

## From Paper to Possibilities: At the Newspaper Craft Activity Session

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On 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2025, the students of Class VIII at S.B. Patil Public School were treated to an exciting and creative workshop led by renowned fashion designer and artist, Ms. Aditi Sharma. Ms. Sharma was accompanied by Ms. Aarzu, a faculty from the PCU. The workshop focused on the art of craft-making using newspapers, a fun and sustainable way to ignite creativity.

Ms. Aditi Sharma, a multi-talented creative entrepreneur, educator, and artist, began the session by introducing herself to the students and faculty present. With over a decade of experience in the fashion industry, including her role as the founder of fashion labels such as Aaina, and Warp & Weft, she shared her journey of turning ideas into artistic creations. Her enthusiasm for creativity was infectious, and the students immediately felt a connection to the world of design and innovation.



The workshop kicked off with an interactive question from Ms. Sharma, asking the students what they thought could be made from something as simple as a newspaper. The students eagerly participated, listing a variety of items they believed could be crafted from old newspapers. This sparked a wave of excitement as Ms. Sharma demonstrated how to turn everyday newspapers into beautiful and functional pieces with just glue and tape.

The simplicity of the process surprised the students, but it was the joy of creation that kept them fully engaged. Under Ms. Sharma's guidance, the students set to work making an impressive range of items. From airplanes soaring through the air to stylish handbags, playful swords, delicate flowers, and a variety of other creative wonders, the classroom was filled with energy and laughter. The hands-on activity allowed the students to explore their imagination, discovering how easily they could transform an ordinary object into something new and exciting.



The workshop was also attended by principal, Dr. Bindu Saini; and vice principal, Ms. Padmavati Banda, both of whom were highly impressed with the students' enthusiasm and the creativity that flourished during the session. Their presence added to the sense of community and support that made the event even more memorable.

Throughout the session, Ms. Sharma emphasised the importance of learning through doing, creating with purpose, and adding a touch of sparkle to every endeavour. Her approach not only nurtured the students' artistic talents but also instilled in them the value of sustainability and resourcefulness by using newspapers—an easily accessible material—as a medium for creative expression.





As the workshop concluded, the students left with not only their crafted creations but also a newfound appreciation for the art of design and the power of hands-on learning. Ms. Sharma's ability to inspire and engage young minds will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact, and the students of Class VIII will carry forward the lessons learned that day—about the beauty of creativity, the joy of making, and the power of simplicity.

In a world often dominated by high-tech gadgets, this delightful newspaper craft-making activity was a refreshing reminder of the endless possibilities that lie within the simplest of materials.



We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to principal, Dr. Bindu Saini; vice principal, Ms. Padmavati Banda; and the administrative manager, Manish Dhekale for organising the event. We also thank Mr. Aman Yadav and the IT team for their sound system arrangements; the sports Department faculty for maintaining discipline during the event; and, of course, Ms. Aditi Sharma, for visiting our school and fostering creativity amongst our students.

