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# Editorial

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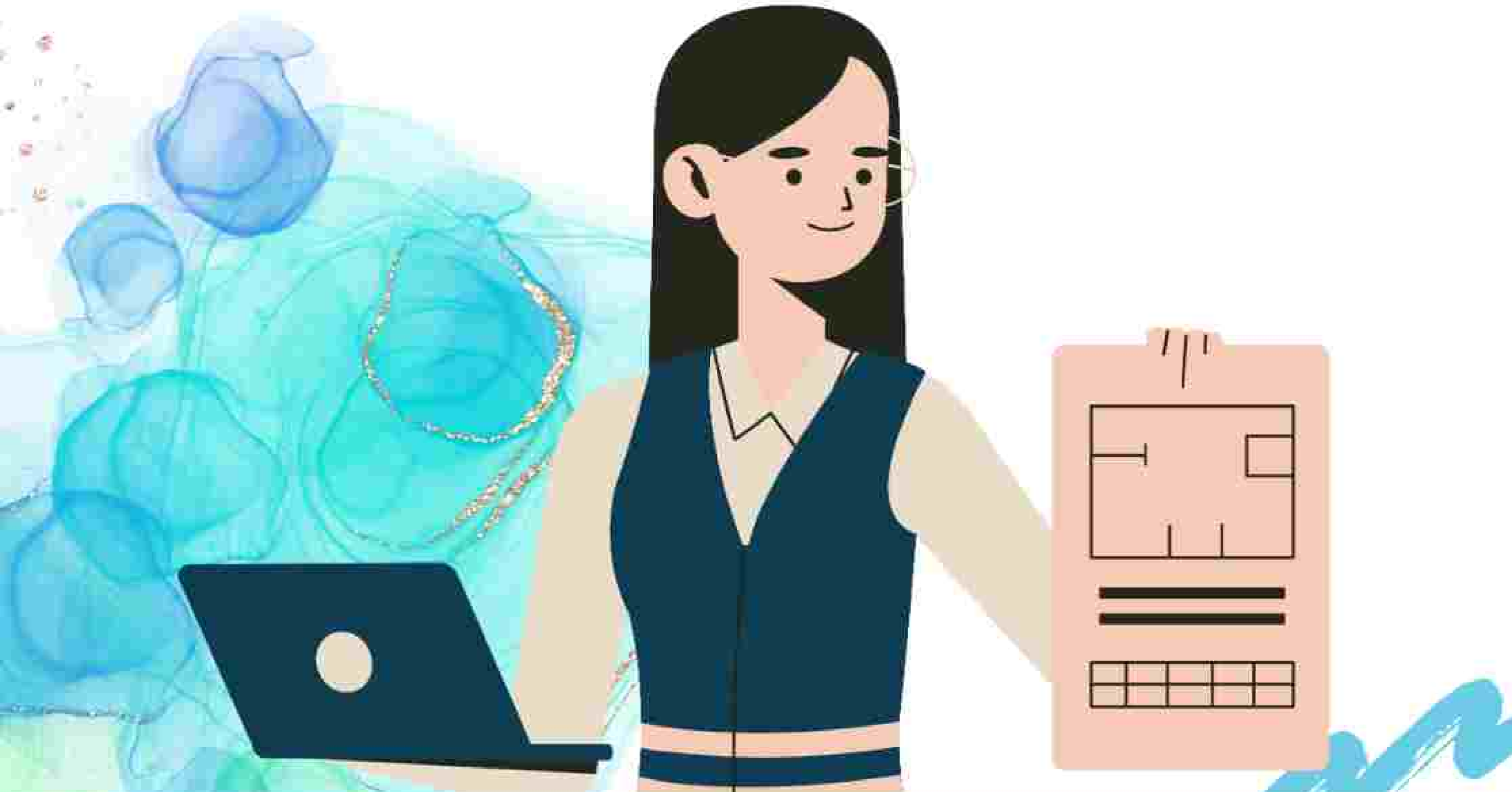
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# Principal's Message



"None of us, including me, ever do great things.  
But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful."  
– Mother Teresa

Teamwork has the incredible power to move forward together toward success thus making the process easier and less stressful. Each of us may not be capable of doing great things, but each of our tiny, wonderful contributions can give way to something beautiful and magnanimous in stature like Desafio 9.0.

I appreciate my entire teaching and non-teaching staff, the students, the parent community, and our well-wishers for their tiny but effective, productive, and valuable contribution to making the 9th Annual Day of SFS Academy a success.

I am sure that this energy and passion to work together is a spirit that doesn't end with the commencement of the Annual Day but rather becomes such an unavoidable part and parcel of our lives that drives every member of SFS Academy forward towards more bountiful creations in the future.

Let us all join hands and proceed with this spirit of synergy and harmony to take SFS Academy to greater heights.

# Editor's Note

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TWO ARE BETTER THAN ONE;  
BECAUSE THEY HAVE A GOOD REWARD  
FOR THEIR LABOUR.  
(Ecclesiastes 4:9)

Teamwork is an essential part of workplace success. Every team member has a specific role to play in accomplishing team tasks. Teamwork promotes maximising the sharing of knowledge and ideas. It, in turn, helps individual team members learn new skills and gain a better experience. A capable team is nothing more than a group of people who complement each other's different skill sets.

Everyone often has blind spots about their strengths and weaknesses. When everyone works together as a team, they become more aware of their behaviours. Being part of a team helps the team members not only share their workload but also inspire each other. Connecting with other team members can have a broad impact on stress levels. When people work within an effective team, they know that they have the necessary brainpower to look for different solutions. It enables people to think outside the box and come up with fresh ideas and innovations.

Subsequently, a good team promotes trust. When the team works as a joint unit, they are more likely to take bolder decisions and display better productivity. It further enables team members to grow, both individually and professionally.

**Tr. Priya A,**  
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# Desafio 9.0

SFS Academy celebrated its Annual Day, Desafio 9.0 on January 13, 2023, with fervour and exuberance as the students jubilant in spirits showcased their talent and skills through various programmes.

Many eminent dignitaries were present including the President - Rev. Dr. Thomas Kalariparambil, the Provincial of South-West India Province, Chief Guest - Mr Sadhu Kokila (actor, director, producer, music director), Guest of Honour - Ms Harshika Poonacha (actress), Special Guest - Mr Laya Kokila (actor and music director), Rev. Fr. Joshy Philip, Manager of SFS Group of Institutions and Rev. Fr. Vinod Kanat, Finance Administrator of SFS Group of Institutions. The heads of various institutions of the SFS Group and the parish priest and assistant parish priest of St. Francis de Sales Church also graced the occasion.

The programme started with the lighting of the lamp followed by the felicitation of the dignitaries. The President, Chief Guest, Guest of Honour, Special Guest, Manager, Finance Administrator and Principal did the honours by bestowing numerous and varied awards upon the deserving students and staff.

The President of the function Rev. Dr. Thomas Kalariparambil released the PREKG curriculum which was developed by our own teachers. This annual day also witnessed the prestigious moment of the release of 'Dhyatva', the school magazine by Mr Sadhu Kokila. The Annual Report was delivered by the students in the form of a mock parliament.

Our Principal broke the air of suspense by unveiling the theme of Desafio 9.0 - VAJRA, the diamond jubilee celebration, which symbolizes India's journey in 75 years of Independence. The whole cultural programme depicted India's progress in different fields - agriculture, cinema, sports, defence, science and technology, women empowerment, literature and education, etc. The evening enraptured the audience with a musical concert by our skilled instrumentalists and singers. The cultural programme enthralled everyone; the audience was awestruck with the talent and skill revealed in each performance.

The school ensured maximum participation from the students as each child is special and important. We believe that every child must be given an opportunity to showcase their talents and harness their skills and attributes through such public performances.

**Tr. Nellari Deepthi,**  
**Staff Secretary**















# SFS's Small Steps to Learning

The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. The story of the creation of the series of textbooks, "SFS's Small Steps to Learning" for SFS Kindergarten is one such journey.

The SFS's Small Steps to Learning curriculum for Kindergarten is inspired by the thought "to encourage all kinds of learners", which promotes correlative learning through combining knowledge and comprehension of multiple subjects in every book. We could create a unique child-centric curriculum to ensure that every child is given the opportunity to become a learner. The curriculum is scripted and developed keeping in mind all the domains of development, the various learning styles and intelligence theories.

Why are the SFS's Small Steps to Learning special? The curriculum is exceptional and unique. Each topic has been developed after much research, always bearing the learners in mind. Our books deal with the English language, Mathematics, Environmental Studies and Art & Craft. Each letter, numeral or concept will be taught through visual, auditory and kinesthetic activities to encourage all learners. Integrated Worksheets Book and Homework and Classwork Books have been designed to give children a clear understanding of the fundamentals. The books ensure ample time for a student to grasp each topic. The SFS's Small Steps to Learning aligns with the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) and the National Education Policy 2020 curriculum for the pre-primary programme.

The man behind this success is none other than our beloved Principal, Rev. Fr. P M Lawrence. His desire to give the best for the students and support led to the completion of this curriculum. This curriculum was then released by the Provincial of South-West India Province, Rev. Dr. Thomas Kalariparambil on the occasion of Desafio 9.0.

Education is not just an important part of life, it is life. May the love and dedication that have created these books touch the minds of those who use them.

**Tr. Rosamma James,  
Academic Coordinator**



# Patron's Day

"The measure of love is to love without measure."  
-St. Francis de Sales

SFS Academy celebrated the feast of St. Francis de Sales on January 24, 2023, with great joy and enthusiasm. A special assembly was conducted to inculcate the values of our Patron for the students of grades I to X. The programme commenced with the prayer song followed by a special speech given by Tr. Pasqualina. She listed the secrets of his successful life and the rules to be followed to lead a devout life. Then the Principal, Rev. Fr. P M Lawrence gave a brief account of the values, dreams and mission of St. Francis de Sales. He also emphasized that students grow up with tolerance, kindness and simplicity. The assembly concluded by singing the National Anthem. Later the students and the teaching and non-teaching staff paid homage to the Patron with colourful flowers.

**Tr. Reeta Bastina,**  
**Faculty, Dept. of Science**

St. Francis de Sales



A Blessed and  
Happy Feast



# Republic Day

"We are Indians, firstly and lastly."  
-B. R. Ambedkar

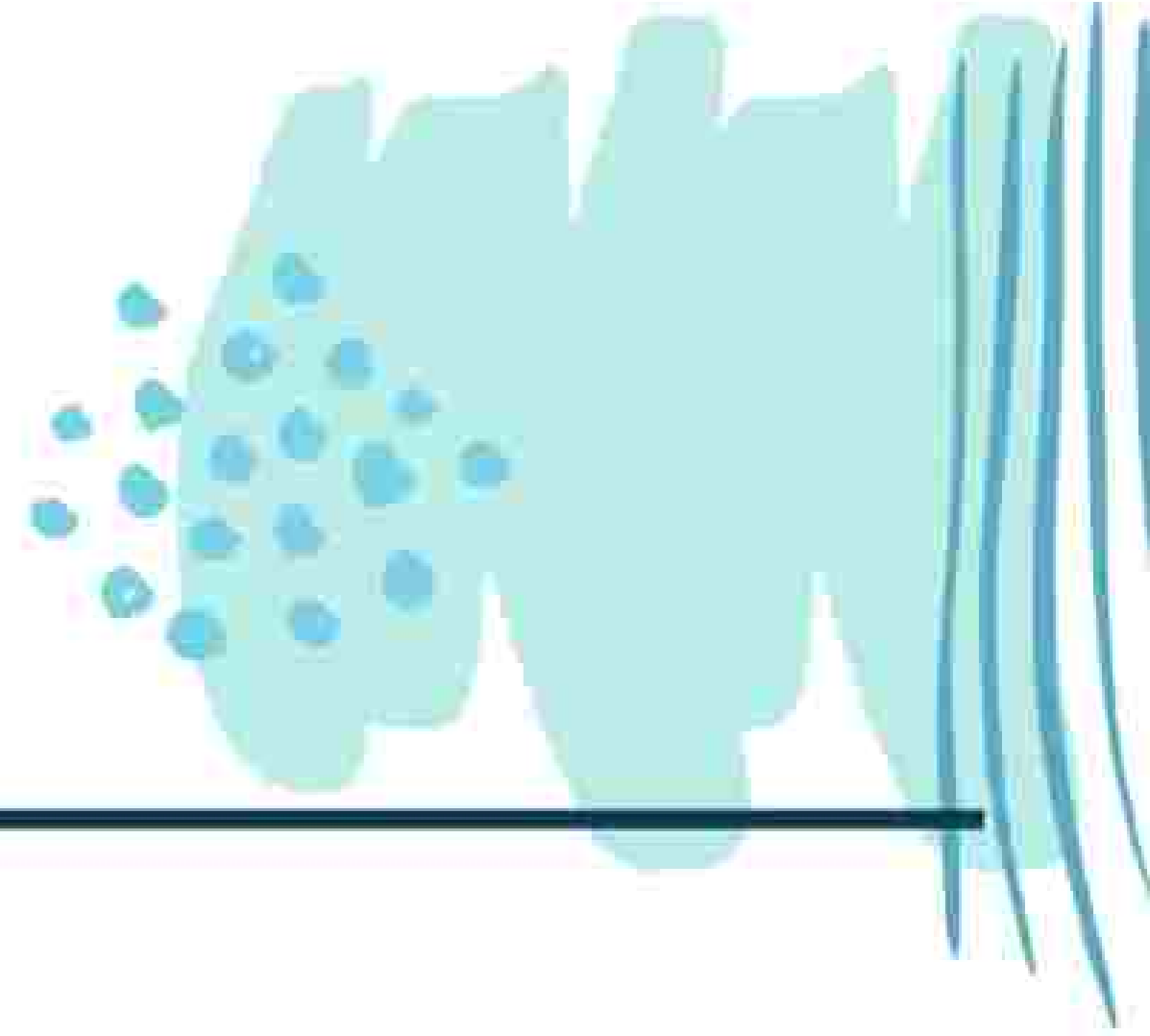
India enacted its constitution on January 26, 1950, marking the official adoption of the characteristics as a republican, sovereign, secular, and democratic nation. India is commemorating its 74th Republic Day this year in recognition of this momentous occasion. Every year, the nation's residents rejoice and enthusiastically celebrate Republic Day.

Republic Day celebration was organised by the Dept. of Social Science on the auspicious morning of January 26, 2023. The celebration began with a prayer song and was followed by the welcome address, recitation of the preamble and a speech on the significance of the day. Then, the national flag was unfurled by the Principal and the teaching and non-teaching staff sang the national anthem with immense pride. The celebration concluded with a vote of thanks.

**Tr. Mamtha,**  
**Faculty, Dept. of Social Science**



# Volume 4 Answers



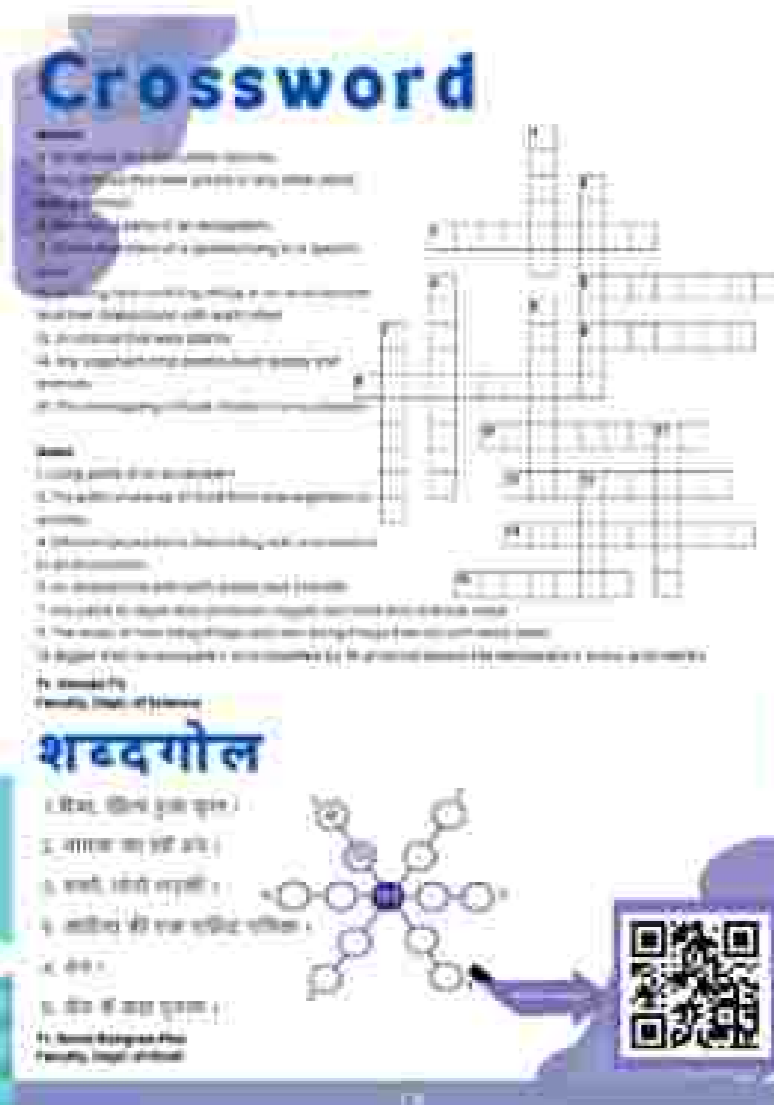
## Quizeria Answers

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| 1. d. Milkha Singh         | 6. a. MCMLXXXII            |
| 2. c. mica                 | 7. a. Dadabai Naoroji      |
| 3. a. Lumbini              | 8. b. 141                  |
| 4. c. Karl Landsteiner     | 9. b. Ragini Prajwal       |
| 5. b. Dr Vikram A Sarabhai | 10. d. Invincible Samurais |



## Crossword Answers

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|--------------|----------------|
| 1. Biotic    | 9. Population  |
| 2. Food      | 10. Ecosystem  |
| 3. Carnivore | 11. Ecology    |
| 4. Community | 12. Herbivore  |
| 5. Consumer  | 13. Biome      |
| 6. Omnivore  | 14. Decomposer |
| 7. Producer  | 15. Foodweb    |
| 8. Abiotic   |                |



## शब्दगोल Answers

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| 1. कलिका  | 4. सारिका |
| 2. नायिका | 5. इलाका  |
| 3. बालिका | 6. बिजूका |

Be who you are  
and be that  
well."  
— St. Francis  
de Sales,  
Introduction to  
the Devout Life

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