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Lucknow**

(Established in 1885)



Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

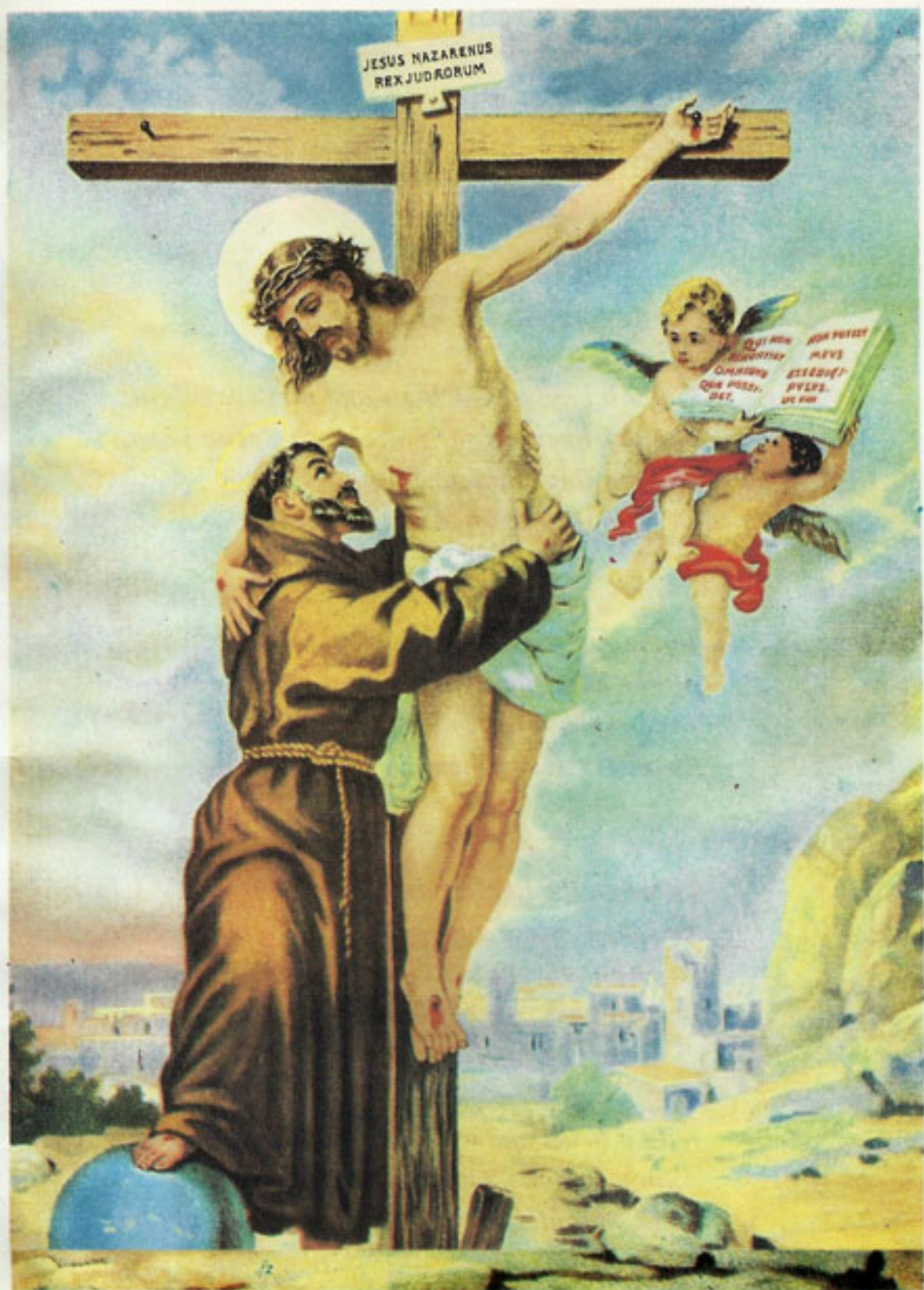
1. *Make me a channel of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love,
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.*

*Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

2. *Make me a channel of your peace,
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope,
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.*

3. *Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to each one that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life .*





St. Francis of Assisi

Patron of the College

College Anthem

" We will answer "

1. *Tho' no bugles may blow and no drums beat,
Tho' we hear not the marching of proud feet,
Tho' no flags and no cannons the day greet,
We will answer when duty shall call.*

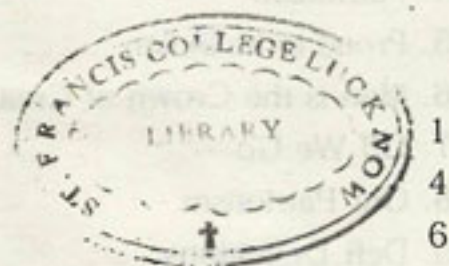
Refrain : *To the end we'll be true; we'll forget not,
All the care Alma Mater thou spared not,
To the spirit of Francis we'll fail not,
We will answer when duty shall call.*

2. *Through the heat of the day and the burden,
And thro' sweat and thro' toil without guerdon,
To dishonour we shall not be lured in :
We will answer when duty shall call.*
3. *With a heart and a will where the right be,
Altho' arduous the task there or light be,
We'll be found in the thick where the fight be,
We will answer when duty shall call.*

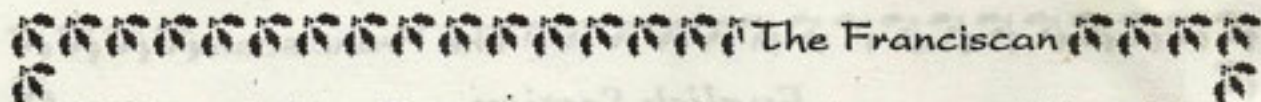
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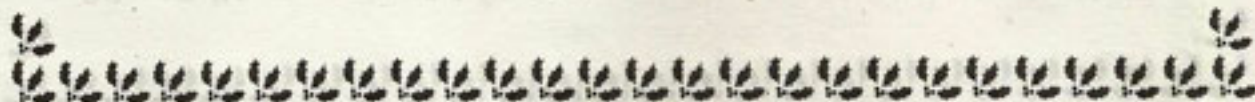
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Message



"Pax et Bonum" - "Peace and Goodness" has been the maxim of St. Francis' College. Peace, the human society longs for and the goodness every human heart seeks to possess are undoubtedly the treasures this Institution has been striving to present to humanity well over a century. Openness to new knowledge and the capacity to breathe the newness of human spirit is vibrant in the school campus.

The school is the temple of learning where the child through personal formation is led into life in the society. True formation of an individual consists in a constant conversion of heart where one grows up as a citizen of a nation ready to knit together the media of art, culture, religion, literature, and science into a sublime sentiment of patriotism.

St. Francis' College has a tradition of promoting the students beyond individualism into a discovery of their vocation in society. Formation of individual conscience and of a deep sense of social, moral and religious value system enable the students to develop an attitude of openness towards others and of tolerance and respect for their way of thinking and living. In the language of the Universe, environment, nature and history the individual discovers God and is made capable of a dialogue with the Supreme Being and with the rest of the humanity. Such an education assures formation of citizens in whom culture, religion or a particular ideology are seen to be the means of communication, service and responsibility towards others. This creates an atmosphere of national integration. The basic notions of human rights, environment, communal harmony, moral rearmament, personal dignity and universal brotherhood are the related areas of education here.

"Peace and Goodness" spell out the integral value of education as St. Francis' College crosses the threshold of a millennium announcing the newness of hope for the coming generations.

It is a joy to see the systematic record that the School Annual Magazine affords to bring out, where every school event is seen to breathe the noble value of PEACE and GOODNESS.

In this year of the millennium I seek the Divine blessings on this Institution that the bimillennium of the birth of Jesus Christ may usher in greater achievements of raising worthy citizens to our beloved nation.

God bless the students, staff, parents and well-wishers of St. Francis' College.

+ Rt. Rev. Albert D'Souza

Bishop of Lucknow

From The Principal's Desk



Dear Parents/Guardians and Friends,

A Happy new Millennium to each and all of you. The new millennium will be a period of new challenges and tough competitions for our students who are destined to be the future generation of our country.

The scientific and material progress of the recent past has made a tremendous impact on the lives of our wards, for better or worse, depending on how they utilize the modern achievements.

As most of the educationists lay stress only on the scientific and material aspects of life, the basic moral values such as, respect for others, self discipline, honesty, truth and justice are often ignored. Consequently, the total integral growth of the students is found to be inconclusive in the process of sound education.


The groundwork of education is insufficient when it lacks the human touch between pupil-teacher and parent. Therefore, the co-operation between these three is imperative in forming a congenial and cordial atmosphere, to arouse interest in the wards, and to enable them to withstand the vicissitudes in pursuit of education.

Many in the world have risen to fame and have become great, capitulating their drawbacks. In fact, Franklin D. Roosevelt got himself elected four times in succession as president of United States of America, despite being a cripple. Thomas Alva Edison, the greatest of all inventors was stone deaf. Likewise, the world famous pianist and composer, Beethoven was totally deaf. Winston Churchill who led England from near defeat to glorious victory by his oratory was a pathetic stammerer at one time. If such people with drawbacks and handicaps could win laurels for themselves, and glory for their nations, we also can scale to great heights, to the extent we forge ahead to achieve our goal with firm determination and sacrifices.

The education we impart at St. Francis' College is not merely to prepare the students for examinations, but to form the minds and hearts of the young during their formative years, imbue them with high principles and ideals, that time can not efface, so that they are prepared to take the right place in the world and be good citizens and worthy members of the society.

The academic year for 1999 - 2000 has been a year of hard and fruitful work. For this I owe my heartfelt gratitude to all concerned; first of all to Almighty God Himself for His watchful care over us, to the Staff for their dedicated service, to the students for their co-operation and sense of discipline.

Finally, I conclude with a prayer that the Almighty God may bless the institution and lead it to still greater heights with His Divine Blessings

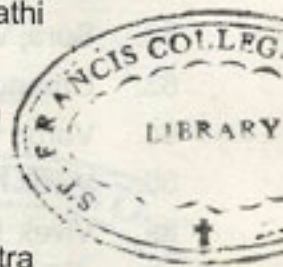


Fr. Peter D' Souza
Principal

**COUNCIL FOR THE INDIAN SCHOOL CERTIFICATE
EXAMINATIONS**

I.S.C.E. (10) RESULTS - 1999

<i>R.No.</i>	<i>Name</i>		
1.	Abhinav Agarwal	29.	Rachit Tyagi
2.	Abir Seth	30.	Randeep Singh Chadha
3.	Akshay Kumar	31.	Rishi Mehra
4.	Amit Awasthi	32.	Rohit Suri
5.	Angad Singh	33.	Rupayan Basu
6.	Anurag Mehrotra	34.	Sachin John Charles
7.	Anurag Tripathi	35.	Salil Das
8.	Apurv Verma	36.	Shalabh Saran
9.	Archit Rastogi	37.	Shalaj Mathur
10.	Arijit Bose	38.	Shashwat Saxena
11.	Aritro Bhattacharya	39.	Shreyansh Singh
12.	Arpit Mishra	40.	Shubham Gupta
13.	Arvind Mishra	41.	Sushant Pande
14.	Ashish Saigal	42.	Syed Faiz Hussain
15.	Bhanu Sehgal	43.	Tanuj Dikshit
16.	Bhawani Singh	44.	Tarun Seth
17.	Deepak Kannan	45.	Varun Srivastava
18.	Jasneet Singh	46.	Viksit Bhargava
19.	Kabir Nagranee	47.	Vishal Chopra
20.	Mohd. Naqi Raza	48.	Abhishek Nautiyal
21.	Mohit Kumar	49.	Abhishek Tripathi
22.	Mudit Johari	50.	Alex Chand
23.	Nikhil Kumar	51.	Amarjot Singh
24.	Nitin Sikka	52.	Ankit Gupta
25.	Nripendra Kumar Singh	53.	Ankit Jindal
26.	Piyush Agarwal	54.	Anurag Mehrotra
27.	Pravir Kumar Gupta	55.	Aruneet Moses Thacore
28.	Priyadarshi Banerjee	56.	Ashish Pant
		57.	Ashwin Bhadouria



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| 58. Bripendra Srivastava | 90. Abid Abbas Jafri |
| 59. Darryl Bruno Dyson | 91. Adnan Azhar |
| 60. Deb Kumar Sarkar | 92. Amanjeet Singh |
| 61. Gaurav Maheshwari | 93. Ankit Saxena |
| 62. Hasan Aamir | 94. Ankur Tandon |
| 63. Kumar Aditya | 95. Archit Gaur |
| 64. Mayank Seth | 96. Arvind Shaw |
| 65. Mohd. Belal | 97. Aseem Agarwal |
| 66. Mohd. Jafar Ali Beg | 98. Faisal Qasim |
| 67. Mohit Magoon | 99. Gaurav Sait |
| 68. Nihal Kumar | 100. Indraneel Ghosh |
| 69. Nitin Jain | 101. Jatin Wahal |
| 70. Piyush Gupta | 102. Kashif Irfan |
| 71. Pranay Sarkar | 103. Katen Shukla |
| 72. Prateek Goyal | 104. Kumar Anand |
| 73. Rahul Saxena | 105. Mathew Abraham |
| 74. Sameer Anand | 106. Mayank Puri |
| 75. Sameer Seth | 107. Nikhil Seth |
| 76. Saqib Rizvi | 108. Nishant Sinha |
| 77. Saurabh Pandey | 109. Peeyush Gupta |
| 78. Saurabh Singh Rajput | 110. Rahul Gandhi |
| 79. Shahnawaz Qadeer | 111. Rahul Mukerjee |
| 80. Shantanu Gattani | 112. Rajdeep Bhargava |
| 81. Shivam Malik | 113. Rohit Gupta |
| 82. Suraj Verma | 114. Rohit Gurnani |
| 83. Umang Agarwal | 115. Salahuddin Ahmad |
| 84. Varun Goyal | 116. Shane Dominic Fanthome |
| 85. Vivek Kotwal | 117. Shardool Tewari |
| 86. Vivek Mohan | 118. Shivam Ranjan |
| 87. Abhijeet Misra | 119. Shwetank Verma |
| 88. Abhishek Sharma | 120. Suyash Bhatnagar |
| 89. Abhishek Srivastava | 121. Swapnil Jaiswal |

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| 122 Tanuj Singh | 154 Rahul Dwivedi |
| 123 Tathagat | 155 Ravi Raj Dayal |
| 124 Vaibhav Arora | 156 Rupam Bose |
| 125 Vaibhav Pandey | 157 S.M. Talib Raza |
| 126 Vineet Rastogi | 158 Saurabh Chandra |
| 127 Yashraj Singh | 159 Shashwat Yadav |
| 128 Yuvaraj Kumar Chhabra | 160 Sheikh Sahil Zafar |
| 129 Abhinav Saxena | 161 Shekhar Singh |
| 130 Abhineet Gupta | 162 Shinu Gupta |
| 131 Abhishek Mehrotra | 163 Siddharth Saxena |
| 132 Amal Pandya | 164 Sumit Kumar |
| 133 Anish Balakrishnan | 165 Syed Abbas Nasir Imam |
| 134 Ankit Gupta | 166 Syed Kalbe Raza Naqvi |
| 135 Anshuman Arora | 167 Tariq Shafiq |
| 136 Ashish Agarwal | 168 Yogesh Kumar Tulsyani |
| 137 Ashish Jain | |
| 138 Ashish Sikka | |
| 139 Avinash Denish Masih | |
| 140 Chitrarth Bhadouria | |
| 141 Devershi Rastogi | |
| 142 Dhruv Tandon | |
| 143 Diwas Panjwani | |
| 144 Hashim Akhtar | |
| 145 Jasmeet Singh Sahni | |
| 146 Kumar Shubham Dalmia | |
| 147 Kush Srivastava | |
| 148 Mohit Bhargava | |
| 149 Mohit Yadav | |
| 150 Mrinal Benipuri | |
| 151 Nikhil Kumar | |
| 152 Parag Goel | |
| 153 Rachit Jaiwant Srivastava | |



**COUNCIL FOR THE INDIAN SCHOOL CERTIFICATE
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I.S.C. (12) RESULTS - 1999

1	Abhay Raj Singh Rautela	33	Rishi Kumar
2	Abhinav Bajpai	34	Rishi Srivastava
3	Abhishek Agarwal	35	Sandeep Chauhan
4	Abhishek Majumdar	36	Saurabh Gupta
5	Akshat Pant	37	Saurabh Kumar
6	Akshay Bhatnagar	38	Sourabh Sharma
7	Akshay Jain	39	Shauzab Abbas Kazmi
8	Amitanshu Nath	40	Shivi Singh
10	Amrīsh Gupta	41	Somjit Chowdhury
11	Ankur Agarwal	42	Sudhanshu Tewari
12	Ankur Singh	43	Sunny Narula
13	Ankur Srivastava	44	Vishal Khattri
14	Anmol Singh	45	Vishal Nagranee
15	Anubhav Kanchan	46	Abhigyan Singh Rawat
16	Anunay Verma	47	Abhinav Dwivedi
17	Anuraj Agarwal	48	Abhishek Srivastava
18	Atin Rastogi	49	Abhishek Srivastava
19	Deepak Mahaur	50	Aby George Varghese
20	Devanshu Seth	51	Anadi Bhalla
21	Devesh Mishra	52	Ananda Palit
22	Dheeraj Singh	53	Ankit Nigam
23	Gaurav Jain	54	Ankit Pahuja
24	Gaurav Pal	55	Ankush Agarwal
25	Him Shikhar Gupta	56	Anubhav Gupta
26	Himanshu Chaudhari	57	Anurag Singhal
27	Kanishka Chaudhry	58	Ashwin Pande
28	Mohd. Arif Khan	59	Awaiz Ahmad Khan
29	Neelash Banerjee	60	Binish Balakrishnan
30	Pradhēe Tandon	61	Devesh Dhar Dwivedi
31	Puneet Pant	62	Gaurav Asthana
32	Rachit Srivastava	63	Gaurav Bajpai

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|----|----------------------------|-----|------------------------|
| 64 | Harpreet Singh Puri | 99 | Ambar Bhargava |
| 65 | Harsh Vardhan Pratap Singh | 100 | Amber Goel |
| 66 | Himanshu Chandra | 101 | Anand Mohan |
| 67 | Kamal Kumar Khubani | 103 | Ankur Singh |
| 68 | Kapil Singh | 104 | Anmol Samuel Thacore |
| 69 | Manish Kumar Narula | 105 | Arpit Bhatnagar |
| 70 | Manu Gupta | 106 | Ashish Yadav |
| 71 | Mayank Gupta | 107 | Ashutosh Srivastava |
| 72 | Nalin Mohan | 108 | Bhawani Prasad Singh |
| 73 | Nishant Singh | 109 | Javed Habib |
| 74 | Nitin Mohan Saxena | 110 | Mayank Dixit |
| 75 | Nitish Bajpayee | 111 | Mohd. Adil Quraishi |
| 76 | Pratap Luthra | 112 | Mohd. Imran Khan |
| 77 | Ravi Prakash | 113 | Neville Joseph Freitas |
| 78 | Sachin Relan | 114 | Pankaj Chadha |
| 79 | Saurabh Joshi | 115 | Parag Garg |
| 80 | Saurabh Sharma | 116 | Piyush Pant |
| 81 | Shad Shahid | 117 | Prateek Kumar Gupta |
| 82 | Shantanu Shekhar | 118 | Prateek Verma |
| 83 | Shyamal Shukla | 119 | Pratik Mukherjee |
| 84 | Somin Bajaj | 120 | Rahul Srivastava |
| 85 | Sushil Kumar Shukla | 121 | Ratul Bose |
| 86 | Syed Amber Wajahat | 122 | Sameer Singh |
| 87 | Syed Arij | 123 | Saurabh Nagar |
| 88 | Vaibhav Srivastava | 124 | Shakil Ahmad |
| 89 | Vihang Garg | 125 | Shivam Pandey |
| 90 | Vikram Singh | 126 | Sudhanshu Vardhan |
| 91 | Vipin Agarwal | 127 | T.P. Rakesh |
| 92 | Abhimanyu Dutta | 128 | Vaibhav Shekhar |
| 93 | Abhinav Lal | 129 | Varun Vijay |
| 94 | Abhishek Agarwal | 130 | Vijay Gopal |
| 95 | Abhishek Nautiyal | 131 | Vipul Suri |
| 96 | Alok Kumar | | |
| 97 | Alok Verma | | |
| 98 | Amar Varshney | | |





Annual Prize Distribution

1999-2000



Class Nursery A

- 1st : Karan Saxena
 2nd : Kush Tanwani
 3rd : Shashwat Jain
 Good Conduct : Nitish John Lobo
 Gracias Fernandes

Class Nursery B

- 1st : Prannoy Deep
 2nd : Mohd. Areeb Siddiqui
 3rd : Prabal Muttoo
 3rd : Umang Andrew Francis
 Good Conduct : Jitin George Joseph

Class Nursery C

- 1st : Pranoy Mukerjee
 2nd : Palash Khanna
 3rd : Prajwal Khanna
 3rd : Zain Akthar
 Good Conduct : Shiv Malik

Class Nursery D

- 1st : Arshad Abbas
 1st : Kunal Bhargava
 3rd : Syed Ahmad Kamran
 3rd : Sahaj Chawla
 3rd : Pavitra Singh
 3rd : Dhruv Duggal
 Good Conduct : Samarth Kharbanda

Class K.G. A

- 1st : Rachit Mehtani
 2nd : Prateek
 3rd : Devanshu Bora
 Good Conduct : Abdus Saboor

Class K.G. B

- 1st : Saswata Ganguly
 2nd : Ankit Shekhar
 3rd : Zain Zubair
 Good Conduct : Rohan Seth

Class K.G. C

- 1st : Arpan Mahajan
 2nd : Shubham Agarwal
 3rd : Prakhar Sahu
 Good Conduct : Dhruv Singhal

Class K.G. D

- 1st : Avanish Rastogi
 2nd : Tanmay Srivastava
 3rd : Shubham Rai
 Good Conduct : Rajat Gupta

Class I A

- 1st : Praveen Honhar
 2nd : Raghav Mahendra
 2nd : Satwik Misra
 Good Conduct : Ananya Misra

Class I B

- 1st : Achintya Bhatnagar
 1st : Mohd Yashab Abbas
 3rd : Priyank Agarwal
 Good Conduct : Dhruv Saksena

Class I C

- 1st : Vaibhav Sethi
 2nd : Ayush Kumar Singh
 2nd : Kartikeya S. Sangwan
 2nd : Pushpinder Taneja
 Good Conduct : Adhar Maheshwari

Class I D

1st : Shubham R. Asthana

2nd : Prabhav S Tanay

3rd : Arko Banerjee

Good Conduct : Safal Mathur

Class II A

1st : Anunay Tomar

1st : Siddharth Kacker

3rd : Aditya Kumar

Good Conduct : Allen Titus

Class II B

1st : Kaustav Ganguly

2nd : Syed Mohd N. Naqvi

3rd : Siddhant Sinha

Good Conduct : Akshaya Raj Dayal

Class II C

1st : Tanuj Gupta

1st : Vikram Shah

3rd : Sarthak Rastogi

Good Conduct : Rohit Nigam

Class II D

1st : Srijan Sanyam

2nd : Pallav Grover

3rd : Anurag Tewari

Good Conduct : Shashwat Gupta

Class III A

1st : Akshay Arora

2nd : Ayush Kumar

3rd : Rohit Iyer

Good Conduct : Pulkit Mohan

Class III B

1st : Ishaan Tripathi

2nd : Mohd Taha Abbas

3rd : Shobhit Gupta

3rd : Harshit Agarwal

Good Conduct : Shikar Raj

Class III C

1st : Satyam Kapoor

2nd : Rachit Saxena

3rd : Anant Shekhar

Good Conduct : Tarang Rastogi

Class III D

1st : Ritesh Mohan Krishna

2nd : Hardik Arora

3rd : Sarim Ali Ansari

3rd : Mudit Kumar

Good Conduct : Rishabh Malhotra

Class IV A

1st : Arnav Mukerjee

2nd : Yash Vardhan Sinha

3rd : Gagan Deep Singh

Good Conduct : Mayur Sah

Class IV B

1st : Aniket Agarwal

2nd : Gorav

2nd : Shyush Chandra

3rd : Druv Goel

Good Conduct : Saad Suhail



Class IV C

- 1st : Ahmad Emad
 2nd : Anirudh Srivastava
 3rd : Kartikey Asthana

Good Conduct : Jamie Varun Krishnan

Class IV D

- 1st : Kshistij Saigal
 2nd : Siddharth Basu
 3rd : Arpit Kulshreshth
 3rd : Vatsal Khanna

Good Conduct : Gaurang Gautam

Class V A

- 1st : Akshay Singh
 2nd : Karan Mehrotra
 3rd : Rishi Kumar

Good Conduct : Partho Sil

Class V B

- 1st : Satvik Dube
 2nd : Deepansh Dalela
 3rd : Abdul Rafay
 3rd : Huzefa Shabbir

Good Conduct : Trevor Jude Dyson

Class V C

- 1st : Mayank Gupta
 2nd : Himanshu Mohan
 3rd : Umar Mujeeb

Good Conduct : Dhruv Rampal

Class V D

- 1st : Praffula Srivastava
 2nd : Dhananjai Pradhan
 3rd : Anant Tuteja

Good Conduct : Sebastian Jacob

Silver Medal presented by Mr Agnihotri of State Bank of India to the best student of 4B in memory of his son Rituraj Agnihotri. The best student is Aniket Agarwal.

A Scholarship also presented by Mr. Agnihotri for the student with the highest percent in all the sections of Class 4. The scholarship goes to Arnav Mukerjee of Class 4A.

Prizes for Christian Doctrine**Classes I & II**

Su Bin Thomas	2A
Allen Titus	2A
Ilobi Varghese	2A
Adithya Kumar	2A
Sagar Benjamin	2C
Nikhil George	2D
Shaurab Das	2D
Pranay Welson	2D
Pallay Grover	2D

Classes III & IV

Bruce Bond	3B
Anchit Pande	3B
Nalin Franklin	4A
Bobian Kurian	4A

Classes V, VI & VII

Sebastian Jacob	5D
Sumit Phillip	5D
Abhishek Issac Lyal	6 C
Mehul Rao	7 A
Piyush Charan	7 B
P.M. Peter	7 D

Class VI A

- First : Shiva Garg
 Second : Shubham Tandon
 Third : Faraz Zaidi
 Good Conduct : Muni Varma

Class VI B

- First : Rameen Khan
 Second : Puneet Srivastava
 Third : Karun Kumar
 Good Conduct : Harsh Shukla

Class VI C

- First : Daud Khan
 Second : Apurva C. Agarwal
 Third : Nikhil Tandon
 Good Conduct : John Bosco Liu

Class VI D

- First : Mohit Agarwal
 Second : Siddharth Trivedi
 Third : Sanchit
 Good Conduct : Achint Rastogi

Class VII A

- First : Prayush Kumar
 Second : Akhil Metha
 Third : Nitin Singhal
 Good Conduct : Tanshu Sahai

Class VII B

- First : Ankur Srivastava
 Second : Aditya Talwar
 Third : Kumar Manjul
 Good Conduct : Prakash Gaurav Tiwari

Class VII C

- First : Karan Verma
 Second : Taran Singh Bedi
 Third : Ali Abbas Rizvi
 Good Conduct : Ishpal Broca

Class VII D

- First : Arvind Krishna
 Second : Utkarsh Sharma
 Third : Anuj Gupta
 : Prakhar Mehrotra
 Good Conduct : P.M. Peter.

Class VIII A

- First : Ketan Bhasin
 Second : Prakhar Deep Gupta
 Third : Saumitra Kumar
 Good Conduct : Nishant Srivastava

Class VIII B

- First : Taru Agarwal
 Second : Rahul Goel
 Third : Rishabh Ranjan
 Good Conduct : Adarsh Emmanuel Singh

Class VIII C

- First : Aakash Agarwal
 Second : Gaurav Agarwal
 Third : Pushkar Kohli
 Good Conduct : Harsh Tandon

Class VIII D

- First : Rohit Srivastava
 Second : Vijit Prabhu
 Third : Mayank Singh
 Good Conduct : Kushagra Kapoor

Class IX A

- First : Shivanku Misra
 Second : Abhinav Singhal
 Third : Mayank Pandey
 Good Conduct : Jayesh Vidit Singh

Class IX B

- First : Samarth Govil
 Second : Akshay Bhatt
 Third : Mayank Mandava
 Good Conduct : Noel Freitas

Class IX C

- First : Abhishek Bit
 Second : Mayank Mohan
 Third : Abhineet Sonkar
 Good Conduct : Virat Srivastava

Class IX D

- First : Akshay Jashnani
 Second : Udbhav Gupta
 Third : Amish Asthana
 Good Conduct : Bhasker Pant

Class XI A

- First : Mudit Johari
 Second : Ankit Gupta
 Third : Kush Srivastava
 Good Conduct : Shwetank Verma

Class XI B

- First : Salahuddin Ahmed
 Second : Ankit Gupta
 Third : Abhishek Dubey
 Good Conduct : Vedant Bhushan Misra

Class XI C

- First : Ashish Jain
 Second : Anurag Tripathi
 Third : Ashish Chandra Agarwal
 Good Conduct : Sumeet Massey

Inter House English Elocution - Seniors

Group I Classes XI & XII

- First : Abhishek Bhattacharya (P)
 Second : Shwentank Verma (F)
 Third : Sankalp Shah (A)

Group II Classes IX & X

- First : Vaibhav Saxena (P)
 Second : Divyam Johari (G)
 Third : Indresh Chawla (A)

Inter House English Debate - Seniors

Group I Classes XI & XII

- First : Rishi Mehra (P)
 Abhishek Bhattacharya (P)
 Second : Shardool Tewari (G)
 Abhishek Sharma (A)
 Third : Umar Mushir (F)

Group II Classes IX & X

- First : Yash Mohan (A)
 Second : Shubham Sinha (P)
 Third : Iraj Hussain (F) (A)

Inter House Hindi Elocution - Seniors

Group I Classes XI & XII

- First : Abhishek Bhattacharya (P)
 Second : Ashish Jain (A)
 Third : Shinu Gupta (G)

Group II Classes XI & XII

- First : Shubham Sinha (P)
 Second : Shubham Ashoka (F)
 Indresh Chawla (A)
 Third : Uphar Shukla (F)
 Amit Sharma (G)

Inter House Hindi Elocution - Juniors

Classes VI - VIII

Best Elocutionist in Class VI

Anchit Rastogi (A)

Best Elocutionist in Class VII

Shariq Nadeem

Best Elocutionist in Class VIII

Arpit Agnihotri

Inter-House English Debate Group I

Classes XI & XII

- First : Shashwat Yadav (P)
 Second : Kshitiz Mohan (F)
 Third : Shivam Rajan (G)

Group II Classes IX & X

- First : Shubham Ashok (F)
 Second : Pritish Mukherjee (F)
 Third : Rachit Agarwal

Inter House English Elocution

Juniors - Classes VI, VII, VIII

Best Elocutionist in Class VI

Aniket Dabas

Best Elocutionist in Class VII

Karan Verma

Best Elocutionist in Class VIII

Rahul Goel.

Inter House Quiz Competition

Group I Classes VI to VIII

- **First : St George's House**
 Srinivas Vishen - Class VI
 Dhananjai Kohli - Class VII
 Rishab Ranjan - Class VIII
 Mayank Singh - Class VIII

Group II Classes IX to XII

- First : St Francis' House**
 Udbhav Gupta - Class IX D
 Kartikeya Pandey - Class X
 Shwetank Verma - Class XI
 Amit Agarwal - Class XII

Catechism Prizes

- First : Noel Freitas IX B
 Second : Ashish S. Das IX A
 First : Eric Pereira VIII A
 Second : Warran Jonathan VIII C

Rev. Fr. Romano Scholarship

First in Class VII

Karan Verma VII

First in Class VIII

Ketan Bhasin VIII A

First in Class IX

Abhishek Bit

First in Class XI

Mudit Johari



Wisdom Story - Splinter In One's Eye

A man once stole a piece of food and was ordered by the king to be hanged. When asked if he had any last words, the thief replied, "Know, O King, that I can plant an apple seed in the ground and it will grow and bear fruit overnight. It is a secret that my father taught me and I thought it would be a pity if it died with me."

A time was appointed the following day for planting the seed. The thief dug a hole and said, "This seed can only be planted by someone who has never stolen or taken anything which did not belong to him. Being a thief, I cannot, of course, do it."

The king asked his prime minister to plant the seed. But he hesitated and said, "Your majesty, when I was young, I recall keeping an article that did not belong to me. I cannot plant the seed."

The treasurer, when told to plant the seed, begged the king's pardon, saying that he may have cheated someone out of some money. The king, in his turn, recalled that once he took and kept a precious object belonging to his father.

The thief turned to them and said, "You are all mighty and powerful persons. You are not in want of anything, yet you cannot plant the seed. Yet I, who stole a little food to stay alive, am to be hanged." The king, pleased with the man's wisdom, pardoned him.

Inspiring Anecdote

During his visit to Brazil, Pope John Paul II took time out to go to a leprosy hospital. A man who was a leprosy patient for 40 years welcomed the Pope. Sitting in a wheel chair, he burst out in tears and said: 'Holy Father, this is a place of suffering and pain. But we have love, faith and happiness.'

Hearing these words of the patient whose nose and feet were eaten up by the disease the Pope became very pensive and said: 'Sickness is real cross. However we should not be crushed by this cross. Instead, imitating the crucified Christ, we should bear our crosses with hope in the resurrection.'

Courtesy - Inspirational Quote May 2000



**Literary
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Demonstration of Loss of Information

1. GENERAL TO MAJOR

Tomorrow at 09.00 a.m. there is an eclipse of the sun. In other words something which does not happen every day. Please order out the soldiers in their overcoats. During the observation of the rare occurrence, I shall personally give some explanations. Should it rain tomorrow, we will not be able to see it very well and in which case the soldiers should go to the canteen.

2. MAJOR TO LIEUTENANT:-

The general has ordered that an eclipse of the sun will take place tomorrow at 09.00 a.m. If it rains we will not be able to see it very well in our overcoats. In that case we shall get the sun to disappear in the canteen. In other words, something which does not happen every day.

3. LIEUTENANT TO SERGEANT:-

The General has instructed us that tomorrow morning, in our overcoats at 09.00 o'clock, we shall get the sun to disappear in the canteen. He will give instructions whether it will rain or not. In other words something which does not happen every day.

4. SERGEANT TO CORPORAL:-

If it rains tomorrow in the canteen, something which one cannot see every day, the general will disappear at 09.00 o'clock in his overcoat.

5. CORPORAL TO SOLDIER:-

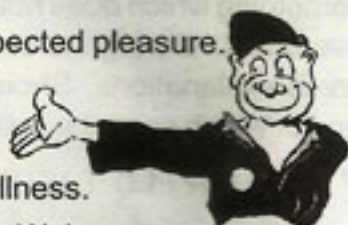
Tomorrow morning at 09.00 o'clock our general will disappear. Pity that we cannot see it every day.



Absar Ansari
VIII B

Banner Boners

- ❖ Sign outside a launderette:- Don't kill your wife. Let our machines do the dirty work.
- ❖ We exchange everything, bicycles, washing machines etc. Bring your wife along and get the deal of your life.
- ❖ On a sign post: New and used antiques.
- ❖ Harvey's restaurant:- Where good food is an unexpected pleasure.
- ❖ Pet shops: No Dogs allowed.
- ❖ Fire Station:- No smoking please.
- ❖ Sign on a health food store:- Closed due to family illness.
- ❖ Saturday night disco:-Very exclusive. Everybody is Welcome.
- ❖ Beautiful Weekend Cottage:- Can be rented from Monday to Friday only.
- ❖ Lift out of order :- Please use the elevator.
- ❖ Bad eyesight ? Come and see us
- ❖ Sign outside a poultry farm:- Try our eggs. You cannot beat them.



Varun Goyal
XI A

Three Things

1. Three things to admire:- Intellect, beauty and Music.
2. Three things to love:- Honesty, Purity and truth.
3. Three things to respect:- Old age, Religion and Law.
4. Three things to watch:-Word, behaviour and character.
5. Three things to govern:- Tongue, temper and action.
6. Three things to prevent:- Idleness, false hood and slang.
7. Three things to stick to :- Promise, Friendship and Love.
8. Three things to cultivate:- Sympathy, Contentment and cheerfulness.



Harsh Vardhan Sinha
VI B

Wise Sayings Rephrased

- ◆ "Two heads are better than one".
Not if both are stupid.
- ◆ "Easy come easy go"
This doesn't apply to house guests.
- ◆ "Don't count your chickens until they are hatched".
Anyone who counts chickens before they are hatched is counting eggs, not chickens. Pay no attention to a dolt like this.
- ◆ "Truth is stranger than fiction"
Of course it is fiction that has to make sense.
- ◆ "A penny saved is a penny earned"
A penny spent is a penny enjoyed.
- ◆ "Strike the iron while it is hot"
You can hit someone you don't like with a cold iron as effectively with a hot iron.
- ◆ "There's destiny that shapes our ends".
Perhaps, but more likely destiny is the one that ends our shapes.



Varun Goyal
XIA

THE PRICELESS INGREDIENT

In the city of Bagdad lived Hakeem the WISE ONE, and many people went to him for counsel, which he gave freely to all, asking nothing in return. There came to him a young man who had spent much but got little, and said, 'Tell me, WISE ONE, What shall I do to receive the most for that which I spend? Hakeem answered, 'A thing that is BOUGHT or SOLD has NO VALUE unless it contains that which cannot be bought or sold. Look for the PRICELESS INGREDIENT". "But, what is this : PRICELESS INGREDIENT?" asked the young man. Spoke then the WISE ONE: "My son, the PRICELESS INGREDIENT of EVERY PRODUCT in the market place is the HONOUR and INTEGRITY of him WHO MAKES IT. Consider his name before you buy."

Siddhartha Malhotra
VI D

English- The Crazy Language

English is the "international language". It is the most widely spoken language on Earth. It has a vocabulary of over a million words. The maximum no. of books have been written in English. Even in India, because of her diversity in languages, English has become the language which can unite the nation.

Anyhow, let us face the fact that English is a funny language. There is no custard nor apple in a custard-apple and no pine nor apple in a pineapple. Now let us explore the paradoxes of English language. A quicksand works slowly. A boxing ring is square in shape. A guinea pig is neither a pig nor is it from Guinea. A whirlpool is not a pool.

When writers can write, why can't authors auth or fingers fing? The plural of tooth is teeth, shouldn't the plural of booth be beeth? One goose-two geese, then why not one mouse, two meese? We can make amends, but not just one amend. A vegetarian eats vegetables. What do you think should a humanitarian eat? If pro and con are opposites, then is progress the opposite of congress?

You have to marvel at the unique absurdity of a language in which your house can burn up in flames as it burns down and in which your alarm clock goes off by going on.

English was invented by people and it reflects the creativity of the human race (which is not a race at all). This is the reason when I wind up my watch, I start it, but when I wind up this article, I end it!

Nihal Kumar
(English Editor)
XI C



The Terror of Thirteen

"Fear always springs from Ignorance"

—Emerson

The people's fear of number 13 entirely springs from ignorance and superstition. It is neither bad, nor dangerous, nor ill omened. It has potentialities for both, good or bad. It all depends on how you use this number and crystallize its power for your own good.

For example, look at:

UNITED KINGDOM

It has thirteen letters— Great Britain started making conquests around the world when it changed its name from Great Britain to United Kingdom. So 13, is not a bad number.

Not Unfortunate Number

The no. 13 indicates change of plans, place and programmes, but it is not an unfortunate number as it is wrongly believed. In some of the ancient scriptures on Numerology it is stated, "He who understands the number 13 will be given power and dominion".

The no. 13 is picturized by a skeleton with a sickle harvesting men in a field of fresh grass where young faces and heads appear cropping up on every side.

The no. 13 is a symbol of revolution and political disturbance. It is an emblem of power which if wrongly used will bring destruction. The number 13 which brought glory to the United Kingdom also caused its ultimate downfall and dissolution.

The no. 13 is a red signal for the unknown or the unexpected. Nobody expected the United Kingdom to leave India after a timid Quit India Movement. In fact when the British Prime Minister Clement Attlee, granted freedom to India, freedom forces in the country were at the weakest and in complete disarray. The Indian people were not prepared for freedom.

Fatalistic number

The dread of no. 13 proceeds from the fact that it is a fatalistic number. So much potent is this number and so much superstition attaches to it that some hotels do not have any room with this number. They just bypass it from Room no. 12 to Room no. 14.

" But he who understands the number 13 holds the key to the citadel of domination and dominion".

This picture allotted to number 13, although drawn or painted in many different ways, always contained the same idea. A skeleton reaping in a field, hands and feet springing up among new grown grass, the crowned head of a man fallen at the point of the scythe, while a female head with flowing hair parted in the centre appeared in the background.

Such a picture, no doubt spells power, romance and ultimate disaster (catastrophe). It might well have been the portrait of "Rule, Britannia. Rule the Waves!" The United Kingdom acquired a great empire with great labour but lost it with great love. Had they behaved like Portuguese they could have easily held on for another couple of centuries. But their imperialisation abroad was undermined by democracy at home. They could not enslave other people without enslaving their own.

Number 13 people:

People dominated by 13 are usually misunderstood and lonely in their lives. These people bring about opposition with enemies cropping up everywhere against them. They reverse the order of things in nations and Governments. They are attracted to social questions and reforms of all kinds. They rebel against entrenched authorities and set up new republics. The original states which formed U.S.A. were 13 in number. It's motto E. Pluribus Unum has 13 letters. The American eagle has 13 feathers in each wing. When George Washington raised the Republican standard, he was saluted with 13 guns.

Is then 13 truly an evil number? It brought luck to U.S.A. and ill-luck only to its enemies.

It brought luck to the United Kingdom, but ultimately caused its downfall.

Will U.S.A. go the U.K. way?

Most likely!

Umar Mushir
XII C
(Hindi Editor)



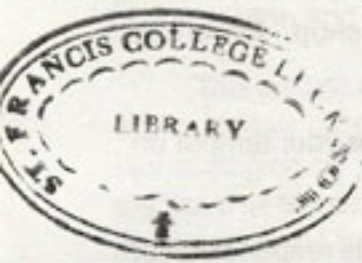
Ten Commands Meant for You

1. Health comes from the kitchen and not from the chemist's shop. Avoid self drugging.
2. A balanced life is as important as a balanced diet. Don't lose your temper on trifles.
3. Avoid over weight. Usually salivary glands are the only glands responsible for obesity. Don't do vigorous exercise with a knife and fork after the age of 40.
4. A little walking now saves a lot of running after specialists, later on.
5. Alcohol is a cunning servant but a bad landlord. Wine drowns more people annually than ship wrecks.
6. Don't smoke. The ashes falling on the floor might be the smoker's own after a few years.
7. Don't hurry. The fruit of patience is often delicious.
8. Don't worry. Gastric troubles are not frequently caused by the thing which one eats; they are caused by the things eating you.
9. Accept old age gracefully.
10. It is less important to add years to life than adding life to years. Do somebody a good turn and don't get found out.

Saurabh Sinha
XA



For thy Glory



Yonder lies the hill,
That outlines, my country's land;
One more mile to go,
Until I reach, her holy sand.

She lies, like a fallen warrior,
Wary, from the shackles of time,
She has turned, pale and tired;
Though once, she was sublime.

The scabs of time
May well be falling off.
But the scars left behind,
Remain, to taunt and scoff.

Awake! My beloved,
To the harsh realities;
Not to mention,
The woes, miseries and casualties.

Tread on the path of glory,
Become the shining star of the world;
Show this great mighty world,
What power thou hold.

Raise thy head;
Walk with dignity.
Crush all those elements,
That endanger your sovereignty.

With these humble wishes,
I end my verse, and,
That God may bless,
My beloved motherland.

Shubham Ashok
IX D

A Sonnet on Mother

When I came, wailing into this world,
One face, did my watery eyes behold;
Those sublime eyes, with face so lovely,
And those outstretched arms, towards me joyously.

She lifted me, close to her heart,
Kissing me, with trembling lips-
I felt the joy, surge in her heart,
And the anticipations, soar to a height.

And when I look, at the years gone-by,
My heart fills, with boundless gratitude,

For the lady, who shaped my life,
And nurtured it, with a loving attitude.
I dote on that lady, from the day I was born,
And wish to remain, her loving son.

With these humble wishes,
I end my verse, and,
That God may bless,
My beloved motherland.

Shubham Ashok
IX D



The Abandoned Child

There he lay, at the stairs of a road side temple,

Watching the whole world moving by.

Felt amused for a moment

And then began to cry.

Was there none, to care for him ?

None to whom he mattered

Why, then, was he brought into the world ?

Why was his fortune shattered ?

What could be the possible circumstance

Strong enough for a mother

To abandon her own child ?

And leave him to moulder

A child, so beautiful, so innocent, a boy

With twinkling eyes and pitiable cry

Had his mother possessed a heart so cold

As to leave her child along, to die ?

When I saw him last, the child,

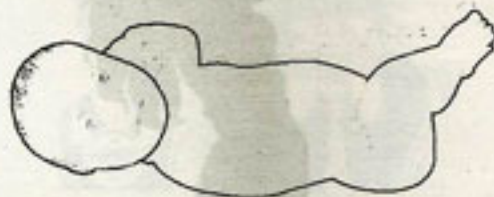
He on his face had a faint smile.

Unaware of what life had in store for him.

Was he to live, or was he to die ?

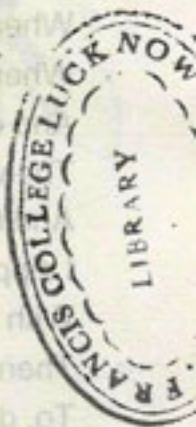
Abhishek

IX D



THE INDIAN SOLDIER

1. The cannons on the border went boom
Prepared to take the enemy into doom,
At such a critical juncture;
A soldier comes to save his motherland.
2. O, How he remembers the moments spent with his family,
Those familiar faces and place homely
But brushing aside those thoughts;
Remembering his motherland to be in danger,
Go forward ye Indian ranger!
3. The enemy firing his deadly bullets,
But racing forward through ravines and gullets
The soldier retaliates;
Bringing down an enemy with each bullet
Hail! O Indian ranger,
Saving his motherland fought with danger.
4. Scaling such tremendous heights,
Regaining his country after fierce fights;
Not as easy as it sounds
Try to do it on the ground.
5. O, the Victory draws near,
The enemy flees away in fear,
The country celebrates it as a spring season
But do they remember a soldier on such an occasion?



Saurabh Bagchi
IX D

THEN AND NOW

I am a painter-

I paint life.

The earlier life in my minds eye I saw,
Where tranquility and peace seemed to be the law;
Where everyone lived in harmony and peace,
And exotic birds sang amongst top of trees;
The waters were bubbly, crystal and clear,
And the forests amassed in lovely flowers and deer,
I dipped my brush in executive blues,
With which the cloudless sky and oceans I drew;
Then the browns and greens took a turn,
To, draw thick trees, climbing vines, grass and ferns;
Then came the myriad colours of various hues,
And the birds and flowers came into view.



But what is this?

What has marred this bliss?

Amidst my canvas I see a blotch of red,
And all over it seems to seep and spread;
It is blood of innocent millions being shed,
In communal riots as hearts and countries bled;
And what has happened to my sparkling blues,
Why has it with a coal black been infused?
It is pollution that envelopes the ocean and sky,
The factories pump it in seas, chimneys blow it high
Jungles of concrete of a monotonous dark grey;
Replace the vital greens of forests, day by day.
Dumbfounded I see my painting change----How?
I realised that-

I had painted then and now.

Shashwat Yadav
XI B

India of Today

I'm flabbergasted to see the India of today,

No sign of truth, No sign of love,

No sign of the peace-harbinger dove.

What's prevalent is just corruption,

Criminals commit murders with no hesitation.

Police support it legally, when they give explanations publically.

Constitution hardly has any say.

And it is always the common man who pays,

Leaders are enjoying life being gay,

Fooling Hindus & Muslims by creating a bay.

Rich men live lavishly,

While 75% population lives below poverty.

Unrest among youngsters is at its peak,

Position of economic India is too weak,

Another phase of modern India is inflation,

Air pollution causing problems of inhalation,

Environment of violence all around,

Dirt, garbage a lot on the ground.

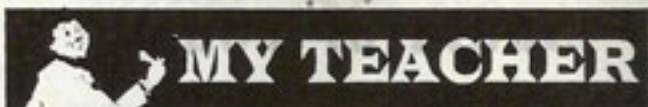
This is the state of India after 50 years,

When we, her darling children are shedding tears.



Nishant Upadhyay

VIII C



MY TEACHER



I respect you

You adore me

I learn from you,

You teach me.

I commit a mistake,

You guide me,

I have a mind of doubts,

You are straight and clean,

I see the honest person in you

You are the light for me,

I am your student,

and you are my Teacher

Siddhant Dhanda

II D.

OH! WHAT CONFUSION

Once a Cricket commentary and chemistry lessons were going on simultaneously on the radio.

A student who was listening to both, noted down the following mixture in his notebook.

Batsman reacted with the bowler to form a new compound known as sixer. Put the next ball in the test tube and add a wicket to it, the product will be sent to the pavilion. Take freshly prepared fielding and add some copper pieces to it. Heat it, the result will be a colourless wicketkeeper. Take a piece of umpire and dissolve it in silly mid on. Next take some dilute nitric acid and drive it to the square leg. Then study the properties of chlorine- match. You will find that the ball will have a greater affinity for wickets. Water increases the speed of bowling reaction. Neutralise square leg and a dark brown ring will be formed in the field. Perform chloride radical test and I think the match will be drawn.

Rahul Gandhi

XI C

Recipe for A 'Happy Family'

Ingredients:-

- A jolly Mother
- A kind-hearted father
- A smart sister
- A naughty brother
- Smiles and laughter



Method-Put the jolly mother and kind hearted father in a bowl and stir, Add the smart sister to taste. Put the naughty brother in a bowl of smile and stir. Put the whole solution in a bowl of laughter, serve with a smile.

Kartik Mehrotra
II D

Never Criticise Nature

A man was sitting in the heat of the day under a walnut tree looking at a pumpkin vine. He began to think. "How foolish God is! Here he puts a great heavy pumpkin on a tiny vine without strength to do but lie on the ground. He put tiny walnuts on a tree whose branches could hold a man. If I were God, I could do better than that !"

Suddenly a breeze knocked a walnut from the tree. It fell on the man's head. He rubbed the bump as a sober and wiser man and remarked, "suppose that there had been a pumpkin up there instead of a walnut! Never again will I try to plan the world of God. I shall thank him that he has done it so well!"



Deepansh Dabla
V B

Are You A Winner Or A Loser?

- * A winner works harder and has more time; a loser hardly works and is always busy.
- * A winner goes straight to the problem & solves it; a loser goes round the problem but never solves it.
- * A winner makes a commitment; a loser promises too readily.
- * A winner knows when to fight and when to give way; a loser gives way on important issues or holds on to things that are not worth fighting for.
- * A winner feels strong enough to be friendly, a loser is rarely friendly and at times can be a pretty tyrant.
- * A winner listens carefully; a loser waits for his turn to talk.
- * A winner respects other's strength; a loser focuses on other's weakness.
- * A winner learns from others; a loser is resistant to others.
- * A winner feels responsible for more than just his own work; a loser says, "That is not my job".
- * A winner sets his own pace; a loser has only two speeds; full speed ahead or dead slow.
- * A winner uses time to improve; a loser uses time to avoid criticism.
- * A winner is not afraid of making mistakes; a loser is afraid of making mistakes and of what others will say.

Deepansh Dabla
V B



THE NOISY GIANT

Once there was a giant named Clem. He was big and jolly and he loved corny jokes, like "Why did the pickle close its eyes?" "Because it saw the salad dressing". And "How do you scold an elephant?" "Tusk! Tusk!"

Clem collected jokes and riddles the way some people collect baseball cards. The only problem was that he had a very noisy laugh. In fact, his laugh was so loud that no one ever wanted to tell him a joke. So poor Clem had to get joke books out of the library. Then he'd find a spot where no one could hear him and he'd read jokes and knock-knock and tongue twisters and limericks. And he'd laugh and laugh and laugh. One rainy day, Clem took his book and crossed the mountains.

Then he settled down under his umbrella and began to read. "Why did the chicken cross the playground?" "To get to the other side". "Why can't a bike stand on one wheel?" "Because it's too tired". At first, nobody in the nearby town noticed Clem. Everyone had gathered to discuss what to do about the unfinished town hall. Work had come to a complete stop because it had been raining for weeks and the forecast called for more rain.

Then Clem began to chuckle. "What's that?" said the major. "An army on the march?" said a roofer "A stampede of wild elephants?" said a carpenter. "No", said a little girl. "It's a giant chuckling". Clem's chuckle turned into a guffaw. Then the guffaw turned into a laugh the noise was so loud that it made dogs howl and babies cry. It made trees drop their leaves and ducks shed their feathers. And wonder of wonders, it made the heavy rain clouds break into little bits and blow away. So when Clem finished his book and went home the builders could finally finish the town hall.

Gaurang Pandey
II D





"Pitchooooooooooooooooooooo"

Pitchhhhhoooooooooooo! It flies out from the bus, train, apartment windows to anywhere outside on the street, on the road, trees, walls, lamp-posts, old buildings, open fields, railway lines. This is one thing among some of the things in which we Indians proudly specialize upon.

There are 3 methods of the great Indian spitter. The first method resembles a jet shot i.e. spitting from a gap between the teeth. Our youngsters specialise in this method. The 2nd method practised by professional chewers is making a V shaped angle between the index and middle finger and spitting. The third method is simply spitting without using any force. And there are probably debates on which one is better. Before you even come to know, a thick mass of phlegm lands in front of you. Well actually the most humorous thing is that Indians spit particularly on those places where an inscription may read "Do not spit". Office walls, corridors, stair cases, etc. are full of these jet shots from 'paan chewers'. Most of the common men are ingrained in this habit of paan chewing. We must try and ban this. But how can we Indians lose our speciality? We may become multinational, liberal, globals but we'll never change the characteristics that are branded into our national character. They are entwined in our DNA, embedded in our consciousness. How can we lose our originality?

Akshay Kumar
XI C

How to Achieve Success ?

*If you read less
and write more,
If you play less
and study more,
there's no doubt
you'll succeed*

Gurpreet Arora
X-A



THE AMAZING WORLD OF ELEPHANTS



Chelsea's herd had gone 10 miles away. She raised her trunk and appeared to say something. Within 40 minutes Chelsea met her herd. Amazing but true. These are the ultrasonic sounds produced by an elephant. A graph showed that Chelsea had sent a supersonic signal and there was a reply right after that. In the California Zoo a lady scientist sat just beyond the Elephant enclosure and put her gramophone on. After spending the whole afternoon she increased the gramophone speed five times and turned it the other way. The result-she could clearly hear grunts that confirmed that another way of communication in elephants is ultrasonic sounds. This is simply because ultrasonic sounds can go much farther than normal sounds.

The elephants take mud baths and spray themselves with mud so that their skin remains cool and it also protects them from flies and mosquitoes. They eat almost continuously and keep chewing throughout the day. This strains their teeth and they slowly start moving forward and falling out. African Elephant loses all its teeth around the age of 65. Then it does not survive for too long.

The fact that elephants never forget is true. A study was made of an elephant's brain by scientists and they came to the conclusion that they have a greater memory than humans.

Elephants live in herds comprising of about twenty elephants or more. They too have a family like us. If a baby is born not only its mother but its aunts also take full care of it. When the mother is doing some work the other females look after it. They form a circle around the baby to protect it. They are more loyal to their family than humans. Recently in Rajaji National Park, the foot of a baby elephant was stuck in a railway track and it could not get out. The head of the herd, the male tusker came in front of the coming train and gave away his life to save the young one. In a herd where there are two elephants big enough to become the head of the herd, there is a fight between the two. Whoever wins is the head and the loser flees away. The loser is in a frustrated mood and can attack at the slightest provocation. Such an elephant can at times become a rogue and hence very dangerous.

There are two kinds of Elephants, African and Asian. The difference between an African and an Asian Elephant is that African has larger and broader ears. In African both sexes have tusks but in Asian Elephants only males bear tusks.

One would like to know the evolution of these creatures. Though today they are the largest living land mammals but at first about 20 million years ago they were pig sized with a slightly extended nose. As time passed on, the nose grew longer and longer and so did their size until it came to the Mammoth which became extinct. The elephant still remains but the numbers are going down.

There have been many myths and legends about the elephant graveyard. Though it's still a mystery but one fact is clear that elephants know about life and death. If a herd is passing by a dead elephants skeleton, they first identify to which herd it belongs an then each member comes one by one and makes a gesture with its trunk.

This is as much as we know about the elephants. It may be that elephants have another world of their own which we know nothing about.

Shikhar Ranjan
VIII A

Patriotism

Patriotism is a holy thought,
Love for the country in our hearts;
Our aim be its progress,
To do our duty with stress.

Our country, our mother-land,
Let us do the best in hand,
Pure in heart, pure in mind;
People are all good and kind.

Culture is great, tradition fine,
Civilisation with thought sublime;
Humanity as a whole be a friend,
Well to do the best be trend,



Tradition very rich and fine,
With lofty thoughts divine.
United we stand strong;
Let us sing a happy song.

We must love it always,
Greater and bold its cultured ways.
Children, the gems of the land
All along together stand.

Tushar Puri
V B

PROUD TO BE INDIAN

Romain Roll, the French scholar once said, "If there is one place on the face of the earth where all the dreams of living men have found a home from the very earliest days when man began his dream of existence, it is India". Albert Einstein said, "We owe a lot to the Indians, who taught us how to count, without which no worthwhile scientific discovery could have been made". Mark Twain, the noted American novelist said "India is the cradle of the human race, the birthplace of human speech, the mother of history, the grandmother of legend and the great grandmother of tradition. Our most valuable and instructive materials in the history of man are treasured in India". All this is indeed true. As much as the fact that even we Indians do not know many facts about our own country. For example, how many of us know the following-

1. India never invaded any other country in the last 10,000 years of her history.
2. The world's first university was established in Takshila in 700 BC. More than 10,500 students from all over the world studied more than 60 subjects. The university of Nalanda was established in the 4th century BC and was one of the greatest achievements of ancient India in the field of education.
3. Sanskrit is the mother of all European languages. It is the most suitable language for computer software-a report in Forbes magazine, 1987.
4. When many cultures were only nomadic forest dwellers over 5000 years ago, Indians established Harappan culture in Sindh valley (Indus valley civilisation).
5. The place value system and the decimal system were developed in India in 100 BC. The number system and the zero were invented by Aryabhata. The value of "pi" was first calculated by Budhayana, who also explained the concept of the Pythagorean theorem. This he discovered in the 6th century, long before European mathematicians. Algebra, trigonometry and calculus came from India. Quadratic questions were used by Sridharacharya as long back as the 11th century. The largest numbers the Greeks and Romans used were 10 to the power 6, but Indians used numbers as big as 10 to the power 53 with specific names as early as 5000 BC during the Vedic period.
6. Ayurveda is the earliest school of medicine known to humans, developed by Charaka around 2500 years ago. Sushruta is the father of surgery. Even

2500 years ago, he and scientists of his time conducted complicated surgeries like Caesarian section, cataract, fractures, urinary stones, plastic surgery and brain surgery. Usage of anaesthesia was well known in ancient India. Deep knowledge of anatomy, physiology, embryology, digestion, metabolism, genetics and immunity is also found in many texts.

7. The art of navigation was born in the river Sindh 6000 years ago. The very word navigation is derived from the Sanskrit word 'navagathih'. The word navy is also derived from the Sanskrit word 'nou'. The earliest reservoir and dam for irrigation was built in Saurashtra. Bhaskaracharya calculated the time taken by the earth to orbit the sun hundreds of years before the astronomer Smart. Time taken by earth to orbit the sun (5th century) 365.258756484 days.
8. Chess (shatranj or ashtapada) was started in India.
9. According to the Gemological Institute of America, up until 1896, India was the only source of diamonds in the world.
10. India was the richest in the world until the time of the British invasion in the early 17th century.

But, if we do not see a glimpse of that great India today, it clearly means that we are not living upto our full potential. If we do, we could once again be an inspiring country setting a bright path for the rest of the world to follow.

HOW ABOUT PASSING THIS MESSAGE ONTO AS MANY INDIANS AS YOU CAN !!



Akshay Kumar
XI C

MAN IS THE CROWN OF CREATION

Throughout the history of evolution of life on the magnificent planet Earth, man has been at the helm of affairs. Owing to cranial superiority this weak primitive has dominated the proceedings, subjugating beast and fowl to his advantage. Ever since the beginning of civilization, humans have constantly been exploiting and making full use of the surrounding resources, giving truth to the Biblical statement - *'Man is the crown of creation'*.

'Man is the crown of creation' is an apt phrase seeing the way man has upgraded himself from an ape to a masterpiece in all spheres of life. The way in which he has made a niche for himself in the society is really phenomenal. Amongst all creations of God man is the supreme as he has been supplemented with such extraordinary powers like brain and sense which make him abode of all creations of God. Man whose natural weapons (teeth, nails etc.) are feeble compared to that of many animals but has intelligence to invent tools, weapons, machines, electricity and tele communications. The list of man's creation is never ending, which has made him the master of brute creations.

He cannot run fast but has discovered the power of steam and has invented the steam engine and by its means he can travel sixty miles an hour and easily patch up. Natural barriers were once a hindrance in progress and development of man but not now. He has overruled such hindrances by inventing modified boats, ships, submarines, aeroplanes, dams, etc. He has invented telephone and wireless broadcasting through which he has broken the laws of time and space. The number of inventions of high utility to mankind is so great that it is difficult to decide which is the most important.

GOD has gifted man with an incomparable brain, which man has utilized wholly for his unlimited inventions which have brought about a social revolution in man's thoughts and social life. Man's inventions have helped the world to know itself better and the barriers of the National isolation have been left behind. He has raised himself through various hardships of life and made life so much easier than it otherwise would have been for an average living being. But sole credit for all the inventions of man are to one and only one, that is, creator and inventor of man, God himself. Without the God's gifted extra sensory perception to man, he would have lived a life of an animal, only feeding and sleeping.

Gurpreet Arora

X A

"Off We Go....."

What do you do if you want to go to Manali with your friends in the summer vacations and are absurdly waitlisted to go by train and financially dry to go by air. Just read on and find what we did when the need arose. After a lot of convincing and assurances, our parents agreed to let us go for the trip. Just the four of us, no elders, no relatives and no servants! Ashish, Ankit, Abhishek and I thought that 2500 rupees per person would be enough for five days. I went to the friendly travel agent and told him that I wanted four tickets, third class, for Chandigarh, 10 days hence. He choked on his Pepsi, which shot out of his nose like the twin jets of a wind screen washer. When he regained his composure, he explained to me that this was the peak holiday season and all the trains were waitlisted to 350 plus!

Indian Airlines was his senseless suggestion. Senseless because there's no direct flight to Kulu from Lucknow & then, we would have to go to New Delhi & then to Kulu which would have exceeded our estimated cost for the entire journey. The doldrums of despair started building up & just as I was reconciling myself to the fact, that this year it would have to be the Roomi Gate instead of Rohtang Pass, I got a brainwave.

Often I had heard truck drivers chatting at the tea-stall near the transport company's office, quite close to my house, from where these men would go to places like Kulu or Amritsar or Jammu etc. When I repeated my thoughts to Ashish who was watching 'Chaupal' on Doordarshan at that time, he shot up in amazement and hurled at me the choicest abuses he knew of because I had thought of such a vague idea. Ankit called me insane & Abhishek said that I had escaped from Nur Manzil. However, things calmed down, the trip was arranged with a truck driver and we decided to leave the town the next evening.

We got into the truck numbered UP 35 1916, It was our first ride in a truck. I was introduced to the driver Zaheer, co-driver Rambhajan & cleaner Bishun. Behind the driver's seat there was a two tier bunk running along the width of the cabin. We started off at around 1930 hrs & by 1950 hrs, I was having second thoughts. Now there were 7 of us in the cabin, all well fed, and feeling as if in a cage. One could imagine how we managed this 1000 km trip. It sounded a bit too impulsive, but then it was an adventure. We took off our shoes and socks, kept them in our bags, took out our slippers, took a deep breath of second hand 'beedi' smoke floating about the cabin in spirals & settled down. Right now, we were in Lucknow & the heat generated by the engine turned the cabin into an oven, but little did we realise

that the cold nights near the Himachal Pradesh border would make us come as close as possible to the engine cowling.

The crew was a jolly bunch & had a startling tendency to break into a song without a warning. We reached Sitapur at 2230 hrs. and stopped for dinner at Sardarji's Dhaba. While we fed on dal & chapattis, mosquitoes fed on us. The driver was so satisfied with the meal that he spoke in burps. We were informed that it was a rule that we take an hour's nap after dinner. So we obliged.

I awoke to a cold, wet feeling on my face. A calf was licking it. Now, that's a new type of wake-up call. My yell awoke everyone & the frightened calf was running towards the horizon when we started after 10 minutes. Under the cover of night, luxury buses came out like predators, driven by men in jeans & "banians"(vests). (at least our driver was in full clothing), blow their horns loudly & persistently while our cleaner would wave out his hairy, brown hand, begging for space & while the buses swayed & went away, Zaheer wouldn't stop cursing them. This onslaught got over by 0300 hrs. and then we would just spot an occasional vehicle which would flash past & disappear into the gloom beyond the throw of the beams.

Noise had become an integral part of the journey & the absence of it brings one out of the state one is in. That was what awoke me at 0500 hrs at a place called Amooaha, 40 kms, ahead of Moradabad. This early morning stop was what we called the TT (Tea & Toilet) stops. The tea was excellent but the dhaba owner looked perfectly fit for a Ramsay Bros' horror show. I was told that the toilet was at the rear. When I went out, there was nothing but green fields stretching upto the horizon! I soon realized that this was the jolly old open-air reply to the call of nature. I took a mug and looked for a bush to crouch behind.....

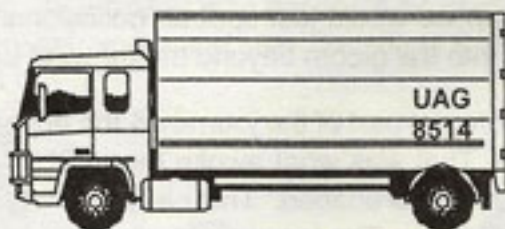
Our first major delay was caused due to a severe road accident. The whole road was occupied by the ill-fated buses. The crane arrived after 6 hours & because of the heavy traffic jam we managed just 40 kms. in 12 hrs. This meant we would get a day less in Manali and 600 kms. still separated us from our destination. We had dinner at Saharanpur and had an overnight stay at Jagadhari. In the morning, we again had a TT stop. The stall owner said that milk was on its way. Instead of milk packets, we'd expected milk containers but were bewildered by what we saw. A well-fed buffalo, accompanied by the milkman came and milk was extracted from the source itself.

After breakfast we continued our journey through the green country-side. Meanwhile the road was very bumpy and at every pothole, I thought that the axle

would break; it never did. The truck took those potholes in her own stride with just squeaks & bangs. We again stopped near Roopnagar because of the sheep. Any attempt to drive through the 1000 sheep, would have given us a lot of mutton for dinner. After wasting 3 hrs when we restarted at 1800 hrs, the torturous climb began. The truck managed it somehow. It was overloaded & there was always a risk of overturning. Luckily it never happened.

We continued through the moonless eerie night, singing to the crew & to ourselves. We went past Mandi and reached Kulu the following morning. After a cup of tea, we thought of giving them a few hundred rupees but they refused to accept it. Ever since leaving Lucknow, the 4 of us had together spent Rs. 300. Enough money for four boys to stay, eat, roam, enjoy and if possible, to do some shopping in Manali for five days was left with us.

Nihal Kumar
XI C



Some Commandments for a Happy Life

1. Lead a simple life, Pay attention to the little things that make up life, Don't look for the 'unusual'.
2. Don't be too preoccupied with your health.
3. Love work. One who does nothing cannot be happy. So too one who works but does not love his/her work.
4. Have a hobby side by side with your professional work.
5. Learn to be satisfied when you cannot change the course of things.

Courtesy – Inspirational Quote May, 2000

OUR PATRIOTISM

(Please don't laugh)

Mission accomplished, images of war, washed, army forgotten. For the unscrupulous lot, it is yet another mission accomplished. As the booms of cannonade got silenced, it is replaced by an eerie silence pierced occasionally by wails. After all what was Kargil and what after it.

An inhospitable graveyard at half the height of Everest that was Kargil. The cream of nation's youth reduced to a mass of blood, scorched flesh and memories of valour, that was Kargil. Where the icy silence was broken by the guns lighting the night, that was Kargil. Meanwhile a million dollar question, "what after this?", still hangs like a democleas sword over our heads. What about the sacrifices made. Monetary funds given by the government exist only on papers. Meanwhile of the 27.5 lakh claimed to be given by the government, half of it is spent to warm the pockets of the government officials. Although families are being compensated for the soldiers' exemplary courage but misfortune spreads her inky cloak in this arena as well. We have not one wife but three of them, two frauds to claim the money. What a way to cool off the still smoking pyre of a patriot!

As the bleeding hearts die in bone chilling winds it seems that the chill has pervaded the Indian hearts as well, for the conscience and emotions seem hard and frozen. The Indians have to be lured to bait of cine stars and pop singers to donate money for Kargil fund. Shameful !

'Param Vir' is the only word for our soldiers fighting on border. As Kargil passes away by seconds the innocent children and weather beaten faces of parents ask one question, "do we give a thought to the bravehearts and if we do, what do we do, for these people who laid their today for our tomorrow."

*As the silence of the winter snow,
Settles over our lands we know,
That high above in the peaks,
Blood is the only word that speaks.
He gave his life for his land,
For them how many of us would stand,
No unshed tears for them no sorrow,
For emotions don't flow in our hearts-----
They are too hollow.*

Shashwat Yadav

XI B

Deft Definitions

FAME:- When you dominate the conversation and you're not there.

ADULT EDUCATION:- Something that will continue as long as kids have homework.

NARCISSIST:- A person who's always getting himself esteemed up.

VACATION:- When you spend tonnes of money to see what rain looks like in different parts of the world.

MOTHER:- Someone who thanks girls who go after her son are brazen and the ones who don't are stupid.

BACHELOR:- A person who doesn't have to leave a party just when he starts to have a good time.

TRUTH:- Something stranger than fiction, but not as popular.

Rules that explain almost everything.

The laws regulating the universe may be mysterious, but they are not beyond our understanding. A blend of folk wisdom and management theory, these rules can be used as a useful guide as we forge ahead into the 21st century.

Abley's Expansion:- Marriage is the only union that cannot be organized. Both sides think they are management.

—William Abley

Baker's Law of Economics:- You do not want the one you can afford.

—Scott Baker

Beste's Principle:- The more the name of a product promises the less it delivers (For example, a cheap stereo often has the word "Super" in its name, while the best equipment is usually named like a consulting firm)

—Ian Beste

Borkon's Observation:- The further a theatre seat is from the aisle, the later the Patron arrives.

—Bernard Borkon

Boswell's Rule:- Nothing gives a used car more kilometers per litre than the salesman.

—Billy Boswell in Washington Post

Convert Conversation Code:- If you don't want your children to hear what you are saying, pretend you're talking to them

— Anon

Dickson's Rule of 49 :- The great comfort of turning 49 is the realization that you are now too old to die young.

— Paul Dickson

Geust's Rule for Travel with Kids:- Never in the same Direction.

— William Geust

Gilbert's Gospel :- The surest sign that you have a crisis at work is when no one tries to tell you how to do your job.

—Anon

Gatussiom's Conundrum:- The smallest hole will eventually empty the largest container, unless it is made intentionally for drainage, in which case it will close.

—Dove Gatussiom

Harret's dining Doctrine:- In every restaurant, the hardness of the butter increases in direct proportion to the softness of the bread being served.

—Harret Markman

Herburger's Law of Lawyers:- When there is only one lawyer in town, the lawyers can't make a living. When there are two lawyers in town, both make a good living.

—Cal van Deoner

Webster's Law:- The damage rarely exceeds the deductible

—Doug Webster

Vaibhav Chaturvedi
IXA



A Tryst with Destiny

In the midnight, star spangled sky, rocking in his mahogany armchair sat Scotty. His intent looks deep contemplation and big expressive eyes, eyes which had fear, hope and grimace of sorrow.

His thin lean face and submissive looks sat in deep introspection. His blonde hair somewhat kissing his forehead in the cool breeze. The sky looking like his unknown future. The bright dazzling star of hope along with sorrows of comets and asteroids. These sorrows which could bring an end to the world (his life).

A few days ago, the doctor had disclosed that he (Scotty) was suffering from leukemia. The lethal disease turns a person pale and slack. A sarconia which affects innocent babies, mirthful youths and the old. His plain face in anticipation about his beloved pals (mother and sister). He was the only bread earner of his family.

Four weeks still left for this final end to come. Death was too close. Scotty succumbed to his sorrows, as his eyes moistened pondering over the future of his beloved ones. As dawn came bright orange, crimson, chrome yellow beams flashed through the window, Scotty's eyes brightened up. A brilliant idea cropped up, how his family could survive. Working in the defence research, foreign spy agents always offered handsome amount for information. Each time Scotty had refused (a real patriot). He made up his mind to commit this crime. Scotty was a prominent researcher and had valuable nuclear information and other secrets. He instantly contacted a foreign agent. The deal was finalized. Scotty would hand over valuable information. In return the agent would reward him with heavy cash. The amount was sufficient for his family to survive. The venue and time were all decided at New Avenue 6 o'clock.

Scotty had dreadful nightmares and he could not sleep any more. His conscience pricked him saying "Scotty you are a traitor, you have betrayed your own country". He was guilty for this crime, as tears poured down his pale cheeks. His conscience was poking Scotty for committing this evil deed, which could hinder the national security. But when the future of his beloved ones flashed before his eyes he would burst in tears.

The next day, before going on his final errand to hand over the information to the agent, the telephone bell rang 'tring', 'tring'. It was the doctor. A few days ago the doctor had suggested him chemotherapy. But Scotty refused as he could not

afford the expensive treatment. When he arrived at the doctor's clinic, the doctor was deeply engrossed in examining some reports.

After a while the doctor retorted, "You aren't going to die of cancer". In complete astonishment, Scotty looked back side ways but there was nobody except the doctor and himself. Scotty convulsed in laughter as he sarcastically looked at the doctor. The doctor replied, "Scotty you have been suffering from jaundice", "Your reports got exchanged with someone else". "Destiny" he cried, "today God has prevented me from committing a crime, for which I would have been exempted" retorted Scotty, as tears rolled down his jovial eyes.

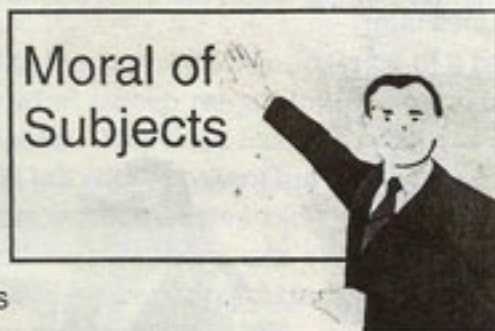
Morals given by Subjects

Chemistry:-

Do whatever you do with high concentration. So the results you get are super saturated. Add to your qualities drop by drop. Then all your faults will sublime one by one.

Mathematics:-

- Add to your friendship
- Subtract your enemies
- Multiply your joys
- Divide your sorrows
- Then your life will be a success



Romeo and Juliet's Love Story.

"Romeo and Juliet" were deep in love. On the "Twelfth Night" he proposed to her and she shyly replied "As You Like it". So Romeo went to buy a diamond ring from "The Merchant of Venice." He sent invitations to "Macbeth", "King Lear", "Antony and Cleopatra", "Hamlet", "King Richard II", "King Henry IV", "Othello" and "Julius Caesar" "The two gentlemen of Verona" and asked "The Merry Wives of Windsor" to help arrange the dinner.

Vaibhav Chaturvedi
IX A

THE SECOND PRIZE WINNER ESSAY IN THE TIMES ASIAWIDE ESSAY COMPETITION

The Most Important Person of the Twentieth Century

It was the year 1942. Milkah, the twelve year old Jewish girl was pushed into the freshly dug pit along with fifty others. She looked up, at the Schutzstaffel officers, the notorious S.S., as they triggered off the machine guns, turning the brown pit into a red mass of writhing bodies.

Welcome to Auschwitz. The concentration camp reputed to have murdered about nine hundred thousand Jews because Adolf Hitler hated Jews. Such was the power of the man, the Fuhrer of Germany.

"The offspring of Germany who observes no law" was how Nostradamus, the sixteenth century astrologer and seer described the man who was to be born four centuries later.



Jacob Thomas being honoured by representative from 'TIME Magazine'

In 1939, Hitler decided to redraw the map of Europe. He took Germany to war. Lines of armoured vehicles comprising the dreaded Panzer Divisions and

the screeching Stuka Bombers of the Luftwaffe, the German Air Force, threatened to wipe out allied resistances. The Nazi war machine almost conquered Europe. But the world fought back. And good overcame evil.

Hitler was the cause of the Second World War. Millions died. Many lost their loved ones. Homes were destroyed. There were famines. Europe lay in shambles. Adolf Hitler had changed the destiny of the world.

Unfortunately Adolf Hitler, the person with the most overreaching influence on the century and thus the most important person of the century happens to be the most hated person of the century. A century, eclipsed by his pure evil.

In this there is a lesson for mankind.

Thomas Jacob (12-A)
26, Raj Bhawan Colony
Lucknow



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Fear can keep a man out of danger, but courage can support him in it
– Thomas Fuller

Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself.
– Unknown

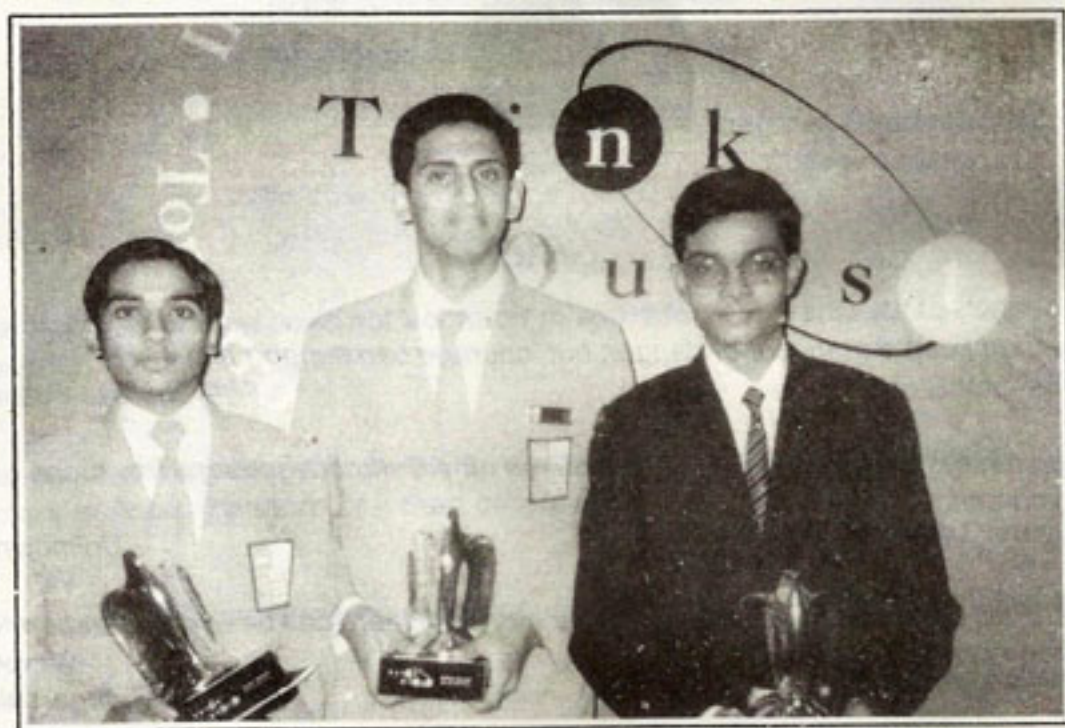
There will never be a generation of great men until there has been a generation of free women – of free mothers.
– Robert G. Ingersoll

A Trip to California

"And the silver award goes to ... The Man The Mahatma!" I could hardly believe my ears and as we proceeded to the stage. I heard our names being called out, "Farhan Ahmed, Singapore, Kumar Gaurav, Singapore, Kartik Mudaliar, India." There we were handed an elegant, rather heavy trophy.

We had worked hard down to the wire to bring up a web site on Mahatma Gandhi (<http://library.advanced.org/26523>). Farhan, Kumar and Mr. Peter Saunders (our coach) were far away from me physically, but digitally we were as close as in a room and had a smooth communication throughout the Think Quest Internet Challenge - for such was the name of the competition.

Our hard work showed in the finesse of the web site as much as our lack of experience showed in the minor errors in it. Our web site cleared the semifinal and final rounds of judging and we won a trip to Los Angeles, California for interview and declaration of results.



I must add, without delay, that I got full support of my parents (although it is my final year and ought to have been studying seriously!) and they got my passport and visa made surprisingly within a month. My air tickets arrived by courier from New York. I flew to Delhi where Kumar, my other teammate, joined me. Together we flew to London where we had to wait for eight hours for our next flight. We took the opportunity to look at the shops in terminal.

We arrived at Los Angeles International Airport in the afternoon. The weather was pleasant. We were taken to Hilton, the hotel which was the centre of activity for Think Quest 1999 Awards Ceremony. There we met Farhan and our coach. I shared a room with Kumar on the 16th Floor.

Most of our time was spent in the Generator Room. Here the teams would show off their sites, not to mention prepare for judging, check email and play around on the internet. It was a room very much like a space station - all in white. Honestly speaking we had no spare time. Our schedule was so filled with activities that we were mentally and physically pooped at the end of the day and the day ended at 1.00 a.m.!

One evening we had a "session with Albert Einstein" in which we mixed with other people, played small games and learnt about creativity. Another activity was the Carnival Night - imagine yourself at a summer carnival, walking by red-and-white-striped tents, under brightly lit lights, listening to laughing voices. Now imagine the entire scene enclosed in a ballroom of Hilton hotel. Kids and adults flocked to games, battled each other using giant padded jousting sticks and raced their way through the obstacle course.

We had so many things in store for us. We were taken for a tour of Hollywood. Then we had our tickets for Universal Studios, Hollywood - a theme park having the wildest of rides like Jurassic Park, Terminator 2 - 3D, ET and we could also pose for a snap with likeness of celebrities like Marilyn Monroe, Spiderman and Frankenstein.

Sunday night, we were all taken in a tram for the Backlot Tour of Universal Studios. We were shown, I should rather say we experienced some unbelievable move effects - earthquake, floods, sharks, rain, fire. Amazing!

The meals were organised at different locations every day. The food was rather strange to me. It consisted of cabbage leaves, carrot, fruit loops and broccoli for salad, scrambled eggs, burgers, bacon, salmon, trout, chicken, beef, pork, Danish pastry and all that I have read in books.

Our interview with the judges was quite an informal one and lasted about an hour. The last day was reserved for the Award Ceremony. In the morning we explained our web site to the visiting high school students, media persons and other people. In the afternoon we had a rehearsal for the Award Ceremony. The stage was very grand and the numerous celebrities who were invited to give away the awards brightened the evening. The celebrities included Bill Nye, scientist, inventor, comedian, author, Marlee Matlin, the Academy Award winner for Best Actress, Kerri Strug, Olympic Gold medallist and many more. We got the Silver Award (there were three awards Platinum, Gold and Silver) and also won a scholarship of \$5000 each.

All in all, it was an experience of a life time. The people I met there were wonderful. I got an opportunity to mix with people from all over the world. Perhaps the hundred and fifty photographs I clicked will never be able to capture this brilliant four day event. One thing is sure with Americans - work really hard and then enjoy your hard work.

Kartik Mudaliar
XII-B



Life is a tragedy for those who feel, and a comedy for those who think.
— Jean De La Bruyere

What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight – It's the size of the fight in the dog.
— Dwight D. Eisenhower

A Cold Exodus



..For in tranquility, past often flashes...

The wounds it splits wide open, unfortunately cannot be cured by a usual lick...

... For such a fortunate bliss of curing through saliva is valid only upto animals.

... The moment it comes down to the emotional reservoirs of the sufferer's heart and soul, the slit grows into a proper pathway and catalyses the outflow of salty

drops... usually termed as tears.

Moments cannot be trapped! Such rhetorical questions often appear as bold projections in one's mind when a thought for someone who is physically not with us is invoked; but as a matter of fact, no matter how hard one works to forget the bygone times spent with the expired being, the mark it leaves on the minds is everlasting and unforgettable.

Such is the true state of the hearts and the souls of the entire Franciscan family from the very hour it lost a very young member - Saqib Rizvi, a student of class XI-C on the 11th of January, 2000. Saqib was a very calm but a witty natured personality whose mere presence was the light for a dark gathering.

We consider ourselves to be quite elevated to have studied for the past eleven years with such a verdure spirit who possessed an everhelping attitude.

From shorts...

... To pants,

From tender souls...

... To aggressive attitudes, such were the frames of school times that we spent with him and the vacuum that his absence has now created would only be filled by the times to come, but one thing that has been projected by his early departure is - *"Whom God loves die young"*.

Presence of such an idealistic soul shall always be felt...

I feel how fruitless and weak must be any words of mine with an attempt to beguile 'his' family from the grief of a loss so overwhelming, but I cannot refrain from tendering them, the support that may be found in - *"We pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of 'their' abreviment and leave them only the cherished memories of the loved and lost."*

Bilal Usmani

11-A

Wisdom Stories: Take Action

A pastor once made an investment in a large piece of ranch real estate which he hoped to enjoy during his retirement years. While he was still an active pastor, he would take one day off each week to go out to his land and work. But what a job! What he had bought, he soon realized, was several acres of weeds, gopher holes and run-down buildings. It was anything but attractive, but the pastor knew it had potential and he stuck with it.

Every week he'd go to his ranch, crank up his small tractor, and plough through the weeds with a vengeance. Then he'd spend time doing repairs on the buildings. He'd mix cement, cut lumber, replace broken windows and work on the plumbing. It was hard work, but after several months the place began to take shape. And every time the pastor put his hand to some task, he would swell with pride. He knew his labour was finally paying off.

When the project was completed, the pastor received a neighbourly visit from a farmer who lived a few miles down the road. Farmer Brown took a long look at the preacher and cast a longer eye over the revitalized property. Then he nodded his approval and said, "Well, preacher, it looks like you and God really did some work here."

The pastor, wiping the sweat from his face, answered, "It's interesting you should say that, Mr. Brown, but I've got to tell you something—you should have seen this place when God had it all to himself."

INSPIRING ANECDOTES

A mother and her little four-year-old daughter had just said their night prayer, and were preparing to retire for the night. The child was afraid of the dark and the mother alone with the child, felt fearful also.

When the light was out, the child caught a glimpse of the moon outside the window. "Mother," she asked, "is the moon God's light?"

"Yes," said the mother, "God's lights are always shining."

Then the child asked another question: "Will God blow out his lights and go to sleep?"

"No, my child. God never goes to sleep," answered the mother.

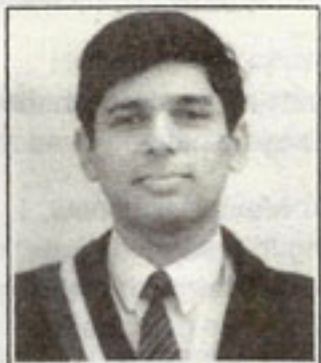
Then the child with the simplicity of a child's faith, gave this reassurance to the fearful mother: "Well, so long as God is awake, I am not afraid."

Courtesy— Inspirational Quote



MEMORANDUM

Annual Report



Standing on the threshold of an academic year that has gone by and one that is still to come, what else is in ones mind rather than being over whelmed by nostalgia and having sweet memories.

The year 1999-2000 started with the investiture ceremony and prize distribution ceremony which marked the formal succession of the respective offices by the new members of the student council.

Beginning the year on a happy note with the promotion of our vice principal Rev Fr. D. D'souza, we bade him farewell wishing him luck for his new tenure as a Principal. We welcomed Rev Fr C. Lobo as our new Vice Principal.

Our students reached the zenith of success and glory this year, not only in local circles but on the international platforms too.

THOMAS JACOB, won the second prize in the Essay competition organised by "TIME MAGAZINE", and KARTIK MUDALIAR won the third prize in the Website competition in Los Angles. Hats off to you guys!!

Next in line were the local events. Our students brought laurel and glory to the College. CHAMPIONS OF CHAMPIONS at "FANTASIES" and "COFAS" were a happy treat to start with. Thanks to everyone involved, for it is the hardwork of the students and dedication of the teachers which brought home this glory. Next was "CROSS ROADS". We gave it our best shot but inspite of our best efforts we missed the title of "CHAMPIONS OF CHAMPIONS" by a fraction. But anyway our performances were simply fantastic. Thanks to Rohit, Abhishek, Anshul, Piyush Kartik, Annabel, Siddhartha and everyone who was involved.

Our quizzing and debating team comprising of Abhishek Bhattacharya, Kartik Mudaliar, Satyam Chauhan, Shwetank Verma and Rishi Mehra were simply the best and won in almost all the events in which they participated.

But the year 2000 started of on a sad note with the sad demise of "SAQUIB RIZVI" a student of class 11 C of our college. May his soul rest in peace.

The last of the events was our P.T. display. The performance of the kiddies and youngsters along with the athletics kept the crowd spell bound.

On behalf of the office bearers I acknowledge with gratitude and respect the guidance provided to us by the Principal, Vice Principal, Mr. S.N. Saxena, Mr. S.D. Edwards, Ma'am Dean, Ma'am Nagar, Mr. D. Jackson, Mr. P. Bhargava, Ma'am Menezes, Mr. C. Viegas and Mr. Rai.

I also wish to congratulate and thank the prefects for having accomplished their task to near perfection and to Umar Mushir who was always a helping hand.

As I pen this last paragraph, memories flood my mind. Memories of how, I spent twelve years in the college. Playing, giggling, cracking the examinations, and celebrating together with my friends whose memories I will always cherish. I would like to thank all the teachers who have taught me and made a good person out of me. I can now feel the pain of leaving my Alma Mater — a second home to us, but I know, this is how it has to end and this is how it will always end, but what better than to end it with the lines from our college Anthem-

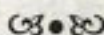
"To the end we'll be true, we'll forget not.

All the care Alma Mater, thou spared not

To the spirit of Francis' we'll fail not

We will answer when duty shall call."

Abhishek Bhattacharya
College Captain



The true use of speech is not so much to express your wants as to conceal them.

—Oliver Goldsmith

The satisfaction derived from money does not come from simply having it. It comes from having more of it than others do.

— Alan Duruing

Every good thought you think is contributing its share to the ultimate result of your life.

— Grenville Kleiser

St. Francis' House Report



Nishant Langar
Captain

With unbounded exhilaration and pride I took over the mantle of captainship from my predecessor Vijay Gopal.

'Perseverance Conquers All' our motto, does not solely imply inflicting defeat but the gesture of good will and spirit behind the effort. With such a mind make-up I along with my Vice captain, Gaurav Saxena, entered the 1999-2000 arena.



Gaurav Saxena
V. Captain

The swishing of shuttle cocks announced the opening of the sports and games season. Kush Srivastava played like a champion to walk away with the 'A' Div title while Kumar Aditya fought resolutely to end as the runner up. The trophy however, eluded us by just one point.

Despite of high standards being set by R. Gupta and K. Aditya and our 'B' Div team emerging as champions we could not improve our position in Soccer as our 'A' Div team did precious little and lost both its matches.

Table Tennis is emerging as our strong forte. It was a near clean sweep of all titles. Kush Srivastava, like last year, triumphed both in the 'Senior opens' as well as the 'A' Div. Rahul Gupta took the crown while T. Hazaria emerged as the runner up in the 'B' Div. The find of the season was T. Hazaria, a young lad of class V. This boy of talent abundant cake-walked with the 'C' Div. championship. Another feather in his cap was added when he defeated his three year senior for the Junior Open Championship. May this kid bring many more laurels is my earnest desire and prayer.

Basket ball should also have been a cake walk for us but destiny had other designs. The day the final was slated two of our star players were unavailable with business elsewhere. As our request for the postponement was overruled and though, our outfit was still a good one, we lost. Probably the loss of those mentioned players weighed on their minds more than it was necessary. Ample skill was displayed by J.P. George, S.Sharma, A. Agarwal, Shubhojeet, and myself but alas, it is not always that the deserving win.

The volleyball court did not offer any jubilation. Despite of the best efforts of A. Agarwal, G. Sahni and myself we ended up on the bottom rung.

We would have drowned in swimming but somehow waddled through with the senior relay Gold coming our way. (Pravir, A Srivastava, V. Khattry and M. Rabbani). A. Sehgal and M. Rabbani do deserve a special mention.

Though in the company of Mr. Morrison, J.P. George displayed enough skill, we were unable to match the pace of our much stronger opponents in Hockey. We ended up third.

Cricket was a witness to many a scintillating performance from our entire team. Resolute skill was displayed by G. Saxena, M. Khanna, A. Arora, D. Agarwal, my self and a upcoming junior Sarfaraz-ul-Haq, a genuine all rounder. Probably our team spirit alone would have been enough to crown us as champions.

The school open marathon saw us securing 3rd position. Kudos to R. Gupta (3)

Athletics has been our stumbling block for a couple of years. Though G. Pant (A Div-shot put- silver), M. Khanna (B-Div shot -put Gold), A Pareira (B Div Discus throw -Gold), brought us some glory in the field events, the track events could just muster a 'B' Div Relay (4 x 200m) Gold and a silver medal in 100 M. D. Bhargava, M. Khanna, R. Gupta and A. Srivastava saved us off what could have been a complete white wash.

We were however unlucky to end with the second spot in Tug 'O' war. I along with my Vice captain G. Saxena were injured in a mishap on the annual sports day and could not participate. Though demoralised, our team put up a brave challenge but we eventually ended up as looser. A special praise for our great anchor J.P. George.

We met with further misfortune as our team just could not march into the hearts of the jury when it really mattered. Despite of being leaders on the points table till this day we relegated to the second spot.

A special word of commendation for my vice captain G. Saxena, J.P. George, Sandeep Mathur and all my House Prefects. Without their support I would not have been in a position to achieve whatever little I could.

My sincerest thanks to our House Master, Mr. D. Jackson and our P.T.I. Mr. N. Vig, who have been a source of continuous guidance and encouragement to me. I shall always remain indebted to them for their concerted efforts and forbearance.

Last but not the least, I wish to thank and congratulate all the boys of my house for exhibiting keen interest and spirit on all occasion. May you all keep the flag flying high.

Adieu, Alma-Mater.

Nishant Langer
House Captain

Gaurav Saxena
Vice Captain

St. Patrick's House Report



'Fight the good fight'



H. Agarwal
Captain

This is exactly what we did in the year 1999-2000 but the results we got were much below our expectations. Soon after the curtains were drawn for the new academic year, we were faced with a challenge to prove ourselves.



T. Mudgal
V. Captain

The year started disastrously for us. In Soccer, inspite of some brilliant performances by Harsh, Kunal, Bara, Anurag, Ankit and Tushar, we came fourth. Badminton, too, slipped from our hands, although valuable contributions were made by Tushar and Prateek in 'A' Div and Gaurav in 'B' Div.

After two successive losses, it was now time for us to pull our socks. Table Tennis, which was not our cup of tea, saw some unexpected turn around and we came second due to some good work by Siddharth Gupta and A. Bara. The good results continued and we won the Basket ball Shield under the captaincy of Garv Arora. This included noteworthy contributions from Prateek, Siddharth, Kunal and Ankit.

Our joy knew no bounds when after emerging victorious in Basketball, we also won the Volley ball shield. Brilliant performances by our Volleyball captain Tushar, Prateek, Garv, Kunal and Harsh helped us in lifting the shield. We continued our winning streak in the deep blue waters of our college swimming pool. My appreciation goes to the entire bunch of kids of the college, specially Shashank and A. Bara who are the best swimmers of our house. Satyam, C. Wahal and Jimmy did well in their respective divisions. I am thankful to Mr. Prasad for training these boys.

After winning three successive shields, it was time for complete relaxation and this was evident in Hockey where we emerged fourth. Tushar, Garv, Prateek, A. Bara, Ankit, and Siddharth did well but couldn't help us in winning even a single game. Cricket proved to be a complete disaster as we came third after winning

against St. Andrew's House & losing against St. George's House. Great work by Garv, Prateek, Vaibhav, A. Bara, Siddharth, Tushar and Anurag went in vain. We were completely demoralised by now and couldn't do much in Athletics. Some of our house boys who performed well included Anurag, Prateek, Harsh, A. Bara and Kunal in 'A' div. along with Shivendra, Arvindam, Utkarsh and Gaurav in 'B' & 'C' div.

Apart from sports, our house did well in the elocutions and debates with Abhishek, our College captain and Rishi winning at both, Inter-House and Inter-College levels. The Inter-House Quiz let us down.

On the whole, all I have to say is that we could have performed better than what we did. I hope that our future captains & vice captains would prove to be better than us.

Before I finish this report, I would like to thank our P.T.I. Mr. N. Vig & Mr. R. Yadav for training the boys in the best possible manner they could. I am also thankful to our house master Mr. S.N. Saxena who has also been a source of inspiration. I am also thankful to each and every member of the staff of our house for training our boys for various events. My special vote of thanks goes to Mrs. J. Nagrani, Mrs. V. Saxena, Mrs. S. Saxena, Mr. H. Gregory and Mr B. D'more

Harsh Agrawal
Captain

Tushar Mudgal
V. Captain



Never tell a young person that something cannot be done. God may have been waiting for centuries for somebody ignorant enough of the impossible to do that thing.

— J.A. Holmes

St. Andrew's House Report



'For - Honour-Alone'



Shiv Bahadur Singh
Captain

Oceans of nostalgia flood over me as I sit to pen this chronicle. I have been a part of St. Francis' College and like wise, it has become a part of me. Finally when the night of my journey in St. Francis' College has arrived, I would like to recall some of the moments of my presence in S.F.C. as the captain of St. Andrew's House. The year 1999-



Vivek Kotwal
V. Captain

2000 was a bit disappointing for us for we began well but our work was half done. Lady Luck too didn't seem to spare smile for us.

The inter house activities for this session, started with the inter-house debates and elocutions. Our boys were always on the top with Karan Verma, Shariq Nadeem Abhishek Sharma and Saurabh Sinha bringing laurels to our house.

We started with a bang in the sports arena by winning the Soccer Shield. In spite of the disqualification of the C 'div' team after they had won all their matches, we were able to clinch the first slot after long hours of practice and effort that we had put in the field. The zealous efforts of Indreesh, A. Roy and Sunny from C 'Div', A. Puri, Jagmeet, Vipul and Amit from B 'Div' and S.B. Singh, V. Shah, A. Bhargava, A. Rawat, S. Sinha and S. Naseem in A 'Div'-are worth a mention.

Badminton was our cup of tea. But poor performance by the 'A' Div lads dropped us down to the third position. Our Juniors performed exceptionally well with A. Prakash emerging out to be the Runner up in 'C' Div and A. Puri the winner in 'B' Div. A Prakash stood the Runner up in the Open Junior Badminton. Also efforts of A. Bhargava (A Div) are worth mentioning.

T.T and Basket Ball proved to be a great disaster for us. A. Agarwal (A Div Runner up) and A. Asthana performed well in T.T where as V. Kotwal, and S. Naseem proved their skills in Basket Ball but couldn't lift up the team.

Our boys fought back strongly by clinching the second slot in Volleyball, Swimming and Hockey. Volleyball saw some great performances from S.B. Singh,

V. Kotwal, A. Bhargava and Abhinav while our valiant swimmers included Shariq Naseem, Rajneesh and Vaibhav Chaturvedi.

Inspite of some skilful performances by S. Shah (Hockey Cap), S.B. Singh V. Kotwal, S. Naseem, and A. Puri we lost the shield to St. George's House.

Cricket, the most popular game in India nowadays, was the most unpopular among our players. We put up a great fight in a crucial match against St. Francis' House. With great bowling performances by Tanmay (5 wkts) and V. Kotwal (3wkts) St Francis House were down with 65 for 9 in 12 overs. But the 70 runs last wicket stand put us down. Inspite of great efforts by V. Kotwal, A Sharma and Tanmay, we lost the shield.

We bounced back again and our boys yet again proved their stamina and will power by clinching the Marathon shield. A. Mishra (1st), S. Naseem (4th), Jagmeet (5th), J. Jacob (6th), V. Kotwal (8th) and S.B. Singh (13th) were among the first 15 runners and helped us to win the shield by a huge margin.

By this time, we were onto a close battle with St. George's House for the Cock House. It depended on the Athletic Championship. Although A. Roy, Sunny, Ramkishan, A Puri, Jagmeet, A. Bhargava, S.B. Singh, S. Naseem and V. Kotwal gave all they had, yet we lost the shield to St. George's House. Jagmeet brought laurels to our house by winning the 'B' Div Championship.

March past and Tug O' War were not our cup of tea and we lost in both the events. March Past saw some sincere efforts from S. Sinha, S.B. Singh, V. Kotwal, A. Bhargava and S. Naseem.

Though a bit unlucky this year, I hope that our dreams will be fulfilled in the forth coming year. I would like to thank the house prefects Ashish Kar, A. Sharma and Nihal Kumar and S. Massey in the editorial board for looking after the literary section. Next, I would like to thank our House Master, Mr. S.D Edwards along with Mr. J. Hannah, Mr. Sahni and Mr. N. Vig for their moral and encouraging support. Before I sign off, I would like to thank my Vice Captain, V. Kotwal along with A. Bhargava, S. Naseem and S. Sinha who were always there when needed.

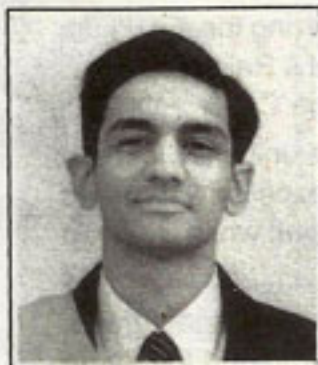
"The greatest test of courage on earth is to bear defeat without losing heart."

So, I would like to advice my future captain, V. Kotwal not to lose heart, for he can do it again for our House . BEST OF LUCK.

Shiv Bahadur Singh
Captain

Vivek Kotwal
Vice Captain

St. George's House Report



Rohit Singh
Captain

'Fortune favours the brave' they say, and so it did. We fought, we risked, we gambled & WE WON. The year 1999-2000 will go down as a golden period to reminisce in the history of the House. It saw a dramatic turnout in the sporting activities of St. George's House. We won shields & we lost shields but the best part was the fruits born by our tireless efforts in the form of 'COCK HOUSE-SHIELD'.



Islam Haider
V. Captain

The year began with the inter house Soccer. In spite of wonderful performance by Jasmeet, Ashan, R. Sawhney, Siddharth Pant, Amit, Islam & Rohit Singh in their respective div, we couldn't manage to get the shield & lost by '1' point.

With Inter house Badminton next, the boys were all geared up to prove themselves and we easily won the shield. Srinivas won in the 'C' div while Saif was the runner up in 'A' div. 'Open' events were totally swept by our house. In Juniors Y. Chamber proved his worth & ranked 1st. In seniors both Rohit Singh & Saif Rizvi reached the finals where Rohit easily overcame Saif to lift the trophy for the 2nd consecutive year. A. Puri, Iyan & Swapnil also performed well.

T.T & Basket Ball not being our cup of tea, we only had to satisfy with the 3rd position. Anuj was impressive on table while J. Singh, S. Sinha, Kapil, Satyam, Iyan, Islam & Rohit were good on court.

Moving over to Volleyball, a game of team effort, but since this vital component was absent, we lost the first match but bounced back brilliantly to win the second one & came 3rd.

Swimming was one sphere where our team was expected to be an outstanding & electrifying one, but again in spite of an excellent display of talent by Rohit Singh we came 3rd. Our House Capt & also the swimming Capt much expectedly was awarded with the S.N. Vig Memorial Cup for the Best Swimmer of the Year for his awesome performance.

In Marathon we were as formidable as ever or so we felt, but our over confidence took its toll and we were once again forced to rest on the second spot. Individually, Rohit Singh came 2nd, Yatharth 9th & Vikram 15th.

At this moment we were way behind in quest for the Cock House shield & were supposed to win all other remaining events to rise for the contention. Pre-Planning, team work, determination helped us as we sailed through.

Starting with the field sport of Hockey, our talented team having the maximum number of college team players like Rohit Singh, Islam, Saif, Bilal & Rajdeep won all their matches with a huge margin and took the first step towards the 'COCK HOUSE'.

The 'dream run' of our success was cut short when we unluckily lost the Cricket final by a narrow margin. Rohit Singh exhibited an excellent all round performance with the bat & ball. Saif's bat moved faster than light, while Rajdeep was good behind the wickets.

Finally came the decider, the Athletics shield, which was our saving grace. As we had been doing from the past four years, we again maintained the same prestige & won the shield comfortably. Rohit Singh, Islam, Amit performed well in 'A' div, Aslam, Yatharth, Nilesh in 'B' div & upcoming talents in form of S. Sinha, Vikram & Karan in 'C' div brought glory to the house. Islam Haider won all the races of the Annual Sports Day and also bettered the 100 mt record by clocking 11 sec.

Lastly with the 'COCK HOUSE', all the three prestigious sports awards went to our house.

1. Athletics champ- Our Vice Capt Islam Haider
2. Swimmer of the Year - our Capt Rohit Singh and lastly the most prestigious one –
3. The Sports Man of the Year 1999-2000 -Rohit Singh.



I would be shirking my duty, if I do not mention the names of my Vice Captain Islam Haider, House Prefect Saif Rizvi, an invaluable sportsman & House Prefect Bilal Usmani who were constantly by my side to assist me whenever I needed them.

Also gratitude is due to our House Master Mr. P. Bhargava, along with Ma'am Nagar, Ma'am Mukherjee, Ma'am Duggal and Ma'am Mitchell for their invaluable support & inspiring guidance. Thanks is also due to our P.T.I Mr Vig for his timely assistance.

With this I pass on the Victorious Red Flag to the incoming Captain & his deputy and wish them and the house a very good luck for the future. May the house sail through honours.

Adieu Alma Mater.....

Rohit Singh
House Captain



Islam Haider
Vice Captain



Gymnastics Report



Jagmeet Singh
Gymnastics Captain

This sport is not held as an inter house competition. In this sport, all the boys come together on the Sports Day to put up a fantastic performance of their skill.

The first day we were taught to do warm up exercises. The old gymnasts with a few days of practice came into form and the new gymnasts tapped their wells of talent and they began to flourish under the guidance of Mr. R. Yadav.

Floor work is the stepping stone for every gymnast and so it would be appropriate to bring this field into the lime light first. We worked out on our mat work, on which we executed various stunts like front, back rolls, dive, falls, etc. Jasmeet, Apoorv, Robin, Sunny and Nilesh were outstanding in floor work.

Then we moved on to the horse on which we presented hand stand spring, split, etc. The horse in the beginning felt to be a little high but after a few days of practice we found it to be very low. The boys who showed a promising skill on horse were Jagmeet, Aareb, Apoorv, Sunny, Nilesh and Pritesh.

Then came the most interesting stunt of gymnastic 'The Ring of Fire'. We dived skilfully through the ring of fire which first looked a difficult task but it was done easily by the gymnasts. The divers who put on this task were Jagmeet, Apoorva, Sunny and Nilesh.

Then came the part we liked the most 'The pyramids'. All the pyramids were designed by our coach Mr. Yadav and us gymnasts together. It took time to build up trust in one another but we got there slowly but steadily and the pyramids were considered the best. The two boys from junior school, Aditya Dikshit and Ayush Bisht of class 4 outshone a lot of senior boys, with their sense of balance and courage.

A lot of credit goes to all the boys of the team for practising and to Mr. Yadav for bringing out the best in us in such a short period of time. I feel that if the boys practised throughout the year, with their talent they could rise even better standards.

In conclusion I would like to thank Mr. Yadav and our Principal Fr. Peter D'Souza for helping us through our tough time and providing us with the equipment and guidance to make our gymnastic show a memorable one.

The Team

Jagmeet Singh, Apoorv Charan, Nilesh Tirkha, Pritesh Mukherjee, Indresh Chawla, Abhishek Singh, Robin Kartikiya Upadhiya, Karan Magoon, Pramit, Anjiney Shukla, Sunny Mehrotra (of Class 9) Areeb Hashmi (of Class 8), Aditya Dikshit and Ayush Bisht (of Class 4).

Jagmeet Singh
Gymnastics Captain



Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.

— Sam Levenson

The aim of education should be to convert the mind into a living fountain, and not a reservoir. That which is filled by merely pumping in, will be emptied by pumping out.

— John M. Mason

Life contains but two tragedies. One is not to get your heart's desire; the other is to get it.

— Socrates



Swimming Report



Rohit Singh
Swimming Captain

Since times immemorial, mankind has been a play-sport in the lap of nature and it is with due reasons that sports of the order of swimming, came into existence into institutions.

Fortunately in our college, the late nineties saw an able-bodied inclination of students towards swimming and consistent efforts of the coaches Mr Prasad & Mr Dikshit finally lead the college into swamps of honours.

This year, our team could not get enough opportunities to display its talents yet the boys displayed an admirable spirit of team work. The usual plunge into the pool started during the summer vacations with utmost zeal.

The spirits of the team were further pumped up when an invitation for the district level swimming competition venued at Hotel Seema Palace entered the boundaries of talents --"St. Francis' College". We lived up to the expectations of our hard labour & swept the events in totality by ranking "First". Outstanding performances were made by the captain Rohit Singh, Jamie and Varun as they were awarded for their awesome performances. Shariq Naseem & Shashank Bhargava were also not behind in their quest as they finished brilliantly.

It was real hard-luck! We unfortunately missed the International swimming Meet at C.M.S -"MACFAIR" due to its date clash with our quarterly examinations.

What next, but the nerve racking event at the pool of our college needs a special mention. The much awaited Inter-house fell in during the month of September. As usual the spirits were high of each participant representing his respective house & the competition was neck to neck. This year once again, St. Patrick's house topped the list with St. Andrew's & St. George's standing safely at 2nd & 3rd but a real agog was for the St. Francis' House.

In the blue water beds of college, lies a meritorious S.N. Vig memorial Cup for the 'Best Swimmer of the Year' & this year, much expectedly it was bagged by Rohit Singh.

I would like to thank our coaches Mr. Prasad & Mr. Dikshit for their cooperation. I would also like to thank our P.T.I, Mr. Vig, for his constant encouragement.

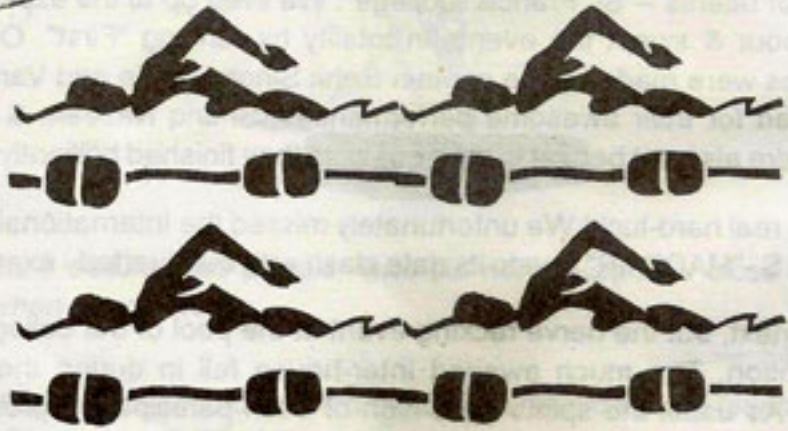
S.F.C swimming team:

Rohit Singh (Capt), Shariq Naseem, Shashank Bhargava, Ashutosh, Vaibhav, Satyam Kumar, Sankalp, Tushar, Anchit, Haris, Jamie, Anubhav, Mirsab, Vaibhav Prasad, Varun.

"Honours are never short lived by the passage of time" and on this pacifying note I hand over my responsibilities as a captain to the up comers and hope to see the college sail through with upright most in events to follow.

All the best.

Rohit Singh
Swimming Captain



A smile is the shortest distance between two people.

— Victor Borge

The pleasantest things in the world are pleasant thoughts, and the great art in life is to have as many of them as possible.

— C.N. Bovee



Soccer Report



"Victory belongs to the most persevering"

— Napoleon



Harsh Agarwal
Soccer Captain

The year 1999-2000 was a memorable year in the history of St. Francis' College. We played 5 Inter-School matches and won all but one.

Soccer, which is undoubtedly the most popular sport in the world, is also the favourite game of the Franciscans. The sports season started with the inter-house matches. It was heartening to see the zeal and enthusiasm displayed by the young boys of the 'B' & 'C' divisions. Finally it was the effort of the boys of the 'A' division which decided the winner. I extend my congratulations to St. Andrew's House boys for winning the soccer shield. Some brilliant performances were given by Harsh, Rohit, Islam, Kunal, A. Bara, Sankalp, Amit, Anurag & Vivek.

The fun began when we took part in the Abhishek Pandey memorial inter-school football tournament. We defeated Eram Convent, Barabanki by a margin of 4-1 in the first game. A solitary goal by Anurag Tripathi saw us through the semifinals where we defeated HAL college. Fine team-work and some individual brilliance, helped us in defeating Colvin Talukedars College by a huge margin of 6-0 to win the championship. The main scorers were Harsh, Rohit, Amit, Anurag and A. Bara. Our goal keeper Rajdeep was just marvellous.

In the next game, we were leading 2-0 against BSNV College, but had to withdraw from the championship because of sub-standard refereeing. We again went to Barabanki, but were disappointed to lose the game in a nail-biting finish.

Next came the most awaited game. The Past Vs Present match. Sadly, it turned out to be a one-sided affair as we simply outclassed our seniors and we won 5-1. Anurag, Sankalp, Harsh & Rohit scored the goals.

In the end, I would like to thank our P.T.I Mr. N. Vig & Mr. R. Yadav for their unending support & guidance.

I personally thank Mr. N. Vig for polishing my talent.

I would also like to thank my friends for helping me on and off the field.

College Team:

Harsh Agrawal (Captain), Rohit Singh, Islam Haider, Kunal Sharma, A. Bara, Amit Tripathi, Sankalp Shah, Dheeraj, Yogesh Tulsiani, Sumit Kumar, Ashish Saigal, Rajdeep Bhargava, Anurag Tripathi, Shubham Katiyar, Praveer Gupta, Prateek Chandra and Vivek Kotwal.

**Harsh Agrawal
Soccer Captain**



"The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do".

— Walter Bagehot

It's not true that nice guys finish last. Nice guys are winners before the game ever starts.

— Addison Walker

Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.

— Will Rogers

A man who is master of patience is master of everything else.

— George Savile



Mrs. D. Albert
Nur. A



Miss. G. Holmes
Nur. B



Mrs. R. Phillips
Nur. C



Miss. N.
Serpis
Nur. D



Mrs. B. Singh
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K.G. B



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K.G. C



Miss. V. Phillips
K.G. D



Mrs. B. Serrao
IA



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I B**



**Miss. S.
Benedict
I C**



**Miss. R. Bunny
I D**



Mrs. I. Hill
II A



Mrs. D. Fonseca
II B



Mrs. S. Nath
II C



**Mrs. I.
D'Souza
II D**



**Mrs. R.
Franklin
III A**



**Mrs. M.
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III B**



Mrs. A. Tewari
III C



Mrs. V. David
III D



Mrs. C. Fanthome
IVA



Mrs. S. Khan
IV B



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Mrs. Z. Singh
IV D



Mr. C. Viegas
VA



Mrs. H. Freitas
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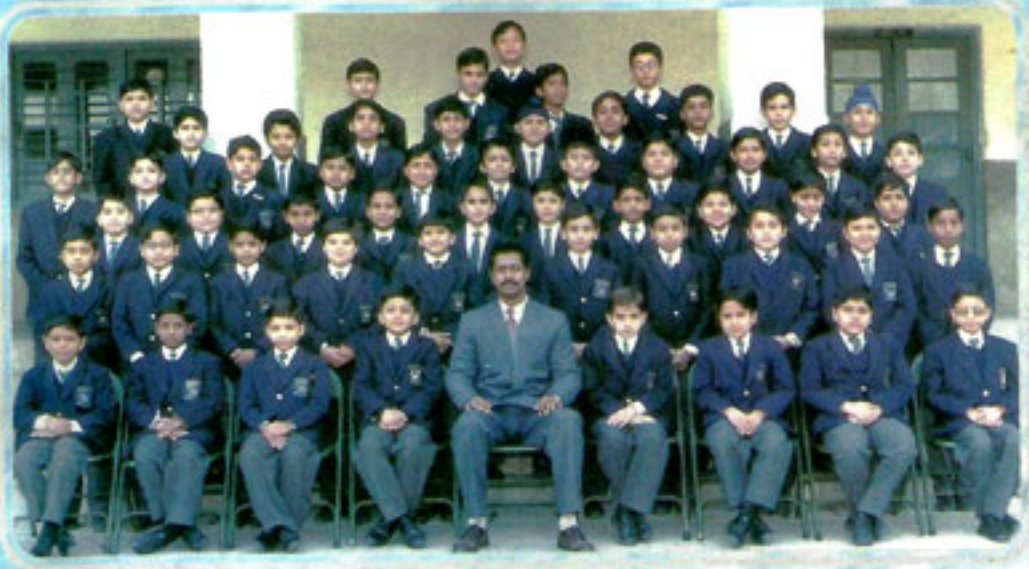
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VI A**



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VI B**



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VII C**



**Miss. I.
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VII D**



Mrs. R. Kumar
VIII A



Mrs. R. Jackson
VIII B



Mr. S. Srivastava
VIII C



**Mrs. A.
Agarwal
VIII D**



**Mrs. R.
Duggal
IX A**



**Mrs. S. J.
Mitchell
IX B**



Mrs. I. Mukherjee
IX C



Mrs. J. Nagranee
IX D



Miss. P. Khan
X A



**Mr. P.
Bhargava
X B**



**Mr. D.
Jackson
X C**



**Mr. P. E.
Radcliffe
X D**



**Mr. Rajiv Kumar
XI A**



**Mr. N. Bose
XI B**



**Mr. Sanjay Singh
XI C**



**Mr. T.
Sawhney
XII A**



**Mr. S. N.
Saxena
XII B**



**Mrs. K. Nagar
XII C**



Chronicle

College Chronicle 1999-2000

- 5th April, 99:** A staff meeting was held in the old concert hall. The inaugural meeting was held for chalking out a tentative examination schedule for the academic session. New staff members were introduced. Mr. S. Daniel, Mr. A.M. Morrison, Mr. Brian D'More, Mrs. M. Khan joined the teaching staff. Welcome to them all.
- 6th April, 99:** Academic session (1999-2000) begins. *"The old order changeth giving place to new"*.
- 10th April, 99:** Investiture ceremony of the College Captain and House Captains was the highlight of the day. The Chief guest at the Annual Prize Distribution function was Mr. K.L. Gupta D.G.P. His august presence and keen foresight bristled through the entire programme. Indeed, he is a man of action. He remarked about St. Francis College's high standard. He instigated the boys to uplift the ideals of St. Francis' and to adopt them in life. He was also critical about the degeneration that has set in society. The pragmatic alumnus of St. Francis' has carved a niche for himself in his respective field.

The following shall be the office bearers:

College Captain	:	Abhishek Bhattacharya	XII B
St George's House			
Captain	:	Rohit Singh	XII B
Vice Captain	:	Islam Haider	XII B
St. Andrew's House			
Captain	:	Shiv Bahadur Singh	XII B
Vice Captain	:	Vivek Kotwal	XI
St. Patrick's House			
Captain	:	Harsh Agarwal	XII C
Vice Captain	:	Tushar Mudgal	XII A
St. Francis' House			
Captain	:	Gaurav Agarwal	XII B
Vice Captain	:	Nishant Langar	XII C

Prefects:

XI C

Gaurav Mahendru
Samarth Agarwal
Jitesh Dhawan

XII A

Satyam Chauhan
Ashish Kar
Kshitij Mohan

XII B

Saif Rizvi
Aayush Puri
Kartik Mudaliar



House Captains & Vice Captains with Principal & Vice Principal



College Prefects

17th April, 99: St. Francis' College defeated Maharishi Vidya Mandir Kanpur Road, Lucknow in the first Avinash Chaturvedi Inter School Cricket tournament by 199 runs (30 overs). St. Francis' team scored 242 runs for eight while Maharishi Vidya Mandir, Kanpur Road, was all out for 41 runs.

19th April, 99: Inter House Football 'C' Division

- (i) St George's House versus St. Andrew's House
- (ii) St. Patrick's House versus St. Francis' House

21st April, 99: Brother Clive Mendoca leaves for Pune for his further ecclesiastical studies.

Inter House Football 'B' Division

- (i) St. Francis vs. St. Andrew's
Result - St. Francis' beat St. Andrew's House 1-0.
- (ii) St. Patrick's House vs. St. George's House
Result - St. George's beat St. Patrick's 1-0.

In the Inter School Table Tennis Tournament St. Francis' College beat City Montessori School, Rajajipuram 3-0

22nd April, 99: In Inter House Football 'B' Division Final St. Francis' House beat St. George's House 1-0.

St. Andrew's House and St. Patrick's House were in the third and fourth place respectively. St. Andrew's House beat St. Patrick's House 3-1.

St. Francis' College lost to Mahanagar Boys' College 0-3 in the semi-final Match of Interschool Table Tennis Tournament.

23rd April, 99: Inter House Football 'A' Division begins.

- i) St George's House Vs St. Francis' House
Result St - George's beat St. Francis 1-0.
- ii) St Andrew's House Vs. St. Patrick's
Result - St. Andrew's beat St. Patrick's 1-0.

24th April, 99: English Elocution Group III for classes VI to VIII. The best elocutionist in class VI was Aniket Dabas of St. George's House (He scored 127 points).

Best elocutionist in class VII was Karan Verma (127 points) of St. Andrew's House.

Best elocutionist among class VIII participants was Rahul Goel (127 points) of St. Andrew's House.

The judges for the event were –

- 1) Mrs N. Narain (St. Francis' staff)
- 2) Mrs K. Nagar (St. Francis' staff)
- 3) Mrs. S. Philips (Cathedral school)

Inter House Football 'A' Division. In the Final Match St. Andrew's House scored 4-2 over St. George's House.

At the Third and Fourth Position were St. Patrick's and St. Francis' House. (2-0).

The final result was as follows. The shield being won by winner House.

First	St. Andrew's House
Second	St. George's House
Third	St. Francis' House
Fourth	St. Patrick's House.

27th April, 99: In the first Avinash Chaturvedi Memorial Cricket Tournament St. Francis' College beat Central School, Aliganj by 21 runs. Sarfrazul Haq was the most outstanding player. He scored 79 runs and took 3 wickets for 4 runs. His batting prowess was amply acclaimed by the media as well.

28th April, 99: The staff members gathered in the old Concert Hall to bid farewell to Vice Principal Fr. Dennis D'Souza who proceeds to Mankapur I.T. College in Gonda as the Principal.

Fr. Clifford Lobo is welcomed, as the new Vice Principal of St. Francis' College.



29th April, 99: Inter school and College Badminton begins. St. Francis team is represented by

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|----------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Rohit Singh | 3. Arvind Misra (ex-student) |
| 2. Saif Rizvi | 4. Peter Fanthome (ex-student) |

Also, Inter House Badminton 'C' Division begins.

1st May, 99: National Mathematics Olympiad contest results have been declared (held in Winters of 1998). Vipul Singh of X A and Siddharth Asthana of X C are awarded medals for securing 90% marks.

Worker's Day Celebration after College hours. Games (Party) were organised for them. A small entertainment programme by class XII boys. Eatables and prizes were a part of the celebration. Fr. Peter D'Souza, our Principal, expressed his gratitude towards each one of them.

St. Francis' College beat Colvin College by 43 runs in the 1st Avinash Chaturvedi Memorial Cricket Tournament. Among the Franciscans Manu Gupta was the most outstanding player having scored 56 runs.

3rd May, 99: The school timings change, the school starts at 6.30 a.m. and gets over at 10.30 a.m. It is a follow-up of the District Magistrate's orders.

St. Francis' College lost in the semi-Final of the Cricket Tournament to Lucknow Public School, Rajajipuram by 5 wickets. 'B' Division Badminton tournament begins.

4th May, 99: At the Prize Distribution Function of First Avinash Chaturvedi Memorial Cricket Tournament S.M. Sarfrazul Haq was declared the best All-rounder of the tournament and was awarded a scholarship of Rs. 300/- per month for one year. Congratulations Sarfrazul

5th May, 99: Inter House Badminton 'A' Division begins. In the Final Kush Srivastava (St. Francis' House) will play S. Rizvi (George's House)

9th May, 99: Summer Vacation begins. National Talent Search Test held for the boys who had applied for the competitive Exam.

13th May, 99: Staff excursion, the trip included 33 staff members and the Principal who toured Darjeeling, Kalimpong and Gangtok.



Staff Members in Gangtok (Sikkim)



Staff Tour to Darjeeling

23rd May, 99: I.S.C. results for 1999. Kamal Kumar Khubani secured the highest 93% in the College. Amol Kumar Agarwal was second with 92.7% and Vipin Agarwal third with 91.7%. In all 4 boys got 90% and above and 44 boys secured 80% and above marks.

27th May, 99: I.C.S.E. result for the year 1999 was declared. Mudit Johari with 94.8% was at the top of the ladder. Salahuddin Ahmad secured 94.6% and Ankit Gupta 94%. 74 Boys of the College secured 80% and above.

2nd July, 99: Staff orientation programme from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sr. Anita from Varanasi was at the helm of affairs. Her innovative drills and self enhancing write ups and skits could electrify even the most inert minds.

3rd July, 99: The second day at the staff orientation programme. We learnt a lot in these two days. To put it succinctly – "You can't do things differently unless you see things differently" Sister Anita made us 'see' things differently.

5th July, 99: College reopens after the summer holidays. At the College Assembly emphasis was laid on the following things:

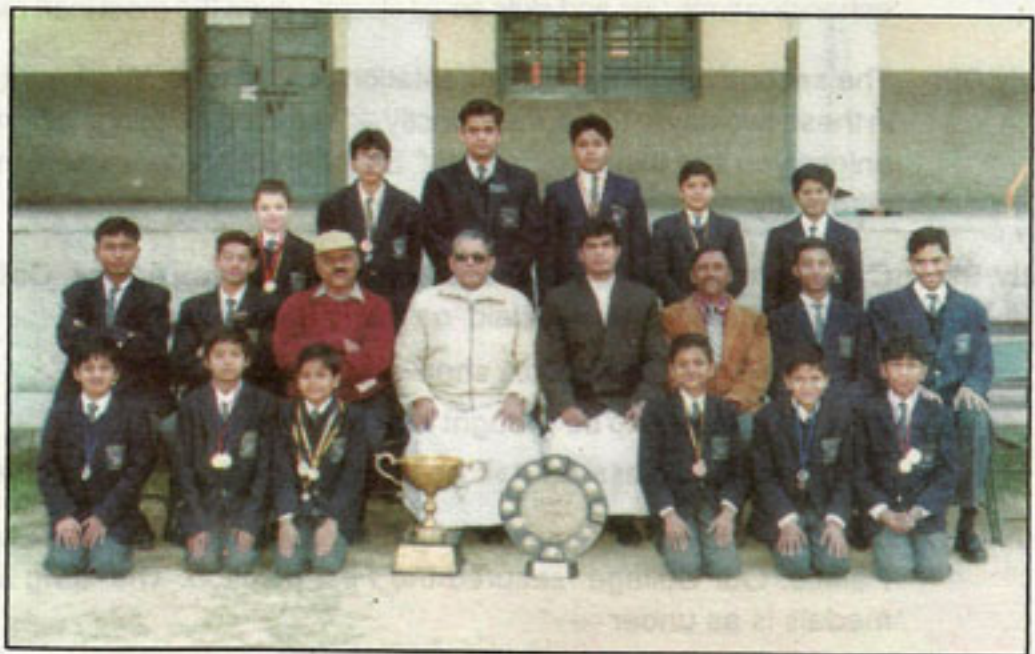
- a) The College premises should be kept neat and tidy.
- b) No footballs to be brought to school.
- c) Detention class for half an hour, after school for late comers.

10-11th July, 99: A district level swimming competition was held at Hotel Seema Palace. Our College secured the First position. The long list of medals is as under :-

<i>Name</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Medals</i>
1. Rohit Singh	16 Years and above	2 Gold, 2 Silver, 2 Bronze
2. Shariq Naseem	12-16 years	1 Gold, 3 Silver, 2 Bronze
3. Shashank Bhargava	12-16 years	1 Gold, 3 Silver, 2 Bronze
4. Ashutosh Nautiyal	8-12 years	2 Silver
5. Vaibhav Chaturvedi	12-16 years	1 Bronze
6. Vaibhav Prasad	8-12 years	4 Bronze
7. Satyam C. Wahal	8-12 years	2 Silver

8.	Jemie V. Krishna	5-8 years	3 Gold, 1 Bronze
9.	Mirshab M Rabbani	5-8 years	1 Gold, 1 Bronze
10.	Varun Agarwal	5-8 years	2 Silver
11.	Anchint Saxena	5-8 years	1 Bronze
12.	Tushar Gupta	5-8 years	1 Bronze
13.	Mohd. Haris	5-8 years	1 Bronze

College Team of Rohit Singh, Shariq, Shashank and Vaibhav bagged the First Prize in the Relay event. The team bagged the overall Champions Shield for the year 1999-2000.



Swimming Team

15th July, 99: Children's Education Trust of India, New Delhi had conducted an All India Talent Search Examination in September 1998. At this competition Rameen Khan (VI B), of St. Francis' College was identified as a 'Distinguished' Child' among the children of his age-group, all India wise. The Examination was conducted at three levels (Groups) for classes VI, VII and VIII respectively.

Inter-House Badminton A, B, & C division Final:

'A' Division :

Kush Srivastava (St. Francis' House) was the winner and Saif Rizvi (St. Andrew's House) was the Runner-up.

'B' Division:

A. Puri (St. Andrew's) was the winner and
K. Aditya (St. Francis') was the Runner up.

'C' Division :

Srinivas (St. George's House) was the winner and
A. Prakash (St. Andrew's House) was the Runner-up.

17th July, 99: In the Coca-Cola contest the slogans of the following boys left an impact on the Judges:

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| 1. | Abhinav Jain | XA |
| 2. | Mohit Pandey | XA |
| 3. | Vipul Singh | XA |
| 4. | Anish Balakrishnan | XIA |
| 5. | Abhinav Saxena | XIA |

The winners coveted the Limca Book of Records, a key ring and a pen stand each. Congratulations!

19th July, 99: In the open Badminton Senior Championship Rohit Singh (St. Andrew's House) and Saif Rizvi (St. George's House) won the First and Runner up prize respectively.

20th July, 99: Y. Chamber (St. George's House) was the winner and A. Prakash of St. Andrew's House was the Runner-up in the Open Badminton for Junior Category.

22nd July, 99: In the Abhishek Pandey Memorial Inter College State Football tournament at Barabanki our College football team beat Eram Convent 4-0 in the Quarter Finals.



College Football Team

23rd July, 99: The college team was victorious once again in the semi-final match with HAL school, Lucknow. A solitary goal was scored by Anurag Tripathi. St. Francis' College team shall meet Colvin College in the Final.

23-24 July, 99: Three of our students represented the Junior State Judo Championship held at Allahabad on 23rd and 24th July'99. Manas Roy (VIII B) bagged the gold Medal and was adjudged the best Judoka of the tournament. Mohit Bhargava (XI-C) bagged the Bronze Medal and Anuj Kumar Sharma bagged the fifth place in the tournament. He was placed Third in below 65 Kg category. At the P.A.C. Battalion, Junior Brown Belt Exam, the boys passed out with excellent grades.

26th July, 99: In the Inter House Table Tennis 'C' Division, T Hazaria (St. Francis' House) was the Individual Champion and V. Arora (St. George's House) was the Runner-up.

27th July, 99: In Inter-House Table Tennis 'B' Division Rahul Gupta (St. Francis' House) was the winner and T. Hazari (St. Francis' House) was the Runner-up.

28th July, 99: In the Inter-House Table-Tennis 'A' Division, Kush Srivastava (St. Francis' House) was the winner and A. Agarwal (St. Andrew's House) was the Runner-up.

30th July, 99: The Winner of the Junior Table Tennis Open was T. Hazari (St. Francis' House) and the Runner -up was P. Areeb (St. Patrick's House)

31st July, 99: At the Senior Table Tennis Open the winner was Kush Srivastava (St. Francis' House) and Runner up was Rahul Gupta (St. Francis' House)

4th Aug. 99: In the Open Basketball final St. Patrick's House beat St. Francis' House 18-9 to lift the Basket Ball shield.

In the second match for the 3rd and 4th position St. George's House beat St. Andrew's House by 16 points to 12.

Basket ball shield position:-

First	St. Patrick's House
Second	St. Francis' House
Third	St. George's House
Fourth	St. Andrew's House

8th Aug. 99: An Examination for UPTEC scholarship was held in which the following boys proved their mettle and were declared eligible for the scholarship later on:

Kartik Mudaliar	XII B
Siddharth Gupta	XII B
Tushar Pandey	XII C
Tarun Kumar Arora	XII C
Kumar Aditya	XI B
Ankit Gupta	XI A

7-13th Aug. 99: First Quarterly Examination

15th Aug. 99: The Independence Day was celebrated with the ceremonial Flag Hoisting preceded by the March Past by the NCC boys. The chief guest was Dr. Sushil K. Gattani (Awadh Hospital).

The function was followed by Tea .

22nd Aug. 99: Maharshi Bhattacharya of VI A won the consolation Prize in the Art Competition.

23rd Aug. 99: It was a new dawn for Thomas Jacob who was pursued by journalists one after the other. The Time Magazine issue of this date carried the success story of T. Jacob whose Essay on 'The Most Important Personality of the Twentieth Century' on Adolf Hitler was adjudged the second best from the multitude of entries received from all over the globe. 'Good Morning India' on Star Plus channel had the entire essay read out by Thomas Jacob.

27th Aug. 99: The boys of St. Francis' listened all rapt to the Prize winning essay which had received applause from all quarters. Congratulations Thomas Jacob!

30th Aug. 99: Answer scripts of the First Quarterly Examination were shown to the boys.

3-5th Sept. 99: In the category of above 15 years of age the U.P. Judo Association organised the Judo bouts at the Green Park stadium, Kanpur. Manas Roy proved his superiority by striking gold. Mohit claimed the third position for himself in the open category, whereas Anuj Kumar Sharma (X B) secured the fourth place in below 65 Kg event.

4th Sept. 99: Teachers' Day was celebrated. A short skit, a parody on Ram and Sita of modern times followed by songs and Tabla recital by the students. It was a proud moment for Ma'am I. Menezes whose sincere services to the institution were acknowledged as the Lucknow Diocese conferred on her its maiden award for being the best teacher. She was awarded a silver plaque in commendation of her selfless service by Father Peter D'Souza, our Principal, after Tea in the Old Concert Hall. We are proud of you. Congratulations!



Ms. I. Menezes receiving the 'Best Teachers' Award' from the Principal

5th Sept. 99:



Service done with dedication, discipline and devotion brings satisfaction and honour in one's life. Mr. S N . Saxena, the Head - Master, who spent thirty-six years of his life in grooming the boys, was felicitated and honoured by the Rotary Club Lucknow Rajdhani and the Inner Wheel Club Lucknow Rajdhani on the Teacher's Day at Darbar Hall of Arif Castle for his valuable contribution in the field of

education. Congratulations!

11th Sept. 99: Parent-Teacher Meeting from 7.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m.

12th Sept. 99: A computer Quiz was organised by the Rotary Club, Lucknow. Tushar Pandey (XII C) and Salil Das (XI A) bagged the second prize in the event.

Bilal Usmani bagged the third prize and Rishi Mehra secured the consolation prize at the Inter School English Debate organised by the Rotary Club.

14th Sept. 99: At the assembly we maintained a minute of silence to join with the United Nations in support of the International Day of Peace. This day we visualise a world of peace and justice for all who share our beautiful planet.

After that Thomas Jacob read out to the assembly his essay on *"The Most Important Personality of the Twentieth Century"*. The essay recaptured that moment in history which is full of the gory detail of Nazi regime. The brutal massacre or genocide cannot be obliterated with time. Thus the bloody chapter should close, we should turn a new leaf and shun warfare and war-crimes!

15th Sept. 99: Inter House Hindi Elocution contest was held from 8.30 a.m. onwards for classes VI, VII and VIII. Among the competitors of class VI, Anchit Rastogi took the first prize. Shariq Nadeem of Class VII was adjudged best; Both the boys were from St. Andrew's House.

Among Class VIII boys Arpit Agnihotri of St. Patrick's House was the best. Our special thanks to the honourable judges for the contest:

1. Mrs. S. Roberts - St Agnes' Day School
2. Mrs. K. Mehrotra - St. Teresa's School
3. Mrs. M. Khan - Cathedral School

16th Sept. 99: An international Computer Fair and Seminar was held at the City Montessori School auditorium at Gomti Nagar. COFAS (16-18 Sept.)

In the college section the following boys represented the college:

Siddharth Singh	12 A
Satyam Chauhan	12 A
Pravir Kumar Gupta	11 A
Kabir Nagranee	11 C

In Softeck, Pravir and Kabir won the first prize. These soft-ware programmers won the Champion of Champions Award due to an excellent performance. The prize which they brought home was a computer Intel Celeron 366. Overall three trophies were awarded, one to Kabir and Pravir each.

In the school section too the boys participated in events like Cartoon making (Aditya Mukherjee); Createk and Collage. Rajat Sen Gupta; Quiz whiz kid (Rahul Sawhney and Siddharth Sinha).

Rajat Sen Gupta won the second-prize. He was awarded a trophy and a certificate.

17th Sept. 99: In the match for the 3rd and 4th position in St. Francis' College Open Volley Ball. St. George's House beat St. Francis' House 15/8, 15/6. The shield position was as follows—

St. Patrick's House	First
St. Andrew's House	Second
St. George's House	Third
St. Francis' House	Fourth

In the Inter House English Elocution contest for senior sections the results were as under:-

IX & X	i)	Vaibhav Saxena (St. Patrick's House)	IX D 124 points	First
	ii)	Divyam Jauhari (St. George's House)	X B 111 points	Second
	iii)	Indresh Chawla (St. Andrew's House)	IX D 109 points.	Third
XI & XII	i)	Abhishek Bhattacharya (St. Patrick's House)	135 points	First
	ii)	Shwetank Verma (St. Francis' House)	130 points	Second
	iii)	Sankalp Shah (St. Andrew's House)	119 points	Third

Congratulation boys !

The reverend judges were Mrs. A. Banerji from Loreto Convent, Mrs. D. Fig from Christ Church College and Mrs. S. Das Gupta from La Martiniere (Girls' School) Thank you all !

18th Sept. 99: The Junior section boys turned to school quite immaculately dressed as they have both the Individual as well as the Group elocution in English today.

The following boys of classes II and III were declared the winners in Individual category:

Pallav Grover	II D] First
Akshay Arora	III A	
Raghav Kapoor	II C] Second
Anchit Pandey		
Siddharth Tandon	II B] Third
Sarim Ali Ansari	III D	

The Group recitation prizes were bagged by the following classes amongst the different sections of classes II and III

Prize Winners amongst Class II :

First	Class II D
Second	Class II B & II C
Third	Class II A

Prize winners in Class III :

First	Class III B
Second	Class III A
Third	Class III D

The Judges were:

Miss I. Menezes	(St. Francis' College)
Mrs P. Jonathan	(Loreto Convent)
Mrs. M. Bunny	(Cathedral School-retired)

We extend our sincere thanks to them for having spared their valuable time.

Fantasies Extravaganza'99 was unleashed at Kaiserbagh; in this cultural festival the Franciscans were quite the trail blazers. Rishi Mehra was adjudged Second in Just A Minute.

In Creative Writing Thomas Jacob (XII A) bagged the Second prize for the essay, 'Destiny Rules the world.'

In Collage the team comprising of Sankalp Mathur (XII B) and Ankit Gupta (XI B) won the First prize.

19th Sept. 99: On the second day at the FANTASIES EXTRAVAGANZA, the St. Francis' College boys scintillated again in the various events. In western Music solo Piyush Bhargava of XII A got the Second prize.

In Indian Music Group we got the First prize.

In choreography, too, the college group bagged the FIRST prize.

Participation certificates were given to the boys in the various events.

English Debate - Shwetank Verma, Kshitij Mohan

Just A Minute - Bilal Usmani.

Indian Music solo - Anshul Chaudhary and the Western group boys too.

21st Sept. 99: The oratorical skills of our debators are brushed up in the competitive arenas.

In the Inter-House English Debate the following boys proved their superiority:

<i>Classes IX and X</i>		House : Points
Shubham Ashok	First	(St. Francis' 133)
Pritish Mukherjee	Second	(St. Francis', 124)
Rachit Agarwal	Third	(St. Patrick's, 116)

Classes XI & XII

Shashwat Yadav	First	(St. Patrick's 125)
Kshitij Mohan	Second	(St. Francis' 120)
Shivam Ranjan	Third	(St. George's 113)

The Judges for the contest were:

Dr. P. Muttoo	-	Lucknow University
Mrs. Saroj Anand	-	Lucknow University
Miss Shilpa Mehra	-	H.T. Sub Editor

The result of the Inter House Hindi Elouction Contest (Senior) was as follows:

IX and X

First	Shubam Sinha	(St. Patrick's)
Second	Shubham Ashok	(St. Francis')
	and Indresh Chawla	(St. Andrew's)

Third	Uphar Shukla and Amit Sharma	(St. Francis') (St. George's)
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XI and XII

First	Abhishek Bhattacharya	(St. Patrick's) 124 points
Second	Ashish Jain	(St. Andrew's) 118 points
Third	Shinu Gupta	(St. George's) 116 points

The judges deserve our special thanks for having spared time for us:

1. Dr. R. Yadav - Christ Church College
2. Mrs. M. Dubey - Cathedral School
3. Ms. Neelu Misra - St. Teresa Day School

25th Sept. 99: Different section of Class I participated in Group recitation:

First	ID
Second	IB
Third	IA

In the individual recitation:

First	Dhruv Saxena	IB
Second	Satnik Misra	IA
Third	Saurish Kar	ID
Fourth	Vaibhav Sethi	IC

The judges for the event were –

- i) Mrs Jonathan - Loreto Convent
- ii) Miss Fanthome - Loreto Convent
- iii) Mrs. Edwards - Ex. St. Francis' Staff

26th Sept. 99: At a Model Display Competition held at the CDRI Ashish Jain, Amal Pandya of XI C won the FIRST prize. They won a trophy and a certificate for their model of DNA structure.

Ankit Puri's essay on *'Science and its importance in Daily Life'* was placed FIRST.

In a Doordarshan Quiz Competition Shwetank Verma of XI A and Saif Rizvi of 12 C won the SECOND PRIZE. Well done, Boys!

29th Sept. 99: Under the National Talent Search Scheme (Test conducted in May, 1999; and interview was held in August/September 1999), The National Council of Educational Research and Training awarded a scholarship to each of these successful candidates –

Ankit Gupta	XI A
Ashish Jain	XI C
Kumar Aditya	XI B

Congratulations ! May this be one of the several milestones of success in future! "(You) have many miles to go...!"

Another noteworthy stride was taken by a team of a dozen boys when they participated in a sports Quiz for Doordarshan.

30th Sept. 99: Our thoughts were sombre as we expressed our solidarity on the Christians observing Peace Day today. Our day started by observing five minutes silence. We express deep grief and sense of loss on the ghastly murders of Dr. Doss and missionary Staines. The special assembly was addressed by Fr. P. D'Souza. May peace reign supreme in our hearts!

On Account of the NCC Camp, "Twenty-eight students of class IX including me represented our college and the N.C.C. Air wing at the Annual N.C.C. Training Camp. Under the guidance of our N.C.C. officer, Mr. Yadav, we went to the Army Parade ground where the camp was set up from 21st September to 30th September 1999."

(Reported by Mayank Pandey)

1st Oct. 99: The day heralds the week-long celebration on the occasion of Patrons' Day on October 4. The rain played spoil sport although. The Past versus Present students Cricket Match was washed out due to rain.

4th Oct. 99: On this day in 1226 God called St. Francis to his eternal reward. On October 4, on our Patron Saint's Day, the College Chapel reverberated with the Concelebrated service of the Holy Mass at 7.30 a.m. in which Bishop Albert D'Souza was the main celebrant.



Inauguration of S.U.P.W., Art & Craft Exhibition



Teachers awarded for full attendance



S.U.P.W. Exhibition

The Craft Exhibition (Junior and Senior Section) was inaugurated by this Excellency Albert D'Souza. Different groups of electronics, handicrafts, paintings and miscellaneous were exhibited in the Old Concert Hall. The rest of the literary activity groups and Food craft groups dotted the senior classrooms and the corridors. The exhibition was on till 2 p.m.

In the Past students vs. Present students Football Match the present students beat the College Alumni by 4-1.

5th Oct. 99: In the Past versus Present Volleyball the Present students emerged victorious again. The old seem to have lost their sheen. They're no game as they've been out of practise too long!

6th Oct. 99: At the Inter-House Quiz Competition the results were as follows.

<i>Group I</i>	:	(Classes 6 to 8)
First	:	St. George's House
Second :	:	St. Francis' House
<i>Group II</i>	:	(Classes 9 to 12)
First	:	St. Francis' House
Second	:	St. Patrick's House
Third	:	St. George's House

At Extravaganza'99 at St. Dominic's College Rishi Mehra (XI C) and Abhishek Bhattacharya lifted the team trophy for Hindi debate and won the First Prize.

7th Oct. 99: In the UPTEC Talent Search Scholarship Examination'99, the following students were declared successful. They shall be awarded a scholarship of Rs. 200/- per month. Cheques were handed over to these boys in the assembly:

1.	Ankit Gupta	XI
2.	Kumar Aditya	XI
3.	Tushar Pandey	XII
4.	Siddharth Gupta	XII
5.	Tarun Arora	XII

8th Oct. 99: Classes IV and V had a splendid display of their recitation skill. The elocution contest was both for individual as well as Group recitation.

In the Individual slot for Class IV the result was as follows:

First	–	Nirsab Rabbani	(IV B)
Second	–	Mayur Sah	(IV A)
Third	–	Vatsal Khanna	(IV D)

Group Recitation for Class IV result:

First	Class IV B
Second	Class IV A
Third	Class IV D

<i>Class V</i>		<i>Individual Elocution Contest.</i>	
First	Karan Mehrotra	VA	
Second	Nikhil Bilani	VD	
Third	Satwik Dube	VB and	
	Umar Mujeeb	VC	

Class V Group Recitation:

First	Class V D 'The Enchanted Shirt'
Second	Class V A 'The Common Cold'
Third	Class V B 'The Old Man and His Wife'.

The judges for the Competition were:

Miss Lewis, Mr. J. Jackson and Mrs M. Lobo

Perseverance pays. In the Past vs. Present Badminton the Past students beat the present students by 4 matches to 1. Better late than never! At last they make the mark!

Cross Roads'99, the mega activity-packed cultural fest is the brainchild of Old Franciscans (OFA). In Hindi Debate College Section (8:30 a.m.) the First prize was bagged by Rishi Mehra and the Second Prize went to Abhishek Bhattacharya. The Team Trophy was won by St. Francis College. Well done Rishi and Abhishek!

In the Hindi Debate (School Section, 8.30 a.m.) the third prize was won by Shubham Sinha.

In Choreography, College Section, the same day at 2.00 p.m. the third prize was won by our boys.

9th Oct. 99: First Prize in Quinturdles, College Section was won by Bilal Usmani. The team trophy was won by Abhishek Bhattacharya and Bilal Usmani. In Group Indian Music, School Section, the boys won the second prize.

10th Oct. 99: In the Quiz (College Section) the third Prize was bagged by Shwetank Verma and Abir Seth.

In Creative Writing, College Section, Thomas Jacob won the First Prize.

In the Quiz, School Section, Shubham Ashok was declared First.

In Painting competition, College section, Manish Balakrishnan won the Second Prize.

11th Oct. 99: The symphony scene was splendid due to the singing prowess of the boys, in Indian Music (College Section) the scene was stolen by St. Francis' College boys.

First in solo was Anshul Chaudhary

Second in solo was Piyush Bhargava.

Third prize in Group category - St. Francis. The Team Trophy was collected by St. Francis College. Kudos. You must be as happy as lark !

12th Oct. 99: Laurels were won even in Western Music (College section).

First in instrumental was A Bara.

Third in solo was Piyush Bhargava

In Group, the St. Francis' Group was First.

13th Oct. 99: The Prize Distribution took place at St. Francis' College at 4 p.m. St. Francis' College won the Runners up Trophy. Salil Das was awarded a special prize for making a website on the College. All good things come to a pleasant end.

14th Oct. 99: In the Final Match of Inter-House Hockey St. George's House beat St. Andrew's House 3-1.

The third and fourth position went to St. Francis' House and St. Patrick's House respectively.

16th Oct. 99: School closes for Dussehra holidays till 21st October, 99. Rishi Mehra won the Third prize in the Debate competition and a cash prize of Rs. 750/- on the occasion of World Food Day, organised by the Department of Food and Civil Supplies.

17th Oct. 99: The Catholic leaders engaged in education came together for greater Coordination and exchange of ideas under the aegis of All India Association of Catholic Schools Convention.

In the inaugural session Dr. Banwarilal Sharma and Fr. T.K. John addressed the gathering.

20th Oct. 99: The concluding Liturgy (Cathedral) and the valedictory session was held at St. Francis College. The XXXIII National Convention of

AINACS with the theme "Christian Education and Religious Nationalism" came to a close.

The vote of thanks was given by Fr. M.C. George.

23rd Oct. 99: Open Inter House Marathon was held. The results are as follows:

First	Abhinav Misra	(St. Andrew's) Timing 31.38 mts.
Second	Rohit Singh	(St. George's)
Third	Rahul Gupta	(St. Francis')

For the Marathon shield the House positions were as follows:

St. Andrew's House	First
St. George's House	Second
St. Francis' House	Third
St. Patrick's House	Fourth

St. Andrew's House won the Marathon shield. Cheerio, it was a Herculean task!

25th Oct. 99: A special guest had arrived. Mr. Anthony Spaeth, senior writer Time Magazine, accompanied by Mr. Shahid Khan of Apple Computers. Thomas Jacob won for himself an i Mac OS 8.6 system from Apple Computers who sponsored the prize for the International Essay contest.

The essays were judged on their ingenuity, sincerity and writing style. Mr. Spaeth revealed that other write-ups seemed virtual rewrites done by eager parents or teachers. Mr. Spaeth, along with novelist Geeta Hariharan was among the judges of the contest. The contest was part of Time's "millennium thing" and Thomas Jacob's lines struck the chord: It was Adolf Hitler "As a person singularly responsible for shaping the destiny of the world in this century... a century eclipsed by his pure evil".

So now nothing can eclipse the writing talent of young Thomas. We are proud of you, Thomas Jacob. Success is the sweet reward of sincere and the ambitious.

27th Oct. 99: The result of the Inter House Hindi Debate which was held this day was as follows:

Classes IX and X

First	:	Yash Mohan	-	St. Andrew's House
Second	:	Shubham Sinha	-	St. Patrick's House
Third	:	Iraj Hussain	-	St. Francis' House

Classes XI and XII

First		Rishi Mehra	-	St Patrick's House & Abhishek Bhattacharya
Second	:	Shardool Tewari	-	St. George's House & Abhishek Sharma
Third	:	Umar Mushir	-	St. Francis' House

The Judges on the occasion were:-

- i) Mrs. S. Anand (Lucknow University)
- ii) Dr. Yadav (Christ Church College)
- iii) Mrs. M. Kandpal (St. Francis' College)

29th Oct. 99: A camp was organised for Judo between 29th October and 1st November at stadium in Agra. In below 65 Kg weight, Anuj Kumar Sharma secured the fourth place. Manas Roy was fourth in the open.

30th Oct. 99: Inter House Cricket Match for the third and fourth position. St. Patrick's House beat St. Andrew's House by 16 runs.

31st Oct. 99: Inter House, Final Cricket Match between St. Francis' House and St. George's House. St. Francis' House triumphed over St. George's House by 37 runs.

1st Nov. 99: Inter House Athletics 'C' Division Long Jump.

First	Shikhar	(St. Patrick's) 14 ft 4"
Second	Sunny Sapra	(St. Andrew's)
Third	Adreesh Roy	(St. Andrew's)

"B" Division Long Jump

First	A. Nabi	(St. George's) 16 Ft 11"
Second	A. Puri	(St. Andrew's)
Third	Rahul Gupta	(St. Francis')

'A' Division Long Jump

First	Islam Haider	(St. George's) 18 ft 10"
Second	S.B. Singh	(St. Andrew's)
Third	A. Bara	(St. Patrick's)

2nd Nov. 99: Inter House Athletics - Hop, Step and Jump

'C' Division

First	S. Sinha	(St. George's) 29 ft 7½
Second	A. Gupta	(St. Patrick's)
Third	Sunny	(St. Andrew's)

'B' Division

First	A. Nabi	(St. George's) 3 ft 1, 2
Second	A. Puri	(St. Andrew's)
Third	Jagmeet	(St. Andrew's)

'A' Division

First	S.B. Singh	(St. Andrew's) 37 ft. 2"
Second	A. Tripathi	(St. George's)
Third	A. Bara	(St. Patrick's)

3rd Nov. 99: A literary festival was organised by the Literary Club of St. Agnes Loreto Day school.

Harsh Mathur and Amit Sharma of XC collected the Third prize in Collage.

In 'What's the Good Word' Sudeep Tandon (X B) and Abhishek Mehra (X C) bagged the Second prize. In Elomime our team of IX D secured the Second prize.

Team : Pritish Mukherjee, Vaibhav Saxena, Rachit Kapoor, Vidhu Shekhar, Madhav Chaturvedi and Indresh Chawla.

Back home in High Jump 'C' Division a new College record was set by Shekhar (St. Patrick's House) by scaling 5 ft 2". He broke the old College record of P. Agarwal made in the year 1985. The results were as follows:

First	Shekhar	(St. Patrick's House)
Second	Divjot Singh	(St. Patrick's House)
Third	V. Malhotra	(St. George's House)

High Jump 'B' Division:

First	S. Khan	(St. George's House)
Second	Jagmeet	(St. Andrew's House)
Third	R. Sawhney	(St. George's House)

High Jump 'A' 4 ft. 10"

First	Islam Haider	(St. George's House)
Second	S.B. Singh	(St. Andrew's House)
Third	R. Singh	(St. George's House)

4th Nov. 99: Discus Throw

'A Division

First	S. Prakash	(St. George's)	84 ft 21"
Second	A. Tripathi	(St. George's)	
Third	K. Sharma	(St. Patrick's)	

'B' Division:

First	A Pereira	(St. Francis')	93 ft
Second	Jagmeet	(St. Andrew's)	
Third	A. Banerjee	(St. George's)	

5th Nov. 99: 'A' Division shot put

First	Kunal Sharma	(St. Patrick's) Distance 42 ft 4"
Second	Gaurav Kant	(St. Francis')
Third	S. Prakash	(St. George's)

'B' Division Shot put

First	M. Khanna	(St. Francis') Distance 32 ft 8"
Second	Robin	(St. George's)
Third	Jagmeet	(St. Andrew's)

The tiny tots of Nursery and Kinder Garten had their elocution:

Prize-winners among the four sections of Nursery and K.G. were as follows

Individual Recitation

First	Karan Saxena	(Nur. A)
	Arundhit Groti	(K.G. A)

Second	Prannay Deep	(Nur. B.)
	Kunal Bhargava	(Nur. D)
	Varun Tandon	(K.G.B.)
Third	Fiazan Hussain	(Nur. C)
	Marc Nath	(K.G. C.)
	Shubham Rai	(K.G.D.)

In the Group Recitation the following sections secured the first three positions-

First	Nursery C	K.G. C
Second	Nursery A	K.G. A
Third	Nursery B	K.G. B

At the MICFEST'99 at the Mahanagar Boy's Inter College Shobhit Mohan (S.F.C.) bagged the First prize in Quiz.

12th Nov. 99: Inter House Athletics 800 metres.

Result 'C' Division

1st	A. Gupta	(St. Patrick's) 2 Min 53 sec.
2nd	V. Mehrotra	(St. George's)
3rd	K. Kidwai	(St. George's)

Result 'B' Division

1st	Jagmeet Singh	(St. Andrew's) 2 Min 35 sec.
2nd	Rahul Gupta	(St. Francis')
3rd	A. Nabi	(St. George's)

Result 'A' Division:

1st	Rohit Singh	(St. George's) 2 min 23 sec.
2nd	Ankit Bhargava	(St. Andrew's)
3rd	S. Bhargava	(St. Patrick's)

13th Nov. 99: The younger children (Junior Block) had their Fancy Dress show in the old Concert Hall.

The Senior boys had a musical treat when they were entertained by a medly of instrumental recital, songs and a short parody (skit). The boys relished an ice cream each after the cultural programme. After all, it was the Children's Day's Celebration !

18th Nov. 99: Inter House Athletics, 1500 Meters Open

First	Rohit Singh	(St. George's)
Second	Shariq Naseem	(St. Andrew's)
Third	Abhinav Misra	(St. Andrew's)

Pulse Polio Rally flagged off from St. Francis' College. The N.C.C. Cadets and SUPW groups were accompanied by a few teachers.

Kartik Mudaliar of our College leaves for Los Angeles as his website was selected for Think Quest International Challenge. The contest was conducted by Advanced Network and Services (U.S.A.).

The Website was designed on Mahatma Gandhi by Kartik Mudaliar (XII B) and his team Farhan Ahmad, an ex-student of St. Francis' College (now at Singapore) and Kumar Gaurav (Singapore). The website "The Man The Mahatma" was among the first five in Art and Literature Category from all over the world to be considered for Winners and Runner up Trophies in the Challenge Round.

19th Nov. 99: Half Yearly Examination of Dictation, Moral Science, General Knowledge and Art.

Elsewhere, on arrival at Los Angeles Kartik Mudaliar attended the International Food Festival and Group Activity with Einstein.

20th Nov. 99: Written Examination for classes 7 and 8.

At Los Angeles judging of the Websites and the Carnival Night for the College participant - Kartik!

21st Nov. 99: Kartik was engaged in the Universal Studios Night and the Hollywood tour.

22nd Nov. 99: Describing the website to High School students by Kartik's team at Los Angeles and the Awards ceremony. Wow! Kartik Mudaliar and his team did us proud by winning the second Runners up in the Art and Literature Category. The team members - each was awarded a scholarship worth 5000 U.S. dollars. Congratulations, its time for celebration.

At St. Francis' College the Half Yearly Examination begin for all the classes.

25th Nov. 99: The Winner - Kartik arrives at Lucknow.

27th Nov. 99: At the Corpus Christ procession Bishop Albert carried the Monstrance. The procession ended with the Benediction of the Blessed sacrament. Feast was attended by a large number of clergy, religious and the faithful at St. Francis' College Campus.

4th Dec. 99: The Half Yearly Examination is over.

8th Dec. 99: The clergy and the laity of the Diocese of Lucknow participated in the prayer service and thanksgiving on the occasion of the Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of our Bishop, Rt. Rev. Albert D'Souza, Frs. Robert Pinto and Paul Rodrigues.

14th Dec. 99: Answer scripts were shown to the students of class III to XII during College hours.

17th Dec. 99: Christmas Dinner for staff.

18th Dec. 99: Christmas holidays begin.





3rd Jan. 2000: The school reopened after the Winter Break. School timings being 7.55 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

4th Jan. 2000: College timings altered. College to start at 8.55 a.m. to 2 p.m.

5-12 Jan. 2000: College closes again due to District Administration's orders due to excessive cold.

8th Jan. 2000: Aptitude test for classes 11 & 12 in Computer for free computer education.

10th Jan. 2000: Shaqib Rizvi of XI passes away due to Meningitis. A very sad moment for the school fraternity and the people he was close to. A tearful adieu.

13th Jan. 2000: School reopens. Again the next day, i.e. 14th is a holiday.

15th Jan. 2000: The school resumed teaching. We revert back to the old timings i.e. 7.55 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

18th Jan. 2000: Photographs of Senior section.

19th Jan. 2000: Photographs of Junior section

20th Jan. 2000: The photographs of the office bearers including the staff photograph was taken.

All the N.C.C. Cadets of Classes VIII and IX were taken to the Army Parade Grounds, Cantt, for shooting.

26th Jan. 2000: After the general assembly our reverend Principal Father Peter D' Souza addressed the boys. He gave an introductory speech on our chief guest, on the Republic Day. Dr. A.K. Rastogi has been an eminent citizen of Lucknow. Dr. Rastogi is a multi faceted personality. In the capacity of a senior research scholar, he has had as many 75 papers presented in different symposia after joining the CDRI. He is a well known face due to his long cherished role in 'Udaan' a television serial.

Dr. Rastogi's Republic Day address was rather an exhortion to the boys to follow a healthy living style. It is the time of holistic treatment and genetic engineering.

Omar Mushir, a student, addressed the gathering in Hindi.. His call was – "कटी वेड़ियाँ और हथकड़ियाँ..... नक्षत्रों से होड़ लगाओ।"

Abhishek Bhattacharya, the College Captain, quoted Emerson - All sorts of things and weather must be taken together. Like all patriots he dreams of India reaching the Zenith of its glory.

The Staff versus Boys friendly Cricket Match was played in which the boys beat the staff team by seven wickets.

29th Jan. 2000: Under the auspices of the Diocese St. Francis' hosted various Junior students' inter school activities.

Elocution, Music both Indian and western were the events of the day.

31st Jan. 2000: In the Diocesan G.K. Quiz the First Prize was bagged by Satvik Dubey and Abdul of Class V.

2nd Feb. 2000: Choreography.

5th Feb. 2000: At the Annual Sports and P.T. Display, Dr. Yogendra Narain (I.A.S.) Chief Secretary, Government of U.P. was the invited Chief guest. He could not keep the appointment due to an over - stretched schedule, hence Mr. Sanjay Agarwal, the District Magistrate, presided over the function as the Chief guest. Bishop elected Fr. G. Mathias gave away the prizes.

The proceedings were conducted by Mr. D. Jackson and Mrs. S.J. Mitchell.

In the 100 Metres 'A' Division.

First	-	I. Haider	(St. George's)
Second	-	S.B. Singh	(St. Andrew's)
Third	-	Anurag Tripathi	(St. Patrick's)

200 Metres 'A' Division

First	Islam Haider	(G) 26 seconds
Second	S.B. Singh	
Third	Anurag Tripathi	

100 Metres 'B' Division

First	Ahsan Nabi	(St. George's)
Second	Airy Bhargava	(St. Francis')
Third	Amarpreet Singh	(St. Patrick's)

200 Metres 'B' Division:

First	Nilesh Trikha	(St. George's)
Second	Jagmeet Singh	(St. Andrew's)
Third	Rahul Gupta	(St. Francis')

100 Metres 'C' Division:

First	Adreesh Roy	(St. Andrew's)
Second	A. Gupta	(St. Patrick's)
Third	V Malhotra	(St. George's)

200 Metres 'C' Division:

First	S. Sinha	(St. George's)
Second	V. Malhotra	(St. George's)
Third	Adreesh Roy	(St. Andrew's)

Inter House Relay 'A' Division

First	-	St. George's House
Second	-	St. Andrew's House
Third	-	St. Patrick's House

Inter House Relay 'B' Division

First	-	St. Francis' House
Second	-	St. Andrew's House
Third	-	St. George's House



Inter House Relay 'C' Division

- First - St. George's House
- Second - St. Andrew's House
- Third - St. Patrick's House

Invitation Open Relay Race

- First - St. Francis' College
- Second - St. Dominic Savio College

Athletic Championship

- 'A' Division : Islam Haider (G)
- 'B' Division : Jagmeet Singh (A)
- 'C' Division : A Gupta (P)

**Best All Round Student for Yogendra Narain cup -
Kartik Mudaliar XII**

**Best All Round Student Junior for Harry Sealy Cup -
Satwik Dubey of V B**

**Father Alfred Cup for the sportsman of the year 1999-2000 -
Rohit Singh.**

Tug-O-War Cake - St. Patrick's House.



Tug O War

Captain Fernandes Table Tennis Cup -

St. Francis' House

Sanjay Dhawan Cricket -

St. Francis' House

Rohit Gurwara Memorial Badminton -

St. George's House.

Harrison Loyal Memorial Athletics -

St. George's House.

Joe Parker Memorial Shield for March Past -

St. Patrick's House.

12th Feb. 2000: Farewell to the students of Class XII.

6-16th March 2000: Final Examination 2000.

20 March 2000: Although a Saturday it was a full day working as the Answer Scripts were shown to the students of Class III to XI

31 March 2000: Children came to collect their report cards at 9 a.m.

"The year's at spring.

*God is in His heaven
And all's right with the world"*

(Browning)

The year has come to a close. We try to evaluate our achievements. Each day and each experience makes us more mature. We thank God for all his blessings. We should count our days by our blessings. The unsuccessful ones should be more determined to conquer the peak they failed to climb and the successful ones should set their sights at the new peaks to conquer.

Let us move on with courage, faith, love and determination. Life is not all about winning, it is also about how you play the game. Our morals and our character should be untainted; We should stand tall in the face of difficulties.

I hope the children of St. Francis' will always stand tall and proudly proclaim that they belong here.

Mrs. A Zutshi

Glimpses of Annual Sports & P.T. Display



Tiny Tots of
Nursery & K.G.



The College
Gymnasts



Mass P.T.
Classes IX & XI



**D.M. Addressing
the Students**

**Fantasy of Colours
Class I & II**



**Lazium Drill
Class VII & VIII**



Winners of
Inter House Relay
'A' Division with
Bishop G. Mathias



Winners of
200 meter A Division
with Rev. Sr. Celine
Principal, Loreto Convent



Marathon Shield
St. Andrew's House



Winners of
200 meter' C' Division
with Fr. Vincent Nazareth
Principal, St. Dominic



Cricket Trophy
St. Francis' House



Cock House
St. George House



अनुक्रमिका

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सम्पादकीय

“द फ्रॉसिसकन” की इस पत्रिका में आपका स्वागत है। हमें आशा है कि अपने प्रयासों तथा आपके सहयोग से हम पत्रिका का संपादक सुचारु रूप से करने में सफल हो सके।

कॉलेज पत्रिका ने सदैव अच्छी सामग्री पाठकों तक पहुँचाने का प्रयास किया है। लेखन एक क्रम है जो अनाप्रत चलता रहना चाहिये। आप अलग-अलग विषयों पर अपनी रचनायें सम्पादकों को प्रेषित कर सके जिसके परिणामस्वरूप यह पत्रिका आपकी अन्तर्मुखी प्रतिभा को मुखर करने का साधन बन सकी। अपने विद्यार्थी जीवन में आपके सम्मुख यह स्वर्णिम अवसर प्रति वर्ष आता रहेगा अतः आपको इसका लाभ उठाना चाहिये। भावी जीवन में यह एक मधुर स्मृति बनकर आपके किसी कोने को प्रकाशित करती रहेगी तथा इसके माध्यम से आप अपने अध्ययनकाल के जीवन में दोबारा झाँक सकेंगे।

इन रचनाओं में इन छात्रों के सूक्ष्म एवं सजग जीवन, रुचि, अरुचि, स्वीकृति एवं शैक्षिक योग्यता की एक व्यापक छाप अंकित है। इस प्रकार हमने सेन्ट फ्रॉसिस कॉलेज के छात्रों के विचारों को पाठकों तक पहुँचाने का प्रयत्न किया है।

जिन किशोर एवं अबोध बालकों ने अपनी रचनायें प्रकाशनार्थ प्रेषित की हैं, उनके प्रति हम आभार प्रकट करते हैं तथा भविष्य में प्रकाशन हेतु रचनायें एवं विचार-आमन्त्रित करते हैं।

आशा है कि आप इन रचनाओं को पढ़कर आनंद का अनुभव करेंगे तथा अधिक से अधिक संख्या में अपनी मौलिक रचनाओं के योगदान द्वारा “द फ्रॉसिसकन” को सदा सफल बनायेंगे।

धन्यवाद।

जेमर मुशीर

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हे ईश्वर....



हे ईश्वर.....

अपनो से दूर हो जाऊँ, ऐसी हस्ती मत देना।

तेरी भक्ति में आँच आये, ऐसी परीक्षा मत लेना।।

मित्र शत्रु बन जायें, ऐसा समय मत दिखलाना।

किसी के काम न आर्यें, ऐसी शिक्षा मत सिखलाना।।

सत्य का साथ दे सकूँ, मुझे ऐसी शक्ति देना।

पाप-पुण्य का भेद कर सकूँ, मुझे ऐसी दृष्टि देना।।

मानवता का भला कर सकूँ, वर ऐसा मुझे देना।

हर मनुष्य को तेरे पथ पर लाऊँ, बल ऐसा मुझे देना।।

लालच से मन मैला न हो, हे प्रभु, तू रखना ध्यान।

भटके हुए को राह दिखलाऊँ, देकर उसको सच्चा ज्ञान।।

सबके दुख हर सकूँ, हृदय ऐसा मुझे देना।

सुख में भी तुझे याद करूँ, मन ऐसा मुझे देना।।

एक सुंदर संसार रच पाऊँ, ऐसी कल्पना मुझे देना।

तेरे दर्शन कर पाऊँ, ऐसे स्वप्न मुझे देना।।

अडिग रहूँगा अपने पथ पर, प्रलय आये या आये विपदा।

बस इच्छा यही कि पाऊँ, तुझे पास अपने सर्वदा।।

अभिषेक भट्टचार्या

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जीवन का सत्य

एक बार सम्राट अकबर ने अपने दरबार के रत्न बीरबल से जीवन की सत्यता पर प्रकाश डालने को कहा। इस पर बीरबल ने सम्राट को एक कथन सुनाया—

एक बार एक गरीब लकड़हारे से भूल से एक मतवाले हाथी पर प्रहार हो गया। हाथी चोट की घात से और भी आक्रमक मुद्रा में आ गया और लकड़हारे का वध करने उसके पीछे भागा।

यह देखकर लकड़हारा अपनी जान बचाने के लिये एक कुएँ में रस्सी के सहारे लटक गया। परन्तु कुएँ के तल में मृत्यु उसका इंतजार कर रही थी। एक मगरमच्छ उसे खाने के लिये अपना मुँह खोले हुए था। ऊपर मतवाला हाथी, नीचे मगर और बीच में लकड़हारा।

तभी उस लकड़हारे की रस्सी को एक काले व सफेद रंग के चूहे ने कुतरना आरम्भ कर दिया।

बीरबल यह कहते हुये रुक गये और बोले "महाराज जो हाथी कुएँ के बाहर खड़ा था वह 'काल' है, जो मगर उसकी घात लगाये बैठा था वह 'मृत्यु' है। वह जिस रस्सी पर लटका था वह उसका 'जीवन' है। वह जो काले व सफेद चूहे हैं वह दिन और रात है। उसका उस रस्सी पर निरन्तर लटके रहना उसका कर्म है और अपने आप को बचाना उसका कर्तव्य है और उस समय अपने ईश्वर को याद करना उसका धर्म।

यह कहकर बीरबल शान्त हो गये क्योंकि सम्राट को जीवन का सत्य मालूम हो गया था।

तनमय श्रीवास्तव

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छोटा बच्चा

मैं छोटा सा बच्चा हूँ
घर में सबसे अच्छा हूँ
पिता का मैं दुलारा हूँ
माँ को भी प्यारा हूँ
दीदी का मैं भाई हूँ
खाता दूध मलाई हूँ
मेहनत कर के पढ़ता हूँ
नहीं किसी से लड़ता हूँ।



मृत्युंजय दीप सिंह

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भारत बनाम इंडिया

१५ अगस्त सन् १९४७ को भारतवर्ष के दो हिस्से कर दिये गये थे, भारत और पाकिस्तान। यह बंटवारा अंग्रेजों ने किया। इसके बाद यहाँ के नेताओं ने भारतवर्ष को फिर दो हिस्सों में बाँट दिया। एक का नाम भारत और दूसरे का नाम इंडिया। इंडिया शहरों का समूह है और भारत गाँवों का झुंड। देश के नेता इंडिया के बेटे थे, अतः उन्होंने इंडिया की प्रगति के लिए बहुत कुछ किया। उन्होंने भारत की उन्नति पर ज़रा भी ध्यान नहीं दिया। इंडिया आगे बढ़ता गया और भारत पिछड़ता गया। कहते हैं इस देश में लोकतंत्र है। यदि लोकतंत्र यहाँ है तो यहाँ बहुमत का शासन क्यों नहीं है। गाँवों के हाथ में शासन की बागडोर क्यों नहीं है। यहाँ तो बहुमत पर अल्पमत का शासन चल रहा है।

गाँवों की वकालत करने वाले एक ही व्यक्ति थे, परन्तु उन्हें गोली मारकर एक किनारे कर दिया गया। इस तरह पंद्रह अगस्त उन्नीस सौ सैंतालिस को जो भू-खण्ड आजाद हुआ, वह इंडिया था भारत नहीं। भारत तो आज भी गुलाम है। हमें इंडिया वालों ने मिलकर कैसा उल्लू बनाया, बना रहे हैं और बनायेंगे। क्या यह सब हम नहीं जानते? हम सब जानते हैं। हम यह भी जानते हैं कि देश की सारी दौलत पर उनका ही अधिकार है जो शहरों में रहते हैं। यह राष्ट्र लगता है कि केवल शहरों का है, शहरों के लिए है और गाँव वाले मात्र उनके सेवक हैं। जब नेताओं को वोट की जरूरत पड़ती है तो उन्हें गाँव और गाँव के लोग याद आते हैं। जब लोगों को भूख सताती है तो उन्हें खेत और फसलों की याद आती है। मगर हमारे नेता आज भी यह नहीं समझ रहे हैं कि गाँव के लोग अभी तमाशा देख रहे हैं, शायद आप भी समझ रहे हैं कि गाँव के लोग मूर्ख हैं और आराम से बैठकर तमाशा देख रहे हैं मगर यह समझना चाहिये कि जो बड़े धैर्य से सब कुछ देखता है और जब वह खुद ही तमाशा दिखाना शुरू कर देता है तो बड़े बड़े तमाशा करने वालों की भी छुट्टी हो जाती है।

पंद्रह अगस्त उन्नीस सौ सैंतालीस को यह देश अंग्रेजों के चंगुल से मुक्त हुआ था तो महात्मा गाँधी कलकत्ता में थे। गाँधी जी के भक्त दिल्ली में बैठ कर जश्न मना रहे थे और महात्मा गाँधी बंगाल में फौली साम्प्रदायिक आग को शांत करने के लिए अपनी जान लड़ा रहे थे। उस दिन जब नेताओं ने उनसे वरदान माँगा तो उन्होंने कहा "शक्ति पतन की ओर ले जाती है। शक्ति से सदा सावधान रहियेगा। शक्ति के साथ जो रौब व रूतबा आता है, उसके शिकन्जे में कभी न फँसियेगा। याद रखियेगा, आप लोगों को शासन की बागडोर इस लिए सौंपी गयी है कि आप उस गरीब आदमी की सेवा करें जो देहात में बैठा है। मगर गाँधी जी के भक्त सब कुछ भूल गये और उन्होंने गाँधी जी की अस्थियों के साथ उनके सिद्धान्तों को भारत की पवित्र नदियों में सदा सर्वदा के लिए बहा दिया।

भारत बनाम इण्डिया का चित्रण निम्नलिखित पंक्तियों में स्पष्ट होता है—

लूली लंगड़ी आजादी ने अब तक हमको दिया है क्या?
 सिगरेट जैसी टाँगे दे दी, नशे के बल पर खड़ा किया।
 हिन्दुस्तान को तोड़ दिया— इण्डिया—भारत बना दिया।
 निर्दोषों का लहू बहाकर कितने भ्रष्ट चुनाव दिये।
 बेईमानी को इज्जत—दौलत, मेहनत कशों को झोली दी।
 गद्दारों को ताज दे दिया, खुद्दारों को गोली दी।
 भारत गया भूमि के अंदर, भ्रष्ट इण्डिया हमें दिया।
 खंड—खंड आवंटित करके भ्रष्ट इण्डिया हमें दिया।
 कौवों को दरबार — कचहरी, हंसों को वनवास दिया।
 गधों को ऊँचे—ऊँचे पद, घोड़ों को सन्यास दिया।



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एक सीख

पानी से भरे घड़े के ऊपर रखी हुई छोटी—सी कटोरी ने एक दिन घड़े से शिकायत की, "तुम प्रत्येक बर्तन को, चाहे वह छोटा हो या बड़ा, अपने शीतल जल से भर देते हो किसी को भी खाली नहीं लौटाते, परन्तु मुझे कभी नहीं भरते, जब कि मैं सदा तुम्हारे सिर पर ही रहती हूँ और दूसरे सब बर्तन मेरे नीचे रहते हैं। इतना पक्षपात तो तुम्हें शोभा नहीं देता।"

घड़े ने शान्त स्वर में उत्तर दिया, "इसमें पक्षपात की कोई बात नहीं। अन्य सब बर्तन मेरे पास आकर झुकते हैं, जिसे मैं उन्हें अपने शीतल जल से भर देता हूँ, परन्तु तुम तो कभी झुकती नहीं, गर्व में चूर हमेशा मेरे सिर पर सवार रहती हो इसलिये मैं तुम्हें नहीं भर पाता। यदि तुम भी नम्रता से जरा झुकना सीखो तो तुम भी खाली नहीं रहोगी। नम्रता से ही महानता प्राप्त होती है।"

मानस मेहरोत्रा

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अंक '9' का चमत्कार

१. अगर आपके पास वर्ग निकालने वाली संख्या में सिर्फ '9' अंक हो जैसे '999', '9999' आदि तो उसका वर्ग निकालने के लिए इस कम का अनुसरण करें:-

- i). जितने अंक संख्या में हो उनसे एक कम '9' लिखें।
- ii). एक आठ '8' लिखें।
- iii). जितने '9' लिखें हों उतने ही '0' लिखें।
- iv). एक '1' लिखें।

उदाहरण:-

$$(999)^2 = \underline{998001}$$

$$(9999)^2 = \underline{99980001}$$



२. एक दृष्टि 9 के पहाड़े पर भी डालिए। पहले 0 से 9 तक अंक एक के नीचे एक लिखते जाइए फिर उसके सामने 9 से 0 तक लिखिए। 9 का पहाड़ा तैयार है।

09	0+9=9
18	1+8=9
27	2+7=9
36	3+6=9
45	4+5=9
54	5+4=9
63	6+3=9
72	7+2=9
81	8+1=9
90	9+0=9

हर बार दोनों अंकों का योग 9 होगा।

3. किसी भी संख्या को 9 से गुणा करिए, सभी अंकों का योग 9 ही होगा।

उदाहरण:-

$$9 \times 4 = 36 \quad (3 + 6 = 9)$$

$$9 \times 256 = 2304 \quad (2 + 3 + 0 + 4 = 9)$$

$$9 \times 2568 = 23112 \quad (2 + 3 + 1 + 1 + 2 = 9)$$

4. अब एक दृष्टि जरा निम्नलिखित गुणनफलों भी डाल लीजिए।

$$1 \times 9 = 9$$

$$9 = 9$$

$$12 \times 9 = 108$$

$$1 + 0 + 8 = 9$$

$$123 \times 9 = 1107$$

$$1 + 1 + 0 + 7 = 9$$

$$1234 \times 9 = 11106$$

$$1 + 1 + 1 + 0 + 6 = 9$$

$$12345 \times 9 = 111105$$

$$1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 0 + 5 = 9$$

$$123456 \times 9 = 1111104$$

$$1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 0 + 4 = 9$$

$$1234567 \times 9 = 11111103$$

$$1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 0 + 3 = 9$$

$$12345678 \times 9 = 111111102$$

$$1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 0 + 2 = 9$$

$$123456789 \times 9 = 1111111101$$

$$1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 0 + 1 = 9$$

प्रत्येक स्थिति में योग '9' ही होगा।

उदभव, नितिन, अभिषेक

'६' '८'



क्रिकेट तो देखना ही था



क्रिकेट देखने का चस्का था पुराना,
और उस दिन इंडिया आस्ट्रेलिया का मैच भी था आना।

उस दिन मुझे नींद नहीं आ रही थी,
माता से होने वाली डिबेट सता रही थी।

मुझे क्रिकेट देखने का शौक है,
पर माता का भी खौफ है।

फिर भी मैंने रात भर बहस के प्वाइंट बनाए थे,
बार बार मन ही मन सब दोहराए थे।

सुबह मेरे कान में धिल्लाने की आवाज पड़ी,
जान गया मैं कि मेरे अरमानों की अर्थी थी निकल पड़ी।

मन ही मन मैंने प्वाइंट रिवाइज़ किए,
बोलने और एक्टिंग के सारे अदांज सुपरवाइज़ किए।

पिताजी से गठबन्धन का सोचना बेकार था,
रविवार को उठाना उन पर अत्याचार था।

फिर मैंने डरते डरते उन्हें उठाया
उन्होंने अपना डरा हुआ चेहरा मेरी तरफ घुमाया

डरते डरते मैंने पूछा पापा यह क्या हाल बनाया है,
जवाब मिला बेटा तेरा डैडी आज डॉट खाकर आया है।

समझ गया मैं यहाँ भी वही केस था,
पापा के जल्दी उठने का भी वही बेस था।

मान गया मैं कि पापा मुझ से एक कदम आगे थे,
तब ही तो मेरी माता के साथ वे जागे थे।

मुस्कुराते हुए उन्होंने यह ऐलान किया,
बेटा मैंने मर मर के भी तेरा काम किया।

यह सुनकर उनके प्रति भक्ति भाव का सैलाब उमड़ पड़ा,
 खैर यह सब मैंने साईड में छोड़ा, पहले मैं टी. वी. की तरफ लपक पड़ा।
 टी.वी. खोलते ही कानों में जाने पहचाना स्वर पड़ा,
 तभी वार्न की बाल पर एक लम्बा छक्का था पड़ा।
 उसके बाद क्या रुकना था गेंदबाजों को पिटना था,
 और हमारे सचिन भाई को गागूली के साथ टिकना था।

वो मैच क्या हुआ-हुआ,
 आस्ट्रेलिया हो गई धुआँ-धुआँ।
 आस्ट्रेलिया में फाईटिंग स्पिरिट अच्छी थी,
 पर हमारे सामने वो एक बच्ची थी।

इसलिए हमने उसे बच्ची की तरह खिलाया,
 ढाई घण्टे की बैटिंग को तीन घण्टे चलाया।



उस दिन सचिन भाई को स्टेज पर कुछ देर ज्यादा रुकना पड़ा,
 पिछली बार मिली थी एस्ट्रा, इस बार शास्त्री मरसडीज था लिए खड़ा।
 भले ही अजहर भाई ने, उस दिन रन दो ही बनाए थे,
 पर ट्राफी लेने के लिए, मुस्कुराते हुए वे आए थे।
 मैच खत्म होते-होते फिर कानों में एक आवाज आई,
 उठ जा बदतमीज अब तो शाम होने को आई।

इसी आवाज के साथ साथ किया टी. वी. और कलम को बन्द,
 क्योंकि यारों यही है हमारी कविता का अन्त।

शिनू गुप्ता ११ 'अ'

शुभम् डालमियाँ ११ 'स'

दूध का जला, छाँछ भी फूँक-फूँक कर पीता है

अगर आप दस कार चालकों से एक-एक करके पूछें, तो आप पायेंगे कि उनमें से आठ के पास चालक प्रमाणपत्र (Driving Licence) होंगे। इन आठ को आप कक्ष में ले जाकर इनकी परीक्षा लें तो यह उनके लिये एक सजा की तरह होगा क्योंकि शायद ही इनमें से किसी ने यातायात नियमों तथा वाहन-चालन नियमों की परीक्षा से यह प्रमाण-पत्र प्राप्त किया हो। इन्होंने यह प्रमाण-पत्र किसी एजेन्ट के माध्यम से ही बनवाये होंगे।

अब हम बात करते हैं तरह-तरह के वाहन चालकों की। यह चालक सड़क यातायात के लिये एक समस्या है और वाहन चलाते समय खतरनाक सिद्ध हो सकते हैं।

ओवरटेक-

कुछ चालक ऐसे होते हैं जो किसी और द्वारा ओवरटेक किये जाने पर बहुत बुरा मान जाते हैं। किसी के पीछे चलना इनकी शान के खिलाफ है। जिस वाहन ने इन्हें ओवरटेक किया है उसको ओवरटेक करना इनकी सर्वोच्च प्राथमिकता है। इनकी इस आदत के कारण दुर्घटना का भय सदा लगा रहता है।

सामने न देखने वाले चालक-

कुछ चालकों को सामने देखकर वाहन चलाने की आदत नहीं होती है। पाँच सेकेण्ड से अधिक समय के लिये वे सामने नहीं देख सकते हैं। ऐसे चालकों को उनकी चोटों तथा खरोचों से पटी गाड़ियों से पहचाना जा सकता है।

रेस -

तीसरे प्रकार के चालक वे होते हैं जिनका जीवन एक रेस की भाँति होता है। गैराज से गाड़ी निकालेंगे या पार्किंग स्थल से बाहर आयेंगे तो, बहुत अधिक रफतार से। ऐसे चालक दूसरों की तथा स्वयं की सुरक्षा पर प्रश्न चिह्न लगा देते हैं।

सम्पत्ति-

चौथे किस्म के वाहन चालक यह समझते हैं कि नगर की सड़कें उनकी सम्पत्ति हैं। उनके हृदय में दुपहिया वाहनों तथा पदयात्रियों के लिये कोई स्थान नहीं होता। वह सड़क को अपने खेल का मैदान समझकर बिना किसी नियम को माने (ऐसे लोगों के जीवन का पहला नियम यह है कि उन्हें सारे नियम तोड़ने हैं) बड़े मजे से वाहन चलाते हैं।

सुखद-अनुभव-

कुछ चालक उपरोक्त सभी प्रकार के चालकों से भिन्न होते हैं। इनके वाहन बिना डगमगाये तथा बिना झटका खाये आगे बढ़ते हैं। ये सामने देखकर ही चलाते हैं। इनके पीछे चलने में आप सुरक्षित हैं क्योंकि यह आने वाले खतरों से अर्थात् जब ब्रेक लगा रहे हों, या

मुड़ रहे हों तो आपको आगाह कर देते हैं। ऐसे लोगों के साथ वाहन में बैठना एक सुखद अनुभव है और ऐसा लगता है जैसे वाहन वास्तव में इनके नियंत्रण में है।

अब, हम बात करते हैं दूसरों की सुरक्षा की तथा उन तरीकों की जिनसे अन्य चालकों को कोई समस्या न हो। नगर के बाहर चलाते समय हमें ट्रकों तथा बसों से बच के चलना चाहिए। यह वाहन बहुत बड़े तथा बहुत भारी होते हैं तथा इन्हें काबू में रखना मुश्किल होता है। इन्हें ओवरटेक करते समय ध्यान रखें कि इन्हें अपनी गति एकदम से धीमी न करनी पड़े। यह कार्य अत्यन्त कठिन होता है और ऐसे में ट्रक तथा हमारा वाहन, दोनों दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हो सकते हैं।

मोटरसाइकिल तथा स्कूटर सवार अपने वाहन के 'पिकअप' के कारण अति उत्साहित होते हैं। यह लोग यहाँ वहाँ, हर जगह से अपना वाहन निकालने में सक्षम होते हैं तथा दूसरों के लिये मुसीबतें पैदा करते हैं। हमें ऐसे लोगों को बाज़ की दृष्टि से देखना चाहिए। इन्हें अपने जान की परवाह हो न हो, हमें तो सावधानी बरतनी चाहिए।

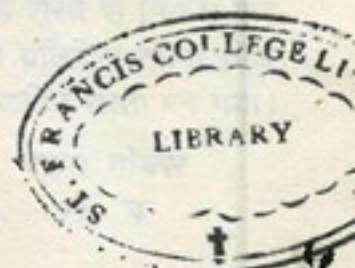
विकलांगों तथा वृद्धों के लिये तो और भी सतर्क रहना पड़ता है। इनकी सहायता करने से हमें ही आशीर्वाद मिलता है। आजकल के बच्चे वैसे तो सड़क यातायात सम्बन्धी नियमों के प्रति सजग रहते हैं परन्तु स्कूल की छुट्टी के समय बिना कहीं देखे, यह बच्चे आपके वाहन के सामने कब आ जायें, आप कह नहीं सकते। किसी भावी सचिन तेंदुलकर द्वारा मारी गयी गेंद को रोकते समय या पतंग पकड़ते समय, यह बच्चे सारे नियम भूल जाते हैं। यह ध्यान भी हमें ही रखना पड़ता है।

इनके अतिरिक्त देर रात में वाहन चलाते समय सिग्नलों का ध्यान रखना अति आवश्यक है। बरसात के मौसम में गति धीमी रखें तो बेहतर है। नशे में गाड़ी न चलायें। यह आप ही के हित में है।

मैं यह आशा करता हूँ कि पाठक इस लेख को ध्यान से पढ़ेंगे और इसमें लिखी हुई बातों पर अमल करेंगे।

निहाल कुमार

११-स



सीखो और सिखाओ

आज मेरे मन में एक भिन्न ही प्रकार का विचार आया कि क्यों न जिस शिक्षा का मैं सुख पा रहा हूँ उसको आप सब में भी बाँटूँ। अतः इन दो कहानियों द्वारा आप सब भी इसका आनन्द उठायें। कहानियाँ कुछ इस प्रकार हैं:-

एक बार एक लकड़हारा था। उसे नया-नया काम मिला था। ठेके पर काम करता था व बहुत मेहनत करता था परन्तु फिर भी सौ से अधिक पेड़ों को दिन भर में न काट पाता था। वह कितनी ही कोशिश करता पर वह ऐसा न कर पाता था।

जहाँ पर वह काम करता था, वहाँ पर उसके मालिक ने एक और लकड़हारा रख लिया। उस नये लकड़हारे ने पहले ही दिन सौ से अधिक पेड़ों को काट दिया। पुराने वाले को बहुत दुख हुआ उसने और कोशिश करनी चाही, पर नया वाला, महीने भर में उसका दुगना काम करने लगा। हार कर पुराने वाले ने नये वाले लकड़हारे से पूछ ही लिया कि वो ऐसा किस तरह कर पाता है।

नये वाले ने उत्तर दिया, " हम दोनों ही मेहनत करते हैं, उतने ही समय काम भी करते हैं, हम दोनों में समान ही बल है, पर यह अन्तर इसलिये है कि बताओ कितनी बार तुमने अपनी कुल्हाड़ी की धार तेज की?" कहानी से शिक्षा :- वास्तव में हम मेहनती तो होते हैं पर उतनी मेहनत को बराबर बनाये रखने के लिये अपने आप को प्रेरित नहीं कर पाते। किसी भी श्रम को एक बार सोच कर छोड़ देते हैं, पर बार-बार उसको दोहराते नहीं हैं और इसीलिये अपने लक्ष्य को नहीं प्राप्त कर पाते हैं।

दूसरी कहानी कुछ इस प्रकार है:- " एक बार एक किसान था, वह कुछ कीड़े लेकर बाजार की ओर जा रहा था, जिससे कि वो उनको दे कर उसके बदले में पंख ले आये। तभी उसको रास्ते में एक कीड़े खाने वाला पक्षी मिल जाता है। वो पक्षी आवाज देकर किसान को कहता है कि वो क्या ले जा रहा है। किसान उसको पूरी बात बताता है। किसान और उस पक्षी में यह बात तय हो जाती है कि किसान प्रति दिन उसको कीड़े ला कर देगा और उसके बदले में पक्षी उसको प्रतिदिन अपना एक पंख दिया करेगा। ऐसा चलता रहा एक दिन ऐसा आया कि पक्षी बिना पंखों के हो गया। अब वह बहुत कमजोर व कुरूप भी हो गया था और अपना शिकार भी नहीं कर पाता था। परन्तु किसान तो पहले की तरह प्रतिदिन बाजार जा कर पंख लाने लगा था।

अतः हर बार ही छोटा रास्ता सही नहीं हो सकता कभी-कभी बड़े रास्ते से निकल कर भी मंजिल पा सकते हैं। उस पक्षी ने तो सोचा बिना मेहनत करे मुझे प्रतिदिन खाना मिल जायेगा और यह आसान भी है, पर वही उसके लिये अत्याधिक कुरूप और कठिन रास्ता बन गया।

पराग गोयल

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जून की रात

जून की रात, में जब बत्ती चली जाती है, तो गहरी से गहरी नींद भी टूट जाती है।
 अब वे सपने फिर कभी नहीं आते हैं
 आते हैं तो मच्छर, कानों पर बैठकर बीन बजाते हैं।
 इन मच्छरों की कला का मज़ा उठा लो
 पतली चादर ओढ़कर अपने पसीने में नहा लो।
 इन मच्छरों के राग हैं कैसे-कैसे
 वायलन, सितार, सन्तूर जैसे।
 वैसे यह मच्छर भी बहुत दुष्ट हैं।
 संगीत सुनाकर भी असन्तुष्ट हैं।
 कभी-कभी तो विश्वास हो जाता है
 इनका ड्रैक्युला से जरूर कोई नाता है।
 इनका दिल मॉंगता है मोर,
 संगीत सुनाकर खून पीते हैं यह चोर।
 तब तक जब तक आती नहीं भोर।
 या हम नहीं हो जाते भाव-विभोर।
 हम कछुआ, ऑल आऊट जलाते हैं।
 और यह संगीतकार चोर भाग जाते हैं।
 दिन में कहाँ है यह राज़ होता है
 रात में कानों पर रियाज़ होता है।
 कोई संगीतकार इन्हें मुम्बई ले जाओ
 और हमारे बेचैन तन-मन को चैन पहुँचाओ।



कार्तिकेय शर्मा

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क्या तुम जानते हो?

प्राचीनकाल में धर्मगुरु कहते थे, पृथ्वी अपनी जगह पर टिकी हुई है। सूर्य पृथ्वी के चारों ओर घूमता है। जो इन बातों को नहीं मानता था उसे दंड दिया जाता था। सोलहवीं सदी में पोलैंड के एक पादरी निकोलस कोपर्निकस ने इन विचारों का विरोध किया। उसने कहा कि पृथ्वी और अन्य ग्रह सूर्य के चारों ओर घूमते हैं। चन्द्रमा पृथ्वी के चारों ओर घूमता है। उसने यह भी कहा कि कोई स्वर्गलोक नहीं है।

इससे धर्मगुरु बड़े नाराज हुए। लेकिन कोपर्निकस अपनी बात पर अड़ा रहा और उसने एक पुस्तक लिखी। बाद में महान् खगोल वैज्ञानिक ब्रूनो और गैलीलियो ने कहा कि कोपर्निकस की बातें सही हैं। तब धर्मगुरुओं की भृकुटियां तन गईं। उन्होंने गैलीलियो पर मुकदमा चलाया। ब्रूनो को जिन्दा जला दिया।

हमारे देश के और प्राचीन यूनान के विद्वानों ने पता लगा लिया था कि आकाश में सूरज, चाँद सितारे ही नहीं, ग्रह भी हैं। उन्होंने पाँच प्रमुख ग्रहों— मंगल, बुध, बृहस्पति, शुक्र और शनि को पहचान लिया था। ग्रहों के नाम देवताओं के नाम पर रखे गये। रोमन भाषा में भी इन्हीं ग्रहों के नाम उनके अपने देवताओं के नाम पर मार्स (युद्ध देवता), मर्करी (देवताओं का दूत), जूपीटर (देवताओं का राजा), वीनस (प्रेम की देवी) और सैटर्न (समय देवता) रख दिये गये।

हर्ष श्रीवास्तवा

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आश्चर्य है, कि

१. सूरज से प्लूटो 5,90,00,000 किलोमीटर दूर है।
२. मंगल ग्रह 687 दिन में सूर्य की परिक्रमा करता है।
३. प्रकाश एक सेकेंड में तीन लाख किलोमीटर चलता है।
४. पृथ्वी से सूर्य 14,95,98,000 किलोमीटर दूर है।
५. प्रोक्जिमा सेंटोरी नामक तारा पृथ्वी से सबसे नजदीक है।
६. पृथ्वी का व्यास 12,756 किलोमीटर है जबकि सूर्य का व्यास 13,92,000 किलोमीटर है।
७. सूरज पृथ्वी से 3,33,400 गुना भारी है।
८. सूरज के केन्द्र का तापमान 15 करोड़ डिग्री सेल्सियस है।

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जब भारत में इलैक्शन होते हैं

जब हवा में जोर हो और भारत में शोर हो,
तो समझो इलैक्शन है।

जब बड़े स्टेज लग जाएँ और नेता भाषण देते जाएँ,
तो समझो इलैक्शन है।



जब गलियों में भीड़ बढ़ जाए और शूद्र के घर भी खाना खाया जाए,
तो समझो इलैक्शन है।

जब वादे बड़े बड़े किए जाएँ और नेता झोली फैलायें,
तो समझो इलैक्शन है।

जब सड़कों पर जाम लग जायें और नेता अँग्रेजी हिन्दी में भाषण देने जाएँ,
तो समझो इलैक्शन है।

जब दूरदर्शन के प्रोग्राम बन्द हो जायें और समाचार आते जाएँ,
तो समझो इलैक्शन है।

जब नेता लोग स्टेज पर मुस्कुराएँ और जब वे बार बार आपके शहर में आएँ,
तो समझो इलैक्शन है।

जब गरीब के पेट में रोटी और तन पर धोती दिख जाए,
तो समझो इलैक्शन है।

जब देश में कानून व्यवस्था बढ़ जाए और मुजरिम न पकड़ा जाए,
तो समझो इलैक्शन है।

जब राम, रहीम, ईसा से ज्यादा नेताओं की पूजा होती नजर आए,
तो समझो इलैक्शन है।

अरे भईया यह इलैक्शन, इलैक्शन नहीं एक बहुत बड़ा घेरा है,
जिसने कईयों की किस्मत को फेरा है।

वोटर तो इसकी घपेट में हर बार आते हैं,
पहले पाँच साल में होते थे, अब हर साल चले आते हैं।

यह इलैक्शन तो भारत में एक फैशन है,
जिसे हर साल पूरा करना भारतीयों का ट्रेडीशन है।

नमक, तेल आदि के साथ अब इलैक्शन का भी नाम जुड़ जाएगा,
वह दिन दूर नहीं जब इलैक्शन हर दिन होता नजर आएगा।

शिनू गुप्ता

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कोयल



भोर भई और बोल उठे,
देखो पंछी मतवाले !
पर सबसे मीठी कोयल
जो सुर दे बड़े निराले !!

कुहूँ-कुहूँ कर जब,
सुर गीतो में तोले !
मीठे गाने गा-गा
कानों में मिसरी घोले !!
और अपने मधुर स्वर से
एक पुस्तक गीतों की खोले
और तरह तरह के रागों को
इन गीतों में बोलें !!

आमों की झूमती डालियों पर
फुदक-फुदक कर गाती है
और प्रातः हमारे कर्णों में,
अमृत रस भर जाती है !!

शिवाँकु मिश्र

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ऐ देश के वीर जवानों हमें है तुम पर नाज़

ऐ देश के वीर जवानों, आपको हमारा सलाम
इतिहास के स्वर्ण-अक्षरों में, लिखा जायेगा आपका नाम।

पाकिस्तान हो या कोई हमारे सामने न टिक पाता है,
हमारे जवानों के हौंसले देखकर, अचम्भित रह जाता है।

घुसपैठियों को भारत ने, मारी ऐसी मार
हाथ पाँव ढीले पड़ गये, हुई कारगिल में हार।

बटालिक में भारत ने, दिखाया ऐसा करतब
उस जोश को देखकर, भौंचक्के रह गए सब।

द्रास में भारत को करना पड़ा संघर्ष,
किन्तु जब सफलता हासिल हुई, तब खूब मनाया हर्ष।

सैनिकों की वीरता से पाकिस्तान हो गया पस्त,
भारत की गोलीबारी से, घुसपैठिये हो गए त्रस्त।

चाहे वो हो अमरीका या चीन, जो थे भारत से नाराज,
भारतवासियों का उत्साह देखकर, हुए भारत के साथ।

भाग गया हर पाकिस्तानी सुरक्षित हो गई सीमा,
इन जवानों के कारण, बढ़ी भारत की गरिमा।

भारत ने जीता कारगिल, बटालिक, और जीता द्रास,
ऐ देश के वीर जवानों, हमें है तुम पर नाज़।

अपूर्व चन्द्र अग्रवाल

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आज का नेता

बहुत भ्रष्ट है,
आज का नेता,
करता है सौ दावे,
किन्तु कुछ नहीं है देता।

जब नजदीक आते चुनाव
तब कहे हमें दो वोट,
लेकिन असल में मन में है ईर्ष्या,
नीयत में होती है खोट।

चोरी करवाना है,
बैंक लुटवाना है,
लेकिन सामने से
भोलापन जताना है।

हमारा देश भारत
जो था कभी सोने की चिड़िया,
इन खराब नेताओं के कारण
कहलाता आफत की पुड़िया।

हत्यायें करवाता है,
लोगों को धमकाता है,
बाद में रिशवत देकर,
जेल से छूट जाता है,

चुनाव जीत जाता है,
तब कुछ न कर पाता है।
बल्कि मार, डकैती चोरी,
और अधिक बढ़वाता है।

कोई समझाओं, कोई बुझाओ,
करें देश का उद्धार।
वरना देश में केवल भ्रष्टाचार ही होगा,
और गरीब देशों की गिनती में,
ऊपर भारत का नाम होगा।

अपूर्व चन्द्र अग्रवाल
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हाथ रे शायरी

हक की बात करके, आप ने हमारा दिल तोड़ दिया
कभी साथ तो दिया नहीं, बीच मझधार में ही छोड़ दिया।
कभी आऊँ आपसे मदद माँगने,
इसी ख्याल ने मेरे दिमाग को झंझोड़ दिया।।

मेरा नसीब मुझे जिंदगी के ऐसे मोड़ पर लाया,
जहाँ खुशी तो थी नहीं बस थी गमों की काली छाया।
गम तो जिंदगी में आते हैं, पर खुशी की तमन्ना है,
लगता है खुदा ने मेरे जीवन को बस गमों से सजाया।।

आपकी तालीम का मैं कैसे करूँ शुक्रिया,
अपनों ने साथ छोड़ दिया, तब गैरों ने हाथ थाम लिया।
कोई अकेला न रहे, रब से मेरी इल्तजा है,
सबको आप सा अध्यापक मिले, यही मेरी दुआ है।।

अभिष्ट निगम
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हँसिये और हँसाइये.....!

१. बेटा- पापा मेरी शादी करा दो।

पिता-मगर बेटा तुम अभी बहुत छोटे हो।

बेटा-पापा प्लीज़ !

पिता-अच्छा ! मगर किससे ?

बेटा-दादी से।

पिता-मैं तुम्हें अपनी माँ से शादी नहीं करने दूँगा।

बेटा- जब आप मेरी माँ से शादी कर सकते हैं, तो मैं आपकी माँ से शादी क्यों नहीं कर सकता।



२. पत्नी-अगर मैं मर जाऊँगी तो तुम दूसरी शादी तो नहीं करोगे ?

पति- ऐसा मत कहो ! अगर तुम मर गई तो मैं पागल हो जाऊँगा और 'वैसे भी पागल आदमी कुछ भी कर सकता है।'

३. एक बार एक आदमी अपनी बीमार पत्नी को डाक्टर के पास ले जाता है।

डाक्टर-'रै भाई, थारी पत्नी को सही होवन मे पंद्रह सौ रूपये लगेंगे।'

पति-'रै डाक्टर रैण दे पाँच सौ में तो मैं नयी ले आऊँगा।'

४. रात को पत्नी जोर से खँस रही थी। पति ने सहानुभूति प्रकट करते हुये कहा -'कल तुम्हारे गले के लिये कुछ ले आऊँगा।'

पत्नी-'हाँ ! राज ज्वेलर्स पर मैंने एक नेकलेस देखा था, वह ले आना प्लीज !'

रवि राज दयाल

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राजनेता

सत्ता के इन गलियारों में,
रक्षक आदमखोर हुए हैं।
गाँधी की खादी धारण कर,
पाप के ठेकेदार हुए हैं।

जिस जनता का बहुमत पाकर,
मुल्क-राज्य सरकार हुए हैं।
खून पिया, हत्या की उनकी,
जुल्म के सिरजनहार हुए हैं।

लोग यहाँ के भूख से बिलखें,
बिना काम बेकार हुए हैं।
वे मशगूल हैं विश्व भ्रमण में,
ठप्प सब कारोबार हुए हैं।

हम बन प्रहरी डटे हुए पर,
यह दिल से कमजोर हुए हैं।
कौन बचाये देश को जब,
सब ऐसे पहरेदार हुए हैं।

एक खुदा सबका रखवाला,
इनके रूप हजार हुए हैं।
मत चुनना लोगों फिर इनको,
जाति से यह लाचार हुए हैं।

उमर मुशीर

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ए सैनिक तुझे दुआयें हमारी



घर से अपनों से दूर,
नहीं कभी थकते हो तुम !
करते हो रक्षा हमारी,
ए सैनिक तुझे दुआयें हमारी !!

हम सब साथ तुम्हारे,
तुम्हारे प्रिय हमे दुलारे !
करते हैं तुमसे वादा,
अटल है हमारा इरादा !!

देश रक्षा प्रतिज्ञा हमारी,
ए सैनिक तुझे दुआ हमारी !!

अनमोल कुमार

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हँसिये और हँसाइये



1. अध्यापक—“एयर इण्डिया” से तुम क्या समझते हो ?
छात्र—“एयर इण्डिया” का मतलब है भारत की हवा।
2. अध्यापक— बताओ रानी लक्ष्मीबाई कब तक अंग्रेजों से लोहा लेती रही ?
छात्र— तो क्या अंग्रेज भारत में लोहा बेचने आये थे ?
3. मम्मी—राजू जाओ, बाहर खेल आओ ।
राजू— मैं नहीं जाऊँगा। अगर मैं गया तो धूप में खेलने से मेरे पेट में पड़ी वह आइसक्रीम पिघल जायेगी जो मैंने अभी-अभी खाई है।

रिषभ रस्तोगी

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चुटकुले

1. एक लेखक महोदय अपनी नई कहानी लेकर, बहुत ही मशहूर पत्रिका के सम्पादक के पास पहुँचे। सम्पादक ने उनकी कहानी को बड़े ध्यान से पढ़ा। कहानी पढ़ने के बाद सम्पादक ने बड़े ही आश्चर्यचकित होकर पूछा कि क्या यह कहानी उन्होंने ही लिखी है। लेखक महोदय ने बड़े ही गर्व से अपना सीना फुलाकर कहा— “जी हाँ, यह मेरी मूल कहानी है।” इस पर सम्पादक अपनी कुर्सी पर से खड़ा होकर लेखक महोदय से हाथ जोड़कर बोला— “तब तो मुंशी प्रेमचन्द जी, आपसे मिलकर बहुत खुशी हुई, मैं तो समझा था कि आपको मरे काफी अरसा बीत चुका है।”
2. दाँतों के दर्द से परेशान एक जज महोदय दाँतों के डाक्टर के पास पहुँचे। डाक्टर ने दाँतों का मुआइना करने के बाद उनसे कहा कि उनका एक दाँत एकदम खराब हो गया है इसलिए उसे निकालना पड़ेगा। इस पर, अपनी आदत से मजबूर, जज साहब डाक्टर से बोले— “पहले गीता पर हाथ रखकर कसम खाओ कि तुम जो कुछ भी मेरे मुँह से निकालोगे वह दाँत ही निकालोगे और दाँत के सिवा कुछ भी नहीं निकालोगे”।

3. एक बच्चे ने अपने पिता से पूछा कि कौन ज्यादा अक्लमन्द हाता है, पिता या उसका पुत्र ।
 पिता बोला— “बेशक पिता ज्यादा अक्लमन्द होता है ।”
 पुत्र— “गलत, पुत्र ज्यादा अक्लमन्द होता है”
 पिता— “पर वह कैसे?”
 पुत्र— “अच्छा आप बताइए स्टीम इन्जन का आविष्कार किसने किया था?”
 पिता— “जेम्स वॉट ने ।”
 पुत्र— “अगर पिता अक्लमन्द होते हैं तो उसका आविष्कार जेम्स वॉट के पिता ने क्यों नहीं किया ?”
4. टीचर— “तुम कक्षा में देर से क्यों आए हो? ”
 रमेश और सुरेश — “हम लोग एक महिला को सड़क पार करने में मदद कर रहे थे ।”
 टीचर— “पर उस काम में इतनी देर तो नहीं लगती है ।”
 रमेश और सुरेश— “इसी बात की तो परेशानी थी कि वह महिला सड़क पार करना ही नहीं चाहती थी ।”
5. पत्नी अपने पति से बोली — “अगर मैं आज से खाना पकाने वाले को नौकरी से निकाल दूँ और मैं ही खाना बनाऊँ तो तुम मुझे कितने पैसे दोगे?”
 पति बोला— “मुझे तुम्हें पैसे देने की जरूरत नहीं पड़ेगी क्योंकि मेरे जीवन बीमा की सारी रकम तो तुम्हें ही मिलेगी ।”
6. एक बार अध्यापक, छात्र से गुस्से में कहते हैं— “तुमने मेरा दिमाग खराब कर दिया है । कल मैं तुम्हारे पापा से कहूँगा ।”
 छात्र — “सर, पापा से नहीं, चाचाजी से मिलिये और कहिये, डाक्टर तो वे हैं ।”

स्नेहिल लाल,

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उदित पाठक

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सद्बिचार

आप क्या हैं ? हिन्दू, मुसलमान, सिक्ख, ईसाई, पारसी, जैन, बौद्ध आदि। अगर इनमें से आप केवल एक हैं तो फिर आप कुछ भी नहीं हैं, अगर इनमें से आप सब कुछ हैं तो आप एक इन्सान हैं और एक ही हिन्दू, मुसलमान, सिक्ख, ईसाई, पारसी, जैन, बौद्ध आदि हो सकते हैं। आप अपने आपको पहचानिये कि आप क्या हैं ? जिस दिन आप अपने आपको पहचान लेंगे, सम्पूर्ण मानवगण आपको परिवार दिखाई देने लगेंगे और सम्पूर्ण विश्व में आपको इन्सान ही इन्सान नजर आयेंगे, इसके अलावा कुछ नहीं।

अमित अग्रवाल

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हम भारत के वीर जवान

हम भारत के वीर जवान
हम में भी है इतनी जान।
यारों के तो यार हैं हम,
दुश्मन के लिये तलवार हैं हम॥

एक बार धोखा खा चुके हैं,
दूजी बार न खायेंगे।
दुश्मन जब भी आयेंगे,
हम उनको मार भगायेंगे॥

मातृभूमि का रखने मान,
कर जायें न्यौछावर अपनी जान।
हम भारत के वीर जवान,
हम भारत के वीर जवान॥



ताविश खान

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तुम हो फौजी वीर देश के

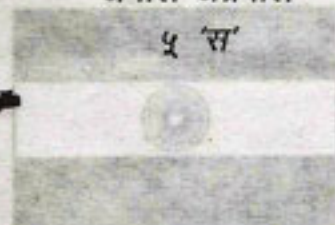
तुम हो फौजी वीर देश के,
 कभी ना रुकना, कभी ना झुकना,
 आगे-आगे बढ़ते जाना,
 सत्य अहिंसा का मार्ग अपनाना,
 भारत की तुम शान बढ़ाना,
 तुम हो बालक वीर देश के ।
 तुम हो फौजी वीर देश के ॥

लड़ते हो अपने देश के लिये
 मरते हो भारत माँ के लिये,
 कभी पाकिस्तान लड़ता है, तो कभी अफगानिस्तान,
 सारी दुनिया में है हमारा प्यारा हिन्दुस्तान,
 तुम हो दुश्मन आतंकवाद के ।
 तुम हो फौजी वीर देश के ॥

कश्मीर को बचाना है,
 हवाई जहाज छुड़ाना है,
 घुसपैठियों को भगाना है,
 सत्य का मार्ग अपनाना है,
 तुम हो सपूत मातृ-भूमि के ।
 तुम हो फौजी वीर देश के ॥

अमोल अग्रवाल

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मेरा मन उदास

एक दिन था मेरा मन उदास,
जीवन में थी ना कोई आस,
एक तरु था मेरे पास,
कहा मैंने उससे कि मेरा मन उदास।

हार गया हूँ जीवन से मैंने कहा,
यह कहने पर मेरा एक अश्रु बहा,
और फिर मैंने रोक कर सांस,
कहा मेरा मन उदास।

उसने कहा देखो मैं बड़ा,
जीवन भर मैं रहा खड़ा,
हाथ पैर ना मेरे पास,
पर कहाँ मेरा मन उदास।

कितने पतझड़ मैंने झेले,
ना जाने कितने बसन्त खेले,
लेता रहा जीवन की सांस,
नहीं मेरा मन उदास।

तुम्हारे पास तो दो पैर,
कहा उसने भाव बगैर,
यह तो थी एक बात खास,
फिर रहा ना मेरा मन उदास।

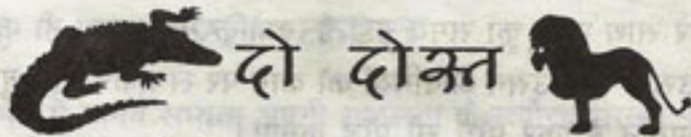
शिवाँकु मिश्रा
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तिरंगा झण्डा

कितना सुन्दर, कितना प्यारा।
रंग तीन वाला यह न्यारा।।
जैसे बहती कल-कल दरिया।
खिलता इसका रंग केसरिया।।
प्यारे-प्यारे साथी संगी।
प्यारा-प्यारा रंग नारंगी।।



आयूष गोयल
९ 'स'



एक जंगल में एक नदी के पास पहाड़ों की गुफा में एक बूढ़ा शेर रहता था। बूढ़े हो जाने के कारण वह शिकार नहीं कर पाता था, जिसके कारण उसे कई-कई दिन तक भूखा रहना पड़ता था। एक दिन वह भूखा नदी के तट पर पानी पी रहा था तो उसे नदी में एक मगरमच्छ मछली खाता दिखाई दिया। बूढ़ा शेर बड़ी ललचाई नजरों से उसे देख रहा था, कि काश उसे भी कुछ मछलियाँ खाने को मिल जाती। मगरमच्छ ने जब उसे देखा तो पूछा, "अरे भाई जंगल के राजा तुम इस तरह मुझे क्यों देख रहे हो, लगता है आप भूखे हैं।" बूढ़े शेर ने उसे बताया मैं अब बूढ़ा हो चुका हूँ इसलिए शिकार कर अपना पेट नहीं भर पाता हूँ और कई-कई दिन तक भूखा रहता हूँ। कभी-कभी कोई छोटा शिकार लग जाता है तो पेट भर लेता हूँ। उसकी बात सुनकर मगरमच्छ को बड़ी दया आ गई उसने बूढ़े शेर को कुछ मछलियाँ खाने को दी और कहा जंगल के राजा क्या तुम मुझसे दोस्ती करोगे तो बूढ़ा शेर राजी हो गया। उस दिन से दोनों दोस्त बन गये मगरमच्छ नदी से मछलियाँ पकड़ कर शेर को देता और शेर मजे से मछलियाँ खाकर वहीं नदी के किनारे रेत में पड़ा सोया करता।

मोहम्मद शावेज

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पुरुषार्थ ही भाग्य का पोषक है

एक विद्यार्थी को, जो अपने बिस्तर में उदास पड़ा था, नींद नहीं आ रही थी। वह पैसों के अभाव के कारण पढ़ाई छोड़ने की सोच रहा था। अचानक एक शोर सुनकर वह चौंका। "आग लग गई", "आग लग गई" की आवाज आ रही थी। उसने देखा कि वह शोर बन्दरगाह पर खड़े जहाज़ में आग लगने से उसमें बैठे यात्रियों द्वारा किया जा रहा था। वह दौड़कर बाहर गया तो उसने देखा कि एक जहाज़ जल रहा था। वह जहाज़ के मालिक से बोला, "क्या आपका इस जहाज़ को बचाने का विचार है?" मालिक ने उत्तर देते हुये कहा, "नहीं, कल सवेरे तक कुछ बचा तो मैं बचाने की कोशिश कर सकता हूँ, पर मैं जानता हूँ कि कुछ नहीं बचेगा।" तब उस विद्यार्थी ने कहा, "क्या आप मुझे यह जहाज़, इस जलती हुयी हालत में, चालीस पाँड़ में बेचने के लिये तैयार हैं।" मालिक ने उत्तर दिया, "हाँ, अवश्य।" तब कप्तान को लक्ष्य करके, एक लड़के की ओर इशारा करते हुये, उस विद्यार्थी ने कहा, "यदि तुम मेरे इस सहपाठी के साथ चले जाओ तो तुम्हें तुरंत ही चालीस पाँड़ दे देगा।" उसने आगे

कहा—“मेरे पास तुम्हारे साथ जाने का समय नहीं है, क्योंकि मुझे तुरन्त ही कुछ व्यक्तियों को काम पर लगाना है। उसके बाद उसने आदमियों को काम पर लगाकर आग बुझाकर कुछ बचा हुआ और अधजला सामान बेचकर पाँच सौ पाँड कमाए।

उसने एक ही दृष्टि में उस परिस्थिति में गुप्त सम्भावनाओं को समझ लिया। कप्तान तथा मालिक को यह समझ न थी कि किसी भी चीज को किस प्रकार बचाया जाए।

अतः हम अपने तीव्र पुरुषार्थ और ज्ञान से अपने सोये हुये भाग्य को जागृत कर सकते हैं।

अक्षय जशनानी
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सत्तकर्त्तव्य

कण कण देश की धरती का,
कण कण देश की मिट्टी का,
चाहे अमन, चाहे अमन।

तन मन में देश के बच्चों के,
तन मन में देश के बच्चों के,
जोश ले जन्म, जोश ले जन्म।

परिश्रम से देश की फुलवारी को,
सीचेंगे हम, सीचेंगे हम,
होगा सफल, तभी जीवन, तभी जीवन।

करेंगे देश की रक्षा हम,
कर प्राणों को अर्पण हम,
खाते हैं कसम, खाते हैं कसम।

संचय कारीदाल
६ 'ब'

करत-करत.....

वर्तमान समय में मानव सभ्यता अपनी सफलता के सर्वोच्च शिखर पर पहुँचने की तैयारी में है। यदि पीछे विगत दिनों पर दृष्टिपात करें तो ऐसा नहीं था। मनुष्य को अपनी आवश्यक आवश्यकताओं को पूर्ण करने का भी, सही ढंग से ज्ञान नहीं था। मानव स्वभाव है कि वह कभी वर्तमान से संतुष्ट नहीं होता है। उसकी कामनाएँ आगे की ओर भागती रहती हैं और उन्हीं की पूर्ति के लिए व्यक्ति प्रयासरत रहता है। कोई कार्य पहली बार में ही पूर्णता को प्राप्त नहीं होता। उसके लिये हमें अभ्यास की आवश्यकता तो पड़ती ही है और जब हम अभ्यास के द्वारा अपने लक्ष्य को प्राप्त कर लेते हैं तो हमें अत्याधिक संतोष मिलता है तथा हम और आगे बढ़ने का उपक्रम करने लगते हैं। फिर हम कुछ पाते हैं और यही प्रक्रिया शनैः शनैः आगे बढ़ती हुई नये अविष्कारों की तरफ मुड़ जाती है। कल तक जो हमें असंभव सा लगता था, जो कार्य कठिन, दुर्लभ तथा दुष्कर लगते थे वहीं कार्य अभ्यास के द्वारा सुगम और सहज सुलभ हो जाते हैं, कठिनाइयाँ तिरोहित हो जाती हैं। प्रारम्भ में जो कार्य लोहे के चने चबाने सा लगता था, अभ्यास से वही फूलों के स्पर्श सा सुखद लगने लगता है।

सर्कस के खेल में युवक युवतियाँ अनेक आश्चर्यजनक कलाओं का प्रदर्शन करते हैं। मनुष्य की तो बात ही क्या जानवर तक ऐसे कौशल दिखाते हैं कि देखते ही मनुष्य के शरीर में पूर्ण स्फूर्ति का संचार हो उठता है। जादूगर के खेल भी उसके निरन्तर अभ्यास और साधना का ही फल है।

विश्व के सर्वोच्च शिखर एवरेस्ट के सर्वप्रथम आरोही तेनसिंह नोर्के को शिखर आरोहण में दस बार असफलता का मुँह देखना पड़ा पर उसने अभ्यास नहीं छोड़ा और एक दिन एवरेस्ट शिखर पर पाँव रख ही दिया।

नेपालियन युद्ध के समय अपने कई-कई सेना नायकों की बातें एक साथ सुन लेता था तथा उन्हें तुरन्त अलग-अलग निर्देश दे देता था। यह शक्ति चमत्कार अभ्यास का ही फल था।

ईश्वर ने बुद्धि तो सबको दी है अतः निरन्तर अभ्यास करते हुये हम सभी सफलता की अंतिम सीढ़ियों तक पहुँच सकते हैं। वृन्द कवि ने सही कहा है:-

“करत करत अभ्यास के जड़ मति होत सुजान।
रसरी आवत जात ते सिल पर होत निसान॥

प्रसून मिश्र

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अंसली दौलत

बटोर सके तो बटोर ले, ज्ञान की ये दौलत,
जितना बाँटेगा उतना ही, बढ़ेगी ये दौलत।
बनता जीवन आसान, जो रखता पास इसे,
छिपाना नहीं पड़ता, डर नहीं चोरों का इसे।

भर लो—तिजोरियाँ—इससे,
ताले की चाभी बनती जिससे।
कोई उम्र नहीं संचित करने में,
जीवन कम पड़ेगा अर्जित करने में।

राजा बन गया एक दिन वह ज्ञानी,
जिसने गहराई, जानने की ठानी।
बड़े मूर्ख कहलाते वे लोग सभी,
जो भागते दूर इस दौलत से भी।

दौड़ता इन्सान, चंद-चाँदी के सिक्कों की खातिर,
इन सिक्कों से हुई नहीं हासिल किसी को ख्याति।
मरने पर याद नहीं किया जाता कभी धनवान,
अमर हो जाता वह, जो बना जाता देश महान।

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रैम्बो बनाम रामदीन

रैम्बो नाम था उसका। सुनहरे रेशमी बाल छोटी सी पूँछ। निरीह आँखों से जब मेरी आँखें देखता तो लगता मानो दुनिया भर की करुणा उसकी आँखों में समा गई हो।

पड़ोसी की जिप्सी ने जब छः बच्चे दिये तो मोनू उनमें से एक उठा लाया था और हमने भी यह सोचकर कि एलसेशियन ब्रीड का कुत्ता मुफ्त कहीं मिलता है, उसे पाल लिया, और बच्चों ने उसका नामकरण भी कर दिया, 'रैम्बो' जो उसकी अंग्रेजी ब्रीड के सर्वथा अनुकूल था।

देखते ही देखते रैम्बो घर के सभी सदस्यों के आकर्षण का केन्द्र बन गया। बच्चों की सुबह होती तो रैम्बो के साथ, सोते तो रैम्बो का बिस्तर अपने पलंग से सटाकर। घर में जो भी परिचित आता उससे रैम्बो का बकायदा परिचय कराया जाता। हमारे घर का सर्वमान्य सदस्य जो बन गया था रैम्बो।

परन्तु यह क्या—? जैसे जैसे वह बढ़ने लगा उसके जीवन रहस्य की परतें भी खुलने लगीं। सुनहरें रेशमी रोएं झाड़ने लगे। उसका सुनहरा रंग धीरे-धीरे मटमैले रंग में बदलने लगा, उसकी पूँछ बढ़ते बढ़ते किनारे से मुड़ती हुई गोलाकृति में परिवर्तित हो गई। यह बात अब जग-जाहिर हो चुकी थी कि वह कोई एलसेशियन ब्रीड न हो कर शुद्ध देसी ब्रीड था, जो मेरे कान्वेन्ट शिक्षित बच्चों की रुचि के सर्वथा प्रतिकूल था। रैम्बो को खिलाने पिलाने की सारी जिम्मेदारी अब मुझ तक सिमट चुकी थी। यहाँ तक कि कल तक बच्चों के जो मित्र सिर्फ रैम्बो के साथ खेलने की चाहत लेकर आते थे अब रैम्बो की ओर बड़ी ही हिंकारत पूर्ण दृष्टि डाल व्यंगपूर्ण मुस्कुराहट के साथ बचकर निकलने लगे। शायद उनके इसी व्यवहार की परिणति थी कि एक दिन मेरे छोटे पुत्र ने यह घोषणा कर ही दी, "अरे माँ यह रैम्बो नहीं बल्कि पक्का रामदीन है, इसे उठाकर कहीं फिकवा दीजिये"।

और फिर कुछ ऐसा हुआ कि सबकी आँखों का तारा रैम्बो अब सबकी आँखों में खटकने लगा। मुझ पर सबका यह दबाव बढ़ता ही जा रहा था कि मैं अब इस रामदीन को उठाकर कहीं फेंक आऊँ। यह कार्य भी मुझे ही सौंपा गया, शायद बच्चों के लिए यह कार्य उनकी प्रतिष्ठा के अनुकूल न था और पतिदेव तो इन सबसे अलग तटस्थ भाव अपनाये हुये थे, न रैम्बो के स्वागत में कभी उनकी रुचि थी, न रामदीन के निष्कासन से उन्हें कोई मतलब था। परन्तु रैम्बो के कारण बच्चों की पढ़ाई में जो निरंतर व्यवधान पड़ रहा था, शायद उसी ने रामदीन के निष्कासन में अचानक ही रुचि जगा दी थी और वे तुरन्त ही मेरी सहायता के लिए आगे आ गये।

रैम्बो उर्फ रामदीन को गोद में बिठाकर, पतिदेव के स्कूटर की पिछली सीट पर बैठी मैं, जा रही थी आबादी से कहीं दूर उसे छोड़ने। मेरी ममता कहीं कराह उठी थी। एक स्वाभाविक सा मोह पालित पुत्र के प्रति भी जो मेरे हृदय को कचोट रहा था। रैम्बो हो या रामदीन मेरी ममता की तराजू पर दोनों बराबर थे। रैम्बो आलीशान कोठी में रह कर दूध, डबल रोटी, बिस्कुट खा सकता था पर रामदीन को अब रोटी के एक टुकड़े के लिए दिन भर इधर-उधर भटकना पड़ेगा। आज तक नाजों से लाड़ प्यार से दूध डबलरोटी खाने वाला रामदीन क्या जूठन खाकर संतुष्ट हो सकेगा—? मेरा मन यह सोचने पर विवश हो गया कि आज जबकि हम अपनी स्वतंत्रता की स्वर्ण जयंती मना चुके हैं, अपने स्वतन्त्र गणराज्य के भी पचास वर्ष पूरे करने जा रहे हैं पर आज भी हम इस पराधीन मानसिकता में कैद हैं, आखिर क्यों?

कब मुक्त होंगे, हम इस दूषित पराधीन मानसिकता से—? एक अनुत्तरित प्रश्नचिन्ह मेरी आँखों के सामने स्थिर हो गया।

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