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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Reader,

With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts. — Eleanor Roosevelt

As January unfolds, it encourages us to set our intentions, embrace new goals, and move forward with renewed energy and determination. It is a time to reflect on lessons learned, reset our aspirations, and approach the year ahead with clarity and confidence. Each step we take this month lays the foundation for growth, resilience, and continued learning as a community.

This edition captures the spirit of January — renewal, purpose, and possibility. As we begin a new chapter, may we remain focused on our goals, nurture curiosity, and strengthen our commitment to excellence. Let us welcome the year ahead with hope, enthusiasm, and a shared determination to learn, grow, and succeed together. Here's to a January filled with motivation, positivity, and new opportunities.

Best Wishes,

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PONGAL CELEBRATION

Hindustan International School, Guindy celebrated Pongal with great enthusiasm on Wednesday, 7th January 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., involving all staff and students. The celebration aimed to immerse learners in the rich cultural and traditional significance of the harvest festival. The programme began with the creation of vibrant rangoli kolams, which added colour and festive spirit to the campus. Teachers prepared and distributed Sweet Pongal, symbolising prosperity and gratitude, fostering a sense of unity and shared tradition among the school community.

As part of the celebration, students shared their understanding of how Pongal is celebrated in different regions, reflecting on its cultural and agricultural importance. The Principal, Dr. C. K. Lalli, extended warm wishes to everyone on the auspicious occasion. Students actively participated throughout the programme, creating an atmosphere of joy and togetherness. The celebration concluded at 1:00 p.m., leaving everyone with fond memories and a deeper appreciation of Indian traditions.





HIS 12TH ANNUAL DAY – “INSIDE OUT”

Hindustan International School, Guindy celebrated its 12th Annual Day – “INSIDE OUT” on 9th January 2026 at 5.30 PM at the school basketball court with great enthusiasm and grandeur. The theme INSIDE OUT symbolised emotions, excellence, self-expression, and inner growth, reflecting the school’s focus on holistic development. The programme began with a prayer song by the school choir followed by the school song, setting a tone of unity and pride. The event was graced by Ms. Vidya Bhat, Head – Customer Experience, South Asia, Cambridge University (Chief Guest), Dr. Ashok George Verghese, Vice President, Hindustan Group of Institutions, Lt. Gen. Bobby Mathews (R), Executive Director, Mr. Johnson Mathew, Dean – Academics, and Dr. C. K. Lalli, Principal, HIS Guindy.

The Annual Report for AY 2024–2025, presented by Dr. C. K. Lalli, highlighted the school’s academic excellence, co-curricular achievements, faculty initiatives, and infrastructural growth. The Chief Guest was felicitated and, in her address, appreciated the school’s emphasis on emotional intelligence and student-centric learning. The Prize Distribution Ceremony recognised students for academic excellence, attendance, and Cambridge achievements, followed by captivating cultural performances including CRESCENDO – The Musical Concert and a theatrical act on INSIDE OUT. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Anshita (Grade IX) and the National Anthem, making the celebration a memorable tribute to creativity, achievement, and collective growth.





EDUCATION SUMMIT 2026 BY TIMES NOW

The year 2026 began on a proud and celebratory note for the Hindustan Group of Institutions, which was honoured with prestigious Excellence Awards on 9th January 2026, recognising its unwavering commitment to academic innovation, quality education, and institutional leadership. The group received multiple accolades across zones, including Excellence in Educational Innovation – South East Zone awarded to Hindustan International School, Karapakkam, Top Ranked School – International Curriculum (South Zone) awarded to Hindustan International School, Guindy, and Top Ranked National CBSE Curriculum – South East Zone awarded to Hindustan International School, Padur.

The awards were presented by esteemed dignitaries including Ms. Thamizhachi Thangapandian, Member of Lok Sabha, Padmashri Mr. Arunachalam Muruganantham, and Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu, Member of Rajya Sabha, Tamil Nadu. Adding to the significance of the occasion, Ms. Bharathi Lakshmi, Principal, participated in a panel discussion on how Artificial Intelligence is reshaping education, highlighting the institution's leadership and forward-thinking approach in educational innovation. The event marked a significant milestone, reinforcing the Hindustan Group's vision of excellence and future-ready learning.





YUVIPEP IBC WORKSHOP

Hindustan International School – Guindy successfully conducted YuviPep Sessions 6 to 10 from 19th to 23rd January 2026, facilitated by Prateek, Nishanth Guru, and Baski, with strong coordination and support from Mr. Venkat and Ms. Rekha from the school side. The sessions were designed to strengthen students' understanding of robotics, electronics, sensors, and renewable energy through structured, hands-on learning. Grade 4 students engaged in activities such as the Mouse Bot maze challenge, electronic playground basics, wind and water turbine models, and assessments that enhanced logical thinking and problem-solving. Grades 5 and 6 explored breadboards, multimeters, resistors, LDR-based smart lighting, and sensor circuits, gaining practical exposure to current flow, measurement techniques, and automation concepts.

For Grades 7 and 8, the focus progressed to advanced breadboard applications including Ohm's Law, series and parallel circuits, and the use of IR, reed, and soil moisture sensors in real-life contexts such as robotics, irrigation, and security systems. Revision and assessment sessions reinforced conceptual clarity and troubleshooting skills across grades. Overall, the sessions were highly interactive and successfully met learning objectives by fostering critical thinking, technical skills, creativity, and real-world application of STEM concepts, reflecting the school's commitment to experiential and future-ready learning.





FAREWELL EVENT

The Farewell Event, held on 22nd January 2026, was thoughtfully organised and hosted by the AS Level students, creating a dignified and memorable occasion filled with reflection and gratitude. The programme was anchored by Arjun Ravindranath (AS Level) and Avantika Rajesh (Grade 11) and was graced by the presence of the Executive Director Lt. Gen. Bobby Mathews(R), Head of School Dr. C. K. Lalli, staff members, and students.

The ceremony featured inspiring addresses by Head of School Dr. Lalli and Class Teacher Mr. Venkat, a special address by the Executive Director Lt. Gen. Bobby Mathews(R), a nostalgic visual montage prepared by AS Level students, heartfelt reflections by A Level students, and the presentation of mementos. The event concluded with reflections from educators and a vote of thanks delivered by an A Level student, making the farewell a meaningful celebration of achievements, cherished memories, and new beginnings for the graduating students.





LIFE SKILL MY COUNTRY INDIA

HISTAR children participated in the Life Skill activity for the theme My Country India on January 21, 2026. Children of PP 1 & PP2 had National Flag Display. They learnt the colours and pattern of the National Flag. PP3 children were in action to clean the garden as part of Swachh Bharat. Previously they marched to the garden with the slogan “Clean India! Healthy India!”

TALENT HUNT

The Talent Hunt Programme for HISTAR students was conducted on 23rd January 2026 at the Padur and Karapakkam campuses and on 27th January 2026 at the Guindy campus. The programme was conducted with great enthusiasm and excitement and provided a wonderful platform for young learners to showcase their hidden talents and build confidence at an early age.

The programme featured a variety of performances such as singing, dancing, recitation, fancy dress, and action songs. Each child participated with great interest and joy, displaying creativity, confidence, and enthusiasm. The performances reflected the children's imagination and their ability to express themselves freely.

Teachers encouraged and guided the students throughout the event, ensuring a supportive and joyful environment. The programme helped in identifying individual talents while also promoting self-expression, stage confidence, and social skills among the children.





REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

Hindustan International School, Guindy celebrated Republic Day with great pride and patriotism on Monday, 26 January 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on the school campus. The event was graced by the presence of Ms. Jayanthi Mathivanan, Additional Government Pleader at the Madras High Court, as the Chief Guest, along with Dr. C. K. Lalli, Principal, teaching staff, students, and parents. The campus was beautifully decorated with tricolour flags, balloons, and banners, creating a vibrant atmosphere. The celebration began with the hoisting of the National Flag by the Chief Guest, followed by the National Anthem and Flag Song led by Mr. Jeshwanth and the school choir, reinforcing the spirit of unity and national pride.

The programme featured an impressive march past by students from Grades 3 to 12, followed by trilingual student speeches in English, Tamil, and Hindi, highlighting India's democratic heritage, cultural diversity, unity, and constitutional values. Energetic dance performances by primary and lower secondary students added colour and enthusiasm to the celebration. In her inspiring address, Ms. Jayanthi Mathivanan spoke about the significance of Republic Day, the values of democracy, equality, and freedom, and encouraged students to be responsible citizens who contribute positively to the nation. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, leaving everyone with a deep sense of patriotism and pride in being part of the celebration.





KIDZEE MARKET DAY

Kidzee Market Day was conducted on 28th January 2026 at the Padur campus and on 30th January 2026 at the Guindy and Karapakkam campuses. The event was conducted successfully, and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The school created a lively market environment with various stalls such as a stationery shop, supermarket, flower shop, and fruit and vegetable shops. Children brought fake currency and actively participated in purchasing items, which helped them learn basic money-handling skills.

Through this activity, children learned how to weigh items using a scale and understand simple billing. They were also encouraged to sell products, make thoughtful purchasing decisions, and avoid wasting money. The photo booth added fun and excitement to the event. Parents enthusiastically joined the programme and participated along with their children, making the experience more engaging and joyful. Children also learned important values such as sharing their paper or cloth shopping bags with friends and cooperating with one another.





UPCOMING FEBRUARY EVENTS

- World Cancer Day
- Founder's Memorial Day
- Science Expo – UBI Quitz
- Ignite - The Clash of the Legends
- National Science Day