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### 'Pooh - A Parody'

"We are going to school today", announced Christopher Robin over his cereal. Pooh, who like many teddy bears at breakfast, with his head stuck in a honey pot made no attempt to respond. His tongue was too busy seeking out every drop and morsel of the sweet, sticky delicacy that simply made all other things unimportant and any conversation both irrelevant and physically impossible.



"I said, we are going to school today!" repeated Christopher Robin with furrowed brow and eyes fixed on the honey pot, which bobbed and weaved in the air, now stuck to Pooh's heaving shoulders and from where came all manner of grunting and snuffling sounds as Pooh's energetic tongue carved out and excavated the last heavenly dregs of his breakfast.

His sucking had also removed the remaining air and with eyes bulging, Pooh tugged at the now empty pot with his paws. However, unlike bears you might find in the wilderness, teddy bears like Pooh, don't have claws because of health and safety regulations, and so extricating his head was proving to be very difficult indeed. Pooh struggled and strained but to no avail. Christopher Robin, realizing that Pooh was in trouble, jumped up from the table and dashed over to Pooh. Getting a good grip around the pot, he began pulling while Pooh's paws continued to push frantically at the upturned rim. Suddenly, there was a loud pop as the pot came away and sent Christopher Robin staggering backwards against the wall, where he fell in heap on the floor.



Christopher Robin sat there for a moment, eyeing the flecks of honey that had matted the top of Pooh's furry but balding head and where Pooh's remarkably agile tongue could not lick. He put the pot in the sink and shook his head in disbelief. He and Pooh's friends had often been called upon to remove Pooh from holes and other confined spaces which Pooh could enter easily enough before a meal, but from which he had to be rescued; a prisoner of his greed and expansive tummy. How was it, thought Christopher Robin, that those in charge of health and safety knew so little about the behaviour of bears like Pooh?

"We are going to school today," tried Christopher Robin for the third time. He knew that this was not going to be a popular decision. Pooh had been to school before when the teacher of Christopher Robin's KG class had invited him to bring Pooh and some of his friends from the Hundred Acre Wood to a 'Show and Tell' lesson....

Christopher Robin had wanted so much for his class to meet Pooh, Tigger, Eeyore and the others and to see for themselves what an unusual phenomenon they were. But when it came to getting them to speak and tell the class a little about themselves, it was as if they were all struck dumb. They just sat there next to Christopher Robin. They were quiet and good, just like Christopher Robin had asked them to be before getting on the bus. Christopher Robin had introduced each of them in turn, but instead of telling the class about the Hundred Acre Wood and their adventures together, they just sat – and stared blankly – with unmoving, glazed expressions like so many stuffed toys. Ms Rashmi, the teacher, smiled graciously and thanked Christopher Robin for bringing his toys, but all that Christopher Robin could do was to blurt out, “But Miss, they do talk to me! I will show you!” He knew that Tigger, given half a chance would soon be bounding around the classroom to the amazement of everyone and so poked him playfully in the tummy. “Go on, Tigger, show them!” But, Tigger just toppled over backwards lazily, as if he were in some in some catatonic trance. “But they do talk and they do move”, pleaded Christopher Robin, with tears now streaming down his face and gulping air as he began sobbing inconsolably. His friends were very supportive and a credit to Springdales School as they tried to comfort him. “I have a special teddy too” admitted one boy as if it were a confession. “I sometimes talk to him,” he whispered into Christopher Robin’s ear, “but he doesn’t say anything back. Actually, he is not real, but I wish he were.” Meanwhile, Ms Rashmi had sent the Classroom Assistant to fetch a Counsellor from the SAWA Unit - and the school doctor....

That was some time ago now and Pooh and the others had explained in their own ways how the bond they shared with Christopher Robin was a very special one and that they could speak through stories like the ones his father had written, but that it would be very difficult for Pooh and friends to be so open with anyone else.

“When we were in your class, it seemed that we had lost our voices”, Pooh had explained. “We were all too shy to speak, or to put our paws up. We just froze. School for us is where human beings learn how to use long words with longer spellings and how to do sums that don’t always add up. Bright sparks of brilliant ideas can often be snuffed out like candles because they are not in some book or other. No, I am not sure we are ready for school.” Tigger had then bounded up next to Pooh, slapped him heartily on the back and laughed, adding “No, you mean that school’s not ready for us!” to which Pooh had replied, “In your case, that’s most certainly true.”

And now, that Christopher Robin was older and in Secondary School, he had resolved today to take Pooh back to school. He was in Mr. Felipe’s Robotics class and they had been looking into artificial intelligence, also known as ‘AI’. Christopher Robin felt that AI might be able to help reintroduce Pooh into a world where robots were beginning to think and move autonomously and where a vocal synthesizer could give a ‘Voice’ to Pooh’s thoughts and telepathic communications.

“I – I don’t think I want a new v-voice box”, stammered Pooh, nervously. “Oh, there’s nothing to

worry about’, assured Christopher Robin, “you don’t have a neural network yet, so it won’t hurt a bit. We’ll just remove a bit of stuffing and fit it in to your abdominal cavity and plug it into the processor we’ll install into the back of your head.” Pooh seemed unsure and was about to ask a question when Christopher Robin put on his ear phones and played rap music to drown him out....



Christopher Robin carried Pooh onto the bus but insisted that when they got to school, Pooh should walk to robotics class. For Pooh this meant being unceremoniously dragged along the ground and bumping up and down stairs because the elevator is prohibited to students and bears, unless they had a note and neither Christopher Robin nor Pooh had one. Pooh was used to this kind of ‘walking’ but never protested since his legs were short anyway and his hip joints were rudimentary at best and knee-joints non-existent.

Mr. Felipe smiled when he saw Pooh and gave Christopher Robin a parcel containing a kit from which he could assemble all the necessary components for his ‘experiment’. He praised Christopher Robin for his innovative thinking and looked forward to meeting Pooh again when the assignment was complete. Pooh said nothing, but thought that Mr. Felipe was far too nice to be involved in anything unethical like the vivisection of teddy bears. Christopher Robin told Pooh that the parcel was a special present and allowed him to show it to his friends, who said how lucky he was and they all wanted a present too....



Now, you may be wondering what will happen to Pooh and his friends from The Hundred Acre Wood and to Christopher Robin and whether Mr. Felipe knows what his student intends to do. You may be wondering whether Christopher Robin has been inspired by Mary Shelley’s Frankenstein and whether he will get an AI for his Robotics project. Then again, perhaps you do not care two hoots about any of this, but wonder whether the author of this preface has lost his sanity. No matter. For the real voice of Pooh has already appeared in these pages and he is talking to you. If you have a voice to be heard, there is no need to resort to AI and voice synthesizer implants. Just send in your articles, critiques, letters, stories, poems and protests to Pooh’s new friends: Parth Rathor and Ryan Fernandes, The Voice’s editorial team.

Meanwhile, if you are partial to honey, think of Pooh and use a spoon and avoid poking your nose, tongue or fingers too far into the jar.

**Julian Williams - Principal**

## Student Corner - Literature

### That Lie

"In order to swim, instead of drown.  
One must discard things that are weighing them down."  
There's that lie they always told,  
to brainwash the young ones and never the old.  
I try to keep up with the people who tell me,  
"You have no to change at all in the fact! , cause no one would care until you impact."  
The world will be something we can't change,  
Cause we'd need multiple instead of a faith.  
But maybe life isn't just about avoiding these bruises,  
Maybe it's about collecting scars to prove that we're worth it.

- Pooja Giri 10 A

### I have a Dream

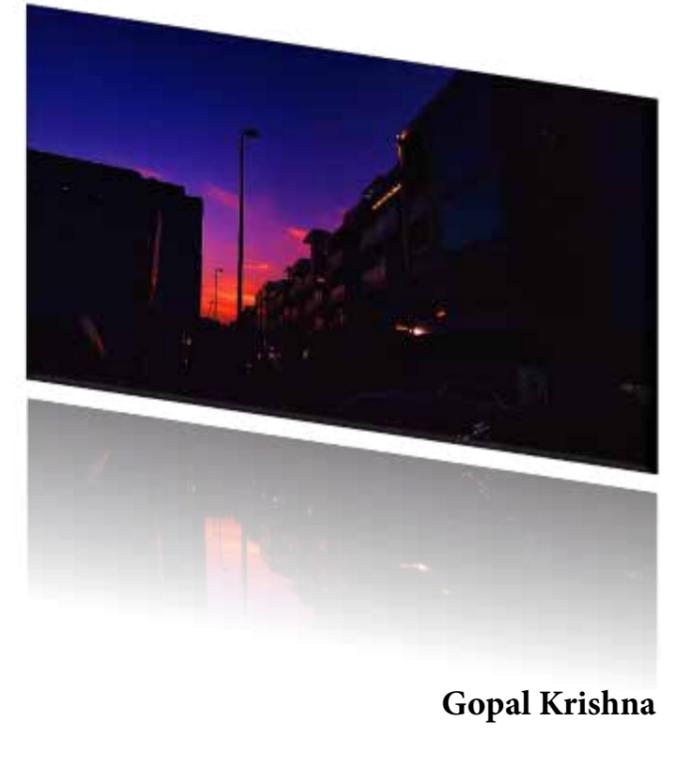
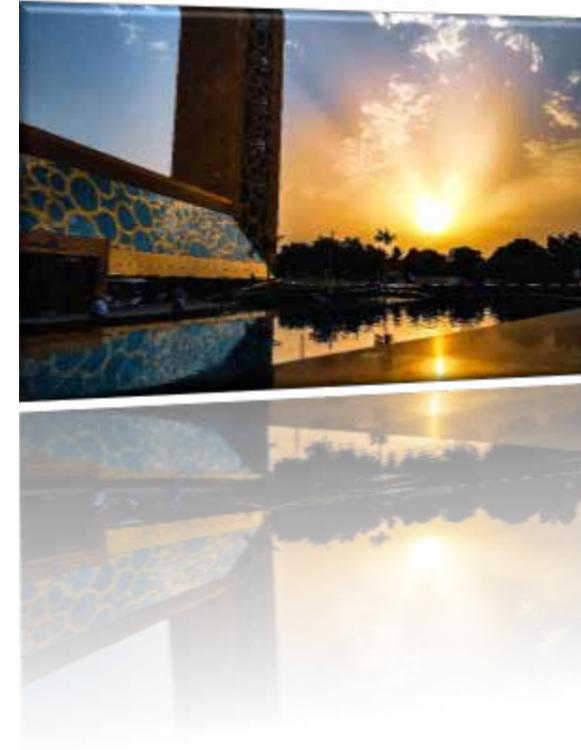
I have a dream  
To scale those heights  
Which are beyond my sight  
To learn, to explore  
And do it with a roar  
For the young incipient  
That are filled with love ingredient

I have a dream for a beauteous life  
To love, to play and to impart  
Not to deprive but to derive  
Which invoke my senses to revive  
Replenish those senses for some benefit  
For life which has some pocket of deficit

Hence i seek a way  
Far beyond one's imagination away  
To cherich my dream which are at bay  
Holding the reign of my dream's sleigh  
With a though that i will find my ricochet

- By Sakina Sareea

## From our Professional Photographer



Gopal Krishna

## The Hall of Literate Frame

### Fire & Ice by Robert Frost

Some say the world will end in fire,  
Some say in ice.  
From what I've tasted of desire  
I hold with those who favor fire.  
But if it had to perish twice,  
I think I know enough of hate  
To say that for destruction ice  
Is also great  
And would suffice.

### We Real Cool by Gwendolyn Brooks

We real cool. We  
Left school. We  
  
Lurk late. We  
Strike straight. We  
  
Sing sin. We  
Thin gin. We  
  
Jazz June. We  
Die soon.

### The Rose that Grew from Concrete by Tupac Shakur

Did you hear about the rose that grew  
from a crack in the concrete?  
Proving nature's law is wrong it  
learned to walk with out having feet.  
Funny it seems, but by keeping it's dreams,  
it learned to breathe fresh air.  
Long live the rose that grew from concrete  
when no one else ever cared.

## Artwork by our Artistes



**Tanaya Sardeshpande**  
11-B



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## A Recipe to be a Great Student

### Ingredients:

- 7 cups of politeness
- 4 tsp. of hard work
- 3 tbs. of creativity
- 1 cup of determination
- ½ cup of independence
- 3 oz. of knowledge
- 2 tsp of happiness
- 2 cups of patience
- 4 cups of preparation
- 1 cup of humor
- A pinch of mistakes

### Instructions:

First, take 7 cups of politeness and pour it into a large bowl. Politeness makes the student have a good relationship with the teacher and with the other classmates. Add to the bowl 2 cups of patience. Patience may just be the difference between rushing a test and failing or taking it one problem at a time and aing it. Whisk the ingredients together for 15 seconds. Then pour 4 cups of preparation. Preparation helps students have the materials they need and the class work handed in on time. Now blend with an electric mixer all three ingredients to make a creamy sauce.

Next, marinate the knowledge in 4 tsp. of hard work, 1 cup of determination, 3 tbs. of creativity, and 2 tsp. of happiness for 10 minutes. Knowledge has to be marinated in these ingredients because all these components come together to form knowledge. Place on the grill the 3 oz of knowledge with marinade until it is medium rare

To finish up set the grilled knowledge on a plate. Add the sauce and sprinkle ½ a cup of independence all over the plate. Independence will help the student know when it's time to have fun with friends and when it is time to work. Then on top of the knowledge pour 1 cup of humor for some fun in the classroom. Finally, garnish with the most important ingredient, a pinch of mistakes. This way the student can learn from their mistakes and do better next time.

Now, you can enjoy the exploding flavors of the Great Student. If your Great Student recipe isn't satisfying come to Springdales School, Dubai to see some of the best in the world.

# Teachers Day

A teacher is a friend, philosopher, and guide who holds our hand, opens our mind, and touches our heart. The contribution of a teacher cannot be ignored at all. In many countries across the world, teacher's day is a special day where teachers of schools, colleges, and universities are honored specially. The date varies from country to country. The universally accepted World Teacher's Day is 5th October. In India, the Teacher's Day is celebrated on 5th September and this tradition started from 1962. This is the when Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was born. He was a philosopher, scholar, teacher, and politician and his dedicated work towards education made his birthday an important day in the history of India. We remember the great work of this exemplary person on this day.

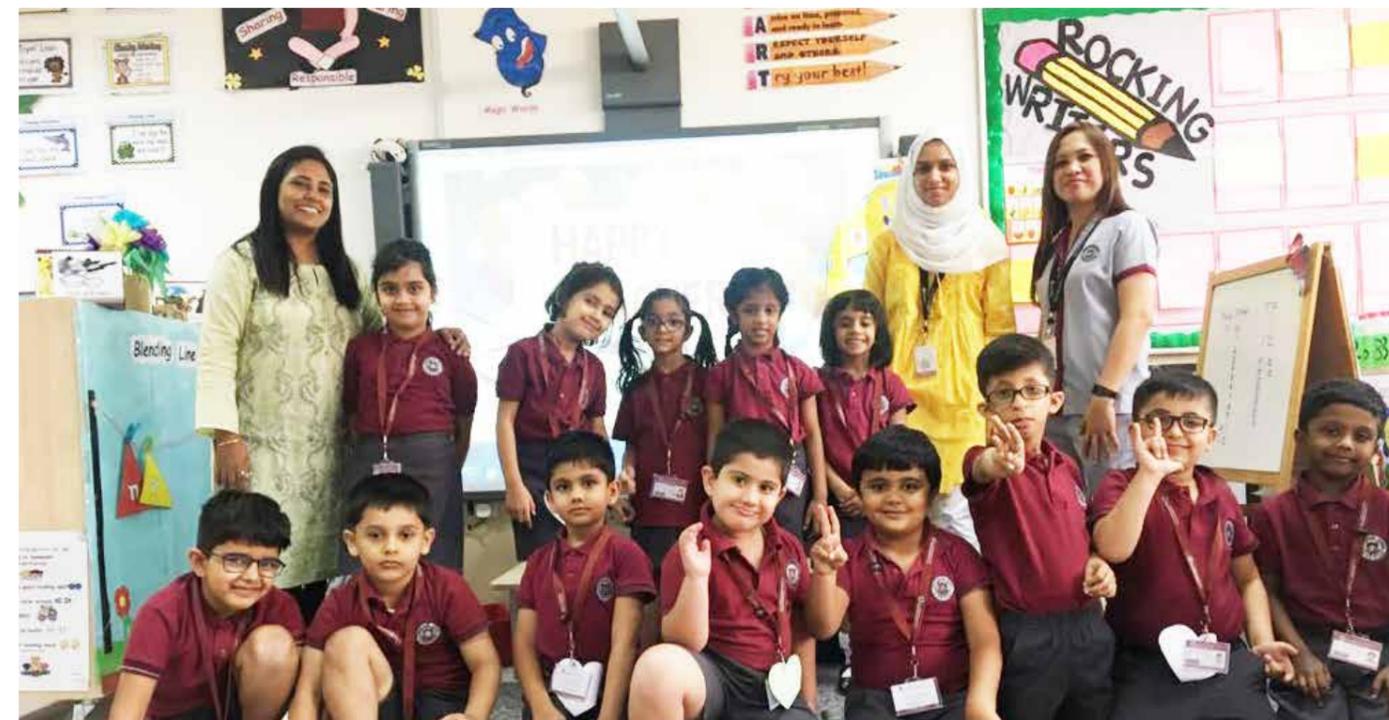
Actually, this man, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was a friendly teacher and he was popular among his students for the example he always set in front of them. So, one day his students and friends requested him to allow them to celebrate his birthday in a lavish way. In return he said that it would be his pride and honor if they celebrate his birthday in respect of all teachers. And since then this day 5th September is celebrated as Teacher's Day.

Teacher's day is one such day when we students, though naughty and mischievous do all possible things to make our beloved teachers happy. We Springdalian also do not leave any stone unturned. On the 5th of September, the senior students of the school had a proposition to make our teachers feel special. The students came up with the idea of giving rest to the teachers for the last two periods of the school and let them spend time among themselves and de-stress themselves from their tiring schedule. The senior students of Grade 9,10 and 11 would take charge of the classes. No sooner did the senior students had an approval for the same.

Students were paired up and were assigned to handle classes for the last two periods. The moment the second break came to an end, we were all set to make a simple day a day to remember. The students took up the responsibility and were ready to get to work where we experienced how difficult was it for the teachers to manage a classroom of 20-30 students with all of them making noise and troubling the teacher... which is a common trait found in each and every student...

The students were then told to make a contract for their classrooms regarding the rules to be followed or to write a short and sweet essay on their favorite teacher. The students were indulged in their work for complete 2 periods allowing the teachers to spend their time happily and peacefully. There was a small session for the teachers at the end of the day where Principal Mr. Williams was giving a rose to the teachers as a token of appreciation. It was a tough job to be done by the senior students which they successfully managed making the student led program a successful one. A sincere thanks to our Head Boy Siddhant and Head Girl Irum who took this initiative for our teachers and cherish their day. Teachers day is everyday...its not only 5th September, it is a 365 day thing. Our teachers do all possible things they can for our benefit and for our better future... in return this was a small gift from the Springdalian for our beloved.

*"To the world you may be just a teacher but for your students you are a HERO"*





## Report on Investiture Ceremony

*"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, then you are a leader." – John Quincy Adams.*

On the fine morning of May 15th May 2018, deserving young talents of the Springdales School Dubai were bestowed with the responsibility of leading their School from the front with their commitment, confidence and competence.

The school held the Investiture Ceremony with great enthusiasm. The Investiture Ceremony marked a significant beginning of the new academic year. It was a solemn occasion where the young students were all prepared to don the mantle of leadership and discharge the responsibilities entrusted upon them by the school. To inculcate the leadership qualities in students and to give them a feel of leaders and a sense of responsibility the new "Prefectural Body" is formed every year.

The program started with Quran recitation followed by the translation. The audience were enthralled by a blissful classical dance performed by our senior students. It was succeeded by a thunderous performance from our newly elected school band. The grade co-ordinator then took over the mic and the much awaited moment was just a few moments away. The leaders, now marched forward towards the stage and were presented with their sashes and badges. Standing proudly in front of their peers the newly elected prefectural board were all smiles when they undertook the challenge to perform their duties diligently in line with Springdales school policy.

Principal Sir was all set to lighten up the ceremony by his inspiring speech. The speech by Elect Head Boy and Head Girl enthralled the audience and the multipurpose hall was filled with accolades and applause.

In his speech Principal Mr. Williams encouraged the students to be committed to important issues and to always remember that leadership comes with integrity.

Finally, with the vote of thanks, the program came to an end. The faces said it all...with bright smile on the face, the prefectural board left the multipurpose hall with the responsibility of entire school, setting examples for the young students, with various challenges ahead and to leave no stone unturned for the school to excel in each and every field, the students cherished their unforgettable moments as the ceremony came to an end.



## Riddles & Jokes

1. What goes up but never goes down?

Your Age

2. I am an odd number, Take away one letter and I become even what am I ?

Seven (Take away the "S"and it becomes "Even".

3. What belongs to you but other people use it more than you?

Your Name

4. How would you define panda madness?

Pandamonium

5. You can break me without touching me. What am I?

A promise

6. When you want to use me, you throw me away.

When you are done using me you bring me in

What am I?

An anchor

7. I am the size of an elephant. But I weigh nothing. What am I?

Elephant's shadow

## Apps We Love

For students who may need extra help setting up and organizing their academic workload here are five educational apps to consider :

### Outline

Students can organize notes, tasks and projects, and create and edit outlines with Outliner. Available on iPhone and iPad, the app includes an editor tool which enables the user to make quick changes to documents created in Outliner. Outliner uses the cloud service Dropbox, so students can easily share their outlines, task lists and projects from any computer or web enabled device.

### inClass

This free iPhone and iPad app provides students with the tools to keep up with material in the classroom without missing out on their professor's lectures. Using inClass, students can record audio, take text or video notes, and create images of slides or handouts. Students can also use the app to share material with friends through Facebook and iTunes.

### iStudiez

For college students who are attempting to successfully manage a full schedule, iStudiez Pro can act as a digital hub for a student's academic life. Originally available in 2009 for the iPhone, the app is now in use on the mac and iPad and can be easily synced among all three devices.

### Udemy Online

Udemy is an online learning platform ft. 80000+ video courses taught by expert instructors. Take courses in anything from programming languages to personal development classes like yoga, drawing and writing. Join the more than 24M students who are mastering new skills, advancing their careers and exploring new hobbies on Udemy.

## कवति: सच्चाई व झूट

हमारे दमिाक में चलती हैं कई सारी बातें  
सच्चाई और झूट के बचि संवाद हो जैसे  
अंहकारी झूट बोलता कविह है सबसे बड़ा  
कठनि परस्थितियों से वह नकिलता सदा  
सच्चाई बोलती, "तुम गलत हो !"  
सत्य जीवन का सही मार्ग है,  
मनो या ना मानो, पर सच्चाई ही,  
सफलता के बजि बोटी है ||  
घमंडी झूट फरि बोला, " इतना भी मत इतराओ"  
एक सच ज़दिगी को कर देता है नष्ट  
वह बर्बाद कर देता है सालों के रशिते,  
कम-से-कम झूट बचा लेता है इंसान के कष्ट  
क्या हुआ अगर वो हो कम समय के लिए ?  
सच झूट का चक्र यूँ ही चलता रहता है,  
हर इंसान के पास एक वकिल्प होता है ||

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## लेख-मतिरता

जीवन के महत्त्वपूर्ण वस्तुओं में से एक है-मतिरता | मतिरता हमें हमारे जीवन की खुशियों का अहसास दलिाती है | मतिरता एक बहुत ही मूल्यवान रशिता है | अगर मनुष्य के पास दुनयिा का सारा धन हो मगर एक अच्छा दोस्त ना हो तो उसके जीवन का कोई अर्थ नहीं है | हर किसी को अपने जीवन में एक अच्छे और सच्चे मतिर की आवश्कता होती है | अच्छे दोस्त एक दुसरे की भावनाओं को समझते हैं | दोस्ती प्यार का एक समर्पति अहसास है | मनुष्य एक सामाजकि प्राणी है , जो अकेले नहीं रह सकता | एक बड़ी भीड़ में , एक अच्छे दोस्त को खोजना, कोयले की खदान में हीरा तलाशने के समान है | इसलिए हमें दोस्त चुनने में कभी भी जल्दबाजी नहीं करनी चाहिए, क्योंकि अगर हम एकबार बुरी संगती में पड़ गए तो हम भी बुरे हो जाते हैं |

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**"Knowing is not enough, WE MUST APPLY.  
Willing is not enough, WE MUST DO."**

Meet our young Entrepreneur, Irum Shaikh, who in the pursuit of starting her own business took to entrepreneurship fairly recently.

Be it the 'Law of Diminishing Marginal Utility', E-Commerce, Social Marketing, Pricing decisions to customized products or using trend analysis to take key product decisions like differentiation and innovation, from designing strategies to create demand for her products based on strong market research and designing her business model revolving around the customers to extensive planning for future expansion based on accounting laws and consumer rights of UAE, she makes an earnest attempt to incorporate all the knowledge acquired.

Indeed, she truly believes in the words of Burt Goldman, "Knowledge without application is like the wind without a sail to harness it."

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