



# Open Mind Garage

**Ted Ed Club  
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# Introduction

Bal Bharati Public School, Navi Mumbai's TED-Ed Club, is devoted to nurturing, budding, and molding unique minds into something exemplary and astounding.

BBPSNM's Ted-Ed Club has done a terrific job of encouraging bright young individuals by providing them with a platform to indagate, express opinions, and explore a diverse range of topics. Even in the midst of the pandemic, the club has excelled in managing and organising several events through which members were able to engage and present multiple perspectives, making it "A Thesaurus of Ideas."

The success of this club could not have been possible without the unwavering support of our respected Principal - Ms. Kalpana Dwivedi, Vice Principal - Ms. Malvika Sengupta, Headmistress - Ms. Kanchan Desai, and the teachers in charge of the club. They have further helped us by giving direction to the ideas put forth in the club, for which we affirm our tremendous appreciation.

The club has created an environment such that every person who is a part of this program is heard and gets to express their ideas. Students also get to connect through various activities and discussions conducted, which hoists them to unleash their creative potentials and results in their talent being nurtured, helping in their personal growth regarding confidence, self doubt, and such. The enthusiastic participation from the students keeps the flow of this incredible union happening, for which we could not be more thankful.





## ✧ ✧ What's New ?

- Has the cancel culture gone too far ?

(Offline Session - 10/12/2023 )

- How traditions serve the Indian economy ?

(Online Debate Session - 23/12/2023)

- What if parallel universes exist ?

(Online Discussion Session - 23/12/23 )







# How Traditions Serve the Indian Economy?

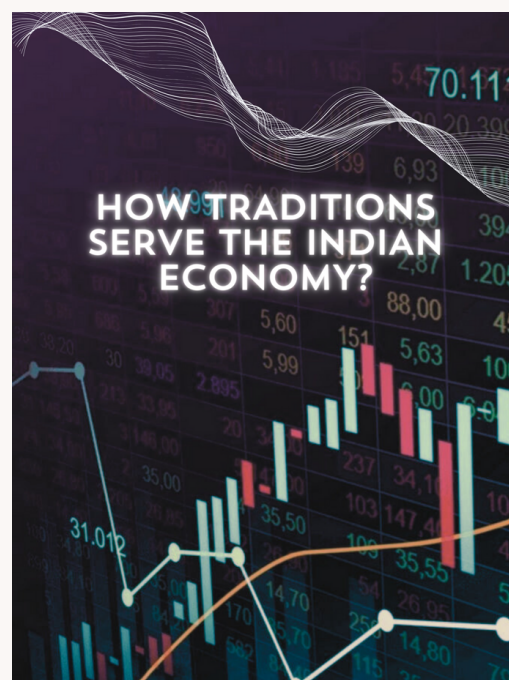
On December 10th, 2023, a session titled 'How Traditions Serve the Economy' was held. The newly appointed members of the Ted-Ed club introduced the topic, and the members began to discuss it.

Members stated that the festival goods created on a small scale boost employment in a country like India, which is largely populated and often faced by challenges of disguised unemployment.

An example of handicrafts was talked about. Handicrafts have helped in blooming the culture as well as generating money, and at grand Indian weddings, rich traditions and rituals add to the economy. It was expressed that tourism and culture also go hand in hand. The holy places and traditions of the country attract millions of tourists and visitors annually, hence increasing the GDP.

The discussion escalated when a member said that traditions somewhere hinder the economy, as some cultures have a tradition of not allowing women to work and some castes are only limited to a specific job. This has come to a change as the mindset is changing. But along with modernization come traditions that are not valued or forgotten. Core values that come with the deep rooted traditions are getting pruned; values like punctuality and honesty are being affected. It was also stated that many expensive large-scale festival goods are not produced in India but in foreign countries, hence contributing to their GDP.

The session concluded with the mutual understanding of all the members that the government should produce huge scale cultural products and take effective measures to promote Indian goods, and as we modernize, we should be deeply rooted in our traditions and culture.







# Has Cancel Culture gone too far ?

The discussion session on the topic "Has the cancel culture gone too far?" was on December 18, 2023.

The session commenced with one of the members briefly introducing the topic and explaining the prevalence of call-out culture in modern times.

Many members then voiced their opinions on the aforesaid topic and discussed how they had witnessed the cruelty of cancel culture by talking about some real-life examples, or, one can say, victims of cancel culture. Members even spoke about the emotionally charged nature of boycotts, pointing to the example of comedians experiencing a backlash for jokes on sensitive topics. Members also raised questions regarding the need for a comedian boycott, arguing that jokes should be seen solely as humorous.

discussion expanded to the broader impact on regular people's lives, with participants talking about how such boycotts might be propelled by misleading information. Concerns were raised that these movements could redirect attention away from crucial issues.

The interaction focused on an in-depth conversation that covered the emotional implications of boycotts, the role of comedians in society, and the potential consequences for both artists and the general audience.







# What if Parallel Universes Exist ?

The what if session was held on the topic "WHAT IF PARALLEL UNIVERSES EXIST?"  
On December 23, 2023.

The session started with the opinions of members on the existence of a parallel universe. Members passionate about physics applied laws of thermodynamics in their approach and perception.

Members first discussed their hypothetical theories, one of which was the existence of a utopian parallel universe where there are no countries or different cultures, the whole of humanity is one, and there are superheroes for each region.

Many members were intrigued by how their lives would have been affected in a parallel universe if they had taken a different decision or path in the past.

A member also stressed the idea of how society would be in a parallel universe if societal and gender norms were changed completely. Then members delved and spoke about the existence of white holes in the parallel universe. Some members refuted this claim, saying it was against the current known theories of physics. This claim was justified as the laws of physics could be completely different in different parallel universes.







# Members Speak!

I think that this club is a place that gives you a chance to expand the way you see things; it gives you space to grow, imagine, learn, and make mistakes too. The topics are well chosen and quite interesting, such as what if a parallel universe existed, has the cancel culture gone too far, or how traditions serve the economy. Due to these things, I got to know about the theory of white holes and many other things that I didn't know before. In conclusion, it provides you with a safe space to share your opinions without fear of judgment. It is somewhat of a club that is operated by us, and for us at the same time, we are the ones who come up with the topics, and we ourselves are the ones who ponder them too.

**-Ishita Agarwal, 11 C**

The Ted Ed Club provides students with a vast platform that not only helps them enhance their public speaking skills but also helps them build confidence and eliminate their stage fright. The meetings at TED-Ed are interactive and always provide a higher level of insight and new perspectives on many different topics.

**-Shubhi Kapoor 11 B**

I personally joined our school Ted Ed club out of curiosity. However it made me realize how much I like research and having discussions. The club emphasizes on people sharing their viewpoints and experiences with given topics. Ted Ed also makes us think out of the box and expand our horizons. My first session was fabulous as we had discussions on space and dimensions. After my first session, I was very much looking forward for the next one.

**- Deeksha Kamble, 11D**

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