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Ad Infinitum

PRINCIPAL'S DESK



The month of February being the shortest yet filled our cup with lot of goodness. Primrose had always set the floor for exploration, innovation, experimentation and more. This month had been one such amazing month which marked our growth and achievements.



The new beginning of Primrose Schools set in with the Mother's blessings. The soft inauguration of the new block happened on Mother's birthday February 22nd 2019. Mr. Murugan IAS (Retd) inaugurated the new building by cutting the ribbon, lamp was lit by Mrs. Madaneshwari Nandagopal (Mrs. Chairman), Ms. Sindhura Arvind and

Ms. Sumathi Ramesh, the wise floor was inaugurated by Ms. Sumathi Ramesh

The school takes pride in introducing the Wize floor, imported from Denmark, the 1st school in South India to establish and encapsulate the same as a part of our teaching strategy. The Wize Floor is an award-winning interactive floor for education. It is designed to promote collective and differentiated learning styles and needs through play and physical activity enhancing the kinesthetic development of the children.



We, the Primrosians firmly believe in values of The Mother's. Mother's birthday was undoubtedly a grand celebration of the year. It was not just about distributing sweets and hosting cultural events. Our children made it a point that they touch the essence of her values through cultural events. Children spoke about how her values could touch and transform the life of an individual and help them progress and reach better heights.



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Cultural events like dance, drama and songs were performed bringing out various aspects of The Mother's life. It is very essential to begin a day with a positive thought, The Mother's birthday helped me conceive the notion of enabling my children imbibe the 12 most values of The Mother to become a better person and progress as well. I narrated stories based on her values to help my children inculcate these values in their life. The joy of interacting with the children on these lines and see the change in them is immeasurable.

The KG department hosted the Prim Buddies meet on 23rd February 2019. As the saying goes "Believe in yourself even if nobody does" - we need to believe in ourselves and explore within, to have better aspirations. We gave the key to all the tiny tots to bring out their hidden talents through the different event.



Around five schools participated and showcased their talents in events like Object Tracing, Guess who party, Rhythm and Rhyme, Magic Colour Blast, Rock n Roll, Origami, Sing A Jingle, Montessori - Button frame, Montessori - Colour Tablets, Montessori - Shoe lacing and Tell me a story. It was mesmerizing to witness the children come on stage and perform confidently.



Every end marks a new and great beginning, so did the graduation day mark the end of class VIII and the beginning of class IX. Graduation day was held on 23rd February 2019, the children walked solemnly towards the stage elegantly garbed in their robes and tassels. Graduation day marks the absolute preparation of the children to face the upcoming challenges of life. Wishing them all success for the future

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Field trips and school outings are known to be important moments in learning. They provide the students with the opportunity to explore various topics in a real setting outside the school environment, increase children's knowledge in a particular subject area, are memorable and help children to ground their learning and make sense of the world around them. They are also fun; the children look forward to these days.

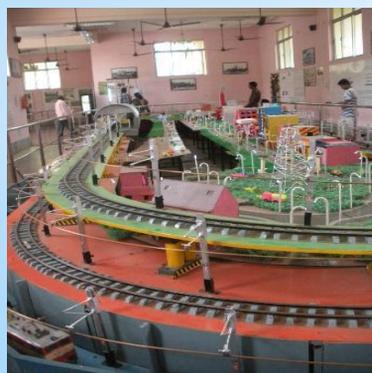


Pre.K.G children visited Pazhamuthir Cholai. The children identified the fruits and vegetables. It was a delight to see children classify healthy and unhealthy food in the market. LKG children were taken to Moosaland - a playhouse for the children. We strive to inculcate the right values in our children right from their early childhood. This field trip served us as a perfect opportunity to teach them for being adaptable, to care for others and improve their social behaviour. The place offered room for learning about kitchen set and garage tool kit. It was definitely a fruitful learning.

Children of class I went to Vandaloor Zoo. The scorching sun was never a challenge for the kids of class I to enjoy the company of flora and fauna at the zoo. Visiting the zoo helped the children understand the importance of taking care of the environment as it has a significant impact on the lives and welfare of animals. It was a pleasure to see the face of the children lit up bright when they shared their excitement of watching the White tigers, Lion tailed Macaque, Chimpanzee, Black necked Stork.



Children of class III made a trip to the railway museum, Villivakkam. Children learnt the functions of train, the various models of engine. Children were excited watching so many trains in the same vicinity. Art out of waste was yet another attraction of the place, Scrap sculptures made from yard scrap are displayed around the campus which brings out the importance of being resourceful.



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Being active has become the numero uno priority for most of us as our food and lifestyle has changed a number of things in our life and they aren't positive. Kids these days have opted the PlayStation controller over cricket bats and football. They end up playing World Cup or Fifa 16 in that play station which is the biggest irony. To give them ample amount of adventure and teach them to be engaged



actively without their usual gadgets, the children set in to experience the adventure in the WILD TRIBE RANCH. Children enjoyed trying out various activities Bungee Run, Gyroscope, Jump and dodge, Surf Xprt and more. 'School sport is important because it teaches you so many different things that the classroom cannot,' said a primary student. It teaches you communication, leadership, time management, and working together. Primrose Schools won the 37th International Karate Tournament (South Zone) bagging the Overall Championship adding a feather to our cap.

Survival skill is the key skill any individual should possess. Fire evacuation drill was conducted on 12th of February 2019, the kids learned how to handle the emergency situation with presence of mind peacefully. A Farewell was hosted for the children of class X and XII on 9th of February 2019. It was not a mere event of bidding adieu, but a ceremony to share the blessings received for years together. The children shared their golden memories and showed their gratitude for their teachers on this occasion.



To be appreciated and recognized for efforts is the best thing a human being could get. The qualifiers of Primtalent Exams were appreciated in the assembly, kindling the spirit of healthy competition among the students. Children were able to generously appreciate and applaud of their peers for their efforts.



Walking forward to discover more.

Regards

Principal

MOTHER'S BIRTHDAY

The 21st of February marks the birthday of 'The Mother' – who epitomized service to mankind as equivalent to service to God.



Floral offerings to The Mother by the students.



Sweets were distributed by the Director to the pupils.



Class I & III kids danced to some melodious tunes praising The Mother.



Students of Class II sang songs paying homage to The Mother.

MOTHER'S BIRTHDAY



The students sang a variety of songs, and spoke about The Mother and the values taught by her.



The auditorium resonated with melodious songs, graceful dance steps and candle light dances.



Class VI and VIII dedicated the flower dance to the mother. The day was celebrated with great joy and happiness.

SOFT INAUGURATION - NEW BLOCK



Welcoming the guests of honour by our Principal.



School Flag was hoisted by Mrs. Madaneshwari Nandagopal (Mrs. Chairman)



The ribbon was cut by Mr. N.Murugan IAS(Rtd)



Lamp lit by Mrs. Madaneshwari Nandagopal



The New Class room was open by Ms. Sumathi Ramesh



The kids experiencing the joy of learning in the New Activity Room- Wise Floor

PRIM BUDDIES MEET



We all have remarkable talents that are unique to us, and there needs to be a time to celebrate those talents not just for the world, but for ourselves". Prim Buddies was conducted by the school on 23rd February 2018 to give an opportunity for every single child to perform.

The performances were amazing as well as entertaining. The students displayed their talents in the event "Button Frame".



Kids performed in various events like Object Tracing, Guess who party, Rhythm and Rhyme, Magic colour Blast, Rock n roll, Origami, Sing A jingle, Montessori - Button frame, Montessori - Colour Tablets, Montessori - Shoe lacing and Tell me a story

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We saw the students budding and blooming with happiness and their excitement to speak and exhibit their talents. Dev and Jones performing in Shoelace Frame. Imam performing in Guess Who Party.



PRIMBUDDIES 2018 was such a wonderful opportunity for students to exhibit all their talents and for teachers to encourage them. Akshara of Class LKG -A performing in the event Guess who party. Jensica of Class LKG - A performing in Sing a Jingle.



The winners were appreciated with certificates.

CLASS VIII – MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATION DAY

Students never forget their graduation day.

It is a window to the future,
where students embark
on a new world of possibility and opportunity.



The inaugural Graduation Ceremony of the Middle School was held in February 23, 2019, with 31 students graduated, our respected Principal. Mr. Ganesh was the Chief Guest on the occasion.



Some heart stealing performance by the VIII graders enthralled their parents and the teachers.

KARATE AWARD

“Respect your efforts, respect yourself. Self-respect leads to self-discipline. When you have both firmly under your belt, that’s real power.” — Clint Eastwood



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YOGA AWARD

Children of Primrose participated in 13th National Level (South Zone) Yogasana Festival and Championship held on 26th January at Palakkad.



Ashvita Class V B, bagged the 4th Place



Pavana Grade V A, received the certificate of participation.



Mohammed Yasar Grade VII, received 4th Place



Shai Sharan Grade VII, received 2nd Place

"Yoga is the journey of the self, through the self, to the self"
-Bhagavad Gita

PRIM TALENT - MATHS

Education is secret key of human success and the roots of education lie on competition.



Students were recognised for clearing the first round in flying colours.



Primtalent has made children appreciate their peers, and has helped them develop dependable friendships.



Primtalent has introduced an aspect of game to school work. As games are much-loved by children, they automatically have begun to take part in the fun aspect of competition.

PRIM TALENT - ENGLISH



Grade II A - Ekansh



Grade III - B Nehara



Grade III C Natasha



Grade V Vedandhan



Benish and Rishi said that "Primtalent is great. It motivates people to work harder."

A huge component of this competition is performance, which plays a vital role in overcoming fears and insecurities. It has taught everyone to face people with confidence and conviction.

FAREWELL X & XII

The students of Primrose School bid farewell to their seniors during the farewell party.

"I cannot say goodbye to those whom I have grown to love, for the memories we have made will last a lifetime, and will never know a goodbye."



Class XII students



Class X Students



Valedictorians were 'shimmering and shining' cutting the farewell cake.



Principal and other faculty members wished all the students luck for their future endeavours.



Summing up, the day was great, filled with nostalgia and fun and excitement!

MOCK EVACUATION DRILL



Primrose conducted a mock evacuation drill for classes I to XII in February, to create awareness about the measures to respond swiftly in the time of any disaster and emergency. The teachers had positioned themselves at the key points during the evacuation operation to guide the students and ensure smooth evacuation. The evacuation drill began immediately after the long alarm alert. The students were escorted out of their classrooms by their teachers and asked to gather in the assembly area. The mock drill was conducted to prepare and check the readiness of the students for any eventuality. Once all had gathered in the assembly area the students were advised not to panic and remain calm. The students were given instructions for further actions and to remain with their class teachers. Keeping all the safety measures and following all standard operating procedures the entire school was successfully evacuated.

PUNCTUALITY AWARD



"A man who is punctual in his everyday life enjoys certain advantages which others do not get," said students of grade I C.

The students of grade II A said that a punctual person inspires other people to be "on time" as they received their punctuality award.



Punctuality is a great virtue in a person that needs to be cultivated in every student said the class teacher of Class III B.

PUNCTUALITY AWARD



A punctual person commands the confidence and respect of others, said the students of grade IV A.



While receiving the punctuality award the class teacher of V A said that punctuality is a virtue, which is doubly blessed. It imparts efficiency and keeps a person fit and healthy.



Punctuality is the gate-way to success said the students of Grade VIII.

FIELD TRIP I B

Field Trips are important to help bridge the gap between education and hands-on experience.



A trip to the Vandalur zoo broadened the children's knowledge to embrace the whole world.



The aquarium with its colourful fish mesmerised everyone.



With undiminished exhilaration it was a day well spent for Class I, a day of learning and experiencing the underwater inhabitants of our earth as best as possible.

FIELD TRIP III – RAILWAY MUSEUM



Grade IV students at the Railway Museum, Villivakkam



The students enjoyed the toy train ride with their teachers also learning about the sizable collection of steam engines from the British Raj.



Children were briefed about the there 40 different models of trains. They also had an opportunity to view a video about Neal's ball token system, which was used for signalling between trains and a coach in which Gandhi travelled.

FIELD TRIP LKG - MOOSA LAND



Kids slid down the lady bird and landed in a pool of soft balls. Slides have never ceased to amaze kids.



Children experiencing great fun riding and playing along with their teachers.



Children dug through the well of puzzles to identify the right piece or a portion to solve the puzzle building their cognitive ability

FIELD TRIP PRE-KG – PAZHAMUDHIR CHOLAI



In the supermarket the pupils observed a variety of fruits, vegetables and greens.



Our buds identified healthy and unhealthy food very enthusiastically.



The students had a fun time guessing the names of various vegetables and fruits.

FIELD TRIP UKG – GUINDY NATIONAL PARK



A joyous day for the Children of UKG at the Guindy Park.



Each child's eyes sparkled with excitement and energy as they played in the park.



They explored the National Park and built on their natural curiosity about animals.

FIELD TRIP WILD TRIBE RANCH - VII



Students enjoying the adventure sports zone and having a breath of fresh air compared to the usual picnics.



Students crossing a dozen different types of obstacles that they need to navigate across. Good way to gain confidence, get rid of fear.



Kids dodging & jumping two poles keeping them on their toes.

Charulekha of Class VII enjoying the surf xpert staying on the surf board as long as possible.

YOUNG AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

What Pongal means to me

"What Pongal means...to me?", I asked myself as I scrunched up my forehead pretending to be deep in thought. "Hmm...", I hummed to myself; waiting for the answer. Hmmm
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"WHAT a question !", I bellowed finally, nostrils flaring, with an idea forming in my mind, triumphant at the fact that after all I had something to write about. The truth was that I'd never really thought about it before, and dear me, what better time to think about it than now?

Pongal...hmm...food...hmm...hungry...hmm "MA! WHAT'S FOR DINNER?", I shouted. Pongal...hmm...festival...hmm... "think Shambhavi think", I said to myself; hmm...farmers...hmm...crops...hmm... "WHAAAATT?", she replied. "NOTHING MA, LEAVE IT", I yelled back. Uh...uh...where were we? umm...Oh yes! Pongal!

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Nila opened her eyes to the song of the rooster. Its song of ecstasy, as she used to say. But today it was different; it was euphoria. The very bliss of it wafted in through the door. Today was Kaanum Pongal, her relatives were coming over, and they would bring her gifts and homemade sweets, specially made by the head chef, Ammamma. Nila's own mother was going to make sweets (which she rarely made other than on special occasions) filling the whole house with a smell so heavenly which you could smell only once a year, only on one day, And that day, was today.

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Hmm...that was a strong beginning...what should I write next? The cursor blinked next to the text, almost mimicking my eyes as I stared at the screen blankly. Thinking... Blinking. Slightly more accurate I think. The night breeze came in through the window of my room, waltzing with the curtain along its way. How beautifully deliberate...

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A gentle breeze lifted the curtain, and all Nila could see outside was a half-ploughed field, waiting to be made use of. Nila sprang up from her cot, feeling giddy for some reason. Perhaps something was wrong. Since she always felt weird before something unexpected happened. "My little prophet", Ammamma called her when she saved the Payasam from boiling over the pot one day; though Nila was sure she just had a lot of homework leading to her feeling a bit shaky.

She shuddered, what could possibly be wrong on Pongal, a festival full of celebrations?

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YOUNG AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

Why? why me? Was I the only person on the planet who got phenomenal ideas (according to me) and then forgot them all? Humph.

Ideas...why? why me? there are *billions of people on the planet and you chose me to forget you...and probably a fair few more I suspect. Humph...

*7.7 billion to be exact as of November 2018. Forgive me, I really had nothing better to do.

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Something was wrong. Nila could sense it. She walked towards the kitchen for a glass of water, yawning. It was going to be a long day and she knew it.

Nila's father was a sugarcane farmer and was very passionate about farming, "If you don't study well you're very welcome to join me with my crops.", he used to say. At times, she even doubted whether her father loved her more than the sugarcanes. He was what Nila would frame as 'a truly care-free person'. But Nila? Was she like this? No. She was constantly weighed down by the idea of the future. Yes, you may think that this was unnecessary, in fact everyone said so. But Nila wouldn't let a moment pass by without thinking about what was going to happen to her, to her family, to her village and to the world, in the future.

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Would we perish, or would we thrive? A question which never escaped my mind, and kept me awake all night. Thinking. Maybe we would get through our problems, and get past our fears. Maybe we would survive, or maybe someone would help us. But deep down I knew never to look only at the side with the greener grass. Maybe we would realise the agonising fact that everything would eventually come to an end -slowly and surely- And accept it, and ebb away with it. As if it were meant to happen.

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"No one could face the harsh truth", rasped Nila, as she understood why people would celebrate, even though there was nothing to celebrate about. Why people would rejoice, when all that had fallen on them was misfortune. "If honesty is the best policy, then why doesn't anyone follow it?", she grumbled angrily, under her breath.

No one said it, no one spoke of it, and simply chose to forget about it. In the summer, a devastating fire burnt half the produce of almost every farmer. The village head was at a loss himself, his entire livelihood was made by farming. Nila's own father was shattered seeing his crops as nothing but heaps of ashes. No one could do anything to help, not the government, not even god.

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YOUNG AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

Did Nila's tale have to end this way? I thought to myself, taking a bite out of my peanut toffee. Its subtle sweet taste, with a hint of rose, taking control of my mouth. My mind gave up, if her story ends this way, then it was in her fate to end herself and my fate to end her.

But did it have to be this way?

"No".

Then why end it? You could change it.

"She is only a figment of my imagination"

Is she though?

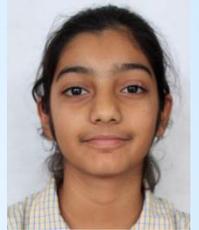
"Of course she is, I can let her go", I said, getting a bit agitated.

Can you though?

"STOP! just stop", I cried out in exasperation. "Think of it as if it was meant to be". A long silence followed which was all I needed, and all I ever wanted.

"But it wasn't meant to be", whispered a subdued voice inside my head.

And that was the last thing I heard as I shut the laptop, just as I had shut Nila out, stranded and confused, tangled between the threads of an incomplete story.



Shambavi

VI B

JIM CORBETT

Jim Corbett -All India level Competition for the students to create awareness on conservation of environment was conducted from 28th Jan - 30th Jan for our environment , Wildlife & Bird Behaviour. About 95 students enrolled and wrote the exams. Kirsha Sundar Rajan of class X (2019) has secured National Level FIRST Place in "Our Environment" securing the Gold Medal.



Kirsha Sundar Rajan

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SOUTH ZONE KARATE TOURNAMENT & 37TH INTERNATIONAL KARATE TOURNAMENT – 2019

We in Primrose believe that Karate tournaments can provide young students with valuable insights into their own strengths and weaknesses, both in terms of karate skills and the student's ability to perform under pressure in a competitive environment.

We are proud to say that our school students participated in the 37th International Karate Tournament (South Zone) which was held in Pondicherry on 27th January 2019. More than 50 students participated in the event. They did extremely well and made us proud by winning trophies and certificates of appreciation in different categories and won the overall Championship cup for our school. A massive congratulations to all the participants as they secured the maximum number of awards in Kata and Kumite.

Every competition makes students more focused, more determined, and provides additional motivation to become stronger and sharpen their techniques.

A massive well done to you all.

Bhuvaneshwari. P

JUST FOR TODAY

Today may be difficult as memories flood your mind,
As long as that person is in our heart he'll never truly go,
I'd like to be that somebody who wants to remind,
You that you're loved more than you'll ever know.

By missing, we yearn for them,
By remembering, we honour them,
But by cherishing, they live on forever in our hearts.

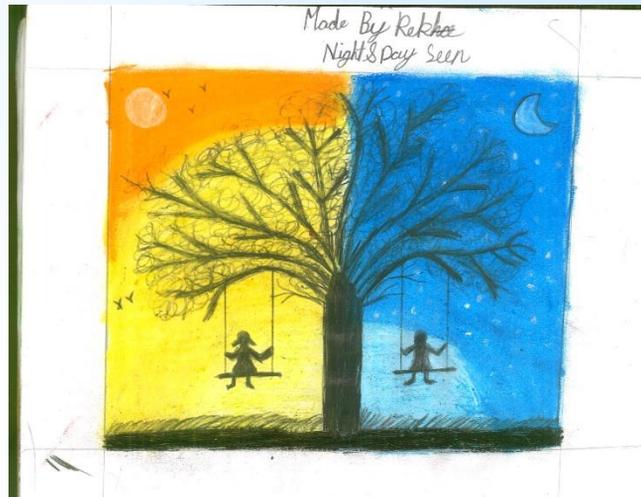
Just as the stars twinkle,
We miss them;
Just as the lotus blooms,
They watch over us,
From the muddy water,
They watch us rise and conquer;
But just like the rainbow that soars in the dark clouds,
There are people around us,
For a season, a reason or a lifetime,
To be a rainbow in our cloud.

No matter how times change,
Our love for them will forever be constant;
No matter how many times others say "she has moved on",
We'll be conscious of that void within us,
No matter how much ever we try,
That anger will turn into tears and we'll cry.

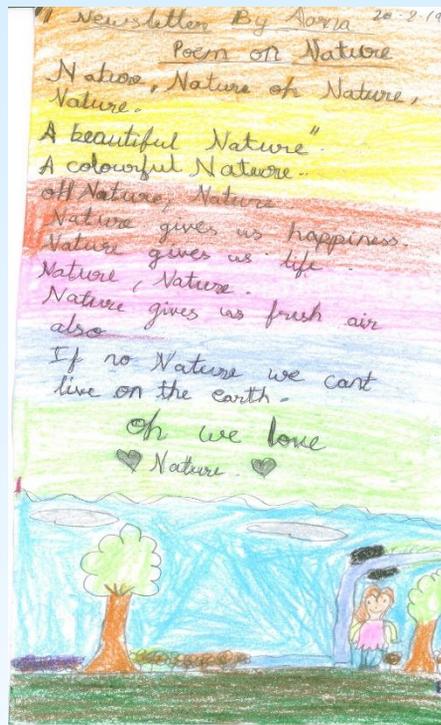
But this moment is ours,
The choice is ours,
Just for today, wish him a happy birthday,
Pray for him, and let him know that you're okay,
And just like the rose that flowers,
Or the river that flows,
He'll hear you..

Always.

KALAKAR'S KORNER



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Some facts about Mirra Alfassa.
Mother full name is Blanche Rachel Mirra Alfassa. She was born as second child to an Egyptian Mother and a Turkish father on 21 February 1878 in France. She married Henri Matisse on 13 October 1897 and had son Andre, born 23 August 1909. This marriage ended in 1908. Later she married Paul Richard in 1911. She first heard of Sri Aurobindo from her second husband and met him in person in Pondicherry. Aurobindo and Mirra's work and principal of yoga was named Integral yoga - in which followers would practise spirituality in all parts of life. Mirra started a school with 20 children on 2 Dec, 1943, later known as Sri Aurobindo International Centre of Education. She even built a town Auroville - Meaning City of Dawn to represent human Unity. After Aurobindo's demise in 1950, she solely managed Aurobindo Ashram's activities.

many politicians visited Mirra on regular basis for her guidance. V.V. Giri, Jai Lala, Nehru, Indira Gandhi to name few famous visitors. She passed away at 7:25 pm on 17th November 1973 in Pondicherry. She was buried next to Aurobindo in main Ashram building. Her life experiences were captured in 13-volume work Mother's Agenda by Satprem who was one of her followers. An Indian stamp was released with her name in 1978. She got more famous by her pen name "The Mother" which was initially awarded by Sri Aurobindo.

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