

# MATRIX

# KALEIDOSCOPE



## Musings

### by the Director

Dear Students,

I am sharing a few pointers with you that will help you advance in your career.

**1.** Keep working hard, but don't compare yourself with others. Each one of you is unique. You have your own strengths, your own pace, and your own journey. When you compare yourself with others, you forget how far you have come. Focus on becoming better than who you were yesterday, not better than someone else today.

**2.** Hard work never goes to waste. Sometimes, you may feel that despite working hard, results are not visible immediately.

This can be discouraging, but remember, just like a seed takes time to grow into a tree, your efforts need patience. Even when you cannot see it, your hard work is shaping your future.

**3.** Perseverance is key. Success is not about quick wins; it is about perseverance. There will be challenges, failures, and moments of self-doubt. What matters most is that you keep going, even when things get difficult. Every step forward, no matter how small, brings you closer to your goal.

**4.** Progress is more important than perfection. You do not have to be perfect every day. What matters is that you keep improving, learning from mistakes, and trying again with confidence.

**5.** Above all, believe in yourself. You are capable of achieving great things. Trust your abilities and make full use of the guidance of your teachers and mentors who are always there to support you. Their experience and advice can help light your path.

*Work hard, stay patient, keep improving, and never stop believing in yourself. Your future is built on what you do today.*

With best wishes,  
**Mr Anupam Agrawal**  
 Director, Matrix High School



# Medley of Activities

## A Flavourful Fiesta: The Grand Food Carnival at Matrix School on Children's Day special:



Matrix High School, Sikar organised a lively and vibrant Food Carnival along with a joyful

Children's Day Celebration, filling the campus with excitement, creativity, and enthusiasm. Students from Classes 6 to 11 actively participated and set up an impressive 57 food stalls, making the event a grand success.

The carnival offered a mouth-watering variety of food items such as chole bhature, rasmalai, mishti chaat, paneer tikka, noodles, French fries, burgers, biscotti, cakes, sweets, ice creams, and refreshing colourful beverages. Each stall was uniquely decorated and beautifully presented, attracting a large number of visitors. Along with food stalls, the carnival featured many game stalls and artistic stalls including pottery making, painting, and art & craft counters.

A lively dance stall added energy and entertainment to the event. Students displayed excellent skills in management, marketing, promotion, leadership, and teamwork while enjoying the entire experience. To encourage their efforts, stalls were rewarded under various categories such as Best Decoration,

Best Presentation, Best Food, and Best



Sweet Sensation. Several stalls, including Stall No. 19 and Stall No. 8, along with many others, received well-deserved appreciation.

The Children's Day celebration further added joy with fun activities planned specially for students. Overall, the Food Carnival was a memorable event that combined learning with enjoyment and reflected the spirit of creativity and collaboration at Matrix High School.

## A Joyful Blend of Cultures: Losar & Christmas Celebrations at MHS Hostel

The hostel students of Matrix High School celebrated a vibrant and memorable



cultural evening by coming together to mark Losar – the Ladakhi New Year along with Christmas celebrations. The event beautifully showcased unity in diversity and the rich cultural heritage of different communities.

The programme began with energetic group dances and a meaningful skit based on the spirit of Christmas. Students also presented soulful group singing of religious songs that filled the atmosphere with peace and joy. A variety of cultural dances representing different traditions added colour and excitement to the celebration.



The highlight of the evening was the grand celebration of Losar,

performed by the Ladakhi students. Their traditional attire, graceful movements, and powerful cultural dance left the audience mesmerised and helped everyone learn about Ladakhi culture.

After the performances, a lively DJ night was organised for all hostel students. Everyone danced with enthusiasm and thoroughly enjoyed the evening. The celebration created unforgettable memories and strengthened the bond among hostelers, making the day truly special and joyful.



## Rhythms of Excellence



The winning performance was presented by an all-girls group from Classes 9, 10, and 11, including students Kanishka, Simran, and other talented participants. Their dance beautifully portrayed the different phases of a woman's life, highlighting her sacrifices, love, care, responsibilities, and hopes. The theme was expressed through a powerful fusion of graceful movements and deep emotions.

Set to the soulful song "Aaj Mere Piya Ghar Aayenge", the performance captivated the audience and judges alike. The students received prizes and certificates, bringing great pride to the school. This achievement reflects the dedication, teamwork, and artistic excellence of the students and their mentors. Matrix High School congratulates the entire dance team for their outstanding performance and wishes them continued success in future competitions.

## Matrix High School Bags 3rd Place at Mridangam National Group Dance Championship

Matrix High School proudly achieved 3rd place in the "Mridangam – A National Group Dance Championship," organised by Dundlod Girls School on November 16, 2025. The prestigious competition witnessed the participation of more than 20 schools from across the country, making the achievement truly commendable.



## मैट्रिक्स स्कूल के मेधावी विद्यार्थियों का शैक्षणिक अभ्यास...



गैट्रिक्स हाई स्कूल, सीकर द्वारा कक्षा 6 से 12वीं तक के उन मेधावी विद्यार्थियों के लिए हर्ष पर्वत का विशेष शैक्षणिक भ्रमण आयोजित किया गया, जिन्होंने अद्वितीय परीक्षा में उत्कृष्ट प्रदर्शन किया था। इस भ्रमण का मुख्य उद्देश्य विद्यार्थियों को प्रोत्साहित करना तथा उन्हें पुस्तकीय ज्ञान के साथ व्यावहारिक एवं अनुभवात्मक शिक्षा से जोड़ना था। भ्रमण के दौरान विद्यार्थियों ने हर्ष पर्वत के प्राकृतिक एवं ऐतिहासिक स्थलों का अवलोकन किया। पर्वतीय क्षेत्र में आयोजित ट्रैकिंग गतिविधि के माध्यम से विद्यार्थियों ने प्रकृति के सान्निध्य में साहस, अनुशासन एवं सहयोग की भावना का अनुभव किया।



## सही राह.....

महाभारत केवल एक प्राचीन महाकाव्य नहीं है, बल्कि यह आज के विद्यार्थियों के जीवन के लिए भी एक अमूल्य प्रेरणास्रोत है। इसके प्रसंग हमें यह सिखाते हैं कि कठिन परिस्थितियाँ ही हमारे धैर्य, आत्मविश्वास और चरित्र की वास्तविक परीक्षा लेती हैं। विद्यार्थियों के जीवन में भी ऐसे अनेक अवसर आते हैं, जब उन्हें भय, असमंजस और असफलता का सामना करना पड़ता है। महाभारत में अर्जुन का प्रसंग विद्यार्थियों के लिए अत्यंत प्रेरणादायक है। कुळक्षेत्र के युद्ध से पूर्व अर्जुन अपने कर्तव्य को लेकर दुविधा में पड़ गया था। उसे भय था कि उसका निर्णय सही है या नहीं। ठीक इसी प्रकार विद्यार्थी भी परीक्षा, प्रतियोगिता, कारियर चयन या जीवन के महत्वपूर्ण निर्णयों के समय आत्म-संदेह और तनाव से घिर जाते हैं। ऐसे समय में भगवान् श्रीकृष्ण द्वारा दिया गया कर्मयोग का संदेश अत्यंत उपयोगी सिद्ध होता है—अपने कर्म पर ध्यान केंद्रित करें, परिणाम की चिंता मत करें। विद्यार्थियों के जीवन में कर्म का अर्थ है—नियमित अध्ययन, अनुशासन, इमानदारी और निरंतर प्रयास। जब विद्यार्थी केवल परिणाम के दबाव में अध्ययन करते हैं, तो तनाव और भय बढ़ता है; किंतु जब वे पूरे मनोयोग से अपने कर्तव्य का पालन करते हैं, तो आत्मविश्वास स्वतः



विकसित होता है। यही आत्मविश्वास विद्यार्थियों को असफलता से सीखने और आगे बढ़ने की प्रेरणा देता है। महाभारत हमें यह भी सिखाती है कि भय से पीछे हटना समाधान नहीं है। यदि अर्जुन युद्ध से विमुख हो जाता, तो अधर्म का विजय संभव था। उसी प्रकार यदि विद्यार्थी कठिन विषयों, असफलताओं या चुनौतियों से डरकर पीछे हट जाए, तो वह अपने वास्तविक सामर्थ्य को कभी पहचान नहीं पाएगा। साहस, धैर्य और सतत प्रयास ही सफलता की आधारशिला हैं। अतः प्रत्येक विद्यार्थी को यह समझना चाहिए कि जीवन की प्रत्येक परीक्षा केवल अंक प्राप्त करने का माध्यम नहीं होती, बल्कि यह आत्मविश्वास, संयम और व्यक्तित्व निर्माण की प्रक्रिया होती है। महाभारत का संदेश विद्यार्थियों को यह प्रेरणा देता है कि लक्ष्य के प्रति समर्पण, कर्म में निष्ठा और स्वयं पर विश्वास ही सच्ची सफलता का मार्ग है।

## Thought of the Month

Success is all about climbing a mountain, but there is no ropeway: you have to climb it.

# ...Milestones & Moments...

## Proud Achievement in Science Competition

A remarkable achievement was recorded as 13 students from Class IX qualified for Phase II (Practical Examination) of the Dr Homi Bhabha Balvaidnyanik Competition 2025, achieving the highest selection rate in the Sikar region.

The selected students are Abhinav, Aditya, Akshat, Aryan, Chatwin, Jayesh, Jigyanshu, Kunjal, Priyanshu, Rishit, Saurabh, Shaurya, and Tanmay. Their success reflects strong scientific aptitude, focused preparation, and consistent academic effort.

Qualifying for the practical stage of such a prestigious competition is a commendable milestone and serves as an inspiration for fellow students to strive for excellence in science.



Without continual  
**growth and progress**,  
such words as improvement,  
**achievement, and success**  
have no meaning.

-BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

## INMO Success Brings Pride to Our School and Sikar

It is a matter of great pride that Sahil (Class 12) has qualified for the Indian National Mathematics Olympiad (INMO), the most prestigious mathematics olympiad in India.

INMO serves as the official national platform for selecting students who go on to represent the country at the International Mathematics Olympiad. Sahil's achievement is especially noteworthy, as Sikar has once again been placed on the national stage, with him being the only INMO selection from the city.

Associated with Matrix since Class 8, Sahil's journey reflects years of dedication, perseverance, and academic excellence.

His success stands as an inspiration for students across the school.

*Heartiest  
Congratulations!*

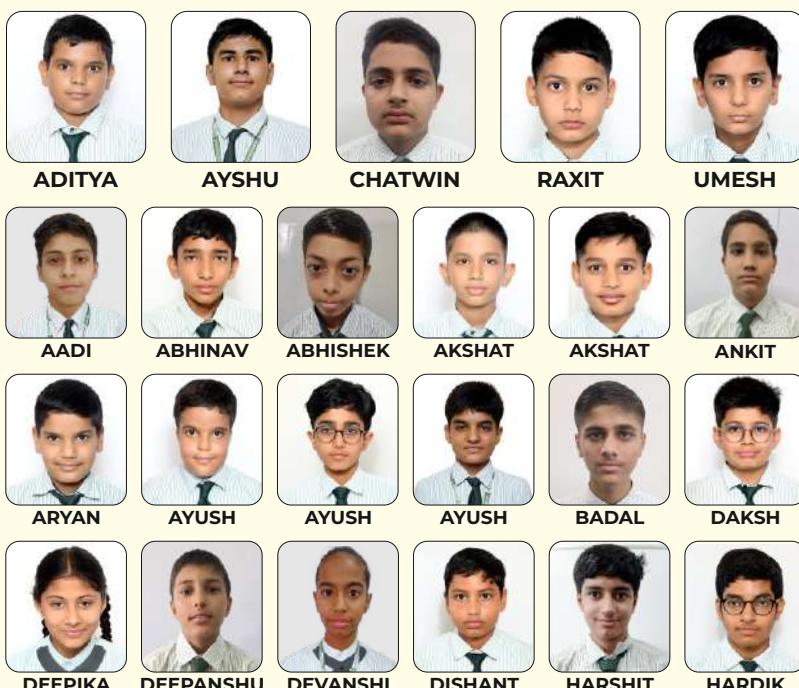
*Sahil*

## Outstanding Performance in American Mathematics Olympiad

MHS students delivered an exceptional performance in the American Mathematics Olympiad, bringing pride and recognition through their remarkable achievements at the national level. Their dedication, analytical thinking, and consistent practice were clearly reflected in the results.

One student secured a Gold Medal with an impressive Country Rank of 4, while four others earned Silver Medals, achieving notable country ranks of 26, 33, 40, and 41. These accomplishments highlight not only individual excellence but also a strong culture of academic commitment and mathematical curiosity.

Overall, the participants won a total of 95 medals, including 1 Gold, 4 Silver, 57 Bronze medals, and 33 Honourable Mentions. This outstanding tally reflects collective effort, perseverance, and a passion for learning beyond the classroom.

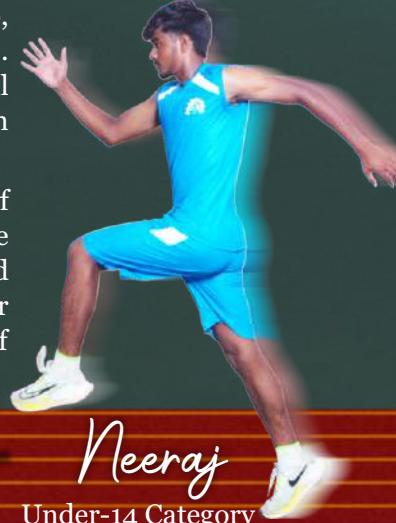


The institution proudly celebrates two outstanding sporting achievements by its students, reflecting dedication, discipline, and a true spirit of excellence.

Student Aryan brought great honour by winning a Gold Medal at the CBSE National Karate Championship 2025 in the Under-17 category (62 kg). Displaying remarkable strength, technique, and mental focus, Aryan outperformed strong competitors from across the country. His success is a result of consistent training, perseverance, and an unbreakable fighting spirit.

Adding to this pride, student Neeraj delivered an exceptional performance at the 69th National Athletics Championship, securing a Gold Medal in the Under-14 category (4×100 m Relay). His speed, teamwork, and leadership on the track played a crucial role in this national-level victory, proving his excellence in athletics.

These remarkable achievements underscore the importance of striking a balance between academics and sports, and inspire fellow students to pursue their passions with commitment and confidence. Heartiest congratulations to Aryan and Neeraj for their golden performances and for setting inspiring examples of determination and hard work.



*Aryan*

Under-17 Category (62 kg)

*Congratulations!*

## GOLD MEDALIST

*Neeraj*

Under-14 Category



Matrix High School had successfully organised a wide range of sports activities for students across all grades, promoting physical fitness, teamwork, and enthusiasm.

For younger students, specially designed fun events were conducted to encourage participation. Students from Grades 3 to 5 took part in basketball, cricket, football, relay races, maths race, and balance race, while students from Nursery to Grade 2 enjoyed hurdle race, jalebi race, lemon race, throw-the-target-and-run, hula hoop race, and tug of war.

The sports programme also featured various athletic events, including 50 m, 100 m, 200 m, and 400 m races, 4×100 m relay, long jump, and shot put, along with games such as badminton, basketball, cricket, football, kabaddi, kho-kho, volleyball, tug of war, and weightlifting for the schooling and pre-foundation divisions. The events witnessed enthusiastic participation with a total of 1,065 students participating (including both day scholars and hostellers) from the schooling and pre-foundation divisions. The medal tally reflected the competitive spirit of the event, with students winning 165 gold, 170 silver, and 170 bronze medals. Participants were awarded certificates as well.

The successful conduct of these sports activities highlighted the school's commitment to fostering physical development, confidence, and joyful learning among students of all age groups.



### A Folded Sail

A folded sail,  
a deck of ivory hue,  
A simple block of paper,  
stiff and clean.  
It holds a hundred  
thousand worlds for you  
The quietest, wildest  
joy you've ever seen.

It is for wings,  
unbound  
A heavy key to turn  
a lock of brass.  
No sweeter, simpler  
pleasure can be found  
Then letting daily  
troubles softly pass.

The pages smell of ancient,  
pleasant dust,  
A scent like dry sage,  
a sunlight shone.  
It is a place of absolute,  
deep trust,  
Where you are never,  
truly, quite alone.

We read the words,  
and let the truth unfurl  
The life's almost,  
always alive.  
This common  
object holds the  
whole wide world,  
The easiest way for  
weary hearts to thrive.

**Shalin Yadav (X9CN2)**



### The Weight of Growing

We're falling apart  
After years of holding our parent's  
hand in the crowd,  
to moving into a new city alone.  
Those school bags felt heavy,  
but the burden of proving  
yourself feels heavier.  
The benches which once  
echoed laughter,  
are now empty which  
feels forlorn.  
Those friends who are home,  
away from home,  
will now just be acquaintances.  
Something which hurt  
me the most  
"The act of growing up"

**Komal Rathore (X12C1)**



### कविता की चाह

मैं लिखना सीखना चाहता हूँ।  
मैं एक कविता लिखना चाहता हूँ—  
एक कविता ऐसी, जिसे पढ़कर  
हर कोई अपना जान भुला जाए।  
एक कविता ऐसी, जिसे वह पढ़ता ही जाए;  
कुछ ऐसी कविता, जो ऊँच बन जाए हवाओं का,  
जो सुख बन जाए किसी के भावों का।  
मैं लिखना सीखना चाहता हूँ।  
मैं एक कविता लिखना चाहता हूँ—  
एक कविता ऐसी, जिसे हर कोई सुनना चाहे;  
एक कविता ऐसी, जो खालीपन में  
किसी की मुस्कान बन जाए।  
कुछ ऐसी, जिसमें तुम  
अपने किसी खोए हुए का ठप देखो;  
जिसे पढ़कर लगे, मानो  
सियाले की ठंड में धूप देखो।  
मैं लिखना सीखना चाहता हूँ।  
मैं एक कविता लिखना चाहता हूँ—  
एक कविता ऐसी, जो मुटझाए फूल को खिला दे;  
जिसे सुनकर चिड़िया भी चहक दे,  
जो बाहिथ में मिट्टी की खुशबू बन जाए।  
कुछ ऐसी—जब मन तुम्हारा उदास हो—  
कविता लगे, मानो  
कोई अपना तुम्हारे पास हो।  
कविता मेरी, जो समंदर की लहरों-सी बन जाए;  
समंदर से भी गहरी हो,  
और हर किसी के दिल में बस जाए।  
मैं लिखना सीखना चाहता हूँ।  
मैं एक कविता लिखना चाहता हूँ।

**Amn Dudi (X12C2)**

### Trust and life lesson

Kind-hearted person with  
spirit so bright,  
Shared their warmth and  
gave their light.  
But sometimes a trust can  
face a bitter night,  
When a sudden betrayal  
takes away the sight.

And on the path of life, with  
lessons to learn,  
You may find obstacles at  
every turn.  
But with a strong heart you  
can stand and yearn  
To overcome the challenges  
and brightly burn.

**Bhoomi Rathore (Y10RN2)**

### A Promise in the Grey

The shadows linger, thick as  
winter fog,  
My weary spirit heavy, bent  
and low.  
But in the grey, I see the  
sun's gold,  
A promise where the  
brightest hope will grow.

It bursts the gloom, a  
brilliant sudden ray,  
And brings joyful, bold and  
golden day.

**Asham Jain (X9CNo)**

### A Shining Dawn of Hope

From the heavens,  
to the worlds of below.  
God rains hope  
with a shining dawn  
to the dread to the daunt.

World is seraphic,  
even amidst the dark  
shambles perishing  
of the shallow heart.

The air is thunderous,  
roaring in ears,  
soar undaunted  
without any fears

The world is crude,  
don't be apprehensive,  
live the life,  
be enthusiastic.

**Pratyush Godara (X9CNo)**

## Sleeping poorly is linked to a rapid reduction in brain volume.

Many people don't take good sleep seriously. The bad news is that if you sleep poorly, your brain shrinks. That was a surprising conclusion reached by Claire E. Sexton, D. Phil, PhD, and Anders M. Johansen Berg, D. Phil, in their studies to examine the relationship between sleep quality and cortical and hippocampal volume. The findings showed that having trouble sleeping or not getting enough sleep is linked to rapid reductions in brain volume. The decline can affect important areas of the brain where language, touch, balance, and the ability to calculate mathematically or make decisions reside. Studies have shown that poor sleep can cause protein build-up in cells in the brain that attacks brain cells.

So we're still trying to put the puzzle together, says Dr Neal Mary, a neurologist and sleep specialist with Integrated Sleep Services in Alexandria, Virginia, who is not associated with the study. Sleep repairs and restores the brain. Improving your sleep habits could be an important way to improve brain health 7 to 8 hours of good sleep is essential for stimulating new connections and brain growth.

**Ms Anita Pareek (School Counsellor)**

### इंसानियत का गास्ता

जानियों निंदगी से मिटा दीजिए!  
कोई कुछ भी कहे मुझकुरा दीजिए!

साथ रहता न जीवन में कोई सादा,  
मोचकर दिखतों को भी हवा दीजिए!

प्यार का भूखा रहता है संसार ये,  
बाटिये सब में इतना लुटा दीजिए!

भटका राही हो मंजिल हुई लापता,  
थाम उंगली उसे गास्ता दीजिए!

जो बिछड़ गए राह चलते हुए,  
राह सीधी और सच्ची दिखा दीजिए!

भूख से जो तरसता मिले दुनिया में,  
दो निवाले उसे भी खिला दीजिए!

चार दिन का है सब का बरेगा यहां,  
ना हो कोई दुखी ये दुआ दीजिए!

**श्री संदीप कुमार सैनी (PGT-HINDI)**



## The Crisis of Meaning

We spend our lives chasing purpose—often decided for us long before we understand its meaning. From school onwards, we are taught to aim for something: medicine, engineering, law, business, or any respectable path. These choices are celebrated as success. Yet rarely do we pause to ask a quieter, more uncomfortable question: why are we chasing anything at all? What lies beneath these carefully chosen goals?

A human is born without asking to be born, and perhaps without any built-in purpose. Meaning is not present at birth; it is added later—by parents, teachers, society, and tradition. We're told that a doctor heals suffering, an engineer makes life easier, and a lawyer helps deliver justice. These ideas sound noble, and in many ways they are. But they also point to something unsettling: suffering already exists, and our roles are responses to it, not explanations. The pain itself remains unanswered.

This leads to a difficult thought—life may be meaningless.

Many reject this idea, arguing that life feels meaningless only because we are small and short-lived in a vast universe. Compared to stars and galaxies, human life seems insignificant. But this does not truly solve the problem. If meaninglessness were caused only by our size or limited time, then becoming immortal or infinitely powerful should fix it. Yet even an immortal would ask: why am I here? Meaning does not automatically appear with more time, space, or power.

The real source of confusion lies in consciousness. It allows us to live and to question life. It gives us the ability to doubt, reflect, and realize there may be no final answers. Because of consciousness, every belief—about God, morality, destiny, or progress—can be questioned. Nothing feels certain. And this uncertainty is deeply unsettling.

This creates a crisis of meaning. We seek purpose not because it is obvious but because we sense it might be missing. Our careers, ambitions, routines, and beliefs often act as shields—structures we build to avoid confronting the silence beneath them.

The tragedy isn't just suffering or death. It's the awareness that suffering may have no ultimate reason, that existence may lack clear answers.



**Before dismissing these thoughts as abstract, ask yourself:**

- What if the life you call normal is a habit repeated until it feels meaningful?
- What if your dreams were chosen so early that you now defend them as your own?
- If belief gives peace, is it because it is true—or because it shields you from uncertainty?
- If you fear death, is it because you love life, or because you've never truly examined it?
- If meaning must be endlessly searched, was it ever really there?

**A paradox emerges:** If life has no guaranteed meaning, then every action is free—

but if every action is free, why do we live as though we have no choice?

**Consider this:**

-If everything validating your purpose—parents' expectations, society's approval, success, recognition, belief—suddenly disappeared, would you continue your current life?

-Would you wake with the same certainty, ambition, or direction?

-If no one was watching or judging—would your choices stay the same?

Perhaps our true fear isn't that life is meaningless, but that once external meanings collapse, nothing remains but ourselves.

And maybe the most troubling question isn't "What is the meaning of life?" but this:

If tomorrow you discovered there was none—no divine plan, no justification, no external validation—would you still choose to live as you do now?

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