



EXPRESSIONS

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Newsletter

Back to School



It's never easy to leave home.

It happened with us too. After a long and joyful summer break, the day finally came when we had to bid goodbye to our parents, siblings, relatives, and friends and return to our second home.

Emotions were overflowing. Our hearts were throbbing, tears threatened to roll down our cheeks, and our lips trembled with unspoken words. But we had to come back.

It's only natural. After all, the long break filled our hearts and kitties with happiness, homecooked meals, fun, laughter, and everything we miss during the term. Yet, as the gates of school welcomed us once more, we knew a new term, new memories, and new connections awaited.

Soon, the sting of parting will fade. We'll dive into a new journey of excellence, growth, and lasting friendships until it's time to look forward to the winter break again and the cycle continues.

Yukta (XI)

Investiture Ceremony 2025–26: A New Chapter of Leadership

The morning of the Investiture Ceremony at Kasiga School was filled with anticipation, pride, and excitement. As students, it was a moment we had all been waiting for—the day new leaders would rise, and responsibilities would be handed over with great dignity and purpose.

The presence of the esteemed Chief Guest, Lt. General Sanjeev Anand, added immense prestige to the occasion. His decorated service in the Indian Army and inspiring words left a lasting impression on everyone present. He urged students to lead with courage, resilience, and integrity in a world that constantly demands adaptability.

The event began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, followed by the presentation of saplings to the dignitaries; a gesture symbolising growth and sustainability. The Headmaster, Mr. Rashid Sharfuddin, set the tone with an address that reminded everyone of the true essence of leadership: purpose, empathy, and action.



Among the dignitaries, were present the Chairman Mr Ramesh Batta, Directors Ms Chandni Batta and Mr Siddharth Batta presented the badges of honour to the newly appointed council, making the moment even more special for every student leader.

(Prefectorial Council 2025 -2026)

Head Boy – Samarth Kunwar
Deputy Head Boy – Shaan Gajera
Head Girl – Kashvi Aggrawal
Deputy Head Girl – Priya Patel

Prefects:

Academic Prefects

- Suryaksh Agarwal (CBSE)
- Samarpan Goyal (CAIE)

Cultural Prefect: Vihaan Patel
Student Welfare: Pruthvi Patel
Sports Captain: Karanveer Singh
Deputy Sports Captain: Ashlesha Lohan

House Appointments

Girls House Prefect: Aadya
Monitor: Aeishika Jain

Amazon House

House Captain: Vikramaditya Singh
Prefect: Yash Pratap Singh
Monitor: Atharva Gupta

Everest House

House Captain: Tanmay Tyagi
Prefect: Vedic Kataria
Monitor: Jagrit Nayan

Pacific House

House Captain: Tanish Chaudhary
Prefect: Mitansh Badani
Monitor: Om Kalpesh Patel

Nile House

House Captain: Tanay Agarwal
Prefect: Vrajraj Singh Deora
Monitor: Punya Mehta

Middle School Prefects

1. Daivik Raja
2. Maran P. Reddy
3. Nishtha Singhal
4. Krishna Benedict
5. Lavitra Kedia



Best Teaching Practices Workshop

The school hosted an engaging and thought-provoking Best Teaching Practices workshop post summer break, beginning with an insightful session by the Accounts teacher, Mr. A.K. Soni, on Comparative Analysis. His presentation laid a strong foundation for the enriching sessions that followed.



Adding a creative twist, the timeless tale of The Thirsty Crow was reimaged in a classroom context, prompting dynamic discussions on problem-solving and real-life application in teaching. Divided into lively groups like Clever Crows, Kushal Crows, and more, our educators dived into collaborative reflections and shared their interpretations with enthusiasm.

The discussions brought to light key teaching principles such as self-motivation, reflective practice, goal orientation, effective feedback and feedforward, peer learning, positive reinforcement, and maintaining a solution-focused mindset.

A Dosti Visit

The school hosted Latika Foundation - an organisation working towards the education, empowerment, and inclusion of children and young adults with disabilities, with warmth and hospitality. With 38 enthusiastic students and 18 dedicated staff members, Kasiga's campus was filled with laughter, and genuine connection.

From the moment they arrived, bonds began to form. The day was filled with engaging games, soulful music, and joyful dance, reflecting the spirit of empathy and togetherness.

Eyes sparkled with delight when the conversation exchanged, a true essence of inclusion was experienced by the students at both ends.

The DOSTI visit was not just an event, but a celebration of compassion, understanding, and the belief that when coming together leads to growing stronger.

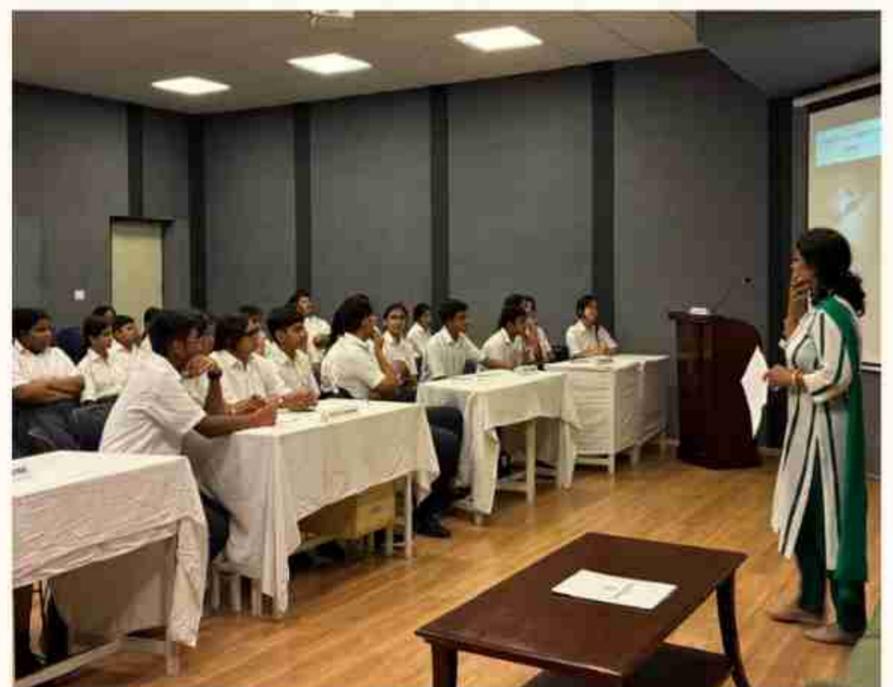
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The school looks forward to many more moments of learning, laughter, and lasting friendships.



Spell Bee Competition

The Inter-House Spell Bee was successfully conducted on 12 July 2025 for both the Junior Middle School (JMS) and Senior School categories. Each house was represented by a team of four participants in both segments. The competition comprised five engaging and challenging rounds designed to test students' spelling accuracy, vocabulary, and usage. In preparation, a curated list of 50 words for JMS and 75 words for the Senior School - complete with meanings and sample sentences - was shared in advance with housemasters and students for memorisation. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation, showcasing the students' linguistic proficiency and competitive spirit.



In the Junior Middle School (JMS) category, Everest House emerged as the winner, followed by Amazon House in second place, Nile House in third, and Pacific House in fourth.

In the Senior School category, Amazon House claimed the top spot, with Everest House coming in second, Nile House third, and Pacific House fourth.

The final house rankings are :

Everest House - 1st position

Amazon House - 2nd position

Nile House - 3rd position

Battle of Words

The Inter House English Debate Competition organised by the Dept of English for both Junior Middle School and Senior School was held on Tuesday 29 July 2025 at 2:30 PM in the School Foyer. The event saw enthusiastic participation from all four houses.

Junior Middle School Topics:

1. *Freedom of Speech Should Have Limits*
2. *Classic Cartoons Were Better Than Today's Animation*

Senior School Topics:

1. *Gen Z is the Most Connected Yet the Loneliest Generation*
2. *Economic Wars Are More Destructive Than Armed Conflicts*

Most of the students showcased confidence, clarity, and strong argumentation. The debates were judged on content, fluency, expression, and answer to the questions by the judges.

Among the Seniors, Pacific House secured the 1st position, followed by Everest House in the 2nd place and Amazon House in the 3rd place.

Among the Junior Middle School, Nile House claimed the 1st position, with Amazon House and Everest House standing 2nd and 3rd, respectively.

Best Speaker Awards:

- Senior Category (Proposition) - Aanya Pandey (AS Level)
- Junior Category (Proposition) - Lavitra Kedia (Grade VIII)
- Senior Category (Opposition) - Preeya Patel (A Level)
- Junior Category (Opposition) - Diva Malik (Grade VIII)

Overall House Positions

Amazon House - 1st
Everest House - 2nd
Nile House - 3rd

Vaad -Vivaad & Bhashan Pratiyogita

The stage was set. the confident voices were ready for the razor sharp arguments on, 'digital shikshan vyavasthata paarampaeik shiksha vyavasthata se shreshth hai' - the topic for the inter House Hindi debate Competition for the seniors.

The competition was a powerful display of intellect, articulation, and stage presence, as participants expressed their views with clarity, conviction, and creativity.

Alongside the debate, students also presented powerful prose and speech performances that celebrated iconic Indian leaders through well-researched monologues.

Highlights

Best Speaker - For the Motion

Ragini Sharma - Pacific House

Best Speaker - Against the Motion

Ashmi Shankar - Pacific House

Best Speaker - Prose/Speech (Tie)

Lavitra Kedia as Shri Narendra Modi - Amazon House

Divya Malik as Smt. Indira Gandhi - Nile House

The event was a testament to the students' command over the language and their ability to connect deeply with socio-political issues. It also served as a valuable platform to nurture confidence, public speaking skills, and critical thinking in young minds.

Overall House Standings:

1st Place - Pacific House
2nd Place - Nile House
3rd Place - Everest House



Evenings of Rhythm, Melody, and Movement

Two unforgettable evenings dedicated to music and dance lit up the campus with excitement, energy, and enthusiasm. The Inter-House Music and Dance Competition provided the perfect stage to students to showcase the results of their tireless practice and tremendous passion.

The atmosphere was electric—vibrant with creativity and charged with a healthy competitive spirit. A month prior to the event, specific dance forms were allotted to each house, adding an element of suspense and anticipation as students prepared to bring their assigned styles to life.

Highlights

Solo Dance Champions

Group 1 (Grades 4–5): Anubhuti Singh (Nile) – 1st

Group 2 (Grades 6–8): Daksha Arun (Nile) – 1st

Group 3 (Grades 9–12): Sohalya Jha (Nile) – 1st

Group Song & War Cry

Amazon House – 1st

Group Dance

Nile House – 1st



The Day 2 evening struck a perfect chord with soulful singing and electrifying band performances across categories.

Students displayed remarkable skill and confidence in Indian and Western solo singing events, followed by a high-energy band competition that had the crowd cheering.

Highlights:

Solo Singing (Indian & Western) -

Grades 4–5 – Riddhesh Rawat (Pacific) 1st position

Grades 6–8 – Rudraksh Mishra (Everest) & Mehlo Flago (Amazon) – 1st in their categories

Grades 9–12 – Mayank Raj (Nile) and Nattapon Udom (Pacific) stood winners

Band Performance:

Pacific House stood 1st in band performance

The event was judged by Mr. Arun Shahi and Mrs. Ragini Iyer who delighted the audience with their captivating performances.

Overall House Positions

Nile – 1st

Amazon – 2nd

Pacific – 3rd

Vanessa Paul - XII



The first evening was dedicated to dance. From graceful solo acts to energetic group performances, students from Grades 4 to 12 performed with remarkable passion and precision.

Performing on Bollywood and Hollywood foot-tapping numbers, the dancers brought diverse styles to life. War cries, and group songs filled the air with valour and cheers.

Dressed in colorful costumes, the performers added a grace and glamour to the evening, making it a visual delight and a memorable celebration of dance and team spirit.

Building Bridges to Global Education



The school hosted a Cambridge Workshop on “Preparing IGCSE & A Level Learners to be Ready for the World.”

The workshop was interactive with fresh ideas, lively discussions, and meaningful connections between educators, school leaders, and Cambridge experts.

The workshop featured engaging sessions led by Ms. Shamim Chowdhury, Dr. Aakash Raut, and Mr. Ankur Tandon, who shared valuable insights on how to make teaching more impactful, improve assessments, and get students ready for a fast-changing world.

It was a significant conversation on shaping the future of global education.

Buy a Book

The Book Fair held on July 20th in the school foyer, organised by Vidya Books, was a delightful and enriching experience for the students.

From discovering new authors to picking up their favorite reads, the excitement in the air was reflecting on their faces



With a diverse collection of books catering to all age groups and interests, the fair not only sparked curiosity but also encouraged a deeper love for reading. Events like these play a vital role in helping students develop strong reading habits, enhance vocabulary, and build imagination.

The Book Fair served as a reminder that books are more than just pages. They are gateways to new worlds, fresh perspectives, and endless learning.

Nerice (XI)

Show & Tell - Story Telling Competition

The Inter-House Storytelling Competition for the Junior and Middle School was held on 31st July 2025, and it proved to be an engaging and imaginative showcase of young talent. The event comprised two exciting rounds, each designed to spark creativity and enhance oratory skills.

Round 1: Show and Tell – ‘An Object’s Tale’

In this round, participants brought everyday objects to life with original tales and creative perspectives, captivating the audience with their imagination and storytelling flair.

Round 2: Classic Storytelling – ‘An Unexpected Hero’

Students narrated stories featuring surprising heroes, highlighting themes of courage, resilience, and moral strength. Their expressive performances and gripping narratives held the audience spellbound.

Overall House Positions

- First Place – Everest House
- Second Place – Pacific House
- Third Place – Nile House

Best Speakers

Round 1 – Show and Tell

Daiwik (Nile House) – First

Kian (Everest House) – Second

Round 2 – Classic Storytelling

Aditri (Pacific House) – First

Anvikaa (Nile House) – Second

The competition was a wonderful platform for students to build confidence, creativity, and communication skills.

Aarushi Trichal (XII)

Celebration of 18 Glorious Years of Excellence - Founders Day

The school proudly celebrated 18 years of excellence on the occasion of its Founders' Day. The celebration was a tribute to the school's journey, bringing together its management, faculty, students, alumni, and well-wishers to honour the past and look confidently toward the future.

The day began with a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony, followed by a warm and inspiring welcome address. The Headmaster and the Chairman addressed the gathering, reflecting on the school's enduring values, rich history, and future aspirations.

A key moment of the event was the release of the school's academic journal, 'The Prism Pen'; a testimony to Kasiga's commitment to academic excellence and intellectual growth.

The celebration was graced by Chief Guest Mr. Jayant Harihar Lal, a veteran educator and former Principal of The Sanskaar Valley School. His visionary work in the field of education was lauded, and his presence added immense value to the occasion.

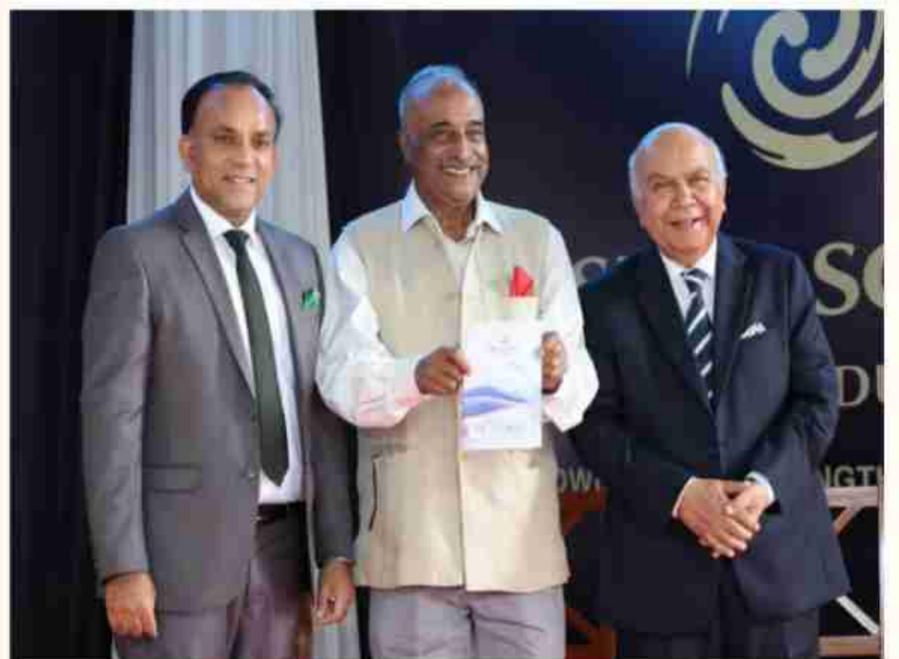
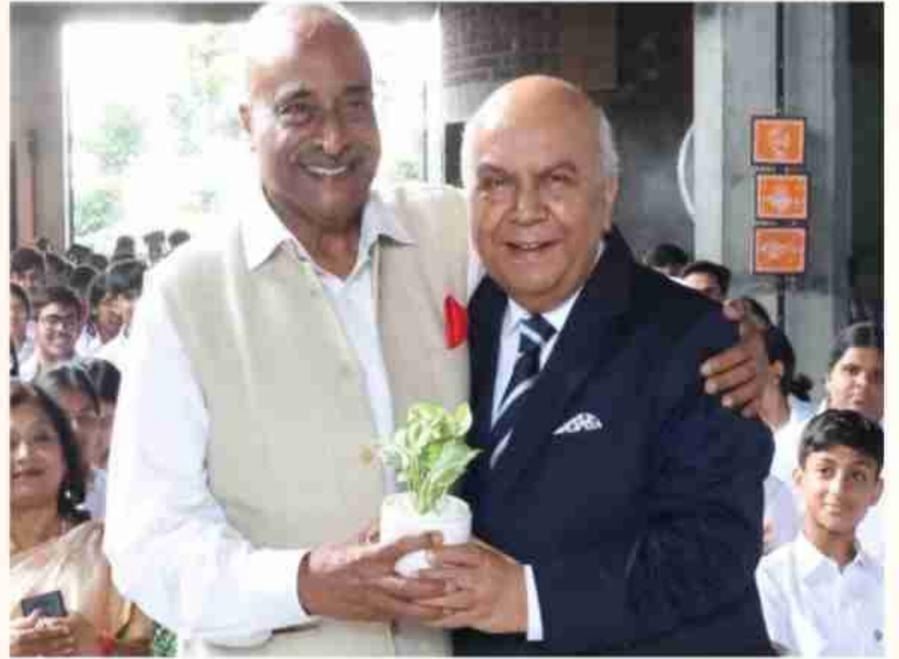
Among the dignitaries present were also the Directors of Kasiga School, whose leadership and guidance have been instrumental in the school's continued success.

The vibrant cultural programme showcased the diverse talents of Kasiga students. The School Choir opened the event with a soulful performance, setting an emotional and unifying tone. This was followed by a dynamic band performance, which brought energy and rhythm to the foyer.

A semi-classical dance presentation; featuring Bharatnatyam, Odissi, and Kathak blended with contemporary movement, symbolised Kasiga's commitment to tradition and innovation in equal measure.

The segment "Looking Ahead: The Road to the Future" reflected the school's steadfast vision to nurture lifelong learners, ethical leaders, and responsible global citizens.

The ceremony also honoured the founding members, visionary educators, and devoted staff, whose dedication and contributions have shaped the identity of Kasiga School. The celebration concluded with the National Anthem leaving everyone present with a profound sense of pride, belonging, and inspiration.



Soccer Fever

With the heavy downpour, the excitement for soccer among the Kasignas grew.

The players practiced early in the morning on the wet, dew-covered grass, eagerly anticipating the upcoming competition. As the day drew closer, the intensity increased, and the desire to win burned brighter in both the junior and senior teams of the four houses.

The dates for the Youth Soccer Tournament were set, and the excitement kicked off with league matches featuring the four junior teams from the school. After a series of competitive matches, Pacific House and Amazon House faced off in a thrilling final match.

Pacific House emerged victorious. In the middle category Pacific House faced Everest House and emerged winner.

The final match among the seniors is yet awaited wherein the cumulative scores declared Pacific the winners of the Football Trophy.



Virat Modi (XI)

Visionaries Collaborated



The school had the honour of welcoming core committee members of the Boarding Schools' Association of India (BSAI) as part of the Annual General Meeting 2025, held from 5th to 7th July.

The event began on 5th July at the Kasiga campus with a guided school tour, warm conversations, and an inaugural dinner that set the tone for a meaningful and collaborative three-day gathering. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect, share ideas, and celebrate the spirit of boarding school education.



Yukta Mandal (XI)

Following the welcome at Kasiga, the formal meetings and proceedings took place at The Doon School, Dehradun, where school leaders from across the country came together to reflect on achievements and plan future initiatives.

It was a proud moment for Kasiga when Mr. Rashid Sharfuddin, Headmaster, Kasiga School, was elected as the Vice President of BSAI.

The gathering was not just about formalities—it was a celebration of shared values, collaboration, and a strong commitment to excellence in residential education. Kasiga is proud to be part of this journey toward shaping the future of schooling in India.



Arisha Malik (XI)

Economic Wars Are Deadlier Than Armed Conflicts

Imagine a war where no bombs fall, no bullets fly, and no soldiers fight—yet millions suffer, economies collapse, and lives are lost in silence. This, my friends, is the terrifying face of economic war.

As global events unfold, it becomes increasingly clear that economic wars—driven by sanctions, trade restrictions, and financial blockades—are more destructive and far-reaching than traditional armed conflicts. They don't just target military infrastructure; they dismantle livelihoods, crush economies, and push entire populations into poverty—all without firing a single shot.

To understand the severity of economic warfare, we need only look at some recent headlines:

“Sanctions on Russia Trigger Global Food and Energy Crisis” – BBC

“Sri Lanka Crisis: Economic Collapse Sparks Political Revolution” – The Hindu

“US-China Trade War Caused Loss of Over 300,000 Jobs in America” – Reuters

These aren't just reports; they are real stories of human suffering. Each headline reflects how economic policies, imposed far from the common man's reach, can ripple across the globe, affecting millions.

Unlike conventional wars, which often impact specific regions, economic wars have a global reach. Take, for instance, the sanctions on Russia during the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

While the military actions were largely contained to a geographic zone, the economic sanctions impacted over 91 countries. Oil and gas prices surged, wheat supplies were disrupted, and inflation gripped economies from Europe to Asia.

The consequences were felt at dinner tables, gas stations, and grocery stores—not on the front lines.

In another example, the US-China trade war led to a loss of over 300,000 jobs in the United States. Farmers, factory workers, and small business owners bore the brunt of policies and tariffs made in faraway boardrooms. No battlefield was necessary; the damage was done in silence, through economic policy.

Economic warfare often escapes visual documentation.

There's no dramatic footage of cities in flames—but the devastation is real and measurable

91+ countries experienced a spike in fuel prices due to sanctions on Russia in 2022.

Wheat prices jumped by 35%, pushing food insecurity across Africa and Asia.

According to a 2022 Iranian parliamentary report (Al Jazeera), over 60% of Iran's population was pushed below the poverty line—without a war in sight.

One of the most dramatic examples of economic warfare toppling a government is the case of Sri Lanka in 2023. The country, overwhelmed by economic mismanagement and mounting debt, saw a collapse so deep that it ran out of fuel, basic goods became unaffordable, and the people rose in protest. In the end, the government had to step down. No missiles were launched, yet the crisis mirrored the chaos of war.

Even in traditionally volatile regions like India and Pakistan, armed conflicts have typically been brief with short-term economic impacts. By contrast, economic wars are slow, painful, and long-lasting—sometimes enduring for decades and affecting generations.

Economic warfare doesn't stop at trade—it extends to healthcare. During the COVID-19 pandemic, wealthier nations restricted the export of vaccines and critical medical supplies, leaving poorer countries helpless. These decisions, driven by economic interest and nationalism, cost lives—proof that economic policies can be as lethal as any weapon.

Even industries are not spared. The ongoing economic tensions between China and Taiwan over semiconductors—tiny chips used in everything from mobile phones to cars—have created a global manufacturing bottleneck. As a result, consumers worldwide face shortages, rising prices, and delayed production schedules, all caused by economic rather than military hostilities.

Nobel laureate Amartya Sen once said, “Starvation is the quiet violence of economics, deadlier than war.”

His words ring truer today than ever before. A bomb may destroy a building, but a trade sanction can starve a nation.

While armed conflicts draw headlines and immediate international responses, economic wars often unfold silently—destroying lives, uprooting families, and destabilizing nations.

It's high time we recognised the silent devastation of economic warfare and addressed it with the same urgency and empathy we show for conventional war. Because in the modern world, destruction doesn't always wear camouflage. Sometimes, it wears a business suit.

Aanya Pandey (XI)

Modern Technology: A Boon to 'Unveil the Past'

Modern technology refers to the advanced tools, techniques, and systems that have emerged from scientific knowledge and are used to solve problems and enhance the quality of life. It helps in preserving cultural heritage and important historical artefacts. It enhances research and analysis of historical events. It is important to know about the past so that people are informed and learn new things about it.

Modern technology is expanding gradually, and we have tools like LiDAR and radar technology, which can help us locate underground artefacts and buildings. These tools can be successfully used without digging and also save time. The CT scan technology has also helped to unveil the past quite better. For example, we got to know so much about Tut, by the CT scan – his age, cause of death, injuries, and the family tree – all were discovered after the CT scan. Carbon dating is also a modern technology used to find out the age of something.

Modern technology has helped us in preserving our nature a lot. It is because of technology, we and our future generations can have virtual tours of places like pyramids or ancient cities. It feels like travelling back in time.

Preserving old books, cherished pet photos, and important documents has become easier than ever, thanks to computers and smartphones.

With just a few clicks, we can scan, store, and organize valuable memories and records, protecting them from damage or loss over time. These digital tools act like time capsules, keeping the past alive for future generations

Technology has truly transformed how we understand and enjoy history. With the help of AI, virtual reality, and online archives, we can now walk through ancient ruins, read faded manuscripts, or even hear voices from the past, all from the comfort of our homes. It helps researchers uncover hidden facts, historians piece together forgotten stories, and students connect more deeply with the past.

Whether it is a dusty diary from decades ago or a century-old photograph, technology allows us to find, study, and preserve these treasures. It makes learning history more interactive, visual, and exciting, not just a subject in textbooks but a journey through time. In every way, technology is truly a boon for history lovers, turning curiosity into discovery.

Yukta Mandal (XI)



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