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### Longest Prime number discovered

- Source 'The Hindu' / © Guardian Newspapers Ltd. 2005

A GERMAN eye specialist with a keen amateur interest in mathematics has discovered the world's largest prime number after a 50-day search using his personal computer.

Dr. Martin Nowak, ....., stumbled upon the number last week.

..... Nowak's monster prime number is more than 7.8 million digits long and is written as  $2^{25,964,951} - 1$ .

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### From the Principal's desk

Dear reader,

We have come to the end of the academic year. In retrospection, what we have achieved in the past is but a drop in the ocean and there are miles and miles to go.



A child is the centre of our thoughts, dreams and vision and with missionary zeal we have plunged into taking all necessary initiatives in pursuing our goals. As partners in this lofty endeavor we have been in touch sharing a lot of ideas and views and will continue to do so with the same fervor and enthusiasm.

The shift towards a 'School of Excellence' is taking place in rapid strides and the coming year would see a definite roadmap to 'Excellence.'

The QIPs (Quality Improvement Projects) taken up in areas of 'Discipline' and 'Spoken English' are shaping up for implementation and it's quite interesting to note that these are your prime areas of concern too as we understand from your feed back.

Happy vacationing! Bye until the next issue!!

Venkatakrishnan

OUR GOAL - EXCELLENCE



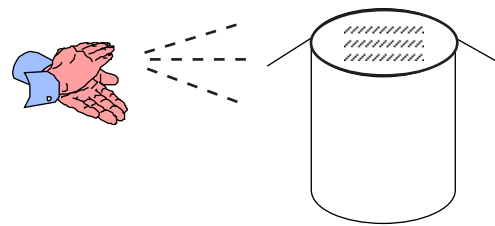
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## Have you checked out how the ear-drum vibrates ? [cf TI Times March issue]

If you haven't try this simple experiment !!

Tie a plastic sheet to the wide mouth of a vessel / bottle. Sprinkle a few rice grains on the plastic surface. Clap your hands around the bottle/vessel – and the rice grains will respond to the claps !



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## MODEL CITIZENS IN THE MAKING

It is easy for children to memorize and roll out the list of rights and duties of a citizen, but the real purpose of this lesson in classes V- IX needs to be understood in the context of moulding a responsible, a contributing, in short a 'Model citizen'.

Based on this understanding and ideal a long term value based process is launched in the school. Children from classes V - IX will draw a list of rights and duties to be applied in their own environment beginning from classroom and then extending to home, community and the society at large.

A step-by-step process is planned to implement this.

At class V level, children will mutually agree upon boundaries of their rights and responsibilities. This will be limited to the context of the classroom and the children will define the areas after a brainstorming session.

e.g.

- J No doubt they enjoy their freedom of expression as students but they also realize their responsibility while waiting for their turns in the classroom and keeping decibel levels low.
- J In the same way while children have a right to enjoy the facilities in the classroom the upkeep and proper use of the same becomes their duty.

In classes VI and VII the process will expand to the context of school with larger issues under study.

In classes IX and above the concept will encompass a wide range of rights and duties at the local, national and international levels.

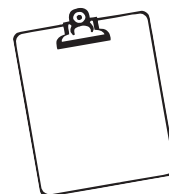
Individual classes will take up the activities related to the process during periods exclusively allotted for 'citizenship training' [CT classes]

This process will be linked and integrated with the QIP on 'Discipline' and also the value pillar in the 'Excellence Model'

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## Question papers with a difference – a proud parent shares!

Question papers for Std IV wore an interesting new look provoking children to think, giving them a nice feeling of excitement and adventure. Conservatives would wonder if there could be an assessment like this!



A parent of Std IV had an experience of sharing the question paper with her nephew, a student of the same class from one of the progressive schools in South Chennai. The child looked perplexed at the type of the question paper and said "I can't answer such questions". The child didn't even attempt to understand the questions.

A silent transformation indeed!

## Photographic memory helps – Geography lessons in the corridor !

Geography Department has come out with a novel idea of flashing current news relating to the State, the country and the world at large. Prominent display boards with outline maps of Tamilnadu, India and the World are located at vantage points and students of Std IX highlight on these boards the major events of the day from local to global. Colourful stickers and labels on the map compel the attention of the passers-by.



**Children unconsciously learn current affairs and map skills thro' a photographic memory!**

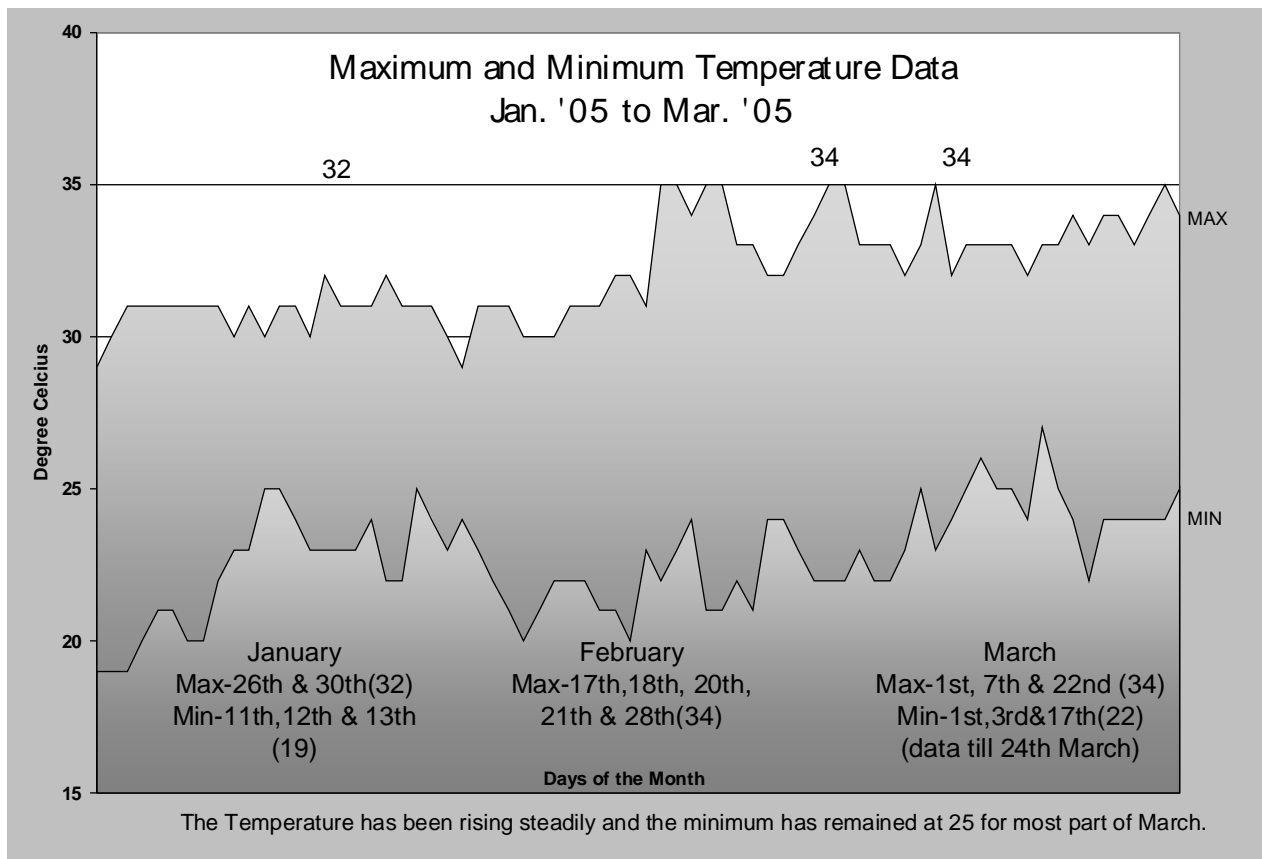
## Children can be faster than calculators!



Maths Department is working out a design to ensure that children by the age of ten master enviable computation skills. The department is making a careful study as to how certain people compute faster than others so that these skills can be given on a platter to everyone!

**Parents! Do you have any shortcut methods for computation up your sleeve? C'mon share it with the children thro' the next issue!**

Weathermen of TI School (Students of Std IX) have projected the data for you in a graph.

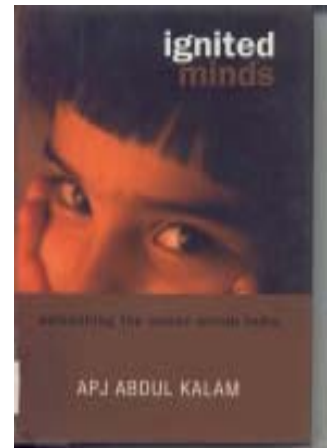


**EDITOR'S CHOICE**

*'Share my dreams'*

*A call from a man who touched the hearts of millions of children !*

Dedicated to a child studying in XII Std. in Anandalaya High School Gujarat, **Ignited Minds** by Abdul Kalam is the ultimate expression of faith in India and its youth.



***Tiny tottering cherubs of TI dazzle the audience!!***

March 11 was a day of dance and music for KG children. Their nimble feet tapped to the songs of teachers and Damien's keyboard. It was a sight to dream of and not to tell !



**'WE WELCOME U' SONG BY LKG & UKG**



**WESTERN DANCE UKG**



**BIRTHDAY PARTY UKG**



**"TEN LITTLE LOLLIPOPS" LKG**

On Feb 26 and March 5 it was the turn of primary children to repeat the fete. Both the days it was a festive atmosphere with kids trotting around in their costumes and excited parents, unable to contain themselves in their seats, craning to catch a glimpse of their kids on stage.



A SONG BY STD I



LEADERS TALK



'HEAD OVER HEELS' OUR YOGA MASTERS



A SCENE FROM SIVA THANDAVAM

*The arena of audience extended to MTH Road with commuting public creating a 'side lane' to park and watch! After all they also needed some time to 'stand and stare' !!*

## Scouts and Guides go global – another milestone in TI Scout Movement !

*TI the only school to represent Tamilnadu*

Guide Captain Mrs. Ramamaheshwari and the Scout Master Mr. Ravikumar led a team of 6 scouts and 6 guides for a week long '**World Seminar on Partnership 2005**' organized by Bharat Scouts and Guides at Bangalore from 24 Feb to 1 March '05. They were 'the chosen few' representing Tamilnadu in the mega event with 70 countries and 18 Indian States participating.



The Proud Participants of the world Seminar.



Ti ites welcome the Foreign delegates

## Great show by TI – as usual !

Music, theatre, dance, craft, campfire and what not - our children stole the show! They presented a series of events like *Nayyandimelam*, *Kolattam*, *Kaikummi* and *Bharathanatyam*. The colourful costumes, jewellery and music heightened the impact of these events and were an instant hit with the overseas participants.

In the State Expo the children displayed a variety of items like models of traditional houses, antique jewellery, pictures of gods and goddesses with their *vahanas*, different musical instruments, metal embossing , wall hangings, pottery, fabric painting and many more hand made artifacts. Foreign delegates were thrilled with the *Mehendi* designs our children made and the mouth watering food items they prepared like *murukku*, *athirasam* and *burfi* were a steal.



Silky splendour from the looms of South - display in the state Expo.



.. Enthralled by Mehendi designs



Bringing alive the FOLK DANCE - 'KARAGATTAM'

## A flutter on the roads of B'lore!

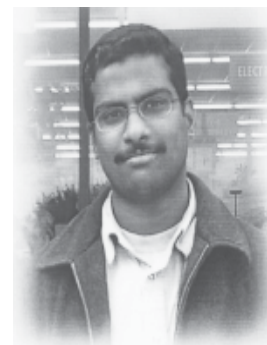
Donning a special scarf and a woggle and carrying slogans proclaiming peace to the world our children were the proud participants of the '**International Scout Peace March**' a very special and memorable event, a part of the international Meet.



Peace March on the roads of Bangalore

**'.....After 11 years.....' The proud TI' ITE**

Thyagarajan Yelumalai fondly called 'Thyagu' is thrilled to get in touch with school after -eleven long years. After finishing schooling in 1994 he joined Anna University for B.Tech. programme in Industrial Engineering. Thyagu worked with Complete Solutions Inc. for 3yrs. before joining Polaris as Relationship Manager. From there it is a big leap to Birla Soft (the IT wing of CK Birla Group), Chennai.



Thyagu feels blessed to have done his schooling from TI and forever feels 'grateful' to his 'Gurus' who brought the best out of him. With fond memories he remembers his chemistry teachers Mr. Venkatkrishnan and Ms. Uma and his Maths teacher Ms. Kalyani.

**GOOD GOING THYAGU !.....KEEP IT UP! ...and thanks for getting in touch.**

*[As this issue goes for printing Venkatachalam (Alumnus introduced in the last issue) emails us that he accepted offer from ICICI PRUDENTIAL LIFE INSURANCE CORPORATION and says that he took it ahead of other high paying jobs because of the kind of empowerment, responsibilities and independence they have offered].*

**CONGRATULATIONS ! VENKAT ! ON YOUR PLACEMENT.**

**KNOW YOUR PARTNERS IN PROGRESS - Staff Profile****The man behind the shelves !**

Quietly tucked away behind the huge counter one would almost miss him. As a librarian for the senior school since 1986 it is far beyond anybody's guess how fiercely possessive Meshak is about 'his' workplace and books.

Meticulous and diligent with his work, he doesn't blink twice to fine the staff, be it the Principal, teachers or students for late submission of books. Colleagues willingly and lovingly surrender to his sense of discipline when it comes to library matters. For students any book, any CD, any time is a click away from 'Meshak Sir's computer.

Principal adores his beautiful handwriting and he is the most sought after scribe for writing certificates for all events in the school. Those carved and sculpted letters have an artistic appeal about them while Meshak himself is blissfully unaware of his magic.

Despite the fact that he doesn't have a professional qualification, his expertise in library administration is a matter of envy and wonder to the most qualified ones.

**An Economics teacher silent but sound !**

From 1994 to 2005 March it has been a long association for the school with this serene and pleasant teacher who is passionate about her subject and her students.

Sheena created a special interest in children for making Power Point Presentations and students' taking the place of teachers, making presentations on various topics, is as common in Economics as it is in Commerce and Accountancy. A favourite co - worker, a loving teacher, Sheena becomes a child when it comes to watching cartoons especially 'Pingo'. From Pingo to Micro Economics her varied interests include gardening and listening to light music. Sheena is just getting equipped to become a full fledged Geography teacher.

Sheena is planning to join her husband in Dubai, shortly. The staff and children will miss her as much as she will miss them.

**Wish you all the best ! Adieu Sheena !! Bon Voyage !!!**



## **PARENTING PROGRAMME; TALK OF THE TOWN**

The on going parenting programme in the campus is creating a new excitement and awareness in the community. The wonder couple Mrs. & Mr. Shankar's sessions on temperaments are receiving maximum appreciation; behaviour management and spiritual parenting received specific mention. A feedback from parents asking for booklet / handout for further reference is under consideration by the resource people.

March 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> April are scheduled for parents of IX std. students.

*Participation from both parents is recommended for the full benefit of the programme.*

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## **Young Achievers**

Consolation prize winners in Inter - School Science exhibition & Quiz organised by Tamilnadu Science & Technology Centre in commemoration of the world year of Physics



**M. BHARATH MUTHU GANESH, IX-B**



**BHARATH, IX-B**



**VIKRAM, XI-B**



**ADARSH, XI-A**



**GURUMURTHY, XI-A**



**MAGESH, XI-B**