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WHY THIS BOOK MATTERS ?

Public speaking is an essential skill and helps a person leave an impression at every stage of their life.



EDUCATION

THEN V/S NOW

Exam-Centric Model,
prioritizing high scores and
rote memorization.

**Dependent on school
timetable;** learning often stops
after the final exam.

Limited opportunities, leading
to high stage fear and
interview nervousness after
Class 12.

Confidence tied to marks;
often hesitant to interact with
"big personalities.

Skill-Centric Model,
prioritizing essential life skills:
Leadership, Time
Management, and Problem
Solving.

Cultivating a "**Life-Long
Learning Habit**" and
commitment to "**daily self-
upgrade until the last breath.**"

Introduction of the **VR
(Virtual Reality) Lab**
(Currently in Progress) to
provide high-stakes practice,
eliminating fear and building
the quality of a Great Speaker.

**Confidence built on content
and effective communication,**
allowing students to hold
**discussions with national
leaders** without fear.

VISION

The Oxford School envisions a generation of fearless pioneers defined not by their degrees, but by their intrinsic drive for perpetual growth and contribution. Our ultimate aspiration is to cultivate the Life-Long Learning Habit in every student, ensuring they are perpetually equipped to "daily upgrade themselves until their final breath." We aim to forge citizens of profound self-worth and confidence, empowering every child to achieve the quality of a Great Speaker ready to lead dialogues, execute innovative ideas brilliantly, and shape the nation's future with clarity and conviction.

MISSION

Our Mission is to revolutionize education by establishing a Skills-Centric Pedagogical Model, moving definitively away from exam-only dependency. We are dedicated to the holistic development of essential competencies: Leadership, Effective Communication, Strategic Problem Solving, and Time Management. We achieve this through a rigorous curriculum that integrates UPSC/Competitive Exam Standards from Class VI, driven by the daily reading of articles and editorials. Recognizing that the ability to speak and present is the most powerful lever for lifelong success, we commit to leveraging cutting-edge tools, such as the new VR Public Speaking Lab. This builds unmatched confidence that ensures students can excel—from academic achievements and career success to ultimately influencing the next generation. We prepare students for every challenge life offers, ensuring their voice is always heard and respected.

OUR WAY

Instilling the practice of reading 365 days, new articles and editorials to build a rich content base across all subjects. You cannot change your future, but you can change your habits, and surely your habits will change your future.

DIRECTOR

Mr. Mayank Kamrani



“ The Oxford School, Burhanpur, is built upon a profound and enduring philosophy: Future success is not determined by a single examination, but by the habits cultivated daily. Our vision extends far beyond achieving high scores; it is about forging individuals who are continuously self-improving, confident, and committed to "daily self-upgrade until their last breath.”

PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Shilpa Jadwani



“ We recognize a critical gap in conventional schooling : While students master written exams after 12 years of practice, they often falter in high-stakes personal interactions, such as college entrance interviews. This nervousness stems from a lack of practice and, crucially, content. When they go on vacation, they engage their families in discussions about current events and policies, demonstrating a well-rounded awareness that elevates their thinking and confidence. Our students are not just studying; they are becoming informed thinkers.”

SAL TREE (SHOREA ROBUSTA)

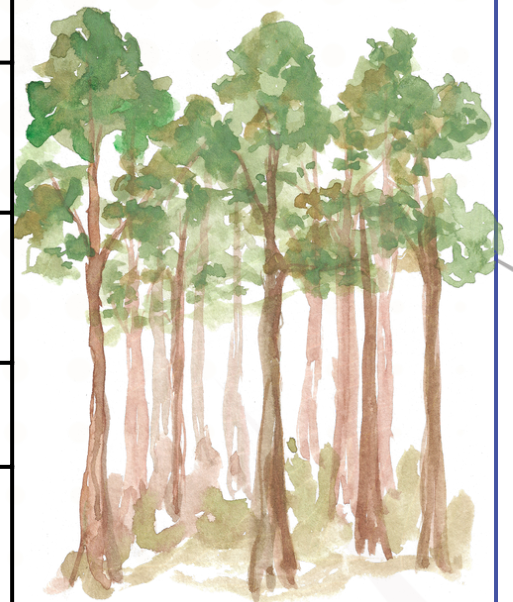
WHY IN NEWS?

- Scientists from the Environment Department of Himachal Pradesh University (HPU), Shimla, have found that the Sal tree is one of the best natural air purifiers.
- The study shows that Sal trees are especially effective at trapping dust, carbon particles, and air pollutants, making them crucial for combating urban and industrial pollution.



ABOUT THE SAL TREE

Aspect	DETAIL
Scientific Name	Shorea robusta
Common Name	Sal tree / Shal / Sakhu
Family	Dipterocarpaceae
Type	Deciduous tree (shedding leaves seasonally)
Height	Can grow up to 30–35 metres
Lifespan	Up to 100 years or more
Nickname	"Sentinel of the Forests" — due to its longevity and strength

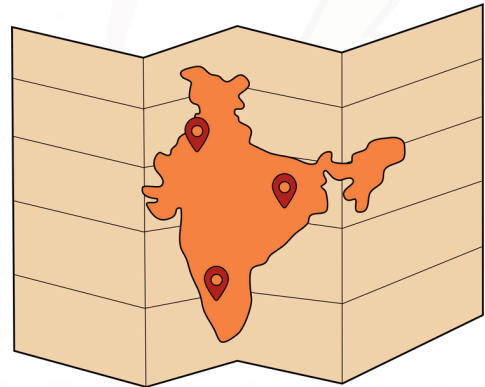


The Sal tree is considered one of the strongest and oldest forest trees in India, known for its hardwood and high ecological value.

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION IN INDIA

- Found mostly in tropical and subtropical regions of India.
- Major states with natural Sal forests:

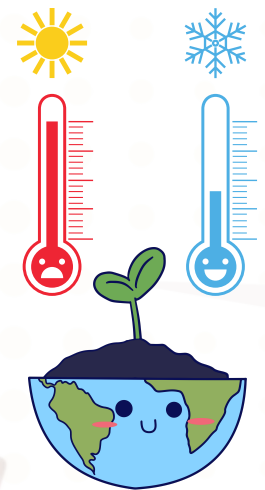
1. Uttarakhand
2. Terai region of Uttar Pradesh
3. Jharkhand
4. Odisha
5. Madhya Pradesh
6. Chhattisgarh
7. West Bengal



Beyond India: Also found in Nepal, Bhutan, and Bangladesh.

CLIMATIC AND SOIL REQUIREMENTS

FACTOR	REQUIREMENT / RANGE
Temperature	Tolerates 5°C (winter) to 45°C (summer)
Rainfall	Grows well with 1000–3000 mm annual rainfall
Altitude	Thrives up to 1500 metres above sea level
Soil Type	Prefers light loamy soil with good drainage
Climate Type	Prefers light loamy soil with good drainage



Adaptability:

- Very resilient tree; once mature, it doesn't need frequent watering or maintenance.
- Well-suited for hilly terrains and forest ecosystems.

HOW SAL TREES HELP CONTROL POLLUTION

1. Dust and Particle Trapping

- Leaves are thick, broad, and waxy, allowing them to trap dust, soot, and fine particles (PM 2.5, PM 10).
- The pollutants stick to the leaf surface instead of staying in the air.

Effect : Reduces suspended particulate matter and helps in improving air quality index (AQI).

2. Air Purification (Absorbing Harmful Gases)

- Sal leaves contain high chlorophyll content, which helps in:
- Absorbing harmful gases like carbon monoxide (CO) and sulphur dioxide (SO₂) from vehicle exhausts.
- Photosynthesis efficiency remains high even in polluted environments.

Effect: Improves oxygen levels and reduces gaseous air pollutants.

3. Natural Filter (Dense Canopy Effect)

- The dense crown and large leaf surface area act as a natural air filter.
- Traps suspended particles, reduces dust dispersion, and contributes to microclimate regulation.

Effect: Cooler, cleaner local environment; beneficial for urban greening.

ECOLOGICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPORTANCE

FUNCTION	BENEFIT
Carbon sequestration	Absorbs large quantities of CO ₂ → helps mitigate climate change.
Soil conservation	Strong roots prevent erosion on slopes.
Habitat creation	Supports biodiversity — provides shade, food, and shelter for insects, birds, and mammals.
Timber & resin	Hardwood used in construction, furniture; resin used in incense and varnish.

WHY SCIENTISTS CALL IT “BEST AIR PURIFIER TREE”

- **Durability:** Can withstand temperature fluctuations, drought, and pollution.
- **Physiological strength:** High chlorophyll, thick cuticle, and strong photosynthetic efficiency.
- **Structural features:** Dense canopy traps pollutants; leaves absorb harmful gases.

Hence, it performs exceptionally well in urban, industrial, and hilly environments.



Differences Between

Article

1. Provides detailed information on a subject.
2. Mostly neutral, based on facts, data, and research.
3. To inform or explain the reader.
4. Newspapers, magazines, websites, and journals.
5. Reporters, specialists, or professional writers.

Editorial

1. Reflects the opinion of the editor/board.
2. Opinionated and comments on current events/issues.
3. To persuade, criticize, or suggest solutions.
4. Dedicated editorial page in a newspaper.
5. Editor or the editorial board.

Newspaper

1. Delivers timely news and information.
2. Includes news, articles, editorials, and ads.
3. To help people stay updated (local/global).
4. Comprehensive publication with various sections.
5. Large team of reporters, editors, and designers.

Academic Success

Excels in cluster and government competitions. Clear Presentation Mastery for high grades.



Career Launchpad

Confidence in Entrance Exams, Interviews, and Competitive Exam communication sections.



Leadership Growth

Motivating Teams; Negotiation; Creative Thinking & Effective Professional Writing (e.g., contributing to publications).



Expertise & Legacy

Inspiring Vision; Strategic Communication, including thought-leadership articles for major papers (e.g., The Hindu, Times of India).



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