

"The magic in new beginnings is truly the most powerful of them all." — Josiyah Martin

EDITORIAL

The Choice Is Ours *New year—a new chapter, a new verse,*

or just the same old story?

THE arrival of a new year brings with it an air of excitement, a promise of a fresh start and the allure of new beginnings. New Year's Eve, in particular, stands as a bridge between the past and the future. As the clock ticks towards midnight, we find ourselves in a rare moment of simultaneous reflection and forward-thinking. The year that has passed holds a collection of memories—both joyous and challenging. It's a time to acknowledge personal growth, celebrate achievements and learn from mistakes. Equally, it's an opportunity to dream, to envision a new chapter and to set intentions for the days to come.

However, turning the page to a new chapter isn't always easy. Habits, routines and mindsets from the past year often carry over, threatening to tether us to the status quo. To truly embrace the promise of a fresh start, one must confront these patterns and make deliberate efforts to change. This is where the age-old advice of 'be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbours and strive to become a better person' gains relevance.

The phrase 'be at war with your vices' urges us to face our shortcomings and actively work towards self-improvement. While the journey may be challenging, each small victory over our vices adds to the narrative of growth and resilience. The timeless wisdom of 'be at peace with your neighbours' reminds us of the importance of fostering harmony in our relationships. The New Year offers a chance to mend fractured relationships, practise forgiveness and nurture bonds. The resolution 'let every new year find you a better man', at its core, speaks of the pursuit of self-betterment. It's about striving to be kinder, wiser and more purposeful with each passing year.

The pen is in our hands and the story's direction is ours to determine. This recognition empowers us to make choices that align with our aspirations and values.

Happy New Year!



Good Riddance, But Now What?

Come, children, gather round my knee; Something is about to be. Tonight's December thirty-first, Something is about to burst. The clock is crouching, dark and small, Like a time bomb in the hall. Hark! It's midnight, children dear. Duck! Here comes another year.

-Ogden Nash

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Workshops and Webinars

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While CA. (Dr.) G.S. Grewal and CA. (Dr.) G.S. Grewal Mr. R.K. Khosla, acclaimed authors

of 'Double Entry Book Keeping' for classes XI and XII, hosted the Accountancy workshops, Dr. Sachin Gupta, a name to be reckoned with in the field of New-Age Skills and author of our 'Decoding Artificial Intelligence' and 'Essentials of Data Science' series, took the participants through the AI workshops/ webinars with elan.

Accountancy workshops were conducted at The Heritage School, Madurdaha Chowbaga Road, East Kolkata Township, Kolkata (West Bengal); Rajagiri Public School, South Kalamassery, Ernakulam (Kerala); India Islamic Cultural



Seema Chauhan

OlympAI Hackathon

An AI Olympiad was organised for students of Classes 6 to 10, giving them a platform to showcase their creativity and problem-solving skills through AI-powered projects. A total of 66 teams from 45+ schools from across the country and the Middle East participated in the event which was judged by 10 Computer Science Professors from renowned colleges.



Dr. Sachin Gupta

Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi; and Doon International School, Mohali (Punjab).

With Artificial Intelligence gaining momentum, a series of webinars were conducted by Dr. Sachin Gupta during March-June, where topics pertaining to classes 9 & 10 were taken up which, as per teachers' feedback, immensely

benefited them. Besides, a webinar was held for Computer teachers where Ms Seema Chauhan, author of our Computer books for classes 1 to 8, interacted with a large number of teachers and apprised them of the latest changes in the books and resolved their queries.

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The Year Gone By

025 is here. It's time to look back at some major events that describe ✓ India's journey in 2024. From groundbreaking political news, cultural events and sports achievements to heartbreaking events, India made some prominent news that grabbed eyeballs, both nationally and internationally. Let's take a look.

On the Political Front

The most awaited political event in the country was the General Elections held during April-June 2024. The almost sixweek-long elections, held in seven phases, to elect all 543 members of the Lower House, saw a record voter turnout. The results were declared on June 4 and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) emerged as the single largest party, having won 240 Lok Sabha seats. Mr. Narendra Modi took oath as the Prime Minister for the third time in a row with the support of the Telugu Desam Party and the Janata Dal (United).

On the Sports Front

It was a great year for the Indian Cricket team as well as all Indians as the World Cup came home after 11 years. India defeated South Africa in a nerve-wracking final over. Under Rohit Sharma's captaincy, the team showcased exceptional performance, leading to nationwide celebrations and a grand welcome on the team's arrival. In the Summer Olympics at Paris, India secured six medals-one silver and five bronze. The highlights of the 2024 Games included Neeraj Chopra's silver in javelin throw, making him the first Indian to win track and field medals in consecutive Olympics, and the men's hockey team earning a second consecutive Olympic bronze.

On the Cultural Front

January 22 was a turning point in the calendar of Hindu history as it marked the inauguration of the Ram Mandir at Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh, by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Ram Mandir or Ram Temple, situated

on the banks of the Sarayu River, is a Hindu temple. It is believed that this site was the birthplace of the Hindu God, Ram.

The idol of Ram Lalla (Little Ram), representing a 5-year-old form of Lord Ram, is placed in the temple. Sculpted by Arun Yogiraj, the idol is made of black stone procured from Karnataka.

Hathras, Wayanad Tragedies

While there was a lot to celebrate about in 2024, some tragedies, resulting in the loss of many innocent lives, were also witnessed. The stampede at a Hindu religious congregation at Hathras, where 2,50,000 people showed up at the place which could house only 80,000 people, was one such tragic event which resulted in the death of 121 persons, with women and children being majority of the victims. Another devastating news was that of Wayanad in Kerala which faced catastrophic landslides, resulting in the death of 420 people, with 118 reported missing.

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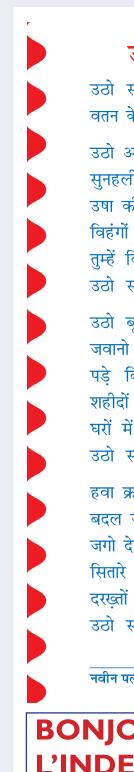
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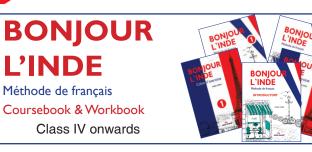
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