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Your Monthly Guide to Learning and Growing

Welcome to the first issue of Breitordo, a free monthly magazine for students, parents and teachers. Every month we bring you the education news that matters, stories of people who learnt their way to a better life, practical guides and the key exam dates in one place.

This issue arrives as exam season begins. Inside you will find the CBSE and JEE Main 2027 dates, the life lessons of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, and the story of Ansar Shaikh, who went from an auto-rickshaw driver's home to the IAS at 21.

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News Roundup

The education stories that matter this month, in brief.

BOARD EXAMS

CBSE announces 2027 board exam dates

CBSE released the final date sheet on 6 November. Class 10 exams run from 16 February to 9 March 2027 and Class 12 from 16 February to 9 April. Every paper starts at 10:30 am.

ENTRANCE EXAMS

JEE Main 2027 in two sessions

The National Testing Agency will hold Session 1 between 20 and 28 January 2027 and Session 2 from 2 to 7 April 2027.

STATES

Bihar opens free evening classes

Under ‘Sankalp Sandhya’, government schools in all 38 district headquarters run free classes for Classes 9–12 from 5:00 to 7:30 pm, including Computer Science and AI, until 31 March 2027.

TEXTBOOKS

New NCERT Class 10 books, earlier

NCERT plans to release the new Class 10 textbooks by December 2026, ahead of the 2027–28 session, giving students and teachers time to start on the revised syllabus.

DELHI-NCR

Schools back to regular classes

With GRAP Stage 3 anti-pollution curbs withdrawn, schools across Delhi-NCR resumed regular classes in mid-November after days of disruption.

MANAGEMENT

CAT 2026 held on 29 November

IIM Indore conducted this year’s Common Admission Test in three sessions. Results are expected in the first week of January 2027.

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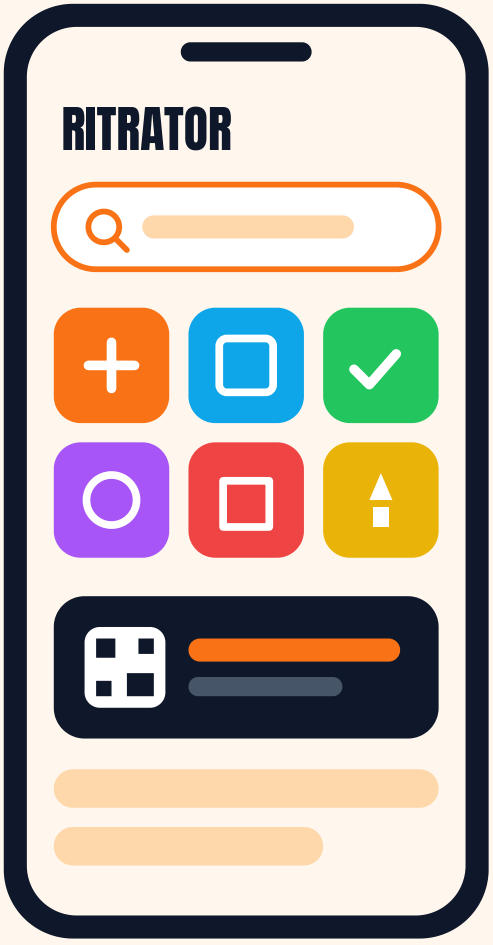

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LIFE LESSONS

Dr APJ Abdul Kalam: The Missile Man Who Taught India to Dream

Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam was born on 15 October 1931 in Rameswaram, a small island town in Tamil Nadu. His family was not wealthy, and as a boy he sold newspapers to add to the household income. What he did have was curiosity, and teachers who noticed it.

He studied physics at St Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli, and then aeronautical engineering at the Madras Institute of Technology. In 1960 he joined the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) as a scientist.

Building India's rockets

In 1969 Kalam moved to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), where he led the SLV-III project. In 1980, SLV-III placed the Rohini satellite in orbit, making India one of the few countries able to launch its own satellites.

Back at DRDO, he headed the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme that produced missiles such as Agni and Prithvi, which earned him the title 'Missile Man of India'. He also played a key role in the Pokhran-II nuclear tests of 1998.

The People's President

From 2002 to 2007 he served as the 11th President of India. He loved meeting students and spent much of his time speaking at schools and colleges across the country, which is why many still call him the People's President.

Kalam received the Padma Bhushan (1981), the Padma Vibhushan (1990) and the Bharat Ratna (1997). His autobiography, *Wings of Fire*, remains a favourite with young readers. He died on 27 July 2015 while giving a lecture at IIM Shillong, doing what he loved most: teaching.

AT A GLANCE

BORN
15 October 1931, Rameswaram

FIELD
Aerospace engineering

KNOWN AS
Missile Man of India

PRESIDENT
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BHARAT RATNA
1997

BOOKS
Wings of Fire, Ignited Minds

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What students can learn from him

1. Your background is a starting point, not a limit.
2. Master the basics. Physics, maths and hard work built his career.
3. Failure is part of the path. SLV-III's first flight failed in 1979; the next one succeeded.
4. Share what you know. He spent his last day teaching.

AI & EDUCATION

AI Comes to Class 3: What Parents Should Know

From the 2026–27 academic session, Artificial Intelligence and Computational Thinking are being introduced in Indian schools from Class 3, a step announced by the Ministry of Education in October 2025. CBSE already offered AI as an elective subject for Classes 9 to 12.

For young children this is less about robots and more about thinking: spotting patterns, breaking a problem into steps, understanding how data is used, and learning to use AI tools safely and honestly.

The gap to watch

Facilities are uneven. According to UDISE+ 2024–25, about 63.5% of India's schools have internet access, so the experience will differ from school to school. Parents can help close the gap at home, and it does not need expensive gadgets.

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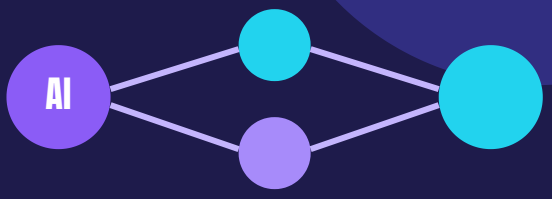

- AI chatbots for customer queries
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Six ways to help at home

1. **Use AI as a tutor, not an answer machine**
   Ask it to explain a step, then let your child try alone.
2. **Check what it says**
   AI can sound sure and still be wrong. Compare with the textbook.
3. **Protect privacy**
   No full names, photos, phone numbers or school details in chatbots.
4. **Keep screens in balance**
   Books, play and conversation still matter most at this age.
5. **Talk about it**
   Ask your child what they learnt about AI this week.
6. **Learn together**
   Try one AI tool side by side and discuss what it got right and wrong.

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REAL STORY

From an Auto-Rickshaw Driver's Home to the IAS at 21

Ansar Shaikh's family wanted him to leave school and start earning. His teachers had other ideas.

361	21	1st
All India Rank	Age when he cleared	Attempt

Ansar Shaikh grew up in a village in Maharashtra's Jalna district, in a family where education was not a priority. His father drove an auto-rickshaw and his mother worked as a farm labourer. Money was always short, and relatives suggested he leave school and start earning.

His teachers disagreed. They saw a bright student and persuaded the family to let him continue. That one decision changed everything.

Ansar went on to study political science at Fergusson College, Pune, and graduated in 2015 with 73 per cent. City life was hard and money was tight, but he kept his eyes on one goal: the civil services. His brother worked as a garage hand, and the family stood behind him.

Not every exam went his way. He did not clear the Maharashtra Public Service Commission exam. Instead of giving up, he kept preparing, with mentors and friends who shared books, notes and encouragement.

In May 2016 the results of the UPSC Civil Services Examination 2015 were declared. Ansar had cleared it in his very first attempt with All India Rank 361. He was just 21, one of the youngest ever to do so, and the son of an auto-rickshaw driver had become an IAS officer.

FOUR LESSONS FROM ANSAR'S JOURNEY

- A teacher's belief can change a life.
- Where you start does not decide where you finish.
- A failed exam is a lesson, not the end.
- Ask for help. Nobody succeeds alone.



IN HIS WORDS

Why Learning Is the Best Investment You Can Make

Amit Kalwan
Design Head, Redisry Group · Gurugram

Good design is not decoration. It is the work of making something clear, useful and easy for people to use. Every project teaches me the same lesson: the people who keep learning are the people who keep growing.

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Three lessons for young people who want to build something

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Learn a skill that solves a real problem.
Design, coding, writing or selling: master one.

02
Start small, and finish.
A small finished project teaches you more than a big idea that stays on paper.

03
Never stop learning.
Tools change every year. Curiosity never goes out of date.

GUIDE

How to Choose the Right Tutor

Six simple checks for parents and students before classes begin.

01 **Start with the goal**
Exam preparation, clearer concepts or a new skill? The goal decides the kind of tutor you need.

02 **Check subject depth**
Ask how they would explain one topic the learner finds hard. The answer tells you more than a degree.

03 **Ask for a trial class**
One session shows how the tutor teaches and whether the learner feels comfortable.

04 **Match the teaching style**
Patient, structured or interactive? Choose the style that fits how the learner learns best.

05 **Agree on progress checks**
Monthly feedback, short tests or a quick report keep everyone on track.

06 **Talk to other parents**
Families who have used the tutor will tell you about punctuality, patience and results.

Quick tip: write down three things your child struggles with before the first meeting, and see how the tutor responds to each.

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Exam Calendar 2026-27

The big dates for school and entrance exams, as announced by the conducting bodies.

Exam	Date	Conducted by	Note
CAT 2026	**29 Nov 2026**	IIM Indore	Results expected early January
CLAT 2027	**6 Dec 2026**	Consortium of NLUs	2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
JEE Main · Session 1	**20–28 Jan 2027**	NTA	Selected dates in this window
CBSE Class 10	**16 Feb – 9 Mar 2027**	CBSE	Papers start at 10:30 am
CBSE Class 12	**16 Feb – 9 Apr 2027**	CBSE	Begins with Physics
JEE Main · Session 2	**2–7 Apr 2027**	NTA	After most board papers
NEET UG 2027	**Expected May 2027**	NTA	Official date not yet announced

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Ten well-known schools across the city, for parents planning admissions for 2027–28.

01 **The Shri Ram School**
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02 **Shiv Nadar School**
Gurugram

03 **Delhi Public School**
Sushant Lok

04 **DPS Dwarka Expressway**
Sectors 102A & 103

05 **Blue Bells Model School**
Sector 4, Urban Estate

06 **Manav Rachna International School**
Sector 51, Mayfield Gardens

07 **Ryan International School**
Sector 31

08 **Amity Global School**
Sector 46

09 **Satya School**
South City II, Sector 50

10 **Alpine Convent School**
Sector 56

Before you shortlist a school, check

- ☑ Board and curriculum (CBSE, ICSE, IB or Cambridge)
- ☑ Class size and teacher experience
- ☑ Sports, arts and library facilities
- ☑ Distance and the daily commute
- ☑ Fees, including transport and activities
- ☑ A campus visit and a talk with current parents

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