

## Message from the Head – Alumni Connect



**Mrs Vera Hajela**  
Head, Alumni  
Connect

Dear Alumni,  
As we embrace the opportunities and challenges of the new year, I'm filled with immense pride in witnessing the continued achievements of the alumni community. Your accomplishments serve as a testament to the values instilled during your time at school. I'm deeply grateful for the unwavering support and engagement of our alumni.

Your contributions have played a pivotal role in enriching the experiences of our current students and in shaping the future of our institution.

I encourage you to stay connected, share your stories and remain involved in our vibrant alumni network.

Your expertise and passion serve as an inspiration to the next generation of leaders emerging from our institution.

Wishing you all a prosperous and fulfilling year ahead.

Together let us continue to uphold the CMS spirit of JAI JAGAT and make a lasting impact in our communities and beyond.

Keep smiling always.

JAI JAGAT.

## Message from the Head – International Relations

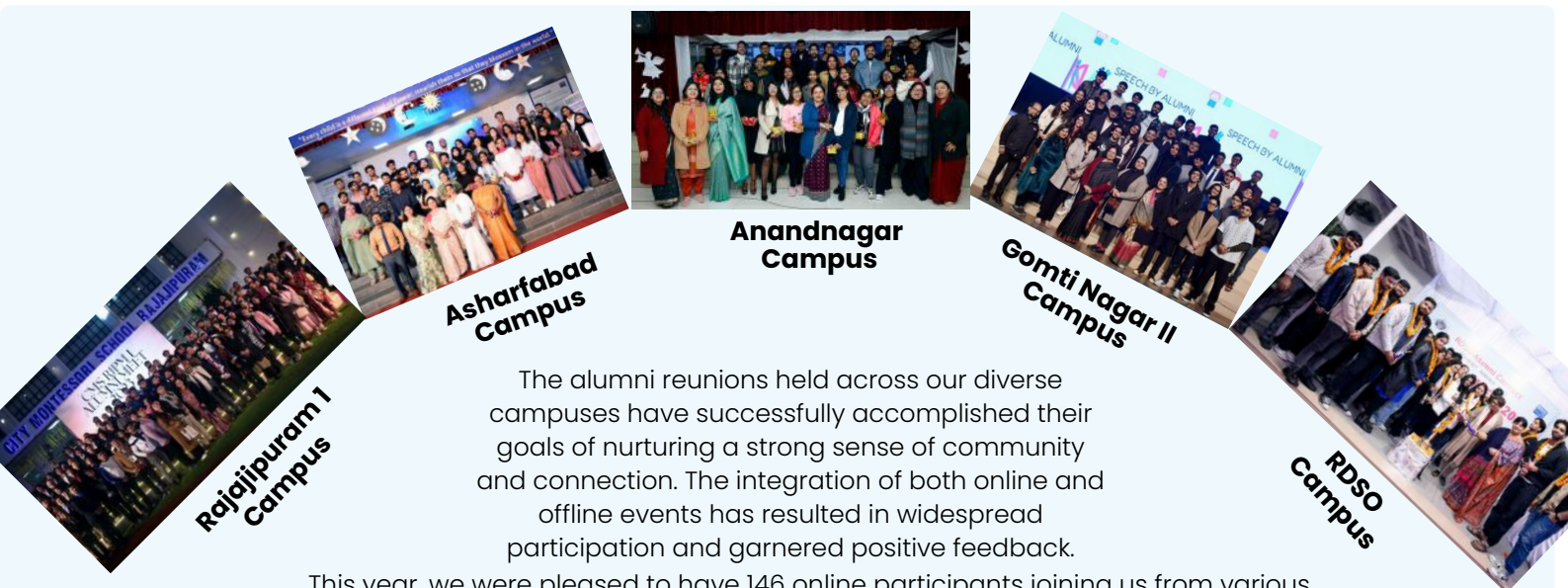


**Dr. Shishir Srivastava**  
Head, International  
Relations

Dear CMS Alumni,  
As we reflect on our journey at CMS, I am filled with pride and optimism about the impact our alumni continue to make on the global stage. Guided by our founders' vision of 'Jai Jagat,' CMS prioritizes holistic education, shaping individuals as academically successful professionals and compassionate, morally grounded, globally aware citizens.

Each student is seen as a gift to humanity, instilled with a sense of responsibility to be positive lights in the world. Our philosophy centers on nurturing duty and responsibility, encouraging students to use their knowledge and values for societal contributions. We strongly advocate for global cooperation and unity to address challenges affecting the well-being of present and future generations.

## Our Alumni, Our Pride



**Rajajipuram I  
Campus**

**Asharfabad  
Campus**

**Anandnagar  
Campus**

**Gomti Nagar II  
Campus**

**RDSO  
Campus**

The alumni reunions held across our diverse campuses have successfully accomplished their goals of nurturing a strong sense of community and connection. The integration of both online and offline events has resulted in widespread participation and garnered positive feedback.

This year, we were pleased to have 146 online participants joining us from various locations, including the US, Canada, Europe, Australia, Singapore, and the GCC.

In conjunction with the online engagement, our offline campus meetings drew the active participation of 1509 alumni from Gomti Nagar I and II, Mahanagar, Chowk,

RDSO, Aliganj I, Rajajipuram I, Asharfabad, Anand Nagar, and Station Road campuses. The valuable insights gained from these gatherings will undoubtedly serve as a guide for shaping future initiatives aimed at further enhancing alumni engagement within CMS.

## Senior Principal's and Principal's Message



Mrs Jyoti Kashyap  
Senior Principal

The foundation of any educational institution lays in its students and alumnus and City Montessori School stands by this. We believe that to make the world a better place, we must give the future generation a means to achieve that through education. Our institution has produced sincere, diligent and disciplined students since its establishment in 1959 and our students have brought in laurels that were believed to be unattainable before. We stand proud with our head held high looking at the wonders our students do and achieve in the world, setting the bar higher and higher every time. We wish them nothing but the very best for future endeavours.

Love and blessings.



Mrs Shivani Singh  
Principal

## Alumni Coordinators' Message



Mr Sudhanshu Singh  
Alumni Coordinator



Mrs Sonu Bakshi  
Alumni  
Coordinator

As the Alumni Coordinators, we believe that Alumni Newspaper fosters a strong sense of connection by highlighting the impressive legacy of our alumni. Through this publication, we aim to support students by guiding successful alumni and helping them develop their careers and achieve a bright future. By knowing about their alumni stories, students get more motivated leading to excel in their academic performance. Also, alumni guide them to enhance their communication skills. Alumni connections can have a profound impact on juniors' personal and academic development, as well as contribute to the overall growth and success of educational institutions. As the year continues, we look forward to sharing inspiring alumni stories that will serve as valuable guidance for our readers.

## Student Coordinator's Message



Tashvee Gupta  
Student Coordinator

Alumni newsletters are typically created to keep the former students informed about the news and events of the school. Skill development and advancement of students continue even after they graduate from their school. Alumni newsletters play a crucial role in fostering a strong and enduring relationship between the school and its graduates. CMS takes pride in producing well-rounded individuals who are not only academically

accomplished but also actively engaged in community service. It is a pleasurable task to deliver the Alumni Newsletters, which emphasizes on the success stories of the Alumni. These success stories can inspire the current batch of students by offering real-life examples of providing guidance, achievement and instilling the belief that they too can reach their goals and make a positive impact on the world.

## Diwali Celebrations



Learners celebrated the occasion by making Rangoli with their class teachers and by distributing diyas and sweets to helpers. Learners decorated beautiful rangoli & lighted earthen lamps. There was a Rangoli-making competition among the mothers and a non-fire cooking competition among the fathers of the learners. Learners also enjoyed the racing competition and were dressed up as Lord Ganesha and Goddess Lakshmi. At last, the celebration ended with learners dancing to the Happy Diwali song.

## RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS



**Ananya Chowdhary**

Studying at City Montessori School not only provided me with a robust academic foundation but also exposed me to a diverse range of activities that shaped my holistic development. This unique environment cultivated a passion for blending sciences with legal studies, an interdisciplinary approach that became pivotal in my academic pursuits at Harvard. Moreover, the exceptional faculty served as a constant source of inspiration and guidance, equipping me with the skills and mindset necessary to secure a place at Harvard University. Their unwavering dedication and expertise were instrumental in molding me into a well-rounded individual, ready to embrace the challenges of higher education.

VANDA, a globally recognized International Science Competition, challenges students to exhibit critical thinking and creativity in unravelling concealed information to solve intricate problems. This year, amidst the digital landscape, VANDA 2023 took place online in May, attracting participants from CMS Aliganj I Campus. The students' exceptional talents and dedication culminated in an impressive medal haul across all categories:

- **Gold Medals:** Aarna Singh (Class 4) Kavya Tiwari (Class 5) Adwitya (Class 5)
- **Silver Medals (4):** Atharv Ved Singh (Class 4) Anshika Jashnani (Class 4) Mohd Alishan Khan (Class 6) Zainab Hasan (Class 6)
- **Bronze Medals (11):** Rushank Singh, Stuti Pandey, Ashutosh Singh Yadav (all from Class 4), Mayraa Nigotre, Arnav Kumar, Rishtha Singh (all from Class 5), Shaurya Singh, Yashita Awasthi (both from Class 6), Yuvraj Malhotra (Class 7) Aarav Singh (Class 8) Aditi Tripathi (Class 9)



- Additionally, nine students received an Honorable Mention for their commendable efforts in the competition.



**Ansh Mishra**  
IV- i

The school is proud of Ansh Mishra of Class IV who won the gold medal under the sub-junior category in the 17th State Poomsae & Kyorugi Taekwondo Championship, 2023 organized by Taekwondo training school. It is promoted by the Taekwondo Federation of India at Chowk Stadium. The winners were felicitated by Dr Neeraj Bora (MLA) and Mr. Manoj Kumar Sharma (National instructor/referee).

Aryan Gupta from class 12 A in UNDP and NK Devansh Tiwari from class 12 B in LOK SABHA served as executive board members, adding to the prestige of their roles. Furthermore, Abhinav Bajpai of XII-G received the Best Delegate award in UN-HABITAT, while Jaya Singh of XI-A secured the same honor in the UNDP committee. Trishala Parisa Raina of XI-D earned the High Commendation award in IP, a remarkable feat. Sonakshi Mehrotra of XI-A and Yash Tejwani of XII-C were also acknowledged with Special Mentions in the UN-HABITAT and UNDP committees, respectively.

## RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS



### Enlightening Session on Health & Cyber Security

City Montessori School Aliganj-1 organized an enlightening session on 'Health & Cyber Security' for parents and students on the 28th of October, 2023. The event commenced with the introduction of the Chief Guest, Mr. Abhijeet R. Shankar, by the Senior Principal, Mrs. Jyoti Kashyap. Mr. Abhijeet, a 2018 batch IPS officer, provided insights into various types of cyber frauds and how they originate. These details were further elucidated by Mr. Shireesh from the cybercrime department, who extensively covered aspects such as social media fraud and bank fraud, offering valuable tips on prevention and identification.

### Call to Combat Plastic Pollution

Mr. Joshua Lincoln, a distinguished guest, and environmental advocate, visited CMS Aliganj Campus-1 on 1st of November 2023. Mr. Lincoln's visit focused on engaging students on the disastrous consequences of plastic pollution. Mrs. Jyoti Kashyap, Senior Principal and Shivani Singh, Principal, warmly welcomed Mr. Lincoln and emphasized the school's commitment to fostering environmental awareness and responsibility among students. Mr. Lincoln shared insightful examples and statistics, illustrating the far-reaching impacts of plastic waste on ecosystems, wildlife, and human health. During the engaging session, students had the opportunity to ask questions and participate in a meaningful dialogue with Mr. Lincoln.



### Children's day celebration

CMS Aliganj Campus 1 came alive with laughter, games and a sprinkle of magic. It began with the soulful school prayer and the recitation of the school pledge, followed by an inspiring thought of the day emphasizing the virtue of innocence. Our Senior Principal Mrs. Jyoti Kashyap and Principal Mrs Shivani Singh blessed the children with their words of wisdom. Rich tributes were paid to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru who loved and acknowledged children as they are the future of the country. Special games and activities were organized to make the day memorable for the children. A magic show was presented which mesmerized the children.

## Message from the Head - Alumni Connect



**Mrs Vera Hajela**  
Head, Alumni Connect

Dear Alumni,  
As we embrace the opportunities and challenges of the new year, I'm filled with immense pride in witnessing the continued achievements of the alumni community. Your accomplishments serve as a testament to the values instilled during your time at school. I'm deeply grateful for the unwavering support and engagement of our alumni.

Your contributions have played a pivotal role in enriching the experiences of our current students and in shaping the future of our institution.

I encourage you to stay connected, share your stories and remain involved in our vibrant alumni network.

Your expertise and passion serve as an inspiration to the next generation of leaders emerging from our institution.

Wishing you all a prosperous and fulfilling year ahead.

Together let us continue to uphold the CMS spirit of JAI JAGAT and make a lasting impact in our communities and beyond. Keep smiling always.

JAI JAGAT.

## Message from the Head - International Relations



**Dr. Shishir Srivastava**  
Head, International Relations

Dear CMS Alumni,  
As we reflect on our journey at CMS, I am filled with pride and optimism about the impact our alumni continue to make on the global stage. Guided by our founders' vision of 'Jai Jagat,' CMS prioritizes holistic education, shaping individuals as academically successful professionals and compassionate, morally grounded, globally aware citizens.

Each student is seen as a gift to humanity, instilled with a sense of responsibility to be positive lights in the world. Our philosophy centers on nurturing duty and responsibility, encouraging students to use their knowledge and values for societal contributions. We strongly advocate for global cooperation and unity to address challenges affecting the well-being of present and future generations.

## Our Alumni, Our Pride



**Rajajipuram I Campus**

**Asharfabad Campus**

**Anandnagar Campus**

**Gomti Nagar II Campus**

**RDSO Campus**

The alumni reunions held across our diverse campuses have successfully accomplished their goals of nurturing a strong sense of community and connection. The integration of both online and offline events has resulted in widespread participation and garnered positive feedback.

This year, we were pleased to have 146 online participants joining us from various locations, including the US, Canada, Europe, Australia, Singapore, and the GCC. In conjunction with the online engagement, our offline campus meetings drew the active participation of 1509 alumni from Gomti Nagar I and II, Mahanagar, Chowk, RDSO, Aliganj I, Rajajipuram I, Asharfabad, Anand Nagar, and Station Road campuses. The valuable insights gained from these gatherings will undoubtedly serve as a guide for shaping future initiatives aimed at further enhancing alumni engagement within CMS.



**Mrs Samvida Adhikari**  
Principal

### Message from the Principal

Dear Esteemed Alumni,  
As we reflect on the joyous moments of the past, I extend warm wishes to each of you this Christmas and New Year. May the spirit of the season fill your hearts with happiness and the coming year bring prosperity and success. Your accomplishments continue to inspire our school community and we eagerly anticipate hearing about your continued achievements. Wishing you a festive holiday season and a fulfilling New Year!



**Ms Sonu**  
Alumni Coordinator

### Alumni Coordinator's Message

Season's Greetings! As we bid farewell to the year gone by, I extend my heartfelt wishes for a joyous New Year filled with prosperity and success. May the coming months bring you new opportunities and adventures. Your alma mater remains proud of your accomplishments and we eagerly anticipate hearing more about your journey in the pages of our shared history. Wishing you and your loved ones a Happy New Year!

### Student Coordinator's Message

Dear seniors,  
In reflecting on the remarkable path you've paved for us and our institution, I'm thrilled to update you on the latest achievements and exciting developments on campus. Your ongoing support is invaluable and we look forward to keeping the flame of our shared experiences alive. Wishing you continued success in all your endeavors!



**Aaira Aftab**  
Student Alumni Coordinator

On Nov 18, students from City Montessori School Aliganj II dazzled in a 'Mary Poppins'-inspired performance, showcasing the 6Cs— Critical Thinking, Communication, Collaboration, Creativity, Character, and Citizenship. Aligned with UN SDGs, they earned the BEST PERFORMANCE TROPHY, epitomizing artistic excellence, teamwork and a commitment to a sustainable future.





City Montessori School Aliganj Campus II embraced the Christmas spirit through a month-long celebration, blending creativity and generosity. Students adorned spaces with intricate decorations, symbolizing the season's joy. Beyond the school, they donated rice to the 'Ehsaas Foundation' and collected essentials for those less fortunate. Acts of kindness extended to an orphanage, spreading festive cheer and joy. Teachers were pleasantly surprised by class celebrations, showcasing unity through dance and music. A visit to Bagira Camp emphasized camaraderie and teamwork.

The festivities culminated in delightful breakfast and lunch gatherings, nurturing a strong sense of community spirit. This celebration, anchored in the 6Cs and SDGs, underscored the school's dedication to compassion, giving and forging meaningful connections within the broader community. It served as a joyful reflection of the holiday spirit and our shared values.



## Message from the Head – Alumni Connect



**Mrs Vera Hajela**  
Head, Alumni  
Connect

Dear Alumni,  
As we embrace the opportunities and challenges of the new year, I'm filled with immense pride in witnessing the continued achievements of the alumni community. Your accomplishments serve as a testament to the values instilled during your time at school. I'm deeply grateful for the unwavering support and engagement of our alumni.

Your contributions have played a pivotal role in enriching the experiences of our current students and in shaping the future of our institution.

I encourage you to stay connected, share your stories and remain involved in our vibrant alumni network.

Your expertise and passion serve as an inspiration to the next generation of leaders emerging from our institution.

Wishing you all a prosperous and fulfilling year ahead.

Together let us continue to uphold the CMS spirit of JAI JAGAT and make a lasting impact in our communities and beyond. Keep smiling always.

JAI JAGAT.

## Message from the Head – International Relations



**Dr. Shishir Srivastava**  
Head, International  
Relations

Dear CMS Alumni,  
As we reflect on our journey at CMS, I am filled with pride and optimism about the impact our alumni continue to make on the global stage. Guided by our founders' vision of 'Jai Jagat,' CMS prioritizes holistic education, shaping individuals as academically successful professionals and compassionate, morally grounded, globally aware citizens.

Each student is seen as a gift to humanity, instilled with a sense of responsibility to be positive lights in the world. Our philosophy centers on nurturing duty and responsibility, encouraging students to use their knowledge and values for societal contributions. We strongly advocate for global cooperation and unity to address challenges affecting the well-being of present and future generations.

## Our Alumni, Our Pride



**Rajajipuram I  
Campus**

**Asharfabad  
Campus**

**Anandnagar  
Campus**

**Gomti Nagar II  
Campus**

**RDSO  
Campus**

The alumni reunions held across our diverse campuses have successfully accomplished their goals of nurturing a strong sense of community and connection. The integration of both online and offline events has resulted in widespread participation and garnered positive feedback.

This year, we were pleased to have 146 online participants joining us from various locations, including the US, Canada, Europe, Australia, Singapore, and the GCC. In conjunction with the online engagement, our offline campus meetings drew the active participation of 1509 alumni from Gomti Nagar I and II, Mahanagar, Chowk, RDSO, Aliganj I, Rajajipuram I, Asharfabad, Anand Nagar, and Station Road campuses. The valuable insights gained from these gatherings will undoubtedly serve as a guide for shaping future initiatives aimed at further enhancing alumni engagement within CMS.



**Ms Reena Soti**  
Principal

## Message from the Principal

Our alumni are the heartbeat of our school, and their accomplishments continue to inspire and motivate current students. Whether it's academic achievements, professional milestones, or personal growth, each success story is a source of pride for the entire City Montessori School, Anand Nagar community. Reflect on your journey with gratitude, and remember the words of Maya Angelou: "Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it." Carry the torch of knowledge, integrity, and passion. Your legacy inspires the generations to come.



**Ms Komal Singh Tomar**  
Alumni Coordinator

## Alumni Coordinator's Message

As we celebrate your accomplishments, I'm filled with pride witnessing the impact you've made in diverse fields. Your journey from our classrooms to your current endeavours is a testament to your dedication and resilience.

As educators, we cherish the role we played in shaping your foundation. Stay connected, share your experiences, and continue inspiring. Your success is a reflection of the enduring spirit of our educational community.

## Student Coordinators' Message



**Astha Dey**  
Student Coordinator



**Pragati Verma**  
Student Coordinator

Reflecting on alumni's achievements fills our hearts with pride. Your journey beyond our classrooms showcases the profound impact of education. As you navigate diverse paths, remember the foundation laid during your time here. Your accomplishments resonate with the spirit of the students. Stay connected, share your experiences, and inspire the upcoming generation. Your success is a beacon lighting the way for future scholars. Wishing you continued triumphs in your endeavors.



The 2023 Annual Sports Day at our school was a great success, promoting healthy competition and camaraderie. The event began with an energetic opening ceremony led by Head Girl, Miss Prashasti Singh, and Head Boy, Master Kartikeya Sharma. Dr. Mukesh Kumar Singh, Joint Director of Sarva Siksha Abhiyan, UP, inaugurated the day, while Mr. Atul Agnihotri, President of the Boxing Association of Lucknow, was the Special Guest of Honour. The track witnessed thrilling races, including obstacle races, walkathon, karate drill, and more. Various races for students, parents, and grandparents, along with entertaining games, left the audience impressed. Dr. Singh highlighted the importance of sportsmanship, linking success in sports to success in life. Overall, the day reflected the school's commitment to academic excellence, a love for sports, and a strong sense of community among students, making it a memorable event in the school calendar.

## Stars From Our Constellation



**Poorvi Saxena**

Delighted to announce that Poorvi Saxena, a student in Class XII, has earned a spot in the prestigious 67th National School Games, hosted by the School Games Federation of India (SGFI). She will be representing her prowess in Boxing (Under 19) during the event scheduled from January 2 to 8, 2024, in New Delhi.

Aratrika, a prodigious musical talent hailing from Class VIII, has achieved a remarkable feat by securing the third position in the Solo Singing category at the Christmastide competition. Her exceptional performance not only showcased her vocal prowess but also demonstrated a deep understanding of musical expression. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Aratrika for this well-deserved accomplishment, highlighting her dedication to the art of music. May her melodic journey continue to soar to new heights!



**Aratrika**



In adherence to the philosophy of CMS - Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam and global peace, the office bearers of CMS Anand Nagar Campus took impressions of the ever-blessing hands of our respected Founder Manager. These impressions will be used to create 3D keepsakes in commemoration of his birthday and to preserve them for posterity.



The tiny tots of the Pre-Primary Section joyfully celebrated the festival of Christmas. They dressed up as Santa, Mother Mary, and sheep, showcasing the true spirit of Christmas and rejoicing in the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.



Many Congratulations to Niviksha Saran of class Montessori for securing 1st Prize in Geo Fashion in Geofest.

### Stars From Our Constellation



**Aditi Tandon**

Hi, my dear friends. My name is Aditi Tandon, and I graduated from this branch in the year 2018. Being one among you, it fills me with joy to share my thoughts as an alumna. Currently, I'm pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Commerce and aspire to become a Chartered Accountant by profession.

There's a very common saying that the 'strength of a building depends upon its foundation,' and it truly holds. From instilling the values to shaping me into a wise and confident individual, this branch has played a crucial role. I'll forever be indebted to my mentors for providing me with such exposure, which has always been a driving force for me, enriching me with ideal opportunities to unleash my unrevealed potential. Honestly, this school has given me a treasure trove of memories that I'll deeply cherish and utilize to choose the right path for life.

Countless memories flood in at the mention of one word: 'School.' Fifteen years were worth every smile and tear. Being a CMS student will always be my pride. From enhancing my vocabulary to shaping my personality and instilling the confidence to stand tall, CMS has been instrumental in my growth. I've imbibed invaluable values and lessons from my teachers that have proven invaluable in many aspects of my life.

I am currently preparing for NEET, aspiring to become a doctor. I hope to revisit my campus while on the journey to achieving this dream. CMS Anand Nagar undeniably holds a special place in my heart.



**Khushi Tripathi**



**Tanisha Singh**

School life is the best life, especially when it comes to my school, City Montessori School. It was the golden period of learning that truly impacted my life. My teachers instilled in me self-confidence, motivation, and the drive to always give my best. Additionally, CMS blessed me with friends, some of whom will remain with me for the rest of my life. For me, school days were an invaluable treasure, emphasizing the importance of knowledge and contributing to the good experiences I have today. CMS taught me dedication, hard work, motivation, and self-actualization.

I still cherish many pictures we took in school that remind me of the wonderful memories we made. I recall the days of celebration and the extracurricular activities we participated in. I also remember the joy my parents felt when I became one of the top achievers in my school, scoring 96% in 10th standard and 94% in 12th standard. Presently, I am studying at Banasthali Vidyapeeth, pursuing a B.Tech in Computer Science.

## Message from the Head - Alumni Connect



**Mrs Vera Hajela**  
Head, Alumni Connect

Dear Alumni,  
As we embrace the opportunities and challenges of the new year, I'm filled with immense pride in witnessing the continued achievements of the alumni community. Your accomplishments serve as a testament to the values instilled during your time at school. I'm deeply grateful for the unwavering support and engagement of our alumni.

Your contributions have played a pivotal role in enriching the experiences of our current students and in shaping the future of our institution.

I encourage you to stay connected, share your stories and remain involved in our vibrant alumni network.

Your expertise and passion serve as an inspiration to the next generation of leaders emerging from our institution.

Wishing you all a prosperous and fulfilling year ahead.

Together let us continue to uphold the CMS spirit of JAI JAGAT and make a lasting impact in our communities and beyond. Keep smiling always.

JAI JAGAT.

## Message from the Head - International Relations



**Dr. Shishir Srivastava**  
Head, International Relations

Dear CMS Alumni,  
As we reflect on our journey at CMS, I am filled with pride and optimism about the impact our alumni continue to make on the global stage. Guided by our founders' vision of 'Jai Jagat,' CMS prioritizes holistic education, shaping individuals as academically successful professionals and compassionate, morally grounded, globally aware citizens.

Each student is seen as a gift to humanity, instilled with a sense of responsibility to be positive lights in the world. Our philosophy centers on nurturing duty and responsibility, encouraging students to use their knowledge and values for societal contributions. We strongly advocate for global cooperation and unity to address challenges affecting the well-being of present and future generations.

## Our Alumni, Our Pride



**Rajajipuram I Campus**

**Asharfabad Campus**

**Anandnagar Campus**

**Gomti Nagar II Campus**

**RDSO Campus**

The alumni reunions held across our diverse campuses have successfully accomplished their goals of nurturing a strong sense of community and connection. The integration of both online and offline events has resulted in widespread participation and garnered positive feedback.

This year, we were pleased to have 146 online participants joining us from various locations, including the US, Canada, Europe, Australia, Singapore, and the GCC. In conjunction with the online engagement, our offline campus meetings drew the active participation of 1509 alumni from Gomti Nagar I and II, Mahanagar, Chowk, RDSO, Aliganj I, Rajajipuram I, Asharfabad, Anand Nagar, and Station Road campuses. The valuable insights gained from these gatherings will undoubtedly serve as a guide for shaping future initiatives aimed at further enhancing alumni engagement within CMS.



Mrs Trapti Dwivedi  
Principal

### Message from the Principal

I'm delighted to reach out to you through our campus newsletter. We are always thankful to our precious alumni who have contributed to the betterment of the school in the past and even now. You are living in the shine of success and proving the education you received in the institution reasonable. Your achievements are inspiring our students and motivating them do to better. If you ever want to get involved or interact with us, the doors are always open. Wishing you success and happiness.

Thank you.

### Alumni Coordinator's Message



Ms Richa Tandon  
Alumni Coordinator

The pursuit of excellence and the quest for intelligence have illuminated the institution and its alumni in the glow of success. This alumni newsletter visually represents the pride we feel for our outstanding and marvelous alumni, who continuously prove themselves in all aspects without fail. We hope you will want to learn more about the happenings in the school and feel proud to be connected with us. We look forward to strengthening the bond and finding opportunities to interact with our beloved alumni.

Thank you.

### Student Coordinator's Message



Ms Alfia Asif  
Alumni Coordinator

It is a great honor to share this alumni newsletter of our campus with you all. The CMS alumni have constantly set high standards, becoming a source of inspiration for all the young students. They have ignited a new passion in all of us by making the institution and themselves shine in the glory of success. They continue to prove themselves in all possible ways, motivating us to work hard in academics, extracurricular, and co-curricular activities. Their success ultimately validates all the years of education they spent in the institution.

We are bound to follow in your footsteps of success and honor you for all the efforts you've put into the betterment of society and yourselves. I cherish the bond we've created and hope to always see you grow.

## Stars From Our Constellation



**Ravi Shanker**

Having completed my schooling at CMS and graduating with a degree in English Literature, I furthered my professional development by obtaining certifications in Anti Money Laundering and KYC from the Indian Institute of Banking & Finance. My career journey has been diverse, starting as a former Deputy Manager at ICICI Bank Ltd. Currently, I contribute my skills and expertise to Accenture Private Limited in Mumbai, where I hold the position of Quality Audit Manager.

I began my educational journey at City Montessori School in Lucknow, where I laid the foundation for my academic pursuits. After completing my schooling, I pursued my undergraduate studies and obtained a B.Sc. degree from Lucknow University. Eager to delve into the field of Mass Communication in Science & Technology, I pursued post-graduation, earning an M.Sc. degree. Currently, I hold the distinguished position of an Air Customs Officer in the Department of Indian Customs, and I am presently posted at Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport in Lucknow. This professional role allows me to contribute significantly to the enforcement and regulation of customs procedures, reflecting the culmination of my educational and professional journey.



**MUNISH SHANKER**



**SYED ARSAL HASAN**

Graduating from CMS Asharfabad Branch in 2015 marked the beginning of my educational journey. Subsequently, I pursued higher studies at Leeds Beckett University in the UK, where I am currently engaged in pursuing a Masters in Business Administration. Simultaneously, I have taken on the role of Assistant Manager at Mumtaz Group through a part-time position. This dual commitment allows me to apply my academic knowledge to real-world business scenarios, enhancing my skills and contributing to the professional landscape.

## Students visit Ekana Stadium for ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Match

On 22nd of October, students visited Ekana Stadium to witness the Sri Lanka vs Netherland match. The students had an amazing experience and enjoyed the trip.





### Yuva Yoddha - Students' act of Kindness

Members of Yuva Yoddha, a team of dedicated students, embarked on a mission to help those less fortunate in our community. They distributed edibles and clothes to impoverished individuals who struggle to make ends meet, offering them not just material support but also a glimmer of hope and warmth.

### Vijay Diwas

Vijay Diwas was celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervor. Vijay Diwas, also known as Victory Day, marks the triumph of the Indian Armed Forces over Pakistan in the 1971 Indo-Pak War, leading to the creation of Bangladesh. The event holds historical significance as it showcased the valor, dedication, and sacrifice of our armed forces.



### Birth Anniversary of A.P.J Abdul Kalam

In honor of Dr. Kalam, a renowned scientist and former President of India, students participated in various activities that highlighted his life and contributions. Students were encouraged to follow Dr. Kalam's example and strive for excellence.

### Message from the Head - Alumni Connect



**Mrs Vera Hajela**  
Head, Alumni  
Connect

Dear Alumni,  
As we embrace the opportunities and challenges of the new year, I'm filled with immense pride in witnessing the continued achievements of the alumni community. Your accomplishments serve as a testament to the values instilled during your time at school. I'm deeply grateful for the unwavering support and engagement of our alumni.

Your contributions have played a pivotal role in enriching the experiences of our current students and in shaping the future of our institution.

I encourage you to stay connected, share your stories and remain involved in our vibrant alumni network.

Your expertise and passion serve as an inspiration to the next generation of leaders emerging from our institution.

Wishing you all a prosperous and fulfilling year ahead.

Together let us continue to uphold the CMS spirit of JAI JAGAT and make a lasting impact in our communities and beyond.

Keep smiling always.

JAI JAGAT.

### Message from the Head - International Relations

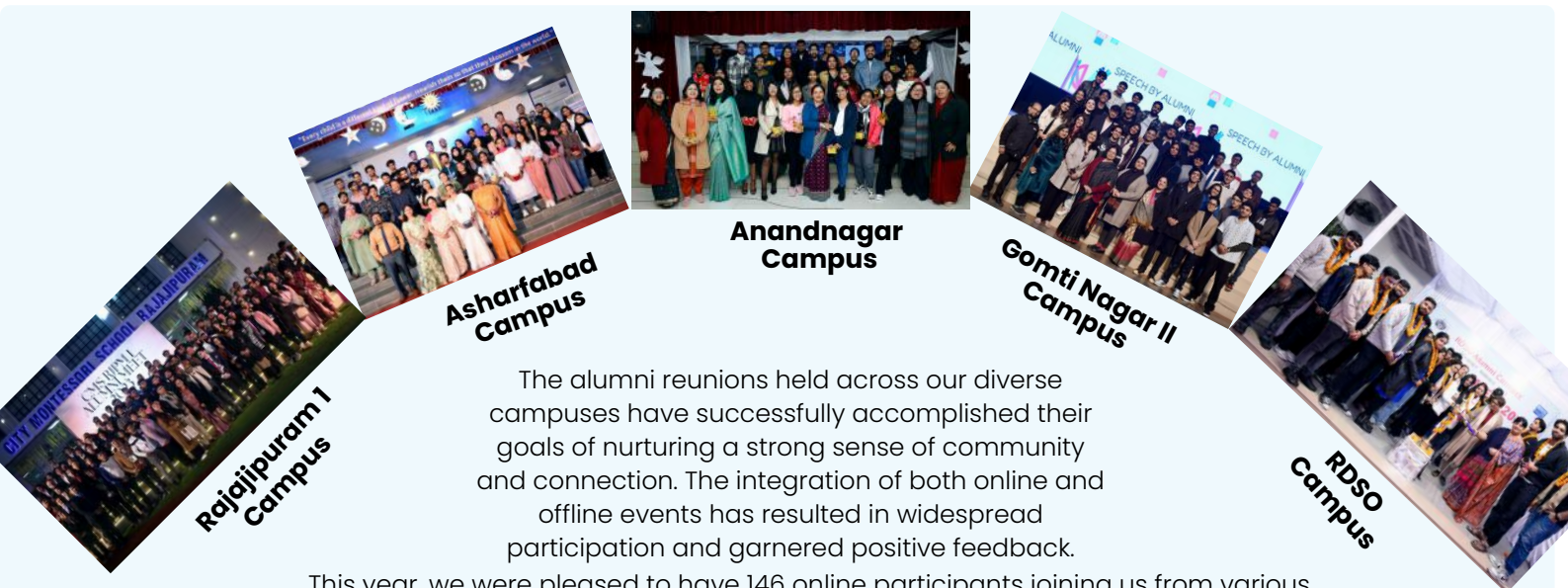


**Dr. Shishir Srivastava**  
Head, International  
Relations

Dear CMS Alumni,  
As we reflect on our journey at CMS, I am filled with pride and optimism about the impact our alumni continue to make on the global stage. Guided by our founders' vision of 'Jai Jagat,' CMS prioritizes holistic education, shaping individuals as academically successful professionals and compassionate, morally grounded, globally aware citizens.

Each student is seen as a gift to humanity, instilled with a sense of responsibility to be positive lights in the world. Our philosophy centers on nurturing duty and responsibility, encouraging students to use their knowledge and values for societal contributions. We strongly advocate for global cooperation and unity to address challenges affecting the well-being of present and future generations.

## Our Alumni, Our Pride



**Rajajipuram I  
Campus**

**Asharfabad  
Campus**

**Anandnagar  
Campus**

**Gomti Nagar II  
Campus**

**RDSO  
Campus**

The alumni reunions held across our diverse campuses have successfully accomplished their goals of nurturing a strong sense of community and connection. The integration of both online and offline events has resulted in widespread participation and garnered positive feedback.

This year, we were pleased to have 146 online participants joining us from various locations, including the US, Canada, Europe, Australia, Singapore, and the GCC.

In conjunction with the online engagement, our offline campus meetings drew the active participation of 1509 alumni from Gomti Nagar I and II, Mahanagar, Chowk,

RDSO, Aliganj I, Rajajipuram I, Asharfabad, Anand Nagar, and Station Road campuses. The valuable insights gained from these gatherings will undoubtedly serve as a guide for shaping future initiatives aimed at further enhancing alumni engagement within CMS.

## Message from the Principal



**Mrs Aditi Sharma**  
Principal

Dear Esteemed Alumni,

It brings me great joy to connect with you through our Alumni Newsletter. As we celebrate your achievements, I am filled with pride and admiration for the impact you've made in various fields.

In this dynamic era, your adaptability and commitment to excellence stand as guiding lights for our present students. I encourage you to stay connected, offering mentorship and guidance to the aspiring minds following in your footsteps.

Your unwavering and invaluable support has been a source of strength for us.

Together, let us embrace the journey of growth and knowledge.

## Alumni Coordinator's Message



**Ms Renu Wadhwa**  
Alumni Coordinator

Dear Alumni,

Warm Greetings!

As I pen down this message, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for the enduring spirit of our alumni community. Your commitment to excellence and shared values has been a cornerstone of our institution's success.

While we may not always connect individually, the collective impact of your achievements resonates across generations. Your dedication to your respective fields and contributions to society inspire us all.

Stay tuned for updates on upcoming alumni events and initiatives. We look forward to fostering stronger connections and creating opportunities for collaboration among our esteemed alumni. Wishing you continued success in all your endeavours.

Best regards

## Student Coordinator's Message



**Bisma Haider**  
Alumni Coordinator

City Montessori School champions the essence of hard work. It imparts values such as educational excellence, empowerment, and enrichment. CMS has been my second home since Nursery, nurturing my personality from a sapling into a sturdy tree, preparing me to extend my branches and yield the best fruits of my achievements.

Being an alumna is not merely a title but a lifelong commitment to the growth and success of the institution. CMS alumni are dispersed worldwide, excelling in various fields of knowledge, spreading the message of the CMS motto, 'Jai Jagat!' They serve as guiding lights and sources of inspiration for future generations.

## Stars From Our Constellation



**Sparsh Agarwal**  
2016 Batch

"In 2016, upon completing my schooling, I embarked on my CA journey, instilled with the values of hard work and communication skills imparted by my school. CMS played a pivotal role in nurturing my interest in the subject of accounts. Throughout my CA preparation, the foundation laid by my school proved invaluable. On July 5, 2023, the culmination of relentless effort resulted in the addition of two letters, 'CA,' to my name, a moment that brought immense pride to my entire family. Presently, I am honored to be contributing to the professional landscape as a Credit Manager at ICICI Bank, one of the foremost financial institutions. I express deep gratitude to my teachers and parents for their unwavering support. It is with immense pride that I declare myself a proud member of the CMS family, grateful for the guidance that has shaped my academic and professional journey."

My alma mater has played a major role in shaping my personality and helping me reach this point. CMS has not only provided me with quality education but also instilled in me the importance of moral and cultural values, guiding me towards becoming a 'World Citizen.'

I express my immense gratitude and appreciation for the entire faculty of CMS, who played a significant role in my all-round development. Proud to be a CMSian. Jai Jagat.



**JYOTI VERMA**  
2017 Batch

The QUANTA, an Annual International Competition for Science, Electronics, Computer, Mathematics, and Mental Ability, celebrated its 25th anniversary this year and was held from the 15th to the 18th of November, 2023. The event was inaugurated by the respected chief guest, Shri Brajesh Pathak, the Deputy Chief Minister of the Government of India.

## 25th QUANTA EVENT



This year, the competitions included a Science Quiz, Mathematics & Mental Ability Quiz, Debate & Collage Making Competition, along with Dr. Jagdish Gandhi's discourse in the morning assembly. The aim was to unite nations and advocate for the establishment of a World Government and World Parliament.

The participating teams comprised both foreign and local teams, representing Brazil, Russia, Thailand, Germany, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and India.

The event concluded with a captivating cultural evening and the distribution of prizes.



## CISCE NATIONAL SWIMMING COMPETITION

Vaishnavi Pal U-17 got silver medal in 1mt. Spring Board Diving

## MUN AT SETH ANANDRAM JAIPURIA

At the Seth Anandram Jaipuria MUN, Sabeen Zaidi of Chowk bagged 1st position and ₹ 5000/- for United Nations Quiz conducted by Scholarly. Sabeen Zaidi also won the Special Mention Award in UNHRC committee.



## Inter School swimming competition 2023

Venue- Allenhouse Public School

1. Abhi Srivastva - 50mt. Back Stroke - 2nd
2. Ata Abbas - 50 mt. Breast stroke - 3rd
3. Purvi Pal - 25 mt. Breast stroke - 3rd

## CISC REGIONAL YOGA TOURNAMENT

From CMS Chowk campus 4 students participated in which the following students bagged prizes and made the institution proud:

- 1) Angel Anand won a bronze medal in rhythmic.
- 2) Umme Farwa won a silver medal in artistic



## ZONAL TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIP

The following students emerged as the winners in Zonal Taekwondo Championship (U-17):

GOLD MEDAL- Bushra Rizvi (36kg)-XI B  
SILVER MEDAL-Harshita Yadav(53kg)-XI A2  
BRONZE MEDAL-(42kg)-XI B

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS



## Message from the Head - Alumni Connect



**Mrs Vera Hajela**  
Head, Alumni  
Connect

Dear Alumni,  
As we embrace the opportunities and challenges of the new year, I'm filled with immense pride in witnessing the continued achievements of the alumni community. Your accomplishments serve as a testament to the values instilled during your time at school. I'm deeply grateful for the unwavering support and engagement of our alumni.

Your contributions have played a pivotal role in enriching the experiences of our current students and in shaping the future of our institution.

I encourage you to stay connected, share your stories and remain involved in our vibrant alumni network.

Your expertise and passion serve as an inspiration to the next generation of leaders emerging from our institution.

Wishing you all a prosperous and fulfilling year ahead.

Together let us continue to uphold the CMS spirit of JAI JAGAT and make a lasting impact in our communities and beyond. Keep smiling always.

JAI JAGAT.

## Message from the Head - International Relations

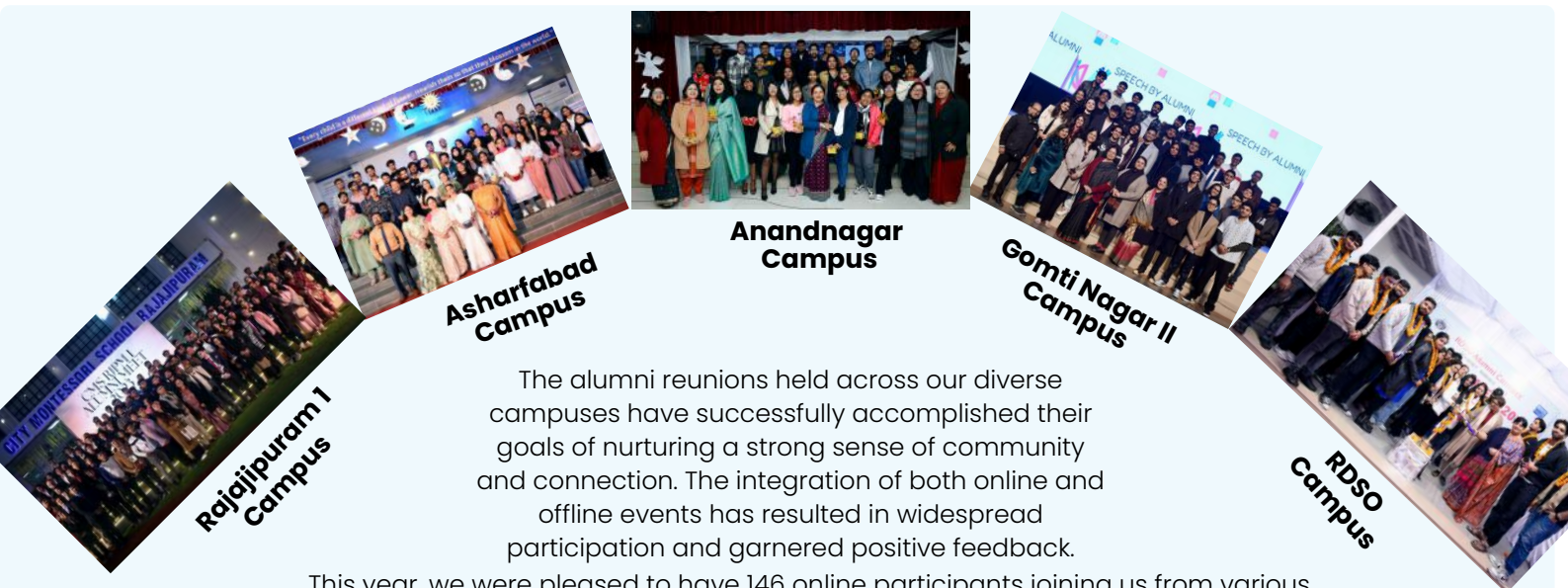


**Dr. Shishir Srivastava**  
Head, International  
Relations

Dear CMS Alumni,  
As we reflect on our journey at CMS, I am filled with pride and optimism about the impact our alumni continue to make on the global stage. Guided by our founders' vision of 'Jai Jagat,' CMS prioritizes holistic education, shaping individuals as academically successful professionals and compassionate, morally grounded, globally aware citizens.

Each student is seen as a gift to humanity, instilled with a sense of responsibility to be positive lights in the world. Our philosophy centers on nurturing duty and responsibility, encouraging students to use their knowledge and values for societal contributions. We strongly advocate for global cooperation and unity to address challenges affecting the well-being of present and future generations.

## Our Alumni, Our Pride



The alumni reunions held across our diverse campuses have successfully accomplished their goals of nurturing a strong sense of community and connection. The integration of both online and offline events has resulted in widespread participation and garnered positive feedback.

This year, we were pleased to have 146 online participants joining us from various locations, including the US, Canada, Europe, Australia, Singapore, and the GCC. In conjunction with the online engagement, our offline campus meetings drew the active participation of 1509 alumni from Gomti Nagar I and II, Mahanagar, Chowk, RDSO, Aliganj I, Rajajipuram I, Asharfabad, Anand Nagar, and Station Road campuses. The valuable insights gained from these gatherings will undoubtedly serve as a guide for shaping future initiatives aimed at further enhancing alumni engagement within CMS.

## Message from the Principal



**Mrs Abha Anant**  
Principal

Celebrating the spirit of connection, the Alumni Meet 2023 was an unforgettable reunion where cherished memories were rekindled and lifelong bonds were forged, all in the heartwarming ambiance of an offline gathering. We stand on the brink of pride, bathed in the radiant brilliance emanating from the stars of our extraordinary alumni. Each one of you, in your academic pursuits, has forged a path to luminous glory, a guiding light that inspires all who walk these corridors.

Dear alumni, your legacy runs deep into the roots of our institution, providing nourishment for the budding potential that now flourishes. Your encouragement is the pen that scripts the tales of our students' dreams, their chapters resonating with the splendid narrative that you have crafted.

As we commemorate the accomplishments of our current students, we do so in the shade of the distinguished figures who are our alumni. Your enduring legacy is a mosaic of words woven into the fabric of time, an epic poem of triumph and inspiration.

## Alumni Coordinator's Message



**Mrs Manju Anand**  
Alumni Coordinator

In this Newsletter, I am delighted to traverse the corridors of memory with you, like a curator of a cherished museum of our shared past. Your achievements echo the resonance of our school's ethos, painting a tapestry of values and principles.

The Alumni Meet 2023 unfolded as a tapestry of extraordinary narratives, where cherished memories metamorphosed into vibrant hues within the canvas of offline connections. The palpable joy of physical presence infused an unparalleled vibrancy, turning the reunion into a tapestry of unforgettable moments for our esteemed alumni.

As you tread the mosaic of your unique journeys, reflect on the lessons imbibed at CMS. Let the core values of integrity, perseverance, and compassion be your compass, navigating you through life's labyrinth. CMS has sculpted you to face the future with confidence, adaptability, and an unwavering commitment to lifelong learning. Remember, CMS Gomti Nagar is forever your haven, where your triumphs resonate and find perpetual celebration within our close-knit community.

## Student Coordinators' Message



**Akshita Srivastava**



**Aadya Srivastava**



**Prakshi Singh**



**Vaagmita Singh**

We extend a warm invitation to you, dear readers, to encapsulate the cherished memories and radiant stars of our school within the confines of these pages. In this fresh edition of our newsletter, we invite you on a journey to honor the achievements and diverse experiences of our esteemed alumni. Our alumni with their erudition and unique perspective have undoubtedly enriched the pages of our newsletter, resonating with the intellectual aspirations of the emerging students. The much-anticipated alumni meet of 2023 was a resounding success, bringing together graduates from various years for a memorable and heartwarming reunion. The magic of face-to-face interactions added an irreplaceable touch, making this event a truly special and nostalgic experience for our alumni community. The book of mystic memories blemishes as time unfolds, the ever-evolving process of metanoia, the profound transformation of the human spirit, continues its timeless course.

## Stars From Our Constellation



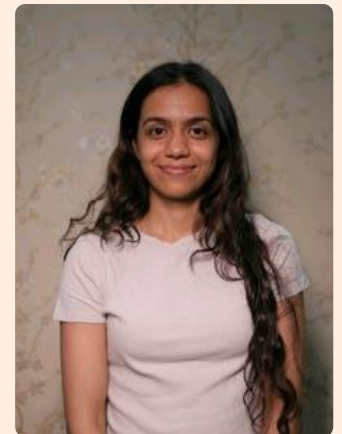
**Captain Palash  
Khanna**

### Captain Palash Khanna's Inspirational Return

In a poignant reunion echoing with tales of valor, Captain Palash Khanna, a distinguished alumnus of CMS Gomti Nagar-I's 2013 batch, recently graced his alma mater after nearly a decade. A beacon of commitment and academic prowess, Captain Khanna shared his remarkable journey from the school's classrooms to the battlefield as a medical officer. Achieving early success by clearing the AFMC exam in his first attempt, he was selected just a year after completing the ISC Board Examination. Captain Khanna's return underscored the transformative impact of his years within these hallowed walls, emphasizing the positive metamorphosis of the institution. His remarkable achievements and commitment to service serve as a testament to the enduring spirit of duty, honor, and the profound impact of CMS education.

### Anuja Trivedi's Triumph in Sports and Civil Service

In a stellar showcase of talent and determination, CMS Gomti Nagar I alumna Anuja Trivedi has earned accolades at the Lal Bahadur Shastri Prashasanik Academy sports events. Securing silver in both the 1500m and 100m, Anuja's remarkable speed and endurance shone through. Adding to her laurels, she played a pivotal role in the 4x100m relay, clinching gold, and demonstrated versatility with a gold in the 400m. Beyond the athletic arena, Anuja's journey reached new heights as she achieved 80th rank in the UPSC Civil Services Examination coveting a spot in the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) this year. Her story exemplifies not only exceptional athleticism but also dedication and discipline, serving as an inspiration to students, showcasing the potential for excellence in both sports and academics. CMS Gomti Nagar-I takes immense pride in Anuja's accomplishments and wishes her continued success in her IAS career.



**Anuja Trivedi**



**Raj Vardhan Singh**

### Raj Vardhan Singh: NASA Citizen Scientist and Space Enthusiast

Raj Vardhan Singh, a dedicated space enthusiast and NASA Citizen Scientist, has actively contributed to cutting-edge research in the realm of space exploration. Currently engaged with NASA since May 2021, he examines images to make significant scientific discoveries, including identifying active asteroids in the solar system and spotting disks around nearby stars where planets form. His commitment extends beyond NASA, as he participated in the International Astronomical Search Collaboration's Asteroid Search Campaign, partnering with NASA and PanSTARRS. Additionally, Raj served as a Junior Space Scientist with the Society for Space Education Research and Development (SSERD) and Genex Space, where he contributed to designing a reloadable high-power rocket for atmospheric data collection. With a rich background in rocketry and a passion for exploring the cosmos, Raj Vardhan Singh embodies the spirit of a true space explorer.

The City Montessori School in Gomti Nagar-1 held its Offline Alumni Meet on November 10th, 2023, a date that also celebrated the birth anniversary of Founder Manager Dr. Jagdish Gandhi and coincided with 'Dhanteras'. This event was a nostalgic fusion of past and present, with the school's grand building illuminated in the evening light, symbolizing the school's rich history and bright future. The school's auditorium buzzed with energy as students showcased their diverse talents across disciplines such as Literature, Science, Mathematics, Arts, Drama, History, and Music. The alumni, varying from the 1996 batch to more recent years, represented a wide array of professions, from entrepreneurs to doctors. They revisited familiar classrooms and playgrounds, reflecting on their journey since graduation. The school choir added to the ambiance with soulful melodies. A highlight of the evening was the recognition of senior teachers for their zealous years of dedication to CMS. Alumni like Sanjay Chauhan, the first captain of the cricket team, and Anjali Tripathi, a former member of La Plume- The Editorial Board, shared fond

memories of their school days. The celebration also included a cake-cutting ceremony in honor of Dr. Gandhi's birth anniversary. The event concluded with photography sessions, where students and alumni captured these memorable moments. The entire student body, adorned in alumni T-shirts, gathered for a final group photo, encapsulating the spirit of the CMS Alumni Meet 23. CMS GN-1 shone brighter than ever on the eve of 10th November 2023- a monochromatic evening humming tunes from the '90s, the union of an era, CMS Alumni Meet 23.



### ALUMNI MEET



### CONSTANTIA

'Constantia 2023', held at La Martiniere College, Lucknow, was a showcase of talent and innovation. The event featured a diverse range of competitions, from technical to literary, attracting bright minds across various fields. The achievements of City Montessori School Gomti Nagar Campus 1 students were particularly noteworthy. Maryum Khan's artistic vision earned her the top spot in 'Shutter Up'. Vikrant Singh and Kalika Gohil's prowess in robotics was recognized with the 3rd prize in 'Robowars'. Ishaan Chandra's gaming skills brought him the 2nd prize in 'Gamer's Nirvana'. In 'Canvas Painting', Arina Khan's creativity was rewarded with the 3rd prize. The strategic skills of Vishesh Gehani and Vansh Awasthi in 'Inside Edge' earned them the 2nd prize. The 'Pitch Perfect' team, featuring Yuvraj Mishra, Abhyudaya Tripathi, Vedant Ojha, Aakarsh Singh Suryavanshi, and Abhineet Raj, harmonized their way to the 3rd prize. Samaira Parveen secured the 1st prize in 'Eco Jam', showcasing her economic expertise. These remarkable achievements highlight the diverse talents of CMS students, making their school proud at this prestigious event.

**ASISC CRICKET ZONALS** The students of City Montessori School competed against the team of St. Antony's in the final match of the ASISC Zonals Cricket Tournament on 13th of August, 2023. It was an evenly poised game throughout and both the teams were better at some times during the game. A great inning by Pranjal Singh got us to a respectable total of 89 in 12 overs. The second inning began, and the boys looked as fresh as a fruit, the bowlers were bowling good lines and the fielders too supported them with their fielding and chants. Further, a great run out by Jay Verma got us in a commanding position to win the match. However, due to a poor visibility appeal by the opponent batters, the umpires called off the match and we were crowned joint champions of the tournament this year. Two of the ex-team members of our team, Aditya Yadav, who was a pivotal part of our team last year and also a national topper with 99.25% marks in the ISC Board Examinations and Abhishek Yadav, who is a seasoned cricketer and has even played in the Ranji Trophy joined the team to guide and support the youngster



**PATRIMOINE**

The December of 2023, became a vibrant canvas of creativity and historical exploration through the event 'Patrimoine' conducted by the archives and palladium, the historical and art societies of City Montessori School Gomti Nagar campus I respectively. . The corridors echoed with the excitement of 'Assemblage', where students dexterously created 3D collages, weaving stories from an array of materials. In 'Retrospectus', the air was charged with powerful orations, as young speakers painted scenarios of a hypothetical World War 3, displaying remarkable insight and eloquence. The event 'Carcasse' transformed students into architects of the future, as they meticulously designed models, showcasing not only skill but a deep understanding of architectural aesthetics. 'Grandiloquence' was a stage where confidence and rhetoric shone, with students delivering compelling declamations that captivated the audience. Finally, 'Peinture d'Histoire' brought history to life on canvas, as students painted historical scenes with strokes of genius, blending colors with emotions and facts with creativity. Patrimoine' at CMS Gomti Nagar-I was more than a series of competitions; it was a celebration of the past and future, a testament to the school's commitment to nurturing diverse talents.

The Inter-House Moot Court Competition organised by Juridical Conscience, the legal society of CMS GNI, on 7th and 8th of December, 2023 showcased the remarkable legal acumen and advocacy skills of students, fostering a spirit of healthy competition and intellectual engagement. The participants, representing different houses, demonstrated their legal prowess through carefully crafted arguments, presenting cases with precision and depth.

A distinguished bench of judges, Advocate Agatha Shukla and Advocate Akshat Kumar, evaluated participants based on their knowledge of relevant laws, articulation, courtroom demeanor, and overall persuasiveness. To enlighten and expand the knowledge of the students on moot courts we also hosted our school's alumna, Shreya Yadav, a law student for a seminar on 5th of December, 2023 before the competition. Her knowledge and expertise helped the students prepare and learn for the competition to come. The students noted the points stated by her and executed them flawlessly during the competition.

The competition culminated in the announcement of winners and recognition of outstanding performers. With HOPE House as the winner and UNITY House securing the 2nd position. The success of the Inter-House Moot Court Competition underscored the importance of providing students with platforms to hone their legal skills and engage in meaningful academic competitions.



**INTER HOUSE MOOT COURT**

In a profound display of commitment to environmental stewardship, City Montessori School Gomti Nagar-1 organized a Climate March on December 9, 2023. This march, resonating with the spirit of COP 28, was not just a walk; it was a movement brimming with passion and purpose, led by over 400 students and staff, and the Robinhood Army. The air was charged with fervor as they marched to Lohia Park, their voices merging into a powerful chorus for change. The procession, flagged off by Mrs. Aditi Sharma. The launch of 'ENVIRONA', the environmental magazine meticulously crafted by the school's editorial board, was a highlight. The drama club, Odeum, presented a Nukkad Natak, poignantly portraying the plight of wildlife, a reminder of the fragile world we inhabit. The music society, Cadenza, weaved a melody that captured the essence of the march, resonating with the theme of environmental protection.



## CLIMATE MARCH



## DINNER WITH PARENTS

City Montessori School, Gomti Nagar I, recently hosted a unique and heartwarming event titled 'Dinner With Parents' to celebrate the spirit of service and the journey of learning. The event was graced by the presence of esteemed individuals including Prof. Geeta Gandhi Kingdon, the respected Principal Ms. Abha Anant, Dr. Sohayl Mohajer, Dr. Hamid Mohajer, and coordinators from various branches, along with the cherished parents of the students. The Animators of The Junior Youth Empowerment Program, showcased their learning through various engaging formats. This included an interactive play titled "Confusion Junction," which insightfully portrayed the impact of peer pressure and the benefits of family consultation, eliciting enthusiastic responses from the parents. A round table discussion was also held, inviting parents to deliberate on the purpose of life, drawing upon the training material provided to the students.

The evening was further enriched with beautiful dance performances and soulful songs that echoed themes of family, love, and unity. Additionally, a documentary was presented, reflecting the students' acts of service. The speakers, delving deep into the dual purpose of life, emphasized the importance of gaining knowledge and its application in the field of service. The program culminated with festive songs that welcomed the New Year. A standout aspect of the event was the preparation phase, where the animators demonstrated an exemplary sense of responsibility, love, and unity, setting a high standard for future events.

CMS Gomti Nagar-1 organized a transformative workshop on plant communication and gardening, on 9th of December, 2023 led by the celebrated gardener Ms. Sharma. This enlightening session delved into the secret world of plants, revealing their unique ability to communicate via ethylene gas. The workshop's interactive nature allowed students to grasp complex botanical concepts vividly. A highlight was the exclusive tour of Ms. Sharma's award-winning garden, a veritable paradise showcasing meticulous care and diverse flora. The attendees, enriched by practical gardening tips from an experienced gardener, left the workshop with a plant souvenir, symbolizing the start of their horticultural journey. This event, a brainchild of Dr. Manju Anand, the campus' Activities' Coordinator not only expanded the students' understanding of botany but also ignited a passion for nurturing their green havens.



## GARDENING WORKSHOP

### Message from the Head - Alumni Connect



**Mrs Vera Hajela**  
Head, Alumni  
Connect

Dear Alumni,  
As we embrace the opportunities and challenges of the new year, I'm filled with immense pride in witnessing the continued achievements of the alumni community. Your accomplishments serve as a testament to the values instilled during your time at school. I'm deeply grateful for the unwavering support and engagement of our alumni.

Your contributions have played a pivotal role in enriching the experiences of our current students and in shaping the future of our institution.

I encourage you to stay connected, share your stories and remain involved in our vibrant alumni network.

Your expertise and passion serve as an inspiration to the next generation of leaders emerging from our institution.

Wishing you all a prosperous and fulfilling year ahead.

Together let us continue to uphold the CMS spirit of JAI JAGAT and make a lasting impact in our communities and beyond.

Keep smiling always.

JAI JAGAT.

### Message from the Head - International Relations

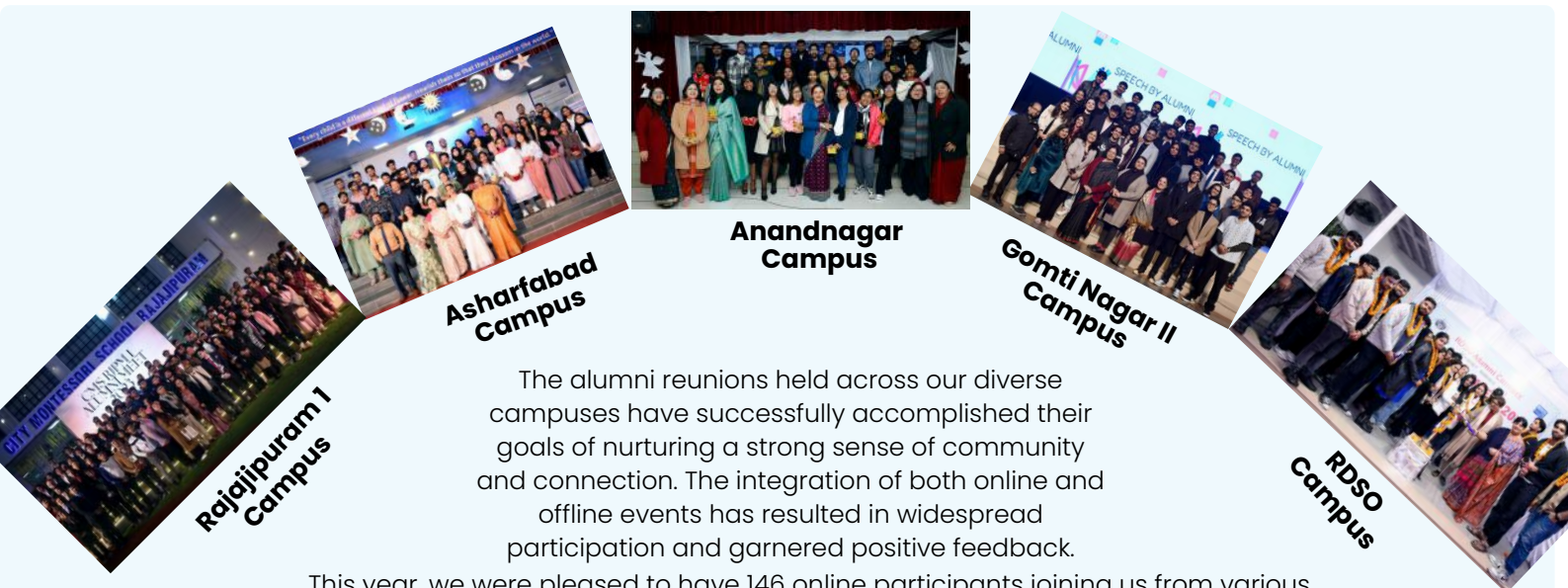


**Dr. Shishir Srivastava**  
Head, International  
Relations

Dear CMS Alumni,  
As we reflect on our journey at CMS, I am filled with pride and optimism about the impact our alumni continue to make on the global stage. Guided by our founders' vision of 'Jai Jagat,' CMS prioritizes holistic education, shaping individuals as academically successful professionals and compassionate, morally grounded, globally aware citizens.

Each student is seen as a gift to humanity, instilled with a sense of responsibility to be positive lights in the world. Our philosophy centers on nurturing duty and responsibility, encouraging students to use their knowledge and values for societal contributions. We strongly advocate for global cooperation and unity to address challenges affecting the well-being of present and future generations.

## Our Alumni, Our Pride



**Anandnagar  
Campus**

**Asharfabad  
Campus**

**Gomti Nagar II  
Campus**

**Rajajipuram I  
Campus**

**RDSO  
Campus**

The alumni reunions held across our diverse campuses have successfully accomplished their goals of nurturing a strong sense of community and connection. The integration of both online and offline events has resulted in widespread participation and garnered positive feedback.

This year, we were pleased to have 146 online participants joining us from various locations, including the US, Canada, Europe, Australia, Singapore, and the GCC.

In conjunction with the online engagement, our offline campus meetings drew the active participation of 1509 alumni from Gomti Nagar I and II, Mahanagar, Chowk,

RDSO, Aliganj I, Rajajipuram I, Asharfabad, Anand Nagar, and Station Road campuses. The valuable insights gained from these gatherings will undoubtedly serve as a guide for shaping future initiatives aimed at further enhancing alumni engagement within CMS.

## Message from the Principals



**Ms Manjit Batra**  
Senior Principal

A nostalgic trip down the memory lane elevates our spirits. This can be done by keeping a connection with your Alma Mater, the place that provided the opportunity to fulfil your dreams. As you soar high into the sky of your dreams, the best thing one can do is to recreate this eternal bond. We strongly believe that Alumni play an integral part in advancing the school's spirit through their initiatives. We happily announce the publishing of this Alumni Newsletter to make the connectivity more robust and functional between the school and the innumerable students passing out so that they stay connected. We wish our alumni a bright and shining future.



**Mrs Sangeeta Banerjee**  
Principal



**Ms Triguna Singh**  
Alumni Coordinator

## Alumni Coordinator's Message

Being a member of this institution, I have learnt a lot under the guidance of our very kind and supportive principals and my incredible colleagues. It has been my pleasure to work on this newsletter with a highly dedicated team of students. They not only connected with every possible alumnus and alumna of the branch but also gave their heart and soul to make this successful. It has been a very enriching and nostalgic experience for all of us. I wish everyone the best for the adventures yet to come in this journey of life.

## Student Coordinators' Message



**Saksham Sharma**



**Vertika Rai**

Our Alumni have always brought great glory to our institution and have set benchmarks in success and charity. They have inspired us to have a clear conscience, the courage to be truthful, and the importance of being authentic individuals, time and again. We would like to appreciate the efforts made by all of you towards the development of our society. Thank you for justifying the years spent by you at our school and preparing the world for us by entering and enhancing it first. We truly wish you a bright and more meaningful future.

## 7th International Environment Olympiad

The 7th International Environment Olympiad was recently organized by City Montessori School Gomti Nagar Extension. Here students from across various schools unite to collectively transform the mindset of over 61,000 students in favor of sustainable living. It has indeed marked the beginning of a collective effort to raise awareness, inspire change, and cultivate a global understanding of the intricate web of life that surrounds us. The environment olympiad is not merely a competition, it is a platform for dialogue, an arena for ideas and a beacon of hope for a sustainable future.



## Campus Activities

### Our Campus Illuminates Night with Blanket Distribution for the Needy

In a heartwarming gesture, our campus recently organized a blanket distribution drive on a chilly night, extending support to the less fortunate in our community. The distributed blankets became more than a source of physical warmth, symbolizing the school's commitment to building a connected and caring community, where every individual, regardless of circumstance, is a valued member of the CMS Gomti Nagar Extension family.

The success of the initiative underscored collective efforts, with volunteers, teachers, and students contributing time and energy to make a positive impact.

The blankets, distributed under the cover of the night, illuminated the true spirit of community, proving that even a small act of generosity can make a significant difference in the lives of those who need it most.



## 2nd Alumni Meet



The 2nd Alumni Meet held at our campus on 30th of December, promises to be a joyous reunion, uniting at least 150 graduates from various batches. Anticipation was in the air as former students prepared to reconnect, sharing stories of their journeys since leaving CMS. It was a vibrant gathering where laughter and nostalgia echoed through the corridors, reaffirming the enduring bonds formed during their time at CMS. The Alumni Meet is poised to be a testament to the lasting connections nurtured within the school, creating a legacy that extends into the future.

## Stars From Our Constellation



**Rashmi Mantri**

Exciting news! Our Senior English Teacher, **Ms. Rashmi Mantri**, has achieved a remarkable feat, placing among the top 1% globally in the International Teachers Olympiad organized by Surasa. This recognition highlights her exceptional skills and dedication to education. Congratulations to Ms. Mantri on this well-deserved achievement. We look forward to witnessing her continued success in shaping the minds of the future.

## Triumph at CISCE National Boxing 2023: Our Athletes Shine with Medals and Championship Trophy

In a remarkable feat at the CISCE National Boxing 2023 held in Ranchi, our school's budding pugilists showcased exceptional skill and determination. **Aaiza Awwal** (Class 6A) secured a bronze in the Under-14 category (26-30kg), while **Shaurya Shashwat Shukla** (Class 11) claimed silver in the Under-19 (60-64kg) division. **Pulastya Thakur** (Class 11F) emerged victorious with a gold medal in the Under-19 (81-91kg) category.

The highlight of the event was our school's triumph in the Under-19 Boys category, clinching the prestigious overall Winners Championship Trophy. Representing Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand, our athletes brought home six trophies in various categories, showcasing not only individual brilliance but also the school's dedication to fostering sporting excellence.



**Mehar Singh Khosla**

**Mehar Singh Khosla**, a talented student from CMS Gomti Nagar Campus 2, showcased exceptional tennis prowess at the AITA (All India Tennis Association) tournament held in Amritsar. Competing in both the under-14 and under-16 categories in singles, Mehar not only clinched the top position in the u-14 division but also emerged as a finalist in the u-16 category. His outstanding performance is a testament to his dedication and skill on the tennis court, bringing pride not only to himself but also to the CMS Gomti Nagar Campus 2 community.

## Stars From Our Constellation



**Yash Vardhan Singh**

Our campus is beaming with pride as **Yash Vardhan Singh**, a standout student from the Class 12th Batch (2022-23), secures an impressive All India Rank of 288 in the National Defence Academy (NDA) examination. The son of Mr. R K Singh and Dr. Sarita Singh, Yash Vardhan's success not only exemplifies his dedication but also underscores the school's commitment to fostering excellence. The entire CMS community extends heartfelt congratulations, confident that Yash Vardhan will continue to shine as a beacon of success, bringing pride to both his family and the alma mater.

**Saksham Sharma**, a bright student from our campus has unleashed his creativity with not one, but two remarkable books.

His first book, "From Pixels to Polygons," is like a secret guide to the world of Unity 3D game development through the transformation from pixels to awesome 3D game polygons. In his second book "Clicks and Connections," Saksham breaks down the mystery of human-computer interaction and helps the readers to master the art of making computers do our bidding.

Saksham Sharma, with his passion for game development and human-computer interaction, is inspiring other students as well to dream big and turn those dreams into books. Keep it up, Saksham!



**Saksham Sharma**



**Apoorv Srivastava**

Presently, I am practicing before the Hon'ble High Court, Lucknow. I was in the 10th grade in the year 2015 when we performed in the MIME Act. It was an Inter House Competition, and we dedicated considerable time to practice for it. We were led by Rajshree Ma'am at that time. Fortunately, we won the title and stood 1st in the competition, a memory I still cherish.

The learning environment provided by CMS was quite good and focused on overall personality development. I had participated in a few dance performances for our branch and also took part in the CJI Conference. I must admit it was an insightful and meticulously crafted session to hear various eminent jurists at the event.

My advice would be to stay focused, avoid procrastination, which distracts you a lot, and ask about your doubts with the teachers. They are always happy to help you out. Don't be shy; you are born to shine, and you will if you are determined about it.

## Shreyas Pandey, the Lucknow topper of CLAT 2024, soared to AIR 25 like a legal eagle!

In the hallowed halls of academia, a prodigious scholar has ascended to the ranks of the elite. **Shreyas Pandey**, a luminary of our campus, has vanquished the CLAT 2024 with a dazzling all-India rank of 25. His tale of wonder continues as he encounters Dr. Surabhi Modi Sahai (CLAT possible) in an interview, where he spins a tapestry of inspiration.

From a lineage of lawyers, Shreyas found himself drawn to the legal arts after transitioning from the commerce stream to the humanities. The embers of his passion grew with every legal doctrine, and he set his sights on the National Law School in Bangalore, where he could continue to illuminate the world with his brilliance.

His wise counsel echoes with the charm of magic. Shreyas believes in the power of a supportive circle of friends who can light the path to success. He advocates for seeking out mentors and teachers, and cultivating an environment that nurtures growth. For, indeed, the primary motivation lies in the company of peers who inspire and uplift.



**Shreyas Pandey**

### Message from the Head - Alumni Connect



**Mrs Vera Hajela**  
Head, Alumni  
Connect

Dear Alumni,  
As we embrace the opportunities and challenges of the new year, I'm filled with immense pride in witnessing the continued achievements of the alumni community. Your accomplishments serve as a testament to the values instilled during your time at school. I'm deeply grateful for the unwavering support and engagement of our alumni.

Your contributions have played a pivotal role in enriching the experiences of our current students and in shaping the future of our institution.

I encourage you to stay connected, share your stories and remain involved in our vibrant alumni network.

Your expertise and passion serve as an inspiration to the next generation of leaders emerging from our institution.

Wishing you all a prosperous and fulfilling year ahead.

Together let us continue to uphold the CMS spirit of JAI JAGAT and make a lasting impact in our communities and beyond. Keep smiling always.

JAI JAGAT.

### Message from the Head - International Relations

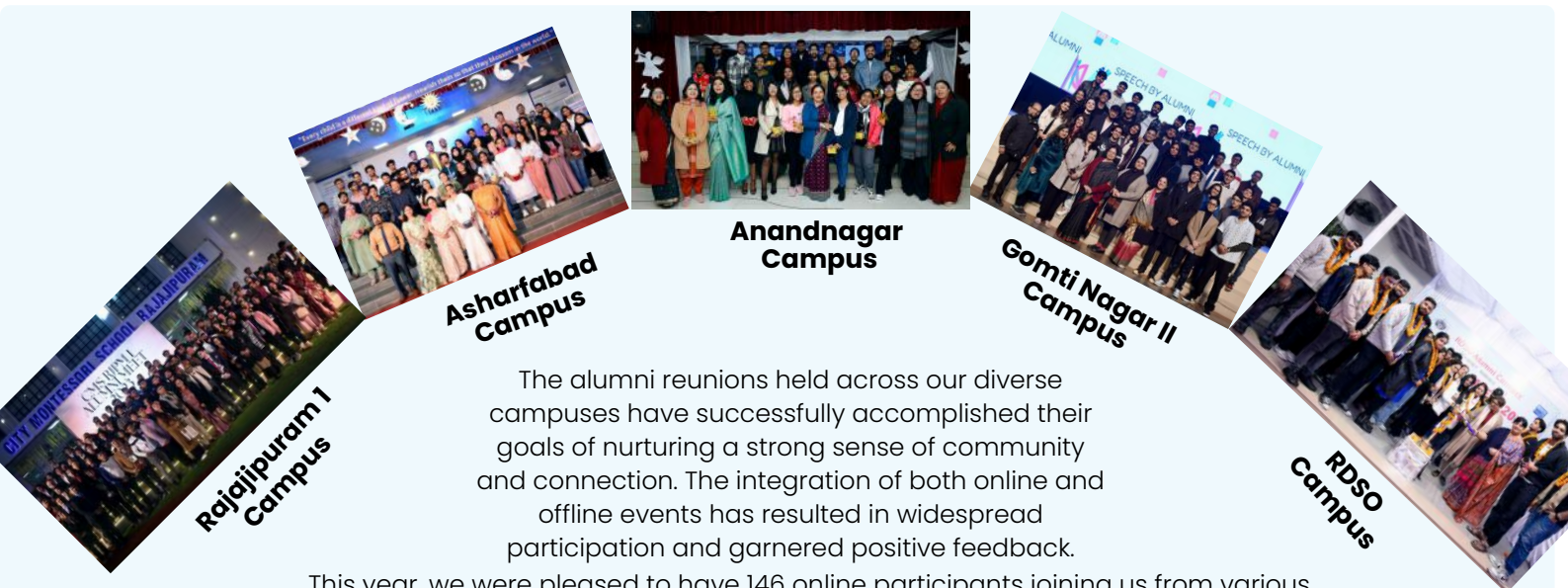


**Dr. Shishir Srivastava**  
Head, International  
Relations

Dear CMS Alumni,  
As we reflect on our journey at CMS, I am filled with pride and optimism about the impact our alumni continue to make on the global stage. Guided by our founders' vision of 'Jai Jagat,' CMS prioritizes holistic education, shaping individuals as academically successful professionals and compassionate, morally grounded, globally aware citizens.

Each student is seen as a gift to humanity, instilled with a sense of responsibility to be positive lights in the world. Our philosophy centers on nurturing duty and responsibility, encouraging students to use their knowledge and values for societal contributions. We strongly advocate for global cooperation and unity to address challenges affecting the well-being of present and future generations.

## Our Alumni, Our Pride



The alumni reunions held across our diverse campuses have successfully accomplished their goals of nurturing a strong sense of community and connection. The integration of both online and offline events has resulted in widespread participation and garnered positive feedback.

This year, we were pleased to have 146 online participants joining us from various locations, including the US, Canada, Europe, Australia, Singapore, and the GCC. In conjunction with the online engagement, our offline campus meetings drew the active participation of 1509 alumni from Gomti Nagar I and II, Mahanagar, Chowk, RDSO, Aliganj I, Rajajipuram I, Asharfabad, Anand Nagar, and Station Road campuses. The valuable insights gained from these gatherings will undoubtedly serve as a guide for shaping future initiatives aimed at further enhancing alumni engagement within CMS.



**Ms Manjit Batra**  
Senior Principal

## Message from the Principal

With the new year almost upon us, I am eagerly waiting for the Alumni Meet to reunite with familiar faces that have lit up our hallways for the last few years. Midterms and pre-boards have put our students into a frenzied state, who have all my blessings for the exams. All our students have been working very hard and have achieved great standards in every endeavour they have undertaken. I am proud of every student who has shone a bright light on our name and made not only their parents, but also their teachers proud.

## Message from the Coordinator & the Alumni Coordinator



**Mrs Shanara Khan**  
Alumni Coordinator

It's that time of the year again when the air is abuzz with excitement. The time to get together, exchange stories, laugh out loud and again go back to being the kids you were in school. Yes, it's time once again for the alumni reunion and we are eagerly waiting to meet you. Nothing is more rewarding for a school and its teachers than the knowledge that our students are doing well out there in the world, making a name for themselves, carving their own niche. So, very proudly, I invite you to read about your friends, their journeys and their stories of success



**Mrs Maseerah Arif**  
Coordinator

## Student Coordinators' Message



**Pavani Agarwal**

As we burrow into our blankets and turn on our heaters to try to go into a deep hibernation, we also welcome upon us, exam season. Like valiant soldiers, we fight off sleep every night as we wrestle with our course-books. My fellow Alumni coordinators and I have been working tirelessly to make the upcoming Alumni Meet of 2023 a huge success. The plans are being carved to perfection, with even the playlist being given some fine-tuning to make the day perfect for us all. The midterms have given us all a new goal to work towards: excelling in our exams.



**Tavisha Kalakoti**

While scribbling on our exam papers as the teachers yell 'Time's up!', we will be waiting for the coming new year to begin. With the new year will come new (failed) resolutions to study. We cannot wait for the Alumni Meet and whatever other adventures the new year brings forth!



**Pavani Agarwal**

We are extremely proud to share that our class XI student **Pavani Agarwal** achieved an outstanding score of **1530** in the SAT exam, with a **perfect** score in Mathematics. We congratulate Pavani on her stellar performance and wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

## Stars From Our Constellation



**Ojas Srivastava**

I'm reaching the end of my first semester at McGill and I believe I've undergone more personal growth in the last few months than ever. The world wasn't the only thing you learn about in college; I've discovered a lot about myself, too, in college. I've reimagined my love for Math, Computer Science, and instant ramen. McGill has been a rollercoaster of impossibly hard classes with moments of incredible admiration in the sceneries of Montréal. Thanks to my IPQ project, I now speak in workshops to first-year students about research and science as the editor of the McGill Science Undergraduate Research Journal. Not only that, but I also get to enjoy Montréal's croissants and indie French films while it drains the last drop of foreign language classes from me.

My journey at CMS Cambridge started as a shy 12 year old, too resistant to come out of her shell, unsure of whether the world will have a place for her or not. It's been nearly 8 years ever since and, to say the least, the person on this side of the voyage never rejects or fails to seize an opportunity to become a part of something bigger than herself. I was fortunate enough, at a very crucial age, to find peers one can rely on even after we went our separate ways, and teachers who would guide us through and through beyond the curriculums and the classrooms. Stepping into the real world is nothing like what they tell you - it's a wave of unfathomable, overwhelming emotions all at once. However, if I was asked to, I could circle down each step of the way that laid down the foundation for the person I've grown up to be. This fine institution has given me people I can rely on regardless of the distance, mentors who I can always come back to, memories and life lessons that are unforgettable.



**Ipshita S. Srivastava**



Our 2021 batch alumnus, **Atharva Singh**, proved his connection with the school by interacting with the senior students of classes IX to XII. While keeping students entertained with anecdotes about school and college life, he also reminded students about the need to actively engage in **academic** and co-curricular **activities**.

He also gave students tips about college applications and how to prepare for college. The session was fruitful and fun for the students. We hope more of our alumni come back and share their valuable experiences with us.



The second edition of the tech workshop for mothers was held in our school to commemorate World Computer Literacy Day. The purpose of this workshop was to empower mothers with the knowledge and skills to effectively utilise Canva, an easy-to-use graphic design platform. The facilitator, Ms. Shilpi Agarwal, introduced Canva and highlighted its versatile features and applications that make graphic design accessible.

Participants, guided by Garima and Michal with the assistance of Grade 11 and 10 students, created free accounts and engaged in hands-on activities like designing social media posts, invitations, and presentations. Step-by-step guidance enabled comfortable experimentation with Canva's design elements. The workshop addressed common difficulties faced on the platform and provided solutions for participants to clarify doubts.

## Message from the Head – Alumni Connect



**Mrs Vera Hajela**  
Head, Alumni  
Connect

Dear Alumni,  
As we embrace the opportunities and challenges of the new year, I'm filled with immense pride in witnessing the continued achievements of the alumni community. Your accomplishments serve as a testament to the values instilled during your time at school. I'm deeply grateful for the unwavering support and engagement of our alumni.

Your contributions have played a pivotal role in enriching the experiences of our current students and in shaping the future of our institution.

I encourage you to stay connected, share your stories and remain involved in our vibrant alumni network.

Your expertise and passion serve as an inspiration to the next generation of leaders emerging from our institution.

Wishing you all a prosperous and fulfilling year ahead.

Together let us continue to uphold the CMS spirit of JAI JAGAT and make a lasting impact in our communities and beyond. Keep smiling always.

JAI JAGAT.

## Message from the Head – International Relations



**Dr. Shishir Srivastava**  
Head, International  
Relations

Dear CMS Alumni,  
As we reflect on our journey at CMS, I am filled with pride and optimism about the impact our alumni continue to make on the global stage. Guided by our founders' vision of 'Jai Jagat,' CMS prioritizes holistic education, shaping individuals as academically successful professionals and compassionate, morally grounded, globally aware citizens.

Each student is seen as a gift to humanity, instilled with a sense of responsibility to be positive lights in the world. Our philosophy centers on nurturing duty and responsibility, encouraging students to use their knowledge and values for societal contributions. We strongly advocate for global cooperation and unity to address challenges affecting the well-being of present and future generations.

## Our Alumni, Our Pride



**Rajajipuram I  
Campus**

**Asharfabad  
Campus**

**Anandnagar  
Campus**

**Gomti Nagar II  
Campus**

**RDSO  
Campus**

The alumni reunions held across our diverse campuses have successfully accomplished their goals of nurturing a strong sense of community and connection. The integration of both online and offline events has resulted in widespread participation and garnered positive feedback.

This year, we were pleased to have 146 online participants joining us from various locations, including the US, Canada, Europe, Australia, Singapore, and the GCC.

In conjunction with the online engagement, our offline campus meetings drew the active participation of 1509 alumni from Gomti Nagar I and II, Mahanagar, Chowk,

RDSO, Aliganj I, Rajajipuram I, Asharfabad, Anand Nagar, and Station Road campuses. The valuable insights gained from these gatherings will undoubtedly serve as a guide for shaping future initiatives aimed at further enhancing alumni engagement within CMS.



**Mrs Ruchi Bhuwan Joshi**  
Principal

## Message from the Principal

In this edition of our newsletter, let's joyously celebrate the intertwined journey of success. Helen Keller's words, "Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much," resonate strongly with the spirit of our alumni community. This edition stands as a testament to the strength of our collective journey, where success is not an individual achievement but a shared accomplishment.

Let us come together to revel in our interconnectedness and the boundless possibilities it unfolds. Your stories, achievements, and contributions continue to inspire us and contribute to the rich tapestry of our alma mater's legacy.



**Ms Neha Verma**  
Alumni Coordinator

## Message from the Alumni Coordinator

It's with immense pleasure that we reconnect through these newsletters, celebrating the remarkable journey and achievements of our extraordinary alumni. Your accomplishments continue to illuminate our alma mater, inspiring current students and fellow graduates alike. Each edition serves as a testament to the diverse paths our alumni have tread, leaving an indelible mark in their respective fields. Your stories not only contribute to the rich legacy of our institution but also exemplify that the roots of success are planted during our educational voyage. We're thrilled to present testimonials from our alumni, sharing the profound impact CMS has had on their lives.

## Student Coordinator's Message



**Sarah Shadab**  
Students Alumni Coordinator

"The success of any school can be measured by the contribution the alumni make to our national life." Our alumni serve as our role models, scattered across the country, working tirelessly and reaching the top, making us proud. Indeed, our alumni inspire us to pursue our dreams, demonstrating that nothing is impossible. If we truly believe in ourselves, we can achieve success, just as they have set examples. Reading their heartfelt write-ups, we encounter the situations our alumni faced, reminding us that if they can do it, why can't we? Serving as the sole inspiration, they motivate us not to lose hope and work harder every day to attain our goals. I am blessed to be the current Student Alumni Coordinator, giving me the privilege to learn about our excellent and hardworking alumni. We look forward to gaining more knowledge and hope to strengthen our bond.

Arnab Mishra (class 1B), Atharv Kashyap (class 1A) and Shubhangi Singh (class 4C) have been awarded a gold medal while Advik Singh (class 1A) has been awarded a silver medal, along with a certificate of appreciation for achieving excellence at the prestigious BOB Wonderkid 2023, a National Level Inter School Competition held in Lucknow.





**Arpit Agnihotri** – Auditor, Defence Accounts Department (Ministry of Defence)

As we know, school is our second home where we learn and grow both physically and mentally. It plays a crucial role in guiding us toward the goals we want to achieve. I spent 12 years at CMS, Indira Nagar, and I cherish the memories I made with my teachers and friends. With the efforts and support of our teachers, I developed a strong foundation that has been invaluable in my career. In addition to academic pursuits, we enjoyed various outstation trips, fostering a friendly bond between students and teachers. Overall, being a part of CMS was a great experience, and I am forever grateful for it.



**Parth Chaturvedi** – Investments Lead, CoinSwitch, Mumbai

I would like to express my gratitude to CMS Indira Nagar and all its teachers for helping me develop a strong character during my formative years. The learning and knowledge imparted at the school have provided me with a great perspective on life, contributing to my success. I particularly want to highlight the importance given to having a global outlook, which has proven invaluable in my roles at Multi-National Corporations. Additionally, the focus on technological innovations has enabled me to embrace new opportunities such as Crypto, Blockchain, and Web3.0. I hope that CMS Indira Nagar continues to instill these qualities in future generations, and I thank all the teachers for their invaluable support to our community.



**Arushi Kapoor** – Head designer and merchandiser, Meena Bazaar, Delhi

CMS Indira Nagar is the reason I am a designer today. I am truly grateful to my teachers who changed my entire perspective on learning. My heartfelt thanks go to CMS Indira Nagar for providing me with the perfect opportunity to explore myself. Being a part of this school allowed me to explore not only my academics but also my creative side. Career counseling seminars served as the stepping stones of my career, and our school was the pioneer in this regard. Thank you, not only for the academic education but also for being excellent role models and for instilling important values in our children that will guide them throughout their lives.

From extracurricular activities to academics, my school has helped me explore a multitude of skills and activities. Moreover, the activities I participated in at school provided me with leadership experiences, exposure to competition, and valuable relationships.



Our primary and junior students had the wonderful opportunity to attend a workshop by Ma'am Dawn Taylor on the importance of developing a growth mindset. The children thoroughly enjoyed the interactive session and embraced the power of positivity and perseverance.



## Achievements/Recent laurels



Our class VIII student Rida Sheikh has been declared as the National Wonderkid 2023. She secured National Rank 10 in Brainobrain Wonderkid 2023. She has also received a cash prize of Rs 3000.



Anvi Verma from class V was declared the Silver Topper in the 145th Regional Level Abacus Competition at Brainobrainfest 2023!



Kartikey Tiwari and Karrun Srivastava from Class V secured the 1st position, each earning a well-deserved Gold Medal in the Poomsae Category of the Sub Junior age group at the IPTO National Taekwondo Championship 2023 & IPTO Taekwondo Pro League held from November 24th to 26th, 2023, at Mahamaya Sports Stadium, Ghaziabad, organized by the International Pro Taekwondo Organization.

launchers, PSLV, GSLV, and Chandrayaan-2's Rover, Pragyan – a 6-wheeled robotic marvel! The 3D movie on spacecraft launches and astronaut activities in space was absolutely mesmerising! Appreciation to the incredible Marshals from CMS, Kanpur Road, who explained the satellite launch process with expertise! Our students also gained valuable insights into geostationary and polar satellites.



"It's better to see something than to hear about it a thousand times."  
An "Educational Trip" to the ISRO SPACE EXHIBITION at the CMS, Kanpur Road Campus, Lucknow was organised for our students of classes IX & X in collaboration with the Space Application Center, Ahmedabad. Students witnessed fascinating displays like satellite

Saumya Yadav, a student of Class VIII, secured the consolation prize in the Poster Making Competition held at Regional Science Centre, Lucknow, as part of the National Energy Conservation Day celebration.



## Message from the Head – Alumni Connect



**Mrs Vera Hajela**  
Head, Alumni  
Connect

Dear Alumni,  
As we embrace the opportunities and challenges of the new year, I'm filled with immense pride in witnessing the continued achievements of the alumni community. Your accomplishments serve as a testament to the values instilled during your time at school. I'm deeply grateful for the unwavering support and engagement of our alumni.

Your contributions have played a pivotal role in enriching the experiences of our current students and in shaping the future of our institution.

I encourage you to stay connected, share your stories and remain involved in our vibrant alumni network.

Your expertise and passion serve as an inspiration to the next generation of leaders emerging from our institution.

Wishing you all a prosperous and fulfilling year ahead.

Together let us continue to uphold the CMS spirit of JAI JAGAT and make a lasting impact in our communities and beyond. Keep smiling always.

JAI JAGAT.

## Message from the Head – International Relations



**Dr. Shishir Srivastava**  
Head, International  
Relations

Dear CMS Alumni,  
As we reflect on our journey at CMS, I am filled with pride and optimism about the impact our alumni continue to make on the global stage. Guided by our founders' vision of 'Jai Jagat,' CMS prioritizes holistic education, shaping individuals as academically successful professionals and compassionate, morally grounded, globally aware citizens.

Each student is seen as a gift to humanity, instilled with a sense of responsibility to be positive lights in the world. Our philosophy centers on nurturing duty and responsibility, encouraging students to use their knowledge and values for societal contributions. We strongly advocate for global cooperation and unity to address challenges affecting the well-being of present and future generations.

## Our Alumni, Our Pride



**Rajajipuram I  
Campus**

**Asharfabad  
Campus**

**Anandnagar  
Campus**

**Gomti Nagar II  
Campus**

**RDSO  
Campus**

The alumni reunions held across our diverse campuses have successfully accomplished their goals of nurturing a strong sense of community and connection. The integration of both online and offline events has resulted in widespread participation and garnered positive feedback.

This year, we were pleased to have 146 online participants joining us from various locations, including the US, Canada, Europe, Australia, Singapore, and the GCC.

In conjunction with the online engagement, our offline campus meetings drew the active participation of 1509 alumni from Gomti Nagar I and II, Mahanagar, Chowk,

RDSO, Aliganj I, Rajajipuram I, Asharfabad, Anand Nagar, and Station Road campuses. The valuable insights gained from these gatherings will undoubtedly serve as a guide for shaping future initiatives aimed at further enhancing alumni engagement within CMS.

### Message from the Principal



Mrs. Shipra Upadhyay  
Principal

As the year draws to an end and the new year beckons, we are filled with contentment and joy as we look back and rejoice over our accomplishments and the victories gained all the while learning from the challenges we faced.

This has been a time of continuous learning for all of us as we continuously improve ourselves and the world around us. Dear Alumni you will be delighted to know that our young students of Jopling Road Campus have been actively engaged in protecting our fragile environment. One such event that we hosted was the Geofest International that led to the awareness about grave environmental issues and collective engagement for their redressal by more than five hundred young enthusiasts who came from different parts of the world. I know the challenge is great but our collective strength should not be underestimated. We will continue to nurture this institution and the planet that we call our home.



Ms Kahkashan Saleem  
Alumni Coordinator

### Message from the Alumni Coordinator

Dear Alumni,  
Season's greetings! I hope you've all had a fruitful year. As you reflect, I'm certain you're grateful to the Lord for your achievements, joy, and relationships that you've embraced with such zest. Moving forward, I'm confident you'll proceed with better planning and even more zeal. Amidst these endeavors, don't forget to dedicate time to yourself. Recharge by bonding with friends and family, prioritizing exercise, and caring for your health.



Vinayak Tandon

### Student Coordinator's Message

Dear Friends,  
I feel extremely privileged to have had the opportunity to connect with each of you and learn about your journeys. It truly amazes me to witness all the good work and accomplishments you've achieved. I wish you all the very best in this new year. May it bring positive changes and even more fulfillment into your lives.

### Rising Star



Bhavni Bahuguna  
NCC Cadet

An industrious student radiating happiness and enthusiasm, Bhavni Bahuguna embarked on her journey at the Jopling Road Campus and graduated in the year 2017. Her conscientious work ethic always set her apart from her peers. Recently, she has been honing her skills as an NCC cadet. Notably, she participated in the Republic Day Camp 2023 in Delhi and later represented India as a youth ambassador in Russia through the Youth Exchange Programme under NCC. Her outstanding performance in the Republic Day Camp earned her the Governor's Gold Medal in February 2023. Furthermore, she was honored with the Vice Chancellor's Gold Medal for being the best NCC Cadet in Lucknow. Currently, she is pursuing a B.Com Honors degree from Lucknow University. We extend our best wishes to her for the coming years.

## Stars From Our Constellation

**Haider Naqv** - Assistant Manager, Tata Tea, Assam

Hello friends,

This is Haider Naqvi, a former student of Jopling Road Campus. I graduated in 2013, carrying with me cherished memories and the confidence to thrive in life. Reflecting on the highs and lows I navigate today, I attribute much of my determination to my schooling at this small, nurturing campus. It enriched my personality, emphasizing the importance of quality in life. My simple message to you, young students, is this: work hard, play hard, and challenge yourself even more.



**Fatima Naqvi** - Client Relationship Manager at Realtor

It's a pleasure to reconnect with my Alma Mater. My formative years at Jopling Road Campus blessed me with wonderful teachers, a nurturing environment, and lasting friendships. Reflecting on the past, I now realize that the strength, resilience, and potential I possess stem from my school education. The ability to navigate both my professional and personal life with confidence and integrity is a direct result of the virtues instilled in me during my schooling. A heartfelt thanks to the caring staff of teachers and colleagues.

We enjoy what we get from our predecessors. Soft spoken, caring and hardworking are the qualities that made our teacher Mrs Ishrat Jahan an educator with a difference. Retired in 2011 she remembers her work period as the golden period of her life wherein she collaborated with students and built loving bonds with her colleagues. She gives the priceless message to the students now and those who are to follow - "Do whatever you do with sincerity and passion. Be honest in your dealings and don't hurt others." We pray for her well being and happy life.



**Mrs Ishrat Jahan**

## 17th Geofest International

The 17th Geofest International showcased a diverse range of talents. Children from 65 schools across India and abroad participated, showcasing their abilities in various events including debates, dances, advertising, model making, softboard making, culinary arts, quizzes, collage making, and floor art. The delightful cultural evenings witnessed children and team leaders reveling in a joyous spirit. The Champions trophy was lifted by Kids Gurukul, Jalgaon.





**CISV Mini Camp**

Camping is the answer, regardless of the question!" Students from Grade 5 had the opportunity to participate in the CISV MiniCamp, an experience that profoundly impacted them. It provided a safe, enjoyable environment where they formed lasting friendships with children from other campuses. Moreover, it offered a glimpse into what an actual international CISV camp entails.

The children from Jopling Road were assigned the country Costa Rica. This exposure provided them with a global perspective, fostering an understanding of their role within the global community. Through stage dance performances, presentations, and soft board decorations, they showcased Costa Rica's culture and ethnicity.

The camp served as a hub for numerous activities centered around sustainability and environmental awareness, which greatly intrigued the children.

### Blanket Distribution Drive

"Happiness doesn't result from what we get, but from what we give." A successful Blanket Distribution Drive was organized by Jopling Road Campus, providing warmth to the less fortunate. Students from the Pre-Primary, Primary, and Junior Sections generously contributed from their own pocket money to purchase blankets. A few student representatives then distributed these blankets at Gole Market, ensuring coverage for vulnerable communities.



### Fusion Festivista

There are seamless ways of expressing creativity, and dance is one of them. The students from the Junior Section enthusiastically participated in the dance competition Festivista, an International School Cultural Fiesta organized by UWS Indiranagar. Their energy and potential were lauded by the audience, leading them to win the third prize in the 'Enchanting Silhouettes' competition.

## Message from the Head - Alumni Connect



**Mrs Vera Hajela**  
Head, Alumni Connect

Dear Alumni,  
As we embrace the opportunities and challenges of the new year, I'm filled with immense pride in witnessing the continued achievements of the alumni community. Your accomplishments serve as a testament to the values instilled during your time at school. I'm deeply grateful for the unwavering support and engagement of our alumni.

Your contributions have played a pivotal role in enriching the experiences of our current students and in shaping the future of our institution.

I encourage you to stay connected, share your stories and remain involved in our vibrant alumni network.

Your expertise and passion serve as an inspiration to the next generation of leaders emerging from our institution.

Wishing you all a prosperous and fulfilling year ahead.

Together let us continue to uphold the CMS spirit of JAI JAGAT and make a lasting impact in our communities and beyond. Keep smiling always.

JAI JAGAT.

## Message from the Head - International Relations



**Dr. Shishir Srivastava**  
Head, International Relations

Dear CMS Alumni,  
As we reflect on our journey at CMS, I am filled with pride and optimism about the impact our alumni continue to make on the global stage. Guided by our founders' vision of 'Jai Jagat,' CMS prioritizes holistic education, shaping individuals as academically successful professionals and compassionate, morally grounded, globally aware citizens.

Each student is seen as a gift to humanity, instilled with a sense of responsibility to be positive lights in the world. Our philosophy centers on nurturing duty and responsibility, encouraging students to use their knowledge and values for societal contributions. We strongly advocate for global cooperation and unity to address challenges affecting the well-being of present and future generations.

## Our Alumni, Our Pride



**Rajajipuram I Campus**

**Asharfabad Campus**

**Anandnagar Campus**

**Gomti Nagar II Campus**

**RDSO Campus**

The alumni reunions held across our diverse campuses have successfully accomplished their goals of nurturing a strong sense of community and connection. The integration of both online and offline events has resulted in widespread participation and garnered positive feedback.

This year, we were pleased to have 146 online participants joining us from various locations, including the US, Canada, Europe, Australia, Singapore, and the GCC. In conjunction with the online engagement, our offline campus meetings drew the active participation of 1509 alumni from Gomti Nagar I and II, Mahanagar, Chowk, RDSO, Aliganj I, Rajajipuram I, Asharfabad, Anand Nagar, and Station Road campuses. The valuable insights gained from these gatherings will undoubtedly serve as a guide for shaping future initiatives aimed at further enhancing alumni engagement within CMS.



**Dr Kalpana Tripathi**  
Principal

## Message from the Principal

Dear Alumni,

With the close of one session and the beginning of another, we plunge ourselves into new hopes and expectations. The work ethos of CMS Mahanagar has always built champions and winners in every conceivable manner. We tirelessly strive to provide congenial but regorous environment which helps students to correspond to the unlimited alterations of the world and enrich themselves with fine skills to emerge triumphant.

The alumni of CMS mahanagar have always been a beacon of inspiration and experience for students to further there skills and broaden ther horizons. We look forward to rendering our noble services towards the society on the stroong foundation of industry and deligence. We hope to build strong characters endowed with humility and nobility to serve the world.



**Mr. Vinay Bajpai**  
Alumni Coordinator

## Message from the Alumni Coordinator

The tradition of excellence in all our endeavours is the reason behind the core values of our institution. We at CMS draw strength from the glory of our rich legacy which has its crux around its current achievers and outstanding alumni. The CMS Alumni Newsletter is a celebration of these cherished values and an illustration of how they continue to inspire our future enterprises.

We hope that you will want to learn more about our rich and vibrant culture, our programmes and initiatives which are possible because of your involvement both earlier and in the present.



**Arna chopra, 1st prize in Quanta for Debate**



Mahit Manas Shukla of 3-H won a silver medal in the Sub junior State Karate Championship held at Agra, Uttar Pradesh on 5th of November 2023.

## The CISCE National Karate Tournament



The CISCE National Karate Tournament took place on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th of November 2023 at Divine Mercy School, Domjur, near Howrah in West Bengal. CMS Mahanagar students achieved notable success, securing 1 Gold and 1 Bronze medal. Vaibhav Pandey from class 10A won the Gold medal, while Vivan Nautiyal from class III earned the Bronze medal. It's noteworthy that Vibhav Pandey has been selected for SGFI and will be representing in the upcoming event.



In a remarkable display of skill and determination, Vaibhav emerged as the champion at the CISCE School Games National Karate Championship, which took place in the picturesque region of West Bengal. His exceptional achievement was realized in the under-17 boys' category, where he competed in the weight range of 74-78 kilograms. This memorable journey of success unfolded over the course of three days, from the 3rd to the 5th of November in the year 2023. Vaibhav's victory serves as a testament to his unwavering commitment and exemplary prowess in the discipline of karate.

## A Visit to Remember

### Mr Sohail Inspires Future Aerospace Leaders at CMS Mahanagar



There was a palpable buzz of excitement across the CMS Mahanagar campus recently, as we welcomed a distinguished alumnus back to our hallowed halls. Mr Sohail, a key figure in India's ambitious Chandrayaan-3 space mission, graced us with his esteemed presence and his invaluable insights into the world of aerospace.

As a pivotal player in data management for the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) lunar mission, Mr Sohail embodies the spirit of dedication, perseverance, and ingenuity. His visit to his alma mater was not just a nostalgic homecoming, but an inspiring interaction that stirred the curiosity and ambition of our students.

Bringing wealth of experience from his illustrious career in the aerospace industry, Mr Sohail generously shared his wisdom with the eager young minds, guiding them through the intricate labyrinth of the aerospace sector. From the prerequisites for entering this exciting field to the key examination gateways, he provided a clear roadmap for our students who harbor dreams of exploring the cosmos.

The campus was abuzz with the effervescence of our students, their faces glowing with intrigue and their minds brimming with questions. The interaction with Mr Sohail was a motivational catalyst, sparking their enthusiasm and fueling their aspirations.

Our esteemed principal, Dr. Kalpana Tripathi, was overjoyed to introduce Mr Sohail to the student body. Her pride in our distinguished alumnus was evident as she warmly invited him to tour the campus, rekindling his memories of his formative years at CMS, Mahanagar.

Indeed, Mr Sohail's visit was a stirring reminder of the illustrious paths our alumni have carved out in the world. With his inspirational journey as a guiding light, we are confident our students will continue to reach for the stars.

### Message from the Head - Alumni Connect



**Mrs Vera Hajela**  
Head, Alumni  
Connect

Dear Alumni,  
As we embrace the opportunities and challenges of the new year, I'm filled with immense pride in witnessing the continued achievements of the alumni community. Your accomplishments serve as a testament to the values instilled during your time at school. I'm deeply grateful for the unwavering support and engagement of our alumni.

Your contributions have played a pivotal role in enriching the experiences of our current students and in shaping the future of our institution.

I encourage you to stay connected, share your stories and remain involved in our vibrant alumni network.

Your expertise and passion serve as an inspiration to the next generation of leaders emerging from our institution.

Wishing you all a prosperous and fulfilling year ahead.

Together let us continue to uphold the CMS spirit of JAI JAGAT and make a lasting impact in our communities and beyond.

Keep smiling always.

JAI JAGAT.

### Message from the Head - International Relations

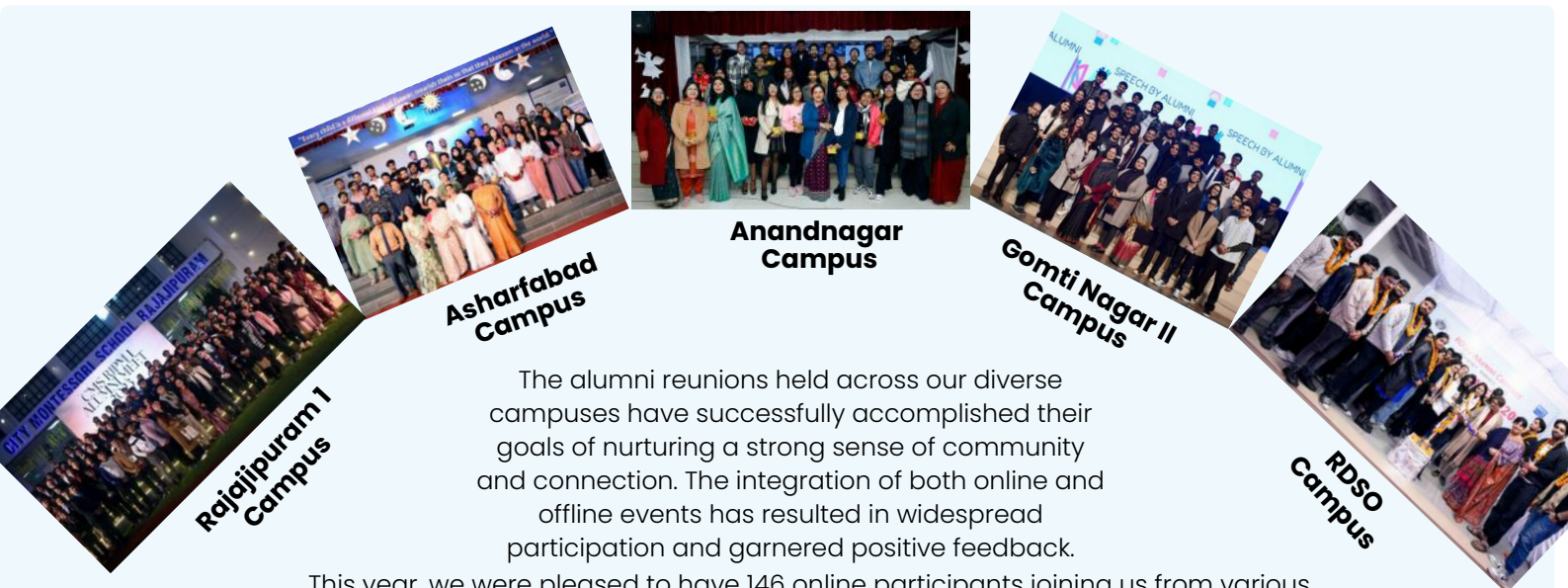


**Dr. Shishir Srivastava**  
Head, International  
Relations

Dear CMS Alumni,  
As we reflect on our journey at CMS, I am filled with pride and optimism about the impact our alumni continue to make on the global stage. Guided by our founders' vision of 'Jai Jagat,' CMS prioritizes holistic education, shaping individuals as academically successful professionals and compassionate, morally grounded, globally aware citizens.

Each student is seen as a gift to humanity, instilled with a sense of responsibility to be positive lights in the world. Our philosophy centers on nurturing duty and responsibility, encouraging students to use their knowledge and values for societal contributions. We strongly advocate for global cooperation and unity to address challenges affecting the well-being of present and future generations.

## Our Alumni, Our Pride



The alumni reunions held across our diverse campuses have successfully accomplished their goals of nurturing a strong sense of community and connection. The integration of both online and offline events has resulted in widespread participation and garnered positive feedback.

This year, we were pleased to have 146 online participants joining us from various locations, including the US, Canada, Europe, Australia, Singapore, and the GCC. In conjunction with the online engagement, our offline campus meetings drew the active participation of 1509 alumni from Gomti Nagar I and II, Mahanagar, Chowk, RDSO, Aliganj I, Rajajipuram I, Asharfabad, Anand Nagar, and Station Road campuses. The valuable insights gained from these gatherings will undoubtedly serve as a guide for shaping future initiatives aimed at further enhancing alumni engagement within CMS.



**Mrs Nisha Pandey**  
Principal

## Message from the Principal

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for the incredible support you've consistently offered to your alma mater. Your continued backing is invaluable and deeply appreciated. I would like to reiterate the role you play in the wider society is of great importance. Most of you hold key positions of influence. I would appreciate to see that you use your influence to direct the development of the school community by way of your advice, guidance and deep involvement. I would like to mention here that the next Alumni Meet is on 24th December, 2024, but do not wait for the Alumni Meet to connect with us but keep your association vibrant and strong round the year.

## Message from the Alumni Coordinator



**Mr. Deepak Nigam**  
Alumni Coordinator

Dear RJIANS,

I hope this message finds you well. As the Alumni Coordinator, I am thrilled to share some exciting updates about our branch and some events that have taken place. Last few months witnessed some of the most awaited events like:

- THE WESTERN CLASSICAL MUSICAL CONCERT CARMINA BURANA
- THE CHRISTMAS TIDE
- THE DANDIYA NIGHT
- THE ALUMNI MEET 2023.

Your achievements and contributions make us proud, and your involvement in various initiatives has significantly enriched the legacy of our alma mater. Additionally, we are eager to feature your success stories and accomplishments in our upcoming newsletters. If you have any noteworthy updates or achievements you would like to share with your fellow alumni, please feel free to reach out to me. Your stories inspire and motivate not only our current students but also the entire alumni network.



**Ms. Nupur Chaturvedi**  
Career Counsellor

## Career Counsellor's Message

As stewards of our alma mater, your professional accomplishments are a beacon of inspiration. We invite you to contribute your expertise, mentorship, or collaborative ventures that could empower the current generation of students. Your wealth of experience holds immense potential to shape the future of our institution. Let's join hands to create a vibrant network where shared knowledge and support thrive. Your valuable professional contributions can truly make a lasting impact, fostering growth and excellence. Together, we can fortify the legacy of our school and provide a solid foundation for the aspiring minds that follow in our footsteps.



**Sharad Singh**  
Alumni Coordinator

## Student Coordinator's Message

Heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support and presence in the alumni meet. We hope that our efforts created an unforgettable event, fostering connections and reigniting the spirit of our alma mater. Your commitment to your alma mater has not gone unnoticed, and the resonance of this gathering will undoubtedly echo for years to come. Let's build on this success, encouraging even greater alumni participation next year. Your continued support is paramount, and together, we can elevate our alma mater's legacy to new heights. Thank you for your outstanding contribution, and here's to a future of continued success and camaraderie.

## Alumni Meet - 23 December 2023



Our campus proudly hosted its 'Alumni Meet' on December 23, 2023. The event, held within the school premises, was a poignant blend of nostalgia and forward-looking inspiration.

The occasion witnessed a spectrum of activities and games fostering camaraderie, with the 'Alumni Hand Prints' emerging as a symbol of enduring connections. Alumni embraced the opportunity to rekindle old friendships, sharing anecdotes and reliving cherished school memories. Laughter echoed as stories unfolded, creating a tapestry of shared experiences.

The esteemed presence of our Respected Founder Manager Dr. Jagdish Gandhi Sir and the CMS Alumni Connect Head Ms. Vera Hajela ma'am further enriched the session, infusing it with wisdom and guidance.

## Christmastide 3.0



In this joyous time of the year we bring Our Christmastide 3.0 , a day filled with fun , melody and divinity . Solo stars, group vibes, and rock beats took center stage. A day filled with music, cheers, and unforgettable memories. Participants from various schools of the city graced the occasion and performed. The magical moments of the ultimate showdown were the festive feast for the ears.

## ABRSM Workshop



In November, Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM), London, delivered a large-scale, hybrid workshop for students, teachers and parents at City Montessori School, Rajajipuram campus 1, in Lucknow. The event was well attended by the music enthusiasts from all over Lucknow as well as the students and their parents.

## Messages from Alumni

**Anushka Chandra** - Batch of 2019, Consulting Analyst.

I have been in CMS since Montessori and am immensely grateful for the foundation and values instilled in me during all my 15 years at CMS Rajajipuram-1, which have undoubtedly contributed to my journey. I fondly remember the support from teachers, the camaraderie with fellow students, and the invaluable lessons learned. I cherish the memories created in school and remain connected to its ethos. Wishing the current students and faculty continued success and growth. Thank you and Jai Jagat!



**Garima Saxena** is a seasoned professional working with KPMG in Consulting services division for Europe. With a strong engineering background, she holds MDP degree from IIM Ahmedabad and MBA degree from NMIMS, Mumbai. Throughout her career, she has played a crucial role in Strategic Business Units of many Fortune 500 companies, advising CXOs for business process re-engineering and Management Consulting. She has been a recipient of many national and international awards for her top accolades. School memories often evoke a nostalgic mix of emotions, from the camaraderie of friends to the challenges of exams. Whether it's recalling favorite teachers, memorable events, or shared laughter, school memories contribute to the rich tapestry of our lives, reminding us of the growth and experiences that have shaped who we are today.

**Ayush Jain** UPSC Aspirant

I'm Aayush Jain, a pass-out of City Montessori School. I am currently preparing for the UPSC to follow my aspirations in the field of administration. The recent reunion that we had reminded me so much of my days in school and the change it had brought in me for the good. It happened to be a great occasion for us to meet our beloved teachers, fellow alumni and juniors all at the place where our deep connections were built. Though, the campus has changed a lot from our times, it still felt quite the same.

I look forward to more such alumni meets as I cherish my time here and would love to extend my heartfelt gratitude to one and all out there working day and night to ensure they give their students the best.



**Ishan Sharma**

My pleasure to be a 2010 graduate from the prestigious City Montessori School Rajajipuram, campus I. Meandering my way through my teenage journey, 2014 brought me back to school by entangling me with responsibilities of running an educational institution as a career. Following the footprints to attain a successful education system, my career coincided with politics in 2020 and witnessed a revolutionary change in the culture of new politics, which motivated me to work with the government to attain our common goal. In 2021, I was honoured as the Coordinator of the education cell BJP Lucknow.

## CAMPUS NEWS

### Aqua Avengers met Municipal Commissioner of Lucknow

The Aqua Avengers, a water conservation team, had the privilege of meeting with Mr. Indrajeet Singh, the Municipal Commissioner of Lucknow, to present their water conservation proposals. The Commissioner's enthusiasm for water conservation was truly inspiring, sparking a lively and interactive session where our students eagerly shared ideas on solid waste disposal.



### Award Ceremony of CMS Rajajipuram I Cambridge section



Sharing a few glimpses of the recent Award Ceremony of the Cambridge Learners. All Cambridge awards are calculated using stringent criteria to maintain high and consistent standards worldwide. Cambridge awards recognize outstanding achievements and are issued to those learners who have attained the highest standard marks in a subject. We are committed to connecting our learners with opportunities to learn, grow and apply their knowledge through lessons inside the classroom and experiences outside the classroom.



### Message from the Head – Alumni Connect



**Mrs Vera Hajela**  
Head, Alumni  
Connect

Dear Alumni,  
As we embrace the opportunities and challenges of the new year, I'm filled with immense pride in witnessing the continued achievements of the alumni community. Your accomplishments serve as a testament to the values instilled during your time at school. I'm deeply grateful for the unwavering support and engagement of our alumni.

Your contributions have played a pivotal role in enriching the experiences of our current students and in shaping the future of our institution.

I encourage you to stay connected, share your stories and remain involved in our vibrant alumni network.

Your expertise and passion serve as an inspiration to the next generation of leaders emerging from our institution.

Wishing you all a prosperous and fulfilling year ahead.

Together let us continue to uphold the CMS spirit of JAI JAGAT and make a lasting impact in our communities and beyond.

Keep smiling always.

JAI JAGAT.

### Message from the Head – International Relations

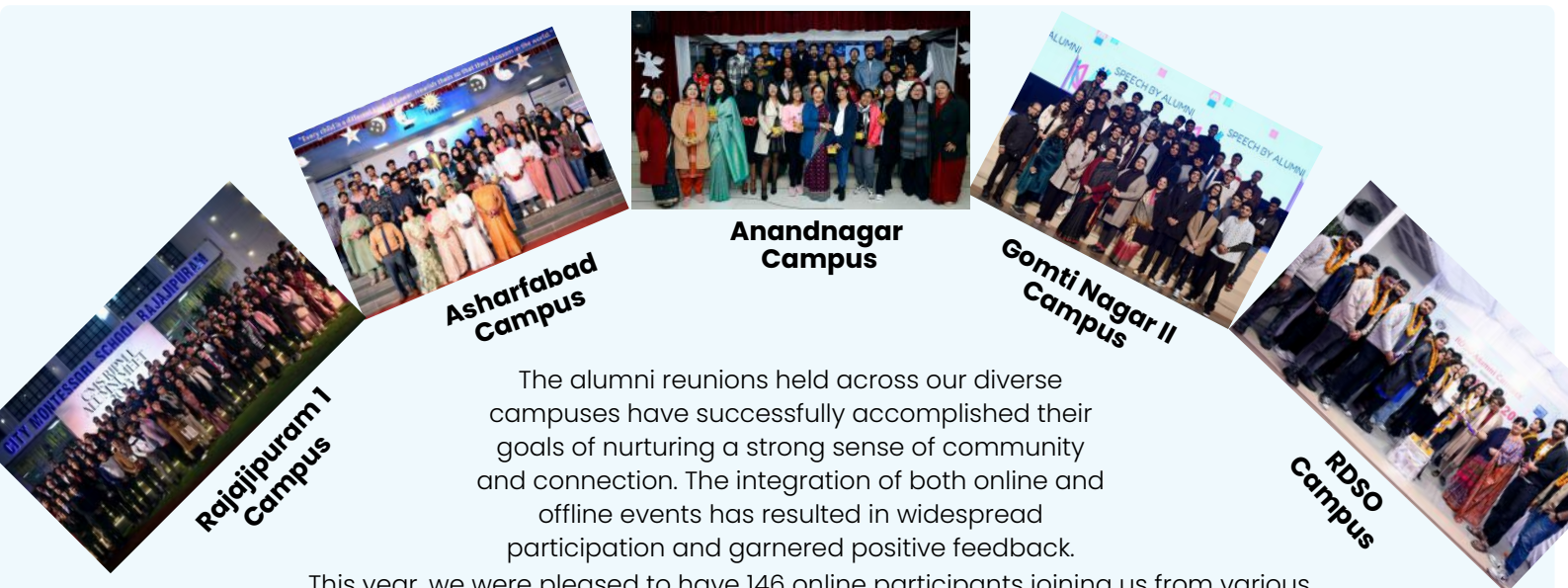


**Dr. Shishir Srivastava**  
Head, International  
Relations

Dear CMS Alumni,  
As we reflect on our journey at CMS, I am filled with pride and optimism about the impact our alumni continue to make on the global stage. Guided by our founders' vision of 'Jai Jagat,' CMS prioritizes holistic education, shaping individuals as academically successful professionals and compassionate, morally grounded, globally aware citizens.

Each student is seen as a gift to humanity, instilled with a sense of responsibility to be positive lights in the world. Our philosophy centers on nurturing duty and responsibility, encouraging students to use their knowledge and values for societal contributions. We strongly advocate for global cooperation and unity to address challenges affecting the well-being of present and future generations.

## Our Alumni, Our Pride



**Rajajipuram I  
Campus**

**Asharfabad  
Campus**

**Anandnagar  
Campus**

**Gomti Nagar II  
Campus**

**RDSO  
Campus**

The alumni reunions held across our diverse campuses have successfully accomplished their goals of nurturing a strong sense of community and connection. The integration of both online and offline events has resulted in widespread participation and garnered positive feedback.

This year, we were pleased to have 146 online participants joining us from various locations, including the US, Canada, Europe, Australia, Singapore, and the GCC.

In conjunction with the online engagement, our offline campus meetings drew the active participation of 1509 alumni from Gomti Nagar I and II, Mahanagar, Chowk,

RDSO, Aliganj I, Rajajipuram I, Asharfabad, Anand Nagar, and Station Road campuses. The valuable insights gained from these gatherings will undoubtedly serve as a guide for shaping future initiatives aimed at further enhancing alumni engagement within CMS.

## Message from the Principal



Mrs. Anupama Checker  
Principal

Any institutions' alumni are key to its growth which gives a global experience to its students. An institution is known by the strength of the alumni network, as it provides a platform for the rich and diversified interaction with the ones who are associated with the institution. We can only offer the foundation; the onus is on you to take it forward. We exhort you to embrace this opportunity and make us even more proud of you all. The clock can be turned back, not by being a school student again but by sharing your time, talent and treasure to inspire the lives of students today who are destined to be the leaders of tomorrow. Share your accomplishments and achievements with our students and teachers to keep yourself connected with the CMS family. My sincere thanks to you all for being part of our community.

## Message from the Alumni Coordinator



Mrs Sonam Sharma  
Alumni Coordinator

As the Alumni Coordinator of our campus, I extend my sincere thanks to all our alumni for being a part our community and collaborating with us in the growth and development of our students. Our alumni play a vital role in the progress of the institution by participating in interactive sessions, establishing connections with each other, and brainstorming ways in which we can give back to our community. Together, we can provide a unique opportunity to build a strong foundation of support for our institution as a valuable public asset. Your commitment to collaboration is inspiring, and the bonds formed among alumni create a network that truly enriches the educational experience. Through shared insights and a collective dedication to giving back, we strengthen the foundation of our institution as a hub for lifelong learning and success. Thank you for your continued support and meaningful contributions to our vibrant community.

## Message from the Student Alumni Coordinator



Jahnavi Prakash  
Student Alumni Coordinator

As a Coordinator of the Alumni Cell of our school, it is a great privilege to honour all the alumni of our campus. It is indeed my sincere wish to bring the alumni closer through this medium, and I truly believe this will reconnect all of us. The main objective behind this collaboration is to connect and establish a wide network among all the alumni. We are together embarking on a journey that would benefit the alumni, the Institution, and the society at large. We would love to listen and interact with our alumni and know their success stories. They can also help our school with internship opportunities through live projects, research, training and personality development programmes in their respective organizations.

## Educational Tour to Jaipur

City Montessori School Rajajipuram Campus II conducted an educational tour to Jaipur, offering students a dynamic learning experience from October 31 to November 4, 2023. The trip aimed to enrich their understanding of India's historical and cultural heritage beyond the classroom, bringing theory into practice.

During the trip, students visited key landmarks like Birla Temple, Amber Fort, The Albert Hall Museum, Jantar Mantar, Hawa Mahal, Jal Mahal, Bhangarh Fort and Bapu Bazar to absorb architectural and historical knowledge. Overall, this 3-day excursion successfully intertwined historical discovery with cultural engagement, enhancing the students' appreciation for their heritage and igniting a lasting interest in history and culture.



## CAMPUS NEWS

In the National Mega Final of the WIZ National Spell Bee 2022-2023, Udyansh Shandilya, a Class 8 student from the batch 2022-2023, has earned quite the distinction. Representing Rajajipuram Campus II, Udyansh has secured an impressive 9th rank in the National Mega Final of this highly prestigious event. This young scholar competed with numerous participants from across the nation to gracefully secure his spot in the top ten. His accomplishment has indeed brought laurels to the campus, making it a moment of celebration for both the student and the school alike.



Janhvi Prakash, a class 8 student from the City Montessori School, Rajajipuram Campus II, brought laurels to her school with her splendid achievement. She clinched the Second Prize in 'Rochak Kathanak' (Spin a Yarn with twists), a distinctive storytelling event. This event was a part of the grand 'Inquizest 2023', organised by Delhi Public School, Shaheedpath Campus. Amidst such fierce competition, Janhvi showcased her illustrative storytelling ability. Her narrative was lauded for its unique twists and engaging presentation. This achievement is indeed a testament to Janhvi's creativity and exceptional storytelling skills.

Sachit Chaudhary, a student of City Montessori School, Rajajipuram Campus II, has showcased exemplary performance in the IBT Maths examination for Class 8. With an impressive score of 44 out of 45, Sachit has demonstrated exceptional proficiency in the subject. Furthermore, his achievement of securing the 99.9 percentile highlights his remarkable standing among his peers, placing him within the top 0.1% of students nationwide. Such an outstanding accomplishment is a testament to Sachit's dedication, hard work, and scholarly abilities. With this remarkable feat, Sachit has brought laurels to his school and his family.



## Stars From Our Constellation



**Mudit Mathur** - Zonal Finance Head, Tata Motors Ltd.

I am a qualified Chartered Accountant and a Certified Public Accountant (CPA, Australia). I am a proud alumnus of one of the oldest and most prestigious educational institutions of Lucknow. I have studied at different branches of CMS. In fact, I am the first CA from the first Commerce batch of CMS. I can easily vouch for the consistency and standard of education. It is the learning, knowledge, values, skills attained during the formative years that have helped me to succeed as an individual both personally and professionally in my life. My alma mater made me the person I am today, bold and confident. Not only did my teachers help me to strive for excellence in academics but also assisted me to shape myself to become a good human being. I want to thank my teachers for having faith in me.

**Dr. Saurabh Sonkar** - Dental Implantologist, KGMU, Lucknow

I am a Certified Dental Implantologist, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, KGMU and a Consultant Dental Surgeon at Kirti Kids Health Care, Pvt Ltd. I completed my B.D.S, M.I.C.S and M.I.D.A from KGMU. I feel that Rajajipuram Campus II is much beyond an institution. It actually denotes a culture of excellence, empowerment, and enrichment. I feel blessed to be a part of this school. The school has moulded my personality and clarified my vision for the future. The embellishments that I relish is because of the sheer determination of the educators of my campus.



## First International Competition for Math pirates, Matheletics 2023

To ignite the spark of curiosity and passion for Mathematics in young minds, City Montessori School Rajajipuram Campus II organized the First International Competition for Math pirates, Matheletics 2023 from 30th of November to 3rd of December 2023. The 3-day event had students participants from around the world being part of various competitions like Number Ninja, Mathematicum Le Modele, Mathsketeers, Mathdoku, and more. Initiatives like this are instrumental in fostering a true passion for Mathematics among students. These programmes are thoughtfully crafted to provide a delightful blend of fun and intellectual rigor.



## Message from the Head - Alumni Connect



**Mrs Vera Hajela**  
Head, Alumni Connect

Dear Alumni,  
As we embrace the opportunities and challenges of the new year, I'm filled with immense pride in witnessing the continued achievements of the alumni community. Your accomplishments serve as a testament to the values instilled during your time at school. I'm deeply grateful for the unwavering support and engagement of our alumni.

Your contributions have played a pivotal role in enriching the experiences of our current students and in shaping the future of our institution.

I encourage you to stay connected, share your stories and remain involved in our vibrant alumni network.

Your expertise and passion serve as an inspiration to the next generation of leaders emerging from our institution.

Wishing you all a prosperous and fulfilling year ahead.

Together let us continue to uphold the CMS spirit of JAI JAGAT and make a lasting impact in our communities and beyond. Keep smiling always.

JAI JAGAT.

## Message from the Head - International Relations



**Dr. Shishir Srivastava**  
Head, International Relations

Dear CMS Alumni,  
As we reflect on our journey at CMS, I am filled with pride and optimism about the impact our alumni continue to make on the global stage. Guided by our founders' vision of 'Jai Jagat,' CMS prioritizes holistic education, shaping individuals as academically successful professionals and compassionate, morally grounded, globally aware citizens.

Each student is seen as a gift to humanity, instilled with a sense of responsibility to be positive lights in the world. Our philosophy centers on nurturing duty and responsibility, encouraging students to use their knowledge and values for societal contributions. We strongly advocate for global cooperation and unity to address challenges affecting the well-being of present and future generations.

## Our Alumni, Our Pride



**Rajajipuram I Campus**

**Asharfabad Campus**

**Anandnagar Campus**

**Gomti Nagar II Campus**

**RDSO Campus**

The alumni reunions held across our diverse campuses have successfully accomplished their goals of nurturing a strong sense of community and connection. The integration of both online and offline events has resulted in widespread participation and garnered positive feedback.

This year, we were pleased to have 146 online participants joining us from various locations, including the US, Canada, Europe, Australia, Singapore, and the GCC. In conjunction with the online engagement, our offline campus meetings drew the active participation of 1509 alumni from Gomti Nagar I and II, Mahanagar, Chowk, RDSO, Aliganj I, Rajajipuram I, Asharfabad, Anand Nagar, and Station Road campuses. The valuable insights gained from these gatherings will undoubtedly serve as a guide for shaping future initiatives aimed at further enhancing alumni engagement within CMS.



Mrs. Jayshree Krishnan  
Principal

## Message from the Principal

All great work comes with endurance and encouragement. Looking back gives me the extra zeal to realise that we have not only produced entrepreneurs but also humans. CMS alumni has raised storm in the fabric of CMS Rajendra Nagar Campus 1 wherein each one tries to over shadow the other. These young champions have offered us great reasons to celebrate the accolades they drive us home. Their indelible contributions to the education industry has been responsible in maneuvering the lives of thousands of students year after year. I extend my heartiest greetings and wishes to all of you who are relentlessly climbing the stairs to higher accomplishments.



Mrs. Deepti Shukla  
Alumni Coordinator

## Message from the Alumni Coordinator

Being the coordinator of the CMS alumni, I exult in pride in publishing your success stories month after month. Your ladder of rise works as an avenue for our new aspirants. We feel blissful when you give us reasons to take the pleasure in showcasing your unchallenged endeavours in your respective walks of life. I know you have a longer path to tread. All that we need from you is to update us with the added splash of colours in your professional career.



Mrs. Alvisha Saluja

## Message from the Student Alumni Coordinator

Dear Alumni,

Glancing at your huge flights towards excellence, we the student fraternity also find it imperative that we too carve our future likewise. Thankyou for showing us the path we need to walk on. We are immensely proud to associate ourselves with the CMS fraternity and even prouder to know the benchmark you have already set for us. Thank you for always being there and for the promise to always hold our hands whenever we stumble.



## Rajat Awasthi - Batch - 2008-2010 - Selected - PCS (Haryana) - AIR 58

The school campus of Rajendra Nagar rejoices the indomitable victory of Rajat Awasthi who has carved a niche in the social fabric of Lucknow.

Rajat has done us proud beyond proportion by claiming a prestigious 58 rank in PCS (Haryana), nation-wide. Rajat enjoys a wide spectrum of success since his school hood days. His readiness to participate in different events, being a high performer in every level of academics has always set him apart from other students.

Today the school celebrates his overall success.

## ACHIEVEMENTS



### CHRISTOVISTA

The magic of Christmas CHRISTOVISTA at Rajendra Nagar Campus I started with the joyous fete! The school was filled with fun and frolic with the esteemed presence of the respected Founder Manager Dr. Jagdish Gandhi and the guidance of the senior Principal Mrs. Jayashree Krishnan. The magic of Christmas had an enthusiastic gathering filled with festive cheer, delightful decorations and heartwarming moments. From dazzling lights to the sweet sounds of carols. It helped young and old to immerse in the holiday spirit of Christmas. Parents joined us on this day filled with festive cheer. Delightful treats and heartwarming activities punctuated the livelong day. From carol singing to a winter wonderland of crafts, mouth watering delicacies, there was something for everyone. Christovista aimed at embracing the spirit of togetherness with our fantastic bazaar and indulged in seasonal delights at our holiday market.

The basic purpose behind the event was to stimulate our little ones with vivacity and the pledge to run a meaningful innings. The school offered a large section of activities catering to all ages. Our Christmas Fiesta promised to be a memorable celebration that captured the essence of the most wonderful time of the year. Families came together and made this holiday season truly special at our Christmas Fiesta!



## ALUMNI MESSAGE



**Shruti Gupta.**

Batch - 2020

Masters of Computer Application  
National Institute of Technology, Raipur.

I am appreciative that NIT Raipur is where I began my path towards higher education. It was the best choice I made. Thank you CMS for being the guiding light on my educational journey. Your unwavering support and commitment to my success has made all the difference. Everyone, embrace each lesson, conquer every challenge, and let your hard work be the bridge to your dreams. The effort you invest today will shape the victories of tomorrow.

City Montessori School, my alma mater, served as the nurturing ground where not only my academic roots were firmly planted but also my character blossomed. The values instilled and the supportive environment cultivated at CMS have been instrumental in shaping my personality, paving the way for my success in the professional arena.



**Akshat Kumar**

CMS(RN-I) 2020 Batch

UG- Aerospace Engineering  
Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur

Three years ago in 2021, I stepped into IIT Kanpur to earn a degree of Bachelor of Technology (Aerospace engineering) in order to enrich my education. I am grateful that I started my Higher studies' journey from IIT Kanpur. I must say it was my best decision, I ever made so far. I would like to thank CMS to help me in building a such a strong foundation which can help any child to achieve what he or she aspires for. My belief is "First Believe in yourself and then Believe in the institution".

Friends, always welcome difficulties and challenges in your life. These make us stronger, better and give us an opportunity to get the best out of us. My advice to my juniors is just do justice with your time. When it's time to enjoy college life, live it to the fullest but when it comes to your study, devote your 100% to it.



**GAGAN TALREJA**  
BATCH(2016)

SITE RELIABILITY ENGINEER  
Schrödinger

## Message from the Head - Alumni Connect



**Mrs Vera Hajela**  
Head, Alumni  
Connect

Dear Alumni,  
As we embrace the opportunities and challenges of the new year, I'm filled with immense pride in witnessing the continued achievements of the alumni community. Your accomplishments serve as a testament to the values instilled during your time at school. I'm deeply grateful for the unwavering support and engagement of our alumni.

Your contributions have played a pivotal role in enriching the experiences of our current students and in shaping the future of our institution.

I encourage you to stay connected, share your stories and remain involved in our vibrant alumni network.

Your expertise and passion serve as an inspiration to the next generation of leaders emerging from our institution.

Wishing you all a prosperous and fulfilling year ahead.

Together let us continue to uphold the CMS spirit of JAI JAGAT and make a lasting impact in our communities and beyond. Keep smiling always.

JAI JAGAT.

## Message from the Head - International Relations



**Dr. Shishir Srivastava**  
Head, International  
Relations

Dear CMS Alumni,  
As we reflect on our journey at CMS, I am filled with pride and optimism about the impact our alumni continue to make on the global stage. Guided by our founders' vision of 'Jai Jagat,' CMS prioritizes holistic education, shaping individuals as academically successful professionals and compassionate, morally grounded, globally aware citizens.

Each student is seen as a gift to humanity, instilled with a sense of responsibility to be positive lights in the world. Our philosophy centers on nurturing duty and responsibility, encouraging students to use their knowledge and values for societal contributions. We strongly advocate for global cooperation and unity to address challenges affecting the well-being of present and future generations.

## Our Alumni, Our Pride



**Rajajipuram I  
Campus**

**Asharfabad  
Campus**

**Anandnagar  
Campus**

**Gomti Nagar II  
Campus**

**RDSO  
Campus**

The alumni reunions held across our diverse campuses have successfully accomplished their goals of nurturing a strong sense of community and connection. The integration of both online and offline events has resulted in widespread participation and garnered positive feedback.

This year, we were pleased to have 146 online participants joining us from various locations, including the US, Canada, Europe, Australia, Singapore, and the GCC. In conjunction with the online engagement, our offline campus meetings drew the active participation of 1509 alumni from Gomti Nagar I and II, Mahanagar, Chowk, RDSO, Aliganj I, Rajajipuram I, Asharfabad, Anand Nagar, and Station Road campuses. The valuable insights gained from these gatherings will undoubtedly serve as a guide for shaping future initiatives aimed at further enhancing alumni engagement within CMS.

## Message from the Principal



Dear Alumni,

As you embark on the journey, remember your roots at CMS. Your time here was a foundation for growth and resilience. Each of you carries the torch of knowledge and values. Embrace challenges, for they refine your character. Stay connected, for the strength of CMS lies in its extended family. Your achievements resonate with our collective pride. Keep soaring, knowing that you are not just individuals but a testament to our shared commitment to excellence. Be the architects of positive change, leaving an indelible mark on the world. We at CMS Rajendra Nagar II look forward to rendering our noble services towards the society. We hope to build strong characters and connections endowed with humanity and nobility to serve the society.

**Ms. Priyanka Agarwal**  
Principal

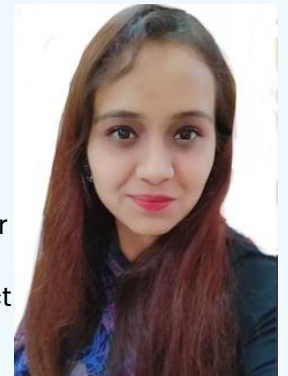
Best wishes to all,  
Jai Jagat

## Message from the Alumni Coordinator

Greetings to all of you!

Being a fellow Alumnus, I am very delighted to address you through this Alumni portal. As a coordinator of the Alumni cell of Rajendra Nagar II, it is a great privilege to honour all alumni. As you reflect on your journey from our school to the vast horizons of life, remember that each step has molded you into the incredible individuals you are today. Embrace challenges as opportunities, and let the spirits of continuous learning guide your path. Your achievements resonate in the halls of our alma mater, inspiring current students to dream big. Stay curious, stay resilient, and continue to make a positive impact on the world. You are not just alumni: you are ambassadors of excellence. Keep shining brightly!

Thankyou,  
Jai Jagat



**Ms. Amarjot Kaur**  
Alumni Coordinator

## Student Coordinator's Message



I am Anjira Bhargav of Class 7, I am privileged to be associated with you as the student coordinator. I am elated to learn about your achievements and the progress you have made in life. This unique creation in the form of the alumni newsletter is designed to maintain the link between the past and present students of the institution. Your accomplishments and the values you embody continue to inspire us all, and I am excited to strengthen the bond between our current students and our esteemed alumni network.

We are of the belief that shining stars are archaic of scar scripts. Also, we believe that the book of mystic memories turns foxed; the metanoia still goes on.

**Anjira Bhargav**  
Student Alumni  
Coordinator

## Stars From Our Constellation



**Surbhi Srivastava**  
Batch 2016

My dear friends, my name is Surbhi Srivastava. I graduated from this branch in the year 2016. Being one among you, it warms my heart to share my thoughts as an alumna.

Currently, I'm working as a data analyst at Axtria, Noida. I would like to thank the respected Principal and all my lovely teachers who shaped me into a better person. There's a common saying that the 'strength of a building depends upon its foundation,' and how true it holds. Right from instilling the roots to shaping me into a wise and confident human, this branch has played a crucial role. I'll forever be indebted to my mentors for providing me with such exposure, which has always been a driving force for me and enriched me with ideal opportunities to unleash my unrevealed potential. Honestly, this school has given me a bag full of memories that I'll deeply cherish and utilize to choose the right path for life.

Jai Jagat to my CMS family,

My name is Yashaswee Yadav. I am working as a teacher at CMS Rajajipuram. It is an immense pleasure to count myself as an alumna of CMS Rajendra Nagar Campus II that gave me an opportunity to flourish academically, explore & discover my passion and expand my wings to fly and touch the sky. It is one of the prestigious educational institution. The knowledge and discipline we get from this school are phenomenal that helps you to succeed in all your endeavors. I am thankful to Respected Principal Ma'am and all my teachers who supported me and brought out the best in me. I wish all the good luck to the students who are a part of this prestigious institution. Keep shining brightly and bring laurels to the institutions.



**Yashaswee Yadav**  
Batch 2016

## Students' Achievements



City Montessori School's Rajendra Nagar campus 2 left an indelible mark of excellence at the Symphony Competition hosted by GD Goenka School on the illustrious Shaheed Path in Lucknow, held on November 7 and 8, 2023. The students not only demonstrated active participation but also emerged triumphant in four diverse competitions, underscoring their extraordinary skills and unwavering dedication to artistic pursuits.

In the Pre-Primary category, Gaurvi Singh Sonker from KG and Kaustubh Sharma from Nursery claimed the First position in the Frillery Fancy Dress competition. Additionally, Vaishnavi Rajpoot from Nursery secured another First position in the Rip & Glue contest.

Moving to the Primary category, the duo of Arsh Jaiswal from V and Darsh Gupta from IV earned Second position in the Paper Sculpture competition.

In the Junior category, Aina Mishra from VII exhibited remarkable prowess, securing a Second position in the captivating Capes and Crown competition.

## Announcements

With immense pleasure, we would like to share the experience of The Annual Parents' & Grandparents' Day at Rajendra Nagar Campus 2, which unfolded with a meticulously curated array of programs, embodying a tapestry of cultural and spiritual facets.

The inaugural resonance of the event was marked by the poignant School Prayer and hymns, invoking a transcendent ambience and setting the tone for the congregation. Following this the event embraced the rich tapestry of faiths with the All Religion Prayer - a harmonious convergence of diverse spiritual expressions and many more.

Adding values to all the above we had most Respected Founder Manager of CMS, Dr. Jagdish Gandhi Sir, the venerable, who bestowed blessings and shared insightful reflections, encapsulating the ethos of the institution. In summation, the Annual Parents' & Grandparents' Day unfolded as a resplendent tapestry of cultural diversity, intellectual discourse, and communal spirit. This confluence of enlightened minds and heartfelt expressions bespoke the school's unwavering commitment to the holistic education and inclusive values.

In this denouement, the Day etched an indelible chapter in the annals of our campus's history, a chapter defined by unity, enlightenment, and the unbridled pursuit of excellence.



Our campus orchestrated a benevolent initiative on December 14, 2023. The compassionate endeavour involved distributing blankets to indigent individuals enduring the harsh winter. Spearheaded by the Physical Education teacher, Mr. Ayub Hashmi, and supported by the collaborative efforts of five altruistic students ( Dhruv Rajput, Keshav Agarwal, Ayush Sonkar, Aryan Mishra, and Abhinav Vaish) of Class 8 A all under the able guidance of the Respected Principal Ms. Priyanka Agarwal. The venture aimed to alleviate the suffering of the destitute. This commendable humanitarian act was made possible through the selfless contribution of Rs.2 from each student's pocket money, underscoring the students' commitment to making a positive impact in the lives of the less fortunate. The collaboration with the Ehsaas Foundation, a reputable NGO, further amplified the reach and effectiveness of the initiative.

The echoes of joy and festivity from the 'Winter Wonders' Christmas Fest, was held on Friday, under the able guidance of the Respected Principal on 22nd of December, 2023 and continued to resonate within the hallowed halls of Rajendra Nagar Campus 2. The event transformed the campus into a veritable winter wonderland, offering a plethora of enriching experiences. We were honoured to receive blessings from esteemed figures in education and media. Founder of Devi Sansthan and ALFA Dr. Sunita Gandhi of City Montessori School, Mr. RK Singh from the media department of City Montessori School, and Mrs. Madhu Gandhi, Principal of Holy Home School, who had graced the occasion with their presence and heartfelt blessings. Their dedication to fostering educational excellence and community spirit resonates with the festive atmosphere, making this event truly special.

The Alfa Zone emerged as a beacon of academic excellence, with students from K.G., Classes I and II showcasing their burgeoning talents and innovative methodologies in both the lobby and the meticulously arranged Activity room on the ground floor.

Meanwhile, the grandeur of the New Assembly Hall became the epicentre of artistic brilliance, hosting a visually captivating flower fashion show, interspersed with mellifluous renditions of Christmas carols and choreographed dances that encapsulated the spirit of the season. Ascending to the First Floor unveiled a realm of creativity and engagement, where craft enthusiasts converged in the Montessori class, while a myriad of interactive activities such as tattoo artistry, Tambola, and clay dough crafting enthralled attendees in the KG classrooms. Notably, the specially curated parent couple games and activities for mothers added a touch of familial warmth, juxtaposed by the uninhibited joy resonating from the Activity room, where children revealed their playful escapades. The Game Zone was a testament to both skill and camaraderie, featuring a diverse array of games tailored for different classes, from the strategic intricacies of Nine pins to the dexterity-demanding coin-drop challenges. Culinary connoisseurs found solace in the gastronomic offerings of the Food Court, The Astroturf Area, with its dynamic lineup of obstacle races, interactive challenges, and family-centric activities, epitomized the spirit of communal bonding and festive jubilation.



## Message from the Head - Alumni Connect



**Mrs Vera Hajela**  
Head, Alumni Connect

Dear Alumni,  
As we embrace the opportunities and challenges of the new year, I'm filled with immense pride in witnessing the continued achievements of the alumni community. Your accomplishments serve as a testament to the values instilled during your time at school. I'm deeply grateful for the unwavering support and engagement of our alumni.

Your contributions have played a pivotal role in enriching the experiences of our current students and in shaping the future of our institution.

I encourage you to stay connected, share your stories and remain involved in our vibrant alumni network.

Your expertise and passion serve as an inspiration to the next generation of leaders emerging from our institution.

Wishing you all a prosperous and fulfilling year ahead.

Together let us continue to uphold the CMS spirit of JAI JAGAT and make a lasting impact in our communities and beyond. Keep smiling always.

JAI JAGAT.

## Message from the Head - International Relations



**Dr. Shishir Srivastava**  
Head, International Relations

Dear CMS Alumni,  
As we reflect on our journey at CMS, I am filled with pride and optimism about the impact our alumni continue to make on the global stage. Guided by our founders' vision of 'Jai Jagat,' CMS prioritizes holistic education, shaping individuals as academically successful professionals and compassionate, morally grounded, globally aware citizens.

Each student is seen as a gift to humanity, instilled with a sense of responsibility to be positive lights in the world. Our philosophy centers on nurturing duty and responsibility, encouraging students to use their knowledge and values for societal contributions. We strongly advocate for global cooperation and unity to address challenges affecting the well-being of present and future generations.

## Our Alumni, Our Pride



**Rajajipuram I Campus**

**Asharfabad Campus**

**Anandnagar Campus**

**Gomti Nagar II Campus**

**RDSO Campus**

The alumni reunions held across our diverse campuses have successfully accomplished their goals of nurturing a strong sense of community and connection. The integration of both online and offline events has resulted in widespread participation and garnered positive feedback.

This year, we were pleased to have 146 online participants joining us from various locations, including the US, Canada, Europe, Australia, Singapore, and the GCC. In conjunction with the online engagement, our offline campus meetings drew the active participation of 1509 alumni from Gomti Nagar I and II, Mahanagar, Chowk, RDSO, Aliganj I, Rajajipuram I, Asharfabad, Anand Nagar, and Station Road campuses. The valuable insights gained from these gatherings will undoubtedly serve as a guide for shaping future initiatives aimed at further enhancing alumni engagement within CMS.

## Message from the Principal



Ms. Jyotsna Atul  
Principal

**“An alumni charts its alma mater to great heights by contributing to our cosmopolitan paradigm.”**

City Montessori School, RDSO Campus has always strived to maintain an amicable association with its students even after the completion of their journey at school. We take immense pride in welcoming them as privileged members of the alumni community. It is a matter of joy to see how beautifully our institution is intertwined with its alumni. We at City Montessori School, RDSO Campus, manifest the awe-inspiring journey of our students, through this prestigious newsletter, and help them achieve their goal of ‘giving-back’ to the school and community. The alumni network of the school showcases the school’s astounding success in accomplishing the goal of bringing together, admirable feats under us. We value and look forward to the copious contribution of our alumni to staying involved with the alma mater through mentorship, networking, or expertise, to hone the future leaders.

## Message from the Alumni Coordinator



Ms. Simrandeep Chhabra  
Alumni Coordinator

It gives me immense pleasure to address our alumni through this esteemed newsletter. Being the coordinator of this phenomenal community of alumni of my campus, it is a great privilege to bring together, the former students of the school and reconnect them with their alma mater. I sincerely wish to make this association, a wide network of scholars under the able guidance of our Principal Ms. Jyotsna Atul. The objective of this association is to create a sense of abiding affection and affinity in the minds of the former and ongoing students, enkindling their interest to keep themselves aware of the divergent opportunities for their contribution to the all-round progress benefiting their Alma matter. The triumphant sagas of our alumni will inspire and ignite, the hearts and minds of our future leaders.

## Message from the Student Alumni Coordinator



Aditya Anand  
Student Alumni Coordinator

“Respect knowledge and learn from others. It will bring out the best in them, and it will bring out the best in you.”

The learning and the growth of the students continues long after they graduate from their school. The practical challenges of life emerge, once the students step out of the protective custody of their school. Collaborating under the leadership of our Principal, our aim is to guide and support our students to face the challenges, have experiences and set their goals, all to be accomplished while in school and after school. Together, we can make a difference to build globally sustainable human resources.

## Stars From Our Constellation



Shreyansh Trivedi, an esteemed alumnus of RDSO, is a Paralympic athlete. He is an inspiration and a matter of pride, not only for the institution but also for the nation. A six-time national champion in 100m and 200m, he holds a national record. He won two bronze medals in the Asian Games held in 2023 in Hangzhou, China. Additionally, he will be representing India in the World Olympic Champion and Paralympic Games in Paris in 2024. We wish him all the luck and success for his future endeavors.

"There have been three most memorable moments in my life: the first when I addressed the people after winning at the Asian Games, the second when I met the Prime Minister, and the third is addressing the audience at this stage at my alma mater.

**Shreyansh Trivedi**

Animesh Tiwari is a Software Engineer at Deutsche Bank. He completed his class 12 in 2016 with flying colors. He has been a diligent student and always a helping hand to his teachers and juniors. Not only has he been a source of pride for the school, but he is also an example of versatility and multitasking. We wish him luck for his bright future.

"I am very thankful to my alma mater for shaping my future and instilling all those values that are helping me today to navigate through the struggles of life and sustain myself in difficult situations.

."



**Animesh Tiwari**



Sankalp Sachdeva, Deputy Manager at ICICI bank, is a young potential brain with great ideas and enthusiasm for life. He passed his class XII in 2018, with flying colours from RDSO campus. His inspirational personality and dynamic approach for life makes him different and unique.

I am very grateful for the moral lessons I could learn at my school. We, the students at CMS, are privileged to learn under the able guidance of our great Founder Manager sir and his words are the milestones that show us the way of life.

**Sankalp Sachdeva**

## Students' Achievements



City Montessori School, RDSO Campus left an incredible mark of excellence at Christmastide 2023, organised by CMS Rajajipuram and feels elated to celebrate with reverberating cheers, for our girls bagged the trophy and stood at second position in the competition, held on 22nd of December, 2023. Their extraordinary skills and unwavering dedication to artistic pursuits made a difference.

## ALUMNI MEET, 2023



The Alumni Association of City Montessori School, RDSO Campus organized "ALUMNI MEET 2023"- a programme to facilitate, consolidate and coordinate all distinguished alumni, on 29th of December, 2023. The alumni meet is to reconnect with the Alumni and celebrate their success and various achievements.

The meet was graced by the glorious presence of Alumni Association head, Ma'am Mrs. Vera Hajela and respected Principal, Ma'am Mrs. Jyotsna Atul. The event was dignified by the presence of our esteemed alumnus, Mr. Shreyansh Trivedi, 6 times national champion in paralympic athletics. The school celebrated his resounding success and wished him luck for his bright future.

### Message from the Head – Alumni Connect



**Mrs Vera Hajela**  
Head, Alumni  
Connect

Dear Alumni,  
As we embrace the opportunities and challenges of the new year, I'm filled with immense pride in witnessing the continued achievements of the alumni community. Your accomplishments serve as a testament to the values instilled during your time at school. I'm deeply grateful for the unwavering support and engagement of our alumni.

Your contributions have played a pivotal role in enriching the experiences of our current students and in shaping the future of our institution.

I encourage you to stay connected, share your stories and remain involved in our vibrant alumni network.

Your expertise and passion serve as an inspiration to the next generation of leaders emerging from our institution.

Wishing you all a prosperous and fulfilling year ahead.

Together let us continue to uphold the CMS spirit of JAI JAGAT and make a lasting impact in our communities and beyond. Keep smiling always.

JAI JAGAT.

### Message from the Head – International Relations

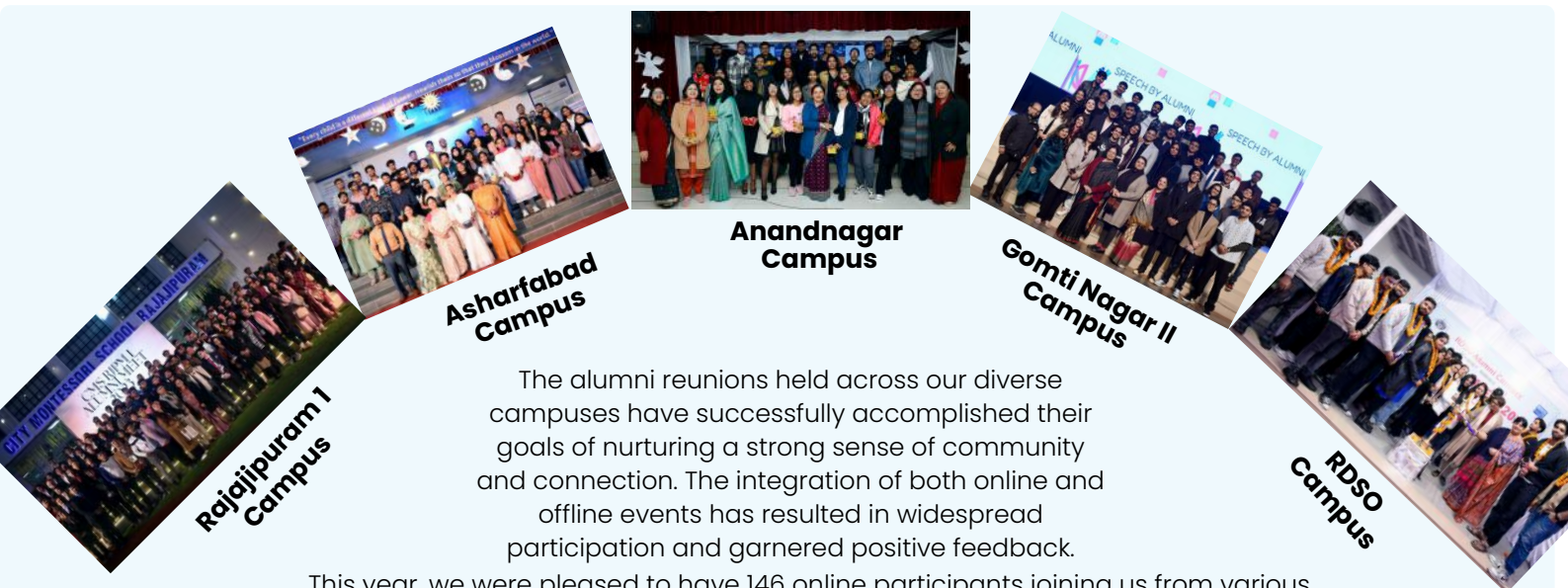


**Dr. Shishir Srivastava**  
Head, International  
Relations

Dear CMS Alumni,  
As we reflect on our journey at CMS, I am filled with pride and optimism about the impact our alumni continue to make on the global stage. Guided by our founders' vision of 'Jai Jagat,' CMS prioritizes holistic education, shaping individuals as academically successful professionals and compassionate, morally grounded, globally aware citizens.

Each student is seen as a gift to humanity, instilled with a sense of responsibility to be positive lights in the world. Our philosophy centers on nurturing duty and responsibility, encouraging students to use their knowledge and values for societal contributions. We strongly advocate for global cooperation and unity to address challenges affecting the well-being of present and future generations.

## Our Alumni, Our Pride



The alumni reunions held across our diverse campuses have successfully accomplished their goals of nurturing a strong sense of community and connection. The integration of both online and offline events has resulted in widespread participation and garnered positive feedback.

This year, we were pleased to have 146 online participants joining us from various locations, including the US, Canada, Europe, Australia, Singapore, and the GCC. In conjunction with the online engagement, our offline campus meetings drew the active participation of 1509 alumni from Gomti Nagar I and II, Mahanagar, Chowk, RDSO, Aliganj I, Rajajipuram I, Asharfabad, Anand Nagar, and Station Road campuses. The valuable insights gained from these gatherings will undoubtedly serve as a guide for shaping future initiatives aimed at further enhancing alumni engagement within CMS.



Dr Vineeta kamran  
Senior Principal

### Message from the Principal

I am delighted to greet you! City Montessori School's commitment to academic excellence and impactful research has set it apart. Graduates shine nationally and internationally, enhancing the institution's reputation. The CMS Alumni Association is an excellent networking tool for this remarkable group. I'm thrilled to witness its progress. Your ongoing engagement empowers us to better serve students.



Ms. Anshoo Mishra  
Alumni Coordinator

### Message from the Alumni Coordinator

Reconnecting with one's alma mater is enriching, and City Montessori School (CMS) values the diverse accomplishments of its alumni. CMS believes alumni play a crucial role in enhancing the quality of its services. The school's mission is to provide educational opportunities, nurturing academic excellence, instilling values, fostering social responsibility, and developing global competencies for all striving students to thrive in life.

Best Wishes!

### Student Coordinator's Message

We deeply cherish our esteemed alumni network, a testament to our institution's legacy. Applauding the remarkable achievements of our graduates, our enduring connection signifies the unbreakable bond cultivated over the years. I am grateful for the chance to engage and learn from them. We present the Alumni Newsletter, filled with captivating campus insights and nostalgic moments.

Kashvi Paul

### STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENT



Class 12 student Kaveri Choudhary achieved Gold Finalist status in the prestigious Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2023, ranking among the top 184 out of 34,924 entries. Her remarkable writing is a close contender for a senior winner or runner-up, showcasing exceptional quality and bringing pride to her community.

Ninth-grader Devaj Mishra of CMS Kanpur Road has earned 21 national-level swimming medals, showcasing remarkable dedication and skill, bringing pride to school and community. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement!



## STUDENTS' ACHEIEVEMENT

CMS, Kanpur Road, is thrilled with our students Kartikey Singh Chauhan and Shreya Maurya, of grades XI H and XI F, respectively, for their outstanding performance in QUANTA 2023, held by City Montessori School (CMS) Chowk campus. Through their hard work and determination, they secured the second place in the obstacle course. Their accomplishment not only represents their individual genius but also reflects the school's dedication to cultivating greatness across various sectors.



CMS Kanpur Road Campus hosted a three-day Vikram Sarabhai Space Science Exhibition, commemorating India's lunar success with ISRO, Ahmedabad. ISRO Chief N.J. Bhatt interacted with CMS students during the "CMS World Voice" Radio program broadcast from the campus.



## Stars From Our Constellation

Choosing CMS, Kanpur Road, was pivotal in my journey to becoming an IITian. The supportive environment and systematic education approach molded me into a successful individual. Grateful to my alma mater for shaping me.



**Shreyansh Singh**



Honored to be a part of CMS, a premier institution. As a former student excelling in multiple subjects, my journey continues as an assistant teacher since 2009. Grateful for the knowledge and skills gained, I strive to shape well-rounded personalities, carrying forward the institution's dream of creating a harmonious world.

**Navneet Suri**

## Stars From Our Constellation



Diverse courses shaped my broad perspective. As a regular writer, I embrace challenges with the CMS mantra: "When the going gets tough, the tough get going."

**Shreyansh Sharma**

CMS not only taught me to believe in myself but nurtured the noble values of being cosmopolitan in real terms by inculcating the idea of Vasudhaiv Kutumbkam and Jai Jagat. Thank you, CMS for everything.

**Preeti Ahuja**



## Message from the Head - Alumni Connect



**Mrs Vera Hajela**  
Head, Alumni Connect

Dear Alumni,  
As we embrace the opportunities and challenges of the new year, I'm filled with immense pride in witnessing the continued achievements of the alumni community. Your accomplishments serve as a testament to the values instilled during your time at school. I'm deeply grateful for the unwavering support and engagement of our alumni.

Your contributions have played a pivotal role in enriching the experiences of our current students and in shaping the future of our institution.

I encourage you to stay connected, share your stories and remain involved in our vibrant alumni network.

Your expertise and passion serve as an inspiration to the next generation of leaders emerging from our institution.

Wishing you all a prosperous and fulfilling year ahead.

Together let us continue to uphold the CMS spirit of JAI JAGAT and make a lasting impact in our communities and beyond. Keep smiling always.

JAI JAGAT.

## Message from the Head - International Relations



**Dr. Shishir Srivastava**  
Head, International Relations

Dear CMS Alumni,  
As we reflect on our journey at CMS, I am filled with pride and optimism about the impact our alumni continue to make on the global stage. Guided by our founders' vision of 'Jai Jagat,' CMS prioritizes holistic education, shaping individuals as academically successful professionals and compassionate, morally grounded, globally aware citizens.

Each student is seen as a gift to humanity, instilled with a sense of responsibility to be positive lights in the world. Our philosophy centers on nurturing duty and responsibility, encouraging students to use their knowledge and values for societal contributions. We strongly advocate for global cooperation and unity to address challenges affecting the well-being of present and future generations.

## Our Alumni, Our Pride



**Rajajipuram I Campus**

**Asharfabad Campus**

**Anandnagar Campus**

**Gomti Nagar II Campus**

**RDSO Campus**

The alumni reunions held across our diverse campuses have successfully accomplished their goals of nurturing a strong sense of community and connection. The integration of both online and offline events has resulted in widespread participation and garnered positive feedback.

This year, we were pleased to have 146 online participants joining us from various locations, including the US, Canada, Europe, Australia, Singapore, and the GCC.

In conjunction with the online engagement, our offline campus meetings drew the active participation of 1509 alumni from Gomti Nagar I and II, Mahanagar, Chowk,

RDSO, Aliganj I, Rajajipuram I, Asharfabad, Anand Nagar, and Station Road campuses. The valuable insights gained from these gatherings will undoubtedly serve as a guide for shaping future initiatives aimed at further enhancing alumni engagement within CMS.

### Message from the Principal



Mrs. Deepali Gautam  
Principal

We all tend to connect to our Alma Mater, as it is the place where we have lived and spent the most glorious and memorable moments of our lives. Our inner self automatically connects with the environs of our school... whether or not we are physically present even after having left its threshold. The school connect lingers by way of beautiful memories. The same nostalgic wistfulness will engulf you. You will surely recount your good old days spent at this institution. I appreciate the longing you all have to be strongly connected with your school and hope you cherish this great feeling forever.



Mr. Jayant Malviya  
Alumni Coordinator

### Message from the Alumni Coordinator

The newsletter is a means to celebrate the accomplishments and success stories of our students. We always cherish and welcome our former students. There is always something to be thankful for, such as our school, friends, family, and community. We always cherish the memories and legacy that each one of you has left behind.

### Student Coordinators' Message



Dev Chaturvedi  
Alumni Coordinator

On behalf of the Alumni Department of our beloved school, I am honored to address all our alumni. It is a privilege to connect with them and express our heartfelt appreciation for their contributions to their alma mater. The Alumni Department has been actively working to strengthen the bond between the school and its alumni. We are always eager to pen down stories of our alumni and their success. To peep into the past, allows the students to see the beacon of hope and seek diverse career options. We always pray for our alumni's better future and hope that they remain associated with us.



Amaan Elahi  
Deputy Student  
Alumni Coordinator

As the Student Alumni Coordinator, I am excited to connect with our incredible alumni community and share some updates and upcoming opportunities. Your involvement and contributions play a vital role in strengthening our alumni network. Thank you for being an integral part of the CMS family. We look forward to celebrating your achievements and fostering a thriving alumni community together.

## STARS FROM OUR CONSTELLATION

Mr. Girish Sangwani passed out from C.M.S. Station Road campus in 1996. He owns a gift shop in Bhootnath Market, Indira Nagar named Paris Gift Shop. He established the shop in the year 1996 and deals in Toys, Accessories, Home Decor Products etc. His shop has over 4.4/5 rating on Google and is very famous in the city of Lucknow.



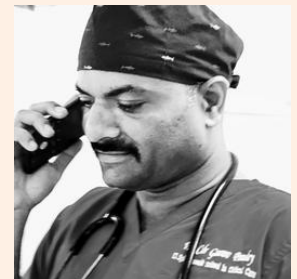
**Mr. Girish Sangwani**



**Dr. Adil Rais**

Dr. Adil Rais(Ph.D Ayurveda - Panchkarma Specialist) passed out from C.M.S. Station Road in the year 1999. Currently, He serves as an Ayurveda Medical Officer and a dedicated Panchakarma practitioner, where he applies the principles of the Ayurvedic medicinal system with a specialization in Panchakarma therapies. He is deeply committed to advancing his research in Panchakarma and aspires to establish this treatment modality on a scientific foundation.

Mr. Gaurav Pandey graduated from C.M.S. Station Road, Lucknow, in the year 2000. Currently, he works as an Anesthesiologist and Intensivist and holds the position of Associate Professor at Command Hospital - Air Force, Bangalore. He specializes in Critical Care Medicine. He earned his MBBS degree from Armed Forces Medical College (A.F.M.C.) Pune.



**Mr. Gaurav Pandey**



**Vipul V. Gaur**

Vipul V. Gaur has been a leading Radio Jockey with Radio Mirchi 98.3 FM, for 13 glorious years. He is the director of a marketing agency and also performs as an Event Emcee, Storyteller and a Quiz Master. He has been the National Communications and Content Head for Bajaj Music App. The legacy of our extraordinary alumni is a source of immense pride, and their collective success is a living tribute to the enduring impact of C.M.S. education.