



ANNE FRANK, A TIMELESS SYMBOL OF HOPE

- Kaashvi Datta

On 12th June, 1929, Anne Frank was born. Her diary brought the coming generations of mankind a first hand experience of WW2, and the horrific persecution of the Jewish people. This week marks her 96th birth anniversary, a testimony of resilience, hope and the devastating impact of hate.

I remember being just 13 when I picked up the book - The Diary of a Young Girl. It sent chills down my spine, reading her account of the war and knowing that she's just the same age as me, living a very different life.

More than 80 years after she died, Anne Frank remains one of history's most powerful voices. While hiding from the Nazis during World War II, she wrote her thoughts, fears, and hopes in her diary with amazing honesty. Now, her story keeps educating people around the world about the Holocaust and how hate and discrimination tear societies apart and cause such horrific atrocities. Teachers worldwide use her diary in classrooms to help children understand why tolerance and equal rights matter. Anne's impact really hits home because of how hopeful she stayed through her hardships.

Her belief that people are inherently good, despite witnessing humanities most unspeakable actions, keeps inspiring everyone who reads it.

With conflicts and bias still around today, Anne Frank's writings push us to resist wrongdoings and be kind. Her lasting influence shows how one child's voice can keep changing the world for the better.

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Nursery students enjoying the drumming session

palette of Potential

- curated by Rahi Joshi



Artwork by Mishka Parijat, XII E



Poonam Mishra Ma'am

Q3. If you had the opportunity to address students affected by the paper leak, what would you say?

"My message would be: acknowledge your disappointment, but do not allow it to define you. It is important to take care of your mental well-being and give yourself grace during difficult times. At the same time, remember that resilience is built when we face challenges with courage. Continue to work hard, stay honest, and trust the process. Character is built not when things go right, but when things go wrong and you choose to move forward anyway."

GLIMPSES OF THE DRUMMING SESSION

clicked by Mishka Parijat



JEE '26: Kota's AIR 1 and 2 Shine, But at What Price to Student Well-being?

- Ananya Komath

Its no secret that coaching, tuitions, and unreasonable self-study hours are just some of the factors needed to crack the infamous JEE exam. But where do we draw the line between extreme competition, and the robbing of happiness, and childhood from students?

In 2026, around 600 lakh people across India have written competitive exams. Most of these universities have acceptance rates no more than 3-6 percent. For every exam conducted, millions of students will never get into their dream universities. Crores of rupees, years of time and priceless memories will be lost forever, something that countless people will never recover from.

In residential coaching centers such as Kota, inedible food, extreme mental health crises, rising suicide rates, and inhumane living conditions are normalised. How is it fair to condense an entire life into a few hours, which is 'the only way to success'?

Most of these coaching institutes consider themselves as a business, not an educational institute. Focused on revenue and with no laws to govern them, they forget that all those numbers are real students, who will forever face the repercussions of their actions.

As more students fight to enter these universities, others graduate into an already brutal job market, where the employment winter gets even harsher, especially now, with the onset of AI.

Teens should figure out who they are before being told who they should be. Education should always be accessible, and in abundance, not a scarce resource reserved for the nation's top few. We must raise our standards of education and learning, open more universities with 'elite' educational standards, and allow our youth to carve out their own path.

"What makes a child gifted and talented may not always be good grades in school, but a different way of looking at the world and learning." — Chuck Grassley

OSM AND NEET PAPER LEAK - SYSTEMIC FAILURE OR HONEST MISTAKE?

- POONAM MA'AM SPEAKS

- Interviewed by Karan Nambisan

Q1. If you could redesign the examination system, what change would you make and why?

"I would move towards a more balanced assessment system where a student's growth throughout the year matters as much as their performance in a final examination. As educators, we must challenge students, but we must also ensure that no unhealthy pressure is put on a single exam. Learning is a journey, and our assessments should reflect that"

Q2. Imagine you are a student who prepared sincerely for a year and then learned about a paper leak. What emotions do you think you would experience?

"I would feel disappointed and frustrated because hard work deserves a fair opportunity to be rewarded. However, after the initial reaction, I would remind myself that while a paper leak may affect an examination, it cannot take away the knowledge, discipline, and perseverance I have developed through months of preparation. Those qualities are ultimately what shapes a person's future."

Q4. With advancements in technology and AI, do you think traditional high-stakes exams are becoming outdated? What alternatives would you suggest?

"I believe examinations still have an important role to play, but they must evolve. Today's world values critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving as much as subject knowledge. Along with written examinations, I would like to see an emphasis on practical knowledge. Education should prepare students not only to score well in exams, but also to succeed in life."

ATMOSPHERIC CODE RED: THE 2026 SUPER EL NIÑO ARRIVES

- Mehr Agarwal

El Niño is a climate pattern defined by the unusual warming of surface waters in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean, representing the warm phase of the El Niño-Southern Oscillation cycle. This phenomenon typically occurs every two to seven years, and lasts nine to twelve months.

India has experienced intense heatwaves in recent years, with temperatures rising far above seasonal averages. While climate change is a major factor, another natural phenomenon called El Niño can make conditions even worse. El Niño occurs every two to seven years, when surface waters in the central and eastern Pacific Ocean become unusually warm, disrupting weather patterns across the globe. For India, El Niño often means hotter summers, more frequent heatwaves, and weaker monsoon rainfall. Higher daytime and night time temperatures reduce the body's ability to recover from heat, increasing health risks, especially for children and the elderly. Scientists have warned that particularly strong El Niño events can worsen droughts, strain water supplies, and affect agriculture.

Although El Niño is a natural cycle, human-driven climate change can intensify its impacts. Conserving water, reducing energy waste, and adopting sustainable practices are practical steps we can take to build resilience against an increasingly unpredictable climate.

FASCINATING FACTS

- About 94 percent of the Earth's wildlife is found in the ocean.
- More than 70 percent of the Earth's oxygen is produced by the ocean.
- The deepest part of the ocean is called the Mariana Trench, which is around 7 miles deep, and is located in the South-Pacific Ocean.
- The largest mountain range is found underwater, and is called the Mid-Oceanic Ridge.

- The Mid-Oceanic Ridge is around 40,390 miles long.
- Ninety percent of the Earth's volcanic activity happens in the ocean.
- One percent of the ocean is covered in coral reefs.
- Only five percent of the ocean's floor has been mapped in detail.

World Ocean Day

- Submitted by Niyati Asati

Diction Digest

BIOMIMETIC

Imitating nature or natural biological processes.

Sentence - Scientists are designing biomimetic solar panels that follow the Sun - similar to sunflowers.

- Submitted by Nilanshu Prabhakar

Weekly Wisdom

"In spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart."

- Anne Frank

- Submitted by Darsh Suneja

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