2026 with patriotic fervour. The morning session began with a speech by Parna Saha (XI C1), followed by a patriotic song by Ishani Moyra (XII C1) and Avishi Das (IV A). A heartfelt poem by Avishi Das and a graceful dance by Sayantani Kumari Biswas (XI S1) added to the patriotic spirit. In the Day section, Isha Bhattacharya (IX S) spoke about the ideals of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and the significance of Republic Day. Patriotic songs, a meaningful skit on freedom and unity, and a vibrant dance performance by students of Classes VII to IX made the celebration inspiring and memorable. The programme instilled a deep sense of national pride and respect for the nation's freedom fighters.

Mrs. Sarbani Biswas
Assistant Teacher



NATIONAL BIRD DAY

A special assembly was conducted for both Primary and Secondary sections to observe National Bird Day. Charts and posters were displayed. Students of Classes VI to VIII participated in drawing, origami, collage work, and bird model making. Avishi Das of Class IV A and Pallavi Singh of Class IX C delivered speeches on the occasion.

Mrs. Ashima Chattopadhyay



SARASWATI PUJA

Students and teachers observed Saraswati Puja on 23rd January 2026 with devotion and enthusiasm. The school premises were beautifully decorated with handmade crafts and floral arrangements, creating a serene festive atmosphere. Special prayers were offered to Goddess Saraswati, seeking blessings for wisdom and knowledge. Prasad was distributed among students and staff, fostering a sense of reverence, unity, and cultural values.

Indrani Banerjee
Assistant Teacher



FAREWELL– ISC BATCH 2026

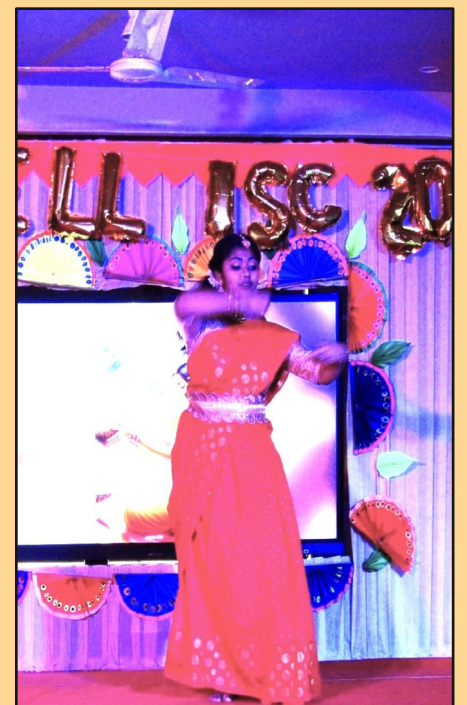
The Farewell of ISC Batch 2026 was gracefully organised by the Student Council Members of St. Francis Xavier School. The programme commenced with a warm and eloquent opening speech by Archishman Ghoshal (XIS1) and Ahana Basak (XIS), who set a nostalgic yet celebratory tone for the evening.

The programme began with the garlanding of the portrait of our revered Founder Principal Madam, followed by the auspicious lighting of the ceremonial lamp, symbolising knowledge and enlightenment. The cultural segment opened with a captivating dance performance by Sayantani Biswas (XIS1). This was followed by an energetic group dance by the students of Class XI. A lively group song (Bollywood mashup) was presented by the Junior classes, adding vibrancy to the occasion.

The Secretary and Administrator Sir addressed the outgoing batch with inspiring words of motivation and encouragement. The celebration culminated with a joyful cake-cutting ceremony and the much-awaited declaration of Mr. Francis – Ayush Thapa and Miss Francis – Farzana Nasreen.

The event concluded on an emotional yet hopeful note, wishing the batch success in all future endeavours.

Indrani Banerjee
Assistant Teacher



Travelogue

CHRONICLES OF THE RED SOIL: A JOURNEY TO BISHNUPUR

As the train crossed into the Bankura district, the landscape shifted into the iconic *Lal Maati* (red soil) of Bengal, signalling the arrival at Bishnupur. Once the capital of the Malla Kings, this town serves as a silent custodian of a bygone era, where every brick tells a story of devotion, artistry, and royal grandeur.

Architectural Marvels in Clay

The exploration began at the Rasmancha, the oldest brick temple in the town. Standing on a massive raised plinth with a unique pyramidal roof, it once served as the stage for the grand Ras festival, where idols from across the kingdom were brought for public veneration. Its dark, weathered arches against the bright sky offered a glimpse into the 16th-century spiritual life of the Malla dynasty.



A short distance away is the Shyam Rai Temple. Known for its five towers (*Pancha-ratna*), this structure is a masterpiece of terracotta art. The walls are adorned with incredibly detailed tiles depicting scenes from the *Ramayana*, the *Mahabharata*, and the intricate *Ras-lila* circles.

The Legend of the Malla Kings

The journey continued to the Madan Mohan Temple, perhaps the most vibrant of the town's shrines. Near the temple stands the legendary Dalmadal Kaman, a massive iron cannon that remains a symbol of the town's resilience. Local lore suggests that the deity Madan Mohan himself intervened to fire this cannon and repel the Maratha invaders, a story that continues to ignite the imagination of every visitor.

The Rhythm of the Loom

Beyond the temples, the travellers ventured into the narrow lanes of the weavers' quarters. The rhythmic *clack-clack* of the handlooms filled the air—the heartbeat of the Baluchari Saree industry. Watching the weavers meticulously weave mythological narratives into silk threads was a masterclass in patience and precision. It was evident that the same stories etched into the temple walls were being preserved through these exquisite textiles.

A Heritage Preserved

The day concluded by the serene waters of Lalbandh, one of the ancient man-made lakes designed to provide water and defence to the fort city. As the sun set, casting a golden glow over the terracotta spires, one picked up the iconic Bankura Horse—the world-renowned terracotta figurine—as a memento.

Bishnupur is not merely a destination; it is a testament to the endurance of Bengali culture. From the classical notes of the Bishnupur Gharana to the delicate carvings on the temple walls, the town remains a vibrant bridge between the glorious past and the curious present.

Best Time to Visit: The ideal window is between **October and March**. The summer heat in Bankura can be intense, making the winter months perfect for walking between the temple complexes.

Getting Around: While many temples are clustered together, the best way to see the town is by **hiring an electric rickshaw**.

The Heritage Pass: Most of the major temples (Rasmancha, Shyam Rai, and Madan Mohan) are under the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). A **single entry ticket** usually covers all the protected monuments for the day—keep it handy!

Souvenir Checklist: No trip is complete without picking up a **Bankura Horse** (the tall, elegant terracotta figurine). For textile enthusiasts, visiting a **Baluchari weaving center** allows you to buy directly from the artisans.

Culinary Must-Try: Don't leave without tasting the famous **Postor Bora** (poppy seed fritters), a staple of Bankura cuisine, and the local **Mecha Sandesh**, a unique sweet made of gram flour and sugar.

Photography Tip: To capture the best details of the terracotta carvings, visit the **Shyam Rai Temple** in the early morning or late afternoon when the "golden hour" light accentuates the depth of the clay reliefs.

Mr. Rajiv Chatterjee
Assistant Teacher

FUN ZONE

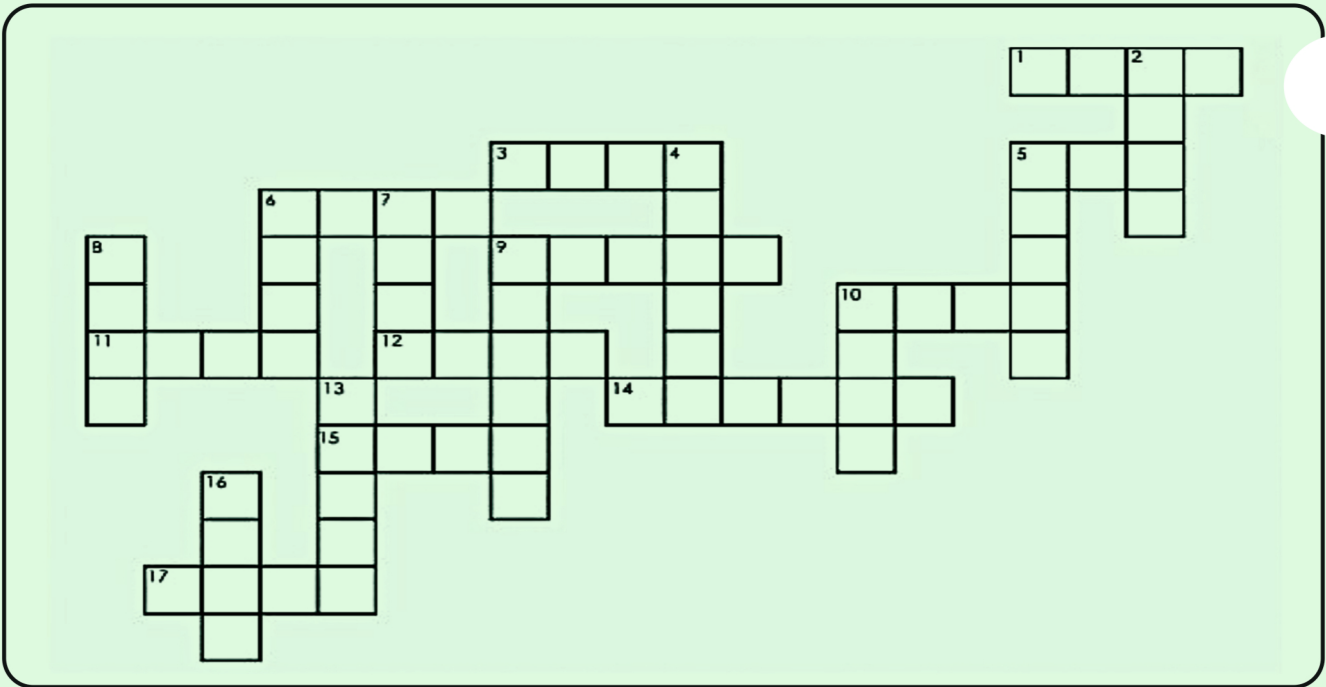
QUIZ CORNER

1. Which is the longest river in the world by length?
2. Who is credited with inventing the telephone?
3. Which green pigment in plants is essential for photosynthesis?
4. Which Indian space mission successfully achieved a soft landing near the Moon's south pole in 2023?
5. What is the name of the school of witchcraft and wizardry that Harry Potter attends?
6. Which famous Indian ruler is known for embracing Buddhism after the Battle of Kalinga?
7. What is the name of Harry Potter's pet owl?
8. Which ancient university in India was a major centre of learning and is located in present-day Bihar?
9. Which hero of Greek mythology is famous for completing the Twelve Labours?
10. In which Shakespeare play does the character Portia appear?

1. Nile (6853 km)
2. Alexander Graham Bell
3. Chlorophyll
4. Chandrayaan-3 (made India the first nation to soft-land near the Moon's south pole in August 2023)
5. Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry
6. Emperor Ashoka
7. Hedwig
8. Nalanda University
9. Hercules (Heracles)
10. The Merchant of Venice

Answers:

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

1. colour of the sky
3. to put in your hands
5. apple and pumpkin are types of this
6. add an e to the word cut
9. unscramble: egear
10. unscramble: mnia
11. a clock tells you this
12. unscramble: lead
14. day before Saturday
15. where you live
17. She _ her bed

DOWN

2. antonym for new
4. My pool is _ than yours
5. use this to call people
6. past tense of come
7. past tense of tell
8. has a tail and flies in the sky
9. surprised
10. breakfast is one of these
13. a triangle is this
16. put your lunch on this

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GUESS WHO? — Famous People Puzzle Page

A fun challenge to test how well you know history, science & world leaders!

Below are **five famous personalities**.

Each one comes with **visual emoji clues + written hints**.

Try to guess the person **before checking the answers** at the bottom!

Puzzle 1

Who Am I?

$E = mc^2$

Changed the world of physics forever

Promoted peace and humanitarian values

Puzzle 2

Who Am I?

A legendary empire builder

Expanded territory across continents

Associated with ancient Macedonia

Puzzle 3

Who Am I?

Stood up (by sitting down!) against discrimination

Civil rights icon

Puzzle 4

Who Am I?

Peace and non-violence

Inspired movements around the world

Known as the “Father of the Nation”

Puzzle 5

Who Am I?

First person to walk on the moon
July 20, 1969

Answer Key
1. **Albert Einstein**
2. **Alexander the Great**
3. **Rosa Parks**
4. **Mahatma Gandhi**
5. **Neil Armstrong**

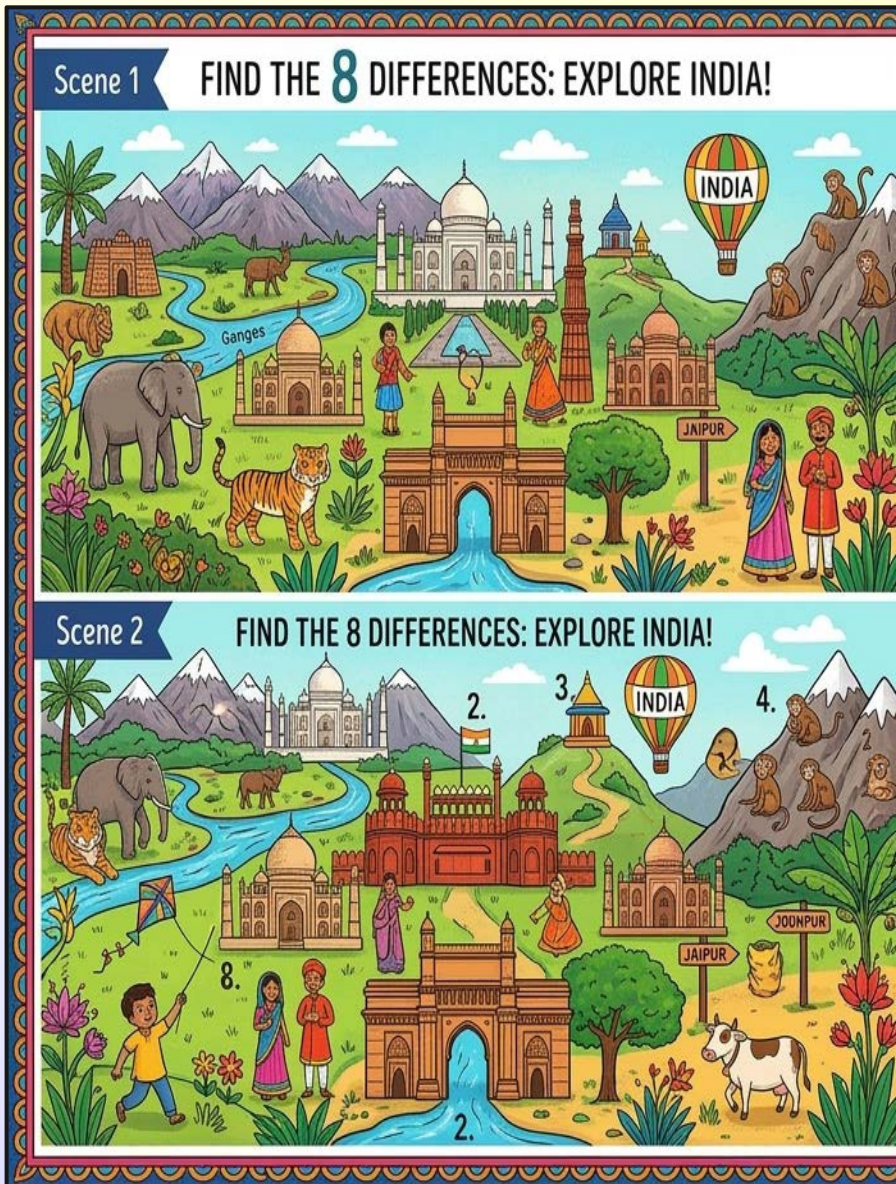
Quick Facts Corner (Wow Facts!)

- Honey never spoils—even 3000-year-old honey found in Egyptian tombs was edible.
- Octopuses have three hearts and blue blood.
- Bananas are berries, but strawberries are not!
- A day on Venus is longer than a year on Venus.
- Tigers have striped skin—not just striped fur.

Brain Teaser

You have a 3-litre jug and a 5-litre jug. How do you get exactly 4 litres of water?

Solution:
Fill 5-L → pour into 3-L (leaves 2 L).
Empty 3-L → transfer 2 L into 3-L.
Fill 5-L again → pour into 3-L until full.
You'll be left with 4 L in the 5-L jug.



Geography Fact Check

While the image is a fun illustration, here are a few real-world geographical notes to keep in mind:

- * **The Taj Mahal** is actually located in **Agra**, not Jaipur (which is known for the Hawa Mahal).
- * **The Gateway of India** (Mumbai) and the **India Gate (Delhi)** are two different iconic structures located in different states!

Answer Key

#	Feature	Change in Scene 2
1	The Ganges (River)	A small boat has been added to the river near the mountains.
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2	Red Fort / Gateway	An Indian tricolor flag is now flying atop the central monument.
3	Hilltop Temple	The small blue temple roof in the background has changed to a yellow/gold color.
4	Himalayan Monkeys	One of the monkeys on the rocky slope is now looking in the opposite direction.
5	Kite Flying	The boy in the bottom left is now flying a kite (common in festivals like Makar Sankranti).
6	The Banyan Tree	A few extra hanging roots/branches have appeared on the large tree near the center.
7	Sacred Cow	A white cow has appeared in the bottom right corner of the scene.
8	City Signage	The sign that said "JAIPUR" in Scene 1 now says "JOONPUR" in Scene 2.

IN CONVERSATION WITH Ms. BAHNISHIKHA BHATTACHARJEE



1) When did you join this school?

Ans: I joined this school in February, 2010.

2) When did you realize that you wanted to be a teacher? Who is an ideal teacher in your book?

Ans: My time as a trainee at the Birla Industrial and Technological Museum showed me how scientists and educators could make complex ideas simple and engaging. This made me believe that teaching is not just about imparting knowledge, but helping others enjoy learning. That was the time when I realised, I want to be in the teaching profession. In my book, an ideal teacher is one who understands students' struggles, adjusts to their needs, and builds a supportive atmosphere.

3) How has your approach to teaching changed over time?

Ans: With time, I realised that teachers should not only provide knowledge to the students but also guide them in discovering and creating knowledge. More stress should be given on critical thinking, problem-solving, and life skills besides subject knowledge.

4) The Computer Lab is where you spend most of your time due to the nature of your subject. What does the lab mean to you?

Ans: For me, the Computer Lab is a medium to teach and guide the students to discover, learn, and develop.

5) The STFX Computer Lab is modern and well-equipped, but is there anything you would like to see added or altered? What, if any?

Ans: In future, CISCE has plans to conduct online assessments for students of primary as well as middle school, we should have equipment/platforms so that all the software required for practical work run smoothly at optimal speeds. Since hardware and software progress and change very fast, they should be upgraded as per necessity.

6) How do you deal with problems students face while programming and then executing a code?

Ans: I try to break down difficult programming ideas into small and palatable parts, use analogies to make abstract ideas relatable. Also, to reduce errors during execution, emphasis is given on planning before coding — writing algorithms, dry run etc.

7) How has the school made you a better professional and who would you like to give credit to for your growth?

Ans: There are many factors involved. I would like to thank the School Administration for creating a helpful environment and offering opportunities for professional development as well as my colleagues for cooperation and sharing their experiences. Most importantly, the students for their interest, response, and challenges which pushes teachers to progress constantly.

8) What should students keep in mind before choosing Computer Science as a paper for their Board examinations?

Ans: Students should sincerely like working with computers, coding, and have a knack for solving problems. As it involves structured thinking for writing programs, patience, and the ability to fix errors systematically, they should be prepared to put in regular effort.