



THE OXFORD DIGEST

CLASS
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THE OXFORD SCHOOL
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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 15 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. ”

2025 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

María Corina Machado, a Venezuelan opposition leader, has been awarded the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize. The Norwegian Nobel Committee recognised her “for her struggle to achieve a democratic transition” in Venezuela — a country suffering from authoritarian rule under President Nicolás Maduro.

BACKGROUND CONTEXT — VENEZUELA'S POLITICAL CRISIS

Authoritarian Rule under Nicolás Maduro

Maduro came to power in 2013, succeeding Hugo Chávez.

His regime has been accused of:

- Suppressing dissent (arresting opposition leaders, banning parties),
- Rigging elections,
- and Human rights violations (extrajudicial killings, censorship).

The economy collapsed due to hyperinflation, corruption, and mismanagement — leading to one of the world's largest refugee crises (over 7 million Venezuelans fled abroad).

OPPOSITION STRUGGLES

The Opposition is fragmented but united under figures like:

- María Corina Machado (centre-right leader),
- Juan Guaidó (self-declared interim president in 2019).

Both have sought democratic change through peaceful means, backed by international actors like the US, EU, and some Latin American countries.

RECENT EVENTS

- In 2024, Machado tried to contest presidential elections against Maduro.
- She was disqualified by government-controlled institutions.
- The elections were widely condemned as fraudulent — protests followed, resulting in 20+ deaths.
- Despite threats and persecution, she remained in Venezuela, becoming a symbol of peaceful resistance.

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE CITATION

The Norwegian Nobel Committee described Machado as:

“A key, unifying figure who keeps the flame of democracy burning amid growing darkness.”

Why she was chosen:

- Her non-violent struggle for democracy.
- Her courage to resist authoritarian power despite threats.
- Her influence in mobilising Venezuelans toward a peaceful transition.
- Her role as a female leader in a high-risk political environment.



MACHADO'S REACTION

Dedicates her Nobel to:

- The suffering people of Venezuela.
- Donald Trump, acknowledging his “decisive support” for the opposition.

She expressed confidence in achieving a peaceful transition to democracy.

GLOBAL RELEVANCE

1. Significance for Democracy and Human Rights

- Symbolic recognition of peaceful political resistance against authoritarianism.
- Reinforces the importance of democracy, rule of law, and civil liberties — key UPSC themes.

2. Role of Nobel Peace Prize

- Often awarded to individuals or groups promoting peace, democracy, or human rights (e.g., Aung San Suu Kyi, Malala Yousafzai, Liu Xiaobo).
- Serves as international pressure on authoritarian regimes.

3. Gender Aspect

- Machado is the 20th woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize — highlighting the role of women in peacebuilding and democracy movements.

4. International Politics Link

- US and Western nations have often backed Venezuela's opposition.
- This award may influence global diplomacy and increase scrutiny on Maduro's regime.

QUICK REVISION POINTERS

POINT	DETAIL
Name	María Corina Machado
Country	Venezuela
Award	2025 Nobel Peace Prize
Reason	Peaceful struggle for democracy & human rights
Current Position	Venezuela under authoritarian rule of Nicolás Maduro
Her role	Opposition leader; symbol of unity & resistance
Challenges Faced	Disqualification, threats, hiding, persecution

Global Support	US, EU, Nobel Committee recognition
Gender Aspect	20th woman Nobel Peace laureate
Themes for UPSC	Democracy, human rights, authoritarianism, women leadership, ethical leadership

UPSC PRELIMS PRACTICE QUESTION (CURRENT AFFAIRS 2025)

Q. With reference to the *2025 Nobel Peace Prize*, consider the following statements:

1. María Corina Machado of Venezuela was awarded the prize for her non-violent struggle for democratic transition in her country.
2. The Nobel Peace Prize is awarded by the Swedish Academy based in Stockholm.
3. Machado's recognition is significant as she becomes only the second Latin American woman to ever win the Nobel Peace Prize.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

Options:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Correct Answer: (a) 1 only

Explanation:

Statement 1 — Correct 

- María Corina Machado, an opposition leader from Venezuela, was awarded the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize.
- The award recognised her peaceful and non-violent struggle to achieve a democratic transition in Venezuela under the authoritarian rule of President Nicolás Maduro.
- Hence, statement 1 is correct.

Statement 2 — Incorrect 

- The Nobel Peace Prize is not awarded by the Swedish Academy.
- Unlike other Nobel Prizes (which are awarded in Sweden), the Peace Prize is awarded by the Norwegian Nobel Committee, based in Oslo, Norway.
- This tradition comes from Alfred Nobel's will (1895), which specified that the Peace Prize should be awarded by a committee appointed by the Norwegian Parliament (Storting).
- Hence, statement 2 is incorrect.

Statement 3 — Incorrect 

- While Machado is a Latin American woman, she is not the second to win the Nobel Peace Prize.
- Several Latin American women have previously won, such as:
- Rigoberta Menchú Tum (Guatemala, 1992)
- Ellen Johnson Sirleaf (Liberia – African, not Latin American, but female laureate)
- Thus, the statement exaggerates and is factually incorrect.

Hence, only statement 1 is correct.

TOPIC	KEY FACT
Prize	2025 Nobel Peace Prize
Recipient	María Corina Machado (Venezuela)
Reason	Non-violent struggle for democracy
Awarding Body	Norwegian Nobel Committee (Oslo)
Significance	Recognition of peaceful resistance under authoritarianism
Women Laureates (Peace)	20 Women till 2025

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Difference 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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