THE DN WISDOM TREE GLOBAL SCHOOL

# WIZNEWS

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# PRATEETI 2025

#### THE GRADUATION DAY

The joyous satisfaction of Graduation Day! The buzz and the excitement, the fulfilment of one phase, stepping on to the next. PRATEETI 2025, The DN Wisdom Tree Global School's Graduation Ceremony concluded the academic session with elan, to applause and smiles all around.





# **PRATEETI**

# 2025 THE GRADUATION DAY























# BAGLESS DAYS 2025

Exams Done. It's time for fun. Bagless Days Are Here Again!













#### From The Director-Principal's Desk

#### **Bagless Days**

Debates on bags and backpacks are as old as learning. The jhola that the early kids of Gurukuls must have carried were equally in question. Where is the knowledge contained, in bags and jholas, or minds? Well, a lighter body can fly to greater heights. Knowledge is what we absorb from everything we encounter, our senses are the gateways to wisdom. So, we plan such days when they only carry themselves to school - with wide-open eyes, navigable minds, warm hearts and unabating zeal.

NEP has proposed. We have adopted. But, why we do this is a million-dollar question - for parents, teachers and students alike. Bagless days are carefully scheduled, well-planned, meticulously organised days of open learning. Through these days we let them explore learning in a more sensorial way, creating a positive environment of immersive experiences - of the sciences and the arts that they study in their regular, everyday classrooms. The lessons planned for bagless days are designed to integrate multi ple disciplines in a way that helps children understand the holistic nature of education. Education is not merely having expertise in a particular subject, it is the understanding of life and the world through that lens of the subject. The subject is just a provocation, rest is the totality of the experience. Bagless days provide such opportunities for our young learners to get the flavour of true learning, pragmatic, experiential education.



A child will know science not by browsing pages alone but by experiencing the same while swimming in the pool. He or she will experience the buoyant force that will be calculated later in his or her exercise book, he or she will get the feel of fluidity which will no longer remain a mere word. When he or she is riding a horse, he or she will get the true knowledge of speed and acceleration and also touch the skin of the horse he or she must have read or seen as pictures in books.

So a bagless day is a mindful day for our children. My heart runs for such days to celebrate education in its truest form.

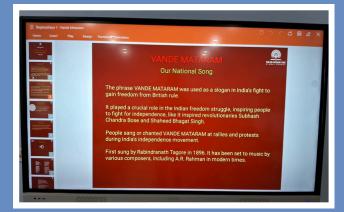
Dr. Rita Chatterjee Director-Principal The DN Wisdom Tree Global School















### **SPRING EQUINOX**

#### **20TH MARCH IS WORLD SPARROW DAY**

Ghara Chatia' or house sparrows were a ubiquitous presence in our homes and in our lives until they suddenly disappeared from the city about twenty years back. Feasting on washed wheat grains that were put out to dry in the courtyard, carrying twigs and straw in their little beaks as they set up nests in the skylights of the high ceiling'd rooms, or simply picking out worms and insects from the grass in the lawn, the chirps and twitters of these tiny birds filled the air from dawn to dusk and resonated a feel of 'home' and 'hearth'. I don't deliberately ever remember us keeping out grain-feed or water for either the sparrows or pigeons but they survived on whatever they found in the huge garden that had lots of large trees, plants, grass, and water ponds and these birds were always present in large numbers.



So what made these sparrows abandon an entire city? What did we do wrong for such an adaptable species to have disappeared? In a note on this subject, eminent conservationist and birder-wildlifer Dushyant Parasher makes some very pertinent points on the loss of house sparrows in urban areas. Here are some extracts.

\*"In Sri Lanka it was observed in mid 1990s that the decline of house sparrows corresponded with the use of mosquito coils. These coils generally use synthetic Pyrethroids as one of the ingredients which are known to be extremely toxic, particularly to birds and interfere with their reproduction system. Birds can also be indirectly affected by pyrethroids if the pesticides decimate or substantially change their worm-food supply. Birds which feed on aquatic invertebrates and small insects are especially vulnerable. Pyrethrins are also known to be teratogenic (causing birth defects) in certain birds."

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The growing network of wireless communication in the form of cell phones is also taking a toll on the House sparrow. Scientists at the Research Institute for Nature and Forests in Brussels, Belgium, produced the first evidence that mobile phone base stations are affecting the reproductive behaviour of sparrows. The results, though preliminary, do support the hypothesis that long-term exposure to higher levels of radiation negatively affects the abundance or behaviour of house sparrows. The National Research Council of Canada also did some studies on the non-thermal effects of microwave radiation on birds. Their findings were that bird feathers acted as dielectric receptors and the exposure altered their EEG patterns and produced other signs of stress in the form of vocalization, defecation and initiation of flight.

\*"The use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides in urban gardens to nurture and protect the hybrid and exotic plants from the onslaught of simple pests is the other culprit sited as the cause of decline of House sparrow; and it could well be one of the major factors. Although House sparrow have shown great adaptability in their diet pattern from grain, weed seeds, insects to wild berries and table scraps; their nestlings live exclusively on a diet of worms for the first fifteen days of their lives and if that is not available or is contaminated with pesticide, their survival is at stake."

\*"Our ever expanding urbanization and the new match-box like apartment architecture has driven the House sparrow away from us, maybe our little compromise on the urban garden landscape can lure our childhood friends back. Let us not forget that the house sparrow still has an option. It can move to the few remaining woodlands where it will learn to survive away from the humans. It is the humans who will find it difficult to survive in their urban concrete jungle."



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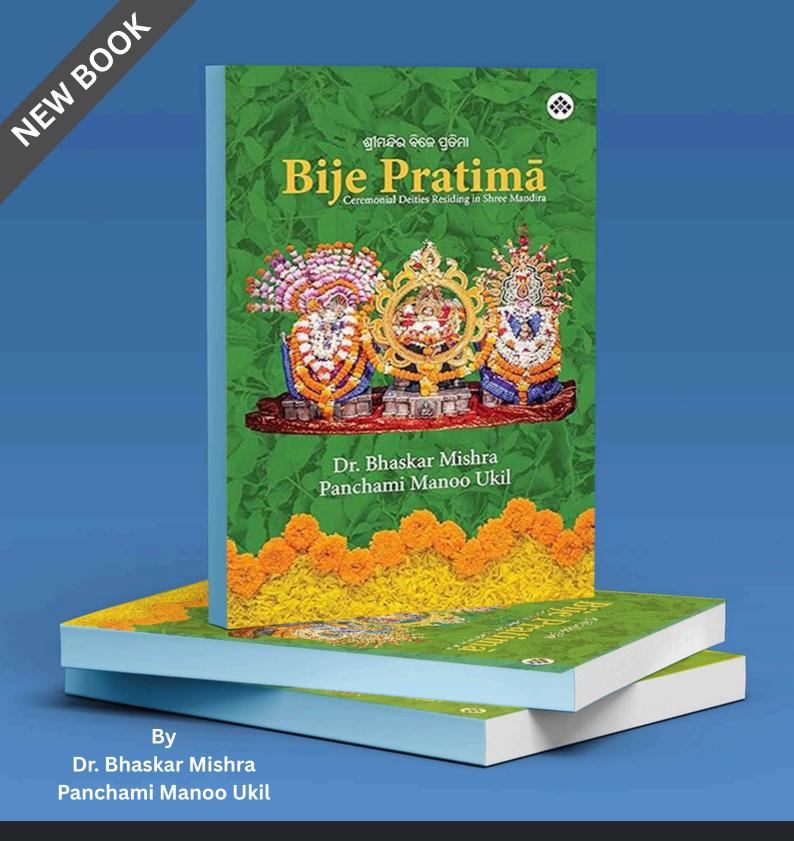
Bhubaneswar city sees house sparrows in the fringe areas like Patia which too are heavily urbanized and yet have managed to retain some of the wooded patches. Surprisingly Nayapalli market has a tiny population of sparrows but the residential areas don't see them at all. Small acts like having green patches at home, not using pesticides in plants and lawns, keeping water and grains out for birds just might attract these birds back into our urban spaces inspite of the concrete onslaught.

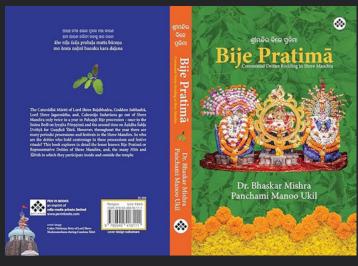
Nesting boxes have been hugely successful in drawing sparrows back into urban areas. These nest boxes are an important tool for bird conservation in urban areas, attracting many small species who feel secure to nest in them. The boxes should be fixed at a height in shaded balconies. It also helps to place a shallow earthen bowl of water in your gardens and balconies to attract birds to your living spaces.

At The Wisdom Tree Global School, we got our artists to specially paint a nest box for us so that our birds have a really pretty home to nest in!

Hope we can all do our bit to have these chirpy and lively birds in our midst once again.

Panchami Manoo Ukil Vice Chairperson The DN Wisdom Tree Global School













### LEARNING BY DOING

#### A Science Exhibition with a Difference

The DN Wisdom Tree Global School was abuzz and festive. The classrooms were vibrant and humming with energy. There were lively conversations at every turn, as parents strolled through the school, taking in the working model projects that our young Wisdomites had created. The excitement itself was thrilling for all of us adults, as were the many interactions with the presenters from each grade. Well modelled working projects and confident presenters with cogent scientific explanations of their work - the Science Exhibition at The DN Wisdom Tree Global School was an outcome of academic calibre which made us all very proud.

So here's a big shout out to all our Wisdomites and mentors. Shine on. We look forward to your learning accomplishments in the days and seasons ahead.













Saluting the Tall Man, standing tall forever.

Our loving tribute to the legend on his birth anniversary. He continues to inspire generations.

## BIJU PATNAIK

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# **HOLI 2025**











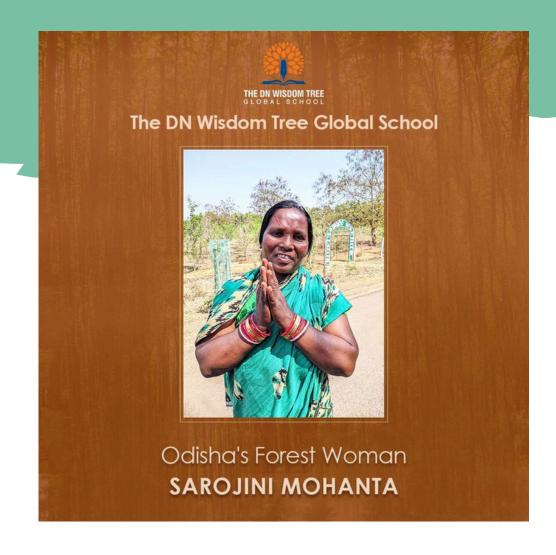




### **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FORESTS 2025**

Protecting and restoring our forests is urgent and necessary: the well-being of the planet and future generations depends on them.

On International Day of Forests, we salute Sarojini Mohanta, Odisha's own forest woman, for her relentless dedication in transforming barren land into a thriving forest in just two years. She created a special plantation on 4.7 acres of dry and denuded land in the Bonai Forest Division, which is now home to over three thousand trees consisting of indigenous species like Amla, Mango, Phasi, Guava and Jackfruit, and the like. A forest watcher and daily wager, Sarojini, a resident of Ulsurei village, went beyond the call of duty to create something invaluable. Her love of the environment is a shining example, an inspiration for us all.



# PARENT-TEACHER

### **MEETING 2025**

Happy Children = Happy Parents = The DN Wisdom Tree Global School

We are grateful to all our beloved parents for their continued faith and their affirmation for the institution. Your encouragement inspires us to be better versions of ourselves. Immense gratitude!













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## **MEETING 2025**













Celebrating the strength, wisdom, and resilience of women who shape the future! Happy International Women's Day from The DN Wisdom Tree Global School!



International, WAMENS. Day



You make us so proud! Kudos to the team and mentor. Strive on. Shine on.



#### 2ND KHORDHA DISTRICT PENCAK SILAT CHAMPIONSHIP

(MARTIAL ARTS) 2024-25

# Many Congratulations!



Dhruv, Grade - 8 (Gold)



Kahneya, Grade - 7 (Gold)



Eeshan, Grade - 3 (Gold)



Paksh, Grade - 2 (Gold)



Nirvika, KG 2 (Gold)



Nirved, KG 1 (Gold)



Bhabin, Grade - 2 (Silver)



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