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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 .*



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.

Words by V. E. Vance



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Principal's Message



A good education is more than a school curriculum. It is a way of life and it begins when we are born and will continue well beyond formal schooling. When we look at education in this broader sense we do understand how crucial our role is as parents and teachers in shaping the future of our children. Today we are living in a very tough world. Our children are most vulnerable to the many disturbing situations. Terrorism, communal hatred seem to be the order of the day. We, the elders, parents and teachers alike need to protect our children from conflict and danger. We need to teach them how to be caring, responsible human beings. As teachers and parents we have the duty to provide our children with both security and values.

"It takes a whole village to raise a child," says an African proverb.

Children learn by watching the elders. If we do not practice what we preach, we confuse our children. It is useless to ask them to be kind and generous if we ourselves are unkind and mean spirited.

It is also important that we take some time to listen to our children, not only when they are small and their demands are less but even when they are grown up and their demands seem to be ridiculous. When we listen to them with love and respect, we give them hope for the future.

Our children need to learn to be tolerant. It is crucial for us to teach our children to respect others no matter what their beliefs, their language or their appearance. Our children trust us and what they hear from us is what they understand and learn. What we get to see around us is the effect of intolerance resulting in prejudices and even bias crimes against different religious communities. We should prepare our children for a world with great diversity by teaching respect and tolerance, tolerance to others opinions, ideas, beliefs and faith. When we inculcate these values in our children we will be happy to have done our part as parents and teachers preparing them to face a world full of challenges.

Fr. Vincent Nazareth

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Nursery A

1st : Shubhankar Mukerjee

2nd : Ekjot Singh Allagh

3rd : Abhiraj Mohan

: Udit Bali

: Shubhankar Tewari

Good Conduct : Parth Singhal

Full Attendance : Abhishek Christopher Paul

: Shantanu

Nursery B

1st : Ishan Atul

2nd : Areeb Kazmi

3rd : Ahitangeer Paul

: Shivank Sood

: Yash Choudhery

Good Conduct : Prabh Simran Singh

Nursery C

1st : Sarin Khan

2nd : Rachit Baluja

3rd : Sagar Rehira

Good Conduct : Parth Misra

Nursery D

1st : Abhinav Dixit

2nd : Gohil Sonkar

3rd : Shantanu Mangalam

Good Conduct : Gaig Savio Bennett

K.G.A

1st : Sarab Chhabra

2nd : Pranav Misra

3rd : Tarunpreet Saluja

Good Conduct : Shikhar Shukla

Full Attendance : Sumanyu Sehgal

: Shivansh Chopra

K.G.B

1st : Ankur Malik

: Eahraz Ahmad

3rd : Himanshu Joshi

Good Conduct : Ayush Chauhan

Full Attendance : Faraz Ahmad

: Sagar Gurnani

: Sagar Srivastava

K.G.C

1st : Suyash Agarwal

2nd : Bharat Singh Negi

3rd : Devang Sharma

Good Conduct : Syed Tawar Ali

Full Attendance : Antriksh Wahi

: Pranay Sah

K.G.D

1st : Aman Gurung

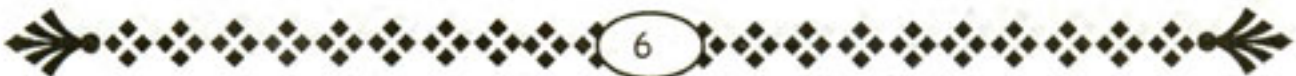
2nd : Shaksham Agarwal

3rd : Kartik Srivastava

: Shanya Raghuvanshi

Good Conduct : Sarvagya Mehrotra

Full Attendance : Rudrendra Singh



I A

- 1st : Karan Saxena
 2nd : Shubhankar Kumar
 3rd : Prince Bose
 : Sujoy Mukerjee

Good Conduct : Gracias Fernandes

I B

- 1st : Tushar Kanaujia
 2nd : Sameer Kumar
 3rd : Siddhant Mehrotra

Good Conduct : Samuel Wilson

I C

- 1st : Pranoy Mukerjee
 2nd : Palash Khanna
 3rd : Prajwal Khanna

Good Conduct : Prakhar Jauhari

I D

- 1st : Akshay Pandey
 2nd : Kunal Bhargava
 3rd : Mohd. Tayyab Javed
 : Sahaj Chawla
 : Satya Priya Singh Deo

Good Conduct : Pavitra Singh

II A

- 1st : Shanal
 2nd : Syed Ashar Ali
 3rd : Devanshu Bose
 : Rachit Mehtani

Good Conduct : Saboor Mateen

II B

- 1st : Ankit Shekhar
 2nd : Ashwin Gupta
 3rd : Amil Bhatnagar
 : Vibhor Kapoor

Good Conduct : Raghuvanshi Raj Saxena

II C

- 1st : Shubham Agarwal
 2nd : Naman Tandon
 3rd : Arpan Mahajan

Good Conduct : Dhruv Singhal

II D

- 1st : Avanish Rastogi
 2nd : Aakash Khwoana
 3rd : Shubham Rai

Good Conduct : Faraz Talha

III A

- 1st : Satwik Misra
 2nd : Praveen Honthar
 3rd : Rishabh Singh

Good Conduct : Sparsh Jauhari

III B

- 1st : Priyank Agarwal
 2nd : Mohd. Yashab Abbas
 3rd : Amol Khanna

Good Conduct : Samarth Khare

III C

- 1st : Archit Bansal
 2nd : Kartikeya Sagwar
 3rd : Siddharth Gautam

Good Conduct : Adhar Maheshwari

III D

- 1st : Shubham K. Asthana
 2nd : Manu Raghuvanshi
 3rd : Safal Mathur

: Ritwan Pandey

Good Conduct : Arko Banerjee

IV A

- 1st : Adarsh Misra
 2nd : Annunay Tomar
 3rd : Siddharth Kackkar

Good Conduct : Subin Thomas

Class VI D

- 1st : Shantanu Singh
2nd : Nishant Gopal
3rd : Arpit Kulshrestha

Good Conduct : Shubham Saxena

Class VII A

- 1st : Akshay Singh
2nd : Mrigank Nand
3rd : Arpit Tandon

Good Conduct : Varnat Jauhari

Class VII B

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

Good Conduct : Harshit Verma

Class VII C

- 1st : Anindya Rastogi
2nd : Himanshu Mohan
3rd : Mayank Gupta

Good Conduct : Umar Mujeeb

Class VII D

- 1st : Dhananjay Pradhan
2nd : Anant Tuteja
3rd : Prafulla Srivastava

Good Conduct : Talha Ahmad

Class VIII A

- 1st : Shiva Garg
2nd : Kartik Gupta
3rd : Shubham Tandon

Good Conduct : Prasoon Mishra

Class VIII B

- 1st : Rameen Khan
2nd : Puneet Srivastava
3rd : Ankit Mishra
& Preyanshu Gupta

Good Conduct : Karun Kumar

Class VIII C

- 1st : Akash Singh
2nd : Daud Khan
3rd : Nikhil Tandon

Good Conduct : Kunal Kapoor

Class VIII D

- 1st : Siddhartha Trivedi
2nd : Mohit Agarwal
3rd : Rishi Thapliyal

Good Conduct : Ankit Agarwal

Class IX A

- 1st : Prayush Kumar
2nd : Aviral Agarwal
3rd : Vishal Mahana

Good Conduct : Mayank Mehta

Class IX B

- 1st : Sagun Tripathi
2nd : Arunabh Singh
3rd : Ankur Srivastava

Good Conduct : Aditya Talwar

Class IX C

- 1st : Mayank Goyal
2nd : Taran Singh Bedi
3rd : Ali Abbas Rizvi

Good Conduct : Maruti Nandan

Class IX D

- 1st : Vaibhav Goel
2nd : Prakhar Mehrotra
3rd : Anuj Gupta

Good Conduct : Ayush Pandya

Class XI A

- 1st : Abhinav Singhal
2nd : Nikhil Padhye
3rd : Vashisht Mahana

Good Conduct : Shivanku Mishra



Class XI B

- 1st : Avineet Sonkar
- 2nd : Mayank Mohan
- 3rd : Rahul Agarwal

Good Conduct : Abhishek Bit

Class XI C

- 1st : Udbhav Gupta
- 2nd : Nitin Agarwal
- 3rd : Kanav Aurora

Good Conduct : Noel Freitas

**Rev. Fr. Romano Merit Scholarship
(Based on results - Year 2001-2002)**

- Deepansh Dalela VII B
- Siddhartha Trivedi VIII D
- Prayush Kumar IX A
- Udbhav Gupta XIX

**Ritu Raj Agnihotri Scholarship & Silver Medal
Cash Rs. 500/-**

- Pallav Grover VI D

**Ritu Raj Agnihotri Scholarship & Silver Medal
Cash Rs. 300/-**

- Kaustav Ganguly IV B

Aditya Tandon Scholarship

- Akshay Arora V - A



Show Me Your God

"Show me your God!" the doubter cries.

I point him out the smiling skies;

I show him all the woodland greens;

I show him peaceful sylvan scenes;

I show him Winter snows and frost;

I show him waters tempest-tossed;

I show him hills rock-ribbed and strong;

I bid him hear the thrush's song;

I show him flowers in the close -

The lily, violet, and rose;

I show him rivers, babbling streams;

I show him youthful hopes and dreams;

I show him starts, the moon, the sun;

I show him deeds of kindness done;

I show him joy, I show him care,

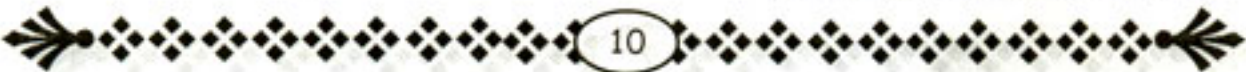
And still he holds his doubting air,

And faithless goes his way, for he

Is blind of soul, and cannot see!

— John Kendrick Bangs

Courtesy— Inspirational Quote





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the best male performer went to Prateek Misra of our college, but in spite of our best efforts we missed the Champion of the Champions trophy by the narrowest of margins.

This year the Annual Sports Day was an internal affair. The prestigious Cock House shield went to St. George's House under the leadership of Musheer Rizvi and Chirag Tandon. Kapil Mohan was declared the Best Sportsman of the year, while the award for the Best All round student went to Vaibhav Mehta.

In sports too, St. Francis' excelled in everything it touched. Our junior cricket team won the prestigious Avinash Chaturvedi Memorial Tournament under the able guidance of Mr. N. Vig.

As I conclude, I wish to put on record my sincere gratitude to the Principal, Vice Principal, Mr. D. Jackson and Mr. N. Vig, who guided us towards the path of glory.

Finally on behalf of the outgoing class XII, I wish all the luck to our successors to whom we hand over the torch, They shall have just one motto....

"To strive, to seek but not to yield".



Abhishek Mehra
College Captain



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St. George's House Report



Musheer Rizvi
Captain

It has been happy and sad, detestable and adorable, thrilling and intoxicating and like any good adventure, St. Francis' has been an experience. Another revolution of the earth around the sun ending another academic year, and the last we have spent like Alice, with each moment a separate cheshire leaving its inedelible impression.



Chirag Yadav
Vice Captain

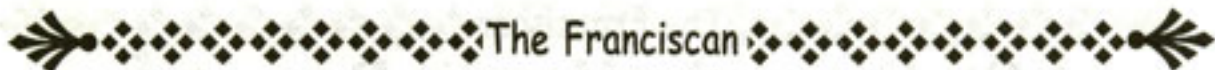
The year 2001-2002 will be reminescent of the time, when due to star performances of many, and excellent team work under an able leadership, we kissed the pinnacles of glory, time and again, and by the end of the session emerged the victors. The COCK HOUSE SHIELD had our name etched over it.

The inter house activities for this session started with inter house debates and elocutions. Our orators always made it to the top three, though in patches. Abhinav Verma did exceptionally well and brought laurels to the house.

The sporting events were sparked off with the Inter House Table Tennis competition. Anuj Chopra of A div and Soumitra Kumar of B div were a cut above the rest and both won their respective championships. C div was a bit disappointing with the Table Tennis shield eluding us just by a point.

The swishing of shuttle cocks announced the commencement of Inter House Badminton. Though Srinivas walked away with both the B div. championship and the Open's title the A and C div boys left much to be desired, and bowed out the stronger contenders. As a result the house was ranked second in the shield ratings.

Our sport prowess came to light with the discipline we showed in football. As the football frenzy caught on, electrifying performances were displayed by



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Musheer, Kapil, Karan and Karamjot in A div, Saqub and Karam in B div while Joshua and Dabas were outstanding in C div. The house was again ranked second in the shield ratings.

"The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do." We caused the greatest upset in basketball. Excellent shooting by Varun, fabulous lay ups by Karam and 'Jordan' like dribbling by Karan dogged the opponents and dazzled the spectators. Needless to mention we won all our matches and earned the Basketball shield.

Our volleyball performance this year was much better as our team hot knifed through "a pound of butter types" in St. Patrick's House, but lost in the finals. Noteworthy performances were given by Rahul, Abhishek and Musheer.

In cricket we maintained the age old tradition of losing out to St. Francis' House in the finals, this time though by a lesser margin. Many a scintillating performances were on display but Karam outshone the rest both with the bat and the ball.

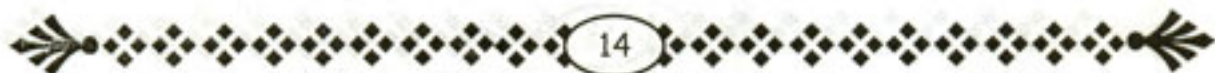
Regarding Hockey we were in no mood of parting with the shield which had been rightfully ours for the past three years. Excellent field goals scored by Musheer and Karam saw us through the first match, but a defence lapse cost us the finals.

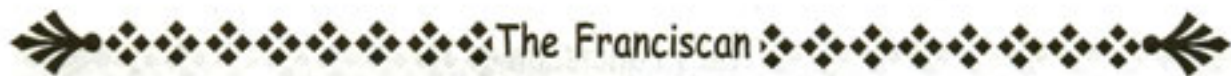
"What goes up must come down" this law of Newton's finally caught up with us as we failed miserably in the marathon with Aishwal coming a creditable 6th.

Swimming was no better as we again bagged the second slot with valiant efforts coming from Chunia, Haris and Shubham.

We proved our worth in Tug-O-War, and were the proud recipients of the cake. A special word of mention for our anchor Apoorva weighing an awesome 110 kilos.

The last of the sporting activity, in the field of athletics, we were simply invincible, winning medals in every event, infact the very presence of our athletes specially Kapil, Chirag, Karam and Joshua were good enough to scare the living daylight out of our competitors. The Athletic shield was ours to take.





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Heroic efforts by Kapil and Karam earned them their respective division championships, and Kapil was awarded the "Best Sportsman of the Year Award".

In the end we stood like living bastions in the field of college sports achieving what we missed out last year, "THE COCK HOUSE SHIELD".

Before concluding I would like to pass on a big note of thanks to our House Master Mr Bhargava, our teachers especially Maam Duggal, Maam Naagar, Maam Mitchell and our PTI Mr Vig for their continuous support and guidance.

In another few moments my term as a Captain of St George's House will end but what better way, than to end with the motto of our House,

"In Honour Bound".

Wishing the very best of luck to the next Captain. I pass on the victorious red flag.

Adieu Alma Mater

Musheer Rizwi
Captain

Chirag Yadav
Vice Captain



St. Patrick's House Report



Ankit Sethi
Captain

Fight the Good Fight

*"The mountain torrent rushing down,
Can ne'er its course retrace;
And souls that speed on glory's path,
Must ever onward press;"*

With such emotions and enthusiasm Patricians set the field ablaze with their outstanding performances and gave a tough fight to their opponents but just lost the Cock House by a narrow margin to come second in the Cock House race.



Amarpreet Singh
Vice Captain

We began on a low note as we finished 4th in Table Tennis despite sincere efforts by Rajat Singh, Kunal Arora and Yash Talwar.

But we proved all our critics wrong and went against all odds to win the badminton shield mainly due to breath taking performances by Akshay Kapoor, Fahad, Alok and Mittul.

Then came the most awaited sport - 'Football', in which we won the C div championship mainly due to the efforts of Oswin, Dhruv Suri, Shubham Tripathi and Siddharth but B div let us down despite good efforts by Noor, Ashutosh and Digvijot. Even A div boys were unable to lift up themselves and hence we came third overall but the efforts by Ankit Sethi, Mishoo Ravat, Kunal and K.V.Tripathi are worth a mention.

After this came a disaster for us, as we lost our path and finished 3rd and 4th in the Basketball and Volleyball respectively.

The dominance of St. Patrick's House in Basketball came to an end this year. Sadly the hard work of Ankit Sethi (Basket Ball Captain), Mishoo Ravat, Kunal, Ashar and Ankit Rastogi went in vain.

In Volleyball there was not even a single good performance to write about.

St. Andrew's House Report



Arsh Sharma
Captain

This year was the year of fluctuating emotions. Summing it all, it was a feeling and an experience that I cherished and would cherish in my entire lifetime. In this revolution of the earth round the sun we remained so near yet so far from the Cock house.

Table Tennis marked the commence of inter house sports for the session 2001-2002. Despite finishing 3rd in this event, the boys showed promising talent. Raghav Gattani of C div.



Mahim Saran
Vice Captain

and Arpit Tandon of B div. were the finalists in their respective divisions. Our team in the A div. was a complete washout despite a notable performance by Kanishka Rai.

Badminton, the next to follow also brought little luck for us. Despite our best efforts we could not perform as per expectations. We managed a grace saving 3rd position. Apoorv Chandra Agarwal was one of the best performers in C div. and managed to reach the finals. The results in the B div matches were quite unfavourable for us. In the A div. we succeeded in securing the top position inspite of the fact that the match took place between two of our house players, Ankit Puri and Arsh. Arsh went on to be the A div champ but unfortunately Ankit got eliminated and his loss shattered our dreams of lifting the badminton shield.

Football came at the time when we desperately needed a win to remain in the race for the cock house. Our boys excelled in all divisions winning the house honour along with the prestigious Soccer shield. Anant Bahuguna and Ankit Sharma made the C div team to cruise into the finals. The excellent performances by Eric Periera, Lohani, Akash and Farhan made us victorious in the B div. We reached the finals of the A div and proved our worth by giving stiff opposition to St. George's house in the final and this spectacular show was put up by Rahul Singh, Jagmeet, Abhay Kesarwani to name a few. Exquisite goalkeeping talent was displayed by Mahim Saran. Harsh Mathur, Mustafa Rizvi, Pranay Sinha are also worthy of praise and mention. However this loss in the final match did not prevent us from lifting the Soccer shield.



Basketball too proved lucky for us as we stood 2nd in it. Rahul Singh, Abhay Kesarwani, Mahim and Manu Tripathi were absolute show stealers. We also saw some admirable defending by Jai Kishen and Arsh.

The results of Volleyball established us as one of the potent contenders of the cock house. We lifted the Volleyball shield due to commendable team work. The whole team comprising of Vivek Kaul, Abhay Kesarwani, Anant Bahuguna, Manu Tripathi, Raveesh Bhatnagar, Mahim Saran, Lohani and Arsh Sharma played with great discipline and proved our worth.

Cricket proved a jinx for us, despite the grind we put in we faced defeat in both the matches we played. However the fiery bowling of Mahim Saran, distinguished wicket keeping by Varun Lamba and paralysing shots by Arsh Sharma are still commemorated and relished.

Disappointments in Hockey and swimming curtailed our chances of lifting the cock house shield.

We had lost all the chances of conquering the cock house shield by now but still our spirited and charged up boys put up praiseworthy performance in the athletics by securing second position. Anant Bahuguna became the C div champion by winning virtually every medal in the division. Eric Periera and Jagmeet Singh were also dazzling in their performances and won many medals. The team comprising of Abhishek Bit, Hamza Ehtisham, Mahim Saran and Jagmeet secured 2nd rank in the relay race. Jai Kishen secured 3rd position in the discus throw.

Stamina, courage and determination of Ankit Puri, Anant Bahuguna and Jagmeet helped us prove our mettle in the marathon.

I thank my House prefects- Hamza Ehtisham, Mustafa Rizvi, Abhishek Bit and Manu Tripathi for their work and help throughout the year. I would like to express my gratitude towards all my house teachers especially Mr. Morrison and Mr. Sawhney.

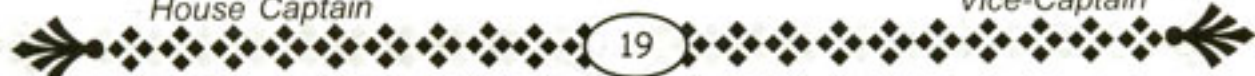
Mr Hannah our house master deserves a special mention because of his extremely caring and cooperative nature. He was always present among us to teach, appreciate and boost up the boys.

I am grateful to Mr. Vig for his help and guidance throughout the year. I also show my gratitude towards Rev. Fr. Vincent Nazareth and Rev. Fr. Clifford Lobo for maintaining an appropriate environment in the college for the students to study and enjoy simultaneously. I finally thank my vice captain Mahim Saran without whose presence and support all the accomplishments would not have been possible.

With a wet eye and a heavy core I bid adieu to my beloved college and wish to keep in touch with the college and its members.

Arsh Sharma
House Captain

Mahim Saran
Vice-Captain



St. Francis' House Report



Sadeem Ahmad
Captain

"Preservance conquers all."

All good things come to an end, so does our joyous ride through the college life, a ride filled with never to forget experiences, and as I pass on the house flag to younger and stronger hands, the memories of the year gone by refresh my mind.



Ravi Singh
Vice Captain

The sporting events began on an enthusiastic note, Table Tennis being the first on

the list. Stupendous performances by the Hazaria brothers and a commendable show by A. Khanna and R. Thaprial made winning the Table Tennis shield easy as pie. This was the perfect start one could have asked for.

Our next fray was for the Badminton shield and despite a great performance by Medhavi Chandra we lost the shield.

Once we came back after the summer holidays we found it difficult in the beginning to get back into the thick of things straight away. In the Football field, we witnessed a committed display by the likes of Ravi Singh, Satyajit, Vishal Sood and S. Mukherjee. But all went in vain as we lost the Football shield.

We put up a tough fight for the Basketball shield but lost to St. Andrew's house in the final minute. We couldn't quite get over our defeat and lost to St. Patrick's house also. The only satisfaction was the whole hearted efforts of Satyajeet, Ravi Singh, Vishal Sood, Sadeem Ahmed and S. Mukherjee.

For the Hockey we were written off after we lost to St. George's House in the first match but we bounced back and defeated St. Andrew's house in a nail biting encounter. Ankit Dwivedi proved to be a goal keeper par excellence. T. Johari, Vishal Sood and A. Singh also played well. In Volleyball after losing to St.



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Andrew's house marginally we defeated St. Patrick's house comprehensively. Satyajeet, Ravi Singh, S. Tandon and Sadeem Ahmed showed good sporting skills.

In swimming despite the fabulous display of speed and skill by Gantavya, A Nautiyal and Jasjeet Singh we came third.

On the cricket field once again our players did us proud by lifting the shield. Although in the first game against St. Patrick's house there were a few hiccups. The innings played by Sir McDonald and Gantavya were crucial but it was a spin duo of Sarfaraz and Udbhav that spun the match in our favour. In the final match we totally outplayed St. George's house thanks to a cameo by Ravi Singh and Parichay and some fearless fielding by Sadeem Ahmed and Satyajit.

However Athletics let us down and we were out of contention for the Cock house. Still some scintillating performances by the likes of T. Johari, Divy, Archit, Piyush, Neeraj, Saral and Faham deserve a special mention. Marathon also couldn't fetch us anything special and we came third. The efforts of Archit, A Singh and S Mukherjee were praiseworthy.

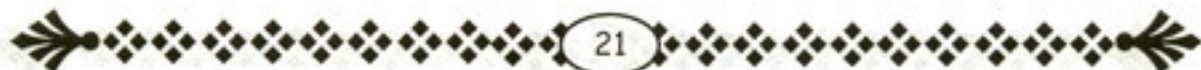
I would like to thank and acknowledge the efforts of Mr. D. Jackson, our House master who was always there to support and encourage us, and Mr McDonald and Mr. S. Srivastava for their invaluable contributions. I would also like to thank Ravi Singh, S. Mukherjee and Gantavya for assisting in the selection of players for various events. Last but certainly not the least, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Mr. N.Vig, our PTI, without whom none of the events would have been possible.

In the end I would like to convey my best wishes to the next Captain.

Sadeem Ahmed
Captain



Ravi Singh
Vice Captain





Badminton Report



Badminton marked the opening of the college after the summer vacations. A record number of participants turned up for the selections this year. Seeing the enthusiasm one could have easily predicted a swashbuckling tournament ahead.

C div. matches were held first. Medhavi Chandra of St. Francis' house emerged as the winner of the respective division. Promising talent was also shown by Apurva Chandra Agarwal who was the runner up.

B div matches were the next to follow. We came across some unanticipated results. Kumar Manjul, a strong contender for the top slot was routed by an upcoming talent, Paurush. Srinivas Vishven emerged triumphant defeating Paurush in the finals.

This was followed by the most awaited A div. The results were unforeseeable as one saw Arsh Sharma thwarting Ankit Puri, the most promising player in the first round. Arsh Sharma faced some tough opposition from an adroit player like Yashu Chamber. The final was played between Arsh and Akshay Kapoor with Arsh Sharma emerging out as the Champion.

Badminton Junior Open Tournament was next in the pipeline. Srinivas Vishven maintain his sparkling form by emerging as the junior Badminton champion defeating Paurush in the final round.

Arsh Sharma was witness as the Senior Badminton champion by psyching out Akshay Kapoor in the deciding round. Noticable performances were shown by Chiraag Yadav, Mushir Rizvi, Ravi Singh and Mahim Saran.

In the end I wish luck to potential players like Ankit Puri, Yashu Chamber, Paurush, Ishan Sharma, Kumar Manjul, Abhinav Verma and Srinivas Vishven.

Badminton team - Arsh Sharma (Captain), Ankit Puri, Akshay Kapoor, Yashu Chamber.

Arsh Sharma
Captain



Cricket Report



The session 2001-2002 is marked for some brilliant cricketing performances by the cricketers of St. Francis' College.

The highlight of the year was the win of the junior team in the Avinash Chandra Chaturvedi Memorial Cricket tournament. The tournament was on a knock out basis. It was a determination and hard work of the players which made them the winners. Not only the team but the players in individual showed their capabilities. Saurabh Singh, Captain won, the best batsman award while a young boy of class VII, Sunny Gandhok won the best bowler award, but the final match was studded by some extraordinary stroke play by Abhijeet Banerjee, who won Man of the match for the final match. Performances of Varun Lamba, Karan Azmi, Saurabh Krishna, Jasmeet Singh and Vipul Shekhar were outstanding.

The house matches too were exciting and highly competitive. The first match was between St. George's House and St. Andrew's house. Sent into bat, St George's made a good score by batting of Karan Kidwai and Chiraag Yadav who made 54 not out and 51 respectively. St. Andrew's house lost the match though Arsh Sharma gave some resistance towards the end.

In the second match St. Francis' house won the match defeating St. Patrick's house though the efforts of Saurabh Singh cannot be neglected, who tried to pull out his team from a losing position but it was not enough.

In the third match St. Patrick's house easily defeated St. Andrew's house as St. Andrew's house was not able to set up even a respectable total, but Arsh Sharma again was the lone fighter for his house. Ankit Sethi took 6 wickets. In reply St. Patrick's house easily won the match though their start was a bit shaky.

In the final St. George's lost to St. Francis' house as it has always been followed, as if like a tradition. St. Francis' house piled a huge total due to the help from Parichay Gupta, Gantavya Chandra and Ravi Singh. In reply the efforts of

St. George's house were not enough as they lost by a mere 16 runs. The batting of Karam Kidwai and Anubhav Yadav were supportive. Ravi bowled a very tight spell and was responsible for downfall of the order of St. George's house.

In the Past vs. Present match, present lost to the experience of past. Past always have been privileged of batting first, thus the present was straight away under pressure. Last year's cricket captain Rajdeep Bhargava smashed the present bowlers all over the ground and helped past in piling up a huge total. The reply of present was not good enough as their batting collapsed like a house of cards.

Now, as I end my report, I think of the last 14 years which I have spent in this prestigious institution. Though the journey from class nursery to class 12 has been full 14 years but it appears too small and everything seems fresh and new as it has happened yesterday. But all is gone and as it is said the show must go on, so I hand over the responsibilities to the young shoulders and wish them good luck.

Chiraag Yadav
Captain



Swimming Report



A new year, with a new beginning and we had to make the most of it. Much of it which we did.

Our swimming session started in the summer vacation. This year our team could not get enough opportunities to display its talents yet the boys displayed an admirable spirit of team work.

It was a real hard luck! We unfortunately could not participate in the inter school swimming meet MACFAIR held at C.M.S. Gomtinagar due to its date clash with our quarterly examinations but nevertheless we made most of our opportunities that came our way during the year.

But the spirits of the team work pumped up when an invitation was received for the third annual district level swimming competition at Hotel Seema Palace. The boys showed exceptionally good performance. Among the main contributors were Vaibhav Chaturvedi who won two silver and one bronze medal. Jamie V. Krishnan won three gold medals and Mohd. Haris won one bronze and one silver medal for their good performance.

Then came the V.K.Bose Memorial swimming competition which was held at K.D. Singh Babu Stadium. Our college walked away with the overall championship as St. Francis' college was declared the overall champion beating the other participant colleges. Jamie and Vaibhav once again did us proud. Jamie won 3 gold medals and Vaibhav won 1 bronze medal.

And finally, one of the most awaited event of the year, the Inter house swimming competition, the nerve racking event at the pool of our college. Spirits were charged, competition was tough and the best team won. St. Patrick's house walked away with the victory cup, followed by St. George's house, St. Francis' house and St. Andrew's house. Although the water was cold enough to freeze the bones yet it did not deter our boys from exhibiting a wonderful show. Satyam Wahal, Jamie, Gantavya, Vaibhav Mehta, Abhinav Anand, Vaibhav Chaturvedi and Ashutosh Nautiyal won (4 Gold), (3 Gold), (2 silver and 1 bronze), (1 silver),



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(1 gold), (3 gold and 1 bronze) and (3 bronze and 1 silver) respectively in their individual events.

I would like to thank our coaches Mr. Prasad and Mr. Dixit on my team's behalf for their cooperation. I also extend my gratitude to our PTI Mr. Vig for his constant encouragement.

And to my team, I would say that hard work never goes wasted, the fruit of success might be delayed, but when it comes it is worth the wait. So keep up the hard work and wishing you all the best for the coming years.

With this ray of hope that shows of enthusiasm will be seen in the forthcoming years, I finished with the following quotation,

99 percent perspiration and 1 percent inspiration, make it our motto and live upto it.

Swimming Team - Ashutosh Nautiyal (C), Vaibhav Chaturvedi, Gantavya, Vaibhav Mehta, Abhinav Anand, Abhinav Srivastava, Vibhav Prasad, Satyam Wahal, Jamie V Krishnan, Haris Naseem, Kumar Sankalp, Varun Aggarwal, Anubhav Dixit, Mirshab Rabbani, Kanav Arora, Pavit Shukla.

Ashutosh Nautiyal
Captain

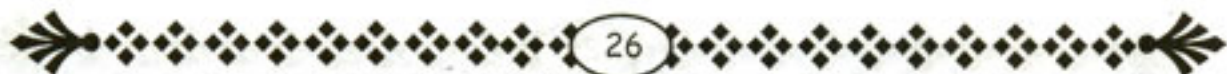




Table Tennis Report



"Work is accomplished by efforts, not by wishes alone."

The year 2001-2002 was a memorable year in the history of St. Francis' college as it saw the best Table Tennis players that have ever competed.

As usual the interhouse matches started with the inter house table tennis championship. The championship started with the C div match. Every match right from the first to the finals was very interesting and the young players played with great zeal. T. Hazari defeated R. Gattani in the finals and stunned everybody by his powerful smashes.

The next in the line were the B div boys fighting hard for their respective houses. In the finals we saw S. Kumar and A. Tandon compete for the crown of B div championship. Ultimately S. Kumar of St. George's house emerged out as the winner.

Now it was the turn of the big boys to uphold the honour of their respective houses. The A div group comprised good district level players who participated very well but ultimately the Captain Anuj Chopra and Tanuj Hazari reached the finals leaving the rest behind. The finals was a clash of titans and at the end of a breathtaking match Anuj Chopra with his top spins and chops came out as the winner and become the A div champ.

The next tournament in line was the junior open championship in which no player gave anything away. In the finals T. Hazari became the junior open champion.

The next was the senior open championship in which the senior boys played with great enthusiasm, determination and self confidence. Again the finals saw the clash of the best two, Anuj Chopra and Tanuj Hazari. It was a close encounter. Tanuj Hazari showed great determination and defeated Anuj Chopra in a nail biting finish.

The Table Tennis shield went to St. Francis' house as it had the best Table Tennis players but other houses also had some gems like V. Tiwari, Gattani, S. Pathak and A. Chopra.

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After observing the talents of the young champs and seeing district players play with the great zeal, courage, determination and sportsman spirit, I am convinced that St. Francis' Table Tennis has a great future and will reach its peak under the able guidance of our coach, Mr. N. Vig.

Once again a special thanks to Mr. N.Vig without whose support I could never have achieved so much and Sir, may your blessings continue to force us to go on.

All the best guys and may you have luck in years to come.

College Team - Anuj Chopra (Captain), Tanuj Hazari, Vinayak Tiwari, S.Pathak and Varun.

Anuj Chopra
Captain



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Basket Ball Report



As I write this report, a feeling of nostalgia overwhelms me and a sad emptiness engulfs my heart to be leaving behind cherished moments shared with fellow players, the euphoria of victory and even the momentary frustration after defeat.

As the academic year started a marked interest was seen among the boys in Basketball which proved to be very fruitful.

First there were the inter house matches. For years now the supremacy of St. Patrick's house in Basketball had been unchallenged but all came to an end this year as St. George's house edged past them in the first match by 26-22 in a nailbiting finish, while in second match St. Andrew's came over St. Francis' house by 16-10.

St. George's later emerged as Basketball champions defeating St. Andrew's by 26-18. Karan, Karam, Kapil and Varun were instrumental in the victory of St. George's House while Abhay and Rahul Sen fought hard to save St. Andrew's house but in vain. In the other match St. Patrick's defeated St. Francis' by 26-14. Ashar and Mishu worked hard with me to save some prestige for St. Patrick's house while Ravi was only one player in Francis' house who deserves appreciation.

Then came the most awaited Past vs Present match in which present team demolished the past by 28-16. I scored 18 points while Rahul and Karan scored 4 points each. Our seniors lost the game but they proved themselves by giving a tough fight.

Lastly, I would like to express my heartiest gratitude to Mr. N.Vig for his help and guidance and also my other team members for their support and cooperation.

Basket Ball team - Ankit Sethi (Captain), Ravi Singh, Karan Mehra, Rahul Singh, K. Kidwai, A. Ali, A. Kesarwani, M.Ravat, Kunal Arora.

Ankit Sethi
Captain



St. Francis of Assisi

Patron of the College



The fields of St. Francis' college have been silenced, but not before a promise that they would relieve another day to narrate the story of another successful athletic season.

Being the final of the sport season, it has been the deciding factor for the prestigious Cock Shield, and this year was no exception. Coming into the event, St George's house had the slimmest of leads over St. Patrick's house. But as it turned out, St. George's house swept away with the Athletic Shield and along with it the Cock shield.

The season was kick started by the Marathon when Ashar Ali of St. Patrick's house repeated his previous years tireless performance to take the first position and help his house in winning the marathon shield.

The season then shifted into high gear with the commencement of the field events. In the long jump Shikhar Singh of St. Patrick's house bettered the previous college record by a massive six inches and took the gold. In A division Jayesh of St. Andrew's house tipped Kapil of St. George's house at the last jump to take the gold.

Next in line was triple jump where Joshua of St. George's house took his second successive gold of the season in C division. Karam of St. George's house and Tribhuvan of St. Francis' house took the first position in B and A division respectively. Tribhuvan followed his first position in triple jump with another gold in the high jump.

The action then shifted to the races where the crowd witnessed some dramatic results. In B division Shikhar's absence in triple jump event proved costly to him as Karam won the 200 metre race and with it the individual title. In C division Anang Bahuguna of St. Andrew's house cruised away with the individual titles by winning the 100 and 200 metres races. Same was the case in A division where Kapil having won the two sprints bagged the 'Champion of Champions' trophy.



Soccer Report



Once again the ball rolled in the old green grassy fields of St. Francis' College and as the Football frenzy caught on electrical performances were displayed by many.

Unfortunately the Soccer session 2001-2002 was a dull one, which did not bring many opportunities for the Franciscan spikers to showcase their talents.

This year football season started with Inter house Football of C div. St. Patrick's house stood first winning both its matches, St. Andrew's house second, St. George's third and St. Francis' fourth.

It was then the turn of the B div. boys to prove their worth. Farhan Azmi, Karam Kidwai, Saqib and Lohani did exceptionally well for their houses with the final standings as St. Andrew's first, St. George's second, St. Patrick's third and St. Francis' fourth.

Then came the much awaited A div matches. The matches were memorable, keenly contested and some were simply thrilling. Probably for the first time in the history of St. Francis' College we saw a match being decided after 11 penalties. (St. George's Vs. St. Patrick's). St. George's with its excellent line up won all its matches thereby coming first, St. Andrew's second, St. Patrick's third and St. Francis' fourth.

St. Andrew's house asserted its superiority over the game pocketing the football shield.

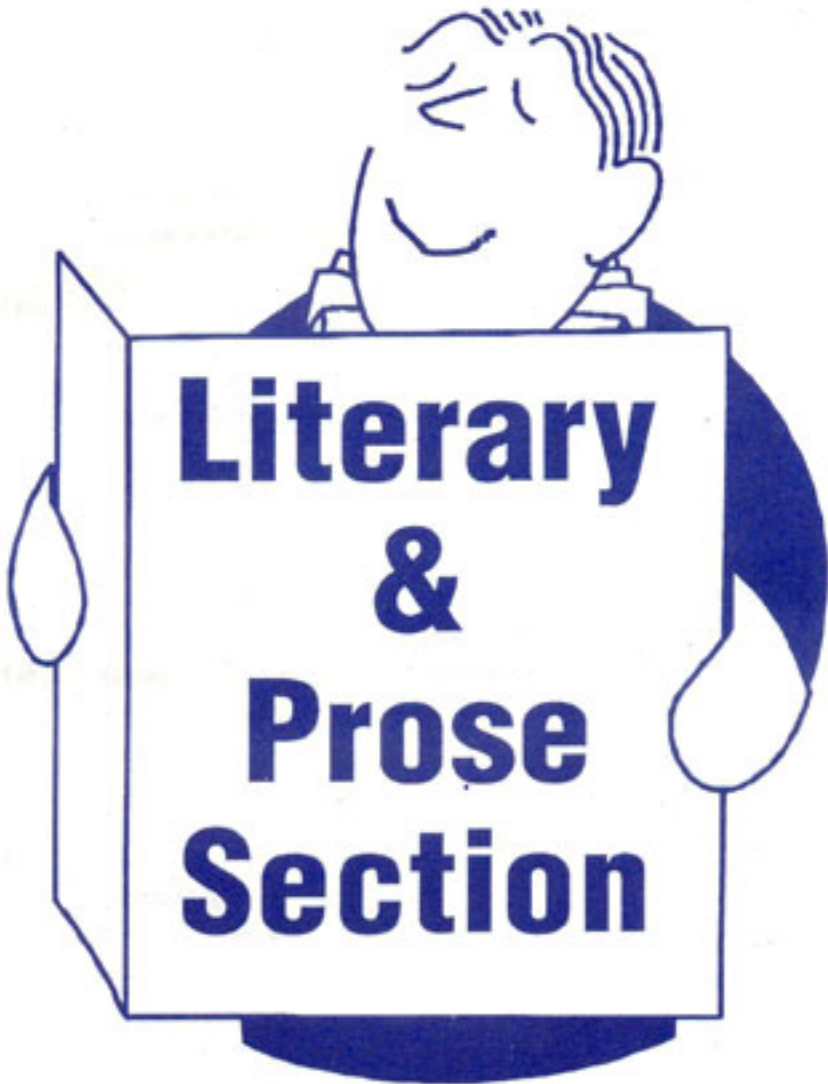
The report would be incomplete without a special word of thanks to our PTI and Mr Vig for his constant support and guidance.

Finally with great regards, to all Football enthusiasts, I close the chapter of soccer 2001-02 in St. Francis' college hoping the next would be as glorious as ever.

The Team - M. Rizvi (Captain), R. Singh, K. Arora, M. Ravat, K. Tripathi, K. Mehra, K. Singh, M. Saran, A. Sethi, K. Mohan, P. Mishra, R. Singh, R. Sahani, V. Kaul, K. Kidwai.



Mushir Rizvi
Captain



Mother

Our "Mother", is a woman,
Who gives us care;
She may be tall,
Wheatish or fair.



Never does she say,
No, to us,
But never does she let
us create, noise or fuss.

She is the one,
Who cares when we're ill;
She doesn't ask us,
But does it on her will;

When she gets angry,
She slaps us on our cheeks;
But after a couple of hours,
It's our love that she seeks;

When we're home after play,
Our dresses are dirty
Then we take a bath,
And our mother tells us to study.

We are helped by "Mother"
During the exams;
When the results are given;
We become the champs.

Once in a year, a day comes
they say.
The children wait eagerly,
and that's the "Mother's Day."

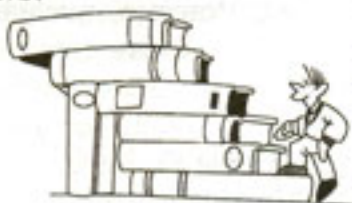
**Kaustubh
VI-B**

Subjects

Maths is just superb
It's like a knowledge herb.

Science is majestic,
It is very suggestive.

History is very easy.
Most of the time its cool and breezy.



Geography is continental,
like a matter very confidential.

Art is very nice,
Just like jam and slice.

Literature is like a bright sun
full of knowledge and fun.

**Sabeeh Chaudhary
V-A**



F.R.I.E.N.D.S.

'Friends' are really important figures in anyone's life. One feels elated and very lucky if one gets a true friend. One can share anything and everything with friends. It is a friend who really helps in need. Actually the real meaning of 'Friends' is hidden in every letter of the great word 'FRIENDS'. To me it means something like this:-

- F. is for friend being 'Faithful'
- R. is for always 'Raising' the spirit.
- I. is for the 'Impact' the friend has.
- E. is for 'Enduring' the friendship come what may.
- N. is for 'Not letting Down' ever.
- D. is for the strong 'Devotion' towards the friendship.
- S. is for the 'Smiles' and 'Strength' the friend showers.



I am really thankful to God for giving me some true friends.

Praveen Horhar
III-A

THE INDIAN NUCLEAR DETERRENT

During and even after the Cold War era, nuclear material and missile proliferation spread to several countries. These countries, which include Iraq, Iran and Pakistan, gained help from nuclear powers such as China, and started rapid assembling of their nuclear arsenals. Pretty soon even after arms reduction treaties between the U.S. and the erstwhile Soviet Union, the number of nuclear warheads and missiles has grown increasingly large.

The largest number of nuclear-weapons equipped countries are in India's close proximity. These are Pakistan, Iran, Iraq, China, Malaysia, the former Soviet countries, and of course, the US strategic bombers base on the island of Diego

Again, after half an hour when the inspector had gone, Alice heard a strike and then she heard that the main door opened. Then she went to the window and saw a huge man wearing a black coat, a black hat, a black pant and black boots. Alice was not able to see his face though she was trying a lot. Alice poured a bucket of water on Tom and he at once woke up. Alice told him everything that was going on. Tom at once got up, went to the kitchen and brought an iron rod and a sharp knife. He gave the knife to Alice and asked her to injure the robber in his leg by attacking him with the knife. They allowed him to open the door and as he entered the room Tom injured him by his iron rod. Then Alice attacked him with her knife. Then the children put the light on, and they were astonished to see that it was Hardy who wanted to enter the house. First they felt sorry for him but then they saw a pistol in his pocket. Now they understood that Hardy had come to kill them.

Tom phoned to the police station and requested the police inspector to come by saying, "Sir, this time we have made no mistake. We have caught the murderer of our mother". The inspector came and was surprised to see the children's bravery.

Next morning, their father came and was happy to see the children alright. The inspector told him everything.

The children were given a bravery award by the king of England.

Tanay Hazari
VII-A

Home Work

Books on the table.
Books on the floor.
Books on the window still more and more.
English, Maths, Hindi and translation,
and all the History of our nation.
It really ruins the evening for me.
I miss the best programmes after tea
I would not mind this every night
If I could only get my home work right.



Akshay Srivastava
I-A

New Kid on the Block

At a cricketing awards ceremony a foreigner remarked, "There are three things India possesses which the rest do not-- The Taj Mahal, Lata Mangeshkar and Sachin Tendulkar." Indeed, Tendulkar is the prize possession of India. Everytime the little Mumbai lad smashes his way to a century, kids throng the streets switching to low grips and heavy timber, trying to emulate the master. But only one has come anywhere near to what millions aspire- Virender Sehwag.

Sehwag, coming from a suburb of Delhi, made a statement when he consistently destroyed domestic attacks to the point of surrender. His debut though was lower than a low key affair. Just one run off the bat and thirty five off his two overs. But those who had felt the heat knew - The plunderer was having a day off. Sehwag bat's wrath fell on New Zealand when in Sri Lanka he smashed exactly hundred off sixty nine deliveries. Similar, if not same, performances followed in his hundred on test debut in South Africa and one day series against England.

Still Sehwag has a long way to go. His technique and defence is not quite Sachin like but his fearless hitting and total demolition of attacks bring back old memories of Sachin putting the opposition to the sword.

If you still have some doubts then change the reception of your television to a little blurred one and work out or who was it who punched an extra cover drive Little Master or Little Tendulkar?

Udbhav Gupta
XI-C

Mother



A Mother is one who cares a lot,
She is the one who is fair to all.
A Mother is one who gave me birth,
She is the one who understands me first.
She shares a bond which is so strong,
It is a relationship which lasts life long.
She is the one who could never be replaced,
No toys, no friend could take her place,
She seems to be a fairy that are in tales,
She has a will power that never fails.
She is my best friend who is so brave,
O! Lord, she is the best thing that you ever gave.

S. Wajeehul Hasan
IV-B



Terrorism

The atrocities against innocent people for socio-political gains by individuals or by groups can be defined as terrorism. It becomes intolerable when people try to enforce their own monopoly in their fields.

Initially its evidences were seen in local bodies but with the development and advancement of science and technology it has spread far and wide.

It has now become a global problem. Although this problem started with the commence of civilization, as for instance the Indus Valley Civilisation was razed to the ground by the so called Aryans, then, we find similar instances in Greek civilization as well. Later on generals like Hitler and Napoleon looked forward to conquer the entire world. Hitler killed hundreds and thousands of innocent Jews. Then the Muslim invaders like Mahmood Ghazni and Mohammad Gauri, plundered the wealth of our nation and killed lakhs of people. Then in the modern days, U.S.A. which at the moment has emerged as a hero against "TERRORISM" terrorised the entire world by dropping two atom bombs at Hiroshima and Nagasaki. For several years no vegetation could be grown in these areas. The Crusade war which lasted for several years brought about a big social disaster. This terrorism does not end here. Israel- Palestine, Iran- Iraq, Iraq- Kuwait, Cechnya- Bosnia and where not, the entire world is suffering the agony of terrorism.

Recently the terrorist attack on the W.T.C and Pentagon created havoc in the most powerful nation - U.S.A. The consequence of this attack has been witnessed by the world which was the terrible bombarding on the ethnic state of Afghanistan. The most wanted terrorist Osama-bin-Laden is still wanted. However the formation of a new government in Afghanistan is under process and America is hopeful of fighting successfully against terrorism.

The economic disturbance that countries have to face after the terrorist attacks is more painful. The bigger powers fight actually for their own benefits.

The so called alliance members face the hardships without any real award. It is the peak time when we, the Indians must realise the actual involvement of the super power in any corner of the world, before we extend our support to them. The war strategies are ultimately going to benefit the super power alone. The other alliance member nations will have to pay for what the others gain.



Finally we once again must look forward to build up the moral code of conduct amongst all human beings. We all are infact the decendants of the same parents- Adam and Eve and hence the feeling of universal brotherhood should be spread everywhere. The need of the hour is realising our identity. After all we are the best creation of the almighty God. We must always remember- "*Peace hath her victories no less renowned war*". Hence, we must join hands to live peacefully and make Mother Earth a better place to live.

Ishpreet Singh
VIII-B

Observing Teachers

All the characters in this poem are purely coincidental and have no resemblance with any person.

Wearing highly branded clothes and controlling the boys with the Majestic Stick,
The best English teacher is our Mr. Derrick.

Looks like one of the students, with a highly friendly nature.
No one can ever forget Mr. Brian our Chemistry teacher.

He is handsome and comes on a Splendor,
He is Mr. Manoj our Biology teacher.

She is the most senior and she is the most keen,
Giving moral instructions is Mrs. Dean.

He is highly intelligent; to the book he is the most close
He is a math whiz- Mr. Bose.

For the class he is the most respected being,
He is a physics genius, he is Mr. Sanjay Singh.

Apurva Krishna,
Rohan Dikshit,
Saurabh Agarwal.
XI-C



World of Today



Oh! When I look up at this world of today,

My lord! I give a cry of dismay.

From north to south, east to west,

There is nothing but problems & environment of hatred which stretch.

One of the major problems that many nations are facing,

Is the menace terrorism is becoming.

India, United States and Afghanistan are some of the major victims of it,

And the problems that terrorism has created.

When the world was still struggling to get past the obstacles in the way of peace and overall progress,

The abhorrent terrorist attacks took place on September 11 in the US.

As the mighty World Trade Centre was razed to a rubble by the aeroplanes strike,

The people saw, flabbergasted, this sight.

America's revenge started with the new war in Afghanistan,

Although they could not seize Osama Bin Laden, the mastermind, but uprooted the oppressive rule of the Taliban.

Hardly had they overcome this new wave of terror,

When the Parliament of the world's largest democracy was attacked on 13th December.

It left the people of India infuriated,

An environment of fight and revenge from Pakistan, and terrorism it created.

Pakistan was handed over the list of 20 most wanted terrorists, including *Lashkar-e-Toyaba* and *Jaish-e-Mohammad* and demanded their extradition, Pakistan was forced to announce crackdown on terrorist organizations.

India demanded to stop infiltration and ban terrorism activities in POK,

"It is freedom struggle", Musharraf says.

USA says it supports India in this war against terrorism,

For the consequence, India shows optimism.

Then, much to the horror, terrorist strike again, took place at American Centre at Kolkata.



That's all, our patience will not be tolerated any more,
Leave alone terrorism, racial discrimination, poverty, hunger, starvation, illiteracy
still prevail.
There is no cure in sight of all these ails.
Corruption is growing at an alarming rate.
Something needs to be done fast to make the world corruption- safe,
The two P's- Pollution and Population are causing havoc and are posing a real
threat,
They are imminent problems to which it appears as if there is no check.
If all these menaces are not dealt with and abolished soon,
Then, God save us! The world will be certainly heading for doom!!

Deepansh Dalela
VII-B

WHAT IS LIFE

Life is a gate way,
waiting for us to enter.
Life is a king's court,
with God in the centre.
Life is a story,
meant for everyone to hear,
Full of sadness, love and
anxiety, surprise and fear.
Life is a horse that
We all must saddle
Life is a boat, be brave
and paddle.



Aman Raza
IV-A



... A Reality Won

Mercy speaks, speaks fair to me.

Speaks, to bribe the soul in me.

Death offers me redemption,

Tempting indeed, but! To overlook the hell's conception.

Pause, ere I make a choice,

Let me blunder to confer it with the inner voice.

Can death be so deceptive, so cruel?

Or I am condemned to conscience's hell?

Let me bear the profit of my deeds, "The Gains",

And here do I accept the torture of destiny, wounds and pains.

And never let mercy be so merciful to me,

That the maker wins over the devil in me.

And let me decay with weeds and worms,

And attain salvation as they speak in heavenly terms.

Uphar Shukla

XI-C

The Cross in My Pocket

I carry a cross in my pocket,

A simple reminder to me,

of the fact that I am a CHRISTIAN,

No matter where I may be.

Gracias A. Fernandes

I-A

My New Best Friend

Today I met a great new friend,
Who knew me right away.
It was funny how he understood,
All I had to say.

He listened to my problems,
He listened to my dreams.
We talked about love and life,
He'd been there, too, it seems.

I never once felt judged by him,
He knew just how I felt.
He seemed to accept me,
And all the problems I'd been dealt.

He didn't interrupt me,
Or need to have him say.
He just listened very patiently,
And didn't go away.

I wanted him to understand,
How much he meant to me,
But as I went to hug him,
Something startled me.

I put my arms in front of me,
And went to pull him nearer,
And realised that my new best friend,
Was nothing but a mirror.

*Ritej Bisaria
VII B*

Mother's Advice

My mother is always telling me
what to do.

She says, 'Do this'

But I do that.

She says, 'Come here'

But I go there.

She says, 'Do it now'

But I do it then.

She says, 'Today!'

But I say, 'Tomorrow;

She says, 'Take it off!'

But I put it on,

She says,

I do.

This and that,

Here and there,

Now and then,

Today and Tomorrow,

off and on,

Far too often!

But, I like to be different.

*Mohd Anas Zia
II-C*



The Beast Named Man



Beware of him! He may still be around,

He's as swift as a deer; As deadly as a hound.

His attack is too deadly which no one can survive.

He's a wild beast who is after every life.

You may not realize it as you face the charge,

As he may look too saintly; A perfect camouflage.

Do not be fooled by his looks. If you get to see,

He is the one who preys upon his own species.

The most distinguished creature, as he is called,

He is deliberate on destroying to rest of them all.

Everyone who comes along his way,

Pays back by resulting in the form of his prey.

Some people have tried to make him a pet,

But he still remains one to grumble and fret.

But those poor people were unaware of its Parasitic nature,

As it sticks on and sucks their life out with all power,

No one is safe from his destructive plans,

As the whole world is Habitat to his deadly claws.

From the cold deserts to the hot desert lands,

Remains the threat to be torn out by his deadly fangs.

Now only the passage of time or a revolution,

Can save this planet from his massive destruction.

And re-establish a peace at last,

Let's all of us hope and wish for that.

Ritej Bisaria
VII-B

In Gloom

Though youngest here, you are no longer small.

But life is very hard since one and all,

Aspire by your teacher, thus & thus:

"Who have experience, take a tip from us"

"We know because we did it long ago"

"Elders are always better, you must know"

At least that's been a rule since life began!

Our personal faults are too small to be seen;

This makes it easier to criticize,

The faults of others, which seem double-size

Please bear with us, our parents, for we try

To judge you fairly & with sympathy.

Correction sometimes takes us against your will,

Though its like swallowing a bitter pill.

Which must be done if we're to keep the peace,

While time goes by till all this suffering cease.

You read & study nearly all the day,

Who might've lived in such a different way.

You're never bored and bring us all fresh air

Your only moan is this; "What can I wear?"

I have no knickers, all my clothes are small,

My vest might be a loincloth, and that is not all!

To put on shoes would mean to cut off toes,

Oh dear, I'm worried by so many woes.



Vivek Kaul
XI-C



Report

On the Science Exhibition (Jan 2002)



Save our Mother Earth

Around the world, pollution of the air and water from municipal, industrial and agricultural operations continues to grow. Governments and industries are constantly on the look out for technologies that will allow for more efficient and cost-effective waste treatment. One technology that can successfully treat the organic fraction of wastes is anaerobic digestion (AD). When used in a fully engineered system, AD not only provides pollution prevention, but also allows for sustainable energy, compost and nutrient recovery. Thus, AD can convert a disposal problem into a profit centre. As the technology continues to mature, AD is becoming a key method for both waste reduction and recovery of a renewable fuel and other valuable co-products.

At St. Francis' College we recently organized a highly informative science exhibition. The visitors could witness a model of a Biogas plant. We even gave the following information to those who desired to make their own biogas.

Recycling waste into a fuel - BIOGAS

Requirements:-

A box with a lid, gas tube and a burner, a 'T' tube with a tap, suction pump, fresh cowdung, remains of plants and leaves, peels of vegetables.

Method:-

Mix all garbage (vegetable peels broken into pieces) with fresh cow-dung. Fill half the box with this mixture. Suck out the air to create a vacuum. Close the tap and leave it for decomposition by bacteria in the absence of air. The gases released by activities of microbes can be used as a fuel and the solid left behind is excellent manure with very high nitrogen content.

The students of our college had also put up many well-made charts on various important issues. We realized that our main objective should be spreading awareness among the visitors about the degrading condition of the global



environment. We therefore highlighted the following environmental problems:

1. India covers about 2 percent of the earth's surface.
2. India's forested area is only 1 per cent of the world's forested area.
3. India's population is 18 percent of the world's total population.
4. 30% of India's population depends on forests.
5. 74 % of India's forested area needs to be rehabilitated.
6. About 6 lakh tons of air is there in earth's atmosphere.
7. A healthy person breathes 22,000 times in a day.
8. In a day a healthy person takes in 35 pounds of air.
9. A healthy person breathes out 50 lakh liters of air in a year.
10. During its lifetime a Peepal tree takes in about 2252 kgs of polluted air and gives out 1703 kgs of oxygen.

Most of our visitors were shocked when they got to know of facts like the ones below:

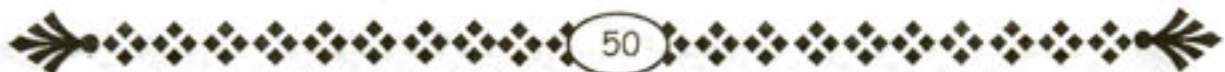
Since 1910 till today 0.05% Oxygen has been reduced. On the other hand 13% carbon dioxide has increased.

Since 2000 the temperature has increased by 0.3 degrees centigrade. Forests take in Carbon dioxide from 20-100%. Only 4% of the world's water is on Earth. The rest is in the oceans and in the form of ice. Available pure water is only 0.03%

In developing nations 80% children die due to diseases caused by water pollution.

I am sure that this effort of our College has enlightened many people, who will hopefully remember to be more ecologically friendly in the future.

*Abhinav Verma and the
'Eco Friends'*



VALUABLE SCIENTIFIC DATA

New addition proposed to the Periodic Table of elements from Chemistry lovers.

Element name	-	Women
Symbol	-	WO
Discoverer	-	Adam
Atomic Wt.	-	(Don't even go there)



Physical Properties - Boils off at nothing and may freeze any time. Melts whenever treated properly. Very bitter if mishandled. Undergoes unpredictable spontaneous dehydration (weeps).

Chemical Properties - Very active, highly unstable. Possesses strong affinity for gold, silver, platinum, and all other precious stones. Volatile when left alone. Able to absorb great amount of exotic food. Turns slightly green when placed next to lustrous (Shinier) isotopes. Tends to form strong ionic bonds with Ma (Man) element.

Use - Highly ornamental. An extremely good catalyst for dispersion of wealth. Probably the most powerful income reducing agent known.

Caution -

- (i) Highly explosive in inexperienced hand.
- (ii) Illegal to possess more than one specimen

*Abhinav Singhal
XI-A*

LAUGH A LINE

- Father - Why did you get such a low score in the test?
Son - The reason is absence
Father - You mean you were absent on the day of test.
Son - No, the boy who sits next to me was absent.
- Teacher - I hope I would not see you looking at Suresh's paper.
Student - I hope you would not either





The Franciscan

- Sachin – How should I convey the news to my father that I have failed
- Anil – Send a telegram–Result declared past year performance repeated
- A fat boy and his mother walked into a pet shop and said, "Sir I would like to buy a kitten for my Son.
Shopkeeper – Sorry madam, we don't do pet exchange here.
- Teacher – What is a "Gene Bank"
Student – A bank in which we can't open account.
- Teacher – What makes snakes shed their skin?
Student – Changing scenario of fashion or to follow the footsteps of the politician who change over different parties.

Swarit Narayan
VII B



(UN) Scientific Laws For Franciscans

ARCHIMEDES PRINCIPLE

When a student is partially or totally immersed in depths of studies, he experiences an upward force from the teacher, which is equal to the loss in the weight of the student.

LAW OF INERTIA

Every Franciscan continues to remain in his state of rest, unless he is acted upon by a repulsive force of punishment imposed by the teacher.

SUPPORTING LAWS

Provided the pressure exerted by the competitive examinations remains the same; the volume of the study material in the college is directly proportional to the rise in temperature of the students. (Exam fever)

MY LAW FOR BACK-BENCHERS

Your safety and security is directly proportional to the product of your distance from the teacher and the power of his/her lenses and inversely proportional to his/her temper.

MATHEMATICALLY : $S = K (Pd/T)$ (K is constant of proportionality)

Amit Chaturvedi
XI-C





*Mrs. A. Chandra
Nur-A*



*Mrs. R. Phillips
Nur-B*



*Miss. N. Lobo
Nur-C*



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Miss. V. Phillips
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Mrs. B. Singh
K.G. - D



Miss. R. Bunny
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Mrs. I. Hill
I - B



Mrs. A. Kochar
I - C



Mrs. M. Chandra
I - D



Mrs. D. Fonseca
II - A



Mrs. M. Bennett
II - B



Miss. V. Ghosh
II - C



Mrs. V. David
II - D



Mrs. S. Nath
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*Mrs. R. Franklin
III - C*



*Mrs. A. Tewari
III - D*



*Mrs. Z. Singh
IV - A*



Mrs. V. Fernandes
IV - B



Mrs. C. Fanthome
IV - C



Mrs. S. Khan
IV - D



Mrs. H. Freitas
V - A



Mrs. V. Das
V - B



Mr. S. Mc Donald
V - C



Mr. C. Viegas
V - D



Mr. H. K. Gregory
VI - A



Mrs. V. Lyall
VI - B



Mr. S. Daniel
VI - C



Mr. A. M. Morrison
VI- D



Mr. S. Srivastava
VII - A



*Mr. J. Hannah
VII - B*



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VII - C*



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VII - D*



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VIII - A



Mrs. R. Kumar
VIII - B



Mrs. R. Jackson
VIII - C



Mrs. A. Agarwal
VIII - D



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IX - A



Mrs. J. Nagranee
IX - B



Miss. A. Mitra
IX - C



Mrs. R. Duggal
IX - D



Miss. P. Khan
X - A



Mr. P. Bhargava
X - B



Mr. M. Kumar
X - C



Mr. D. Jackson
X - D



*Mr. B. D'More
XI - A*



*Mr. R. Kumar
XI - B*



*Mr. S. K. Singh
XI - C*



Mrs. K. Nagar
XII - A



Mr. N. Bose
XII - B



Mr. T. Sawhney
XII - C



Aug. 2, 2001 Inter House Football ('B' Division) matches continue. St. Patrick's House beat St. Francis' House 2-0.

St. Andrew's House defeats St. George's House 2-1.

Aug. 3, 2001 We have the elocution contest for boys from classes IX to XII in English. The duration of the recitation was 3 + 1 Minutes. Among the participants from classes IX and IX, the following positions were bagged by:

First – Abhinav Verma (St. George's House)

Second – Karan Verma (St. Andrew's House)

Third – Akash Agarwal (St. Andrew's House)

From classes XI and XII the top positions were notched by

First – Abhishek Mishra (St. George's House)

Second – Ankit Rastogi (St. Patrick's House)

Third – Vaibhav Saxena (St. Patrick's House)

In Inter House Football 'A' Division matches between the various House, the results were :

St. George's defeated St. Patrick's House by one goal to luv and St. Andrew's House beat St. Francis' House with the same margin.

Aug. 6, 2001 In the Second innings of 'A' Division matches, St. Patrick's House emerged victorious by defeating the opponent St. Francis' House 2-0.

St. George's House proved their mettle against St. Andrew's by scoring 1-0.

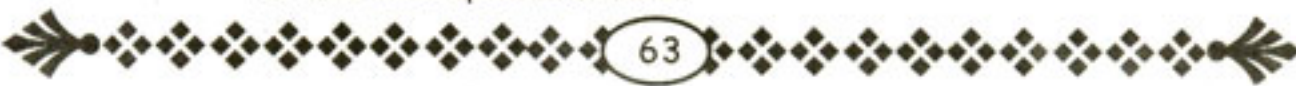
The overall picture that emerged after the 'B' and 'A' Division matches was something like this in football.

First – St. Andrew's House

Second – St. George's Hosue

Third – St. Patrick's House

Aug. 11 2001 कम्प्यूटर मानव जाति के लिये महान वरदान है' (समय 3+1 मिनट)
Yes, this was the topic for the Hindi debators from classes IX and X. The best speakers were:



- First – Mayank Mehta (St. Patrick's Hosue)
 He spoke against the motion
 Second (a tie) Manu Maharishi (St. Francis' House)
 Karan Verma (St. Andrew's House)

For classes XI and XII the topic of the debate was –

'वर्तमान पीढ़ी का मानसिक विकास पूर्णतया छोटे पर्दे पर ही निर्भर है'

The convincing debators who walked away with the prizes were:

- First (a tie) – Vidhu Shekhar (St. Francis' House)
 – Yash Mohan (St. Andrew's House)
 Second – Shubham Sinha (St. Patrick's House)

Aug. 15, 2001 :Lovers of freedom often overlook this paradox, "there is no true freedom without discipline". A disciplined life gives us freedom to do the things we want to do.

Dr. P.N. Muttoo, the Head of Department in Modern History in Lucknow University was the Chief guest. He is the founder member of the Old Franciscans Association.



Dr. P.N. Muttoo accompanied by the Principal and Vice-Principal on Independence Day

He asked the boys to uphold the College's ideals and prove to be worthy citizens of India. Dr. Muttoo's face looks quite familiar as he happens to be the proud father of a tiny Franciscan. We were quite glad to have accorded to him a warm welcome.

Huzefa Shabbir and Deepansh Dalela (of class VII B) participated in the Inter-School Talent Festival in Essay writing contest. Among the participants of twelve Schools from classes VII and VIII, the Catholic Diocese of Lucknow placed the two boys' essays (of about 500 words) in the 'Very Good' Category. Certificates of Merit were awarded to them. The Talent Festival, to celebrate the 54th National Independence Day, was held at St. Francis' College Campus.

Thus concluded the National Day on a high note:

Aug. 18, 2001 The First Quarterly Examination begin for classes I to XII

Aug. 25, 2001 The First Quarterly Examination gets over.

Aug. 31, 2001 In the Inter-House Basketball St. Andrew's House defeated St. Francis' House by 10-8. Also, St. George's House overwhelmed the rival team of St. Patrick's House by 20-16.

Sept. 1, 2001 In the other round of matches St. Patrick's House emerged victorious by beating St. Francis' 22-12.

St. George's House won over their clashing team St. Andrew's by 20-10.

In Basketball the overall position of the Houses was as follows:-

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

Sept. 5, 2001 The Teacher's Day was celebrated with enthusiasm. Like the other years, the senior boys presented a fun-filled cultural programme. The teachers were given gifts by the Management.

Sept. 6, 2001 Inter House Volley Ball matches began.

In the opening clashes St. George's House beat St. Patrick's House
15 – 12 / 15 – 5

St. Andrew's House beat St. Francis' 15 – 13 / 15 – 12



St. Francis' House beat St. Patrick's House 10 – 15 / 15 – 8 / 15 – 12

St. Andrews' House beat St. George's 15 – 10 / 15 – 5

The Volley Ball positions were-

First – St. Andrew's House Second – St. George's House

Third – St. Francis' House Fourth – St. Patrick's House

Sept. 15, 2001 Examination Papers of the First Quarterly were shown to the students.

In the Inter-House Cricket Match St. George's House defeated St. Andrew's House.

In an Inter-School Extempore Speech Competition organised by Rotary, 'Aptech Youth Festival - 2001' Abhinav Verma (IX B) bagged the second Prize.

Sept. 16, 2001 In Cricket St. Francis' House defeated St. Patrick's House.

Sept. 17, 2001 The answer scripts of the First quarterly Examination were shown to the boys.

Sept. 22, 2001 The Cricket series continues. St. Patrick's House defeats St. Andrew's House.

Sept. 23, 2001 St. Francis' House defeats St. George's House.

House-wise the positions were:

First – St. Francis' House. Second – St. George's House.

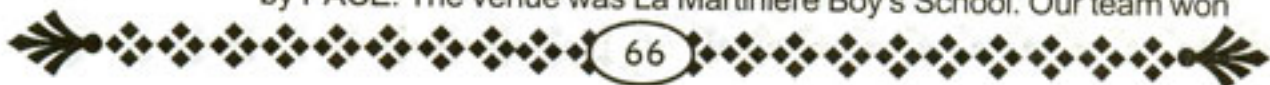
Third – St. Patrick's House. Fourth – St. Andrew's House.

Sept. 29, 2001 HT "PACE" held a Painting Competition 'Kaleidoscope' for the PACE members at the Police wireless Training Hall. The topics were given on the spot.

Oct. 2, 2001 A Cricket match between the Past Team verses Present was played; the ex-students defeated the present by 53 runs.

Oct. 3, 2001 In the Past versus Present School teams, the Present boys defeated the Past-Team 26 - 12.

Nitish Goel (XI A) and Vaibhav Saxena (XI B) had represented St. Francis' College in an English Debate Competition organised by PACE. The venue was La Martiniere Boy's School. Our team won





the 3rd Prize. They were cash awarded a cash Prize of Rs. 750/-

The Annual Concert for students of classes VI onwards was staged from 3.30 p.m. onwards.

The following boys had represented St. Francis College in Lucknow District Swimming Championship held on 2nd and 3rd October, 2001 and won the following prizes—

1. Vaibhav Chaturvedi was Second in 100 mts. Breast Stroke.
2. Pavit Shukla came Third in 100 Mts. Free Style.
3. Mirsab Mehmod came Third in 50 Mts. Back Stroke.
4. Haris Naseem came second in 50 Mts. Back Stroke and Third in 50 Mts. Free Style.
5. Jamie Varun Krishnan came:—

First in 50 Mtrs Free Style, First in 50 Mtrs Back Stroke.
and First in 50 Mtrs. Butterfly Stroke

In Group 3 St. Francis' notched the top place and was First in the overall events.

Oct. 4, 2001 We all look forward to the Patron's Day celebrations. This year the day started with a heavy downpour. The intermittent rains had water logging to high levels all over the town.

The Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi begins with a morning mass at 7.00 a.m. The College Chapel had the August presence of Rt. Rev. Albert D'Souza the Bishop; Fr. Vincent Nazareth, the Principal and Fr. Clifford Lobo, the Vice Principal. The fruit offerings and the wafting incense and choirs seem to make the environs sacrosanct. The routine assembly was held briefly inside the Gymnasium Hall and Rt. Rev. Albert D'Souza delivered a simple message reminding the students of the school motto 'Pax-et-Bonum'. The impoverished poor material life is richly rewarded by the Lord. The School motto stands for Peace and Fraternity.

Our Librarian Miss R. Badhwar completes 25 years in service. A stickler for discipline, she is sincere and works with zeal. The institution appreciates her dedication.





The other teachers, who were given certificates (for full attendance) during the academic year 2000-01 are Mrs. B.R. Dean, Mrs A Lawrence, Miss G. Holmes, Mrs. D. Fonseca and Miss V. Phillips. For the ICSE Examination 2001, Merit certificates to the distinction holders was given:

- First – Mayank Mohan and Udbhav Gupta
- Second – Abhineet Sonkar
- Third – Abhishek Bit.

The boys who scored highest in each subject were also awarded merit certificates.

Merit Certificates were given to the meritorious students who excelled themselves in the ISC Examination 2001.

- First – Nidhish Jain
- Second – Mudit Johari, Nishant Singh
- Third – Salil Das

The Parth Dhawan Scholarship was awarded to Kush Srivastava and Mohd. Jafar Ali Beg for securing highest marks in Physics in ISC Examination 2001.

"A great man shows his greatness by the way he treats a little man".

The evening started with a Vandana Dance. It was the Junior School Concert, the different colourful programmes - 'The Butterfly Prince and his Perfect Bride', 'Dream Land' and 'African Dance' were all spectacular, fantastic and vibrant.

'Music Down the Ages,' 'Sing a song of six Pence' and 'The First Patient (An English Play) were imaginatively presented on stage. The Annual Concert was a fusion of colours, creative ambience and skilful presentation. "Hard work is the yeast that raises the dough." So the hard work and conscious efforts of all Franciscans were largely appreciated. We must all constantly strive towards perfection.





A section of the guests at the School concert

Oct. 5, 2001 Joy Mukherjee of St. Francis' College (Class VI D) participated in Indian Music, vocal and bagged the First Prize in solo at the 'Crossroads, 2001' - The cultural extravaganza that has a week long run is supposed by the oldest academic and cultural feast of Lucknow.

Oct. 9, 2001 The activity peppered month had sports activities too. In the Inter House Hockey match St. George's House beat St. Francis' House 2-0.

St. Patrick's House routed St. Andrew's House by 5-3.

Oct. 10, 2001 The Cricket match between the old boys and the Present ones was played. The alumni beat the Present boys by 53 runs. Congratulations! The old were quite bold!

In the Inter House Hockey matches following were the results:

St. Francis' House defeated St. Andrew's by 4-2.

St. Patrick's House beat St. George's House 1-0.



In Hockey, housewise positions were as follows:

First – St. Patrick's House Second – St. George's House
Third – St. Francis' House

In the various activities of Old Franciscan Association's - 'Crossroads', St. Francis' College was the Overall winner in School Section. In the College Section St. Francis' College was the Runners up team, the overall winners being La Martiniere Girls' College. Champion of Champions was hence awarded to La Martiniere Girls' College and the, 'Would Be Champions' – was St. Francis' College team.

In Quinturdles second position in the College section was bagged by Shubham Ashok of our College.

In Hindi Debate School Section First position was secured by Mayank Mehta from the host team (SFC).

In Choreography in both the School and College sections St. Francis' College was winner all the way. An excellent performance!

In creative writing too the boys of St. Francis' College performed well. In the first position was Ketan Bhasin and in the same Category of School Section the third prize went to Rohit Srivastava.

In the Creative Writing contest College Section P. Sinha bagged the third prize.

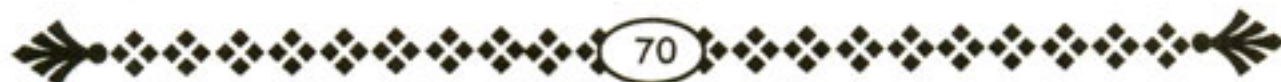
In English Debate Abhinav Verma got the third position in School Section.

So congratulations all the Prize Winners.

Oct. 13, 2001 Inter House Swimming results were:-

First – St. Patrick's House Second – St. George's House
Third – St. Francis' House

Oct. 17, 2001 The Principal's Birthday Celebrations were done with bouquets and flowers and beautiful cards. It was a short programme of song and dance, followed by a party for the staff.





Rev. Fr. Vincent Nazareth being felicitated on his birthday

Oct. 19, 2001 Our 'mini' Marathon race (5½ kms) was run by the swiftest and the steadiest.

The winner's caps were donned by:

First	– Ashar Ali	(St. Patrick's House)
Second	– Himanshu	(St. Patrick's House)
Third	– Ankit Puri	(St. Andrew's House)

Oct. 20, 2001 In the Tug-O-War semi final St. George's House defeated St. Patrick's House. St. Francis' vanquished St. Andrew's in the same.

Nov. 26, 2001 Half Yearly Examinations begin.

Dec. 8, 2001 Half Yearly Examinations get over.

Dec. 10th to 13th, 2001 Sanskrit, General Knowledge, Moral Science, Art and English Dictation Papers.

Dec. 15, 2001 Annual Sports for the Year 2001-2002.

100 Metre Final 'C' Division

First	– Anant Bahuguna	(St. Andrew's House)
Second	– Shubham Tripathi	(St. Patrick's House)
Third	– Mohd. Haris	(St. George's House)



100 Metre Final 'B' Division:

First	–	Shekhar Singh	(St. Patrick's House)
Second	–	Vikram Malhotra	(St. George's House)
Third	–	Saral Kumar	(St. Andrew's House)

100 Metre Final 'A' Division

First	–	Kapil Mohan	(St. George's House)
Second	–	Chirag Yadav	(St. George's House)
Third	–	Divy Bhargava	(St. Francis' House)

200 Metre Final 'C' Division (Final)

First	–	Anant Bahuguna	(St. Andrew's House)
Second	–	Mohd. Haris	(St. George's House)
Third	–	Faham Asif	(St. Francis' House)

200 Metre Final 'B' Division

First	–	Karam Kidwai	(St. George's House)
Second	–	Shekhar Singh	(St. Patrick's House)
Third	–	Vikram Malhotra	(St. George's House)

In 'A' Division the Athletic Champion was Kapil Mohan (St. George's House)

In 'B' Division Karam Kidwai (St. George's House) proved his superiority.

In 'C' Division Anant Bahuguna (St. Andrew's House) was the Champion.

In Inter House Relay 'C' Division:

First	–	St. Andrew's House	Second –	St. Patrick's House
Third	–	St. Francis' House		

In Inter House Relay 'B' Division

First	–	St. Patrick's House	Second –	St. George's House
Third	–	St. Francis' House		

In Inter House Relay 'A' Division

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

Dec. 21, 2001 Christmas Dinner for the Staff members.

Dec. 22, 2001 Winter Vacation begins. District Magistrate orders the closure of schools in Lucknow.



It is time for Avinash Chandra Chaturvedi Memorial Inter School Cricket Tournament. In the inaugural match St. Francis' College defeated Modern College by 50 runs. Jasmeet Singh was declared the man of the match.

Dec. 28, 2001 In a match against Career Convent, Vikas Nagar, again our team was victorious. Jasmeet Singh was again declared as the man of the Match.

Dec. 29, 2001 In a match against Colvin Taluquedar's College (ISC), our College again, led by 115, was the winning team. Saurabh Singh scored 77 runs and Sunny Gadokh took 4 wickets. Saurabh Singh was declared as the man of the match.

Dec. 30, 2001 In the Semi-Final match against Kendriya Vidyalaya Aliganj, St. Francis' College beat the rival team by 6 wickets. Outstanding performance was displayed by Sunny Gadokh who got 5 wickets and Saurabh Singh played the unbeaten stint of 53 runs. The Man of the Match was clinched by Sunny Gadokh.

Dec. 31, 2001 In the Final Match of Avinash Chandra Chaturvedi Memorial Cricket St. Francis' College played against Mahanagar Boys' Inter College. The match was won by 6 wickets due to the highly charged batting of Abhijeet Banerjee and Saurabh Singh. Abhijeet Banerjee was declared the Man of the Match due to his scintillating performance.

Saurabh Singh, the captain of our School team, scored a total of 238 runs in the five innings, with an average of 80 runs; he received a cash award of Rs. 3,600/- Sunny Gadokh was declared as the Best Bowler of the tournament and was awarded the Cash prize of Rs. 3,600/-

St. Francis' College team was represented by:

Saurabh Singh (Captain); Varun Lamba (V. Captain and Wicket keeper), Nikunj Sanghi, Abhijeet Banerjee, Farhan Azmi, Vipul Shekhar, Faiz Ahmad, Dhruv Rampal, Jasmeet Singh, Sunny Gadokh, Himanshu P. Singh, Aishwarya Swaroop, Adhiraj Singh, Saurabh Krishna.

Tanay Hazari, Shivam Batham, Mohd. Shariq, Vaibhav Pandey, Akshat, Gaurang, Gautam, Devasish Singh, Ashish Talwar, Karan Kshitij, Sakshat Kapoor, Arpit, and Vatsal Khanna.

The following boys shall be going for the Summer Coaching Camp at Ambedkar Stadium, Gomti Nagar.

- Feb. 15, 2002** A Farewell Party was given to class XII boys. May God's light lead them to higher successes and joys in life!
- Feb. 28, 2002** Moral Science, English Dictation (for Classes VI-VIII) and General Knowledge papers for the Final Examination.
- Mar. 1, 2002** The Annual Examination begin.
- Mar. 15, 2002** The last written examination of the term.
- Mar. 22, 2002** The Final Examination Answer scripts were shown to the students from classes III to XI.
- Mar. 23, 2002** The remaining answer scripts which could not be shown the previous day were shown.
- Mar. 27, 2002** The Final Examination Report Cards were distributed between 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. We also bid farewell to Rev. Father Clifford Lobo, who joins his ecclesiastical duties at Alambagh. His farewell speech was quite encouraging. He maintains that one should respond to one's duty whole heartedly. He is simply transferred; his ties with St. Francis' are even enduring, he is in service of the Diocese and St. Francis' College too lies within its precincts.

We all wish Fr. C. Lobo a warm farewell as he was a picture of sincere and tireless enthusiasm. We all look forward to the new session which shall begin from 2nd April, 2002. We also hope to welcome the new Vice Principal into the St. Franciscan fold.

*"If there is a future
there is time for mending
time to see your troubles
coming to an ending...
Life is never hopeless
however great your sorrow
if you're looking forward
to a new tomorrow"*

It's time we embark with greater zeal, forgetting the embittered past, onto our duty's path..... till life's close....

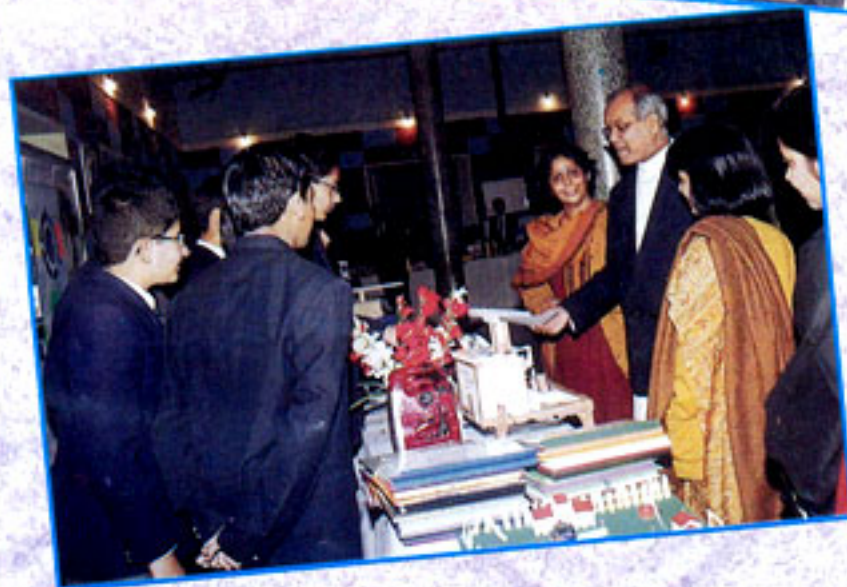
Mrs. Archana Zutshi

Glimpses of Annual Art & Craft Exhibition



Rev. Fr. Vincent Nazareth
accompanied by
a few teachers

Models on Display



The Principal
appreciating the
hard work of
the students

Glimpses of Annual Concert



Vandana Dance



African Dance
Class III



Walz
Class II



Sing a Song of
Six Pence



The Creation of God



Dreamland
Nursery



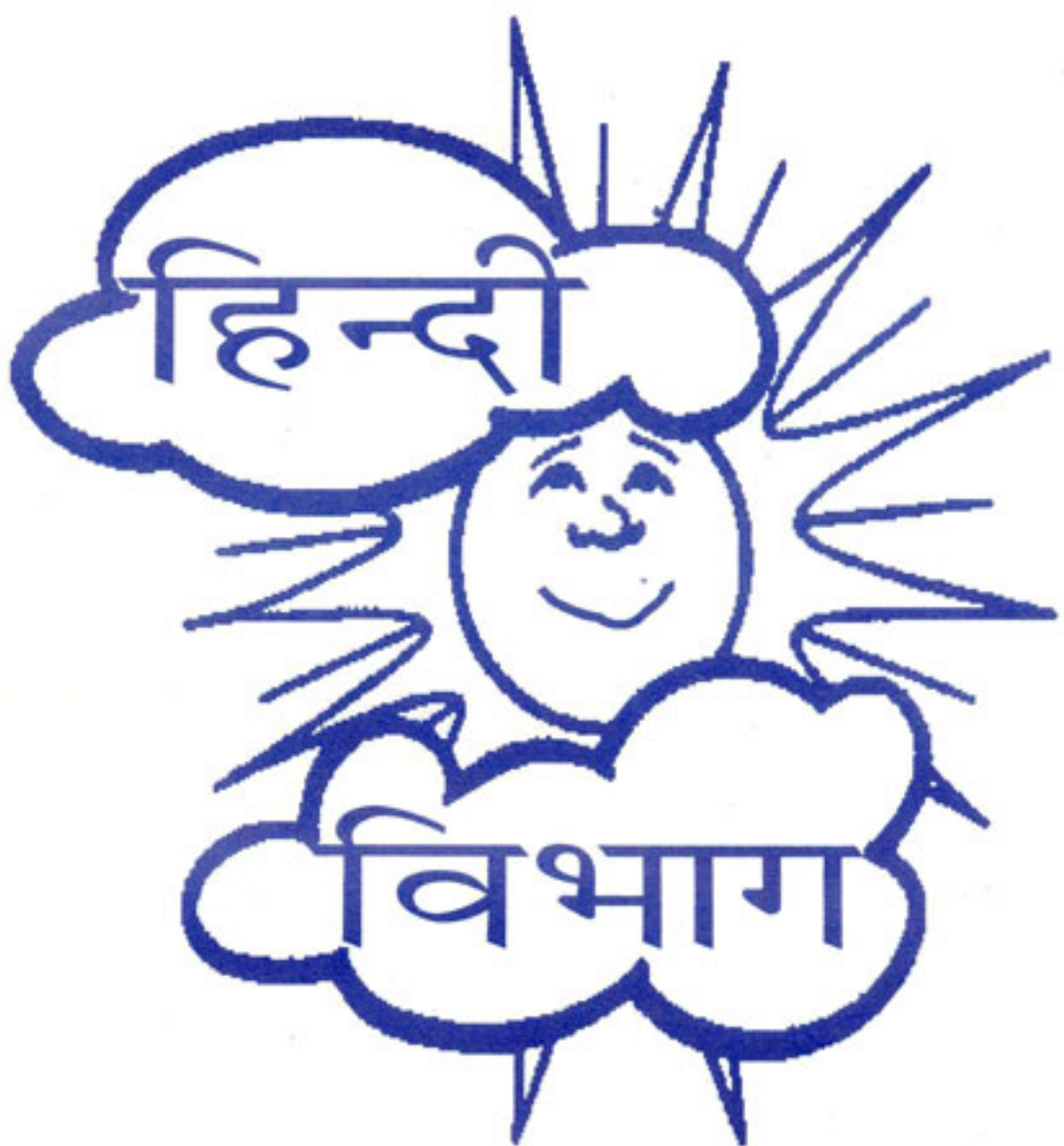
Best Boy - Senior Section
2001 - 2002
Vaibhav Mehta



Best Sportsman
2001 - 2002
Kapil Mohan
St. George's House



Our
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सज्जन और दुर्जन



एक बार संत नानक एक गाँव में गये। वहाँ के लोगों ने उनका बड़ा सत्कार किया। जाते समय गुरु नानक ने उन्हें "उजड़ जाओ" का आशीर्वाद दिया।

दूसरे दिन वह अगले गाँव में गये जहाँ लोगों ने उनका तिरस्कार किया और लड़ने झगड़ने लगे। जाते समय गुरु नानक ने उन्हें "आबाद रहो" का आशीर्वाद दिया।

कुछ देर बाद साथ चल रहे शिष्यों ने गुरु नानक से पूछा, "देव आपने सत्कार करने वालो को 'उजड़ जाओ,' और तिरस्कार करने वालो को 'आबाद रहो' का उल्टा आशीर्वाद क्यों दिया? गुरु नानक बोले कि अगर सज्जन मनुष्य उजड़ेंगे तो वे बिखरकर जहाँ भी जाएँगे सज्जनता ही फैलाएँगे और अधिकांश स्थानों पर अच्छाइयाँ पनपेगी। किन्तु दुर्जन व्यक्तियों का बिखरना ठीक नहीं, इससे वे जहाँ-जहाँ भी जाएँगे वहाँ बुराईयाँ व्याप्त हो जाएँगी। इसलिए इनका एक ही स्थान पर रहना ही ठीक है। इससे उनकी बुराईयाँ इसी स्थान तक ही सीमित रहेंगी।

जगजीत बेदी

3 बी

हँसने लायक

एक बार एक सज्जन अपनी नई स्पोर्ट्स कार लेकर घर से बाहर निकले। सड़क पर उन्होंने एक बूढ़े व्यक्ति को उनकी पुरानी गाड़ी में देखा तो वह उसके बगल में जाकर बोले "आपने कभी स्पोर्ट्स कार चलाई है।" बूढ़े व्यक्ति को लगा कि वह उनका मजाक उड़ा रहा है। उन्होंने उस सज्जन की बात को अनसुना कर दिया और उनको आगे जाने दिया। कुछ देर के बाद बूढ़े व्यक्ति ने उसी स्पोर्ट्स कार वाले सज्जन को सड़क पर खड़ा देखा और उसी के बगल में उसकी टुकी हुई गाड़ी थी। बूढ़े व्यक्ति ने अपनी गाड़ी रोकी और ताना कसा।

इस पर उस सज्जन ने "इसी लिये तो मैं आपसे पूछ रहा था कि आपने कभी स्पोर्ट्स कार चलाई है या नहीं ताकि आप मुझे बता सकें कि इसमें ब्रेक कहाँ होते हैं।"

उत्सव शर्मा

99 सी



भारत माँ की तस्वीर

तन घायल, आँखों में जल, माँ के अंतर में पीर है,

आओ लोगों देखो ये भारत माँ की तस्वीर है।

देखो इसके ही बेटे इसके अंगो को काट रहे,
जाति, धर्म और भाषा के भागों में इसको बाँट रहे।

इधर जले पंजाब, उधर काँपता कश्मीर है,

आओ लोगों देखो यह भारत माँ की तस्वीर है।

गन्दी राजनीति के कीचड़ इस पर डाल रहे,

अपने स्वार्थों के लिए उतार इसकी खाल रहे,

मूर्ख बने नेता और ज्ञानी बने फकीर है,

आओ लोगो देखो यह भारत माँ की तस्वीर है।

अशोक का प्रदीप बुझा, धर्मात्मा मूक हैं खड़े,

रक्त-रंजित खड्गों से लड़ते हुए हैं सब देख रहे,

हाय! क्या यह इस सोने की चिड़िया की तकदीर है,

आओ लोगों देखो यह भारत माँ की तस्वीर है।

बाँटे मेरे देश की धरती यह मुझको स्वीकार नहीं,

देश के गद्दारों से हो सकता है मुझको प्यार नहीं,

भारत देश में पैदा हुआ हूँ यह मेरी तकदीर है,

आओ लोगो देखो यह भारत माँ की तस्वीर है।

अंकुर गुप्ता

११ सी

माईन स्टूडेन्ट

क्रीम पाऊडर रोज लगाते, फैशन से हम प्रीति बढ़ाते,
बीस का टराऊजर सिलवाते, थर्टी का लूजर सिलवाते।

माता— पिता की करें अवज्ञा, सर में डाले सेन्ट
कहलाते हम कॉलेज—स्टूडेन्ट।।

सात बजे सोकर उठते, मंजन से पहले ही टी पीते।
घड़ी देखकर घबरा से जाते, नाश्ता करने को धिल्लाते।
हाथ पैर पटक कर कहते कहाँ मर गया सरवेन्ट।
कहलाते हम कॉलेज—स्टूडेन्ट।।



बस छूटने पर टेम्पो पकड़े, फुटकर के लिए झिक—झिक करते।
धक्का—मुक्की खाते जाते, जीवन में हम मरते जाते।
बहुत परिश्रम करने पर भी हो जाते, अबसेन्ट।
कहलाते हम कॉलेज—स्टूडेन्ट।।

पढ़ने से करे किनारा, तफरी में इम्तिहान गुजारा।
बहुत नकल कर के भी हारा, फूट गया भाग्य हमारा।
सुना रिजल्ट हमारा निकला, जीरो है 'परसेन्ट'
कहलाते हम कॉलेज—स्टूडेन्ट।।

मो० नूर रिजवी
१० सी

उच्च विचार

यदि तुम सर्वोच्च शिखर पर पहुँचने के आकांक्षी हो तो सबसे नीचे से चढ़ना शुरू करो।

—साइरस

आचरण एक शीशे के समान है, जिसमे प्रत्येक मानव अपना प्रतिबिंब दिखाता है।

—प्रेमचन्द

विचारों के युद्ध में पुस्तकें ही अस्त्र हैं।



—जार्ज बर्नाड शॉ
सामुल विलसन
१ वी

प्रश्नचिन्ह-?

बारूदों के ढेरों पर,
विनाश के कगार पर,
हताशा के अश्रु बहाता,
आज हमारा प्यारा देश।

गाँधी, नेहरू के देश में,
हिंसा के तांडव से,
मौन है, स्तब्ध है,
आज हमारा प्यारा देश।

भ्रष्टाचार की वादियों में,
आतंकवाद की आंधियों में,
निज आदर्शों को खोजता,
यह हमारा प्यारा देश।

प्रश्नचिन्ह से भविष्य को,
दिग्भ्रमित कर्णधारों को,
निराशा से मापता,
यह हमारा प्यारा देश।

रक्त की इस झील में,
क्षत-विक्षत पड़े सपूतों पर,
हाहाकार कर विलापता,
यह हमारा प्यारा देश।

पंचशील सिसकता नेहरू का,
और अहिंसा भी है निरुपाय,
मानवता को धिक्कारता,
आज हमारा प्यारा देश

हिन्दू-मुस्लिम, सिक्ख-ईसाई,
हम सब तो थे भाई भाई,
जाति धर्म के वैमनस्य में,
भारतीयता का रंग खोजता,
आज हमारा प्यारा देश।

शान्ति की पुनर्स्थापना को,
आदर्शों के पुनर्निर्माण हेतु,
आशाओं से तुम्हें ताकता,
आज तुम्हारा प्यारा देश।

सुमन सक्सेना
हिन्दी अध्यापिका

कौन बनेगा करोड़पति

मेरा मन भी करता है कि मैं कौन बनेगा करोड़पति में जाऊँ।
 करोड़पति में जाकर घर के खर्चे के लिए कम से कम दस हजार कमाऊँ।।
 इस छोटी सी उम्र में एक अनोखा करिश्मा कर दिखाऊँ।
 अमिताभ बच्चन से मिलकर उनके साथ कुछ लम्हें फुरसत में बिताऊँ।।
 पर क्या करूँ दोस्तों कालोनी के सारे फोन खराब पड़े हैं मैं नम्बर कैसे मिलाऊँ।
 दोस्तों कौन बनेगा करोड़पति के थे कितने दीवाने।
 अरे यह पूछिये कि थे उस कार्यक्रम से कितने अनजाने।।
 एक दिन मेरे भाई को भी चान्स मिला।
 अमिताभ के सामने पहुँचकर वह सब कुछ भूल गया।।
 सवाल में सही उत्तर चुनना भूल गया अपनी लाइफ लाईन प्रयोग करना तक भूल गया।
 उसका करोड़पति बनने का सपना चकनाचूर हो गया।।
 दोस्तों मेरा मन भी करता है कि मैं करोड़पति में जाऊँ
 वहाँ जाकर करोड़पति बनकर आऊँ,
 पर क्या करूँ कालोनी, के सारे फोन है खराब मैं नम्बर
 लगाऊँ भी तो कैसे लगाऊँ।
 अरे दोस्तों करोड़पति का क्या कहना।
 इंजीनियर बनने का सपना हो गया चकनाचूर मेरा।।
 अपना ध्यान लगा के पढ़ने का सपना टूट गया।
 मैं करोड़पति को देख-देख कर परीक्षा में उत्तीर्ण होने से चूक गया।।
 मेरा तो हो गया कल्याण, पर मेरा है आप लोगों को एक सुझाव।
 अगर करोड़पति को देखना है तो पढ़ाई कर दो बंद,
 अगर डाक्टर इंजीनियर या अफसर बनना है तो करोड़पति को कर दो लॉक।



समर सेठ

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चतुर चित्रकार

चित्रकार सुनसान जगह में, बना रहा था चित्र।
 इतने ही में वहाँ आ गया, यमराज का मित्र॥
 उसे देखकर चित्रकार के, तुरन्त उड़ गए होश।
 नदी, पहाड़, पेड़, पत्तों का, रह न गया कुछ जोश॥
 फिर उसको कोई हिम्मत आई, देख उसे चुपचाप।
 बोला—सुन्दर चित्र बना दूँ, बैठ जाईये आप॥
 उकरू—मुकरू बैठ गया वह सारे अंग बटोर॥
 चित्रकार ने कहा —“हो गया, आगे का तैयार।
 अब मुँह आप उधर तो करिये, जंगल के सरदार॥
 बैठ गया पीठ फिराकर, चित्रकार की ओर।
 चित्रकार चुपके से खिसका, जैसे कोई चोर॥
 बहुत देर तक आँख मूँदकर, पीठ घुमाकर शेर।
 बैठे—बैठे लगा सोचने, इधर हुई क्यों देर॥
 झील किनारे नाव लगी थी, एक रखा था बाँस।
 चित्रकार ने नाव पकड़कर, ली जी भरके साँस॥
 जल्दी—जल्दी नाव चलाकर, निकल गया वह दूर।
 इधर शेर था धोखा खाकर, झुंझलाहट में घूर॥
 शेर बहुत खिसिया कर बोला — नाव जरा ले रोक।
 कलम और कागज ले जा, रे कायर डरपोक॥
 चित्रकार ने तुरन्त कहा— रखिये अपने पास।
 चित्रकारी का आप करिये, जंगल में अभ्यास॥



सार्थक रस्तोगी
 ४ सी

भाव्यशाली

आलपीन का सिर होता पर बाल नहीं होता एक,
 कुर्सी की टांगे हैं पर फुटबाल नहीं सकती है फेंक।
 कंघी के हैं दात पर चबा नहीं सकता खाना,
 गला सुराही का है पतला किन्तु न गा सकती गाना।
 जूते की है जीभ मगर वह स्वाद नहीं चख सकता है,
 तीन आँखे रखते हुए नारियल कभी न कुछ देख सकता है।
 है मनुष्य के पास सभी कुछ ले सकता है सबसे काम,
 इसलिए सबसे बढ़कर वह पाता है दुनिया में नाम।।



सार्थक रस्तोगी
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अर्ज किया है

- (१) तुम्हारे दिल की चुभन, जरूर कम होगी, किसी के पाँव से कांटा निकालकर देखो।
- (२) तू मुसीबत में अकेला है तो हैरत कैसी, हर कोई डूबती कश्ती से उतर जाता है।
- (३) अपने लिए तो सब जीते हैं इस जहाँ में, जिन्दगी का मकसद है, औरों के काम आना।
- (४) दुश्मनों ने तो दुश्मनी की है,
 दोस्तों ने भी क्या कमी की है।
- (५) किसकी शिकायत लब पे लाऊँ,
 किसको दे इल्जामे सितम,
 मेरी तबाही मचाने वाले,
 है जाने पहचाने लोग।
- (६) रेखती में तुम्हीं उस्ताद नहीं हो गालिब,
 कहते हैं अपने ज़माने में कोई मीर भी था।
शुक्रिया।



संकलित - विवेक कौल
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यह भी खूब रही

भाई-दूज के मौके पर जाना था मुझे दिल्ली;
भीड़ का हवाला देते हुए ट्रेवल एजेन्ट ने जेबें भर लीं।

खैर रिजर्व्ड डिब्बे में जो हम चढ़े;
"हल्ला बोल" रैली के "कार्यकर्ता" हमारी बर्थ पर थे पड़े।

"डब्लू० टी०" उन्हें आराम से देख मैं हैरान था;
क्या अपनी ही सीट माँगने के लिए मैं बेईमान था।

खैर मुझ जैसे का तो दरवाजे पर अम्बार था,
टी०टी० से उम्मीद रखना तो बेकार था।

शौचालय के बाहर एक कतार थी
"जनाब, और कितनी देर है?" यही पुकार थी।

आवाज आई - "क्या टी०टी० चला गया?"
अन्दर बैठे जनाब की दुविधा को मैं ताड़ गया।

यह जनाब "कार्यकर्ताओं" के दूर के रिश्तेदार थे,
"डब्लू०टी०" यह भी थे, टिकट इनके भी फरार थे।

फर्क यह था, यह टी०टी० से डरते थे,
पर आदत से मजबूर, टिकट घर जाने से मुकरते थे।

तभी देख एक दृश्य मैं चकरा गया,
एक मूँगफली वाला मुझसे टकरा गया।

हाथ में लिए था बीड़ी, सिग्रेट और सुपारी,
पर चिल्लाता था-"नमकीन मूँगफली, करारी-करारी।

मैने कहा- "सिग्रेट बेचते हो- क्या है तुम्हारे पास परमिट?"

बोला - "पुकारता हूँ मूँगफली-देयर इज नथिंग ऑफिशियल अब्राऊट इट।"

उदभव गुप्ता

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“श्रीगी पलकें”



स्कूटर को खींचता हुआ ज्यों ही मैं “राज्य शिक्षा शोध एवं प्रशिक्षण परिषद” के मुख्य द्वार के पास स्थित नुक्कड़ के ‘स्कूटर वर्कशॉप’ पर पहुँचा कि वहाँ बेंच पर अकेले बैठे एक छोटे से लड़के ने मुस्कुरा कर कहा, “आइए हुजूर, बैठिए। मालिक आ रहे हैं। आपके स्कूटर में क्या खराबी है, हुजूर.....?”

“क्या तुम यहाँ मैकेनिक हो?” आश्चर्य मिश्रित मेरा स्वर था। आगे मैंने पूछा, “बेटा, तुम्हारा क्या नाम है?”

“जी मेरा नाम मुहम्मद है, मैं यहाँ सीख रहा हूँ। परन्तु आप ने अब तक ये नहीं बताया कि आपके स्कूटर में क्या करना है?”

उस बच्चे के चेहरे पर मासूमियत नहीं झलक रही थी। जिस प्रकार फूलों की पंखुड़ियाँ तेज हवा के झोंको से टूट जाती हैं उसी प्रकार इस मासूम बच्चे के चेहरे की मासूमियत गरीबी की काली आँधी ने छीन ली थी। मुहम्मद की दशा देखकर मुझे दुःख तो हुआ ही, साथ में अफसोस भी हुआ, फिर अहसास हुआ कि हमारा देश आजाद होते हुए भी गरीबी की मजबूत हथकड़ियों में जकड़ा हुआ है।

मुहम्मद से मेरा अंतर्मन जुड़ता जा रहा था। मैंने प्यार भरे शब्दों में कहा— “अरे, तुम्हारा नाम तो सुंदर है। तुम सच में अच्छे हो मुहम्मद। पर तुम क्या कभी स्कूल गये और पढ़ना लिखना सीखा?”

भाव-विभोर हो मुहम्मद ने कहा— “क्या आप कहीं मास्टर हैं सर? सर, मैं पढ़ना-लिखना नहीं जानता। मुझे पढ़ाएगा भी तो कौन.....!” बोलते हुए मुहम्मद जैसे किसी आंतरिक पीड़ा से भर उठा। जिस चेहरे पर प्रसन्नता की झलक होनी चाहिए, उस चेहरे पर पीड़ा का भाव था, जिस चेहरे पर रौनक होनी चाहिए, वह गरीबी के थपेड़ों से पीला पड़ा था, जिस के हृदय में एक उमंग होनी चाहिए थी, वह हृदय ही टूट गया था तथा जिन आँखों में एक चमक होनी चाहिए थी आज उन आँखों में आंसू थे, परन्तु विधाता को जो मंजूर था वह तो होना ही था।

“मुहम्मद क्या तुम मुझसे पढ़ोगे?” मैं भाव विभोर हो उठा पर मुहम्मद कुछ बोल न सका और मौन रहा। फिर मैंने ही छेड़ दिया, “दिन भर की तुम्हारी कितनी कमाई है?”

“दस-बारह रूपये.....” बोलते हुए उसने अपनी भीगती पलकों को छुपाने की कोशिश की व इससे पहले कि मैं कुछ बोल पाता, मालिक को आता देख वह पास पड़े एक गंदे कपड़े से स्कूटर पोछने लगा.....। मुझे भी याद आया कि “आजादी की स्वर्ण जयंती और बाल श्रमिक” विषय पर आयोजित एक संगोष्ठी में पहुँचने की मुझे जल्दी थी।

वरुण भटनागर

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आज का मानव

बम और बारूद की घातक शैय्या पर,
सोया पड़ा है आज का मानव।
विस्फोटो की इस बस्ती में,
भ्रमण रहे दानव रूपी मानव।

मातृप्रेम और सदभावना,
खोजते फिरते है हम व्यर्थ।
कहाँ खो गये राम कृष्ण के,
और महात्मा बुद्ध के वंशज।

बम बारूद नहीं दे सकते,
भूखे को एक रोटी।
भूख नहीं मिटा सकती है,
धन दौलत की पेटी।



ऊँची मीनारे तो नहीं,
बुझा सकती है प्यास हमारी।
मिट गयी वो सच्चाई,
जिसमे थी नींव हमारी।

अन्याय अधर्म और असत्य की,
कटार से आहत है न्याय।
नहीं बचा अब इस युग में,
कोई गाँधी, नेहरू या लाल।

हिंसा और आतंक की आँधी में,
ईमान बिखर गया टुकड़ों में।
चरित्र खोजता फिरता निज अस्तित्व,
और कराहता शांतिदूत भी निःसहाय

शिवम् काण्डपाल

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विश्व में सबसे बड़ा सबसे छोटा, सबसे लम्बा, सबसे ऊँचा

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| १. सबसे बड़ा महासागर | — | प्रशान्त महासागर |
| २. सबसे बड़ा महाद्वीप | — | एशिया |
| ३. सबसे छोटा महाद्वीप | — | आस्ट्रेलिया |
| ४. सबसे अधिक जनसंख्या वाला देश | — | चीन |
| ५. सबसे बड़ा हवाई अड्डा | — | जददा (सऊदी अरब) |
| ६. सबसे बड़ा रेगिस्तान | — | सहारा (अफ्रीका) |
| ७. सबसे ऊँचा झरना | — | एंजिल (वेर्नेजुएला) |
| ८. सबसे लम्बा दिन | — | २१ जून |
| ९. सबसे छोटा दिन | — | २२ दिसम्बर |
| १०. सबसे बड़ा महाकाव्य | — | महाभारत |
| ११. सबसे बड़ा द्वीप | — | ग्रीनलैण्ड |
| १२. सबसे ठंडा प्रदेश | — | वरबीयास्क (साइबेरिया) |

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बुफे सिस्टम

समय का चक्र निरन्तर घूमता रहता है। सभी परिवर्तन आधुनिक युग में समाचीन हैं। खान-पान के तौर-तरीके पहले सबके अलग थे, परन्तु आज के युग में ऐसा खाने का नया ढंग चल पड़ा है जिस में विभिन्नता में एकता का रहस्य है। वह नया ढंग है "बुफे सिस्टम"। आप पूछेंगे कि वह कैसे? वह ऐसे जनाब

कि जो घोर पंडित पहले पत्तलों में भोजन खाते थे, वही आज आप जिधर भी दृष्टिपात करें आपको हर पार्टी में 'बुफे सिस्टम' में खाते नजर आएंगे।

अब देखिए न, आज ही मुझे लाला करोड़ीमल के पोते के मुण्डन पर डिनर का आमंत्रण प्राप्त हुआ है। लालजी भी 'बुफे सिस्टम' के शिकार हैं परन्तु मैं इस शैली से बहुत घबराता हूँ। मगर क्या करूँ, लालाजी मेरे ऐसे शुभचिन्तक हैं जिनके यहाँ जाना बहुत जरूरी है। इसलिए निमंत्रण पाकर मेरा परेशान होना स्वाभाविक है। मैंने अच्छे-अच्छे लोगों को इस सिस्टम का शिकार होते हुए देखा है। हाथ में प्लेट और चम्मच लिए जब वे भोजन की तलाश में नजर आते हैं तब उनके चेहरे की रंगत देखते ही बनती है। सफलता और असफलता के रंग से उनका चेहरा क्षण-प्रतिक्षण बदलता रहता है।

आइए, अब एक नजर बुफे के दृश्य पर भी डाल ली जाए। अगर हम गौर करें तो यह पाते हैं कि यह बुफे का दृश्य किसी प्राचीनकाल के युद्धक्षेत्र जैसा लगता है। जिस तरह सैनिक युद्ध में ढाल-तलवार लिए एक-दूसरे पर टूटते हैं, उसी तरह - 'बुफे' में मेज़बान लोग अपनी प्लेट और चम्मच सहित सैनिकों की तरह किला फतह करने के लिए भोजन मंच की ओर टूट पड़ते हैं। अपनी प्लेटों में तरह-तरह के व्यंजन रखने के लिए लोग आपस में सैनिकों की तरह जूझते रहते हैं। जो अपनी प्लेटें व्यंजनों से भर लेते हैं, वे मैदान मार ले जाते हैं और जो इसमें सफल नहीं हो पाते हैं, वे हार जाते हैं। अगर गौर किया जाए तो बुफेबाजी एक कला है। वे लोग कलाकार ही होते हैं जो बुफे में जाकर अपना पेट भरकर बचकर निकल आते हैं। परन्तु मैं जब भी बुफे में गया, अपना दामन दागदार करके आया।

हमारे यहाँ शास्त्रों में कहा गया है कि भोजन हमेशा शांत, खुश और निश्चित होकर करना चाहिए जिससे भोजन जल्दी हजम हो सके। परन्तु बुफे सिस्टम में आराम हराम है। बस एक ही चिंता लगी रहती है कि अपनी प्लेट कैसे भरें और अगर किसी तरह प्लेट में थोड़ा कुछ भर कर भीड़ में से निकल भी आए तो भी बैठ कर खाने का सवाल ही नहीं उठता।

भावांजलि

संतापों से तपते तन पर,
तेरे शीतल आँचल की छाया,
दग्ध हृदय की मूक व्यथा पर,
तेरी ममता की पावस को पाया।

ठोकर खाई जब जब मैंने,
तूने नेहसित हो हृदय लगाया,
निराशाओं के जटिल क्षणों में,
तूने चिर आशा का दीप जलाया।

मरुधर में मृगतृषित सा विचलित,
मेरा मन अधीर, विकल अकल्पित,
हर पल आकुल, तुझे खोजता,
सिहरता, पछताता औ मन रोता।

उर की यह असह्य अपरिमित,
पीड़ा किसको आज सुनाऊँ?
अविरल बहते विवश अश्रुकण,
किस कोमल आँचल से पोछूँ?
मन से निकली क्षीण आह भी,
व्यथित करती थी तेरे मन को,
तोड़ न सका पर आज हृदय का,
भीषण आंदोलन भी तेरी चिरनिद्रा को।

तेरे मुख की हर सिकुड़न में,
भावों के खिलते इन्द्रधनुष थे,
भावशून्य निर्मोही चेहरा तेरा,
आज हृदय पर करता आघात।

कहाँ मिलेगा इस दग्ध हृदय को,
अब तेरी ममता का उपहार,
कहाँ मिलेगा तेरी बिटिया को,
माँ का अपरिमित निश्चल प्यार।

बद्ध करों से, अश्रुझड़ी से,
आज विदाई देती तुझको,
हृदय के समग्र भाव-पुष्पों की
अर्पित यह भावांजलि तुझको।

सुमन सक्सेना
हिन्दी अध्यापिका



विद्रवाम

यह बात उन दिनों की है जब भीषण सर्दी पड़ रही थी एक दिन अपने मुहल्ले में काफी भीड़ जुटी देखकर एक व्यक्ति से पूछा "भैया, यहाँ इतनी भीड़ क्यों है?" उत्तर मिला "नेता जी आये हैं, लोगों को कम्बल बाँट रहे हैं।"

सड़कें, जिन पर चलने से सारे शरीर की कसरत हो जाती थी और जिस के पुननिर्माण की अर्जी फाइलों के बोझ से दबी अपनी साँसे तोड़ रही थी, उनकी अचानक मरम्मत शुरू हो गई। मैं अवाक था कि सरकार में इतना परिवर्तन कैसे हो गया। कुछ दिनों बाद चुनाव की घोषणा हुई तो सरकार में परिवर्तन आने का कारण सामने आ गया।

जैसे-जैसे चुनाव निकट आते हैं वैसे-वैसे अचानक नेताओं में जन सेवा की भावना उमड़ पड़ती है। लोगों के बीच जाकर उनकी समस्या जानने का समय उन्हें पाँच वर्ष पूर्ण होने से कुछ पहले ही मिल पाता है। हर नेता अपनी-अपनी उपलब्धियाँ गिनाना शुरू कर देता है जिसे यह भी नहीं मालूम होता कि आम लोगों की समस्या क्या है।

कुछ दिनों तक कुर्सी के लिये घमासान युद्ध होता है। हर पार्टी के नेतागण दूसरों पर कीचड़ उछालते हैं और अपने को सर्वश्रेष्ठ साबित करते हैं। उनका पूरा ध्यान होता है आम भोली-भाली जनता को बेवकूफ बनाना और जैसे भी हो कुर्सी हथियाना।

आखिरकार जब मतदान का दिन आता है, हर मतदाता इस विश्वास को साथ वोट डालने जाता है कि इस बार उसकी समस्याओं का हल मिल जायगा। परन्तु उसे यह मालूम नहीं होता कि एक बार उसका वोट बैलेट बाक्स में जाने के बाद अगले पाँच वर्ष तक उसकी समस्याओं को पूछने वाला भी कोई न होगा।



अंशुल रस्तोगी

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आज का विद्यार्थी

दो पन्नों की कापी लेकर, कॉलेज पढ़ने जाते हैं।
रास्ते में मिल गए यार तो, पिक्चर को मुड़ जाते हैं।
टेरीकाट की पैन्ट देख लो, चश्मा आँखों पर होगा।
टाइट शर्ट, रंगीन सूट, रुमाल रेशमी होगा।

इन्टरवल में समय निकालकर, नम्बर दस सुलगाते हैं।
मुँह में खाकर पान स्पेशल, चौराहे पर जाते हैं।
माता-पिता से पैसे लेकर, शौक नए फरमाते हैं।
पाँच-सात ले यार संग में, रोज घूमने जाते हैं।



अन्त में जब अटेंडेन्स शार्ट, तो दौड़े-दौड़े आते हैं।
प्रिंसिपल ने जब नहीं सुनी तब, टीचर को फुसलाते हैं।
क्या करे होकर विवश, इम्तहान देने से रुक जाते हैं।
परमीशन मिल गई अगर, तो पर्ची संग ले जाते हैं।

पढ़ा लिखा तो खाक नहीं, पर आस-पास की लगाते हैं।
फेल की सूचना पाते ही, घर से तुरन्त भाग जाते हैं।
होकर अभिभावक तब, पेपर में छपवाते हैं।

हो जहाँ कहीं भी तुम लौट आओ, लिखकर वापस बुलवाते हैं।

पेपर में पढ़कर तुरन्त उसे, घर खुशी-खुशी से लाते हैं।
माता-पिता की क्या चिन्ता, फिर से जूता चमकाते हैं।
ठोकर लगी नहीं सुधरे-हुल्लड़ में समय गँवाते हैं।
यह तो ठाट-बात उनके हैं, जो स्टूडेंट कहलाते हैं।

हरिषित मल्होत्रा

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एकान्त की यादें

(पिता के संसार से जाने के बाद)

कभी कभार एक खत घर में लिख लिया करता हूँ

उधर से कोई खत आता नहीं।

कोई उस घर में अब भी रहता है,

अब तो इस बात पर भी यकीन आता नहीं।

याद के मोहल्ले से कल गुजरते हुये, वो घर दिखाई दिया।

आँगन में बोया अपना तुलसी का पौधा जवां दिखाई दिया।

और ये भी मालूम हुआ, कि अब भी उस घर की किसी,

तन्हा दीवार पर मेरा नाम खुदा है।

कमरे में झाँका तो एक बिस्तर दिखाई दिया, जिससे

अब भी जिस्म जुदा है।

उस जिस्म ने शायद अब तक वक्त की तंग गलियों से,

गुजर कर लौटना सीखा नहीं।

और वो बिस्तर भी अपने दामन को वापस बुलाने के लिये कभी चीखा नहीं।

और न ही आवाज दी उस टूटे आईने ने जो अब,

तक एक चिटकी दीवार से झाँकता होगा,

सामने लगी, धूल से ढकी उसकी तस्वीर में मुझको तलाशता होगा।

सोचा था कि उसके सामने भी खुद को संवारकर जाऊँगा कभी,

पर ऐतबार न था उसकी फितरत पर, कि मुझे

पहचानने से इंकार न कर दे कहीं।

मीलों के फासले तो तय कर आया हूँ दुआ करता

हूँ कि एक उम्र जो अपने दरमीयाँ बीत गई, बीत जाये,

चौखट और दरवाजे के बीच खड़े वक्त के

शिकंजो से हमारी तकदीरें जीत जाये।

उपहार शुक्ला

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अगला जन्म

यह कहानी उस दादी की है जो अपने पोते को बहुत प्यार करती थी। राम भी अपनी दादी को बहुत प्यार करता था। दादी माँ, राम को रोज तरह-तरह की कहानी सुनाया करती थी। जब भी राम स्कूल से वापस लौट कर घर आता तो दौड़ कर अपनी दादी के पास कहानी सुनने चला जाता था। कभी कभार वह कहानी सुनते-सुनते वह अपनी दादी के निकट सो भी जाया करता था। उस आराम दायक निद्रा का वर्णन शब्दों में कभी भी नहीं किया जा सकता है। उस नींद से उठने के बाद राम को जो आनन्द मिलता होगा वह तो हमारे लिये सिर्फ एक स्वप्न ही है।

एक बार की बात है राम को एक दिन बहुत तेज बुखार हो गया था। उसकी बूढ़ी दादी माँ रात भर पट्टी बदलती रही ताकि उसका लाडला पोता जल्दी से ठीक हो जाये। राम ठीक हो गया। दादी ने राम की चिरआयु के लिये भगवान से प्रार्थना की। वैसे भी राम को अगर हल्की सी खरोंच भी आ जाती थी तो दादी माँ का कलेजा धक से हो जाता था। दादी माँ इसी तरह अपने पोते को प्यार करते-करते एक दिन उसे छोड़ कर भगवान के पास चली गई। राम को जब यह पता चला तो बेचारा बेहाल हो गया। उसकी दादी माँ ने अपनी आखिरी साँसे अपने पोते के गोद में ली। मगर राम सिवाए रोने के कुछ भी न कर सका। राम का दादी के प्रति प्यार काफी अनोखा था। कभी-कभी तो वह अपनी प्यारी दादी को अपने सपनों में देखता और उनसे बातें किया करता था।

दादी का मोह, राम के दिल से कभी न मिटा, उसको हमेशा लगता था उसकी दादी उसके साथ प्रेरणा बन कर खड़ी हैं। दादी और पोते का अनोखा प्रेम देखकर किसी का भी दिल भर आता था। राम का जब जन्म हुआ था तो राम को उसकी माँ ने बताया कि उसने सबसे पहला शब्द दादी बोला था। उसकी दादी उसको कभी भी अपनी आँखों से ओझल न होने देती थी। अब दादी तो न रही पर उनकी यादें और उनका आशीर्वाद हमेशा राम के साथ रहेगा।

राम भी भगवान से यही प्रार्थना करता है कि उसकी दादी को भगवान स्वर्ग प्रदान करें। वह यह भी चाहता है कि भगवान अगले जन्म में उसे उसी दादी का पोता बना कर भेजे।

शिखर श्रीवास्तव

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आज की बाटी

नारी हूँ अबला नहीं हूँ।
प्राणी हूँ मैं बला नहीं हूँ।
समाज में भी डरी नहीं हूँ।
आडम्बर में फँसी नहीं हूँ।



रचना हूँ मैं भगवान की कोई भूल नहीं हूँ।
कोमल हूँ मैं चुभने वाला शूल नहीं हूँ।
लक्ष्मी हूँ मैं दहेज में धन का रूप नहीं हूँ।
स्वाभिमानी हूँ मैं किसी के ऊपर भार नहीं हूँ।

गर्व हूँ मैं किसी चरण की धूल नहीं हूँ।
पर्व हूँ मैं किसी मूर्ति का फूल नहीं हूँ।
दानी हूँ मैं दी हुई कोई भीख नहीं हूँ।
अंहकार हूँ मैं झूठी कोई हुंकार नहीं हूँ।

अब और क्या बताऊँ क्या नहीं हूँ।
अच्छाई से देखो तो क्या स्वर्ग नहीं हूँ।
या बुरे के लिये एक नरक नहीं हूँ?
मैं गर्व से कहती हूँ आज की नारी हूँ।

(आदरणीय मेरी माँ के मनोभाव - मेरी लेखनी द्वारा)

मो० मंसूर खान
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आईये ! पधारिए

हमारी किस्मत जो आप पधारे। अतिथि देवो भवः। मेहमान सिर माथे पर। अरे! आप अकेले ही आए हैं, क्या चार पाँच दिन रुकने का इरादा है? वाह, यह हुई न बात। आप भाभी जी और अपने तीनों बच्चों को भी साथ लाते। कहीं जाने और अपनों के बीच कुछ समय बिताने का अवसर बार-बार कहाँ मिलता है। सप्ताह भर से पहले तो हम आपको जाने नहीं देंगे। आप आगरा से आए हैं न? संगमरमर में बना छोटा ताजमहल तो आप ले ही आए होंगे। बच्चे अपने अंकल को देखते ही पहले ताजमहल की फरमाइश कर बैठेंगे।



आगरा का प्रसिद्ध पेठा और नमकीन आप दो-दो किलो तो अवश्य लाए होंगे। आगरा से आने वाला यह तो भूल ही नहीं सकता। अब थोड़े से तो हमारा भी जी नहीं भरता भई। आहा..... आपका सूटकेस नया है। मेरा बेटा कई दिनों से कह रहा था कि मुझे अच्छा सा सूटकेस चाहिए। आप इसे छोड़ जाइएगा। वह मित्रों से कहेगा कि आगरा वाले चाचा ने उसे भेंट किया है। छोड़ने की भी खूब रही। अभी खाली कर दीजिए। मैं पपलू को दे देता हूँ कि ले बेटा, अपने चाचा की यादगार संभाल। मैं एक फटी चादर देता हूँ उसमें आप अपने कपड़े लपेट कर रख दीजिए। मेरे यहाँ तांले में सामान रखने की कोई जरूरत नहीं है। आपका तौलिया साबुन, कंधी आदि बच्चे काम में ले तो उन्हें डांटियेगा नहीं। बच्चों के दिल बड़े कोमल होते हैं। फिर उनके चाचा का ही सामान तो है। दाढ़ी बनाने का सामान तो आप लाए ही होंगे। दो दिन से मेरी दाढ़ी बढ़ी है। सोच रहा था कि नाई के पास जाऊँ पर अब तो आप ही आ गए हैं।

पिछली बार एक मेहमान सपत्नीक आए थे। उनकी पैन्ट-कमीज मुझे इतनी फिट बैठी थी कि मैंने तुरन्त पहन ली थी। उनकी दो कीमती साड़ियों पर मेरी श्रीमती जी भी रीझ गई थी। तुरन्त पहनकर पड़ोसियों को दिखाने चली गई थीं।

आप स्टेशन से चाय-नाश्ता करके ही चले होंगे? नहीं तो हम सब चलते हैं। रेस्टोरेंट पास में ही है। थोड़ा मंहगा जरूर है पर सभी वस्तुएं शुद्ध रहती हैं। इस समय का नाश्ता आपकी ओर से सही। लगे हाथों उसे लंच डिनर का आर्डर भी दे दीजिएगा। पाँच हम हैं और एक आप। थोड़े दिन तक आपकी पसंद की चीजें हम सब भी खा लेंगे। किसी मेहमान के आने पर ही बाहर खाने-पीने और घूमने का मौका मिलता है। नहीं तो वैसी ही रसहीन जिन्दगी। मैं तो मेहमान के होने पर पत्नी से कह देता हूँ कि तू घूल्हे में पानी डाल दे। रोज के रोज

प्रमोशन

आता है जब भी अंत साल का,
धक-धक करता है हृदय सबका।
फिर कूदना है मैदान-ए-जंग में,
वह मरा जो इम्तिहान में लटका।
फिसिक्स, केमेस्टरी और मैथ्स के,
सवाल नहीं आते समझ में,
हर दिन के साथ बढ़ता है टेन्शन,
क्या मिल पाएगा अब कि प्रमोशन।

डूब गई जो नैय्या, इस बार,
घर में मिलेगा जूतों का हार,
प्रार्थना के सिवा चारा नहीं कोई
सोचने-समझने की अब शक्ति है खोई।

घर वाले तथा टीचर समझाते हैं बहुत,
मौका है अब भी, कर सकते हो तुम कुछ,
परन्तु पता है हमें अपना हाल,
अब तो बर्बाद ही होगा यह साल।

कुछ लड़कों को देखकर लगता है ऐसा,
काश अपना दिमाग भी होता इनके जैसा,
साल भर करी है मस्ती और फैशन,
कैसे मिलेगा अब हमें प्रमोशन।

सानुज दीक्षित
उत्कर्ष शुक्ला
गौरव खन्ना
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नील कमल

दूर झील में चमक रहा है,
निर्मल जल का नीरज।
मेल गगन से रंग खाता है,
ओस से सजा पंकज।
उसे देख बन उठे नयन,
नभ के मेघा कारे।
प्रसन्नता फिर टपके बन,
नीर की सुंदर बौछारें।
अम्बर भी अपनाए मन मुद्रा,
रहा न उससे अब जाए।
स्वर्ग जिसे ढके थे बदरा,
भूलोक की सैर को जाए।
जीवन के आनंद को देख,
निवासी उसके ललचाए।
कभी वे देखे अपनी रजत तलैय्या,
जिसमें खिला था स्वर्ण जलज,
कभी निहारे, यह मृतलोकी ताल,
जिसमे खिले और मुझाए, रोज,
सुंदर नभ नील कमल।

शिवांकु मिश्र
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और सब कुछ ठीक है

कुछ मुश्किलें हैं, कुछ गम हैं, कुछ हादसे हैं,
मेरे हाथों की लकीरें बता रही हैं और सब कुछ ठीक है।
भाई ने भाई को मारा है, बेटे ने भी कहाँ बाप को छोड़ा है,
धन इंसान से बड़ा है, और सब, कुछ ठीक है।
भ्रष्टाचार है, घोटालें हैं, डकैती और लूट है,
अखबार बता रहा है और सब कुछ ठीक है।
झूठ का बोलबाला है, सत्य को किसने जाना है,
ईमानदार होना भी गुनाह है, और सब कुछ ठीक है।
क्या हुआ जो वस्तुओं का बढ़ गया मूल्य,
हवा मुफ्त में खा रहें हैं, और सब कुछ ठीक है।
शालीनता अस्तित्व खो चुकी है, अज्ञानता का अंधकार फैला हुआ है,
पशु इंसान से बड़ा है, और सब कुछ ठीक है।
बेरोजगारी में जकड़ा हुआ है देश,
आरक्षण फैला रहा है द्वेष, और सब कुछ ठीक है।
आतंक है, युद्ध है, परमाणु शस्त्रों का हमला है
जीवन का मूल्य न रह गया है, और सब कुछ ठीक है।

नितिन अग्रवाल

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विश्व का सबसे बड़ा पक्षी शुतुरमुर्ग



शुतुरमुर्ग अफ्रीका में सैकड़ों वर्षों पूर्व पाये जाने वाला पक्षी इपिआरनिस का वंशज है। यह सेनेगल, नाइजर, सूडान, ईथोपिया तथा एटलस पर्वत के दक्षिणी भाग में बहुतायत से पाया जाता है। यह विश्व का विशालतम पक्षी है। यह आठ से दस फीट तथा, एक सौ बीस किलोग्राम तक होता है। इसके पंख होते हैं परन्तु शरीर भारी होने के कारण यह उड़ नहीं सकता।

ऋषभ मल्होत्रा

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“पहले, चलो तो सही !”

समय रात का था। गाँव के बाहर, रास्ते पर एक मनुष्य लालटेन लेकर बैठा था। उसे देखकर दूसरे व्यक्ति ने पूछा, 'इतनी रात गयी, लालटेन लेकर आप यहाँ क्यों बैठे हैं? तब उसने कहा, 'मुझे दस मील का रास्ता तय करके दूसरे गाँव जाना है। वहाँ पहाड़ पर मंदिर है, वहीं पहुँचना है।'

दूसरे ने पूछा, 'फिर बैठा क्यों है? चलता क्यों नहीं?'

यह सवाल सुनकर बैठे हुए व्यक्ति ने कहा, 'मेरा लालटेन बहुत ही छोटा है। उसका प्रकाश तीन चार फीट तक पहुँच सकता है, और मुझे तो दस मील दूर जाना है। मैंने पूरा हिसाब लगाके देखा, तो मेरी समझ में आया कि इस लालटेन का प्रकाश बहुत ही कम है। प्रकाश तीन फीट तक फैलेगा और अंधेरा दस मील का है। तो यह असम्भव है। छोटी लालटेन कुछ काम की नहीं। इसलिए मैं यही पर बैठा हूँ।'

दूसरे मनुष्य ने कहा, 'अरे मूढ, तू खड़ा होकर चलना तो शुरू कर। जब तू तीन चरण आगे चलेगा तब लालटेन का उजाला तेरे साथ तीन फीट का रास्ता काटेगा। इस तरह से मार्गक्रमण करते, तू दस मील ही नहीं, सौ मील भी जा सकता है। लेकिन तीन फीट का हिसाब करके बैठा रहेगा तो तेरे जैसा मूर्ख और कोई नहीं।'

वरुण भटनागर

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पीड़ा

जागो, जागो, जागो,

क्या हालत कर दी, देखो।

नग्न हो रही, धरती माँ,

बिन आंचल, बिन चादर माँ।

नीला आकाश, माँ का आँचल,

हरी घास, माँ की चादर।

फल-फूल, पशु पक्षी माँ की जान,

शुद्ध वायु व शीतल जल माँ का जहान।

कैसे जी सकती वह अब?

पी रही, विष का प्याला।

घुट रही, उसकी सांस,

रह गई, न अब कोई आस।

जी न सकेगा, कोई प्राणी,

पीकर, अशुद्ध, हवा व पानी

बीमारियाँ करने लगेंगी राज,

खत्म हो जाएगा, यह स्वराज।

श्रीमती रेखा कुमारी

विज्ञान अध्यापिका

पहेलियाँ

(१) होता कागज खाता कागज।
ले जाता और लाता कागज।

उत्तर— लिफाफा

(२) तन लोहे का पाँव रबर के
उसे चलाते हैं दम भरके।

उत्तर— साईकिल

(३) लाल गाय खाना खाय
पानी पीते ही मर जाय।

उत्तर— आग



(४) मैं हूँ बड़ी रसीली छोरी,
रंग पीला, चक्कर गोल,
बिकती हूँ बाजार में मोल।

उत्तर—जलेबी

(५) हाथ है हरा, मुँह है लाल,
क्या चीज है वो बताओ तत्काल।

उत्तर— पान

(६) दीवार पर चलती,
पर आगे नहीं बढ़ती।

उत्तर — दीवार घड़ी

हर्षित पन्त
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अच्छे बच्चे

अच्छे बच्चे, सच्चे बच्चे,
गुरुओं की आज्ञा पर चलते,
माता पिता की सेवा करते,
प्रातः उठ नित प्रभु को प्रणाम करते।
कर अपना कार्य प्रारम्भ करते,
सभी काम समय से करते,
भाई—बहन से नहीं झगड़ते,
सबसे प्यार से मिलते हैं।
सबको अपना मित्र बनाते,
सभी बड़ों का आदर करते,



उज्ज्वल भविष्य उन्ही का,
होता जो सच्चाई पर चलते है।
जीत सदा उन्ही की होती,
जो सच्चाई पर चलते हैं,
वही तो कहलाते हैं,
अच्छे बच्चे सच्चे बच्चे।

नमन मक्कड़

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आशावादिता

राजनीति है एक हिंसा का घेरा,
जहाँ के उजियारों में है अँधेरा।
सरकार के ऊपर विश्वास करना,
जैसे अंधे कुएँ में गिर जाना।

जैसे चमकता है जुगनू आधी रात में,
चमकेगा, कोई सितारा अँधेरी सरकार में।

आज के मंत्री कहते हैं, हम भी है इस कतार में,
पर आयेगा राजनीति में एक दिन ऐसा नेता हमारा।
जो चमकेगा अँधेरोँ में बनकर तारा।

मोहम्मद मंसूर खान

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Application

एक बार आकीश नाम का लड़का जिसे न ठीक से अंग्रेजी आती थी और न ठीक से हिन्दी आती थी बारिश होने की वजह से स्कूल नहीं पहुँच पाता। दूसरे दिन वह अपने अध्यापक को यह प्रार्थना पत्र देता है।

सेवा में

कक्षा अध्यापक,

Rain was falling झमा झम Hand में बुक लेकर चल दिये हम, on the road था
Many many गड़ढ़ा, उसमें हुआ था water इकट्ठा Leg my फिसला, तो गिर गये हम
इसलिये बंदा didnt' come.

Thanking आपको



Yours आज्ञाकारी,

Akiesh इलायस।

आकीश इलायस

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बच्चों का जमाना

सुनो सुनो जी सभी, बच्चों का जमाना है।

ऊँगलियाँ जो अभी छोटी-छोटी हैं,

कन्धों पर बैग का बोझ ज्यादा है।

बॉटल-टिफिन थमता नहीं है,

किताब-कापियों की गिनती ज्यादा है ॥

सुनो सुनो जी सभी, बच्चों का जमाना है।

माना, सभी मैम पढ़ाती अच्छा है,

पर गृहकार्य देती कुछ ज्यादा हैं।

खेल-खिलौने का अपना मजा है,

स्कूल से नींद, प्यारी ज्यादा है ॥

सुनो सुनो जी सभी, बच्चों का जमाना है।

छोटे हम है पर इतना समझते हैं

विद्यालय एक प्यारा मंदिर है।

मेहनत से बनकर कुछ, मुरादे पूरी होती है,

गुरुओं का आदर, विद्या अर्जन जरूरी है।

सुनो सुनो जी सभी, बच्चों का जमाना है।

भले ही कदम अभी, हमारे छोटे-छोटे है,

देश की सेवा का प्रण हम लेते है।

मातृ-भूमि की रक्षा करेंगे।

मन में विश्वास हम रखते हैं।

सुनो सुनो जी सभी, बच्चों का जमाना है।

अमोल खन्ना

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बूझो तो जाने

(१) एक गेट के दो रखवाले
दोनों लम्बे दोनो काले।

उत्तर- मूँछें

(२) छोटे से हैं गोलू राम
कपड़े पहने सौ पचास।

उत्तर- प्याज

(३) भरता रहता है जब उसका प्याला,
करता है तब वह उजाला।

उत्तर-दीपक

(४) तीन अक्षर का मेरा नाम,
उल्टा सीधा एक समान,
आता हूँ मिटाने के काम।

उत्तर- रबर

(५) टेढ़ा-मेढ़ा रास्ता, बीच में सूखा कुआँ।

उत्तर- फोन

वजीहुल हसन

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तीन बातें

- (१) तीन का सम्मान करो।
माता, पिता और गुरु।
- (२) तीनों में मन लगाने से उन्नति होती है।
ईश्वर, परिश्रम और विद्या।
- (३) तीन चीजें कोई नहीं चुरा सकता।
अक्ल, चरित्र तथा हुनर



सिद्धार्थ यादव

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कैसे जिन्दा हो?



एक बार एक गोताखोर गरमी से परेशान होकर ऑक्सीजन मास्क लगा कर समुद्र में चला जाता है। कुछ मीटर की गहराई पर वह रुक जाता है। तभी वह देखता है कि एक व्यक्ति बिना मास्क लगाये ही उतनी ही गहराई पर है। वह पाँच मीटर और नीचे जाता है। एक मिनट बाद वह दूसरा व्यक्ति भी वहाँ आ जाता है। गोता खोर फिर से पाँच मीटर नीचे जाता है। कुछ समय बाद वह दूसरा व्यक्ति भी वहाँ आ जाता है। गोता खोर आश्चर्य चकित होकर एक वाटर प्रूफ कागज पर लिखकर उस व्यक्ति से पूछता है "तुम बिना हवा के इतनी गहराई पर कैसे जिन्दा हो।"

वह व्यक्ति लिखता है— अरे मूर्ख ! मैं डूब रहा हूँ।

अमित चतुर्वेदी

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एक फारसी कहावत

कलम कोयदा की मन शाहे जहानम,

कलम कस रा बदौलत भी रसानम ॥

अर्थ : कलम ने कहा कि मैं दजिया का बादशाह हूँ और कलम पकड़ने वाले को दौलत तथा यश तक पहुँचाता हूँ।

मोहम्मद मंसूर खान

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हमारा प्यारा स्कूल

सबसे अच्छा सबसे प्यारा,
सेंट फ्रॉसिस स्कूल हमारा ॥
हम भी इसमें पढ़ने आते,
अच्छे बच्चे हम कहलाते ॥
दूर-दूर में नाम है इसका
सबसे अच्छा काम है इसका ॥



अच्छी बातें हमें सिखाता,
कुछ बनने लायक बनाता ॥
हम कुछ कर दिखायेंगे।
इसका नाम बढ़ायेंगे ॥
सबसे अच्छा सबसे प्यारा,
सेंट फ्रान्सिस स्कूल हमारा ॥

मोहम्मद अनस जिया

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मयंक मेहता

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मेहमान

एक ख्वाब की दस्तक पर,
जब मैंने उठ कर दरवाजा खोला,
तो देखा कि कुछ धुँधले मंजर, कुछ यादें
फिर मुझे ढूँढती आई थीं।
और साथ ही वह किताब लाई थीं,
जिनमें किसी के अतीत के गुजरे पलों का बयान था।
वह बूढ़े बरगद की शाखों पर लटकती रस्सियाँ,
जिनपर कोई शैतान झूला करता था।
आज भी हवा के झोंको से हिल-हिलकर,
उसे वापस बुलाने की फरियाद कर रही थीं।
पड़ोस के नीम के तने पर,
कुछ बेदर्दी से कुरेदे हुए नाम,
आज भी उस भूले गाँव की,
गलियों में अपना वजूद ढूँढ रहे हैं।
और उस बूढ़े माली की डॉट,
आज भी गूँज रही है उस बगीचे में,
शायद उसी शैतान की तलाश में,
जो आम की शाखों के बीच छुपा करता था।
पर फिर अचानक ही वो चले गए,
ना कुछ बोले, ना कुछ कहे
बस वहाँ पर वही किताब छोड़ गए।
शायद इस संदेसे के तौर पर,
कि कुछ बूढ़ी आँखें आज भी,
उसकी राह देख रही थी।

विशाख भान

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मीठी बोली

कोयल मीठा गाती है,
सबको खूब रिझाती है।
तोता सबको भाता है,
मीठा-मीठा गाता है।
मैना क्यों खुश रहती है?
पूछो तो क्या कहती है?
कौआ कर्कश काला है,
किसने इसको पाला है?
सच्ची शिक्षा जानो तुम,
बात कीमती मानो तुम।
जब अपना मुँह खोलो तुम,
मीठी बोली बोलो तुम।

असद यार खान

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