

TIWAI TALES - SAHYADRI NEWSLETTER



Welcome to Tiwai Tales, an initiative undertaken by Class 11 students. Over the course of the rest of the academic year, we intend to share the latest events on and around the campus including but not limited to assemblies, art and cultural activities, sports, performances, farm updates, etc. We also plan to share news about people and community activities on and outside the campus.

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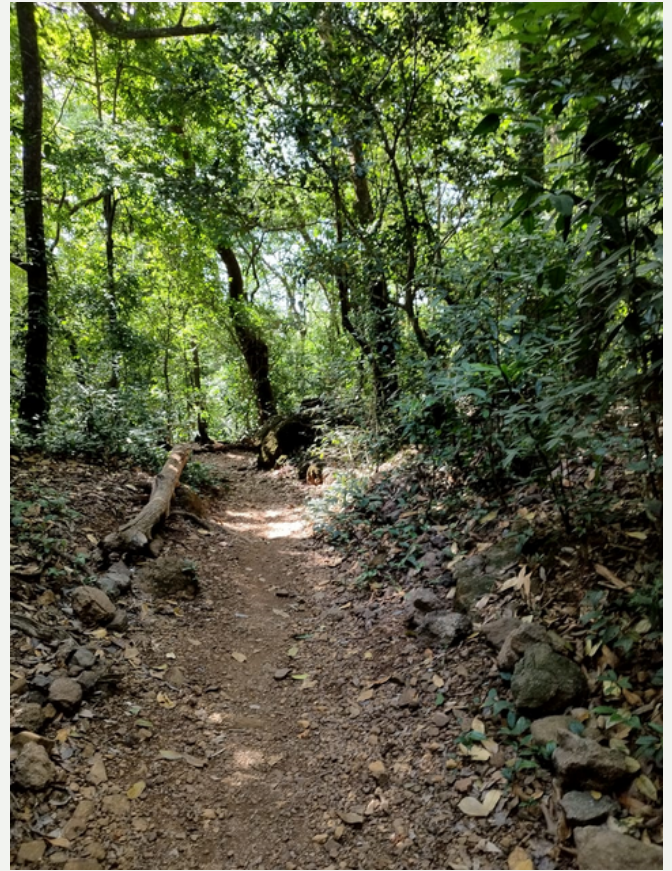
School Hikes

By Vedika

The month of June was marked by mainly two hikes- one from Bhimashankar to Bhorgiri and the other to Shambhu hill.

Before the junior batches poured in, classes 10th, 11th, and 12th, who had arrived on campus ten days early, along with all the teachers went on a hike to Bhimashankar on June 9th. At 6 am, students gathered outside the dining hall to collect their breakfast (cheese sandwich and mint chutney sandwich).

They proceeded towards the buses which dropped everyone at Bhimashankar by 7:15 am. The bus ride was full of recalling old experiences and of course loads of singing. After getting off the buses they began the hike with glimpses of the life around the temple.



Trail between Bhimashankar and Bhorgiri

The atmosphere was hot and dry but the conversations on the way helped make the hike easier and more memorable.

The hike ended with lunch at a temple in Bhorgiri consisting of masala bhat, raita, papad, dal, gulab jamun, and buttermilk. The masala bhat and gulab jamun were in high demand with everyone wanting more. The students then got back on the buses and reached school around 2:30pm

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Fresher's Hike

By Vedika

Every year the new students and teachers at the beginning of the first term go on the fresher's hike. This year some students of class 10 also accompanied the freshers - to Shambhu hill on the 18th of June.

The sound of the chirpy and excited juniors filled the areas of the dining hall as they collected their breakfast and refreshments. The students were divided into 8 groups, each accompanied by two teachers.

The terrain of the hill was rocky with occasional slopes on the path, giving everyone a sense of achievement each time they finished climbing up or down the slope.

Upon reaching the temple, students went around exploring it and paying their respects to the idol.



Hike to Shambhu Hill

A few senior students here and there were also seen showcasing their physical strength with push-ups and pull-ups, which was followed by junior students wanting to do the same.

Namit continued Amresh sir's legacy of hosting the Stick Game for the freshers. Joy filled their hearts after the students figured out the trick to the game.

On the way back, those finding it hard to climb down the rocky path were assisted by the senior students. In fact, one was carried on all the way down by a senior student on his back.

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Bird of the month

By Shivalika

This bird, which is commonly seen on campus, is quite active during the monsoon months



My home is stitched
Unlike that of man
My body is green
But I am not a plant
I have wings
But I am not a fan
Oh, so wise human
Can you tell who I am?

Answer: Tailor Bird

Farm Updates

Crops that were harvested on the campus before the monsoon season were bajra and peanuts. Along with that, we also had a mango harvest at the beginning of June. 9 varieties of beans, 88 varieties of rice, 9 types of little millets, 5 types of finger millets, lentils, and 4 types of sweet potatoes have been sown in the month of June.

Tomatoes, tulsi, bananas, lemongrass, papaya, potato, and pineapple are regularly grown in school.

Even though a large number and variety of food is grown in the school, the primary purpose is to work on seeds and supply the farmers with seeds. In turn, the supply is bought for the farmers, hitting two birds with one stone - generating employment and sustainable methods of agriculture in the nearby farmers and proving the students and staff with good quality, organic food.

Rice transplantation happened in the month of July. More on that in the next issue of Tiwai Tales.

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Interview with Omana Santosh - Office Coordinator

By Nishta and Niloufer

Q: How long have you been working in Sahyadri?

Omana akka: I joined Sahyadri first in 1995 and then I left it in 2002 and rejoined in 2005 May.

Q: Where are you from?

Omana akka: I'm from a village in the southern part of Kerala called Adoor.

Q: How did you find out about Sahyadri?

Omana akka: Actually my family friend was associated with KFI. Her name is Mrs.Thomas. She was a trustee of KFI schools and was also the Principal of Rishi Valley for 25 years. I came to just see the school and fell in love with the place. Later, I started working in the office.

Q: What did you do before you joined Sahyadri?

Omana akka: I had just finished my degree at that time. When I joined Sahyadri I was very young - only 23.

Q: Could you tell us a few things you like about this school, since you have been here for quite some time now?



Omana akka: At first when I joined I was very homesick. I was the only non-Marathi speaking person and the only lady in the office space. I really liked the openness with which people talk to each other and found happiness in the friendly atmosphere.

Q: What are your hobbies?

Omana akka: I like to listen to music but can sing only in a group (laughs), you know those teachers' performances they do on the musical eve. I am also very fond of reading. I like cooking for Onam in school. I also used to do Bharatanatyam, which I learned for 5 years in my childhood. Though, I won't be able to dance if you tell me now (laughs).

Q: Is there any advice you would like to share with us?

Omana akka: Friendship is important. Try and be in touch with each other.

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Assembly updates

Since the opening of the school, the following are some assemblies conducted by teachers and students:

- Musical concert by students and Nikhil sir, Girish sir, and Telang sir
- Fantastic Fungi, a documentary screening on the world of fungi
- Open house on school culture by Class 12 students
- Ashadi Ekadashi, by Anuja akka and students
- Introduction to various archaeological sites in India, by Jagadeesh sir and Chris sir
- Living with snakes on campus, by Sarat sir and EVS students



Assembly on Ashadi Ekadashi

Theatre

Class 11 students put up a play titled 'Monkey's Paw' for the whole school on July 8, under the supervision of Abhishek sir, their English teacher. More on that in the next edition of Tiwai Tales

In addition to that, Vinayak Sharma sir has been conducting regular theatre sessions for middle school students every week.

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Sports Updates

This term has been packed with sports camps, events, and tournaments

- Tennis and a football camp from June 18 to July 5.
- Volleyball camp for Class 8 from June 19 to July 8, by Salman sir
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- Ongoing basketball camp for Classes 4 and 5, by Vinayak Khude sir

In addition to these, table tennis and badminton tournament are going on.

A new inclusion to the morning PT program is Zumba and long-distance runs in the morning.

Teacher Orientation

The term began on June 1 with a week-long orientation program for all the new and old teachers. In addition to discussing matters related to academics and dorms, there were sessions related to Krishnamurti's teachings including comparison; listening, looking and learning; competition and conditioning.

What's in the next issue?

- Further information on the Class 11 Play
- Fresher's eve
- New initiatives in the school
- Updates on ESD (Education for Sustainable Development) and a lot more!