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### Coming up!

Stay tuned for special events and heartfelt tributes!

### Teacher's Day Celebration

Celebrating the 'Guiding Lights of Knowledge'.

### Inter-House Cultural Competition

Get ready to groove...

### Hindi Diwas

Embracing our national language in all its magnanimity.





## Music Day: June 21



Words communicate with people but music connects with the heart. At Dr. Pillai Global Academy, New Panvel, students showcased their diverse talents through instrumental and musical performances, captivating the audience with their musical prowess and rhythmic skills. The audience wholeheartedly enjoyed the show, grooving to the beats of these talented students and teachers.



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## Yoga Day: June 21

Yoga, an ancient Indian practice, combines poses, breathwork, and meditation to improve strength, flexibility, mental clarity, and overall well-being. Students celebrated the day by practicing asanas and pranayams to rejuvenate their bodies and take a break from their academic routines.



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## TOK, The Impact of Knowledge: July 6



The Theory of Knowledge exhibition at Dr. Pillai Global Academy, New Panvel, featured displays by IBDP 2 students. They explored various aspects of knowledge, challenging their assumptions and embracing diverse perspectives. This enriching experience allowed students to gain comprehensive insights, with all exhibits demonstrating merit and thoughtfulness.



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## Investiture Ceremony: July 12

Dr. Pillai Global Academy's Grades 9 to 12 students officially joined the school council in a formal ceremony. They received badges and sashes from our Principal Mr. Prakash Nair, PA and PE teachers, and House Masters for their roles. The outgoing head girl and the head boy passed the torch to their successors, who then took an oath, assuming their new positions.



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## Bastille Day: July 14

Students at Dr. Pillai Global Academy came together to commemorate Bastille Day, a pivotal moment in French history. They celebrated with performances, including French tunes and dances, and engaged in presentations and interactive quizzes to deepen their understanding of French culture. This marked a memorable observance of le quatorze juillet, the fourteenth of July.



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## Graduation Day: July 28

Graduation day, where the tassel's worth the hassle, celebrates academic achievements and the dedication graduates have shown. With passion, they embrace their journey, excited about building a bright future. At Dr. Pillai Global Academy, students bid farewell to their seniors, creating a buzzing atmosphere filled with excitement and nostalgia.



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## Interhouse Chess and Carrom: August 2

At Dr Pillai Global Academy, the chess and carrom competitions showcased intense ardour. Houses competed fiercely, demonstrating tactical mastery. Chess matches were intense and focused, with unique house strategies. In contrast, carrom was marked by teamwork and enjoyable play, with each house employing distinct techniques.



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## Rangostav: August 3

Rangotsav, a festival of art and colours, saw creative students from Dr Pillai Global Academy paint vivid portraits and images during the inter-school national-level competition. Enthusiastic students from various grades participated, turning life into art with vibrant hues and creativity.



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## Kondana Trek: August 5

Enthusiastic students from Grades 10 to 12 embarked on an adventurous monsoon trek to Kondana Caves in Karjat. Their journey, filled with excitement and careful planning, took them through steep slopes and drenched sand roads. Despite the challenges, each step brought thrilling revelations, fostering a spirit of adventure and appreciation for nature.



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## “Meri Maati Mera Desh” - Pledge: August 9

The ‘Meri Maati Mera Desh’ campaign celebrated unity through a symbolic ‘Diya-lighting’ ceremony, where young individuals pledged to make India self-sufficient by 2047. This promise symbolizes India's growing spirit, filling young hearts with patriotic zeal, as we collectively shape the nation's future as a powerhouse, constructing a progress tale that binds us all.



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# Global Issues

## EROSION OF CULTURE AND IDENTITY

In today's rapidly changing world, the importance of preserving cultural identity often goes unnoticed. Our unique traditions, languages, and customs are the core of who we are. Sadly, these invaluable aspects of our heritage are at risk of disappearing as we embrace a more 'avant-garde' way of life. The erosion of culture has become an urgent concern that demands our unwavering attention.

Educational institutions serve as powerful platforms for making a positive impact. They can seamlessly incorporate cultural events, enriching student life with a deep appreciation for the historical, ethical and customary dimensions of our heritage. By celebrating cultural festivals, conducting language workshops and encouraging open dialogues, we can instill in students a profound sense of pride and belonging. This fosters an environment of mutual respect and empathy among individuals from diverse cultural backgrounds.

Parents and communities also play a crucial role in preserving our cultural heritage. By passing down traditions and stories through generations, they create a strong bridge connecting the past and the present. Encouraging young people to embrace their cultural legacy provides them with a strong sense of identity and confidence in the face of rapid globalization.

However, our efforts should not stop there. Global initiatives are essential to protect and conserve cultural heritage sites, promote indigenous languages, and facilitate cross-cultural interactions. Technology, often blamed for cultural erosion, can be a powerful tool in this endeavour. It can document and share cultural practices, transcending geographical and temporal boundaries.

In conclusion, it is time for collective action to safeguard our cultural identity. By wholeheartedly embracing and celebrating our ancestral heritage, we have the potential to create a future characterized by harmonious coexistence and profound enrichment. Through these collaborative efforts, our cultural heritage will remain a lasting source of pride and inspiration for generations to come.

~ Tanvi Agarwal IBDP 2  
Editor-in-Chief



# MEET THE TEAM



## *Seated from left to right:*

Nivriti Nair, Shreya Pillai, Pleasance Cherian, Anshpratap Singh, Vedika Pawar, Kaavya Aggarwal, Tanvi Agarwal, Ananya Kumar, Radhika Narayanan, Adrija Banerjee and Anshika Arya

## *Standing from left to right:*

Avani Nikhade, K.J.Sreenivas, Nishaad Purohit, Divya More, Ms. Debjani Banerjee, Sehaj Singh, Swarangi Koltharkar, Mugdha Patil, Ms. Smitha Kurup, Harshavardhan Reddy, Prakash Thadani and Swasti Nalawade

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