

# Meri Awaaz

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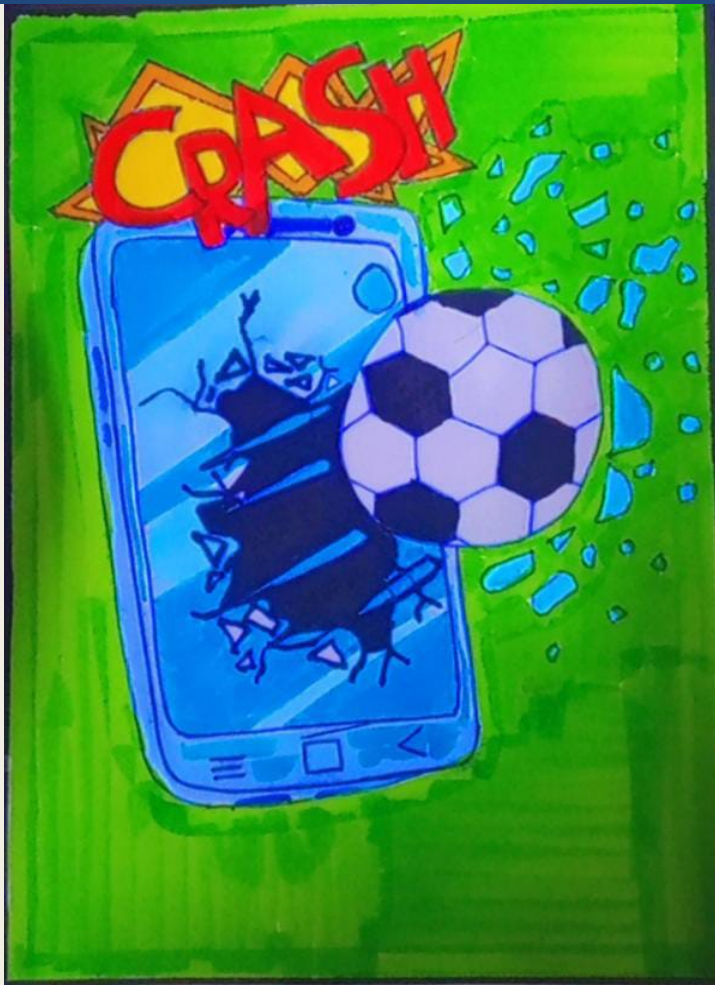
## Bytes from the Editor

By Taarini Singh

Dear readers,

After our introductory session, we moved on to discover everything about India. From behind our screens, we visited the badminton courts to learn more about PV Sindhu's inspirational story and traveled across the country to celebrate the numerous festivals that ensure we stay in festive mode all year long. We even went back in time to explore Indian literature in all its glory and journeyed to Kashmir to talk about the mouth watering dishes the state is famous for. It was during these conversations that we began to come together as one team and form the roots of lasting friendships.

In this issue, you can read and explore the voices of the Vidya school students as they uncover their thoughts on food, sports, literature and festivals through the power of the pen.



## The power of sports

By Kashish

## Interpreting Tagore

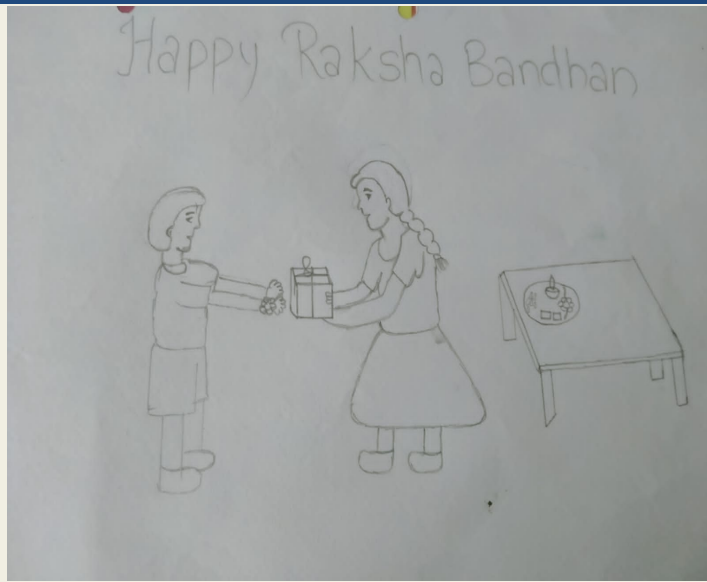
By Kashish

In the poem 'Where the mind is without fear', I like the line 'where knowledge is free' the most. That means that knowledge is free for all without any distinction based on caste, religion etc. Education should not be given only to the rich or the elite. It should be freely available to ordinary people as well. Knowledge should be open to all in an independent country. Everyone should have free access to knowledge.

## Favourites among literature

By Shivani

In the poem 'Where the mind is without fear', I like the line 'where the mind is without fear and the head is held high' the most because the poet says that the people should not have any fear in their minds. We should do our best, be confident and be proud of the work we do.



## The Festival of Love

By Shivani

## What is Raksha Bandhan?

By Kashish

Raksha bandhan is a famous festival of the Hindus that is widely celebrated in India. On this auspicious day, the sister ties a band called rakhi on her brother's wrist. In return, she receives a gift from her brother. Also, the brother takes an oath to protect the sister from anything that will harm her.

Rakhi symbolizes love and harmony. There are many stories behind Raksha Bandhan which show the love between brothers and sisters- no matter how much they fight with each other, they always stand behind one another in support and love each other unconditionally.

At every stage of our life, our bond with our siblings grows stronger. Raksha Bandhan is all about celebrating this bond. It is a symbol of love, trust, togetherness and confidence.

## My Raksha Bandhan Celebrations

By Mousam

Raksha Bandhan is a festival of love. I am so lucky that I have such a wonderful sister. She is very cute and she always treats me just like her friends. I like Raksha Bandhan because it helps my sister and I to come together. Also, I eat many sweets, many foods etc.

I like how we celebrate this festival. First, we all get up early in the morning and wear our new dresses. Then we sit on a chair, bed or anywhere we feel like. After that our sister ties a Rakhi on our wrist. Before tying it, she does Aarti of our face and she feeds us sweets. At the end, we give the gift to her.



## My favourite food

By Kashish

## Chole bhature and special memories

By Mousam

My favorite food is chole bhature. Once upon a time, I ate chole bhature with my neighbor bhaiya. He told me to eat as much as I could. I was so happy and excited.

Nowadays, whenever I eat chole bhature I think about him and that day. Now the price of chole bhature has also increased. Despite an increase in price, I eat it because I love it.