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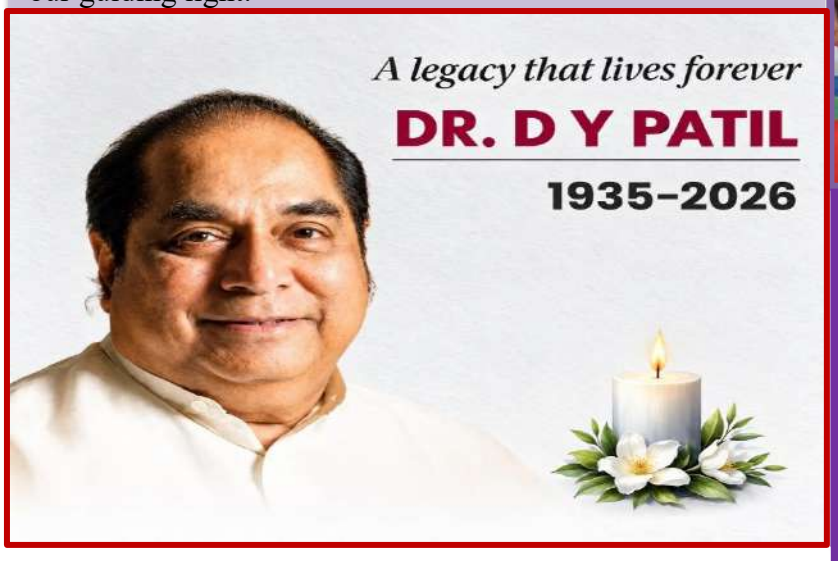
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Honouring a Timeless Legacy and Celebrating Student Milestones.

Dear Readers,

In this edition we pay tribute to the extraordinary life and legacy of Dr. D Y Patil. A true visionary, he empowered lives through education and healthcare, serving humanity with unwavering compassion, care and humility. Though deeply missed, his remarkable legacy and values will forever remain our guiding light.



Quarterly Co-Curricular & Academic Highlights
As we conclude another successful quarter, we reflect on the rich array of academic, cultural, and co-curricular milestones achieved across all grade levels. Our educational philosophy emphasizes holistic development—interweaving rigorous academic inquiries with meaningful observances and collaborative events.
In this edition of our quarterly overview, we highlight key student achievements, special academic showcases, and school-wide celebrations. These experiences serve not only to enrich our curriculum but also to foster leadership, teamwork, and global awareness throughout our student body.

Term Highlights and Milestones



Student Council Election


Ashadi Ekadashi


Independence Day


Library


Ganpati idol making


Interact Club Installation

Victory in the Arena
IGNITE – The Inter-School Karate Championship 2026


Keep shining and reaching new heights!

A huge congratulations to our brilliant martial artists for winning the **Best Team Award** at IGNITE, held at Cambridge International School, Akurdi, Pune. Bringing home 11 Gold, 7 Silver and 9 Bronze medals was a great achievement by them. Their outstanding skill, discipline and dedication have made us proud.

Visit to Anudanit Adivasi Ashram

An enlightening visit to the Anudanit Adivasi Ashram School, gaining a heartfelt perspective on the daily lives and culture of tribal children. Students, exchanging warm smiles and festive traditions.



Navigating the High School Journey: A Note to Our Grade 9 Parents

Grade 9 is a pivotal transition year. As students step into high school, they experience a shift toward greater independence, deeper academic rigor and evolving personal identities. While this stage brings exciting growth, it can also bring new challenges. Partnering together, home and school can help our 9th graders navigate this critical year with confidence.
Here are three key ways you can support your teenager through this transition:

- **Guide Toward Ownership, Not Just Management:** Encourage your child to take charge of their assignments, study schedules, and teacher communications. Supporting them in building self-advocacy skills now prepares them for academic success in high school and beyond.
- **Normalize the Learning Curve:** Grade 9 coursework introduces higher-level analytical thinking and faster-paced learning. Remind your teen that feeling challenged is a natural part of growth. Focusing on steady progress and resilience helps manage academic stress and builds true confidence.
- **Keep Conversations Open and Balanced:** Teenagers benefit enormously from a strong sounding board. Create regular, low-pressure opportunities to check in—not just about grades and homework, but about their social experiences, interests and emotional well-being.

High school is a journey of self-discovery, and our dedicated educators are here to guide and support your children every step of the way. Thank you for your continued partnership as we work together to make Grade 9 a fulfilling and transformative year.

Empowering young minds today to lead and inspire tomorrow. — DYPWS

Half Year-End Highlights and Updates

As we reflect on the months from July to September, our students have been actively engaged in a wonderful blend of academics, creativity, hands-on learning and vibrant cultural celebrations. Here is a look back at what we've experienced together:

Cultural Celebrations & Festivities

JULY

3rd - School Council Elections: Grades 6-9 experienced digital voting simulating EVMs, promoting democracy, responsible citizenship, and **ethical leadership.**

20th - Ashadhi Ekadashi: Grades 1-6 celebrated Warkari traditions with a Palkhi procession, bhajans, and skits honoring Sant Dnyaneshwar and Sant Tukaram.

29th - Guru Purnima: Students expressed gratitude through speeches, musical tributes, skits, and handmade cards.

30th - Interact Club Installation Ceremony: Sponsored by Rotary Club Pradhikaran, President Advait Kadam, Secretary Aradhya Sawant, and the board pledged "Service Above Self," launching seed ball drives and an NDA visit.





AUGUST

12th - National Librarian's Day: Honored Dr. S.R. Ranganathan with the "Akshar Khel" vocabulary competition for 188 students.

15th - Independence Day & Investiture Ceremony: Celebrated the 80th Independence Day alongside flag hoisting, cultural performances, sports displays, and inducting the Student Council.

Raksha Bandhan & Vriksha Bandhan: Extended traditional celebrations through environmental pledges—tying Rakhis to trees—and community outreach at a local police station and orphanage.





SEPTEMBER

This month brought festive cheer with Teachers' Day card-making and Krishna Janmashtami celebrations on **3rd September.**

16th - Eco-Friendly Ganesha: Students (Early school–Grade 8) crafted Ganesha idols using natural clay and leaves. A handpicked idol was immersed within the school campus to promote environmental responsibility alongside tradition.

17th - Hyderabad Liberation Day: Students performed an educational skit depicting the Nizam's rule, the farmers' struggle, and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's role in Operation Polo, fostering historical awareness and national pride.

September 27: Happy Birthday, Google!

Google, our go-to companion for every internet query was officially founded on September 4, 1998, by Larry Page and Sergey Brin in a Menlo Park garage. While the company initially celebrated its anniversary on September 4th, it moved its official birthday to September 27th in 2005 to mark a historic milestone of record-breaking page views on that date. Since registering the domain in 1997, Google has transformed the tech landscape, bringing billions online and making global knowledge accessible. Beyond search, it is also celebrated for its creative Google Doodles (introduced in 2002) that honor historic events and iconic figures worldwide.

"Learning is a journey of growth, character, and discovery—one step at a time."

Student Showcase And Activity Highlights

This page showcases students' creative works and school activity highlights. It features student-written literature, including the moral story "The True Winner", and poems titled "Our Planet" by Sejal Choudhary and "The Gift of the Moment" by Maira Khan. Additionally, it highlights hands-on events like the Ganesh Idol Making activity, "Planet Purple" day, and various Early Years cultural celebrations aimed at promoting holistic student development.

The Gift of the Moment



We are smiling at our friends but crying inside
On this high school rollercoaster ride!

With heavy books and endless tests to track,
The weight of deadline breaks a student's back,

And slowly it made the inner child in me disappear
As the shadow of the future started to peer.

The exams came near; I worked hard and did well
A proud story of triumph I was ready to tell.

With a jolly smile and an open heart
I saw this struggle was the first part.

Got so busy following this pattern every year,
Unaware the school life end is so near.

In nursery, this building was my biggest fear
And now I forever want to be here.

So live in the moment and cherish each day
Make memories here that will never fade away.

— Maira Khan , Grade VIII C (Blue house)



Our Planet

Our planet is very colourful
Our planet is wealthy,
Our planet is very wonderful
Our planet is healthy.

It is our responsibility
Our planet should be protected,
It is our duty
It shouldn't be neglected.

On this day of happiness
We'll take a joyful pledge,
We will avoid carelessness
To maintain Earth's heritage.

Under vast blue ocean deeply glow
And towering mountains crown the snow,
Underneath the midnight skies
Where the soft silver moonlight lies.

Sejal Choudhary
Grade VII B

Planet Purple.

On **30th September 2026**, the school celebrated Purple Day with an engaging and interactive programme for Grades 1 and 2, built around the theme "Planet Purple." Students and teachers participated wearing purple attire, turning the school into a colourful and lively space for the day.
The celebration aimed to encourage creativity, teamwork, and active participation among young learners through a themed, "Planet Purple", hands-on experience, while keeping the activities age-appropriate and enjoyable for children.



Celebrations and Special Activities at DYPWS Early Years

Our celebrations and special activities created joyful and meaningful learning experiences for children. Through Ashadhi Ekadashi, Guru Purnima, Pajama Party, Independence Day, Onam, Raksha Bandhan, Janmashtami, Teachers' Day, Hindi Diwas, and Ganpati Colouring and Idol-Making Competitions, children explored Indian culture, traditions, values and relationships through stories, music, art, games and creative expression.

These experiences nurtured the five developmental domains — Physical Development, Socio-Emotional and Ethical Development, Cognitive Development, Language and Literacy Development, and Aesthetic and Cultural Development — while fostering creativity, communication, cooperation, gratitude, kindness, cultural awareness and a sense of belonging.





On 11 September 2026, a Ganesh Idol Making Activity for grade 1 and 2 was organised ahead of Ganesh Chaturthi to encourage student creativity, hands-on artistic skills, and teamwork.
The event promoted eco-friendly celebrations, raised environmental awareness, and helped students understand the cultural significance of the festival while developing patience and concentration.



The True Winner Once upon a time, a little rabbit lived in a forest. He was very timid. One day, an announcement was made in the forest: "Tomorrow is the race for the fastest animal!" Everyone laughed, "The rabbit will just run away out of fear!" The rabbit felt very bad. But his mother told him, "My child, being afraid is not bad, but not trying at all is bad." On the day of the race, the rabbit ran while trembling. On the way, he saw a turtle trapped in a pit. All the other animals ran ahead, but the rabbit stopped and pulled the turtle out. In the end, the rabbit lost the race... but the king of the forest—the lion—declared, "Today's true winner is the rabbit, because helping others is greater than speed!" Moral: **Being a good person is more important than being clever.**

Creativity is intelligence having fun, and learning is the journey of a lifetime - DYPWS

From Nature's Wonders to Creative Artistry: A Quarter of Holistic

Welcome to a dynamic showcase of curiosity, creativity, and holistic growth at our school! This page brings together a rich blend of academics and hands-on experiences—from exploring the fascinating traits of wildlife and discovering the soulful origins of the harmonium, to vibrant activities like calligraphy and math challenges. With enthusiastic student role-plays of freedom fighters, impactful tree plantation drives, and stellar academic focus, our young learners continue to stretch their imaginations far beyond traditional textbooks. Dive in to celebrate their remarkable journey of knowledge, skill, and expression!

A Calligraphy workshop was conducted on 20th August 2026 by Rupesh Sancheti an educationist as well as an artist. Being an expert Calligrapher, he also loves drawing and Sketching, solving Rubik's Cubes and is an avid reader. Our students benefited from his workshop.



Maths Talent Activity Grade I and II

Our students have shown remarkable dedication to their studies and a great competitive spirit: In the month of July, when Periodic Tests (PTI) were held from July 23rd to 31st. Students of grade I and II were engaged in "Maths Talent Activity" This activity increased students' interest in mathematics, brought out hidden talent and improved their confidence in problem solving. Teachers observed better participation from quieter students and creative ways of solving problems.



On 8th August we had the young students of grade III and IV doing the role play of freedom fighters.

Tree plantation drive in the school campus by Students of grade 7th and 8th.





Why Do Deer Shed Their Antlers?

Deer are agile and graceful animals. They are completely herbivorous, feeding on algae, leaves, plants, and tree bark. Deer graze at night and are extremely timid. Their sight and sense of smell are very sharp; at the slightest hint of danger, they flee at wind-like speed. There are many species of deer—some may be just one foot tall, while others can weigh up to 450 kilograms.



Deer antlers are very famous, making them look majestic. Generally, male deer have antlers. Unlike the horns of other animals, deer antlers are not hollow. Inside deer antlers, there is a honeycomb-like structure. Every spring season, a new pair of antlers grows on a deer. While some deer have single, unbranched antlers, others have up to eleven branches on each antler. The number of these branches changes with age, which is why a deer's age can be told from its antlers. When a deer is one year old, two bump-like knobs appear on its forehead, and these knobs never disappear. In every spring season, antlers grow from these knobs and continue to grow throughout the summer. By the second year, a branch sprouts on the antler. While the antlers are growing, they are covered with a "velvety" skin sheath. This skin is extremely sensitive and filled with blood vessels, which supply blood to the antlers and the bones of the deer's body. Once the antlers reach full growth, the blood supply from the velvet stops after a period of two to four months. At this time, a ring forms around the base of the antlers, causing the velvet to dry up and fall off in the winter. Sometimes, the deer itself rubs its forehead against a tree trunk to shed its antlers.

The Origin of the Harmonium

Born in 1840s in Paris by Alexandre Debain, the harmonium came to India with British missionaries as a simple reed organ.



It was improved by Indian makers in Kolkata and Bombay with scale-changer and 3.5 octaves.

Hindustani music adapted it beautifully - using bellows pressure to create sustain, making it the perfect sur-support for vocalists.

Today it is the most loved teaching tool for sargam and ragas, and the main accompaniment for Khayal, Thumri, Ghazal, Bhajan, Qawwali Natya Sangeet and Solo playing as well.

From a foreign instrument to the soul of our music room - the harmonium is truly ours now.

By Santosh Sasane, Music Teacher

वाचन प्रेरणा

पुस्तके म्हणजे केवळ छापील अक्षरे नाहीत, तर ती अंधारात प्रकाश दाखवणारी मूक दीपस्तंभ आहेत. शरीराच्या भुकेसाठी जसे अन्न आवश्यक असते, तसेच मनाच्या आणि बुद्धीच्या विकासासाठी वाचन नितांत गरजेचे आहे. पैशांची श्रीमंती एका क्षणात नष्ट होऊ शकते, पण वाचनाने मिळवलेली विचारांची श्रीमंती आयुष्याच्या शेवटच्या श्वासापर्यंत आपली साथ देते. ज्याने पुस्तकांशी खऱ्या अर्थाने मैत्री केली, त्याला जीवनात कधीच एकाकीपणा जाणवत नाही, कारण त्याचे विचारच त्याचे सर्वात मोठे आणि अभेद्य सामर्थ्य बनतात.

The best way to predict your future is to create it. — Abraham

Literary Corner, Educational Insights & Student Brain Teasers

This page presents a thoughtful blend of reflective essays, pedagogical perspectives, travel highlights, and fun brain teasers. Explore articles on the cognitive benefits of "slow reading" in a digital age and modern classroom approaches to student engagement, alongside travel features on Maharashtra's Kaas Plateau, motivational quotes, tongue twisters, and interactive crossword puzzles designed to inspire and challenge readers.

Nature's Canvas: Discover Kaas Plateau, Maharashtra's Valley of Flowers

SATARA — Perched at 1,200 meters in the Western Ghats, Kaas Plateau (Kaas Pathar) transforms into a breathtaking tapestry of blooming wildflowers each monsoon season. Often hailed as "Maharashtra's Valley of Flowers," this UNESCO World Heritage Site offers a rare spectacle of ecological splendor and scenic beauty just 25 kilometers from Satara city.

Key Highlights of Kaas Plateau

- **Rich Ecological Heritage:** Recognized globally for its environmental importance, Kaas Plateau features unique basaltic soil and fragile, protected ecosystems requiring sustained conservation efforts.
- **Vibrant Biodiversity:** Home to over 850 flowering plant species blooming late August to early October, including rare orchids, the insectivorous *Drosera indica*, and the seven-year Karvy shrub alongside diverse butterfly species.
- **Nearby Scenic Destinations:**
  - **Kaas Lake:** A century-old reservoir surrounded by lush forests, perfect for photography, quiet walks, and trekking access.
  - **Bamnoli Village:** Located along Shivsagar Lake ("Mini Kashmir"), offering boating, Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary access, and stargazing.
  - **Sajjangad Fort:** Final resting place of Saint Samarth Ramdas, featuring spiritual sites and sunset views over Urmodi Dam.
  - **Regional Attractions:** Thoseghar Waterfalls, Vasota Fort trek, and the engineering marvel Koyna Dam.
- **Travel Essentials & Guidelines:**
  - **Best Time to Visit:** Late August to early October during peak monsoon bloom.
  - **How to Reach:** Accessible by road from Satara (25 km), Pune (125 km), or Mumbai (278 km) via NH48. Nearest railhead is Satara; airport access is via Pune (140 km).
  - **Visitor Rules:** Pre-book online entry passes due to daily cap limits. Wear slip-resistant footwear, carry rain gear, and practice zero-litter, eco-conscious tourism to protect the delicate flora.



Beyond the Board: How Modern Classrooms Are Reimagining Student Engagement

Education in the 21st century is no longer confined to traditional lecture-and-listen models. Across classrooms today, dynamic, student-centric methodologies are taking center stage, transforming passive learners into active creators and critical thinkers.

Interdisciplinary lesson plans, project-based learning, and interactive discussions are replacing rigid rote learning. Teachers are increasingly integrating creative arts, digital media, and collaborative group tasks into standard curricula to foster deeper conceptual understanding.

"The focus has shifted from asking students *what* they know to encouraging them to ask *why* and *how*," says a senior language educator. "When students take ownership of their learning, classroom engagement naturally soars."

As schools adapt to evolving educational frameworks, the ultimate goal remains clear: cultivating curious, empathetic, and independent thinkers equipped to navigate a complex world.

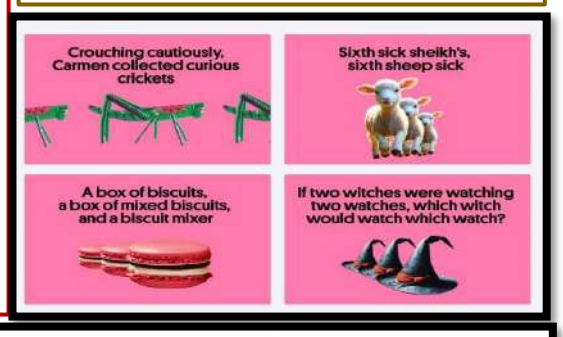
The Lost Art of Slow Reading in a Fast-Paced World

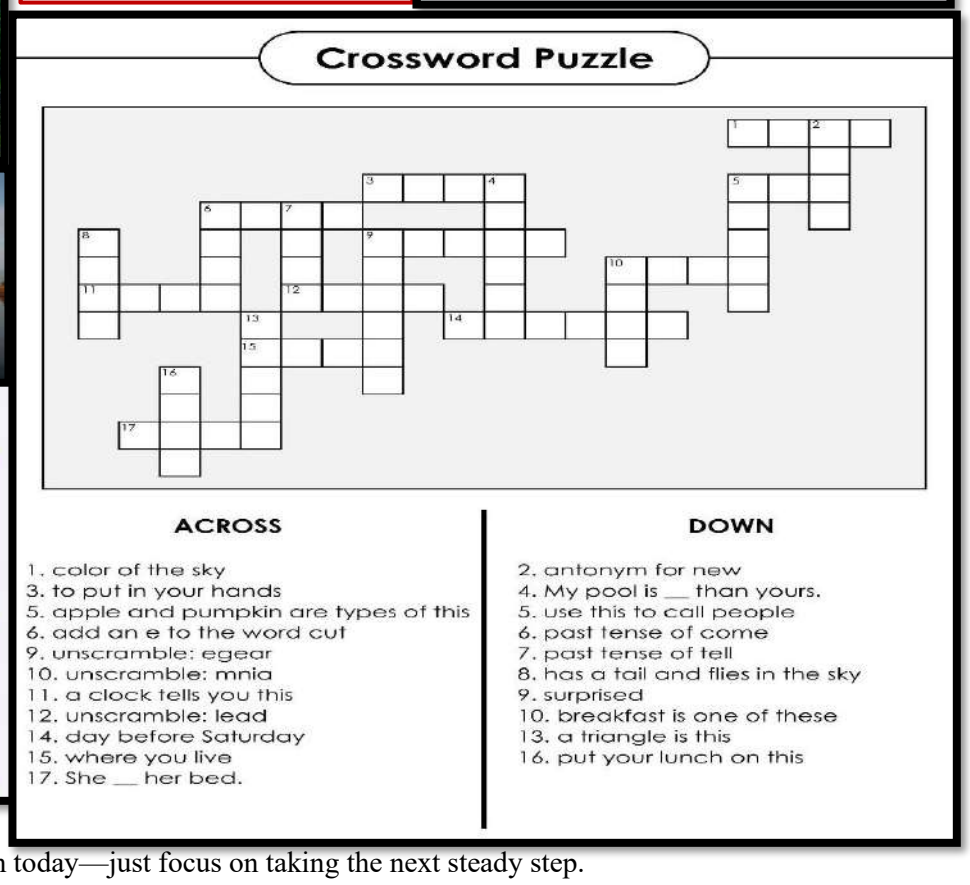
In an era dominated by 15-second videos, push notifications, and endless social media feeds, our collective attention span is facing unprecedented challenges. Yet, an enduring counter-trend is quietly gaining traction: slow reading.

Unlike skimming for quick facts, slow reading invites readers to immerse themselves fully in text—savoring prose, reflecting on thematic nuances, and developing deep cognitive empathy with characters and ideas. Cognitive scientists note that deep reading engages complex brain networks responsible for critical analysis, emotional intelligence, and stress reduction.

"Carving out thirty uninterrupted minutes a day with a printed book or paper is an act of digital mindfulness," notes local reader and literature enthusiast Anita Desai. "It restores a sense of quiet clarity that screen time constantly erodes."

As local libraries and reading circles report steady attendance, the message is simple: in a world obsessed with speed, taking time to read deeply might just be the ultimate form of self-care.







Motivational Boosters

- **Small steps, big impact:** You don't have to conquer the whole mountain today—just focus on taking the next steady step.
- **Embrace the draft:** Nobody writes a masterpiece on their first try, and nobody masters a skill on day one. Mistakes are simply proof that you are actively learning.
- **Your potential is elastic:** Effort stretches your abilities. Every time you tackle a tough concept or solve a complex problem, your brain grows stronger.
- **Be the spark:** A single kind word or an encouraging gesture can completely shift someone else's day. Choose to brighten the hallway.

"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can." — Arthur Ashe

Learning Beyond the Classroom: Club Activities with Zest

The Club activities were conducted with great enthusiasm and zest, providing students with opportunities to explore their interests, work collaboratively and learn beyond the confines of the classroom.

The Eco Club and Travel & Tourism Club organised a refreshing nature walk and Seed-to Plant sowing activity at Durga Tekdi, encouraging students to connect with nature and understand the importance of environmental conservation. The Cyber Security Club presented an engaging street play on Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Security, spreading awareness about responsible and safe use of technology.

The Reading Club conducted a variety of lively activities, including Word Chain, Read and Create, Dialogue Writing and Enactment, and Extempore Speaking. A limited time was given to organise their thoughts and present their ideas confidently. The activities fostered teamwork, creativity, communication skills and spontaneity.

These club activities offered students a welcome break from their routine, allowing them to relax, rejuvenate and refresh their minds while discovering new interests and developing valuable life skills.

Eco Club | **Travel And Tourism Club** | **Reading Club** | **Cyber Security Club** | **Kaushal Vikas**



Value Of Intentions

In Rampur, Kamala Devi lived in poverty and was mocked for depositing just 11 rupees in the bank every month. To everyone's laughter, she would simply reply, "Child, I am not depositing an amount; I am depositing my intention."

After nearly thirty years, Kamala Devi passed away. The bank manager opened her passbook and found a sealed envelope addressed to be opened after her death. The nominee listed was the village primary school. Inside was a heartfelt letter explaining that, having been denied an education herself, she once saw a young girl crying over unpaid exam fees. Deeply moved, she pledged to save whatever she could so no child's dreams would be cut short by poverty. She requested that the money pay for needy students' fees anonymously, asking only that recipients be told: *"When you grow up, help another child."*

Moved by her selflessness, the bank staff added voluntary contributions to her savings, creating the "Anonymous Hope" scholarship. The story transformed the villagers, proving that true wealth lies not in one's pockets, but in the nobility of one's intentions.

The Guru, The exam and the Disciples

Three disciples were completing their education at a Gurukul when their Guru announced, "One unannounced test will determine your true success in life." Yet, graduation passed without any special exam.

While journeying home through a dark forest, the trio encountered a thorny bush blocking their path. Eager to reach safety before nightfall, the first student leaped over the obstacle, while the second bypassed it by stepping off the trail.

However, the third student paused and began clearing the thorns into a ditch. When his companions urged him to hurry, he calmly replied, "Night is falling. We saw the danger, but the next traveler won't. Imagine their plight if pierced by thorns in this dark forest. Go ahead; I will clear the path and catch up."

As the two walked on, their Guru emerged from the shadows and called them back, declaring, "Your education remains incomplete. Return to the Gurukul."

The Guru revealed that the surprise exam was never about academic mastery; it was a test of empathy, compassion, and selflessness. True success in life comes not merely from navigating one's own hurdles, but from nurturing the emotional sensitivity to ease the path for others.

Every effort is a step toward greatness; every moment, a memory in the making.

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