



DELIGHTED MINDS & ADAPT HANDS

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# SAPPHIRE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

**MONTHLY  
ROUND UP**

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## OUR VISION

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To raise future ready global citizens grounded in values who explore, enjoy and realise their potential.

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## OUR MISSION

To offer a safe and caring environment for a happy and healthy growth of our learners.

To have a dedicated and passionate faculty.

To create a research based robust curriculum supported by technology.

To make parents as partners.

## OUR VALUES

Courage

Lifelong learning

Empathy

Responsibility

Passion for Excellence

Integrity



# FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL'S DESK



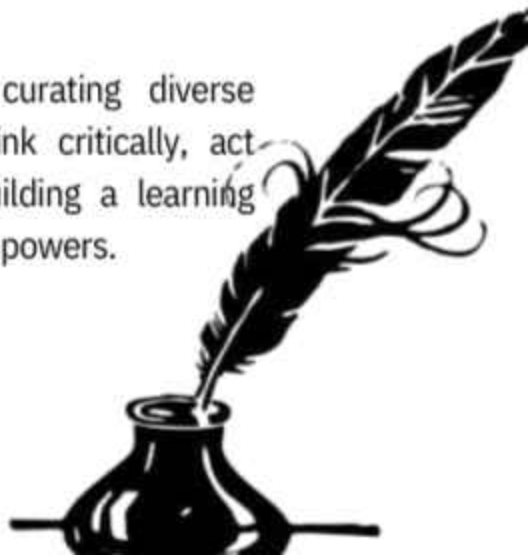
I am on a passionate mission to reimagine the way education is perceived and delivered in India. At the core of this transformation lies a deep commitment to ensuring that our learners are not only prepared for the future—but are inspired and empowered to shape it themselves.

My vision is to equip students with future-ready skills by integrating technology with a human-centered approach to learning. More than just tools and techniques, it's about nurturing empathy, resilience, responsibility, and a passion for excellence in every child.

Together, let's create learning experiences that are immersive, joyful, and meaningful—through exploration, collaboration, and innovation. From hands-on projects to age-appropriate challenges, every initiative will aim to spark curiosity and unlock potential.

As we move ahead, I look forward to curating diverse opportunities that encourage learners to think critically, act ethically, and grow holistically. Here's to building a learning community that inspires, connects, and truly empowers.

Warm Regards,  
Saurabh Sehgal





# FROM VICE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



I hope this message finds you and your families in good health. The past months have been a journey of unexpected challenges and learning. The lively energy of our classrooms, corridors filled with creativity, and daily interactions that once defined school life changed drastically. Yet, as a community, we gathered strength, adapted to new ways of learning, and continued moving forward with resilience and determination.

It has been truly inspiring to witness how teachers, learners, and parents embraced the digital learning environment and ensured that education continued despite limitations. This phase reinforced a powerful belief – that with commitment and collaboration, we can overcome any challenge.

These times have also taught us the importance of gratitude – for simple joys, meaningful relationships, and the value of shared experiences. As we move ahead into the new year, we look forward to creating more enriching learning experiences while carrying forward the lessons of resilience, responsibility, and adaptability.

We hope you enjoy this edition of the magazine, which reflects our journey, memories, and achievements. Together, we will continue to grow, learn, and create meaningful experiences for our learners.

Warm Regards,  
Divya Kapoor



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#### एक्सपर्ट का क्या है कहना?

सेफायर इंटरनेशनल, नोएडा में हेड ऑफ स्कूल सौरभ सहगल कहते हैं कि इस साल का बजट पढ़ाई को सिर्फ डिग्री तक सीमित नहीं रखता, बल्कि यह बताता है कि शिक्षा का असली मकसद क्या होना चाहिए। आज के बच्चे जानना चाहते हैं कि वे जो पढ़ रहे हैं, वह उनके काम कैसे आएगा। 'एजुकेशन टू एम्प्लॉयमेंट एंड एंटरप्राइज कमेटी' और 15,000 से ज्यादा स्कूलों में इनोवेशन और कंटेंट लैब बनाने की योजना इसी सोच को दिखाती है।

सहगल कहते हैं कि इंडस्ट्रियल एरिया के पास यूनिवर्सिटी टाउनशिप बनाने से पढ़ाई और नौकरी के बीच की दूरी कम होगी। इससे शिक्षा ज्यादा उपयोगी और अर्थपूर्ण बनेगी और छात्र जीवन व करियर दोनों के लिए बेहतर तरीके से तैयार होंगे, जो 2047 तक विकसित भारत के सपने को मजबूत करेगा।

एक्सेलेरेट के फाउंडर और CEO सुंदर कुमारसेमी का कहना है कि 2026 का बजट साफ दिखाता है कि अब सीखना सिर्फ क्लासरूम तक सीमित नहीं रहा। AI, क्वांटम

#### Budget 2026: From Learning to Earning – 5 Major Announcements for Students That Will Shape the Future

What do the experts say?

Saurabh Sehgal, Head of School at Sapphire International School, Noida, states that this year's budget does not limit education to degrees alone but highlights the true purpose of learning. Today's students want to understand how what they study will be useful in real life. The proposal to form an Education to Employment and Enterprise Committee and to establish innovation and content labs in more than 15,000 schools reflects this progressive vision.

Sehgal further explains that setting up university townships near industrial areas will reduce the gap between education and employment. This will make learning more practical and meaningful, better preparing students for both life and careers, and strengthening the vision of a developed India by 2047.

Accelerate Founder and CEO, Sundar Kumarasamy, believes that the 2026 budget clearly shows that learning is no longer confined to classrooms. The focus on AI, quantum technology, semiconductors, and electronics manufacturing, along with an allocation of ₹40,000 crore, is a forward-looking step aligned with future workforce needs.

## India's schools in 2025: A year-ender view from education leaders

As 2025 draws to a close, India's school education ecosystem reflects a year of decisive change, with shifts in pedagogy, assessment and student well-being moving firmly from policy to practice. Leading school voices share insights on what defined the year, what reforms are likely to endure, and how classrooms and leadership evolved in response.



**Anubha Kukreti** · ETEducation

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India's schools in 2025: A year-ender view from education leaders

As 2025 draws to a close, India's school education ecosystem reflects a year of decisive change. Earlier apprehensions have given way to acceptance and thoughtful adoption.

With AI introduced as a subject by CBSE and plans for wider rollout, schools are integrating AI

tools for personalised learning, adaptive assessments and multilingual support – while keeping human connection, judgment and teacher agency

Adding another dimension, **Saurabh Schgal, Director, Sapphire International School, Noida**, points to a cultural shift in how schools view artificial intelligence. Earlier apprehensions have given way to acceptance and thoughtful adoption.

To capture these reflections at the close of the year, **ETEducation** reached out to leading voices in school education, inviting them to look back at the shifts that defined 2025, the reforms likely to have lasting impact, and the challenges schools navigated as policy intent translated into classroom practice. Their perspectives offer a grounded year-ender view of how Indian schooling evolved over the year and what these changes signal for the road ahead.



# CAMBRIDGE DEBATE LEAGUE



A four-day offline workshop was conducted to strengthen high school learners' debate, communication, and critical thinking skills. The sessions were led by Ms. Alexandra Hamilton, Fulbright Scholar and Mentor from the University of Cambridge, and Co-founder of Scholar & Sage. The workshop concluded with a debate showcase celebrating student excellence.

Winner Team: Akul Agarwal, Shloak Singhal

Runner-Up Team: Avishi Jha

Best Debaters: Akul Agarwal, Aryan Sethi





# YOUNG MINDS, GLOBAL STAGE: OUR DEBATE LEAGUE EXPERIENCE



**SHLLOAK SINGHAL**  
X B

Participating in the Cambridge Debate League was a first debating experience, and though there was nervousness initially, the mentors and peers helped build confidence. It was a great opportunity to learn debate structure, etiquette, and rebuttals. Grateful to the school for providing such a wonderful learning platform.

The Cambridge Debate League was a milestone achievement, with recognition as Best Debater and a first-place team finish. Over time, debating has strengthened confidence, research ability, and overall experience through exposure to diverse perspectives. Sincere thanks to the school for enabling such meaningful opportunities.



**AKUL AGARWAL**  
XC



**ARYAN SETHI**  
XC

I was a participant in last year's Harvard Debate League and this year's Cambridge Debate League, where I won the Best Speaker Award. The mentorship was extremely enriching and helped me improve my speaking by focusing on the technical and analytical aspects of debating. I am truly grateful for this opportunity and would love to participate again.

I am blessed to kick start my debating journey with programs like Harvard Debate League and Canada's Debate League. Kudos to Sapphire for making me a good debater.



**AVISHI JHA**  
XC



**VIVAAN JAIN**  
XC

I participated in this year's Cambridge Debate League, which helped me gain confidence, improve my speech structure, and manage stage nervousness. I am grateful for this opportunity.



# STUDENT COUNCIL SELECTION

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Student Council Selection was conducted to encourage leadership, responsibility, and active student participation. Learners demonstrated confidence, integrity, and commitment while stepping forward to take on leadership roles within the school community.





# CITATION CEREMONY



The Citation Ceremony and Havan was a solemn and meaningful occasion where we came together to bless our learners and acknowledge their journey of growth and achievement. The serene havan fostered a positive and uplifting atmosphere, making the ceremony truly memorable for all in attendance.





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## ACHIEVEMENTS



Sapphire International School proudly celebrates the outstanding performance of our learners at the 10th Royal Korean Taekwondo Championship held at Greater Noida West. Our learners from Grades I–XI showcased exceptional discipline and sportsmanship, securing an overall 2nd Position with an impressive tally of 7 Gold, 7 Silver, and 6 Bronze medals.

We congratulate all our young champions and extend our heartfelt appreciation to the parents and Coach Mr. Rahul for their constant support and encouragement. 🏆





# ACHIEVEMENTS

## Quest 2025



QUEST 2025 was a Pan-Asian STEAM Quiz competition celebrating knowledge, creativity, and curiosity across Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. The event highlighted Asia's contributions to STEAM, encouraged interdisciplinary learning, and inspired students to explore innovation, sustainability, and global challenges. Rishit Gupta and Shrimann successfully cleared the prelims round and represented the school, though they could not advance to the finals.



## LogiQids 2025-26

The First Stage results of the LogIQids Mental Aptitude Olympiad 2025-26, conducted in collaboration with Techfest, IIT Bombay, were officially declared online. We are proud to share the achievements of our medal winners:

**Arnav Singh** – X A (Bronze Medal & certificate)

**Avishi Jha** – X C (Bronze Medal & certificate)

**Harshdeep Singh** – XI A (Bronze Medal & certificate)



Arnav Singh



Avishi Jha



Harshdeep Singh



# TEACHER TRAININGS



Teacher training at Sapphire focused on enhancing modern teaching strategies, classroom engagement, and student-centered learning methods. The session provided practical tools and collaborative activities to help educators improve learning outcomes. It was an enriching experience that encouraged professional growth and knowledge sharing.





# OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD



We are proud to share that our educators Mr Sarthak Kataria and Mr Dheeraj Arora have been honoured with the Transformational Teacher Award 2026 at Sharda University, Greater Noida. This recognition celebrates their dedication, innovation, and commitment to inspiring young minds. Congratulations to our esteemed educators on this proud achievement.





# EXCURSION- JUNGLE TRAIL



Learners of the Foundational Wing visited the Jungle Trail as part of an educational excursion, providing them with a joyful learning experience in a nature-inspired environment. The visit encouraged curiosity, observation, and interaction, helping learners explore animals and natural surroundings beyond the classroom in an engaging way.





# EXCURSION- VISIT TO LOTUS TEMPLE



Learners of EYPL II and EYPL III visited the Lotus Temple, New Delhi, as part of an educational excursion organised by Sapphire International School. They explored the serene surroundings and observed the unique architecture of this iconic monument. The visit offered a meaningful learning experience beyond the classroom, fostering curiosity and appreciation for cultural heritage.





# EXCURSION- THE PARLE FACTORY



In keeping with our belief that learning extends beyond the classroom, Sapphire International School organised an educational excursion to the Parle Factory (Kohinoor Biscuits) for learners of Grades I and II. The visit provided a firsthand understanding of the biscuit-making process while highlighting the importance of hygiene, safety, and teamwork, offering a valuable experiential learning opportunity.





# VASANT PANCHAMI CELEBRATION



Sapphire International School observed Vasant Panchami with reverence, where learners offered prayers and sought blessings for knowledge and wisdom. The occasion fostered a sense of devotion and respect for tradition, marking the celebration with serenity and purpose.





# LOHRI CELEBRATION



Sapphire International School celebrated Lohri with warmth and cultural spirit, bringing the school community together to mark the harvest festival. The celebration reflected India's rich traditions and values of gratitude, togetherness, and prosperity. Learners participated with enthusiasm, making the occasion meaningful and memorable.





# REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

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Sapphire International School celebrated Republic Day with great pride and enthusiasm. Learners showcased their creativity through various art activities, beautifully expressing the spirit of the nation. The celebration was made more special with the presence of parents, fostering a sense of unity, patriotism, and shared joy.





# REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION



To commemorate Republic Day, Grades I and II participated in age-appropriate themed craft activities that helped them understand the importance of the Constitution and national values. Through creative tasks, learners expressed patriotism while developing awareness of unity, freedom, responsibility, and respect for national ideals in an engaging and enjoyable way





# ACTIVITY-TALE WITH **Child** A TWIST

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Learners of Grade I & Grade II showcased creativity and patriotism through imaginative storytelling, expressing pride in India's unity, freedom, rich heritage, and bright future while developing confidence and language skills.





# ACTIVITY- TURMERIC INDICATOR



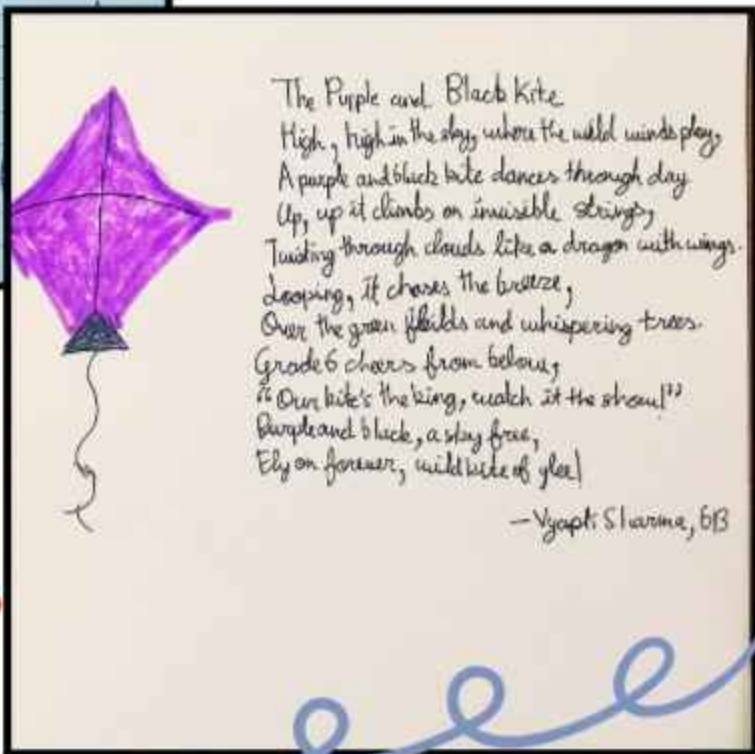
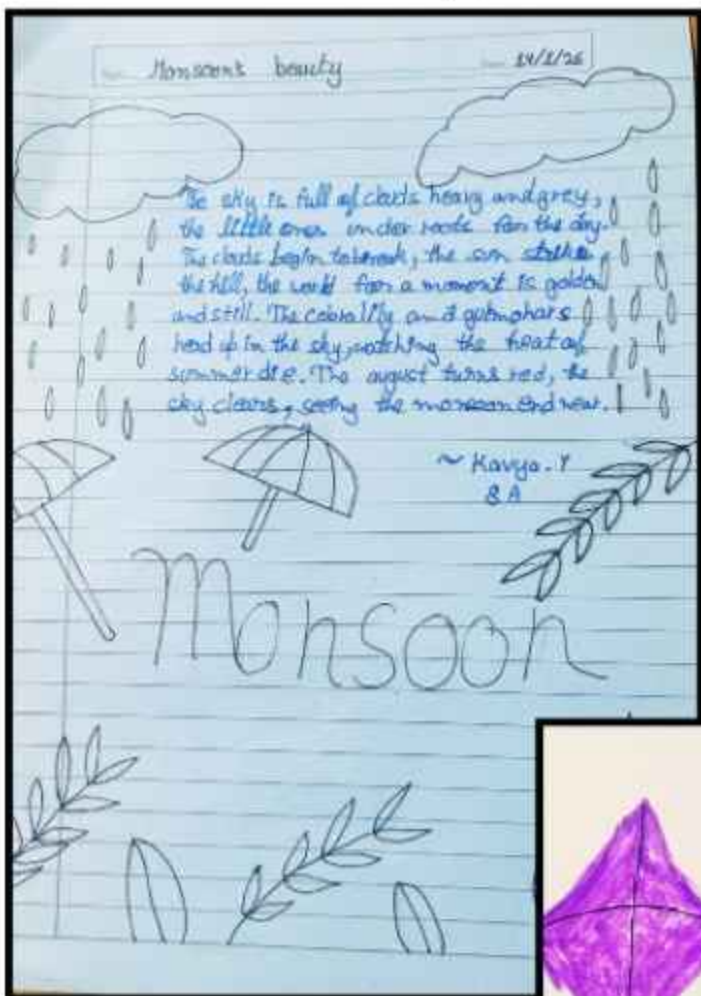
Learners prepared turmeric indicator cards by applying a turmeric-water paste on paper and letting it dry. They used these cards to test substances, observing a reddish-brown color with bases like soap and yellow with acids or neutral substances. This activity helped them understand turmeric as a natural indicator while creating useful cards for their family.





# STUDENTS' CORNER

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# STUDENTS' CORNER



*Nikhil Nirala VII C*



*Jairaj Singh VI B*



*Rushank Mahua  
III C*



*Harshraj Mohal  
IV B*



*Gunjan Yadav VI B*



*Tanishq Singh IV B*

Art by Kabir Sarangi  
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