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## From the Principal's Desk

The Vital Role of Current Affairs: Why Students Should Read Newspapers Daily? The world today is moving ahead at a rapid pace. For students who are preparing to navigate the problems of modern society, it is essential to stay informed about current affairs as it aids them in excelling in their skills and knowledge that are invaluable for their academic, personal and professional growth. Inculcating a daily habit of reading a newspaper promotes a better understanding of the world around them. Newspapers cover a wide range of topics which include Politics, Economics, Technology, Culture, Sports and Science to name a few, thus helping students to get more informative with a complete understanding of various issues occurring around the world.

A snippet on the inception of newspapers - the first ever newspaper is believed to be the German-language 'Relation aller Fürnemmen und gedenckwürdigen Historien', which was printed in Strasbourg in 1605. However, direct handwritten news sheets circulated widely in Venice as early as 1566, and the ancient Romans are credited with publishing the first newspaper called 'Acta Diurna' in 59 BCE. The modern newspaper is a European invention. The oldest direct handwritten news sheets circulated widely in Venice as early as 1566. These weekly news sheets were about wars and politics in Italy and Europe. The first printed newspapers were published weekly in Germany from 1605. The modern newspaper is a European invention. The oldest direct handwritten news sheets circulated widely in Venice as early as 1566. These weekly reports were full of information on wars and politics in Italy and Europe. The first printed newspapers were published weekly in Germany from 1605. In the present times, they are published in every language spoken across the globe and circulated daily. They are available as a hard copy or in an online format, for larger coverage.

The knowledge that students gain upon picking up the newspaper daily helps them in their research work and enhances their studies. Be it the launch of a new satellite from ISRO, NASA or SpaceX, Sunita Williams and Barry Wilmore being stuck in space until 2025, the Olympics 2024 updates; a breakthrough in medicine about doctors extracting a brain tumour through a nasal passage of the patient; global political updates; occurrences in the city; breakthroughs in Science and Technology, Geopolitical developments or emerging trends in business and finance, students are very well informed. It allows them to adapt to changing circumstances, seize opportunities and make informed decisions in their personal and professional lives.

A well-informed citizen is essential for the functioning of a society. By staying posted on current affairs, students develop a deeper understanding of civic issues, government policies, and societal trends, empowering them to actively participate in civic life and contribute to positive social change. Well-read students will enhance their career prospects, as employers value individuals who are well-informed, intellectually curious, and adaptable to new challenges and opportunities.

At the Orbis school, we have a student newspaper subscription, through which we encourage students to pick up the newspaper every day and embark on a journey of knowledge, insight, and discovery. They actively contribute to articles for the newspaper and participate in the various activities conducted, as we imbibe active and passive transfer of knowledge while we 'Celebrate Learning'.

Farida Harianawala, Principal Orbis 1



## Big News!

### IIHM Teacher's Day Award, 2024'25

The influence of a good teacher can never be erased. The teachers at the Orbis School strive to do their best and influence the students to be theirs. Heartiest congratulations to Ms Sheetal Bhosale and Ms Bhabatarini Barik on receiving the "IIHM Teacher's Day Award 2024". The award ceremony was held on Friday, 27th September, at IIHM, Pune. Surely the greatest gift for a teacher is to see the students succeed, this award celebrates their incredible contributions, dedication and passion which they have shown to keep the flame of knowledge alive, even in challenging times.



## Flavours from our Orchard

### Orbiloqui ( 2nd September)

It was a day of excitement and some nerves. The Annual Literary Event marks the culmination of the journey thus in terms of learning and understanding. It was the show and tell by the nursery students that brightened up the stage, along with the storytelling by the junior and senior kindergarteners. Stories told using puppets kept the audience entertained. The children performed small experiments in the show and tell, making the parents feel proud and happy.

**Hufrish Dutt, CT Sr. Kindergarten Mango**



### Hindi Diwas (10th September)

Hindi Diwas is celebrated every year on the 14th of September to mark the adoption of Hindi as one of the official languages of India. Hindi Diwas reminds us of India's rich cultural heritage. This day was celebrated by the primary students with great zeal through interesting activities. The little Orbians were enlightened by a 'teacher's talk' on the importance of the Hindi language. The primary students recited a melodious rhyme relay in Hindi. This showcased the students' ability to express emotions and ideas through poetry in Hindi. Hindi Diwas is celebrated to recognise the significance of the language and rejoice in its cultural and literary heritage.

**Anika Jain, CT Sr. Kindergarten Orange**

### Pet Day ( 12th September)

Keeping a pet entails empathy, responsibility and a heart filled with love. On this day when the tiny tots met some beautiful creatures, the pre-primary wing was abuzz with activity. Among the pets, who were invited, there was a furry canine, a turtle, and a parrot. Children loved spending time with them. Some were hesitant at first sight but soon became comfortable and had the experience of petting and trying to communicate with the animals. The teachers were careful that each child understood the essence of the day through age-appropriate instructions. This activity was designed to help young children learn the importance of loving and caring for other living creatures and develop a sense of responsibility.

**Meenu Sharma, CT Sr. Kindergarten Apple**



### Animal Features and Sounds ( 18th-20th September)

To identify the common animals and their sounds, students in the kindergarten section had some fun-filled activities. They learned about the physical features and sounds of different animals. They also indulged in multiple activities, such as Guess the Animal Sounds. This helped the students identify sounds made by common animals. It was a week of integrated learning through art integration using visual and audio aids.

**Hufrish Dutt, CT Sr. Kindergarten Mango**

### Wild animals - Young Ones and Homes (23rd -27th September)

Students of the pre-primary school made origami animals and, in the process, learned about their different parts. The senior kindergarten students matched animals with their habitat. Through these activities, the children were enlightened about some basic facts regarding animals that live in the wild. There was a class discussion on the needs of these wonderful creatures, such as water, clean air, and thick jungles. Through age-appropriate examples, students could comprehend their food cycle.

**Prabhavathi Rajkumar, CT Jr. Kindergarten Apple**

## I Know More, I Grow More

### Session on Damini Squad (6th September)

Stay Alert and Stay Safe. A fruitful workshop was conducted for Classes 3 to 5 to spread awareness amongst the students. The members of The Damini Squad conducted the session to help students understand the importance of being aware and alert to be safe, in school and outside. They were also explained the difference between good touch and bad touch, where children should report such incidents to their elders or any trusted person within their safe circle. The importance of saying NO was reiterated and stressed.

**Sushma Patole, CT 5 Sirius**



### Students' Workshop (11th September)

To maximise productivity while studying, it is important to focus on studying smarter and not necessarily

harder or longer. A workshop on Study Smarter Not Harder/Longer was conducted for the students of the senior secondary section. They are enlightened on methodologies to make studying smarter. They were made aware of the different learning styles to help them identify their own, and methods that would work best for them. For visual learners; mind maps, diagrams, and flashcards usually work well. The auditory learners benefit from discussions, listening to podcasts, or reading notes aloud. Reading and writing learners could focus on rewriting notes and reviewing them daily, while kinesthetic learners benefit from engaging in hands-on activities, such as creating projects or drawing to retain information for a longer time. The works tangibly benefited the students, helping them understand the various processes to optimise their learning.

**Pallavi Pandey, PGT English**

### Indo Global University Fair (13th September)

The 5th Indo-Global Orbis University Fair was an event to reckon with. With the senior students of the Orbis Schools standing on the threshold, ready to step out into the wider and newer world, it was an appropriate time to learn about the opportunities and options available outside. Many foreign and Indian Universities were represented by efficient teams who introduced their respective colleges and the courses they had to offer. Students of the Orbis Schools had many questions which were addressed well. The Savannah College of Art & Design USA, Trinity College, Dublin, Flame University, Mahindra University Hyderabad, and Ecole Intuit Lab, Mumbai, were some Universities that participated in the event.

**Sharvari Hingmire, Student 10 Deneb**



### Half Yearly Examination (19th September)

The Half Yearly Examination for Classes 3-11 were conducted from 19th September to 1st October 2025. Everything was executed flawlessly and the students were able to appear for the examination in a disciplined and orderly manner. Special examination days were set for those students participating in the Inter School Football Tournament and the National Robotics Competition.

**Gregory Belsher, CT 6 Sirius**

### Workshop: Peer Pressure (21st September)

A workshop on peer pressure was conducted by the counsellor of the Orbis School, Ms Rossita Veigas. It was an interactive session attended by the girls and boys of Classes 9 and 10. Ms Veigas explained about the types of peer pressure namely positive, negative and neutral. Negative pressure makes one feel uncomfortable and stressed. Peer pressure is not always negative, sometimes the effects are positive and motivate us for the better. Neutral peer pressure has no noticeable effect. It is imperative, in today's fast-paced times, that the young, growing generation is not only academically and financially stable but also emotionally strong and resilient and to be able to ask for help when required. The understanding that it is okay to not always do well is important for mental health.

**Avni Neroth, Student 10 Sirius**

## SOF Olympiads ( 26th September)

The Orbis School encourages students to participate in the Science Olympiad Foundation Examination to expand their knowledge and compete in a larger arena. Children select subjects as per their interests. The tests conducted were the International English Olympiad, the National Science Olympiad, and the International General Knowledge Olympiad.

**Kavita Hole, CT 2 Sirius**

## Impressions and Expressions

I Go  
I go here, I go there,  
But they are the only place  
I belong where  
They help me, they love me,  
They are the only place  
I belong where,  
I am happy if they are happy,

They are the only place  
I belong where  
You may wonder who they are,  
They are  
My friends and my family  
They are the only place  
I belong where.

**Aryan Tekade, Student 9 Sirius**



## Club of the month

### Dramatics, Public Speaking and Debate Club- Collaboration

They say 'If courage is fire, bullying is smoke'

Bullying is an epidemic and if not stopped at the right time, the effects could be disastrous. To spread awareness about this menace the students of the Dramatics, Public Speaking and Debate Clubs put up a street play. The play underscored the different types of bullying such as physical, verbal and cyber. The Club members encouraged students to stand up against the vice of such acts. Students of Class 8 were a part of the audience and enjoyed the play as much as it inspired them.

**Bhoomi Rajdev, Student 9 Sirius**



## Special Assemblies

### Teachers' Day Assembly (3rd September)

The lower primary wing of the Orbis School conducted a special assembly on teacher's day. Through a small skit, the youngest children in school presented the essence of the day. It was heartwarming and endearing. Both teachers and students have a role to play in executing tasks, to maximise learning. In age-appropriate ways, the teachers spoke to the students about ways to show respect towards each other and value each day together. Our parents, grandparents, friends, and those who help us daily play a major role in teaching us new and good things.

**Alina Salim, CT 1 Deneb**

### Hindi Diwas, (10th September)

हिंदी भारत की पहचान है। हिंदी हमारे देश की भाषा और गरिमा की पहचान है। हिंदी हमारे सम्मान और गर्व की भाषा है। हर साल १४ सितम्बर को हमारे देश में हिंदी दिवस मनाया जाता है। हिंदी भाषा के प्रति रूचि जागृत करने के लिए कक्षा १ और २ के छात्रों ने मिलकर एक विशेष सभा प्रस्तुत की। कक्षा २ के कुछ छात्रों ने हिंदी भाषा पर आधारित नुक्कड़ नाटक प्रस्तुत किया और कक्षा १ और कक्षा २ के बच्चों ने मिलकर नाच, गाना, कविता गायन भी किया। नाटक के द्वारा छात्रों ने हिंदी एक बहुत सरल, सहज और सुगम भाषा है ये दिखा दिया। उसके लेखन और उच्चारण में स्पष्टता है ये समझा दिया। हमारे अध्यापिका जी ने सभा में छात्रों को हिंदी दिवस के बारे में महत्वपूर्ण जानकारी दी। कार्यक्रम का समापन बड़े ही आनंद और सुंदरता के साथ किया गया।

**Pooja Pandey, Subject Teacher Hindi**



## Hindi Diwas, (13th September)

हिंदी का करो सम्मान, हिंदी का है देश का सम्मान। प्रतिवर्ष की भाँति इस वर्ष भी हिंदी दिवस का समारोह, ऑर्बिस के प्रांगण में धूम-धाम से मनाया गया। कक्षा ६ राजजल के छात्रों ने इस उपलक्ष पर हिंदी सभा का आयोजन किया। सभा का शब्द था 'मौलिकता'। छात्रों द्वारा प्रस्तुत सभा अति ज्ञानवर्द्धक थी। इसके अतिरिक्त हेरिटेज क्लब के विद्यार्थियों ने हिंदी दिवस पर एक लघु एकांकी भी प्रस्तुत की।

**Nidhi Paul, CT 7 Rigel**



### Our Green Ways



Our school conducts Thinkroom Day each year. I enjoy conducting experiments in Science and chose to learn more about Solar energy. I researched various machines which work using solar energy and finally decided to work on a Solar water heating system for my project. It uses Thermosiphon technology. This process utilises a natural and renewable resource, Solar Radiation. The energy of the sun is captured in a solar collection device and is transferred to water via conduction. The principle of the Thermosiphoning system is that cold water has a higher specific gravity (density) than warm water and being heavier will sink. Therefore, the collector is always mounted below the water storage tank so that the cold water from the tank reaches the collector via a descending water pipe. If the collector heats the water, the water rises again and reaches the tank through an ascending water pipe at the upper end of the collector. It is cost-effective with a low maintenance cost. It also has no greenhouse Gas Emissions. After making the project, I realised that our needs can also be fulfilled by inventing machines which run on renewable sources of energy which is both helpful for humans as well as for the environment.

**Md. Ayas Arefin, Student 7 Vega**



### I did it

Karate Champions!

We congratulate the winners of the Golden Belt Karate Championship.

Saanvi Patel, Ahana Sengupta, Class 1 Sirius

Kavya Gavandi, Class 1 Deneb

Yanvi Tiwari, Class 1 Rigel

Pranav Pande, Advik Shukla, Aadvik Kumar, Class 1 Antares

Vihaan Bhong, Runav Kanbargi, Shreyan Dewangan, Anaya Mittal, Anushri Awalkar, Dewangan, Anaya Mittal, Anushri Awalkar, Class 2 Vega

Kaivalya Joshi, Samyak Bora, Kiara Jain, Ishanvi Shisode, Aditya, Kaveri Kand, Kabeer Dolas, Dewangan, Anaya Mittal, Anushri Awalkar, Class 2 Rigel

Asiha Kini, Atharv Singh, Parth Jadhao, Atharv Singh, Parth Jadhao, Class 2 Antares



## Inter House Results:

| Event/Participating Classes | IBA           |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
|                             | Class 11 & 12 |
| EXPLORERS                   | 4             |
| GUARDIANS                   | 2             |
| INNOVATORS                  | 8             |
| VANGUARDS                   | 6             |



## Have fun learning French.

Les éléments de grammaire française

La grammaire française de base couvre les éléments de base nécessaires pour comprendre efficacement la langue. Voici quelques éléments de base- les noms, les articles, les adjectifs, les pronoms, les verbes, la négation, les prépositions, contracté, l'interrogation etc.

La grammaire français est similaire à celle d'anglais. Comme l'alphabet et le formation d'une phrase (Sujet+verbe+objet). Mais il y a des différences comme la prononciation de l'alphabet et des accents. Les adjectifs sont souvent placés après l' objet. Et étonnamment tout a un genre. Comme un livre est masculin mais une photo est féminine.

Ces éléments constituent le fondements de la grammaire française, aidant les apprenants à construire, à exprimer des idées et à mieux comprendre la langue.

Elements of French Grammar

Basic French grammar covers the foundation elements needed to understand the language. The basic elements are nouns, articles, adjectives, pronouns, verbs, negation, prepositions, contractions and interrogation. Grammar, in French, is similar to that of English, like the alphabet and the formation of a sentence (Subject+Verb+Object). However, there are differences, such as the pronunciation of the alphabet and accents. The adjectives are often placed after the object and surprisingly everything has a gender. A book is masculine, while a photo is feminine.

These elements form the foundation of French grammar, helping learners build sentences, express ideas and understand the language better.

**Aanya Bagui, Student 10 Sirius**



## Personality of the month

Sunita Lyn Williams born on September 19, 1963, is a well-known American astronaut and record holder for most spacewalks by a woman. She was assigned as a member of the International Space Station and has also served as a flight engineer and commander. She returned to the ISS for her first crewed mission along with Barry 'Butch' Wilmore in 2024. Williams and her fellow astronauts are set to undertake and lead various experiments in science and maintaining the ISS tasks on board. Launched on 5 June, the test flight launched on the ISS for their eight-day mission is yet to return. Some technical difficulties with the Boeing Starliner have left NASA, unable to move on with its plans. Their return is expected to be near February 2025. Her

other interests along with space missions include running, swimming, biking, triathlons, windsurfing, snowboarding and bow hunting. Her father, Deepak Pandya was an Indian-American neuroanatomist from Mehsana district, Gujarat, while her mother, Ursuline Bonnie Pandya is a Slovene-American.

**Aryan Tekade, Student 9 Sirius**



## Sunita Williams



## Virtue Alone Ennobles

### Belongingness

Belongingness is a term generally used to explain ownership of someone or something. It gives us a feeling of being a part of a group. It could be our family, our friends, a society, the country we live in or a community. When we experience belongingness, we understand what togetherness feels like. We feel wanted. Belongingness is shown to us by people through small gestures in life that bring us comfort. For example, it could be a place we have visited that makes us feel like we belong there. However, belongingness may not just come to us, we may sometimes need to search our way through life to get that beautiful feeling of being wanted and respected. Once found, belongingness can help us feel so motivated that even the most gruelling hardships in life may seem simple later. When one feels seen, hurdles are easy to overcome. When we are loved, and accepted by society, the sense of belongingness helps us become stronger and makes us confident so we can overcome our fears and face all challenges with great might. This satisfying emotion that we experience helps us grow positively. The value of belongingness is important and we must understand that belongingness may have no value when it is felt and not given. Therefore, we must strive to include people in our lives irrespective of their choices or backgrounds, every human must feel as equal as we do, for belongingness is the greatest form of affection.

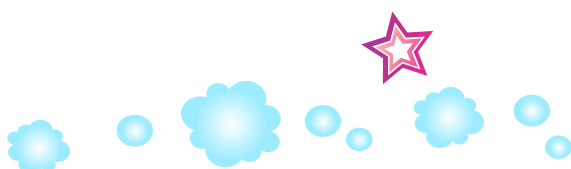
**Eva Patil Student 9 Sirius**

## Teachers' Corner

### Teacher's Day (5th September)

The Orbis School came alive with the Orbi Gala, honouring the incredible educators on Teachers' Day. The day started with an assembly featuring student-led activities, including creative performances that captured the essence of gratitude. The students created a surprise video montage sharing memorable moments and heartfelt messages from students across varied grades. Joy and chuckles filled the room as the teachers took part in lighthearted games and bobbed up with the flash mob organised by the students. The best-dressed teachers were recognised and were awarded for the same. The jollity kept on with a majestic lunch catered by the Directors.

**Pallavi Pandey, PGT English**



**Gratitude**

Gratitude - a virtue  
We must possess  
gratitude - a quality  
We must address  
Be thankful always  
For what we have  
and what we get  
Be thankful to the  
Nature for this lovely life  
And providing us with  
The Essentials to Survive

Be thankful to your parents.  
And the teachers  
Be thankful for even  
Tiniest of the creatures

Gratitude begets humility  
And humbleness  
Gratitude brings positivity  
So, Let's learn to have  
The attitude of gratitude  
For everyone around us  
**Nidhi Paul, CT 7 Rigel**



**Parents' Prerogative**

**Workshop for Parents: Tips for De-addiction of Electronic Gadgets (21st September)**

A fascinating and interactive workshop was conducted for the parents of Classes 3 to 5 on ways to de-addict from electronic gadgets for good mental health. The workshop aimed to help parents understand the detrimental effects of excessive screen time and address the potential addiction associated with electronic devices. The speaker, Dr Parth Dalal, a renowned paediatrician, explained the consequences of overexposure to screen time on the health and well-being of students and parents. He gave useful tips and introduced practical strategies and activities to promote a balanced and responsible approach to electronic gadgets, ensuring overall well-being and development. Dr. Dalal also answered queries and doubts raised by the parents and concluded the workshop.



**Renu Laharia, CT 4 Sirius**



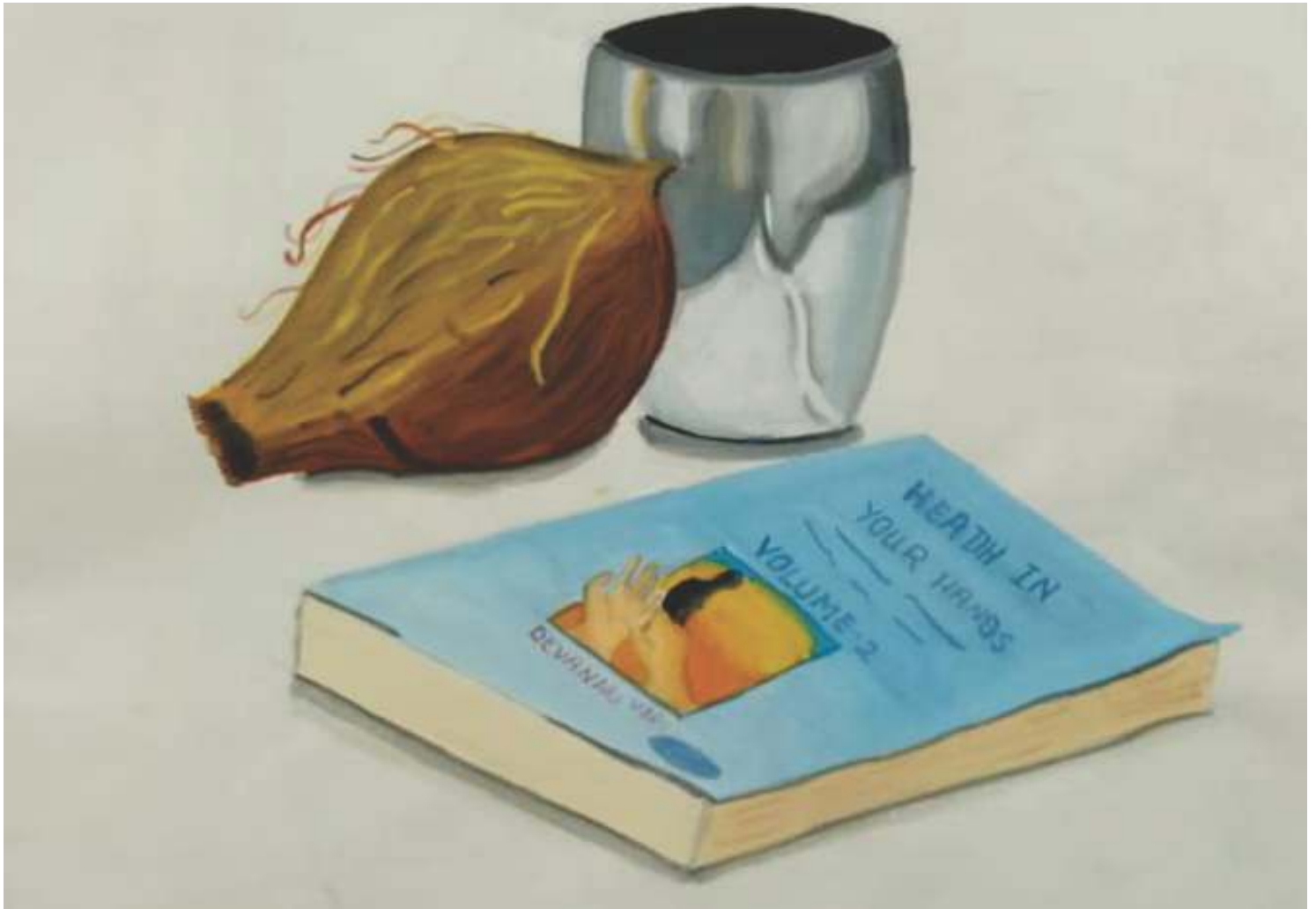
**Rudransh Gupta Cass 9 Rigel**



**Khimaya Mittal Class 7 D**



**Khimaya Mittal Class 7 D**



Tejas Latake 8 Vega

## I can do it!

1. How many flights has Sunita Williams made to the International Space Station?
2. How many Spacewalks has she made outside spacecraft and how many hours did she clock?
3. Name the spacecraft she is on now.
4. Why and when did the Starliner return to Earth?
5. Who is the commander of the Starliner?
6. What is Sunita Williams' designation on the Starliner?



### From the Editorial Team: Endangered

In Bali's lush, where shadows weave,  
 The tiger's roar began to grieve.  
 Its stripes once cut through forests dense,  
 Now silence reigns where life was immense.  
 A phantom treads on fallen leaves,  
 A whisper lost in twilight's eaves.  
**Dishita Bhattacharya, Student 9 Sirius**



Orbis 1 Chief Editor - Anjali Srivastava, Co- Editors - Pushpa Bhat, Amrita Kar Dhar, Nalini Saklani, Renu Lahariya, Pallavi Pandey, Members of the Editorial Club.



### Thought for the month

September is a time to reap the rewards of our hard work and celebrate our accomplishments.

