



ADIRA TIMES

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THE FINAL CHAPTER, A NEW BEGINNING

As we present the final edition of our newspaper, we look back with gratitude on a journey filled with learning, laughter, and unforgettable memories. This edition celebrates not only the milestones we've achieved together but also warmly welcomes our new cohort, who are now beginning their own exciting journey.

One of the highlights of this year was our memorable trip to Hyderabad in June, where we explored, learned, and strengthened friendships beyond classroom. As one chapter comes to an end and another begins, we hope this newspaper serves as a lasting reminder of the experiences, connections, and moments that made this journey truly special.

RECORD ENROLMENT MARKS A NEW ERA AT ADIRA



This year, Adira Academy, welcomed its biggest cohort yet, making it a proud milestone. Students from different parts of the country came together to begin a new chapter filled with learning, growth, and new opportunities.

The orientation week gave the new cohort a chance get to know the Adira community. It was also an opportunity for students to connect with one another and learn more about the Adira strong values and learning journey.

With fresh energy and big dreams, the new cohort is ready to make the most of everything Adira has to offer. We look forward to seeing them learn, lead, and grow together.



Shazika C4

Hello Everybody! I am Shazika. I would like to share my experience in Hyderabad.

Life was just as it was when my teacher one day said that I was selected for a program called Adira. I never had imagined that this would be a "turning point" in my "boring" life. The trip to Hyderabad was supercalifragilisticexpialidocious. I met new people from across India - Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, and many more. And the best part was that me coming from J&K surprised them a lot. I received many curious questions which I answered with high airs about! The part that stood out was the flight. Some people might've touched the boundaries of the sky but I've seen the "World Of Clouds", and that's better.

By God's grace, may I make it on to the next year in Adira, and touch the skies once more.

VOICES FROM C4: STUDENTS SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES

My experience at Adira is wonderful and it is making me get more excited and curious day by day. After joining Adira the first week was a bit of a nuisance but my mentors ,instructor and my peers including my seniors stood as a backbone to me and motivated me to continue.

-Trisha



Being part of Adira is really a wonderful experience for me. It has given me the opportunity to learn new things, build my confidence, and meet up with amazing people. Some of my favourite memories are the fun interactive session, collaboration, teamwork, helping each other instead of thinking only about ourselves, and how nicely everyone encouraged each other to grow and give our best.

-Aarushi

I am currently very much excited and curious about my year forward because it has been a month for me at Adira and I have already learnt so many new things. During residency, my most favourite moments were when we were together and were celebrating at the end.. Also, I loved how the facilitators at Adira interact with us.

-Aaradhya

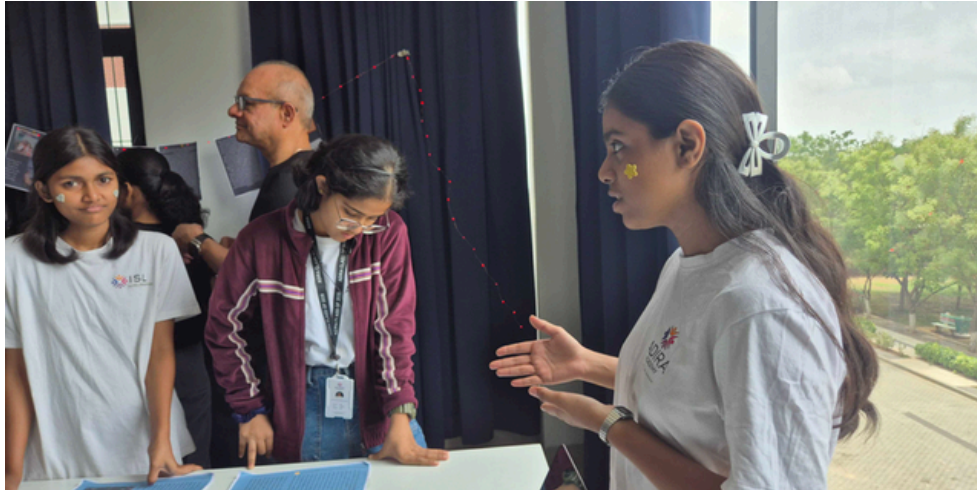


My journey with Adira has been one of the most memorable and transformative experiences of my life. When I received the opportunity to be a part of Adira, I was surprised and overwhelmed with a mixture of emotions — happiness, excitement, curiosity, and gratitude. Visiting Hyderabad for the Adira orientation made me feel truly proud and fortunate to be a part of this incredible community.

-Ojaswini

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CONVERSATION ACROSS GENERATIONS: ORAL HISTORY



One of the most meaningful activities for the sophomore cohort this year was the Oral History Project, assigned by their instructors. As part of this project, students interviewed their mothers or any inspirational woman in their life to understand their life journey, experiences, struggles, and achievements. After conducting these conversations, they reflected on the stories by writing essays and preparing presentations. During the Hyderabad residency, they shared their presentations with everyone.

The project gave students a chance to connect more deeply with the women in their lives and appreciate their strength, resilience, and experiences that often go unheard.

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A MEMORABLE WELCOME AT MERCEDES- BENZ



As part of our residency, we visited T-Hub and the Mercedes-Benz Silver Star showroom, two places that gave us very different yet valuable experiences.

At T-Hub, we learnt how startups are supported through mentorship, resources and networking opportunities. The visit introduced us to the world of entrepreneurship and innovation. Although the session was informative, we had hoped for a more welcoming and encouraging interaction as young learners. Our visit to the Mercedes-Benz Silver Star showroom, on the other hand, was truly unforgettable. We were greeted with a

grand welcome featuring a red carpet, sparkling fountain crackers, yellow roses and smiling staff members. The team patiently guided us through the service and repair workshop, explaining every process in detail and answering all our questions. We also enjoyed refreshments, met inspiring professionals and had the opportunity to interact with Dr. P and Dr. Rudra.

The two visits taught us different lessons: T-Hub gave us insights into entrepreneurship, while Mercedes-Benz showed us how kindness, patience and hospitality can make a learning experience even more meaningful.

Special Thanks

On behalf of all the students at Adira Academy, we want to extend our deepest gratitude to Rashmi, a true friend of our founder and an incredible supporter of our journey.

Rashmi, your kindness and generosity continuously bring so much joy and opportunity into our lives. From empowering us with a MacBook for our learning to treating us to exciting experiences like visiting the Mercedes-Benz showroom, you always find ways to make us feel special and valued. Your thoughtful gifts, from stylish sling bags to delicious chocolates and fun spinners, have brought countless smiles to our faces.

Thank you for believing in us, supporting our growth, and constantly showering us with love. We are so lucky to have you in our corner!

With love and gratitude,
 The Students of Adira Academy



Rashmi Reddy Nalla



WHO IS THIS PERSON COMING HERE?

Everyone was waiting in Mumbai International Airport on 7th June at 6am while finding our friends. I looked around to see Aabha, Swarnima, Akshita, Tapasya, Ranu and then there was a red head girl who was looking very happy....and it was Shraddha, unexpected. It was shocking to see her. It was quite heart warming seeing her coming towards us and sharing her experiences with us. After looking at Shraddha, everyone assumed that Ramsha would come too.



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We were very excited. Suddenly, she messaged that she won't be able to come and she would be missing the whole residency. Then, one day mid-residency, she just walked in and greeted her cohort, C1 was screaming in excitement. C1 was very happy to see her. Oh my god! Does this person know what she did? It was fabulous anyways. We definitely hope such surprises keep happening which give us joy.

FINDING OURSELVES THROUGH THEATRE



During this residency, we participated in a theatre workshop that encouraged us to explore a space filled with expressions, acting and being free. We learnt about movements, miming, expressions, and most importantly going with the flow. The practices were held daily in the morning at sharp 8.45. Every day we started off with breathing exercises and vocal practices. Followed with creating and performing our own plays. Sometimes it used to be poems which we used to act out. Sometimes we used images, silent yet speaking so much. The other time we acted on a few words. Each piece was created with gentle care. Every performance was designed



by the students themselves. We created pieces like a string puppet, Gandhari's curse, Shut up old man and many more. Each one of these activities pushed us to think differently. Pass down the message not only with words and create moments. We learnt perspectives. Each prop we used had a meaning behind it that we emphasized during the plays. At the end of the residency, we all combined each piece and put them in one single thread. This single woven piece was presented to all our Adira community.

Looking back at the performance and the workshop, it wasn't just an act. That play was real, something that we presented from the diaries of our lives. It was an emotion that we portrayed through our performances. The workshop didn't just teach us about acting; it taught us to explore ourselves, connect with different parts of our personalities, and step outside our comfort zones.



SWEET SMILES, AND FEW BATTLE SCARS!

After spending the day learning and attending sessions until 5:00 p.m., students looked forward to one thing—sports! Every evening, the playground came alive with energy as we gathered to play cricket, volleyball, football, and even go cycling. It was the perfect way to relax, stay physically active, and spend quality time with friends after a busy day of learning.

The matches were filled with excitement, teamwork, and plenty of laughter. Whether it was cheering for a teammate, celebrating a great catch in cricket, or diving to save a volleyball, everyone gave their best. Of course, no sports day is complete without a few funny moments. Some students ended up with scraped knees, a few got hit by a cricket ball, and others discovered that football has a way of finding your legs when you least expect it! Luckily, every little injury came with an even bigger story to tell later.



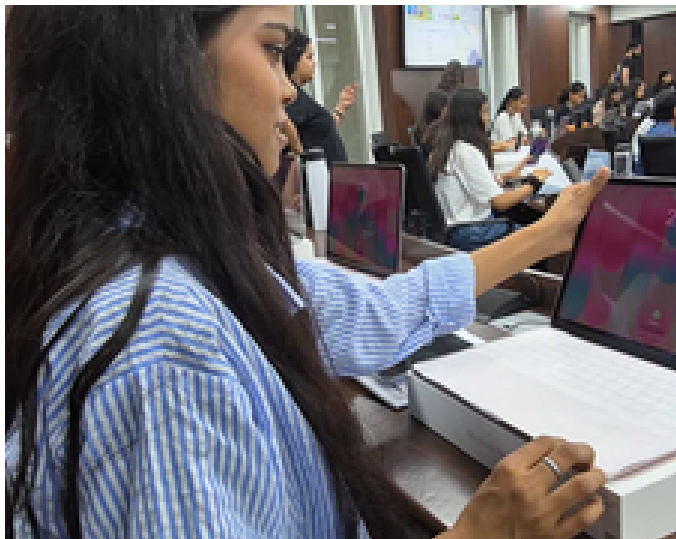
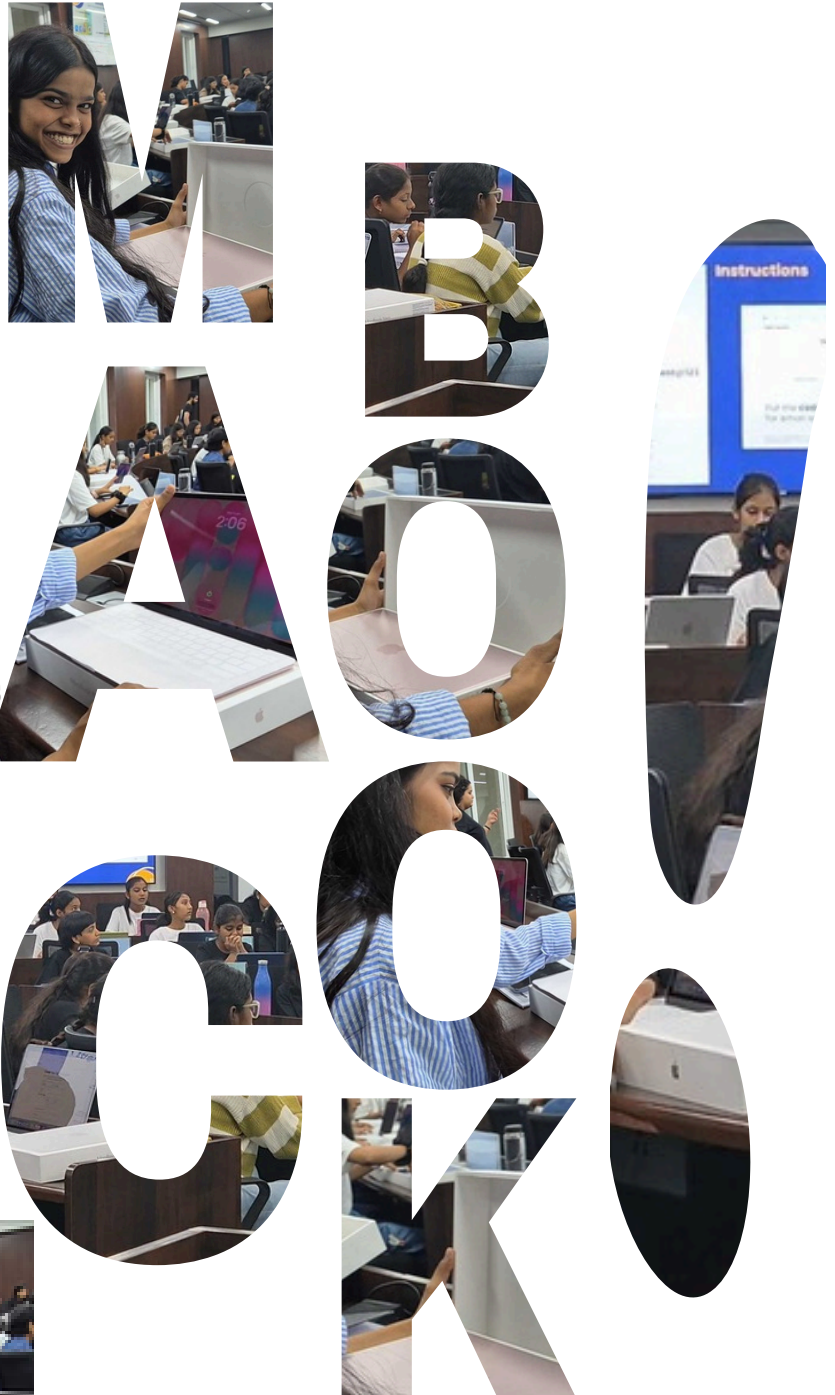
Beyond the fun, sports taught us valuable life skills. We learned the importance of teamwork, discipline, resilience, and supporting one another, regardless of who won or lost. The playground became a place where friendships grew stronger and confidence increased with every game.

At Adira, learning doesn't stop in the classroom. Sports reminded us that staying healthy, active, and connected with others is just as important as academic success. The bruises may fade, but the memories and friendships we created will stay with us forever.

UNBOXING NEW BEGINNINGS

Another ordinary day had begun at the residency—or so we thought. We were just chattering in the cafeteria when an announcement happened. Guess what? Brand new Macbooks were going to be distributed among all of the students.

Everyone was so thrilled. Excited, we formed a queue and recieved the devices one after the other. As soon as the day ended, all of us gathered in our rooms and started to explore the Macbook. Posting stories, clicking pictures and sharing them with our family members. We were shocked and happy at the same time. And all the credits of our joy goes to Adira family and all the friends of Adira family.



We are all grateful to have them along with us. They are the real heroes of our lives, who have always supported us through tough times and given us the opportunities that we never thought we could have.

ADIRA MUSEUM: SHOWCASING OUR JOURNEY OF LEARNING

The Adira Museum was one of the most exciting highlights of the residency, giving Cohort 1,2 and 3 students an opportunity to proudly showcase everything that makes Adira unique. The museum celebrated not only our achievements but also the values and experiences that shape every learner at Adira. Cohort 4 explored exhibits featuring Adira Care and Adira Edge, which reflected the community's commitment to empathy, leadership, creativity, and excellence. Students presented various extracurricular opportunities that enrich learning beyond academics. These included Adira Times, UWC, Playto, Adira Voice, and Adira Quest. Each display was thoughtfully designed to explain how these programs help students discover their interests, develop new skills, and prepare for future opportunities.



These exhibits demonstrated that education is much more than textbooks—it's about building character and developing the confidence to face new challenges. The Adira Museum was not just an exhibition; it was a reflection of the hard work, passion, and growth of every student involved. It inspired visitors to appreciate the many opportunities available at Adira and highlighted how learning can extend far beyond the classroom.



LAKE EXPERIENCE

At the most golden hour of the evening, we all decided to visit the lake near our residency. Hearing the name of nature, we all marched out of the hostel and went straight toward the lake.

On the way to the lake, we observed a variety of plants. As we went ahead, the path took us through an almost forest-like area. Everyone was adoring the place, clicking pictures, putting stories on their social media accounts, and enjoying themselves. As we got closer to the lake, the ground started getting clearer. There were fewer people, more open space, and suddenly there was silence. Too silent to be real. Golden and ashy sky above us. The cold wind gushed past the grass. The lake was just a few steps away. But just then, what we observed put us in absolute horror. A graveyard. Yes, a graveyard. Ahead of it was the lake. One of us started singing horror songs while some started to get closer to the group.



Amidst the horror, there was somehow a kind of haunting yet comforting peace. We spent a few minutes wandering along the shore of the lake and got a chance to see the beautiful sunset. It was a heavenly view. After our leisure time was over, we started to head back toward the hostel. It was growing darker. Things started to change into pure horror rather than peace. We were singing horror songs, discussing horror stories, and being terrified by the games of shadows. Just as we were recovering from our stories, we were attacked by a troop of dogs. We were trying not to be scared, but what could save us from that? So, we ran ahead and walked directly toward the hostel, holding each other. As we reached the hostel, we were relieved.

BIG IDEAS SHINE AT ADIRA SHARK TANK



Among all the impressive pitches, one team from Cohort 4 and another from Cohort 2 stood out, resulting in a tie. Since both ideas received high praise from the Sharks, the final decision came down to a vote. After an exciting finish, the Cohort 2 team was declared the winner and received the prize, while both teams were applauded for their outstanding innovation.

More than just a competition, Shark Tank encouraged students to think like entrepreneurs, communicate their ideas effectively, and collaborate under pressure. It was an inspiring experience that proved great ideas can come from anyone when creativity and teamwork come together.

Innovation, teamwork, and creativity took centre stage during Adira's exciting Shark Tank event. Students formed groups of five to six members and were challenged to develop a unique startup idea that could solve a real-world problem. Over several days, each team brainstormed, researched, and prepared presentations before stepping onto the stage to pitch their ideas.

Adding to the excitement, several instructors took on the role of "Sharks," listening carefully to every pitch, asking thoughtful questions, and challenging students to explain their business models. The experience gave participants a glimpse into what it is like to present ideas to real investors. Every team displayed confidence, creativity, and excellent teamwork while presenting their solutions.

The competition was extremely close.



Adira Mini India



At Adira, diversity is one of our greatest strengths. All students come from different parts of India, bringing with them unique cultures, languages, and traditions. From Kerala, Pune, Mumbai, Uttar Pradesh, and Uttarakhand to many other places, each child adds a special color to our Adira family. Despite our different backgrounds, we learn, grow, celebrate, and support one another as one community. This beautiful blend of cultures creates an environment of acceptance, friendship, and belonging, making Adira a true home where every one of us feels valued and connected.

SAT BOMB ON C2



We all received the schedules for our first week at the residency. It was all filled with learning and activities. We were genuinely excited for the new experiences that were listed in the timetable. But it didn't take us even a minute to go from "Wow!" to "Whoa!" when we heard that we were going to take a mock SAT. Even though it was a mock paper, we were tense about it.



A few days passed, and the time arrived when we found ourselves suddenly sitting in a secluded classroom, apart from each other, with our Macs open in front of us. We all hoped we would get through it quickly. The moment we opened the test, horror made our faces pale. The reading and writing part of the test made us drowsy, while the math test made our brains active again. Some of us finished early; others were still taking the test.

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No matter what, we had to get through it. The moment we all finished our tests, we came back to life. We talked to each other about our experiences. What had looked like a huge bomb from a distance turned out to be only a Diwali cracker. The mock test replaced our fear with familiarity and gave us the confidence to face the SAT with a calmer and more prepared mindset.

UNPLUG AND UNWIND: THE ULTIMATE MID-WEEK MENTAL RESET.



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Find the hidden words:

- LEARNINGAGENCY
- RESILIENCE
- CHOICEVOICE
- ACADEMICSUCCESS
- LIFELONGLEARNING
- AIFORWARD

SPECIAL MESSAGE

As this chapter of the newspaper team comes to an end, we leave with memories that will stay with us far beyond these pages. Thank you to every student, every instructor, the team of ISL, and most of all Leo, for making this journey worth remembering. One last message to all of you from us:

***People come, people go,
Time passes by,
Nothing is permanent,
But memories stay by,
To all who may not be
with us
Forever,
But live long in our
hearts,
No matter how far we go,
Never say goodbye...***



Thank you for reading!

Hello everyone,

This is a letter of gratitude from the newspaper team to all of you. This newspaper has been created with love, late-night discussions and lots of excitement to bring our Adira community closer.

We hope this edition has made you smile, reflect and feel connected.

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