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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

Dear friends,

I am often humbled, and inspired by the number of parents who tell me that their number one desire for their children here is that they be good, learn good values, have strong moral character, be well disciplined, and be contributing members of the society. From all this it is quite evident that the one desire that all of us have is that we instill in our children a sense of personal responsibility.

However we know, even while studying here our students are a part of the society and are easily influenced by what happens in the society. Often they are pressurized to turn away from personal responsibility, which sometimes even pushes them towards the blame game. Children not taking responsibility for their actions, and feeling it is safer to lie because they might get away with it, is a strong indicator to all of us as adults that somewhere, or somehow, the messages of honor, self-respect, responsibility, consequences, and community are being lost. I don't mean to say that all our children are incapable of making ethical and moral decisions. I do see God's hand on them and I do know that they are making good choices, however they need our constant guidance, supported by our wisdom and experience. They need to be protected from such influences, which might otherwise push them to make wrong choices.

All of us have the responsibility to expose our children to positive influences that will give them meaning and purpose in life. If we support them with our positive influence, with our good example, our children will become the people we want them to be. They all will be devoted and loving friends, ethical and responsible professionals, and people who seek out help when needed and take on challenges with fervour and desire.

We at St. Francis College strive to provide our students with such an atmosphere where they will grow up to be responsible members of the society. Helping our children is always a team work where teachers, parents, administrators communicate frequently concerning the progress of students. Parents, you who are the first teachers of your children, must make a commitment to become active participants in the learning process of your children. Invest totally in your children by your support of the school. Your words of encouragement and your cooperation will not only touch the future but we will make it brighter as we serve the needs of these young members of our society

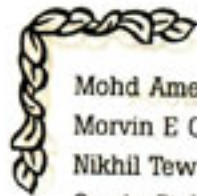
May God Bless and keep you all

**Fr. Vincent Nazareth**  
Principal



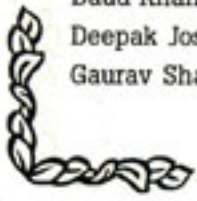


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 Varun Bajpai  
 Achint Rastogi  
 Amar Dixit  
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Pratik Kumar

Pratul Tandon

Priyanker Shipley

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Rachit Kumar Srivastava

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Rishi Thapliyal

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Saral Kumar

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Suhaib Aslam Rizvi

Anadi Sharma

Ankit Tayal

Raghubhsh Mani Bajpai

Ishaan Dayal

**May you have :**

Enough happiness to keep you sweet

Enough trials to keep you strong

Enough sorrow to keep you human

Enough hope to keep you happy

Enough failure to keep you humble

Enough success to keep you eager

Enough friends to give you comfort

Enough courage to reveal your greatness

Enough wealth to meet your needs

Enough God's wisdom to teach

Enough God's faith to pray

for your children's needs

Enough determination to make each day a  
better day than yesterday!

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 Pushkar Kohli  
 Raj Krishna  
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 Ameer Haider Zaidi  
 Amit Kumar Tripathi  
 Amit Singh  
 Anchit Goel  
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 Divya Darshan Joshi  
 Harshdeep Singh Julka  
 Hemant Bhatnagar  
 Manav Tandon  
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## List of Prize Winners 2004-2005

### I A

Ist : Ritvick Kapoor  
 2nd : Manan Bhatia  
 3rd : Manmesh Mehrotra  
 Good Conduct : Aashish Chazhoor

### I B

Ist : Samarth Srivastava  
 2nd : Sparsh Sinha  
 3rd : Prankur Sinha  
 Good Conduct : Harsh Misra

### I C

Ist : Mohd. Hamza Ahmed  
 2nd : Shubham Pratap Singh  
 3rd : Arsh Abdullah  
 Good Conduct : Yashwant Andrew Charan

### I D

Ist : Abheer Mehrotra  
 2nd : Kunal Mehrotra  
 3rd : Dhruv Singh  
 Good Conduct : Alekh Scund

### II A

Ist : Archit Saxena  
 2nd : Hisham Ali Ansari  
 3rd : Udit Bali  
 Good Conduct : Arjit Gupta

### II B

Ist : Ishan Atul  
 2nd : Rohan Kochar  
 3rd : Yash Chowdhury  
 Good Conduct : Parth Mahajan

### II C

Ist : Parth Misra  
 2nd : Rachit Baluja  
 3rd : Sarthak Goel  
 Good Conduct : Apoorv Anand

### II D

Ist : Shobhit Mohan  
 2nd : Pranjal Trivedi  
 3rd : Aayush Thapliyal  
 Good Conduct : Ali Hamza

### III A

Ist : Shikhar Shukla  
 2nd : Sarab Chhabra  
 3rd : Parth Jain  
 Amit Agarwal  
 Good Conduct : Deepayan Malaviya

### III B

Ist : Himanshu Joshi  
 2nd : Akarsh Shukla  
 3rd : Anant Veer Mehta  
 Good Conduct : Eahraz Ahmad

### III C

Ist : Syed Yawar Ali  
 2nd : Syed Ali Abbas  
 3rd : Sarthak  
 Harshit Sahai  
 Good Conduct : Shashank Pandey

### III D

Ist : Shaurya Raghuvanshi  
 2nd : Ojasva Garg  
 3rd : Kartik Srivastava  
 Good Conduct : Govind Mittal

### IV A

Ist : Arpit Kar  
 2nd : Rohit Gupta  
 3rd : Karan Saxena  
 Good Conduct : Shray Saurabh Agarwal

### IV B

Ist : Prannoy Deep  
 2nd : Tushar Kanaujia  
 3rd : Gautam Kacker  
 Good Conduct : Ashish Dayal

### IV C

Ist : Palash Khanna  
 2nd : Archit Agarwal  
 3rd : Pronoy Mukerjee  
 Good Conduct : Ayush Malhotra

### IV D

Ist : Satya Priya Singh Deo  
 2nd : Nishant Sharma  
 3rd : Kunal Bhargava  
 Good Conduct : Arshad Abbas

**V A**

Ist : Shanal  
 2nd : Prateek  
 3rd : Rachit Mehtani  
 Good Conduct : Shubham Agarwal

**V B**

Ist : Ankit Shekhar  
 2nd : Amil Bhatnagar  
 3rd : Ashwin Gupta  
 Vibhor Kapoor  
 Good Conduct : Sagar Shubham

**V C**

Ist : Shubham Agarwal  
 2nd : Arpan Mahajan  
 3rd : Naman Tandon  
 Good Conduct : Nikhil Tewari

**V D**

Ist : Avanish Rastogi  
 2nd : Shubham Rai  
 3rd : Akash Khurana  
 Good Conduct : Pranay Rastogi

**VI A**

Ist : Satwik Misra  
 2nd : Praveen Honhar  
 3rd : John Antony  
 Good Conduct : Dhairya Anand Gupta

**VI B**

Ist : Harshit Agarwal  
 2nd : Amol Khanna  
 3rd : Mohd. Yashab Abbas  
 Good Conduct : Aditya Mehrotra

**VI C**

Ist : Kartikeya Sangwan  
 2nd : Vaibhav Sethi  
 3rd : Shubham Srivastava  
 Good Conduct : Pushpinder Taneja

**VI D**

Ist : Shubham Rohan Asthana  
 2nd : Ritvan Pande  
 3rd : Manu Raghuvanshi  
 Good Conduct : Prabhav Srivastava

**VII A**

Ist : Adarsh Mehra  
 2nd : Anunay Tomar  
 3rd : Pranay Tandon  
 Good Conduct : Nilay Singhal

**VII B**

Ist : Syed Mohd. N. Naqvi  
 2nd : Anchit Rakesh  
 3rd : Ashutosh Kapoor  
 Good Conduct : Syed Wajeehul Hasan Shahper

**VII C**

Ist : Harshit Pant  
 2nd : Mudit Kotwal  
 3rd : Tanuj Gupta  
 Good Conduct : Naman Kohli

**VII D**

Ist : Divyam Rastogi  
 2nd : Pallav Grover  
 3rd : Shashwat Rastogi  
 Good Conduct : Manoj Madhusudanan

**VIII A**

Ist : Zohair Parvez Khan  
 2nd : Rohit Iyer  
 3rd : Aditya Kapoor  
 Good Conduct : Ashish Sahu

**VIII B**

Ist : Harshit Agarwal  
 2nd : Sagar Uprety  
 3rd : Yasir Haque  
 Good Conduct : Allan Valsaraj Mathai

**VIII C**

Ist : Rachit Saxena  
 2nd : Satyam Kapoor  
 3rd : Anant Shekhar  
 Good Conduct : Sarthak Khare

**VIII D**

Ist : Ritesh Mohan Krishna  
 2nd : Garvit Singh  
 3rd : Amit Shukla  
 Good Conduct : Harshit Kumar Singh



**IX A**

Ist : Yash Vardhan Sinha  
 2nd : Shailesh Misra  
 3rd : Gagandeep Singh  
 Good Conduct : Shubham Raizada

**IX B**

Ist : Aniket Agarwal  
 2nd : Suyash Chandra  
 3rd : Dhruv Raj  
 Gaurav Agarwal  
 Good Conduct : Atulya Kishore

**IX C**

Ist : Ahmad Emad  
 2nd : Kartikey Asthana  
 3rd : Aniruddha Srivastava  
 Good Conduct : Karan Kapoor

**IX D**

Ist : Shantanu Singh  
 2nd : Nishant Gopaal  
 3rd : Arpit Kulshreshtha  
 Good Conduct : Bernard Eugin Swing

**X I A**

Ist : Puneet Srivastava  
 2nd : Kartik Gupta  
 3rd : Rameen Khan  
 Good Conduct : Prateek Tandon

**X I B**

Ist : Siddhartha Trivedi  
 2nd : Aviral Srivastava  
 3rd : Shiva Garg  
 Good Conduct : Daud Khan

**X I C**

Ist : Akash Singh  
 2nd : Ankit Misra  
 3rd : Prateek Keshwani  
 Good Conduct : Karun Kumar



**Rev. Fr. Romano Merit Scholarship**

*Awarded for obtaining highest marks in Class XI in the academic year 2004-2005*

Siddharth Trivedi XI B

**Mrs. M. Srivastava Scholarship**

*Awarded for obtaining highest marks in Class III in the academic year 2004-2005*

Shaurya Raghuvanshi III B

**Aditya Tandon Scholarship**

*Awarded for obtaining highest marks in Class V in the academic year 2004-2005*

Ankit Shekhar V - B

**Ashish Anand Scholarship**

*Awarded for obtaining highest marks in Class V A in the academic year 2004-2005*

Shanal V - A

## Result of Pre-Primary & Primary Section Co-curricular Activities

**Hindi Elocution (Individual) – 16th Aug.**  
Class – K.G.

Ist K.G. D  
IInd K.G. B  
IIIrd K.G. C

**Hindi Elocution (Inter Section) – 16th Aug.**  
Class – K.G.

Ist K.G. A  
IInd K.G. B  
IIIrd K.G. D

**Fun with Colours – 16th Aug.**  
Class – K.G.

Ist Kanishka Saxena  
Prashant Singh  
Kunal Jaiswal  
Samarth  
IInd Mohd. Manaf  
Ativisva  
Suryansh  
Sandarbh Singh  
IIIrd Miuzz  
Moses Rodrigues  
Aviral Kishna

**Fun with Colours – 16th Aug.**  
Class – K.G.

Ist K.G. A  
IInd K.G. D  
IIIrd K.G. C

**Fancy Dress (Group) – 16th Aug.**  
Class – K.G.

Ist K.G. B  
IInd K.G. C  
IInd Keshav  
IIIrd K.G. D

**English Cursive Writing– 16th Aug.**  
Class – K.G.

Ist Maaz  
IInd Akshat Singh  
IIIrd Ayush Mohan  
IIIrd Varan Saxena

**English Cursive Writing (Intersection) – 16th Aug.**  
Class – K.G.

Arrick D. Soans K.G.D  
Maaz K.G.A  
Sneharg K.G. B

**Dance Competition – 16th Aug.**  
Class – K.G. B

Ist Raghav  
IInd Shabli  
IIIrd Abhishek

**Class – K.G. C**

Ist Eashan  
IInd Anshraj  
IIIrd Vasudev

**Hindi Action – 18th Oct**

**Class – K.G. B**

Ist Sanskar Mani  
IInd Vedant Saxena  
IIIrd Vasudev

**Class – K.G. A**

Ist Prabhar  
IInd Kirath  
IIIrd Vishwas

**Class – K.G. C**

Ist Firoj Rizvi  
IInd Sahaj  
IIIrd Prabhar Singh



**Art Competition – 7th Aug.**

**Class – I**

Ist	Abhay Samuel Peter	I B
IInd	Aditya	I A
IIIRD	Mumukshu	I D
Ist	Haider Raza	II D
IInd	Mrigank Ashesh	II B
IIIRD	Ayush Anand	II A

**Word Power (Inter Section) – 17th July**

**Class – K.G.**

Ist	III D
IInd	III C
IIIRD	III A

**English Cursive Writing – 29th April**

**Class – I A**

Ist	Neelesh Bose
IInd	Anant Chaturvedi
IIIRD	Sagar Kumar

**Class – I B**

Ist	Samarth Srivastava
IInd	Prankur Sinha
IIIRD	Ishan Kumar

**Class – I C**

Ist	Anirudh Arora
IInd	Shubham Singh
IIIRD	Akshat Tewari

**Class – I D**

Ist	Fardeen Siddiqui
IInd	Nakul Tewari
IIIRD	Alakh Send

**Class – II A**

Ist	Vaibhav Singh
IInd	Ali
IIIRD	Tanmay Saxena

**Class – II B**

Ist	Tushar Agarwal
IInd	Akash Deori
IIIRD	Abdul Samad

**Class – II C**

Ist	Rishabh Agarwal
IInd	Aynan Zaidi
IIIRD	Sarun Khan

**Class – II D**

Ist	Ali Hamza
IInd	Shobhit Mohan
IIIRD	Kushagra Sahai

**Hindi Cursive Writing – 29th April**

**Class – I A**

Ist	Gaurav
IInd	Sahil H. Khan
IIIRD	Neelabh

**Class – I B**

Ist	Adhay Samuel Peter
IInd	Ujjwal Agarwal
IIIRD	Prankur Sinha

**Class – I C**

Ist	Ashat Tewari
IInd	Shubham
IIIRD	Mohd. Hamza

**Class – I D**

Ist	Akshat Pandey
IInd	Anwar
IIIRD	Maqbool

**Class – II A**

Ist	Sarthak Tandon
IInd	Udit Bali
IIIRD	Shantanu

**Class – II B**

Ist	Mridul Raj
IInd	Akash Deori
IIIRD	Tushar Agarwal

**Class – II C**

Ist	Gyanesh
IInd	Ishan Tripathi
IIIRD	Rishub Agarwal

**Class - II D**

Ist Ayush Thapliyal  
IInd Shobhit Mohan  
IIIrd Suyash Baranwal

**Hindi Cursive Writing - 30th April**

**Class - III A**

Ist Omang Sachan  
IInd Pranav Mishra  
IIIrd Parth Jain

**Class - III B**

Ist Yash Mishra  
IInd Himanshu Joshi  
IIIrd Faraz Ahmad Siddiqui

**Class - III C**

Ist Abhas Srivastava  
IInd Surya Pratap Singh  
IIIrd Antriksh Wahi

**Class - III D**

Ist Govind Mittal  
IInd Shivam Sonker  
IIIrd Nakul Havelia

**Hindi Cursive Writing - 5th May**

**Class - IV**

**Class - IV A**

Ist Shashwat Singh  
IInd Karan Saxena  
IIIrd Ashish Bisht

**Class - IV B**

Ist Varun Choudhry  
IInd Adnan Ali Zaidi  
IIIrd Jayant Dharamjeet

**Class - IV C**

Ist Archit Kotwal  
IInd Palash Khanna  
IIIrd Dhruv Shukla

**Class - IV D**

Ist Mohd. Jayyab Javed  
IInd Abhishek Bansal  
IIIrd Ali Moid

**Hindi Cursive Writing - 5th May**

**Class - V**

**Class - V A**

Ist Rohit Singhal  
IInd Devanshu Bora  
IIIrd Apurv Chetan

**Class - V B**

Ist Vibhor Kapoor  
IInd Parikshit Dhar  
IIIrd Ashwin Gupta

**Class - V C**

Ist Siddhant  
IInd Shivam Kotwal  
IIIrd Tabish Jamal

**Class - V D**

Ist Surya Awasthi  
IInd Abhishek Verma  
IIIrd Shubham Rai

**Hindi Singing (Solo) - 30th July**

**Class - I & II**

Ist	Anant Chaturvedi	I A
IInd	Abhay Samuel Peter	I B
IIIrd	Prankur Sinha	I B

Ist	Avnish Mukherjee	II D
IInd	Rachit Balooja	II C
IInd	Shobhit Mohan	II D
IIIrd	Ambikey Sangwan	II D
IIIrd	Harshdeep	II C

**Hindi Singing (Solo) - 24th Sept.**

**Class - III**

Ist	Sandeep Prasad Krishna	III D
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IIIrd	Ayush Chandra	III B
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# Reports

## College Report



*"A goodbye gives us a chance to say hello again. For bonds formed at Francis are there without end."*

*-Dhananjai Kohli*

In the end, I guess it had to happen. No matter how hard we tried to delay it, our time at St. Francis' College finally ended. It is now time to pass on the mantle of responsibility onto the shoulders of our junnies (as we call our juniors). Doesn't it seem like a second ago that we were wide-eyed, teary young children, afraid of entering the intimidating building of our school? Fast-forward nine years, and we were Olympians, striding the corridors of our second home. And here we are now, bidding goodbye to our alma mater, not knowing where the road ahead will lead us. Yet we are not afraid, because behind us, we have fourteen years of schooling that has transformed us into young men, ready to take on the world.

This year has definitely been an eventful one. It started off with the Investiture Ceremony, where this year's student council was formulated. Then we had a few of the literary events and inter house sports. This year, it was decided that these extra-curricular events would be spread over the course of the year, so as to give more students a chance to participate.

The academic session glided into full gear around the time of October, when we all got extremely busy. First, we had the School Exhibition, which had the seniors showing off their science skills, while the

junior school gave everybody a taste of Awadh history. After that began the summit of the extra-curricular year, Crossroads. Unfortunately, the Champion of Champions trophy was not awarded, because literary events seemed to be our forte this year. Our students won awards upon awards. Surprisingly, participation by the younger boys was high this year, and their efforts did not go unrewarded.

But then, our sportsmen were not to be out done. For the first time in the history of the tournaments, a single institution won both Avinash Cricket and Avinash Football. And that institution was, but of course, St. Francis College. Also, this year, we beat our arch rivals of 119 years, La Martinere Boys College, in both the St Francis Invitation Relay, and also the La Martinere Invitation Relay.

Of course, how can one speak of sports without remembering Sports Day? On 29th October, after many days of gruelling practice, we showcased our talents to all of Lucknow, and we were received with much enthusiasm. Starting with the Oath taking ceremony, followed by the lighting of the torch, the athletic events, P.T. by the student body, and finally, March-Past, which combined with the Prize Distribution Ceremony, cumulated to give a fantastic show to the audience, and the applause that was received was more than enough to reassure us of our success.

The last major event on our calendar was Children's Day which, following in the general tradition of Franciscans, was celebrated with a twist. We had a grand carnival, which was open to Franciscans and their families. With request stalls, games that

tested both intellectual and physical prowess, and lots of delicious food, the carnival was a fabulous hit with young and old alike.

These were the major events that took place in the year, but what of all the everyday incidents that go a long way in shaping us as individuals? Friends meeting everyday, making bonds that last a lifetime. Singing songs in class with all our friends. Eating tiffin during class, while hiding from the teacher. Laughing, crying, laughing again, and then when the exams corpe, studying like madmen. Everyday, having to make decisions that will shape our character. And before you is the result. A batch that started of as rocks, polished where required, chipped where necessary (and for this batch, a lot of chipping was required), and here we are now, young men, ready to go out, face the world

and conquer it. But as a masterpiece is identified by its artist, we too are identified by our makers, St. Francis College, the best place in the world.

To the staff, I would like to offer our thank on behalf of the entire batch, for any and all the times that you helped in shaping our future. To the students who remain in Francis, I ask you to maintain the legacy that is Francis, and enjoy everyday you spend there as your last, because one day, it will be. To the outgoing batch, all I need to say is that Franciscans we were, Franciscans we are, and Franciscans we shall forever be. And finally, to St. Francis College itself, all I would like to say is that we are forever in your debt, and whenever you need us, please do not be afraid to call out, for we shall answer when duty shall call.

*Dhananjai Kohli*  
*College Captain*

## **Pledge**

We, the children of India,  
take a solemn pledge today.

To protect the environment  
to the best of our ability

by sincerely following

The principles of the three 'R's

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

We vow to

Reduce - Wasteful consumption.

Reuse - Everything optimally

Recycle - Responsibly.

*Rekha Kumar*  
*Science Teacher*



## St. Patrick's House Report

'Fight the Good Fight'



Rishabh Agnihotri  
Captain

The year began on a bad note when the efforts of Prakash, Yash, Shubham, Kazim, Uttkarsh and Rishabh went in vain as the house finished at the bottom in football.

Next in line was Table Tennis which was also a rough ride for us but the performance of Shivam, Yashvardhan, Ali, Shitij brought some pride to the house. Shitij and Ali were the B-div. runners up as the house finished Third. Fahad, Taran, Aditya and Nakul were main performers in A div.

But it was Badminton where our shuttlers brought us back in the Cock House Shield race and played with great zeal. With Alok and Satvik being runners up in A and C div. respectively and Ariz and Satwik winning doubles in C-Div we looked set to win the shield. But because of some upsets and below par performance in B div we lost it by just a margin of 3 points and came second. Fahad, Rishabh and Nakul were other main performers for us in A div.

In Volley Ball we lost a close first match against St. Francis House but came back strongly, winning comprehensively in the second one defeating St. Andrew's House. Rishabh, Shalabh, Dhruv and Prakash were the spikers who showed great skills with the ball.

Lagging behind in the Cock House race our basket ball team produced an

inspirational display of team work in creating an upset victory over St. George's House. But in the next match against St. Andrew's House the opponents proved too good for us. Rishabh, Dhairya, Divjot, Arpit and Mudit were our star players.



Prakash Gaurav Tewari  
Vice Captain

But it was Hockey shield which ended the draught. It was because of some great stick work by Rishabh, Arpit, Prateek, Divjot, Dhruv, Shubham and Kazim by which we defeated St. George's House comfortably. Rishabh was the lone scorer of the match. In the second match we defeated St. Francis House in the tie - breaker. For this, special thanks to our goal keeper Pratul who produced a fantastic display of goal keeping and Danish who was instrumental through his defending.

Next was Cricket where a fighting fifty by Rishabh in the first match and efforts of Shalabh, Taran, Ali, Kush and Manav were not enough to break the jinx of not winning a match and we found ourselves at the bottom of the table.

Swimming was where we thought we could get back in hunt for Cock House Shield but our hopes drowned in the pool itself where we finished third. But efforts of Siddhartha, Mayank, Arpan, Satwik and Varun were noteworthy.

Marathon was one thing we were depending on heavily but our hopes crashed due to a last minute injury to our Champion runner Alok. Still the boys fought well and because of Rahul, Dhruv, Ruchir, Maharishi we came second.

Athletics was not much to talk about as we finished third but not before Alok, Divjot, Prakash, Shubham, Ashwin, Gaurav proved that they are good athletes.

But it was March Past which came as a sweet ending to our campaign as we were adjudged the best house in March Past. Here I thank all the team members.

St. Francis House was the Cock House winner and we stood at third spot but still it was not all lost. The experience of leading a house and excitement of the competition was

something I could never forget. As someone has said "Shoot for the Moon, even if you miss, you will end up finishing on some stars". We may have not won the Cockshield Race but in the Literary section it was all St. Patrick's House with the boys (except JAM & English elocution) winning prizes in every event.

It would be selfish of me not to mention the help of my friends Rajat, Ali, Aviral, Archit, Prateek Bakshi and Shivam. My special thanks to Mr. N. Vig, Mr. Bose, Mr. B D'more, Mrs. S. Saxena and above all Fr. Vincent Nazareth who always guided us throughout the year.

Trophies Won- Hockey Shield and March Past Shield.

*Rishabh Agnihotri*  
Captain

## **When I Have Fears**

When I have fears that I may cease to be  
Before my pen has glean'd my teeming brain,  
Before high - piled books, in charact'ry  
Hold like rich garner's the full-ripen'd grain;  
When I behold, upon the night's starr'd face,  
Huge cloudy symbols of a high romance,  
And think that I may never live to trace  
Their shadows, with the magic hand of chance.

And when I feel, fair creature of an hour!  
That I shall never look upon thee more,  
Never have relish in the fairy power  
Of unreflecting love - then on the shore.  
Of the wide world I stand alone, and think  
Till Love and Fame to nothingness do sink.

**Kartik Mehrotra**  
7-A

## St. Andrew's House Report

"For Honour Alone"



*Nikung Sanghi*  
Captain

As I pass on the blue flag, the mantle and prestige of St. Andrew's House, to my successor, my mind is afloat in an ocean of reminiscence as I reflect upon the eventful year which passed us by.

The sporting events were sparked off by the most common sport witnessed in school, Soccer. Our young Beckhams gave a top notch performance on the field, not sparing the audience of a few surprises inspite of being considered the weakest team under my weakest command. The performances of Nikunj, Aishwarya, Anant, Rishabh and Anshul were a ray of hope on our way to the shield. In spite of kicking Patrick's house out of competition we fell short of the shield.

Table Tennis and Badminton were never our cup of tea as we were a bunch of losers and failed miserably inspite of outstanding performances by Akarsh and Kavishka Raja who won the T.T and Badminton 'C' Division Championship. Performances of Aishwarya and Nishant in the 'A' Div were also worth mentioning.

In spite of our shortcomings in the other sports we were not discouraged as basketball was still on the way and we took out all our anger in the various matches. Performance of the whole team Nikunj, Anshul, Anant, Faizal and Isa were very good and it was due to this good teamwork we lifted up the Basketball shield.

Volleyball was another disappointment as we had a weak team and struggled hard but could not manage the last mile to the shield. The efforts of Anant, Varun and Aishwarya were good but what we needed here was a team work.



*Aishwarya Swaroop*  
Vice Captain

Then came hockey and we tried our best again as we always did and lost again, as we always did. In spite of good individual performances by Varun, Sankalp, Nikunj, Ankit, Shah and Abhijeet we could not conjure up a good team and lost both the games.

It was like God was giving us happiness in small doses. First Basketball, and now Cricket. We defeated all our opponents by huge margins and due to excellent performance by the whole team Aditya, Varun, Nikunj, Rohit, Aishwarya and Arunabh to name a few we finally got to the shield.

In athletics, we gave everyone of the house, a run for the shield, literally, but alas! our athletes could not run properly. In the 'C' Division Vishal won the championship and inspite of our good performances we failed by a centimetre, in every sense. We came second only to have the inspiration to do it better the next time.

Swimming was also one of the most coveted trophy of the year and performances by Aishwarya, Aditya and Akhilesh got us to the second place, losing the shield by a small margin.

In the Marathon we took the first and the thirteenth place by Faizal and Robin respectively but could not manage to get to the shield.

As I leave the college, I would like to thank Rev. Fr. Nazareth who took a keen interest in all the sporting activities and encouraged all of us to do our best though again we losers failed miserably.

I would like to thank my house prefects Arunabh, Deeptanshu, Varun and Karan for

their immense support and also the house co-ordinators Tawish, Vineet, Akshat and Sparsh for their support.

I would like to thank Mr. J. Hannah for putting faith in me and guiding me throughout the year and Mr. N. Vig for his time and support. Last but not the least I would like to thank Mr. Sawhney for his support towards the house.

**Nikunj Sanghi**  
Captain

## *Translations on Performance Appraisals*

- \* Outgoing personality... Always going out of the office.
- \* Good Communication skills.... Spends lots of time on phone.
- \* Average Employee... Not too bright.
- \* Exceptionally well Qualified....Made no major blunder yet.
- \* Work is First Priority..... The ugly to get a date.
- \* Active Socially.... Drinks a lot
- \* Family is active socially... Spouse drinks, too.
- \* Independent Worker.. Nobody knows what he / she does.
- \* Quick Thinking.. Offers plausible excuses.
- \* Careful thinker ... Won't make a decision
- \* Aggressive.. Obnoxious.
- \* Uses Logic on Difficult Jobs.. Gets someone else to do it.
- \* Expresses Themselves well..... Speaks English.
- \* Meticulous Attention to Detail..... Anit picker.
- \* Has Leadership Qualities ..... Is tall or has a loud noise.
- \* Exceptionally Good Judgement... Lucky
- \* Keen Sense of Humour... Knows a lot of dirty jokes.
- \* Career Minded..... Back Stabber.
- \* Loyal..... Can't get a job anywhere else.

**Kartik Mehrotra**  
7-D

## St. George's House Report

### "In Honour Bound"



**Jasmeet Singh**  
Captain

Oceans of nostalgia flood over me as I sit to pen this chronicle. It is hard to accept that my existence in St Francis college which is a part of the pulsating present will soon be reduced to a reminiscence of the past. It is ironical

that after becoming an ex - Franciscan one does not realise how much one is going to miss SFC.

As the year began we started winning prizes in debates and elocutions with excellent speeches by Vaibhav Tiwari and Tanuj Gupta in school section and Kumar Manjul and Dhananjai Kohli in college section.

The sports season started with inter house Football. We came second. Trivikram was the only goal scorer. Excellent control over the ball was shown by Joshua, Ayush Saxena and Syed Asir.

In table tennis we came second. Tanuj, Siddharth, Shobit in 'C' division and Ayush and Jasmeet in 'A' division were superb.

In Badminton excellent work was done by our doubles team, in all the divisions. We secured the Runners up position throughout.

Danzil, Sudhanshu, Shashwat, Kumar Manjul and Abhinav Verma performed brilliantly. Basketball was a real disaster for us. Harshpreet did the best for us.

Hockey was the game in which we had hoped to do well but due to some misfortunes we lost the first match. We bounced back to win the second match and came third. Good stick work was shown by Salman, Prabhjot, Trivikram, Asir, Jasmeet and Sankalp.



**Trivikram Singh**  
Vice Captain

In Volleyball lack of team work cost us the shield. Excellent smashes and drops were delivered by Jasmeet Singh. Utsav also performed well with full support from Manjul and Akshat.

Swimming was a clean sweep for us. Our swimming champ Harsh Mohan won medals in every event. In juniors Dev Raghvan, Sudhanshu and Anubhav were excellent. Trivikram and Harsh were dashing in senior category. We lifted the Swimming cup in style.

Our Cock House chances was dashed when Marathon proved to be a disaster as only Anshul Bansal (9th) and Aditya (13th) could rank in the first fifteen.

It was cricket which proved to be great pleasure for us. We defeated St Francis' House in a nail biting finish. The match ended in a tie and the result was decided by the toss of the coin. We emerged as winners. Jasmeet Singh showed a brilliant performance and gave us an all round show. In second match we lost to St. Andrew's House and came

second. Akshay Narula also bowled well.

We did well in March Past and came third.

It was Athletics which stole the show at the Sports Day. In 'C' div all the position were shared by George, Kritagya, Aditya and Naved.

In 'B' Div it was only Joshua Howard for whom the gold was booked. Kumar Akshat and Suresh were also extraordinary. Joshua was the 'B' div champion. In 'A' Div Trivikram Singh with his extra ordinary performance defeated the last year champion and went on to win the A. Div championship.

Rahul Garg and Akshay Dalmia supported the house very well. We won the Athletics shield in magnificent manner with the highest margin ever.

We came second in the Cock House Race.

Jasmeet Singh's contribution on and off field were awarded with the SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR TROPHY.

Also a prestigious award went to the House i.e.

Abhinav Verma- Best all round student of the year.

In the end I would like to thank my vice captain Trivikram who supported me in every decision. I would like to thank my friends Kumar Manjul, Rahul Garg, Akshay Narula, A. Dalmia and Dhananjai Kohli for their support. I am sorry if I miss any name.

In the end, I would like to thank our principal Rev. Fr. V. Nazareth who took keen interest in all our sporting activities. I would also thank our House Master, Mr. Bhargava for trusting us. My special thanks to Mrs. Nagar for her great support.

A special thanks to Mr. Vig for his blessing and support.

My best wishes to the next captain.

*"Win or loss is not the aim*

*Just go for the Honour".*

**Jasmeet Singh**  
Captain

### A Child Speaks

I enter school  
with open mind and heart,  
So eager now to learn,  
to be a part  
Of all the big exciting  
world at hand,  
There is so much to grasp,  
to understand.  
Please help me build  
the right foundation here,  
Direct my energy  
to purpose clear;  
Teach me to honour truth

in work and play,  
Give me ideals to live with  
day by day.  
Aside from routine lessons  
help me see  
First hand, the fruits  
of real democracy,  
That on some future day  
I, too, in turn,  
Shall guide a little child  
who seeks to learn.

— Viney Wilder.

## St. Francis' House Report

*"Perseverance Conquers All"*



**Nitish Kumar**  
Captain

Sailing with our motto, we never lost hope and aimed to fire at the 'COCK - HOUSE SHIELD. Re-changing the history of not winning, this year we won it for the second year in a row.

The honour of sparking the cracker went to the addiction of our college, i.e., SOCCER. Considered to be the best team on paper, we ascertained our virtue in this province. Sterling execution of the plan was carried out by Adhiraj, Baghel, Faham and Rishi. Sumptuous dexterity was displayed by our boys in the dying stage of the match to help us jubilate at the end. We won the first match 2-1 against St. Andrew's House and 1-0 in the second against St. George's. Thanks to the hand of God, personified through Kunal. Also Yasir, Devanshu, Rahul, Nirvan, Shivi & Nitish performed well. Puneet deserves a special mention.

We moved from the back field to camp in the Old Concert Hall.

Next in line was T.T. shield. Our name was written five years ago on the shield and we did not allow anyone to touch it even this year. Scintillating performance was shown by our juniors, Vatsal & Tanay. Both procured the singles title in 'B' and 'A' div respectively. Devanshu astonished us all, by reaching the finals of 'A' Div. Devanshu-Tanay & Kenny - Mayank reached the Doubles final together,

former team emerging as winners. Rishi & Vatsal did well in 'B' div.



**Shalendra Singh**  
Vice Captain

Our troop then marched towards the Gymnasium Hall to circle round the badminton court. The return of our Achilles made us dauntier. He started like a cool breeze devouring every challenge in his course to end up gulping the 'A' div championship like a typhoon. Along with Nitish, they also won the Doubles title. 'B' div singles final was an all Francis affair, since Satwik & Medhavi both reached the final. Satwik won the singles title, and also the doubles title with Rishi. Nilay was cool in 'C' div. I thank them all to help us win the Badminton Shield. We again flew to the back field, but landed up in the volley-ball court to steal the shield from everyone else. Considered as the under dog, we broke the hatch with determination rampaging over St. Patrick's & St. George's to run away with the shield. Nitish, Devanshu, Shalendra, Atif Baghel & Nirvan worked relentlessly to keep our flag high.

*'Everything that goes up has to come down.'* Our inexperience and lack of co-ordination in Basket ball court pulled our flag down to the third spot, for the first time in the year. Mehul took charge in Hockey, but no one lended him a helping hand. Paurush proved himself to an extent. A controversial decision pulled us back and we weren't

allowed to lay our hands on the Hockey shield. Instead, we came up second.

Once again back field! Religion of the nation, Cricket awaited us there. It was a nightmare. The first match was a tie, only to be decided by a toss. St. George's won both. It was very disappointing. Yasir was our player of the day. Our flag was once again third, as we won the second match. Performances were delivered by Devanshu, Prasoon, Faiz, Shailendra & Nitish.

Marathon was sneaking at us now & we needed to chase it. Our African resembling athletes proved their mettle for the 3rd time. Mehul (2nd), Paurush (5th), Peter (6th), Anmol (10th) & Puneet (12th) were the ones who amassed points for us.

We all drowned in the swimming pool. Reason being confusion & misunderstanding. Only Ujjwal, Atif, Chinmaya, Nitish & Samarth arrived on the final day. They went back with a medal each.

Finally we reached our last destination, which was Athletics. Alan, Gaurang and Harsh in 'C' div, Rishi S, Rishi T, Nirvan, Fahan & Medhavi in 'B' div, Nitish, Puneet, Baghel & Kenneth in 'A' div contributed their sweat, but we managed only the third position.

Annual Sports Day, October 29th! Our patience and hard work bore fruits & over two thousand parents and children witnessed us, St. Francis' House, lifting the splendid COCK HOUSE SHIELD.

I would like to show my gratitude towards our House Master, Mr. D. Jackson, and P.T.I., Sir Vig. Thanks to all who helped me achieve this target.

With pearls in my eyes, I pass on the Golden Baton of St. Francis' House to my successors, and wish him good luck in his endeavour.

Adieu Alma Mater!

*Nitish Kumar  
Captain*

## **Moving On .....**

Life of a person is a collection of dreams, memories and achievements. A person associated with something feels attached to it when he has to let that thing go. His memories stop him, but we have to move on.....

The place where we learnt to live, to dream and to grow, one day we leave it and move to new horizons. The point is not to forget but still move on.

Its the most difficult task to say good bye to those who shared and lived every moment of your life for more than a decade. But its time, because we have to move on.....

Now we leave our school, our inspiration and face the world with a Franciscan spirit. To achieve our destiny, to show the world what we are.

As this utopia ends,

I hope that this moment stops and I can believe that we won't.

Move on .....

*Samarth Asthana  
XII - B*



## Swimming Report



**Aishwarya Swaroop**  
Captain

*"Winners  
Never Quit and  
Quitters Never Win"*

Although the swimming team could not get enough opportunities to display its talents in the academic year 2004-2005 yet the boys showed their power when it was asked for.

Due to our Quarterly examination we were not able to attend the swimming competition held at C.M.S. Gontinagar on August 26, 27 and 28.

In the District level championship held at K.D. Singh Babu Stadium Mayank Arora won 1 gold and 1 silver medal in freestyle and back stroke - Abdul Saddam won 1 gold and Sudhanshu Rai won 1 bronze in 50 m freestyle.

Next was the State level selection held on 12 and 13 October at K.D. Singh Babu Stadium. Our boys gave a good performance. Harsh Mohan won 2 bronze medals in freestyle and breaststroke in senior group. In the Junior group Mayank Arora won 2 gold, Anubhav Dixit won 1 Bronze and 1 silver, Prakhar Hatwal 1 bronze, Sudhanshu Rai won 1 bronze and Abdul Saddam won 1 silver medal. These boys were selected and

represented St. Francis College at state level but we were not able to win, yet the boys put up a great show.

On 24th October was the Inter House Swimming Championship. Harsh Mohan of St. George's House won 2 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze medal in group A. Mayank Arora of St. Patrick's House won 2 gold and 1 silver medal in group B. Dev Raghav won 2 gold in Group C and Shivansh won 2 gold and 1 bronze and Arnold won 1 gold 2 silver medals in group D.

All these performances lead to a nail biting finish and by a margin of mere 2 points St. George's won the Championship from St. Andrew's House.

Result:

St. George's House	-	Ist
St. Andrew's House	-	IInd
St. Patrick's House	-	IIIrd

I would like to thank Mr. Raj and Mr. O.P. Tiwari for their efforts to train the boys. I would also thank Mr. Vig our P.T.I. for he was always there when we needed him. I would also like thank Harsh Mohan and Ujjwal Pathak for they were always behind me to help me.

*"The roads of success are open for those who climb till the end"*

**Aishwarya Swaroop**  
Captain

- \* *Every calling is great when greatly pursued. — Oliver Wendell Holmes*
- \* *Very often a change of self is needed more than a change of scene. — A.C. Benson*
- \* *He who hunts two hares leaves one and loses the other. — Japanese Proverb*

## Hockey Report

*"The old order change, yielding place to new....."*

As we come to an end of another year, lets review the triumphs, sorrows and glories of the previous year. Last year was a Golden Year for Hockey in the history of St. Francis College because this year our college participated in many inter-college matches.

The season started with a nail-biting encounter with the U.P. under - 17 trainees. Our college managed to drew level 3-3 with them. Mehul, Aditya, Rahul were players who showed good stick work.

This year first time in the history of St. Francis College a hockey camp was organised. I was enthralled by the enthusiasm the young lads showed towards the game. The response was phenomenol. Well! this is a good prospect for a Hockey in S.F.C. for the years to come.

There was a huge buzz around during the Inter-House matches. The first match was between St. Patrick's and St. George's. It was a comfortable win for Patrick's House.

The second match was between St. Francis' and St. Andrew's. Though the teams were equally balanced but the Francis were the immerge victors. The match for the 3rd and 4th place was between St. George's and St. Andrew's. It was a comfortable win for George's. But, the match for the 1st - IInd place between St. Francis' and St. Patrick's was a controversial one. Though Patrick's won, I was not convinced by the decisions.

This year we played a Past Vs Present Hockey match and the Present team thrashed the Past team (4-0). The goal scores were Mehul (3 goals) and Jasmeet Singh (1 goal).

At the end of session we played a friendly match with Rani Lakshmi Bai Inter College and we won 4-2. The players who showed good stick were Mehul and Pratul (G.K.)

I would like to thank our Principal Rev. Fr. Vincent Nazareth for providing us with such good playing conditions and providing us with a lush green hockey field.

I would like to thank our P.T.I's Mr. N. Vig and Mr. Mishra for providing us opportunities to exhibit our talent. I would also like to thank Vinod for his services.

As, I enshrine my report, I remember the year I have spent playing games in this college. My eyes are full of tears when I say final adieu to this loving and caring St. Francis College.

My best wishes are with my succeeding Hockey Captain. May he keep the spirit of Hockey high in S.F.C

**Mehul Mukul Rao**  
Captain

**College Team :** Mehul (Cap.) Dhananjai Kohli (G.K), Aditya, Achint, Danish, Sumant, Salman, Prateek, Vishal, Pratul, Prabhjot, Mayank, Rahul, Ravi, Karan, Peter, Aviral, Deeptanshu, Yagyesh, Abhijit (G.K.)



*"Defeat is a school in which truth always grow strong and that truth is practice & incessant practice."*

*"Achievement lies within the reach of those who reach beyond themselves".*

## Basketball Report



**Nikunj Sanghi**  
Captain

As the year draws to an end, my heart is flooded with memories of the moments I cherished with my fellow players. The long hours practising with my team, the ups and downs, the euphoria of victory and even the momentary frustration of defeat are some of the things that I still remember.

As the academic session started, keen interest was shown by the students towards basketball. To curve this interest and motivation, our Principal organised a summer camp in which we had a trainer from the stadium under our P.T.I Mr. Vig, training us.

In the inter house matches keen interest was shown by Nikunj, Anant, Anshul, Faizal, Isa, Trivikram, Prakash Gaurav Tiwan, Samarth and Dhananjai towards the sport. Due to the involvement of all these students and the able guidance of Mr. Vig, Basketball was one of the most anticipated trophy of the year.

The first match was between St. Andrew's House and St. Francis' House in which St. Andrew's dominated the match from the beginning till the end due to the great coordination between the playing five. Nikunj, Anant and Anshul were superb with Faisal and Isa chipping in with the odd baskets. For St. Francis' House Apurva and Faham tried their best but with no support from their teammates, they lost to St. Andrew's by a big margin of 48-12. The second match was between St. George's House and St. Patrick's house. It was a real cracker of a game with both sides competing for supremacy in the game. From St. George's

House, Harshpreet Singh, Trivikram Singh were superb and from St. Patrick's house Arpit Mishra, Dhairya Jagdish were immaculate. But in the end St. Patrick's house won the game with a very close scoreline of 22-18. In the final St. Andrew's house massacred St. Patrick's house and St. Georges house again lost to St. Francis' House for the third place. Positions of all the houses

St. Andrew's House	-	Ist
St. Patrick's House	-	IInd
St. Francis' House	-	IIIrd
St. George's House	-	IVth

It was now time to polish our skills and compete with the other institutions of Lucknow. In a tournament organised in Spring Dale we played like true champions. We slowly climbed our way to the top defeating teams of C.M.S. Aliganj and Spring Dale by convincing margins. We played great Basketball throughout the tournament but were unfortunate not to win in the finals which we lost only by two points. Performances by Nikunj, Anant, Anshul, Faizal, Harshpreet and Sam are worth mentioning.

I would like to thank our principal for showing a keen interest in basketball and providing us with all the support necessary.

Last but not the least, the contributions of Mr. Vig cannot be sidelined as he had been instrumental for our college right from the time I started playing basketball and this year too, he amazed with the amount of passion and the respect he carries for this game.

Basketball Team : Nikunj (captain), Anant, Anshul, Faizal, Isa, Harshpreet, Apurva, Dhairya, Faham, Talha, Samarth, Mudit and Kevin



**Nikunj Sanghi**  
Captain

## *Gymnastics Report*



*Rishabh Agnihotri*

Gymnastics may sound an alien word to Indians but for Franciscans it is a known sport. After a gap of two years this year we were going to have the Annual Sports Day and everyone was excited about it, specially our gymnasts who were going to perform in it.

The practice began a month before the Sports Day and out of hundreds of students (from all the classes) interested, a team of 50 boys were selected and under the able guidance of special trainers the training started. All the players went through a hard training schedule starting from warm ups to horse and from mats to ring.

How much hard we had practiced would have not mattered if we had not put up a good show on the Sports Day. But on the Sports Day, the boys were in their own performing like specialists.

The show started with the front rolls on mats which the boys did effectively. Next were the pyramids and the boys showed great balance and flexibility in forming the pyramids. If Stanley, Dhruv, Maharishi proved that they had strong shoulders by becoming a good base Varun, Akash, Saurabh proved their balance by standing on them. But it was the Horse Pyramid which mesmerised the spectators because of its difficult formation.

Then came the jumps where Rishabh, Swapnil, Divjot, Siddhartha, Mriganka showed great technique. But the greatest attraction of the day was the simultaneous triple ring jump. Three boys jumping synchronously through the ring was something unexpected for the spectators and showed that there is no lack of talent in the boys.

In the end I would like to thank our coaches and P.T.I. Mr. Vig, who left no stone unturned in making our performance the best. A special thanks to our respected Principal who gave us a chance to perform.

*Rishabh Agnihotri*  
*Captain*

### **Inspiring Anecdote**

An astrologer foretold the death of a lady whom Louis XI passionately loved. She did, in fact, die; and the King imagined that the prediction of the astrologer was the cause of it. He sent for the man, intending to have him thrown through the window, as a punishment. "Tell me, thou pretendest to be so clever and learned a man, what thy fate will be?"

The soothsayer, who suspected the intrigues of the King, and knew his foibles, replied: "Sir, I foresee that I shall die three days before your Majesty."

The King believed him, and was careful of the astrologer's life.

*Courtesy – Inspirational Quote*

## Cricket Report



**Jasmeet Singh**  
Captain

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

The academic year 2004-05 saw us scale new heights in the field of cricket. The College saw talents like never before emerge and secure for themselves a place in the call of honour. The College Cricket team, though did not get many opportunities to display its talent showed a touch of class and an admirable spirit of team work.

The highlight of the year was the sizzling win of the college team in the Avinash Chandra Chaturvedi Memorial Cricket tournament. The tournament was on knock out basis. It was hardwork and determination of the players which made them the winner. Not only the team but the players in individual showed their capability. Jasmeet Singh, Captain, won the best all rounder award while a young lad of class X Anshul Garg won the best Bowler award.

They both got a scholarship of Rs-3600/- from the Managing Committee.

In the first match we defeated C.M.S, Gontinagar by a huge margin of 190 runs. In the second match we defeated Bright Way College, Aliganj by eight wickets and in the Semi Finals we defeated Unity College,

Chowk, by 2 wickets but the final match was studded by some extra ordinary strikes played by Varun Kotwal and Jasmeet Singh. In the finals Varun Kotwal scored 63 fiery runs and Jasmeet Singh scored 61 and piled a huge score for the St. Fidelis College team to chase. In reply St. Fidelis bundled out cheaply. Jasmeet Singh was the man-in-chief for the downfall of the opposing team. He took 4 wickets just giving just 11 runs.

We emerged as winners once again under the able guidance of Mr. Naresh Nig.

Performance of Rishabh, Shivansh, Rohit, Faiz, Shalabh, Sunny and Manpreet were outstanding.

The House matches were too exciting and highly competitive. The first match was between St. Patrick's and St Andrew's House sent into bat. St. Andrew's made a good score with the help of Sparsh who made 61 odd runs. Though St. Patrick's lost the match but Rishabh and Kush batted splendidly. Rishabh scored a fine half century.

It was the second match which was the most exciting of all time. St George's House was made to bat first and Jasmeet Singh alone took his team to a respected total. In batting St. Francis House batted well. Yasir scored a good half century but they only managed to equalize the score. The match ended in a position of deadlock. Fate of both the teams was now dependent on the spin of a wonderful coin.

St George's House emerged as winners; hard luck to St Francis' House.

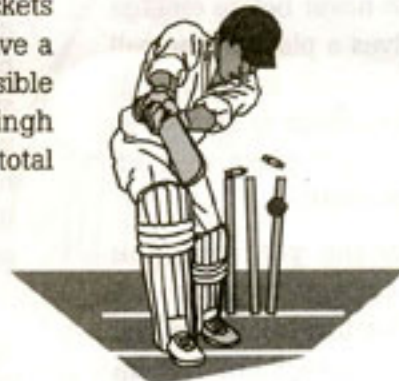
In the 3rd St Francis' House defeated St Patrick's House, for Francis House Faiz Ahmad did well.

In the final match St George's House

lost to St Andrew's, piled a huge total due to the fine effort from Varun Kotwal and Aishwarya. For St. George's House batting of Kumar Manjul, Prabhjot and Dhruv were supportive. For St Andrew's Aditya bowled an excellent line.

Now it was the time for the Past vs Present match. This year will go down as the golden year in the history of St. Francis' College. It was after a mammoth gap of 25 years that the present defeated the past. The match was played on 2nd October. This day now will have more importance than normal for the jubilant Present team.

In the match Past always had a privilege of batting first. Some fine bowling from present restricted the past to a mere total of 110 runs. Rishabh Agnihotri had excellent bowling figures. He took 4 wickets and gave just 6 runs. In reply Present gave a shaky start. But middle order had responsible players. Varun Kotwal and Jasmeet Singh again played well and got through the total easily.



In the end, I would like to thank Mr. N. Vig for all the hardwork and effort he had put in. Hats off to you Sir.

I would also like to thank our Principal Father Vincent Nazareth who encouraged and motivated us to win each and every match. We are highly thankful to God for letting you as our Principal.

Last but not the least I would like thank my team mates and my friends for supporting me in every decision.

Best of luck to the next captain.

College Team - Jasmeet Singh (C),  
Varun Kotwal, Rishabh Agnihotri, Rohit Verma, Faiz Ahmad, Sunny Gadhok, Anshul Garg, Manpreet Singh (W.K), Tapas Mudgal, Ankur Agrawal, Devashish Singh, Shalabh Sharma, Faizal, Shivansh Sharma, Raghav Jhingran.

**Jasmeet Singh**  
Captain

### Inspiring Anecdote

Daniel Webster was a boy in the district school. He was not noted for tidiness. Finally the teacher, in despair, told him that if he appeared again with such dirty hands she would thrash him. He did appear in the same condition. "Daniel," she said, "hold out your hand." Daniel spat on his palm, rubbed it on the seat of his trousers and held it out. The teacher surveyed it in disgust. "Daniel," she said, "if you can find me another hand in this school that is dirtier than that, I will let you off."

Daniel promptly held out the other hand.

*Courtesy - Inspirational Quote*

## *NCC Report*

The academic session 2004 -2005 saw the marching feet of our troop bring many laurels to the College. The year began with the enrolment of cadets. Thereafter began weekly classes of drill and theory.



The preparations for the combined Annual Training camp had also begun. This year the camp was held at Government Inter College, Husainabad. Cadets from various reputed Colleges across the city attended this ten day camp which aimed at exposing the cadets to camp environment discipline and developing leadership qualities. Various competitions were held during the camp. Our cadets won the trophy for being "Best in Drill". Siddhartha Basu and Abhishek Singh, won the Essay writing competition. In the final of the Football competition we lost in a close fought match against Seth M.R Jaipuria School. But the most important shield was yet to be won. As the camp drew to a close everyone kept their fingers crossed when the announcement for the "Champion Troop" was to be made. Our joy knew no bounds when our college won the shield for being the "Champion Troop".

The Annual Sports and P.T. Display saw the cadets display their skills by performing a continuity Drill. We also visited the Air Force Station, Bakshi-ka- Talab for Range firing. The cadets were exposed to the handling of No.2 Mark IV 0.22 Bore rifles. It was an experience worth remembering.

Our cadets also had the privilege to witness an exclusive air show put up by the world renowned "Surya Kirans" squadron of the Indian Air Force at Air Force station, Bakshi-ka-Talab.

As the year ends on a happy note we hand over the reigns to the first year cadets hoping that they will maintain the legacy of our Troop and follow the motto "Unity and Discipline" to attain greater heights. I also thank our Principal Fr. Vincent Nazareth for his constant encouragement and support.

*Cdt. Siddhartha Basu*

## Editorial

*'Think big, believe big and act big. To this, add work and struggle. That is the formula for gaining victory over your difficulties'*  
- T.S. Eliot.

St. Francis' College - a name, which needs no introduction. An institution with grass root foundation and a strong air of discipline and intellect. The Alma-Mater, which every boy dreamt to be a part of. In inter house events i.e. 'What's the good word' and 'Just a minute' - St. Patrick's House and St. Francis' House stood miles apart and proved their worth by securing 1st position in each. All the literary events - the English and Hindi Elocution and the English and Hindi Debate took place at their allotted time with many new faces emerging as winners this time. Paresh B Lal put up a commendable performance in 'What's the Good Word.'

The most awaited inter - school event - 'Crossroads' began with an enormous enthusiasm with our College Captain - Dhananjai Kohli and Abhinav Verma emerged as winners in the English Debate with Dhananjai coming first and Abhinav was second amongst the known eleven colleges. However there was a slight disappointment from our team of 'Admad'. 'Ocumen - 2004' was organised at the Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow, where Kumar Manjul stood first in 'Faceoff' and Abhinav Verma stood first in 'Shipwreck'.

Finally, 'Micfest 2004' held at Mahanagar Boys was an euphoria for all the Franciscans.

The tense result is that the Franciscans outbeat the other institutions in a maximum no. of literary events. The academic year ended berserkly and so did our academic career. The air of this institution is really great and after being associated with this college for 14 years it would be 'heart - break' moment to leave our very own college. It's not a prevarication but it is a fact that we are leaving our Alma- Mater and stepping in to the next domain of life. The perplexity about teenage has finally ended and a new era of adulthood has finally started. I truly believe that the foundation of this college shall remain firm in the years to come.

*'Reflect upon your present blessings of which every man has plenty, not on your past misfortunes of which all men have some'.*

- Charles Dickens

**Arpit Misra**  
**Nakul Bhasin**  
English Editors.





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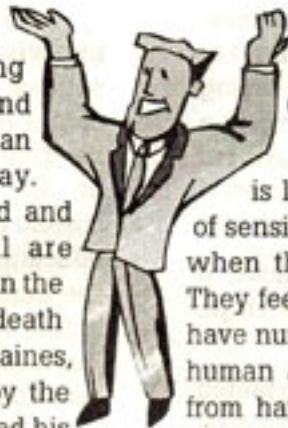
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## 'Is God Dead?'

The raising of the question "Is God Dead" underlines the growing sense of skepticism among mankind about the fair and just conduct of human affairs in the world of today. Marginalisation of the forces of good and domination of the forces of evil are progressively destroying man's belief in the ultimate triumph of truth. Burning to death of a Christian missionary, Graham Staines, along with his two sons in Orissa by the very people for whom he had dedicated his entire life has sent a shiver down the spine of all God loving people. Has God really become indifferent to his very own men? Has God closed his eyes to the affairs of men? Or is God dead?



world, evil goes unpunished. The murderers of Australian missionary Graham Staines are still at large.

The proclamation 'God is dead' is little more than a knee jerk reaction of sensitive men whose grief is inconsolable when they see the innocent being killed. They feel aghast and helpless. They seem to have nurtured a naive belief that some super human agency would protect the innocent from harassment at the hands of evil men. They go too far to seek Godliness out side human beings. May be at present moment the forces of good and godliness appear to be vastly out stripped by the forces of evil. We seem to be in need of a man of God like a Buddha or a Christ who can cure man of his evil propensities and urge him on to follow the path of goodness and compassion. Good deeds of compassionate man will affirm the presence of God among us.

*Arpit Misra*  
*'English Editor'*

The world is out of joints. All is not right with the world. Mafias and the mercenaries have not only infiltrated the legislatures and corridors of power, they have actually taken over the government in many parts of the world. While drug lords actually run governments in some Latin American countries there are many governments who are fully aware of the identity of drug peddlers but can do precious little to curb them.

Evil is no longer punished or good rewarded. If anything, evil is gaining ground and good is retreating. Decline of morality exhibited in the conduct of public affairs creates doubts in the minds of many about the existence of a watchful God. He must be sleeping even if he exists, this is how most people feel at this juncture.

'God is dead' implies that destinies of men which are earlier governed with fairness and justice have now become subject to arbitrary whims of the cruel fate signifying the absence of a watchful and benign creator. Sincere and well meaning people no longer get their desserts. In Ramayna Ram ultimately triumphs over Ravana signifying the victory of good over evil. But in todays

## Tomatoes



An old man was looking at the red ripe tomatoes growing in the farmer's garden.

"I'll give you my two pennies for that tomato," said the man pointing to a beautiful, large, ripe fruit hanging on the vine.

"No," said the farmer, "I get a dime for a tomato like that one". The old man pointed to a smaller green one, "Will you take two pennies for that one?"

"Yes," replied the farmer, "I'll give you that one for two cents" "OK," said the man, sealing the deal by putting the coins in the farmer's hand, "I'll pick it up in about a week".

*Naman Makker*  
*VI - A*

## Why do we namaste?

Indians greet each other with namaste. The two palms are placed together in front of the chest and the head bows whilst saying the word namaste. Namaste could be just a casual or formal greeting, a cultural convention or an act of worship. However there is much more to it than meets the eye.

In Sanskrit namah + te = namaste. It means - I bow to you- my greetings, salutations or prostration to you.

Namaha can also be literally interpreted as 'na ma' (not mine). It has a spiritual significance of regating or reducing one's ego in the presence of another.

The real meeting between people is the meeting of their minds. When we greet another, we do so with namaste, which means, " may our minds meet" indicated by the folded palms placed before the chest. The bowing down of the head is gracious form of extending friendship in love and humility.

### Why do we not touch papers, books and people with feet?

In Indian homes, we are taught from a very young age, never to touch papers books and people with our feet. If the feet accidentally touch papers, books, musical instruments or any other educational equipmental children are told to reverentially touch what was stamped, with their hands and then touch their eyes as a mark of apology.

To Indians knowledge is sacred and divine. So it must be given respect at all times. The custom of not stepping on



educational tools is a frequent reminder of the high position accorded to knowledge in Indian culture. From an early age this wisdom has instilled in us a deep reverence for books and education.

### Why do we regard trees and plants as sacred?

From ancient times Indians have worshipped plants and tress and regarded all flora and fauna as sacred. This is an old fashioned or uncivilized practise. It reveals the sensitivity, foresight and refinement of Indian culture. While modern man works to "conquer" Mother Nature ancient Indians "worshipped" her.

The Lord, the life in us pervades all living beings, be it the plants and animals. Hence, they are all regarded as sacred. Human life on earth depends on plants and trees. They serve man without expectation and sacrifice themselves to sustain us. They epitomize sacrifice. If a stone is thrown on a fruit laden tree, the tree in turn gives fruit.

Ananya Goel  
IV B

## Our Beautiful Earth

We live on the earth. It is very beautiful. The earth is made up land and water. The blue area shows the water, and the rest of the area is land. About three fourths of the earth is covered with water. Land does not look the same all over the earth. It high at some places and low at others. That's the beauty of our earth.

Akash Deori  
II - B



## THE SUPPORT

It was autumn. All the trees had started shedding their leaves. The leaf of the old peepal tree turned yellow. Soon the old peepal tree would shed its dry leaves.

One day there was a terrible storm and a leaf of a peepal tree fell from the branch of the tree. It landed on the lump of the earth. The leaf requested the lump. "Will you please give me some support? Otherwise, I will be blown far away by this strong wind".

The lump of the earth was arrogant and short tempered.

It bluntly said, "Sorry, I will not give you any support".

Meanwhile, a strong wind blew and the leaf was blown away with the wind. It started drizzling. Now the lump of the earth was frightened. Suddenly another peepal leaf fell on it.

The lump pleaded "Dear leaf please cover me otherwise I will melt in this rain". The leaf replied, "Just a few minutes ago you refused to give any support to my friend, a leaf. Now why should I help you?"

The sky was covered with dark clouds. It started raining heavily and there was thunder and lightning. The leaf pitied the lump of earth. It said to the lump "I am not selfish like you. I will cover you".

Saying this the leaf called two other leaves and together they covered the lump to protect it. After it had stopped raining, the lump was still dry and intact.

The leaf said, "I hope you have learnt a lesson today. You should know that we all survive with one another's support. In fact the whole world survives on mutual support".

Support Helps Survival

*Karan Sharma*

## Discipline

Discipline is the soul of any school or organisation. No school or organisation can be successful till it has a sense of discipline in it. It is the very basic need of social life.

Discipline is a state of mind that prompts an individual or group of people to do their duty or work willingly and ensure prompt and correct obedience of orders, as also the initiation of appropriate action in the correct spirit, in the absence of any instructions or orders. It is one of the factor which contributes to team spirit and oneness in a system or organisation and plays a pivotal role in building basic character of a man.

Discipline includes punctuality, sincerity, prompt obedience to given orders, accuracy and attention to details of instructions or orders, high standard of cleanliness, uniform and basic courtesy, harmonious terms among the men, devotion to duty and sense of responsibility and due regards to his elders.

Each one of us should inculcate the sense of discipline. Only them, can we become the ideal citizen of the nation and can contribute our best services for the development of our nation.

*Varun Chaudhary*  
IV - B





Ramesh, aged nine was a nice boy from a poor family. He had lost his father when he was only three. He had a little sister and a poor mother.

Mother used to work day and night for her kids but was not able to manage, as she was the only earning member and was uneducated.

Ramesh always consoled his mother that one day he would grow into an educated man and would start earning for the family, but his mother remained worried all the time that Ramesh could not start his schooling due to his limited resources. Mother used to pray daily for her children.

One day Ramesh went along with his mother to work. He found a purse near the gate while entering the house. Being very honest he was not tempted to take the money and instead handed over the purse to Mr. Kaushal in whose house his mother was working. Mr. Kaushal was very happy with Ramesh's honesty and offered to help him by putting him in the same school as his son Suhas as they were the same age.

It is very true that God is always there to help us. Ramesh was overwhelmed with joy and was really grateful to the almighty for the miracle that happened. He never expected that honesty would pay him so much.

Both Suhas and Ramesh started going to school regularly. Ramesh worked very hard at his studies and with his sincerity and honesty he made his mark in his school. His Principal, teachers and friends liked him very much and of course there were some who were jealous of him.

Very soon he got a scholarship from his school and was given the best student award. His mother continued to work hard and

## Honesty Pays

all the three started leading a somewhat a better life.

Ramesh got selected for the NISE exams and was even given scholarship. He cleared his class X with very good marks and continued to work hard. His aim was to become an engineer and the very first thing he wanted was to give some relief to his poor mother.

His long awaited wish was fulfilled by God. After his class XII when the results of the entrance for engineering was out he could see for himself a bright future. He rushed home and told his mother first who at once hugged him and there were tears in both their eyes because he had just achieved something great and his mother had been praying very hard for this.

Moral - Patience, hard work and honesty pays.

**Karan Saxena**  
IV - A

## Tsunami

What is Tsunami?

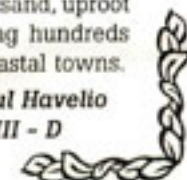
Tsunami comes from Japanese word for 'harbour wave'. Generally called tidal waves, though the phrase is a misnomer as it has nothing to do with tides. Tsunamis are generated when ocean floor shifts vertically, usually due to an earthquake.

When a shift in the ocean floor displaces the water above, the body of water travels as a huge wave to regain equilibrium.

In deep water a tsunami can travel at 700 km/hr. But in shallow water near coast, it gets slower, and water mass rises up to 50m.

A tsunami can strip coats of sand, uproot trees, wipe out towns. Travelling hundreds of metres inland, it can flood coastal towns.

**Nakul Havelio**  
III - D



## My Life

The first feel of the environment around me was the softness of the red marrow of the bone where I was born as a red blood cell. I had very little space for myself and was surrounded by many others of my type. An elder member of the blood cell community briefed me on the process of gaseous transportation and the tasks that I had to carry out. The route which I had to take was not clear to me and I streamed in the direction of the plasma.

The larger cells of the community, called the white blood cells, also moved about in the plasma. They were white and ridiculed the red cells for not having certain things which they had. I quickly learnt to ignore these white cells and concentrate on my job. Moving along the blood stream, I reached the heart. I was awed by the aura of this organ. Then I was pumped into the lungs for oxygenation - a purification process which I had to carry out many times during my life.

I got my first supply of oxygen in the lungs. Through the heart, I began the journey to the head. I was stunned by the working brilliance of the brain. The functioning of this ingenious organ put me into a reverie. After the exchange of gases, I began my return journey. The view of the eyes was breath taking.

They were more beautiful and captivating than anything that I could imagine.

I returned to the lungs, under-went purification, and began my downward journey. There I saw the organs of the digestive system and thought that their actions were unwillingly carrying out the orders given by the brain. A large organ called liver, appeared to be the most pefarious among them. It played tricks and caused disagreement among the other organs resulting in disfunctioning of the digestive system. Having exchanged the gases, I headed back for purification.

My next destination were the legs. The long trip to the toes left me exhausted. There was nothing worth seeing and the journey was a complete waste of time. This job was inculcated in my mind as I followed the same routine for many days. I gradually grew old and became a senior member of the blood cell community. The other red blood cells revered me and I enjoyed my vocation.

And then one day the thing which I had been dreading for some time took place. The brain condemned me to death because I was unable to carry out my task to perfection. My oxygen carrying capacity had lessened due to old age and my movement had also become sluggish. I was taken to the liver where I am now awaiting the end.

Mayank Kumar  
XI - C

- \* We choose our joys and sorrows long before we experience them. — Kahlil Gibran
- \* The one who complains the loudest is generally he who contributes the least.  
— A.G. Sertillanges
- \* Everybody knows how to utter a complaint, but few can express a graceful compliment.  
— William Feather

### The Wonder experiment

Once I did an experiment  
As I always wished  
So I took all the chemicals  
And had them mixed  
Along came my friend and said.  
I say "put ammonia in it".  
At first I said 'No'  
But tried putting a bit  
The mixture changed its colour  
And out came a bubble  
A hundred followed it  
And I sensed trouble  
We ran for cover  
Tried under the bed  
But before we went under  
The mixture exploded!  
Up we went flying  
with a soap  
And found ourselves  
Right on the roof!  
We jumped down quickly  
landed on a brick  
And as we came down  
My friend had a trick  
"Put Ammonia" he cried  
And I said "never".  
And from then onwards  
I forgot experimenting for ever.



**Nishant Sharma**  
IV - D

### Super Heroes Are Psycho!

When lightning strikes.  
And thunder roars  
The sun shines,  
And all birds soar,  
Then come spidey,  
with web and all,  
sticking up and climbing walls.  
Having a crush on Mary Jane,  
Fighting crime and climbing trains.  
Now let's move on to Gotham city,  
Where Batman is fighting Kitty,  
Roaming in his Bat mobile,  
Speeding up all the while.  
Robin comes on his excellent bike,  
Picking crooks and sustaining fights.  
I think I saw something fly,  
Was it Superman or a stupid fly?  
Was it a bird or plane,  
or a glider off to Spain.  
When Metallo comes with his  
kryptonite heart,  
Superman beats him so much,  
he gets dehydrated and gives metallic  
grunts.  
With speed of light,  
Not quite bright,  
He runs throughout the night.  
His name is Flash,  
And he gives criminals a bash.  
He shoots over roads and buildings,  
Returning people's shillings.

**Dev Raghava**  
V - B

## Earth Bound

The sky looked rather gloomy  
The gale felt fitterly cold  
The sun sank below horizon point  
Throwing its final rays of gold  
The straddling hooded figure by now  
was taking steps quite bold.

He kicked a somewhat dusty stone  
That hit a resting toad  
His feet kept meeting more of them  
As he paced along the road  
His shoulders had an awkward bend  
Carrying invisible load.

'Come on Mark', he told himself  
With jaws that seemed to lock  
The rotten brain and eaten heart  
Had a little talk  
As after having the accident  
He never had a walk.

The village windmill loomed ahead  
Out of the purple mist  
The way became inclined again  
After a sudden twist  
'Can't stop now' he spoke again  
Clenching tight his fist.

A glint of hope in his heart  
Escorted the familiar sight  
As he saw the tiny huts  
With tiny flickering lights  
For an instant the forked blue  
Tore the darkness of the night.



And there he stood glaring and staring  
Through his window sill  
He saw his weeping mother take  
Another sleeping pill  
And as the eerie breeze blew  
He experienced a chill.

And then what came back to him  
Became terribly clear  
His mother wept for her dead son  
To whom he was so dear  
He knew he could not join now  
Yet he was so near.

He remembered how the car hit him  
And left him there for dead.  
And there he lay a week ago  
In the pool of red  
'I can't come back to the living world  
This was what he said.

Eyeless sockets met the same  
On the window pane  
The decayed mind felt again  
A piercing thrust of pain  
And this was rather odd because  
He hardly had a brain.

The hopelessness made him feel  
That life was just not fair  
Then he turned to make his way  
Into the dead one's lair  
And as he took a step or two  
He vanished in thin air.

*Paurush Ambesh*  
Club Reporter



## Jokes

1. There was a traffic jam on a road. There was some fight or something. A press reporter wanted to see what was going on. So he said that the person who has died on the road is my father. So everyone said that O.K. you may go then. The reporter was very happy about how he fooled the people. But his face went red when he saw a donkey lying dead.
2. A Politician gave a speech and impressed the people very much. They ran for his autograph. The politician was tired of giving the autograph. At last a man came and asked for his autograph. The politician became angry with him. He drew a photo of a donkey and gave it to that man. The man said "Sir, I want your autograph not your photograph."
3. There were 2 friends, one was very intelligent but the other was very foolish. One day they went to give an



interview. The foolish one said to the intelligent one "you go first and tell me all the answers when you return". His friend agreed. He went inside and the manager asked him some questions.

Manager - What is a name of P.M of India?

Friend - Dr. Manmohan Singh.

Manager - When did India become independent?

Friend - Trying from 1859 but became independent in 1947.

Manager - Is earth round?

Friend - Scientists say but not sure about it.

He came and told all the answers to his friend.

Manager- What is your name?

Next Friend - Dr. Manmohan Singh.

Manager - When were you born?

Friend - Trying from 1869 but born in 1947.

Manager - Are you mad?

Friend - Scientists say but they are not sure about it.

**Md. Yashab Abbas**  
VI-B

## Daily Happenings of S.F.C. Students

Tee tee tee ..... goes the alarm early in the morning at around 6:00 am. and we boys very reluctantly get out of bed in an amazingly sluggish manner. Then something strange happens and at supersonic speed we get ready and at an equivalent speed, devour our breakfasts. We then leave for school and if we are not late begins a normal day.

We enter the school premises and the usual hi's and hello's begin.



1st Boy - "Hi yaar, kal kuch padhai nahin hui!"

2nd Boy - "Do you think I'm a fool; you must have been studying till wee hours in the morning."

1st Boy - "No man, I swear no studies at all."

And so the debate continues as if being studious was a sin!

Else where others are heard saying, "Did you hear about that latest game? It is

the best ever and you would literally die if you see the graphic details." So the uproar continues.

Then the assembly bell rings and we all hoard towards the prayer's podium. There also is an uproar which subsides as soon as the teachers are in the vicinity.

Then the prayer begins which is usually read out by our head boy who then proceeds with the announcements of which I can guarantee about 85% have no idea as to what it is.

Then begins the 1st period and all are attentive, but this attention goes on deteriorating and our hunger goes on increasing.

By the 3rd period we are not able to contain ourselves and the tiffins are opened and the monitors stand at the door as watchmen to warn us of the arrival of a teacher. The tiffins are then fastened and safely placed in our bags or desks.

Now our watches become our best friends and each second is counted till the bell rings for the recess which seems to be hours and hours away.

As soon as the bell rings all run out towards the canteen to hog away hot bun cholas and patties. Here also borrowing and begging goes on till the recess is over.

Then we all return to class and again keep looking at our watches waiting for the day to end. It then becomes uncontrollable and many of us resort to uncanny means, so many boys are found bunking with their supposed official reasons. Others go to the dispensary on account of head - aches.

Then the final bell goes and all rush out of their classes almost causing a stampede. All look fresh as if a new day has started and boys are seen playing games and gossiping away to glory. We all seem to be in no hurry to go home and already start to plan out our activities for the rest of the day.

And so ends another day at school like any other. For all that I can say is 'Old habits die hard! and 'Boys will be boys!'

**Ritej Bisaria**  
**10 - B**

God saw me hungry, he created pizza.  
He saw me thirsty, he created Pepsi.  
He saw me in dark, he created light.  
He saw me without problems, he created you.

✪ ✪

Twinkle Twinkle little star  
You should know what you are  
And once you know what you are  
Mental hospital is not so far.

✪ ✪

Teacher - Name four members of the cat family.

Students - Daddy cat, Mummy cat and two kittens!

✪ ✪

Police man - Stop, stop, your headlights are not working.

The man - Move, move, even the brakes are not working.

✪ ✪

Why does history keep repeating itself?  
Because we weren't listening the first time!

✪ ✪

A sardar ji pulled out 6 people from a burning house still he was in jail ..... why?

Coz all the 6 were fire brigade staff!

✪ ✪

"Doctor, doctor, will I be able to play the violin after the operation?"



Mrs. A. Anuraag  
Nursery A

Mrs. A. Singh  
Nursery B



Mrs. D. Albert  
Nursery C

Ms. N. Lobo  
Nursery D



Mrs. R. Phillips  
K.G. A



Mrs. B. Singh  
K.G. B



Mrs. A. Chandra  
K.G. C

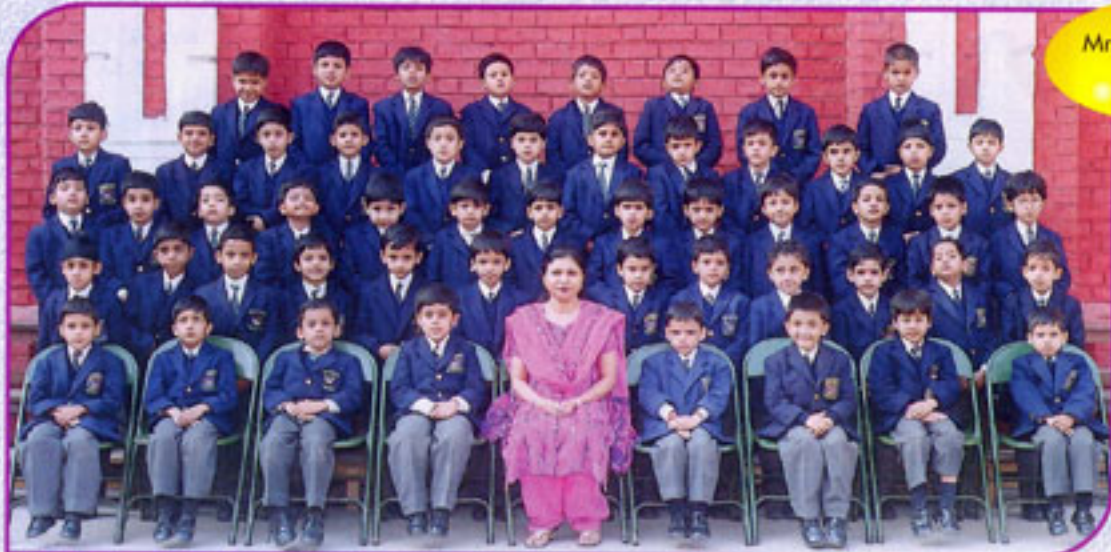


Ms. G. Holmes  
K.G. D



Mrs. M. Benjamin  
I - A





Mrs. A. Kochar  
I - B

Ms. A. Jackson  
I - C



Ms. R. Bunny  
I - D



Mrs. C. Fanthome  
II - A



Mrs. I. Hill  
II - B



Mrs. M. Bennett  
II - C



Ms. V. Ghosh  
II - D



Mrs. D. Fonseca  
III - A



Mrs. S. Nath  
III - B





Mrs. A. Tewari  
III - C



Mrs. V. Fernandes  
III - D



Mrs. S. Khon  
IV - A



Mrs. V. David  
IV - B

Mrs. T. Thomas  
IV - C



Mrs. H. Freitas  
IV - D



Mr. C. Viegas  
V - A



Mr. S. Mc Donald  
V - B



Mrs. Z. Singh  
V - C



Mrs. R. Franklin  
V - D



Mrs. V. Das  
VI - A



Mr. H.K. Gregory  
VI - B



Mr. S. Daniel  
VI - C



Mrs. V. Saxena  
VI - D



Mrs. A. Agarwal  
VII - A



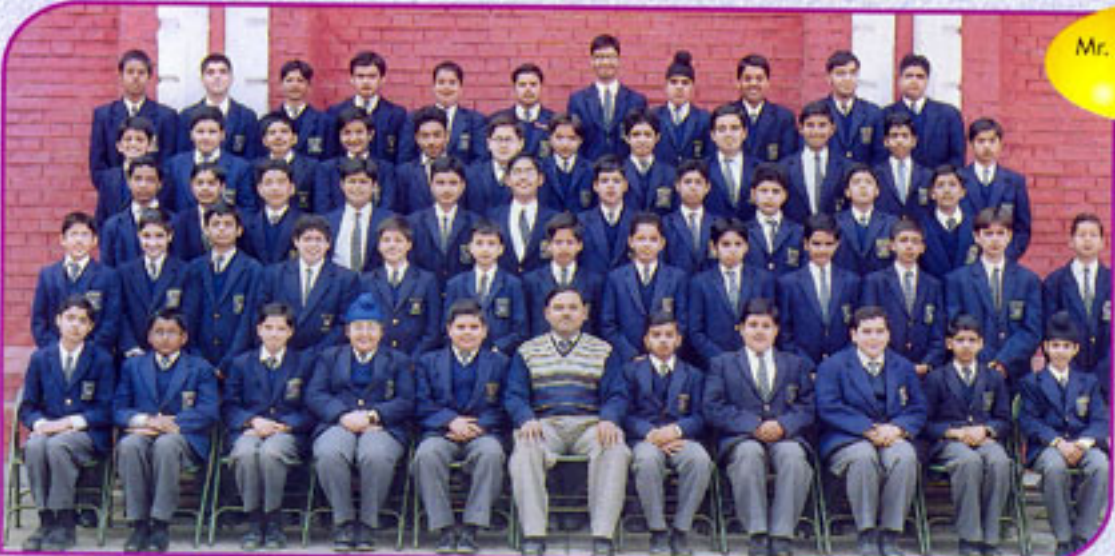
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VII - B



Mrs. I. Nathaney  
VII - C



Mrs. M. George  
VII - D



Mr. S. Srivastava  
VIII - A

Mrs. R. Jackson  
VIII - B



Mrs. A. Zutshi  
VIII - C





Mrs. R. Kumar  
VIII - D



Mrs. M. Mukherjee  
IX - A



Ms. S. Chakrabarti  
IX - B





Mrs. V. Lyall  
IX - C



Mrs. S. J. Mitchell  
IX - D



Mr. M. Kumar  
X - A



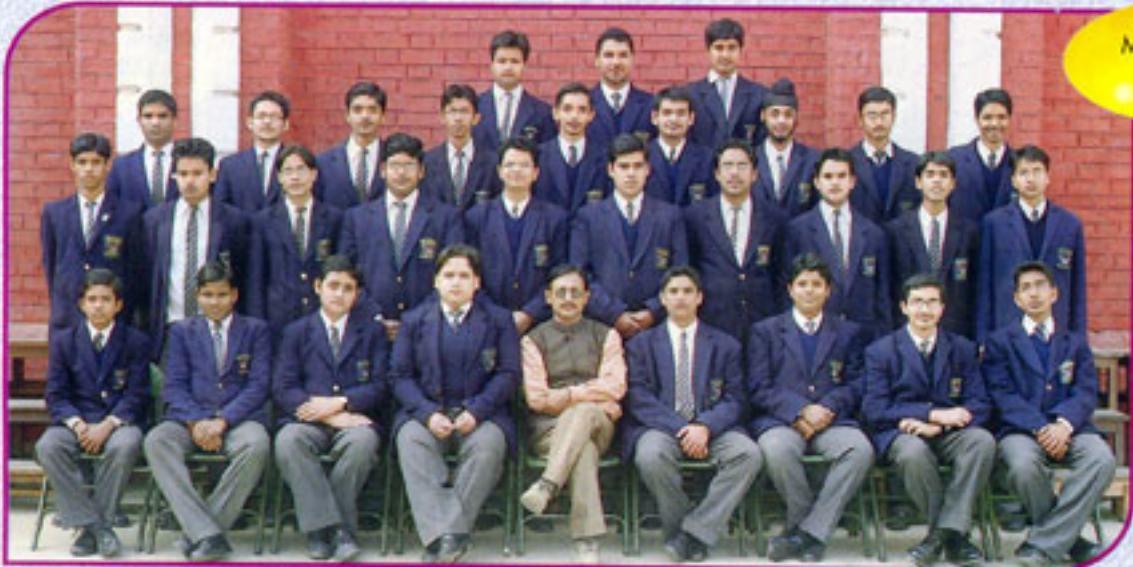
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X - B



Mr. P. Bhargava  
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Ms. P. Khan  
X - D



Mr. N. Bose  
XI - A

Mrs. K. Nagar  
XI - B



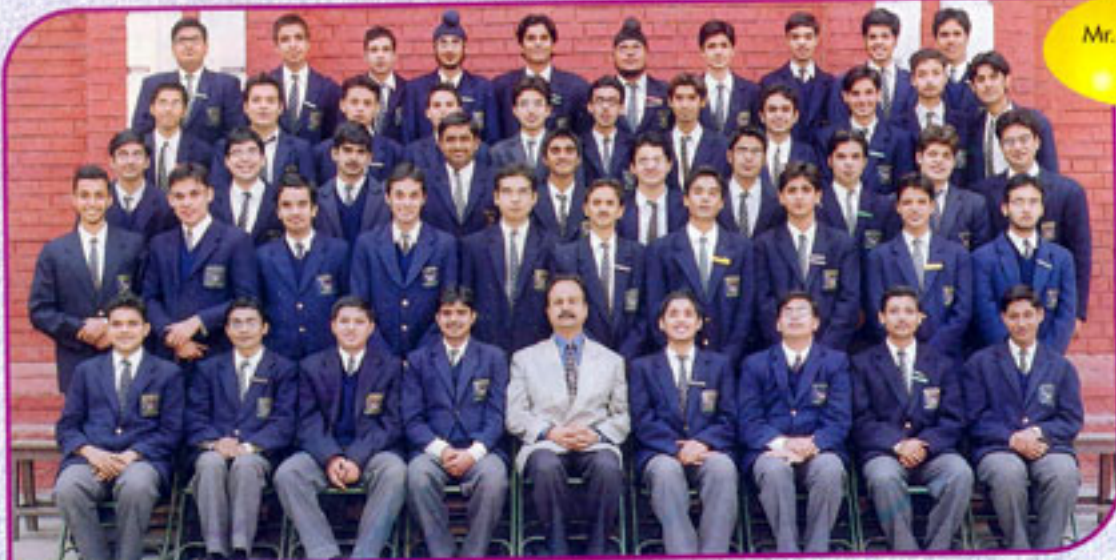
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XI - C



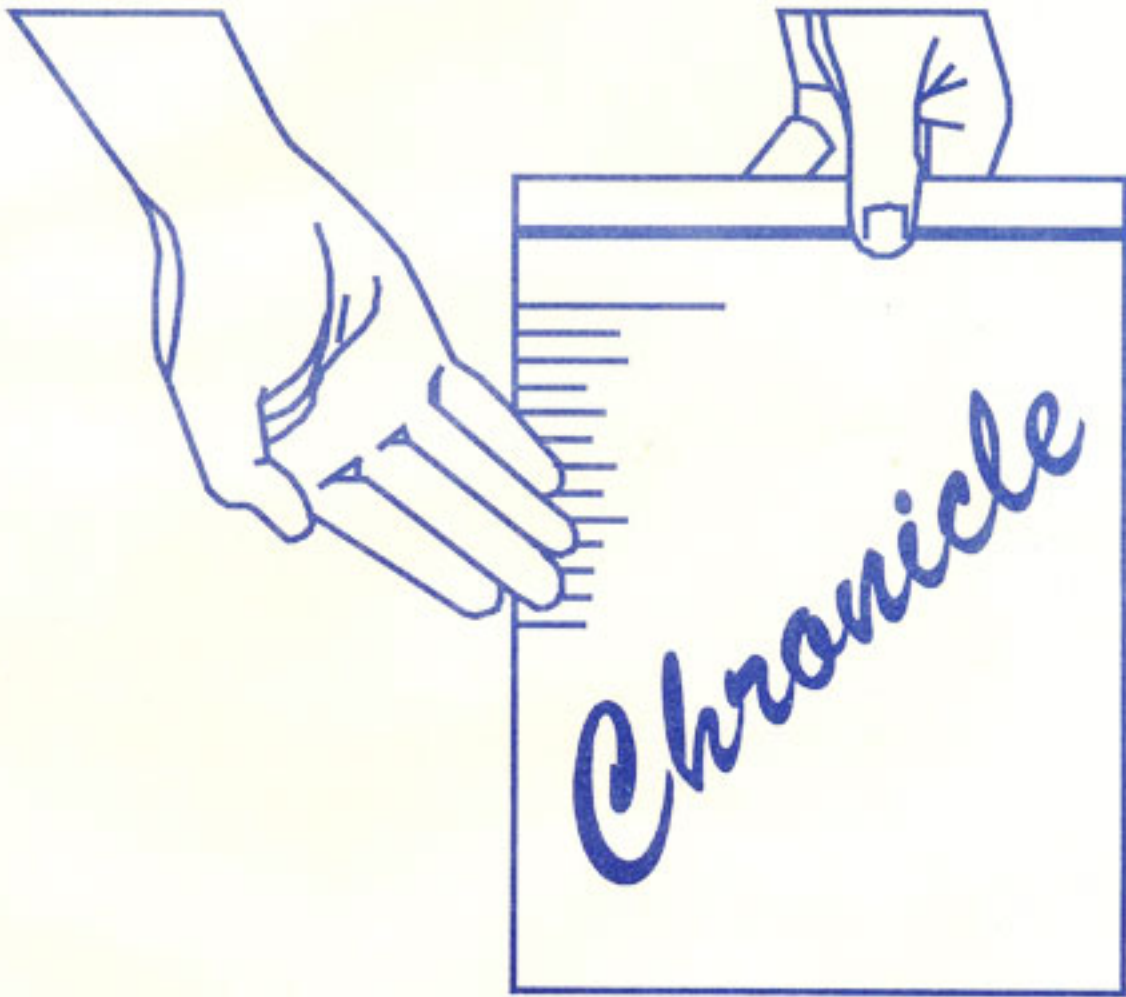
Mr. B. D'More  
XII - A



Mr. R. Kumar  
XII - B



Mr. S. K. Singh  
XII - C



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**COLLEGE CHRONICLE 2004 - 2005**

**April 1:** The new scholastic year begins with hopes that this year be a year where each Franciscan tries to achieve success in all fields. The Principal welcomes the students and wishes that the academic year be a fruitful one for the entire Franciscan family.

**April 6** A new student council is installed in a solemn investiture ceremony during special assembly in the Back field.

The following are the new office bearers :

**College Captain** : Dhananjai Kohli

**St. Francis' House:**

Captain : Nitish Kumar

V. Captain : Shailendra Singh

**St. Patrick's House :**

Captain : Rishabh Agnihotri

V. Captain : Prakash G. Tiwari

**St. George's House :**

Captain : Jasmeet Singh

V. Captain : Trivikram Singh

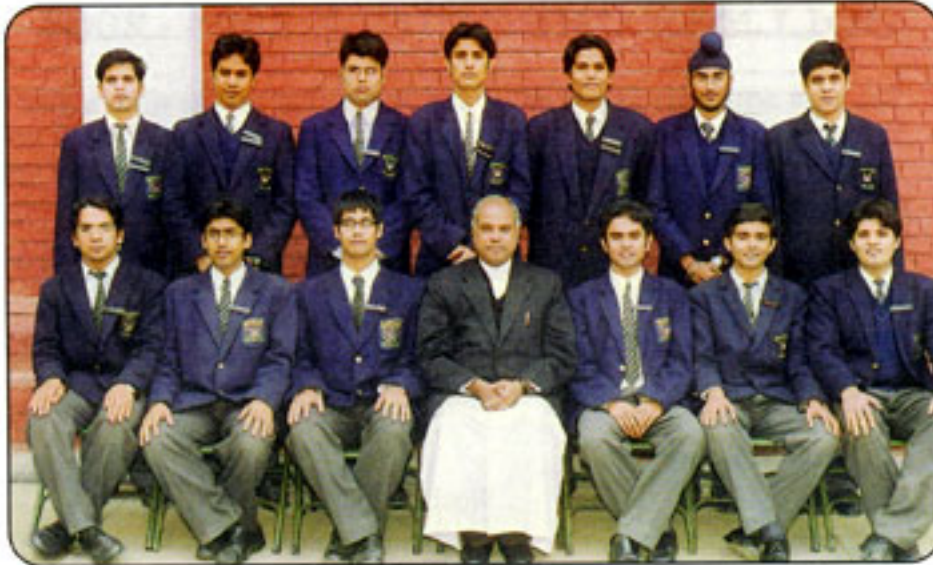
**St. Andrew's House :**

Captain : Nikunj Sanghi

V. Captain : Aishwarya Swaroop

**Prefects**

(i)	Arunabh Singh	XII A
(ii)	Karan Verma	XII A
(iii)	Ayush Saxena	XII A
(iv)	Ishan Sharma	XII A
(v)	Abhinav Verma	XII B
(vi)	Aviral Agarwal	XII B
(vii)	Deeptanshu M. Jha	XII B
(viii)	Varun Kotwal	XII C
(ix)	Kumar Manjul	XII C
(x)	Taran S. Bedi	XII C
(xi)	Akshaya Swarup	XII C
(xii)	Archit Tewari	XII C



The newly constituted Student Council with the Principal

- April 7** Prize Distribution - a day of great honour for Prize winners and their parents as top achievers are recognized for their special efforts.
- April 8-11** A short break as college closes for Easter and Id-ul-Fitar.
- April 16** First literary activity for the session - The Inter - house Hindi Elocution contest for students of classes VI, VII & VIII.  
The following were the results
- (i) Satwik Mishra VI A - St. Patrick's; Best Elocutionist in class VI.
- (ii) Siddharath Tandon VII B - St. Patrick's; Best Elocutionist from class VII.
- (iii) Nishant Parker (St. Patrick's) and Vaibhav Tewari (St George's) Best Elocutionists from class VIII.
- April 22** Open Football begins - Time for sweat and toil in the open.
- April 23** What's the Good word contest for classes VI, VII & VIII.

**First : St. Patrick's House**

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| (i) Prateek Chandra Nigam | VI D   |
| (ii) Siddharth Tandon     | VII B  |
| (iii) Anshuman V. Singh   | VIII C |

**Second : St. Andrew's House**

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| (i) Praveen Honhar | VI A   |
| (ii) Najmuddin     | VII B  |
| (iii) Amit Bir     | VIII A |

**Third : St Francis' House**

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| (i) Saumitra Vatsal     | VI C   |
| (ii) Pranjal Srivastava | VII B  |
| (iii) Rachit Saxena     | VIII C |







May 6-8

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**Badminton Championships**  
Inter House Badminton - Results



**'A' Division - Singles**

Paurush Ambesh	St. Francis' House	Winner
Alok Kumar Singh	St. Patrick's House	Runner up

**'B' Division - Singles**

Satvik Dubey	St. Francis' House	Winner
Medhavi Chandra	St. Francis' House	Runner up

**'C' Division - Singles**

Kanishk Pandey	St. Andrew's House	Winner
Satwik Mishra	St. Patrick's House	Runner up

**'A' Division - Doubles**

Paurush Ambesh & Nitesh Kumar	St. Francis' House	Winner
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Kumar Manjul & Abhinav Verma	St. George's House	Runner up
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**'B' Division Doubles**

Satvik Dubey & Rishi Thapliyal	St. Francis' House	Winner
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Denzil James & Shashwat Mishra	St. George's House	Runner up
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**'C' Division Doubles**

Ariz Siddiqui & Satwik Mishra	St. Patrick's House	Winner
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Tanuj Gupta & Sudhanshu Rai	St. George's House	Runner up
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**May 10:** College closes for summer vacation. While wishing the staff and students an enjoyable summer, the Principal also invites students to participate in the various sports camps to be organised throughout the summer.

**July 2:** The primary section teachers are invited for a short orientation programme.

**July 3:** A short staff meeting to plan ahead as well as to have an informal get together over tea before its back to business.





**August 6:** Open Hockey Championship begins.

**August 7:** 'Just A minute contest', one of the most anticipated and awaited event, is held. Students are put to the grill where pronunciation, grammar and innovation in speech rules. Few come out at the top, sweating and panting after being tested by the moderator to the maximum.

**Classes IX & X**

First	:	Ayush Parmar	St. Francis' House
Second	:	Deepansh Dalela	St. Andrew's House
Third	:	Bobin Kurien	St. Francis' House

**Classes XI & XII**

First	:	Faiz Ahmad	St. Francis' House
Second	:	Paresh B. Lal	St. Patrick's House
Third	:	Ishaan Sharma	St. Francis' House

**August 15:** Independence Day. Holy Mass at the College Chapel followed by the unfurling of the national tricolour by the Chief Guest Rev. Fr. Lancy Lobo – Vicar General, Catholic Diocese of Lucknow. The atmosphere is patriotic as renditions of Hindi and English patriotic songs fill the air. An impressive drill by the N.C.C. boys followed by the chief guest's message exhorting students to value this hard earned independence.



*Independence Day Message to the students by the Chief Guest.*

**Aug. 20-28:** After a short lull, the brain storming sets in. Students make a mad scramble for books as they prepare for their first term examinations, hoping that they don't stumble on the very first mile stone of the academic year. The examinations pass off peacefully and the students anxiously await their results.

**Sept. 4:** 5th September being a Sunday, the College celebrated Teacher's Day on the 4th instead. Glowing tributes are paid to teachers in form of cards, flowers and speeches during a special felicitation programme organised by the students. The management distributed Gift Vouchers and the staff end the day with a sumptuous brunch.





*Concelebrated Holy Mass on Patron's Day*



*So what's next? – Chief Guest Rev. Fr. Lancy Lobo with Fr. Paul Rodrigues, the Principal of Cathedral School and Vice Principal on Patron's Day.*

An S.U.P.W. and Science exhibition is inaugurated soon after. The fruits of the year's work is put on display while senior school students put up working models and projects, the Junior school taking a singular theme 'Awadh' – in the days of yore' displayed an explosion of ideas, colours and aesthetic sensitivities.





*Rev. Fr. Lancy Lobo inaugurates the Senior School Exhibition on Patron's Day*



*'Convincing parents was never easy' – Students explaining the working of their models*



*Rev. Fr. Paul Rodrigues inaugurating the Primary School Exhibition.*



*A glimpse of the return of the Golden Era of Awadh on the Campus.*

Oct. 6-8 Past and Present teams compete against each other in Football , Badminton, Basketball and Table Tennis.



*'Past' their Prime? Ex - Franciscans with the Principal*

Oct. 16 Marathon – as usual Athletes from St. Francis' House proved their stamina and skill taking the Marathon shield by a comfortable margin.

Oct. 18 Inter – house swimming championships.

Oct. 29 The Annual Sports and P.T. Display – the climax of all sports activities – there's glamour and colour - The back field, the buntings, the tracks and the spectators add to the gaiety of the day. The Chief Guest Mr. R.K. Mittal IAS – Secretary U.P. Prisons presides over the event which is a feast for the eyes and a riot of colours. The programme ends with the prize distribution ceremony – the highlight of the

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afternoon - St. Francis' House winning the Cock House Shield for the second year in a row. Congratulations boys - let perseverance conquer all, forever. The Prize winners in the various events are -



'Oath Taking ceremony' at the Sports meet.

**'A' Division**

Trivikram Singh	St. George's House
First	Long Jump
"	Hop Step & Jump
"	High Jump
Second	400 Meters
Alok Kumar Singh	St. Patrick's House
First	400 meters
First	800 meters
Divjot Singh Anand	St. Patrick's House
Third	400 meters
Second	800 meters
Second	800 meters
Third	Long Jump
Puneet Sinha	St. Francis' House
Third	800 meters
Nitesh Kumar	St. Francis' House
Second	Long Jump
Third	Hop, Step & Jump
Ishan Bhagel	St. Francis' House



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Second	Hop, Step & Jump
Third	High Jump
Kumar Akshay Dalmiya	St. George's House
Second	High Jump
Kenneth Wu	St. Francis' House
First	Discus Throw
Kazim Ibrahim	St. Patrick's House
Second	Discus Throw
Shashank Bahadur	St. Andrew's House
Third	Discus Throw
Second	Shot Put
Dhananjay Kohli	St. George's House
First	Shot Put
Varun Kotwal	St. Andrew's House
Third	Shot Put

**'B' Division**

Joshua Hóward	St. George's House
First	400 meters
First	Long Jump
First	Hop Step & Jump
First	High Jump
Rishi Thapliyal	St. Francis' House
Second	400 meters
Suresh Aldasani	St. George's House
Third	400 meters
Medhavi Chandra	St. Francis' House
First	800 meters
Ankit Sharma	St. Andrew's House
Second	800 meters
Third	Hop Step & Jump
Second	High Jump
Rahul Shetty	St. Patrick's House
Third	800 meters
Kumar Akshat	St. George's House
Second	Long Jump
First	Discus Throw
Rishabh Shukla	St. Andrew's House
Third	Long Jump
Faham Asif	St. Francis' House
Second	Hop Step & Jump



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**Marathon Open**

First	Faisal Ahmad	St. Andrew's House
Second	Mehul Rao	St. Francis' House
Third	Rahul Shetty	St. Patrick's House

**Athletic Championship**

'A' Division	Trivikram Singh	St. George's House
'B' Division	Joshua Howard	St. George's House
'C' Division	Vishal Sharma	St. Andrew's House

Yogendra Narain Cup for the Best All round student:

**Senior :** Abhinav Verma XII B

Late Harry Sealy Cup for the Best All round Student:

**Junior :** Amit Bhatnagar V B

Father Alfred Cup for the Best Sportsman of the Year

Jasmeet Singh XII C



*March Past on the Annual Sports & P.T. Display*

Ashish Anand Memorial Hockey

Winner: St. Patrick's House

Ajai Agarwal Basketball

Winner : St. Andrew's House

Umesh Tewari Memorial Volleyball

Winner : St. Francis' House

Captain Fernandes Table Tennis

Winner : St. Francis' House

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Masood Hasan Memorial Football

Winner. St. Francis' House

Sanjay Dhawan Memorial Cricket

Winner. St. Andrew's House

Rohit Gurnani Memorial Badminton

Winner : St. Francis' House

Habert Fanthome Memorial Marathon

Winner : St. Francis' House

Mrs. Kaushlaya Devi Vig Memorial Swimming

Winner : St. George's House

Harrison Memorial Athletics

Winner : St. George's House

Joe Parker Memorial March Past Shield:

Winner: St. Patrick's House

Cock House for the year 2004 - 2005

Winner : St.Francis' House



*The House Master, Captain and Vice-Captain accepting the Cock-House Shield 2004-05 from the Chief Guest Mr. R.K. Mittal I.A.S.*

Nov. 6

After almost a decade, the Principal decided to hold a College fete as a part of Children's Day celebrations. A complete success, the fete was marked by multitudinous crowds, lots of eats, music, activity and fun. All hope that it becomes a regular feature of the College calendar.





*Nativity Pageant*

- Dec. 18** Last day of school before the winter vacation. There is anticipation, cheer and excitement with the winter chill in the air. The Principal hosts the traditional Christmas Dinner in the evening for the staff members who finally let their hair down as they dance around the bonfire, participate in various games and indulge themselves in over eating. The evening comes to a close with goodbyes and 'happy-holiday' renting the air.
- Jan. 4** College reopens. Time to get down to serious business – the languor is hard to shake off but class X and XII students prepare for their pre-board examinations as they inch towards their board examination.
- Jan. 26** Republic Day is celebrated with our principal at the helm of affairs. After a short programme and flag hoisting, students are allowed to go home.



*The Principal addressing the students on the occasion of Republic Day*



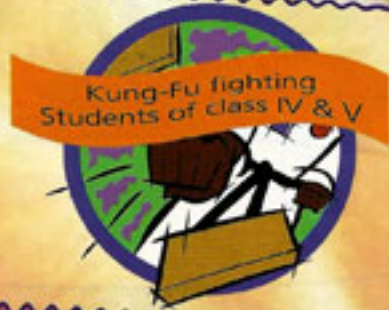
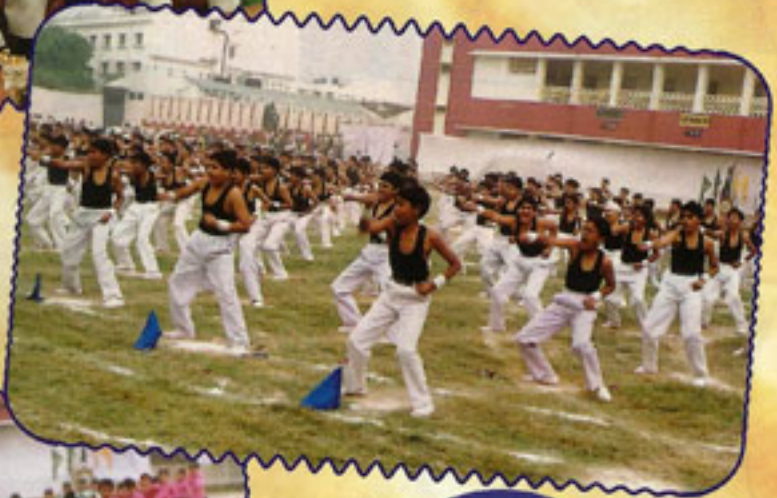
# Glimpses of Annual Sports & P.T. Display



A View of the V.V.I.Ps



Martial Arts on the Campus



The budding College Gymnasts





# Glimpses of Annual Sports & P.T. Display



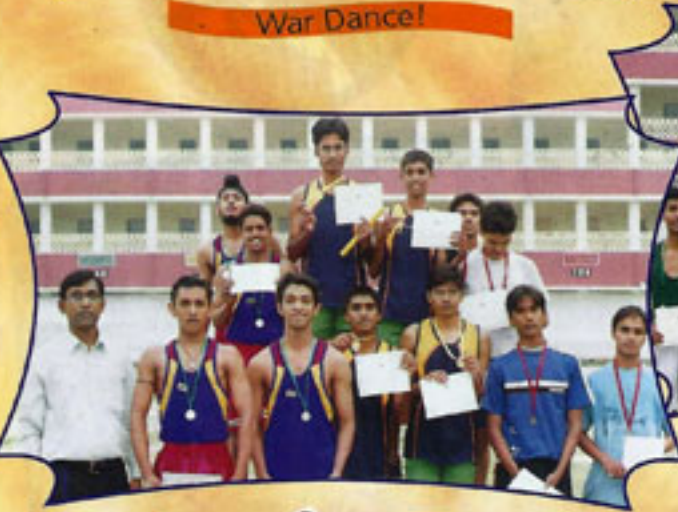
St. Francis' Philharmonic ?  
Our home-grown band



War Dance!



African Dance - Drill  
Students of Classes II & III



St. Francis' Team  
Winners of the Inter-College Relay



St. Francis' House  
Winners of the Inter-House Relay





## युवा

जागो भारत जागो  
देखो युवा आ रहे है।  
गुलामी की सख्त बेड़ियों  
में जकड़ा था  
ये भारत हमारा।  
दो सदी की प्रताड़ना का सूचक  
था ये भारत हमारा।  
बंधन हटाकर बेड़ी गलाकर आज  
आजाद है ये भारत हमारा।  
परतंत्रता पर स्वतंत्रता दिला रहे हैं।  
जागो भारत जागो देखो युवा आ रहे हैं।  
भाईचारे और करुणा की सहज मूरत था  
ये भारत हमारा।  
पर अंधविश्वास की गहन धुंध में खो रहा  
था अपना अस्तित्व।  
पर यही युवा हैं जो धुंध हटाकर पथ बनाकर  
हमको रास्ता दिखा रहे हैं।



जागो भारत जागो देखो युवा आ रहे हैं।  
यही युवा थे, हाँ यही युवा थे  
जो पीढ़ी दर पीढ़ी, हर वृद्ध की लाठी बने,  
हर बेसहारा का सहारा बने,  
हर समाज का सपना बने  
आज नव भारत की नींव डाल रहे हैं।  
जागो भारत जागो देखो युवा आ रहे हैं।  
हर युग में बसा है युवा  
हर उम्र का पड़ाव है युवा  
जन जन के मन में है युवा  
वृद्ध हृदय में भी है युवा  
अब जागो भारत जागो  
सब युवा बन रहे हैं।  
ये नव क्रांति ला रहे हैं  
सब युवा बन रहे है।

स्वप्निल तिवारी

## जिठदगी का असली जाचका

- \* उस मनुष्य से गरीब कोई नहीं, जिसके पास केवल पैसा है। — एडविन पुग
- \* आपत्ति का सामना करने में सहायता देने के लिए मुस्कान से बढ़कर कोई चीज नहीं। — संत तिरुवल्लुवर
- \* निर्धन मनुष्यों की सबसे बड़ी पूंजी और मित्र उनका आत्मविश्वास ही है। — स्वेट मार्डन
- \* कदम पीछे न हटाने वाला ही ऐश्वर्य को जीतता है।
- \* आपत्ति मानव बनाती है, और दौलत 'दानव'। — विक्टर ह्यूगो
- \* मांग और वह तुझे जरूर मिलेगी, खोज और तू वह जरूर पाएगा, खटखटा — तेरे लिए दरवाजा जरूर खुलेगा। — वाईबिल
- \* समस्त महान गलतियों की तह में अभिमान ही होता है।



सैमुयल विल्सन  
4 बी

## वह देखो! भारत माँ रो रही है।

वह देखो! भारत माँ रो रही है।  
उसकी अद्वितीय अनुपम सुन्दरता खो रही है।

हिन्दुस्तान की जनता आज,  
अपने अस्तित्व के लिए लड़ रही है।  
देश की सुख शान्ति और खुशहाली,  
आज आतंकवाद की भेंट बढ रही है।  
गरीबी, बेरोजगारी और अशिक्षा आज है अपने घरम पर  
देश की जनसंख्या भी निरंतर बढ रही है।

इसके बाद भी आज जनता,  
निश्चित होकर सो रही है।  
वह देखो! भारत माँ रो रही है।  
उसकी अद्वितीय अनुपम सुन्दरता खो रही है।

हर सरकारी विभाग में,  
साफ दिखाई देती, भ्रष्टाचार की छाप है।  
प्रेम व भाईचारा - कहीं खो गया है?  
गोधरा-बाबरी काण्ड का सब कर रहे जाप हैं।  
चोरी, डकैती, नृशंस हत्याओं के शिकार,  
कभी हम तो कभी आप हैं।  
अस्वस्थ हो रहे हैं लोग, दूषित है जलवायु,  
प्रदूषण तो मानो - इस धरती पर श्राप है।  
इसके बाद भी आज जनता  
निश्चित होकर सो रही है।  
वह देखो। भारत माँ रो रही है।  
उसकी अद्वितीय अनुपम सुन्दरता खो रही है।

अचिन्त रस्तोगी  
11 - सी



## मुन्डन संस्कार

सुन लो मेरी बात,  
मेरी है दो शैतान बुआ,  
लेना चाहती मेरे बाल।  
मेरे मम्मी पापा हरदम देते उनका साथ  
२७ नवम्बर दिन शनिवार ७ बजे सायं  
बालों को देने की  
उनसे पक्की कर ली बात  
मेरी प्यारी दादी भी कुछ कम नहीं  
आप सभी को रात्रि भोज निमंत्रण  
है आना परिवार के साथ।  
हरिओम मन्दिर को भूल न जाना,  
२७ नवम्बर की शाम को है आना।  
और प्यारे हाथों से,  
घरती के चाँद को सहलाना।  
आपके शुभागमन से हम सबको होगा नाज,  
२७ नवम्बर की शाम को है आना।

मयंक अरोरा  
8 सी

## पत्थर

मैं जब केचुआ था,  
लोगों ने मेरे खण्ड खण्ड कर दिए।  
मैं जब पक्षी था,  
लोगों ने गुलेल चलाकर घायल कर दिया।  
मैं जब पशु था  
लोगों ने कैद कर दिया।  
मैं जब फल था,  
लोगों ने तोड़ खा लिया।  
जब मैं वृक्ष था  
लोगों ने काट डाला।  
और जब मैं इन्सान बना,  
तब कुछ लोगों ने जला डाला।  
थक हार कर लदकते लदकते, जब मैं पत्थर बना,  
आश्चर्य! लोग मेरी पूजा करने लगे।

प्रतीक नख्शी  
12 - स

## असली राजा

असली राजा कौन? पैसा या कर्तव्य  
निकल रही है शोभा यात्रा राजा की,  
प्रजा खुशी में हुई पागल है।  
राजा को देती है वो आदर,  
क्योंकि उसने सदैव निभाया अपना कर्तव्य।

उसने दिया दीनों को सहारा, दुखियों को सुख।  
खर्च की लक्ष्मी सदैव प्रजा के हित में,  
मन में नहीं था लोभ या लालच।  
निःस्वार्थ की वे थे प्रति मूर्ती।

हृदय उसका विकल हो उठता,  
जब सुनता वो प्रजा के कष्ट।  
करता निवारण उनका बिना समय किये नष्ट।

आज मानो जैसे दीपावली है,  
जगमग-जगमग दीप जले हैं,  
निकल रही शोभायात्रा राजा की।  
सब कर रहे हैं हर्षनाद  
खुश है सारे पेड़ पक्षी,  
खुश है सारे प्रजाजन,  
कर रहे हैं गुणगान अपने प्रजापति का।

समय का चक्र बदल गया,  
ली वक्त ने करवट,  
आ पहुँचे हम नई सदी में,  
पीछे छोड़कर सारी रंगत।  
आज भी एक राजा है,  
आज भी उत्ती की प्रजा है,  
पर करता नहीं है राज  
वो उनके हृदय पर  
तो कैसे वो राजा है।

पैसे की महिमा है सब,  
पैसे की महिमा  
राजा को चिंता नहीं प्रजा की।  
और न अपने कर्तव्यों की।

आज उसकी शोभायात्रा निकल रही है।  
कर रही है हर्ष नाद प्रजा आज भी  
परन्तु ये तो ध्वनि नहीं जो होती थी कई  
वर्ष पहले,

भयभीत लोगों की आवाज है ये  
जो उनके हृदय से नहीं आ रही है।

देखो ये पैसे की महिमा है  
जिसके पास धन बन जाता है वो राजा  
कर्तव्यों को ताक पे रख कर।  
प्रजाजनों का खून चूस कर,  
कहलाता है वो राजा।

यापस आओ हे इतिहास के राजा,  
देखो अपने वंश को  
तोड़ रहे राजा की मर्यादा को  
एहसास कराओ उन्हें,  
अपने दायित्वों का  
ताकि फिर प्रजा की हर्षनाद में,  
हो आवाज उनके हृदय की।

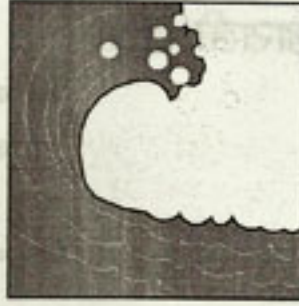
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## हे सुनामी

- (१) मुझे होती है हेरानी,  
कैसे आई सुनामी,  
जिसने लाखों की ली जान,  
किया इतना नुकसान।
- (२) धरती कैसे हिली,  
बाद यह कैसे आई,  
तबाही जिसने मचाई,  
सोच कर नींद मुझे नहीं आई।
- (३) ईश्वर कीजिए कृपा,  
लीजिए हमें बचा,  
प्रलय लाई है सुनामी,  
असहाय है कितना आदमी।
- (४) दीजिये हम सबको ताकत,  
दे उन लोगों को राहत,  
बने हम उनका सहारा,  
दूर हो गया जिनसे किनारा।



सब छाबड़ा

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## धन से खरीद सकते हो!

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|---------|---|-------------------|
| बिस्तर  | - | पर नींद नहीं      |
| पुस्तक  | - | पर मस्तिष्क नहीं  |
| भोजन    | - | पर भूख नहीं       |
| औषधि    | - | पर स्वास्थ्य नहीं |
| मकान    | - | पर घर नहीं        |
| मनोरंजन | - | पर सुख नहीं       |
| आनन्द   | - | पर शान्ति नहीं    |



सत्यम अग्रवाल

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## तुझे निरंतर बढ़ना है

नहीं परिश्रम से डरना है,  
कठिनाइयों से लड़ना है,  
प्रगति के इस विजयी पथ पर,  
तुझे निरंतर बढ़ना है।

हो तेज आधियों या तूफान,  
नही कभी तुझे रुकना है,  
अन्याय के समक्ष भी,  
कभी नही तुझे झुकना है।

कठिन परिश्रम कर तू सदा,  
मेहनत कर, फल की मूल सोच,  
तुझमें है छिपा एक अनोखा व्यक्तित्व,  
नहीं है तू धरती पर बोझ।

हे मनुष्य! है तुझमें इतनी शक्ति,  
ब्रह्माण्ड तू हिला सकता है,  
अपने चित्त में झोंक कर देख,  
तू ईश तक को पा सकता है।

दुनिया हिल जाए, पृथ्वी धम जाए,  
काम तुझे ऐसा है करना  
प्रगति के इस विजयी पथ पर,  
तुझे निरंतर बढ़ना है,  
तुझे निरंतर बढ़ना है।

अचिन्त रस्तोगी

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## आखों देखा हाल

कपिल देव से सुने कमेंट्री, यह है आँखों देखा हाल,  
तेन्दुलकर ने छक्का मारा, गिरी फील्ड से बाहर बॉल।  
सेहवाग फील्डर के सिर पर से, सारी गेंदें रहा उछाल।  
मार रहा चौंके पर चौंके, बॉलर सारे हैं बेहाल।  
द्रविड़ और गांगुली की, बल्लेबाजी होती विकराल,  
हरभजन की गुगली की अब तक समझ न पाया कोई चाल  
अनिल कुम्बले नाप तौलकर, गेंदे रहा है अपनी डाल।  
है कैफ खिलाड़ी न्यारा, फील्डिंग में कर रहा धमाल।  
तेज गेंद जहीर फेंकता, कौन सकता उसे सम्भाल,  
यू ही बाल खेल ले उसकी, बैट्समैन की नहीं मजाल।  
बॉलिंग गजब अगरकर की है बैट्समैन की गली न दाल,  
फील्डिंग में भी चुस्त बहुत वह सिंगल रन हो गया मुहाल।  
श्रीनाथ व युवराज की दूजी कोई नहीं मिसाल।  
सारी दुनिया इनसे हारी, ये है अपने भारत के लाल!



अतिष्ट सक्सेना  
8 - सी

## माँ की बात

माँ की बात बचपन में न मानी  
उसकी सजा है आज आँखों का पानी  
बड़ा हुआ तो चोरी की  
कुछ न फिक्र माँ की लोरी की  
और बड़ा हुआ तो डाका डाला  
पड़ा डाकुओं से भी पाला  
उसकी माँ रोती रहती  
सम्भल जाओँ उससे थी कहती  
एक दिन पुलिस ने पकड़ा  
उसको बेड़ियों में था जकड़ा  
बीस साल की सजा हुई



याद आई उसको माँ की बात  
सो न पाया वह उस रात  
माँ का मतलब उसने जाना  
माँ की ममता को पहचाना  
बीस साल बाद जब जेल से आया  
प्यार से माँ ने उसे गले लगाया  
सब बच्चों से मेरी प्रार्थना  
माँ की बात सदा मानना  
वरना मिलेगा ऐसा श्राप  
हो जाएगा जीवन बरबाद।

प्रतीक चन्द्र निगम  
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## हिम्मत और जिन्दगी



जिनके बाजुओं में दम नहीं जमाने को हिलाने की,  
 वे क्या छुएंगे आसमों ओ बुलन्दियाँ सितारों की,  
 जिनके हाथो ने कभी मौत को सुलाया नहीं,  
 जिन्दगी ने प्यार से कभी उन्हें बुलाया नहीं,  
 जो कांटो से बेखीफ खेले ही नहीं,  
 क्या फूल जशन उन पर मनायेगें कभी?  
 जिनके पांवो ने कभी शोलों को रौंदा ही नहीं  
 क्या मखमली घास ने उन्हें अपने आँचल में सुलाया कभी?  
 जो कभी अंगारो के साथ खेला ही न हो,  
 वह क्या जाने बर्फ का अहसास भी कभी?  
 जिसने मौत को है पास से देखा नहीं,  
 वह जानता है क्या जीत भी है कहीं?

जिनके बाजुओं में दम नहीं जमाने को हिलाने का,  
 वे क्या छुएंगे आसमों ओ बुलन्दियाँ सितारो की,  
 जो आग से है जल गये, बवंडरो से डर गये,  
 वे क्या कर सके कभी, जो डर गये वो मर गये,  
 जिसने है कभी नहीं सही गर्मी, धूप, आग की,  
 वे क्या करेंगे कभी, वो जिंदगी है खाक की।  
 जिसने रात का कहर कभी सहा ही नहीं,  
 उनकी जिंदगी में जीत का दीप भी जला नहीं  
 पत्थरों से सदा जिनकी राह है रुकी  
 जिन्दगी में जीत भी उन्हें कभी नहीं मिली  
 जिन्दगी माँ की गोद सी नहीं है सदा  
 जो सांप से है खेलते उन्ही को है यह पता।  
 जो एक बार गिर गया क्या फिर उठा कभी यहाँ,  
 उसको हार ही ले गई, पता नहीं कहाँ कहाँ,  
 जिनके बाजुओं में दम नहीं जमाने को हिलाने की,  
 वे क्या छुएंगे आसमों ओ बुलन्दियाँ सितारों की।  
 जिसने हार को नहीं चखा, रहा जोश जिसका सखा,  
 वो जीतता रहा सदा, है वो कभी नहीं रुका  
 जो लहरों में है कूदते, समुद्र को हैं घीरते  
 ये मोती उन्हीं के भाग्य में जो जीतते है जीतते,  
 जिनके बाजुओं में दम नहीं, जमाने को हिलाने की,  
 वे क्या छुएंगे आसमों ओ बुलन्दियाँ सितारों की।



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## वो चौदह कदम

चलते-चलते,  
कभी मुड़कर देखता हूँ,  
तो दिखते हैं वो चौदह कदम।

उन यादों की रेत पर वो निशान,  
जो हर पड़ाव के सूचक थे,  
जिनपर हम बढ़ना सीखे,  
लगन से पढ़ना सीखे,  
कष्टों से लड़ना सीखें।।

चलते-चलते  
कभी मुड़कर देखता हूँ,  
तो दिखते हैं वो चौदह कदम।

जब कुछ राही मिले,  
कुछ हमराही मिले,  
कुछ बिछड़े, कुछ दूर हुए,  
पर इन्ही राहों में,  
सीखे वो जीवन के सत्य,  
जो हर पड़ाव के मार्गदर्शक हुए।



चलते-चलते,  
कभी मुड़कर देखता हूँ,  
तो दिखते हैं वो चौदह कदम।

पर धीमे-धीमे ये रेत के निशान मिट जाएंगे,  
जीवन के लहरों में कहीं खो जाएंगे,  
नए निशान अपनी जगह बनाएंगे,  
पर अंत में कहीं न मिल पाएंगे।।

अब देखता हूँ पीछे मुड़कर,  
तो दिखती है प्रेरणा आगे देखने की,  
जहाँ है जीवन सुगन्धित प्रकाश,  
दिखलाता है पगडण्डी एक नवजीवन की।

चलते चलते,  
अब देखता हूँ पीछे मुड़कर  
तो दिखते नहीं वो चौदह कदम,  
तो दिखते नहीं वो चौदह कदम।।

स्वप्निल तिवारी

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## आज के लोक

आज के लोग सभ्यता के समुन्दर हो गये ।  
अन्याय देखते ही बापू के तीन बन्दर हो गये।।  
निज स्वार्थ में कुछ एसे अन्धे हुए कि,  
मनुष्य नहीं, खुदा के बन्दे हो गये।।  
सभ्य कहलाने की होड़ कुछ ऐसी हुई कि,  
सभ्यता की दौड़ में सब बेदंगे हो गये।।

सिद्धार्थ सिन्हा

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## हाथ बाते

ऋण हो - ऐसा खर्च मत करो।  
पाप हो - ऐसी कमाई मत करो।  
क्लेश हो - ऐसा मत बोलो।  
चिन्ता हो - ऐसा काम मत करो।  
रोग हो - ऐसा मत खाओ।

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## सच्चा इंसान

- जो पूरे विश्व में शान्ति चाहता है तथा सबको प्रेम और स्नेह की आंखों से देखता है।
- जिसकी गरीबी में संतोष की छाया व अमीरी में गरीबों का हिस्सा है।
- जो ज्ञान चेतना की गंगा बहाता है।
- जो बहुत थोड़ा, परंतु गधुर बोलता है।
- जो राग और द्वेष से रहित है।
- जो धैर्य और शौर्य वाला होता है।
- जो सारे संसार को अपने उज्ज्वल चरित्र से प्रभावित करता है।
- जो सत्य और अहिंसा की राह पर चलता है।



## धर्म क्या है

जो दुख से, दुर्गति से पापाचार से, पतन से बचाकर आत्मा को ऊँचा उठाता है, वही धर्म है, जो धर्म अन्य धर्मों को हानि पहुँचाता है वह धर्म नहीं है, वह तो कुमार्ग है। जो अन्य धर्मों का विरोध न करे, वही सत्य पराक्रम वाला सनातन धर्म है। धर्म का संबंध जाति से नहीं, जीवन से है।

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## हकीकत

जिन्दगी क्या है, कब कौन बता पाया मला,  
मौत कब कोई कहाँ रोक पाया मला।  
घड़ी भर पहले बोलते पुतले पल भर में मुर्दे हो गये,  
जिन्दगी के बीरते ही, वे खुदा के हो गये।

संग कहाँ ले गये वो जमीने एकड़ों,  
दो गज जमीन में जो दफन हो गये।

जहाँ गूँजते थे कभी नगमें वो प्यार के,  
आज वहाँ वीराना है, सन्नाटे है मौत के,  
जो आया है वह जायेगा ही,  
दुनिया का है फसाना यही।

इस दुनिया में हँस के जी लो,  
यह पल न कभी फिर आयेगा,  
उस अल्लाह को तुम याद करो,  
फिर खौफ यहाँ न सतायेगा।



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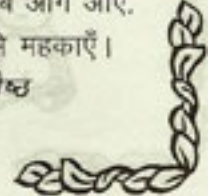
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## सुनामी का प्रकोप

सुनामी लहरों ने, ऐसा विनाश फैलाया,  
जिसे देख हर जन मानस त्राहि-त्राहि धिल्लाया।  
जाते-जाते लगा गई लाखों लाशों के मेले,  
मंदिर, मस्जिद, गिरजे भी बन गए मिट्टी के डेले।  
तीव्र गति से आया, लहराता सागर नीला,  
अपने पीछे मचा गया ऐसी विनाश की लीला।  
कोई था बच्चा, कोई था बूढ़ा, कोई जवाँ सैलानी  
पल भर में ही खत्म हुई सबके जीवन की कहानी।  
जीवनदायी जल भी बन गया विष का प्याला,  
बना दिया उस उज्ज्वल रवि को बिल्कुल काला।  
पीड़ितों ने दिल से, मदद को पुकारा है,  
भारतवर्ष की एकता, ही अब उनका सहारा है।  
क्या हिन्दू, क्या मुस्लिम, क्या निर्धन, क्या धनवान?  
कांटों से है भरा हुआ सबका भविष्य और वर्तमान।  
इन कांटों में फूल उगाने, आओ हम सब आगे आरें,  
प्रलय की इन वादियों को नव उमंग से महकारें।

अर्पित कुलश्रेष्ठ

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## भारत की कहानी : कुछ नई कुछ पुरानी

एक कहानी सुनाता हूँ—  
एक नया गीत आज गाता हूँ।  
भारत का इतिहास मैं बताता हूँ,  
साथ ही नव भारत का गुणगान गाता हूँ।

बँधा था देश बेड़ियों में,  
कुचली थी मानवता अंग्रेजों ने  
फिरगी कर रहे थे भारत का दमन,  
फिर भी डरे नहीं थे हम।  
लड़ी लड़ाई उनसे,  
दिया मुँहतोड़ जवाब,  
चढा दिये गए फौसी पर सेनानी,  
परंतु डरे नहीं, लड़े हम।

मजबूरन अंग्रेजों ने दिया आजादी का फरमान,  
फहराया तिरंगा, लाल किले पर हमने ससम्मान,  
गूँज रही नए भारत की किलकारियाँ।

किन्तु नव भारत की नव गाथा नहीं थी आसान,  
इस माटी के ऊपर जब किसी सौंप ने फहराया फन,  
फौज के हर फौजी ने कर दिया उसका दमन।

नव भारत के कर्णधार करते थे उसकी रक्षा,  
फलवाला कोई अपने फल की रक्षा करे जिस प्रकार  
तमन्ना दिल में थी कि महके यह गुलिस्ताँ हमारा  
फुलवारी के सबसे ज्यादा महकते फूल की तरह न्यारा।

और सम्पूर्ण भारत ने अपना सर्वस्व लगा दिया,  
लहराई खेतों में फसलें,  
फूटा हर दिल में एकता का फौवारा,  
हर घर में झड़ी सुखों की फुलझड़ी।

परंतु न जाने लगी किसकी नजर,  
खुशहाल भारत को कर दिया बेघर,  
फीका कर के सुख उसका,  
दामन भर दिया दुखों से,  
भ्रष्टाचार ने पसारे हर घर में अपने पाँव।

सदियों से दफ्तर में रुकी अपंग फाईल



लक्ष्मी आते ही फरांटे से दीड़ने लगती है,  
तो लगता है, नेता का धर्म,  
उदघाटन के समय फीता काटने का ही रह गया है।

फैशन में अंधा युवक, किताबें, फाड़ता है।  
तो आदर देने के लिए प्रसिद्ध, भारतीय  
फकीर को लात मारता है।

कुछ ऐसी ही कहानी है भारत की,  
जो कर देती है नेत्रों को सजल,  
विवश कर देती है यह सोचने पर।

परन्तु यह अंत नहीं है इस कथा का,  
हम वह स्वपनिल भारत पुनः पा सकते हैं,  
जरूरत है तो सिर्फ एक ईमानदार  
एक सच्चे देश भक्त मन की, दिल की,  
जो स्वप्निल भारत के लिए मर मिटे,  
जरूरत है तो सोए हुए उस युवा की,  
जो क्रान्ति की एक हिलोर लाए,  
और भारत को सबसे उन्नत बनाए।

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## मिट्टी

मिट्टी है जीवन का आधार,  
मिट्टी प्रकृति का अनुपम उपहार।  
मिट्टी को मिट्टी न समझो,  
मिट्टी के है उपयोग हजार।  
सब कुछ मिट्टी में ही पैदा होता,  
मिट्टी बिन सब कुछ बेकार।  
बड़े-बड़े वैज्ञानिक भी नहीं,  
कर पाये मिट्टी का आविष्कार।  
मिट्टी है अनमोल सम्पदा  
मिट्टी से करे हम प्यार।

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## कुछ रोचक तथ्य

- \* दुनिया की सबसे प्राचीनतम बसी हुई राजधानी दमिश्क है।
- \* कटलफिश के तीन दिल होते हैं।
- \* आधे चाँद से पूरा चाँद नौ गुना ज्यादा चमकदार होता है।
- \* गर्म पानी की तुलना में ठंडे पानी में जहाज ज्यादा तेज चलता है।

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## गलतियों से सीखें!

होती है गलतियाँ,  
हर इंसान से,  
लेकिन हो जाते हैं वह बड़े,  
अपनी गलती सुधारने से।



गलतियाँ होती हैं,  
बड़े लोगों से भी,  
लेकिन एहसास हो जाने पर,  
हो जाते वह सही।

बच्चों से कभी कभी  
हो जाती हैं गलतियाँ  
गलतियों से ही सबक लेकर,  
वे हो जाते बढिया।

गलतियाँ करना होता है,  
मनुष्यों का गुण,  
लेकिन गलती नहीं सुधारना,  
होता है अवगुण।

गलतियाँ करने से लोगों को,  
होता है स्वयं का ज्ञान,  
अपनी गलती न पहचानना,  
होता है अज्ञान।

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## मजेदार बातें

- (१) हमरी दुनियाँ में १,६०० प्रकार की स्टार मछलियाँ पाई जाती हैं।
- (२) २०,००० मधुमक्खियों में केवल ८ ही शहद बनाती हैं।
- (३) एक कबूतर की हड्डियों का वजन उसके पंखों से कम होता है।
- (४) ब्लू व्हेल ६ महीनों तक भूखी रह सकती है।
- (५) बारहसिंघा का मनपसंद भोजन केला है।
- (६) एक अच्छा तैराक ४ किमी० प्रति घंटा तैरता है। परन्तु एक मछली ६४ किमी प्रति घंटा तैरती है।
- (७) शार्क, जिसे हम जल का सबसे खतरनाक जीव कहते हैं, वह २५ मील से खून सूँघ लेती है।
- (८) हाथी जल को तीन मील दूर से सूँघ लेता है।



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## पहेलियाँ

- (१) काम बूझने में आती हूँ  
बड़ों-बड़ों को चकराती हूँ।  
मध्य कटे तो पली कहलाती  
बुद्धिमान को अति भाती।
- (२) दांतों से भी पहले आए,  
जीवन भर साथ निभाए,  
हुई चूक तो पल भर में ही,  
यह झगड़ा करवाए।
- (३) हरा दरवाजा लाल मकान,  
उसमें से निकले काले नौजवान।
- (४) पीले महल में काले चोर,  
उन पर न पड़े किसी का जोर।
- (१) पहेली (२) जीम (३) तरबूज (४) पपीता

अक्षत नागर  
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## मेरी बहन

मेरी बहन है रोती,  
उतना ही वह सोती,  
हम है उसके भाई,  
और वह है जैसे मक्खन मलाई।

वह खाती है नमक रोटी,  
और उतनी ही है वह मोटी,  
पहनना चाहती है वह अच्छे कपड़े,  
उसमें भी है उसके नखरे।

खोल नहीं पाती वह नल,  
जब भी चाहती है वह जल,  
खाती है वह डेर फल,  
तभी तो है उसमें इतना बल।

जब वह बड़ी होगी कल,  
याद आएंगे हमें यह पल,  
हम है उसके भाई,  
और वह है जैसे मक्खन मलाई।

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## लक्ष्य

जीवन को एक लक्ष्य बनाओ,  
उसकी ओर फिर बढ़ते जाओ।  
अपनी लगन और परिश्रम से,  
पहुँच अपने लक्ष्य तक जाओ।  
सर्वप्रथम लक्ष्य तय करना,  
उसकी प्राप्ति हेतु यत्न फिर करना।

दृढ़ अपने लक्ष्य पर रहना,  
हर अवरोध हटाते जाना।  
लक्ष्य वाले सफलता पाते।  
लक्ष्य हीन वंचित रह जाते।

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## जीवन एक

जीवन एक अवसर है - उसे खोइये मत  
जीवन एक धुनीती है - उसका सामना कीजिए  
जीवन एक सफर है - उसको पूरा कीजिए  
जीवन एक वरदान है - उसको स्वीकार कीजिए  
जीवन एक पहेली है - उसे सुलझाइये  
जीवन एक प्रण है - उसका पालन कीजिये  
जीवन एक संघर्ष है - उससे द्वन्द्व कीजिये  
जीवन एक आत्मा है - उसका बोध कीजिये  
जीवन एक दुख है - उसे भोगिये  
जीवन एक अनुभव है - उसे सोचिए समझिये

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## शाहीद शैलिक

साथी यदि तुम घर पहुँच सको तो  
बस इतना संदेश पहुँचा देना,  
मुख से यदि तुम कह ना सको तो  
संकेतों में समझा देना।



यदि हाल मेरे पिता पूछे तो,  
आकाश की ओर दिखा देना।  
इतने पर भी न समझे तो,  
जलता दिया बुझा देना।

यदि हाल मेरी माता पूछे तो,  
सूनी गोद दिखा देना।  
इतने पर भी न समझे तो,  
मुरझाया फूल थमा देना।

यदि हाल मेरा भाई पूछे तो,  
दायाँ हाथ छुपा देना।  
इतने पर भी न समझे तो,  
बच्चे उसे थमा देना।

यदि हाल मेरी पत्नी पूछे तो,  
बिन्दिया, सिंदूर मिटा देना।  
इतने पर भी न समझे तो,  
परेशान मत करना उसको  
सब कुछ सच सच बतला देना।

मर्याक अरोरा  
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## आई बरखा रानी

बंद किए हैं बादल ने  
अंबर के दरवाजे सारे,  
नहीं नजर आते हैं सूरज  
ना कहीं चाँद सितारे।

ऐसा मौसम देखकर  
छिड़ियों ने भी पंख पसारे,  
हो प्रसन्न धरती के वासी,  
नम की ओर सप्रेम निहारे।

बूँद-बूँद अब थिरक रही है  
उफन चली है नदियाँ,  
मोर नृत्य दिखलाते मोहक  
फूँक रही है कोयलिया।

वन जंगल के बीच,  
पवन जब मीठी तान सुनाए,  
सागर देता ताल,  
गगन हो गगन मृदंग बजाए।

बदली की काली घुनरी पर  
बिजली की सजी किनारी,  
बूँदों की पायल की रूनझुन  
लागे सबको प्यारी।।

आदित्य कुमार  
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## क्या आप जानते हैं

छिपकली की पूंछ उसके शरीर से अलग होकर भी उछलती तड़पती रहती है और जब पूँछ में उपस्थित माँस पेशियों की कोशिकाओं में उर्जा खत्म हो जाती है तब पूंछ का उछलना बन्द हो जाता है।

जीव शस्त्रियों द्वारा अब तक छिपकली की २५००० से अधिक किस्मों का अध्ययन किया जा चुका है।

तन्मय उपाध्याय  
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## बहुमूल्य भेंट

एक बार भगवान बुद्ध शांतधित्त मगध की राजधानी में एक पेड़ के नीचे बैठे हुए थे। कई दिनों से भक्तगण भगवान बुद्ध के उपदेशों का लाभ उठा रहे थे। आज भगवान बुद्ध यहाँ से अन्य स्थान को प्रस्थान करने वाले थे, अतः भक्तगण उन्हें अनेक प्रकार की भेंट अर्पित कर रहे थे। नगर में एक गरीब वृद्धा भी थी। उसने जब भगवान बुद्ध के प्रस्थान करने का समाचार सुना तो वह भी कि आप भक्तों से दान ग्रहण कर रहे हैं, मेरे पास भगवान यही आधा आम मेरी सम्पत्ति है। क्या



भगवान बुद्ध चबूतरे से नीचे उतरे और आम उन्होंने स्वीकार किया। वृद्धा प्रसन्न राजा बिम्बसार ने जो वहाँ भगवान बुद्ध आपने बहुमूल्य उपहार केवल हाथ पसार आम लेने के लिए आसन छोड़कर उसके इस प्रकार रख लिया मानो बहुत कीमती रत्न हो। उसकी भेंट में क्या विशेषता थी?

वहाँ आयी और बोली भगवान जिस समय मैंने सुना केवल यह आम था, जिसे मैं आधा खा चुकी थी। आप इसे स्वीकार करेंगे?

बड़े ही सम्मान पूर्वक वृद्धा का वह जूठा होकर लौट आयी। उस समय मगध के की सेवा में खड़े थे, उनसे पूछा भगवान कर ग्रहण किया परन्तु उस वृद्धा का जूठा पास चलकर पहुँचे और आम को अंजुली में

भगवान बुद्ध बोले, "राजन उस वृद्धा ने अपनी सम्पूर्ण संचित पूँजी मुझे भेंट कर दी खुद भूखी रह गई। परन्तु उसके मुख पर कितना आत्मविश्वास और संतोष था। आप लोगो ने अपने धन का कुछ ही भाग भेंट किया, वह भी दान देने के अहंकार में डूबे हुए।"

आशुतोष प्रकाश सिंह  
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## जीवन

पौ फट रही थी, प्रकाश बढ़ रहा था,  
खुली खिड़की से झँकता हुआ आह्लाद  
मन को हर रहा था—

नजर आयी जीवन की सच्चाई फैलने पर प्रकाश  
क्षण भर में उन लोगों को देखा,  
जो सिर्फ जिन्दगी के कड़वेपन से हैं परिचित,  
किसी को इनके दर्द का एहसास नहीं,  
मैंने इनके दुख को अंजुलि में भरने की कोशिश की,  
कानों में एक स्पंदन सुनायी पड़ा,  
हे मानव! क्यों होते हो तुम उदास।  
यही तो हैं जीवन का सही एहसास।।



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## पहेलियाँ (बूझो तो जाने)

- (१) प्रथम कटे तो ईश्वर बनता, मध्य कटे तो आम।  
अंत कटे आरा बन जाए, गले लगाए सब हर शाम।।
- (२) आधा फल बरसात का, आधा सुन्दर फूल।  
पूरा नाम मिठाई का, इसे न जाना भूल।।
- (३) प्रथम कटे सीमा बन जाए, अंत कटे तो मात।  
समझ अगर तुम उसको पाओ, लागे झटपट चाट।।
- (४) पैर नहीं तो नग बन जाए, सिर न हो तो गर।  
यदि कमर कट जाए उसकी, बन जाता है नर।।
- (५) प्रथम नहीं तो गज बन जाऊँ, मध्य नहीं तो काज।  
लिखने पढ़ने वालों से कुछ, नहीं छुपा है राज।।
- (६) आए तो वह देती दुःख, जाने पर भी देती दुःख।  
उठ जाने पर भी हो दुःख, बैठ जाए तो दुःख ही दुःख।।
- (७) अन्त नहीं तो फौज समझिए, आदि नहीं तो नानी।  
देश प्रेम के लिए न्यौछावर, उसकी बड़ी कहानी।।
- (८) तीन शब्द का मेरा नाम, उल्टा सीधा एक समान।  
आता हूँ मैं खाने के काम। बताओ क्या है मेरा नाम।



उत्तर:- (१) आराम (२) गुलाब जामुन (३) शहद (४) नगर (५) कागज (६) आँख (७) सेनानी (८) डालड़ा

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## क्या आप जानते हैं?

- (१) मृत्यु के पश्चात मनुष्य के अवयव निम्न समय तक जीवित रहते हैं:-  
मस्तिष्क - १० मिनट  
आँखें - २० मिनट  
कान - ६० मिनट  
रक्त - १२ घण्टे  
मांस पेशियाँ - २४० मिनट  
खाल - ४ दिन



- (२) मच्छरों को अन्धकार में मनुष्य की देह दहकते अंगारे जैसा प्रतीत होती है।

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## आखिर कब पढ़ें ?

जब से मैंने होश सम्हाला अपने माता-पिता से यही सुना है पढ़ो, पढ़ो, पढ़ो। मेरा मानना है कि यदि समय हो तो मैं पढ़ूँ। इस व्यस्त जीवन में समय ही नहीं मिलता मैं पढ़ सकूँ।

अब आप ही बताइये। साल में ३६५ दिन होते हैं। मेरे जैसे अबोध बालक को एक दिन में ८ घण्टे की नींद चाहिए। यानि ३६५ में २६२० घण्टें। यानि ३६५ सुबह शाम का खाना, नहाना, धोना इत्यादि में बालक के पास बचे १६३ दिन। अब एक स्वस्थ ही चाहिए यानि वर्ष में ३० दिन तो ऐसे ही

साल में ५२ दिन रविवार के होते हैं, ४५ छुट्टियाँ। मेरे बड़े भाई के अनुसार, और कम हो गए और बचे ५१ दिन। होली, ईद के लिए। आखिर घर वालों की बचे? सिर्फ ३६, और हमारे विद्यालय में उत्सव लेना होता है। निकाल दीजिए १२ दिन।

बचे २४ दिन। विद्यालय में एक वर्ष में तीन परीक्षाएँ होती हैं जो लगभग ८-८ दिन चलती हैं। अब बताइये हमारे पास इसके अलावा पढ़ने का समय कहाँ है? कोई समझाए मेरे माता-पिता को।



दिनों में हम १२० दिन सोते हैं। बाकी बचे २४५ दिन कम से कम ३ घण्टे लगते हैं। यानि वर्ष में ५२ दिन। बालक को दिन में कम से कम दो घण्टे तो खेलना निकल गए। बच गए १६३ दिन।

दिन गर्मी की छुट्टियाँ और १५ दिन सर्दी की छुट्टियों में पढ़ना पाप होता है। अतः ११२ दिन इसमें १५ दिन कम कीजिए दशहरा दीवाली, तरफ भी हमारा कोई दायित्व है। कितने दिन आदि होते हैं। उसमें हम पूरी ईमानदारी से भाग

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## अगर आप सोचते हैं

अगर आप सोचते हैं कि आप हार गए हैं,  
तो आप हारे हैं।  
अगर आप सोचते हैं कि आप में हौसला नहीं है  
तो सचमुच नहीं है।  
अगर आप जीतना चाहते हैं,  
मगर सोचते हैं कि जीत नहीं सकते,  
तो निश्चित है कि आप नहीं जीतेंगे।  
अगर आप सोचते हैं कि हार जाएँगे,  
तो आप हार चुके हैं।  
क्योंकि हम दुनिया में देखते हैं कि



सफलता की शुरुआत इंसान की इच्छा से होती है,  
ये सब कुछ हमारी सोच पर निर्भर करता है।

अगर आप सोचते हैं कि पिछड़ गए हैं,  
तो आप पिछड़ गए हैं।  
तरक्की करने के लिए आपको अपनी सोच ऊँची करनी होगी।  
कोई भी सफलता प्राप्त करने के पहले,  
आपको अपने प्रति विश्वास लाना होगा।  
जीवन की लड़ाइयाँ हमेशा,  
सिर्फ तेज और मजबूत लोग ही नहीं जीतते बल्कि,  
आज नहीं तो कल जीतता वही आदमी है,  
जिसे यकीन है कि वह जीतेगा।

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## मानव शरीर के कुछ तथ्य

- (1) अगर एक मानव के शरीर की सभी रक्त वाहिनियों को सीधा करके उनके सिरों को जोड़ दिया जाए तो वे १००,००० मील लम्बी हो जाएंगी, अर्थात् उनकी लम्बाई विषुवत् रेखा के ४ घव्करों के बराबर हो जाएगी।
  - (2) मनुष्य का जबड़ा २७६ किलो से ज्यादा बल सहन कर सकता है।
  - (3) एक औसत मानव शरीर पर ५० लाख बाल होते हैं और केवल खोपड़ी पर १००,००० बाल होते हैं।
  - (४) एक मानव शरीर औसतन ५० करोड़ शुक्राणु प्रतिदिन पैदा करता है। शुक्राणु लिंग से बाहर आते ही जल्दी समाप्त हो जाते हैं।
  - (५) हमारे फेफड़ों में ३०० अरब वाहिनियाँ हैं। यदि इन्हें सिर से सिरा मिलाकर जोड़ दिया जाए तो इनकी लम्बाई २४०० किमी० हो जाएगी।
  - (६) मनुष्य के सामान्य जीवन काल में उसका हृदय २०० करोड़ बार धड़कता है। इस अवधि में लगभग ५० करोड़ लीटर रक्त पंप करता है।
  - (७) एक युवा मनुष्य के शरीर में लगभग ६५० मांसपेशियाँ, १०० जोड़ १००० करोड़ तंत्रिका कोशिकाएँ होती हैं।
  - (८) पश्चिमी देशों में एक सामान्य व्यक्ति अपने जीवन काल में ५० टन भोजन कर लेता है और ५०,००० लीटर पानी इत्यादि तरल पी लेता है।
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|---------------------|----------|
| (९) सबसे लंबी महिला | २.४६ मी  |
| सबसे लंबा पुरुष     | २.७२ मी० |
| सबसे भारी पुरुष     | ६३५ kg   |
| सबसे भारी महिला     | ४०० kg   |
| सबसे लम्बी हड्डी    | फीमर बोन |
| सबसे बड़ी मांसपेशी  | ग्लुटस   |
| सबसे छोटी मांसपेशी  | स्टेपीडस |
| सबसे बड़ा अंग       | मस्तिष्क |
- (१०) अधिकांश वयस्कों के शरीर में कुल २०६ हड्डियाँ तथा बच्चों के शरीर में ३३० हड्डियाँ होती हैं। जैसे जैसे बच्चा बड़ा होता है, ये हड्डियाँ एक दूसरे से जुड़ जाती हैं और २०६ रह जाती हैं।
- (११) मनुष्य की लार ग्रन्थियाँ प्रतिदिन १ से १.५ लीटर तक लार पैदा करती हैं।
- (१२) हमारी आँख की मांसपेशियाँ एक दिन में १००,००० बार हरकत करती हैं।



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## चुटकुले

- (१) टिकट चेकर - यह तो प्लेटफार्म का टिकट है।  
यात्री - तो इसमें गलत क्या है? प्लेटफार्म पर ही तो उतरूँगा।
- (२) शिक्षक - शास्त्रीय संगीत और डिस्को में क्या अन्तर है?  
छात्र - सिर और पैर का।  
शिक्षक - कैसे?  
छात्र - शास्त्रीय संगीत में लोग सिर हिलाते हैं और डिस्को में पैर।



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## वर्षा जल संचयन एवं जल संरक्षण

जल मानव सहित सभी जीवधारियों के लिए प्रकृति प्रदत्त ऐसी वस्तु है जिसका कोई विकल्प नहीं है। जीवधारियों एवं वनस्पतियों को जीवित रहने तथा उनका विकास करने में प्रतिदिन ४ से ५ लीटर जल किसी न किसी रूप में पहुँचना चाहिए। कम मात्रा में जल पीने या किसी कारण जैसे रक्तस्त्राव, उल्टियों या दस्त होने से पानी के शरीर से निकल जाने पर शरीर में जल की कमी (डी-हाइड्रोजन) हो जाती है, इससे शरीर में रक्त की मात्रा कम हो जाती है क्योंकि रक्त में एक बड़ा भाग (90%) पानी ही होता है।

इस शस्यश्यामला भूमि पर मंडराते जिन खतरों को लेकर चिंता व्यक्त की जा रही है उनमें 'घटता जलस्तर' भी एक ज्वलन्त मुद्दा है। इस घटते जलस्तर का मुख्य कारण अप्राकृतिक और अवैज्ञानिक रूप से जल-दोहन है। दुर्भाग्यवश पिछले कुछ दशकों में पर्यावरण असन्तुलन से जल को लेकर समस्याएँ बढ़ी हैं जैसे भूगर्भ या नदियों का घटता जलस्तर, अन्य जल स्रोतों का सूखना, विषैले जल से मनुष्यों के साथ-साथ जीव जन्तुओं और वनस्पतियों को भी हानि हो रही है। जरा सोचिए यदि ऐसी स्थिति रही तो 'मंगल ग्रह पर जीवन' का सपना देख रहे मनुष्य का धरती पर जीवन कैसा होगा?

भूमिगत जलस्तर घटने के अनेक कारण हैं। प्राचीन समय से ही तालाब आदि जल स्रोत हमारे यहाँ सिंचाई के परम्परागत साधन रहे हैं लेकिन आज मनुष्य इन तालाबों को पाटकर सपनों का महल खड़ा कर रहा है। फलस्वरूप सिंचाई के लिए ट्यूबवेलों के जरिए जलदोहन हो रहा है। अत्यधिक पेड़ों के कटने से वन क्षेत्र सिकुड़ते गए, नतीजतन, वर्षाजल घटता गया। अन्य स्रोतों से मिलने वाला जल दूषित हो रहा है अतः स्वच्छ जल की प्राप्ति हेतु धड़ाधड़ वाटरपम्पों को निर्माण हो रहा है। यदि इन कारणों पर नियन्त्रण नहीं किया गया तो हरी भरी भूमि बंजर हो जाएगी और उस पर मानव का अस्तित्व सम्भव नहीं रहेगा।

### जल संरक्षण की आवश्यकता

संयुक्त राष्ट्र संघ द्वारा हाल ही में प्रकाशित आंकड़ों के अनुसार विश्व के विकासशील देशों के लगभग १२ करोड़ व्यक्तियों को स्वच्छ तथा पीने योग्य जल उपलब्ध नहीं है एवम् विकासशील देशों में प्रतिवर्ष २ करोड़ ५० लाख लोगों की मौत दूषित जल से सम्बन्धित बीमारियों के कारण हो जाती है। इस समस्या के निवारण के लिए हमें वर्षा के जल का संचयन और जल संरक्षण करना ही होगा।

### वर्षाजल संचयन एवम् जलसंरक्षण के उपाय—

- (१) रेन सेन्टर की स्थापना — वर्षाजल संचयन और जल संरक्षण की तकनीक, लागत तथा इसकी विशेषज्ञ जानकारी एक ही स्थान पर उपलब्ध कराने तथा इसे लागू करने के लिए तकनीकी सहायता उपलब्ध कराने की व्यवस्था सुनिश्चित कराने के लिए रेन सेन्टर की स्थापना की जानी चाहिए।
- (२) जन जागृति — जल का उचित उपयोग सुनिश्चित करने हेतु जनजागरण अभियान चलाया जाना चाहिए तथा जल संरक्षण की भावना विकसित करने हेतु शिक्षा, कानून, पुरस्कार तथा दण्ड की व्यवस्था की जानी चाहिए।
- (३) अन्य उपाय —

(अ) विद्यालय या महाविद्यालय स्तर पर छात्र छात्राओं को वाटर हार्वेस्टिंग की आवश्यकता या सम्बन्धित तकनीकी ज्ञान दिया जाना चाहिए।

- (ब) प्रशासनिक स्तर पर बहुमंजिला इमारतों के नक्शे तभी पास किए जाये जब उसमें 'वर्षाजल संचयन प्रणाली' हो।
- (स) अधिक से अधिक वृक्षारोपण किया जाए क्योंकि वृक्षों की जड़ों के माध्यम से ही जल वापस धरती में पहुँचता है।
- (द) बाढ़ वाले क्षेत्रों में अतिरिक्त पानी को एकत्रित कर ग्रीष्म फसलों में प्रयोग किया जाए।
- (प) वर्षाऋतु से पूर्व खेतों में मेड़बन्दी की जानी चाहिए ताकि जल खेत में ही रहे।
- (फ) दैनिक जीवन में जल का प्रयोग करते समय छोटी-छोटी बातों का ध्यान रखकर जल संरक्षण में योगदान दे सकते हैं जैसे फलों या सब्जी को धोने के बाद इस जल को फेंकने के बजाय क्यारी में डाल सकते हैं। पाइप के द्वारा पानी इस्तेमाल करे, इससे कम पानी बर्बाद होगा, मंजन करते वक्त तथा शेविंग करते वक्त नल को आवश्यकता पड़ने पर ही खोलें, नहाते वक्त शावर की जगह बाल्टी और लोटे का प्रयोग करे। टूटे नलों की तुरन्त मरम्मत करायें।

इस प्रकार कई छोटी छोटी बातों का ध्यान रखकर इस दिशा में अपना योगदान दे सकते हैं।

वास्तव में यदि पृथ्वी पर उपलब्ध जल की मात्रा देखें तो पानी की कमी भी नहीं है, ना ही अधिकता बस आवश्यकता है कि जल चक्र नियन्त्रित किया जाये और यह दृढ़ इच्छा शक्ति, संसाधनों के उचित इस्तेमाल, योजनाओं के सही क्रियान्वयन व्यवस्थित जल प्रदूषण तथा स्वयं जागरूक होकर ही सम्भव है।

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## प्रेरक विचार

1. मनुष्य परिस्थितियों का दास नहीं, वह उनका निर्माता, नियंत्रणकर्ता और स्वामी है।
2. चिंता और चिंता में मात्र इतना ही अंतर है कि एक अदृश्य है और दूसरी प्रत्यक्ष है।
3. प्रसन्न रहने के दो ही उपाय हैं आवश्यकताएँ कम करे तथा परिस्थितियों से सामंजस्य बिठाये।
4. शालीनता बिना मोल के मिलती है पर उससे सब कुछ खरीदा जा सकता है।
5. ईर्ष्या से बढ़कर अधिक घातक और समीपवर्ती शत्रु दूसरा नहीं।
6. यदि दुनिया तुम्हारे कार्यों की प्रशंसा करती है तो इसमें कुछ भी बुरा नहीं; खतरा तब है जब तुम प्रशंसा पाने के लिए किसी कार्य को करते हो।
7. घमण्डी व्यक्ति के लिए कही कोई ईश्वर नहीं, लोभी का कोई पड़ोसी नहीं तथा क्रोधी का कोई मित्र नहीं।
8. व्यक्ति काम की अधिकता से नहीं बरन् उसे भार समझकर अनियमित रूप से करने पर थकता है।
9. पुष्पों की सुगंध हवा के प्रतिकूल नहीं फैलती पर सद्गुणों की कीर्ति दसों दिशाओं में फैलती है।
10. सार्थक व प्रभावी उपदेश वह है, जो वाणी से नहीं किन्तु अपने आचरण से प्रस्तुत किया जाता है।

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