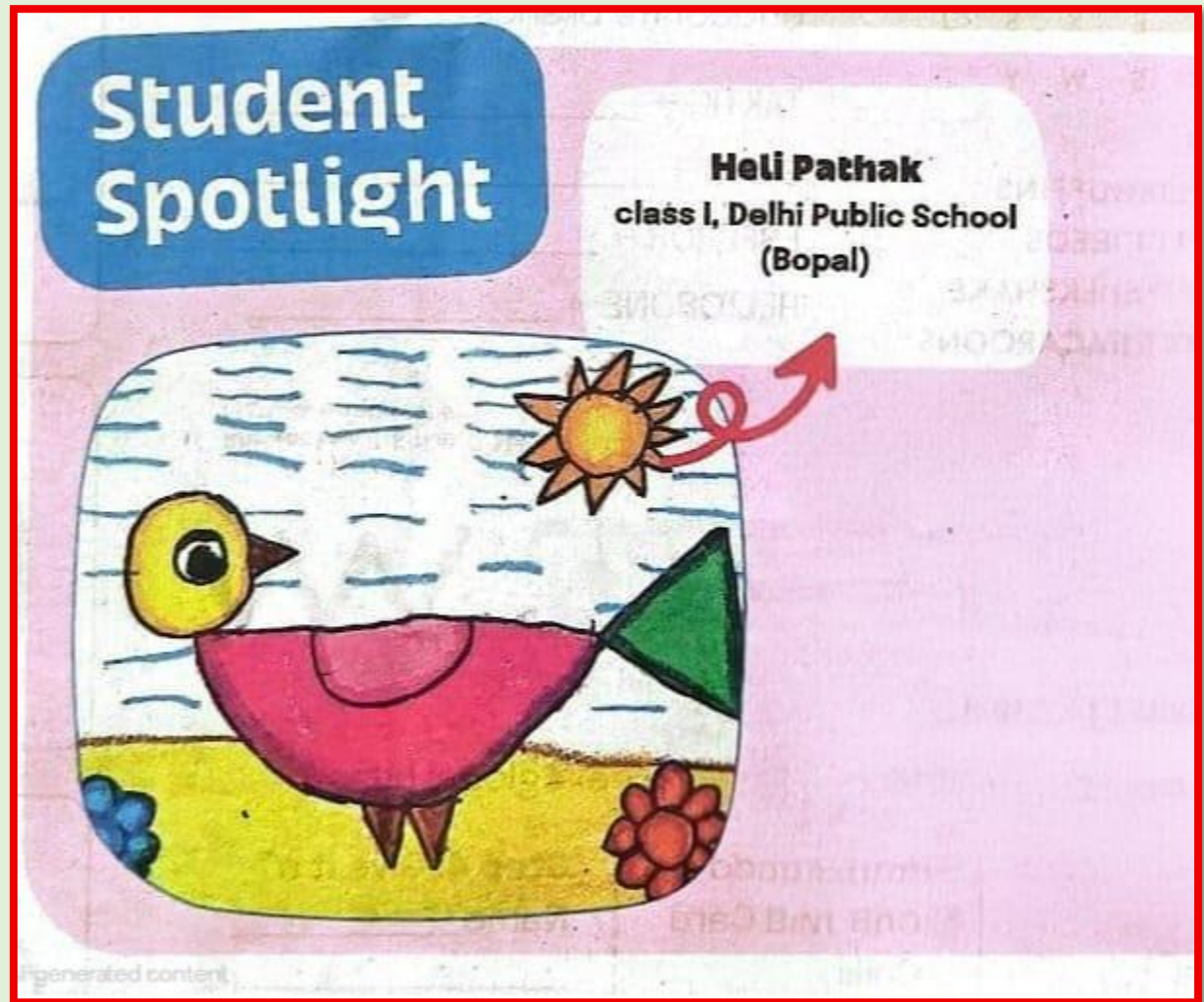
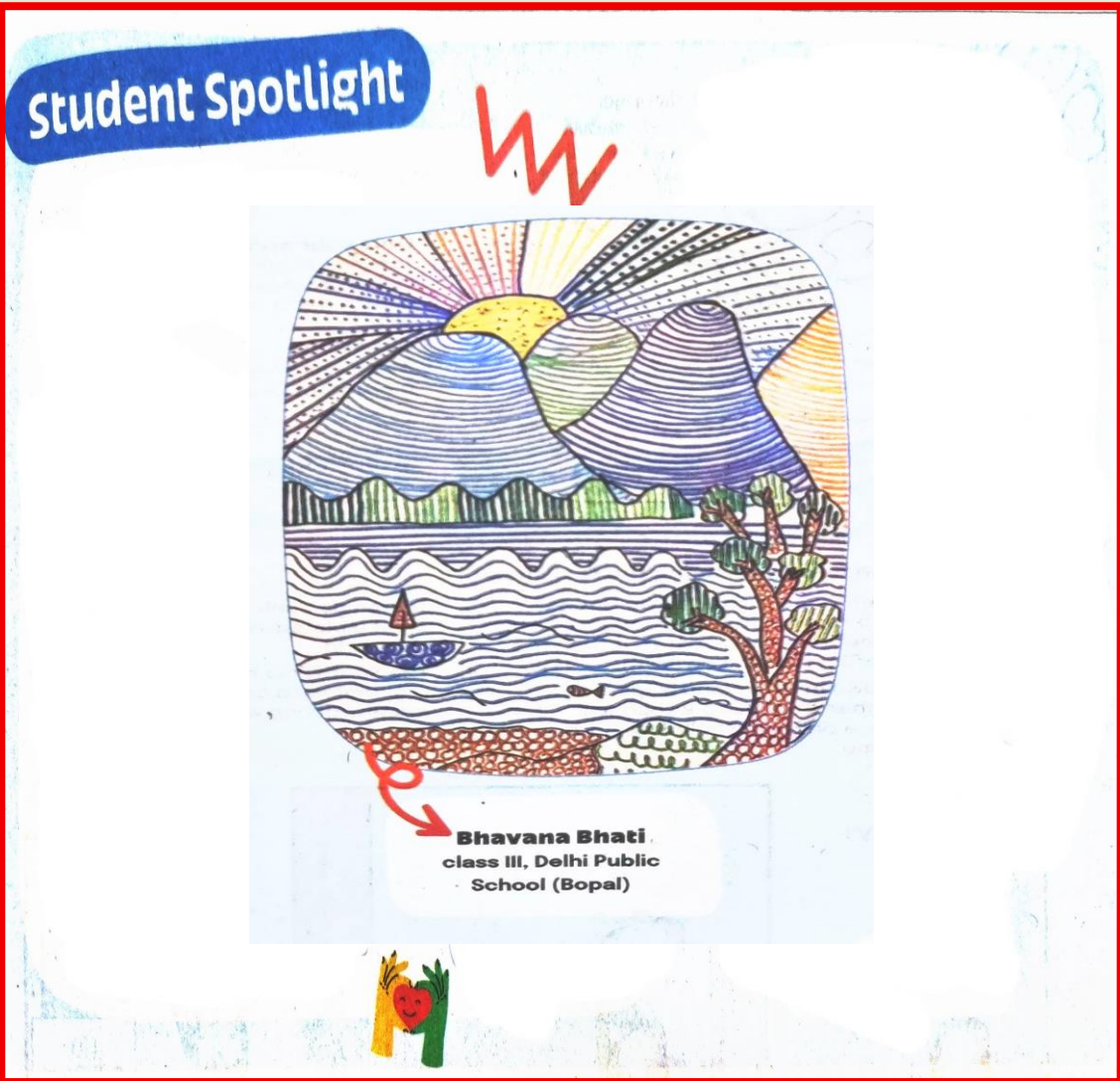


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CHARACTER Who chose You

A Knock from Fiction

The doorbell rings. Standing outside is your favourite fictional character. No dramatic music. No explosions. Just a smile and an unusual offer. "I've only got five minutes," they say. "Before I leave, I can pass on one of my skills." Suddenly, you're thinking less about laser eyes and flying, and more about the abilities that would actually change



Mental mettle

The Old Countess in *The Queen of Spade* was a striking example of a woman who carried herself with dignity and remained steadfastly loyal to her own customs. Her intellect and discipline shaped a character of unusual depth. Her mental strength and self-control are qualities I deeply admire and hope to develop. Rather than following passing trends, she lived by the customs of seventy years earlier, preserving her youth and embodying the strictest etiquette of a true lady of quality. Though she seems calculating, she also showed compassion by discreetly revealing the three cards to Chaplitzky when he was destitute.

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Young Leaders Step Forward

Delhi Public School – Bopal conducted the Investiture Ceremony on July 18. The stage was set, the badges gleamed with pride, and a sense of purpose filled the air as the junior and senior school marked the beginning of a new chapter in student leadership.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of Raghavendra Vatsa, IPS, IGP – Ahmedabad Range, as the special guest, alongside principal Sabina Sawhney and proud parents who witnessed this significant milestone in the lives of the student leaders. The programme commenced with a prayer and a soulful choir presentation, creating an atmosphere

of reflection and inspiration. Dressed with confidence and dignity, the newly elected student council marched forward, symbolising their readiness to shoulder responsibilities and uphold the school's ethos. Representing the six houses, the student council comprised the head boy, head



girl, house captains, sports captains, vice-captains, prefects, and discipline monitors. Club directors were also introduced, strengthening student leadership across various initiatives. In total, 110 student leaders were conferred with

badges, reflecting their commitment to integrity, responsibility, and service.

In her address, principal Sabina Sawhney urged the student leaders to remain humble, grounded, and grateful to their parents and teachers. She highlighted the power of gratitude in shaping strong

character and encouraged students to serve as role models.

The oath-taking and the conferring of badges and sashes marked a proud moment for the newly inducted leaders. As each badge was pinned and every sash bestowed, the occasion reinforced that leadership is earned through dedication and service.

The special guest, Raghavendra Vatsa, emphasised that leadership is built on honesty, sincerity, and responsibility. He encouraged the young leaders to learn from failures, lead through their actions, and inspire positive change. He also highlighted the exemplary leadership and vision of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.

Adding colour and vibrancy, students presented a captivating cultural performance celebrating teamwork, determination, and excellence. The ceremony concluded with the rendition of the National Anthem, leaving the office bearers resolute about their roles and united in their commitment to contribute meaningfully to the school community.