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## Editorial

### The Significance of Outbound Learning and Experiential Learning in India's New Education Policy 2020

The New Education Policy (NEP) 2020 introduces a transformative approach to education in India, focusing on holistic, multidisciplinary learning. Among its key innovations, outbound learning and experiential learning are highlighted as essential strategies to enhance education and prepare students for the challenges of a rapidly changing global landscape.

Outbound learning involves educational experiences outside the traditional classroom, such as field trips, outdoor activities, and real-world challenges. Experiential learning, on the other hand, emphasizes learning through hands-on experiences, encouraging students to engage directly with material, reflect on their experiences, and apply their knowledge in practical situations. Together, these methods foster active participation, critical thinking, and collaboration.

As the world becomes increasingly interconnected, students must develop skills to adapt to diverse environments. Outbound and experiential learning provide opportunities to build teamwork, communication, and problem-solving abilities. These methods also help students understand global issues firsthand, fostering empathy and social responsibility.

The NEP 2020 advocates for a shift from rote learning to skills-based education. Outbound and experiential learning support this shift by emphasizing critical thinking and real-world application. Through project-based learning and community service, students explore subjects in depth, taking ownership of their education and nurturing creativity and innovation—qualities crucial for success in the global job market.

One of the major challenges in traditional education is the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application. Outbound and experiential learning bridge this divide by connecting classroom lessons with real-world experiences. For example, science field trips or industry visits make academic concepts more tangible, improving retention and understanding.

The NEP also promotes interdisciplinary approaches, encouraging students to connect various subjects. Outbound learning experiences integrate disciplines like science, social studies, and economics, helping students understand complex issues like climate change through a holistic lens. This fosters critical thinking and a broader worldview.

Finally, outbound and experiential learning help build resilience and self-confidence. By navigating new environments and overcoming challenges, students develop a growth mindset, seeing failures as opportunities to learn. These qualities are vital in today's globalized world, where adaptability and perseverance are essential for success.

## Headmaster's Message



As we approach the final months of this term, I find myself reflecting on the profound connection between my personal motto, "Romance with Goodness," and our school's enduring motto, "Never Give In."

These phrases are more than mere words; they serve as guiding principles that steer our community toward resilience, purpose, and meaningful engagement with the world around us.

To "Never Give In" signifies the importance of perseverance in the face of adversity. It reminds us that challenges are a natural part of life and that true strength lies in our ability to confront these obstacles head-on. It is about cultivating a mindset that embraces determination and fortitude, encouraging us to rise above difficulties and continue striving for our goals.

On the other hand, "Romance with Goodness" invites us to infuse our daily lives with kindness, integrity, and empathy. It is a call to nurture a compassionate spirit, to approach each interaction with an open heart, and to seek the best in ourselves and others. This motto emphasizes that our actions should be rooted in goodness, inspiring

us to contribute positively to our community and the lives of those around us.

Together, these mottos create a powerful synergy. They remind us that resilience must be accompanied by compassion, and that our pursuit of success should always be grounded in ethical principles. For our students, this is a crucial lesson: that true fulfillment comes not only from achieving personal goals but also from fostering connections based on kindness and respect.

To our dedicated staff, I extend my heartfelt gratitude for embodying these values daily. Your commitment to nurturing students who are both strong in character and gentle in spirit creates a rich learning environment where resilience and goodness thrive. You are instrumental in shaping the future leaders of our community, instilling in them the importance of integrity and empathy as they navigate their journeys.

As we move forward, let us all carry this sense of purpose and integrity in everything we do. May we continue to shape a school community that truly embodies the spirit of "Never Give In" and "Romance with Goodness," creating an atmosphere where resilience is celebrated and kindness is the norm. Together, we can inspire one another to pursue excellence with both determination and compassion, making a lasting impact on our school and beyond.

## IDA Education Awards : 2024

The Lawrence School, Lovedale, was proudly named the Best Boarding School of 2024 at the prestigious IDA Education Awards. This annual event recognizes institutions that lead the way in transforming student learning experiences and outcomes, aligning with the IDA's mission to "Re-Discover, Re-Define, and Re-Imagine" the teaching-learning process. The awards were presented at the 14th DIDAC India Exhibition & Conference, held at Yashobhoomi (IICC) in New Delhi. The school's commitment to excellence in education and holistic development was highlighted as Headmaster Mr. D. V. S. Rao accepted the award on behalf of the institution, marking a significant achievement in The Lawrence School's ongoing dedication to shaping well-rounded, future-ready students.



## India Elite Education and Institutional Excellence Awards 2024



At the India Elite Education and Institutional Excellence Awards and Conference 2024, National Edition, The Lawrence School, Lovedale, was honored with two prestigious accolades. The school was named the "Most Prominent and Futuristic School of the Year 2024" for South India, recognizing its commitment to quality education, exceptional administration, and cutting-edge infrastructure. Additionally, it received the award for "Excellence in Educational Standards Adaptability and Implementation," highlighting its proactive approach to adapting to new educational trends. A

member of the school's Board of Governors accepted the awards, marking a significant achievement in the school's pursuit of excellence.

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## Girls' School Cultural Evening: A Night of Talent and Joy



On September 1, 2024, the Girls' School hosted an exhilarating Cultural Evening. The event featured vibrant folk dances, including Punjabi Bhangra and Garba, alongside dynamic Western dance routines like Hip-Hop and Contemporary. Musical performances included both solo acts and a group choir. The evening was an overwhelming success, showcasing the girls' diverse talents and fostering a strong sense of community.

## Class 12 Girls' Cycling Trip to Valley View Point

On the morning of Sunday, September 1, 2024, the girls of Class 12 embarked on an invigorating cycling trip to Valley View Point. The group of 15 students, accompanied by two teachers, gathered at the school gate at 6:30 AM, excited and ready for the day's adventure. The cyclists set off promptly, navigating through the streets before reaching the scenic viewpoint. The route, known for its picturesque landscapes, offered a refreshing change from their usual surroundings. As they pedalled through lush greenery and rolling hills, the students enjoyed both the physical challenge and the opportunity to appreciate nature.



## Trek to Red Hills: A Day of Adventure and Scenic Beauty



On September 1, 2024, the girls of Classes 9 and 11 embarked on an exhilarating trek to Red Hills, accompanied by the Headmaster. The expedition, which included sixty students and four teachers, began in the morning with the group setting out from the school at 10:30 AM. The trek covered diverse terrains, from lush forests to rugged paths, which the students navigated with enthusiasm. Along the way, they enjoyed the scenic beauty and the fresh mountain air. Upon reaching the summit, the group was rewarded with breathtaking panoramic views of the surrounding landscape. After descending, the students enjoyed a sumptuous meal before heading back to school.

## A Tribute to Teachers: Celebrating Teachers' Day at The Lawrence School, Lovedale

On September 5, 2024, The Lawrence School, Lovedale, celebrated Teachers' Day to honour educators and commemorate Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan's birth anniversary. As part of the tradition, Class XII students took on the roles of teachers, conducting lessons for their juniors, which provided them with a deeper appreciation for the teaching profession. The festivities also included friendly badminton and cricket matches, where students competed against teachers, fostering camaraderie and strengthening bonds. The evening culminated in a vibrant cultural show, highlighting students' creativity and talent. The event served as a heartfelt tribute to teachers, recognizing their invaluable contribution to shaping the future and leaving a lasting impact on the school community.



## State-Level Skills Competition 2024 Organized by Child Welfare and Educational Charities



On September 1, 2024, The Lawrence School, Lovedale, participated in a state-level skills competition organized by Child Welfare and Educational Charities to celebrate Teacher's Day. The event featured a range of competitions, including Tamil Poem Writing, Handwriting (in Tamil, Hindi, and English), Essay Writing, and Drawing. A total of 34 students from the school took part, with prize winners in the Junior School (JS) category including Kishanth S. (1st), Sanjith V. (2nd), and Mohith S. (3rd), while the Senior School (SS) winners were K. Aradhana (1st), Teju Nahin SM (2nd), and Dharun Aditiya (3rd). The competition offered students a valuable opportunity to showcase their talents in a creative and supportive environment.

## A Starry Night: Celebrating Friendship and Flavour

On the evening of September 14, 2024, the girls of the Girls' School enjoyed a delightful outdoor dinner on the hostel lawn, featuring a flavourful biryani feast complemented by raita and salad. As the sun set, the open-air environment allowed the girls to enjoy the pleasant breeze and natural surroundings. The evening was filled with lively conversations and laughter, fostering a strong sense of community. The overwhelming enthusiasm and positive feedback underscored the event's success, highlighting the value of such gatherings in enhancing hostel life and camaraderie.





## Echoes of Knowledge: A Thrilling Inter-House Humanities Quiz



On September 10, 2024, the Department of Humanities hosted the 'Epoch Echoes' Inter-House quiz competition for Junior School, showcasing an exciting display of intellect and teamwork. The competition featured five engaging rounds, covering topics such as History, Geography, Civics, and an Audio-Visual round, with a bonus round for the audience adding to the excitement. Nilgiri House emerged victorious with 105 points, led by Naisha Hambarikar, Adhira Gakhar, Anshuman Deshmukh, and Rajeev Tarade, demonstrating excellent teamwork and knowledge. Vindhya House followed in second place with 95 points, represented by Divman Dayya, Makam Eashan Sai, Arna Vijay, and Abhijishya Bardhan, while Sumeru House secured third with 60 points, with participants Arjun, Sayuri Singh, Agatha S. Dutta, and Adhiraj Bhatia contributing to their team's effort. The quiz was a memorable event, emphasizing the value of knowledge and collaboration among the students.

## From Leaf to Cup: Nature Club's Educational Trip to Chamraj Tea Estate

The Nature Club students had an enriching trip to the Chamraj Tea Garden and Tea Factory, where they explored tea cultivation and processing. After a scenic drive through the Nilgiris, they were guided by Mr. Rajkumar, the estate's General Manager, who shared insights into the history, types of tea, and cultivation process. Students had the opportunity to pluck tea leaves and learned about the Korakundah tea estate, the world's highest-altitude tea garden. The group also toured the tea factory with Mr. S. Roy Choudhary, observing the tea processing stages from withering to sorting, and discovering the differences between green, black, and white teas. The highlight was a tea tasting session, where students learned to distinguish between various tea flavors and aromas. The trip offered a hands-on learning experience, fostering an appreciation for sustainable practices and the natural environment.



## 'Mathemagic': Prep School Inter House Maths Quiz 2024



On September 4, 2024, the Prep School Large Hall hosted the highly anticipated Inter-House Math Quiz, featuring 16 students from Nilgiri, Vindhya, Aravalli, and Sumeru houses. The quiz, attended by the Head Master, Deputy Head Master, and Mistress in Charge, consisted of five rounds, including rapid-fire and logic-based segments, designed to test students' mathematical skills and problem-solving abilities. Nilgiri and Vindhya tied for first place, Aravalli secured second, and Sumeru placed third. The event fostered curiosity, teamwork, and academic spirit, inspiring students for future intellectual challenges.

## 'SPLASH 2024': Prep School Inter- House Art Competition

The Prep School Inter-House Art Competition, SPLASH 2024, for Class V took place on September 5, 2024, with 24 participants showcasing their creativity through sketches and paintings. The students displayed impressive artistic skills across a variety of themes, emphasizing originality and technique. The competition was a great success, providing a platform for students to express their artistic talents and fostering healthy inter-house rivalry. Following thorough deliberation, the judges awarded the top honors as follows:

- First Place: Siddhanth Ilampirayan V (Vindhya House)
- Second Place: Inosa Das (Aravalli House)
- Third Place: Hansika Agarwala (Aravalli House)



## Fresher's Evening 2024: A Celebration of Talent and Creativity



The Sumeru and Vindhya Fresher's Evenings held in Prep School on September 7, 2024 were vibrant showcases of new students' talents. Sumeru's evening featured a captivating choir performance, a classical song by Sayuri, a heartfelt poem recital by Niall, a piano performance by Tara, and an energetic group dance by the girls. Meanwhile, Vindhya's event opened with a nostalgic "Founder's Flashback," followed by poetry recitations from Ishaanvi, Abhijishya, and Zaina, and impressive performances in Taekwondo, parade practice, piano, and guitar. Niharika's solo video tribute to the IPSC Hockey team, the boys' group song, and Anya's dynamic Western dance added further highlights. The evenings were a wonderful introduction to the school's newest students, impressing both the Deputy Headmaster and the Headmaster with their creativity, enthusiasm, and talent.

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## Prep School's Fun-Filled Outing to Ooty



On September 8, 2024, the Prep School embarked on an exciting outing filled with exploration, fun, and memories. The day began with lively music and dancing on the buses, setting the tone for the adventure ahead. The first stop was the Benchmark Tea and Chocolate Factory, where students learned about chocolate production and tea-making, tasting both raw and brewed tea. Next, they visited Doddabetta Peak, the highest in southern India, where they enjoyed panoramic views and playful monkeys. The final destination was Highland Ooty Resorts, where students enjoyed a variety of activities, including swings, trampolines, and a disco room, before indulging in a scrumptious buffet lunch. The day concluded with a thoughtful

gift of pencils from the hotel. The outing was a huge success, thanks to the exceptional hospitality and the efforts of the Prep School staff, leaving everyone with cherished memories of a "day well spent."

## Exploring Futures: LSL Career Fair 2024 Connects Students with Global Opportunities

The LSL Career Fair 2, held on September 9, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the school campus, featured a dynamic panel discussion and a vibrant career fair. The morning session included discussions on applying to highly competitive universities, demystifying liberal education, exploring new-age career options, and understanding scholarships, financial aid, and co-op programs. After lunch, the fair kicked off with representatives from 105 universities across the world, including India, the USA, the UK, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and more, setting up individual tables for one-on-one meetings with students. Students from classes 9 to 12 actively participated in both the panel discussions and the fair, gaining valuable insights and opportunities for their future academic and career paths.



## Senior School Inter House Art Competition



The Senior School Inter House Art Competition was held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024, with students from classes IX to XII showcasing their impressive artistic talents. Participants were divided into two groups, with each displaying remarkable creativity and skill across various mediums.

### Group A results are as listed below:

First Position : Aiyana Singh  
Second Position : Sinhayana Dilip Singh  
Third Position : Nithivarshika S.A.

### Group B results are as listed below:

First Position : Ghazal  
Second Position : Shadric V.  
Third Position : Yogasri R.

### The House positions are as follows:

First Position : Vindhya House (119 points)  
Second Position : Sumeru House (101 points)  
Third Position : Aravalli House (98.5 points)

The competition fostered a spirit of creativity and House pride, with Vindhya House emerging as the overall winner.

## Enhancing Handwriting Skills: A Comprehensive Training Program at The Lawrence School, Lovedale

The Lawrence School, Lovedale hosted a 12-hour Handwriting Training Program organized by Writewiz, attended by 30 academic staff members. Led by expert trainers Mr. Peter Aloysius and Mr. Sam Titus from Rorito, the program focused on improving handwriting skills by teaching the proper techniques for forming letters, maintaining correct posture, and holding the pen and book. The trainers emphasized the importance of each stroke in creating legible and aesthetically pleasing handwriting. The training aimed to equip teachers with the knowledge to help students improve their handwriting, ultimately enhancing their academic performance.

## Summits of Inspiration: Sri Debasish Biswas's Motivational Visit to Lawrence School Lovedale

On September 15, 2024, Sri Debasish Biswas, recipient of the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award and an accomplished mountaineer, visited Lawrence School, Lovedale, inspiring students with his passion for adventure sports. Despite his demanding role as a Joint Commissioner of Income Tax, Biswas has summited 42 peaks worldwide, including Mt. Everest, Kanchenjunga, and Annapurna. During his interactive session, he shared valuable insights from his mountaineering expeditions, emphasizing the importance of mental resilience and the belief that "where there is a will, there is a way." He also screened a captivating film about his Mt. Everest expedition, highlighting how mountaineering transcends physical challenges and fosters personal growth. An author of 12 books and producer of 11 films, Biswas has earned numerous awards and an honorary doctorate in Youth Development. His visit left an indelible mark on the students, igniting their spirits of perseverance and encouraging them to embrace challenges and nurture their adventurous spirit.

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## The 44<sup>th</sup> Lawrence Memorial Hindi Debate Competition



On September 14, 2024, The Lawrence School, Lovedale, hosted the 44th Lawrence Memorial Inter-School Hindi Debate Competition in celebration of Hindi Diwas, with nine schools from the Nilgiri region participating. The debate centered on the topic "जीवन की सार्थकता कर्तव्य निष्ठा में है, अधिकारों की प्राप्ति में नहीं" ("The meaning of life lies in duty, not in the attainment of rights"). The event, held at the school auditorium, featured Mr. N.K. Nayak, General Manager of the Cordite Factory, as the chief guest, with his wife, Dr. Anupama Nayak, as the special guest. The panel of judges included Mr. Anand Raghunathan, Mrs. Sapna Parekh, and Mr. Rohit Jain. Keya Rawani from The Lawrence School secured first place, while Ashmit Bharti placed second. Rishaan Jabhak from St. Joseph Academy and Adidev Anoop from Holy Innocents High School shared third place, with Suhasini Srivats from Holy Innocents receiving a consolation prize. In the overall school rankings, The Lawrence School, Lovedale, emerged victorious, followed by Holy Innocents High School and Junior College, Coonoor, in second place. St. Joseph Academy, Coonoor, secured third, while St. Jude's Public School and Junior College, Kotagiri, came in fourth. Mr. Rajan Narayanan, Deputy Headmaster of The Lawrence School, addressed the gathering and presented the prizes to the winners.

## International Moot Court Competition

On September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, The Lawrence School, Lovedale participated in the International Moot Court Competition held at The Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Gwalior, in collaboration with BML Munjal University. Moot court is a legal education exercise involving research, writing, and oral arguments on unresolved or controversial legal issues, with two teams: the Petitioner, arguing in favor of a case, and the Respondent, opposing it. Six students from the school took part: M. Nitin Ishaan, Ashwary Goel, and Bismi Aqib represented the Petitioner team, while Krishnadev Gautam, N. Rasika, and Shivanethra Muthuvel formed the Respondent team. Competing against 17 schools from across India and neighboring Bhutan, The Lawrence School's Petitioner team was awarded the 'Best Presentation in Petitioner Style' for their outstanding performance.



## Inter-House French Poem Recitation Competition



The Inter-House French Poem Recitation Competition for Prep School was held on October 9, 2024, with nine Grade V students participating. Judges Rhea Duggal (9), Aadi Sajeev (10), and Yashika Murarka (11) evaluated the performances, with Seher Makhija (5C) securing first place (69.5 points), followed by Teertha Madhav (5C) in second (63 points) and Sahir Makhija (5A) in third (60.5 points). The House standings were: Nilgiri in first, Sumeru second, and Vindhya third. The competition provided a great opportunity for students to enhance their confidence, language skills, and foster a spirit of healthy competition and camaraderie among the Houses.

## Recognition of Responsible Conduct Among Prep School Students on Outbound Learning Trip 2024

The Lawrence School, Lovedale, recognized Prep School students for their exemplary conduct during the Outbound Learning Trip (OBL 2024) as part of its commitment to fostering responsibility and positive competition. Selected students were formally acknowledged by the Headmaster in a special assembly and rewarded with a diary, message bottle, and sweet as tokens of appreciation. The following students were recognized: Mahasarvagnan (Class V Boy), Hansika Agarwala (Class V Girl), Jaansi Priya (Class VI Girl), Rosini R (Class VII Girl), and Naisha Hambardiker (Class VIII Girl). This initiative highlights the school's focus on character building, motivating students to set positive examples and demonstrate responsibility and integrity.



## Leadership and Creativity Unleashed : The Students' Conclave 2024



The Lawrence School, Lovedale, participated in the Students' Conclave 2024 at Sindhya Kanya Vidyalaya, Gwalior, from October 6-9, with a delegation of students led by teacher Veena Sharma. After an overnight stay in Delhi, the group toured the Gwalior campus, joined an icebreaker activity, and attended a flag march and keynote by Sunetra Choudhary of Hindustan Times. Students collaborated on an article, participated in a visual storytelling workshop by Anup Gupta, and visited the Gwalior Fort. On the following days, they presented on editorial board practices, attended a social media workshop, and worked on an e-newsletter, while also enjoying cultural performances and a balloon-decorating challenge. The conclave offered valuable skills, networking opportunities, and personal growth, marking an enriching experience for the students.

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## Mental Health Week at The Lawrence School, Lovedale



The Lawrence School, Lovedale, hosted a successful Mental Health Week from October 7-11, 2024, aimed at raising awareness and promoting mental well-being. The week featured assemblies and workshops led by teachers on topics such as self-love, emotional resilience, mindfulness, and emotional intelligence. The highlight was the Mental Health Fair on October 10, coinciding with World Mental Health Day, which attracted 31 students and 6 teachers from neighboring schools. The fair offered engaging activities, exhibits, and computer games to reduce stigma around mental health, along with a baking stall, yoga therapy sessions by Ms. Sangeetha, and music therapy led by Krishiv Agrawal. The initiative was organized by School Counselor Ms. Merlyn and Peer Educators Neha Yuvraj, Krishiv Agrawal, Emayaa P, Aryaveer Agarwal, Gia John, and Advika Kumar.

## Celebration of Saraswati Pooja at the Girls' School

On October 11, 2024 the Girls' School hosted a vibrant Saraswati Pooja, honouring the Hindu goddess of knowledge, music, and art. The prayer area was beautifully decorated with flowers, lights, and traditional ornaments, creating a festive atmosphere. Students contributed to the celebration by performing a captivating dance and singing a Bhajan in reverence to the goddess. The event fostered a strong sense of community, culminating in a joyful and memorable evening of devotion.



## Onam 2024: A Joyous Celebration of Culture and Community at Our Girls' School



Onam, the vibrant and joyous festival celebrated in Kerala, marks the beginning of the harvest season. This year, the Girls' School embraced the spirit of Onam on September 15, 2024, coinciding with Thiruvonam Day, with a series of festive activities and games. The event aimed to foster cultural appreciation, enhance community bonding, and provide a platform for the residents to showcase their talents.

The Girls' School was beautifully decorated with colourful flower rangoli (Pookalam), traditional lamps, and festive garlands. A traditional feast was served on banana leaves, featuring an array of vegetarian dishes. In the afternoon, the girls came together to play several games, including musical chairs. Overall, it was a delightful and engaging event, blending tradition with community spirit. The success of this celebration suggests that similar cultural events would be beneficial in the future.

## Capacity Building Program: Classroom Management

The school successfully conducted a Capacity Building Program on Classroom Management for the academic staff on October 11th and 12th, 2024, facilitated by Ms. Sapna Sankhla, Principal of RMK Residential Senior Sec School, Chennai, and Ms. Vamsheepriya Amar, Principal of MVJ International School, Bangalore. The two-day workshop covered key topics such as VARK learning styles, instructional management, classroom arrangements, time management, teaching styles, discipline, and interpersonal relationships, with a focus on experiential learning through individual and group activities. The program also featured talks from Mr. Dinesh Ram, CBSE Regional Officer, and Mr. Nitin Chengappa, a Board Member, who shared valuable insights. The workshop was well-received and provided practical strategies for improving classroom management.



## TEDx The Lawrence School Lovedale: Inspiring Change Through Ideas and Creativity



On October 12, 2024, The Lawrence School Lovedale hosted TEDx with the theme "Creating Change," featuring a range of impactful talks and performances. The event included guest speakers such as Ms. Reva Jhingan Malik, an influential advocate for social change; Ms. Aranyani Bhargav, a renowned artist and cultural influencer; and Dr. Shukla Bose, a respected figure in education and social entrepreneurship. Student speakers included Anna and Kamalini (Class 12), Raghav Ohlyan (Class 11), M.P. Karumbaiah (Class 5), and faculty speaker Mr. Regan Raj. Highlights included a street play on gender issues, a fusion dance performance, and a "Clay Station" activity for guests. The evening concluded with performances by the school's Light and Western Bands, followed by dinner. Notably, the entire event was curated by students, showcasing their leadership and creativity.

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## Inter-House Hindi Poem Recitation Competition (Prep School)



The Inter-House Hindi Poem Recitation competition for Class V students was held on October 15, 2024, organized by the II Language Department of The Lawrence School in Prep School. Niall Manhaz from Sumeru House secured first place, Aanya Goswami from Vindhya House took second, and Keerthan S. Gowda from Nilgiri House finished third. In the overall house standings, Vindhya House emerged as the winner with 94.5 points, followed by Sumeru (92.5 points), Aravalli (91 points), and Nilgiri (90.5 points).

## Inter-House Humanities Quiz

On October 16, 2024, the Inter-House Humanities Quiz, 'Ethereal Endeavours,' was held for Class 5 students, with participation from all four Houses—Aravalli, Nilgiri, Sumeru, and Vindhya. Each house was represented by four students in a quiz covering five rounds: History, Geography, General Knowledge, Cuisine of India, and Traditional Dresses of India. The event, organized by the Humanities Department and led by Ms. Christy Alphonsa, aimed to connect theoretical knowledge with practical application. Nilgiri House emerged as the winner, followed by Aravalli in second, Vindhya in third, and Sumeru in fourth. The Head Master praised the participants for their enthusiasm and encouraged them to expand their knowledge beyond textbooks.



## Artistic Excellence at SRIJAN 2024: A Showcase of Talent



The Emerald Heights International School in Indore hosted SRIJAN 2024, an inter-school competition for students in grades VI to XII, promoting creativity and innovation across various fields like Arts, Business, IT, Literature, and Photography. The Lawrence School, Lovedale, eagerly participated, with students taking part in multiple categories under the guidance of the sculpture teacher and photography in charge. The event provided a valuable platform for healthy competition and creative expression.

## Creative Brilliance Unveiled: The Lawrence School at IPSC Visual Arts Fest 2024

The Lawrence School, Lovedale, participated in the IPSC Visual Arts Fest 2024, hosted by Rajkumar College, Raipur, from October 16 to 18, with 8 students showcasing their talents alongside 17 other top public schools. Notable achievements included Nandini Roy winning the Most Innovative Award in Still Life Photography, and Nandini Roy and Shreeya Shah receiving Excellence Awards for Tile Mosaic Painting. The students gained valuable experience by interacting with fellow artists and exploring new techniques. The festival was an enriching platform for creative expression, reflecting the high level of artistic talent and dedication of the participants.



## Udbhav Utsav 2024: A Celebration of Dance and Culture in Gwalior



The 19<sup>th</sup> edition of Udbhav Utsav, held in Gwalior from October 14 to 18, 2024, showcased diverse dance forms from participants across five countries. Organized by the Udbhav Cultural and Sports Association, the festival celebrated intercultural dialogue through classical, folk, contemporary, and modern dance. The Lawrence School, Lovedale, shone at the event, winning first place in the National Classical Dance Group category, with notable performances by Nirupama Sudhir and Sreeparvathy. Sreeparvathy also secured second place in the Solo Classical category, and the school's Folk Group received a Special Jury Mention. On the international stage, the school earned Second Runner-up in the International Group Dance category, competing against 17 teams. These accomplishments highlight the students' talent and the school's commitment to nurturing cultural artistry.

## Celebrating Linguistic Talent: Inter-House French Storytelling and Speech Competition

The Inter-House French Storytelling and Prepared Speech Competition for Classes 9 and 10 at The Lawrence School, Lovedale, held on October 25, 2024, showcased impressive linguistic talent. The competition, judged by French teachers Ms. Renu Pandey and Ms. Arundhati Mohanty, took place in the SS MUN room and SS Large House. In Class 9, Abhay Singh and Aryaveer Agarwal from Aravalli shared the first position, followed by Indraneel Roy (Nilgiri) in second and Dev Menon (Nilgiri) in third position respectively. In Class 10, Krishiv Agrawal (Aravalli) took first, with Avikshit Varma (Nilgiri) second and Aahan Lahoti (Nilgiri) third. Aravalli emerged as the overall winner with the highest points, closely followed by Nilgiri and Vindhya.



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## Sculpt 24 - Junior School



On October 19, 2024, the Junior School hosted Sculpt 24, an Inter-House Sculpture and Pottery Competition with eight students in each category, representing all four houses. In the pottery category, students created pieces inspired by Ocean Life or Fantasy and Fairytales, with Anshdeep from Nilgiri taking 1<sup>st</sup> place (111 points), Ilesha M from Sumeru in 2<sup>nd</sup> (104 points), and Aasini K from Aravalli in 3<sup>rd</sup> (101.5 points). In sculpture, participants crafted artworks inspired by Nature's Wonders or Fantasy, with Wania A from Sumeru winning 1<sup>st</sup> place (112.5 points), Mohith S from Vindhya in 2<sup>nd</sup> (108 points), and Aarya Aegavan from Aravalli in 3<sup>rd</sup> (100 points). Sumeru House emerged as the overall winner with 401.5 points, followed by Nilgiri (363.5), Vindhya (361), and Aravalli (345). The competition showcased the students' impressive creativity and craftsmanship.

## Visit to Ooty Book Fair & Cultural Programme – 2024: An enriching Experience

From October 18<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Nilgiri District administration hosted the annual Book Fair-cum-Cultural Programme at the Resource Centre for Tribal Culture in Ooty, aimed at promoting reading and skill development among school students. On October 20<sup>th</sup>, 100 students from classes VI to VIII, along with six teachers, attended the event, which included a visit to over 50 bookstalls and a cultural programme. Each student was given Rs. 500 to purchase books, sparking their curiosity and love for literature. The cultural highlight of the event was a Tamil folk music concert by Kalaimamani Puspavanam Kuppusamy and his wife, Anitha Kuppusamy, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the students. The experience was both educational and memorable, offering a unique blend of literature and cultural exposure.



## Tamil Storytelling Competition (II Language) – Class VI



The Tamil Storytelling Competition for Class VI students was held on October 21, 2024, at The Lawrence School, Lovedale. The event saw active participation from all four Houses—Aravalli, Nilgiri, Sumeru, and Vindhya—and was judged by three panelists. Skandan K from VI-C (Aravalli) won 1<sup>st</sup> place with 66 points, followed by R. Kavin Manickavasagam from VI-D (Sumeru) in 2<sup>nd</sup> with 63.5 points, and Guhan S from VI-B (Sumeru) in 3<sup>rd</sup> with 63 points. Sumeru House emerged as the overall winner with 126.5 points, while Aravalli secured 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 117 points. Nilgiri and Vindhya finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> with 95.5 and 90 points, respectively. The event showcased the students' storytelling skills in Tamil.

## Young Storytellers Shine in Inter-House English Storytelling Competition

The Inter-House English Storytelling Competition for Class V, held on October 23, 2024, featured four participants from each House, captivating the audience with classic tales like Tenali Raman, Birbal, and Aesop's fables. The event, judged by Ms. Divya Subramanniam and student judges Zaira Fathima and Ananya Bhargava, celebrated creativity and moral lessons. Hansika Agarwala (Aravalli) took first place, followed by Teertha Madhav (Sumeru) in second and R. Dhanya Shree (Nilgiri) in third. Sumeru House emerged as the overall winner with 199.5 points, followed by Aravalli (190.5) and Nilgiri (185). The event highlighted the Prep School's commitment to fostering confidence and creative expression in young students.

## Inter-House Tamil Storytelling Competition (Junior School)



The Inter-House Tamil Storytelling Competition for the Junior School, held on October 23, 2024, showcased the storytelling talents of Class VII and VIII students. In Class VII, Mithul Varsan (Sumeru) took first place, followed by Vishruth Arun (Aravalli) and Roshini (Nilgiri). In Class VIII, Shishanth B (Aravalli) won first, with Prithviram (Nilgiri) second, and Mithun J and Kishantha S (both Sumeru) tying for third. Aravalli House emerged the overall winner with 225 points, followed closely by Sumeru (221), Nilgiri (201), and Vindhya (140). The event highlighted students' storytelling abilities while fostering teamwork and healthy competition.

## Second Language Inter-House Hindi Speech Competition

The Inter-house Hindi Speech Competition for Classes IX and X, held on October 25, 2024, showcased the oratory skills of students representing their respective Houses. In Class IX, Divyan Chaubey (Vindhya) took first place, followed by Verushka Chhikara (Nilgiri) and G. Diksha (Aravalli). In Class X, Keya Rawani (Aravalli) won first, with Siri Suresh (Sumeru) and Jiya Modi (Vindhya) securing second and third positions. Vindhya House emerged as the overall winner with 87.5 points, followed by Aravalli (82.5 points), Nilgiri (78 points), and Sumeru (66 points). The competition highlighted students' eloquence while fostering a spirit of healthy rivalry among the houses.







## Inter-House Digi Quiz 2024 -Junior School



The Inter-House Digi Quiz 2024 for the Junior School was an engaging and educational competition that highlighted students' knowledge and teamwork. Vindhya House emerged champions with 105 points, followed by Aravalli and Nilgiri Houses, who tied for second with 80 points each. Sumeru House secured third place with 70 points. Notable participants included Sparsh Patil, Dhruv Prashant Menon, Ahaan Johri Rane, and Veera Chauhan from Vindhya; AB Rithvin, S Vushvanth, Nara Samhita, and Ira Goyal from Aravalli; and Jashan Jain, Aarrav Easwar, CB Satya, and Stanzin Laksam

## Inter-House Tamil Speech/Storytelling Competition

The Inter-House Tamil Speech/Storytelling Competition for Classes 9 and 10 was held on October 26, 2024, showcasing students' eloquence and creativity. In Class 9, Teju Naahin (Sumeru) took first place, followed by Aradhana (Nilgiri) and Lakshanya (Aravalli). In Class 10, Tanisha Subbu (Vindhya) won first, with Nitin Sakthi (Sumeru) and Akansha (Sumeru) placing second and third. Vindhya topped the overall standings, followed by Nilgiri and Sumeru. The event was judged by Tamil teachers Ms. Kavitha M. and Mr. R. Saravanan, along with student judges.



## Dancing to the Rhythm: A Night of Garba Delight



On October 25, 2024, a vibrant Garba dance event was held for senior students from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the middle flats of the school. Both girls and boys participated enthusiastically, moving in sync to an array of lively Garba songs. The atmosphere was filled with energy and joy as students embraced this cultural tradition, showcasing their dance moves and festive spirit. The event was a delightful celebration, allowing students to unwind, connect, and enjoy a memorable evening together.

## Enchanting Transformations: Highlights from the Inter-House One-Act Play Competition 2024



The Inter-House One-Act Play Competition held on October 26, 2024, celebrated creativity and teamwork as students reimagined classic fairy tales through a contemporary lens, addressing relevant social issues. Each house presented unique performances: Sumeru House's Maleficent: The Awakening, Nilgiri House's Untangled, Aravalli House's Lost in the Crossfire, and Vindhya House's The Wolves Within. Awards were given for Best Actor, with Shambhavi Kaushal securing first place, followed by Adrika Zaara Arun (second) and Haley Dhaduk (third). Sumeru House took first place overall with 249 points, followed by Aravalli (229) and Vindhya (228). The event was a vibrant showcase of student talent and storytelling, leaving a lasting impression with its modern takes on fairy tales.

## Debating for Change: Highlights From The Intra-School Model United Nations at Lovedale

The Intra-School Model United Nations at The Lawrence School, Lovedale, held on October 27, 2024, was a resounding success, offering students valuable opportunities to develop leadership, teamwork, and communication skills. The opening ceremony featured the presentation of Gavels to the Executive Board members. The committees, which included the UNHRC (headed by Kamalini Ramesh, Vedang Gupta, and Aahan Lahoti), LOKSABHA (led by Gopika S, E. Sanjay Roshan, and Vedant Agarwal), and IPC (chaired by Ananya Bhargava), operated smoothly as students engaged in thoughtful debates and worked towards solutions on various issues. Overall, the event was an enriching learning experience for all participants.



## Rhythms, Riffs, and Revelry: A Night To Remember at The Junior School Evening



The Junior School Evening on October 27, 2024, was a vibrant showcase of talent, starting with an Invocation Dance by the girls and a Western Dance by Class 8 girls. Gephel from Class 6 impressed with a Beethoven piano recital, followed by a Fusion Dance featuring girls from Classes 6-8. Veera from Class 8 captivated the audience with a solo song, and the Junior School boys performed a lively dance to popular 90s and 2000s Hindi songs. A hilarious English play, Refund by Fritz Karinthy, had the audience in splits, and two Class 8 girls presented a beautiful classical vocal recital. The Western Band, led by Mr. Tanmoy Adhikari, performed a Mukesh classic, and the evening concluded with a dynamic South Indian film song medley, leaving the audience thoroughly entertained. It was truly an evening to remember!

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## Calculating Success: Aravalli Shines in the Inter House Senior School Mathematics Quiz 2024



The Senior School Large Hall buzzed with excitement on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2024, as students and faculty gathered for the much-anticipated Inter House Mathematics Quiz 2024. With four participants representing each house, the competition was fierce but friendly, testing the mathematical prowess of senior school students. The event began with an explanation of rules, setting a focused tone for the knowledge-enriching quiz. Each round brought insightful challenges, engaging both participants and audience alike. In the end, Aravalli House claimed the first position with 48 points, closely followed by Vindhya House with 43 points. Sumeru and Nilgiri houses came in third and fourth with 32 and 31 points, respectively. The quiz sparked enthusiasm and admiration for mathematics across the school.

## Educational Visit to Keystone Foundation: A Step Towards Conservation Awareness

On November 7, 2024, 25 students from The Lawrence School, Lovedale, and Chamraj Higher Secondary School, Chamraj, participated in a hands-on learning experience at the Keystone Foundation campus in Kotagiri as part of the Leopard Rock Conservation Project. Organized by Nico Eco and Keystone Foundation, the visit focused on environmental conservation, ecosystem dynamics, the importance of trees, plant growth, and the role of Non-Timber Forest Products in local livelihoods. Students engaged in the "Season Watch" assignment, tracking seasonal changes in their local environments. The visit, guided by teachers including Mr. Rajan Narayanan, Mr. Swetank, Ms. Aruna Konsom, and Ms. Sangeetha Jairam, was an enriching experience, fostering



## Empowering Minds at the Round Square International Conference on Financial Literacy



The Round Square International Conference on Financial Literacy and Independence, held on November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at The Millennium School, Dubai, focused on the theme "SheInvests." Representing The Lawrence School, Lovedale, students Shaarvi Jagat, Kalyani Dhanasekaran, Haley Dhaduk, Aikya Alla, and Ananya Bhargava joined global participants to explore topics such as financial independence, gender budgeting, workplace wage disparities, and debt management. Keynote speaker Dakshita Das shared insights on financial planning, while panel discussions and Barraza sessions provided enriching perspectives. Case studies encouraged practical application of financial concepts, highlighting the importance of public speaking, teamwork, and leadership. Mentors Kuldeep Singh Sir and Swadesh Kumar Chaubey Sir were thanked for their guidance.

## Screening of 'Amaran' at Lawrence School, Lovedale

On November 10, 2024, Lawrence School, Lovedale, hosted a special screening of the acclaimed Tamil film Amaran (The Immortal), directed by Rajkumar Periasamy and produced by Raaj Kamal Films International. The event was honored by the presence of the director, Rajkumar Periasamy, and the producer, Mr. R. Mahendran. The director shared valuable insights with the students about the making of the film and its narrative, which celebrates the courage of modern military heroes. As a gesture of appreciation, the Headmaster presented mementos to the distinguished guests, expressing the school's pride and gratitude for this memorable occasion.



## Developing Self-Respect



On November 12, 2024, Peer Educators Emayaa P.S. and Aryaveer Agarwal from Class 9 led a session on Developing Self-Respect for 34 Class VIII girls. The session covered key topics such as managing peer pressure, setting boundaries, understanding the difference between lust, infatuation, and love, avoiding idealization, and exercising the right to say "No." Through personal experiences and interactive discussions, the Peer Educators emphasized resilience, self-awareness, and confidence in maintaining personal values and boundaries. The session was engaging, with the students actively participating, asking questions, and practicing responses in a supportive environment.

## Inter-House Computer Digi Quiz 2024 (Senior School)

The Inter-House Computer Digi Quiz 2024 for the Senior School took place on November 12, 2024, at 2:30 PM in the Senior School Large Hall. The quiz featured multiple rounds, including rapid-fire, audio-visual, and coding challenges, testing students' technical knowledge and teamwork. Nilgiri House emerged victorious with 150 points, followed by Sumeru House with 120 points, Aravalli House with 110 points, and Vindhya House with 90 points. The event was a showcase of students' technological skills and collaborative spirit, with participants receiving recognition for their dedication and efforts.



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## Exploring Biodiversity at Lovedale Reservoir



On 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024, ten members of the Nature Club, led by Ms. Sangeetha Jairam, visited the Lovedale Reservoir to study its biodiversity. The students identified and documented various plant species, including native, invasive, endemic plants, weeds, and their characteristics and ecological roles. Through hands-on exploration and mindfulness contemplation by the lake, they gained insights into the importance of preserving native species and managing invasive ones. The activity deepened their appreciation for the environment and strengthened their commitment to biodiversity conservation. Their findings will be compiled into a report to raise awareness within the school community.

## An Evening of Musical Excellence

The Inter-House Music Competition, held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024 in the Senior School Large Hall, was a mesmerizing celebration of musical talent across Western Vocal Solo, Western Instrumental Solo, and Western Orchestra categories. With spirited performances and fierce competition, Aravalli House excelled, winning both solo categories and sharing the orchestra honours with Nilgiri House. Esteemed guests, including Mrs. Priyadarshini Nair and judges Mr. Ivon Enos and Mr. Don Bosco, praised the participants' exceptional artistry. The evening concluded with a memorable performance by Mrs. Nair, leaving the audience captivated.



## Prevention of Sexual Harassment at the Workplace: A Session for the Support Staff



On November 21, 2024, Advocate Aruna Mohsin Sait conducted a session on the Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) Act for 112 support staff members at The Lawrence School, Lovedale. Organized by school counselor Ms. Merlyn, the session aimed to raise awareness about workplace safety and ensure compliance with state and central government directives. The session included a training video illustrating harassment scenarios, highlighting rights, responsibilities, and how to handle such situations. Real-life examples helped participants better understand the concepts and emphasized the importance of speaking up in harassment cases.

## Empowering Adolescents: A Session on Drug Abuse and Digital De-Addiction

On November 22, 2024, students from The Lawrence School, Lovedale, attended an informative session on Drug Abuse and Digital De-Addiction at Army Public School, Wellington, organized in collaboration with KMCH Institute of Health Science and Research. The session aimed to equip adolescents with the knowledge to make informed decisions and adopt healthier habits. Distinguished speakers Dr. Sathyaseelan and Dr. Srinidhi discussed the challenges of resisting peer pressure, the risks of early drug experimentation, and the impact of digital addiction. Students from Classes 8 to 10 participated, accompanied by School Counselor Ms. Merlyn and Peer Educators from the Anti-Drug Club, who are committed to sharing the insights gained with the broader student body.



## Candlelight Carol Service at Lawrence School Lovedale



On 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024, the students of the Lawrence School, Lovedale gathered at the Church of The Ascension at 5:45 PM for the Candlelight Annual Carol Service. The evening was filled with festive cheer as students sang a variety of traditional and contemporary carols, filling the church with their harmonious voices. A special moment of the service was the Bible reading, delivered by the Head Boy and Head Girl, which reminded everyone of the true meaning of Christmas. The Teachers' Choir also performed, adding a heartfelt touch to the service. The beautifully lit church, along with the music and reflection, made for a memorable and uplifting celebration of the Christmas season.

## Children's Day Celebration – 2024

The Lawrence School, Lovedale, celebrated Children's Day on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024 with enthusiasm and joy. The event, held in the school's hall, featured a variety of performances by the staff, including a graceful invocation dance by Ms. Sabitha, an entertaining English skit, and folk dances representing India's cultural diversity. Teachers, including Ms. Rekha, Mr. Sharma, Mr. Kuldeep, Mr. Murugan, and Headmaster D.V.S. Rao, captivated the audience with solo songs, while Mr. Tanmoy's guitar solo and Mr. Sanjay's flute performance added to the excitement. The day ended with an energetic dance sequence and a grand finale by the Music Department, leaving students entertained and inspired.





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# Sports Roundup



## Under-14 Girls shine at the IPSC Hockey: National Selections and Best Goalkeeper Honors



The hockey team of The Lawrence School, Lovedale participated in the Under-14 girls IPSC Hockey Tournament held at Daly College, Indore from 30<sup>th</sup> August to 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and secured the third position. Deveshi Parihar, Ariaana Bhatia and Sayuri Singh qualified to represent IPSC at the SGFI nationals.

Additionally Sayuri Singh was named the Best Goalkeeper. Apart from these girls Gaurika Rathore, Tanya Doris, Jasmine and Divyanshi Singh are reserves for the team representing IPSC at SGFI nationals.

## Victory Unleashed: Juhi Named Best Player

The 10<sup>th</sup> Nilgiri District Under-19 Basketball Championship was held at the HADP Stadium, Ooty, from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024. In a thrilling final match, The Lawrence School, Lovedale girls' basketball team triumphed over Laidlaw School, Ketti, emerging champions. Juhi from Class 10, was honoured with the 'Best Player' Award.



## Triumph at Chief Minister's Trophy Badminton Championship



The Chief Minister's Trophy Badminton Championship was held at Anna Stadium, Ooty on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Namith Puttachi emerged as the singles champion and Bimal Dev S finished second. Similarly, Namith Puttachi and Agnidipto Nanda won the boys doubles with Nirmal Dev S and Bimal Dev S emerging as runners-up. Kamalini Ramesh and E.Nikita Rao finished as winners in the doubles while E.Nikita Rao and Kamalini Ramesh clinched first position and second position respectively in the singles.

## Lawrence School Dominated Inter-School Badminton Tournament with Four Victories

The Inter-School Badminton Tournament was conducted on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2024 at The Lawrence School, Lovedale. In nail-biting finales, both U-14 and U-17 boys team finished as winners. Similarly, the U-14 girls and U-19 girls team also secured the first position. Prithvi Ram, Namith D Puttachi, Nirmal Dev, Tanya and Kamalini Ramesh of The Lawrence School were adjudged as the best players in their respective categories.



## Swept Chief Minister's Trophy Basketball Championship



The Chief Minister's Trophy Basketball Championship conducted by the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT) was held at our school on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of September 2024. Both the Under-19 boys and girls teams emerged as winners.

## Victorious in CM Trophy Cricket Championship

The CM's trophy cricket championship was conducted in the knockout format at The Lawrence School Top Flats. The U-19 team of The Lawrence School, Lovedale played 4 rounds and won all the matches to reach the finals out of the 34 teams that participated in the tournament.





## CBSE South Zone Hockey- Bagged Best Midfielder



The Lawrence School, Lovedale participated in the CBSE south zone Hockey tournament at the Sachidananda School, Mettupalayam from the 21<sup>st</sup> of September 2024 to the 26<sup>th</sup> of September 2024. The U-19 boys team bagged the 3<sup>rd</sup> Position and the best midfielder award was presented to Vidur Varshan.

## Inter-School Athletics Competition

The Lawrence School, Lovedale participated in the Inter School Athletic Competition held at GSIS on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Team Lawrence emerged as **winners** in the 80 mts hurdle (Adhyutha Y.J.) Long Jump (Agastaya R.) and Discus Throw (Kavya Patel), **runners up** in 100 mts (Adhyutha Y.J.), High Jump (Yaara Firdose), Triple Jump (Agastaya R.), Long Jump (Abhir Singh) and Discus Throw (Achala Nitin) and **first runners up** in 100 mts (Yaara Firdose) and 4x100 mts relay.



## U-17 Girls Secured 2nd Place at IPSC Basketball Tournament



The Lawrence School, Lovedale participated in the IPSC Basketball tournament hosted by Emerald Heights school, Indore from 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024 to 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024 in the category U-17 girls and emerged victorious by taking the second place in the tournament.

## CM Trophy Cricket Tournament State-Level

Natheesh.T, V.Anunandh, V.Vidhushen,N. Shaurya and T.Tanishk of The Lawrence School, Lovedale represented Nilgiris in CM Trophy Cricket State championship at the Nehru Stadium, Chennai from the 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> of October -2024. School Coach Mr. Devendra Kumar was appointed as the District Coach for the above tournament.



## CM Trophy Badminton State Championship at Chennai



A team comprising Namith, Agnidipto, Kamalini and Nikita Rao of The Lawrence School, Lovedale represented the Nilgiris District in the CM Trophy State Badminton Tournament conducted at the Tamilnadu Physical Education University Stadium, Chennai from the 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> October -2024.

## CM Trophy Football Tournament

The Sports Development of Authority organised CM Trophy football tournament at district level in the HADP stadium Ooty from September, 18<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024. The Lawrence School secured the second position out of the 64 schools that participated in the tournament.



# Sports Roundup



## U-17 Boys' Football Team Achieves Runner-Up Position: A Showcase of Skill and Sportsmanship



The U-17 boys' Football team showcased great skill and determination, securing the runner-up position. The Lawrencians defeated JSS School and The Good Shepherd International School, and they drew with Holy Innocents School in the league stages. In the quarter-finals, our team dominated Riverside School, winning 2-1 in the semi-finals against St. Jude's Public School. Although we lost in the final to St. Joseph's, Coonor, the U-17 team's achievement brought immense pride to our School, highlighting the commitment and sportsmanship of our students.

## Triumph at Inter-School Tennis Tournament

The Lawrence School, Lovedale, had the honour of hosting the prestigious Inter-School Tennis Tournament for both boys and girls from October 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Team Lawrence (U-14 Boys) and (U-17 Girls) bagged third position and (U-17 Boys), (U-19 Boys), (U-14 Girls) and (U-19 Girls) emerged as winners. Arjun, Sowmya was recognised as the 'Most Promising Player' and Vedachal B, Ishaanvi K., Yashika and Khush were awarded the title of 'Best Player' under different categories.



## Archery Teams Bring Home 49 Medals from IPSC Nationals



The Boys' and Girls' Archery Teams of The Lawrence School, Lovedale competed in the IPSC National Archery Tournament held at Mayo College in Ajmer from October 17 to 19, 2024. The Lawrence School, Lovedale delivered an outstanding performance, bringing home a total of 49 medals.

## Galloping To Glory: Dream Alliance 2024

The Dream Alliance Equestrian Competition, held on October 25-26, 2024, featured 25 skilled students from The Lawrence School, Lovedale. International judge Col. Sunil Shivdas (Retd.) praised their impressive performances. With participation from 12 clubs and schools, the event highlighted Lawrence's continued dedication to equestrian excellence.



## Smashing Success: IPSC Badminton Tournament 2024



The Lawrence School, Lovedale's U-14, U-17, and U-19 Boys' Badminton teams competed in the IPSC Badminton Tournament 2024 in Pune. The U-17 team finished as runners-up, with the U-14 team reaching the semifinals and the U-19 team advancing to the quarterfinals. Namith D. Putachi was placed runner-up in singles and, along with Nirmal Dev, will represent IPSC at the SGFI Tournament.

## Proud Achievements at the SGFI Championship

Sixteen archery students from The Lawrence School, Lovedale, participated in the SGFI Championship held at the District Sports Complex in Nadiad, Gujarat, from November 11<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The event saw the participation of 30 states from across the country.

School's Archery Coach, Mr. Alex A T, was appointed as the official coach for the IPSC Team (Under 17) for the prestigious tournament. Additionally, Ms. Petricia and Ms. Sophy Benny were appointed as the Managers for the IPSC Team, contributing their expertise and support throughout the event



# Sports Roundup



## Annual Athletics Meet 2024-25



The highly anticipated Inter-House Athletics Competition for 2024 was held from November 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>. The event was graced by Ms. Rupal Choudhary, Silver Medalist at the U-20 World Athletics Championships, who was the Guest of Honor along with Mr. Ajith Markose, a former athlete and the current head of the National Endurance Program at the Reliance Foundation, and Mr. Yunis Khan, a former international athlete and coach at the Army Sports Institute in Pune.

A standout moment of the Meet was a record-breaking performance in the discus event in the U-19 boys' division by Kavya Patel - 31.68m. The Nilgiri House bagged the first position followed by Aravalli House and Vindhya took up the spot of second runners up. In the March Past Aravalli House secured the Best House title, while the Nilgiri House achieved the second position.

## Nilgiri District Badminton Tournament-2024

Team Lawrence won multiple titles at the District Badminton Tournament held at Anna Stadium, Ooty, from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024. The championship brought together 299 players from 25 schools and clubs across the region to compete in a total of 28 events for both boys and girls, spanning age groups from under 11 to above 55.



## Taekwondo Colour Belt Grading Exam – Successful Completion



The Taekwondo Colour Belt Grading Exam was successfully held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at the Prep School Basketball Court, with 74 students from Class 5 to Class 8 participating. The exam, supervised by 7<sup>th</sup> Dan G. Balakrishnan, assessed the students' skills and techniques while also motivating them to aim for higher grades. The results saw 29 students advance from White Belt to Yellow Stripe, 29 from Yellow Stripe to Yellow Belt, and 16 from Yellow Belt to Green Stripe. The event was attended by Mr. Thomas George, Master Charge of the Junior School, Mrs. Anita Prabhu, Mistress Charge of the Prep School, and other staff members. It was announced that colour belt grading exams will be conducted every three months.

## IPSC Athletics Championship

The IPSC Athletics for the year 2024-25 was held at Punjab Public School Nabha from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024. The competition saw enthusiastic participation from schools across the region, with athletes competing in various events. The Lawrence School girls' team showcased exceptional talent and sportsmanship, securing the overall third position in the competition. Their impressive performances in track and field events contributed significantly to the team's success.



## Samyra Puri of Lawrence School Represents IPSC Basketball Team at the 68<sup>th</sup> National School Games



Samyra Puri a Class 8 student, represented the IPSC Under-14 Basketball team at the 68<sup>th</sup> National School Games held in Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh, from November 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. Her exceptional skills and dedication on the court were evident throughout the competition, where she made valuable contributions to her team's performance. This prestigious event provided Samyra with a platform to showcase her talent and take a significant step in her sporting journey. The school is immensely proud of her achievements and commends her for her hard work and determination in making her school and team proud.

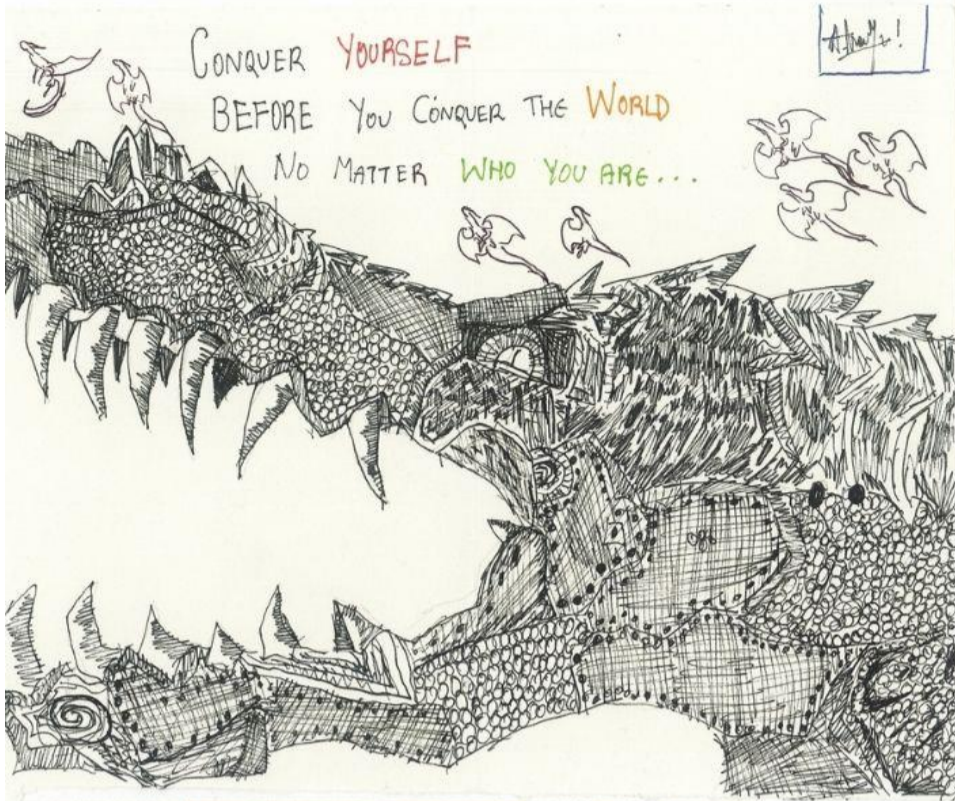
## Five Boys from The Lawrence School, Lovedale Represent Nilgiri District in Under-13 State Level Basketball Tournament

Five boys from the School represented Nilgiri District in the Under-13 State Level Basketball Tournament, held in Trichy from 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024. The team played with determination, making it to the quarter-finals before losing to Coimbatore. Their performance throughout the tournament was commendable, showcasing excellent teamwork, skill, and sportsmanship. The school is proud of their efforts and the way they represented Nilgiri District at such a prestigious event.

**Team Members :** Tridev (Class VII), Harshal Agarwal (Class VIII), Dhananjay Jain (Class VIII), Shadman Abbas (Class VIII), Jashan Jain (Class VIII),







## PREP SCHOOL

By- Vedansh Dhuppad  
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We are prep boys, and we are proud of being one. Prep school is full of joy and boys and more luck, because they got MD sir. The fun which we have is indescribable. There many reasons for Prep School is Best.  
We are PREPERS.

### PARENTS AND CANDLES

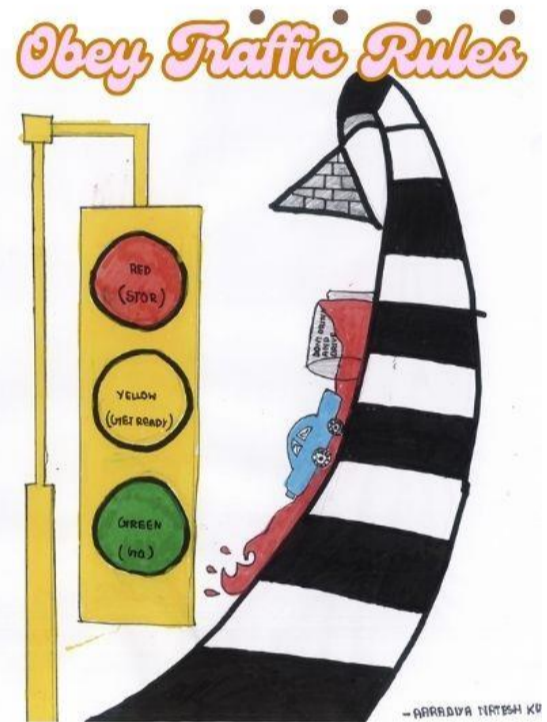
BY- SHISHANTH BHASKER  
VIII B

Parents are like candles,  
They melt themselves to light our space,  
We do not realize that the candle is melting,  
So we do not respect what it gives.

### Limericks

There was an old lady of France.  
Who taught little ducklings to dance.  
When she said "Tick-a-tack"  
They only said "Quack".  
Which grieved the old lady of France.

My mother always says.  
That she will give me 'Lays'.  
She leaves me a lot.  
That she bought me a pot.  
One day she finally bought me 'Lays'.



### NIGHTMARES

Every night when I go to sleep  
I get nightmares very deep  
The curtains moving make me creep,  
I hear the horns of my jeep  
I see a monster on me taking a leap  
I count endless numbers of sheep,  
To get a good sleep and dream to be sweat  
I think these nightmares will someday make me weap.

If I don't have a soft toy with me to sleep,  
My heart will go fast beep-beep.  
It's like I got into a coma,  
As if I got a nightmare phobia.

When I wear one blanket,  
It feels so cold.  
When I wear two blankets,  
It's so suffocated,  
I just hate it.

Now, this is making me cry,  
Somebody please help me,  
Who may be passing by.  
Do you have nightmares in your life too?  
If you do, then its bad luck for you!

There once lived a Mouse.  
He had a early rouse  
He was very fat.  
He had a bat.  
He had a very big house.

Aviira Villanan  
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### SMALL ACT, BIG IMPACTS

A kind act can have a very powerful impact. Something as simple as holding the door for someone or offering a genuine compliment can lift someone's spirit up. These small gestures often go unnoticed, but they often create ripples of positivity that can brighten a person's day. One act of goodwill inspires others to do the same thing. In a world that moves quickly, kindness and empathy can help us reconnect with out humanity. It reminds us that we are capable of making a difference in someone else's life. Even the smallest gestures can leave a lasting impression.

By- Kritin Keshav S S  
IX-D

BY- MAYAN S  
VII A



- ### RIDDLES
- BY- V SANJIVE KAARTHIK  
VII A
- 1.WHY WAS THE MATH BOOK CRYING?  
BECAUSE IT HAS MANY PROBLEMS
  2. WHY WAS THE MUSHROOM INVITED TO ALL THE PARTIES?  
BECAUSE MUSHROOM IS A FUNGI (FUN+GUY)
  3. WHICH DAY DOES THE FISH HATE?  
FRIDAY (FRY + DAY)



OUR TEACHERS  
TEACHERS ARE THE ONE WHO  
LIGHT OUR WAY,  
AND THROW THE WORD  
DIFFICULT AWAY.  
THEY ARE LOVELY IN ANYWAY,  
THEY ARE HARDWORKING AND  
GAMECHANGERS.  
FOR WE RESPECT TEACHERS,  
WHO TAUGHT US HOW TO STUDY  
WELL.

TEACHERS ARE TRULY  
EXTRAVAGANT,  
THEY ARE MIRACULOUSLY  
INTELLIGENT.  
THEY TEACH US HOW TO LIVE  
BEYOND OUR COMFORT,  
THEY ARE TREMENDOUSLY  
IMPORTANT,  
LEARN ONE THING IN YOUR LIFE.  
BECAUSE OF A TEACHER,  
WE BECAME VICTORIOUS IN OUR  
LIFE.

VARSHIKA D  
7A



## THE ABYSS OF YESTERDAY

WHAT I DID YESTERDAY  
IS A BLANK PAPER TODAY  
WHAT I ATE FOR LUNCH  
WHO I MAY HAVE PUNCHED  
WHAT WE HAD IN HISTORY  
IT'S ALL NOW A MYSTERY

THE ABYSS OF YESTERDAY'S MEMORIES  
ARE USELESS TODAY  
ALL OF THEM LIE IN THE ABYSS OF MY MEMORY  
AND WASTE AWAY LIKE CELERY

BUT YESTERDAY IS A GUIDE FOR TODAY  
SOON THE MEMORIES LEAVE THE ABYSS  
ONE ARE SHARED EVERY DAY

RABHYA JHA  
VIII A

1) WHY WAS THE KID CARRYING THE  
LADDER?  
SO HE COULD GET TO THE HIGH  
SCHOOL!

2) WHY SHOULDN'T YOU TELL  
JOKES TO AN EGG?  
BECAUSE HE MIGHT CRACK UP!

ADYANT A, 6A



-Teesha Mishra

Whispers of Time  
Beneath the sky of amber light,  
The world unfolds in colour bright.  
Where mountains stand both proud and  
tall,  
And rivers hum their endless call.

The fields are painted with the dawn,  
As morning breaks the night's long yawn.  
A bird takes flight, it wings a song,  
While time, it moves both slow and strong.

In the quiet hum of days gone by,  
The echoes of the past still lie.  
We chase the wind, we seek the stars,  
Yet find ourselves in distant scars.

But in each breath, in every sigh,  
We live, we love and wonder why.  
Mahi Airen, 9A

## THESE DAYS I DON'T SEE YOU

These days I don't see you,  
It feels like the world has frozen still,  
You used to sit beside me, smiling  
Now it seems like time has lost its  
thrill.

They say where the moon is, the  
moonlight follows,  
But I wonder whether I am the  
moon?

They say the night will always find its  
darkness

But without you it feels like the night  
has come too soon.

Like the sunlight of the morning,  
The night now seems incomplete.  
I search for you in the shadow  
But without you, there is no light to  
great.

Your smile once healed my heart  
Made me feel alive, made me feel  
whole

But now just a glance at your face  
Makes my heart ache, takes its toll.

I used to love singing songs  
But now I'm familiar with your voice  
I once adored the scent of flowers  
Now its your fragrance that makes  
me ...

I never knew pain before  
But now its something I've come to  
know

So don't say anything more  
Just let it be- at silence ...

By- Kartavya Fogla

## MOTHER NATURE

OH DEAR MOTHER NATURE,  
HOW WELL YOU HELP US NURTURE!  
FOR ALL WE'VE CAUSED YOU IS PAIN  
BUT YET YOU HELP US GAIN!  
YOU'VE GIVEN US FRUITS AND GRAIN  
MOUNTAINS AND PLAINS,  
RIVERS AND RAIN,  
BUT ALL WE DID WAS DRAIN  
IT IS NOT TOO LATE  
TO STOP TO HATE  
LET'S PROTECT THE EARTH  
WHERE WE ONCE HAD OUR BIRTH  
OH DEAR MOTHER NATURE  
HOW WELL YOU HELP US NURTURE.

BY-ARYA AEGAVAN  
VIII A



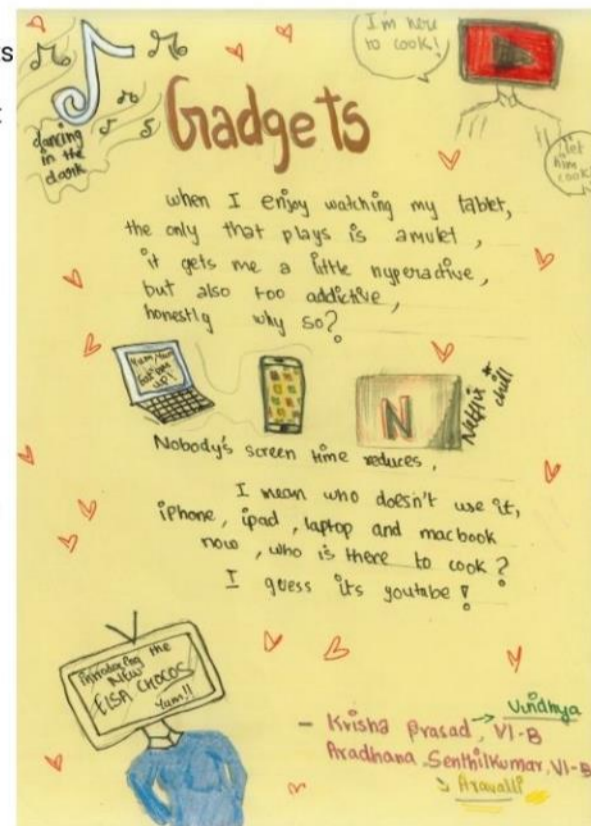
Ira Goyal  
VI A

## A SHADE OF BLUE

BENEATH THE SKY, SO VAST AND WIDE,  
THE WINDS OF CHANGE IN SILENCE GLIDE.  
A WHISPERED WISH, A FLEETING DREAM,  
AS LIFE UNFOLD LIKE ENDLESS STREAM.

THE STARS ABOVE, THE EARTH BELOW,  
IN QUIET DANCE, THE MOMENTS FLOW.  
AND THOUGH THE WORLD MAY SHIFT AND SWAY,  
THE HEART REMAINS, STEADFAST, EACH DAY.

SAANVI RAO, 9D



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