

# THE ECO BEACON



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## Trustee Message

“Building a Community of Compassion and Support”

At Gajera Group of Schools, we are committed to fostering a culture of kindness and respect, ensuring that students speak words of encouragement and uplift one another. We create a student-centric environment where effective, significant, and joyful learning thrives.

Our learners are nurtured to excel in their professional aspirations, equipped with the strength and confidence to venture into the world. We empower them to be critical and organized thinkers while adhering to the highest standards of discipline. Alongside academic excellence, we instill core values of tolerance, cooperation, compassion, integrity, and resilience.



The school provides a platform for learners to think, express, and showcase their talents, blending classical and contemporary learning models. It is both our privilege and perpetual challenge to guide our learners, offering a solid foundation enriched with cultural insights and global perspectives.

We recognize and celebrate the inherent gifts of each child, including boundless imagination, emotional sensitivity, intuitive understanding, and heightened sensory awareness. At Gajera Group of Schools, we nurture these unique talents within a carefully designed and dynamic learning environment.

Our holistic approach integrates academic excellence with emotional intelligence, creative expression, and spiritual growth. By fostering a supportive and empowering atmosphere, we inspire exploration, discovery, and self-expression.





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## \*Principal's Message: The Season of Gratitude and Togetherness\*

"Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul."

Dear Readers,

Gratitude and appreciation are the threads that bind a community together, and this month, we saw these values beautifully come alive at Laxmi International School. The \*Sanskriti Sahodaya Olympics\* brought together young athletes who competed with passion and embraced the spirit of sportsmanship, showcasing unity in diversity. Equally inspiring was \*FestIndia\*, where students celebrated India's cultural richness through vibrant state-wise exhibits, reminding us of the beauty of collaboration and inclusivity. Each student's effort to honour our cultural richness was a powerful reminder of how we are stronger together.



Gratitude transforms ordinary moments into extraordinary memories. Let us carry forward this spirit of appreciation and unity into the new year, cherishing each other's contributions to our journey.

**Warm Regards,  
Mr. Pravin Pawar  
Principal**





## SANSKRITI SAHODHYA OLYMPICS – A CELEBRATION OF ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE

On 10th December 2024, Our school recently hosted the much-anticipated Sanskriti Sahodhya Olympics, a one-day event filled with energy, enthusiasm, and exceptional athletic performances. Students from various schools across the district competed in a series of exhilarating events, including the 100m race, 200m race, 800m race, relay races, swimming, and swimming relay. The school grounds and swimming arena buzzed with excitement as participants gave their best, cheered on by their peers, teachers, and parents. The spirit of healthy competition and camaraderie was evident throughout the day.



The event was graced by the esteemed chief guests, Ms. Binni Paul, President of Sanskriti Sahodaya (Principal of L.G Haria School), Mr. Jacob John, Principal of M.K Mehta, Mr. Maurya- Principal of Shree Swaminarayan School, Chala, Vapi, Ms. Priti Gavali- Principala of Shree Krishna International school, kalvada, Valsad, all renowned for their contributions to education and sports development. In their speeches during the opening ceremony, they emphasized the importance of sports in building discipline, teamwork, and resilience in students. Their inspiring words motivated the participants to compete with determination and uphold the true spirit of sportsmanship. The relay events, in particular, were a testament to teamwork, while the 800m race highlighted the athletes' endurance and mental strength.

The closing ceremony was a grand celebration of effort and achievement, with the chief guests awarding medals and certificates to the winners. While the podium finishes were a source of pride, the event was a reminder that participation itself is a victory. The Sanskriti Sahodhya Olympics not only brought out the best in athletic talent but also strengthened the bond among schools in the district. The day ended on a high note, leaving everyone inspired and looking forward to the next edition of this spectacular event.





## FESTINDIA: CELEBRATING THE VIBRANT TAPESTRY OF INDIA

On 28th December 2024, Laxmi International School celebrated the FestIndia, a vibrant celebration of India's diversity. Themed around the "States of India," the event showcased the rich cultural fabric of the nation through performances, displays, and exhibits by students from Grades 1 to 11, alongside creative contributions from school clubs. The event was graced by the presence of our esteemed chief guest, Umesh Babubhai Patel, Member of Parliament for Daman and Diu.

The Fest began with a delightful welcoming dance relay by Grade 1 and 2 students, followed by state-specific dances performed by Grades 3 to 5. From Tamil Nadu's Bharatanatyam to Punjab's Bhangra and Gujarat's Garba, the young performers enthralled the audience with their energy and authenticity, taking everyone on a cultural journey across India.



Grades 6 to 11 presented immersive displays of India's states, complete with models, artwork, and traditional items. These exhibits highlighted unique traditions, cuisine, and history, while school clubs like the Science and Maths, Literature, IT and Business, Art, and Eco Clubs added their own flair with thematic displays that reflected their creative interpretation of the states' culture and achievements.

Adding to the festive spirit, students of the school set up food and display stalls that offered a variety of regional delicacies and creative projects. The carnival also featured business stalls, including those selling food, jewelry, and more, set up by local entrepreneurs, making it a lively marketplace that engaged visitors of all ages.



The FestIndia Carnival was more than an event; it was a journey through the heart of India that inspired pride and appreciation among students, parents, and teachers alike. The enthusiastic participation and meticulous organization turned it into a cherished memory and a grand success.



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## Events

### Sanskriti Sahodaya Olympics 2024

The much-anticipated Sanskriti Sahodaya Olympics 2024 was successfully hosted by Laxmi International School on 10th December 2024. The event was a grand celebration of sportsmanship, teamwork, and healthy competition, with the participation of numerous schools from across the region.

#### Inauguration Ceremony

The event commenced with a vibrant opening ceremony, graced by esteemed dignitaries, including the Chief Guest and The Principal of Laxmi International School, Mr. Praveen Pawar, extended a warm welcome to all the participants and highlighted the importance of sports in holistic development. The lighting of the Olympic torch and the march past by all participating schools set the tone for an exciting day of competitions.

#### Games and Events

The Olympics featured a wide array of games, catering to diverse talents and interests. The competitions included:

**Athletics:** Track and field events such as sprints, long jump, and relay races witnessed fierce competition.

#### Results and Prize

Laxmi International School bagged the overall championship trophy. Individual excellence was recognized with medals and certificates, while all participants received participation mementos as a token of appreciation.

#### Closing Ceremony

The event concluded with a grand closing ceremony, where winners were felicitated, and participants were praised for their enthusiasm and sportsmanship. The Principal of Laxmi International School thanked all schools, coaches, and volunteers for their efforts in making the event a success.

The Sanskriti Sahodaya Olympics 2024 was a true testament to the spirit of sports and camaraderie, leaving lasting memories for all who attended. It not only provided a platform for young athletes to showcase their talent but also fostered unity and mutual respect among schools.







## India Fest -2024

Grand "Festindia-2024" Event Held at Laxmi International School, Sarigam

A magnificent cultural event, "Festindia-2024," was organized on December 28, 2024, at 5:00 PM by the Shri Shantaben Haribhai Gajera Trust-managed Laxmi International School in Sarigam. The event aimed to promote and showcase the cultural essence of India.

During this event, students from various clubs, such as Photography, Science, Social Studies, Mathematics, Drawing, Dance, and Business, exhibited their talents and creativity through projects and displays. Students from Grades 1 to 5 performed folk dances representing different states of India, while students from Grades 6 to 12 presented projects showcasing regional languages, traditional attire, religious and tourist spots of India.

Additionally, various games and food stalls were set up for the visitors to enjoy.

Approximately 4,000 parents attended the event, appreciating the students' hard work and enjoying the cultural exhibitions, innovative projects, and delicious food. The program highlighted the diversity and cultural richness of India's states.

The event was graced by the presence of the honorable Member of Parliament from Daman and Diu, Shri Umeshbhai Babubhai Patel, as the chief guest, adding to the program's grandeur. The event commenced with a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony and a morning prayer.

The event also featured a range of games and food stalls, offering attendees entertainment and delicious treats to complement the cultural experience. This vibrant celebration not only highlighted the talent and dedication of the students but also served as a reminder of India's incredible cultural heritage.



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## Glimpse of the classroom

The students of Grade 9 at Laxmi International School are enthusiastically working on Fiesta India, an event showcasing the vibrant diversity of Indian states. As part of the carnival, the students are responsible for designing and decorating stalls representing the cultural, traditional, and historical uniqueness of all the states of India.



From crafting detailed models of famous landmarks to preparing traditional decorations, the students are putting their creativity and teamwork into action. Each stall will highlight the rich heritage, cuisines, art forms, and festivities of a specific state, offering visitors a glimpse of India's incredible diversity.





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Student's Corner  
The next generation of Innovators



At LIS, we foster creativity, innovation, and problem-solving skills in our students. Our young innovators recently showcased their exceptional talent at the model making competition, and we couldn't be prouder!

These outstanding achievements demonstrate our students' dedication, creativity, and technical skills. They have successfully designed and built innovative models, showcasing their ability to think critically and solve complex problems.

Kudos to our Young Innovators!



## The Winning Spirit LIS triumphs at Sanskriti Sahodaya Olympics



### The Winning Spirit LIS triumphs at Sanskriti Sahodaya Olympics

We are overjoyed to announce that our students have emerged victorious at the prestigious Sanskriti Sahodaya Olympics, bringing home the coveted trophy! This outstanding achievement is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and teamwork displayed by our students. Our students have demonstrated exceptional skills, sportsmanship, and camaraderie, making us incredibly proud. They have showcased their excellence in various events, covering athletics and swimming. At LIS, we strive to provide a nurturing environment that fosters academic excellence, creativity, and character development. This achievement is a shining example of our school's commitment to excellence and our students' ability to rise to the challenge. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to our students, teachers, and parents who have contributed to this remarkable achievement. Your tireless efforts, guidance, and support have made this victory.

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## PARENT'S CORNER

### FestIndia – A Celebration of Diversity, Heritage, and Culture

The FestIndia event at Laxmi International School was an incredible journey through the vibrant diversity, rich heritage, and colorful culture of India. Parents, students, and teachers came together to experience a day filled with learning, creativity, and cultural pride.

#### Parents Speak:

Parents who attended were delighted by the colorful displays, cultural performances, and the immersive experience of India's rich traditions. During the event, they shared their thoughts and praised the efforts of students and organizers. Here are some highlights:

“The students did an exceptional job explaining the significance of each state's heritage. It was heartwarming to see their understanding and respect for Indian traditions.”

“We were amazed at the effort students put into learning and presenting such intricate cultural elements. It truly reflected the unity in diversity that India stands for. The hard work and dedication of the students and teachers were evident.”

“The hands-on experiments and demonstrations were fascinating! It's great to see students applying scientific concepts in creative ways. The clubs are playing a huge role in holistic development, allowing children to explore beyond academics.”

“The unity in diversity was evident through every performance. It was heartwarming to see students embrace India's cultural heritage with such passion.”

“The stall arrangements were well-managed, clean, and inviting. It was great to see students managing the game and food stalls so well. Their enthusiasm and teamwork made the experience even more enjoyable.”





### A Heartfelt Gratitude to Our Supportive Parents

We extend our deepest gratitude to the wonderful parents who generously sponsored and supported the FestIndia event. Their contributions played a pivotal role in bringing the vibrant cultures of India to life, creating an unforgettable experience for our students and the entire school community.

Your encouragement and support inspire us to organize meaningful events that enrich our students' learning journeys. Thank you for being our valued partners in making FestIndia a grand success!



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## Educator's Corner

### Empowering Educators: Zonal-Level Session on "Beti Shiksha, Beti Suraksha"



On 9th December 2024, Ms. Sneha Dadu was invited as a resource person for a one-day zonal-level session on "Beti Shiksha Beti Suraksha". The session was organized to empower nodal teachers, focusing on the crucial topic, "Understanding and Coping with Peer Pressure."

The program aimed to equip educators with strategies to help students navigate the challenges of peer influence while fostering a safe and supportive environment for girls. Ms. Sneha Dadu shared insightful perspectives, practical tools, and interactive activities, making the session highly engaging and impactful.

Her expertise provided the participants with a deeper understanding of the psychological aspects of peer pressure and how educators can effectively guide their students in making positive choices. The session was well-received and applauded for its relevance and applicability in today's academic and social landscape.



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## BOOKWORM DIARY

### "Instilling Tolerance and Nurturing Respect in Young Minds"

"In a world where you can be anything, be kind." As an educator these words always remind me that a classroom is more than just a place for academics—it's a space where young minds learn to respect differences, embrace diversity, and grow as empathetic individuals. Every student enters with their own story, shaped by unique backgrounds, cultures, and beliefs. It's our role to create an environment where those stories are valued and celebrated. I've seen how small gestures, like listening without judgment or encouraging a shy student to share their perspective, can build trust and foster a culture of mutual respect.

Building tolerance isn't about grand programs; it's about everyday moments. It's teaching students to work through disagreements with understanding, helping them see value in someone else's viewpoint, and modeling compassion in our actions. I believe that when students feel respected, they naturally extend the same to others. It's not just about shaping better students—it's about shaping better human beings. And that, I feel, is one of the greatest privileges of being an educator.



**Ms. Shubhangini Shettigar**  
Educator





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