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# Principal's Report



Successful completion of an academic year gives rise to satisfaction, which in turn calls for an expression of gratitude. Thus at the outset, we raise our hearts to God, the Supreme Teacher, in gratitude for the manifold blessings He bestowed upon the staff and students of St. Francis' College.

*"What thanks can I render thee*

*For the gifts Thou hast showered on me*

*Every day I will sing your praise and glory."*

are the sentiments that well up from our hearts.

The academic year 1995-96 commenced on 3rd. April 1995. Meanwhile the baton was exchanged and as Milton puts it "old order changeth, yielding place to new". Both the Principal and the Vice Principal were replaced by the new incumbents. It is my bounden duty to place on record the marvellous work done by Rev. Fr. Anthony D' Souza during his term in office. The Franciscan 1994-95 carries a resume of his contribution to the growth and progress of St. Francis College in his own words. He had been an animator and a dynamic leader. A sincere word of appreciation for his dedicated service to the institution. We remain indebted to Fr. Wenceslaus Rodrigues, the Vice Principal, who was a moving force behind every activity. He has won the hearts of our students and will be remembered in the years to come. Our sincere prayers and good wishes are with you, dear fathers, as you take up your new assignments.



Excellence in academics is usually measured by the rate of success in the public exams. We presented 187 students for the I C S E Examination while 120 appeared in the I S C - 12 examination-1995. All 307 students came out in flying colours. Here mention should be made of Parag Gupta, Class X, for his 92.8% average and Harpreet Singh, Class XII, for securing 91% marks. Hats off, dear students, through your excellent performance you have added one more feather in our cap. We cannot forget the role played by our teachers who inspire the students constantly for the highest.

Emphasis on discipline, moral values and academic excellence formed the backbone of this academic year. Thanks be to God, there was marked improvement in these fields by the end of the year. We were able to achieve it by working hand in hand.

Discontinuing the services of an outside agency, the College set up its own Computer Laboratory. Twenty five AST Computers with coloured monitors and mouse and two Compaq Computers with printers provide ample opportunities to the students to improve their skills. Four well qualified computer teachers were appointed to guide the students.

At the co-curricular front, our students were crowned with success. At the International Festival of Science in which 52 schools from all over the country and teams from USA, Russia, Japan and Sri Lanka participated, Depen Sabarwal was adjudged best speaker (English Debate) who teamed with Vinamra Agarwal lifted the Best debating team trophy. Both the Science Quiz and Software Development earned the First prizes. St. Francis' College lifted the Champion of Champions Trophy as a grand finale. Thus the flood gates were opened for the future events to follow during the year. Our students brought laurels to the college by repeatedly clinching the most coveted Trophy- The Champion of Champions' at the Golden Jubilee celebrations of United Nations Organization (U.P.) at the Inter College cultural Festival "Expressions 95" organized by Loreto Alumnae Association; at the Inter college competitions arranged by the Rotary Club; at the Extravaganza '95 designed by the Fraternity of old Dominicans; at the Cofas' 95 organized by City Montessori School (Station Road); and last but not the least, at the Cross Roads' 95 conducted by the Old Franciscan Association.

A warm welcome was accorded to Rev. Fr. Elias Rodrigues on whom fell the mantle of the Vice Principal. With a rich experience of 17 years in the fields of education and administration, he is the best suited person to occupy this chair. Eleven new staff members, who joined the Franciscan family in July were also welcomed.

Before I conclude, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to Rt. Rev. Albert D' Souza, Bishop of Lucknow for his constant encouragement; to the members of the Managing Committee headed by Rev. Fr. I. Martis for their valuable support; to Rev. Fr. Elias Rodrigues who looks after most of the academic work and takes care of the students; to all staff members for their commitment to the task and to all parents for their kind co-operation.

Rev. Fr. O. Lewis  
Principal



REPORT

# College Report

## 1995-96



The academic year 1995-96 has been the year of activity: which distinguished rigorous study sessions, innumerable sporting events, and an assortment of other extra curricular activities. To summarise the year therefore within a page is quite a task in itself as it demands that the chronicler be able to distinguish and choose between what should essentially be mentioned and what can reluctantly be omitted.

Academically, Franciscans proved that they are **the best** when spectacular achievements were recorded at the declaration of the I.S.C. and the I.C.S.E. results. Harpreet Singh topped the I.S.C. merit list with 91.4% and Parag Gupta was the ace of the I.C.S.E. merit list with an aggregate of 92.8%. Missam Abbas, Harpreet Singh, Ashish Saxena, and Vikram Singh also succeeded at the I.I.T. J.E.E. Our congratulations to all.

In the cultural field, St. Francis' College reached the very pinnacle of success during 1995. The ability to work hard, a spirit of resilience and pure gut strength were a few of the qualities exhibited by St. Francis' students as we swept through almost all festivals unbeaten and undefeated.

The show got on road in April with an explosive performance at "QUANTA-95", an International Festival of Science organised by the 'Chowk' branch of the City Montessori School. Thirty four teams from all over India, Sri Lanka, and the United States of America participated in this week long extravaganza. The Franciscan team, performed brilliantly; and returned victorious after bagging the 'Champions Trophy'. Special commendation is deserved by Gautam Gupta and Ravi Prakash Srivastava for their excellent performances.

The next climax was the "Expressions-'95" festival organised by the Loreto Alumni Association in the balmy heat of September. Held in the campus of our sister school, Franciscans emerged triumphant after defeating the hosts on their own home turf. "Turncoat", "Dumb Charades", and the English Elocution were just a few of the events where we excelled. The biggest success however was the imaginative representation of the story of "Cinderella" in the event "Innovations". The script co-authored by Vibhu Agarwal—an ex-Franciscan, and Abhishek Singh had the audience in splits. Once again we won the first prize in the event and romped home with the trophy for the '**Best team**'; leaving all the other teams to gape open mouthed.

"COFAS '95", or the "Computer Fair and Seminar '95" was organised by the Station Road Branch of the City Montessori School in October. Twenty one schools and colleges participated in this popular event. Sterling performances by the Franciscan team in general; and Anuj Kumar and Dipen Sabharwal in particular, ensured that the trophy for the '**Best College**' came to us.

The jewel in the crown was however "CROSSROADS-95", the most awaited 'fest' of



the year; which was a grand success—as never before. All the premier institutions of the city participated in this festival – the recent entrants being Isabella Thoburn College, and La Martiniere Boys' College. In a grand opening ceremony, the Chief Guest Mr. J. Russell, an ex-master of St. Francis' College and currently the principal of Christ Church College received the flags from the captains of the participating colleges. He exhorted them to participate with a spirit of righteousness and true sportsmanship. The untiring efforts of the members of the Old Franciscans Association led to a week long celebration of "the spirit of coming together". Our own Gagan Jain was this year's superstar when he was awarded the trophy for the best male performer in the College Section. The "**Champion of Champions**" trophy finally returned this year to the place where it rightly belongs, and where it has spent the maximum years of its existence. We leave it to the next batch of office bearers to ensure that it remains there.

In sports too St. Francis' excelled in everything it touched and seemed to have acquired the 'Midas touch'. In hockey, we finished third in the district in the "Anant Toko Hockey Tournament". The tournament organised by the 'K.D. Singh Babu Memorial Society' saw us reach unprecedented heights in field work, and quality of play. In sub-junior Table Tennis, Anuj Agarwal, of class VII, earned laurels and was awarded the No. 1 rank in the state.

The Annual Sports and P.T. Display, the last major extra curricular activity of the school; was a day of surprises and as usual, everyone got his share of the pleasant and the unpleasant. The function however was an astounding success. A novel attraction this year was the "Mashaal" drill perfectly executed by class XI. The Chief Guest was Mr. Atul Kumar Gupta, Secretary, Department of Electronics, who later gave away the prizes. Vivek Singh was declared the Best Sportsman of the year; and Ravi Prakash Srivastava, bagged the award for the best all round student in the college section. The Cockhouse Shield went to St. Andrew's House.

I would like to end this report on a personal note and mention that the above list of achievements represents a very small volume trapped from an ocean of talent which lies with the odd three thousand students of the school. I would like to thank all the teachers who have done their utmost in catalyzing the transformation of this talent into concrete progress and made this year a truly memorable one.

*Vinamra Agarwal*  
(College Captain)





## St. Andrew's House

### "FOR HONOUR ALONE"

*"All the performances of human art, at which we look with wonder, are instances of the resistless force of perseverance; These infinite efforts, incessantly continued, in time surmount the greatest difficulties and mountains are levelled."*

—JOHNSON



**Captain**



**Vice Captain**

The year 1995-96 will go down as a golden period to reminisce in the history of the house. It saw many a dramatic turnout in the sporting activities of St. Andrew's house. We won shields and we lost shields but the best part was the fruits borne by our tireless efforts in form of the 'Cockhouse-shield.'

The year started with Inter house debates & Elocutions and although the young lads put up a valiant effort yet could not save the debacle to an overall third position.

The sports season offered a variety of physical psychological and emotional roller coasters- In football the boys of B & C div. put up a great show but the seniors of 'A' div proved to be a big let down. Thanks to A. Nigam, S. Bahadur, S. Shah, Komal Kharbanda, A. Abbas for getting us the number two slot.

Basketball was never our cup of tea and this year too the first place eluded us as St. Francis's house took the shield away.

Cricket was one sphere where our team proved to be an outstanding and formidable one; displaying excellent team work and superb co-ordination with the help of M. Saxena, Mridul Verma, S. Srivastava, Vikrant Singh we proudly lifted the Cricket Shield.

The house reasserted its mettle and easily lifted the Badminton shield. The quick, agile moves of S. Bahadur, A. Bhargava, S. Fanthome & K. Kharbanda are worth mentioning.

Our 'dream run' of success was cut short when we faced our first big disappointment in table tennis. We were within striking range but conceded the shield to St. Francis House by just four points. The Hockey shield slipped out of our hands and we lost the top notch to St. Patrick's house but Rudos to Parul Kakkar and Adil Abbas for exhibiting extraordinary stickwork. We lost the Marathon shield miserably and were able to secure only 3rd position overall.

We salvaged some lost pride with our boys really going all out to carry home the volleyball shield with M. Saxena & K. Kharbanda routing all opposition.

In athletics our performance was shaky from the start and we were pushed to the 3rd place—no excuses offered but it was our sheer lack of determination that put us in such a spot.

But as fate would have it, we had the last laugh. After a lapse of five years we proudly lifted the cock-house shield. Our boys who devotedly laboured finally made it to the top—the glory and honour theirs for the taking.

Lastly, I would like to express my deep and sincere gratitude to Mr. S.D. Edwards, our house master who proved to be the biggest source of encouragement and inspiration. Special word of thanks to our P.T.I.s Mr. R. Parker and Mr. N. Vig for their support and Co-operation and to Mrs. R. Jackson, Mr. J. Hannah, Mr. T. Shawaney & Mr. D. Jackson for all their help. May the house grow from strength to strength in the coming years and the future shine forth for all to see.

*Gaurav Pant*





**Captain**

## St. Francis House Report

"Perseverance conquers all"

The end of the academic session of 1995-96 marked the end of another good year in the history of St. Francis House but saw us falling short of winning the Cock House.

We started the year with a bang winning the prestigious Football shield. The match against St. Patricks House was especially exciting and a spectacular last minute goal by Anurag Singh made the match end in a draw. The boys played superbly. R. Gandhi, A Gupta, A Ansari, Qasim, M.Aamir, S. Bahukhandi, R. Madan, G. Kalia, A.K. Sharma, N. Rastogi, V. Gopal & A. Kumar deserve special mention.

Basket Ball came next with the boys repeating their performance, to lift the championship. Suhas, N. Misra, K. Bansal & A Jain played excellently.

Cricket, however proved a disaster. A bada how by the junior divisions pulled us down to fourth place despite Rishi Gandhi, A. Singh, S.M. Misra, A Jain & R. Shankar trying their best.

Volley ball was not our cup of tea despite spirited efforts by Anurag, Suhas, Akshat, Qasim, Rishi & Nitin. In Hockey, though our team was strongest on paper, a lack of team work saw us coming last. Not withstanding, Anshuman & Amit Kumar deserve special praise. Badminton proved a similar story despite the best efforts of Rohit Shankar & Kush Srivastava.

We made a comeback with Table Tennis & our senior team comprising of Tauseef, Irfan, A Krishna, A Joshi & S. Riturk was unmatched. The B & C division boys also played well & with K. Srivastava being the eventual champion of 'C' div & V. Agarwal & Irfan being runners up in their divs. We were runners up in the Marathon.

S. Bahukhandi, A Bhaduria, A Jain & K. Bansal bagged the 2nd, 5th, 7th & 10th positions respectively.

We did not put up an all round performance in athletics though S. Bahukhandi performing tremendously bagged 4 goals followed by A. Bhaduria & A. Singh with one bronze each

Our performance was multi faceted with boys winning in other co curricular activities too. A Kumar & A. K. Sharma got the 1st prizes in the Hindi Elocution in the Senior & Junior categories respectively. The Hindi Debate saw Saumyendra. V. Singh bagging the second slot. In the English Debate again we got top sports in both the categories, the honours being done by Dipen Sabharwal & S. Sharma respectively. Oby Mathews took the 2nd place in the English Elocution.

Before concluding, I would like to express my gratitude to my Vice Captain S.M. Misra & my House Prefects, O. Mathews, D. Sabharwal, A. Kumar & A. Krishna. I would also like to thank all other office bearers for their help & co-operation

Last, but the most, I would like to express my gratitude to my House Master, Mr. J. Rodricks, Ma'am I Menezes & our P.T.I's Mr R. Parker & Mr. N. Vig for their inspiring guidance.

As I pass the 'golden standard' to R. Shankar & K. Bansal, I wish them the best of luck in their efforts to break the 'Cockhouse Jinx'

My Best Wishes & Good Luck,

*Anurag Singh*  
(House Captain)

*Suhas M. Misra*  
(House Vice Captain)



## Cross Roads - Report - 1995

The Crossroads, the gala event for which every school waits with earnest expectations, couldn't get off the road this time with the same fellip as it does every year.

We started the preparation two-three days before the actual event. But then if one has talent & skill in plenitude it doesn't take much time to be ready for action. This was flawlessly proved by us as our college once again established its supremacy over the other schools & colleges of Lucknow. Our performance deserves much more than its due share of accolades considering the preparation time we had.

This year the no. of events were reduced due to extra stress on studies which lessed the excitement of the mega youth festival but truly & definitely not the enthusiasm.

We literally destroyed the opponents with our dazzling display of skill, knowledge talent & teamwork.

We rightaway started on a winning note. The first event was the Quinturdles, Abhishek Singh hurdled his way to victory for the second consecutive year. Congratulations & keep it up you still have one more year. May you keep up the magic. In the junior category, Kanishka walked away with the first prize with the team of Kanishka and Sudhanshu Tiwari winning the Team Trophy.

In the quiz based on the U.N.O. our duo of Parag Gupta & Saumya Tyagi rammed through the contest winning the first prize with awesome ease. In 'What's the Good Word' it was a landslide victory for us. We won the 1st prize in both the senior and The junior categories Amod Agarwal & Amol Agarwal walked away with 1st prize in the junior section. In the senior section it was an incredible sight with our terrific duo of Yasir & Jasmeet not sparing a single word. They deserved the first prize & they had it.

In the Debate of the senior category Dipen and O.B. Mathews won the 1st & 3rd prizes respectively. In the junior section once again Kanishka bagged the first prize. We definitely do have an incomparable assortment of talent in all sizes.

In mimicry the 3rd prize was obtained by Aditya Khanna. Naturally we do not believe in mimicking for originality as our watchword.

In the Musical section, we once again displayed our versatility. In Indian Music, Vinamra along with Gagan Jain won the 1st prize in the instrumental category.

In Group performance, Vivek, Gagan, Nitesh, Anshuman & Sankalp stood first showing the magnificent art of team work.

In the junior category (group) A Chowdhary, Amit, Manish, Ankit, Shuvam won the 1st prize. In the instrumental division, Chimman really performed well. In western music, senior category Gagan Jain stood first in instrumental.

In the junior category [group] we stood third. The team was composed of Piyush, Farhar, Siddarth Bhavani, Akshay & Amit.

The crowning glory of it all was when our very own Gagan won the Best performer of



the senior section and Kanishka Raja completed his tally of three prizes with Best Performer of Junior Section St. Francis was awarded with the senior section Championship with the school section coming a close second.

Our only disappointment was in choreography. We couldn't get a single prize in either categories but surely St. Francis will live up to the expectations in this category for it is very well known that after a dark night there comes a bright morning Amen !

May we continue our ride to victory every year & retain the spirit, skill & trophy.

Of course all this praise is incomplete without thanking the drawing forces of the college Mrs. N. Narayan, Mrs. Nagar, Mr. Saxena, Mr. Rai, Mr. Veigas, Mrs. Duggal, Mr. T. Sahani, Mr Jackson Miss I. Menezes, Miss P. Khan deserve an exclusive thanks from all the college & the winners.

Once again St. Francis reigns supreme. Hip-hip-hurray !

### *A recipe for a happy life*

*Take a large quantity of cheerfulness and let it simmer without stopping. Put a handful of kindness and then add a full measure of thoughtfulness for others. Mix into these a heaping tablespoon of sympathy. Flavour with the essence of Charity. Stir well and then carefully strain off any particles of selfishness. Let the whole be served with a spread of love sauce.*



## CRICKET REPORT



The academic year 1995-96 scaled new heights in the field of cricket. The College saw talents like never before emerge and secure for themselves a place in the roll call of honour. The College Cricket Team, though did not get many opportunities to display its talents, showed a touch of class and an admirable spirit of teamwork.



The quite raw, out of touch and out of practice, newly formed college cricket team took on the veterans in the very first match of the session. Despite the unpreparedness, the present took on the past with a surprise, knocking down early wickets. First dismissal coming of the fourth delivery (Behl) quickly followed by the second in the seventh one (Kukreti).

Had it not been for the calculated and indomitable innings by Chetan (59) the past were decidedly in hot waters. Having a challenging total of 136 runs to strive for, the present threw away their wickets playing an impatient game. Valuable innings by Vivek Singh and Rohit Bajpai could only salvage some pride. So once again the past repeated history outplaying the present.

The atmosphere got real hot on the advent of the long awaited Interhouse Cricket. Starting right from Class 6th to Class 12th, everybody got a chance to make a display of individual talents. St. Andrew's House benefitted the most by this talent and walked away with the cricket shield. St. George's was not far behind losing by a margin of just 2 pts. i.e. one match. Vivek Singh (St. Patrick's) proved devastating with the ball claiming 11 wickets in 12 overs (3 matches). While Skipper Anuj Behl (St. George's) broke loose with the bat, smashing 111 runs in three matches. Rishi Gandhi, Vikrant Singh, Vivek Kapoor, Mayank Saxena, Anurag Singh were amongst the notables in the A divn. matches.

The boys now more in touch and tune with the game, gave a much better display in the combined 12th Vs rest of the college match. The seniors decidedly routed the amateurs winning convincingly by reaching the 117 runs target with 22 deliveries to spare. Saurabh Srivastava and Anuj Behl took 3 wickets each while Suhas N. Misra played a masterly knock of 35 valuable and well scored runs for the combined twelfth.

The all set college team took on the challenge of St. Dominic Savio College and played two matches at Dominics. Earlier in the day the top order devastated the Dominic's bowling attack owing to crushing innings by Anuj (27), Rishi (26), Suhas (22) and Vikrant (20). The batsmen completely dominated the attack hitting the Ball over the fence on 4 instances and out of the college once. The launching pad however was not sufficient as the lower order collapsed and managed only 139 runs as the target. Despite a low score to defend, excellent bowling cornered the hosts, who faced great difficulties in reaching the set score in a nail biting finish. We lost the first match, by the proverbial skin of the teeth, by one wicket.



The return match was abandoned due to unfortunate circumstances and some controversial decisions on the part of the umpires. Thus the fine effort of the SFC bowlers who had managed to restrict the Dominicans to a paltry 83 runs went to waste. Special mention must be made of Pratik Jain's scintillating bowling figures of 2 overs- 4 wickets- 1 run.

Last but not the least, I would like to thank our P.T.I. Mr. Parker and Mr. Vig who have kept the spirit and zeal of cricket alive in our College. The team owes to them for their constant support, cooperation and guidance. I would also like to extend my thanks to my deputy Rishi Gandhi and all other players of the team for their backing and assistance. Being the skipper of the SFC Cricket Team, was a matter of pride for me and I wish the same to who-soever this office passes on to.

**SFC Cricket Team :**

Anuj Behl, Rishi Gandhi, Pratik Jain, Suhas N. Misra, Vivek Singh, Saurabh Srivastava, Anurag Singh, Mayank Saksena, Akshat Jain, A. Singh, Kapil Arora, Rohit Bajpai, Vivek Kapoor, Vikrant Singh.

*-Anuj Behl*  
English Editor,  
College Cricket Captain.



## Hockey Report

The very word hockey spins up images of flying feet and graceful swerving movements with a five ounce ball and a three feet stick .

This year's hockey schedule started as usual in mid September. We started out with light exercises and field work and ended with planning our strategies.

The most important match, the traditional 'Past V/s Present' encounter saw us missing some very easy chances but managing to score a goal in the dying moments of the first half. The Past restored parity in the second half. Despite our best efforts the match ended in a 1-1 draw. The boys did well to secure the third position in a district level tournament organized by K.D. Singh Memorial society. On the way we beat D.A.V. College, B.N. School & Colvin College. I was assisted ably by my vice-captain Vivek Singh, Syed Iman, Anurag Singh, Kapil Arora, Gaurav Pant and Parul Kakkar all of whom put on fine performances along with A. Bhadoria, A Kumar, S. Bahukhandi, A. Kanchan, M. Dhir, A. Abbas, A. Kukreti, A Rizvi, G. Singh, A. Singh (II) and Fahd Usmani.

In the inter-house competition St. Patrick's were placed first with St. Andrews St, Gerge's and St. Francis occupying the second, third and fourth positions respectively. I would like to thank Rev. Fr. O'Lewis, Rev. Fr. Rodrigues, Mr. R. Parker and Mr. N. Vig for their help and encouragement who were instrumental in our success, St. Francis college was not just an educational institution but a second home, be at sports or studies. This feeling comes from the innermost hearts of our hockey team. Best of luck to the future players.

Farewell, Alma Mater

Captain

*Mohd Faiz Usmani*



## Pushpa Vidyalaya

Pushpa Vidyalaya is a School run by the sisters of St. Agnes', Loreto Day School. The children of cobblers, rickshawmen, servants & labourers study here. On Nov. 14th '95



**"We Keep the poor in mind."**

Children's Day a visit was paid by Ma'am D' Bunch & class III D of St. Francis College to Pushpa Vidyalaya. The reason for this visit was to distribute useful items like old clothes, soaps, biscuits & other goodies which had been collected by the children of III D. Vaibhav Goel donated Rs. 1101 & Harshit Bajaj gave a brand new tricycle. Ma'am Bunch should be thanked for this visit because she gave us a chance to share with the poor. She taught us a lesson that the have's should share with the have not's.

*Dhananjai*  
III D



## ***Class III D Visits Pushpa Vidyalaya on 14 th November 'Children's Day'***

Class III D under the guidance of their class teacher Miss Deep Bunch volunteered to make a great day for the children of the Pushpa Vidyalaya School situated in the premises of St. Agnes Loreto Day School, Lucknow and is managed by Loreto Sisters. They chose to join hands with the children of Pushpa Vidyalaya School and enjoy to the fullest on their Children's Day. They shared their toys, story books, soaps, biscuits, clothes, stationary with them. Games like Cricket, singing competitions and dance competitions were also organised. The sister in charge Sr. M. Stephanie greeted the boys with a smile and a warm hand shake. Vaibhav Goel of Class III D handed over Rs. 1101.00 for the welfare of the school. The class monitors Prakhar Mehrotra and Jatin Gurnani presented some more money as a group collection to Sr. Stephanie. Siddhart Balani of Class V D also sent his share of Rs. 101.00 for the welfare of the school. Harshit Bajaj of Class III D also presented a new tricycle to a meritorious student of Pushpa Vidyalaya. A word of appreciation for the boys of Class III D who arranged for the transport like Prakhar Mehrotra, Adhiraj Singh, Jatin Gurnani, Madhav Kohli and Suhrab Aslam Rizvi of Class IV B. The purpose of this visit was to promote the feeling of brotherhood and learn to share, what one could, with the poor. The class teacher is grateful to Rev. Fr. Oswald Lewis, the Principal and Rev. Elias Rodregues, the Vice Principal of the college who have given great support and encouragement to make this trip possible. A word of appreciation to the parents of Class III D who have been generous in sending the requirements. May the Franciscans be always a source of love and joy for others. I end with a few lines of St. Francis-

*"MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE*

*WHERE THERE IS HATRED LET ME SOW LOVE*

*WHERE THERE IS DESPAIR, HOPE*

*WHERE THERE IS SADNESS JOY."*

*Miss Deep Bunch*  
CLASS TEACHER III D





## A Talk with Dr. Amrita Dass

As I walk into the lush campus of the Institute for Career Studies, I notice groups of students standing about the premises. They're all graduates preparing for various competitive examinations leading to careers in the Civil Services, Defence Services, Banks, Financial Institutions and Public and Private Sector Organizations. The atmosphere is one of relaxed decisiveness, and this is personified by Dr. Amrita Dass, the Director of the Institute. An accomplished lady, she is also co-ordinating various development projects, some of which are the Hunger Project and the Total Literacy Mission for Lucknow ("Sundar Lucknow Sakshar Lucknow").

As I am ushered into her office, she concludes her conversation with a student. After the preliminaries, my curiosity gets the better of me and I start the interview.

SR : Dr. Dass, please enlighten us on the work that is being done at your Institute on a regular basis.

AD : We conduct specialized courses to guide candidates in their preparation for various competitive examinations leading to careers in the Civil Services, Defence Services, Banks, Financial Institutions and Public and Private Sector Organizations.

We have also designed career guidance and counselling programmes from Class X onwards. The objective of our programmes is to make the students aware of their interests and potential and to focus their attention on the wide spectrum of career options open to them.

We have embarked on a project to promote the establishment of small business enterprises by providing entrepreneurs with appropriate guidelines.

The Institute has taken up a number of projects in the field of Human Resource Development. Prominent among these are *The Training of Rural Women in Management Skills* and the *Research Study on Land Consolidation*.

SR : What, do you think is the cause of the rising unemployment in the country today?

AD : The educated youth do not plan their careers according to their interests and abilities. There is a tendency to move towards stereotyped jobs (for instance, in the Government), where there is extremely limited scope. Also, there is a lack of information on career opportunities, the knowledge of which could facilitate the right decision at the right time; Career By Choice Rather Than By Chance.

Entrepreneurial jobs hold a lot of scope, and this has yet to be explored. Besides, self employment allows you to employ others as well, thus reducing the problem of unemployment to an extent. Design, communications and other fields allow vast opportunities for self employment. With some planning and training inputs, unemployment among today's youth can be greatly reduced.

SR : Apart from awareness, what else should today's student be prepared to do in order to gain success ?



## The Franciscan

AD : It is important for the students to decide whether to opt for an academic or professional course. The right decision could lead to a successful career.

SR : *You are involved in various kinds of development work. Could you elaborate on this?*

AD : I feel that it is our duty to contribute towards nation building. There are so many ways to do this, for example—volunteering in the literacy drives and community development. Even the industry has come up with ideas such as corporate citizenship. Apart from my work at the Institute as Director and Teacher, I am Secretary of the District Literacy Committee promoting Sundar Lucknow Sakshar Lucknow, i.e. 100% literacy in the district of Lucknow. I am also the Chairperson of the Hunger Project, UP, whose aim is to promote convergence activities to fulfill the developmental needs in the fields of health, environment and basic development through strategic planning and action.

SR : *What is your philosophy in life and what provides you with the motivation to do so many good things ?*

AD : To achieve self-realization and strive for excellence. Hold fast to your value system and believe in yourselves. Be clear about your goals in life and strive relentlessly to realize them.

It was a fitting conclusion to an extremely inspiring thirty minutes. I definitely feel that we need more people like Dr. Dass who keep doing so much for society and to whom we can look up to and emulate.

*Shivraj Ritwik*  
XII A





**ROLL OF HONOUR**

Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations.  
ICSE (10) Results -1995



PROGRESS  
REPORT

R.No.	Names	R.No.	Names
001	Abhijeet Majumdar	042	Sumit Mehrotra
002	Abhishek Singh	043	Tushar Verma
003	Abid Hussain	044	Vaibhav Srivastava
004	Aditya Kumar Khanna	045	Vaibhav Saxena
005	Akhil Mehrotra	046	Varun Anand
006	Amit Thakral	047	Vipul Srivastava
007	Anas Mohd Khan	048	Abhinav Saxena
008	Ankur Ashok	049	Abhishek Srivastava
009	Ankur Srivastava	050	Abhishek Raychoudhry
010	Anshuman Bhaduria	051	Adhish Mehrotra
011	Apoorva Dwivedi	052	Akhilesh Rajan
012	Arunabh Ghosh	053	Akshat Kaul
013	Ashish Williams	054	Anang Kukreti
014	Ashish Charles Prasad	055	Anshu Gupta
015	Bejoy John	056	Anurag Parashar
016	Bharat Kumar Gulati	057	Ashwani Vaish
017	Gaurav Srivastava	058	Avijit Lal
018	Kapil Bansal	059	Chistopher Dominic Rodricks
019	Manurai Singh Chauhan	060	Dheeraj Kapoor
020	Mayank Shukla	061	Faisal Mushtaq
021	Mohd. Nafees-ur-Rehman Khan	062	Gaurav Jain
022	Mohit Jalota	063	Jagmeet Singh Malhotra
023	Namit Agarwal	064	Jai Singh
024	Nitin Gairola	065	Kanishka Prasad
025	Parimal Bajpai	066	Kapil Sajnani
026	Paritosh Arora	067	Krishna Swaroop Dhar Dwivedi
027	Pranshu Topal	068	Maaz-bin yunus
028	Puneet Edward Harvey	069	Madhup Misra
029	Puneet Arora	070	Mandheer Singh
030	Rachit Tandon	071	Manish Swaroop Vigh
031	Rohit Shankar	072	Mayank Mohan
032	Rohit Dumir	073	Mohd Saboor Alam
033	Salman Ahmad	074	Mohit Sah
034	Sanjeev Chawla	075	Murtuza Habib
035	Saumyendra Vikram Singh	076	Nishant Gupta
036	Saurabh V.Merh	077	Nitin Tewari
037	Sharad Bhonwal	078	Omair Rishad Kidwai
038	Shaurya Bakshi	079	Parag Gupta
039	Shuja Hussain	080	Prashant Gupta
040	Siddartha Kannan	081	Rahul Bhargava
041	Sumit Kumar	082	Rajeev Singh



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083	Ravindra Kumar Singh	125	Nitin O'Charles
084	Rohit Sethi	126	Prashant Gupta
085	Sandeep Ahuja	127	Priyank Misra
086	Saurabh Kumar	128	Rajul Jain
087	Saurabh Suri	129	Sarvesh Kumar Agrawal
088	Saurabh Shukla	130	Saumya Tyagi
089	Shobhit Bhargava	131	Saurabh Singh Bisht
090	Siddharth Gargori	132	Sharad Dhondiyal
091	Sumit Bahukhandi	133	Shashank Dabral
092	Suraj Pandey	134	Suratna Budalakoti
093	Viresh Pratap Singh	135	Syed Ahmad Rizwan
094	Vishal Chopra	136	Tarun Nayyar
095	Adarsh Khanna	137	Udit Mohan Maheshwari
096	Ahmad Nazeer	138	Vachapati Agarwal
097	Ajitabh Parashar	139	Vicky Bhargava
098	Amit Mishra	140	Gaurava Tripathi
099	Amitesh Ahuja	141	Jitendra Malhotra
100	Ankush Arora	142	Kshitij Dar
101	Anurag Sharma	143	Manas Kalra
102	Apoorva Rastogi	144	Manish Pathak
103	Anoop Mukherji	145	Mohd Suhail Khan
104	Asit Kumar Verma	146	Mohd Saleem Ashraf
105	Atul Bhargava	147	Nave Askari
106	Benny Joseph Veliath	148	Nikhil Verma
107	Brajesh Khanna	149	Piyush Rastogi
108	Deepankar Gupta	150	Pulkit Agarwal
109	Deeraj Kapoor	151	Rachit Khare
110	Dilip Singh	152	Rachit Bhargava
111	Divyendra Narain Singh	153	Rahul Rai
112	Gaurav Suri	154	Rajat Mishra
113	Himanshu Singh	155	Randeep Singh
114	Jitendra Bhagchandani	156	Rishab Singh
115	Kunal Sarin	157	Ritesh Gaurav
116	Madhur Priya Bhatnagar	158	Sandeep Singh Anand
117	Manish Kumar Singh	159	Sharad Mehrotra
118	Mohit Gupta	160	Vishal Kapoor
119	Namit Kumar	161	Vishesh Arora
120	Naveen Saigal	162	Zuhair Husain
121	Nikhlesh Rajan	163	Abhjeet Awasthi
122	Nishchaya Saigal	164	Abhinav Singhal
123	Nishant Nigam	165	Abhinav Govind
124	Nishant Jaiswal		



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166	Abhishek Jaiswal
167	Abhishek Sharma
168	Abhishek Anand
169	Abhishek Singh
170	Abhishek Arora
171	Ajay Pratap Singh Rautela
172	Alok Agarwal
173	Amar Kaul
174	Ankur Goel
175	Anshul Pant
176	Ashish Tripathi

R.No.	Names
177	Ashu Kapoor
178	Divya Rakesh
179	Shekhar Kumar
180	Siddharth Bisht
181	Subhash Kumar Dutt
182	Sumit Mukherjee
183	Tariq Summar Hussain
184	Victor Liu
185	Vishal Garg
186	Vishal Mathur
187	Yamin Qaisar Durrani

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002	Abhishek Swarup	028	Rajat Dunir
003	Amit Sinha	029	Rajat Garg
004	Anuj Sahai	030	Rahul Budhalakoti
005	Arjun Sah	031	Raghu Raman Rajagopalan
006	Amit Gairola	032	Sumit Asthana
007	Arunadh Singh	033	S. Sridhar
008	Anurag Chauhan	034	Sumit Agarwal
009	Abhishek Awasthi	035	Syed Aman
010	Asutosh Dhar	036	Supriyo Bhattacharya
011	Bhaskar Nigam	037	Tarang Garg
012	Bhaskar Sharma	038	Udit Mishra
013	Gaurav Vohra	039	Ujwal Singh Monhas
014	Gaurav Saxena	040	Vidhu Gupta
015	Himanshu Mohan	041	Vivek Singh
016	Himanshu Mehrotra	042	Vivek Sinha
017	Kamalpreet Singh Sawhney	043	Amit Dua
018	Kumar Vaihav Tandon	044	Ankur Agarwal
019	Misam Abbas	045	Abhimanyu Misra
020	Mohd Saif	046	Abhishek Bharti
021	Mayank Khare	047	Abhishek Bajpai
022	Neerad Swaroop	048	Abhishek Khanna
023	Priyaj Kothiyal	049	Abhishek Singh
024	Peeyush Pandey	050	Ashish Kumar
025	Pradyuman Singh	051	Ashish Tandon
026	Rajeev Kumar Srivastava	052	Ashish Saxena



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053	Arup Ganguly	087	Anuj Goel
054	Achal Saran Pandey	088	Abhishek Gautam
055	Anjan Roy	089	Ashwani Bhatia
056	Abhishek Bajpai	090	Abbas Khan
057	Bhaskar Gurnani	091	Abhay Pratap Singh
058	Chetan Anand	092	Atul R. Bara
059	Deepak Singh	093	Amit Kumar
060	Fredrick Stefan Fanthome	094	Chi Chen Wu
061	Gaurav Awashti	095	Gaurav Nath
062	Gaurav Agarwal	096	Gaurav Behl
063	Gunjan Jain	097	Gaurav Chandra
064	Himanshu Ghildiyal	098	Gautam Shukla
065	Himanshu Tandon	099	Gaurav Nagar
066	Harpreet Singh	100	Harminder Singh
067	Modh Asif Saghir	101	Hemant Mehra
068	Mohit Tandon	102	Harsh Chauhan
069	Murli Krishna	103	Kshitij Shankhdhar
070	Manoj Kumar Goel	104	Madhukar Mittal
071	Protik Sen gupta	105	Manish Kapoor
072	Pallav Mukerjee	106	Nadeem Usmani
073	Pranjol Chandra	107	Nikhil Kapoor
074	Rahul Sharma	108	Prateek Khanna
075	Raja Sircar	109	Pankaj Srivastava
076	Ratnesh Verma	110	Rishi Raj
077	Saurabh Singh	111	Rajeev Singh
078	Sandeep Bajpai	112	Sudeep
079	Sarabjeet Singh Khurana	113	Shrish Bhatnagar
080	Syed Tabrez Shamshad	114	Saurabh Tewari
081	Tanuj Chadha	115	Sachin Seth
082	Vikramjit Singh	116	Saurabh Mishra
083	Yogesh Kumar Srivastava	117	Saurabh Bhatnagar
084	Amit Srivastava	118	Siddharth Mukerji
085	Ankit Kapoor	119	Saurabh Mankhand
086	Apoorva Kumar	120	Saurabh Malhotra





Prize

## PRIZE WINNERS

1995-1996



Prize

**Class VI A**

- 1st : Abhinav Jain  
2nd : Saurabh Guleria  
3rd : Vipul Bansal

**Good Conduct** : Survir Kapoor**Class VI B**

- 1st : Rajat Sengupta  
2nd : Sudeep Tandon  
3rd : Arjun Krishna

**Good Conduct** : Rishu Mehrotra**Class VI C**

- 1st : Mustafa Rizvi  
2nd : Vinayak Agarwal  
3rd : Sandeepan Mazumdar

**Good Conduct** : Abhishek Mehra**Class VI D**

- 1st : Siddharth Sinha (B)  
2nd : Anirudh Singhania  
3rd : Yash Mohan

**Good Conduct** : Asif Khan**Class VII A**

- 1st : Mudhit Johri  
2nd : Abir Seth  
3rd : Pravir Kumar Gupta

**Good Conduct** : Nitin Dhyani**Class VII B**

- 1st : Alex Chand  
2nd : Shantanu Gattani  
3rd : Navneet Kumar

**Good Conduct** : Anurag Mehrotra**Class VII C**

- 1st : Salahuddin Ahmad  
2nd : Shabd Vaish  
3rd : Archit Gaur

**Good Conduct** : Ankur Tandon**Class VII D**

- 1st : Ankit Gupta  
2nd : Kush Srivastava  
3rd : Samarth Gupta

**Good Conduct** : Kumar Shubham Dalmia**Class VIII A**

- 1st : Abhishek Agarwal  
2nd : Rahul Mehra  
3rd : Saviya Sachi Singh

**Good Conduct** : Ravi Tandon**Class VIII B**

- 1st : Samarth Agarwal B  
2nd : Abhinav Bhargava  
3rd : Satyam Chauhan

**Good Conduct** : Abhishek Bansal**Class VIII C**

- 1st : Farhan Choudhary  
2nd : Harsh Agarwal  
3rd : Avinash Verma

**Good Conduct** : Abhishek Asthana**Class VIII D**

- 1st : Raminder Singh Chaddha  
2nd : Farhan Ahmed  
3rd : Naman Kapoor

**Good Conduct** : Ashish M. Kar.**Class IX A**

- 1st : Kanishka Raja  
2nd : Priyendra S. Deshwal  
3rd : Amol K. Agarwala

**Good Conduct** : Abhishek Agarwal**Class IX B**

- 1st : Abhishek Agarwal  
2nd : Rachit Srivastava  
3rd : Ankur Agarwal

**Good Conduct** : Akshat Pant**Class IX C**

- 1st : Gaurav Asthana  
2nd : Parag Garg  
3rd : Vipin Agarwal

**Good Conduct** : Gaurav Asthana**Class IX D**

- 1st : Shakil Ahmad  
2nd : Kapil Singh  
3rd : Kamal Kumar

**Good Conduct** : Bhawani P. Singh



**Class XI A**

- 1st : Parag Gupta  
 2nd : Namit Kumar  
 3rd : Abhishek Singh II

**Good Conduct** : Kapil Bansal

**Class XI B**

- 1st : Madhup Misra  
 2nd : Rohit Dumir  
 3rd : Tanmay Saxena

**Good Conduct** : Krishna Swaroop Dhar Dwivedi

**Class XI C**

- 1st : Saumeyendra Vikram Singh  
 2nd : Tarun Nayyar  
 3rd : Suraj Pandey

**Good Conduct** : Nitin Tewari

**Classes VI, VII, VIII**

**English Elocution**

- Best Speaker Class VI : Fahad Khalid
- Best Speaker Class VII : Nikhil Kumar  
Fahad Usmani
- Best Speaker Class VIII : Kabir Dixit

**Classes VI, VII, VIII**

**Hindi Elocution**

- Best Speaker Class VI: Amit Sharma
- Best Speaker Class VII : Anju K. Sharma
- Best Speaker Class VIII : Saurabh Verma

**Do You Know ?**

- Our school Anthem was written by Mr. V.E. Vance and the music was composed by Rev. Fr. Stella
- H.E. Shrimati Sarojini Naidu, Governor of U.P. graced the occasion with her presence at the annual concert on 7th October 1948.
- St. Francis' Dispensary was officially opened by The Hon'ble Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant Chief Minister of U.P. and blessed by His Lordship, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Conrad de Vito O.F.M. Cap. Bishop of Lucknow on 8th February 1953.
- H.G. Shri V.V. Giri, Governor, Uttar Pradesh was the Chief Guest at the Annual Athletic meet on 4th October 1958.





## KIDDIE'S CORNER



## A Visit to the sea side

During the winter holidays We went to Puri. We went to Puri by train. We stayed for four days in a hotel. The next morning we went to the sea side. We saw a crab creeping inside a big hole. We had a bath in the sea. We played with the sand and made a small house. We collected corals, some shells and seaweed from the sea shore. On the sea-shore people were selling articles made out of shells. We enjoyed ourselves at the sea side.

*Kartik Gupta*  
Class 2 A

## Money

Money can buy the bed  
but not sleep.

Money can buy books  
but not brains.

Money can buy Medicine  
but not health.

Money can buy food  
but cannot satisfy hunger.

Money can buy entertainment  
but not happiness

Money can build buildings  
but not heaven.



*Vaibhav Saxena*  
V D

## If You Want to

If you want to kill, kill your desires and selfishness

If you want to offer, offer your true love and service to others.

If you want to speak, speak politely, gently, sweet and loving.

If you want to wear, wear smartness and cleanliness.

If you want to laugh, laugh at your foolishness

If you want to leave, leave your sins, violence and cruelty.

If you want to make, make your character good and moral.

If you want to die, die for truth and honesty

if you want to respect, respect your parents, elders and teachers.

*Vaibhav Saxena*

Vth D



**DO NOT FROWN**

1. Mechanic : How did you get the bonnet smashed up like that.  
Driver : I hit a pedestrian.  
Mechanic : You did all that damage just in hitting a pedestrian.  
Driver : Well he was on a bus.
2. Do you know that it takes three sheep to make a sweater ?  
I didn't even know they could knit.
3. Shopper : That's a terrific train set. I'll take it.  
Sales Assistant : I am sure your son will just love playing with it.  
Shopper : You may be right. I'll take two.
4. Customer : Have you any dogs. Going cheap ?  
Pet shop Manager : No, I m afraid all our dogs go 'woof' !
5. He drinks so much that when you dance with him you can hear him splash.
6. He's a very careful driver. He always looks both ways before hitting some thing.
7. Pliceman : What gear were you in at the time of the accident.  
Driver : Jeans, T-shirt and a pair of trainers.

## Destiny

Watch your thoughts,  
they become words;  
Watch your words,  
they become action.  
Watch your action,  
they become habits;  
Watch your habits,  
they become character ;  
Watch your Character,  
For it becomes your destiny.

*Abhishek*  
V D

*Two flees went shopping. Both were tired. The first one asked the second-  
"Would you like to walk or shall we hire a stray dog ?"*

*Theerig Nadeem*  
III C



## Unadorned Grammar

A noun is the name of everything  
A man, college, king or queen  
Instead of noun pronouns stand  
His eye, your nose and her husband.

Adjectives tell the kind of noun  
Small, dirty, black and brown.

Verbs tell of anything being done.  
Teach, carry, joke or run.

How things are done adverbs tell  
Slowly, quickly, ill or well  
Conjunctions join the words together  
Lover and beloved wind and weather

Nouns, pronouns have prepositions before  
On the chair or through the door  
Interjections shows always surprise  
Oh ! How beautiful ; Ah ! How wise !

There are articles only three  
'A' 'an' and definite 'the'  
All are called the Parts of speech  
By which we learn and teach.

Gaurav Agarwal  
IV C

## The River

From the snow  
In the frozen mountains,  
Away it flew  
To the lovely plains,  
Where it met some friends.

The trees were impressed  
To see its beauty,  
And the flowers  
Believed it  
As their gift

Then it surrendered  
To the mighty ocean  
Where it sacrificed itself  
To eternity.

Abhishok Bit  
V C



# My Home



Home Home  
that is the place  
Where I want to be,  
There my mummy, Papa love me  
I can make my home great  
If I follow my parents wishes  
If I make them happy  
Yes then I make my home a heaven !

*Luv Tuteja*  
I A

## Exciting News

1. In 1968, A rain of mud glass and pottery fell at four different times over the town of pinardel Rio, Cuba !
2. Starlings hold live ants in their beaks then pass the insects over their feathers in order to rid themselves of PARASI Tes !
3. In 1994 Wolf gong Manicke and 15 KARATE students demolished a 17 room house in Prince Albert, sask, Canada in 3 hours, 9 minutes, 54 seconds !
4. Baker ants grind and roll rice grains into flat circles and 'bake' them in the sun !
5. Wheel Spiders found in Africa's Namib desert, travel by folding themselves into a ball and rolling away !
6. The Super Egg one of the 1995 entries at the "Idea Festival" in Tokyo Japan was an egg shaped car that rolled on Giant bicycle wheels !

*Kartikoya Upadhyaya*  
V D

Teacher : What is the formula of water ?  
Save : The formula of water is  
H,I,J,K,L,M,N,O (H to O)

*Vaihab Gool*

III D





The Republic Day Celebrations the Chief Guest Mr. Rajiv Kher I.A.S.

The Chief Guest Mr. Atul Kumar Gupta I.A.S. With the Principal and the vice Principal on the Sports Day.



Independence Day Mr. Alok Ranjan I.A.S Giving the Independence Day Speech.





The College Captain and the Prefects With Mr. Rajiv Kher I.A.S.

The umbrella P.T. "Shelter as under you Protection O! GOD



The Scarf Drill Classes V-VI



Can you recognise me







**St. Patricks with the Marathon Shield.**



**The House Captains and vice captains  
with the house masters.**





**St. George's Athletic Shield  
We are the Fastest**



**Foot ball St. Francis  
Preference Brought VS Success**





**LITERARY  
SECTION**





## Think And Act

Practice does not make perfect. Only perfect practice makes perfect.

- Vince Lombardi

Three things are to be looked in a building : that it stand on the right spot; that it be securely founded; that it be successfully executed.

-Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

The nearest way to glory- a short cut  
is to strive to be what you wish to be thought to be.

-Plato

Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can .

- John Wesley

It is the quality of our work which will please God and not the quantity.

-Mahatma Gandhi

(Education is .....) A companion which no misfortune can depress, no crime can destroy, no enemy can alienate, no deposition can enslave... Without it, what is man? A splendid slave, a reasoning savage.

-Joseph Addison

We must dare to think "unthinkable" thoughts. We must learn to explore all the options and possibilities that comfort us in a complex and rapidly changing world.

-James William Fulbright

It is the lone worker who makes the first advance in a subject, the details may be worked out by a team, but the prime idea is due to the enterprise, thought and perception of an individual.

- Sir Alexander Fleming



## A Passing Thought

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*We are like Swimmers, poised on  
the banks of a mighty stream,  
And we watch others dive before  
us and swim  
And sink or float  
What of us ?  
What of the other side ?  
Greener grass and fresher flowers,  
Or the long dusty road  
And lonely voids neath the scorching sun.*

## Beyond

© F. Fanthome ( .. )

*A blossom blooms  
And flowers and fades and falls.  
From death to death  
From birth to birth  
When death alone rewards a life,  
'Twill be rewarded enough.*

## Comfort

© F. Fanthome ( .. )

*The sun sinks and lovely twilight falls  
The forest grows.  
Darkness in every shadow;  
Haunting cries, nameless fears,  
Sudden scampering, frightened shapes ;  
Cracking twigs, rustling leaves, stealthy beasts—Panic.  
And lo ! The light of the rising silver sphere  
And the quiet path home.*

## Living

To touch the cup with eager lips and taste, not drain it.  
To woo and tempt and court a bliss, not attain it.  
To fondle and caress a joy yet hold it lightly,  
Lest it become a necessity and cling too tightly,  
To watch the sun set in the west without regretting  
To hail its advent in the east, the night not forgetting,  
To smother care in happiness and grief in laughter,  
To hold the present close and treasure it here after,  
To have enough to share,  
To know the joy in strife  
To thrill with all the exhilarating twists of life  
All this ..... and more ..... Is Living.....

*Dipon Sabharwal*



## Reflections

### *Little things in Life Mean a Lot*

The mother sparrow returned to its nest, its feathers wet from the light drizzle. Three tiny chirping chicks were jostling each other in a vigorous effort to grab at the food the mother had brought. Sitting at my table, I gazed at the occupants of this nest in the tree across the road. I couldn't help smiling at the childish enthusiasm of the baby sparrows which I found so much in common with the two-year-old twin brats who lived next door. It is incidents such as these which bring out the significance of the little things in life, which often pass us by without our even noticing them.

In the course of daily life, we meet people, work with them and spend time with them. A polite greeting or a pleasant smile never fails to bring us closer to other people, yet it costs us hardly anything. Little things, such as lending a helping hand once in a while, can only improve the other person's impression of us. But we often take these little gestures of friendliness for granted. We have hardly ever devoted any thought to what would happen, if, for instance, breakfast was not served at exactly the right time. If my mother didn't, I would be late for college. A matter hardly worth the thought, but then it matters.

We all seek happiness in life. This happiness need not be inspired by any form of extravagance. The sound of leaves rustling in the cool monsoon wind can soothe a tensed mind. The sight of lush, green grass under tall, shady trees can provide relief on the hottest summer day. I happen to hear the uninhibited laughter of a child the other day and it sounded like a stream gurgling on its way down a hill side. It was nothing, and yet I felt happy and contented.

If only we would look towards the small things in life to derive our satisfaction, there would be no need for Transcendental Meditation. If I could teach even one poor child how to speak and write English, I would feel satisfied in having contributed at least something to society. In these days of environmental awareness, if we can nurture even one sapling so that it grows into a tree, it will offer us immense satisfaction.

Small things in life assume great significance. They are right in front of us, and yet we cannot spot them. It is upto us to extract some meaning from these little things.

*Shirax Ritwik*

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## **Should Politicians have an Educational Qualification and receive a formal training before entering politics**

A Nation is recognised by its leaders. They are a chosen few who represent all the citizens of the country. If a nation could be compared to a ship, then the politicians would be its crew. They are responsible for the progress as well as destruction of a particular region.

If they are such an important lot, then shouldn't they be eligible, mature and responsible? They should definitely be the best of the entire lot, whom they represent, for this is the law of nature, that the best reigns whether it is a group of tigers, elephants or birds. Then why don't we humans follow a similar law? How can we allow incompetent people to guide us. Does it not imply that we have accepted that we are inferior to the politicians and like to be made fool of and enjoy being looted and misguided. When there is a minimum educational qualification required even for a peon in an office, then how come we have no such requirement for the chair of Chief Minister and not even for that of the Prime Minister.

In my opinion every politician should atleast be a graduate. The Ministers should have some basic educational qualification in the subject related to their department. Once the new leaders are elected they should be given a formal training in administration and management. They should also be given a moral training. A feeling of patriotism and nationality should be developed as a large part of their powers and duties are based on trust. They should be made to realise that they are not the rulers, but servants of the people.

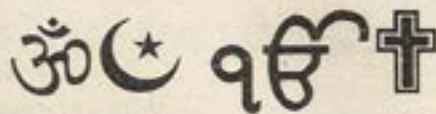
Educational knowledge is essential for smooth working of the department. If the head of a particular department is not aware about its working, then how can there be any progress or development. On the other hand if the leader has a deep understanding of the subject, he can ensure smooth working and progress. Many examples can be cited to prove this fact. Besides it is known that when a person knows more than his subordinates only then can he get their trust and support. He can motivate them to work for betterment if he is competent enough for the post.

We thus see that it is the politicians who need educational qualification and formal training more than anyone else, because they lead the rest. They are ambassadors of the nation and have a tremendous effect on other countries. Moreover they require to show their capability to win back the lost respect from the people, and this is possible only when they are qualified enough. If we are able to ensure good quality of leaders most of the problems of the society like corruption, unemployment and poverty would automatically be solved. But the most noticeable effect will be the change in the attitude of the people. They would start enjoying work, refuse bribes, and above all become hopeful for the country.

*Siddharth Agrawal*



# A God-Less Religion



A cold January night, some hot sweet corn soup and an Asimov book before me. That was it, the ultimate sense of satisfaction. I was leafing through the book which I had just got from the British Library when my eyes fell on a short string of words, "The greatest Religion in the world is the religion of Science"; they were by Asimov, of course and they touched me to the quick. My first reaction was that of introspection, and I kept down the book, shifted my senses from the inticingly aromatic soup and started pondering over this great truth.

It was then that I realised what religion was. It was the answer to those abstruse problems that man could never solve. The meaning and origin of life, the ambiguity that surrounds a particular event, the "WHY" that sprouts in every man (and woman) when he (or she) looks around at himself, at nature....WHY !! ....the eternal question which was answered by the supposed presence of some heavenly being, or 'protector' that made things happen-God. It was this cult that was given the name of religion. But, when I read these words, I understood how retrogressive the whole notion was, today we have the answers to most of these questions. Thanks to science, So if religion was that Cult (?) that makes man understand himself, then science is the best 'religion' of them all !! Because it was not God but a scientific (chemical to be more precise) reaction that gave birth to life. It is not God but science (Physics to be more particular) that governs the movement of the 'heavens'. And it is Biology as we know it that takes control of life. Thus science is the supreme co-ordinator, it is the nucleus that governs the actions of the cell (our universe), and I am a firm believer in this theory.

To be a Hindu, or a Muslim, a Christian or a Jew now seems to me a sub-civilized way to live. I have been lifted above these worldly chains to a pedestal where the Mandir, Masjid, or the Serb-Bosnian, or even the Kashmir-Pakistan imbroglios seem too trivial for notice. And the upliftment I owe to those immortal words of Asimov which have changed the way I feel, changed the way I live, infact changed the very way I am. And it is thus that I will remain (an Iconoclast ?? ) to some a Maverick, to some a 'Kafir', but to myself a dedicated propounder of the 'Religion of Science.'

*Abhishek Singh*  
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## Merchants of Death



How does one feel if one is blamed for the person that he is? If he is ostracized from the society and condemned to death for belonging to an inferior race, or so thought to be by the ones who consider themselves superior? It may seem brutal, but was not so for the Germans. Their victims were Jews so they had to be inferior and their executioners were Germans so they had to be superior.

Never in the history of the world had such hatred been witnessed, such antipathy by humans of one race towards those of the other. This was the start of the greatest genocide the world had ever seen, the genocide of the Jews by the Germans. But what grave mistake had they committed which deserved this fatal treatment? Was it that they were holy people who believed that a Messiah would come and take them to their 'Land of Milk and Honey'? Whatever it was in the eyes of the Germans, being a Jew was an irrevocable crime. The solution offered by Adolf Hitler to deal with the Jews was verbal and simple: mass genocide.

For this purpose, concentration camps were erected or rather Hell was brought on earth, Satan being Hitler. No one can ever conceive in his wildest imagination the venom which the Nazis had for the Jews. The atrocities committed on the Jews were the brainwaves of the denizens of the Abode of Demons. Death was common and life was a blessing inside the camps. Steel trucks were designed to transport Jews to the concentration camps, the only hitch being that they didn't reach the camp alive. The truck's interior was sealed and connected to its exhaust pipe, which made a convenient gas chamber to make the departure of the Jews from the material world peaceful. Pregnant Jew women were killed along with their unborn babies who had to pay the price of living in a Jewish womb even before they saw the face of the world.

The remains of these emaciated corpses were thrown into unmarked ditches beside the camps, gasoline was poured on them and they were burnt. Those who reached the camps alive were told to take a "delousing shower" and were given a bar of soap which they would discover, to their utter astonishment, was made of stone. However, their astonishment did not use to last long and would vanish when they would discover that the shower room was actually a gas chamber.

There were officers in the camps who nurtured strange hobbies among themselves. There was one who would throw Jewish infants into the air and see how many bullets could he lodge into them before they touched the ground. Another was addicted to throwing infants into barrels of freezing water and note their survival time. Men were told to stand in a line and then a bullet was fired through the head of the person leading the line. The object was to note the strength of the gun by checking how many heads did the bullet pierce in one go.

The Jews were also used as guinea-pigs for the experiments in the Professor Hirt's Anatomical Institute. The German scientists studied the effects of human blood poisoning on Jews as their subjects. They injected tuberculosis germs into babies and studied the effect of high attitude temperature by keeping the Jew guinea-pigs in sub zero conditions and freezing them to death.



In the massacre of Babi-yar, thirty-three thousand Jews were rounded up and shot. In the German camp of Auschurtz three million Jews were put to death in the most gruesome of ways. Which defy imagination. The bodies were ripped apart, the eyes gouged, fingernails pulled and much more. Jews were sent to the soap factories so that their fat could be melted and made into soap. Their hair were made into mattresses and lampshades were made of their dried skins, tattooed for enhancing the beauty of the shade. Occasionally, a finely shaped skull was chosen to be used as a paper-weight. The bones were crushed and pulverised and mixed into the soil for better plant growth around the camp sites.

May destiny never bestow upon mankind a holocaust of this magnitude and of such epic-proportions. May such hatred never be created in the heart of one race towards the other but let all live like the children of one God. Let there never be "merchants of death"

*Janmay Saksona*  
XI B

## So Swift The Way ! So Short The Day !

*In this fast moving world  
of turmoil and tension  
With problems and troubles  
too many to mention  
Our days are so crowded  
and our hours are so few,  
There's so Little Time  
and so much To Do...*

*We are Pressured and Pushed  
So swift is the way !  
There's never a spare minute  
so short is the day !  
And sometimes we wonder  
as we rush through this day  
Does God Really Want us  
To Hurry This Way ?*

*Vinco Anand*  
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## DAFFY DEFINITIONS

- Armour** - The kind of Clothing worn by a man whose father is a Blacksmith  
**Bore** - A person, who, when asked how he is .... tells you  
**Brain**- An Apparatus with which we think, we think  
**Cannibal**- A person who Goes in to the restaurant and orders the waiter  
**Diplomat** - A man who always remembers a Lady's Birthday but never, her age  
**Editor** - A person who separates the wheat from the chaff....and prints the chaff  
**Professor** - A person who falls in some one else's sleep  
**T.V.**- A Medium, so called because it is neither rare, nor well done.

*Parag Gupta*  
*Abhishok Singh*  
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## An Encounter with Death

SWOOSH !! SWOOSH !!! SWOO.....OSH !!!!!. The poison tipped arrows darted in quick succession—aimed at the pears each suspended only about two centimetres from my head ! A slight mistake and my journey to hell would have commenced. The stars in the clear moonlit night went round and round before my eyes. I could only make out the shining teeth exposed due to smiles and jeers and the end gleam in the eyes of the "Cannibals."

Seems a good plot for a movie, isn't it ? But it really so happened with me. I was on my way to Malaysia- comfortable in my seat in the executive class. All passengers were too engrossed to notice a faint shriek that came from the cockpit. But soon we saw the door of the cockpit fly open. A pilot came rushing out-horror in his eyes-clasping his shoulder. The next thing we knew was that the plane was nose-diving for the ocean below us. Some managed to escape or rather lay their hands on a parachute and dive what become of them I do not know. The plane hit the water with a big thud and ripped open. Thank God, that I knew swimming and swam up to the surface. I had no courage at that time to think about the safety of other passengers and just kept on swimming the way helped me. After about an hour of swimming completely exhausted, I reached some land about which of course I knew nothing. I dragged myself along and plucked some fruits which appeared to me as pears (and which I indeed found to be pears when I tasted them) and had my fill of them. Just as I climbed a tree and made myself comfortable an arrow came and struck the tree just inches from me. A few more followed and down I came tumbling disbalanced from the tree. The next thing I knew was my limbs were in the vice like grips of some most detestable " creatures"- not fit to be called 'humans.'

I was tied to a stake in the midst of the clearing and some most nasty rituals followed. My mind was racing for some plan to save my soul; my heart beat doubled up. All of a sudden the voice of the news reader rang in my ears- "on the sixteenth of March i.e. the coming Saturday the astronomers have prophesised that there will be a human Eclipse at 0317 hours." Today was Saturday the 16th of March ! My watch which fortunately was not damaged told me that it was 0030 hours & there was some time still for the eclipse to take place. Somehow I managed to stop the dancing "cannibals." And with "antics" & signals, as my language was incomprehensible to them; I somehow managed to convey to them that I can make the moon disappear and then reappear. A deathly stillness followed. I muttered some insensible words. Soon a shadow moved over the moon. The cannibals were awed. I had all of a sudden become a God. Again I muttered incoherent words and the moon re-emerged from the depths of the sky. It was "King Solomon's Mines". Come alive

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After some most honourable treatment according to those wretches and most barbaric by me. I expressed my desire to go to my native land. The barbarians rowed me in their primitive canoes as I directed them I had by this time guessed that this was one of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands and told them to move westward. After seventeen days of rowing (we had enough provisions) we reached my land. They asked me at a distance to get off as they felt shy to go to the land. I swam to safety. And how I reached back home I feel it redundant to describe.

*Amod Agarwal*



## Poetic Lapses

"Today," I said to myself, I am really going to write it; now or never. "I again pulled out a sheet from my notebook, took out the pen from my pencil box and sat down at my desk.

I had been thinking of writing a poem for the past five days, but mostly, something or the other kept me busy and I was compelled to leave my writing for some time. "But today I will do it", I muttered to myself and gazed flatly at the blank sheet before me. After a lot of thinking, scratching my head and looking round, I decided upon writing a ballad. That would be a good start; ballads are mostly liked by all. My (created) character would be someone along the lines of the legendary Highwayman and John Glipin. He would be a brave, handsome and intelligent young man.

"This is getting interesting", I thought, as I filled out a description of my character on a blank sheet. I was just going to start writing the ballad when— "Kunnu.....uuu", my mother called out from the kitchen. Angrily, I got up and trotted to the kitchen.

"What is it, Mama ?"

"Kuns, there was a phone call for you. Richa was on the line. I told her that you were busy writing an article or something and so, you couldn't talk to her."

"No, Mum, what have you told her ? You don't know these girls, she will teach me a lesson when next she meets me."

"I'm very sorry, Sunny."

After nearly a quarter of an hour of calling Richa up, I went back to my room again. So, where were we ? My character was going to meet his father who was an Army Officer and on the way.....

"Kunnu", a soft voice blew into my ears. I whirled round in my chair. It was my younger brother.

"What is it ?", I snapped viciously.

"Hey buddy, please help me with my assignment..PLEASE!!! I have to submit it tomorrow. If I don't, my History teacher will skin me alive."

After about an hour of referring, decorating and copying, the assignment was over. My brother put it into a transparent plastic folder and zoomed away

"The ungrateful brat", I cursed, "he didn't even thank me."

I returned to my story. "Dinner time !", shouted a voice from the kitchen.

"Has our character been able to meet his father or not ? Find out in the next paragraph.", I muttered darkly and slipped the ballad into the drawer and went to the dining room.

"You are very quiet today", observed Dad.

"Oh, it's nothing serious", I smiled weakly. "May I be excused from the dinner table ?"

I raced to my room in eager anticipation and sat down at the desk. A perfect ending had just popped up in my mind. I took out my pen and was just about to write, when suddenly, the room was plunged in pitch darkness.

Damn it ! A power failure. I went red-hot with anger. In disgust, I threw my pen away and stormed out of the room, to my bed. As I drifted into sleep, I wondered whether Alfred Noyes and William Cooper had had days like this. Well, tomorrow is another day.

*Kanishk Chaudhry*

IX B





**SCIENCE  
SECTION**



## From the World of Science

Q. Why does the mercury column inside a clinical thermometer rise by jerks and not smoothly.

A. Clinical thermometers have a constriction to prevent the backflow of mercury when it is removed from the body and brought to the room temperature. Mercury inside the bulb of the thermometer requires sufficient pressure to flow through the narrow constriction. Therefore it rises by jerks. It is for the same reason that mercury does not come back, until we shake the thermometer vigorously.

Q. Why do the two headlights of a car appear as one from a distance.

A. This inability arises from two factors- the structure of the retina and resolving power of the eye lens. The retina is not a continuous surface but a mosaic of a large number of photoreceptor cells. If the images of two nearby objects fall on the same photoreceptor cell, the eye perceives the two objects as one. Secondly, the eye lens cannot resolve two objects i.e. focus them as two separate objects if the angle subtended by them is less than a minute (1/60th of a degree). As long as the headlights subtend an angle less than a minute, the two headlights appear as one.

Q. Why do snakes have split tongues?

A. Forked tongues simply give snakes a "stereo" sense of smell. Snakes have sensitive noses but they breathe very slowly and cannot sniff the air quickly enough to follow the scent of a prey or a prospective mate. Deep within their mouth they have Jacobson's organs that helps them to detect odours. This organ consists of two hollows in the roof of the snakes mouth, each lined by chemical receptors that can detect very faint odours. To pick up odours snakes extend their tongues in and withdraw them back into the mouths bringing in the scents. The two tips "taste" the molecules in the air and a resultant of the difference of intensity of smell provides them a hint about which way to go.

*Vaibhav Saxena*

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## Facts stranger than Fiction

A leg by- At Greenwich Hospital, a home for retired sailors, two teams organised a cricket match. Nothing unusual about that you might say well the losers had all lost an arm and the winners were all one legged !!

The Japanese words for '4' and Death sound almost identical So do their words for '9' and suffering Because of any unfortunate confusion arising from this many hospitals do not have any words numbered 4 or 9

The Red Indian name for Lake Webster in Massachusetts is CHARGOGAT-MANCHAV-GAGOCHAUBUNAGUNGAHVAVG, which when translated mean "You fish on your side, we fish on our side .... nobody fishes in the middle .... !!

A Portsmouth man who died recently, left £ 2,50,000 in his will to .... (here it comes)... JESUS CHRIST ! if he happens to come back in the next 21 years



## THE GRAND CELESTIAL SPECTACLE

This is the morning of October 24th and time for the solar eclipse to take place for which I had been waiting. I was very exuberant and excited since I was going to have my first live experience of watching the total solar eclipse. Last time the total solar eclipse occurred on 16th of February in the year 1980.

It was a complete miracle, a moon at day and a dying sun. Some people think it to be superstition, whereas actually it is a natural phenomenon.

It is a spectacular coincidence; a perfect alignment of the sun, the moon and the earth, of the fact that the sun whose diameter is four hundred times the diameter of the earth is hidden by the moon because it is four hundred times closer to earth. The solar eclipse happens because the moon casts its shadow on the earth. The places following in the umbra region have a total solar eclipse and the places falling in the penumbra region have a partial solar eclipse.

It begins with the moon nibbling daintily away at the Sun. Then as the Sun is Gradually obscured, Its gaseous outer layer called the corona (never visible on a normal day) ranging around the edge of the morn. The total solar eclipse occurred across a 2,000 km band Through Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, & West Bengal.

Fascination and fear, science and superstition all mingled as this celestial drama, (which the chinese represent as the Dragon of evil swallowing up the sun) took place.

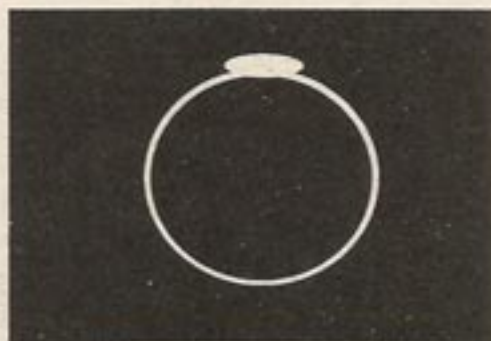
A total Solar Eclipse occurs 66 time every century. Sun, being the nearest to the earth, its total solar eclipse offers the scientists a rare opportunity to study its atmosphere carefully, which could provide clues to the behavioral patterns of the other stars in the universe.

Things seen during a Solar Eclipse.

**Corona** : The suns outer atmosphere. It consists mainly of Hydrogen. Actually a spray of gas which the sun blows out into space, the corona forms a feathery pale cloud that surrounds the sun and extends millions of kilometre out. The Temperature is about a million degrees.

**Shadow Bands** : Wavy lines are rapidly moving across the ground just seconds before and after total solar Eclipse. An atmopheric phenomenon.





Shadow bands appear as ripples of dark and white bands on any white smooth surface.

**Bailey's Beads** : Caused by the shining of the sun's rays through the valleys of moons irregular figure. These can be seen immediately before and after a total solar Eclipse.

**Diamond Ring** : A luminous ring, the glitter of which is enhanced by the darkness that engulfs the sun during an eclipse. It becomes visible when only a speck of the sun remains in the view, just before and after the totality phase. The bright speck is the "Diamond" the inner corona.

**Contact Points** : These are the points where the discs of the sun and moon seem to meet and part, as seen from the earth. A total solar Eclipse shows four distinct contact points

*Navneet Kumar*

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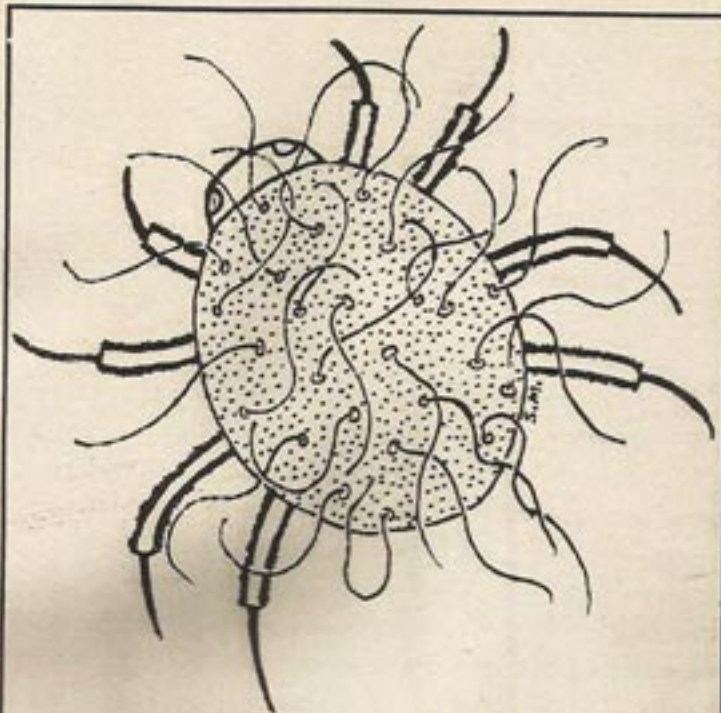
## Andrew Crosse - The man who created life

We are all aware that it is impossible to create life in the laboratory yet this is precisely what was done by an amateur scientist, named Andrew Crosse in 1837-not once, but repeatedly and under the strictest conditions. Crosse died eighteen years later, and his secret, if he had one, died with him. This event still remains one of the most baffling event in the annals of science.

Crosse had become fascinated with electricity as a school boy, and as an adult he spent most of his time experimenting with it. In 1837, Crosse was attempting to create crystals of silica in the form of grass. Therefore he created grass out of ground flint and Potassium Carbonate and then he dissolved it in Hydrochloric Acid. His idea was then to allow this fluid to drip, little by little, through a lump of porous stone which had been electrified by a battery, and then to see if it formed crystals of natural glass. But this did not happen. However, after two weeks he observed that something odd was happening to that lump of red-coloured stone ( it was actually a piece of Iron oxide, taken from the slopes of Mt. Vesuvius, merely because it was porous). Crosse saw that little white bulges about 0.25 sq. cm, began to stick out of it. Then they began to grow hairs and they oddly looked like tiny insects, but Andrew Crosse knew it was impossible on the twenty eighth day, he found that those tiny creatures were moving around under a microscope, he could see that the larger ones had eight legs while the smaller ones had six.

It was quite strange but Andrew Crosse had a natural explanation, that the original white bulges were eggs laid by some insect that had got into the laboratory, or perhaps they were already present in the rock from Vesuvius. The alternate explanation was that the electric current had some how turned iron oxide crystals to living creatures. But since he could not





A Sketch of one of the tiny creatures produced by Andrew Crosse in his Laboratory

see any insects in his laboratory or eggs in the rock piece he decided to check up the second explanation. This time Crosse took a number of cylinders and filled them with various solutions. Copper Nitrate, Copper Sulphate, Iron Sulphate and so on, then he connected them to the poles of a battery. After several months five out of seven Chemicals began to show tiny bugs swimming around. After that, in a final effort to make sure that no bugs could get into his fluids, he made glass at such a high temperature that could melt cast iron, and dropped it into boiling distilled water. This mixture was sealed into an air tight retort, with platinum wires that passed through the glass stopper. The retort was washed in hot alcohol before being placed

in a dark cellar. After about a hundred and forty days he found a few of the tiny creatures crawling about, inside the retort. He had to believe them that he had actually created life, even after taking so many precautions.

Crosse sent off a paper above his experiments to the London Electrical Society. An electrical engineer named W.H. Weeks, repeated the experiments, and he also obtained the tiny mites.

But the local clergyman denounced him as a blasphemer and an atheist, and said that he wanted to rival God, in whom he disbelieved. Crosse did his best to defend himself, but to no avail.

In 1837, Crosse was defended at the Royal Institution by Michael Faraday, one of the great scientists. Faraday also claimed that he had repeated Andrew's experiments and obtained mites. But even this failed to silence the critics. Crosse decided that since it was impossible to make the general public aware of his experiment, he decided to withdraw in silence. He died in 1855, at the age of seventy one.

The mystery of the mites still has no possible explanation for it. It is also worth noting that all those scientists who tried to explain Crosse's strange results actually stopped short of repeating his experiments.

*Saurabh Mathur*

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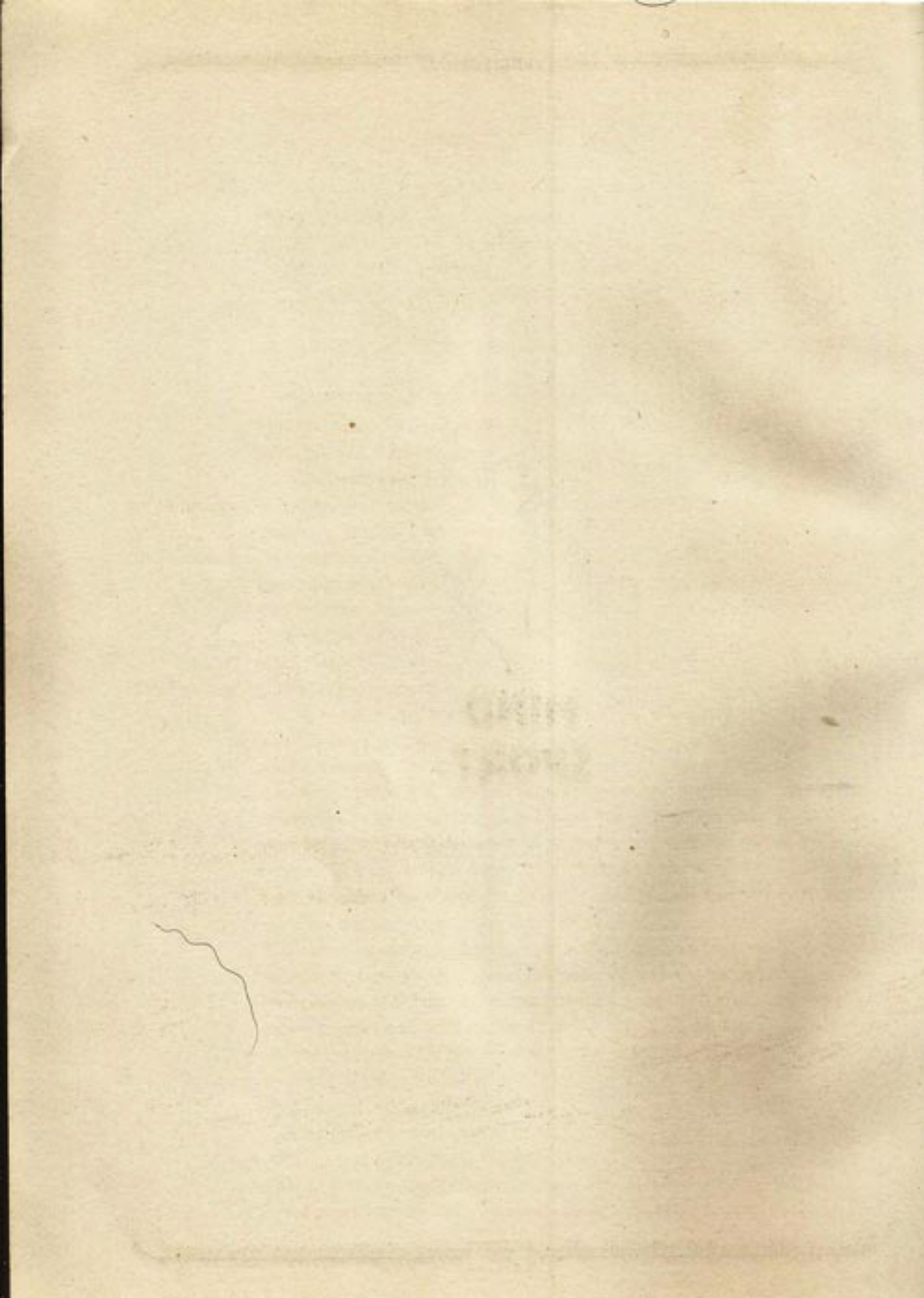






**MIND  
SPORT**





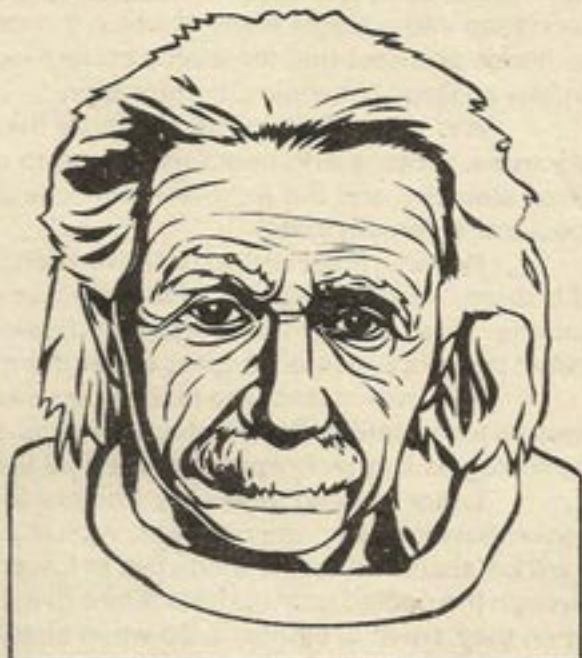


## The Fifth State

One of the greatest strengths of a good scientific theory lies in its extraordinary predictive power.



S. N. Bose



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Albert Einstein

A phenomenon predicted more than 70 years ago by two stalwarts of theoretical physics, Albert Einstein and Satyendra Nath Bose, has now been verified by an American team of researchers - M.H. Anderson, J.R. Ensher, M.R. Mathews, C.E. Wieman and E.A. Cornell- at the Joint Institute of Laboratory Astrophysics (JILA) of the National Institute of standards and Technology, Boulder, Colorado, U.S.A. in achieving what is known as the Bose Einstein Condensate. In effect, what the JILA researchers have been able to create, albeit for a mere 15 seconds at a time, is a completely new state of matter- THE FIFTH STATE- in which all the atoms lose their separate identities and behave like a single "superatom." They used a vapour of rubidium 87 atoms for the experiment.

Ordinary matter comes in three forms- solid, liquid, and gas. In fact matter in any one state can usually be converted, with a few exceptions, into the others by cooling or heating.

There is a fourth state of matter which is found at extremely high temperatures, as found in the interiors of the sun or the stars or in intense electric fields as in gas discharge tubes. In this state matter is present as a gaseous mixture of electrons and positively charged ions and shows many unusual properties. Astronomers tell us that almost 99 percent of all matter in the Universe exists in the plasma state.

The story of the fifth state of matter began more than 70 years ago, in 1924, when the Indian physicist Satyendra Nath Bose, then a Reader in Physics at Dacca University, sent a research paper to Albert Einstein, with a request to pass it on for publication in the German research journal "Zeitschrift für Physik". The paper contained a novel derivation of the Planck's Law of Radiation using a special kind of statistics involving



massless particles in the form of photons.

Einstein developed the statistics- now known as Bose-Einstein statistics- further and applied them to what was then the hypothetical case of a collection of atoms- gas or liquid- obeying the same rules. One of the consequences of that work was the possibility of creating an exotic state of matter by cooling when, below a certain temperature, a dilute atomic gas of bosons suddenly develops a "macroscopic state". In that state, it was predicted, the atoms condense into a single entity in which the individual atoms become indistinguishable- a gas so dense and cold that the atoms come to a near stand still. This phenomenon came to be known as Bose- Einstein Condensation.

It is worthwhile to mention here that all the "material particles" that we are used to electrons, protons and neutrons belong to a group called fermions which follow the Fermi Dirac statistics and the exclusion principle according to which no two fermions can occupy the same quantum state.

Bosons, however, do not have such constraints and one can put an unlimited number of bosons, such as photons, in the same energy state. And this is one reason why they can undergo Bose Einstein condensation. Besides photons, helium and some other atoms also mimic the properties of bosons, under the right conditions Rubidium 87 is among them.

However at that time technology was not so advanced so as to cool the atoms to the desired temperature. But now technological advances have made this possible. Among these technologies is a technique of cooling by laser and magnetic trapping of cooled atoms.

Laser cooling works by bombarding atoms which have already been cooled by conventional means, with photons. As it is known that if the photon is of the right frequency it will be absorbed by the atom. But in Laser cooling the Laser beam which is made to pass through the cooled gas atoms is tuned to a frequency slightly too low for the atoms to absorb when they are at a standstill. So when stationary, the atoms would not absorb the photons. But when the atoms in motions are moving towards the laser beam, the frequency of the light as seen by the atoms is Doppler- shifted upward. That is at the moment the laser beam strikes the atoms, its frequency appears just right for it to be absorbed by the atoms. When this happens, the atoms are slowed down and hence, in effect, get cooled. This is because the temperature of a gas is directly proportional to its Kinetic energy.

A magnetic traps is a device in which the cooled atoms are held within an envelop of magnetic fields. In evaporative cooling the hotter and faster of the atoms are allowed to escape (evaporate) from the trap, leaving colder atoms behind, which brings down the temperature further.

Using a specially designed device called the TOP (time orbiting potential) magnetic trap, the JILA team was able to bring down the temperature of the rubidium 87 atoms to around 170 nanokelvin (billionths of a degree above absolute zero) and get together some 2000 atoms forming a clump of Bose-Einstein condensate, less than 100 micrometers across. The success came on the morning of 5 June 1995 when tell tale signs of the condensation appeared as distinct peaks on the monitor screen. The tiny corner of the Cab in Boulder became for a short while the stillest and coldest place in the Universe.

According to physicists, using the new techniques it will be possible to measure fundamental constants to much great accuracy and also to test some of the predictions of quantum mechanics. One can now study in real time phenomena that have been addressed only by theory, such as spontaneous symmetry breaking and decay of unstable macroscopic states. But, perhaps much more than anything else, the extraordinary feat of the JILA team has once again demonstrated the ingenuity of the human mind.

Compiled from the Science Reporter

*Aditya Kumar Khanna & Akhil Mehrotra*



# ANALYSIS OF A 'BACK BENDER'

Symbol - Bb

Atomic Number- 420

Atomic Weight - Controversial

Chemical Formula - Back chair+ Student-Attention- Back bencher

Occurrence

1. Free state :

- i. In front rows of cinema galleries.
- ii. Roaming in the college campus.
- iii. In the fore front of any sporting activity.

2. Combined state :

On the back chairs in class rooms.

Physical properties :

- i. Behaves/ looks like a 'filmi hero'
- ii. Wears latest fashioned clothes
- iii. Always throws glances at his wrist watch, while sitting in class.
- iv. Always found disturbing his class mates.

Chemical Properties :

1. Reacts vigorously revolting in fights and quarrels
2. Words of Teachers are 'Greek' to him.
3. Extremely sensitive to latest movies and latest fashions.
4. Reaction with chalk :
  - i. Draws cartoons on black board
  - ii. Uses them as missiles

USES

1. He is a headache for the college
2. Best trouble maker in the class
3. Good consumer of parent's money
4. Can control the class if made monitor
5. Acts as a good reducing agent reducing the teacher's patience

SPECIAL PROPERTY

Repeats one class at least twice.

Rahul Rastogi  
VIII D

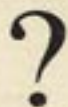


# Test Your Vocabulary

- 1) **Redolant** - (a) lazy (b) fragrant (c) old fashioned (d) holy
  - 2) **Recrudesce**- (a) Sprout out again (b) make crude (c) run fast (d) make rugged
  - 3) **Reconnoitre** - (a) make a pre survey (b) make into coins (c) make a study of (d) paint with jarving colours.
  - 4) **Re diffusion** - a) gases going back into porous pot b) scattering of gases c) system for relaying programmes d) system for collecting heavy liquids.
  - 5) **Recalcitiant** - a) made of chalk (b) with fully disobedient c) with a stiff expression d) suffering from Scurvy
  - 6) **Refulgent** - a) bursting with life b) full of Ideas c) Shining d) Foul smelling
  - 7) **Relegate** - a) bestow an office upon b) to crown c) remember d) Banish
  - 8) **Renascent** - a) period of cultural activity b) Worn out c) Spring up again to life d) to produce fresh.
  - 9) **Repertory** - a) Collection b) Reports containing systematic facts c) to denounce again d) a wasted life
  - 10) **Reng(u)e**- a) venue b) go back on c) re generate d) re appear as a vision
  - 11) **Repousse** - a) One who is married again b) embossed c) turn into a meek person d) written on
  - 12) **Resuscitate** - a) to blow into b) revive to life c) save from drowning d) to make susceptible
  - 13) **Revue** - a) Examine b) look bank on c) abuse viciously d) Theatrical entertainment
  - 14) **Reveille** - a) make known b) take pleasure c) a ghost that returns d) morning bugle call
  - 15) **Reliquary** - a) liking for b) abandon c) shrine for relics d) a sanctuary for endangered animals
1. b) smelling strangely, fragrant.
  2. a. to break out again (as in flowers plants etc.)
  3. a. make a preliminary survey before carrying out projects ( or before attacking enemy)
  4. c. a system by which radio, T.V. programmes are relayed to subscribers from central receiver.
  5. b. a wilfully disobedient person (politically a rebel who follows the non co operation principle), a person aversive to any form of domination.
  6. c. Shining, radiant, resplendent (The refulgent sunset)
  7. d. banish, denote, consign
  8. c. re(again) + nascent (new born) springing up again into being .
  9. a. collection especially of plays, sings, etc. repertoire
  10. a. (word is used with 'on' ) go back on (promises etc)
  11. b. embossed, hammered into relief from opposite side.
  12. b . revive to life or consciousness.
  13. d. Theatrical entertainment with topical sketches and songs.
  14. d . morning bugle call etc to awaken soldiers.
  15. c. case or shrine for holy relics.
- |                |   |           |
|----------------|---|-----------|
| 13th out of 15 | - | excellent |
| 10 out of 15   | - | good      |
| 8 out of 15    | - | fair      |
| 3-6 out of 15  | - | average   |



# Quiz ?



1. What is the real name of Tom Cruise ?  
Ans. Thomas Mopather IV
2. Who said 'I the King, am the state' ?  
Ans. Louis XIV
3. Who was the first President of Pakistan ?  
Ans. Iskandar Mirza
4. Who assassinated Martin Luther King ?  
Ans. James Earl Ray
5. Who was the American General during the Vietnam war ?  
Ans. Robert Menamara
6. Which two American journalists unearthed the watergate scandal ?  
Ans. Carl Berneistein & Bob Woodward
7. Which was the 1st album of Michael Jackson ?  
Ans. Off the wall
8. Which is the costliest movie ever made ?  
Ans. Waterworld
9. Who was Hitler's propoganda minister ?  
Ans. Josept Goebleels .
10. Which Cricketer has the second best batting average only after Sir Don Brandman is his test career ?  
Ans. Graham Pollock
11. Which rock band did A.R. Rehman earlier play for ?  
Ans. Niemisis Avenue
12. Which player has hit a last ball six in a world cup Final ?  
Ans. Viv Richards (1979)
13. Who are the creators of Superman ?  
Ans. Jerry Siegel & Joseph Shuster
14. Who was the first International Master in chess from India ?  
Ans. Manuel Aaron
15. What is the real name of Hitler ?  
Ans. Adolf Schicklgruber

*Shobit Bhargava*  
*Parag Gupta*  
XI A







- a) 260 metres  
c) 3780 metres

- b) 612 metres  
d) 10,912 metres

**Answers**

- 34 metres (1 point)
- Sydney (1 point)
- 32 percent (1 point)
- Saipan, Mariana Islands (1 point)
- Malaysia and Indonesia (1 point)
- China (1 billion plus) India (919 million, USA (260 mm) Indonesia (200 mm) (4 point)
- Tokyo-Yokohama, Seoul, Osaka, Kove, Bombay, Calcutta (5 point)
- Philippines and Taiwan (1 point)
- Manila (1point)
- Mount Kinabulu (1 point)
- China, Brazil, Australia and USA. (4 points)
- Pusan (farthest east) , Hong Kong (farthest west) 2 points)
- Honolulu (northern most) HO Chi Minh (southern) 2 points
- 10,912 metres

*Siddhartha Gargori*  
XI A

**QUIZZES**

- Three Ducks are swimming in a pond in the order that every duck is following one another. How ?
- I have kept 20 green of 20 red socks in a box. I have kept that box in a box. I have kept that box in a room. One night the room is dark how many minimum socks should I take to get a pair of any colour.
- A big Indian and a little Indian are walking on a street The little Indian is the big Indian's son, but the big Indian is not the little Indian's father. How ?
- Find the numbers 1-20 using four 4's in each

**Answers**

- They are moving in a circular form
- 3 (must be in 1 pair)
- The big Indian is little Indian's mother

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|--|---|---|
| 4. $1 = (4+4) - 4+4$                                   | $2 = (4+4) + (4+4)$   | $3 = 4+4+4+4$   |
| $4 = (\sqrt{4} \times \sqrt{4}) + \sqrt{4} - \sqrt{4}$ | $5 = (4 \times 4 + 4) + 4$                                    | $6 = 4 + \sqrt{4} + \sqrt{4} - \sqrt{4}$              |
| $7 = 4+4-(4+4)$  | $8 = (\sqrt{4} \times \sqrt{4}) + (\sqrt{4} \times \sqrt{4})$ | $9 = 4+4+(4+4)$                                       |
| $10 = 4 + \sqrt{4} + \sqrt{4} + \sqrt{4}$              | $11 = 44 + (\sqrt{4} + \sqrt{4})$                             | $12 = (44+4)+4$                                       |
| $13 = 44+4+\sqrt{4}$                                   | $14 = 4+4+4+\sqrt{4}$   | $15 = 4 \times 4 - (4+4)$                             |
| $16 = 4+4+4+4$   | $17 = 4 \times 4 + (4+4)$                                     | $18 = 4 \times (\sqrt{4} \times \sqrt{4}) + \sqrt{4}$ |
| $19 = 4! - 4 - (4+4)$                                  | $20 = 4 \times (\sqrt{4} + \sqrt{4}) + 4$                     |   |

*Ashish Jain*  
VII D



## I.Q. SECTION

Answer the following questions

- Q.1. Mr. and Mrs. Smith had seven sons, each had a sister How many were there in these family ?
- Q.2. Why does this detective disbelieve this story  
"A woman sleeping alone dreamt that she was drowning in her sleep and she died of fright in her sleep."
- Q.3. Why does the detective disbelieve this story -  
A spy entered the room, switched on the light took a book from the shelf and placed a secret note in between page 19 & 20.
- Q.4. Gloria had 12 right hand gloves and 15 left hand gloves in drawer. How many should she take out to be sure of taking out at least one on each hand ?
- Q.5. Raju had 12 black and 15 white socks in a drawer. How many socks must he bring out to be sure of getting a pair of same colour

### Answers

- 10 members (one sister)
- If the woman died in sleep how did anyone else know what she was dreaming .
- In any book, pages 19 & 20 are two sides of same page
- 16 (If she takes even 15 out, she might still get 15 left hand glove
- 3 (He will have least 2 of the same colour)

Ryan Francis  
VIII A

## Enjoy Yourself

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Lady- Has fortune ever knocked on your door ?

Beggar- He did once, but I was out. Ever since he has only sent his daughter.

Lady - Who's she ?

Beggar- Miss Fortune (misfortune)

### What would you call

1. An evil woman with supernatural power giving a desert- Sandwich
2. A cave with a symbol - Denmark
3. A car that every filmstar wants to own - Oscar
4. The barman of Berlin - Barber
5. A city trying to get rid of mad people - Madrid
6. A country famous for its keys - Turkey

### Daffy Definitions

Yawn - a silent shout

Secret - something which a person tells everyone not to tell anyone

Friend- someone who will eventually borrow money

Experience- A comb life gives you after you lose your hair

Child - An object half way between an adult and a T.V.

First Beggar - How is it, you are here ? Till yesterday you used to beg near Sahu Cinema

Second Beggar - Yes ! Yesterday my daughter got married. I had to give that place as a dowry to my son-in-law.



*Nothing Official About this*

R	A	I	N	M	I	N	X	Y	I	L	C	B
A	A	T	I	R	L	D	W	Z	D	B	L	U
I	A	I	E	E	K	N	V	X	E	U	I	T
N	A	T	T	I	I	E	H	X	E	R	F	M
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O	A	L	E	T	G	E	A	U	M	S	I	O
P	S	U	N	E	I	N	E	R	P	S	M	O
O	T	E	R	I	X	E	L	I	E	S	E	R

**Clues**

Bullet Train, Speed, Batman, forever Jaws, Alladin, Rambo, Rocky, Predator Pie Nard, Terminator, The Lion King, Alein Twins Casper, Asterix, Baby's Day out True lies, Rainman, Cliff hanger, Woffa

Yeah! There's nothing official about this wierd word puzzle the name could go zigzag and even a full curve, so let you instincts run wild and catch on this wild gooze chase If you manage to get more than fifteen names identified you are really a maestro at solving out problems, so go get it.

*Bhanu Sehgal*  
VII A



## *Spiteful Spitouts*

Voltaire one of the wittiest of French writers had this to say about his contemporaries  
My Prayer to God is very short, 'O Lord make my enemies ridiculous God has granted it  
Dorothy Parker- 'She tells enough white lies to ice a cake'. (Now that's what I call a  
sweet tooth)

A lady responding to Winston Churchill's advances in a party

Sir you are drunk !

Winston Churchill

Madam you are ugly but tomorrow morning I'll be sober

Only Two cheers for Democracy by G.B. Shaw

"Democracy substitutes election by the incompetent many for appointment by the  
corrupt few."

Now how's that for a sense of direction.....Gangster AL Capone on being accused  
of narcotics dealing in Canada

- "I don't even know what street Canada is on"

Anonymous-

A youthful figure is what you get when you ask a woman her age

A message to an upcoming Novelist from Grancho Marx

From the moment I picked up your book until I laid it down I was convulsed with  
laughter Some day I intend reading it

Oscar Wilde on the books by Leo Tolstoy. Most of them have a beginning a muddle  
and (thank heavens) an end.

Socialite Margot Asquith was introduced to film Actress Jean Harlow who irritated  
her by pronouncing the 't' in her name (Margot is pronounced as Mar-go') only to be told that  
The 't' is silent as in Harlow

Khushwant Singh with one of his sparks

"The upper house.....is Good evidence of life after Death"

*Abhishek Singh*

*Parag Gupta*

XI A





## College Chronicle 1995-96

**3rd April :** The school re-opened today after a short break. The new academic year started with the usual excitement of new classes, new books and new teachers. Mr. S. Johri, Mr. R. Gupta and Mr. R. Robinson have been granted an extension once again.

**8th April :** Prize Day at St. Francis' College  
The Annual Prize Distribution Function was held this morning in the College gymnasium. The Junior Section first distributed the prizes to the meritorious students. The prizes were given away to the prize winners by the Chief guest. It was followed by the senior section. The Principal Fr. A D' Souza welcomed the Chief Guest Rev. Dr (Fr.) S. Mathais and introduced him to a large gathering of parents, staff and students. The prize distribution followed in an orderly manner. The Chief Guest congratulated the winners and encouraged those who were not fortunate. He exhorted the students to be disciplined and sincere towards studies. He said that, 'It is not in doing the things we like to do, but liking the things we have to do, that makes life a success.'

The following students won the prestigious REV FR. ROMANO SCHOLARSHIP for standing first in all the four sections of their Class.

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|---------------------------|------|
| 1. Raminder Singh Chaddha | 7 D  |
| 2. Kaniskha Raja          | 8 A  |
| 3. Manuj Swaroop          | 9 B  |
| 4. Raviprakash Srivastava | 11 A |

This was followed by the Investiture Ceremony. At a solemn and impressive ceremony the Chief Guest handed over the flags to the House masters and pinned the badges to the new Office Bearers for the year 1995-96. The office Bearers took on oath to do their duty to the best of their ability.

**OFFICE BEARERS - 1995-96**

College Captain : Vinamra Agarwal

College Prefects : Anuj Kumar XII A , Oby Mathews XII A, Dipen Sabharwal XII A, Nirmith Joshi XII A, Ravi Prakash Srivastava XII A, Vikram Seth XII A, Anshuman Krishna XII A, Umang Kumar XII A, Sankalp Upadhyaya XII B, Gagan Singla XII B, Nirmish Gupta, XII B, Prateek Joshi XII B, Pallav Garg XII C, Siddharth Agarwal XII C, Sachin Mohan XII C, Ruchir Jhingra XII C

**HOUSE MASTERS, CAPTAINS, VICE CAPTAINS****St. Patrick's House**

House Master : Mr. S.N. Saxena  
Captain : Mansoor Mahmood  
Vice Captain : Kapil Arora

**St. George's House**

House Master : Mr. T. Jacob  
Captain : Faiz Usmani  
Vice Captain : A. Mehrotra



**St. Andrew's House**

House Master : Mr. S.D. Edwards  
 Captain : Gaurav Pant  
 Vice Captain : Mridul Verma

**St. Francis' House**

House Master : Mr. J. Rodricks  
 Captain : Anurag Singh  
 Vice Captain : Shuhas Nath Misra.

Congratulations & all the best in executing your duties.

**11th April :**

A holiday was declared due to the death of our ex-Prime Minister Mr. Morarjee Desai May his soul rest in peace

**13th April :**

Mahavir Jayanti Holiday

**14th to 17th**

**April :**

Easter Holidays

**12th to 16th**

**April :**

City Montessori school (Chowk Branch) organised an 'International Festival of Science in which along with 52 Indian schools from all over the country as well as teams from U.S.A. Russia, Japan and Sri Lanka participated. The competitions were of a high standard. The St. Francis Team of Raviprakash Srivastava, Dipen Sabharwal, Gautam Gupta, Vinamra Agarwal, Nirmal Joshi, Sankalp Upadhyay and Siddharth Agarwal brought laurels to our College.

The result were as follows.

**English Debate**

Best Speaker : Dipen Sabharwal  
 Best Debating Team : Dipen Sabharwal  
 Vinamra Agarwal

**Science Quiz**

1st Prize : Raviprakash Srivastava  
 Gautam Gupta

**Software Development**

1st Prize : Gautam Gupta  
 Raviprakash Srivastava

The College team also won "THE CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS" TROPHY. C.M.S. also awarded cash prizes to all the team members as a token of appreciation.

Well done boys ! We are proud of you.

Mrs. R. Franklin, Mrs. U. Fernandez, Mrs. S. Nath and Mrs. S. Khan went on Medical Leave. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Mr. L. Fuller resigned for better prospects. The Principal thanks him for his services rendered to St. Francis College, and wishes him the very best in his new assignment.

**5th to 10th**

**May :**

Assessment Tests



Aziz, Mrs. S. Nigam, Mrs. A Nigam. He also welcomed Mr. D. Jackson, Miss. A.D. Souza, Mrs. U. Kachru, Miss O. Massey, Miss S. Benedict into the Franciscan family. The new time tables were distributed to the staff.

**6th July :**

Orientation Programme for the staff. On the 6th of July a team of doctors from Nur Manzil gave the staff a talk on learning disabilities of children, and *hurdles faced by children in the process of learning social problems and Adolescent problems*. Miss Anjali Gupta, a Clinical psychologist spoke on learning problems seen in school children.

Dr. Arun Thacore a Psychiatrist spoke on "Behavioural and adjustment problems in children and adolescents." The talks were very inspiring and will be of great help to a teacher to understand the problems of her students.

Rev. Fr. Lewis gave the Vote of thanks.

**7th July :**

Dr. S.A. Emmanuel spoke on the Role of the Institution in the Promotion of Mental Health.

We are grateful to Dr. Emmanuel, Dr. Thacore and Miss Anjali Gupta for their inspiring talks on the problems that the teacher faces in the class-room.

**10th July :**

College re-opens after the long Summer Vacation. Mr. Saxena introduces Rev. Fr. O. Lewis and Fr. E. Rodrigues to the students at the assembly. Fr. Lewis then spoke to the students. He advised them to apply themselves seriously to their studies, to be submissive and respectful to their teachers, and to always seek to keep up the good name of the College by their behaviour and good conduct. He asked for co-operation to help him in his new assignment as Principal of S.F.C.

**14th July :**

The U.P. 'United Nations Organization' organised a state level Debate competition to commemorate the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the United Nations. The Franciscan Team once again brought Kudos to the College.

1st Prize : Dipen Sabharwal

2nd Prize : Nimesh Gupta

Champion's Trophy : St. Francis' College.

**15th July :**

The staff handed the syllabus for the First terminal Examination.

**22nd-23rd**

**July :**

A budding Champion Anuj Agarwal of Class VIII A took part in a Table Tennis Competition in Renukoot and won the 3rd position. Congratulations Anju.

Hindi Elocution :

Classes IX & X

Winners : First Prize : Saurabh Sharma (Francis )

Second Prize : Kanishka Raja (George's)

Amol Agarwal (Patrick's)

Third Prize : G. Mehrotra (Andrew's)

A big Thank You to all the judges.

**26th July :**

Rev. Fr. O. Lewis speaks to the students on Discipline. He felt that silence



was almost forgotten. Discipline and behaviour reflect the family back ground of a student and to preserve the good name of their own family, they should inculcate high moral values discipline and respect for elders and punctuality and regularity to College. Indiscipline causes a lot of problems for parents as well as teachers.

**29th July :** The Inter House English Debate and Hindi Elocution commenced today. After a tough fight, the following students were declared the winners after a consensus had been reached by the judges.

Classes IX & X

Topic : Extensive coaching is Necessary For success In competition

**Winners :** First Prize : Vishal Nagranee (Francis)  
 Second Prize : Amod Agarwal (Francis)  
 Kanishka Raja (George's)  
 Third Prize : Arjun Verma (Patrick's)  
 Sudhanshu Tewari (Patrick's)

Classes XI & XII

Topic : Political Rallies should be Banned.

**Winners :** First Prize : Dipen Sabharwal (Francis')  
 Second Prize : Adhish Mehrotra (Andrew's)  
 Third Prize : A. Seth (George's)

**30th July :** A spelling contest was also held in the junior school for classes I to V. The staff and students celebrated the birthday of the Principal Rev. Fr. O. Lewis. At the assembly Mr. Saxena wished Fr. Lewis on behalf of the staff and students. The whole school assembled in the quadrangle and greeted Fr. Lewis with flowers. There were bouquets and bouquets of flowers that were offered by the students as a token of love & affection for their beloved Principal. There was a short entertainment programme followed by ice-cream. The staff had 'High Tea' in the concert Hall. Thus the day came to a pleasant end.

**10th August :** Raksha Bandhan & Id-e-Milad Holiday.

**12th August :** Parent Teacher Meeting 7.30-11.30 am. A good 'turn out' of parents. Rev. Fr. Lewis had requested the teachers to discuss the problems of their wards and give them a patient hearing. A good 'Parent Teacher' relationship helps a child to develop and progress.

**15th August :** Independence Day was celebrated in St. Francis College with all the importance attached to the occasion. The day started with Concelebrated Mass in the College chapel where Rev. Fr. Lewis exhorted Mary, the mother of Jesus and prayed for our Country and leaders. After this was held the 'Flag unfurling ceremony'. The Principal welcomed the Chief guest Mr. Alok Ranjan I.A.S. Secretary Education Department and Adult Education. He is a product of La Marts Lucknow and St. Stephen's Delhi. He was of the 1980 I.A.S. Cadre. He is fond of reading and writing and is the author of 'A Collector Today'. The Chief Guest said that today we should salute our leaders who



fought for the freedom of India. He asked the students to develop a sense of pride for the nation. The present world is steeped in materialism and nations and individuals are fighting each other for gain and power. The new generation is responsible for the future of India. The vote of thanks was given by Mr. S.N. Saxena

**17th August :** Janmastami - Holiday

**19th August :** Inter House English Elocution and Hindi Debate took place today after much preparation. After a consensus reached by the judges the following participants were judged the winners

Classes IX & X

English Elocution

**Winners :** First Prize : Kanishka Raja (George's)  
 Second Prize : A. Kanchan (George's)  
 S. Sharma (George's)  
 Amol Agarwal (Patrick's)

Classes XI & XII

**Winners :** First Prize : A. Singh (Patrick's)  
 Second Prize : U. Saxena (Andrew's)  
 O. Mathew's (Francis')

Hindi Debate

Classes IX & X

**Winners :** First Prize : Kanishka Raja (George's)  
 Second Prize : S. Tewari (Patrick's)  
 Third Prize : V. Khatri (Patrick's)

Classes XI & XII

**Winners :** First Prize : A. Dwivedi (Patrick's)  
 Second Prize : S.V. Singh (Francis')  
 Third Prize : N. Goirola (Andrew's)  
 J. Vohra (George's)

The Junior Section of the College also had the English Elocution Contest for Classes IV and V on the 19th August.

Classes IV & V

**Prize Winners - Individual Class IV**

First Prize : Varun Lamba IV A

Shah Faiz IV B

Second Prize : Gaurav Agarwal IV C

Group Class IV

First Prize : Class IV D

Second Prize : Class IV B

Third Prize : Class IV A & IV C

Individual : Class V



- First Prize : Vaibhav Saxena V D  
 Second Prize : Abhishek Bit VC  
 Third Prize : Merrin Varghese V A  
 Group Class V  
 First Prize : Class V C  
 Second Prize : Class V A  
 Third Prize : Class V D

**25th August :** First Terminal Exams commence. All is quiet on the Franciscan front. Best of Luck boys'.

**5th Sept. :** Teacher's Day was celebrated today. The Prefects and College Captain did their very best to entertain the staff on this day. Vinamra Agarwal welcomed the members of the staff and this was followed by the Principal's message. A short variety entertainment followed and then gifts were presented. There was 'High tea' for the staff in the old concert hall. Mr. Saxena thanked the College Captain Vinamra Agarwal & the prefects for their co-operation & help in making it an enjoyable day for the staff.

**6th Sept. :** Mr. Rajee Srivastava is appointed for Physics and Maths.

**8th Sept. :** Rotary Club of Lucknow organised an Inter College Hindi Debate. The first prize was bagged by Apoorva Dwivedi a budding orator of S.F.C.

**9th Sept. :** General Knowledge Inter House Quiz Competition for Classes 6th, 7th & 8th. The Quiz master 'Shiraz Ritwik' conducted the quiz contest, while Pratik Joshi as Time keeper and Mansoor Mahmood assisted him., The following students were declared the winners :

- |        |   |                 |                 |
|--------|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| First  | : | S.K. Raza Naqvi | 7 D (Andrew's)  |
|        |   | A. Verma        | 8 D (Andrew's)  |
| Second | : | M. Milan        | 8 C (George's ) |
|        |   | S. Chauhan      | 8 B (George's)  |
| Third  | : | A. Seth         | 7 A (Patrick's) |
|        |   | V. Bhargava     | 8 D (Patrick's) |

**9th &**

**10th Sept. :** LORETO ALUMINAE ASSOCIATION organised an Inter College Cultural Festival 'Expressions 95'. The following were declared the winners.

English Extempore : 1st prize : Vinamra Agarwal

Dumb Charades : 1st Prize : Dipen Sabharwal

Anuj Kumar

English Elocution : 2nd Prize : Oby Mathews

Hindi Elocution : 3rd Prize : Anuj Kumar

Calligraphy : 2nd Prize : Dhruv Kapoor

English Skit : 1st Prize : Abhishek Singh

Dipen Sabharwal

Oby Mathews

Anuj Behl



Anshuman Agarwal  
 Vinamra Agarwal  
 Anshuman Krishna  
 Amit Misra  
 Faiz Usmani

The Champion of Champions was also bagged by St. Francis' College. Congratulations boys, you have added another feather to our cap.

- 14th Sept. :** The Vice Principal Fr. Elias Rodrigues spoke to the students at the assembly. He spoke strongly about the school uniform and discipline. He stressed on classroom behaviour and asked the students to maintain silence in class.
- 15th Sept. :** Rotary Club of Lucknow organised an Inter College English Debate Competition  
 Ist Prize : Dipen Sabharwal
- 20th Sept. :** Rotary Club of Lucknow (RAJDHANI) organised an Inter College English Debate and Quiz Contest to celebrate, "The International Youth Month". As usual the performance of our boys was commendable. The prizes were as follows .
- English Debate : Ist Prize : Dipen Sabharwal  
 2nd Prize : Adish Malhotra
- Quiz : 2nd Prize : Navin Sharma  
 Parag Gupta
- Runner's Up Trophy : St. Francis' College  
 Champion's Trophy : St. Francis' College
- 21st Sept.:** Anuj Agarwal bagged second place at a T.T. Championship held at Renukoot
- 23rd Sept. :** Inter House Quiz Contest Winners
- First : Francis' House - 55 points  
 Second : Patrick's & George's- 50 points  
 Third : Andrew's House - 40 points
- English Elocution Contest Classes II & III  
 Prize Winners : Individual Class II
- First : Apoorva Agarwal II C  
 Second : Anchint Rastogi II D  
 Third : Uttkarsh Tewari II B
- Group Class II
- First : Class II D  
 Second : Classes II C & II B
- Individual Class III
- First : Abhinav Varma III B  
 Second : Prakhar Mehrotra III D  
 Third : Shariq Nadeem III C
- Group Class III
- First : Class III B  
 Second : Class III D



Third : Class III C

Congratulations boys : Keep it up

30th Sept. : English Elocution Contest Class I

**Prize Winners** : Individual

First : Karan Kumar I B

Second : Karan Mehrotra I A

Third : Dhruv Rampal I C

Group Class I

First - Class I B

Second - Class I C

Third - Class I A

2nd October : GANDHI JAYANTI - Holiday The nation pays homage to the FATHER OF THE NATION

3rd October : Dusehra - Holiday

4th October : PATRON'S DAY. FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI the Patron of our College

The festive day started with a concelebrated Mass in the school chapel. Rev. Fr. Prasad Pinto, Vice Provincial of the Capuchins was the Chief Celebrant assisted by Rev. Fr. Crasta, Fr. Martis, Mgr. O Lewis and Fr. E. Rodrigues. In his homily and sermon Fr. Prasad enlightened us on the life of St. Francis of Assisi and asked us to be humble and simple and to generate love wherever we go.

After Mass was the unfurling of the school flag by Rev. Fr. Prasad Pinto. Rev. Fr. Lewis welcomed the Chief Guest. Fr. Prasad obtained his Doctorate in Rome and is a specialist in Indian Culture. He gave a short though humorous speech to the boys. Certificates of merit were awarded to Mrs. Dean, Mrs Freitas and Mr. Minj for full attendance and to the I.S.C. & ICSE students who secured above 80% in the Board Examination. The day came to an end with 'High tea'. Rev. Fr. Rodrigues proposed the Vote of Thanks.

6th October : Mr. D. Mishra joins St. Francis College as a Hindi & Sanskrit Master

10th October : FRATERNITY OF OLD DOMINICAIN ALUMINAE (F.O.D.A.) organised an Inter College youth Festival 'EXTRAVAGANZA 95' in their college auditorium

The following are the results

English Turncoat Debate

First Prize : Dipen Sabharwal

Third Prize : Vinamra Agarwal

Best Debating Team - Dipen Sabharwal

Vinamra Agarwal

Champions' Trophy St. Francis' College

14th October : City Montessori school (station Road Branch) organised an Inter College Computer Festival 'COFAS 95'. As usual our team bagged most of the prizes.

The prize winners are as follows :



English Debate :

For the motion : First Prize : Dipen Sabharwal

Against the motion : First Prize : Anuj Kumar

Best Debating Team: Dipen Sabharwal and  
Anuj Kumar

Software Development

3rd Prize : Ravi Prakash  
Saurabh Srivastava

Jingle 2nd Prize : Gagan Jain  
Anshuman Krishna  
Shiraz Ritwik  
Ashwin Lalchandani

Computer Quiz -

3rd Prize : Shiraz Ritwik  
Manu Nagar

The College Section-Champion of Champions Trophy was bagged by St. Francis' College .

14th to

20th October : The Old Franciscans' Association once again organised 'Cross Roads 95'.

This event helps students from prestigious school in the city to display their talents and to develop a healthy spirit of competition and brotherhood.

The prize winners of the College section were as follows.

Quinthurdles : 1st Prize - Abhishek Singh

English Debate : 1st Prize : Dipen Sabharwal  
2nd Prize : Oby Mathews

Mono Acting : 2nd Prize Aditya Khanna

What's the Good Word :

1st Prize : Yaser Jalal  
Jasmeet Vohra

Western Music Instrumental : 1st Prize : Gagan Jain

Indian Music : Instrumental.

1st Prize : Vinamra Agarwal

Group : 1st Prize : Nitesh Gupta  
Vivek Singh  
Pratik Joshi  
Gagan Jain  
Sankalp Srivastava

Trophies bagged by S.F.C. College Section

1. Champion of Champions Trophy
2. Quinthurdles Trophy
3. What's the Good Word Trophy
4. English Debate Trophy
5. Indian Music Trophy



Quinturdles--SCHOOL SECTION

First : Kanishka Raja  
 Team Trophy : Kanishka Raja  
 Sudhanshu Tewari

English Debate

First : Kanishka Raja

What's the Good Word.

First : Amol Agarwai  
 Amod Agarwal

Indian Music - Instrumental

Second : Chinmay Gupta

Vocal. Second : A. Chowdhury

Group Song : First

Team Trophy for Indian Music was bagged by St. Francis' College.  
 Congratulations to the OFA and the S.F.C. participants.

20th to 25th

October : Deepawali Holidays. The Principal Rev. Fr. O Lewis and Fr. E. Rodrigues wish the Staff, Parents and Students a Happy Deepawali.

24th October : Holiday - India experienced a 'Celestial Experience--The total solar Eclipse'. We had never seen anything like this before. The T.V. Coverage was superb. The age old superstitions seemed to die and hordes of people thronged the streets to see this natural phenomena. The sight at the Diamond harbour was magnificent and breathtaking.

29th October : On Sunday at the C.M.S. auditorium, Gomti Nagar, 4 students of the I.S.C. and 12 students of the I.S.C.E. were honoured with other meritorious students of the city for securing 90% and above in the Board Examination 1995.

31st October : Rev. Fr. O. Lewis speaks once again to the students at assembly on discipline and general behaviour. He asked the students to bring credit to their family and school by their disciplined behaviour. He informed the students that 25 imported coloured Computers were installed in the New Computer Room and they should make good use of them and not destroy them.

7th Nov. : Guru Nanak's Birthday - Holiday

10th Nov. : Anuj Agarwal of S.F.C. bagged the 1st position at a T.T. Competition held at Aligarh.

14th Nov. : 'Children's Day' was celebrated today with the usual enthusiasm and excitement. Rev. Fr. Lewis gave the Children's Day message followed by a short entertainment programme. The staff sang two songs. The song by Mr. T. Sawhney from the film 'Bombay' was a hit. The day came to a pleasant end with the distribution of sweets. Vinamra Agarwal the College Captain delivered the 'Vote of Thanks.'

On the same day Miss B. Bunch took her students Class III D to Pushpa Vidyalaya, a school from the weaker section of society run by the Loreto



nuns. Sr. Stephanie, the Principal welcomed the students who soon made friends with these children and shared their snacks, toys, clothes and stationery with these kids. A sum of Rs. 1,409 collected by the students was presented to Sr. M. Stephanie. Sister thanked the students.

Remember - "What you do to the least of my brethren, you do unto ME"

- 20th Nov. :** Holiday due to Elections
- 22nd Nov. :** St. Francis' College remained closed in order to express our solidarity with Dalit Christians. In a letter to the parents, Rev. Fr. O Lewis, Principal requested the parents to use their good offices and to speak for the Dalit Christians and influence the Government to this effect. He would appreciate the support of the parents and students to fight against injustice.
- 26th Nov. :** Corpus Christi Procession Rev. Fr. O Lewis gave the sermon in English at St. Francis College. The Candle light procession then proceeded to the Cathedral
- 29th Nov. :** Prize Distribution of Certificates of merit to winners of the Essay Competition by Rev. Fr. O Lewis .
- 30th Nov. :** Study Leave - Preparation for the Half yearly examination 1995
- 1st to 15th December :** Half yearly Exams commence. The fun and frolic has come to an end, and most students have taken to studies in a serious manner. Best of Luck !
- 19th Dec. :** Answer Scripts shown to the boys of classes III to V
- 20th Dec. :** Answer scripts shown to the boys of classes VI - XII
- 21st Dec. :** Distribution of Report Cards  
The Junior School put up a Christmas Pageant on the 21st of December in the Gymnasium. The pageant was given coverage by Doordarshan. The Principal delivered the Christmas message.  
In the evening there was the Staff Get-together. Around a blazing bon fire Christmas Carols were sung followed by games, dancing and a sumptuous dinner. A Christmas gift was given to each member of the staff by Rev. Fr. O. Lewis.  
The Principal and Vice Principal wish the Staff, Parents and Students a 'Very Merry Christmas' and a 'Happy New Year 1996'.
- 22nd Dec. to 2nd January :** Winter Vacation
- 3rd January :** College reopens for the Final Term. The Principal and Vice Principal Rev. O Lewis and Fr. E Rodrigues wish the staff and students a very Happy New year 1996.
- 10th, 11th, 12th January :** 31 students of St. Francis College attended 'Traffic Awareness Programme' at the Begum Hazrat Mahal Park, Lucknow
- 15th January :** Rain Holiday
- 16th January :** P.T. practises in preparation for the Annual Sports and P.T. Display



**20th January :** Polio Immunization Day. Holiday

**21st January :** English Seminar by Mr. T Savaille, V.P. of La Marts, Lucknow

**24th January :** Basant Panchami Holiday

**26th January :** An impressive 'Flag Hoisting Ceremony' in commemoration of Republic Day was held in St. Francis College. The Chief Guest of the Day Mr. Rajiv Kher I.A.S. Special Secretary (Finance) Government of U.P. took the salute of the March Past of the Prefects and the four houses Rev Fr. O Lewis welcomed the Chief Guest and introduced him to the staff and students. Mr. R. Kher unfurled the tricolour to the strain of the National Anthem rendered by the College Choir. The Chief Guest spoke to the students Mr. S.N. Saxena gave the 'vote of Thanks'.

**27th January :** 'The Marathon'. After a hard and tough race the following boys were declared winners.

First : Abdulla Alam (Patrick's)

Second : S. Bahukhandi (Francis')

Third : R Gaurav (Patrick's)

**30th January :** 1500 m - Finals

Winners : First : S. Bahukhandi (Francis')

Second : Abdulla Alam (Patrick's)

Third : A. Bhadauria (Francis')

800 m Final A Division

Winners : First : S. Bahukhandi (Francis')

Second : Vikram Singh (Patrick's)

Third : Abdulla Alam (Patrick's)

800 m - B Division

First : V. Srivastava (Patrick's)

Second : Abhishek Singh (Patrick's)

Third : Haider (George's)

**3rd February :** Annual Sports And P.T. Display took place today in exceptionally fine weather before a large number of elite guests, parents, well wishers and students. The Principal Rev. Fr. O. Lewis welcomed the chief Guest Mr. Atul Kumar Gupta I.A.S. Secretary, Dept. of Electronics. He declared the Meet open. At an impressive March-Past, Mr. Atul Kumar Gupta took the salute. Special duties given to the members of the staff helped in keeping discipline and order amongst the students with the result that all events took place without a hitch. The students put up a varied display of items which were very impressive. The College demonstrated a high standard and the items went off with clock-work precision. The Chief guest spoke to the students and congratulated the winners. A special 'Thank You' to the PAC band. Rev. Fr. Elias Rodrigues proposed the 'Vote of Thanks'. Thus an enjoyable evening came to an impressive end.



**WINNERS**

Individual Championships

'A' Division : A Mehrotra (George's)

'B' Division : V Srivastava (Patrick's)

'C' Division : A Tripathi (George's)

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR 1995-96

VIVEK SINGH (Patrick's)

COCK HOUSE FOR THE YEAR 1995-96

ST. ANDREWS

YOGENDRA NARAIN CUP FOR THE BEST ALL ROUND STUDENT  
SENIOR SECTION

RAVI PRAKASH SRIVASTAVA XII A

HARRY SEALY CUP FOR THE BEST ALL ROUND STUDENT :  
JUNIOR SECTION

VAIBHAV SAXENA V D.

**4th February :** A holiday was declared by the Chief Guest Mr. Atul Kumar Gupta, a well deserved 'Sport's Day' holiday.

**7th February :** The third anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Albert D' Souza was celebrated today. The Principal, Vice Principal, Staff and students wish Bishop Albert 'Many Happy Returns' of this day. In the evening at the variety entertainment the St. Francis' College choir trained by Mr. C. Veigas sang a song Rev. Fr. O. Lewis proposed the 'Vote of Thanks'.

**10th February :** 'Send off' to students of class XII

We bade the students of class XII a farewell at a function which was full of sentiments of sorrow and nostalgic memories. S.F.C. was a second home to these students. The College Captain, Prefects, House Captains and Vice Captains handed their badges to the Principal and their house flags to their respective House masters. In a speech full of emotion, Rev. Fr. O. Lewis was proud that today a bunch of students who entered the portal of St. Francis' College as kids, were about to leave their Alma Mater as young men. He hoped that this day may leave a distinct and important mark in their lives. He blessed each one of them and hoped the good Lord would guide every step they took, be kind to them and comfort them in time of sorrow. He wished that they would be grateful to their teachers who trained and educated them. Abijeet Majumdar compared the show. Vinamra thanked the Principal, Vice Principal and Staff on behalf of the out going students and S. Singh wished the boys good bye on behalf of the students. He read out a beautiful prayer by Rabindranath Tagore.

*To pray is to Ask for the Real Thing*

*I asked for riches that I might be happy*

*I was given poverty that I might be wise*

*I asked for health that I might do great things*

*I was given infirmity that I might do better things*



*I asked for strength that I might achieve  
 I was made weak that I might humbly obey.  
 I asked for power that I might have the praise of men  
 I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.  
 I asked for all things that I might enjoy life.  
 I was given life that I might enjoy all things  
 I got nothing that I asked for, but everything that I had hoped for  
 My unspoken prayers were answered  
 I am among all men the most richly blessed."*

—Tagore

The programme came to an end with the presentation of soveniers and High Tea'

May God Bless each one of you and may you all become worthy citizens of India and be a credit to your 'Alma Mater'

12th to 28th

**February :** All is quiet and calm on the Franciscan front as the students are getting ready for the final exams.

**17th February :** The College observed a holiday on account of Maha Shiv Ratri.

**21st February :** Id-ul-Fitr Holiday

**28th February :** Fancy Dress Competition- Nursery & K.G. Nursery

**Prize Winners : Best Dressed**

First	: Utkarsh	Nur. D
Second	: Devank Rastogi	Nur. B
Third	: Rahul Bose	Nur. A

**Most Original**

First	: Satyam Kapoor	Nur. C
Second	: Ali Shoeb Rizvi	Nur. D
Third	: Mirza Ali Beg	Nur. C

**Best Dressed K.G.**

First	: Shivam Agarwal	K.G. C
Second	: Sahas Tandon	K.G. A
Third	: Chanpreet Singh	K.G. A
	Raghav Jhingran	K.G. B

**Most Original**

First	: Devashish Singh	K.G. D
Second	: Shivansh Sharma	K.G. A
Third	: Gaurang Gautam	K.G. D

**1st March :** I.S.C. & IC.S.E exams commence at the assembly. Rev. Fr. O. Lewis prayed for the students who are appearing for the Board Exams.

**3rd to 5th**

**March :** Holidays



7th to 16th

March : Final Exams commence  
Best of Luck boys

23rd March : Two Catechism Teachers of St. Francis College attended a seminar on the teaching of Catechism organised by Rev. Fr. Elias Rodrigues Director of Catechetics at St. Joseph's Cathedral. Bishop Albert emphasised on the importance of Catechism and said that it should receive utmost attention. Sr. Antonio and Miss D. Bunch attended the seminar

25th March : Answer scripts shown to students of classes III to XI during the College Hours 8.00 to 1.30 p.m.

30th March : College closed after the distribution of the report cards.  
End of the Academic year 1995-96. Let us thank the Lord for the year that has passed. Let us continue working sincerely in the field of education and answer when duty shall call. Rev. Fr. O. Lewis, Principal thanks Rev. Fr. E. Rodrigues, The Vice Principal, the Staff and students for their help and co-operation during the academic year 1995-96.

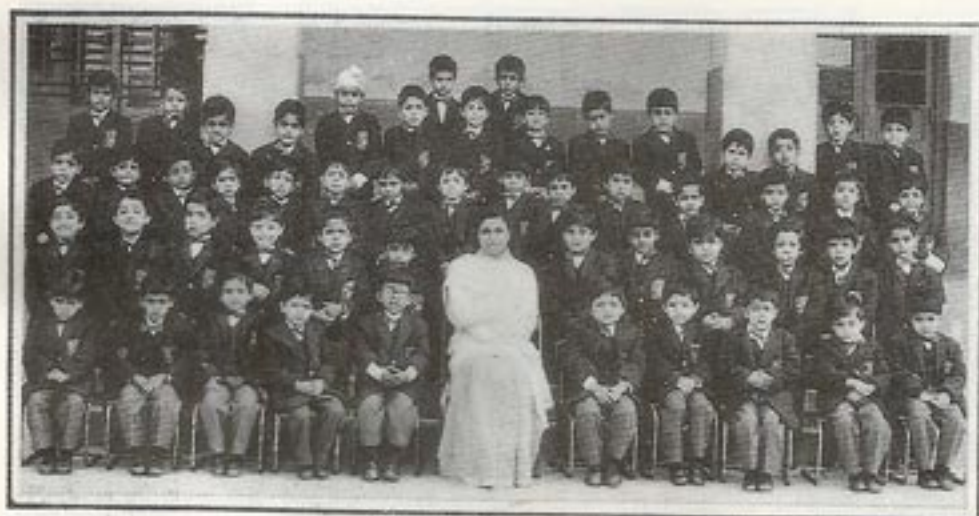
Miss I. Menezes







Mrs. B. Singh Nur. A



Miss. A. D'souza Nur. B



Miss O. Massey Nur. C





Mrs. R. Phillips Nur. D



Mrs. M. Chandra K.G.-A



Mrs. D. Albert K.G.-B





Miss D. Perry K.G.-C



Mrs. A. Chandra K.G.-D



Miss S. Benedict 1st - A





Mrs. I. D'souza 1st - B



Miss R. Bunny 1st-C



Mrs. S. Serrao 1st-D





Mrs. R. Edwards IInd -A



Mrs. A. Tewari IInd-B



Mrs. D. Godin IInd-C





Miss R. Paul IIrd-D



Miss. I. Bhasin IIIrd-A



Mrs. C : Pershad IIIrd-B





Mrs. S. Nath IIIrd-C



Miss D. Bunch IIIrd-D



Mrs. D. Egbert IV-A





Mrs. R. Franklin IV-B



Mrs. K. Caleb IV-C



Mrs. Z. Singh IV-D





Mrs. H. Freitas V-A



Mrs. V. Fernandes V-B



Mr. C. Viegas V-C





Mrs. C. Fanthome V-D



Mr. J. Rodricks VI-A

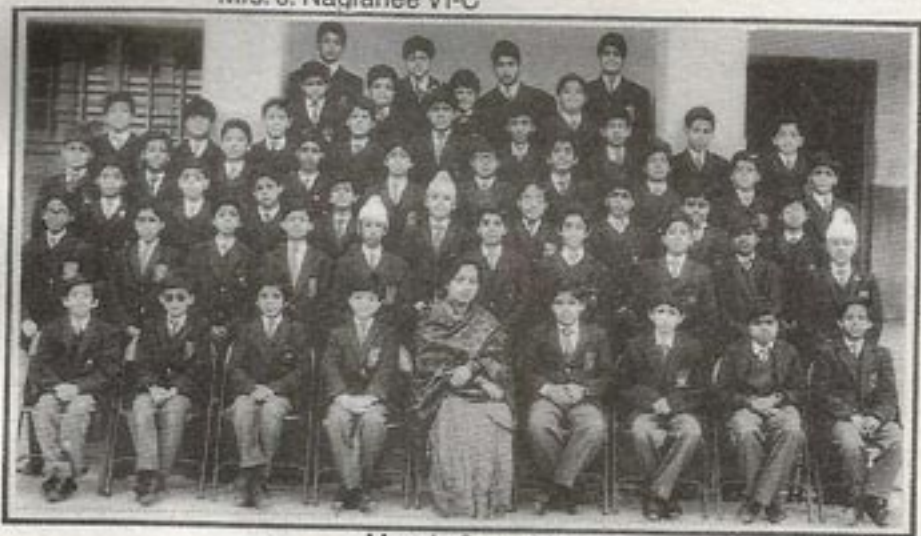


Mr. J. Hannah VI-B





Mrs. J. Naqraanee VI-C

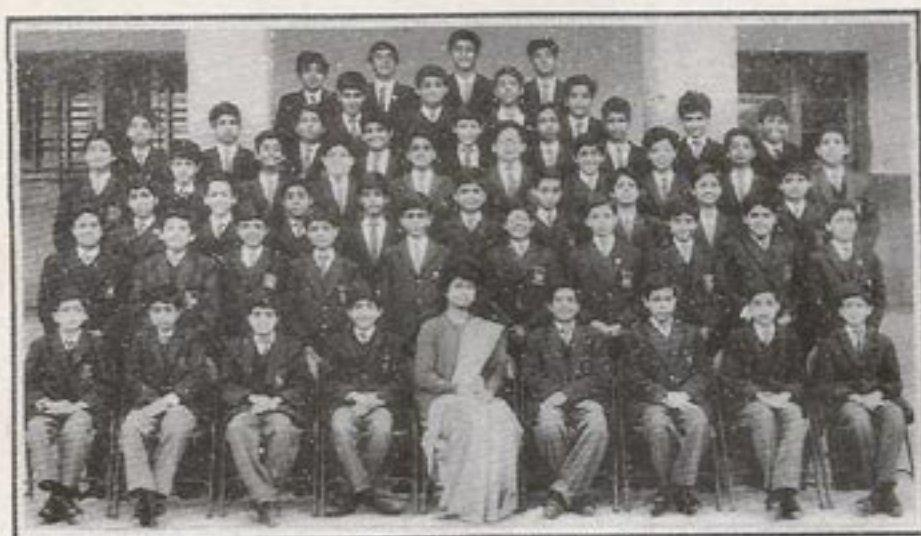


Mrs. A. Scott VI-D



Mrs. A. Siddiqui VII-A





Miss S. Castelino VII-B

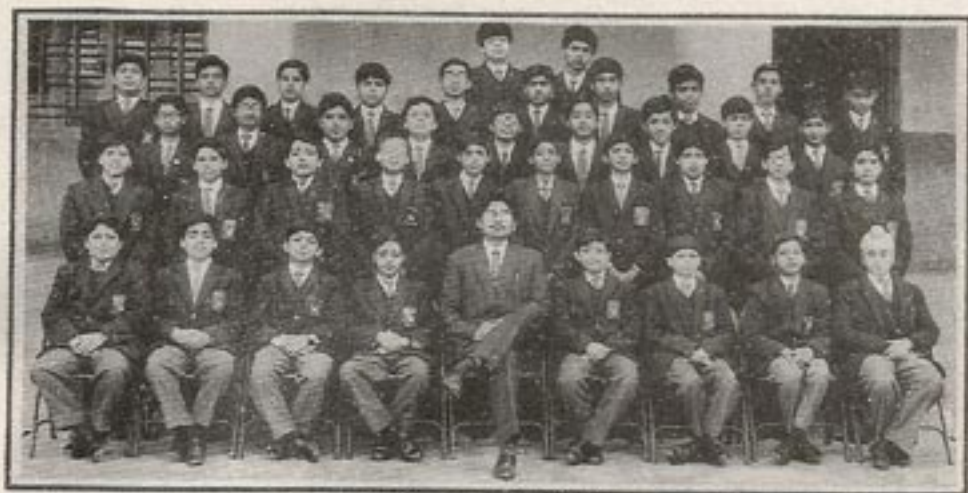


Mr. R. Sharma VII-C



Mr. T. Jacob VII-D





Mr. D. Jackson- VIII-A



Miss I. Menezes VIII-B



Mrs. V. Saxena VIII-C





Mrs. R. Duggal VIII-D



Miss P. Khan IX-A



Mr. P. Bhargava IX - B





Mr. R. Srivastava IX-C



Mrs R. Kumar IX-D



Mrs. I. Mukherjee X-A





Mr. S. N. Singh X-B

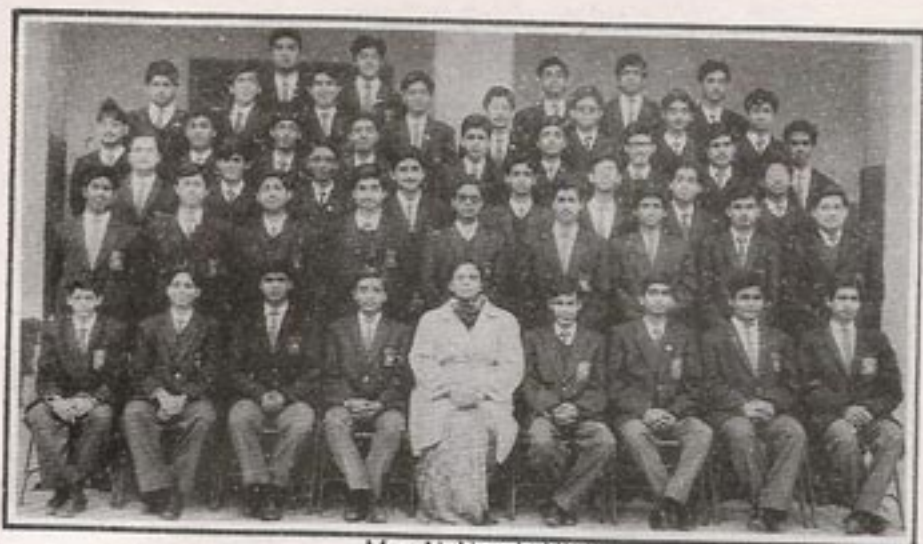


Mrs. S. Singh X-C



Mr. N. Bose X-D





Mrs. N. Narain XI-A



Mrs. K. Nagar XI-B



Mr. T. Sawhney XI-C

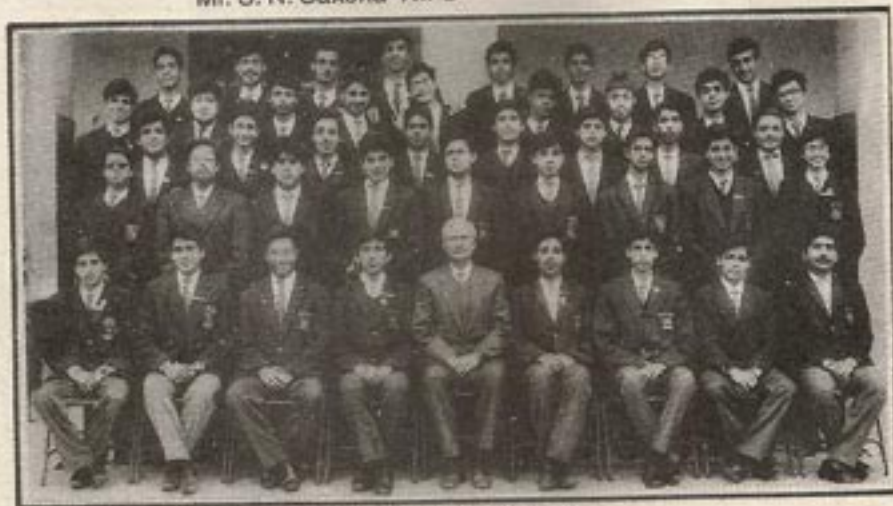




Mr. R. P. Gupta XII-A



Mr. S. N. Saxena XII-B



Mr. S. C. Johri XII-C





# Hindi Section



१. सेण्ट फ्रांसिस के बालक	कुश टुटेजा- I A	1
२. क्या करें	श्रुतु राज - I B	1
३. प्रार्थना	दीप किरण सिंह - I B	2
४. बापू तुम वापस आओ	अनुपम गुप्ता - I B	2
५. तिताली	तुषार पुरी - I B	2
६. रोनी सूरत मुन्नू की	मनमीत सिंह - I B	3
७. माँ	संकर्षण गुप्ता - I C	3
८. रात	आयूश परमार - I C	4
९. हम भी उड़ते	सान्धिद्य शर्मा - I C	4
१०. अहंकार की भाषा	अनन्त टुटेजा - I D	4
११. दान	असीम सक्सेना - I D	5
१२. प्यारा कुत्ता	हर्षित मल्होत्र - II A	5
१३. शिशु-विचार	अजय भागचन्दानी- II A	6
१४. क्या आप जानते हैं ?	अक्षत प्रकाश - II B	7
१५. वृक्ष का संदेश	अक्षय अरोरा - III A	7
१६. शेर और बेर	शालभ शर्मा - III C	7
१७. फूल	आदित्य बहल - III C	8
१८. क्या आप जानते हैं ?	वर्धन अरोरा- IV B	8
१९. कश्मीर	निशान्त उपाध्याय- IV C	9
२०. भारत जिनके लिए प्रसिद्ध है	अभिनव शुक्ला - IV C	9
२१. क्या तुम जानते हो	सुमित मुखर्जी- IV C	10
२२. धुनाव-चिह्न	सुशान्त मनोचा- V A	10
२३. क्या आप जानते हैं ?	मो. मंसूर खान- V B	10
२४. कोहरा	संचय करिषल- V B	11
२५. तारे	सौरभ मुखर्जी- V B	11
२६. तीन चीजें	प्रकुल सेठ- V C	12
२७. पेटू अंकल	विधू शेखर- V D	13
२८. छब्बीस जनवरी	अपूर्व द्विवेदी- XI B	14
२९. हीरे की अंगूठी	सलिल दास- VII A	15
३०. वीर सिपाही	अनुराग त्रिाठी- VII A	15
३१. कितना अच्छा लगता है	परिचय गुप्ता- VII A	16
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३४. बहन-? पत्नी-? माँ-?	अभिषेक अग्रवाल- VIII A	18
३५. ये कहे, वो कहे	अरूप मुखर्जी- XI B	19
३६. मतभेद	प्रशांत कुमार वर्मा- XI C	19
३७. सब कुछ प्रभु के हाथ में	तरुण नैय्यर- XI C	20
३८. मेरा देश मेरे लोग	मुकेश गुरुनानी- XI C	20
३९. मेरा भारत महान है	प्रणय शर्मा- XII C	21
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## सेंट फ्रांसिस के बालक



हम सेंट फ्रांसिस के मेधावी बालक,  
जग में नई सुबह लायेंगे।  
चित्रकार हैं हम मानवता के-  
एक नई तस्वीर बनायेंगे।  
'वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम्' की शैली अपनाकर,  
इस धरती को स्वर्ग बनायेंगे।  
मानव को जोड़ें मानव से,  
एक ऐसी भाषा बनायेंगे।  
अतः चलें जहाँ भी हम,  
चट्टानों को पिघलायेंगे।  
प्रभु से माँगे वरदान,  
सद्बुद्धि से दूर कर अज्ञान  
अखिल ज्ञान के ज्योति पुँज से,  
हम अज्ञानता मिटायेंगे।

कुश टुटेजा

I-A

## “क्या करें”

प्रस्तुत हैं कुछ ऐसे वाक्य जिनके  
दो मतलब हो सकते हैं -

टीचर - “खेलो मत पढ़ो।” “खेलो मत, पढ़ो !”

(अब हम खेलें या पढ़ें ?)

पापा - “जागो, मत सोओ!” “जागो मत, सोओ।”

(जागें या सोयें - बताइये ?)

नेता - “इस चुनाव में मुझे मतदान दे।”

“इस चुनाव में मुझे मत दान दे।”

अब आप ही बतायें हम क्या करें ?

ऋतुराज

IB



प्रार्थना



छोटे-छोटे बच्चे हम प्रभु,  
तेनी आनाधना करते हैं,  
छोटे-छोटे मल प्रभु तुझको,  
अर्पण करते हैं।  
औंन्को से तू देखे बुनी बातें,  
तू सुने कानो से बुनी बातें,  
बस, मधुन ध्वनि तेनी प्रभु  
हम सुनते हैं।

दीप किरण सिंह  
I B

बापू, तुम वापस आ जाओ।

एक बार फिर पड़ गई जफूरत,  
बापू, तुम वापस आ जाओ।  
अपना प्यारा देश बचाने  
बापू, तुम वापस आ जाओ।  
सत्य-अहिंसा की राह छोड़  
सब हो गये हिंसा वादी।  
अनमोल अहिंसा क्या है,  
इन्को तुम बतला जाओ।  
एक बार फिर पड़ गई जफूरत,  
बापू, तुम वापस आ जाओ।

अनुपम गुप्ता  
I B

‘तितली’

देखो तितली रानी आई।  
फूलों पर है वह बैठवाई।  
रंग-छिन्नंगे चैखों चाली।  
नाचा करती वह मत्तचाली।  
हम देखको लगती है प्यारी।  
इश्या ठसखी है अति न्यारी।



तुषार पुरी  
I B



“सोनी सूरत मुन्नु की”

सोनी सूरत देन्य, मुन्नु भाई की,  
 लगे पूछने चुन्नु भाई:  
 बोले प्याने चीज़ कौन नी,  
 अमी-अमी हँ तुमने न्वाई ?  
 मना-मना ना मुन्नु बोला,  
 अपने गालों को सहलाता,  
 मिला कहीं जो कुछ में न्वाता।  
 चुन्नु बोले-झूठ न बोला,  
 अमी-अमी हँ तुमने न्वाई,  
 मेरे देन्वा खुद अँनघों से,  
 मान तुफही ने, मम्मी से न्वाई

मनमीत सिंह  
 I B

माँ

माँ, सबसे प्यारी होती है।  
 दुनिया से क्यारी होती है।



नीले-नीले आसमान में,  
 चखा मामा जब मुसकता।  
 माँ की मीठी लोरी सुनकर,  
 मे तो सपने में खो जाता।।  
 माँ कहती है, बड़े बनो तुम,  
 नही किन्नी से कभी डरो तुम।  
 माँ की ममता की हुनियाली,  
 मे उसके जीवन की डाली।।  
 मुन्वड़ा उसका प्याना-प्याना।  
 मे हँ, उसका नाज दुलाना।।

-संकर्षण गुप्ता  
 I C



रात

नीली घाटन वाली रात,  
 घंटा तानों वाली रात।  
 ता-ता-शेया थिनक-थिनक कन  
 नील अगल में आती रात।  
 झिलमिल-झिलमिल आती रात।

आयूश परमार  
 IC

## हम भी उड़ते



शाखाओं पर बैठी चिड़ियाँ,  
 चिहूँक-चिहूँक कर जाती;  
 शोर मचाती पंख फैलाकर,  
 झटपट वे उड़ जाती ।

पंख लगाकर हम भी उड़ते,  
 बन पतंग छा जाते;  
 रंग बिरंगे तारे लाते,  
 जग को खुब सजाते ।

नहीं रहता कहीं अधियारा,  
 न ही रात की स्याही;  
 दिन और रात बराबर होते,  
 रहती हर दम लाली छाई ।

सान्ध्य शर्मा  
 IC

## अहंकार की भाषा

एक बार कबीरदास के परमप्रिय शिष्य ने उनसे पूछा-“गुरुवर, मैना की बोली इतनी मीठी क्यों होती है?”  
 महात्मा कबीरदास बोले-“मैना जब भी बोलती है तो कहती है--‘मैं ना’ अर्थात् ‘मैं नहीं’। इसी से उसकी भाषा अच्छी लगती है। दूसरी तरफ बकरी ‘मै-मै’ करती है। उसकी बोली सभी को चुभती है, क्योंकि उसमें मधुरता नहीं है-‘अहंकार’ का समावेश होता है।”

मीठी बोली वह अमोघ अस्त्र है जो कई बिगड़े काम बना देती है।

अनन्त दुटेजा  
 ID



## दान

महात्मा बुद्ध एक बार एक गाँव से गुज़र रहे थे। लोगों ने उनसे प्रार्थना की कि उस रास्ते से न जाकर, अन्य मार्ग से गाँव पार करे। महात्मा बुद्ध के पूछने पर लोगों ने उन्हें बताया कि आगे बहुत ही अगड़ालू व्यक्ति रहता है जो बिना किसी कारण अगड़ाने लगता है और गाली-गलौच करता है। महात्मा बुद्ध ने जब यह सुना तो कहा कि अब तो इस रास्ते से ही जाना आवश्यक हो गया है। कुछ ही आगे बढ़े कि एक आदमी ने उनका रास्ता रोक लिया। वह आदमी महात्मा बुद्ध को गालियाँ देने लगा।

महात्मा बुद्ध को यह समझते देर न लगी कि यह वही अगड़ालू आदमी है। उन्होंने उसकी गालियों पर कोई ध्यान नहीं दिया और शान्त स्वभाव से वहाँ खड़े रहे। कुछ देर बाद वह व्यक्ति थककर चुप हो गया। तब महात्मा बुद्ध ने उससे पूछा-“भाई -बताओ कि अगर तुम कोई चीज़ मुझे दो और मैं उसे न लूँ तो वो चीज़ किस की होगी?” उस आदमी ने कहा-“भेरी”। महात्मा बुद्ध ने कहा - “तुमने मुझे इतनी गालियों दीं पर मैंने एक भी नहीं ली।” इतना सुनते ही वह व्यक्ति महात्मा बुद्ध का आशय समझ गया और उनके पैरों पर गिर कर क्षमा माँगने लगा। उसने भविष्य में ऐसा व्यवहार न करने की कसम खाई।

असीम सक्सेना

11 D

## प्यारा कुत्ता

कुत्ता है यह कुत्ता,  
काला, सफेद, चितकबरा।  
कुत्ता आता कितने काम,  
चोरों की कर नींद हराम।



चोरों को वह दूर भगाता,  
ना जाने पर नोच चबाता।  
भौंक-भौंक कर शोर मचाता,  
गृह-स्वामी की जान बचाता।

अन्धों की आँखे बन जाता,  
बच्चों का साथी बन जाता।  
खेला करता उनके साथ,  
आगे-पीछे दुम हिलाता।

हर्षित मल्होत्रा

11 A





## शिशु विचार



### तोता

हरी डाल पर बैठा तोता,  
मिट्ठू-मिट्ठू बोले,  
अपनी मीठी-मीठी बोली से वह,  
सबके मन को मोहे।  
इस सुन्दर पक्षी के रखे,  
कैसे-कैसे नाम,  
मिट्ठू, मियां कहे कोई,  
तो कोई गंगाराम।

### १. खेल-खेल में

जीवन है खेल-सा  
परिवर्तन के मेल-सा,  
सफलता-असफलता  
हँसते-हँसते खेल-जा।

### २. मेरा छाता

रंग बिरंगा मेरा छाता,  
जब मैं लेकर बाहर जाऊँ,  
धूप ताप से मुझे बचाता,  
जब आये वर्षा का मौसम,  
बारिश से मुझे बचाता,  
रंग-बिरंगा मेरा छाता।



अजय भागचन्दानी  
II A



## क्या आप जानते हैं ?



१. जिराफ गूंगा होता है।
२. मेंढक थोड़े से अभ्यास से अपनी लम्बाई से २५० गुना अधिक कूद सकता है।
३. मच्छर ३ मील यानि लगभग ४.५ किलोमीटर प्रति घंटे की गति से उड़ते हैं।
४. चींटी अपने शरीर के भार से ६० गुना अधिक भार खींच सकती है।
५. संसार की सबसे महंगी पुस्तक 'कुरान' की एक प्रति है, जिसमें इस पुस्तक की जिल्द की कीमत ३०,२०० पाँड (लगभग १५ लाख रुपये) से भी अधिक है। यह पुस्तक अमीर अफगानिस्तान को फारस के शाह ने दी है।

संकलित  
अक्षत प्रकाश  
II B

## वृक्ष का संदेश



वृक्ष हमारे लिए लाते हैं संदेश,  
परोपकार करो-परोपकार करो।  
प्राकृत विपदाओं से डरो नहीं,  
मुझ सा जीवन सत्कार करो।।  
मन छोटा नहीं अपितु उपकार करो,  
जग में अपना नाम करो,  
फूलो-फलों, झुको, प्रणाम करो,  
दीनों पर दया करो,  
अन्तिम साँसों तक सत्कार्य करो।।

अक्षय अरोरा  
III A

## शेर और बेर

घूम रहा था वन में शेर,  
गलती से खा बैठा बेर।  
बेर गले में अटक गया,  
घेहरा उसका लटक गया।  
राजवैद्य को तुरन्त बुलवाया,  
फौरन वह दीड़ा आया।  
गर्दन पर एक मारा मुग्धर,  
बेर निकल आया बाहर।

शलभ शर्मा  
III C



# 'फूल'



पादप सिंहासन पर वह विराजमान था,  
सतरंगी परिधानों में शोभायमान था;  
अल्हड़ था वह सुकुमार रंगीला-  
समीर से पा परामर्श, विनम्र हो गया।

हँस कर उसने सत्कार किया,  
मैंने अभिनन्दन स्वीकार किया,  
आगे बढ़, छू उसे प्यार किया;  
परन्तु शिष्टाचार में हो गई, भूल-

'छूना वर्जित है' देखा लिखा हुआ  
वह था गुलाब का फूल-  
साथी, मेरी बात पर ध्यान धरो-  
छुओ न फूलों को, आँखों से प्यार करो।

'तुमने तोड़े फूल' आक्षेप दुःसद लग जाएगा;  
दण्डित करने, अपशब्द कहने; जागेगा माली का प्रकोप

आदित्य बहल  
III C

## क्या आप जानते हैं   ?

संसार का सबसे बड़ा फूल उत्पन्न करने वाला पौधा होने का श्रेय सुमात्रा में पाये जाने वाले-  
'रेफ्लिसिया आनेलिडआई' को है। पौधे के नाम पर ही इसमें फूल व जड़ें होती हैं।

एक फूल का वजन करीब सात किलोग्राम तथा उसका व्यास दस से.मी. तक होता है।

सबसे ऊँचे वृक्ष- कैलीफोर्निया प्रदेश (उत्तरी अमेरिका) के 'रेड-वुड-पार्क' में दुनिया के सबसे  
ऊँचे वृक्ष 'सिकोइया' पाये जाते हैं।

वर्धन अरोरा  
IV B



## काश्मीर-आज कब्रिस्तान!

काश्मीर, रे काश्मीर !  
 आतंकवादियों से घिरा ।  
 काश्मीर कब्रिस्तान बना ।  
 लाशों के यहाँ पर डेर हैं ।  
 पाकिस्तानियों से मुठभेड़ है ।  
 घर जलते हैं जैसे तेल ।  
 लोग मरते हैं जैसे भेड़ ।  
 काश्मीर, रे काश्मीर ।  
 आतंकवादियों से घिरा ।  
 काश्मीर-कब्रिस्तान बना ।

निशान्त उपाध्याय  
 IV C

भारत जिन्हें लिए प्रसिद्ध है

भ्रातृप्रेम	-	भरत का
प्रतिज्ञा	-	भीष्म की
दान	-	कर्ण का
लक्ष्यभेद	-	अर्जुन का
वीरता	-	अभिमन्यु की
गुरुभक्ति	-	एकलव्य की
भक्ति	-	प्रहलाद की
सत्यता	-	हरीशचन्द्र की
न्याय	-	विक्रमादित्य का
सतीत्व	-	सावित्री का
तप	-	ध्रुव का
त्याग	-	दधीचि का
धर्म	-	युधिष्ठिर का
मर्यादा	-	श्री रामचन्द्र जी की
पितृभक्ति	-	नचिकेता की

अभिनव शुक्ला  
 IV C



१. जापान में महीनों के नाम नहीं होते अपितु उनके लिये अंकों का प्रयोग किया जाता है।
२. एक ज़माने में कनाडा में सरकारी मुद्रा की जगह ताश के पत्तों का प्रचलन था।
३. जीभ मानव शरीर की एक मात्र मांस पेशी है जिसका एक सिरा खुला होता है।
४. चीन की विशाल दीवार आदमी के हाथों बनाई गई एकमात्र चीज है जिसे अन्तरिक्ष से देखा जा सकता है।

संकलित

सुमित मुखर्जी

IV C

## चुनाव-चिह्न

सेन्ट फ्रांसिस का चुनाव-चिह्न रोबोट।  
 प्यारे बच्चों इसी को देना अपना-अपना वोट।  
 हीरे, मोती, सोना, चाँदी, न सिक्का न नोट,  
 न किशमिश पिस्ते-बादाम, न काजू न अखरोट,  
 रिक्शा, साईकिल, घोड़ा-गाड़ी न मोटर, न बोट,  
 सेन्ट फ्रांसिस का चुनाव चिह्न रोबोट।।

वोट हमारा यानी हम सब मेहनत करें पढ़ाई में,  
 नफरत की दीवारें तोड़ें प्यार हो भाई-भाई में,  
 एक ईश्वर को मानने वाले उलझे नहीं लड़ाई में,  
 शिक्षा का उपयोग करें मानवता की भलाई में,  
 भूल न जाना चुन्नु-मुन्नु कर लो इसको नोट।  
 सेन्ट फ्रांसिस का चुनाव-चिह्न रोबोट।

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### क्या आप जानते हैं ?

१. सट्टा शहद ब्राजील के जंगलो में मिलता है।
२. चीन देश में सबसे पहले फतंगवाजी शुरू हुई।
३. अदरक में मैगनीज़ धातु पाई जाती है।
४. रिक्शा सबसे पहले १८६९ में जापान में चलाया गया।
४. फ्रांस में मच्छर नहीं पाये जाते हैं।
५. फ्रांस की रानी कैथरीन की कमर केवल १३ इंच की थी।
६. चीन में दुनिया का सबसे बड़ा नोट छपा जिसकी लंबाई १३ इंच और चौड़ाई ९ इंच थी और सबसे छोटा नोट भी चीन में छपा जिसकी लंबाई २.१६ इंच और चौड़ाई १.१८ इंच थी।

मो. मंसूर खान

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## कोहरा

रात के अंधरे में, जो पैदा होता है,

क्या, वह कोहरा होता है ?

सुबह-सुबह जो घर के आँगन में छा जाता है,

क्या वह कोहरा होता है ?

सफेद रंग वाला, जो काली चीज को छुपा देता है,

क्या वह कोहरा होता है ?

जो देश की सरहद यूँ ही पार कर जाता है,

क्या, वह कोहरा होता है ?

बड़ी से बड़ी इमारत को भी, जो छुपा लेता है,

क्या, वह कोहरा होता है ?

आसमान में उड़ते पक्षी जिसके सामने छुप जाते हैं,

क्या, वह कोहरा होता है ?

गायब हो जाता है, जो सूरज की किरणों से,

क्या, वह कोहरा होता है ?

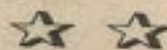
करता है जो यह सब,

हाँ ! हाँ ! वही तो कोहरा होता है।

संचय करिघल

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## तारे



दिन ढलता, सन्ध्या हो जाती,

दिखते कितने तारे!

कोई दूर तो कोई पास है,

लेकिन हैं सब न्यारे-न्यारे।।

सप्तऋषि मंडल प्रश्न उठाता,

ध्रुव आकाश की शान बढ़ाता ।

लेकिन जब सूरज उग आता,

छिप जाते हैं तब तारे सारे।।

सौरभ-मुकजी

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तीन चीजें हमेशा याद रखिए.....

१. तीन चीजें जिंदगी में एक बार मिलती हैं -  
माता-पिता, जवानी और मानव-जन्म।
२. तीन चीजें किसी का इंतजार नहीं करती हैं -  
वक्त, मौत और ग्राहक।
३. तीन चीजें निकली हुई वापस नहीं आती हैं -  
तीर कमान से, बात ज़बान से और प्राण शरीर से।
४. तीन चीजें परदे में होनी चाहिए -  
धन, मान और भोजन।
५. तीन चीजों से बचना चाहिए -  
बुरी संगत, स्वार्थ और निन्दा।
६. तीन चीजों में मन लगाने से फायदा होता है -  
ईश्वर, मेहनत और विद्या।
७. तीन चीजें नहीं भूलना चाहिए -  
कर्ज, मर्ज और फर्ज।
८. तीन चीजों का आदर करना चाहिए -  
माता-पिता, गुरु और मेहमान।
९. तीन चीजें हमेशा अपने वश में रहनी चाहिये -  
मन, काम और लोभ।
१०. तीन चीजों पर दया करनी चाहिये -  
बाल, वृद्ध और पागल।



# पेटू अंकल



मटके जैसी तोंद हिलाते, आते हैं पेटू अंकल।  
भोजन के ही भजन हमेशा, गाते हैं पेटू अंकल।।

माल दूसरों का खा खाकर  
इतना पेट बढ़ाया है।  
यह तरबूजी तोंद देखकर  
हाथी भी शर्मिया है।।

उगा हुआ इनकी जिह्वा पर, अनगिन स्वादों का जंगल।  
काया कछुआ-छाप, किन्तु है,  
मन इनका बगुले जैसा।  
ये तिकड़म का जाल बिछाकर,  
कमा रहे बेहद पैसा।।

इनके अन्दर सिर घुनती हैं, दुखियों की आँहें दुर्बल।।  
दीन-दुखी का पेट काट, ये  
अपनी तोंद फुलाते हैं।  
खाया माल पचाने को नित-  
लवण-भास्कर खाते हैं।।

इनकी गर्दन, काशीफल-सी काया का, लगती डण्ठल।।  
इनका अर्दन पेट, कपट का,  
माना हुआ अखाड़ा है।  
इसी पेट ने दुखियों की,  
किस्मत का लेखा फाड़ा है।।

खादी के कुरते में अंकल, लगते हैं कितने सिम्पल।।

विघ्न शेखर  
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## छब्बीस जनवरी के अवसर पर दिया गया भाषण ।



मुख्य अतिथि - श्री राजीव खेर

वक्ता - अपूर्व द्विवेदी

छब्बीस जनवरी, उन्नीस सौ छियाब्बे। छियालीस वर्षों के इतिहास में आज एक और दिन जुड़ जाएगा। एक और वादों भरा दिन। देश के नाम पर बड़ी-बड़ी बातों की जाएंगी, नेताओं के भाषणों पर तालियाँ बजेंगी, लेकिन सच ये है कि हम बहुत स्वार्थी हो गये हैं। राह चलते किसी व्यक्ति से अगर हम ये पूछें कि भाईसाहब देश की मौजूदा स्थिति पर आपके क्या विचार हैं, तो ७५ से ८० प्रतिशत लोग यही कहेंगे कि न जाने भारत को क्या हो गया है; हिन्दुस्तान की हालत बहुत खराब है...इत्यादि। हम सिर्फ यह देखते हैं कि ये देश हमारे लिये क्या कर रहा है, हम यह भूल जाते हैं, कि भारत सिर्फ हमसे ही बना है।

आदरणीय मुख्य अतिथि महोदय, माननीय प्रधानाचार्य जी, सम्मानित शिक्षकगण एवं मेरे अत्यन्त प्रिय मित्रों भारत में गणतन्त्रको स्थापित हुए आज सैंतालिस वर्ष हो जाएंगे। हम एक गणतन्त्रमें रहते हैं, और हमें इसी बात की याद दिलाने, हर वर्ष आता है, २६ जनवरी का दिन। यह दिन भले ही हमें कुछ और याद न दिलाता हो, परन्तु एक बात तो ये दिन हमें पिछले छियालीस वर्षों से समझाता आया है, और आज सैंतालीसवीं बार समझाएगा, कि झण्डे के नीचे खड़े होकर मेरा भारत महान कह देने भर से ही, अपनी मातृभूमि के प्रति हमारे कर्तव्यों की इति श्री नहीं हो जाती। खोसले वादों और खोसले नारों से न तो कभी देश का कल्याण हुआ है, और न ही कभी होगा। देश के लिए, अगर कुछ कर गुजरना हो तो सिर्फ देशभक्ति की भावना होने से ही काम नहीं चलता। भारत को आज एक संगठित बल, एक संगठित शक्ति की आवश्यकता है। कहना जरूरी नहीं कि वह, वह शक्ति सिर्फ हम ही बन सकते हैं। एक ऐसा बल, एक ऐसी शक्ति, जो आने वाले कुछ ही वर्षों में भारत को विश्व के शीर्ष पर स्थापित कर दे। विश्व में आज अनेकों ऐसे उदाहरण हैं, जो भारत का मार्गदर्शन कर सकते हैं, परन्तु अफसोस तो इस बात का है, कि सोते हुए को तो जगाया जा सकता है, परन्तु सोने का स्वांग भरने वाले का जगाना बहुत मुश्किल है। भारतीय आज ऐसी ही अवस्था से गुजर रहे हैं, जहाँ पर जब तक वे स्वयं नहीं चाहेंगे, तब तक उन्हें कोई नहीं उबार सकता है। विश्व, भारत का नाम आदर से ले, इसके लिये भारतीयों को स्वाभिमानी होना पड़ेगा, आत्माभिमानी होना पड़ेगा परन्तु दुःख तो इस बात का है कि आज पैसा, देश से भारी हो चुका है।

अगर सब कुछ ऐसे ही चलता रहा तो वह दिन दूर नहीं जब हम फिर से परतन्त्र हो जाएंगे। और इस बार यह परतन्त्रा डार्ड-तीन सौ साल की नहीं, बल्कि हमेशा-हमेशा के लिये होगी, क्योंकि अब इस देश में, इस महान भारत में, किसी गांधी, किसी नेहरू, किसी सुभाष का होना नामुमकिन ही है। और एक कड़वा सच तो यह भी है कि हम आज तक स्वतन्त्र ही कहाँ हो पाए हैं। हम परतन्त्र हैं, गरीबी के, भुखमरी के, भ्रष्टाचार के। क्यों ऐसा है कि एक व्यक्ति को दो कपड़ों में जाड़ा, गर्मी और बरसात सुले आसमान के नीचे गुजार देने पड़ते हैं जबकि एक बंगले में तीन व्यक्तियों के तीस से भी अधिक कमरे मौजूद होते हैं ? मैं नागरिक शास्त्र का छात्र तो नहीं, परन्तु इतना अवश्य जानता हूँ कि हमारे संविधान में गणतन्त्र का यह अर्थ तो कतई नहीं लिखा है।

आज वक्त आ गया है, जब हम उसकी कीमत पहचान जाएं। जब जागो, तभी सेवरा होता है। और अगर आज भी हम अपनी इस गहरी नींद से जागने में असफल रहे, तो कल, न मैं रहूँगा, न रहेंगे आप, और न ही रहेगा, ये सारे जहाँ से अच्छा हिन्दोस्तां हमारा।

जय भारत ।

जय जननी ।

जय हिन्द

अपूर्व द्विवेदी

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## हीरे की अँगूठी



हीरे की अँगूठी, बहुत सी देखी,  
पर देखी न अँगूठी, जैसी देखी।

कार्तिक अमावस सन् पिचयानवे में,  
जो चमकी चपला-सी नीले अम्बर में।

मानव रथ न पायेगा, वैसी अँगूठी,  
वह चमत्कारिक, वह अलौकिक अँगूठी।

जिस-जिस ने देखा-इससे रोके,  
सोचा, कोई रोके, उस क्षण को रोके।

घातु-विहीन-अँगूठी, वह अनमोल थी।  
न हल्की, न भारी, न कोई तोल थी।

न मेरी न तेरी वह उसकी थी,  
परम वृहत् थी, सच वह सब की थी।

यह समय पर प्रकृति की सही थी,  
जो अनुपम, अद्वितीय हो, वही थी।

कभी-कभी सदियों में आता ऐसा दिन,  
जब सूर्य ग्रहण में दीखे डायमण्ड रिंग।।

सलिल दास

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## वीर झिपाही

साथी घर जा कर मत कहना,  
बस, संकेतों से बतला देना।  
यदि हाल मेरी माता पूछे तो,  
मुरझाया फूल दिखा देना।  
यदि इतने पर भी ना समझे,  
तो दो आँसू टपका देना।

साथी घर जा कर मत कहना,  
तुम संकेतों से बतला देना।

यदि हाल मेरी पत्नी पूछे तो,  
जलता दीप बुझा देना।  
यदि इतने पर भी ना समझे,  
तो माँग-सिंदूर मिटा देना।

साथी, घर जाकर मत कहना।  
सब संकेतों से बतला देना।

अनुराग त्रिाठी

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## कितना अच्छा लगता है !

बच्चों के संग बच्चा होना,  
कितना अच्छा लगता है।

कभी खेल में हँसना-गाना  
ता-ता धईया नाच दिखाना,  
अनायास नाराज़ सभी से  
होकर के फिर मुँह लटकाना,  
ऊँ-ऊँ कर के झूठ-मूठ का  
रोना अच्छा लगता है।

बच्चों के संग बच्चा होना,  
कितना अच्छा लगता है।

गाल फुला आँसे मिचकाना,  
बंदर जैसी हरकत करके,  
उराना, फिर छुप जाना,  
छुपकर पास चले आना  
बार-बार अच्छा लगता है।

बच्चों के संग बच्चा होना,  
कितना अच्छा लगता है।

कल्पू, नीतू, चुन्नु, दीनू  
के संग गप्प लड़ाना,  
इंजन बन छुक-छुक करना,  
या अडियल घोड़ा बन जाना,  
सरपट भाग कभी गिर जाना,  
हर पल अच्छा लगता है।

बच्चों के संग बच्चा होना,  
कितना अच्छा लगता है।

परिचय गुप्ता

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## जीवन

बचपन की खुशियों में हँसता है जीवन,  
 जीवन के सपनों में सजता है जीवन,  
 बुढ़ापे के अनुभवों से सम्भलता है जीवन,  
 समय के साथ ही बदलता है जीवन।

सागर की लहरों में इठलाता है जीवन,  
 पर्वतों के मीन में खिलता है जीवन,  
 वृक्षों की ओट में इतराता है जीवन,  
 धरती की कोख में पनपता है जीवन।

गरीबों के सपनों में विखरता है जीवन।  
 अमीरों के महलों में विहँसता है जीवन,  
 दहेज की अग्नि में सुलगता है जीवन,  
 आहों में अबला की तिसकता है जीवन।

खुशियों में समा कर सिमटता है जीवन,  
 दुखों में किसी को मसलता है जीवन,  
 प्रकृति के हर रूप में बसता है जीवन,  
 संरचना करने को मचलता है जीवन।

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## ज्योति जवाहर

विश्व बन्धु के प्रेरक पंचशील के जन्मदाता पण्डित जवाहर लाल नेहरू की जन्म शताब्दी पर !

रूप-रूप का, ज्योति मोती की,  
 बनकर चमका वीर जवाहर !  
 पंचशील का गायक जग में,  
 गूँजा बन कर वह नर नाहर !  
 तुम्हें याद कर कतन रो रहा है,  
 जुदाई में सारा चमन रो रहा है।  
 प्रतिष्ठा मिली जिसे संसार में,  
 वही तेरा भारत सो रहा है।

तुषार मुदगल

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“जीवन में कुछ करना है तो,  
 मन को मारे मत बैठो।  
 आगे-आगे बढ़ना है तो,  
 हिम्मत हारे मत बैठो।”



## बहन -? पत्नी-? माँ-?

वह आँचल में मुख छिपाए बाहर निकलती है। अपना घर संभालने के उद्देश्य की पूर्णता के लिये कितने ही कष्ट झेलती है, दुख उठाती है। कभी बेटी बनकर अपने मां-बाप की झोली में खुशियों की बहार लाती है, तो कभी बहन बनकर अपने भाई की कलाई पर अपने प्रेम से भरी राखी बाँधती है। कभी पत्नी बनकर अपने ससुराल की शोभा बढ़ाती है, तो कभी माँ बनकर अपने बच्चों पर प्यार लुटाती है। जी हों, यही है सच्ची भारतीय नारी।

मानव का अस्तित्व नारी से शुरू होकर धरती माँ की गोद में विलीन हो जाता है। इसलिये इस संसार में नारी का विशेष महत्त्व है दुर्भाग्य की बात यह है कि आज हमारा यह समाज नारी को वह सम्मान नहीं दे रहा है जो उसे मिलना चाहिये। आज घर-घर में नारियों को सताया जा रहा है। सड़कों पर उसका अपमान किया जा रहा है। दहेज के लिये बहुओं को प्रताड़ित किया जाता है। और निर्दयता से जला दिया जाता है। वयस्क होते ही उनका बलात्कार किया जाता है। विधवाओं को तुच्छ व मत्सर लोकलोचनों का शिकार होना पड़ता है। घर पर भी काम का भार व जिम्मेदारियों का बोझ उनकी अपनी इच्छाओं और कामनाओं का गला घोट देती है।

नारी हमेशा चहारदीवारी में बंद रहा करती थी और उसका घूँघट उसकी विवशता बन गया था इसलिये आज की नारी ने अपना घूँघट उतार फेंका है और पुरुषों के साथ कन्धे से कन्धा मिलाकर चल रही है। धीरे-धीरे समाज का दृष्टिकोण बदल रहा है। हमारे नगरों की स्त्रियों किसी भी क्षेत्र में पुरुषों से पीछे नहीं हैं परन्तु भारत गाँवों का देश है। गाँव अभी तक इस परिवर्तन से प्रभावित नहीं हुए हैं। वहाँ की नारी अभी भी वही पुरानी, सताई हुई अबला है। भारत की नारी को अबला की संज्ञा है परन्तु उसने यह सिद्ध कर दिया है कि समय आने पर अबला भी सबला बन सकती है।

प्रत्येक युग में आँसी की रानी, रानी पद्मिनी, इन्दिरा गांधी जन्म लेती है और अत्याचार के विरुद्ध आवाज उठाती रही हैं। नारी का सबसे बड़ा आभूषण होता है उसका नारीत्व। आज उसके इसी नारीत्व को चुनीती दी जा रही है। उसके धैर्य का बांध घृणा के उफन्ते बाढ़ में डूब रहा है। यदि यह बाढ़ और बड़ गई तो इस सोखले समाज की घञ्जियां उड़ जाएंगी। ठीक उसी प्रकार जैसे द्रौपदी के रौद्र रूप ने दुःशासन का सर्वनाश कर दिया था। इसलिये हमें इस समाज को बदलना होगा या उसके स्वस्थ विकास के लिये हमें इस समाज को बदलना होगा या उसके स्वस्थ विकास के लिये हमें अपने आप को बदलना होगा। नारी पर हो रहे अत्याचार और अनाधार के विरुद्ध ठोस कदम उठाना होगा। तभी श्रद्धेय नारी को श्रद्धा रूपी सम्मान प्राप्त होगा। समाज में उसे उसका यथोचित स्थान प्राप्त होगा।

अभिवेक अग्रवाल

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# ये कहें या वो कहें

प्रस्तुत रचना ऐसे महानुभावों को समर्पित है, जो कहना तो बहुत कुछ जानते हैं और कह भी जाते हैं, पर अपने कथन को कार्यान्वित करने के नाम पर वह मौन व्रत ले लेते हैं।

इसलिये -

ये कहें या वो कहें, कि क्या कहें ?  
 सोचते तो हैं इस दौर में कुछ भी न कहें ।  
 कहना है बहुत, कुछ कहना भी चाहते हैं,  
 पर यह सोचकर, चुप से हो जाते हैं,  
 कि कहने वाले तो हैं बहुत, कह भी जाएंगे,  
 पर कितने हैं, जो यहाँ कुछ कर के जाएंगे,  
 कहते रहिये, कहते रहिये, कहना आप का काम है,  
 सुनते रहेंगे सब, कि सुनना भी आम है।  
 कहने सुनने में बीती जाती है उमर,  
 कभी, कहीं, किसी वक्त आएगी ये सबर,  
 कि यह कहा, वो कहा, क्या न कहा  
 सब कुछ कहकर भी यह न कहा,  
 कि कहने सुनने में हो गई है देर बड़ी,  
 आभास है उजाले का पर मोड़ पर अन्धेर खड़ी।

अरूप मुखर्जी

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## मतभेद

तुम्हें लोभ था कुर्सी का ।

हमें डर था इन्सानियत पर चोट का ।

तुम्हें चाहिये था मानव का खून ।

हमें चाहिये सामाजिक सुकून ।

तुम्हारा विवाद था मन्दिर-मस्जिद का ।

हमें पता था तुम्हारी साजिश का ।

आपकी दृष्टि में बड़े जीत का अंडा ।

हमारी दृष्टि में वह निर्दोष रक्त रंगा ।

तुम कहते हो लोगों को आगाह किया ।

हम कहते हैं मासूमों को गुमराह किया ।

तुम कहते हो मानवता सम्पादित हुई ।

हम कहते हैं कि मानवता की हानि हुई ।

तुम कहते हो कि इस देश का नाम विख्यात किया ।

हम कहते हैं कि उसे तुमने बदनाम किया ।

तुम कहते हो धर्म को अर्थ दे रहे हो ।

हम कहते हैं धार्मिक अनर्थ कर रहे हो ।

प्रशान्त कुमार वर्मा



अथवा

“विधि का लेखा को मेटनहारा”

“तेरी सत्ता के बिना हे प्रभु मंगलफूल ।

पत्ता तक हिलता नहीं, खिलता कहीं न फूल ॥”

कहते हैं कि मानव अपने भाग्य का स्वयं निर्माता है। वह चाहे तो आकाश के तारे तोड़ सकता है। प्रकृति को अपने इशारों पर नचा सकता है। समुद्र के गर्भ को चीरकर पाताल लोक तक जा सकता है। परंतु क्या मानव जो कुछ भी करता है, वह उसके वश की बात है? क्या निरंतर प्रयत्न ही हमें सब कुछ दिला सकता है? क्या नैपोलियन और सिकंदर ने भाग्य का निर्माण करने के लिये कुछ नहीं किया था? सब कुछ किया, परंतु मनचाहा फल न मिला क्योंकि कर्म करना मनुष्य के हाथों में, और फल देना विधाता के हाथों में। आज का बुद्धिजीवी वैज्ञानिक मानव जो एक क्षण में संसार के संहार की शक्ति रखता है, बड़े-बड़े पर्वतों के गगनचुम्बी शिखरों को अपने चरणों से अंकित कर सकता है जिसने जल और पवन पर भी एकाधिकार स्थापित कर लिया है अर्थात् जिसने पृथ्वी, जल, अग्नि, वायु और आकाश इन पाँचों तत्वों को अपने वश में कर लिया है, उस मानव के जीवन में कभी-कभी ऐसे भी क्षण आते हैं जब वह किंकर्तव्यविमूढ़ होकर किसी अज्ञात शक्ति की ओर मुँह उठाकर ताकने लगता है। अन्यथा बड़े-बड़े राजा-महाराजा जिनके चरण, लक्ष्मी सदैव चूमती थी इस धरा-धाम को छोड़कर मृत्यु में क्यों जाते? बड़े-बड़े शल्य-चिकित्सक बैठे रह जाते हैं और प्राण पखेरू उड़ जाते हैं। हम स्वयं नहीं जानते कि कब इस दुनिया से विदा ले चलें। हम तो नदी किनारे के पेड़ हैं कब बह चलें, पता ही नहीं, किसी को क्या पता था कि हमारे बापू गांधी, प्रार्थना सभा में ही काल के ग्रास बन जायेंगे, परंतु अब यह प्रश्न उठता है कि मनुष्य यदि इस विचारधारा को सत्य मानकर ग्रहण कर ले तो वह अकर्मण्य और आलसी हो जाएगा खाने को मुँह में डालने के लिए भी प्रयत्न करना पड़ता है। ईश्वरीय नियमों को मानना है। मनुष्य को तो केवल कर्म करना है। अतः उक्ति का एक-एक शब्द अपने स्थान पर ऐसे सजा है जैसे अगूठी में नग। इसीलिये ठीक कहा गया है -

“श्रद्धा रखो जगत के लोगों

अपने दीनानाथ में,

लाभ-हानि, जीवन-मृत्यु,

सब कुछ प्रभु के हाथ में।”

तरुण नैय्यर

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## मेरा देश मेरे लोग

यह भूल से बिलखते दलित लोग

बीमारी से लड़ते मरते

ये जीवन से दुःखी, खुद को कोसते

अपने ही तो हैं ।

ये शोषित निर्बल असहाय लोग

ये गरीबी के दर्द से चीखते-चिल्लाते

ये निरीह, निहत्थे मायूस लोग

अपने ही तो हैं ।

ये भूल से तड़पने वाले

हकीकत की दुनिया से परे फिर भी तुच्छ वस्तु का

स्वाव देखने वाले

जीवन की विषम परिस्थितियों में भी हँसने वाले

ईमानदार पुरुषार्थी, सच्चे दिल वाले

अपने ही तो हैं ।

ये बचपन से ही बोझा उठाने वाले

ये दूसरों की हँसी को अचरज से ताकने वाले

ये लक्ष्यहीन, भ्रमित, जीवन-मृत्यु के

निकट रहने वाले

परिचित होकर भी अपरिचित से लगने वाले

अपने ही तो हैं ।

मुकेश गुरुरानी

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## मेरा भारत महान है

मेरा भारत महान है, क्योंकि  
यहां बिक गया जिसका ईमान है  
उसी का ऊँचा मकान है।  
और जो नहीं बेइमान है वो  
भूख से परेशान, किसी दफ्तर का दरबान है।  
क्योंकि मेरा भारत महान है।

इन्सानियत की नहीं कहीं पूँछ है,  
सब पर सवार साम्प्रदायिकता का जूनून है,  
हर तरफ, हर गली में खून ही खून है।  
कहीं धर्म, कहीं इन्सानियत, कहीं  
विश्वास और कहीं ईमान का खून है,  
पर जिसका सबसे ज्यादा बहता खून है,  
वह इन्सान है;  
क्योंकि मेरा भारत महान है।

चोरी, कालाबाजारी और घूसखोरी का यहाँ खुला राज है,  
अब तो आतंकवाद ही हर समस्या का समाधान है।  
बन्दूकों के साये में साँस लेता हिन्दुस्तान है,  
गांधी और नेहरू के आदर्शों की बची नहीं कहीं सान है।  
दहेज की बेदी पर नारी होती बलिदान है,  
क्योंकि मेरा भारत महान है।

प्रणय शर्मा

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## मनुवा

मनुवा, मत हतोत्साहित हो...।  
सुना है कलियुग में अधर्म का वास होगा,  
सर्वत्र धरा पर धर्म का विनाश होगा,  
माना, भ्रष्टाचार आज विराजमान है-  
बस, उसका भी अब सर्वनाश होगा।  
मनुवा, मत हतोत्साहित हो.....।  
इस देश में ईश की सार्थकता शेष है,  
जहाँ आदिकाल से मानवता विशेष है,

यहाँ त्याग-तपस्या, श्रम का प्रतिफल है-  
सभ्यता-संस्कृति, श्रद्धा-कर्मों में निशेष है  
मनुवा, मत हतोत्साहित हो.....।  
यहाँ दनुजता में भी मनुजता मिलती है,  
रेगिस्तानों में भी कलियाँ खिलती है,  
अतः हतोत्साहित होना केवल अर्थहीन है  
निराशा की गोदी ही में आशा पलती है।  
मनुवा, मत हतोत्साहित हो.....।

अखिलेश राजन

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