

News from the PYP Block

August 2023



Dear Parents

Greetings!

How time flies! It's been a whole month since our students have begun the new academic year. They have settled into their class routines and are learning key skills.

This newsletter is the summary of the important events during the month gone by and an overview of the upcoming month. You will also find important notes and dates.

Independence Day

The school bore an air of festivity on 15th August, with the students, teachers and staff, celebrating the 77th Independence Day of India as well as the South Korean National Liberation Day. The CEO, Lt. Gen. Arjun Ray (Retd.) hoisted the Indian National Flag in the presence of other dignitaries, students, teachers and staff. This was followed by a solemn rendition of both the Indian and the Korean national anthems.

The highlight of the day's events was the display of the various unique house initiatives. All four houses enthusiastically came together to set up stalls displaying their unique house initiatives.

We appreciate our PYP Boarders, Arav Bellurr, Harnoor Choudhary, Vivaan Rastogi, Amaira Thakur, Pramuk P Gowda along with teachers who took the initiative to also set up a stall which drew a lot of the crowds attention. Thank you. You are much appreciated!!





















Early Years Assembly

The Early Years had their first assembly on the 14th of August. The purpose of the assembly was to familiarize the little ones to their school leaders and their peers from across the early years. The students read a story about Independence Day and its significance. They explored the significance of the tri-colour on the Indian flag. This concluded with a craft activity of the Indian Flag and student reflections on how they would be independent.









PYP Assembly

Students from Grades 1-5 attended the PYP Assembly where we discussed the significance of the Indian Independence Day. This was also an opportunity for the students and teachers to welcome the new students.

This was also a time to ensure that students understand the importance of following the Essential Agreements and key aspects of the IISB Discipline Policy.



Congratulations to our young PYP author!!



1 - Riyansh Mahanta

We would like to Congratulate and appreciate Riyansh Mahanta Grade 1 who has successfully published his book ' The Chicken Who Was Naughty'.

Riyansh has been with us since Prep 1. He always displayed an innate curiosity about the world around him and one of his defining trait was his love for storytelling. During show and tell, he would eagerly share tales of his travels, adventures, favourite books, and his favourite characters. It was during these moments that his passion for storytelling became abundantly clear. His very first narrative, titled "Mickey and Farfus the Dragon," followed by an informational piece on Time was a notable part of his journey. The support from his parents and teachers, their constructive feedback, helped him refine his writing skills *en route*. He was not just becoming a skilled writer; he was developing into an individual with a distinct and captivating voice.

Please find the link to his book https://www.amazon.in/dp/9392144172?ref=myi_title_dp

We are very proud of you Riyansh and we wish you the best as you soar to greater heights while expressing yourself and aim to make a difference in the world!!

Under 10 Girls Football Team!!



We are proud to share that our **under 10 girls football team** has won the tournament organized by **The Cambridge International School**, Bangalore on 31st August 2023. We applaud them for their effort, determination and teamwork!

Rishitha M of grade 5 was awarded the **Golden Boot Trophy** for scoring the most goals in the junior girls' category.

Well Done and Keep it up Team Indus!!

We also appreciate our **Basketball team** and our **Tennis** participants for participating in the competition! Keep trying... This is indeed a stepping stone to success!

Participants List

Football participant

1	SAANVI P GOWDA	5
2	SREE LAKSHMI P KUMAR	5
3	RACHEL MARISA ANAND	5
4	B GRACE SWEETY	5
5	RISHITHA M	5
6	AMITHA SRINIVAS	5
7	MARGAUX MARIE CLAUDIA	4
8	PAVIKI SAXENA	4
9	SHAYANASHREE S	4
10	NAISHA REDDY	5

Sl. No	Name	Grade
1	AVYAN KUMAR	5
2	DEV THACKER	5

2 - Tennis Participants

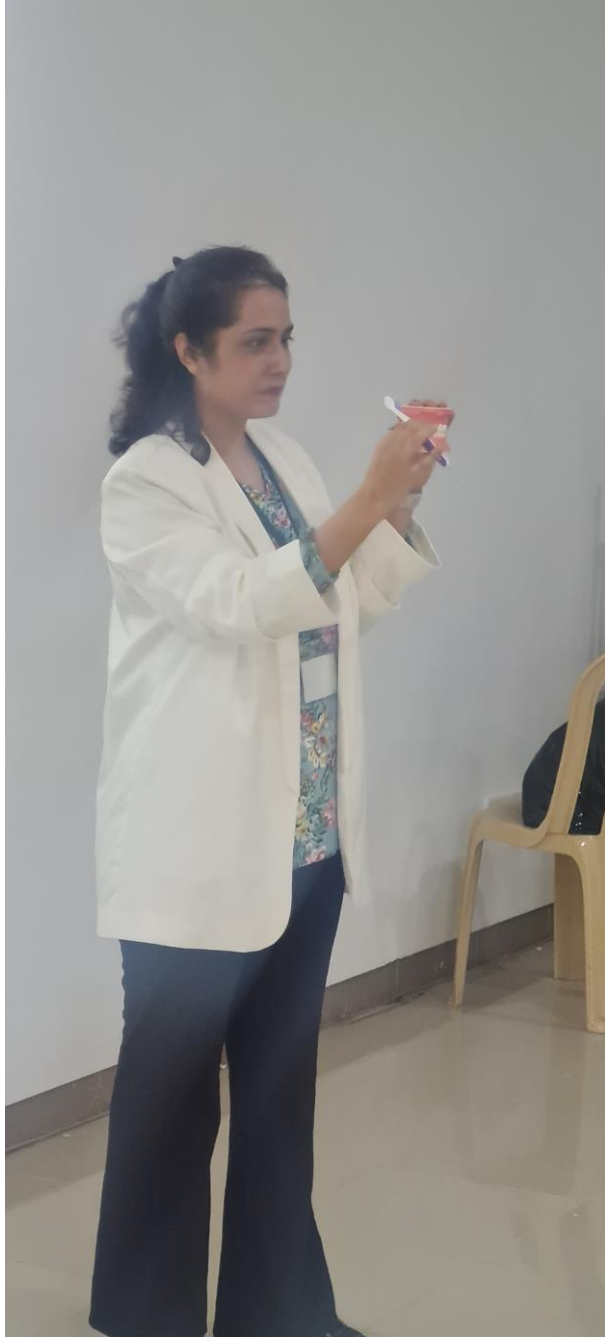
Basketball Participants

Sl. No	Name	Grade
1	ADITYA KIRAN	5
2	ANSH MISHRA	5
3	SANAVKANTH PAGADALA	5
4	NANDHIKA GADDALA	5
5	ANAAYA MUBASHIR SHAH	5
6	SAHITYA SAIKRISHNA	5

Grade 2 - Guest Talk – Dr. Preeti Bawa

In connection with the Unit of Inquiry, Who We Are, students are learning about eating healthy and following an active lifestyle. Dr. Preeti Bawa, an expert in the healthcare industry and a general dentist, interacted with students of Grade 2 about the importance of the food pyramid while creating a healthy meal plan for themselves. She spoke about how important it is to eat a rainbow diet as it helps them to intake essential nutrients. She spoke about the impact of an unhealthy lifestyle as it leads to obesity and other issues from a very young age. She demonstrated how to keep the teeth clean and the steps to be followed while brushing teeth using dentures. Dr. Preeti encouraged the students to follow a healthy diet and stay away from junk and aerated drinks as they affect their overall health.







Grade 3 - Guest Talk – Ms. Vindhya and Ms. Srilakshmi

In connection with the Unit of Inquiry 'How We Organise Ourselves', Ms. Vindhya and Ms. Srilakshmi interacted with the students of Grade 3 about creating a toolkit for learning. The concept of

Neurodiversity - How each brain is unique and functions in a unique manner was discussed. Through varied activities, the students learnt about the left brain and right brain. They identified areas of focus while learning challenging concepts and were encouraged to suggest strategies that they can apply to overcome them.



3 - Brain Gym activities to enhance Sensory Integration

Grade 5 Leadership Camp

Grade 5 students participated in the Leadership Training Programme at the Indus School of Leadership at Kanakpura. This was an opportunity for them to identify and reflect on their strengths and challenges to become more self-aware. Through an experiential learning model, students overcame challenges, embraced their fears, and forged healthy relationships with themselves and others, thereby developing key skills and competencies to become life and future ready. Through this experience, students were able to develop self-management skills, when they had to find their own way to tackle certain challenges that came their way, social skills while they collaborated with their peers to overcome obstacles and leadership skills as a whole as each of them realized they were together in the task, while leading themselves and the team in their own way.





















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Professional Development

Science gives students the opportunity to gain a better knowledge of how and why things function.

Students build and create curiosity that helps students understand and formulate questions on the information they have accumulated. It is our endeavour this year to strengthen our focus on Science this year by including real-life scenarios, hands-on activities, science projects that engage students, scientific methods of inquiry and experimentation, creating research journals etc.

Here is a sneak peek into teachers experiencing the excitement in science focused classes.



4 - Assessments documented!!



5 - Teachers experiencing Science in the PYP



6 - Experiencing Science in the PYP

Transdisciplinary Nature of PYP

Science in PYP



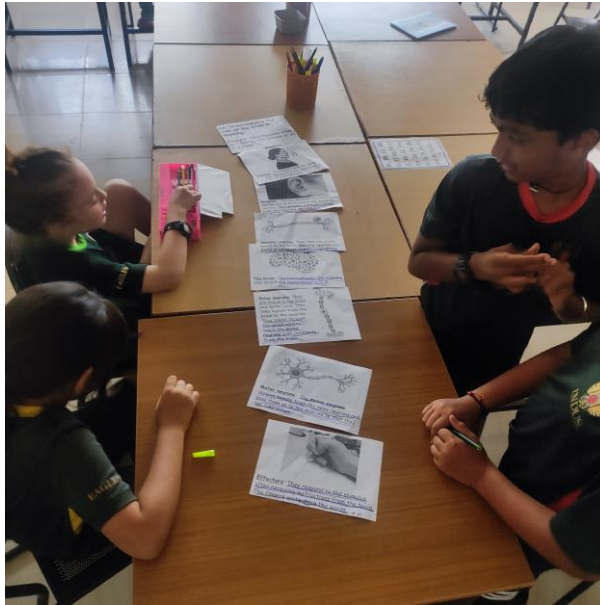
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7 - G4 Properties of Matter





8 - G2 Food and Health



9 - G3 Role of the brain in learning

Guided Reading









Innovation Curriculum

PYP Clubs

















10 - Chess





11 - Public Speaking





Music Instrument



























Indian Dance



















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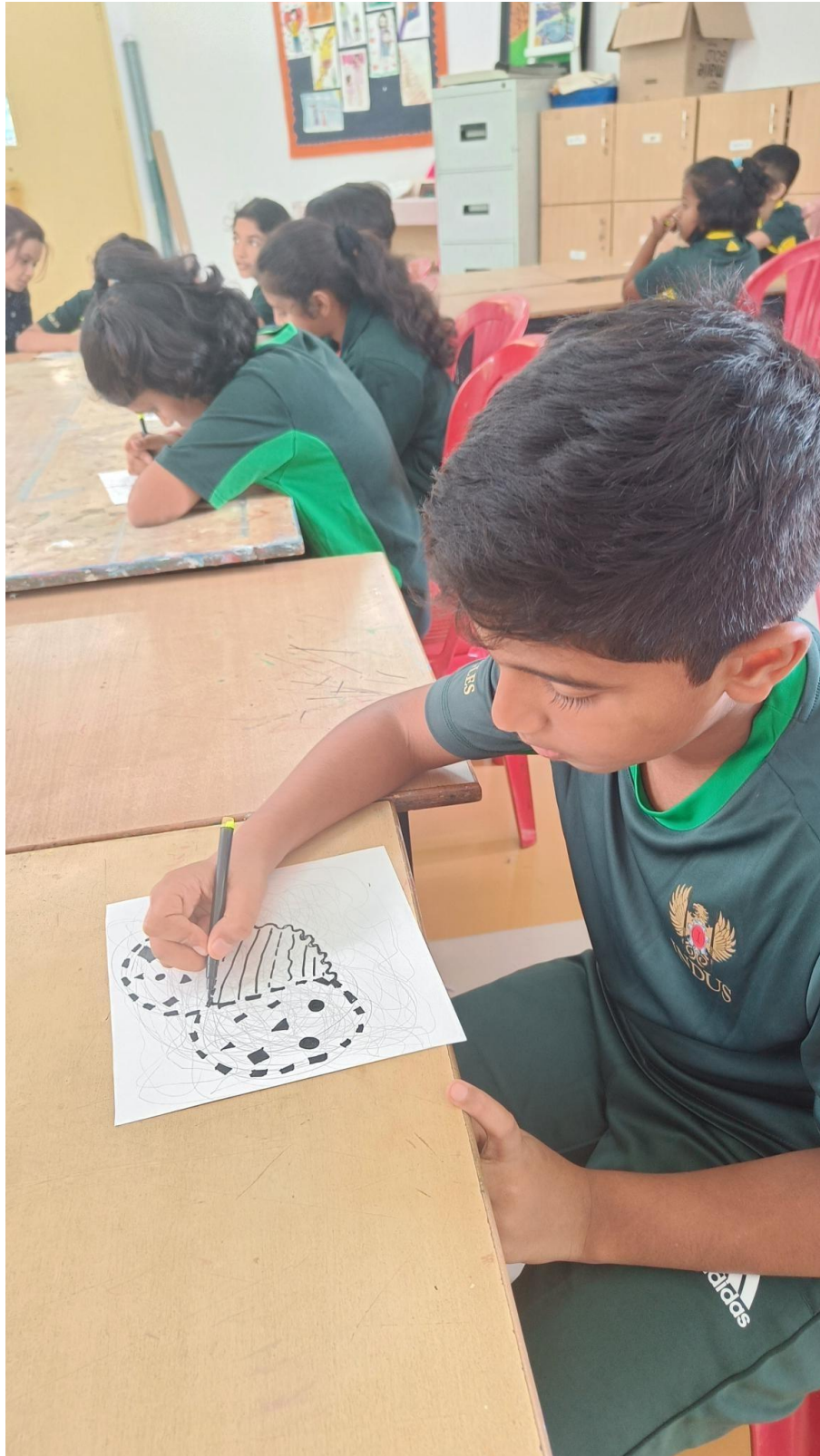
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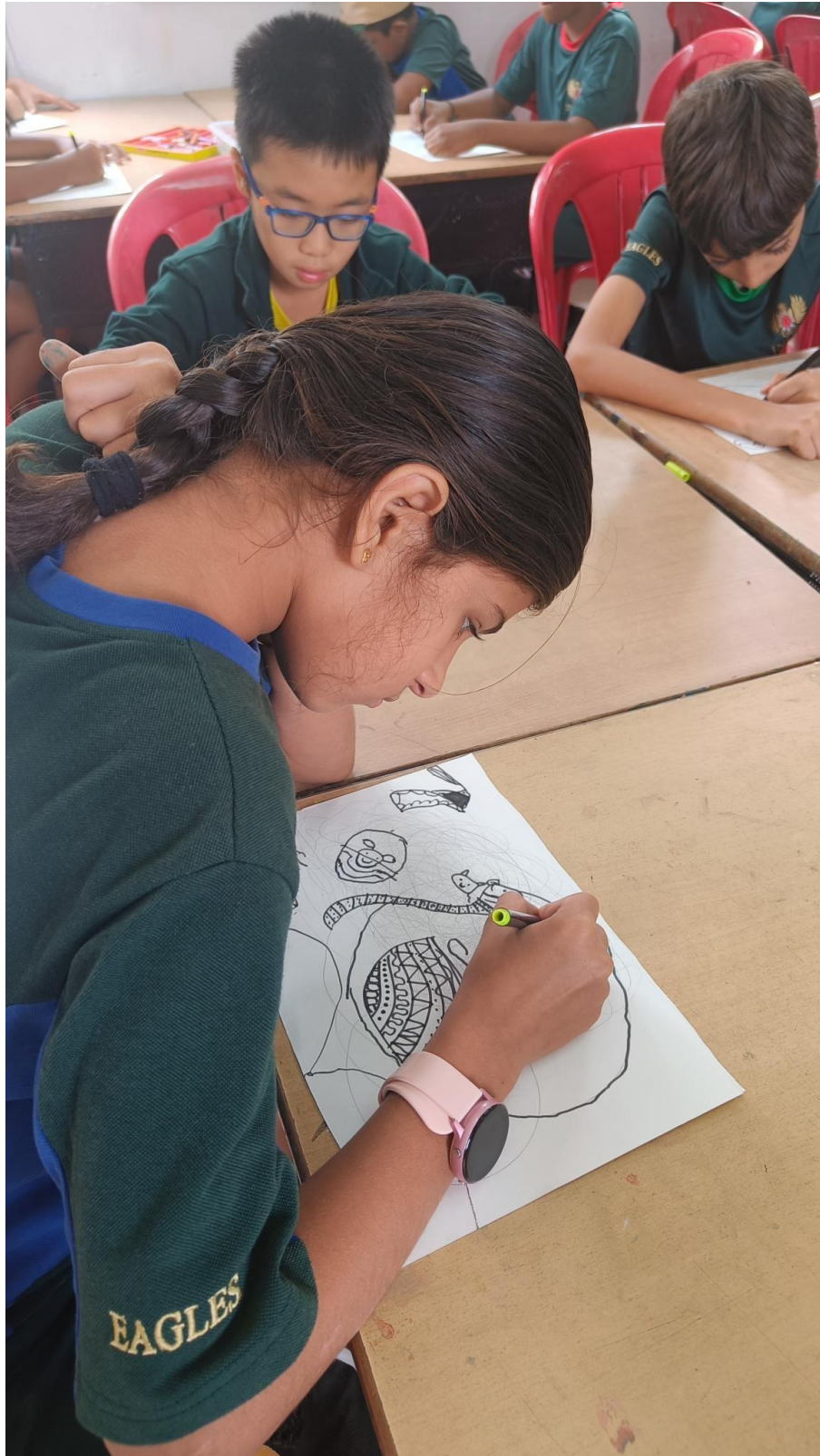
















PYP Action - Contribution from the PYP Block

Dear Parents

"Food brings people together on many different levels. It's nourishment of the soul and body; it's truly love." – Giada De Laurentiis

Mufti Day is not only a day to dress in Theme based clothes but also a day to remember and support the underprivileged in thought and deed.

Thank you for your valuable contribution to the PYP Community Kitchen which is the Orion House project. The kitchen endeavours to serve the students of the Indus International Community School with lunch. Students participate in this project not only through donations but also also by chopping vegetables cooking and serving them. Your contribution means a lot to each child there!!

Every drop of water makes the mighty ocean!!













Important Notes!!

1. Birthdays

- No Return gifts are allowed
- Birthday Celebration with a cake or cupcakes are fine
- Time: 2:00pm onwards with advance notice to the Grade teachers.
- The students who are celebrating their birthdays can wear casual clothes.

2. **Own Transport Parents** must **pick up** and **drop** students from the **parking lot**. Parents are not allowed to enter the blocks or move around the campus during dispersal.

3. Uniform -The students need to wear **PE uniforms only on days when they have PE or SH (Sport Hour)** and **Formal uniforms must be worn for the rest of the week (when they don't have PE classes)**. **Please note** It will be different for different **grades** and **sections** as well

4. Grooming

2.1 a **GIRLS** Hair should be always tied back and away from the face. Hair to be secured with hairclips or hairbands, in case of short hair.

The following are not permitted

- a) Coloured hair: Colouring /dyeing of hair, streaking of hair, leading to a change of natural hair colour
- b) Makeup: Wearing eye/skin makeup or lipstick or gloss
- c) Nail polish and long nails: Nails are to be trimmed and no nail polish, transparent or otherwise
- d) Jewellery other than earrings: only one earring (ear stud) in each ear lobe; multiple piercings; body piercing; nose studs/nose rings, finger rings, bangles, bracelets, friendship or any other bands; simple watches only (No smartwatches)
- e) Tattoos
- f) Colourful hairbands and scrunchies: only **black** is allowed

2.1 b **BOYS**

The following are not permitted :

- a) Long hair: Boy buns and ponytails, long hair covering the shirt collar, any part of the ear, or spiked hair; hair should be evenly cut, worn off the face and should not obstruct sight/ covering more than 50% of the forehead; sideburns should come midway to the ear lobe
- b) Coloured hair: Colouring /dyeing of hair, streaking of hair, leading to a change of natural hair colour
- c) Beards and stubble: Boys need to be clean shaven
- d) Jewellery: Finger rings, bracelets, friendship, or other bands; simple watches only (No smart watches), **earrings** not permitted for boys
- e) Tattoos

Important Dates

05 September - Teachers Day Celebration (Regular school day)

05 September - Investiture Ceremony (Only the Student Council and their parents and G5 students will attend)

08 September - (In-house) End of Unit Celebration (Unit 1) - G1 - G5

15 September - Spelling Bee (Grade 4&5) (Round 1) Venue - Indus International School, Bangalore

19 September- Ganesh Chaturthi (Holiday)

20 - 22 September- G4 ISL (Overnight) Camp (Kanakapura)

29 September - End of Unit Celebration - Prep 1 and Prep 2

- **P1 - 10:15 - 11:15 am**
- **P2 - 09:00 - 10:00 am**

Early Years have 4 Units of Inquiry during the school year. Parents are invited to attend the EoU celebration for the 1st and 3rd Units.

Reception will have their EOU Celebration at a later date (in January). More details will be shared.

We are Communicators!



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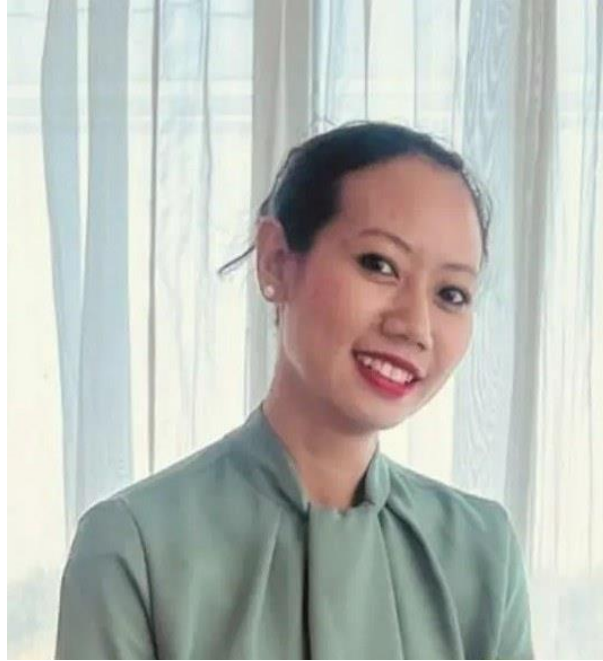
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Kind Regards

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