

# *The Franciscan*

2005-2006



*St. Francis' College*  
*Shahnajaf Road, Lucknow*



## *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*



## *St. Francis of Assisi*

**Patron of the College**

### **The Prayer of St. Francis before the Crucifix**

Most high, glorious God, cast your light into the darkness of my heart. Give me, Lord, right faith, firm hope, perfect charity and profound humility, with wisdom and perception, so that I may carry out what is truly your holy will. Amen.

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## Principal's Message



*"The great end of education is to discipline rather than to furnish the mind ; to train it to the use of its own powers, rather than fill it with the accumulation of others".*

Drawing inspiration from the above noted quotation of Tryon Edwards I wish to pen a brief to 'The Franciscan'. Today the education of children is universally accepted as the first concern of all parents. I strongly believe that every student has the potential to succeed and this potential has to be brought to the fore through sustained effort and appropriate guidance. Needless to note a child simply awaits for the opportune moment and encouragement from the parents and teachers thus giving credence to the popular belief that the magnificence of a pearl can only be appreciated when it has been prised out of the Oyster and polished to perfection.

St. Francis stands head and shoulders above the rest and has been attempting to provide platforms to the boys to get a sense of their own ambidexterity in activities that go beyond academics and thus produce men of good and true. The tremendous strides in education here could not have been possible without the timely and paternal guidance of the Bishop of Lucknow, the former Principals, the dedication and loyalty of the faculty members and the support staff, the inspiration of our students and support and understanding of the parents. I make a fervent appeal to all to continue to nurture an environment in the college where learning is the key to success and the collective quest is to provide the child the best.

We, the Franciscans owe a great deal to Rev. Fr. Vincent Nazareth, our former Principal and Sr. Smitha, the Primary School headmistress. They steered St. Francis for the past five years weathering all kinds of storms. Fr. Nazareth through his versatility, wisdom, experience and rapport with the staff, students and the parents enhanced the reputation of the college while Sr. Smitha, the first religious nun to head the primary section, through her tact, experience and keen interest ushered in changes and progress. We, the Franciscans express our deep sentiments of gratitude to Fr. Nazareth and Sr. Smitha for their selfless service in the words of the poet Longfellow :

*"Lives of great men all remind us  
We can make our life sublime  
And departing leave behind us  
Footprints on the sand of time."*

**Fr. Vincent Pinto**  
Principal



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## Annual Prize Winners 2005-2006

Nursery A	Good Conduct	Anant Christopher Prakash
Nursery B	Good Conduct	Pranay Singh
	Full Attendance	Jai Bhardwaj
		Shaaz Ali Khan
Nursery C	Good Conduct	Jyotiraditya Singh
	Full Attendance	Ashok Bhaskar
K.G.A.	Good Conduct	Vasishtha Siya Ram
K.G.B.	Good Conduct	Anmol Chandra
K.G.C	Good Conduct	Arjav Rastogi
K.G.D	Good Conduct	Yashwi Agarwal
	Full Attendance	Shashank Tandon Syed Mohd. Tabish

### IA

Ist	: Maaz Syed
2nd	: Shariq Ashar Akshay Gupta Shlok Saxena
Good Conduct	: Abhishek Gupta
Full Attendance	: Varun Ahuja Shariq Ashar

### IB

Ist	: Mirza Rahem Hasan
2nd	: Mohd. Insha Abbas
3rd	: Ayush Gupta Anirudh Aggarwal
Good Conduct	: Rishabh Shukla
Full Attendance	: Apurv Bansal Mirza Rahem Hasan

### IC

Ist	: Samarth Srivastava
2nd	: Aditya Garg
3rd	: Mohd. Hamza
Good Conduct	: Devansh Kapoor
Full Attendance	: Hamad Khan Naman Tomar

### ID

Ist	: Pulkit Mahajan
2nd	: Uttkarsh Verma
3rd	: Keshav Agnihotri Nitish Gupta Sameer Verma
Good Conduct	: Rishabh Malhotra
Full Attendance	: Devang Agnihotri

### IIA

Ist	: Manan Bhatia
2nd	: Ritvick Kapoor
3rd	: Varun Sane Aditya Sane
Good Conduct	: Anant Chaturvedi
Full Attendance	: Ritvick Kapoor Harshil Sachanandani

### II B

Ist	: Samarth Srivastava
2nd	: Sparsh Sinha
3rd	: Prankur Sinha
Good Conduct	: Mohd. Talha

**II C**

Ist : Mohd. Hamza Ahmed  
 2nd : Syed Zain Zaidi  
       : Arsh Abdullah  
 Good Conduct : Priyansh Singh

**II D**

Ist : Abheer Mehrotra  
 2nd : Dhruv Singh  
 3rd : Arjun Kumar Nag  
 Good Conduct : Utkarsh M. Srivastava

**III A**

Ist : Abhinav Pandey  
 2nd : Hisham Ali Ansari  
 3rd : Saarthak Chandra  
 Good Conduct : Udit Bali  
 Full Attendance : Abhinav Rastogi  
                   : Abhishek C. Paul  
                   : Abhishek Kumar  
                   : Kushagra  
                   : Mohd. Ifran  
                   : Shantanu

**III B**

Ist : Rohan Kochar  
 2nd : Ishan Atul  
 3rd : Akash Deori  
 Good Conduct : Sarthak Mathur  
 Full Attendance : Akash Deori

**III C**

Ist : Sagar Rohira  
 2nd : Parth Mishra  
 3rd : Sarthak Goel  
       : Ahmad Areeb  
 Good Conduct : Vijyant George

**III D**

Ist : Aayush Thapliyal  
       : Aunish Mukherjee  
 3rd : Shobhit Mohan  
 Good Conduct : Pratyush Srivastava  
 Full Attendance : Shashwat Dwivedi

**IV A**

Ist : Shikhar Shukla  
 2nd : Amit Agarwal  
 3rd : Sumanyu Sehgal  
 Good Conduct : Saif Ali Khan  
 Full Attendance : Amit Agrawal  
                   : Shikhar Shukla  
                   : Deepayan Malaviya  
                   : Yazat Sharma

**IV B**

Ist : Himanshu Joshi  
 2nd : Anant Veer Mehta  
 3rd : Akarsh Shukla  
 Good Conduct : Shikhar Kapoor  
 Full Attendance : Eahraz Ahmad  
                   : Sagar Srivastava  
                   : Shubham Kumar  
                   : Shivanshu Parihar

**IV C**

Ist : Syed Yawar Ali  
 2nd : Syed Ali Abbas Zaidi  
 3rd : Divyansh Singh  
 Good Conduct : Prabhanjan Agarwal  
 Full Attendance : Syed Yawar Ali  
                   : Shikhar Kapoor

**IV D**

Ist : Shaurya Raghuvanshi  
 2nd : Ojasva Garg  
 3rd : Hritvik Pandey  
 Good Conduct : Hamja Siraj  
 Full Attendance : Vinayak Tripathi

**V A**

Ist : Palash Khanna  
 2nd : Gautam Kacker  
 3rd : Arpit Kar  
 Good Conduct : Kunal Bhargava  
 Full Attendance : Aashay Pandey  
                   : Akshat Khulve  
                   : Archit Kotwal  
                   : Gracias A. Fernandes  
                   : Saksham Kapoor  
                   : Sandeepan Dhoundiyal



**V B**

Ist : Rohit Gupta  
 2nd : Prannoy Deep  
 3rd : Samuel Wilson  
 Good Conduct : Ankit Sahu  
 Full Attendance : Aradhya Khattri  
 : Prakhar Dikshit  
 : Prannoy Deep

**V C**

Ist : Archit Agarwal  
 2nd : Sameer Kumar  
 3rd : Nishant Sharma  
 Good Conduct : Jayant S. Dharamjit  
 Full Attendance : Avitansh Kumar  
 Prabhjot Singh 'Allagh'  
 Sahil Sachdeva  
 Saksham Rastogi  
 Sameer Kumar  
 Suyash Medhavi  
 Suyash Garg  
 Yash Joshi

**V D**

Ist : Tushar Kanaujia  
 2nd : Varun Chaudhary  
 3rd : Suyash Bansal  
 Good Conduct : Arshad Abbas  
 Full Attendance : Tushar Kanaujia  
 Akshay Srivastava

**VI A**

Ist : Shanal  
 2nd : Mohit Singh Chandel  
 3rd : Gaurav Idnani  
 Good Conduct : Kunal Singh Gambhir  
 Full Attendance : Devanshu Bora  
 Hargun Singh Sethi  
 Shubham Katyal

**VI B**

Ist : Ankit Goel  
 2nd : Raghuvarsh Saxena  
 3rd : Amil Bhatnagar  
 Good Conduct : Ashwin Gupta  
 Full Attendance : Ayush Tandon  
 Vibhor Kapoor

**VI C**

Ist : Shubham Agarwal  
 2nd : Dhruv Singhal  
 3rd : Arpan Mahajan  
 Good Conduct : Pranav Bhaskar  
 Full Attendance : Marc I. Nath  
 : Arpan Mahajan

**VI D**

Ist : Tanmay Srivastava  
 2nd : Shubham Rai  
 3rd : Avanish Rastogi  
 Good Conduct : Aakash Khurana

**VII A**

Ist : Praveen Honhar  
 2nd : Satwik Misra  
 3rd : John Antony  
 Good Conduct : Pranjal Goyal  
 Full Attendance : Adesh Mohan  
 : Anshuman Bose  
 : Ayush Agarwal

**VII B**

Ist : Aditya Mehrotra  
 2nd : Harshit Agarwal  
 3rd : Amol Khanna  
 Good Conduct : Siddharth Kapoor  
 Full Attendance : Aditya Mehrotra

**VII C**

Ist : Adhar Maheshwari  
 2nd : Hitesh Athwani  
 3rd : Ayush Kumar Singh  
 Good Conduct : Pushpinder Taneja  
 Full Attendance : Shashank Trivedi

**VII D**

Ist : Prabhav S. Tanay  
 2nd : Shubham R. Asthana  
 3rd : Manu Raghuvanshi  
 Good Conduct : Prateek Chandra Nigam  
 Full Attendance : Palash Sharma

**VIII A**

Ist : Adarsh Mehra  
 2nd : Anunay Tomar  
 3rd : Siddharth Kakar  
 Good Conduct : Pranay Tandon  
 Full Attendance : Mohd. Athar  
 : Subin Thomas

**VIII B**

Ist : Anchit Rakesh  
 2nd : Syed Mohd. Najmuddin  
 3rd : Ashutosh Kapoor  
 Good Conduct : Praharsh  
 Full Attendance : Ashutosh Kapoor  
 : Syed Wajeedul Hasan

**VIII C**

Ist : Mudit Kotwal  
 2nd : Tanuj Gupta  
 3rd : Harshit Pant  
 Good Conduct : Rohit Nigam  
 Full Attendance : Aakash Dhar Dwivedi

**VIII D**

Ist : Shashwat Rastogi  
 2nd : Divyam Rastogi  
 3rd : Gaurang Pandey  
 Good Conduct : Anurag Tewari

**IX A**

Ist : Zohair Parvez Khan  
 2nd : Anant Goel  
 3rd : Somendra Dutt Tripathi  
 Good Conduct : Pulkit Mohan  
 Full Attendance : Somendra Dutt Tripathi

**IX B**

Ist : Harshit Agarwal  
 2nd : Amit Shukla  
 3rd : Ashay Gangwar  
 Good Conduct : Binu Varghese  
 Full Attendance : Harshit Agarwal  
 : Mayank Arora  
 Pranav M Tripathi  
 Nishant Gupta

**IX C**

Ist : Rachit Saxena  
 2nd : Sagar Upreti  
 3rd : Naman Verma  
 Good Conduct : Lallam Kumar Sinha

**IX D**

Ist : Ritesh Mohan Krishna  
 2nd : Satyam Kapoor  
 3rd : Yasir Haque  
 Good Conduct : Shubham Misra

**X I A**

Ist : Prabhat Singh  
 2nd : Arpit Arora  
 3rd : Akshay Singh  
 Good Conduct : Shivankar Ojha

**X I B**

Ist : Himanshu Mohan  
 2nd : Anindya Rastogi  
 3rd : Dhananjay Pradhan  
 Good Conduct : Abdul Rafay  
 Full Attendance : Abdul Rafay

**X I C**

Ist : Anant Prakash Tripathi  
 2nd : Shubham Mishra  
 3rd : Tanmay Dey  
 Good Conduct : Abhishek Mehrotra

### **Mrs. M. Srivastava Scholarship**

Awarded for obtaining highest marks in Class III in the academic year 2005-2006.

Rohan Kochar III B

### **Aditya Tandon Scholarship**

Awarded for obtaining highest marks in Class V in the academic year 2005-2006.

Palash Khanna V A

### **Ashish Anand Scholarship**

Awarded for obtaining highest marks in Class V A in the academic year 2005-2006.

Palash Khanna V A

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Awarded for obtaining highest marks in Class XI in the academic year 2005-2006

Himanshu Mohan XI B



## ***Result of Co-curricular Activities***

### **Hindi Elocution (Classes VI, VII and VIII)**

Class VI	I	Varun Tandon	St. Patrick's House
	II	Surya Awasthi	St. George's House
Class VII	I	Aditya Mehrotra	St. Andrew's House
	II	Mohd. Yashabh Abbas	St. Patrick's House
Class VIII	I	Siddharth Tandon	St. Patrick's House
	II	Rishabh Pandey	St. Francis' House

### **English Elocution (Classes VI, VII and VIII)**

Class VI	I	Tushar Misra	St. Andrew's House
	II	Naman Tandon	St. George's House
Class VII	I	Dhruv Saxena	St. George's House
	II	Parth Saxena	St. Patrick's House
Class VIII	I	Tanuj Gupta	St. George's House
	II	Parth Shukla	St. Francis' House
	II	Siddharth Tandon	St. Patrick's House

### **What's the Good Word (Classes VI, VII & VIII)**

First	<i>St. Francis' House</i>	Second	<i>St. Patrick's House</i>
	Anurag Dwivedi VI D		Karan Ghosh VI A
	Nimish Puri VII B		Shakul Srivastav VII B
	Shashwat Gupta VIII C		Siddharth Tandon VIII B

Third	<i>St. George's House</i>	
	Rohan Sethi	VI
	Kalrav Krishna Tripathi	VII
	Tanuj Gupta	VIII

#### **Inter House Quiz (Classes VI - VIII)**

First	<i>St. George's House</i>	
	Siddharth	VI C
	Palash Rawat	VII B
	Danish Hasan	8 D

Second	<i>St. Andrew's House</i>	
	Vidush	VI B
	Debyendu Kundu	VIA
	Najmuddin Naqvi	VIII B

Third	<i>St. Patrick's House</i>	
	Varun Tandon	VI B
	Satvick Mishra	VIA
	Siddharth Tandon	VIII B

#### **English Elocution (Classes IX & X)**

First	Akshay Arora
Second	Arpit Kulshreshtha
Third	Aditya Kapoor

St. Francis' House
St. George's House
St. Andrew's House

#### **Inter House Debate – English (Classes IX & X)**

First	Yashvardhan Sinha
Second	Nishant Gopal
Third	Bobin Kurien

St. Patrick's House
St. Francis' House
St. Francis' House

#### **Inter House Debate - Hindi (Classes IX & X)**

First	Abhishek Singh
Second	Yashvardhan Sinha
Third	Satyawaan Shekhawat Harshit Agarwal

St. Andrew's House
St. Patrick's House
St. Francis' House
St. Andrew's House

#### **Hindi Elocution (Classes IX & X)**

First	Anadi Mishra
Second	Nishant Parker Yashvardhan Sinha Akshay Arora

St. Andrew's House
St. Patrick's House
St. Patrick's House
St. Francis' House

#### **English Debate (Classes XI & XII)**

First	Umar Mujeeb
Second	Apurv Agarwal
Third	Shiva Garg

St. Patrick's House
St. Andrew's House
St. George's House

**Hindi Debate (Classes XI & XII)**

First	Umar Mujeeb	St. Patrick's House
Second	Achint Rastogi	St. Andrew's House
Third	Mohd. Navaid Hasan	St. Geroge's House

**Hindi Elocution (Classes XI & XII)**

First	Apurv Agarwal	St. Andrew's House
Second	Divjot S. Anand	St. Patrick's House
Third	Umar Mujeeb	St. Patrick's House

**English Elocution (Classes XI & XII)**

First	Mohit Agarwal	St. Patrick's House
Second	Shashwat Shekhar	St. George's House
	Umar Mujeeb	St. Patrick's House
Third	Harsh Srivastava	St. Andrew's House

**What's the Good Word (Classes IX - XII)**

First	<i>St. Patrick's House</i>		Second	<i>St. Andrew's House</i>	
	Anshuman V. Singh	IX A		Pranoy Sharma	IX C
	Yashvardhan Sinha	X A		Suyash Chandra	X B
	Umar Mujeeb	XI B		Huzeffa Shabbir	XI A
	Pratik Saxena	XII C		Pratik Tandon	XII A
Third	<i>St. Francis' House</i>				
	Sameer Ahmed	IX A			
	Bobin Kurien	X A			
	Rishi Gupta	IX B			
	Faiz Ahmed	XII A			

**Inter House Quiz (Classes IX - XII)**

First	<i>St. Andrew's House</i>		Second	<i>St. Patrick's House</i>	
	Mudit Agarwal	IX C		Zohair Parvez	IX A
	Aniket Agarwal	X B		Siddharth Baiju	VII A
	Praful Srivastava	XI B		Shivankar Ojha	XI A
	Ayush Chandra	XII A		Mohit Agarwal	XII A
Third	<i>St. Francis' House</i>				
	Rachit Saxena	IX C			
	Kartikey Asthana	X C			
	Nirwan Vibhor	XI C			
	Paurush Ambesh	XII A			

## College Report



**Shiva Garg**  
Captain

*"Heights, by great men, reached and kept,  
Were not attained by sudden flight,  
But they, while their companions slept  
Were toiling upwards, through the night!"*

This was another year when St. Francis' College stamped its supremacy in several Inter-school competitions by virtue of meticulous planning and dogged determination.

With the declaration of the I.S.C and I.C.S.E results Franciscans once again proved their mettle with Deepansh Dalela scoring a spectacular 96% in the I.S.C. examinations. Shivam Kandpal showed what he is made up of by bagging top honours.

As always, there was a plethora of Inter-House literary and sports events which had each house competing with the best. This year St. George's House romped home with the prized Cock House shield.

Paurush Ambesh and Apoorva Aggarwal won laurels for SFC by reaching the national finals of the HT Quiz competition. It was the year when SFC proved itself as a blend of brain and brawn. Ayush Chandra and Rameen Khan reached the National Finals of the SAARC Quiz proving our Quiz Team to be best.

Many records were broken and made. In City Montessori EXSPO International Event, Aditya Pratap Singh set a new school record for the 100 m dash and St. Francis' college sportsmen won several medals.

But all was not so rosy as inspite of the hard fight we lost in the Avinash Chandra Chaturvedi Memorial Inter-school Football and Cricket Tournaments which had been dominated by us every year. The silver lining was winning of Avinash Chandra Chaturvedi Memorial Badminton Tournament hosted by S.F.C in our gymnasium hall where a dominating performance was given by our schuttlers.

The efforts of the younger lot are praiseworthy. The spectators were presented to a high quality, high adrenaline show of sportsmanship. The participating schools expressed their wishes to incorporate this Tournament as an integral part of the College's Annual Curriculum.

An unprecedented example of academic genius was set by Siddharth Trivedi who was awarded a hefty cash prize by the NCC for his academic exploits.

As the year ends, I am proud to say that the tradition continues – the tradition of St. Francis' College to create men from boys and "Franciscans" from ordinary students. I would like to thank Mr. Naresh Vig, Fr. Quadras and Fr. Pinto who have shown us the right path continuously. I would specially like to thank Amritanshu Patnaik, Faiz Ahmad and all the prefects for their invaluable support.

Before signing off, my advice to our juniors is to faithfully uphold the spirit of SFC and above all enjoy their slice of life in St. Francis' College. God bless.

**Shiva Garg**  
College Captain

## St. Patrick's House Report

### "Fight the Good Fight"



Dhruv Suri  
Captain

*"I slept and dreamt that life was joy.  
I woke and saw that life was service.  
I acted and behold, service was joy."*

— Rabindranath Tagore.

This is the ultimate truth of the year that has passed – *"Faith is a flash of light in darkness."*

These were the words which crossed my mind as I received the badge and took the oath as the captain of St. Patrick's House on the



Divjot Singh Anand  
Vice Captain

day of the Investiture ceremony. From there began a roller coaster ride for me and my colleagues.

With zeal and vigour filled to the brim in us, the sequence of sports events started with Badminton and the boys were seen speaking through their rackets as they gave a tough time to their opponents and steamed through to win the "B" division event by the strenuous efforts of Ariz and Satwick. Alok, in the 'A' division, defeated the Badminton captain. We missed the shield by a minor margin.

Next in line was the Table Tennis shield as Prakhar ruled the 'C' division. Yash and Ali were the 'B' division champions. We ended as runners-up and again missed the shield in spite of the concerted efforts of Pratul, Ankit, Shivam and Kshitij who shone on the court.

It was then time for the most awaited sports to which I am addicted — football, perfect execution of the game plan was carried out by Alok, Shubham and Kazim. I was at my best in both the matches and scored from the penalty spot in the second match but we were defeated because of a controversial goal. We ranked second.

Our troop marched towards the Volleyball Court next. We lost the first match against St. George's but won the second against St. Francis' as they were no match for us.

With the best team on paper, we won the first Basketball match but our inexperience was the cause of failure. In spite of good performances by Divjot, Gaurav, Mudit and Nishank we could not break the jinx and lost the final game.

All eyes were upon the March Past Shield, to close in the gap for the Cock House

Shield. The boys showed great coordination and determination but St. Francis' sailed ahead.

Hockey proved to be a real disaster. Danish, Prateek, Akhilesh, Shubham and Kazim displayed excellent stick work and even Pratul, as goal-keeper could not upset St. Andrew's and our House for the first time took the fourth place.

Backfield again, religion of the nation-CRICKET was the event. Destiny stared at us in the face as we lost the first match but hats off to Ankit and Gaurav. We bounced back in the second match and outplayed St. George's House by the concerted efforts of Kazim, Ali and Ankit.

Swimming would get us back in the hunt for the Cock House Shield Race but our hopes got drowned in the pool. We finished third. Mayank Arora proved his worth by winning a gold in every event and even the swimming captain was left breathless.

The honour of securing second position did not satisfy our thirst for victory and the boys were anxious and restless. Finally, the jinx broke and always the favourites, we won the marathon shield. We emerged victorious by a margin of fifty points, setting a record of sorts, Maharshi ranked first, Rahul second, Dhruv fifth, Divjot seventh, Alok eighth and Sagar thirteenth.

It was Athletics where we finally stole the show. The boys made their presence felt and won laurels in every event. Gaurav ruled the 'B' division events and in the 'A' division we were victorious in all. Alok went on to win the 'A' division championship by a narrow margin ahead of Divjot. Shubham and Kazim contributed well and we lifted the shield. Patrick's House boys worked relentlessly to keep the flag flying high and won prizes in the literary event.

At the end of this eventful academic year. I sincerely thank our house masters, Mr. N. Bose and Mr. H.K. Gregory, Mr. N. Vig and Mrs. S. Saksena and above all, Fr. Vincent Nazareth who were always there to encourage us and boost all achievements of Patrick' House this year.

The year would not have been so successful if I did not have Divjot Singh, Vice Captain helping me through thick and thin. I would also like to thank the entire student council.

As I bid adieu to my captaincy and responsibilities, I hope the new captains will bring laurels to the House and that St. Patrick's House will forever remain "The Best."

**Dhruv Suri**  
Captain

**Divjot Singh Anand**  
Vice Captain



## St. Francis' House Report



**Paurush Ambesh**  
Captain

As I begin to reminisce "*Perserverance conquers all*" memories in ink, sorrow and nostalgia overpower me. Thoughts come rolling back, and it seems as if it was yesterday that we were handed the mantle of the House, to lead and direct a fourth of the Franciscans. Seconds slip like sand, and time moves on, urging us to move ahead.



**Ali Atif**  
Vice Captain

Unlike every past academic year, this year the sporting activities commenced with badminton. The shuttlers were back on the floor, that groaned and creaked under the energetic shots of gifted players. They turned up in large numbers for the trials, but only the best twelve were selected. Being the favourites for the shield, we started off well with Samarth Gupta becoming the runners up in C-division, but lost track in the B-division, when Nilay failed to overcome a strong opponent in the semis. In the A-division, Paurush cruised through the pool to meet Srinivas in the final, and pulverised the badminton captain by a huge margin to become the A-Division champion. In the Junior Open championship, our shuttles failed to deliver, but in the Senior Opens Paurush succeeded in claiming the title. In actuality, we missed the shield by a whisker and my efforts proved a cry in the wilderness. Commendable performances were delivered by Samarth, Praseon, Faiz and Rishi.

Following badminton, came table tennis and the sound of celluloid striking wood became a norm. In the C-division Samarth Gupta's victory in the final came as a marvellous surprise. In B-division no remarkable effort was seen and nothing productive withdrawn. In A-division, we met with an unfortunate encounter between our top players Rishi and Vatsal, resulting in Rishi being eliminated. Vatsal went on to become the runner-up after an enervating but enthralling match. In both the Junior and Senior Open events, our players had to concede to better performers, getting eliminated in the earlier rounds.

Juxtaposed next in the pipeline was football, the common religion of all Franciscans. Once more the silent fields were set ablaze by ambitious teams and booming shots of athletic players. In the first match against St. George's House, we defeated them by 2-1; Shivi Gupta and Paurush being the scorers. The final against St. Patrick's was a tough match and it was Rishi's effort that made us reach the penalty shoot-outs. We rose like a phoenix, and brought home the title beating them 4-2, thus breaking the duck in the shield count and claiming the football shield.

In volleyball, ours was the weakest on paper, and in the first match against St. Andrew's, we matched them till the end, but tasted defeat by a narrow point margin. The second match too was disheartening as we succumbed to St. Patrick's, thus securing no more than three points in totality.

Basketball proved a disaster for us; we lost in both matches despite efforts from Allen, Apoorva and Atif.

With clattering feet and booming beats march past was next in the line. Our perseverance, and hours of hard practice brought us the laurels, making the March Past Shield ours; our performance easily overshadowed that of other Houses.

In hockey, even our best efforts could not help us secure the first match against St. George's. Our amateur defence proved capacious enough to let them through. Although we struck back hard in the latter half, it was eventual defeat due to our inconsistent strategy. In the second match against St. Patrick's, we matched them till the end and as the game went into penalty shots we fired on all cylinders to crush them 4-2. Great efforts were shown by Jibran and Gaurav.

Cricket was next to follow. Audacious as ever, we went into the competition in high spirits and with a promising side. Facing St. George's, we batted first to raise a towering score, courtesy our ace batsmen Faiz and Gaurav. Our bowling trumps, Prasoon, Prashant and Sukant completely annihilated their batting line with a fierce display of promising skills. The second match was easily the game of the tournament as the two titans prepared to face each other. Against St Andrew's, we bowled magnificently in the first innings to wrap them up at a pathetic score of nearly sixty. Without losing a wicket, our openers Atif and Shivi blasted off all pyrotechnics, and soon secured a seemingly tough victory, thus cutting the Gordian knot. The efforts of Manpreet, Debashish and Faiz are commendable.

With Lady Luck drifting somewhere else, swimming brought us no fortune and we were drowned in the pool itself. Our best bet Atif being injured could not participate and the swimmers failed to deliver. However, Chinmay and Mayur are two exceptions. We were relegated to the lowest spot.

Marathon was lined up next and as they say "No pain, no gain", we had to toil hard to match the opposition'. On the day of the event, our runners exhibited excellent commitment and proved their mettle in the exhausting race. Paurush secured the fourth position, while Samarth Pathak finished ninth. Overall, we were ranked a place above the lowest St. Andrew's.

Being the last sporting event, the athletic season this year was rather chilly. In C-division, Asad, Azhar and Rahul brought us vital medals winning important track races as well as in the jumps. In the B-division, Sameer performed well and claimed a few medals. In the A-division Abhishek dominated the shot put event while Ashutosh claimed

the bronze in discus throw. In the relay, our team, secured the bronze medal.

As an apogee, I thank my diligent housemaster, Mr. D. Jackson for his encouraging and inspiring efforts. I also thank Mr. N. Vig without whom, conducting the activities would have been impossible. Before my memory fades into oblivion, I must thank Atif, Rishi, Faiz, Shivi, Shivam, Prasoon and Samarth for having shared my responsibility throughout the year. As per custom, and with a bitter tear in the eye, I pass on the mantle to another pair of responsible hands, hoping for yet another successful year and a glorious future for all Franciscans. Good luck!!!

**Paurush Ambesh**  
House Captain

**Ali Atif**  
Vice Captain

## ***A Mother's Heartfelt Gratitude to St. Francis' College***



01-01-1983 To 11-01-2002

### **Thank You St. Francis' College**

For giving, my late son, Saqib the light of knowledge,

For teaching him to hold a pencil and to write,

For guiding him to follow the right path,

For encouraging him to outshine in histrionics,

For promoting him as a good sportsman,

And above all —

For moulding him into

An amiable person,

A devoted son and

A student every school would

Be proud to have on its rolls.

***Mrs. Moina Arshad Rizvi***

## **St. Andrew's House Report**

### **"For Honour Alone"**



**Aditya Pratap Singh**  
*Captain*

As we see our badges handed over to our successors at the farewell function we are engulfed in intense moments of nostalgia. Well it has been a truly eventful year for us and all others who contributed sincerely to whatever we achieved and worked consistently and ardently even in the face of failure.

The year commenced with the Inter House badminton matches. Our youngsters put up a brave front and Nishank Sharma proved his mettle



**Nishank Sharma**  
*Vice Captain*

though unfortunately the draw led him down in the quarters.

Next was table tennis, Akash was outstanding in 'C' division and bagged the Junior open title. Raghav Gattani was the runner-up in the seniors. In swimming, we came a fighting second by a whisker when Nalin, Prakhar, Akhilesh, Akshay, Shivansh proved their skills. In football despite our efforts we could not make much headway. In volleyball the efforts of Nishank, Umar, Namit and Dhruv Goel were praiseworthy but unfortunately, we ended runners-up. Our fortunes soared high in basketball. Despite the efforts of Patrick's house players under the leadership of Divjot, we were winners. Our heartiest congratulations to Esa, Robin, Umar, Krishnendu, whose performance stunned us all in basketball matches. In cricket, we came second, thanks to useful contributions by Rohit, Amritanshu, Ankur, Nishank and Aditya. In Hockey, despite high expectation our overconfidence led us down and we came second. In athletics we were truly impressed by the talents of 'C' division boys. In 'C' division Raghav Sharma of Class five gave an outstanding performance in high jump, long jump and triple jump. 'B' division boys also performed well. Nishank, Ankur and Aditya proved their mettle in 'A' division. Nishank came second in discus throw by an inch, while Ankur bagged the bronze in shotput. Our 'A' division relay team comprising of Nishank, Harsh, Rishabh and Aditya succeeded in bagging the silver medal.

Aditya was reminded of the phrase "man proposes but God disposes" when he was badly injured in 100 metre race and was kept out of all the other races, however Vishal, Venkatesh and Akhilesh compensated for our losses.

Lastly we would like to thank our house master Mr. J. Hannah who provided us with constant guidance and encouragement and our PTI Mr. N. Vig whose support, encouragement and zeal we really valued. We end this report with a sincere thanks to all our participants of various events and all our well wishers.

**Aditya Pratap Singh**  
*Captain*

**Nishank Sharma**  
*Vice Captain*

# St. George's House Report

## "In Honour Bound"

*"Winners never quit and quitters never win"*



Utsav Trivedi  
Captain

The year 2005-06 will be the year for a 'Georgian' to cherish. It was a year of miracles, of come back and of triumphs against all odds. It was a year which saw St. George's House conquering all frontiers, to lift the 'COCK HOUSE' shield after a yawning gap of four years.



Harsh Mohan  
Vice Captain

The year started with Inter House Badminton. It was a shield nobody expected us to win but we managed to surprise everybody. Srinivas showed the way reaching 'A' division finals and becoming runner-up. Sudhanshu won the 'C' division championship. Aishwarya demolished Pratil '11-0' and Shiva gave a commendable performance. Finally we staged a fantastic comeback to win the shield right from under the nose of St. Francis' House. The George's House juggernaut had started.

Table Tennis followed Badminton and here we were not too strong either but miracles do happen. Tanuj Gupta was runner-up in Junior open. In 'A' division Akshat was outstanding, sweeping his way to 'A' division, and Seniors open championship. We got past St. Patrick's and ended the seven-year supremacy of St. Francis' to lift the coveted Table Tennis shield.

Football was a game beyond our dreams. Sadly, we lost the first match to St. Francis' but came back strongly and wiped out St. Andrew's to get third spot. Anshul, Suresh and Utsav (G.K.) were outstanding.

In Volleyball, we proved to be the strongest team on the field. We won a tense match against St. Patrick's but rolled through Andrew's in the final to finish the match in two sets itself. Utsav and our college volleyball captain showed great skills. Aishwarya and Rishabh were outstanding and we lifted the trophy in style.

In the literary events held during the year our boys showed that they were second than none. Harsh Mohan, Rameen Khan, Arijit, Tanuj, Danish and Sagar were outstanding.

In March Past we practiced hard and marched our way to third spot.

In Basketball we were the minnows and lost the first match to Patrick's by a huge margin. Yet we bounced back brilliantly in the next match. Talah and Samanyu were our 'Jordans' and we came third.

In Hockey we were the underdogs. Most of our team players were debutants but the show on the field matched that of professionals. We won the first match quite easily against St. Francis'. In the final against St. Andrew's which went to penalty shoot-outs we won due to Mayur Shah's goal. Utsav our goalkeeper made some excellent saves. Harsh, Aishwarya, Arpit and Salman were outstanding.

Cricket was not our cup of tea. We lost both matches to end up fourth. Utsav, Aishwarya and Rameen were only players to talk about.

Then came swimming and we faced tough competition from other houses but to no avail. Harsh Mohan, our college swimming captain was our 'Torpede' blasting his way through opposition winning 3 gold, 3 silver and 1 bronze. Harsh won 'A' division, championship and Arnold won 'B' division, championship. Dhruv, Anant, Anubhav and Shivashish matched creditable performances. We completed a 'Hat Trick' by winning the swimming cup thrice consecutively.

Marathon was a disaster and we came fourth. However Aishwarya, Aditya and Siddharth managed to finish within the first fifteen.

We were the defending champions in athletics and our performance this year was no less. Siddhartha Misra won the 'B' division championship. Salman, Suresh and Aishwarya were other winners from our house. However we lost the shield to St. Patrick's by a small margin.

Thus a fantastic year ended with St. George's House winning 5 out of 11 shields. We came, we saw and we conquered. Excellent leadership, teamwork and strategy saw us reaching the pinnacles of glory.

I would like to thank my vice-captain Harsh Mohan whose constant help and support made our way easy. We would like to thank Aishwarya, Rameen, Rishabh, Amar, Abhinav and Srinivas for always being there for the House.

A special thanks to our principal Fr. Vincent Nazareth, housemaster Mr. P. Bhargava and PTI Mr. N. Vig. for their constant guidance and encouragement.

I sign off wishing the future captain and vice-captain best of luck.

**Utsav Trivedi**  
Captain

**Harsh Mohan**  
Vice-Captain

## ***N.C.C. Report***

The N.C.C. session for the year 2005–06 had been both adventurous and exciting, as we bade 'good-bye' to our second year cadets and welcomed the new comers in the N.C.C.

The year started with weekly training classes of drill on Wednesday mornings as well as during school hours. After returning from the summer vacations, we adjusted our mind-set completely for the annual C.A.T.C (Combined annual training camp) N.C.C camp which was held from September 9 to 15, 2005 at Government Inter College, Hussainabad.

Many local institutions took part in the camp. This year for the first time ever two wings attended the same camp, viz 5 (UP) air squadron and also senior cadets of 3 (UP) naval unit. This new introduction was very successful as it promoted the feeling of amity and brotherhood amongst the cadets who were unknown to each other. The cadets from our college arrived at the camp with the responsibility of maintaining the high standards of their college and discipline. As days passed our cadets were introduced to strenuous training involving drill practices and P.T exercises. While on the other hand various competitions were being held. Cadet Aditya Aggarwal bagged a gold medal in the painting competition (college-wise), whereas Cadet Allen Valsaraj Mathai, Ravi Nandan, Arijeet Chatterjee, Rajbeer Singh, Siddharth Tandon and Raghav Kapoor also won medals in various other competitions. Corporal Akshat Mehrotra won the best cadet award.

During the camp our cadets were also provided with the life time opportunity of visiting the Bakshi-Ka-Talab air force station where they experienced the unforgettable experience of range firing in which they were taught the handling of No. 2 mark IV 0.22 bore rifles and had the privilege of watching an MIG series fighter plane. As we approached the grand finale i.e. the prize distribution where we bagged the football shield after defeating Government Inter college 6 – 0 in the group stage, Mahanagar Boys Inter College 1 – 0 in the semi – finals and St. Dominic in the penalty shootouts in the final while we lost the Volley ball shield after losing to Sainik school in the semi – finals in a closely contested match, and thus the camp came to an end.

Returning back to the college our cadets showed their skills in drill on the Patron's day (4th October) and Republic day (26th January).

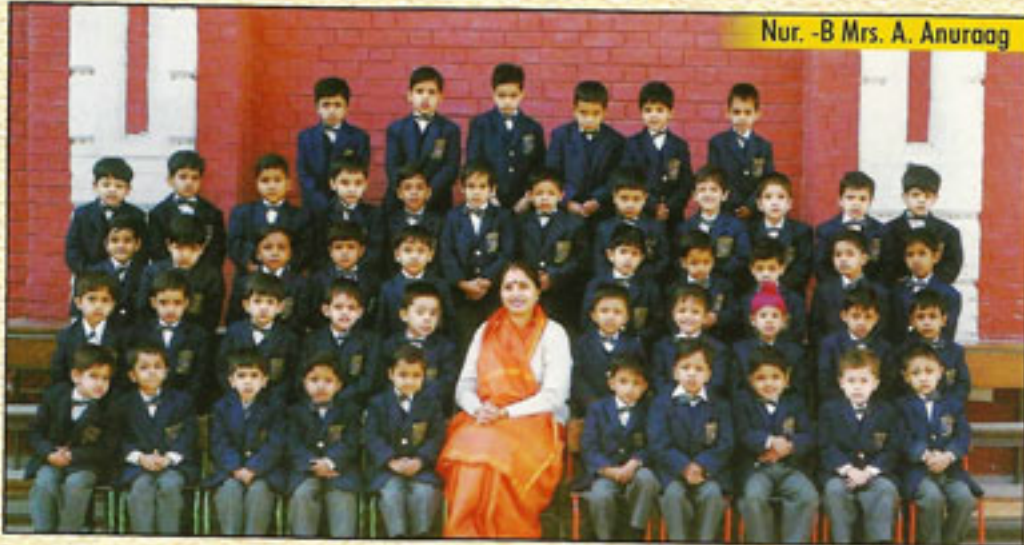
Now as we move on passing the responsibility of maintaining the pride and prestige of N.C.C and bringing laurels and accomplishments home, maintaining the high standards of our institution on to the first year cadets. We wish them best of luck for the future.

***L.F.C. Prannoy Sharma***  
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Nur.-B Mrs. A. Anuraag



Nur.-C Mrs. A. Singh





Nur.-D Sr. Shruti



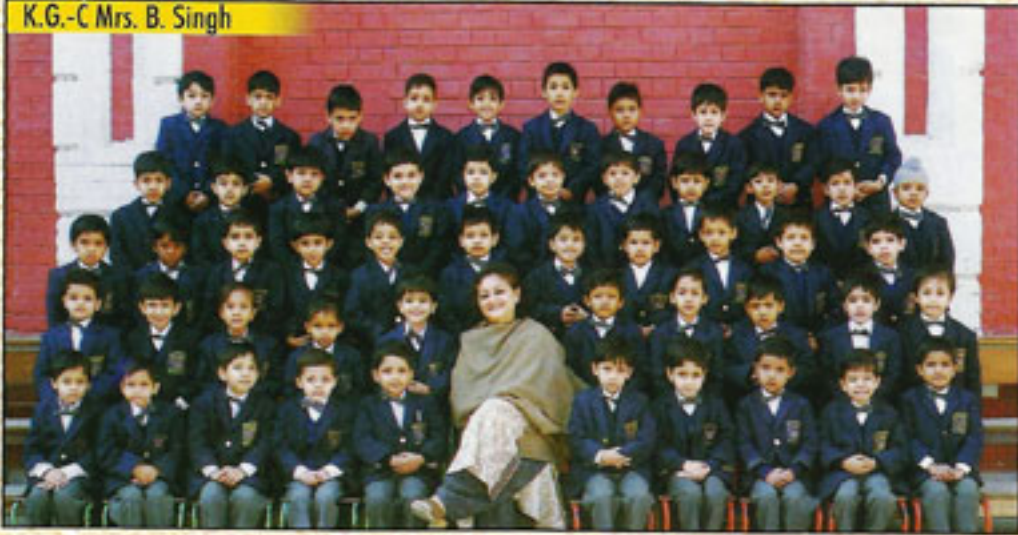
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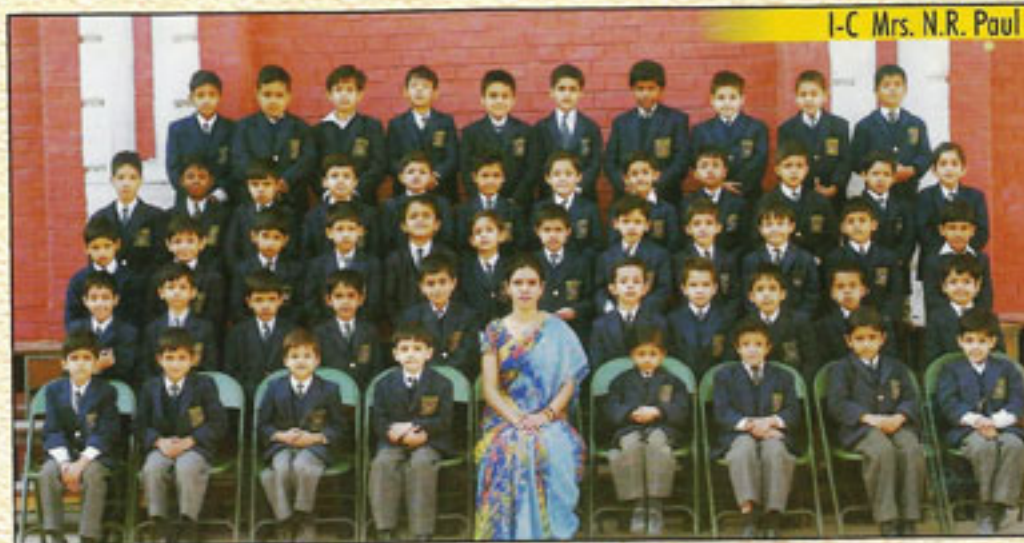
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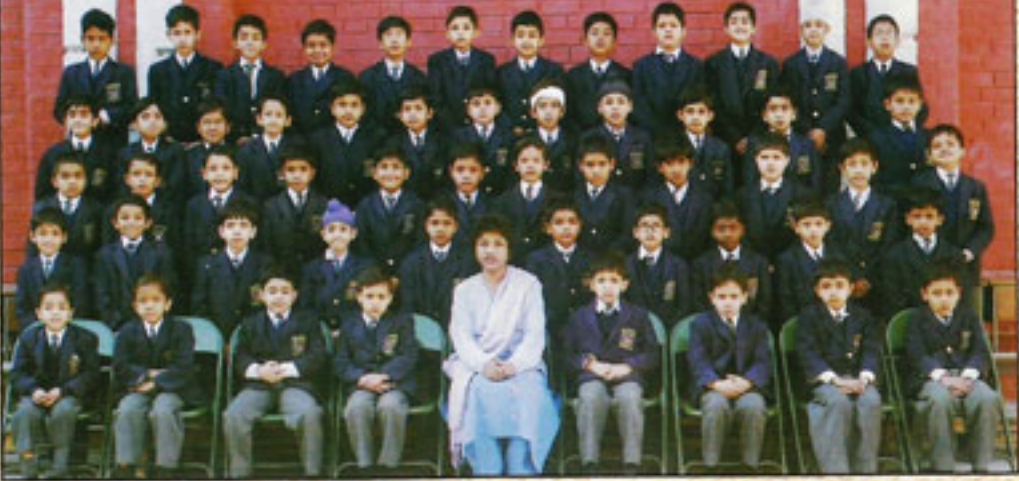
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II-D Mrs. M. Bennett



III-A Ms. A. Khan



III-B Mrs. M. Benjamin



III-C Mrs. R. Franklin



III-D Mrs. S. Noth



IV-A Mrs. C. Fanthome



IV-B Mrs. S. Khan



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V-A Mrs. V. David



V-B Mr. C. Viegas



V-C Mrs. V. Fernandes

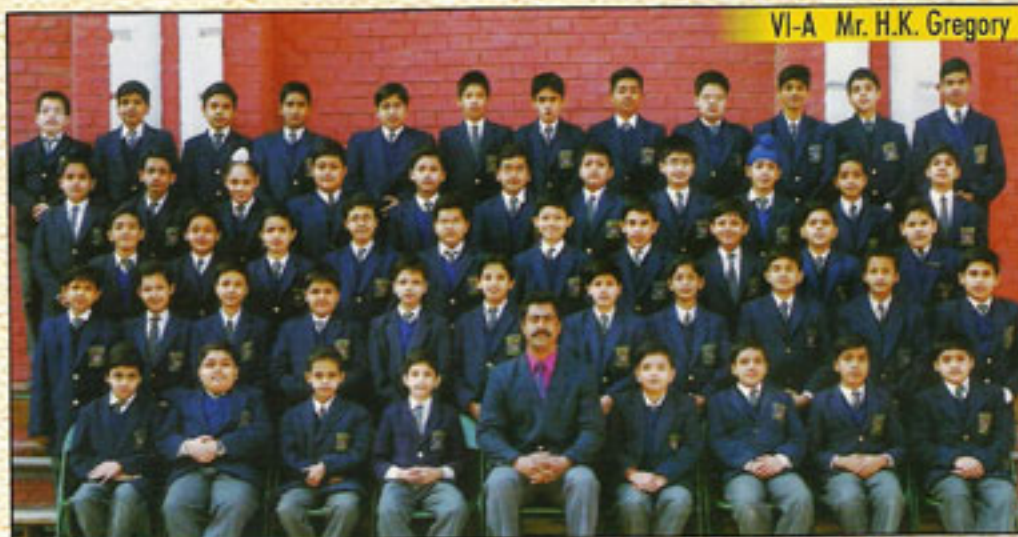




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VI-C Mrs. V. Saxena



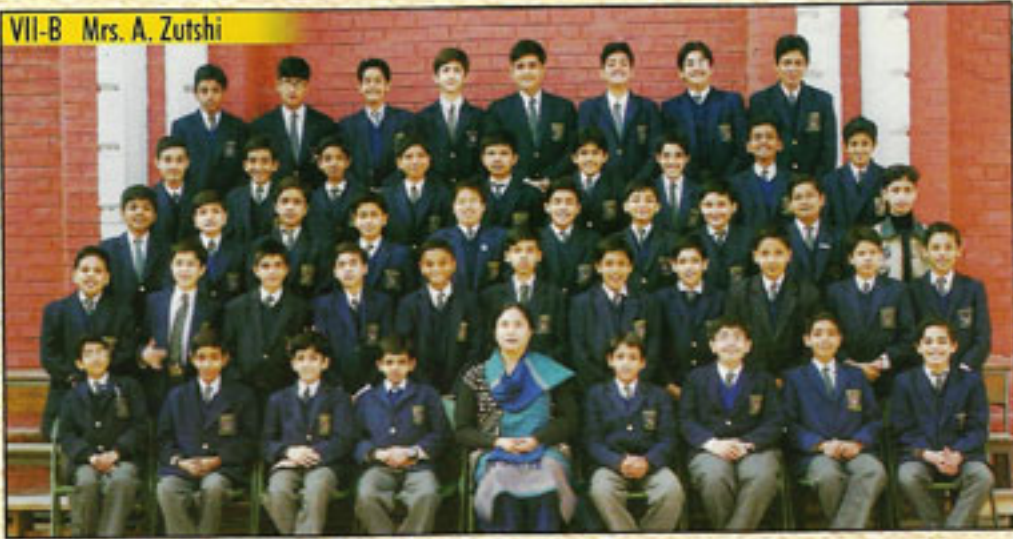
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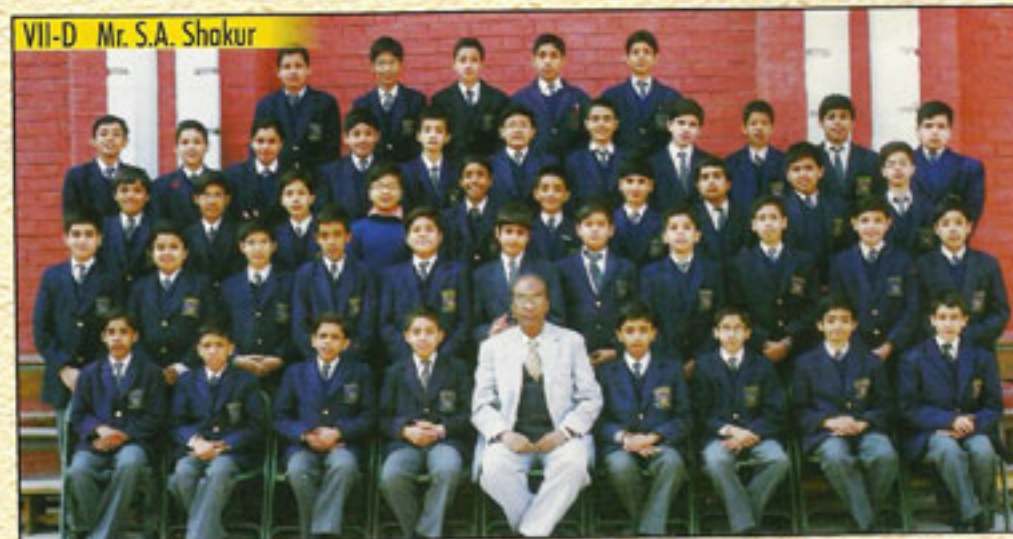
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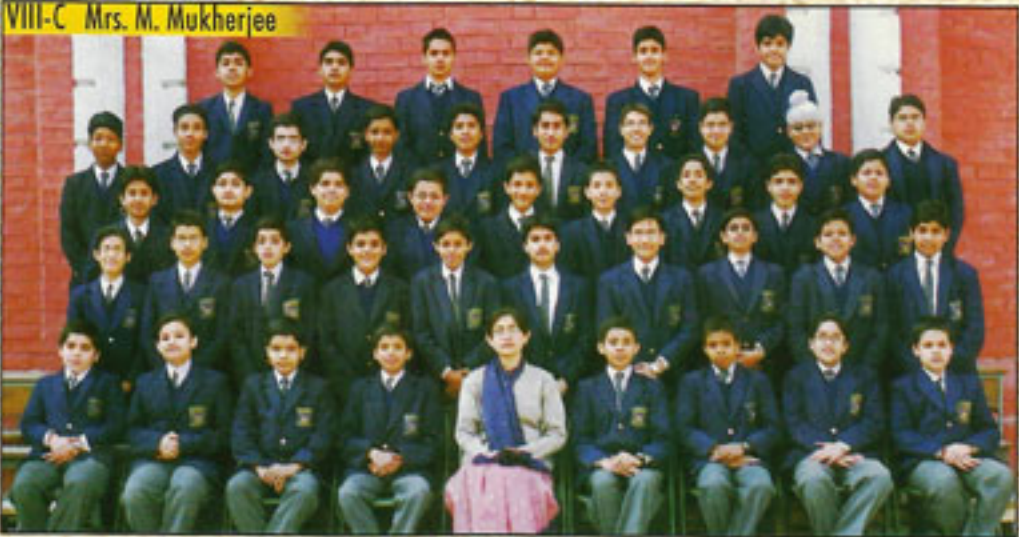
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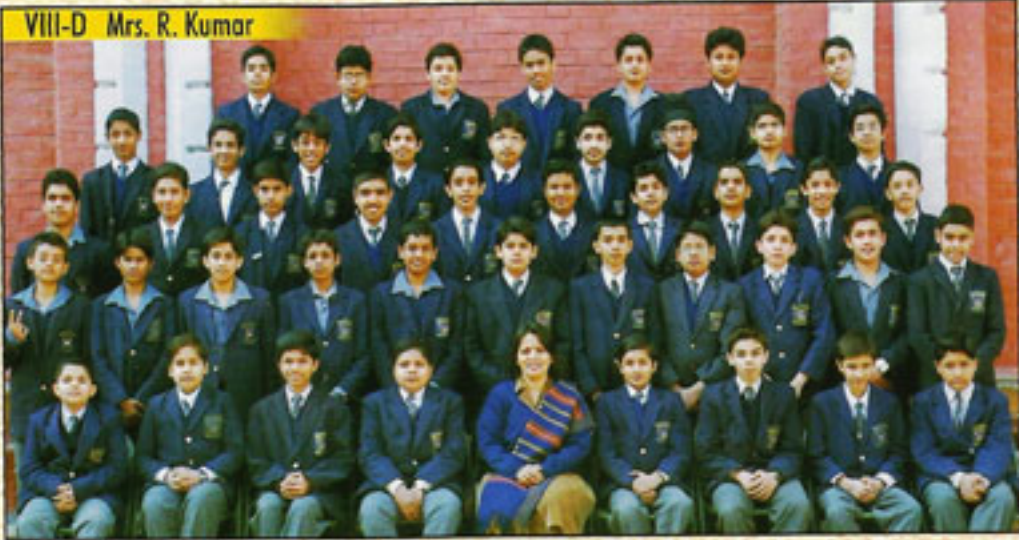
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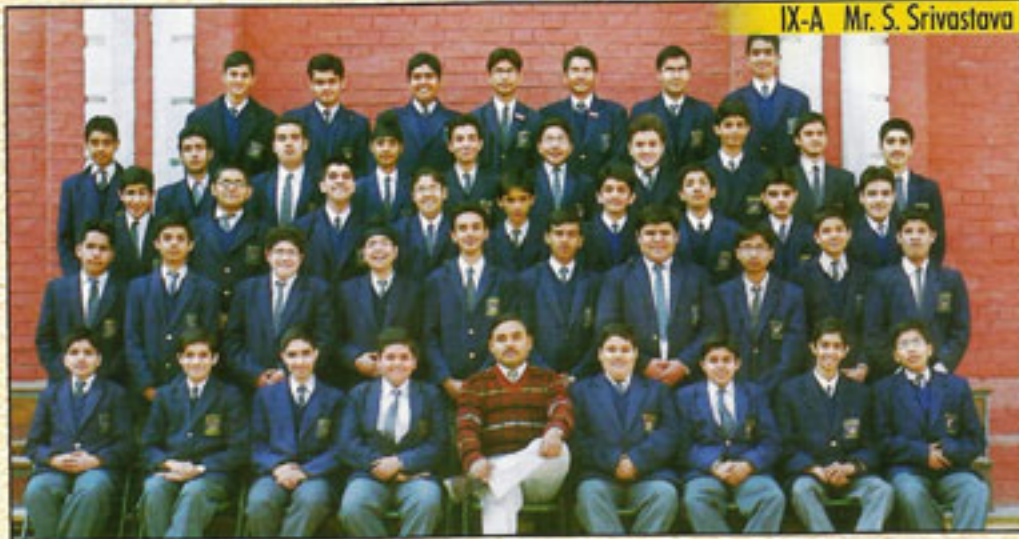
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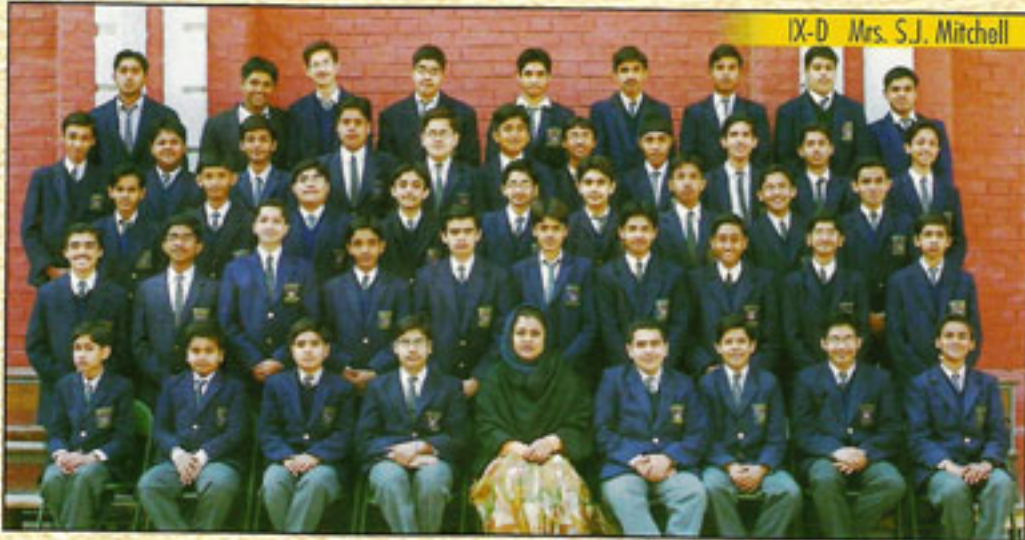
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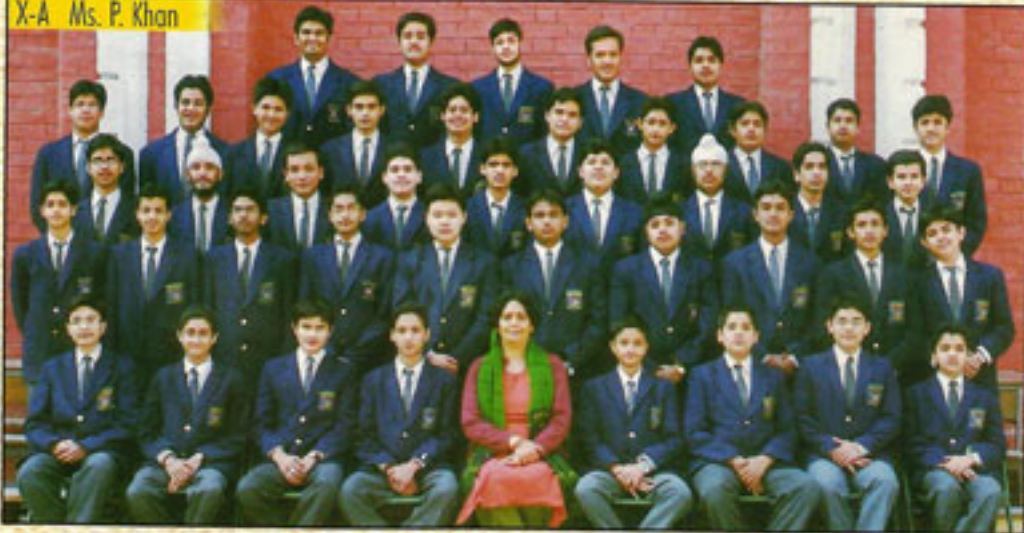
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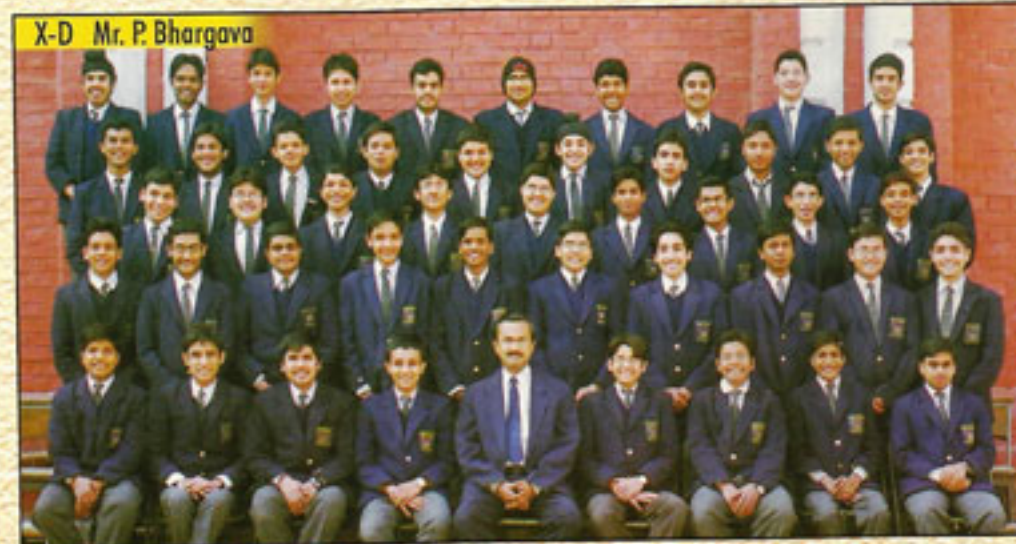
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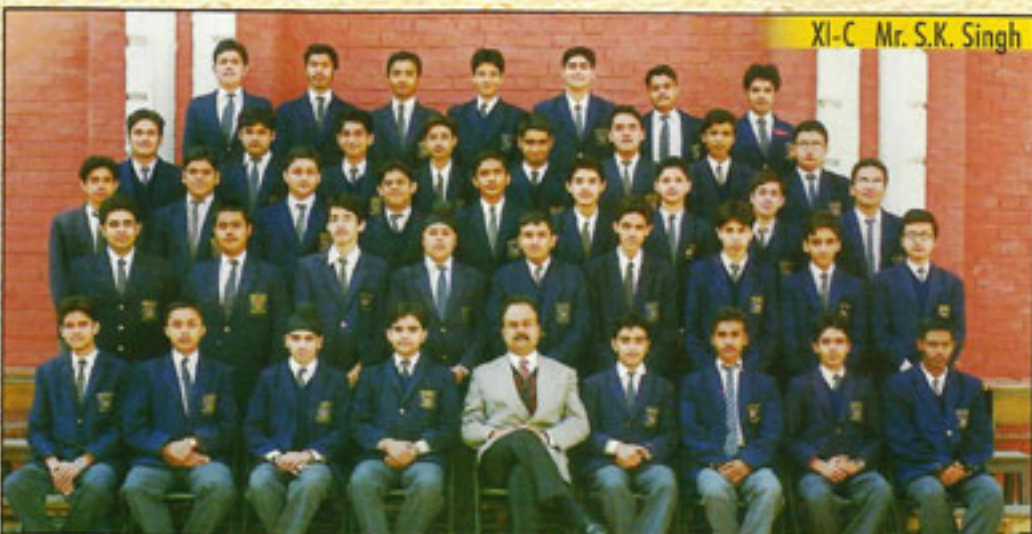




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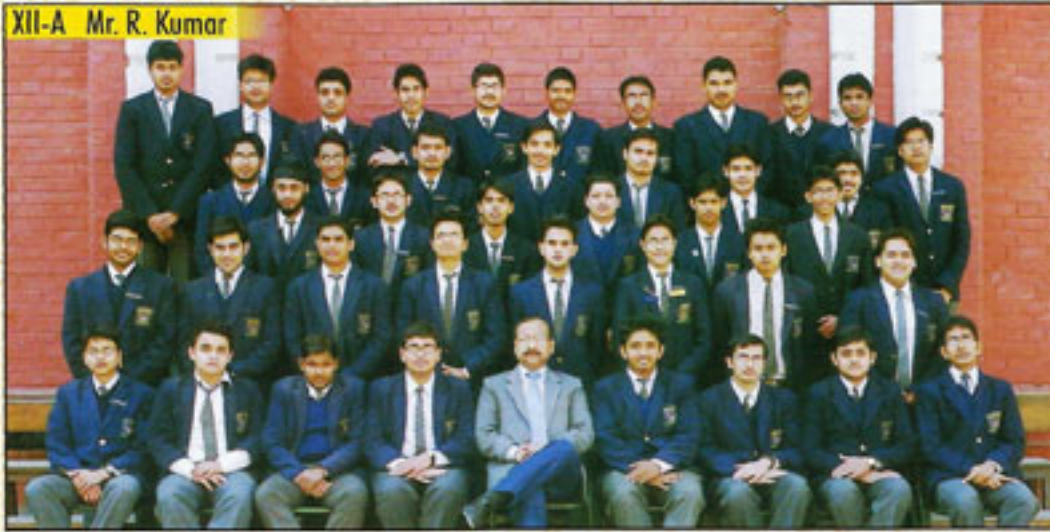
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## ***E-Mail – A Boon For The PC User***

The "Father of e-mail" is an American, Ray Tomlinson, Principal Engineer of Cambridge's BBN Technologies. The first e-mail message is believed to have been sent sometime in 1971, but no one, not even the inventor of the e-mail, remembers either the message that was first sent or who the recipient was. All that Tomlinson recollects about the message that he sent is that it was fully in the upper case of capitals.

It is said that its birth was practically unnoticed because at that time messages could only be sent on the ARPA Net, the predecessor of today's internet, which was developed by the U.S. Department of Defence. The ARPA Net had barely a few hundred users. Its speed was a snail-like 300 baud, about 1/20th of the speed of today's standard 56.6 kbps modem. This slow speed made the sending of only short, concise messages practical. Thus e-mail did not enter the world of communication with a bang.

Although the fact that e-mail had not become a vital form of communication, it was a tremendous boon for the ordinary PC user, that we can hardly imagine the world without it. Yet Tomlinson himself plays down his invention, saying modestly, that all he did was to take two existing programmes and combine them. One was a computer programme to enable the transfer and the other was a crude messaging programme. By putting them together, he was able to send two hundred lines of code – the first e-mail.

Initially, the first e-mails could only be sent to another mailbox on the same computer as the sender. All the same, Tomlinson circumvented this difficulty by creating personal remote mailboxes that could send and receive messages via a computer network. This made it possible for everyone on the ARPA Net to be in touch through e-mail.

After the PC boom in the mid-1980's, e-mail was enthusiastically discovered and used by computer nerds and university students, since the number of networks considerably increased. Then came the World Wide Web (www) which has taken the world by storm since the mid 1990's and e-mail usage has soared. Tomlinson was also the one who conceived the now – famous "@" symbol that has become an essential part of e-mail addresses.

E-mail is today easy to send, quick and cheap, but it is not an unmixed blessing. Today anyone can send e-mail to just about anyone, once they have their e-mail address and consequently e-mail boxes get jammed with unsolicited and unwanted e-mail as part of direct marketing strategies. E-mail can also transmit viruses which are programmed to spread as soon as one opens one's e-mail. In September 2001, it was e-mail that spread the "Mimda" virus which caused corporate computers all over the world to crash and thus inflicted hundreds of millions of dollars of damage in the process.

As a sound of warning, individuals should be very cautious to give their e-mail addresses only to those whom they know and trust. They should also be careful while filling in forms that ask e-mail addresses.

E-mails which could now be sent via the latest WAP enables mobile phones, can become an important means of communication when telephone lines are down, when circuits crash or are overloaded or in many kinds of emergencies.

After the September 9/11 attacks in New York, USA, for instance, e-mails were the quickest means by which many people in India found out about their loved ones in the USA.

**Anant Goel**

**IX - A**

## ***Life's Like That***

- I was born intelligent – education ruined it.
- Practice makes perfect. But nobody's perfect. So why practice?
- If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?
- Since light travels faster than sound, people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- How come "abbreviated" is such a long word?
- Money is not everything. There's Mastercard and Visa.
- One should love animals. They are so tasty.
- Behind every successful man there is a woman. And behind every unsuccessful man there are two.
- Every man should marry. After all, happiness is not the only thing in life.
- The wise never marry. And when they marry they become otherwise.
- Success is a relative term. It brings so many relations.
- Never put off work till tomorrow what you can put off today.
- "Your future depends on your dreams." So go to sleep.
- There should be a better way to start a day than waking up every morning.
- "Hard work never killed anybody." But why take the risk?
- "Work fascinates me." I can look at it for hours.
- God made relatives. Thank God we can choose our friends.
- The more you learn, the more you know. The more you know, the more you forget. The more you forget, the less you know. So....why learn?
- A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.... What more can I say....?

*Contributed by*

**Anurag Tomar**

**VIII - A**

## Magic Squares

Magic squares have intrigued people for thousands of years. If we add the numbers in the small squares vertically, horizontally or even diagonally, the sum is the same in every case.

8	1	6
3	5	7
4	9	2

### Rules for construction

A magic square of order 'n' consists of the numbers from 1 upto  $n^2$  arranged in a square so that the sum of each row, column or diagonal is the same.

Start with 1 in the middle of the top row. At every step, go up and to the right. In this figure namely 2, would come above the top of a column, put it at the bottom of the column. If it would come beyond the right-hand end of the row, put it at the left-hand of the row. If it come to a square which is already filled, put it in the square below the previous one. If the previous number is in the top right hand corner put it in the square below the previous one. Let us construct the square of order 3, step by step as shown in these steps.

	1	

Step 1

	1	
		2

Step 2

	1	
3		
		2

Step 3

	1	
3		
4		2

Step 4

	1	
3	5	
4		2

Step 5

	1	6
3	5	
4		2

Step 6

	1	6
3	5	7
4		2

Step 7

8	1	6
3	5	7
4		2

Step 8

8	1	6
3	5	7
4	9	2

Step 9

Amit Shukla  
XI - B

## ***Salaam Mumbai***

- Bombay has no bombs and is a harbour, not a bay.
- Churchgate has neither a church nor a gate. It is a railway station.
- There is no darkness in Andheri.
- Lalbagh is neither red nor a garden.
- No king ever stayed at King's Circle.
- Nor did Queen Victoria stay at Victoria Terminus.
- Nor is there any princess at Princess Street.
- Lower Parel is at the same level as Parel.
- There are no marines nor sailors at Marine Lines.
- The Mahalaxmi Temple is at Haji Ali, not at Mahalaxmi.
- There are no pigs traded at Dukar Bazar.
- Teen Batti is a junction of three roads, not three lamps.
- Trams used to terminate at King's Circle, not Dadar Tram Terminus (Dadar T.T.)
- Breach Candy is not a sweetmeat market.
- Safed Pool has the dirtiest and blackest water.
- You cannot buy coal at Kolsa Street.
- There are no iron smiths at Lohar Chawl.
- There are no pot makers at Kumbhar Wada.
- Lokhandwala Complex is not an iron and steel market.
- Null Bazaar does not sell taps.
- You cannot find lady fingers at Bhendi Bazar.
- Kala Chowki does not have a black police station.
- Hanging gardens are not suspended.
- Mirchi Gali does not sell chillies.
- Figs do not grow at Anjir wadi.
- Sitafals do not grow in Sitafal Wadi.
- Jack-fruits so not grow at Fanas Wadi.
- But it is true that you may be fleeced at Chor Bazar!!!
- You have the following sets of friends : school friends, college friends, neighbourhood friends, office friends and yes, train friends - a species unique only in Mumbai.
- Only in Mumbai, you would get Chinese Dosa and Jain Chicken.

Compiled by  
**Anil Bhatnagar**  
VI - B

## ***This Logical English Language***

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes;

But the plural of ox should be oxen, not oxes.

Then one fowl is goose, but two are called geese;

Yet the plural of moose is just moose and not meese.

You may find a lone mouse or a number of mice;

But the plural of house is houses, not hice.

The cow in the plural may be cows or kine;

But the plural of vow is vows, not wine.

And I speak of foot, and you show me your feet,

And I give you a boot - could a pair be called beet?

If one is a tooth and the whole set are teeth,

Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?

If the singular is this, and the plural is these,

Should the plural of Kiss be nicknamed Kese?

Then one may be that, and three may be those,

Yet the plural of hat could never be hose.

We speak of a brother, and also of brethren,

But though we say mother, we never say methren,

The masculine pronouns are he, his and him,

But imagine the feminine - she, shis or shim!

So that English, I think you all will agree

Is the trickiest language you ever did see.

*Contributed by*

***Anchit Rakesh***

***VIII - B***

*"Faith is the bucket of power lowered by the rope of prayer into the well of God's abundance. What we bring up depends upon what we let down. We have every encouragement to use a big bucket".*

*— Virginia Whitman*

## ***If Earth Had A Voice***

I am earth, the third planet in the solar system and in a way the most unique of all the planets, for I have the power to sustain life.

For millions of years many types of life-forms have made me their home, have evolved and diversified here and have always had my benign support and help for their survival. And then about four hundred thousand years ago man appeared and he like all others received my full aid and assistance. Soon he asserted his supremacy over all other creatures. It was a species that was intelligent enough to utilize the vast bounty that I had to offer. But how wrong I was! How was I to know that he would one day wreak havoc on me? How was I to know that in spite of his mental superiority he would be so short sighted that he would start destroying the very things that sustained his existence?

Over hundreds of years I have observed that man is very selfish and exploitative by nature. He has been indiscriminately destroying all natural resources and has ruthlessly disturbed the delicate balance of nature, for his own, annihilating other creatures. What else can I expect from a species that has still not learnt to co-exist among themselves?

Perhaps the biggest curse that mankind could give me is that of pollution which is solely the result of his carelessness and negligent behaviour. Big as I am, man still cannot find enough space on me even though he has succeeded in infiltrating almost each and every space left on me and has left his dirty presence everywhere. This last remark though uncharacteristic of me is nevertheless true. The disgust which I feel on seeing my present condition makes me boil with rage and sometimes when it gets too much to control I give vent to my anger. I could destroy all mankind if I wanted to but that would mean destroying all life forms with them who are innocent and are not to be blamed for my condition. Now I can only hope that man realizes his mistakes and takes some actions to redeem them otherwise the way he is heading can only lead to doomsday for all.

**Mohit Agrawal**  
**XII - A**

## ***What I did in my summer holidays ?***

I went to Mussoorie in my summer holidays with my sister and parents. We went by road from Rishikesh to Mussoorie. The weather in Mussoorie was very cold. We walked on the Mall road and bought many gifts for our friends. We went to Kempty falls and had a bath there. We had a very memorable trip. We came back by train from Dehradun.

**Nilotpal Kumar**  
**K.G. B**

## **Smile**

*'A smile is the shortest distance between two people.'*

Do you know why they say that a smile is the shortest distance between two people? The answer is simple. Whenever you smile at a person, the reaction is instant, and unless that person is an unemotional moron, he will surely smile back. Such are the wonders of a smile.

Actions speak louder than words. A smile says 'I like you. You make me happy. You have made my day.' It is a sure short method of winning hearts, of getting in the good books of everyone. People think of you in troubled times, your smiling face releases all their tensions.

A smile connects you to God. Whenever you smile in the face of problems you are sending this message that you can face the world and its challenges.

The wonders of smile are limitless. Even in practical life you cannot live without it. Studies indicate that salesmen, who smile more, sell more. People who keep on smiling get their work done in an instant. In fact, Charles Schwab, the billionaire owner of a major steel producing company, used to give the credit of his instant success in a highly competitive industry to his million-dollar smile which used to win over the hearts of clients and employees alike.

Though a smile costs you nothing, yet it gives so much back. And it is simple to do. You have to use merely eight facial muscles to smile. Yet it speaks a world about you, about your character, your state of mind and anyway, it is any day better than a frown which uses forty-three facial muscles.

However by smiling, I mean a genuine smile. Straight from the heart. Not the fake ones Aishwarya Rai flashes whenever she is asked a question she cannot answer. So from now on start smiling if you are not. It lasts just for a moment but its memory lives on. It is a curve which straightens out a lot of things. It is a daylight to the discouraged and nature's best antidote for trouble. So keep smiling.

**Rameen Khan**  
**XII A**

## **The Pleasure I want To Give My Parents**

When I was in Class I, my final result was declared. In Maths I got cent per cent and in the other subjects 97% or more. When I showed my report card to my parents, I saw a feeling of pleasure and satisfaction on their faces. Same feeling of pleasure and satisfaction I want to give to my parents again and again.

**Utkarsh**  
**III - C**



## ***Allow The Goodness***

Whatever you allow to hold you back will hold you back. Whatever you allow to push you forward will push you forward.

There are many factors, circumstances and influences that will flow through your life. Whatever each one is, whether a liability or an asset is, for the most part, it is up to you.

Great disappointments and tragedies can arise out of seemingly perfect situations. And magnificent achievements can come from desperate, seemingly hopeless conditions.

What matters most is not the nature of your situation. What matters most is what you take from it and what you do with it.

Even in places and pursuits where others may have failed, you have the opportunity to succeed. Even those factors that may have held others back can be your motivation to move forward. Many things may seem inevitable, and yet most things are really not. No matter what life may seem to come your way, choose to use it in a positive, productive and valuable manner.

***Utkarsh Tripathi***  
***VIII - A***

## ***Politicians of India***

There are numerous politicians in India.  
You'll find anyone from Laloo Yadav to Pappu Yadav.  
All of them have a free stay in jail.  
Most of them came out on bail.  
Laloo loves having 'rabri'  
Not to mention the special dose by wife Rabri.  
The number of scams he has dealt,  
Is more than you've had a taste of your father's belt.  
Atal Behari Bajpai is the friendly one,  
From Kashmir to Lahore who wants a bus to run.  
He's not got much success in controlling the guy next door  
But certainly has the support of some people indoor.  
About 70% of Indian politicians have criminal records,  
Which is eligible for entering the Guinness Book of World Records,  
After all it only happens in India.

***Dev Raghava***  
***VI - B***

## ***My Experiments with Class X***

With silent footsteps it approaches you

Coming nearer every year

And before you realize it's too late

Lo and behold! Class X is here.

It's a harried year to begin with

Teachers are after your life

They'll trouble you, they'll scare you

They'll turn your life into a strife.

Your parents become dementors

Dare you raise your eyes from school taps

They'll keep reminding you how friends and relatives

Will be dying to see your marks.

But suddenly you begin to feel more free

You want to enjoy life in it's various hue.

You want to have girlfriends and mobile

After all! There are twelve whole months to look up to.

Summer vacations end in a day

With loads of projects piled on your head

But dating, chatting and SMS increase

Life suddenly becomes colourful from dead.

But the months pass swiftly

All your friends keep studying harder than you

Every moment the tension of March increases

All chapters become large and horribly true.

Finally the climax arrives

You become frantic and mad

Everything you had learnt gets muddled up

The tension is like one you've never had

Pre-Boards are the worst exams you've ever given

Those marks give you a brain haemorrhage

February passes in revision and madness

As for the boards——it's a surprise package !

.....it's a surprise package.!

***Akshay Singh***

***XI A***

## ***A Mid-winter Night's Dream***

The sea was swishing wildly  
The waves were making a froth  
The wind was biting chilly  
As I was sitting up north.

I was in a dreamy trance  
Lost in the maze of time  
The sunshine came pouring in  
And all with me was fine.

A scene straight out of story books  
With the birds chirping noisily  
I was lounging in my garden  
Whiling away the time idly.

A sea-gull fluttered towards me  
And rested on my shoulder her paw  
But I was in a reverie  
And my dream was all I saw.

The vision I saw was enchanting  
With so much happiness around  
The surroundings were cheerful and sublime  
Oh! What a memory I had found.

I had just no troubles at all  
With my friends and family around me  
They would've surely lent a helping hand  
If there ever a need be.

It was the calm before the storm  
Evil cast an eerie glow  
Satan was getting ready  
To deliver a deadly blow.

It was sudden, it was scary  
It was a calamity too bad  
In a few moments I had lost  
Everyone I had.

The blast of cold air slapped against my face  
I clutched at the sands of time  
The blurring image finally vanished  
Time stood still and sublime.

I sat up, fully awake now  
Thinking about the nightmare  
Fervently praying to God  
That such calamities would be rare.

***Prateek Saxena  
XII - C***

### ***What do you want the Lord to do for You?***

*Is there something in your life that not only disturbs you, but makes you a disturbance to others? If so, it is always something you cannot handle yourself. Be persistent with your disturbance until you get face to face with the Lord Himself. If it is an impossibility, it is the very thing for which we have to ask. God will do what is absolutely impossible.*

## NUERMDATE

In a foreign field he lay,  
lonely soldier unknown grave,  
On his dying words he prays,  
'Till the world of Nuermdate.'

Relive all that he's been through,  
Last communion of his soul  
Rest your bullets with his tears  
Let me tell you about his years.....

Laying low in a blood filled trench  
Killing time till my very own death  
On my face I can feel the falling rain,  
Never see my friends again.

In the smoke, in mud and lead.  
Smell the fear and the filling of dread  
Soon it'll be time to go over the wall  
Rapid fire and the end of us all.

Whistles shouts and more gunfire,  
Lifeless bodies hang on barbed wire  
Battlefield - nothing but a bloody tomb  
I will be united with my dead friends soon.

Many soldiers, eighteen years,  
Drawn in mind - No more tears  
Surely a war no one can win  
Killing time about to begin.

The bodies of ours and our foes,  
The sea of death - it overflows.  
In no-man's land, God only knows,  
Into jaws of death we go.

Crucified, as if on a cross  
Allied troops they mourn their loss,  
German war propaganda machine.  
Such before has never been aim

Swear! Heard the angels cry,  
Pray to God - no more may die.  
Cruelty has a human heart  
Every man does play his part.  
Junior of the men we kill.  
The human heart is hungry still.

\*..... .Island my ground for the very last time  
Gim is ready as I stand in line  
Nervous, wait for the whistle to blow  
Such of blood, and over we go.

Blood is falling like rain  
Its crimson cloak unveiled again,  
The sound of gems can't hide their shame.  
And so we die in Nuremdate.

Dodging shiापug ! and barbed wire  
Running straight at common fire.  
Running blind as I hold my breath  
Say a prayer - Symphony of Death.

As we charge the enemy lines  
A burst of fire and we go down  
I choke a cry but no one hears,  
Feel the blood go down my throat."

When we think that we've used all our chances.  
And the chance to make everything hot,  
Keep on making the same old mistakes,  
Makes untipping the balance so easy

When we're living our lives on the edge  
Say a prayer on the Book of the Dead....

"See my spirit on the wind, across the lines,  
Beyond the bill."

Friend and foe will meet again,  
Those who died at Nuermdate.

**Maharshi Bhattacharya**  
**XII A**

*Inspired by a excerpt from the diary of an unknown German soldier at Nuermdate - a valley on the western border of the erstwhile USSR. 1942 between Germany & Russia.*

## **Student's Woes**

My head is full and drowsy,  
So full of problem sums.  
They are so very rowdy,  
Making my brain go all numb.

I can't think straight anymore,  
But if I'm caught dozing at work,  
My dad'll make me weep.

Morpheus rings my doorbell,  
But answer him I dare not,  
The computer calls my name out loud  
But in fettered chains I'm wrought.

As if in a stupor I prod my pen on  
Sum no.22 is a matter of little joy,  
For I knew that once I'm done with Maths,

Mr. Physics will be saying 'Ahoy'.  
Physics, ah Physics enough to drive a person psycho,  
That dreadful deceiver,  
Looks simple and canny enough,

Until you pick up the question paper,  
Ah, then and there the bells begin tolling,  
I learn they toll for me, as I look about for help,  
I realize they aren't bells, but my teacher who's coughing.

Reminding me to do my work or get a sound thrashing.  
Chemistry is always a joy to do,  
As long as it's at home.  
If the teacher calls you out in the class,  
I'll bet you wish you were never born.

Computers seems like a joyride  
Until a programme suddenly hails you  
And then whether you do this or that  
It's like a skateboard that forgot to bail you.

EVS looks like nothing but spoof  
Till you come in for a review  
Once you're in don't think of an excuse  
Just sit back and enjoy this view.

English is my favourite subject,  
Till the book is in my hand,  
Hide it and question me, Sir,  
And you'll know that a student's woes began.

**Samanyu**  
**XI - B**

## Kalpna Chawla

Once I reached for the skies,  
I touched the stars,  
I followed my dreams,  
Thought I saw the heaven.  
  
I knew I belonged there  
My spirit soared high  
In my childhood,  
I always thought of being I'm the sky.  
I always thought – I'm the sky  
  
Seeing the other world, in a little bird,  
Gave pace to my heart,  
With a few words, I went ahead,  
And came my youth.  
To reach where I belonged  
I left my house, and I strived for  
The space beyond the blue.  
I kept my efforts alive,  
The terrible  
In my eyes told my dreams  
As if they were all alive.  
  
I boarded the plane and  
Went in the blue unknown and  
Saw the earth in its real size  
A little ball of blue - was so beautiful  
And true with little white patches

I knew what I saw was real.  
Then I saw the place  
I was right in the space,  
For sixteen days what I thought  
Was seeing the star, being close  
To them and understanding them  
Through that little hole.  
  
I turned around to reach  
The place where I lived;  
I had fulfilled my cause,  
My face lit up with a smile.  
The excitement grew in me,  
As I came closer to disclose  
What I saw, my heartbeat was fast.  
But destiny had something else in mind,  
When I saw behind,  
A little ball of fire and  
A little strive, I knew I was close  
To home but I would never  
Reach there, never meet my people.  
  
But still as death came closer,  
I was calm, I knew that I wouldn't  
Be home, to tell everyone what I saw  
What was added to my experience.

**Shekhar  
XI - B**

*"I wish to address you, dear young people, and to repeat these words to you with affection: be generous in giving your life to the Lord. Do not be afraid! You have nothing to fear, because God is the Lord of history and of the universe. The more ready you are to give yourselves to God and to others, the more you will discover the authentic meaning of life. God expects much of you!"*

*— Late Pope John Paul II*

## ***Do We Have Enough Knowledge About Plants And Animals?***

1. Muster is the collective noun for a group of peacocks.
2. The mute swan is the largest member of the swan family.
3. The humming bird is the only type of bird which is able to fly backwards.
4. An Eagle's nest is known as an eyrie.
5. The aardvark is the first animal in a dictionary.
6. A nest is the collective noun for a group of ants.
7. The Koala is the name of an animal which means "no drink."
8. A beetle is a lady bird.
9. The manatee is the creature which gives rise to the stories of mermaids.
10. An elephant can drink 200 litres of water in a day.
11. The raffia palm has the largest leaves.
12. An Octopus has three hearts.
13. A Zebra runs faster than a race-horse.

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VI A

## ***Anyone You Want To Be***

Like an aeroplane pilot or a captain at sea.  
You could be an inventor  
Of things brand new,  
Or possibly a member of a space shuttle crew.  
You could be a fixer  
Of broken things.  
You could be a magician,  
Or one who sings,  
You could be a star in a travelling show,  
You could be a teacher and help people grow,  
A doctor, a nurse, a volunteer  
An architect, a builder or an engineer  
A sculptor, a painter,  
Or a poet like me.  
Yes! you can be anyone you want to be.

**Ayush P. Kumar**  
VII B

## ***Around The School in Eight Periods***

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I crawl to my classroom with the sufferings and the pain weighed down on my back making me stoop with every step. Yes, it is my school bag, heavy enough to permanently destroy my backbone.

After the assembly, a long queue is formed outside my class. Here, our daily uniforms are checked and if the slightest error is seen, be ready to face the remarks. We check our shirts, check our tie and belt, check our pants (sometimes inside the pants). But somehow, somewhere, out of the blues, the teacher frowns at us. "Look at your dirty tie, get it clean by tomorrow", "I can see that your fly is open", "what is this? Are you wearing your father's blazer?" "Cut your nails", "shave off your beard", "look at your messy hair, get a haircut by tomorrow".

Soon after the attendance it is time for our Math's period. But before the teacher arrives it is our so-called '*unofficial interval*'. Even though we are four periods early, yet we consider eating our tiffins late. So, the lavish tiffins are opened and the smell of the home made *parathas* spread like wild fire in the class. Before the Math's teacher arrives we have consumed half the tiffin.

My concentration and my studious soul dies away, soon after the first period. I can no longer bear the books. "O man, which period is this? 'PHYSICS', God that Newton is eating up my mind." No sooner does the Physics teacher arrive than he shouts, "boys gear up for a test on mechanics" It felt like the roof fell on my head. I had completely forgotten about it yesterday when I was supposed to study (I was busy watching 'star screen awards'). Anyway, my head keeps turning at every possible angle throughout the test in the search of an answer. I ask my neighbours to tell me the answers luring them for a patty and a cold drink. In the end, I somehow manage to answer four out of thirty questions, fully satisfied.

Then I realize that today is India vs. Pakistan match. I turn on the radio (brought '*surreptitiously*' from home) to hear the commentary but then at the precise moment, the Chemistry teacher arrives. So I put a headphone in my ear absent mindedly gazing at the black board and constantly shaking my head up and down harmonically to convince my teacher that I am listening to him while I divert-my attention to the match. Suddenly I hear a voice "UMAR tell me the answer of question no. 5". Speechless as I am, I do not know what to say. I do not know which is the chapter to which the question belongs. Suddenly, the R.J. says that Dhoni hit a six. "SIX" are the unwanted words that slipped



off my tongue out of delight. " That's very good, UMAR. Yes boys the weight of carbon in the mixture is six grams. Now, let's do question seven."

I just wanted to leave the class, probably bunk this English period after the interval. But petrified of the Principal oscillating in the school and the secret spies of the Principal, I reluctantly sit down on my seat, hearing the words of my teacher. I had defeated Julius Caesar last year, this time it was King Richard's turn.

Finally came the last period after which I will have the freedom to swing my arms in glee. It is Environmental Science. Unfortunately (or fortunately) our EVS ma'am did not come. So we were sent to the library where we cracked jokes for the whole period.

After the bell I straight went to Apollo bakery, had a couple of patties and went home where I slept and slept as if I had been labouring for the entire day.

So this was my school, which was pretty cool. But still I wonder sometimes what will happen in the end when I will be leaving it to enter the world to establish myself. My school is a part of me, it is me and I love the way it is. St. Francis' Zindabad! St. Francis' Zindabad!!

**Umar Mujeeb**  
**XI - B**

## ***My Grandma's Birthday***

In the month of March I attended four birthday parties of my friends. My Grandma always helped me to buy gifts for them. She also celebrated my birthday in a grand way.

One day I thought we all celebrate our birthdays, but no body ever thinks of celebrating Grandma's birthday. Since I do not remember the date of her birth, I decided that the following Sunday I would celebrate her birthday. I started preparations for the great day very quietly.

I arranged a birthday cake, sweets and snacks and decorated the room with colourful flowers, balloons and festoons. All the arrangements were made while Grandma was asleep in the afternoon. We invited our relatives and friends. As soon as Grandma awoke she was surprised to see the room decorated and all of us waiting to wish her a happy birthday. We put a birthday cap on her head. She was very happy because it was the first time we celebrated her birthday. In the end she thanked me and blessed all of us.

**Shashwat Bajpai**  
**II-C**

## ***Gain Through Games***

Games and sports are an important means of recreation. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" is a well known proverb. After their studies during the day, students require some rest and recreation in the evening. Games and sports, specially the outdoor ones, are most suitable for them. They refresh them and enable them to regain their lost energy.

Games and sports are also very useful from the point of view of health. They take students into the company of nature where they breathe fresh and pure air. They have to run and jump a lot. This physical activity is very useful for digestion. In this way games and sports make the students more active and healthy.

Games and sports teach students the value of discipline. Every game has its own rules and regulations and all have to obey them. This teaches the players to respect the laws even if they do not like them. That is why we find that sportsmen are more disciplined persons than others. Games and sports also teach students to lead a corporate life. They teach them the importance of team work.

Games also provide an outlet for the surplus energy of youth. Young people are full of energy, all of which cannot be used in their studies. If no healthy outlet is provided for it, it expresses itself in the form of mischief and other undesirable activities. Games and sports are the best means for the use of this excess energy.

It is, therefore, clear that games and sports have great value in life. But they can also do much harm to students if they come in the way of their studies. They should be enjoyed only as a means of recreation for a limited time. Excess of everything is bad and it would be misuse of games, if they are played at the cost of studies, then they shall no longer remain a blessing but shall become a curse.

Anshuman Vikram

IX-A

## ***Nuclear Energy - Good or Bad***

Nuclear Energy is the most powerful kind of energy known till today. But instead of conserving it for progress, we are consuming it for destruction. It is the instinct of human nature that he is not inclined to help humanity but to destroy it. Today different kinds of nuclear ornaments are being made which may result in the destruction of the whole of mankind. We have a living example of both the first and the second world wars which saw brutal murders and reducing developed cities like Hiroshima and Nagasaki to a mass of debris. The great scientist Einstein once said, "I cannot say about the third world war but the fourth will be fought with the help of stones."

These world wars have left unforgettable pains and incurable wounds on the body of human civilization. The money spent on this mad race for ornaments can be used to solve problems like poverty, hunger and disease, which have engulfed us. In the words

of Eisenhower "Whenever a gun is made or a rocket fired, then a hungry man is denied food and a swimming child is deprived of clothes."

The countries called superpowers are on one hand talking about peace and on the other making these harmful nuclear weapons. Pt. Nehru has rightly said, "We cannot seek peace in the language of wars and threats." Today an atmosphere of suspicion, fear and distrust has engulfed us making us feel as if we are sitting on a volcano, which may burst out any moment. Alas! Nature's latent, unlimited source of energy has been misused by man for his ever increasing lust for domination which is apt to result in annihilation of mankind instead of benefitting humanity. So, nuclear energy is not good or bad but the way man uses it, is good or bad. A knife in a doctor's hand can save one person and the same knife in a criminal's hand can kill a person. Hence it depends entirely on man whether he uses it in a peaceful manner or in a destructive manner.

*Rishabh Pandey*  
*VIII - A*

### ***Environmental Pollution Through Agricultural Practices***

Advancements in modern agriculture to meet the increasing food grain demand have adverse effects on our environment. This adverse effect is harmful for both human beings, animals and plants. Addition of chemicals in inorganic fertilizers and pesticides and the inefficient use of organic waste, creates serious threats to human beings as it harms the environment. Our environment contains many types of pollutants. Some of these are added by improper use of fertilizers and excessive use of pesticides on crops along with organic wastes which are harmful to environment. Presence of metals like lead, mercury, etc. are hazardous to health and toxic to human beings and other animals. These also destroy the homes of various types of animals. Acid rains that are caused by the air pollution are adding pollutants to both marine and plant life. It contains acids of sulphur and nitrogenous compounds. Excessive use of fertilizers and pesticides has reduced the humus in soil and its fertility. Pesticides protect crops from different kinds of pests but its unwanted presence in soil is not good. During rain some of the soil is eroded and carried away into rivers. Maximum quantity of the pesticide moves into the soil but only a little amount of it is used to kill pests. Factors like improper and imbalanced use of pesticides and fertilizers, high concentration of salts, acids and heavy metals must be reduced to the minimum. In order to get a large amount of crop production we should not harm the environment which could directly or indirectly affect us. We should use pesticides and fertilizers at the required rate only. We should use them judiciously so that it is fruitful and useful and not harmful. Its indiscriminate use must be discouraged at all costs. This would make the environment a better place to live in.

*Nilay Singhal*  
*VIII-A*

## **A DREAM WISH**

It all began in March last year. Our paternal uncle from the US was visiting us for Holi. As young lads somehow we have felt charmed by our uncle's affable nature. The loads of gifts he brought for us from the US afforded us untold delight.

We would often wonder if the beautiful US could ever become our holiday destination. Anyhow, on the departing note, our uncle was very insistent that we visit him in our forthcoming summer vacations. The thought was most encouraging. It would surely give us a heavenly respite from the sultry summer hitting a high during that part of the year.

Our father could gauge at once our keen zest to be offered a trip. We felt immensely fortunate to have a caring father. A costly leisure trip could not be made in haste. Soon our father resolved in the affirmative for he desired us to draw a certain academic inspiration from our US itinerary.

So began a dream which seemingly so unreal, was to be made real. Our joy knew no bounds when we boarded the Air Lufthansa flight at New Delhi. The ambience of the massive jetliner felt so different. We could see the adept stewards doing the needful with much ease and elan. The flight enroute Germany to New York was a neat affair.

At New York we were greeted by our paternal uncle and aunt. It was so hard to believe that we had actually landed on US soil. From New York we drove to Corning, my uncle's place of residence. We were most impressed with the hygiene and methodicity which the US is so keenly reputed for.

The next thirty-five days were a carnival of sorts. Everyday passed off as a beautiful dream you would wish to have linger unendingly. Before commencing our US sojourn, our uncle proposed to take us to Canada for a brief trip. We accepted the offer with keen readiness. Montreal afforded us a picturesque sight. A city of beautifully architected Churches, Montreal impressed us to the core. It's well-illuminated skyline at night offered a breathtakingly, eye-catching view of the city. Next we decided to visit Quebec. There is a classic appeal about this city with tell tale signs of French glory of the years of yore. The beautifully tilled lawns with colourful tulips are any onlooker's delight. We strolled in the city to get a feel of typical French culture.

It was the Niagra Falls next. The Horse-Shoe falls were the crowning glory of our Canada trip. One could savour the extraordinary beauty of the snowy falls for hours together without batting an eyelid. Nature is so richly endowed with paramount beauty. The falls looked awesome in the multi-coloured lights which lent a mystic influence to the whole ambience. In the daytime the falls seemed to personify serenity in all its whiteness.

We next went to the Hershey's Chocolate Park. The cafeteria was done interestingly in a true chocolate theme. The rides in the park, film shows and the souvenir shop also bore the Hershey's theme. Our entire day at the Chocolate Park was the highest on the fun quotient.

This was followed by a trip to Orlando which is home to the Disney Theme Parks. This was literally an experience of a lifetime that we had. It has been aptly designated as the happiest place on earth. Our day at the Magic Kingdom was so unforgettably wonderful. We had a lion's share of exciting rides- Splash Mountain, The Magic Carpets of Aladdin, Jungle Cruise, Peter Pan's Flight, Mickey's Philhar Magic, Cinderellabration, Snow White's Scary Adventures, Dumbo the Flying Elephant, The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh. ....the list seemed almost endless. The Disney Parade was a spectacle par excellence. The hour long procession of motley Disney toons left us pining for more. The Disney Epcot likewise bore a thunderous round of entertainment for us. Spaceship Earth, Universe of Energy, Wonders of life, Test Track, Inventions, The Living Seas was information in all earnest. Likewise Universal Studio was another theme park that afforded us great entertainment. The Mummy Returns, Spiderman, Twisters, Back to the Future, E.T., Fear Factor etc. were some rides that gave us boundless joy. On our last day in Florida, we went to Cape Canaveral which is in the immediate neighbourhood of Orlando. Cape Canaveral is home to the Kennedy Space Centre. Again it is a huge expansive structure encompassing all the complicated gadgetry of spacecrafts, manned missions to moon and space shuttles.

After touring the East Coast it was now time to turn to the West. Our younger paternal uncle lives at Mountain View in California. We flew to San Francisco enroute Denver. At the airport we were greeted by our relatives. We drove to San Jose in our aunt's BMW. Gosh, it did feel heavenly to know that we drove in the same vehicle which the 'Big B' owns!

From San Jose we boarded our flight to Los Angeles. We had heard so much about the reigning actors of Hollywood. The Walk of Fame was a grand pathway marked with stars at constant intervals, bearing names of all illustrious Hollywood stars. Many characters attired as the original performers were doing their round of pictures with the tourists. We also drove through the Beverly Hills. This is the dwelling abode of Hollywood biggies. The stupendous houses built at whopping sums of money are a spectacle on their own. We loved every bit of Hollywood with its never ending charm. We flew next to Las Vegas in Nevada. The latter happens to be the only US state where gambling is legally permissible. We were lodged in a Casino cum hotel called Circus Circus. Every corner in the city was thoroughly cluttered with casinos built in unique architectural designs. We visited Bellagio, Caesar's Palace, The Mirage, Treasure Island etc. out of the virtually endless array of Casinos in Las Vegas. The glitz and glamour of the Downtown also held us captivated. One could lose one's senses looking at the ornately designed shops bedecked with incredible wares.

Our next destination was San Francisco. We drove through the Golden Gate Bridge which is made of wire enough to wind around the earth many times over. The Fisherman's Warf afforded a delightful view of the Pacific Ocean. The outing in the tram was incredibly good. San Francisco is surely a beautifully well-architected city. Ghirardelli Square bore special enthusiasm to us. It has been named after a Mexican who pioneered savoury chocolates reckoned as premium confectionery. The trip down the winding Lombard Street which is alarmingly circuitous made for a joyful downhill journey. We flew back to Rochester en route Chicago.

Our last holiday destination was New York. This city has a very cosmopolitan culture. We were overcome with remorse when we saw the shoddy remains of the WTC towers. The heartache lingers for the calamitous ill-doing has surely left deep scars on the very face of humanity. We went on a cruise called Zephyr to the Liberty Island. It was heavenly watching all those skyscrapers as we sailed through the Atlantic Ocean. The statue of Liberty looked majestic in all its white splendour.

A visit to the Macy's is a must. It happens to be the world's largest shopping mall. We were awestruck to note a never ending row of designer shops. We got a chance to taste quality American cuisine in some of the choicest hotels in New York.

We were to board our flight the next day. There was to be no sightseeing on the last day. We were crestfallen that our dream holiday was coming to an end. Well, all good things do come to an end sooner or later. We shall preciously treasure fond remembrances and everlasting memories of our US sojourn. It surely has been the most exciting and unforgettable experience of our lives. We only hope that sometime in future we will regain the pleasure of being in the fantasy land called America.

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**VII B**

## **Myself**

My name is Taha.

I study at St. Francis' College in Class K.G. B.

I like both studying and playing games.

I love watching cartoons.

I want to become a pilot when I grow up.

**Khwaja Mohd. Taha**  
**K.G.-B**

## ***The Wonders of Science***

The present age is the age of science. Science has influenced every walk of life. Today man cannot live even for a while without the use of one or the other of its inventions. Science has provided us with swift means of communication. The railways have removed all those dangers and difficulties that man had to face in the past. By the steamship man has acquired complete mastery over the wide oceans. The aeroplane has shortened travelling time. The globe has shrunk and the world has become a small place. In short we can say that science has conquered time and space.

Still, more wonderful is the invention of the wireless. It is now possible to talk to a person from a distance of thousands of kilometres. Through the radio we can enjoy songs, dialogues, stories etc. We can listen to news from every corner of the world. The wireless has proved a great blessing for mankind and is serving humanity in various ways.

Science has invented many wonderful machines. There are machines for every purpose of life. Cranes can lift heavy objects. Machines have lessened human drudgery and added to our comfort and happiness.

Electricity is another wonder of science. It has turned night into day. Our cinemas, radio and T.V sets are all worked by it. Even trains are now running by it. It is impossible to describe in full the manifold services of the wonders of Science.

Science has also achieved wonders in the field of medicine. There is a cure for almost all kinds of diseases. Vaccines check the spread of many types of infections. Through an X-ray or a CAT Scan we can see the inner parts of the human body.

It is not possible to enumerate the wonders of modern Science. Everyday we hear of a new wonder. Some years ago the atom was broken and its energy was used to produce the dreadful atom bomb. It is hoped that the peaceful uses of this tremendous energy would bring in an age of peace and prosperity, such as the world has never seen before.

**Raza Ishtiaq**  
**VIII A**

## ***Our City, Lucknow***

Lucknow is a beautiful city and is the capital of Uttar Pradesh.

Lucknow is called the city of Nawabs and baghs. It has many places like Charbagh, Lalbagh, Kaiserbagh, Dalibagh and Aishbagh.

Historically also it is a very famous city. The Imambaras, Residency and other monuments are worth seeing.

The river Gomti is the beauty of the city. Lucknow is very much famous for its Chikan work. I feel very proud to have been born in Lucknow. I also feel proud because I study in a school named 'St. Francis' College' which is the best school not only in our city Lucknow but in the whole of Uttar Pradesh.

**Abhishek Pandey**  
**K.G. - B**

## The Sun

*Mankind will not remain on Earth forever, but in its quest for light and space will at first timidly penetrate beyond the confines of the atmosphere, and later will conquer for itself all the space near the Sun.*

— Konstantin E. Tsiolkovsky

The Sun is the most prominent feature in our solar system. Our Sun is a normal main-sequence G2 star, one of more than 100 billion stars in our galaxy. It is the largest object of our solar system and contains approximately 98% of its total mass. One hundred and nine Earths would be required to fit across the Sun's disk, and its interior could hold over 1.3 million Earths. The Sun's outer visible layer is called the photosphere and has a temperature of 6,000°C (11,000°F).

Solar energy is created deep within the core of the Sun. It is here that the temperature (15,000,000° C; 27,000,000° F) and pressure (340 billion times Earth's air pressure at sea-level) is so intense that nuclear reactions take place. Every second 700 million tons of hydrogen are converted into helium *ashes*. In the process 5 million tons of pure energy is released; therefore, as time goes on the Sun is becoming lighter.

It is often said that the Sun is an "ordinary" star. That's true in the sense that there are many others similar to it. But there are many more smaller stars than larger ones; the Sun is in the top 10% by mass. The median size of stars in our galaxy is probably less than half the mass of the Sun. The Sun is personified in many mythologies: the Greeks called it *Helios* and the Romans called it *Sol*. The Sun is, at present, about 70% hydrogen and 28% helium by mass everything else ("metals") amounts to less than 2%. This changes slowly over time as the Sun converts hydrogen to helium in its core.

The outer layers of the Sun exhibit *differential rotation*, at the equator the surface rotates once every 25.4 days; near the poles it's as much as 36 days. This odd behaviour is due to the fact that the Sun is not a solid body like the Earth. Similar effects are seen in the gas planets. The differential rotation extends considerably down into the interior of the Sun but the core of the Sun rotates as a solid body.

The surface of the Sun, called the photosphere, is at a temperature of about 5800 K. Sunspots are "cool" regions, only 3800 K (they look dark only by comparison with the surrounding regions). Sunspots can be very large, as much as 50,000 km in diameter. Sunspots are caused by complicated and not very well understood interactions with the Sun's magnetic field. A small region known as the chromosphere lies above the photosphere. The highly rarefied region above the chromosphere, called the corona, extends millions of kilometers into space but is visible only during a total solar eclipse (left). Temperatures in the corona are over 1,000,000 K. The Sun's magnetic field is very strong (by terrestrial standards) and very complicated. Its magnetosphere (also known as the heliosphere) extends well beyond Pluto.

In addition to heat and light, the Sun also emits a low density stream of charged



particles (mostly electrons and protons) known as the *solar wind* which propagates throughout the solar system at about 450 km/sec. The solar wind and the much higher energy particles ejected by solar flares can have dramatic effects on the Earth ranging from power line surges to radio interference to the beautiful *aurora borealis*.

The Sun is about 4.5 billion years old. Since its birth it has used up about half of the hydrogen in its core. It will continue to radiate "peacefully" for another 5 billion years or so (although its luminosity will approximately double in that time). But eventually it will run out of hydrogen fuel. It will then be forced into radical changes which, though commonplace by stellar standards will result in the total destruction of the Earth (and probably the creation of a *planetary nebula*).

#### **Sun Statistics**

Mass (kg)	1.98e+30
Mass (Earth = 1)	332,830
Equatorial radius (km)	695,000
Equatorial radius (Earth = 1)	108.97
Mean density (gm/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.410
Rotational period (days)	25-36*
Escape velocity (km/sec)	618.02
Luminosity (ergs/sec)	3.827e33
Magnitude (Vo)	-26.8
Mean surface temperature	6,000°C
Age (billion years)	4.5

#### **Principal Chemistry**

Hydrogen	92.1%
Helium	7.8%
Oxygen	0.061%
Carbon	0.030%
Nitrogen	0.0084%
Neon	0.0076%
Iron	0.0037%
Silicon	0.0031%
Magnesium	0.0024%
Sulphur	0.0015%
All others	0.0015%

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**VII-B**

## ***Environmental Education***

1. Kaziranga National Park in Assam is also known as "Floating National Park".
2. 2.5% of earth's water is fresh water of which less than 1 % is usable.
3. Each litre of waste water pollutes at least 8 litres of fresh water.
4. Half of the population of developing countries lives in poverty.
5. India generates about 5 million tonnes of hazardous wastes annually.
6. 49% of the world cities have established Urban Environmental Plans.
7. People having low incomes end up paying 2-50 times more for a litre of water than higher income groups.
8. Dangerous dust storms in Asia have intensified 5 fold in 50 years.
9. Now only 1.9 hectares of productive land is available for each person.
10. Environmentally harmful subsidies amount to US \$849 billion annually worldwide.
11. The first Earth Summit was held in 1972 in Stockholm. The second in 1992 in Rio de Janeiro.
12. Most birds (more than 80%) are found in continents. But majority of extinction cases have been reported from islands (88%). More than 150 bird species have become extinct in last 500 years. Most threatened birds are found in the tropics.
13. 519500 Indian children die annually due to lack of sanitation and poor hygiene.
14. Children under the age of 5 years constitute 10% of world population but they are vulnerable to 40% of all environment related diseases.
15. Food-borne pathogens cause 70% of diarrhoea in children.
16. June 5th is celebrated as World Environment Day, every year

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**V-A**

## ***Friendship***

Friendship is something  
Sweeter than honey,  
Friendship is something  
We cannot buy with money,  
It is costlier than gold,  
It cannot be bought or sold,  
It is cooler than the moon.  
Brighter than the sun

It is not visible,  
It is indivisible,  
Forget about your foe,  
He only make you feel low,  
But remember your friends,  
Who will always help you till the end.

**Vaibhav Pratap Singh**  
**III - A**

## Take Time

Take time to think,  
It is the source of power.  
Take time to read,  
It is the foundation of wisdom.  
Take time to play,  
It is the secret of staying young.  
Take time to be quiet,  
It is the opportunity to seek God.  
Take time to be aware,  
It is the opportunity to help others.  
Take time to love and to be loved,

It is God's greatest gift.  
Take time to laugh,  
It is the music of the soul.  
Take time to be friendly,  
It is the road to happiness.  
Take time to dream,  
It is what nature is made of.  
Take time to pray,  
It is the greatest power on the earth.

**Suyash Bansal**  
V - D

## "Smoking is Injurious to Health"

From the history of the world we find that people of every age and nationality used to smoke. A man who is addicted to smoking says that it is a cure for all his day to day problems. When he is hungry he smokes, when he is thirsty he smokes, when he is doing his serious account work at his office, he smokes, to get out of his worries and tensions, he smokes. We can find chain smokers in the office. A good percentage of women also smoke. In villages we find people smoking 'Hukka.' While smoking we allow carbon and particles, like tobacco, heroin etc, to dissolve in our blood. Cancer, heart diseases, breathing trouble etc, are the most common diseases among those addicted to smoking. Smoking smack is very dangerous and it is a death trap to healthy life.

'So, We Should Never Smoke.'

**Akshay Pandey**  
V A

## Mahatma Gandhi

M - Man of high culture  
A - Admired by all  
H - Humbly served the poor  
A - Active he was up to the end  
T - True was his life  
M - Made India independent  
A - Avoided personal comfort

G - Great in all aspects  
A - Ahimsa he preached  
N - Noble were his thoughts  
D - Devoted his life to the nation  
H - Honest life he led  
I - Indian he was in all respects.

**Parth Jain**  
IV - A

## ***The Day I Saved A Dog***

One day while I was returning from school, I saw some children crowding around a corner.

They were shouting and laughing. I wanted to join the fun too, so I jumped off my rickshaw and went towards them. Suddenly I heard a frightened yelp. I was surprised. I realized that the boys were enjoying kicking and stoning two stray dogs.

I am an animal lover and this sight made me feel very sad. I also felt angry. I am big and have a loud voice. I yelled out to the boys to stop hurting the poor animals.

The boys stopped in surprise. Some boys pushed me and told me to go away. I felt even more angry. I swung my water bottle at them and yelled again. This time the boys felt afraid and went away. One of the dogs ran away but the other was bleeding badly. There were many cuts on its body. I went near it and at first it growled at me. I sat near it and talked soothingly to it. I saw its tail wagging a little. With my rickshaw puller's help, I put it on my rickshaw and took it home. Mother helped me to put medicine on its cuts but she refused to let me keep it inside the house.

Now Tommy is quite all right and lives outside our house. He is good watch -dog. More than that he has become a good friend of mine.

***Kunal Agarwal***

***I - B***

## ***The Peacock***

The peacock is our national bird. It is one of the most beautiful among the birds. It has very colourful feathers. Some times it spreads its wings and dances happily, specially in the rainy season. Last Sunday I went for a morning walk to the Botanical Garden, there I saw two beautiful peacocks. I was very happy to see them.

***Abhiraj Singh Rana***

***K.G. - B***

## ***Our Crazy Subjects***

Geography is full of maps.

History is full of silly old chaps.

Many secrets Science keeps,

But often I see my classmates sleep.

Maths really makes us mad,

When we are unable to subtract or add,

We really become very sad.

Summer, winter, spring or autumn,

I really don't know why?

Hindi is at the bottom.

Lastly, I would like to tell you all,

East or west G.K. is the best.

***Shubhanker Jain***

***IV - D***

## ***Money.... Is It Enough?***

There is a plethora of truth in the statement - 'Money does not make you a good human being.' This was an apt quoted statement of my grandfather. I realized the immense truth in this statement when I came across an accident on the road.

It was a rainy evening this August and I was coming back from my tutorials as usual on my bicycle. Suddenly at the turn of a road I heard a loud bang and a screeching sound. It took me a minute to understand what had really happened. A scooter was hit badly by a Sumo and the man driving the scooter and the lady sitting behind him were thrown on the road with a thud. The man had badly banged his head against a tree on the pavement while the lady fainted the very next moment. The Sumo driver fled away in his car without caring to find out what the condition of the severely injured couple was. The scooter driver cried in vain to stop him. Two-Three pedestrians gathered around them and tried to help them. It was raining even more heavily and the evening was becoming darker and darker. I also reached the spot. We tried to draw the attention of many cars and jeeps passing that way. But they did not stop. Perhaps the condition of the couple urged them not to stop there. That day I felt how people overlooked accidents and did not spare their time to help the injured. The forehead of the injured man was bleeding badly and it seemed as if he was also going to get unconscious after a few seconds .....

Then suddenly came a turning point. A poor rickshaw puller passed that way. He saw the bleeding man and at once stopped his rickshaw. He told us to help him take the couple to the nearby hospital. Another poor pedestrian sat in the rickshaw holding the couple, while the rickshaw puller hurried as fast as he could.

The next day, I came to know that the lives of both the man and his wife were saved as they reached the hospital before their condition deteriorated more. How I thanked the rickshaw puller! None of the rich men in their lavish cars and jeeps cared for human life. It was a poor man who was really rich; rich because he had the wealth of kindness and concern for other human beings.

**Aviral Agarwal**  
**VIII - B**

## ***You can succeed***

Firm confidence in one's God-given talents and childlike faith in the Creator will certainly turn our dreams into reality. Come on! Begin to work at this very moment to reach your goal. Be bold, dare and execute all that you have planned to reap the fruits of success. Consider the difficulties and defeat as an unavoidable campaign on your road to glory. If have the courage and strength stand up to defeat. Be watchful! Look out for new avenues and you turn the defeats into successes. You can do anything ,if you believe you can.

Our victory is not in never falling, but rising everytime we fall . Embrace the defeat as you would hug your success. Defeat will help you to bring out the best and all the hidden talents in you. It will broaden your mind, make you stronger and better prepared than before to fight again with new vigour and vitality.

Look at the tides, they rise, not with, but against the wind. Learn a new lesson from each discouragement, defeat and failure. This is the first step to success. Cultivate a never-die attitude. Give your best when you plan and do whatever you can to execute it .The rest leave it to God and He will do the rest for you. Be prepared to face various challenges that will come on your way. You can overcome hardships by looking at them individually. You may face failure after failure. But, take courage be patient and tell yourself "I will reach my goal".

Keep on trying. Perseverance, implies that you are progressing. To dare is great, but to bear is greater. Even when the going gets tough, let there be a lovely smile on your face. It will fill your mind with an optimistic attitude towards hardships. The hardest thing in the world is to beat the man who laughs in the face of defeat.

**Anshu Kumar Gupta**

**IX - A**

## ***Child Labourer***

My life, a sad poem,  
Myself, a character so dumb,  
My voice, a cry  
no choice, no where to try,  
My body..... a machine,  
so thin, so lean.  
My dreams,..... become faint  
My efforts go in vain;  
without appreciation,  
My friend is loneliness  
a suffocating sensation:

I don't know how to go faster,  
for this horrifying trend of life,  
seems stagnant, under my master.  
I am a worker, no play  
To do work, without fray  
I even long ago... gave up  
my childish giggle and laughter.  
And my thoughts and my choice  
don't matter.  
I am a labourer..... A child born a labourer

**Zohair Parvez**

**XI - A**

## ***"Do You Believe In Ghosts?"***

"Do you believe in ghosts?", asked the man sitting beside me in the bus. I had boarded the bus from near the mall and was on my way back home. I met this man while entering the bus, and he sat beside me, talking in an amused manner.

"Well, I haven't seen any, so there is no reason why I should believe in their existence," I answered. The man was tall and lean, with a giant expression on his face. His face was extremely pale, and he looked quite sick. But his eyes had an unnatural gleam in them. He looked almost like.....

"Ghosts. I have seen quite a few of them, and I certainly believe that they exist," asserted the man. He spoke as if he wanted me to take back my words. "Anyway, ghosts can sometimes surprise you. They have a habit of appearing at the most unexpected places and at the most unimaginable times," continued the man.

He leaned back in his chair and glanced at me inquiringly with raised eyebrows. He was perhaps trying to drive home the point that ghosts are totally real and anyone who does not believe in them is a fool.

"Well, I suppose you are very lucky to have met a few ghosts, but since I have not I still abide by what I said, that ghosts don't exist," I answered back.

In this way, we started arguing on this subject, until a time came when I thought I was starting to get on his nerves. He was making Herculean efforts to try and convince me, but I irritated him further by contradicting him again and again. I must admit I was beginning to enjoy myself. The poor man looked as if he was turning paler by the second. At last, he blew his top off and yelled at me fiercely, "I don't know why I can tell you that you would meet a ghost someday, and I hope it is a terrifying experience for you!"

And with that, he got up from his seat and walked away. At that moment, the bus came to a halt, and I suddenly realized that I had reached my destination. In the rush, I had lost sight of the man completely.

As I got down from the bus, a woman came over to me and said, "I was noticing you from behind on the bus and I saw that you were talking to someone very agitatedly." "Oh! I was having a rather heated argument with the gentleman sitting beside me," I replied.

The woman looked taken aback. She said something that sent a chill down my spine. "But that's impossible. The seat beside you was empty."

***Najmuddin Naqvi***  
***VIII-B***

## **The Power Of Will**

Darwin's theory of 'Survival of the fittest' was perhaps the best and most dynamic of all theories that evolved in the 19th century. This theory goes so well with all organisms and specially with mathematical certainty with human beings that it remains unscrutinized even today. Let us look at some of the implications of this theory. If life is a struggle for existence in which the fittest survives, then strength is the ultimate virtue and weakness the only fruit. This is something that history has taught us again and again and yet we will not accept it because it challenges some of our most cherished beliefs, of harmony, of peace and of peaceful co-existence. So be it Napoleon or a Bismarck, a Salachin or Alexander, these men were brave enough to reject such obstructions which had grown out of theology.

Well, to be precise the strongest and highest will to life does not find expression in a miserable struggle for existence but in a 'will' to power, a 'will' to overpower. This is the most distinct, characteristic of humans, we don't wish to possess anything in common, we want to dominate. The most important and dominating factor in the life of some of the greatest men this has witnessed has been their 'will'. They guided the world by their will. With their unbending will they dominated the world and their decisions were worshipped. We do not want a thing because we have reasons for it, we find reasons for it if we want it and even elaborate philosophies and theologies to cloak the desires of our will. Nothing is more provoking when we are arguing against a man with reasons and explanations and taking all pains to convince him, than to discover at last that his 'will' which far reaching its objective gives unity to consciousness and holds together all its ideas and thoughts accompanying them like continuous harmony.

A strong man does not need to justify his objective, his only reason in his 'will'. He does not even he wants to, nothing else counts. My only objective is to prove the superiority of a man's 'will' over his conscience, like all the other great men ever had and that there can be no victory over the ills of life until all morality and justifications have been utterly subordinated to the 'will' of the person.

*Kamran Khalid*

*XI C*

## **Being An Indian**

India started as a secular nation where right to practice religion was guaranteed by the constitution. Some people suggest that religious freedom has led to communal problems. There are states within states. Religions have become a law unto themselves. A fraction of the population believes that it has led to dilution of our national character. It is a hindrance to national integration.

Actually it is not The present scenario is not perfect. In fact it is far from the state of perfect society. India has gained independence in 1947. The Indian constitution making body was aware of the rich diversity and also the complex problems arising out of such a multi-cultural, multi-lingual society. Suppression of diversity would have spelt doom



for India. The slogan 'Unity in diversity' holds the key to understanding the Indian way of life, Indian law, cultures and languages.

To be an Indian, does not mean we have to wear sarees and 'Kurtas'. To prove our nationality, we are not required to follow a particular religion, a definite life style or a specific dress code and language.

An Urdu speaking Hindu priest in a Rampur village is as much Indian as a corporate executive in Mumbai who speaks in English.

Our nationality is not restricted by some narrow definition of an ideal Indian. We could be a capitalist or a communist and still be Indian. Chinky eyes or dark complexion does not make us Indian. We can retain our unique individuality and yet be a responsible Indian citizen. Our physical characteristics, our thoughts, our individual style do not have to match a particular set of criteria to be an Indian.

It makes us wonder that if Indians from East, West, North and South have different cultures, different languages, different life styles then what is the common budding thread connecting and making us Indian? This is for us to decide.

If we, the citizens of India, are able to realize that we are fundamentally Indians first and then Hindus, Christians or atheists later, then the future is bright. "The choice is ours to make."

*Dhananjay*

*XI B*

### ***Laugh A While - Its Healthy***

Just ten years ago

Before the computer age.

An application was for employment

A program was a television show.

Windows were something that you hated to clean

A keyboard was a piano.

Memory was something you lost with age

Compress was something you did to garbage

Logon was adding wood fire

A hard drive was a long trip on the road

A Mouse pad was where a mouse lived

And a packup happened to your toilet

Cut you did with the scissors

Paste you did with the glue

A web was a spider's home

And a virus was a flu.

*Mayank Srivastava*

*XI-A*

## **The Delude Of Death**

It was dark cold misty,  
A ghostly figure seemed to glide towards me,  
I wanted to scream but words wouldn't answer  
What was it, I thought as I had a shiver.

Dull, penetrating eyes he had,  
Unkempt hair, clothes tattered  
A voice like a rusty lock  
Some dreaded words he uttered.

"Prize your life Himanshu,  
Be careful tomorrow,  
It might be your death day,  
If you don't defeat death tomorrow."

A shiver went down my spine,  
My mind went numb  
The strange creature vanished  
As I stood dumb.

I reached my home;  
Was it a hallucination?  
I thought, and thought and thought,  
Unable to find any logical reason.

"I can't be the next Julius Caesar", I said;  
I could not ignore the words,  
I decided to be careful the next day,  
Though I might sound nuts!

I walked to school, leaving my vehicle,  
Decided to take a different way to school,  
Refused a friend's lift on road,  
And missed my class in the college pool.

Rest of the day passed, I remained careful,  
Yet no danger came, nothing dreadful.  
It just passed as a normal day, yes it did,  
But left me so confused, I couldn't properly think.

One might easily say: the man was a psycho  
And I am a fool;  
But who knows, the man might be correct,  
And my escape from death was a truth?

None but God knows the answer,  
But there's something for sure,  
Our destiny mocks us and enjoys mocking us,  
And we like puppets are dancing in a puppet show.

*Himanshu Mohan  
XI - B*

## **Best Friend**

If I have to be your best friend,  
If all that's I can get  
Then I'll take the job with honour,  
I'll be the best one yet  
I'll offer you my shoulder,  
I'll show how I care.  
I'll be there when you need me,  
I'm not going anywhere.  
If I have to be your best friend,  
The one who hears you cry,  
Then I'll take the job with honour  
I'll take the job with pride.

My love for you is stronger  
Then you will ever know.  
But for you to ever love me  
I'll have to let you go.  
You need time to find your purpose  
You need time to sort your thoughts  
But when the course has ended,  
And the race is finally run  
Remember it's your best friend  
Who has loved you from day one.

*Pratik Kumar Srivastava  
XII - A*

## ***Democracy: A Curse for Nations***

Democracy! No matter how hard I try to relate to this word, which dominates the real world itself, I cannot help myself shrinking away from it like an escapist, a coward who would not take responsibility of anything even though he himself is a part of it. It is not that I am afraid, my conscience just does not permit me to be a part of this blunder, this democratic nonsense, which the great German philosopher Fredrick Nietzsche described as the 'mania of counting noses'. Democracy is just like allowing each part of our body to do what it pleases; it is lapse of coherence and interdependence, the crowning of chaos and anarchy. It allows the enthronement of masses and subjugation of great men and it makes it impossible for a person to evolve to next level as his surroundings are being controlled by a million heads where reaching to conclusions is an impossibility.

To be more specific one cannot relate to anything, which one cannot comprehend. So the real meaning of democracy is 'drift', from one set-up of society to another, the changing of policies and laws. A stable governing body was never the goal of a democratic system. I remember a very famous saying that a democratic government is a government of the people, for the people and by the people. No where did word people came in. There are no people, they do not even exist because you cannot crucify the people if things go wrong, it is just an obstruction, a word which only a terrified soul can think of in order to shrink from its responsibility.

I do not mean to be harsh, but again the aim of nature was never the betterment of all, but the evolution of higher being, the one who would be brave enough to take responsibility of his actions as well as of the fate of his people. The common man has his place but it is not the throne, only that person who would prove his bravery and strong virtues by bringing about a revolution and killing the parasite of democracy would reign and as for an everlasting revolution blood must be shed so be it for it is a small price for ensuring the existence of nation and in turn of the individual.

It is really painful for me because I live in a democratic nation and it is shocking to see that people in India are more sensible and serious while selecting their 'Indian Idols' than while selecting their parliamentarians and legislators at least the number of convicts and ex-convicts in our Houses indicate so.

It is not my aim to convince the reader that democracy is bad or anything. I just want to convey the message that turning our back on a truth, no matter how hard it is, will not make it go away, it will stay there till we die or till our ignorance gives up against our will to exist and to dominate.

**Kamran Khalid**

**XI - C**

# The Stars

## Birth

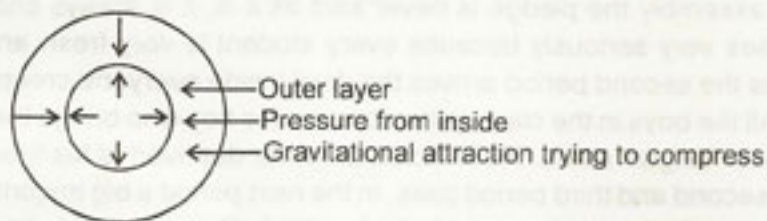
The life cycle of a star begins with the accumulation of a cloud of gas, mainly hydrogen, somewhere in the galaxy. The temperature of this cloud is usually around  $-173^{\circ}\text{C}$ . If the cloud is big enough, the gravitational forces between the molecules is so large that it results in the contraction of the cloud under the influence of this force. This contracting gaseous mass is called a 'protostar.'

As the gaseous cloud contracts, the gas molecules collide with one another raising its temperature. This process continues for about a million years. During this time this temperature of the contracting mass increases from  $-173^{\circ}\text{C}$  to roughly 10 million K. At this temperature the hydrogen nuclei begin to fuse together to form helium nuclei. This releases an enormous amount of energy which further raises its temperature and pressure. Due to the nuclear fusion reaction and their consequent release of energy, the protostar now begins to glow, and becomes a star.

## Life and Death

A star at this stage is in a very delicate equilibrium under two opposing forces - the gravitational attraction trying to compress the matter further and the pressure from inside trying to release the nuclear energy generated through fusion reactions.

## Core



This balanced stage continues for a long time till most of the core has changed the helium through fusion reaction. At this state the reactions in the core stop making it to contract further under gravity. However, still at this stage in the outer shell, the hydrogen continues to form helium and liberate energy. The outer shell then begins to expand, increasing its surface area and reducing the intensity of the radiating energy. At this stage the star enters the Red Giant phase. In this phase the star begins to change colour and appears red. Once a star has reached the Red Giant phase then its future depends upon its initial mass.

1. If its mass is less than 1.4 times the solar Mass ( $M_s$ ) then it becomes a White Dwarf. White Dwarf is the star which loses its outer shell completely with the inner one of helium fusing into carbon atoms at the temperature of 100 million Kelvin. Later it cools down and fades forever.

2. If its mass is more than 1.4 times the solar mass then during the Red Giant Phase it becomes very hot and helium fused into other heavier elements. If the mass now exceeds 3 times the solar mass then the outer shell explodes with a brilliant flash. This is called a supernova.

If the core of the supernova exceeds 1.4 times the solar mass then it collapses into a dense star, called a neutron star.

If the core of the supernova exceeds 2.5 times the solar mass then it collapses into a Black Hole.

*Abdul Rafay*

*XI-B*

## ***When A Franciscan Writes***

It seems quite strange but a Franciscan even writes in such a manner that everybody is bound to read it. Writing about St. Francis' is an article which is often written in the College magazine but this time I am writing about Franciscans who have led a very memorable life in St. Francis' college. Franciscans who are talked about in this article enjoy their life to the fullest in the college campus. The day starts with a common line "Ohhhhhh!!!!!! Why do they open colleges so early in the morning?????????" criticising the system. After a while everybody reaches college and the previous night is discussed which is usually about studies, usually about the topics covered in Physics. The assembly bell rings which brings the conversation to an end. During the assembly the pledge is never said as it is, it is always changed. The first period passes very seriously because every student is very fresh and in a mood to study, but as the second period arrives the devil inside everyone creeps out and tiffins come out. All the boys in the class gather around the boy who brings the most delicious food and then "langar" starts. He is looted or rather deprived of his food. Through this activity the second and third period pass. In the next period a big majority of boys leave the class as it is the computer period which nobody likes to attend. As a result most of the time is spent out of the Vice-Principal's office as we kneel down because we are punished for bunking the computer period. The most dangerous period is the English period which has the maximum attendance because it is the period of Mr. Derick Jackson who is the most stylish teacher in the campus and he also teaches well. This is followed by Mr. T. Sawhney's period, who I think is the best teacher in the world for Organic Chemistry. He is simply outstanding. Then the lunch period starts, all the boys run towards the canteen but nobody buys anything. The seniors gather around the canteen and wait for their classmates to buy something and if by any chance anyone buys anything he is able to get only one percent of what he buys and sometimes not even that. Biology is the fifth period which is taught by the coolest teacher of the institution Mr. R. Mathews. Side by side the Mathematics class goes on which is taken by Mr. R. Kumar who according to me is the most helpful teacher of the institution. The next

period is of... wait a minute!!!! One thing I missed to mention that the birthday of every boy is celebrated by giving birthday bumps, in which the birthday boy is caught by more than fifty boys and kicked on the backside and the humorous thing is that sometimes a birthday is celebrated even if it is nobody's birthday. The next period after the Biology period is of the grand man "The Principal", who takes our Moral Science class. He is a very nice man. At the time when this article gets submitted he would've left this institution because his term is over. We all are very sad at parting the company of such a wonderful personality. The last period Physics is taught by Mr. N. Bose. He is also a very cool man and generally regarded as one of the best shot-put thrower in the city although his personality does not say so. At the end of the day nobody wants to go home so as to spend some more time in the campus but then the Vice-Principal comes and chases away all the boys out of the campus. This is 'supposedly' my last year in St. Francis' and one thing that I will miss in my whole life is my college life. I am a boy who spent a quality time in my college and whenever I think of the happy days I spent in St. Francis' my eyes well up with tears....

*Shivam Rastogi*  
XII - A

## **Betrayal**

No resolution, no will, nor value a lot,  
Can withstand the breach of belief,  
It leaves with a stinging profundity of thought,  
Nothing can bring a tinge of relief.

With awesome patience and exuberant care,  
Are nurtured few impossible expectations.  
Unknown, you are to their fare,  
They will always end up as humiliations.

No periods of time can but narrate;  
Your infinite dreams and your getting lost.  
But for this you can't blame fate;  
You will have to pay the cost.

With so much strength are you made to wait,  
For that time when you must confess:  
Or else your malignant state,  
Will rupture due to colossal stress.

But the real fragmentation starts on,  
When that very person your existence ignores.  
Shattered is your once imagined bond;  
Just abstrusity and futility scares.

Your mind collapses and then you yourself;  
Nothing appears to be real:  
Forever are you tormented by that,  
Ever growing pain of piercing Betrayal.

*Kartikey Asthana*  
X C

## ***Proud to Be a Franciscan***

I am a Franciscan, and what is more I am proud to be a student of what in my opinion is the greatest school on planet earth. If someone asked me what made me prouder, being an Indian, or being a Franciscan, I would say being a Franciscan, because not only is a Franciscan an Indian, he is something extra.

As you study in our school, the one thing that grows on you, like fungus only nicer, is the attitude. Call it arrogance if you want, but the aura of St. Francis' College teaches you one thing the teachers do not, it teaches you unity - it makes us all say, 'I am a Franciscan that is why you should not mess with me.'

A Franciscan never fights alone. If you hurt one of us, a whole army will answer you. Not only in fighting, in our daily life too we see incidents that bind us together, closer than friends, we are brothers. If a kid of Class XI A doesn't have a Biology book, we make sure that we beg, borrow or steal. Before the teacher comes, he is sitting in his seat, book open on page 82, waiting with apparent earnestness for the teacher to begin. One person never gets caught for anything, its always a group caught bunking, misbehaving etc. Each of us is unique yet united, a combination of dependence and independence.

Not only within the walls of our school does our positive attitude show but even outside. Visit any other school during a cultural festival, a literary event or even a simple game, Franciscans make sure they are heard. I still remember our basket ball match against La Martiniere Boys, we lost by 2 points in the last five seconds of the match, but still the support from the bench never diminished. No wonder Franciscans out cheer each and every school, no matter what the event may be.

"Crossroads," our festival, the most hyped, and much awaited event of the year was cancelled, mutinous muttering nevertheless peace prevailed. Hooligan's we might be, but within, a Franciscan is a gentleman. To be a Franciscan is an honour and, we take pride in our achievements, and learn from our failures, we are a run of honour and boys of fun, all rolled into one. The very corridors when we are caught bunking are the corridors where things of utmost gravity are discussed. The very teachers who are annoyed at our mischievousness are those who smile at our, however an occasional, spark of brilliance.

So if you are reading this, and you are a Franciscan, lift your chin up, chest out, stomach in and sit straight, remember who you are, you are, before all else, "Franciscan"!

**Samanyu  
XI - B**

### ***How Could Someone Be So Ignorant !***

*There is no escape when our Lord speaks. God speaks in the language you know best — not through your ears, but through you circumstances.*

## **COLLEGE CHRONICLE 2005-2006**

**April 5:** The academic session began anew.

**April 15** The investiture ceremony was held with customary fanfare. Fr. Vincent Nazareth exhorted the students to perform their duties loyally.

The following boys were assigned the various offices:

**College Captain** Shiva Garg XII B

### **House Captains**

St. George's House	Utsav Trivedi	XII B	Captain
	Harsh Mohan	XII B	Vice Captain

St. Andrew's House	Aditya Pratap Singh	XII B	Captain
	Nishank Sharma	XII B	Vice Captain

St. Francis' House	Paurush Ambesh	XII A	Captain
	Ali Atif	XII C	Vice Captain

St. Patrick's House	Dhruv Suri	XII C	Captain
	Divjot Singh Anand	XII C	Vice Captain

### **Prefects**

Maharshi Bhattacharya	XII A	Apurva C. Agarwal	XII B
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Kartik Gupta	XII A	Aviral Srivastava	XII B
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Faiz Ahmad	XII A	Rachit Hemwani	XII C
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Siddhartha Trivedi	XII B	Amritanshu Pattanaik	XII C
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Apurva Singh	XII B		
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<i>English Editors</i>	Mohit Agarwal	XII A	Rameen Khan	XII A
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<i>Hindi Editors</i>	Achint Rastogi	XII C	Utkarsh Tiwari	XII C
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### **Sports Captains for the Session 2005-2006**

Badminton	Srinivas Vishven	XII B
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Swimming	Harsh Mohan	XII B
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Table Tennis	Rishi Thapliyal	XII B
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Athletics	Aditya Pratap Singh	XII B
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Volleyball	Utsav Trivedi	XII B
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Football	Paurush Ambesh	XII A
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Hockey	Aditya Arjun Shah	XII C
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Cricket	Rohit Verma	XII A
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Gymnastic	Maharshi Bhattacharya	XII A
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|  | Basketball | Divjot Singh Anand | XII C |
|  | Chess      | Ankit Agarwal      | XII A |
- April 18** Anugrah Agarwal (XII- C) and Ritesh Mohan Krishna (IX - D) performed commendably in the NSTSC exam. Congratulations boys on your exemplary achievement!
- April 26** In C Division Badminton Tournament, S. Rai (St. George's House) was declared winner and Samarth Gupta ( St. Francis' House) runner-up.
- April 27** In B Division Badminton Tournament Satvik Misra (St. Patrick's House) emerged winner while Ariz (St. Patrick's House) was runner-up.
- April 28** In A division Badminton Competition, Paurush Ambesh (St. Francis' House) clinched the top position followed by runner-up Srinivas Vishen (St. George's House)
- April 30** The College Badminton Team comprising Srinivas Vishven, Paurush Ambesh, Nishank Sharma and Alok Kumar Singh performed impressively in the VII Jai Shankar Memorial Inter-School Badminton Tournament. You made us proud, Boys !
- May 6** An Inter-House Hindi Elocution Contest for classes VI, VII and VIII was organized. The students who carried away honours are stated hereunder.

**Class VI**

Winner	Varun Tandon	VI B	St. Patrick's House
Runner-up	Surya Awasthi	VI D	St. George's House

**Class VII**

Winner	Aditya Mehrotra	VII B	St. Andrew's House
Runner-up	Mohd. Yashab Abbas	VII B	St. Patrick's House

**Class VIII**

Winner	Siddharth Tandon	VIII B	St. Patrick's House
Runner-up	Rishabh Pandey	VIII A	St. Patrick's House

- May 10** To awaken the much needed traffic consciousness in our teenaged Franciscans, a debate centring on the topic '*Should the driving age be lowered from 18 to 15 years*' was organized under the aegis of Lucknow Traffic Police. The programme was presided over by Fr. Vincent Nazareth. S.P. Traffic, Mr. Onkar Singh graced the occasion as the guest of honour.

The following pupils of class X won laurels

Best speaker 'For' the motion –	Ahmad Emad	X C
Best speaker 'Against' the Motion –	Yashvardhan Sinha	X A
	Rishabh Rastogi	X D

**Best Team :**

X C Comprising Ahmad Emad (For) and Kartikeye Asthana (Against) the motion. The participants from Class XII put up an equally brilliant performance. The winners were as follows.

Best Speaker 'For' the motion : Anmol R Singh XII A  
Navaid Hasan XII C

Best speaker 'Against' the motion : Mohit Agarwal XII A

**Best Team :**

XII A team comprising Anmol R Singh (For) and Mohit Agarwal (Against the motion) was adjudged the best team.

**May 12**

Articulate speakers from classes VI, VII and VIII put up a jubilant performance in the Inter- House English Elocution Contest. The following were the winners –

**Class VI**

Winner	Tushar Misra	VI B	St. Andrew's House
Runner up	Naman Tandon	VI C	St. George's House

**Class VII**

Winner	Dhruv Saksena	VII B	St. George's House
Runner up	Parth Saksena	VII B	St. Patrick's House

**Class VIII**

Winner	Tanuj Gupta	VIII C	St. George's House
Runner up (a)	Parth Shukla	VIII D	St. Francis' House
(b)	Siddharth Tandon	VIII B	St. Patrick's House

**May 13**

Fr. Claudius D' Almeida was given a farewell after serving St. Francis' College as Vice- Principal. Shiva Garg, College Captain expressed gratitude on behalf of the students. Fr. Vincent Nazareth wished him God's blessings in his future endeavours.

**May 14**

Parents queued to attend the first Parent-Teacher meeting of the academic year 2005-06.

A farewell lunch in honour of the outgoing Vice Principal, Fr. D'Almeida was hosted by Fr. Nazareth. Mrs. B.R. Dean presented a gift on behalf of the faculty.

**May 16**

The much awaited Summer Vacations commenced.

The boys availed the benefit of coaching camps viz.

(a) Swimming (b) Basketball (c) Volleyball (d) Cricket (e) Hockey  
(f) Judo (g) Chess and (h) Football.

The World Wide Fund (W W F) organized a nature camp for Franciscans from classes VI – IX at Corbett National Park and Kaladungi in Uttaranchal. The programme comprised activities such as ABC of Nature, Amoeba, Orienteering, Nature Walks, Birdwatching, Singing, Quiz etc. The following prizes were won by the participants.

Best Wildlifer	Siddhart	VIII B
Best Environmental Guard	Harshit Balani	VII A
Environment Quiz	Chinmay Mishra	IX D
	Shashwat Gupta	VIII D
	Sidhant Sinha	VIII B
Best Entertainer	Siddharth Tandon	VIII B
Best Group 'Nature Friends'–	Harshit Balani	VII A
	Parth Shukla	VIII D
	Shubham Katyal	VII A
	Kushagra	VIII D
	Om Verma	
	Rohit Arora	IX C
	Ankit Bansal	

The tour was undertaken under the supervision of Mrs. Rekha Kumar.

**May 20**

In the 51st district level swimming championship held at Colvin Taluqadars College, Lucknow the following Franciscans won laurels for the school.

Mayank Arora (IX B) stood first in 50m freestyle and 50m backstroke and second in 50m butterfly and 100m freestyle.

Harsh Mohan (XII B) stood second in 50m freestyle and third in 50m breast stroke.

Shivashish Sinha (XI B) stood third in 50m freestyle and third in 50m butterfly.

**July 2**

Staff members' meeting. Fr. Nazareth lauded the teachers for the commendable Board Results.

The I.C.S.E batch 2004–05 comprising 192 pupils witnessed the following rank holders.

First	Deepansh Dalela	96%
Second	Satvik Dube	95.2%
Third	Dhananjay Pradhan	94 %

The 135 odd I.S.C batch 2004–05 displayed an equally impressive result. The rank holders were:–

First	Shivam Kandpal	94%
Second	Prayush Kumar	92.2%
Third	Amrit Agrahari	90.2%

The college bade good-bye to two staff members, viz. Mr. Sanjeev Daniel and Mr. Manoj Kumar. The Principal wished them success in their future enterprises. Miss Richa Joshi and Mr. Rino Mathews joined in their place. Father Nazareth welcomed Father Praveen Quadras as the new Vice – Principal.

The Principal exhorted the teachers to work dedicatedly.

**July 4**

The College reopened after the summer vacations.

**July 7**

Siddharth Trivedi did the College proud by procuring a scholarship worth Rs. 6000 awarded by 5UP Air Squadron, N.C.C for securing the highest marks in I.C.S.E 2004. He is the first Franciscan cadet to be accorded this prestigious recognition.

**July 12**

The Inter-House Football Match evidenced the following rankings.

<i>First</i>	St. Francis' House	<i>Third</i>	St. George's House
<i>Second</i>	St. Patrick's House	<i>Fourth</i>	St. Andrew's House

**July 15**

In Hindi Elocution Contest for classes IX to XII the following were the results.

*School section (IX – X)*

<i>First</i>	Anadi Misra	X D	St. Andrew's House
<i>Second</i>	(i) Nishant Parker	IX A	St. Patrick's House
	(ii) Yashvardhan Sinha	X A	St. Patrick's House
	(iii) Akshay Arora	IX D	St. Francis' House

*College Section (XI – XII)*

<i>First</i>	Apoorv Agarwal	XII B	St. Andrew's House
<i>Second</i>	Divjot S. Anand	XII C	St. Patrick's House
<i>Third</i>	Umar Mujeeb	XI B	St. Patrick's House

**July 16**

A Harry Potter Quiz was organized at Universal Booksellers, Hazratganj, on the eve of the launch of Rowling's 'Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince'. In a keenly contested quiz involving participants from seven distinguished schools of the city, St. Francis' College, clinched the top position. The team comprising Naman Verma ( IX C) and Abhijeet Prasad (IX D) was felicitated on the occasion.

**July 20**

In the second Rajendra Swaroop Inter School Taekwondo Championship, Utsav Gosain (X A) bagged the second position in the heavy weight category (60 – 70 Kg.) and Umang Gosain (VI B) stood third in the light

weight category (30 – 33Kg.) We proudly acknowledge the performance of the brothers.

**July 22**

The Inter-House English Debate competition for classes IX to XII was organized. The topic in the school section (IX – X) was: 'It's A Man's World'. The following boys were adjudged winners –

<i>First</i>	Yashvardhan Sinha	X A	St. Patrick's House
<i>Second</i>	Nishant Gopal	X D	St. Francis' House
<i>Third</i>	Bobin Kurien	X A	St. Francis' House

Students from the college section (XI – XII) spoke on the topic. 'The Interests of the educated classes are opposed to those of the masses'. The following participants clinched honours –

<i>First</i>	Umar Mujeeb	XI B	St. Patrick's House
<i>Second</i>	Apurva Agarwal	XII B	St. Andrew's House
<i>Third</i>	Shiva Garg	XII B	St. George's House

**July 26**

In the Lucknow District Judo Championship 2005 hosted by Navyug Radiance Senior Secondary School, the following Franciscans outshone others –

<i>First</i>	Mohd. Aarish	IXA	(Above 55 Kg)
<i>Third</i>	Sanyam Bejani	VIA	(Below 50 Kg)
<i>Third</i>	Ataur Rahman	IX B	(Below 50 Kg)

**July 30**

The Inter-House Hindi Debate competition involved participants from classes IX – XII

The contenders in the school section (IX – X) spoke on the topic 'विद्यार्थी जीवन के आरम्भ से किसी भी शिक्षण संस्थान में राजनैतिक हस्तक्षेप पूर्णता: अनुचित है।' The results were as under –

<i>First</i>	Abhishek Singh	X B	St. Andrew's House
<i>Second</i>	Yashvardhan	X A	St. Patrick's House
<i>Third</i>	(i) Satyawaan Shekhawat	X B	St. Francis' House
	(ii) Harshit Agarwal	IX D	St. Andrew's House

The topic for the participants in the College Category was – 'हमारे देश में समान नागरिक संहिता लागू करना अति आवश्यक है।'

The following emerged winners -

<i>First</i>	Umar Mujeeb	XI B	St. Patrick's House
<i>Second</i>	Achint Rastogi	XII C	St. Andrew's House
<i>Third</i>	Mohd. Navaid Hasan	XII C	St. George's House

*Keep it up boys!*

In the third Manish Bhatt Memorial Inter-School Table Tennis Tournament hosted at U.P Table Tennis complex (UPTTA, Lucknow) between July 30 to August 04, 2005 the following were the results –

Boy's Doubles Runner-up	Shivam Batham	X D
Boy's Team Championship Runner-up	Shivam Batham	X D
Boy's Team Championship Runner-up	Vatsal Khanna	X D

In a poster contest organized by Indian Cancer Society , U.P Branch, the following Franciscans clinched honours

<i>First</i>	Nimish Sharma	VI C	
<i>Second</i>	Shubham Agarwal	VIA	
<i>Consolation</i>	(i) Vinayak Tiwari	VI C	(v) Rohit Shukla
	(ii) Aayush Kumar	VII C	(vi) Arjun Munshi
	(iii) Pranjal	VI B	(vii) Eshan Singh
	(iv) Abhijeet Roy	VI C	(viii) Ashutosh Dey
			VIIA

The boys were guided by their Arts' teacher, Mrs. R. Gaur.

**Aug. 4** In the Inquisitive Inter-College Quiz contest organized by Hindustan Times, Apurva Chandra Agarwal XII B and Paurush Ambesh XII A bagged the first prize to represent Uttar Pradesh in the National Mega Finals to be hosted by the famous Siddharth Basu. Congratulation Boys!

**Aug. 6** The Inter House Elocution contest saw the following speakers emerging winners –

*School section (IX – X)*

<i>First</i>	Akshay Arora	IX D
<i>Second</i>	Arpit Kulshresht	X D
<i>Third</i>	Aditya Kapoor	IX B

*College section (XI – XII)*

<i>First</i>	Mohit Agarwal	XII A
<i>Second</i>	Shashwat Shekhar	XIA
<i>Second</i>	Umar Mujeeb	XI B
<i>Third</i>	Harsh Srivastava	XII C

**Aug. 10** Rameen Khan (XII A) and Ayush Chandra (XII A) emerged as state level winners in the SAARC QUIZ – 2005 hosted at AIR, Lucknow. We are proud of our young achievers.

In the U.P open Badminton Championship organized at Gorakhpur, Ariz Siddiqui (VIII A) and Nilay Rastogi (VIII C) respectively ranked fourth and fifth in the sub-junior category.

**Aug. 12** 'What's The Good Word' was a well – contested event. The following were the winners –

**Class VI – VIII**

<i>First :</i>	<i>St. Francis' House Team</i>	
Participants :	Anurag Dwivedi	VI D
	Nimish Puri	VII B
	Shashwat Gupta	VIII D
<i>Second :</i>	<i>St. Patrick's House Team</i>	
Participants :	Karan Ghosh	VIA
	Shakul Srivastava	VII B
	Siddharth Tandon	VIII B
<i>Third :</i>	<i>St. George's House Team</i>	
Participants :	Rohan Sethi	VI B
	Kalrav Krishna Tripathi	VII C
	Tanuj Gupta	VIII C

**Class IX – XII**

<i>First :</i>	<i>St. Patrick's House Team</i>	
Participants :	Anshuman Vikram Singh	IX A
	Yashvardhan Sinha	X A
	Umar Mujeeb	XI B
	Prateek Saxena	XII C
<i>Second :</i>	<i>St. Andrew's House Team</i>	
Participants :	Pranoy Sharma	IX C
	Suyash Chandra	X B
	Huzefa Shabbir	XI A
	Prateek Tandon	XII A
<i>Third :</i>	<i>St. Francis' House Team</i>	
Participants :	Sameer Ahmed	IX A
	Bobin Kurien	X A
	Rishi Gupta	XI B
	Faiz Ahmed	XII A

**Aug. 13** Parent - Teacher Meeting

**Aug. 15** The 58th Independence Day was celebrated with the flag hoisting ceremony. The Chief Guest was Mr. Vinay Srivastava, Regional Passport Officer. Shiva Garg, the College Head boy delivered a speech in English. Achintya Rastogi spoke in Hindi. The Chief Guest spurred the Franciscans to serve India dedicatedly. Fr. Nazareth proposed the vote of thanks at the conclusion of the function.

**Aug. 16** In the Late Robin Mitra Memorial U.P State Table Tennis Tournament, Akshat Mehrotra (IX A) emerged winner in the Sub-Junior event. In the Horlicks Wiz Kids 2005 organized at Ganna Sansthan Auditorium, Nishant Parker (IX A) was selected to represent U.P in the National Finals at Bangalore.

**Aug. 17** The final rankings for the Inter House Basketball match were as follows.  
*First* St. Andrew's House *Third* St. George's House  
*Second* St. Patrick's House *Fourth* St. Francis' House

**Aug. 22** The First Term Examinations commenced

**Sep. 5** The students greeted their teachers on Teachers' Day. A variety show was presented to entertain the faculty. Later the teachers enjoyed a delicious lunch hosted by Fr. Nazareth. Each teacher was given a token of remembrance to mark the occasion.

**Sep. 11** The Inter- House Quiz Contest saw the following pupils clinching honours.

**Class VI – VIII**

*First :* St. George's House

Winners : Siddharth VI C  
 Palash Rawat VII B  
 Danish Hasan VIII D

*Second :* St. Andrew's House

Winners : Vidush VI B  
 Debyendu Kundu VII A  
 Najmuddin Naqvi VIII B

*Third :* St. Patrick's House

Winners : Varun Tandon VI B  
 Satvik Misra VII A  
 Siddharth Tandon VIII B

**Class IX – XII**

*First :* St. Andrew's House

Winners : Mudit Agarwal IX C Praful Srivastava XI B  
 Aniket Agarwal X B Ayush Chandra XII A

*Second :* St. Patrick's House

Winners : Zohair Parvez IX A Shivankar Ojha XI A  
 Siddharth Basu X D Mohit Agarwal XII A

*Third :* St. Francis' House Team

Winner : Rachit Saxena IX C Nirvan Vibhor XI C  
 Kartikey Asthana X C Paurush Ambesh XII A



**Sep. 21** The Combined Annual Training Camp (CATC) 165 was held at Government Inter College, Hussainabad from September 09, to September 18. 32 cadets represented St. Francis' College. Our NCC cadets obtained the following prizes –

Siddharth Tandon	VIII B — Quiz (First), Poetry (Second)
Aditya Agarwal	IX B — Arts (First), Essay Writing (Second)
Ravi Nandan	IX D — Poetry Writing (First), Poster Slogan (Second)
Arijeet Chatterji	IX B — Arts (First)
Rajbir Singh	IX A — Poster Slogan (First)
Allan V. Mathai	IX D — Quiz (Second)
Anunay Tomar	VIII A — Poetry Writing (Second)
Raghav Kapoor	VIII C — Essay Writing (First)
Akshat Mehrotra	IX A — Best Cadet

The cadets also won the Football championship and were declared overall runners-up

**Sep. 24** The third Parent Teacher Meeting was held to discuss student's progress

**Sep. 26** In the North Zone Finals of the SAARC Quiz 2005 held at New Delhi, Rameen Khan (XII A) emerged as the North Zone Champion to qualify for the national finals.

**Sep. 27** On the basis of their performance in the Fourth Avinash Chandra Chaturvedi Inter College Football Tournament, the following Franciscans were selected to represent Lucknow Football Team. Dhruv Suri (XII C), Kumar Akshat (XI C), Alok K. Singh (XI B). Well done boys!

**Oct. 2** In a Past vs Present Cricket Match, the past pupils beat the present by 32 runs.

**Oct. 4** In yet another Past vs Present Basketball match, the past beat the present, 46 – 21.

**Oct. 4** The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The day commenced with the Eucharistic Sacrifice. The Chief Guest, Bishop Albert D'Souza, hoisted the Franciscan flag. A march past followed. The pupils, teachers and helping hands were felicitated. The following were recognized for their exemplary service.

**Teachers who completed 25 years of service**

1. Mr. Naresh Vig
2. Mrs. Bimla Rajkumari Dean
3. Mrs. Manju Kandpal

**Class IV Employees who completed 25 years of service**

1. Mr. Simon Sylvester
2. Mr. Ashok Kumar
3. Mr. Ramesh

**Full Attendance of the staff for the session 2004-2005**

1. Mrs. Hyacinth Freitas
2. Mrs. Zorine Singh
3. Mr. Charles Veigas
4. Mrs. Shirly Nath
5. Miss. Gracy Holmes
6. Mr. Sidney McDonald
7. Mrs. Iona Hill
8. Mrs. Vida Lyall
9. Mrs. Margaret Benjamin
10. Mr. Shaji Philip
11. Mr. Carolus Minj

**Meritorious Students of ISC 2005**

Shivam Kandpal	94%	Ist Position	XII-C
Prayush Kumar	92.2%	2nd Position	XII-B
Amrit Agrahari	90.2%	3rd Position	XII-A

**Meritorious Students of ICSE 2005**

Deepansh Dalela	96%	Ist Position	X-B
Satvik Dube	95.2%	2nd Position	X-B
Dhananjay Pradhan	94%	3rd Position	X-D

**Subject wise Highest Marks in ISC 2005**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Name of Students</i>	<i>Marks</i>	
English	Utkarsh Sharma	95	XII - C
Mathematics	Prayush Kumar	99	XII - B
Physics	Maruti Nandan	95	XII - B
	Shivam Kandpal	95	XII - C
Chemistry	Prayush Kumar	94	XII - B
	Ayush Pandya	94	XII - C
	Shivam Kandpal	94	XII - C
Biology	Prakhar Mehrotra	94	XII - C
Computer Sc.	Mayank Goyal	94	XII - A
Hindi	Ayush Pandya	95	XII - C

**Subject wise Highest Marks in ICSE 2005**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Name of Students</i>	<i>Marks</i>	
English	Deepansh Dalela	92	X - B
	Satvik Dube	92	X - B
Mathematics	Deepansh Dalela	98	X - B
Science	Deepansh Dalela	94	X - B
	Satvik Dube	94	X - B

	Anindya Rastogi	94	X - C
Computer Sci.	Himanshu Mohan	99	X - C
	Mayank Gupta	99	X - C
	Samanyu	99	X - C
	Deepansh Dalela	96	X - B
Hist. Civics & Geography	Deepansh Dalela	96	X - B
Hindi	Deepansh Dalela	96	X - B

Bishop Albert the Chief Guest gave an inspiring speech. Fr. Lancy Lobo, Fr. Paul Rodrigues and Fr. Denis D'Souza were present on the occasion.

- Oct. 5** In a Past vs Present Badminton match, the present beat the past 3 games to 2
- Oct. 7** The final rankings for the Inter House Hockey Contest were as follows.  
*First* : St. George's House      *Second* : St. Andrew's House  
*Third* : St. Francis' House      *Fourth* : St. Patrick's House
- Oct. 15, 16** St. Francis' Annual concert was a resounding success. The students mesmerized the audience with their talents.
- Oct. 19** Overall standings in the Inter House cricket competition stood as follows.  
*First* : St. Francis' House      *Second* : St. Andrew's House  
*Third* : St. Patrick's House      *Fourth* : St. George's House
- Oct. 27** In the IVth EXSPO International Sports meet, 2005, the following were the results

#### **Chess**

Pratul Tandon      XII B      Bronze Medal

#### **Athletics**

Aditya Pratap Singh      XII B      Bronze medal (200 m)  
Alok Kumar Singh      XI B      Silver (500 m)  
Aditya      XII B      Silver Medal (4 x 100m relay)  
Shubham      XI C      Silver Medal (4 x 100m relay)  
Divjot      XII B      Silver Medal (4 x 100m relay)  
Kumar Akshat      XI C      Silver Medal (4 x 100m relay)  
Abhishek K. Singh      X B      Silver Medal (Shot Put)

#### **Badminton (Juniors)**

Kanish Pandey      VIII D      Gold Medal (Singles)  
Nilay Rastogi      VIII D  
and Kanish Pandey      VIII D      Gold Medal (Doubles)

#### **Badminton (Seniors)**

Paurush Ambesh      XII A      Gold Medal (Singles)

Nishank Sharma XII B  
and Ariz XII B Gold Medal (Doubles)

**Judo**

Mohammad Arish IX A Gold Medal (54 Kgs. Category)

**Table Tennis**

Akshat Mehrotra IX A Silver Medal (Singles)

Vatsal and Shivam X D Bronze Medal (Doubles)

Our college was judged Runner Up in the EXSPO International Sports Meet, 2005. Very well done boys!

**Oct. 29**

The Franciscan team comprising Divjot, Atif, Rameen, Navaid, Apurva, Rahul and Mudit won the third prize at MCFEST, 2005 in Jingling (Ad-mad) event. Ms. Richa Joshi trained the boys.

A debate on the topic '*Deepawali With Crackers or Without*' was organized by NCI as part of the Anti Fire Cracker Drive. The contest saw the following clinching honours

*First* Vaibhav Sethi VII C

*Second* Siddhant Sinha VIII B

The contest was judged by Mrs. Rita Jackson

A Quiz competition based on the topic '*Fire Cracker vs Environment*' was also conducted by Mr. Rino Mathews as part of the Anti Fire Cracker Drive. The winners were as follows.

*First* Yashab Abbas VII B and Anshu Dixit VIII A

*Second* Siddhant Sinha VIII B and Ashar Khalid VII D

In an earlier conducted Wild Life Week, the following participants from St. Francis' won prizes.

(i) Best Slogan : Priyank Agarwal VII B First

(ii) Poster : Mohd. Qasim Khan VIII A First

(iii) Quiz : Siddhant Sinha VIII B First

(iv) Eco friendly cricket match :- Class VIII heat Class IX. Mohd. Yasim Abbas VIII D was declared Best Bowler. Asad Yousuf earned the title of Best Batsman.

**Nov. 5**

The overall rankings for the Inter House swimming competition were as follows:-

*First* St. George's House *Third* St. Andrew's House

*Second* St. Patrick's House *Fourth* St. Francis' House

At a contest entitled EXTRAVAGANZA, 45 reputed institutions of the city participated. The Franciscans were declared the third best team. Mr.

Rino Mathews trained the participants. The winners bagged the following prizes.

*First* Akshay Singh XIA Creative Writing

*Second* Ramen Khan XIIA Quiz  
Ayush Chandra XIIA

*Second* Samin Raza IXA Western Solo

**Choreography**

*First* Rahul Arora XII C Divjot Singh XII C

Mudit Upereti XI C, Ankit Sharma XI C

Ishan Arora XII C Samarth Pathak XII C

Ali Atif XII C and Navaid Hasan XII C

Best performer (i) Rahul Arora XII C Dance

(ii) Vatsal Khanna X D Drums

Well done boys! Hard Work pays.

In a Quiz Competition organized by LIC, St. Francis' College was rated the third best of the eight institutions of Lucknow which took part. The participants who obtained honours included.

Tanmay Srivastava VI D Syed Najmuddin VIII B

Manu Raghuvanshi VII D Sagar Upereti IX C

**Nov. 14** A children's Day fete was held on the occasion of Children's Day. Mouth-watering eats drew children and parents to the stalls. Games afforded entertainment to the boys. In all a fun-packed carnival of festivity.

*Congratulations!*

**Nov. 16** St. Francis College was victorious in all the events comprising the first SFC Invitation Badminton Tournament. The winners were as follows:-

(i) The College Badminton Team consisting of Paurush Ambesh, Nishank Sharma, Ariz Siddiqui and Kanishka Pandey beat La Martiniere College, 3-0

(ii) Paurush Ambesh won the single's title in the Individual Badminton Championship.

(iii) Nishank Sharma and Ariz Siddiqui won the Doubles Championship.

**Nov. 17** The Inter-House Marathon contest was an eagerly awaited sporting event of the year. The following notched to a close win.

First Maharishi Bhattacharya XIIA St. Patrick's House

Second Rahul Shetty XI C St. Patrick's House

Third Vishal Sharma IX B St. Andrew's House

In the Central Zone coaching camp organized by the Cricket Control Board of India, Franciscan Shivansh Sharma (IX A) who represented U.P took 17 wickets. Congratulations!

**Nov. 20**

St. Francis' College Relay Team clinched the second position in an Inter College Relay Tournament hosted by the Army Public school. The Franciscans who stole honours included –

Aditya Pratap Singh (Captain)	XII B	Shubham Tripathi	XI C
Dhruv Suri	XII C	Divjot S. Anand	XII C

**Nov. 21**

The second Term Exams commenced.

**Dec. 18**

Shree Shakti Ecofriendly Pariwar organized an Environmental Awareness Programme under the National Green Corps Project sponsored by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India at Scholar's Home Park, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow. Hon'ble Minister of Environment and Forest, Uttar Pradesh Government, Shri Ujjawal Raman Singh was invited to distribute the prizes to the winners. Our Franciscans bagged the following honours –

Singing :	Jai Rawat	VII C	Second
	Siddharth Benipuri	IX C	Third
Speech :	Danish Hasan	VIII B	First
	Shivam Garg	VII B	Third
Quiz :	Mohd Yashab Abbas	VII B	First
Slogan Writing :	Animesh Dayal	IX B	

The programme Co-ordinator Mrs. Rekha Kumar trained the boys to win these accolades.

**Jan. 12**

The College bade adieu to the Principal Fr. Nazareth who was to take on his new assignment as Principal of Sacred Heart Inter College, Sitapur. A get together after school was hosted by the staff to bid farewell to Fr. Nazareth. Ms. Rita Budhwar gave a touching farewell speech in honour of the outgoing Principal. Fr. Nazareth spoke in fond remembrance of his tenure at St. Francis' College.

The reins of SFC fell into the able hands of Fr. Vincent Pinto. The new Principal reiterated his resolve to build an atmosphere of academic perfection and scholarly excellence.

**Jan. 18**

In the Geography Quiz organized by the Traffic Police in collaboration with National Geographic Channel, St. Francis' College was represented by Yash Vardhan Sinha (X A) and Siddharth Basu (X D). The Franciscan team competed with 62 reputed schools of Lucknow to clinch the second position in the event. The winners received gift vouchers worth Rs. 9000 each. Mrs. R. Jackson undertook to train the boys.

- Dec. 21** The fourth Parent Teacher meeting was held.
- Jan. 3, 2006** The school reopened after the Christmas Holidays.
- Jan. 20** I.C.S.E and I.S.C Pre Board Examinations started.
- Jan. 26** The 57th Republic Day at college befittingly began with a short prayer. Father Pinto hoisted the Indian tricolour. The NCC squad paraded. Umar Mujeeb gave a speech in English and Nirvan Vibhor spoke in Hindi. At the conclusion Fr. Pinto gave an inspiring speech with patriotic overtures. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. D. Jackson.
- Jan. 27** St. Francis' College had the rare distinction of representing the North Zone at the Euro Quiz Competition organized by Eureka Forbes Institute of Environment at Pragati Maidan Science Centre, New Delhi. Our College notched the fourth position after competing against 36 schools from Chandigarh, Jaipur, New Delhi etc. The Franciscan team was represented by Siddharth Sinha (VIII B) and Syed Danish Hasan (VIII B). Mrs. Rekha Kumar trained the participants.
- Feb. 10** The college bade adieu to the I.S.C batch 2005 – 2006. The event began with the handing over of the flags and badges by the office bearers to Fr. Pinto. Umar Mujeeb (XI B) struck the welcome note. A lively presentation of dance and music by class XI pupils spiced up the evening. Shiva Garg, the college captain gave the farewell message. Fr. Pinto reciprocated the sentiments of the teaching fraternity in a well – spoken farewell speech. As a parting gift the boys received mementos from the Principal.
- March 1** Final Examination 2005 – 06 commenced.  
I.S.C and I.C.S.E Examination 2006 began.
- March 29** Distribution of report cards. The academic year drew to a close with a staff meeting headed by Fr. V. Pinto.  
Ms. R. Takru, Mrs. D. Choudhury and Ms. S. Ravi were inducted as new staff members.  
The year ended with its manifold challenges. Successes and failures came our way, but our banner kept flying high. We cannot but attribute our success to God Almighty. The words of Vincent P Collins reassure us. "When we appeal to God as a helpless infant, He picks us up in His gentle hands and cradles us in His powerful arms... (We) have nothing to lose by leaving it up to Him".

***Mrs. Smitha Saxena***

## *Glimpses of Annual Concert*



A cross section of the august gathering for the Annual Concert



'SHADOW DANCE' Senior School Students



Our College Orchestra



A still from the Tableau-The Prodigal Son





A scene from the Rivetting 'Bhola Ram Ka Jeev'

'Rhythm & Blues' -  
The English Choir



The English Play -  
The Guy is Not for Burning'

A Prayer Dance for World  
Peace by the Primary  
School Children



## *College Sound Up*



Winners of the Cock House for the year 2005-2006  
St. Georges' House



Best All round student - A.P. Singh



Best sportsman of the year - Paurush Ambesh

## *College Sound Up*



Our Principal Rev. Fr. Vincent Pinto addressing the students on Republic Day



'Fun & Frolic abounds' The Annual College Fete



Mr. Avinash Srivastava, IAS giving away mementoes at the Prize Distribution Ceremony

## छात्रों में बढ़ती अनुशासनहीनता एवं नैतिकता- एक प्रश्न चिन्ह

छात्रों के मध्य बढ़ती अनैतिकता, अनुशासनहीनता एवं परस्पर दुर्व्यवहार वर्तमान समय में केवल शिक्षण संस्थानों ही नहीं वरन् समाज के सम्मुख भी एक प्रश्नचिन्ह बन चुके हैं। आज यह समस्या केवल हमारे देश को ही नहीं वरन् पूरे विश्व को घेरे हुये है। गुरु-शिष्य के रिश्तों पर जैसे ग्रहण लग गया है। कुछ वर्षों तक यह समस्या विश्वविद्यालयों तथा डिग्री कालेजों तक ही सीमित थी परन्तु आज इस समस्या ने विद्यालय के कोमल, अल्प-विकसित मस्तिष्कों को भी अपनी चपेट में ले लिया है।

विद्यालयों में भी आज यह समस्या सातवीं-आठवीं कक्षा से ही उग्र होने लगती है और बारहवीं तक पहुँचते-२ अपने विकराल रूप में दिखाई देने लगती है। माता-पिता की अवहेलना शिक्षकों के प्रति बढ़ती अवमानना और साथी सहपाठियों के साथ दुर्व्यवहार आदि समस्यायें आज विद्यालय प्रबन्धकों एवं शिक्षकों के लिये चिन्ता का विषय बन गया है जो क्रमशः छात्रों को नैतिक पतन की ओर ले जा रहा है।

आखिर कौन जिम्मेदार है उनके इस पतन के लिए- माता-पिता, शिक्षक वर्ग या बदलता हुआ सामाजिक परिवेश एवं टूटती सामाजिक मान्यतायें। किसी एक को दोष देना उचित न होगा क्योंकि कहीं न कहीं किसी न किसी रूप में ये सभी इसके लिये जिम्मेदार है। जहाँ एक ओर एकल परिवारों की संख्या समाज में बढ़ रही है वहीं दूसरी ओर माता-पिता दोनों का कामकाजी होना भी एक महत्वपूर्ण तथ्य है। बच्चों को अप्रशिक्षित आयाओं तथा अनपढ़ नौकरों की देखरेख में छोड़कर जाने के लिए विवश है माता-पिता। बच्चे माता-पिता से ज्यादा इन लोगों के साथ अपना समय व्यतीत करते हैं फलतः माता-पिता के संस्कार इन आयाओं एवं नौकरों के कुसंस्कारों के सामने प्रभावहीन होने लगते हैं। रही सही कसर विद्यालय में प्रवेश करते ही उनके रिक्शेवाले, टैम्पो ड्राइवर आदि पूरी कर देते हैं।

छोटे परिवारों में रहते हुये बच्चों में बड़ों के प्रति सम्मान छोटों के प्रति प्रेम एवं त्यागपूर्ण व्यवहार, आपसी सामंजस्य, आपसी समझ और सदभाव का नितान्त अभाव होता जा रहा है। वे अपने अधिकार की बात तो करते हैं परन्तु कर्तव्यों के प्रति पूर्णतः अनभिज्ञ हैं क्योंकि अक्सर छोटे-छोटे परिवारों में अपने माता-पिता को अधिकारों के लिये लड़ते तो देखते हैं परन्तु बड़ों के प्रति कर्तव्य निभाते कम ही देखते हैं। सारे दिन माता-पिता की अनुपस्थिति में वे घर में पूरी तरह से निरंकुश और स्वच्छन्द हो जाते हैं। उनके गलत व्यवहार एवं गलत कार्यों के लिये उन्हें टोकने वाला उनका सही मार्गदर्शन करने वाला कोई नहीं होता।

शाम को जब थके हारे माता-पिता घर में घुसतें हैं तो बच्चों को उचित समझ न दे पाने के अपराध-बोध के तहत बच्चों पर अपना प्यार लुटाते हुये, उनकी उचित अनुचित माँगें बिना सोचे समझे पूरी करते हैं, घर के नौकर या आया यदि कुछ शिकायत भी करते हैं तो वे हँसकर टाल देते हैं, यहाँ तक कि यदि विद्यालय से भी कोई शिकायत आती है तो उसे गम्भीरता से नहीं लेते।

परिणामतः ये किशोर समय एवं अनुशासन का महत्व समझे बिना पूरी तरह स्वच्छन्द एवं स्वेच्छाचारी बन विद्यालय के प्रांगण में घूमते हैं, किसी भी तरह का नियम या बन्धन विद्यालय के अन्दर उनसे सहन नहीं होता। विद्यालय में शिक्षकों द्वारा की जाने वाली टीका-टिप्पणी उन्हें जरा नहीं सुहाती, शिक्षक वर्ग यदि उनकी डायरी में कुछ शिकायत लिखते भी है, तो वे घर में नहीं दिखाते बल्कि स्वयं ही माताओं के हस्ताक्षर तक कर लेते है, जानते है पकड़े जाने पर माँ उन्हें बचा लेगी। माता-पिता तक सूचना तब पहुँचती है जब स्थिति नियंत्रण से बाहर हो जाती है।

आज सातवीं और आठवीं कक्षा के छात्रों को भी माता-पिता अपने लाड़ प्यार में दुपहिया वाहन थमा देते है। और बस ये किशोर पूरी तरह से यातायात के नियमों का उल्लंघन करते हुये हवाई घोड़े पर सवार दौड़ा करते है। यदि विद्यालय प्रशासन ने विद्यालय प्रांगण में दुपहिये वाहन लाने पर प्रतिबंध लगा दिया तो, आस पास के किसी भी स्टैण्ड पर ये वाहन खड़े कर विद्यालय पहुँच जाते है। छुट्टी के बाद ये छात्र अपने इन हवाई घोड़ों पर सवार गति की सीमाओं को पार करते हुये जहाँ कहीं भी स्वच्छन्दता से घूमते है। परिणाम है दिन प्रतिदिन बढ़ती दुर्घटनायें।

ऐसे छात्रों पर यदि विद्यालय में अंकुश लगाया जाता है तो उन्हें अनुशासित करने में अक्सर उनके परिजनों का कोई सहयोग नहीं मिलता बल्कि कुछ माता-पिता तो उल्टा शिक्षकों पर ही दोषारोपण कर देते है। परिणामतः ये छात्र और भी ज्यादा उच्छृंखल और स्वच्छन्द हो जाते है। उन पर अंकुश लगाते, पढ़ने के लिये विवश करते शिक्षक उन्हें अपने सबसे बड़े शत्रु दिखाई देते है। फलतः वे विद्रोही भी हो जाते है। बात-बात पर शिक्षकों की अवमानना करना, विद्यालय के नियमों का उल्लंघन करना ही वे अपना ध्येय बना लेते है। ऐसा नहीं है कि सभी छात्र ऐसे है। कुछ छात्र ऐसे भी है जो सुस्कृत, अनुशासित, मृदुभाषी और अध्ययन के प्रति पूर्णतः समर्पित है, समय के महत्व को जानते है। परन्तु उन दूसरों छात्रों के साथ रहते इनका अपना मार्ग अत्यधिक कठिन हो जाता है। उन्हें अपने इन अनुशासनहीन छात्र साथियों का केवल विरोध ही नहीं सहना पड़ता वरन् अक्सर उनका कोपभाजन भी बनना पड़ता है।

समाज का अत्यधिक पाश्चात्यीकरण, अश्लील फिल्में, अनैतिक राजनीति आदि भी इन कोमल मस्तिष्कों पर अपना कम दुष्प्रभाव नहीं छोड़ते। सिनेमा के खुलेपन एवं उसकी चमक-दमक को वे अपने जीवन में उतार लेना चाहते है और सहयोग मिलता है अपने परिजनों से जो उम्र कैरियर बनाने की है वह उम्र युवक-युवतियाँ आपसी मित्रता करने, होटलों में घूमने, फिल्में देखने में गुजारना अधिक पसन्द करते है।

ऐसा नहीं है कि इन समस्याओं का कोई हल नहीं है। यदि माता-पिता अपने स्तर पर थोड़ा ध्यान दें अपनी संतानों पर तो यह समस्या काफी हद तक सुलझाई जा सकती है। एकल परिवार या संयुक्त परिवार में रहना हर व्यक्ति का अपना व्यक्तिगत निर्णय है परन्तु एकल परिवार में रहते हुये भी कभी-कभी बच्चों को अपने बुजुर्गों से मिलवाते रहें, तो बच्चों में बड़ों के प्रति सम्मान की भावना विकसित होगी माता-पिता दोनों यदि नौकरी करते हैं तो ये कोशिश करें

किसी प्रशिक्षित अधिक आयु की आया के संरक्षण में बच्चों को छोड़ें। बल्कि छोटे बच्चों के साथ घर में कोई घर का ही बुर्जुग सदस्य रहे तो इससे अच्छा कुछ भी नहीं। समय-समय पर विद्यालय जाकर शिक्षकों से मिलकर अपनी संतान के विषय में समस्त जानकारियाँ प्राप्त करें व यथासम्भव उनके साथ सहयोग करें और अपने बच्चों की कमियों तथा समस्याओं को जानकर उन्हें दूर करने का प्रयास करें।

शिक्षकों एवं छात्रों के माता-पिता के मध्य निरन्तर सहयोगपूर्ण सम्बन्ध रहना अत्यन्त आवश्यक है। यदि छात्रों को घर एवं विद्यालय दोनों जगह अनुशासन एवं समय का महत्त्व समझाया जाये, उसे अनुशासित रहने तथा सद्व्यवहार करने हेतु प्रोत्साहित किया जाये तो यह समस्या इतनी विकट नहीं कि इसका समाधान न हो सके।

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## सबसे बड़ी पूजा

सूरज एक बहुत ही बुद्धिमान लड़का था। वह कक्षा में हमेशा प्रथम आता था। उसके माता-पिता और अध्यापक उस पर गर्व करते थे। उसके बहुत सारे मित्र भी थे।

एक बार अध्यापक दिवस पर प्रधानाचार्य ने अपने भाषण में कहा कि पढ़ाई एक पूजा है और जिस पर माँ सरस्वती कृपा करती है, वह हमेशा सफल होता है। सूरज बड़े ध्यान से यह सब सुन रहा था और उसने सोचा, "अगर मैं भगवान की पूजा करूँ तो मैं सफल हो जाऊँगा।"

उस दिन से सूरज हमेशा पूजा-अर्चना करता रहता। पढ़ाई लिखाई पूरी तरह से छोड़ दी। धीरे-धीरे उसके पढ़ाई का स्तर गिरने लगा। प्रथम सत्र की परीक्षा में उसे केवल ४९ प्रतिशत अंक मिले। उसके माता-पिता, अध्यापक, मित्र सभी को आश्चर्य हुआ।

सूरज भी अपना परीक्षा-फल देख कर भौचक्का रह गया। प्रधानाचार्य और कक्षा अध्यापक ने आपस में बात-चीत कर सूरज को अपने पास बुलाया। उन्होंने उससे इस का कारण पूछा तब उसने भाषण के बारे में बताया। तब प्रधानाचार्य जी ने समझाया कि उनके कहने का यह मतलब था कि केवल पूजा करने से सफलता नहीं मिलती, कर्म भी आवश्यक है। जो अपना कर्म पूरी लगन से करते हैं, उन्हें भगवान की कृपा प्राप्त होती है। छात्र का कर्तव्य है पढ़ाई और ज्ञान प्राप्त करना। यही माँ सरस्वती की सच्ची पूजा है।

"भगवान भी उसकी मदद करता है जो अपनी मदद खुद करता है।"

यह सुन कर सूरज को अपनी गलती का एहसास हुआ और उसने उनका धन्यवाद किया। उसके बाद उसने पढ़ाई में ध्यान दिया और परीक्षा में अच्छे अंक लेकर उत्तीर्ण हुआ।

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## छात्र जीवन में खेल का महत्व

मनुष्य का जीवन अत्यन्त दुर्लभ है। वेदों, पुराणों और शास्त्रों वर्णित है कि अनगिनत जन्मों के बाद मनुष्य योनि में मानव जन्म लेता है। इस दुर्लभ जीवन का हर काल अति महत्वपूर्ण है। बाल्यावस्था मनुष्य के जीवन की प्राथमिक अवस्था है। मानव इस अवस्था में अपने प्राथमिक रिश्तों को समझता है। उसकी माँ कौन है उस के पिता कौन है। इस अवस्था में बच्चा अपने परिजनों के साथ खेलता-घूमता फिरता है और अपना समय व्यतीत करता है। वह अपने खेल अपने ढंग से खेलता है और घर के लोग भी उस की खुशी के लिये उसके साथ खेलते हैं।

लेकिन जब वह बच्चा विद्यालय में प्रवेश करता है तो उसका छात्र जीवन प्रारम्भ हो जाता है। उस जीवन में उसे हर विषय में अनुशासन मानना पड़ता है चाहे वह खेल का क्षेत्र हो चाहे अध्ययन का।

छात्र जीवन में खेल का महत्व अध्ययन के समान है। अध्ययन से छात्र का मानसिक विकास होता है जबकि खेल से मानसिक तथा शारीरिक दोनों प्रकार का विकास होता है।

- (१) छात्र खेल के नियमों को मानता है जिससे उसके अन्दर अनुशासित रहने की भावना का विकास होता है।
- (२) खेल से छात्र में सहयोग करने की भावना विकसित होती है क्योंकि कोई भी खेल व्यक्ति अकेले नहीं खेल सकता। जब वह दूसरे के सहयोग से खेलता है तो तब दूसरे का भी सहयोग करना सीखता है।
- (३) हर खेल में दो तत्व महत्वपूर्ण होते हैं। एक हार दूसरा जीत। छात्र दोनों को समान भाव से अपनाना सीख जाता है। यह भावना उसे जीवन के अगले सोपान पर काफी मजबूत बनाती है। वह जीवन में असफल होने पर हताश नहीं होता है वरन् दुगुनी मेहनत से सफलता की तैयारी में जुट जाता है।
- (४) हर खेल किसी न किसी निर्देश से खेला जाता है, निर्देशक के निर्देश को मानना हर छात्र के लिये अति आवश्यक है, इससे छात्र में नियम-निर्देशो को मानने की भावना का विकास होता है।
- (५) खेल में हर जाति सामूहिक होती है। इसके लिए छात्रों में एक दूसरे पर दोषारोपण की आदत का विकास नहीं हो पाता है।

अतः हम कह सकते हैं कि खेल छात्र के जीवन में अहम् भूमिका निभाते हैं। खेल से शरीर का सौन्दर्य व शक्ति बढ़ने के साथ ही मस्तिष्क की शक्ति भी बढ़ती है। जीवन का यह काल मनुष्य सम्पूर्ण जीवन नहीं भूलता है। वह हमेशा सोचता रहता है कि छात्र जीवन कितना सुनहरा व अच्छा था और खेल इस काल को चिर स्मरणीय बना देता है।

प्रांजल सिंह

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## दुखा का सदुपयोग

सुख और दुख हमारे जीवन के विकास के लिए नितान्त आवश्यक है। चलने के लिये दायीं और बायीं पैर जरूरी है। काम करने के लिये दायीं और बायीं हाथ जरूरी है। वैसे ही जीवन की उड़ान के लिये सुख और दुख रूपी दो पंख जरूरी है। जीवन में निरन्तर सुखद और दुखद सभी अवस्थाओं में हमें अपने उद्देश्य की प्राप्ति के लिये संलग्न रहना चाहिये। जीवन सुख दुःख का ही नाम है। जब सुख नहीं रहा तो दुःख भी नहीं रहेगा। ये तो जीवन के खट्टे-मीठे स्वाद है। जिनको चखने से ही भोजन का असली स्वाद एवं आनन्द प्राप्त हो सकता है। प्रत्येक प्रकार की परिस्थिति में स्वयं पर नियन्त्रण रखें। उदाहरणार्थ— शिशु जन्म पर मिलने वाली खुशी मनुष्य को सुखी बनाती है एक दिन वही बालक बूढ़ा होकर मृत्यु का दुःख भी देगा परन्तु यही जीवन की सच्चाई है। जीवन रूपी धुरी को चलाने वाले सुख-दुःख दोनों ही हैं और इसमें एकरूप होकर कर्मरत रहना चाहिए। जब काले बादल छाये हों तो हमें प्रकाश की घमकीली रेखाओं की ओर देखना चाहिए। जब हम कीचड़ की ओर देखते हैं तो हमें कमल की ओर देखना चाहिए जो उस कीचड़ में खिलते हैं।

जीवन में उतार-चढ़ाव आने पर लोग दुःखी हो जाते हैं यह बहुत बड़ी गलती है। सुख दुःख तो सिक्के के दो पहलू हैं। उनका जीवन पर भी प्रभाव पड़ता है। परन्तु उनसे प्रभावित हो हमें जीवन के क्रिया-कलापों को नहीं छोड़ना चाहिए। सुख में विवेक सोता है और दुःख में विवेक घबराता है लेकिन दुःख में घबराने से आदमी दुर्बल हो जाता है। दुःख का सदुपयोग करने से आदमी बलवान होता है। सुख-दुःख के बीच संतुलन स्थापित करके ही मनुष्य आनन्द पूर्वक जीवन जी सकता है। वास्तव में मनुष्य जब दुःख का सदुपयोग करना सीख लेता है तो दुःख का कोई मूल्य नहीं रहता क्योंकि यह बात भी समझने योग्य है कि तुम्हारा किसी प्रकार का दुःख इस बात को सिद्ध करता है कि तुममें कुछ दोष है और तुम्हारे दोष इस बात के प्रत्यक्ष प्रमाण है कि तुमने अज्ञान में कर्म किया है। ऐसा है तो सावधान होकर अपने अज्ञान को ज्ञान में देखो क्योंकि एक व्यक्ति में इतनी क्षमता है कि वह ज्ञान से कुँ भर ले एवं सुख दुःख से पानी भरवा सकता है अर्थात् अपने सुख दुःख के अनुभवों से ज्ञान प्राप्त कर अपने ज्ञान की वृद्धि कर सकता है और इसी सदुपयोग से सुख-दुःख का प्रभाव क्षीण होने लगता है और सदुपयोग करने वाला इनसे बड़ा हो जाता है और उसका मूल्य बढ़ जाता है कहा भी गया है—

*मुस्कुराकर गम का जहर जिसको पीना आ गया*

*यह हकीकत है कि जहाँ मैं उसको जीना आ गया।*

अन्त में मैं यही कहना चाहूँगा जिसके पास कुछ होता है वही दूसरों को दे सकता है। तुम्हारे पास यदि सुख है तो उसे चतुर्दिश फैलाते रहो लेकिन जब दुःख हो तो उसे गुप्त रूप में ही निषिद्ध वस्तु की भाँति छिपा दो और स्वयं वीरतापूर्वक उसका सामना करते हुये कर्म करो।



दुःख की सार्थकता यही है कि दोषों को छुड़ा दे ओर सुख की सार्थकता यही है कि दुःखियों के काम आता रहे। तुम्हारे जीवन में आन्तरिक शक्तियों अथवा सदगुणों का जितना ही विकास हो जाये उतनी जीवन की उच्चतम सार्थकता है।

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पेड़ न होंगे इस धरती पर  
भारत कैसे बच पाएगा।  
भारत क्या यह सारा विश्व ही  
रेगिस्तान बन जायेगा।  
पेड़ न होंगे इस धरती पर  
मानव कहाँ से खायेगा।  
जल को प्राप्त करने के लिए  
वह दूर-दूर तक जाएगा।  
पेड़ न होंगे इस धरती पर  
प्रदूषण बढ़ता जाएगा।  
बिना आक्सीजन सिलेण्डर लगाए  
मानव साँस भी न ले पाएगा।  
पेड़ अगर होंगे धरती पर  
तभी विश्व बच पाएगा।  
वरना एक दिन प्रदूषण  
सब कुछ खा जाएगा।  
इसलिए कहता हूँ  
पेड़ लगाओ विश्व बचाओ  
और प्रदूषण दूर भगाओ।

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## मच्छर जी

खूब चुटकियाँ काट-काट कर,  
हँसे रात भर मच्छर जी।  
फटी हुई थी मच्छरदानी,  
घुसकर शुरू की शैतानी।  
फिर तो मेरे आस पास ही,  
बसे रात-भर मच्छर जी।  
कानों के समीप आ आकर,  
मीठी बीन बजा-बजाकर।  
कभी हाथ में कभी पैर में,  
डसे रात भर मच्छर जी।  
झट उपाय मैंने अपनाया,  
उठकर सीलिंग फैन चलाया।  
किसी तरह से तब चक्कर में,  
फँसे रात भर मच्छर जी।

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## कर्तव्य रहित अधिकार

यदि आपके पास अपने देश के लिए थोड़ा सा भी समय है तो कृपया इस लेख को पढ़ें। हम भारतवासी हैं तथा हमें गर्व है कि हम इस महान देश में रहते हैं। किन्तु हमारी अपने प्रशासन से कुछ शिकायतें रहती हैं जो कि स्वाभाविक हैं। हम कहते हैं कि सरकार निकम्मी है भ्रष्टाचार में लिप्त है, रेल तथा वायु सेवाएँ संसार में सबसे निकृष्ट हैं, फोन काम नहीं करते, बिजली तथा पानी से सम्बन्धित विभाग कामचोर है, कूड़ा-कचरा साफ नहीं होता, कानून-व्यवस्था निःसंदेह व्यर्थ है आदि। हम शिकायतें करते हैं, और सिर्फ करते रहते हैं, करें भी क्यों न, हमारा हमारे देश पर अधिकार है। किन्तु उपरोक्त सभी समस्याओं के बारे में हम क्या करते हैं। कुछ भी नहीं। हम अपने कर्तव्यों से मुँह क्यों मोड़ लेते हैं। यदि कोई भारतवासी विदेश जाए तो कुछ समय के लिये वह भी उसी देश के नागरिकों जैसा आचरण अपना लेता है। वह इसलिए क्योंकि उस देश के नागरिकों ने ही अपने देश की विकसित किया है और देश की छवि और गरिमा दूसरों की आँखों में उठाई है। सिंगापुर में न ही इस भारतवासी की सिगरेट यहाँ-वहाँ फेंकने की हिम्मत होगी और न ही पान की पिचकारियों से सड़को को रंगने का साहस। लन्दन तथा बोस्टन में उसकी इतनी हिम्मत नहीं होगी कि वह हजार-दो हजार रुपये दे टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज के किसी कर्मचारी को खरीद सके ताकि "मेरी STD एवं ISD का बिल किसी और के खाते में जोड़ा जाए।" टोक्यों में न ही आप गाड़ी इधर-उधर 'पार्क' करने का साहस कर सकते हैं और न ही यातायात पुलिस के कर्मचारी को अपने जान-पहचान की धमकी दे सकते हैं। वाशिंगटन में आप की 'कटिया-लगाने' की हिम्मत न होगी। विदेशों में हम कुछ नहीं कहते किन्तु भारत लौटते ही सभी क्रियाएँ स्वतः आरम्भ हो जाती हैं। जब हम विदेशों में निष्ठावान एवं प्रशंसनीय नागरिक की भूमिका निभा सकते हैं तो फिर अपने देश में क्यों नहीं? रेल एवं हवाई सेवाओं से हमारी उम्मीदें तो काफी ऊँची होती हैं कि हमको अच्छी सेवा, भोजन एवं सौन्दर्य प्रसाधन सामग्री मिले किन्तु मौका पाते ही उनपर हाथ साफ करना नहीं भूलते। कितने ही युवाओं को राजनीति से घृणा है किन्तु इतना साहस किसी में नहीं कि इस घृणित क्षेत्र में उतर कर इसको श्रेष्ठतम क्षेत्र बनाए। अपने कार्य को जल्दी करवाने के चक्कर में हम ही भ्रष्टाचार एवं रिश्वतखोरी को बढ़ावा देते हैं। दहेज-प्रथा, सती-प्रथा, बाल-विवाह कितनी ही ऐसी कुप्रथाएँ हैं जिनके कारण अन्य देशों के सामने हमारा सिर शर्म के कारण झुक जाता है। भारत में पढ़े-लिखे छात्र-छात्रायें विदेशों की सेवा क्यों करते हैं? बहाना ये होता है कि "यहाँ सीमित संभावनाएँ हैं" अथवा "यहाँ कम्पीटीशन अत्यधिक है।" अंधविश्वासों में लिप्त हमारी स्वार्थ परक मानसिकता का बहाना यह रहता है कि सरकार शिक्षा नहीं फैला पा रही है। अंत में दूसरे देशों से जब हम अपनी तुलना करते हैं तो सभ्यता एवं संस्कृति का सहारा लेकर अपने दिल को बहला देते हैं। निश्चय ही हमारी भारतीय संस्कृति अत्यधिक महान तथा सभ्यता गरिमामयी है किन्तु किसी भी देश का विकास उसकी सभ्यता अथवा संस्कृति से नहीं होता अपितु देश का विकास वहाँ बसने वाले नागरिकों के विकास से होता है। अपने देश को विकसित करने के लिए हमें अपनी संकीर्ण मानसिकता तथा

निष्कर्मण्यता की त्यागना होगा। देश की स्वाधीनता के साठ वर्ष पश्चात भी हम वहाँ नहीं हैं जहाँ हम हो सकते थे। इसका कारण हमारे दृष्टिकोण में व्याप्त संकीर्णता है। यदि आज भी हम भारत को विकसित करने की ठान ले तो निश्चय ही भारत विश्व का श्रेष्ठतम देश बन कर उभरेगा।

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## अद्भुत आत्मविश्वास

ब्रह्माण्ड के अनेकों रहस्यों से पर्दा उठाने वाले वैज्ञानिक स्टीफेन हाकिंग इस संसार में आत्मविश्वास एवं दृढ़-इच्छाशक्ति के जीते जागते उदाहरण हैं।

स्टीफेन हाकिंग का जन्म ८ जनवरी १९४२ को हुआ था। बाल्यकाल में हाकिंग को मोटर-न्यूरान नामक बीमारी हो गई जिसके कारण उनकी स्वाभाविक क्षमतायें जाती रहीं। रोग असाध्य होने के कारण उनकी दशा बिगड़ती गई। किन्तु अपनी अस्वस्थता का दुष्प्रभाव अपनी मानसिक शक्ति पर नहीं पड़ने दिया। उन्होंने आक्सफोर्ड यूनीवर्सिटी में अध्ययन किया। मात्र २१ वर्ष की अल्पायु में उन्होंने पी०एच०डी० की डिग्री प्राप्त कर ली थी। और यह सब सम्भव हो सका उनके आत्म विश्वास से।

अपनी क्षमताओं का बोध एवं उनका प्रत्येक दिन उनके लिये कितना मूल्यवान है यह उन्हें तब ज्ञात हुआ जब वे अस्पताल में थे और उनका ध्यान एक बाल-रोगी की ओर गया जो प्राणघातक ल्यूकेमिया से ग्रस्त था। उसके कष्ट की तुलना में उन्हें स्वयं का कष्ट अत्यन्त कम लगा। उन्होंने प्रतिज्ञा की कि वे अपने शेष जीवन में कुछ ऐसा करेंगे जो औरों के लिए लाभकारी होगा। वे अपनी खोज में जुट गये।

उन्होंने बिग बैंग और ब्लैक होल जैसे ब्रह्माण्ड के अनेक रहस्यों से सम्बन्धित ज्ञान का विस्तार किया। इसी बीच उन्हें निमोनिया हो गया। साँस लेने के लिये उनके गले में डाक्टरों को एक स्थाई छेद बनाना पड़ा और समय के साथ उनकी बोलने की क्षमता जाती रही। वे एक विशेष कम्प्यूटर प्रोग्राम की सहायता से लोगों के साथ संवाद स्थापित करते थे।

इन विषम परिस्थितियों एवं बाधाओं के आगे उनका मनोबल नहीं टूटा और विज्ञान की अद्भुत खोजों का सफर अनवरत चलता रहा। स्टीफेन हाकिंग की दृढ़ इच्छा-शक्ति और अनोखा आत्म-विश्वास उनकी हर शारीरिक क्षमता के अभाव पर आज भी भारी है। यह अद्भुत वैज्ञानिक आज भी अपने निश्चित मार्ग पर चल रहा है।

उनका मनोबल और साहस हम सबको प्रोत्साहित करता है कि हम भी अपने जीवन-पथ पर समस्याओं का सामना करते हुये आगे बढ़ें।

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## समाचार

नमस्कार,

पेश है आज के समाचार।

आज प्रधानमंत्री तथा राष्ट्रपति की बैठक हुई। आज सुबह उड़ान विमान मच्छर से टकराकर नष्ट हुआ। भिण्डी तथा टमाटर की लड़ाई। पानी की जगह रसगुल्लों तथा रसमलाई की वर्षा।

अब समाचार विस्तार से। आज प्रधानमंत्री तथा राष्ट्रपति की बैठक में तय हुआ कि गोविन्दा तथा रवीना टण्डन को बार्डर पर भेजा जाये ताकि वे अँखियों से गोली मारकर दुश्मनों को नष्ट करें तथा इससे कारतूसों की भी भारी मात्रा में बचत होगी। आज सुबह भारत से उड़ा विमान 'एयर इण्डिया' मच्छर से टकराकर नष्ट हुआ तथा मच्छर को भेजने की यह चाल पाकिस्तान की मानी जा रही है। मच्छर फरार है तथा भारतीय जासूस विदेश में मच्छर को ढूँढ़ रहे हैं, तथा दो मक्खियों के आपस में टकराने के कारण रेल पर गिरी तथा रेल पटरियों से उतर गई। बहुत मात्रा में व्यक्ति घायल हुए तथा ८० से ऊपर व्यक्तियों के मरने की खबर है, मक्खियों को हटाने के लिये बड़ी क्रेन मँगवाई गई है।

**बजट:**— आज सुबह मण्डी में टमाटर के दाम गिर जाने के कारण टमाटर गुस्से से लाल हो चुके हैं तथा सब्जियों की हीरोइन कु० भिण्डी से लड़ पड़े। कु० भिण्डी तथा टमाटर दोनों अस्पताल में भर्ती हैं, मौसमी उन्हें खून दे रही है।

**मौसम:**— आज उत्तर प्रदेश की राजधानी लखनऊ में हलवाईयों को सूचित किया जाता है कि वे रसगुल्ले तथा रसमलाई न बनाये क्योंकि आज कभी भी रसगुल्लों तथा रसमलाई की वर्षा प्रारम्भ हो सकती है, सभी लखनऊवासियों को सूचित किया जाता है कि वे सब छत पर सोए तथा अपने बर्तन भी रखे। छत पर मुँह खोलकर सोए ताकि रसगुल्ले सीधे मुँह में जाए।

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## क्या आप जानते हैं ?

- ♦ छिपकली अपना बचाव करने के लिये अपनी पूँछ काट लेती है और कुछ महीनों बाद वह दुबारा उग जाती है।
- ♦ कहानियों के हिसाब से ड्रैगन, साँप और चिड़िया का मिश्रण है।
- ♦ अंतरिक्ष में सबसे पहले एक कुत्ता गया था।

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## आडम्बर

'आडम्बर' अर्थात् अनावश्यक एवं दिखावटी आयोजन मनुष्य का ऐसा साथी है, जो शायद ही कभी मनुष्य को स्वयं से नाता तोड़ने का अवसर दे।

अपनी बात कहने के पूर्व में एक घटना का दृष्टान्त देना चाहूँगा:-

बिना नाव की सहायता के योगी ने जल पर चलकर नदी को पार किया। उसे अपनी सिद्धि पर बड़ा गर्व हुआ, संतोष भी।

अहंकार से सर उठाये उस योगी को एक बूढ़े मल्लाह ने देखा। उसने समीप जाकर उस योगी से पूछा, "भगवन! जल पर तैरने की यह सिद्धि प्राप्त करने में आपको कितना समय लगा?"

योगी ने अपना गर्वोन्नत मस्तक और भी ऊँचा उठाते हुये अहंकार भरी आवाज में कहा, "पूरे बीस वर्ष तक कठोर तपस्या करके मैंने यह सिद्धि प्राप्त की है।"

बूढ़ा मल्लाह हैरान रह गया साथ ही क्षुब्ध भी। खिन्न स्वर में बोला, "आपका इतना लम्बा समय व्यर्थ ही चला गया। जो काम नाव वाले को दो पैसे देकर, बहुत कम समय में ही हो सकता था, उसके लिये बीस महत्वपूर्ण वर्ष व्यर्थ कर इतने कष्ट उठाने की क्या आवश्यकता थी।"

सम्भवतः 'आडम्बर' की परिभाषा उस योगी की भावनाओं को अपने में समेटे हुये है। हम सब शीघ्र ही किसी वस्तु के बाहरी रूप रंग के प्रति आकृष्ट हो जाते हैं। परन्तु आडम्बर का अनुसरण करने में पूर्णतः कुछ त्रुटि नहीं है। हम तब पश्चाताप करते हैं जब हम आडम्बरवश किये गये कार्य के मूल से भटक जाते हैं। उपर्युक्त घटना में, योगी यह भूल गया था कि उसकी सिद्धि मूलतः नदी को पार कर लेना है। इसके लिये बीस वर्ष की कठोर तपस्या की अपेक्षा एक नाव का सहारा लेना अधिक उचित है। परन्तु आडम्बर एवं झूठी शान की इच्छा में उसने विवेक को खो दिया और जीवन के जो बीस वर्ष वह लोक-सेवा, लोकोपकार कर समाज को लाभान्वित कर स्वयं भी प्रशंसा का पात्र बन सकता था, उसने झूठे आडम्बर पर व्यय कर दिये।

इस प्रकार, व्यर्थ के आडम्बरों की पूर्ति में हमारी जो सबसे पहली तथा सबसे गम्भीर हानि होती है, वह है समय की। बीता समय कभी वापस नहीं आता, यह हम सभी जानते हैं। परन्तु अपना समय व्यर्थ कर रहे व्यक्ति को इस बात का पता नहीं चलता कि घड़ी की घूमती हुई सुई यह दर्शा रही है कि समय लगातार आगे बढ़ता जा रहा है और समय निकल जाने के बाद उनके पास हाथ मलते रह जाने के अलावा कोई चारा न होगा।

कई बार आडम्बर लाभदायक भी हो सकता है या यों भी हो सकता है कि उससे हानि न हो, ऐसी स्थिति में हमें चाहिए कि हम रचे हुये आडम्बर का पूर्णतः आनन्द लें तथा साथ ही साथ यथार्थवादी बने रहें व कार्य की उपयोगिता एवं महत्व का ध्यान रखें। आखिरकार अपने भविष्य का यथार्थवादी चित्र बनाने का एकमात्र तरीका है, हम स्वयं अपने भविष्य का निर्माण करें।

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## बुद्धिमान भिखारी

भरत नामक एक राजा था। वह अत्यन्त गौरवशाली एवं अभिमानी था। एक बार उसके राज्य में बहुत बड़ा मेला लगा। वह भी अपने मंत्री एवं सैनिकों के साथ उस मेले को देखने गया। वहाँ पर एक भिखारी, गन्दे एवं मैले वस्त्र पहने हुये खड़ा हुआ था और राजा के सैनिक ने उससे कहा, "राजा को झुककर प्रणाम करो।" यह सुनते ही भिखारी ने राजा को यह कहकर प्रणाम किया, "राजा के हीरों और मुकुट को प्रणाम परन्तु राजा को नहीं।" यह सुनकर राजा क्रोधित हो गया। राजा बोला, "कल तुम्हें मैं अपनी समा में मृत्युदण्ड दूँगा।" यह सुनकर भिखारी ने राजा से उस दंड का कारण पूछा और कहा कि वह अपने इस स्वभाव के लिये दुःखी नहीं है तथा वह उसे सिद्ध भी कर सकता है। राजा बोला "कैसे?" भिखारी ने उनके कान में कुछ बोला।

दूसरे दिन भिखारी के कहे अनुसार राजा भी मैले वस्त्र पहनकर भिखारी के साथ बैठ गया। भिखारी ने लोगों से कहा, "यह राजा है और तुम इन्हें प्रणाम करो।" परन्तु किसी ने उसकी बात न मानी और पूरा दिन राजा वहाँ बैठा रहा परन्तु किसी ने भी उसका आदर नहीं किया। यह देखकर राजा भरत अत्यधिक निराश हुये। तब भिखारी ने राजा को बताया कि यह केवल अपने मुकुट के कारण पहचाना जाता है। लोग उसके वस्त्र एवं आमूषणों की प्रशंसा करते हैं लेकिन उसकी नहीं। यह सुनते ही राजा का अभिमान टूट गया तथा पश्चाताप की भावना से युक्त होकर उसने भिखारी का दंड माफ कर दिया।

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## सपना

एक दिन मैंने सपना देखा,  
एक बड़े महल को देखा,  
अपने आपको राजा देखा।  
अंगूर कोई खिला रहा था,  
नृत्य कोई दिखा रहा था,  
तबला कोई बजा रहा था  
पंखा कोई झुला रहा था।  
एकदम से मेरा सपना टूटा  
अपने आप को लेटा देखा,  
माँ मुझको उठा रही थी,  
मुँह से तकिया छुड़ा रही थी,  
दीदी पानी छिड़क-छिड़क कर,  
'वत्सल' - 'वत्सल' बुला रही थी।

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## जीवन का भेद

आतिथ्य घर का वैभव है,  
प्रेम घर की प्रतिष्ठा है,  
व्यवस्था घर की शोभा है,  
सदाचार घर की सुवास है,  
समाधान घर का सुख है।  
इतना मत व्यय करो कि कर्जा हो,  
इतना मत कमाओ कि पाप हो,  
इतना मत बोलो कि क्लेश हो,  
इतना मत खाओ कि रोग हो।

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## हम आज श्री गुलाम है

परास्त कर सकते हर शक्ति को,

हम वो फौलाद है-

बड़े गर्व से कहते है हम लोग,

“हम स्वतन्त्र है, आजाद है।”

पर क्या हम वाकई आजाद है?

नहीं! हम तो आज भी गुलाम है।

फर्क इतना है कि तब

हम अंग्रेजों के अधीन थे,

और आज.....आज हम बेलगाम है।

हम गुलाम है असामाजिकता के,

अंधविश्वास के, अराजकता के,

अनैतिकता और अशान्ति के,

हम आज अशान्ति के गुलाम है।

जन्मे है जिस देश में, नेहरू जैसे राजनेता,

दुर्भाग्यवश उस देश में, हम राजनीति के गुलाम है।

बुद्ध और महावीर जैसे ज्ञानी जन्मे जिस देश में,  
उस देश का नागरिक आज अज्ञानता का गुलाम है।

अमन और प्रेम, है आज कहाँ, कुछ पता नहीं,  
गाँधी के इस देश में, हम आज हिंसा के गुलाम है।

जिस देश ने पढ़ाया विश्व को ईमानदारी का पाठ,  
उस देश का नागरिक आज, भ्रष्टाचार का गुलाम है।

आज स्वतंत्र है हमारा देश

कैसे कह सकते-है हम,

आजादी के वाद भी, गुलाम बनकर

कैसे रह सकते है हम।

यही है यदि स्वतंत्रता तो,

नहीं है अधिकार हमें तिरंगा फहराने का,

यही है यदि स्वतंत्रता तो,

नहीं है अधिकार, हमें भारतीय कहलाने का।

काम ऐसा अब करना जिससे,

गुलामी की जंजीरें टूटे।

डालनी है अब सत्य की नींव,

नहीं करने हम वादे झूठे।

शिक्षा का जाल बिछाना है,

शान्ति की राह दिखाना है,

गुलामी की जंजीरें तोड़कर,

अब पूर्ण स्वतंत्रता को पाना है।

*अचिन्त रस्तोगी*

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## प्रकृति

ईश्वर की है अद्भुत रचना

यह सुन्दर अनुपम प्रकृति

रंग-बिरंगे फूल पत्तियाँ,

जीव जन्तु व विभिन्न आकृतियाँ

ऊर्जा का भंडार सूर्य है,

नदियाँ है पानी का स्रोत

झील, पहाड़, जंगल व झरने,

प्राकृतिक शोभा से ओत-प्रोत।

प्रकृति के ये अमोल उपहार, -

यदि न कर सके हम संचित,

एक दिन ऐसा आ जायेगा,

न बचेगी यह सुन्दर सृष्टि।

*सार्थक चन्द्रा*

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## हमारे राष्ट्रपति - श्री अब्दुल कलाम

मेरे आदर्श है अब्दुल कलाम,  
करते है हम उन्हें प्रणाम।  
करते है वे अच्छा काम,  
तभी तो हुआ है इतना नाम।  
इनकी जन्मतिथि है पन्द्रह अक्टूबर,  
जरूरत पड़ने पर बैचने लगे न्यूज-पेपर।  
पढ़ने में मेहनत की बहुत अधिक,  
पढ़-लिखकर बन गये वे सफल वैज्ञानिक।  
मिसाइल बनाने की सीखी नई तकनीक,  
'पृथ्वी' और 'अग्नि' बनाकर साबित कर दी अपनी  
जीत  
तब फिर लिखी कई किताबें,  
जिसमें थी कई नई-नई बातें।  
सन इक्यासी में पाया पदम-भूषण।  
और सन् नब्बे में पाई उपाधि पदम् - विभूषण  
उसके बाद रंग लाया अथक परिश्रम  
और बन कर चमके भारत-रत्न।  
समस्त विश्व की वे चाहें भलाई,  
भाती नहीं जरा, उन्हें लड़ाई।  
उन्हें ज्ञात है भारत छुयेगा नई ऊँचाई,  
सम्पूर्ण विश्व में होगी बहुत बढ़ाई।  
इस तरह दी है उन्होंने लोगों को सीख,  
दो हजार बीस के बाद माँगे न कोई भीख।

वेंकटेश चतुर्वेदी

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## प्यारे पेड़

आओ पेड़ लगाये हम,  
हरियाली बिखरायें हम,  
आओ पेड़ लगायें हम  
हरा-भरा हो देश हमारा,  
हरियाली का हो उजियारा,  
जितने बच्चे उतने पेड़,  
यही हो हमारा संकल्प ओ ध्येय।  
आओ पेड़ लगायें हम।  
तन-मन से इनकी रक्षा करें,  
इस धरती को पेड़ों से भर दें,  
पर्यावरण को स्वच्छ बनायें,  
सेहत के रखवाले पेड़।  
आओ पेड़ लगायें हम।  
खाना देते प्यारे पेड़,  
जीवन देते न्यारे पेड़,  
शुद्ध हवा है देते पेड़,  
कितने अद्भुत होते पेड़।  
आओ पेड़ लगायें हम।

चन्द्रपाल सिंह

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## नन्हीं चींटी

नन्हीं चींटी करे कमाल!  
बड़ी बहादुर है यह दिल से  
लड़ लेती है हर मुश्किल से  
हद से ज्यादा अपने ऊपर  
लेती है यह वजन संभाल!  
लाख गिरे पर बढ़ती जाती  
ऊँचे पर्वत चढ़ती जाती  
इसकी हिम्मत देख-देखकर  
मन में उठते कई सवाल!  
वर्षा हो या लू चलती हो  
सर्दी कितनी भी पड़ती हो  
खुले बदन ही घूमा करती  
कपड़े का न इसे मलाल!

सार्थक टण्डन

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## माँ

माँ तुम कितनी अच्छी हो  
दुनिया में सबसे सच्ची हो  
भूख मुझे जब लगती है खाना मुझे खिलाती हो  
चोट मुझे जब लगती है  
तब तुम ही मुझे हँसाती हो  
जब-जब जो-जो चाहा है  
तुम ही मुझे दिलाती हो  
जब भी मैं थक जाता हूँ  
मेरा उत्साह बढ़ाती हो  
तुमसे मैंने सीखा है जीवन में कर्मठ बनना  
पथ में आई हर मुश्किल का  
डटकर के सामना करना  
इसीलिए मेरे मित्रों में माँ  
तुम सबसे पहले आती हो

समीर पीयूष

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## दोस्ती की शुरुआत

सरहद पर बन्दूक लेकर,  
अमन की बात न करो।

हम गले से लगा लेंगे तुम्हें,  
तुम दोस्त की तरह बात तो करो।

न हम न तुम ही जी पाओगे,  
इन फिरकापरस्तों के साये में।

पहल तुम करो इन्हें मिटाने की,  
साथ देंगे हर पल हम निभाने में।।

हर्षित कुमार सिंह

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## जीवन के रंग

तुमने जीवन के उस रंग को देखा,  
जो बेरंग है।  
तुमने जीवन के उस रूप को देखा,  
जो कुरूप है।  
तुमने जीवन के उस मौड़ को देखा,  
जो बन्द है।  
नहीं, नहीं वहीं मत रुको,  
जीवन के उस रंग को देखो,  
जो रंगीन है।

जीवन के उस रूप को देखो,  
जो सुन्दर है।  
जीवन के उस मोड़ को देखो,  
जिसमें हरियाली है।  
अब तुम आगे चलो,  
खुश होकर जीना सीखो,  
दुःख तो आना ही है,  
लेकिन फिर एक दिन जाना भी है।

प्रणय गुप्ता

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## ज्ञान

एक गरीब युवक अपनी गरीबी से बहुत दुःखी था। इसे वह अपने दुर्भाग्य का दोष मानता था। एक दिन वह एक साधु के पास गया और कहने लगा, "महाराज! मैं बहुत गरीब हूँ। मेरी गरीबी दूर करने का कोई उपाय बताइये।"

महात्मा ने कहा, "मेरी पहचान एक व्यापारी से है। बीस हजार रुपये में मनुष्य की आँखें खरीदता है। क्या तुम अपनी आँखें बेचोगे?" युवक बोला, "नहीं महाराज! मैं आँखें बेचूँगा तो अंधा नहीं हो जाऊँगा।"

"तो हाथ बेचोगे? हाथ के वह पन्द्रह हजार देगा।"

"नहीं, महाराज हाथ बेचूँगा तो किसी काम का नहीं रहूँगा।"

"दो पाँव भी खरीदता है, दस हजार में पाँव बेचोगे?"

"नहीं महाराज मैं चलूँगा कैसे?"

"तो फिर पूरा शरीर बेचोगे, एक लाख में?"

युवक ने जवाब दिया, "एक लाख तो क्या अगर कोई एक करोड़ भी दे तो भी मैं अपनी शरीर नहीं बेचूँगा।" साधु ने कहा, "जो व्यक्ति एक करोड़ से भी ज्यादा कीमती शरीर को बेच नहीं सकता वह कैसे कह सकता है कि मैं गरीब हूँ।" इससे बड़ी हँसी की बात और क्या हो सकती है? बेटा यह शरीर एक अटूट खजाना है। इससे काम लें, मेहनत कर।

युवक यह ज्ञान पाकर धन्य हो गया।

सूरज भदोरिया

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## तुम आतंक फैलाते हो

घाटी की स्वर्णिम धरती पर,  
लहू की धारा बहाते हो,  
निर्मम हत्याएँ करके  
तुम आतंक फैलाते हो।

सैकड़ो बेकसूर बच्चे,  
अनाथ पल भर में हो जाते हैं,  
देखते ही देखते न जाने कितनों के,  
प्राण हवा में उड़ जाते हैं।

बिलख-बिलख कर रोती है,  
न जाने कितनी माताएँ,  
थमने से भी नहीं थमती है,  
वह अवरिल बहती, अश्रु धाराएँ।

निरपराधों पर परचम लहराकर,  
विजय का डंका बजाते हो।  
निर्मम हत्याएँ करके,  
तुम आतंक फैलाते हो।

दिन रात गोलियों की आवाज,  
कानों में आती जाती हैं।  
दिन में भी लगता है डर,  
रात.....रात तो खून बरसाती है।

कल तक शान्ति का आलम था,  
आज हर तरफ है खौफ बड़ा,  
कल तक था जो, 'धरती पर स्वर्ग',  
क्यों आज है वीरान पड़ा।

भय को चारों तरफ फैलाकर,  
लोगों का चैन चुराते हो,  
निर्मम हत्याएँ करके,  
तुम आतंक फैलाते हो।

मासूमों का गला घोटकर,  
अपने को वीर समझते हो,

हो नीच तुम! हो कायर तुम,  
क्या किसी से नहीं डरते हो।  
याद करो उस ईश्वर को,  
जो सृष्टि का रखवाला है,  
तुझ जैसे अन्यायी का साथ,  
वह कैसे देने वाला है?  
धर्म के पवित्र नाम पर,  
तुम लोगों को सताते हो।  
शर्म नहीं आती है। तुमको,  
तुम आतंक फैलाते हो।  
.....शर्म नहीं आती है तुमको,  
तुम आतंक फैलाते हो।

अचिन्त रस्तोगी

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## फूल

रंग-बिरंगे प्यारे-प्यारे,  
इत्र बिखरते फूल ये सारे  
बागों की शोभा बढ़ाते हैं  
तोड़ने में मुरझा जाते हैं।

बनता शहद इनके रस से,  
माला, बनती इनकी लट से  
तितलियाँ आराम करतीं इन पर  
रस लेती मधुमक्खियाँ इनसे।

गुलदस्ता भी बनता फूलों से  
तितलियाँ झूलती इनकी डालों पर  
नीले पीले लाल सब रंगों के होते हैं फूल  
तोड़ने की इनको कभी न करना भूल।

विख्यात भटनागर

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## राहें ही मंजिल होती हैं.....

श्रान्त पथिक मत हो निराश  
यह सोच कि मंजिल मिली नहीं  
चलने वाले हर राही की  
राहें ही मंजिल होती है.....  
चलने वाला ही थकता है  
चढ़ने वाला ही गिरता है  
असफलताएँ आती ही हैं  
मन खिन्न हुआ ही करता है  
पर क्या न स्मरण ठान तुझे  
यदि हम पथ में तो हार नहीं  
अविलम्ब निराशा त्याग पथिक  
यह मन को व्यर्थ डुबोती है  
चलने वाले हर राही की  
राहें ही मंजिल होती है.....  
धारा का पथ अवरुद्ध करें  
वे चट्टाने टूटा करती  
झंझावतों के झोकों से  
सब डालें नहीं झुका करती  
बादल रवि पर भी घिरते है  
घिरता लेकिन नैराश्य नहीं  
वह पुनः चमक उठता ही है  
विच्छिन्न बदलियाँ होती है  
चलने वाले हर राही की  
राहें ही मंजिल होती है.....

प्रतिहत पथ में प्रतिपल सम्भव  
बाधायें उल्कापात करें  
पर कहें आल्पश कहीं नहीं  
हम वह मति ले प्रस्थान करें  
विपदाओं के भय से जग में  
साधना किसी की रुकी नहीं  
दृढ़ साधक हँसते बढ़ते है  
बाधायें पथ में रोती है  
चलने वाले हर राही की,  
राहें ही मंजिल होती है.....

दिव्यांश सिंह

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## पल्स पोलियो का टीका

पल्स पोलियो का टीका,  
सब कुछ उसके आगे फीका।  
बच्चे हँसते झूमे गाये,  
पल्स पोलियो की दवा पिलाये।  
झूम रही रमुआ की काकी,  
नहीं चाहिये अब बैसाखी।  
सुन्दर सा बस्ता लटकाये,  
रमुआ अब पढ़ने को जाये।  
ठोकर मार गेंद वह चीखा,  
ठोके गोल समय पर टीका।

अक्षत नागर

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## वर्तमान में जीना सीख

कल के बारे में मत सोच,  
वह तो कब का बीत गया,  
'कल' की देखो हार हुई है,  
वर्तमान है जीत गया।

रखा क्या उस बीते कल में,  
बस कुछ खट्टी-मीठी यादें,  
उन्हें भूल बस इतना याद रख,  
स्वयं से किये है, तूने कुछ वादे।

है तुम्हारे भी कुछ लक्ष्य  
जिनको तुम्हें अब पाना है।  
और इस कठिन पथ पर,  
परिश्रम करते जाना है।

पाते सफलता वही है,  
जो परिश्रम का रस पीते है,  
होते विजयी वही है,  
जो वर्तमान में जीते है।

भविष्य के प्रति हो आशंकित  
मत कर तू अपना समय व्यर्थ,  
बदल सको अतीत की परिभाषा  
है तुझमें इतनी सामर्थ्य।

है महावीर तू, कर्ण वीर तू  
तुझमें समाहित है इतनी शक्ति  
अपने दुखद अतीत को भूल कर,  
कर तू वर्तमान की भक्ति।

अतीत के झरोखे से निकल कर  
यथार्थ की धरा पर दो कदम चलकर  
भविष्य के मोह से जरा बचकर  
वर्तमान में जीना सीख।

.....तू वर्तमान में जीना सीख।।

अचिन्त रस्तोगी

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## समझे डाक्टर की भाषा

- Od दिन में एक बार  
Bd दिन में दो बार  
Tds दिन में तीन बार  
Qid दिन में चार बार  
Hs रात में  
Pc खाने के बाद  
I/V इन्ट्रावेनस अर्थात् नस के रास्ते  
Qh हर घण्टे  
Orally मुँह में  
Tab कैप्सूल या गोली  
Syp सीरप

प्रखर मोहन

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## नवजीवन की आस

जिंदगी की राहों में  
जब भी पाया खुद को टूटते हुये डूबते हुये  
यह महसूस करते हुये कि हार गया मैं  
तुम आये और दिया भरोसा  
कि मैं लड़ सकता हूँ, आगे बढ़ सकता हूँ  
ख्यालों में ही सही पर आये तुम  
थपथपायी मेरी पीठ  
सहलाया मेरा सिर प्यार से  
दिया आत्म विश्वास  
इसी तरह आगे भी आते रहना  
कायम रखूँगा तुम्हारा विश्वास।

हर्ष सिंह नेगी

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## रोचक तत्व

- इंडोनेशिया के क्राकातू में १८८३ में जागृत ज्वालामुखी ने २५ वर्ग मील में फैलें इस द्वीप के दो तिहाई भाग को डुबा दिया।
- मोम्बासा, केन्या में ६६० पाउंड वजन वाला एक वर्षीय हिप्पोपटेमस ओवेन, जब अनाथ हो गया तो उसका पालन-पोषण एमजी नाम के १२० वर्षीय दीर्घकाय एल्डब्रान कछुए ने किया।
- अमेरिका में मैसाच्यूसेट के एटनबोरो स्थित स्टर्डी अस्पताल में लगातार दो बार साल का पहला शिशु तैरी और माइक गैवेल नामक दम्पति का हुआ।
- शोध से पाया गया है-कि जो सर्जन वीडियो गेम्स खेलते हैं वह और सर्जनों के मुकाबले ज्यादा अच्छी सर्जरी करते हैं।
- ब्लू व्हेल की सीटी पानी के अन्य जानवरों में सबसे ऊँची होती है।
- आम आदमी को अपने वजन का दस गुना कैलोरी चाहिये। आपकी गतिविधियों पर इसकी मात्रा निर्भर करेगी।

स्पर्श जोहरी

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## क्या आप जानते हैं?

- \* नील नदी का जल हमेशा गर्म रहता है।
- \* आस्ट्रिज की आँखें उसके दिमाग से बड़ी होती हैं।
- \* केवल जिराफ एक ऐसा जानवर है जो बोल नहीं सकता।
- \* दरियाई घोड़े का पसीना गुलाबी होता है।
- \* तितलियाँ अपने तलवों से स्वाद का पता लगाती हैं।
- \* विश्व का सबसे बड़ा मंदिर कम्पूचिया में है।
- \* विश्व में खट्टा शहद ब्राजील के जंगलों में पाया जाता है।
- \* नाइट्रस आक्साईड गैस सूँघने से मनुष्य हँसने लगता है।
- \* श्री राम जी के धनुष का नाम अजगव (सांखा) था।
- \* शतरंज, बैडमिंटन एवं पोलो खेल भारत से ही शुरू हुए हैं।

उत्कर्ष अग्रवाल

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## सफलता के नुस्खे

- (१) अनुशासन व्यक्तित्व की नींव है। अतः अनुशासन प्रिय बनिये। अनुशासन को अपनी दिनचर्या का अंग बनाइये।
- (२) मृदुभाषी बनिये। अपनी मीठी वाणी से आप पूरी दुनिया को अपना बना सकते हैं।
- (३) अपने क्रोध पर नियंत्रण रखिये। क्रोध व्यक्तित्व का शत्रु है।
- (४) व्यवहार कुशल बनिये। आपके व्यवहार से ही लोग अपने बनेंगे।
- (५) कभी किसी की आलोचना मत करिये। दूसरों को बुरा कहने से पहले अपने अंदर झाँक कर देखिये, आपके अन्दर कितनी बुराइयाँ हैं।
- (६) मित्रों एवं पड़ोसियों के सुख दुःख में शामिल होइये तथा जितना सम्भव हो उनके कष्टों को दूर करने का भरपूर प्रयास कीजिये।
- (७) अपने अध्यापक तथा अध्यापिकाओं का आदर सम्मान करना बहुत आवश्यक है। गुरु भगवान का ही एक रूप माने जाते हैं।
- (८) शिष्टाचार आधार स्तम्भ है व्यक्तित्व का, आप में शिष्टाचार नहीं तो सब व्यर्थ है।
- (९) चरित्र जीवन की सबसे बड़ी निधि है। चरित्रवान बनिये।

सिद्धार्थ सिन्हा

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## सवेरा

हुआ सवेरा मुर्गा बोला  
घर से चला टहलने भोला  
लगा माँगने रोटी आलू  
आलू बिकने गया हाट में  
भालू सोने लगा खाट में  
टूटी खाट गिर गया भालू  
अब नहीं चाहिए रोटी आलू

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## मेरी माँ

मेरी सुन्दर प्यारी माँ,  
मुझको लगती न्यारी माँ।  
मुझको खाना वह खिलाती,  
न खाने पर वह दौड़ाती।  
प्यार से वह मुझे पढ़ाती,  
न पढ़ने पर डाँट लगाती।  
मेरी सुन्दर प्यारी माँ।  
सारे जग में न्यारी माँ

सार्थक चित्रांशी

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