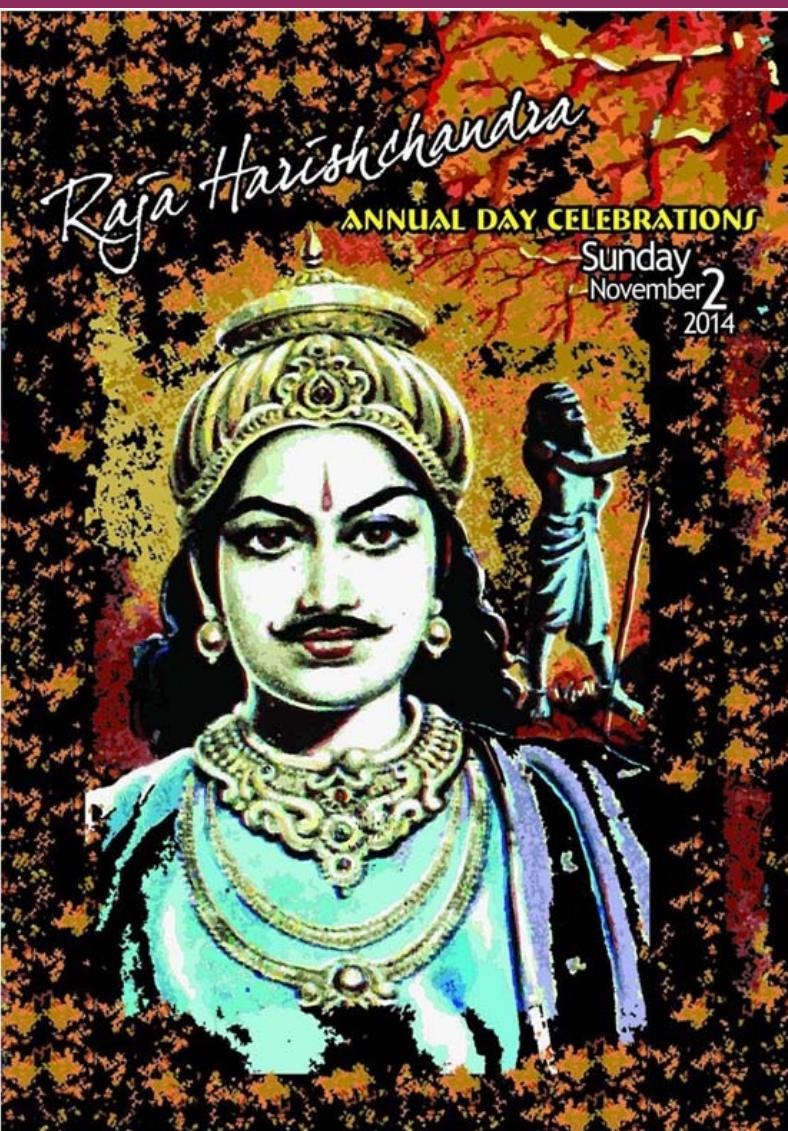


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(Cameras, eatables, bags not allowed.)

श्री VIS family
cordially invites you to
the Annual Day Celebrations

Vivaan

...A righteous path to a vibrant life

on Sunday, November 2, 2014

at 5.45 p.m. at

श्री Venkateshwar International School

Sector-18, Dwarka, New Delhi.

Chief Guest

Dr. (Prof.) M C Mishra
Director, AIIMS

Guest of Honour

Mr. Robin Hibu
Joint Comm. Police
Women & Children Unit

Special Invitee

Dr. Pradeep Bhardwaj
CEO, Six Sigma Healthcare

have kindly consented to grace the occasion.

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**Here's to the year
that's almost nearing to a glorious end—2014.
We all had some surprises, didn't we?
Some good, but all where we learnt a lot.
Let's use everything we got from our experiences,
everything we learned,
to enrich the New Year.
Here's to the New Year, 2015
a gift we haven't opened yet.
May its bright, shiny package
contain even more than we hope for!
And even while we're delighting in new treasures,
let's appreciate fully what we already have—
the blessings we take for granted.
Make a list, and check it twice.
And here's to all you wonderful people
who are putting up with our toast;
we hope in the New Year
you see yourselves the way we see you:
intelligent, interesting, and likeable.
May it give a whole new meaning
to the phrase, "the good life!"**

Here's a glorious end to another year which began with the same enthusiasm and excitement. Month after month Sri Venkateshwarites excelled proving their mettle. Read on to find how the students kept up the banner of their alma mater and read their thoughts as they pen down their feelings in the Creatica Section.

Sri VIS, Sector-18, Dwarka Celebrates VIVAAN-The Annual Day



Sri VIS celebrated its Annual day VIVAAN, showcasing the path of truth through the ballet Raja Harishchandra, on November 2, 2014. Dr (Prof) M C Misra , Director AIIMS was the Chief Guest for the occasion. The Guests of Honour was Shri Robin Hibu, Joint Commissioner of Police, Special Unit Women and Children and Nodal Officer, North East People. Other special invitees were Shri Rajpal –Founder, Dr Pradeep Bhardwaj, CEO Six Sigma Healthcare, Gp Capt Ishwar Singh, Advisor, Venkateshwar Group of Schools, and Mr Sailander Solanki, Chairman Sri VIS.

The School Principal Ms Nita Arora welcomed the distinguished guests and presented the school report highlighting the strong focus on Values, Scholastic and the Co-scholastic dimensions at Sri VIS. The mood of the evening was set by the Junior Orchestra -'Shrishti'. The Lamp lighting was followed by the invocation dance on 'Krishna Leela' that transported all to the childhood of Krishna traversing his antics as the 'makhan chor' to the path of righteousness.

The brilliant portrayal of 'Raja Harishchandra' by the young and exuberant performers showcased the trials and tribulations of the protagonist and his belief in the ideals he held, notwithstanding the conditions. The audience sat back overwhelmed by the fine artistry and stage set up which transported them aeons back with each presentation. The felicitation ceremony of the students who had excelled through their multifaceted talent catapulted the audience back to the present. The students from classes VI-XI who proved their mettle in the field of academics were awarded merit certificates and cash prizes. The sportsperson who had made a mark at the National Level were given due cognizance along with the Olympiad Toppers. The stellar performances came to an end with a spirited finale which saw all the scintillating performers assemble for the last bow. The Chief Guest exhorted the students to showcase their best in all that they strive for to attain the pinnacle of success and work together as Indians, never giving in to racial bias and gender discrimination.

The Guest of Honour Mr Robin Hibu touched the chord of everyone present, when he raised the issue of respect for the girl child and women in society and urged all to make their daughters self-reliant and get them trained in martial arts for self defence. He also exhorted the students to never give up and pursue their dreams wholeheartedly. He asked the parents to avoid giving pressures of academic brilliance alone but make their children value their individual talent and enjoy life. He also found Sri VIS as one of the best institutions that he had visited in India and abroad. He also asked the school to be a local Counselling Centre for children and help in empowering them. He also exhorted all to promote respect for cultural and regional diversity and let India shine as the strongest Nation due to its deep rooted value of Unity in Diversity.

Galleria



Reading Pledge at Sri VIS, Sector- 18, Dwarka

“If there were no words
How would we even think?
When we read books, we begin to exist
When we read books, we begin to live”
I choose BOOKS! I choose LIFE!

These words of famous novelist Amish Tripathi, known for his work- Shiva's Trilogy, echoed in the grounds of Sri Venkateshwar International School when more than 2000 students and staff (including support staff) repeated the Reading Pledge administered by the school Chairman Mr. Sailander Solanki on the sunny morning of November 28, 2014.

Banners proclaiming Reading for Peace, Progress and Prosperity dotted the school walls. The day marked as 'One Nation Reading Together' event is celebrated



across the nation by Scholastic India Ltd. For the Delhi Chapter, they collaborated with Sri VIS and the school was transformed into a magical world of books with the children of Sri VIS Kids Wing sitting in Book formation in the grounds reading and Std. 3-4 in the assembly foyer enjoying their foray in the literary world.

The maximum fun was watching Std. 5-7 sitting in Sri VIS BOOK READER formation and NDTV crew descending to cover the event. They decided that such a big event needs to be converted into half an hour story rather than just a news clipping. Std. 8 onwards congregated in the school auditorium for taking the pledge and also did the collective reading.

Mr. Neeraj Jain Managing Director, **Mr Shantanu-** Marketing Head and **Ms. Sushma Saraf-** Sr. Educational Consultant of Scholastic were beaming with joy and pride on the successful launch of the '**One Nation Reading Together Event**'. We hope that this spark will spread to community and nation will have truly ignited souls.

The school is also spearheading the campaign, “**Gift a book, win a smile,**” wherein the box outside the Library is already overflowing with the benevolent donations of books from students, parents and staff. May this box always overflow with the milk of human kindness and spread smiles in the life of under-privileged children, who will be the recipients of **I choose a book, I choose a Life Campaign!**

Human Rights Day Observed

SVIS observed Human Rights Day in a very captivating way on 10 December 2014. To spur up the feelings of equality and respect for all human beings among the students, the school took a pride in conducting the school Assembly dedicating the day to Human Rights.

The programme started with a dance drama wherein the students presented the scenes of child labour and the hopes and dreams of the poor children. It was followed by an eye catching pantomime wherein the girls acted out the plight of a girl child and child labour demanding the need of the hour to stand against all discriminations and the right to live and the right to education. The show ended with a group song on 'We have Rights' narrating all the rights deserved by human beings.

The Assembly concluded with a message on moral values on Human Rights by the teachers and the Principal of SVIS. It was a call for an end to the violation of Human rights and bringing up values in the students to respect each and every human.

BOOK LAUNCH BY RUSKIN BOND



Six students of standard VI got the opportunity to attend the book launch. Author Ruskin Bond launched his new book 'With Love from the Hills' published by Scholastic at the event. The function began with the auspicious lightening of the ceremonial lamp followed by the welcome address of the Principal.

Ten lucky students got an opportunity to have one-on-one with the author. Mimansa Bharti, of our school was one of them. Author discussed about his new book and answered several queries asked by his student fans.

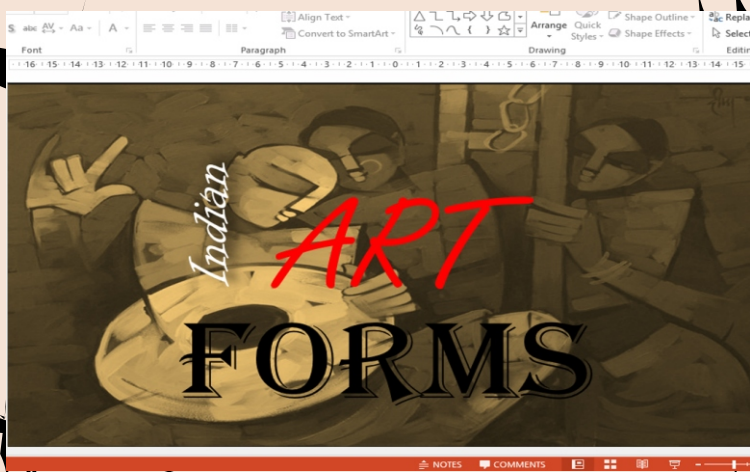
In conversation with the students he emphasized on the need to inculcating the habit of reading among children.



DOCUMENTARY PRESENTATION

The students of standard IX-X participated in the documentary presentation on 'the cultures of India, Egypt and Wales on October 1, 2014.

It was an enriching experience for the students as they delved deeper into the cultures of these nations. The presentation held the attention of the audience through the videos, slides and quizzes. This event as a part of the ongoing ISA project ensured assimilation of cultures for the denizens.



<u>House</u>	<u>Country depicted</u>	<u>Position</u>
Value & Truth	Egypt & Wales	First
Valour & Sincerity	India & India	Second
Integrity & Strength	Egypt & Wales	Third

TALENT HUNT 2014-15 (14th of November)

On the joyous occasion of Children's Day, a talent hunt was organized for the students of standards VI-VIII at Sri VIS to unearth, appreciate and reward the special endowment each student possesses. Students were encouraged to present any activity to display their innate abilities and skills. They took part in the activity with great fervour and enthusiasm and came up with immense innovative and novel activities to present their talents. Click here to view the names of the outstanding and talented Sri Venkateshwarites:

PLANNING TRIP TO KURUKSHETRA

To enrich the students with the knowledge of history, archaeology and mythology in an interesting way, the students of standard seventh had an opportunity to visit the historical places of Kurukshetra- the land of historical and religious importance, located in Haryana. It was an overnight camp coordinated by Knowledge XP on 29 November 2014.

It was an endeavour to guide the students to relate academics with actual field study exploring, investigating and preparing them to research and organize their ideas. The places visited by the students were Sheikh Chilli's tomb which is associated with the Sufi saint Abdul Razak, popularly known as Sheikh Chilli, Raja Harsha ka Tila constructed in the tenth century, Shri Krishna Museum displaying the stone sculptures, bronze castings, leaf etchings, miniature paintings, clay pottery and terracotta artefacts, Panorama and science Centre which exhibits a unique view of science and religion, Brahmo Sarovar- a water tank dedicated to Lord Shiva which is 3600 feet long and 1500 feet broad and Jyotisar- believed to be the cradle of Hindu civilisation and culture.

The trip included many educational and fun activities which enhanced the team spirit, confidence and the knowledge of the students.

School Excursions

Educational Trip to Sariska Bird Sanctuary

An enriching and educative two days trip to the Sariska Bird Sanctuary was organized for standard 9 on 13 and 14 Dec 2014.

The group comprised 38 children, 4 teachers and a tour expert from Knowledge XP. The trip started at 7am from school and every event was conducted as per the planned agenda. The group stayed at Sariska Tiger Resort, Alwar.

The students visited the Bhangarh Fort located on the border of the Sariska Reserve in the Aravali range of hills in the Alwar district of Rajasthan. They had a view of Golaka, the nearest village. The fort is situated at the foot of the hills on a sloping terrain. The ruins of the King's palace could be seen on the lower slopes of the hills. The students enjoyed the scenic beauty with trees surrounding the pond area and a natural stream within the premises of the palace.

The students visited the Sariska Tiger Reserve, located in Alwar district of Rajasthan in the lap of Aravali hills and situated 200 km from national capital Delhi. Sariska Tiger Reserve or Sariska National was a hunting reserve area for Alwar state. It got a status of wild life reserve in the year 1955 and in the year 1978, it took the name of the Sariska Tiger Reserve. The students also viewed many historical places like Kankarwadi Fort built by King Jai Singh II which is located inside the centre of the Sariska Tiger Reserve. Mughal emperor Aurangzeb had imprisoned his brother Dara Shikho at Kankarwadi Fort in struggle for succession for the throne. They also visited the Famous temple of Lord Hanuman situated at Pandupole which is related to Panadavas.

The trip was a great learning experience for both the teachers and the students.

Ranthambore Trip

The students of standard 8 went on a trip to the Ranthambore Tiger Reserve on 4 November 2014. As soon as they landed in Jaipur, the students went straight to the City Palace. The students visited the handicraft industry and learnt the method and skill of Block printing. The students also learnt about the whole process of making blocks and all the hard work involved in it. Finally, when they reached the resort at Ranthambore, they did a lot of interesting group activities. Next day, in the wildlife adventure the students encountered animals like Crocodile, Deer, Blue Bull, and Peacocks, except the Tiger. On 6th morning after reaching Jaipur, the students visited the Amer Fort. It was an experience in itself learning about the architectural design and the planning done by the kings. Students also visited a paper factory and learnt about the recycling of paper. They witnessed the art of making different paper products.

The trip proved to be a great learning experience for the students.

School Excursions



Accolades- ACHIEVEMENTS AT INTER- SCHOOL LEVEL IN DELHI & NCR

Event	Name of Participants	Class	Position
Dress Designing	Pranjal Singla	VII	Third
	Abhishek	VII	Third
	Sanyam Gupta	VIII	Third
	Jyotsana Rana	VIII	Third

Panache (Pragati Public School)
December 5, 2014

Name of Participants	Class
K.Subramaniam	XI-A
Simarpreet Singh Saluja	IX-A
Stubh Lal	VIII-C

Derek's Faster Smarter Better Challenge
Classes: 8 to 12 Date: November 18,

Name of Participants	Class
Kapish Gupta	V RASPBERRIES
Shrey Arora	VI-A
Kushagra Jain	VII-B

Derek's Yippie Challenge
Classes: 5 to 7 Date: November 18, 2014

Sporting Arcadia

6th National Yoga Championship 2014-15

Name	Class	Position/ Medal
Shivani Sharma	VIII	Second
Kayna Dhingra	IV	Third
Priya Kumari	VIII	Participation

Kudos to our
National Yoga champs
who did all of us proud by
securing a silver and a
bronze medal at the National
Yoga Championship held at
Haridwar, Uttrakhand
(21 – 23 November
'14)



On Saturday, 13 of December 2014, the teachers of English Department attended a workshop organised by Headword publications and initiated by Barry O'Brien at St. Marks Girls School, Pashchim Vihar. Barry O'Brien, one of the country's leading quizmasters, conducted the workshop on the teaching techniques of English Language and

Literature, Soft Skills and Communication skills for Principals, teachers, corporate managers and executives. Mr. Brien, in his inimitable style, stressed on effective ways of teaching English by including a lot of imagery, humour and wit in the classroom. Mr. Brien exhorted the teachers to be good story-tellers in order to excite the learners to make them love the language and become effective conversationalists and confident orators. He also suggested the educators to use the technology at our disposal nowadays to keep pace with the current trends. Amongst peals of laughter, he also shared numerous anecdotes from his life and shared his experiences as a teacher and now as a motivational speaker even at the cost of making fun of him.

Mr. Brien concluded the workshop on the positive note that each of those present would strive to be good role models for their children; and would be successful in imparting the 4C's as he summarised : Content (knowledge) Communicate (disseminate the knowledge) Commercial success and last but not the least charity/care for the society.

Learners' Arcade

Didactic Workshop on English Language Teaching

SVIS faculty members of English department experienced a very elucidative training in the field of English Language teaching on December 6 2014 at Mamta Modern Sr. Secondary School, Vikaspuri. The workshop was conducted in collaboration with VIVA Education initiated by a distinguished resource personality Ms. Jayshri Kannan. The forum emphasized on the principles of conducting speaking and listening activities in the schools.

The genesis of the convention enlivened the interest of the teachers with an engrossing activity of adding alliterative adjectives with the names of the members present. Further, Ms. Jayshri established the prerequisites of evaluating the subskills of listening in the formative as well as summative assessments which are categorized as: Listening for specific understanding, Listening for General understanding, Predictive Listening, Inferential Listening, Listening for Pleasure, Intensive Listening and Evaluative Listening. The teachers were involved and guided in the way of generating activities for listening assessments. The session further accentuated on the training of speaking skills engaging the teachers in illuminating phonetics activities wherein the teachers were guided towards following neutral and correct pronunciations of English letters and words.

The workshop turned out to be a great informative session for the teachers with many entertaining activities including poetry recitation and songs. The organization intends to conduct sessions on the evaluation process of speaking and listening skills in future and therefore invites all the language teachers to be an active member of the forum.

Workshop on Innovative Teaching Practices of Mathematics

SVIS teachers of Mathematics department attended an edifying workshop on "Innovative Teaching Practices of Mathematics". It was conducted by the resource person Ms. Aditi Singhal on 29 December 2014.

The training programme aimed at imparting knowledge on various tools which can help reinforce the concepts among the students. The resource person also emphasized on the "Law of Memory" i.e. AIR where

A - Association

I - Imagination

R- Ridiculous Thinking

It can be helpful for students in quick memorisation. Activities were also done with the teachers on Gymnastics with 4, Number Puzzles and many more. It was an illuminating experience for the SVIS teachers.

WORKSHOP ON ASL ASSESSMENT SKILLS



The SVIS teachers of English department attended a two days training program on the skills of handling the assessment of speaking and listening skills on 26 - 27 December 2014. The workshop was conducted by CBSE and initiated by Ms. Rajni Jaimini at Green Park Prabhav Association.

The training program aimed at the specifications of ASL which intensified the need for learning English language and the required values. The specifications demanded to standardize the students' communication skills, to regularize classroom interactions and accordingly practice and assess. Most importantly, it suggested following the pre-determined standard which is the common European framework of reference (CEFR). CEFR is accepted as the grading framework of ASL. It categorizes the users of language into three levels: Basic user, Independent user and the Proficient user. It is suggested that the assessment should be conducted by considering the students of standard ninth and eleventh as Independent users.

The second session of the workshop emphasized on the aims of assessing the speaking skills. It specified the phases of the assessment process. It recommended the assessment process to be personalized, non-threatening, supportive and flexible to ease the interactive session for the students. The teachers were trained to efficiently follow the parameters of assessing the speaking skills.

The whole session was illuminating as well as interesting with phonetics play and many intriguing activities like framing questions of listening as well as speaking assessments and Jazz chant based on contractions. The workshop offered the teachers with a finished training to conduct ASL training and sessions in the schools.

It was followed by a Staff Workshop in which Ms. Reena Kalra and Ms. Mousumi. K. Sachdeva familiarized the English Language teachers of standards VI – XII with the new learning imbibed by them.

Creatica



A Plea for Human Rights

They told me "you can't be here"
I don't belong to this place.
They told me to be out of here
I am not the one of this desired race.
They told me to step aside,
Because there is a different cue for people
like me,
They told me to get down on my knees and
work for the class high above me.
I was an outcast yesterday, I am still an
outcast today,
Tell me, am I not beautiful in my own way?
People say your attitude matters, not your
colour or race,
I have faced different for this society is
nothing but grey.
Why should I stand in a tram where other
people sit, why should I step out of the cue
even when I have the ticket?
And why should I keep quite when people of
every class get along very well?
Do my rights exist when you want them to,
is it not my birthright but some contract I
have to sign to avail them every day?
My rights guarantee me freedom, safety and
care.

I cannot love the ones I want, the society
judges me in the wrong way
But for the sake of showing they are humans,
they throw me in a class with no name.
I want everyone to know how tough situation
is for a person without rights,
It is like being without any freedom.
While people have gatherings, I am even
forbidden to bereavement
God will you ever put an end to this unfair
treatment?
I too want to wake up in a world where I am
not judged,
Where I have rights of freedom and
expression.
I hope my freedom is guaranteed and safety is
priority
Because that way I have a safeguarded dignity.
I wish not to be an outcast, but be accepted in
the society
Because after all we are all humans
Why should I be different, when all you have
the same rights?
Now will all of you hear my plea?
Because I want nothing but demand same
rights and equality.

CHILDHOOD

Our names spell out
innocence
Our eyes glitter with love
They say that wire those
angels
Who descended from heavens
alone

We have a smile that
brightens
The darkest of the days
Little lamps of the night
Strokes of colour on greys

Change in time, change in us
Come the troublesome
teenage years
Little fun, little fears
Full of drama, lies & tears.
Now the fickle future awaits
Many aspirations and
decisions to make
This turmoil now makes me
wish
If I could receive those
innocent days.



We all are social creatures,
Creation of only one god
Though different in features
But he has used the same mode
Few born in India, America or
Rome
Others in countries like
Australia, Canada and England
Rules and regulations vary
from land to land
But the basic needs are food,
clothing and home
These should be enjoyed by
everyone
Without any difference of
caste, colour or creed

We should have the right to
education
Freedom of speech, movement
and employment
And any mode of religious
devotion
Assurance of justice,
protection against exploitation
Right to vote and property
No one can make us slave,
Exploit us or cheat us
If a government is not able to
provide the same
Then, it is a matter of great
shame
Let's fight for equal human
rights
And make our future bright.



Right To Education

Shreya Verma
VII D

To make every child bright,
And show them wisdom light,
Let's put our soul and might,
As education is the birth right.
May they be poor or may be black,
None of them should deprive or lack,
Let us put our foot forward not back,
And make efforts to put education on track.

Should we share our knowledge,
To make all humans educated,
It shall be to every one's advantage,
And our society will get felicitated.
Happiness is not about money,
Nor it can be donated to any,
Sharing and helping education is outcome
of education,
That needs to be learnt by each
generation.

Dilemma

Apurva Singh
IX B

I fly with freedom ,
Without any hesitation.
Looking for wisdom,
Where my destiny lies on
destination.
Looking for guide,
Burning in mind.
Looking for space that is wide.
And flowing with the wind,
That I think is a ride.
Not knowing where to go,
What to do.
Whether I should go on,
Or go against the wind.

Let it be the way it is....



Nature

Harshita Dixit
VIIA

Nature is a beautiful perception,
there are many things for detonation
why do birds fly?
Why is blue the sky?
In my gardens the flowers bloom,
the faunas grant gloom,
Flowers are of diverse shapes and sizes.
The scope where flora and fauna bloom
and gloom,
I can see them from my transom.
The baby birds' hatch,
The growth of trees in a patch.
The birds' first fly,
High in the sky.
The laying of eggs,
The domestication of pets.
The rearing of cattle,
The formation of sepals and petals.
Look at the nature with open eyes.
Do its proper care and wise.
Feel happy on looking at a flower bud,
and don't shy on touching Earths' mud.
Desert make every effort,
to give u number of comfort.
They give you every spice,
to eat it up with roti and rice.
You feel your moments of life
becoming worthwhile,
when you walk along river a mile.
The smell of a flower,
energizes you with spirituality and
inner power.
These are all enchantments of nature.



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The New Year 2015 is staring at us on the face and a New Year always starts off with an array of promises and resolutions. Let our New Year's resolution in these times of turmoil be that we will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word.

“Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come,
Whispering 'it will be happier'...”

We hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're Doing Something.

Let us all say in chorus that we will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is “New Year's Day.”

▲ Prelude