

#### REFLECTIONS FROM THE HEAD OF THE INSTITUTION

#### Dear Parents, Teachers, and Students,

As we stand at the threshold of another academic transition, it brings me immense joy to present this edition of our school newsletter. Over the past six months, Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya (Rishabhdev) has continued to flourish as



a hub of learning, creativity, and character building. Each milestone achieved, every challenge overcome, and all the experiences shared have contributed to the holistic growth of our students.

Education is not merely about acquiring knowledge; it is about evolving into individuals who embody wisdom, compassion, and resilience. At VKV, we remain unwavering in our mission to nurture young minds into confident, responsible, and enlightened individuals, ready to embrace the future. As this session draws to a close, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated teachers, enthusiastic students, and ever-supportive parents for their relentless commitment to our shared vision.

Let us continue to learn, grow, and inspire each other as we step forward into new beginnings.



#### **EDITORIAL REFLECTIONS**



Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter!

As this academic session draws to a close, we take pride in showcasing the creativity, achievements, and experiences of our VKVians. Within these pages, you'll find a glimpse of the



vibrant spirit that defines our school—a celebration of talent, dedication and exploration. This newsletter is more than just a publication; it is a reflection of the limitless potential within our community.

Join us in celebrating the VKV spirit, where learning knows no bounds!

MR. SACHIN CHOUBISA

MR. ABHI JAIN





## **GRAND SHOWCASES**

#### **PRAYAS Season-1 Exhibition**

The much-awaited *PRAYAS Season-1* Exhibition at VKV Rishabhdev was a grand success, showcasing the brilliance and creativity of our students. The event was inaugurated by Mr. Rajendra Bhatt [Ex-Commissioner, Udaipur], who praised the young minds for their innovative ideas. Students from various grades presented interactive projects in Science, Mathematics, Art, Languages, and Social Studies, including working models on hydropower, solar energy, and environmental conservation. Parents, teachers, and guests were captivated by the insightful presentations. The exhibition truly reflected the school's commitment to experiential learning and holistic education.























### **Republic Day Celebration**

VKV Rishabhdev commemorated the **76th Republic Day** with a grand celebration filled with patriotic zeal and cultural vibrancy. The event began with the flag hoisting by esteemed guests, followed by a well-coordinated parade by the students. The cultural programme included **traditional dances**, **patriotic songs**, and a dramatic enactment of India's journey towards democracy. Special speeches highlighted the importance of **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, urging students to take responsibility for a better future. The event concluded with prize distribution and a motivational address by the school head.

















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#### <u>Cultural & Industrial Exploration – Banswara Trip</u>

On October 15, 2024, VKV Rishabhdev students explored Banswara's cultural and industrial heritage. They visited Devsomnath Temple, Beneshawar Dham, Sai Mandir, and Madareshwar Temple, gaining spiritual and historical insights. A stop at Lodha Mill provided a glimpse into Rajasthan's textile industry. The tour fostered cultural awareness, teamwork, and experiential learning, leaving students with lasting memories and a deeper appreciation for India's heritage.













#### Nature's Classroom - Gulab Bagh Exploration

In November 2024, VKV Rishabhdev's Nursery to Class 3 students explored Gulab Bagh, Udaipur, experiencing nature firsthand. They observed plants, trees, and small animals, learning about biodiversity and conservation. Guided nature walks and storytelling sessions made the trip both educational and exciting, fostering curiosity and a love for the environment.













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#### **Reliving History - Haldighati Expedition**

In November 2024, VKV Rishabhdev's Classes 4 to 8 visited Haldighati, reliving the heroic tales of Maharana Pratap. At the Maharana Pratap Museum, students explored artefacts, paintings, and a light-and-sound show, deepening their understanding of the Battle of Haldighati. The trip fostered historical appreciation, analytical thinking, and pride in India's rich heritage.



#### <u>Scouting & Sustainability – Prakriti Sadhna Kendra Visit</u>

On February 22, 2025, 137 students (Classes 6-8) from VKV Rishabhdev visited Prakriti Sadhna Kendra, Udaipur, honouring Baden Powell's birth anniversary. Guided by experts and faculty, students explored ecosystems, observed wildlife, and engaged in SDG-based activities like quizzes and art sessions. The trip fostered teamwork, leadership, and environmental responsibility, making it a memorable and enriching experience.



### HALL OF FAME





#### **Olympiad Achievements**

Our students once again demonstrated academic excellence in the SilverZone Olympiad 2024-25, bagging multiple medals in Science, Mathematics, General Knowledge, and Reasoning. Dhruvi Parmar (IX), Samriddhi Arora (II), and Dev Krishna (VIII) emerged as Gold Medalists, showcasing their exceptional aptitude. Their achievements reflect their dedication and the school's unwavering commitment to fostering intellectual growth. The students were honoured in a special assembly, where they encouraged their peers to strive for excellence in academics.

#### **VKV Chess Champions Shine in Udaipur**

VKV's chess prodigies Dhruvin Jain, Sourabh Parmar and Mohak Harmor showcased their brilliance at the All India Open Rapid & Blitz Tournament, Udaipur (25th-26th Dec 2024).

Dhruvin Jain clinched 1st place, winning a ₹10,000 cash prize (FIDE 1425).

**Sourabh Parmar** secured **4th place in U-15** (FIDE 1453).

Mohak Harmor bagged 5th place in U-13 (FIDE 1498). Their outstanding performances continue to inspire VKV's budding chess talents! Additionally, Dhruvin Jain's participation in the *International Online Open Rapid Chess Tournament* led him to an impressive 3rd position globally. His dedication and strategic brilliance inspire many budding chess players in the school.



#### **Special Recognition on Voter's Day**



Our school takes pride in the achievement of Akshit Rawal (Class X), who was honoured by the District Administration on Voter's Day 2025. Recognised for his awareness campaign on voting rights, Akshit played a significant role in encouraging youth participation in the democratic process. His efforts in spreading civic awareness among students and the community were deeply appreciated. This recognition serves as an inspiration for all students to be responsible and active citizens of the nation.

#### **State-Level Archery Triumph**

VKV Rishabhdev marked a glorious win in Archery as our students participated in the State Level Archery Tournament organised by the Vanvasi Kalyan Association. Our young archers clinched three gold medals, making the school proud. In another milestone, Rohini Damor (Class IX) represented VKV in the 24th Tribal National Game Archery 2024 at Chhattisgarh and secured the first position in the team event. These victories highlight our students' dedication and their commitment to sports excellence.



# LITTLE WONDERS

#### Grandparents' Day Celebration - A Tribute to Unbreakable Bonds

VKV Rishabhdev celebrated **Grandparents' Day** with joy, love, and gratitude. **Students from Nursery to Class IV** showcased their talents through **dance**, **music**, **and storytelling**, making their grandparents feel special. **Interactive games**, **art displays**, **and heartfelt gestures like oil massages** strengthened family bonds. The event concluded with **refreshments and group photos**, creating cherished memories of togetherness.













#### <u>Diwali Celebration - A Festival of Lights and Joy</u>

VKV Rishabhdev celebrated **Diwali** with joy and enthusiasm. **Pre-primary students** participated in **diya decoration**, **rangoli-making**, **and storytelling sessions**, embracing the festive spirit. A **special assembly**, **dance performances**, **and an inspiring speech** highlighted the festival's values. Promoting a **Green Diwali**, students engaged in **eco-friendly activities** instead of bursting crackers. The celebration concluded with **sweet distribution and group photos**, spreading happiness and unity.





#### **Navaratri Celebration**

VKV Rishabhdev celebrated **Navaratri** with devotion and joy. Students performed **garba** and **dandiya**, highlighting the festival's spirit. A special assembly shared **the significance of Goddess Durga** and **the victory of good over evil**. In the evening, students beautifully **depicted the same dance at the company garden**, spreading festive cheer beyond the school campus.







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#### **Basant Panchami Celebration – Welcoming Spring with Joy**

VKV Rishabhdev welcomed **Basant Panchami** with enthusiasm, embracing the spirit of wisdom and new beginnings. Students, dressed in **vibrant yellow**, participated in a soulful **Saraswati Vandana**, seeking the blessings of the **Goddess of Learning**. The celebration featured **kite-flying**, **storytelling**, **and folk singing**, creating a joyful and culturally enriching experience. The event beautifully blended **tradition**, **learning**, **and creativity**, fostering a deep connection to heritage and wisdom.













#### Lohri & Makar Sankranti Celebration - A Festival of Harvest and Gratitude

The Pre-Primary students of VKV Rishabhdev celebrated **Lohri and Makar Sankranti** with great enthusiasm. The festivities began with a **bonfire ritual**, where children offered sweets and danced to lively Punjabi beats, embracing the joy of togetherness. The excitement continued with a **kite-flying competition**, symbolising new beginnings, along with traditional **sports activities** like tug-of-war. The event fostered **cultural appreciation**, **teamwork**, **and gratitude** towards nature and farmers, ending on a sweet note with delicious **tilgul laddoos**.







#### Swami Vivekananda Jayanti - National Youth Day

VKV Rishabhdev celebrated **Swami Vivekananda Jayanti** on **January 12, 2025**, inspiring students with his ideals and vision. The event featured **a special assembly, motivational speeches, and cultural performances**, highlighting his contributions to youth empowerment. Students participated in **quiz competitions**, **skits**, **and discussions** on his teachings, reinforcing the values of **self-discipline**, **courage**, **and service to society**. The celebration instilled **patriotism and leadership spirit**, making it a truly enriching experience.







# BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

#### Mathematics Day Assembly – Celebrating the Magic of Numbers

VKV Rishabhdev celebrated **Mathematics Day** in honour of **Srinivasa Ramanujan**, making math fun and engaging. The event featured **mental math challenges**, **puzzles**, **quizzes**, **and a special presentation on Ramanujan's discoveries**. Teachers shared tricks to simplify complex problems, sparking curiosity among students. The celebration concluded with an exciting **math relay competition**, promoting teamwork and logical thinking. The event successfully reinforced the importance of mathematics in everyday life.













#### **Joyful Christmas Celebrations At VKV**

Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Rishabhdev, celebrated Christmas with enthusiasm and festive cheer. The event featured melodious carol singing, a vibrant nativity play, and energetic dance performances. Students beautifully decorated the campus, spreading warmth and joy. The arrival of Santa Claus delighted the young ones, filling the air with excitement. Through skits and messages, students embraced the values of love, kindness, and generosity. The celebration concluded with cake-cutting and the exchange of heartfelt wishes, making it a truly memorable occasion.







#### **Exploring the Planetary Parade**

VKV Rishabhdev hosted a **Planetary Parade** viewing session, where students observed celestial wonders through a telescope. Guided by **guest faculty Mr. Aakash Nair**, an aerospace engineer and VKV alumnus, students explored **planets, stars, and astronomical phenomena**, sparking curiosity and a love for space science.







# BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

#### **Special Assemblies - Learning Beyond the Classroom**

VKV Rishabhdev conducted **special assemblies** throughout the year, fostering awareness and responsibility among students.

International Girl Child Day (October): Discussions on gender equality and women's empowerment.

Constitution Day (November): Insights on rights, duties, and democratic values.

Peace Day (February): Skits and speeches promoting harmony and unity.

These interactive sessions instilled moral values, leadership, and a global outlook in students.













#### Pariksha Pe Charcha - Exam Stress Management with PM Modi

In February 2025, VKV Rishabhdev students participated in Pariksha Pe Charcha, where PM Narendra Modi shared valuable tips on exam stress management, time management, and conceptual learning. He encouraged students to view exams as opportunities for growth rather than pressure. A live Q&A session addressed study techniques and self-discipline, leaving students motivated and confident for their upcoming exams.







#### Ramakrishna Jayanti Celebration

VKV Rishabhdev celebrated Ramakrishna Jayanti with devotion and enthusiasm. A special team from Ramakrishna Mission, Udaipur, graced the occasion, sharing insights on Sri Ramakrishna Paramhansa's teachings. The event featured soulful bhajans, spiritual discourses, and reflections on his philosophy, inspiring students and staff to embrace moral and spiritual values. The celebration fostered a deep sense of spirituality and ethical awareness, making it a truly enriching experience for all.







### STEPS TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY

#### <u>Cleanliness Drive – A Tribute</u> <u>to Gandhi Jayanti</u>

On October 2, 2024, VKV Rishabhdev's Scouts & Guides organised a cleanliness drive, promoting Swachh Bharat. Students cleaned public spaces, raised awareness on hygiene, and encouraged community participation. This initiative reinforced SDG 6 – Clean Water and Sanitation, fostering self-discipline and social responsibility.









# Kitchen Garden Growing Our Own Greens

VKV Rishabhdev introduced a **Kitchen Garden** initiative to promote **organic farming and sustainability**. Students actively participated in **planting vegetables and herbs**, learning about **soil health, composting, and seasonal crops**. This hands-on experience fostered **environmental responsibility and healthy eating habits**, encouraging self-sufficiency and respect for nature.

# Recycling Initiative Incense Sticks from Flowers

In November 2024, VKV Rishabhdev students repurposed discarded temple flowers into incense sticks, promoting SDG 12 – Sustainable Consumption. This eco-friendly project reduced waste while teaching entrepreneurship and environmental conservation, fostering a greener, cleaner planet.











# Zero Waste Initiative Art from Waste

As part of VKV Rishabhdev's vision for 2025-26, the school actively embraced the Zero Waste Initiative, encouraging students to turn discarded materials into artistic creations. Through art and craft activities, students repurposed paper, plastic, and fabric scraps, transforming waste into beautiful and functional artwork. This initiative not only fostered creativity but also instilled a strong sense of environmental responsibility, reinforcing the importance of reducing waste, reusing resources, and promoting sustainability. By integrating eco-friendly practices into learning, VKV is shaping a generation that values conservation and innovative thinking.

#### <u>Seed Bank</u> <u>Preserving Biodiversity</u>

As part of the **Zero Waste Initiative**, VKV Rishabhdev established a **Seed Bank**, where students collected and stored **native seeds** to promote biodiversity. The initiative encouraged **sustainable farming practices and conservation awareness**, teaching students the importance of **seed preservation for future generations**.





#### LNJ BHILWARA GROUP OF SCHOOLS





# Mr. K.B. Khatad

With profound sorrow, Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Rishabhdev mourns the passing of Shri K.B. Khatod, our esteemed School SMC President, on 28th February 2025. Born on 27th June 1967, he dedicated his life to education, industry, and community service, leaving an indelible mark on our institution.

Joining RSWM Ltd., Rishabhdev on 4th October 1997, he served as the Plant Head, playing a key role in fostering educational growth and development. His wisdom, generosity, and unwavering commitment to education and social upliftment will always be remembered.

We extend our deepest condolences to his family. May his noble soul rest in eternal peace, and may his legacy of leadership and service continue to inspire us all.

With heartfelt sympathy, VKV Rishabhdev Family

#### CAPTURED MOMENTS, CHERISHED MEMORIES





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