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Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Make me a Channel of Your Peace

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

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

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

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



College Anthem

We will Answer

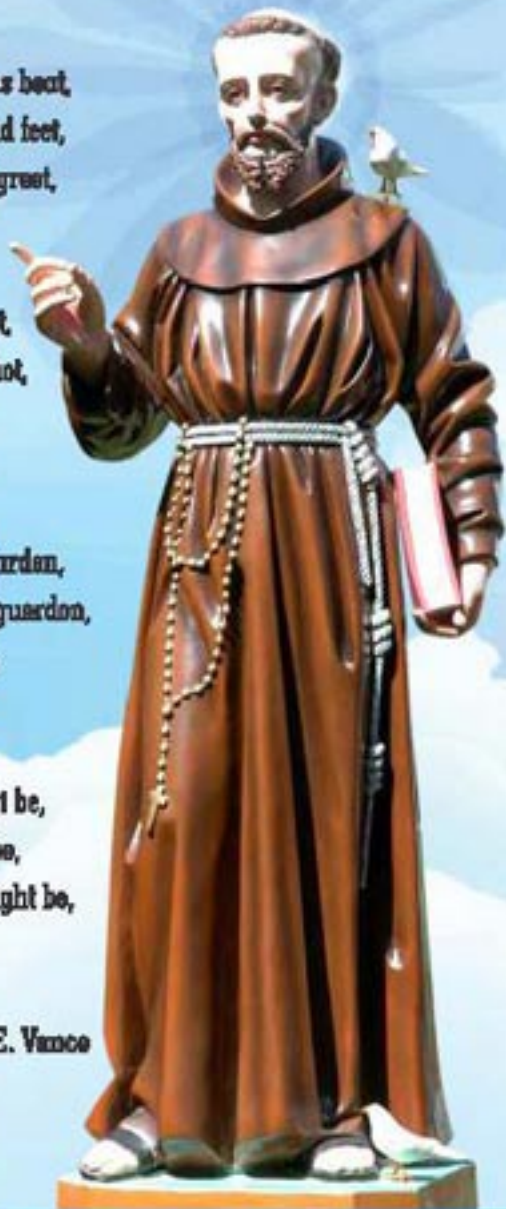
1. Tho' no bugles may blow and no drums beat,
Tho' we hear not the marching of proud feet,
Tho' no flags and no pennons this day greet,
We will answer when duty shall call.

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 guardon,
To dishonour we shall not be lured in :
We will answer when duty shall call.

3. With a heart and a will where the right be,
Altho' arduous the task there or light be,
We'll be found in the thick where the fight be,
We will answer when duty shall call.

Words by: V.E. Vance



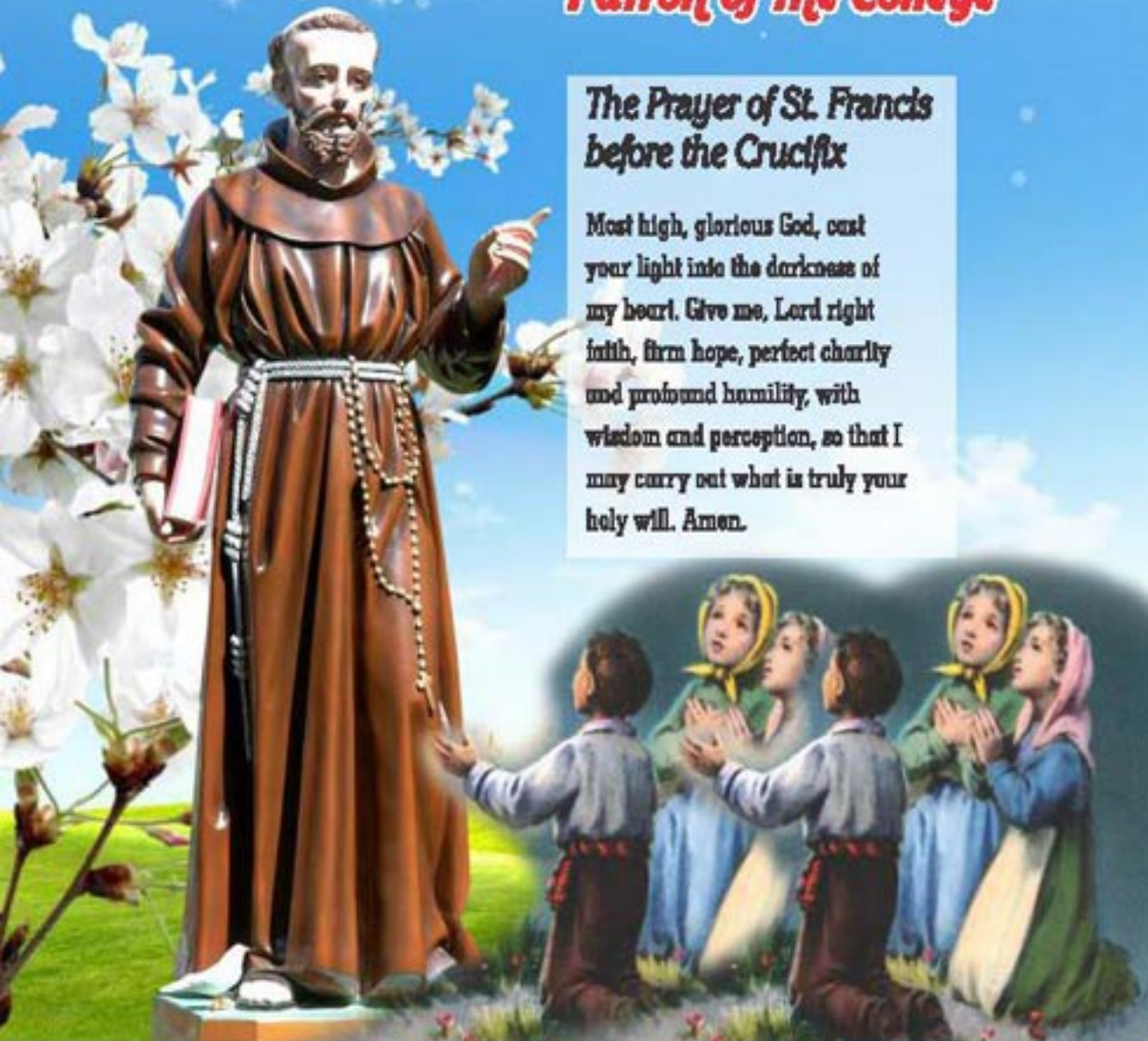
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St. Francis of Assisi Patron of the College

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.





Principal's Message

Dear Parents

Loving greetings to all of you. As we complete one more successful year in the 128 year history of St. Francis' College, I thank the God Almighty for his benevolent love upon the institution and each and every one of us.

The academic year 2012-13 was a great success. It began with two of our boys, Raghuvansh Raj Saxena and Shubham Agarwal top-ranking the State in Engineering and medical Examination respectively. This year we have 23 of our students in ISC and ICSE scoring 100 marks in different subjects and the saga of success continues. This speaks in volumes the quality of education we impart.

I am happy to inform you that our students, Tushar Kanaujia, Utkarsh Saxena, Angad Chandok and Ayush Mishra qualified as the top 1% achievers in ISC, March 2013 Examination (as per the criteria specified by the Department of Science & Technology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India). They are eligible for Scholarship for Higher Education of Govt. of India valued at Rs. 80,000 per year for five years.

We pride ourselves on the fact that with 128 years of experience merged with long history and rich tradition and our positive outlook, we understand a great deal about the process of change taking place in the field of education and have to incorporate new programme into classroom life. In my last year's message I have spoken about the changes that are required. Acting upon these requirement we are moving toward desired improvement and make our institution the best in India.

Education is the backbone of a progressive country and heartbeat of a developing nation. St. Francis' College over the last 128 years has strived to gift the society the best men who will change the face of the world with progressive thoughts but grounded with values with the college motto "Pax et Bonum", i.e. "Peace and Goodwill" and "We will answer when duty shall call."

The success story of St. Francis' College has been written by our staff, students and parents with able guidance and patronage of the School Management. Thanks to all for your contribution.

God Bless you all

Fr. Denis Naresh Lobo

Principal



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College Report



Ankit Sahu
College Captain

"Heights by great men reached and kept were not attained by sudden flight, but they, while companions slept, were toiling upwards, through the night."

Oceans of nostalgia flood over me as I sit to pen this chronicle. It has been happy and sad, detestable and adorable, thrilling and intoxicating, and like any good adventure St. Francis' has been an experience.

The Academic Session 2012-13 commenced with the Investiture Ceremony which marked the formation of the Student Council and bestowed us with new responsibilities which we were to honour with impeccable dedication. We bid adieu to Ma'am K. Nagar, Senior Teacher. She had bonded with each one of us and we sorely missed her presence.

A healthy body and a healthy mind is a perfect combination, rarely gotten but widely spoken of. But here at St. Francis' College, it is as normal as breathing. The session witnessed our boys excelling in the myriad events that took place this year whether it be literary, cultural or sports events. This year was dotted with the activities that saw the participation of juniors and seniors alike and on each and every one of them we stamped our superiority.

The Inter College events flagged off with 'CICERO' organised by IIPM where the students delivered some stupendous performances to secure the top slot. Ankit Sahu and Nishant Gupta of Class XII qualified for the National Level Quiz Competition. The story of Info-Bazaar organised by Cathedral Senior Secondary School was no different. Though we missed the top slot by a whisker, it was a commendable performance. St. Agnes Loreto Day School Festival, Micfest, Rotary Club Competition, Constantia, Tech-Vista were some of the many events in which our Franciscans outshone others.

But the jewel in the crown was Expression-2012 which saw the participation of 28 prestigious institutions of the 'City of Nawabs'. A healthy spirit of camaraderie, fellowship and competition marked the various events hosted variously. Loreto Convent Intermediate College bagged the Champion of Champions Trophy followed by La Martiniere Girls College which bagged the Runners-Up Trophy.

Moving into sports, our College Basketball Team emerged as the Runners-Up in the ASISC District Level Tournament and qualified for the State Level Competition. The efforts of Purak Jain and Shuja Rehman need to be applauded. Our Athletic



Team also proved themselves, winning laurels to the Institution by clinching top positions in the various categories at the ASISC District Level Competition. The Athletic Team also qualified for the State Level Competition under the able guidance of our P.T.I. Mr. Naresh Vig. In the Inter College Marathon, our College Marathon Team clinched the Champions Trophy and made us proud.

A great show was put up by the students of the Senior Section on the occasion of the Teacher's Day. Our mentors lauded us for our puny efforts in paying humble homage to their outstanding labour in imparting instruction to us. 4th October, was celebrated as Patron's Day and as part of the Patron week celebration, various nail biting matches were played between the Past and the Present Team. The overall Trophy was shared by both the Teams.

College Charity Fete was organised on 12th November which was open to all the Franciscans and their families. The Teachers left no stone unturned to ensure the success of the College Fete with the assistance of student helpers. The Annual Sports Day was held on 28th November after many days of strenuous practice. The Function was presided over by our Chief Guest Mr. A.K. Ranjan, I.A.S. The Function was a grand success and the most innovatively fashioned P.T. drills left the spectators wishing for more. The coveted Cock House Shield was bagged by St. George's House under the able guidance of their House Master Mr. P. Bhargava.

"If you are brave enough to say Goodbye, life will reward you with a new Hello!"

The batch 2012-13 was bid farewell on 31st January, 2013 amidst a heart touching ceremony. After 14 years of shelter within the safe walls of this great Institution, it's time to venture out. The ineffably diminutive time spent by us in this College has etched memories of this illustrious Institution, of the bonds we formed, the things we have learnt that count to make a man out of us.

Before I conclude, I on behalf of all the students of the passing out batch would like to thank our Principal, Vice Principal and all our staff members for the valuable support and guidance throughout our school life and for ensuring the fullest development of every domain of our personality. To my juniors whom we pass on the mantle of responsibility, I wish you luck and ask you to maintain the legacy of St. Francis' College and take it to heights never heard of or dreamt of. Live each moment that you spend here because one day, it shall be your last. I would also like to thank the members of the Student Council for their constant support through the thick and thin of the year's scholastic journey.

To St. Francis' College : **We will answer when duty shall call. ☐**

Ankit Sahu
College Captain



St. Patrick's' House Report

"Fight the Good Fight"



◀
Purak Jain
Captain



▶
Siddharth Thakur
Vice Captain

"Impossible is just a big word thrown around by small men who find it easier to live in the world they've been given than to explore the power they have to change it. Impossible is not a fact. It's an opinion. Impossible is not a declaration. It's a dare. Impossible is potential. Impossible is temporary. Impossible is nothing."

Oceans of nostalgia flood over me as I sit to pen this report. Thoughts come rolling back, and it seems as it was yesterday that we were handed the mantle of the house. The house trotted down the path of time yet another year, picking up as it did, with typical Patrician ease, some sorrows and adding many a beautiful feather to an already feathered cap.

With zeal and vigour, the sequence of sports started with interhouse table tennis championship. We won the 'A' division and stood second in 'B' division but lost out in 'C' division in which we stood third. Excellent performances were shown by Faizan, Bilal and Anirudh. Next in line was badminton in which Sandeep and Siddharth gave commendable performances and in 'A' Div, Rahul was the lone performer.

Our focus now shifted to the game of chess in which the dominance of our house is undisputed. We won the Chess Shield comfortably. Superb performances were shown by Mithesh, Faizan and Anirudh.

Chess was followed by Basketball. We had our first match with the past champions but a spirited fight by us turned it into one of the most spine-tingling matches played last year as we lost it by a margin of 1 point in the final seconds of play. Purak and Yati put up a brilliant show which eventually propelled our campaign and we comfortably won our second match and stood third overall.

Next was Volleyball. We cruised through our first tie with St. Francis' House to meet the best team on paper St. George's House in the finals. But despite stupendous



performances by Ayush, Purak and Siddharth we lost the finals and stood second.

Next was football, the cherished sport of all Franciscans. With the help of some exhilarating performances by Sandeep, Parth and Ayush in 'B' Div and Falak, Sunandan and Vasu in 'C' Div we stood first in both the divisions. With this the 'Football Shield' seemed almost certain but lady luck was not on our side as we lost the match in 'A' Div to St. Andrew's House ending up second in overall standings for the soccer shield. Excellent performances were shown by Arpit, Derrick, Tanishk, Saif and Siddharth.

Next in line were Cricket and Swimming. Though we were not a side to reckon with in these events even then some inspiring performances were given by our boys. Jaineet, Sandeep and Kasle pitched in with some great performances in Cricket while Sharq was the best swimmer in his category in swimming. Swimming was followed by Hockey in which performances by Sandeep, Purak and Tanishk among others were creditable.

Hockey gave way for Marathon. Patricians proved their mettle and everyone was mesmerised at their physical stamina and mental strength. Seven of our athletes stood among the top fifteen, Siddharth(1st), Shivam(3rd), Saif(5th), Derrick(10th), Vasu(11th) which eventually lead us to the marathon shield.

Atlast came all the track events and it was the time for the biggest event, Athletics, which has been known for turning the points chart upside down in the last few years. We came first in all the three Div A, B, and C and the performance of Siddharth, Purak, Tanishk, Derrick and Sharq among many others was highly commendable. The overall tally of our house reached an inconceivable 123 and the runner up was trailing far behind with a tally of just 53 points. With this stupendous tally our House also broke the all time school record.

In tug of war we reached the finals but lost to St. Francis' House in a tough fought match of strength. Neelesh and Sarthak held our house flag high and brought many laurels in literary events.

I wish to thank each and every student and teacher who helped me during the course of the year, especially my immediate Juniors-Tanishk, Sandeep, Derrick, Saif, Saiful and particularly my vice-captain Siddharth Thakur for his unrelenting support throughout the year.

Special thanks to my House Master Sir Brian D'More whose guidance and invaluable support came handy and also a vote of thanks to our PTI Mr. N. Vlg who was instrumental in the smooth functioning of events. I also express my gratitude to Mrs. C. DaCosta for her valuable support in literary events. Last but not the least I would like to thank Fr. Lobo for his constant support and guidance. ☐

Purak Jain
Captain

Siddharth Thakur
Vice Captain



St. Francis' House Report

"Perseverance Conquers All"



◀
M. Sameer
Captain



▶
Mohd. Basim Abbas
Vice Captain

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

As I begin to reminisce "perseverance conquers all" memories in ink, sorrow and nostalgia overpower me. All good things come to an end so does our joyous ride through the college life, a ride filled with never to forget experiences and as I pass on the flag to younger and stronger hands, the memories of the year gone by refresh my mind.

The year sparked out with some literary events in which the boys of our house did exceptionally well under the able guidance of the teachers of our house. In the 9th & 10th category Nalin Munshi and Aman Jonathan were the best and under the category of 11th and 12th Ankit, Varun and Pranav did a good job.

The years sports activity began with Table Tennis, where by God's Grace we got Naman Vohra who was a new students to our college and by his outstanding talent won the 'C Div' while the combined effort of Fardeen, Yash and Tushaar helped us to win in 'B Div', for 'A Div' despite the efforts of Varun, Tanmay, Gaurang and Saksham we came 4th. All in all we won the Table Tennis shield, starting the year's campaign with a victory.

Next up was Badminton and the shuttlers were back on the floor where Ayan and Abhirat put up their best efforts in 'C Div'. The 'B Div' players Umar and Yash showed a smooth performance. Raj, Harsh and Saksham in 'A Div' also gave a tough fight to the opponents.

We were again unlucky in Basketball due to lack of experience and co-ordination, we ended up fourth despite of the efforts from Angad, Chirag, Raj, Arijit and Udit. Following Basketball came the mind game Chess. Considered the weakest we managed to come third in the race of the Chess title. Shantanu and Anmol were outstanding in 'C Div'.



In Volleyball, being one of the best teams, call it luck or may be overconfident, we lost the opportunity of bagging the shield by losing the first game itself, but we managed to come third by defeating our opponent in our next game. Thanks to the efforts of Dahirya, Daniyal and Sameer.

All eyes turned towards soccer, the heartbeat of every Franciscan, first up was 'A Div'. Being the weakest team we came fourth despite the efforts of Sameer, Avtansh, Basim and our super sporty Vice Principal. In 'B Div' being the best team on paper we never scored in any opportunity, but I would mention the names of Shivdutt, Arjit, Sameer and Joshi who played exceptionally well. In 'C Div' our little guys fought bravely to bag the second spot. Insha, Vedansh and Ibrahim were the key players for our side. Then came the swimming championship. We were underdogs, but brilliant performance shown by Shivdutt, Sagar, Siddharth and some of our younger students helped us to clinch the third position in the swimming shield.

Once again back field Religion of the nation, Cricket awaited us. It was a nightmare. But remarkable performance was shown by Basim, Tanmay, Sameer, Kamran and Ankur.

After losing many of the games, Hockey induced the lost spark amongst us as we came second in the shield, thanks to the efforts of Prince, Bose, Avtansh, Daniyal and Arjit.

Marathon brought no luck to us as only Shivdutt was able to come in the top 15. And we were relegated to the last spot.

Athletics an integral part of sports in St. Francis' though being the last was welcomed with the events in 'C Div' where our athletes comprising Vedansh and Insha showed their hardwork, while in B Div exceptional dedication and great athleticism was shown by Arjit, Sameer, Harsh and Shivdutt. In 'A Div' Basim took everything in his hands and bagged various victories in track events and long jump displaying his great talents and the display of our mighty strength helped us to win the 'TUG-o-WAR' cake which actually was grabbed and snatched by all my fellow mates and no one was able to eat it in the end but it was also a joyous moment.

Another laurel was brought by Ankit Sahu who won the "Best All Rounder Award", which is the most prestigious award for a student.

I would like to convey my hearty thanks to our House Master Mr. D. Jackson for his invaluable guidance and support throughout and without whom it would be impossible to manage various events. I would like to thank our Principal and our vice principal for their constant encouragement and support and also a big thanks to all the teachers who trained the boys in the literary events.

In the end I would like to thank my Vice Captain Basim Abbas and my friends who encouraged and helped through all the events. Last but not the least I bow my



head expressing my gratitude to Mr. Naresh Vig, whose infinite knowledge has kept the college amongst the topmost in the field of sports.

With these words, an ocean of memories and tears in my eyes, I wish my juniors all the very best for their future endeavours and I end with a quote '**Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.**' -
Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Watch your thoughts; they become words.

Watch your words; they become actions.

Watch your actions; they become habits.

What your habits; they become character.

Watch your character; it becomes your destiny. □

Frank Outlaw

M. Sameer
Captain

Mohd. Basim Abbas
Vice Captain

**Love is the only reality and it is not mere sentiment.
It is the ultimate truth that lies at the heart of creation.**

- Rabindranath Tagore

**Purity of speech, of the mind, of the senses and of a
compassionate heart is needed by one who desires to rise to a
divine platform.**

- Chanakya

**I object to violence because when it appears to do good, the good
is only temporary; the evil it does is permanent.**

- Mahatma Gandhi



St. George's House Report

"In Honour Bound"



Mohd. Ismael Faruqi
Captain



Akbar Basher
Vice Captain

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts".

- Winston Churchill

This college has indeed left a mark of life's most beautiful memories of a youthful kaleidoscope. As the year comes to an end my mind is afloat in an ocean of reminiscence, as I reflect upon the plethora of events that showcased the electric range of talents of the members of St. George's House.

The Inter House sporting events commenced with full spirit. In spite of the commendable efforts of Tushar, Ismael, and Akbar in Table tennis and Devashish and Tushar in chess, we were unable to secure shields. The loss was recovered by the remarkable performance of our badminton players-Vatsal and Ambikey (Div A), Arnav (Div B), and Vanshraj and Aryan (Div C). We stood 1st in Badminton.

Next sport to follow was Basketball in which Sir Ryan, Shuja, Ismael, Nitish, Sarthak and Divyansh gave brilliant performances and we came 2nd.

We then started off with Volleyball where the zeal and vigour of our team comprising of Akbar, Ismael, Shuja, Arnold, Nitish gave us victory and we captured the shield triumphantly.

It was time for the most awaited sport of St. Francis' College - Football. The team set the grassy field ablaze and romped to victory! Getting the 1st position would have been difficult without the efforts of Anand Ratti, Ismael, Akbar, Sulaiman, Arnold, Lobo and Dev Bannerjee of Div A; Kumar Sarthak, Yash, Indra of Div B and Anush, Ayush and Shubham of Div C.



As the front field echoed with the clashing of hockey-sticks, our players Akbar, Ismael, Arnold, Chinmay and Satwik played like professionals and we again snatched the shield!

The battle of Cock House now moved to the Cricket pitch. Our talented players Nishant, Pranav, Dhoni, Ismael, Akbar and Sarthak brought us a step ahead towards winning the Cock House by once again acquiring the 1st position.

Moving from the green fields to the blue waters where our swimmers secured the 2nd position for the House which included Shashwat, Arnold, Kumar Sarthak, Dhruv Shukla, Vansh and the budding but talented young swimmer Kartikey of class III who amazed all by his remarkable strokes.

Our athletes of Div A – Dev, Anand, Ismael, Akbar and Arnold won laurels to the house. The performance of Div B athletes–Kumar Sarthak, Joyesh and Div C athletes–Ayush, Pranjal, Vikram were no less. Efforts of Dev (3rd), Ismael (7th), Lobo (9th), Shantanu (11th), Ambikeya (14th) and Akbar (15th) did not go in vain as in the Marathon our house stood 2nd.

Success was also chasing us in the field of literary events such as elocution and debate where we proved our mettle with the composite efforts of Ankur Malik and Dev Banerjee. Ankur stood 1st both in English and Hindi Elocution while Dev did a commendable job.

All is well that ends well. The shield of Dreams was finally with the team as we got the fruit of our hardwork when we won the Cock House after a gap of 7 years!

At the end of this promising year, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude towards our Principal, Rev. Fr. Denis Naresh Lobo, and our House Master, Sir P. Bhargava, for their encouraging and inspiring efforts. I would also like to thank Sir Ryan Francis, Maam Lyall, Maam Borges, Sir N. Vig, Sir R. Mishra for their constant guidance and motivation who had fervently assisted me whenever I needed help. Before signing off I would like to mention my Vice-Captain Akbar, who assisted me whenever I needed help. Also, I would like to wish the succeeding captains all the best for the upcoming session.

*"Life's battles don't always go
To the stronger or faster man,
But sooner or later the man who wins
Is the man who thinks he can." □*

Mohd. Ismael Faraqi
Captain

Akbar Basher
Vice Captain



St. Andrew's House Report

"For Honour Alone"



Tayyab Javed
Captain



Divyansh Joshi
Vice Captain

The year was a year of diverse experiences for us. We performed well but were not supported by the blind goddess of fortune and thus, we missed clinching the cock house shield by a minor difference.

The sport activities of the year began with table tennis. We put up a good effort and were able to secure the second position due to the amazing performances by Arpit Khushwaha, Siddharth Chaturvedi and others.

Next up was chess, in which the outstanding performances of Aryant Tandon, Humza Khan and others helped us secure the second position.

Chess was followed by badminton in which our hopes were high but lady luck had other plans. Despite having the best 'C' Div. team, we lost our main player Siddharth due to ill health. However we were able to win the 'B' Div. badminton due to excellent performances by Saad Rizvi. In 'A' Div. although we put up a good effort we were only able to secure the second place. Arpit Khushwaha and Alfi Dawson gave good performances.

Next in line was basketball, in which we were the underdogs as we had a young squad. But due to unequalled and herculean efforts of Divyansh, Suyash, Arpit and Parmeet, we were able to lift the trophy by defeating St. George's House the strongest team on paper (advantage of having the best squad), by a major difference.

The focus after basketball shifted towards the backfield as next to follow was football, the game of each Franciscan. Football was a whopper for us.

In spite of being the best 'C' Div team, we could only bag the second position. Vansh, Musa, Kabir, Parv, Xaboor and Allen put up a good fight. In 'B' Div. we were able to acquire victory over our opponents easily due to excellent performances by



Saad, Vikhyat, Vaibhav and Zahoor. We performed well in 'A' Div but lost in the finals to St. George's House. Tayyab, Divyansh, Kabir, Arpit, Zain and Digant performed well.

In volleyball, our players tried hard but we could only secure the fourth place. Tayyab, Divansh, Akshay and Kabir played well.

Swimming was an event which really boosted our morale. We lifted the swimming shield due to excellent performances of Akshay, Shivansh, Mayur Vaish, Saksham Agarwal, Suyash, Kunal and Siddharth.

Hockey was a grey area for us but we still captured the third place due to amazing performances of Divyansh, Arpit, Musa, Kaatyan and Akshay Lal.

The Marathon results came as a surprise gift for us as Saad (2nd) and Digant (6th) helped us to secure the third position.

Cricket dashed our hopes to the ground as we lost to St. George's House in the finals. Divyansh, Abhas, Akshay, Tanmay and Utkarsh were the best performers.

Last but not the least was athletics in which we were unfortunate as our main participants were injured. Even then good performances were given by Tayyab, Zain Vikhyat, Saad, Vaibhav, Kabir Khan, Vaibhav Pratap and Divyansh.

On Annual Sports Day our efforts in marching paid off as we lifted the March Past shield. I would like to thank Divyansh who trained our troop well.

Before concluding I would like to thank our House Master Mr. J. Hannah for his encouragement and support. I would also like to record my sincere thanks and gratitude to Mr. R. Mathews, Mr. A. Dean, Mr. P. Felose, Mrs. R. Jackson, Mrs. L. Kar, Mrs. M. Sharma for their help in house activities. Also I would like to thank and praise my vice captain Divyansh Joshi without whom, we would have not been tagged as one of the probables for winning the cock-house shield. I thank him for his sincere efforts and determination towards the house and wish him best of luck for the next session.

Finally, keeping in mind this year's performances, I would like to say that we were upto our house motto and fought throughout the year "For Honour Alone" □

Tayyab Javed
Captain

Divyansh Joshi
Vice Captain

*God bless thee; and put meekness in thy mind, love, charity,
obedience, and true duty.*

- William Shakespeare



N.C.C. Report 2012-13

The year 2012-13, though a sad one but indeed an eventful one for the troop. Sad because our associate N.C.C. Officer (A.N.O) Mr. A. Morrison was being transferred. He had been a role model for the cadets since the past decade and therefore beyond all doubts he will be missed in time to come.

Our training began with regular N.C.C. classes which taught us the basic commands of the armed force and made us more disciplined and refined individuals. The standard of the drill of our cadets was high and it showed the amount of time and training that had gone into preparation for various N.C.C. activities.

The Annual Training camp was held at Government Inter Collage, Hussainabad from the 22nd of August to the 31st under the leadership of W/C. Saurabh Tandon. The aim of the camp was to acquaint us with the life of a soldier, which by now is been proved to us as fascinating. Its aims also included to inculcate the qualities like discipline and leadership. It was just a period of ten days which completely transformed our lives. We participated in activities such as the painting competition, Inter-troop football, cricket, volleyball and aeromodeling. The most anticipated competition was The Drill competition which was won by our troop and thus the prestige of Troop 9 was preserved.

We also got a chance to visit the Air Force Station at Bakshi-Ka-Talab. There, a lucky few got a chance to fly in the Microlight aircraft beside the Commanding Officer of 5 UP Air Sqn, NCC- W/C Saurabh Tandon. But the real thrill was to watch the monstrous M.I.G 21 fly right above us. Firing the No. 2 Mark 4 rifle added to the bulk of unforgettable memories that we will cherish in the far future.

The cadets flaunted their skills by putting up a splendid display at their drill movement at the annual Sports day, Independence Day, Patron's Day and Republic day. Thereafter we started preparing for our 'A' certificate examination. The exam was held on 5th of February, 2013. With this our training year has come to an end.

As we bid farewell to The National Cadet Corps we carry with us the motto of "Unity & Discipline" and promise to serve our motherland in times of need. As we pass out the qualities of leadership, courage, comradeship, sincerity and honesty are embedded in our hearts. In the end our vote of thanks to our Principal Rev. Fr. D. N. Lobo, our Vice Principal Rev. Fr. Stephen Bara and our C/T Mr. R. J. Francis. □

**Cadet Sergeant Ayush Srivastava.
Cadet Corporal Shashwat Bajpai.**



List of Students of ISC (XII) Examination 2012-2013

<u>Name of Students</u>	<u>Percentage</u>		
Utkarsh Saxena (<i>Frist</i>)	96.50	Suyash Bansal	88.50
Angad Chandhok (<i>Frist</i>)	96.50	Hamza Jamal	88.25
Tushar Kanaujia (<i>Second</i>)	96.25	Pavitra Singh	88.25
Ayush Mishra (<i>Third</i>)	95.75	Udit Pandey	87.75
Himanshu Singh Dhoni (<i>Third</i>)	95.75	Sandeepan Dhoundyial	87.25
Nishant Sharma	95.50	Prannoy Deep	87.00
Raahul Saxena	94.75	Suyash Medhavi	87.00
Simar Singh	94.75	Avitansh Kumar	87.00
Ankit Sahu	94.50	Saksham Rastogi	87.00
Ayush Malhotra	94.25	Namit Pande	85.75
Pranav Rai	94.25	Tushar Sharma	85.00
Umang Andrew Francis	93.50	Tabish Asghar	84.75
Faizan Hussain	93.50	Manu	84.75
Purak Jain	93.00	Dhruv Shukla	84.75
Shashwat Singh	92.50	Abhishek Krishna	84.50
Shikhaer Dikshit	92.00	Mithesh Kaladi	84.50
Samuel Wilson	91.75	Harbir Singh	84.00
Priyam Nigam	91.50	Ujjwal Srivastava	84.00
Rajat Dubey	91.50	Rituraj Srivastava	84.00
Gautam Kacker	91.25	Mohd Zubair Humza	83.50
Yash Joshi	90.50	Zain Akhtar	83.50
Nishant Gupta	90.25	Achintya Kumar Ojha	83.50
Akshat Khulve	90.25	Prakhar Bhatnagar	83.25
Prashant	90.25	Anurag Jaiswal	83.00
Shubham Misra	90.25	Shujaur Rehman	82.75
Prince Kristo Bose	90.25	Divyang Pandey	82.50
Prakhar Dikshit	90.00	Abhishek Kumar	82.50
Mohammad Bilal Hamid	89.50	Shubhankar Kumar	82.25
Abhinav Shukla	89.50	Sankalp Misra	82.00
Siddhant Gover	89.50	Danyal Ahmed	82.00
Priyesh Mohan	89.50	Vatsal Shekhar Jha	81.50
Divyansh Kumar	89.25	Rishabh Srivastava	81.00
Archit Kotwal	89.00	Shivansh Agrawal	81.00
Sameer Kumar	89.00	Arpit Kumar	81.00
Dhatrya Nanda	88.75	Pranav Seth	80.75
Praneet Awasthi	88.75	Apurva Tanson	80.50
		Saumitra Pandey	80.50



Mihir Ranjan	80.25	Neelesh Mehrotra	75.25
Varun Choudhary	80.25	Rohit Bhardwaj	75.00
Abhishek Bansal	80.25	Ayush Prakash	74.00
Shivendra Seth	80.00	Raj Mohan Singh	74.00
Saksham Kapoor	80.00	Mohd Tayyab Javed	72.75
Jaineet Singh	80.00	Aditya Dayal	72.25
Zaid Riaz	79.75	Akshay Srivastava	72.25
Gopesh Shukla	79.50	Salli Awasthi	71.00
M Sameer	79.00	Yogesh Kumar	71.00
Prantik Kundu	78.50	Jashn Chhabra	70.50
Rohan Uprety	77.75	Tanmay Trivedi	70.50
Ali Moid	77.50	Parth Chowdhery	69.75
Yuraj Gulati	77.50	Mohit Srivastava	69.00
Ishan Pande	77.50	Nishit Srivastava	69.00
Shantam Indu	77.25	Arshad Abbas	68.50
Udbhav Singh Chauhan	77.25	Prabal Narain Mottoo	67.75
Mohd Ismael Faruqi	77.00	Rachit Srivastava	66.00
Mohammad Falz	76.50	Anand Bhaskar Ratti	65.25
Sameer Masroor	76.00	Shantanu Dixit	64.25
		Yash Tiwari	64.25

List of Students of ICSE (X) Examination 2012-2013

Ayush Jain (<i>First</i>)	95.60	Abhinav Pandey	93.00
Shantanu Jaiswal (<i>First</i>)	95.60	Mayank Prasad	93.00
Sarthak Goel (<i>Second</i>)	95.00	Parth Misra	92.80
Mrigank Ashesh (<i>Third</i>)	94.80	Rohan Kochar	92.80
Sarthak Mittal (<i>Third</i>)	94.80	Archit Saxena	92.60
Sarthak Mathur	94.60	Aishwarya Mishra	92.40
Apurv Mehrotra	94.20	Abhinav Dixit	92.40
Tushar Agarwal	94.00	Segar Rohira	92.20
Vibhav Jain	94.00	Tushar Vyas	92.00
Nalin Munshi	93.80	Abhiraj Mohan	91.60
Parth Singhal	93.80	Aman Jonathan Prakash	91.60
Suyash Baranwal	93.60	Zohrain Husain	91.60
Madhav Agarwal	93.60	Ambikeya Singh Sangwan	91.60
Archit Saxena	93.40	Anirudh Singh	91.40
Hisham Ali Ansari	93.20	Parmeet Singh Arora	91.40
Udit Bali	93.20	Saad Mustafa Rizvi	91.20



Banipreet Singh Raheja	91.20	Arindam Nag	87.00
Rochit Garg	91.00	Pratyush Chauhan	86.60
Sarthak Gulati	90.80	Ajay Raj Gupta	86.40
Tanmay Saxena	90.80	Abhinav Rastogi	86.20
Rahul Saxena	90.80	Shratanjay Asthana	86.00
Vikhyat Bhatnagar	90.80	Karan Chandra	85.80
Mridul Raj Bhargava	90.60	Goyal Sonkar	85.40
Vaibhav Singh	90.60	Gaurang Agrilhotri	85.40
Ishan Tripathi	90.40	Animesh Chatterji	85.40
Sarthak Chandra	90.40	Aunish Mukherjee	85.20
Akshat Singhal	90.20	Arpit Kushwaha	85.20
Shashwat Pratap	90.20	Katyayan Chaturvedi	85.20
Shobhit Mohan	90.20	Adhish P Kumar	84.80
Parth Mehta	90.20	Naman Gupta	84.60
Anirban Barman	90.00	Yati Kumar Misra	84.60
Ashwin Aisvarya Vardhan	89.80	Rahul Prakash	84.60
Utkarsh Dwivedi	89.60	Shantanu Mangalam	84.40
Parth Mahajan	89.20	Yasooob Abbas	84.40
Pratyush Ranjan Srivastava	89.20	Akash Deori	84.00
Aaryan Kumar Verma	89.00	Nishant Srivastava	84.00
Kushagra Gupta	89.00	Shubhankar Tewari	83.80
Vikhyat Naresh	89.00	Yashwardhan Raghuvanshi	83.80
Rudraksh Sood	88.80	P Sudeepam	83.20
Syed Haider Raza	88.80	Abdul Samad	83.00
Vaibhav Jain	88.60	Jayesh Chandra	82.40
Prabh Simran Singh Narula	88.60	Bharat Singh Rathore	82.40
Rishabh Agarwal	88.40	Aayush Thapliyal	82.40
Raman Awasthi	88.40	Saif Ahmad	82.40
Shrinath Mishra	88.40	Shikher Srivastava	82.40
Utkarsh Grover	88.40	Siddhant Pandey	82.20
Saurabh Tiwari	88.20	Divyam Mehrotra	82.00
Ahmad Areeb	88.00	Arijit Roy Choudhury	81.80
Arijit Gupta	87.80	Prithukirti Paratyush	81.20
Akshay Paul	87.60	Akshit Arora	81.20
Shubham Singh	87.60	Mohd Zaid Khan	81.20
Tanishq Jaiswal	87.60	Shivam Kapoor	81.20
Ausaf Anwar Alvi	87.20	Utkarsh Pandey	81.00
Dost Arora	87.20	Manvendra Singh	80.80
Aaryan Tandon	87.00	Muhammad Iqbal Ahmad	80.60
Pratyush Srivastava	87.00	Digant Kumar	80.60



Shaikh Zaid Husain	80.60	Vaibhav Pratap Singh	72.20
Siddhratha Mani	80.20	Arjun Agarwal	72.20
Anirudh Tiwari	78.80	Dawood Sheikh	72.00
Yash Trivedi	78.40	Ajai Krishna Singh	71.00
Shashwat Dwivedi	78.20	Yash Mandhyan	71.00
Ahitagnee Paul	78.00	Animesh Bharadwaj	70.60
Mohammad Zain Farooqi	78.00	Mohd Emad Uddin Qidwai	70.40
Akshay Agarwal	78.00	Sumedh R Joshi	69.80
Shrey Agarwal	77.80	Sanat Srivastava	69.60
Rachit Pandey	77.80	Piyush Bijani	69.00
Shivchutt Srivastava	77.60	Ekjot Singh Allagh	67.80
Ayush Anand	77.40	Divyanshu Tiwari	67.80
Ketan Naulakha	77.40	Syed Ali Ameen	67.60
Segar Pathak	77.20	Alankrit Sinha	66.80
Amitabh Behari Verma	76.40	Aviral Raj Singh	66.80
Shreyansh Verma	76.20	Samar Abbas	66.00
Shubham Kesarwari	76.20	Utkarsh Sinha	65.60
Kushagra Joshi	76.20	Sarthak Sikka	65.20
Vijyant George	76.20	Abhishek Christopher Paul	64.80
Neelesh Kumar	76.00	Siddharth Shukla	64.80
Varun Narayan	76.00	Gaurang Sikka	64.60
Vinayak Katyayan	75.80	Harshit Sanjay Agarwal	64.40
Mohit Tewari	75.60	Gary Andrew Jackson	64.40
Apoorv Anand	75.40	Mohammad Anas Siddiqui	64.00
Bhanu Pratap Rai	75.20	Mohammad Irfan	63.60
Ali Hamza	74.60	Mohammad Ahad	63.40
Naman Kapoor	74.40	Ankur Kapoor	63.20
Vaibhav Sindhi	74.40	Melvyn Guido Vincent	63.00
Arnav Chowdhry	74.20	Syed Moosa Hasan Rizvi	62.80
Gyanish Kumar	74.20	Indronil Singh	62.60
Akshaya	74.00	Abhjeet Dixit	62.40
Abhishek Chauhan	73.60	Moazzam Kidwai	61.00
Harshdeep Kalra	72.60	Alfi Dawson	58.60
Kevin Chen	72.40	Prateek Agarwal	58.60
Sharan Pratap Singh Nanda	72.40	Satyansh Mishra	58.40
		Astitva Chandra	58.00

The only good is knowledge and the only evil is ignorance.

- Socrates



Subject wise highest marks obtained in

ISC (XII) Examination of 2012-2013

Subject	Name	Marks (%)
English	Pranav Rai	94
	Utkarsh Saxena	94
	Ankit Sahu	94
Hindi	Archit Kotwal	98
Maths	Ayush Malhotra	100
	Angad Chandhok	100
	Ayush Mishra	100
	Raahul Saxena	100
Physics	Tushar Kanaujia	100
	Utkarsh Saxena	100
Chemistry	Angad Chandhok	98
Biology	Gautam Kacker	88
Computer Science	Nishant Sharma	99

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English	Ashwin Aisvarya Vardhan	92
	Saad Mustafa Rizvi	92
	Apurv Mehrotra	92
	Ayush Jain	92
	Kushagra Gupta	92
	Sarthak Chandra	92
	Utkarsh Dwivedi	92
	Sarthak Mathur	92
	Udit Ball	92
	Hindi	Suyash Baranwal
Maths	Shantanu Jaiswal	100
History, Civics, Geography	Ayush Jain	96
	Sarthak Mittal	96
Science	Mrigank Ashesh	96
Computer Applications	Abhinav Pandey	100
	Abhiraj Mohan	100
	Mrigank Ashesh	100
	Suyash Baranwal	100



Aman Jonathan Prakash	100
Rohan Kochar	100
Sarthak Goel	100
Shantanu Jalswal	100
Tushar Agarwal	100
Vibhav Jain	100
Zohrain Husain	100
Anirban Barman	100
Banipreet Singh Raheja	100
Madhav Agarwal	100
Parth Singhal	100
Sarthak Mittal	100

*Congratulations to all the
aforementioned students !!*

***This scroll of honour is a testament to the
untiring efforts of these meritorious
students aided constantly by their
teachers and the unconditional guidance
of their parents.***

***May the institution be continually blessed
by the Almighty and grow from strength
to strength for ages to come and it's
students stand out as beacons in society.***

– Editor



Results of Co-Curricular Activities 2012-2013

Senior Section

INTER HOUSE
ENGLISH ELOCUTION

Class VI

First : Vibhore Chandra VI-D

(St. Francis' House)

Second : Stephen Hill VI-D

(St. Andrew's House)

Class VII

First : Shubh Sahai VII-D

(St. Patrick's House)

Second : Tarsh Manohar VII-C

(St. Patrick's House)

Class VIII

First : Vivek Nigam VIII-C

(St. George's House)

Second : Samarth Srivastava VIII-C

(St. Patrick's House)

INTER HOUSE HINDI DEBATE

Classes IX & X

First : Aryan Tandon X-D

(St. Patrick's House)

Second : Ashwarya Mishra X-B

(St. Andrew's House)

Third : Aman Jonathan X-C

(St. Francis' House)

Classes XI & XII

First : Varun Chaudhary XII-B

(St. Francis' House)

Second : Kaustubh Kapoor XI-D

(St. Patrick's House)

Third : Archit Kotwal XII-A

(St. George's House)

INTER HOUSE QUIZ

Classes 6, 7 & 8

First : Naman Srivastava VI-D

Vyomesh Tripathi VII-D

Shashwat Chitransh VIII-B

Second : Kaustubh Chatterjee VI-D

Shubh Sahai VII-D

Ahmad Faraz

Third : Aditya Vikram Nandi VI-D

Suryansh Saraswat VII-D

Vivek Nigam VIII-C

INTER HOUSE ENGLISH
ELOCUTION

Classes IX & X

First : Aishwarya Mishra X-B

(St. Andrew's House)

Second : Aman Jonathan X-C

Third : Harsh Vardhan Dixit IX-B

Classes XI & XII

First : Ankur Malik XI-D

Second : Niles Mehrotra XII-B

Third : Samuel Wilson XII-C

INTER HOUSE HINDI ELOCUTION

Classes IX & X

First : Aishwarya Mishra X-B

(St. Andrew's House)

Second : Tejasvin Goel X-A

(St. George's House)

Third : Abheer Mehrotra X-A

(St. Andrew's House)



Classes XI & XII

First : Ankur Malik (St. George's House)	XI-D
Second : Ankit Sahu (St. Francis' House)	XII-C
Third : Varun Chaudhary (St. Francis' House)	XII-B

INTER HOUSE HINDI ELOCUTION

Class VI

First : Jay Bharadwaj (St. George's House)	VI-C
Second : Mohd Yashab (St. George's House)	VI-C

Class VII

First : Akshay Nanda (St. Patrick's House)	VII-D
Second : Shashwat Mishra (St. Patrick's House)	VII-D

Class VIII

First : Vivek Nigam (St. George's House)	VIII-C
Second : Samarth Kacker (St. Andrew's House)	VIII-C

INTER HOUSE ENGLISH DEBATE COMPETITION

Class IX & X

First : Abheer Mehrotra	IX-A
Second : Tejasvin Goel	IX-A

INTER HOUSE ENGLISH DEBATE COMPETITION

Class XI & XII

First : Varun Chaudhary (St. Francis' House)	XII-B
Second : Neelash Mehrotra (St. Patrick's House)	XII-B

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Class VI-VIII

First : (St. George's House)	
Aditya Vikram Nandi	VI-D
Animesh Kapoor	VII-A
Vivek Nigam	VIII-C
Second : (St. Andrew's House)	
Sahil Gulati	VI-C
Abhiraj Singh Rana	VII-C
Akshat Pratap Singh	VIII-A
Third : (St. Francis' House)	
Sujay Rastogi	VI-D
Tejas Raj Kumar	VII-A
Shashvat Chitransh	

INTER HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION

Class IX & X

Indian Music Solo

Winner : Aishwarya Mishra (St. Andrew's House)

Western Music Solo

Winner : Aishwarya Mishra (St. Andrew's House)

Class XI & XII

Indian Music Solo

Winner : Harshit Sahal (St. Patrick's House)

Western Music Solo

Winner : Prantik Kundu (St. Patrick's House)

Indian Music Group

Winner : (St. Andrew's House)	
Aishwarya Mishra	X-B
Zubair Hamza	XII-B
Racheet Srivastava	XI-A
Vinayak	X-B
Syed Moosa	X



Western Music Group
Winner : (St. Francis' House)
 Anant Veer Mehta XI-C
 Ali Zaidi XI-A

Aparak Pandey XI-C
 Parth Chowdhery XII-A
 Jayant Tripathi XI-C

Annual Prize Winners 2012-2013

Rank Holders

I-A

First : Kaustubh VS Prakash
Second : Aaryan Singh
Third : Paarth Agarwal

I-B

First : Dashmesh Deep Singh
Second : Maduram Vatsal
 Suyash Pandey
Third : Aadi Seth

I-C

First : Adil Ahmed Khan
Second : Aarav Dhyani
Third : Aditya Singh Juneja

I-D

First : Parv Mahajan
Second : Samarth Mishra
Third : Parth Srivastava
 Manvanth Chandrashekhar

II-A

First : Aniruddh Misra
 Second Ishan Kumar
Third : Atharva Tripathi

II-B

First : Shashwat Singh
Second : Arnab Dev
Third : Harsh Kushwaha

II-C

First : Mrinal Majumdar
 Arnab Singh
 Anshuman Srivastava
Second : Yashveer Raj Singh
Third : Abhay Regi K.P.

II-D

First : Akshat Swarup
Second : Syed Ebrahim Haider Zaidi
Third : Mandeep Singh

III-A

First : Prabhav Misra
Second : Siddharth Agarwal
Third : Aakash Srivastava

III-B

First : Shorya Singh
Second : Sarthak Khanna
Third : Rajarshi Dubey

III C

First : Joyjeet Banerjee
Second : Prabhav Tewari
Third : Jyotik Banerji

III-D

First : Ronit Kochar
Second : Kartikay Jalota
Third : Saiful Haq

IV-A

First : Prabhav Kherra
Second : Kaustubh Singh
Third : Mark D. Brahma



IV-B

- First : Abhas Porov
 Second : Vibhav Agarwal
 Third : Jaskaran Singh Arora

IV-C

- First : Kushagra Kanaujia
 Second : Vansh Sinha
 Third : P. Pradyumnan

IV-D

- First : Vansh Jain
 Second : Akshat Diksht
 Third : Ali Kausar Kaamran

V-A

- First : Saksham Kumar
 Second : Syed Abbas Husain
 Third : Saad Rahman Warsi

V-B

- First : Vivan Maitreya
 Second : Mihir Dey
 Third : Parth Gupta

V-C

- First : Aditya Gulati
 Bhavesh Agarwal
 Second : Kshitij Tandon
 Third : Praaveer

V-D

- First : Adarsh Goel
 Second : Dhruv Rohtra
 Third : Vardhan Mittal

VI-A

- First : Suyash Vardhan Mathur
 Second : Aryan Rastogi
 Bhavye Bhatia
 Third : Anirudh Ghildiyal

VI-B

- First : Samit Kapoor

- Second : Ansh Kakkar
 Third : Pranath Pathak

VI-C

- First : Aditya Singh Chauhan
 Second : Dev Pratap Singh
 Third : Jay Bharadwaj Sharma

VI-D

- First : Aditya Vikram Nandi
 Second : Kaustav Chatterji
 Sujay Rastogi
 Third : Vedang Agarwal

VII-A

- First : Shubh Agrawal
 Second : Zaib Mohammad Khan
 Third : Ekansh Left

VII-B

- First : Shresth Grover
 Second : Nikhil Kumar Misra
 Third : Sanskar Mani

VII-C

- First : Aman Maheshwari
 Second : Raghav Rastogi
 Khushal Khatri
 Third : Tarsh Manohar

VII-D

- First : Srijan Gupta
 Second : Akshay Anand Nanda
 Third : Shantanu Kumar

VIII-A

- First : Nitish Gupta
 Second : Naman Agarwal
 Third : Shashvat Kumar Singh

VIII B

- First : Ishrit Tewari
 Second : Daksh Bhatnagar
 Third : Mirza Rahem Hasan

**VIII-C**

- First : Aayush Gupta
 Second : Uttkarsh Verma
 Third : Shivank Sahai

VIII-D

- First : Akash
 Second : Sankalp Misra
 Third : Anrudh Agarwal

IX-A

- First : Syed Zain Halder Zaidi
 Second : Tejasvin Goyal
 Third : Abheer Mehrotra

IX-B

- First : Vinayak
 Second : Vipin Pahwa
 Third : Richie Jeet Sinha

IX-C

- First : Anrudha Banerjee
 Second : Kunal Rathaur
 Achyutam Swaroop Bhatnagar
 Third : Ritvick Kapoor
 Mukund Khanna

IX-D

- First : Suyash Agarwal
 Second : Aditya A Sane
 Third : Samarth Agarwal
 Varun A Sane

XI-A

- First : Amit Agarwal
 Second : Shobhit Datta
 Third : Shikhar Shukla

XI-B

- First : Prabhanjan Agrawal
 Second : Kshittij Srivastava
 Third : Prakhar Bhatnagar

XI-C

- First : Uttkarsh Garg
 Second : Anurag Singh
 Third : Khateeb Ahmad

XI-D

- First : Harshdeep Singh Chhabra
 Second : Gaurang Misra
 Third : Nitish Chaturvedi

Full Attendance

Nursery-A

- Aditya Xavier
 Suhas Danani

Nursery-B

- Krishna Yadav

Nursery-C

- Adhiraj Pratap Singh
 Kartikeya Pathak

Nursery-D

- Darsh Tewari
 Mukul Yadav

K.G.-B

- All Ahmad

I-A

- Syed Ehtisham Husain

I-B

- Hemant Kumar
 Madhuram Vatsal
 Rishab Jain

I-C

- Aditya Singh Juneja

I-D

- Ameer Hamza



II-A

Aviral Jain
Ayush Man Pal
Kartikey Kushagra
Ruchir Tripathi

II-B

Cecil John
Tammana Krishna Tejas

II-D

Akshat Rastogi
Syed Kamran Rizvi
Vasu Mehrotra

III-A

Aditya Roshan
Kush Singh

III-B

Rajarshi Dubey
Sayed Mohammad Mohamid Ashraf

III-C

Prabhav Tewari
Abbas Raza
Syed Mohd Fayez
Romit Kumar

III-D

Kartik Nair
Mohd Rayyan
Rushil Shukla
Safal Singh
Tanmay Misra

IV-A

Arya Agarwal
Rajat Shukla
Shashwat Agarwal
Parmarth

IV-B

Vibhav Agarwal

Mohd Arman

IV-C

Harshal Sawlani
Kushagra Kanaujia
Parth Parth

IV-D

Ali Kausar Kaamran
Yash Rastogi

V-A

Arnav Rastogi
Puru
Sattwic Kapoor
Shubh Shankar

V-B

Yash Wardhan Kapoor

V-C

Aastik Saluja
Kshittij Tandon
Munuksh Srivastava
Rohan Ghosh
Syed Mohammad Abbas

V-D

Tauheed Ahmad

VI-A

Anmol Singh
Sameer Raju

VI-B

Abhinandan Asthana
Ashutosh Bora

VI-C

Abhay Jaiswal

VI-D

Arinjay Shukla
Abhi Hasan
Prasoon Bhagel



Vedang Agarwal

VII-A

Debojit De Choudhury
Ekansh-Left
Samarth Shanker Tewari
Zaib Mohammad Khan

VII-B

Arjav Rastogi
Amav Charles Wheeler
Mangalam Srivastava
Navan Alok Jaiswal
Rahul Singh Bhakuni
Sanskar Mani
Sarthak Pahwa

VII-C

Kislay Kumar Shashank
Puthan Sidhesh
Syed Mohd Tabish

VII-D

Akshit Sawrand
Ayan Kumar
Mohd Anas Qureshi

VIII-A

Aditya Srivastava
Amir Kidwai
Sameer Verma
Shrey Rastogi

VIII-B

Aryan Sharma

VIII-C

Faraz Azeem
Harsh Mishra
Samarth Kacker
Samarth Srivastava
Shivank Sahai

VIII-D

Akshat
Amal Agarwal
Sankalp Misra

IX-A

Abhigyan Mishra
Mohd Talha
Shivam Bisen

IX-B

Pritesh Pandey

IX-C

Ritvik Kapoor
Rishabh Jaiswal

XI-A

Vinayak Tripathi

Good Conduct

Nursery-A	: Shrivaru Sharma
Nursery-B	: Abhinav Sahl
Nursery-C	: Adhiraj Pratap Singh
Nursery-D	: Chinmoy Krishna
K.G.-A	: Virat Verma
K.G.-B	: Vansh Khurana
K.G.-C	: Mohd Ayaan Siddiqui
K.G.-D	: Dev Elhance
I-A	: Samarth Saluja
I-B	: Raunak Sonkar
I-C	: Syed Afzal Hasnain
I-D	: Arshad Aslam
II-A	: Jabez Rokhom Brahma
II-B	: Yash Kumar
II-C	: Aashman Suresh Pandey
II-D	: Aditya Kumar
III-A	: Bryan David Robinson
III-B	: Piyush Tewari
III-C	: Abdullah Sheikh



III-D	: Pranav Kalkar
IV-A	: Shaurya Pratap Singh
IV-B	: Raunak Nigam
IV-C	: Abhineet Arora
IV-D	: Parth Kumar
V-A	: Mohd Mubashshir Siddiqui
V-B	: Ashwini Prasad
V-C	: Kshittij Tandon
V-D	: Syed Farzan Husain Rizvi
VI-A	: Asim Abbas Zaidi
VI-B	: Vikramaditya Pandey
VI-C	: Aayush Rastogi
	: Aviral Goyal
VI-D	: Shivam Singh
VII-A	: Kirath Singh
	: Jaswinder Singh Saini
VII-B	: Rijul Yadav
VII-C	: Mayank Kumar Tolant
VII-D	: Shashwat Chandra
VIII-A	: Apurv Bansal
VIII-B	: Karmanya Pande
VIII-C	: Samarth Srivastava
VIII-D	: Hamed Khan
IX-A	: Shivam Bisen
	: Asheesh Chazoor
IX-B	: Neelabh Bose
IX-C	: Mohd Ramza Husain
IX-D	: Rohan Dayal
XI-A	: Sankalp Mittal
XI-B	: Rishabh Banerjee
XI-C	: Adnan Ali Zaidi
XI-D	: Harshdeep Singh Chhabra

Special Recognition in Catechism

Class-I

First	: Ethan	I-D
Second	: Archit	I-A

Third : Alvin I-C

Class-II

First	: Avis Silvester	II-B
Second	: Jabez	II-A
Third	: Royce Andrews	II-D

Class-III

First	: Samson Vincent Julius
Second	: S Joshua Spurgeon
Third	: Alan Jacob

Class IV

First	: Mark Dingitlung Brahma	IV-A
Second	: Manav William	IV-A
Third	: Alan Rose	IV-B

Class V

First	: Leonard Larkra	V-B
Second	: Abhishek	
Third	: Daniel Dacosta	

Class VI

First	: Anant Christopher Prakash	VI-D
Second	: Stephan Joseph Hill	VI-D
Third	: Stephen Mervin Singh	VI-C

Class VII

First	: Shobhit Samuel	VII-B
Second	: Allen Solomon	VII-C
Third	: Rishabh Christopher	VII-C
	: Arnav Charles	VII-B

Class VIII

First	: Isaak Mall	VIII-D
Second	: Moses Rodrick Isaak	VIII-A
Third	: Akash Joy	VIII-B

Class IX

First	: Rohal Dayal	IX-D
Second	: Richardson Sabu	IX-D
Third	: Aashish Chazhoor	IX-A



Scholarships 2012-2013

JUNIOR SECTION

Asfish Anand Scholarship

awarded for obtaining highest marks in Class V-A

SAKSHAM KUMAR

Aditya Tandon Scholarship

awarded for obtaining highest marks in all the sections of Class V-B

VIVAN MAITREYA

SENIOR SECTION

Rev. Fr. Romano Merit Scholarship

awarded for obtaining highest marks in class XI in the academic year 2012-2013.

HARSHDEEP SINGH CHABRA -XI D

Rachit Mehtani Scholarship

Rachit Mehtani was a student of Class XI-C in the academic year 2010-2011.

Died in a mishap.

**Rachit Mehtani Scholarship for obtaining highest marks in English in Class XI*

Cheque of Rs.1000/- only and a memento.

PRABHANJAN AGRAWAL XI B

Anuj Mohan Scholarship

for "Best Student" of the year 2012-2013 Senior Section

ANKIT SAHU-XIIC

J. Rodricks Scholarship

for "Best Student" of the year 2012-2013 Senior Section

ANKIT SAHU-XIIC



Arup Mohan Scholarship

for securing highest marks in ICSE Examination 2013

AYUSH JAIN 95.6% in Aggregate

SHANTANU JAISWAL 95.6% in Aggregate

Dr. Pratap Bahadur Scholarship

for securing highest marks in ICSE Examination 2013

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S.C. Jofri Scholarship

for securing highest marks in ICSE Examination 2013

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Basit Naseem Scholarship

for securing 3rd Position in ICSE Examination 2013

MRIGNAL ASHESH 94.8 % in Aggregate

SARTHAK MITTAL 94.8 % in Aggregate

Parti Dhiaon Scholarship

for securing highest marks in Physics in ISC Examination 2013

TUSHAR KANAUJIA 100%

UTKARSH SAXENA 100%

Sandeep Acharya Scholarship

for securing highest marks in English in ISC Examination 2013

PRANAV RAI 94%

UTKARSH SAXENA 94%

ANKIT SAHU 94%

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Mrs. B - Mrs. A. Anand



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2nd. A - Mrs. S. Mittal



3rd. B - Mrs. D. Albert

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T.G. D - Mrs. P. Arora



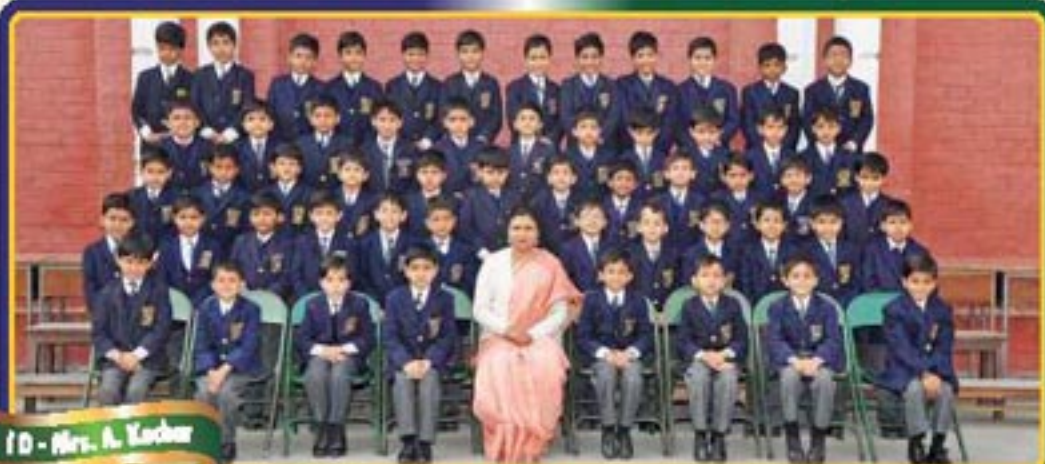
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III A - Mrs. C. Padma



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IX D - Mrs. M. Dhanraj



IV A - Mrs. M. Dhanraj



IV B - Mrs. R. Franklin



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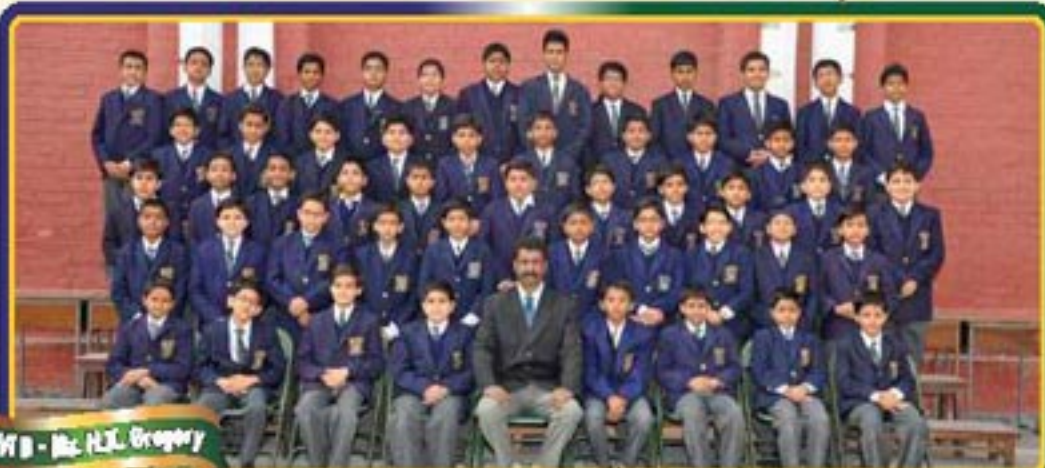
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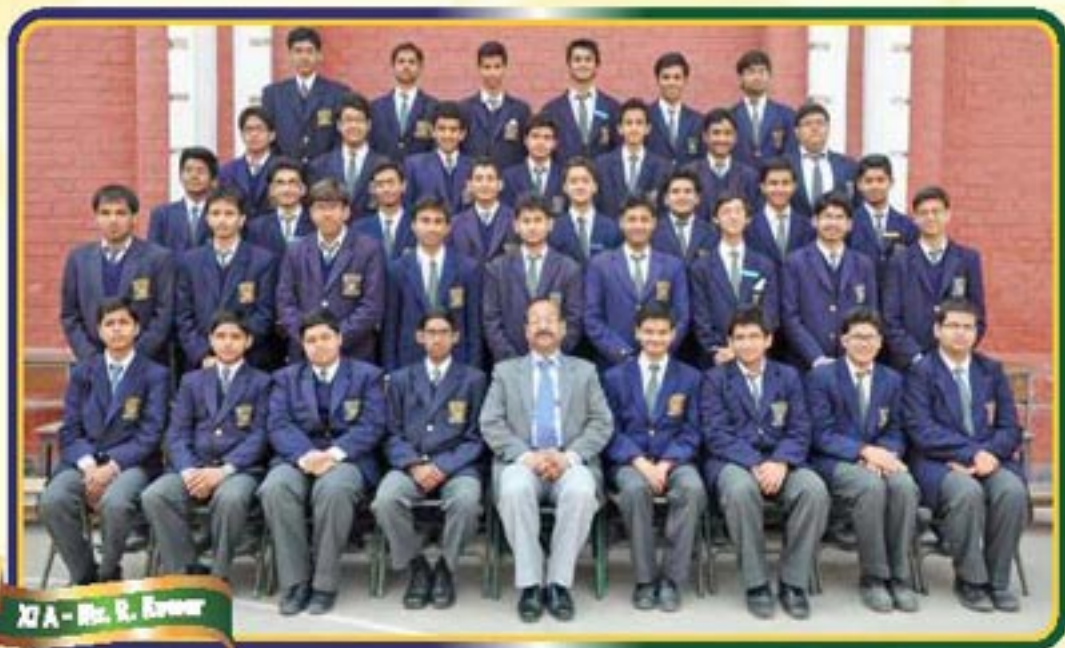


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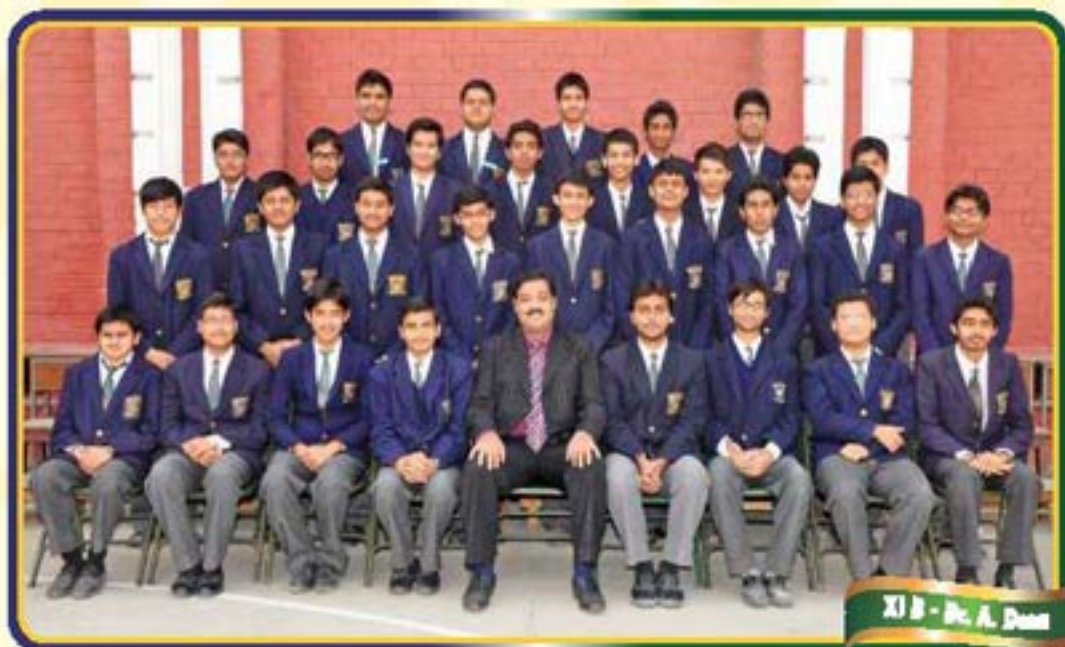
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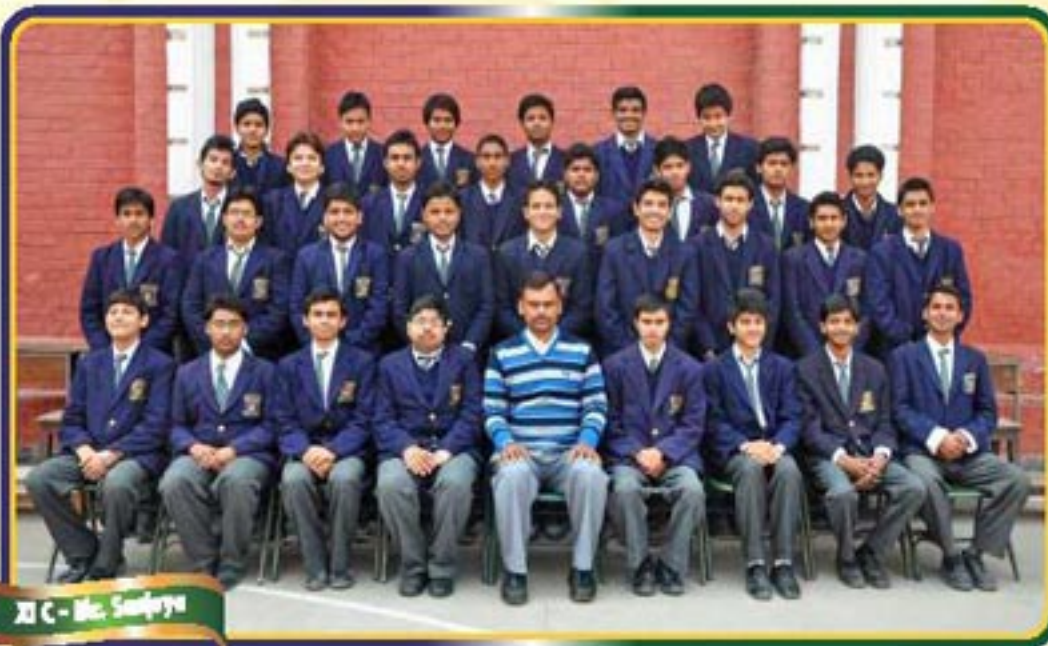
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XI B - Mr. A. Datta



XI C - Mr. Sanyal



XI D - Mr. L. Williams

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XII A - Mr. T. Sathyanarayana



XII B - Mr. D. Jackson

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XII C - Mr. B.D'More

Creative Champs !!



Aryan Sharma - I D



Agastya Kapoor



Prabhudh saxene - I A



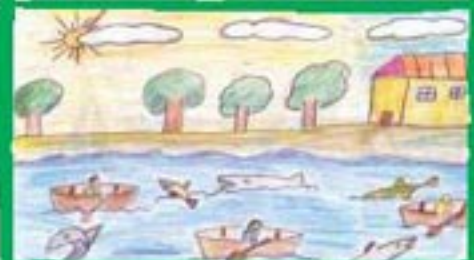
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Aditya R. Nair - III C



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The Taint of Arrogance

Arrogance is a two-edged sword. While it can make people feel superior and confident when stating their beliefs or points in an argument, the people receiving the message are often offended by the arrogance and feelings of superiority emanating from the messenger. In other words, the message may be valid, insightful, and credible, but these qualities are tainted and spoiled by the arrogant way it is delivered. There are a sundry of contexts where this happens, but I want to focus on one particular, controversial topic, and that is worldviews. Narrowing the subject even more, I will focus on fundamentalist Christians and hardcore atheists, who are science fundamentalists.

These two viewpoints provoke venomous responses from both sides of the argument. It is obvious that resentment easily morphs into disdain and outright hatred for the opposing point-of-view. When this happens, any hope of conversion or convincing others to see things from either viewpoint is overshadowed by the venomous nature of the argument. Stated another way, the message is tainted beyond recognition by the arrogant attitudes of the messengers.



Christian fundamentalists use faith rooted in the Bible, which is proclaimed as the infallible, literal "Word of God." Most of the time, they view atheists as evil opponents who desecrate the Christian faith if only through a lack of belief in a higher power. I have heard more than one Christian say they hate atheists. They also see atheists as a threat to their evangelical pursuits. It is not difficult to see that Christian fundamentalists dismiss atheists as spiritually ignorant because they do not believe in God. I have watched more than one Christian cringe and become angry when the word "atheist" is spoken aloud.

Hardcore atheists (hereby referred to as "science fundamentalists") react in a very similar manner when the word "Christian" is spoken. Science fundamentalists rely on logic, reason, and scientific evidence to prove there is no God, and they can be just as arrogant and condescending toward Christians or anyone who dares dispute scientific claims. Have they forgotten that science—not pseudo science that tries to pass for real science, but true science that uses the scientific method to test hypothesis—does not claim to "prove" anything? Scientific research develops a hypothesis. Once the hypothesis is formed, research is designed and conducted; then it is determined whether the data "supports" the validity of the hypothesis. In other words, science always leaves room for further research when more information is revealed.



So, dear science fundamentalist, when you "beat Christians over the head with scientific evidence," you are not using irrefutable facts. You are using what is supported by current research and accepted as fact, but new information might prove the current research invalid. True science always leaves room for new discoveries or knowledge that will void what is supported by current scientific research. Likewise, dear Christian fundamentalist, when you beat Atheists over the head with a Bible," you are assuming they accept your dogma and literal translation of the Bible. Do not both of you realize that arrogant attacks, which vilify and demean each other, do very little to convince others of your superiority? Love and acceptance, whether you agree or not, will get you closer to your goal.

Why can't the people on both sides of this issue lighten-up on each other and recognize the following: We are all creatures stuck on a rock with a molten centre hurdling through space. We do not fully understand how we got here, what we are supposed to do while we are here, nor do we know when we are going to leave and what happens when we leave.

I can see validity and credibility in both perspectives, but nasty attacks that vilify those who do not agree with you do not promote your respective messages effectively. In other words, arrogance taints your messages, and your credibility is damaged. Most importantly, those of us in the middle of the melees grow weary of dodging barbs and being sucked into your arrogance. A quote from the late Ernest Hemingway is an appropriate end to this discussion: "There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow man; true nobility is being superior to your former self." □

Contributed by:
Yuvraj Gambhir

Time

Time is perpetual and it waits for no one... and we all know this. But what we do not realise in that each passing moment carries with it-experience, happy memories and a feeling that it has passed. In our student life "Time" is very precious. It demands

a lot of hardwork, sincere devotion and dedication from us towards our studies. We should channelise our work and potentials in such a way that we are able to fulfill our parents expectations and our endless efforts and hardwork. Well friends, I plan to utilize my time like this..... and what about you?? □



Yashwardhan Singh Parmar
Class VII-A



St. Francis' College Students visit a 'National Research Laboratory' in the City

On August 01, 2012, a group of 45 students studying biology at St. Francis' College visited Indian Institute of Toxicology Research, a premier institute under the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research, Government of India. The Students were accompanied by Mr. Mathews, their biology teacher. The visit was basically designed to provide exposure to students who are keen to take science and particularly biological research as their future career. Accordingly, they were briefed about various facets of biological research such as toxicology, clinical research, biotechnology & microbiology, cell biology, genetically modified crops, analytical chemistry and electron microscopy. Besides these, the application of modern techniques such as stem cell research, cloning, use of sophisticated instruments like gas and mass spectrometry were explained to them by expert scientists working in their respective fields.

In the beginning, Dr. K.C. Gupta, Director, IITR outlined the importance of research as a whole for the development of our country. Scientists from the above field also addressed the students to motivate them to opt for research as one of their future career. Later, the students visited 5 different laboratories of the institute to observe what and how a particular research is being pursued. The students also viewed a film describing the R & D activities of IITR. The students showed high enthusiasm to learn about the research and interacted with many of our scientists and asked curious questions.

This activity was initiated by M. Sameer, Class XII-B with the help of Sir R. Mathews at St. Francis' College and coordinated by Dr. Manickam and Mr. Baskar Bhattacharji of IITR. □

Mr. B. Mathews
Teacher

Mother

*When I opened my eyes,
The first person I saw was You.*

*When I started trusting people,
The first person I trusted was You.*

*When I started walking,
The first guidance was from You.*

*When I started looking for direction,
The first direction I received was from you.*

*Mother I have not seen God;
But I am happy that I have seen You. □*



Shriv Mehrotra
V/A



Political Corruption – The Hidden Demon

Political corruption is the use of power by government officials for illegitimate private gain. Misuse of government power for other purposes, such as repression of political opponents and general police brutality, is not considered political corruption. Neither are illegal acts by private persons or corporations not directly involved with the government. An illegal act by an office holder constitutes political corruption only if the act is directly related to their official duties, is done under color of law or involves trading in influence.



Forms of corruption vary but include bribery, extortion, cronyism, nepotism, patronage, graft and embezzlement. Corruption may facilitate criminal enterprise such as drug trafficking, money laundering and human trafficking though is not restricted to these activities.

The activities that constitute illegal corruption differ depending on the country or jurisdiction. For instance, some political funding practices that are legal in one place may be illegal in another. In some cases, government officials have broad or ill-defined powers, which make it difficult to distinguish between legal and illegal actions. Worldwide, bribery alone is estimated to involve over 1 trillion US dollars. A state of unrestrained political corruption is known as a kleptocracy, literally meaning "rule by thieves".



Corruption in India is a major issue and adversely affects economy. A 2009 study conducted by Transparency International in India found that more than 62% of Indians had first hand experience of paying bribes or influence peddling to get false jobs done in public offices successfully. In 2012 India has ranked 94th out of 176 countries in Transparency International Corruption Perceptions Index. Most of the largest sources of corruption in India are entitlement programs and social spending schemes enacted by the Indian government. Examples include Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act and National Rural Health Mission. Other daily sources of corruption include India's Trucking industry which is forced to pay billions in bribes annually to numerous regulatory and police stops on its interstate highways. Indian media has widely published allegations of corrupt Indian citizens stashing trillions of dollars in Swiss banks. Swiss authorities, however assert these allegations to be a complete fabrication and false.



It is argued that the following conditions are favourable for corruption: Information deficits, lacking freedom of information legislation, lack of investigative reporting in the local media, contempt for or negligence of exercising freedom of speech and freedom of the press, weak accounting practices, including timely financial management, lack of corruption, lacking control of the government, lacking civic society and non-governmental organizations which monitor the government, weak Civil Service and slow pace of reform, weak rule law, weak legal profession, weak judicial independence, large unsupervised public investments and many more reasons.

Corruption is a major problem and can only be removed when each and every citizen of India fights it because it is rightly said:

"United we stand, divided we Fall." □

Vishnu Prty Agnihotri
Class VIII-B

Bionics

'Learning from nature's phenomena': a futuristic approach.

Bionics, a newly coined term, refers to a stream of engineering that emphasizes upon natural phenomena as models for conducting various scientific and technological activities. In this new stream of research, scientists observe and acquire ideas from nature and by further grandiloquence, convert them into technical reality. This modern technique is new a cynosure for scientists and has great significance for future aspects of engineering science.



The latest exemplification of the following technique is the development of new types of swimming suits, which have fine longitudinal grooves and resemble the skin of SHARKS. The grooves reduce friction between water and the skin and thus, minimises turbulence and swirling in the water flow during swimming. As a result, the swimmer-just as the shark-swims fast and comfortably. □

Abhinav Anand
Class XII-A

***"All the darkness in the world
cannot extinguish the light of a single candle"***

– Saint Francis of Assisi



Always Wanting What Is Not

"As a rule Man's a fool, when it is hot he wants it cool, and when it's cool he wants it hot, always wanting what is not". Read the story given below and you will discover this insight in human nature:



There was once a stone cutter, who worked hard, but got hardly what he thought would be enough for him. One day, on a hot sunny day, he was working when he felt a sudden urge to cry out in misery. He felt the hot sun on his back and said to himself, "I wish I was the sun, so that I could be most powerful." There was a blinding light and then he found himself transformed into the Sun. Happily he shone on

everything he saw. But sometime later the clouds covered him. Again he wished that he would be a cloud, so that he could cover even the sun. Blinding light, then he was transformed into a cloud. He went and covered up the sun, and rained down heavily on earth. But again, sometime later, a gust of wind blew him to the horizon. Again he wished he was the wind so that he would have complete sovereignty. Blinding light and he saw he was transformed into the wind. He happily blew everything that came in his path. But then came an obstruction, a huge rock sitting in the middle of the path. He blew against it with all his might but it would not move. Again he wished he were a rock. Blinding light and then the transformation took place. He thought that finally nothing would stand in his way. Just then he felt a stab of pain on his back. He turned around and saw a stone cutter hammering his chisel on his back. □

Anant Prakash
Class VI-D

Check out these facts !!!

- * FORTNIGHT comes from 'Fourteen Nights' (Two Weeks).
- * POP MUSIC is 'Popular Music' shortened.
- * MOPED is the short term for 'Motorized Pedaling'.
- * BUS is the short term for 'Omnibus' that means everybody.
- * DRAWING ROOM was actually a 'withdrawing room' where people withdrew after Dinner. Later the prefix 'with' was dropped..
- * NEWS refers to information from Four directions N, E, W, and S.
- * AG-MARK, which some products bear, stems from 'Agricultural Marketing'. ■

Raunak Sikka (Class VI-B)



Nirbhaya Never Died

Today India is at her turning point. With all crimes like rape, atrocities and honour killings. This is what makes us feel ashamed of ourselves in front of the world. Never did our freedom fighters thought about this happening in their country for which they lived and died. And especially after the Nirbhaya harassment and rape case, I don't think we can show are guilty faces to the world.



The other day I was in Delhi for my brother's marriage. I was passing by the Rajpath when I noticed a huge mob of protestors marching towards the Raj Bhawan. They passed by me shouting slogans 'We want justice' and were also carrying placards with highly protesting statements against the "law and order". Men and women, young and old, rich and poor, all people were protesting.

But then I thought, was all this hue and cry worth the death of Nirbhaya? Yes it was worth it. It was worth the energy of the people who were devoted in protesting. It was worth all those candle marches and slogans. It was all the single piece of protest against law. And then I thought, Nirbhaya never died. She had made a different place in our souls. She was the turning point in changing the law and order of our country India.

Samarth Kacker
Class VIII-C

Words of Wisdom

- * *When God made hands, he gave us the ability to work.*
- * *Hard work requires confidence and when we do not work hard, we have an easy excuse for our failures.*
- * *Self-trust is the essence of heroism.*
- * *No progress can take place without change.*
- * *Goals are essential for success.*
- * *Success is a challenge well met, the number of attempts do not count.*
- * *Self-discipline is essential for proper growth and success. ■*



Ayush Anand
Class VIII-D



Maths Trick to Determine Your Birthday

- Step -1 : Type your birth month and 18
 Step -2 : Multiply it by 25
 Step -3 : Subtract 333
 Step -4 : Multiply it by 8
 Step -5 : Subtract 554 this time
 Step -6 : Divide the number by 2
 Step -7 : Add your birth date
 Step -8 : Multiply the answer by 5
 Step -9 : Add 692
 Step -10 : Multiply it by 20
 Step -11 : Add the last two digits of your birth year
 Step -12 : Subtract 32940 and you will get your birthday in the format of - month
 - date - year ☐



Shameek Kr. Baranwal
 Class VI-C

Success at each point

*People usually busy in their own lives,
 Forget that their houses are not bee hives.
 To taste honey, they need to get out,
 To discover, they must work hard, no doubt....
 To know nature, they need to appreciate it,
 To love animals, hunting they must quit.
 To learn something, they need to understand,
 To save resources, they must cover up barren land.
 To live, they need to earn hard,
 To win a game, they must be careful with each card.
 To be perfect, they must practise and try,
 To fly an aeroplane, they must know the sky.
 As we know, nothing really comes for free,
 Work hard, bring a change and then see.
 You are going to have everything you thrive,
 Success is going to be yours at each point of life. ☐*



Isbrit Tewari
 Class VIII-B



Facts To Make Every Indian Proud

- Who is the co-founder of Sun Microsystem? **Vinod Khosla**
- Who is the creator of Pentium Chip (needs no introduction as 90% of today's computer run on it)? **Vinod Dham**
- Who is the founder and creator of Hotmail (world's no. 1 web based email program)? **Sabeer Bhatia**
- Who is the GM of Hewlett Packard? **Rajiv Gupta**
- Who invented the God particle (smallest substance in the world) **Satyendra Nath Bose**



38% of all doctors in U.S.A are Indians
15% of all Scientists in U.S.A are Indians
40% of all NASA scientists in U.S.A are Indians.
20% of all INTEL scientists in U.S.A. are Indians
32% of all IBM employees in U.S.A are Indians
There are 3.22 million Indians in U.S. (1.5% of population)

World History Facts About India

- India has never invaded any country in last 1100 years
- India invented the number system. Aryabhatta invented 'zero'.
- World's first University was established in Takshila in 700 B.C. More than 10,500 students from all over the world studied 60 subjects.
- Ayurveda is the earliest school of medicine known to humans.
- The art of Navigation was born in River Sindh 5000 years ago. The very word 'navigation' was derived Sanskrit word NAV GATH.
- Algebra, trigonometry and Calculus came from India. Quadratic equation were Sridharacharya in 11th Century; the largest number Greeks and the Romans used were 106 whereas Indians used numbers as big as 1053





- Chess was invented in India.
- The earliest reservoir and dam for irrigation was built in Saurashtra.
- The value of pi was first calculated by Budhayana, and he explained the concept of what is known as Pythagorean Theorem.

All of the above is just the tip of the iceberg, the list could be endless. So let us all take a pledge today that we will do our best to bring back the original glory and pride of our country and will once again make it a golden country. □

Karmanya Pande
Class VIII-B

Words in its Number

- ◆ The most selfish one letter word "I" Avoid it
- ◆ The most satisfying two letter word "WE" Use it
- ◆ The most poisonous three letter word "EGO" Kill it
- ◆ The most used Four letter word "LOVE" Value it
- ◆ The most pleasing five letter word "SMILE" Keep it
- ◆ The fastest spreading six letter word "RUMOUR" Ignore it.
- ◆ The hardest working seven letter word "SUCCESS" Achieve it.
- ◆ The most enviable Eight letter word "JEALOUSY" Keep away
- ◆ The most powerful nine letter word "KNOWLEDGE" Acquire it
- ◆ The most essential ten letter word "CONFIDENCE" Trust it. □



Sanskar Mani
Class 7-B

A Popular SMS

Read the following sentences:

This is **this** cat
This is **is** cat
This is **how** cat
This is **to** cat
This is **make** cat
This is **a** cat
This is **foolish** cat



This is **person** cat
This is **busy** cat
This is **for** cat
This is **forty** cat
This is **seconds** cat

Now read the 3rd word of every line. □

Shameek Kr. Baranwal
Class VI-C



Awesome answers in IAS Examination

- Q. How can you drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it?
A. Concrete floors are very hard to crack! (UPSC Topper)
- Q. If it took 8 men 10 hrs to build a wall, how long would it take 4 men to build it?
A. No time at all, it is already built. (UPSC 23rd Rank Opted for IFS)
- Q. If you had 3 apples & 4 oranges in 1 hand & 4 apples & 3 oranges in the other hand, what would you have?
A. Very large hands. (Good one) (UPSC 11 Rank Opted for IPS)
- Q. How can you lift an elephant with 1 hand?
A. You will never find an elephant with 1 hand. (UPSC Rank 14 Opted for IES)
- Q. How can a man go 8 days without sleep?
A. No Probs, He sleeps at night. (UPSC IAS Rank 98)
- Q. If you throw a red stone into the blue sea what it will become?
A. It will become Wet and Sink as simple as that. (UPSC IAS Rank 2)
- Q. What looks like half apple?
A. The other half. (UPSC - IAS Topper)
- Q. What can you never eat for breakfast?
A. Dinner
- Q. Bay of Bengal is in which state?
A. Liquid (UPSC 33 Rank)

IAS



Interviewer said "I shall either ask you 10 easy questions or 1 really difficult question. Think well before you make up your mind!"

The boy thought for a while and said, "My choice is 1 really difficult question."

"Well, good luck to you, you have made your own choice!"

Now tell me this.

"What comes first, Day or Night?"

The boy was jolted into reality as his admission depends on the correctness of his answer, but he thought for a while and said,

"It's the DAY sir!"



"How" the interviewer asked.

"Sorry Sir, you promised me that you will not ask me a SECOND difficult question!"

Technical Skill is the mastery of complexity, while Creativity is the master of presence of mind. □

Syed Ahmad Kamran
Class XI-D

Potter Mania

Here are some facts not revealed by JKR in her books:-

- 1) Ginny Weasley's first name is Gineva.
- 2) Arthur Weasley has two brothers.
- 3) Dean Thoma's father was killed by a Death Eater when he refused to join them.
- 4) Dumbledore is 157 years old and Mc Gonagall was 76 years old.
- 5) We've all heard Dumbledore knows pretty much that goes in Hogwarts. He also didn't care if he lost all his acclaim except taking his face of chocolate frogs card. As he is using the cards to spy on others.
- 6) The new minister of magic will be Amelia Bones (not Kingsley).
- 7) Voldymort should be pronounced with "T" silent.
- 8) Sirius was also good at salsa dance.



Finally here are some things JKR hasn't clarified:-

- 1) She has never mentioned about Ravenclaw ghost.
- 2) Fred and George got their OWL results at Hogwarts but Harry is told by Mc Gonagall that he will get his result only in July.
- 3) We were told that Ministry of Magic was empty when Voldymort appeared there and the fight took place. Isn't it odd, that not even a security guard was there?
- 4) In the first book we were told that Hermiony had practiced few spells in case they go through a test for their sorting. However Harry is reprimanded for using magic outside Hogwarts. Further there is a restriction that under age wizards cannot use magic outside Hogwarts in front of Muggels (non magic people) so how was she not punished. □

Aviyansh Anuraag
Class VIII-B



Types of Government

There have been many different types of government around the world throughout history. Many of the names for them end in the term - cracy, from a Greek word meaning 'power'

☛ **ARISTOCRACY:** Ruled by a small group of members of a privileged class.

☛ **AUTOCRACY:** Government by one person with unrestricted power; also known as despotism or dictatorship.

Fidel Castro was the President of Cuba for almost 50 years before handing power to his brother Raul.

☛ **COMMUNIST:** Government of a classless state in which private ownership is abolished and the state controls all means of production, as in China and Cuba.



☛ **DEMOCRACY:** Government by the people directly or through elected representatives, as in the United Kingdom, USA, and India.

☛ **MERITOCRACY:** Government by leaders selected according to their ability.

☛ **MONARCHY:** Government in which power is held by a king (or queen, emperor or empress) who can pass power on to their heirs.

☛ **OLIGARCHY:** Government by a small group of people.

☛ **PLUTOCRACY:** A government/state in which wealthy people rule.

☛ **THEOCRACY:** Government ruled by or subject to religious authority. □

Abhishek Anand
Class VIII-A

***"Ask and it will be given to you;
Seek and you will find;
Knock and the door will be opened to you"***

- Jesus Christ



War Games!



The sight of enemy troops charging at you is unmistakable. But then, there are not lot many who think that you can do except to sit and cry. In all circumstances such an act is quite wise. Unfortunately, my group had other ideas.

They came at us like trained professionals, planning to deliver every single pounce of agony upon us. It was a nightmare defending against them, because you could see their colours everywhere. But one person of my crew decides that his service for the troop is done. He makes his peace with the lord and brings down havoc on the enemy lines. He is gunned down, rather passively, but his sacrifice does not go in vain.

You see an opening, a small window of opportunity and you grab it. For all I could see was that my crew was pushing towards an empty space. Suddenly, a counter is launched, the enemy is pushed back. The balance of power and control shifts. It is not a fight for survival anymore, now its for redemption, to bring down retribution on every single enemy soldier.

The noise of gunfire and smoke is abrupted by the distant hue of a bell. But the fire fight goes on. Suddenly you hear the unmistakable ring of a whistle erupting from the morning sun. Another warning and then the firefight stops. I mean, how often do you see the P.T.I. running towards you angrily and taking away your football? As for us, the interval and our little football "war" game ended. □

Siddhant Srivastava
Class XII-A

Republic Day Celebration



"Let us paint a world full of peace and without fears where all eyes are happy and without any tears". Our hearts filled with this noble feeling and our souls overcome with patriotism, we, the students of classes 6-12 conducted an Assembly on 26th January under the guidance of our teachers and principal. The hardest feelings, so the chronicles and philosophers say, is that of FREEDOM, to live a life without the tyranny of power,



the shackles of dogma, the shadow of corruption and the stench of inertia. On 26th January 1950 the Indian Constitution came into force and we became independent in the true sense of the term.

The assembly started with the hoisting of the national flag by our Chief Guest Rev. Fr. Donald D'Souza and the atmosphere was vibrating with the sound of the National Anthem song by the entire school. After this came the songs both in Hindi and English, by the students of different classes. The next item was the speeches of our chief guest, and prefects, and after that our principal ended the celebration by giving a short speech about our city and saluted the great leaders as they have played a major role in making this country free. □

Anrudh Srivastava
Class IX-D

My Comfort Zone

*I used to have a comfort zone
Where I knew I wouldn't fail.
The same four walls and busywork
Were really more like jail.
I longed so much to do the things I'd
never done before,
But stayed inside my comfort zone
and paced the same old floor.
I said it didn't matter that I wasn't doing
much.
I said I didn't care for things like
commission checks and such.
I claimed to be so busy with the things
inside the zone,
But deep inside I longed for something
special of my own.
I couldn't let my life go by just
watching others win.
I held my breath; I stepped outside and
let the change begin.
I took a step and with new strength
I'd never felt before,*

*I kissed my comfort zone goodbye and
closed and locked the door
If you're in a comfort zone,
afraid to venture out,
Remember that all winners were at one
time filled with doubt.....
A step or two and words of praise can
make your dreams come true.
Reach for your future with a smile:))
Success is there for you.....!! □*

Shivoy Gulati
Class VI-A





The God Within

"Is it so bad, then, to be misunderstood ? Pythagoras, Socrates, Jesus, Copernicus, Galileo, and Newton were all misunderstood. To be great is to be misunderstood."
Ralph Waldo Emerson



Jill Bolte Taylor is a brain scientist at the neuropsychiatry department of Harvard University. She learnt her first lesson in true brain function when, at the age of 38, she came down with an intense headache one morning. The pain was so unbearable and soon made her lose all her left brain functions like speech, comprehension, use of the right half of the body and self consciousness. But what she discovered that morning was so profound which no one could ever have found, which the world needs to know. Jill had the unique opportunity to learn the brain functions inside out. She was acutely aware of the two distinct brain parts, the right and the left connected only by millions of axons through the corpus callosum.

The right brain is a parallel processor, while the left brain is a serial processor, if you like. While the left brain thinks linearly, the right thinks holistically. The left brain understands the present, past and the future, the reason why we all feel miserable. The right brain, on the contrary, connects us with this whole universe as a speck in the omnipotent universal consciousness. That morning, Jill felt real "nirvana" in her own words. However, now and then her dying left brain would kick her back to the mad world, reminding her "Hey Jill, you have a problem, you need help!" Soon she will fall into that blissful satchitananda of the disconnected right brain that connects her only to her maker, the universal consciousness

Doctors at the Mass General Hospital removed a large blood clot in her left brain caused by a vessel bursting open. It took her eight years to get back her normal functions, to go back to work again on the human brain. She goes round the world telling people how she felt that fateful morning which transformed her whole life and gave her a new perspective. She has learnt to forget those two most dangerous days of the year -yesterday and tomorrow. God presented her with a present - "today" to enjoy.

Yesterday has been a dream and no force on earth can undo that : tomorrow is only a mirage which no one could predict. Why then worry about those two days and make life miserable? One could live blissfully in the present trying to help others live



well too. Happiness comes in search of you when you help make another person happy. Thena thyakthena bhoonjithaaha – "rejoice in giving" is the advice of the Ishopasmishad.

One need not get brain haemorrhage to realize God. We could do that by stimulating our right brain functions through praanaayaama regularly. David Schanoff Khasla, a neuro-psychiatrist in San Diego University, had been working on the benefits of left nostril breathing (Kriya Yoga) in treating mental ailments such as depression, epilepsy, obsessive compulsive neurosis and other anxiety disorders. Human mind is intangible but is a wonderful wonder. Mind is not an organ in the conventional sense; it is not situated in the brain or any other organ. Brain is a computer coordinating all the body functions. Mind is only energy at the subatomic level of every single human cell of which there are one hundred thousand billions in all.

Matter and energy are the two sides of the same coin; they are not two distinct entities at the subtlest level, opines a great physicist, Hans-Peter Duer, Emeritus President of the Max Planck Institute in Munich, who succeeded Albert Einstein and Werner Heisenberg. Trying to look at its subtlest level for the last 55 years, Hans-Peter recently realized that there is no matter distinct from energy at that level. That vast omnipotent energy is the universal consciousness (or God) and we humans are but a tiny bit of that consciousness, the individual consciousness.

One need not go in search of God in all temples, churches and mosques, while our own God resides within all of us as universal compassion and friendship. Why not try and develop that God who is attainable to each and everyone of us? One need not even be literate to do that, one has to be educated though, to know that God resides inside each of us. We need to transform ourselves from the manliness of "getting and forgetting to the godliness of giving and forgiving" One could attain godhood easily by meditation and praanaayaamaa not overnight but by constant practice. □

Contributed by
Yuvraj Gambhir

Television

*You leave us with poor vision
Yes, my dear Television
Day and night my eyes I strain
Parents feel you are a pain*



*Mothers yell and Fathers scream
Every thing just passes like a dream □*

Ishaan Mehrotra

J-B



Tongue - Boggling

- Frivolous fat Fammie fried fresh fish furiously.
- Imagine an imaginary menagerie manager managing an imaginary menagerie.
- I slit a sheet, a sheet I slit, upon a slitted sheet I sit.
- A big black bug bit a big black bear. But where is the big black bear that the big black bug bit ?
- Hi-Tech Travelling Tractor Tractor Truck Tracker.
- How many yaks could a yak pack pack if a yak pack could pack yaks ?
- Jill and Jilly ate some jelly and Jill loved jelly than Jilly loved jelly.
- Big black bugs bleed blue black blood but baby black bugs bleed blue blood.
- How many cookies could a good cook if a good cook could cook cookies.
- One-one was a race horse.
Two-two was one too.
One-one won one race.
Two-two won one too. □



Daksh Bhatnagar
Class VIII-B

Children Learn What They Live

*If a child lives with criticism,
He learns to condemn.*

*If a child lives with hostility,
He learns to fight.*

*If a child lives with ridicule,
He learns to feel guilty.*

*If a child lives with tolerance,
He learns to be patient.*

*If a child lives with encouragement,
He learns to be confident.*

*If a child lives with praise,
He learns to feel appreciated.*

*If a child lives with fairness,
He learns justice.*

*If a child lives with security,
He learns to have faith.*

*If a child lives with approval,
He learns to like himself.*

*If a child lives with acceptance and
friendship,*

He learns to find love in the world. □



Dev Pratp Singh
Class VI-C



Riddles

1. It is greater than God and more evil than the devil. The poor have it and the rich wants it. If you will eat it you will die. What is it ?
2. There was a green house, inside the green house there was a white house, inside the white house there was a red house, inside the red house there were lots of babies. What is it ?
3. What is that you will break every time you name it ?
4. Two in a corner
1 in a room
0 in a house, but 1 in a shelter
5. What starts with a T ends with a T and has "T" in it.
6. Everyone needs this, its great with a "r" on the end but you are sad when the first letter goes away. What is it ?
7. What can't be burned in fire nor drowned in water ?
8. It belongs to you but your friends use it more than you. What is it ?



Answer

1. *Nothing : Nothing is greater than God, nothing is more evil than devil. The poor have nothing and the rich needs nothing. If you eat nothing you will die.*
2. *A watermelon* 3. *Silence* 4. *Letter "r"*
5. *A teapot* 6. *Love, Lover, over*
7. *Ice : Instead of burning it will melt in fire and will float on water.*
8. *Your name or phone number. ☐*

Aryaan Washim
VIII-B

**"It is in giving we receive
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned"**



Listen To The Morn.

The world is clad in the linen of the morn,
As both are friends forever.
The breaths I see distinguish themselves
from the silver arc behind.
The droplets of the dew
Some dripping, some still,
Suddenly one remains standing
the others spill
And when I turn my eyes above
And peer deep in the chasm of blue
I see the sky telling, me about itself.
Urging me to bring a meaning to life.
The chirping souls on the cold apex of
the trees
Remain lovely, even in the fog,
They tell me to wear fortitude to prevent
The cold breeze of fear.
And there, I see
All people awakening
Shaking their repose,
To start yet, another day in their life,
Nothing new will happen, they suppose.
And here the sun emerges
from the peril of the moon
Telling, when one wins
the other has to lose
The morning provokes every
mortal to cultivate fertility
Like the sun and the flame
Eyes for the blind and logs for the lame □

Divyanshu Singh
XII-A



You Are My Heart And Soul

Thank you....
For standing by me through thick and thin
For not giving up on me when I didn't win
For your patience when I kept pushing
you away
For caring when I said I didn't need you
anyway

I am grateful knowing....
I can count on your strength
Ask for your support, and know you'll
go to any length
When I lose my way
You help me get back on track
When in pain
Your comfort soothes and brings me back.

I am lucky because

When I was sad you gave me faith and
hope
When I was confused you taught me how
to cope
When I felt I couldn't go on
You carried me long miles
When I didn't believe
You restored my smiles



Mom, Thank you
For your guidance and your faith you've
shown
For giving me a safe place where I have
grown
For showing me how to strive
Because of your love
I will survive □

Navya Tripathi
VI-A



Batman - The Knight of Gotham

'Batman' is a fictional superhero character created by Bob Kane and Bill Finger who fights against the crime in a fictional city known as Gotham city and is regarded as one of the world's greatest detectives. Batman first appeared in Detective comics #27 in May 1939. But since the superhero got popular, so got its own separate title in 1940. Batman is also known as 'The Dark Knight', 'The Caped Crusader' or 'The Masked Vigilante'. He has got no super powers like other superheroes but relies on his knowledge, mortal power and science for defeating his enemies.

Batman, as featured in graphic novels, movies etc. is originally an eccentric billionaire Bruce Wayne who is the owner of 'Wayne Enterprises', his father's company. He takes the identity of the 'Batman' to protect the city from crime by the night. As a young boy, Bruce fell into a well where he was attacked by a swarm of bats after which he developed a phobia against them. Few days later, his parents were murdered by a mugger named Joe Chill with a sole purpose to rob them.



Young Bruce was then fostered by their family butler Alfred J. Pennyworth. Soon after growing up he left Gotham and travelled around the world to conquer the criminal minds and to find out why his parents were murdered. During his expedition, he received training in martial arts from people like Master Kingi from Korea, Henry Ducard from France and Willie Doggett who improved his detective skills. After he returned to Gotham, he rightfully inherited Wayne Enterprises. He realised that real power comes from fear. He adopted the identity of Batman so that his enemies may share his dread. Along with the help of his butler Alfred and Wayne Enterprises' top scientist Lucius

Fox, he became the Batman to protect his city from crime by the night which devoured his parents.

Bruce dresses up in a custom apparel, popularly known as the 'Batsuit'. It consists of an armour made up of Kevlar and nomex which protects Bruce from knives and gunfire. He wears a cape and a mask like a bat to terrorize his enemies. But Batman alone is insignificant without his most trusted allies. Alfred, his family butler is one of his most important associates. His ability ranges from cooking to field medicine which makes his Bruce Wayne's most eminent helper. Lucius Fox also provides Bruce with the latest technology including his armour, "BATMOBILE" his vehicle and several others arms and weapons. James W. Gordon who rose from below in Police ranks to become the Commissioner of Gotham city, also assists the Batman in legally punishing and



arresting the criminals. Harvey Dent, Gotham City's district attorney, also aids him in legitimately penalizing the criminals. Harvey later becomes Batman's one of the most bitter enemies, and takes the alias of two-face because a criminal once threw acid over his face which scarred half of his face. As an accomplice, Tim Drake, a college student, helps Batman to combat against the crime in Gotham after adopting the identity of Robin. Batman himself trained him to fight back criminals. Barbara Gordon, the daughter of Police Commissioner James Gordon also joined Batman's crusade to become the Batgirl and helps him in his struggle until 'JOKER' a villainous character in Batman Franchise, shot her through the spine after which her both legs were paralysed. Subsequently, she adopted the identity of Oracle and assists Batman technically using her great knowledge in computer science.

The sole presence of Batman attracts the most lunatic and insane villains to Gotham. Batman faces a variety of villains including gangsters, terrorist and the most nerve racking characters. The most impactful of them being the Joker. He is perhaps the most psychotic, delusional and paranoid evil character in Gotham. He, everytime, finds out a new tantrum to terrorise Gotham. Other villains include Carmine Falcone the local Crime Lord, Catwoman, Bane, Two-Face, Mister Freeze and Penguin.

Not much different from other super heroes he also believes in true justice and welfare of his city. The Dark Knight shall be the protector of Gotham; because he is a true hero. He is a silent guardian, a watchful protector, he is the 'BATMAN'. □

Purendra Srivastava
XII-A

Our Crazy Subjects

*Geography is full of maps.
History is full of silly old chaps.
Many secrets science keeps,
Buts 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. □*

Kanishtha Styaram
VI-D





Women Power

*She is a symbol of peace;
She is a light of hope;
She waved as the sea
to bring her thoughts out
to the world,*

*The sparkle in her soul
lighted as a flame in a
charcoal to give her knowledge
to her universal home,
She wandered out of her fence
through the stars in her window.*

*She raised a Tsunami
and threw her thoughts
out to the world,
She burst as volcano*

*and spread her force
over the sky.*

*She carries the future of the world in
her womb
as well as in the brain.*

*She is the power of the world.
But think what we did
Was it right to her? ☐*

Shaariq Ashar
VIII-B



Some important Scientists in Biology & related fields

Father of Biology
Father of Botany
Father of Zoology
Father of Plant Physiology
Father of Taxonomy
Father of Genetics
Father of Experimental Genetics
Father of Bryology
Father of Microscopy
Father of Eugenics
Father of Ayurveda
Father of Medicine
Father of Bacteriology
Father of Mutation
Father of Immunology

- Aristotle
- Theophrastus
- Aristotle
- Stephen Hales
- Carl Van Linnæus
- G.J. Mendel
- T.H. Morgan
- Johann Hedwig
- A.P.V. Leeuwenhoe!
- Francis Galton
- Charaka
- Hippocrates
- Robert Koch
- Hugo De Vries
- Edward Jenner ☐



Tushar Vyas
X-B



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2nd April : The new session began with the morning assembly. The day was bright and the air was filled with freshness. Enthusiasm could be clearly seen on the face of the students. The Principal Rev. Fr. D.N. Lobo welcomed the students and emphasised the importance of regular attendance and academics. He also told them about the promotion criteria for the new academic session. He welcomed the newly appointed staff members. They are – Miss C. Borges, Mr. P. Filose, Mr. L. Wilson and Mr. Sanjaya.

Mr. N. Vig too was welcomed with a round of applause.

5th - 9th April : The college closed for the Easter Break.

18th April : *Investiture Ceremony* – The newly elected Office Bearers were appointed and handed their respective flags and badges. Rev. Father Paul Rodrigues, Director of the Catholic Schools of Lucknow was the Chief guest. Mrs. K. Nagar was the Guest of Honour. The Principal, Vice Principal and the Headmistress were also present. On the same day Mrs. K. Nagar was bid farewell as she retired. The Principal thanked her for her dedicated service of 23 years to the college. He also welcomed the new headmistress Sr. Rannita who took over from Sr. Sherine. The Principal thanked the staff members and parents for their continuous support. This was followed by refreshments.

College Captain : Ankit Sahu (XII-C)

House Captains :

ST. GEOGRE'S HOUSE

Captain : Mohd Ismael Faruqi (XII-A)

ST. PATRICK'S HOUSE

Captain : Purak Jain (XII-C)

ST. FRANCIS' HOUSE

Captain : M. Sameer (XII-B)

ST. ANDREW'S HOUSE

Captain : Mohd Tayab Javed (XII- A)

Prefects :

Varun Chaudhary (XII-B), Neelesh Mehrotra (XII-B), Umang Francis (XII-B), Pravitra Singh (XII-B), Tushar Kanaujia (XII-B), Dhruv Shukla (XII-C), Sameer Kumar (XII-C), Ishaan Pande (XII-C), Ujjwal Srivastava (XII-B)



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Cricket	:	Pranav Seth (XII-B)
Basketball	:	Shujaur Rehman (XII-A)
Table Tennis	:	Saksham Kapoor (XII-B)
Football	:	Yash Joshi (XII-B)
Badminton	:	Vatsal Shekhar Jha (XII-B)
Swimming	:	Akshay Srivastava (XII-C)
Hockey	:	Prince Bose (XII-C)
Music Captain	:	Parth Choudhury (XII-A)
Chess	:	Mithesh Kaladi (XII-C)
Volleyball	:	Dhairya Nanda (XII-C)

19th April : *Traffic Awareness Address* – DIG Police Lucknow Mr. Ashutosh Pandey addressed the students on safety rules to be followed on the road. He told them the importance of safe driving and patient behaviour. He informed them about the implementation of a new rule which would be turning left from the College Gate and going home via Sapru Marg, Saharaganj and La Martiniere Girls' College to avoid traffic congestion.

20th April : Results of Smoke Management Competition organised by the Fire Station, Hazratganj, Lucknow

Art Competition – Classes VI-VIII

First – Pranay Rastogi (VIII-D)

Second – Tejash Rakesh (VII-A)

Third – Dev Pratap Singh (VI-C)

Essay Writing Competition – IX-XII

First – Pranay Raj (XII-B)

Second – Tusshar Kanaujia (XII-B)

Third – Aaditya Dayal (XII-B)

21st April : *Prize Distribution Ceremony of the Senior School* — The Chief Guest for the occasion was Rev. Fr. Denis D'Souza, Principal, Cathedral Senior Secondary School. The Guest of Honour was Mr. Peter Fanthome, M.L.A.–Anglo-Indian Community. The prizes were distributed both for Curricular and Co-curricular Activities. Special recognition was awarded for Catechism. Scholarships to meritorious students was also awarded.

23rd April : *Junior School Prize Distribution Ceremony* — The Chief Guest for the



occasion was the Principal, Rev. Fr. Denis Naresh Lobo and the Guest of Honour was Sr. Shirine. On the same day the staff and students of the Junior School bid farewell to Sr. Sherine. She has been the headmistress of the Junior school for 6 years and has been transferred to Ghaziabad. The students and teachers expressed their love and gratitude in the form of cards, flowers and gifts for her dedicated and selfless duty. Sr. Rannita has been appointed as the new Headmistress.

This was an auspicious day for our college and the Catholic Diocese of Lucknow as the Foundation Stone for the new branch of St. Francis College at Gomti Nagar was laid. Distinguished guests present on the occasion were Rt. Rev. Dr. G.J. Mathias, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese, Rev. Fr. Ignatius D'Souza, Vicar General, Principal Rev. Fr. D.N. Lobo, Manager- Rev. Fr. Donald D'Souza, Mr. P. Fanthome, M.L.A. of the Anglo Indian Community and several other guests. The ceremony took place at 5.00 p.m. with a prayer and laying of the Foundation Stone. Important documents were signed. The new Academic session will begin from 2013, with the Junior School, Classes Nursery and K.G.

23rd April : A, B & C Division Table Tennis selection St. George's House and St. Andrew's House.

25th April : *Inter House English Elocution Competition for Classes VI-VIII*

The Inter House English Elocution Competition for classes VI-VIII was held. The judges for the competition were Mr. D. Mathew, Senior English teacher from Cathedral Senior Secondary School and Miss J. Mathew from the Primary Section of our college. The Chairperson for the competition was Mrs. C. Dacosta. The results were as follows:-

Class VI

First - Vibhore Chandra - St. Francis' House

Second - Stephen Hill - St. Andrew's House

Class VII

First - Shubh Sahai - St. Patrick's House

Second - Tarsh Manohar - St. Patrick's House

Class VIII

First - Vivek Nigam - St. Georges' House

Second - Samrath Srivastava - St. Francis' House

26th April : A, B & C Division Table Tennis Selection, St. Francis' and St. Patrick's House.

27th April : C - Division Table Tennis

28th April : *Parent Teacher Meeting* - This was the first Parent-Teacher Meeting of the new session. There was a large turn-out of parents at the meeting.



29th April : *Blood Donation Camp* – This was organised by the O.F.A.

30th April : B – Division Table Tennis

1st May : *Inter House Hindi Debate for Class 9–12.* The Chairperson of the competition was Mrs. Suman Saxena.

The results were as follows:-

Classes IX – X

First – Aaryan Tandon – St. Patrick's House

Second – Aishwarya Mishra – St. Andrew's House

Third – Aman Jonathan – St. Francis' House

Classes XI – XII

First – Varun Choudhary – St. Francis' House

Second – Kaustubh Kapoor – St. Patrick's House

Third – Archit Kotwal – St. George's House

Labour Day Celebration – A special assembly was conducted to celebrate Labour Day. The Domestic Staff was united at assembly with a thunderous applause. A special speech was given by Archit Kotwal on the significance of the occasion. The Principal Rev. Fr. Denis Naresh Lobo addressed the Helpers. He appreciated and exalted their contribution towards the functioning of the Institution. He spoke about the dignity of labour and expressed his appreciation for their service to the institution. He stated that they were an integral part of the Institution, they too shouldered a great deal of responsibility. As a token of appreciation they were each presented a gift on behalf of the Principal and Management. It was indeed a moment of great pride and honour for them.

Hope Initiative Quiz Classes 9–12

First – Shaikh Zaid (X-D)

Second – Shashwat Pratap (X-D)

Third – Vaibhav Jain (X-A)

2nd May : A Division Table Tennis

3rd May : Open Table Tennis Doubles Senior

4th May : Open Table Tennis Doubles Junior

5th May : A friendly Football Match was organised between the students of St. Francis' College and La Martiniere College. (Students of Class VI) The team from St. Francis' College won. The Score was 2–1.



9th May : Inter House Quiz Classes VI-VIII

First – St. Francis' House – 120 pts.

Second – St. Patrick's House – 95 pts.

Third – St. Georges' House – 65 pts.

12th May : A friendly Basketball Match was held between the students of St. Francis' College and La Martinere College. (students of Class X). The team from La Martinere College won the match.

Inter House English Elocution. Classes 9-12

The competition was conducted by Mrs. S. Saxena.

The results of the competition were :

Classes IX - X

First – Aishwarya Mishra – St. Andrew's House

Second – Aman Jonathan – St. Francis' House

Third – Harsh Vardhan Dixit – St. George's House

Classes XI - XII

First – Ankur Malik – St. George's House

Second – Neelesh Mehrotra – St. Patrick's House

Third – Samuel Wilson – St. Andrew's House

14th May : The College closed for the Summer Vacation. Due to the soaring temperature the local administration ordered closure of all schools in the city. Following the orders the Principal decided to close the college, a day before the actual closure of the college.

15th May : The Principal and Staff left for the Staff Excursion to Goa. They returned on 22nd May.

16th May : The Summer Camps began in the college. There were a variety of sports and other events organised to explore the talents and nurture the potentials of the students. The camps concluded on 30th May. The response of the students was commendable and they were full of enthusiasm.

30th June : A Staff Meeting was organised at 9:00 a.m. The Agenda of the meeting was as follows :

The meeting commenced with a prayer by the Principal Rev. Fr. D.N. Lobo, thereafter he welcomed the staff. Minutes of the previous meeting was read by the Secretary Mrs. C. Fanthome.

The time table was distributed to the teachers. There were certain changes due to the demand for Computer Science in the Commerce section of class XI which has been introduced this year. This was followed by the Evaluation of the Board Results-ICSE



and ISC 2012. An analysis was prepared to note the performance of the students in the years 2011 and 2012.

The next point on the agenda was the Unit Test; to be held from the 16th July-21st July. The Principal emphasised on the method of conducting the test, the question papers and the time table.

The Importance of Discipline was the key point of discussion. Relevant measures are to be adhered to improve the discipline of the students. Need for Remedial classes and extra classes was discussed to improve the standard of the average and weak students. This was followed by a break. After the break E-care Solutions panel presented a power point presentation on 'Marks Manager'. This was very clearly and elaborately explained to the staff. From the new academic session 2012-2013, the results will be computerised under the supervision and management of the E-care members. This was followed by the appointment of the Heads of the Department for various subjects by the Principal.

English – Mr. D. Jackson; **Hindi** – Mrs. M. Kandpal; **Physics** – Dr. A Dean; **Chemistry** – Mr. Sawhney; **Maths** – Mr. R. Kumar; **Biology** – Mr. R. Mathew; **Commerce** – Mr. L. William; **History** – Mrs. V. Lyall; **Geography** – Mrs. R. Jackson; **Co-ordinator** – Mr. D. Jackson; **Assistant** – Dr. A. Dean; **Discipline Incharges** – House Masters and the PTI's

The meeting was concluded with a note of thanks by the Principal.

2nd July : The College Re-opened after the Summer vacation. Students of Classes IX-XII attended the college. Due to the severe heat conditions and high humidity the local administration had ordered closure of schools for students upto class VIII. Owing to this order the timings were revised for students of Classes IX-XII. The timings for the week i.e. 2-7 July was 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The college canteen was renovated. The area was extended and was given an overall uplift. The Principal blessed the canteen with a prayer.

A, B & C division Badminton Selection – St. Andrew's and St. Patrick's House

3rd July : Due to the intense heat and orders of the District Magistrate the college was closed till Class XII.

A, B & C Division Badminton Selection – St. Andrew's and St. Francis' House.

4th July : C – Division Badminton

5th July : B – Division Badminton

9th July : The weather conditions improved and the college re-opened once again. Students returned with great enthusiasm and were glad to meet their teachers and friends.



10th July : A – Division Badminton

11th July : Open Doubles Badminton Junior

12th July : Open Badminton Doubles Senior

13th July : A, B and C Division Chess Selection. St. Georges' and St. Francis' House.

16th-21st July : Unit Test I was held. The first Unit Test was conducted for the Academic Session.

23rd July : *Investiture Ceremony of the Vice-Captains and Prefects (Class XI)* – A special assembly was conducted wherein the Vice Captains and Prefects from Class XI were appointed. The Principal in the presence of the House Masters handed them their flags and badges. The following were the **Vice – Captains** :

St. Andrew's House – Divyansh Joshi

St. Francis' House – Mohd. Basim Abbas

St. George's House – Mohd. Akbar Basher

St. Patrick's House – Siddharth Thakur

Prefects : Kaustubh Kapoor, Himanshu Joshi, Shaurya Raghuvanshi, Rishabh Banerjee, Akhil Shukla, Dev Banerjee.

Sub-Editors : *English*:- Abhinav Anand, *Hindi* : Satwik Shukla

A, B & C. Division Chess Selection. – St. Patrick's and St. Andrew's House

24th July : C – Division Chess.

25th July : *Inter House Hindi Elocution Competition – Class 9-12* : The Competition was conducted by Mrs. M. Kandpal and the Judges were– Mrs. Asha Agarwal, Mrs. Nisha Gupta, Mrs. Vinita Davis.

The results were as follows–

Classes 9-10

First : Aishwarya Mishra – St. Andrew's House,

Second : Tejasvin Goel – St. George's House

Third : Abheer Mehrotra – St. Andrew's House

Classes 11-12

First : Ankur Malik – St. George's House

Second : Ankit Sahu – St. Francis' House

Third : Varun Chaudhary – St. Francis' House

26th July : A – Division chess

27th July : Open Seniors Chess



28th July : Parent Teacher Meeting – The meeting was held to discuss the performance of the students in the 1st Unit Test. It was encouraging to see a good turnout of the parents and their tremendous interaction with the teachers.

30th July : Inter House Hindi Elocution Competition : Class 6 – 8 : The competition was conducted by Mrs. I. Kakkar. The judges for the competition were– Mrs. Angela Kirkman (Cathedral Sr. Secondary School); Mrs. Rajini Mehrotra (Lucknow Public Collegiate); Mrs. Sunita Ghosh (St. Agnes' Day School)

The results were as follows–

Class VI

First : Jay Bharadwaj – St. George's House

Second : Mohd. Yashab – St. George's House

Class VII

First : Akshay Nanda – St. Patrick's House

Second : Shashwat Mishra – St. Patrick's House

Class VIII

First : Vivek Nigam – St. George's House

Second : Samarth Kacker – St. Andrew's House

31st July : Inter House English Debate Competition : The judges for the competition were – Mr. D. Clarke (La Martiniere College), Ms. V. Campos (La Martiniere Girls' College). The results were as follows :

Classes 9 – 12

First : Abheer Mehrotra – St. Andrew's House

Second : Tejaswin Goel – St. Georges's House

Classes 11-12

First : Varun Choudhary – St. Francis' House

Second : Neelesh Mehrotra – St. Patrick's House

1st August : A, B and C Division Football Selection – St. George's House and St. Andrew's House.

3rd August : A, B and C Division Football Selection – St. Patrick's House and St. Francis' House.

4th August : Pre-primary and Primary Teachers seminar was held in the college by Ratna Sagar Pvt. Limited.

6th August : C – Division Football

7th August : A fancy dress competition was held for the students of Nursery Class. They looked vibrant and portrayed various characters in appropriate dresses. There was a large turnout of parents who came to witness the same.

B & C Division Football



9th -11th August : At the Zonal level Athletic Meet 2012 organised by Seth M.R. Jaipuria College, Gomti Nagar, our college Athletic team gave an outstanding performance by winning 8 Gold, 4 Silver and 2 Bronze medals and were overall champions in the Senior Boys Group.

7th -9th July : In the ASISC Basketball tournament, the following boys performed very well and were selected for the Lucknow zone Basketball team which will be held at St. Joseph's School, Greater Noida from the 7-9th September. The boys selected were : Shuja Rehman (12-A), Purak Jain (12-C), Yati (10-B), Arpit Khushwaha (10-C)

13th August : B Division Football

14th August : *What's the Good Word Competition—Classes 6-8 :* The competition was a success especially with the audience who actively participated in giving some of the answers. The competition was conducted by Mrs. C. Dacosta. The results were as follows—

First : St. George's House (50 points)

Team : Aditya Vikram Nandi (6-D), Animeah Kapoor (7-A), Vivek Nigam (8-C)

Second : St. Andrew's House (45 points)

Third : St. Francis' House (42.5 points)

Fourth : St. Patrick's House (35 points)

15th August : *Independence Day Celebration* – The celebration began with a High Mass in the chapel at 7.00 a.m. The main celebrant was Rev. Fr. Donald D'Souza (Manager). Rev. Fr. Denis Naresh Lobo (Principal) and Rev. Fr. Stephan Bara (Vice-Principal) also offered the mass with him.

The Flag Hosting ceremony was held at 8.00 a.m. The Chief Guest was Rev. Fr. Peter D'Souza, Ex Principal of the College. The Independence Day message was given by Neelesh Mehrotra in English and Ankit Sahu in Hindi. The English and Hindi choir mesmerized the gathering with their melodious patriotic songs. Present on the occasion were the OFA members.

16th August : A Division Football

22nd August : A Division Football

23rd August : Open Basketball Selection – St. Andrew's & St. George's House

24th August : Open Basketball Selection – St. Patrick's & St. Francis' House.

25th August : *Inter House Music Competition Classes IX–XII :* The competition was held in the Western (Solo and Group category), Indian (Solo and Group category). The Results were as follows:—



Classes 9-10 :

Indian Music Solo Category

Winner – Aishwarya Mishra – St. Andrew's House

Western Music Solo Category

Winner – Aishwarya Mishra

Classes 11-12

Indian Music Solo Category

Winner – Harshit Sahai – St. Patrick's House

Western Music Solo Category

Winner – Prantik Kundu – St. Patrick's House

Indian Music Group

Winner : St. Andrew's House – 126 points

Western Music Group

Winner : St. Francis' House – 119 points

24th-26th August : Cathedral Senior Secondary School organized an Inter School Event titled – Info-Bazaar in which our college won the following prizes.

Creatives Ideas – Neelesh Mehrotra – 3rd Prize

English Debate (Senior) – Ankur Malik – Best Speaker

Web Designing – Prince Bose – 2nd Prize

IT Quiz – Vatsal Agarwal – VIII, Shashwat Chitransh – VIII – 1st Prize.

Face Painting – Neelesh Mehrotra and Arnold Lui – 3rd Prize.

St. Francis' College stood 3rd overall in this event. They competed against 33 schools all over U.P.

The N.C.C. Camp was held.

26th August : Sanmarg Events – Srijan 2012 at Saint Gadke Auditorium, Gomti Nagar.

Consolation Prize – Group (Rock Band)

Fardeen – 9C (Junior Category)

Yash Joshi – 12B (Senior Category)

Kushagra Joshi – 12B (Junior Category)

Gaurang Sikka – 10C (Junior Category)

Zubair – 12B (Senior Category)

Parth Choudhury – 12A (Senior Category)

Instrumental Solo - Junior Category : Shivank Sahai – 2nd Position

Solo Singing : Rohit Srivastava – 11A 9 (Senior) – Consolation Prize &

Harshit Sahai – 11B (Junior) Consolation Prize.



27th -29th August : Open Basketball & Open Volleyball Selection – St. Andrew's House and St. Patrick's House

30th August : Open Volleyball Selection – St. Francis' & St. George's House

31st August : Open Volleyball Selection.

3rd September : Open Volleyball Selection

4th September : Open Cricket Selection – St. Andrew's and St. Patrick's House

5th September : *Teacher's Day Celebrations* – The Day began with the morning assembly. The Principal wished the staff members and thanked them for their support and selfless dedication. A variety of entertainment was presented by the students of classes IX–XII comprising dances, songs and a skit. The Principal addressed the Staff and students and expressed his gratitude towards the hard work rendered by them. A friendly Volleyball match was played between the staff and students. This was followed by a fellowship lunch, the staff was also given a token of appreciation by the Principal.

A friendly Badminton match was held between St. Francis' College and Christ Church College. Result – The team from St. Francis' College won the Match. The score was 4–0.

The Rotary Club of India organised an Inter School Debate in which 14 reputed schools participated. The team from St. Francis' College comprising Dev Banerjee (11-A) and Ankur Malik (11-D) won the best team Dev Banerjee was adjudged the Best Speaker for the motion.

6th September : *Open Cricket Selection* – St. George's and St. Francis' House

7th-10th September : Open Cricket

8th September : *Parent Teacher Meeting* – It was encouraging to see the parents turn up in large numbers to discuss their wards performance in class.

11th September : *Open Swimming Selection* – St. George's House and St. Patrick's House.

12th September : *Open Swimming Selection* – St. Francis' House and St. Andrew's House.

13th September : Inter House Swimming

14th September : Swimming Championship (Open)

18th-29th September : Half Yearly were conducted.

1st October : Past vs. Present Cricket

2nd October : Past vs. Present Badminton



3rd October : Past vs. Present Basketball

4th October : *Patron's Day Celebrations* – The college celebrated the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. To commemorate the feast of our Patron, the day's celebration began with a High Mass. The chief celebrant was Rt. Rev. Dr. Gerald John Mathias, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Lucknow, accompanied by the Principal, Vice Principal, and the Manager. The Bishop invoked God's blessings and urged the congregation to follow the ideals of St. Francis. This was followed by a special assembly. There was a splendid display of March-Past by the four houses and the N.C.C.

On this day, Meritorious students of ISC and ICSE-2012 are awarded certificates and scholarships.

Teachers with full attendance were also presented with certificates. A week long Past vs. Present matches are held to celebrate this day.

In the Inter College Marathon organised by St. Paul College. Siddharth Thakur of St. Francis' College came third.

The Present Cricket Team won by 2 wickets in the Present vs. Past tournament.

5th October: Past vs. Present Volleyball

6th October : Past vs. Present Football

8th October : In the Past vs. Present Badminton tournament, the present team led by Vatsal Shekar Jha beat the Past by 5 matches to 1.

8th October : *Open Hockey Selection* – St. Andrew's and St. Patrick's House.

9th October : In the Wiz National Spell Bee Inter School level competition organised by English wizard Foundation Kolkata, the top three positions were secured by :

- Samuel Wilson XII-C – First position with cash prize of Rs. 1000/-
- Pranav Rai of XII-B – Second position with cash prize of Rs. 750/-
- Pavitra Singh XII-B – Third position with cash prize of Rs. 500/-.

These three boys along with Nishant Sharma and Varun Chaudhary of XII-B have qualified for the State level competition.

10th October : *Open Hockey Selection* – St. George's & St. Francis' House.

11th -12th October : *Open Hockey*

15th October : St. Agnes' Literary Club Organised, Baulevard : A literary fest which showcased the talents of students in various literary competitions. The students of St. Francis' College won the second Prize in Elomine. The team comprised of : Aman Janathan, Srinath Mishra, Aishwarya Mishra, Abheer Mehrotra, Avijeet Choudhary, and Saurabh. In the Group discussion Aishwarya Mishra won the First Prize.



17th -19th October : EXPRESSION-2012 : A Literary and Cultural Festival.
 The festival was inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor of the Lucknow University Prof. Manoj Kumar Mishra who was accompanied by the Principal Rev. Fr. Denis Naresh Lobo. The Literary and Cultural Festival spanned over a period of three days i.e. from the 17th-19th October which saw an over whelming response from talented students of 27 reputed Institutions of the city.

DAY 1

Events

Judges

Results

English Debate

Prof. A Mishra
 Prof. Reena Mitra
 Dr. Meeta Ghosh

Best Team

Loreto Convent
 1. Aayushi Singh
 2. Sanskriti Chitransh

Best Speaker (Against)

Aditya Agarwal
 (Seth M.R. Jaipuria School)

Best Speaker (For)

Jalaj Pandey
 (La Martinere College)

Poster Making

Ms. R. Verma
 Sr. Maria
 Ms. Veena Singh

I. Sakshi Singh & Venuka Sanghal (LMGC)
 II. Achihya Ojha & Nalin Munshi (St. Francis' College)
 III. Nihit Verma & Monalisa Gupta (Seth M.R. Jaipuria School)

Creative Writing (English)

I. Kiran Agarwal (Spring Dale)
 II. Ujjwal V. Mishra (St. Thomas)
 III. Asifa Baud (Unity College)

Elomime

Fr. Elias Cardoza
 Mrs. Surabhi Sahai
 Ma'am N. Newton

I. Loreto Convent
 II. St. Francis' College
 III. La Martinere Girls College

Flower

Ms. K. Masih

I. Unity College

Arrangement

Sr. Maria
 Ms. Veena Singh

II. Cathedral Sr. Sec. School
 III. Loreto Convent College



Events

*Indian Music
(Solo & Group)*

Judges

Mr. H.S. Srivastava
Mr. Aseem Sarkar
Mr. S. Mukherjee

Results

Solo

- I. Harshit Sahai
(St. Francis' College)
- II. Suraj Naithani
(Army Public School)
- III. Ashish Dayal
(St. Francis' College)

Group

- I. St. Francis' College
- II. City Montessori School (Chowk)
- III. Delhi Public School

DAY 2

Expression

Ms. Shefali Bakshi
Prof. Noor Khan
Ms. Aakriti Khanna

- I. S. Trivedi (Jaipuria School)
- II. Saloni Kalra (Loreto Convent)
- III. S. Tewaria (Jaipuria School)

*Creative Writing
(Hindi)*

- I. Prakhya Jaiswal
Cathedral Sr. Sec. School
- II. Jagriti Verma
Nirmala Convent
- III. Shewatank Sharma
CMS, Station Road

Quiz

Monoacting

Mr. Puneet Asthana
Mr. Ajay Sharma
Mrs. Archana Ghosh

- I. Harbir Singh (SFC)
- II. Arjun Tandon (LMC)
- III. Prarthi Singh (Mount Carmel)

Collage Making

Ms. B. Singh
Ms. Veena Singh

- I. Adeeba Parveen & Angira Joshi
(Mount Carmel)
- II. Astha Yadav & Chitra
Kushwaha (St. Ann's Convent)
- III. Prachi Verma & Priyanka
Tewari (St. Fidelis' College)

Dumb Charades

- I. Varun Choudhary
Tanmay Trivedi
Samuel Wilson (SFC)



Events

Judges

Results

Western Music Mr. Nitin Saxena
Mr. A. Srivastava
Mrs. Yasmin

- II. Meghna Kadadi
Vartika Rastogi
Banish Zaidi (Loreto Convent)
III. Ashita Agarwal, Nikita Nayak,
Oshini Deepak (LMGC)

Solo
Akansha Sethi (LMGC)
Shubhi Nehal (LCC)
Parth Choudhary (SFC)

- Group**
I. Loreto Convent College
II. La Martiniere Girls' College
III. St. Francis' College

DAY 3

Face Painting Mrs. R. Singh
Mrs. Veena

- I. Neelesh Mehrotra & Arold Liu
(SFC)
II. Kannupriya Lal & Yasmeen
Sarwar (LMGC)
III. Tarannum Khan & Kriti Singh
(Emma Thompson)

Talent Cocktail Mrs. M. Pahwa
Mrs. S. Abbas
Mrs. P. Gupta

- I. S. Chitransh (Loreto Convent)
II. Ujjwal Vats Mishra
(St. Thomas College)
III. Ankita Mitra
(Immaculate Conc. Convent)

Hindi Debate Dr. S. Mishra
Mr. N. Gupta
Mrs. R. Mishra

For
Mahima Kandpal
(Modern Academy)
Varun Choudhary (SFC)
Best Team – St. Francis' College

Innovation Mrs. S. Habib
Ms. S. Jafri
Ms. V. Rakesh

- I. Loreto Convent College
II. St. Fidelis College
III. Army Public School.



Choreography	Mrs. B. Krishna	I. St. Francis' College
	Mrs. L. Ganesh	II. La Martinere Girls' College
	Mrs. R. Khare	III. Emma Thompson

Winners of the Running Trophies of Expression 2012
Champion of Champions – Loreto Convent Intermediate College
Runners Up – La Martinere Girls' College
Masters of Melody – Loreto Convent Intermediate College

24th October : Montfort Inter College organised MICFEST 2012 in which Aditya Dayal student of class 12-B won the third prize in creative writing in English.

Model United Nations organized by Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia National Law University conducted competitions. Prabal Muttoo was adjudged as the Best Researcher. Aditya Dayal won the special Recognition Award.

25th-30th October : Inter House Marathon – A, B & C Division Athletics Selection. St. Andrew's and St. Patrick's House

1st November : A, B and C Division Athletics Selection – St. George's and St. Francis' House

2nd November : A, B and C Division Triple Jump

5th November : A, B and C Division Shot Put

6th November : A, B and C Division High Jump

7th November : A, B and C Division Long Jump

8th November : A, B and C division Discus Throw

9th November : 100 meter A, B and c Division Heats

10th November : 1500 meter Open

10th November : *The Annual College Fete* – The Fete was inaugurated by the Manager Rev.Fr. Donald D'Souza accompanied by the Principal and Vice-Principal. There was a wide assortment of food and games stall which attracted a large member of students and parents. The event was a grand success.

12th-15th November : Diwali Holidays

16th November : 400 meters A, B & C. Division Heats

17th November : 800 meters A, B & C Division Final

19th November : 400 meters A Division Final

27th November : *Annual Sports and P.T. Display* – The Chief Guest for the occasion was Mr. Alok Ranjan I.A.S. The event began with the lighting of the Torch



and the Oath taking ceremony by the College Captain Ankit Sahu and the Captains and Vice Captains of the four Houses.

The event was divided into 2 segments. Comprising the Sports Events – Relays, Races Class relays and Invitation Relay. The Tug-O-War was the last of the sport event.

The P.T. display was a rich display of well synchronised exercises by various classes. Each of the classes displayed various items in a colourful and well disciplined manner. The sports and P.T. Display saw a huge turnout of parents and guests. It was much appreciated and highly applauded. Winners of Prestigious Trophies and Shields were :

Avinash Anand Memorial Hockey Shield

Winner : St. George's House

Ajai Agarwal Basketball Shield

Winner : St. Andrew's House

Umesh Tewari Memorial Volleyball shield

Winner: St. George's House

Captain Fernandes Table Tennis Cup

Winner: St. Francis' House

Masood Hasan Memorial Football Shield

Winner: St. George's House

Sanjay Dhawan Memorial Cricket Shield

Winner: St. George's House.

Rohit Gurnani Memorial Badminton Cup

Winner: St. George's House

Hubert Fanthome Memorial Marathon Shield

Winner: St. Patrick's House

Mrs. Kaushlaya Devi Vig Memorial Swimming Cup

Winner: St. Andrew's House

Shri C.B. Sikka Memorial Chess Trophy

Winner: St. Patrick's House

Harrison Memorial Athletics Shield

Winner: St. Patrick's House

Shri Joe Parker Memorial March Past Shield

Winner: St. Andrew's House

Tug-Of-War Cake: St. Francis' House vs. St. Patrick's House

Winner: St. Francis' House



Father Alfred Cup for the Best Sportsmen of the Year: 2012-13

Vatsal Shekhar Jha – XII B

Cock House for the Year 2012-13

Winner: St. George's House.

5th December : *Class Picnic for Classes VI–VIII :* The students spent a day of fun and enjoyment at Nature Farm, Siddhauri.

8th December : Parent Teacher Meeting for students of Nursery to Class XII was held to discuss the performance of the students.

14th - 20th December : Unit Test II was conducted during this time.

20th December : Christmas celebrations of the Junior Section. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Rev. Fr. Alwyn Moras. the students of the Primary section conveyed the message of Christmas through a beautiful play accompanied by Christmas Carols sung by the Choir.

The College Management organized a Christmas Dinner and Get together. the evening was an enjoyable one with games, bon fire, carol singing and a dinner. The Principal gifted the staff a token of appreciation and conveyed the message of Christmas.

21st December : Christmas Celebration by the students of the Senior Section. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Rev. Fr. Elias Cardoza. He addressed the students and conveyed the message of Christmas. The Principal too addressed the gathering and conveyed the message of peace and love to the students.

The College closed for the Winter break.

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2nd January : The College Re-opens after the Winter break. The college re-opened for the students of classes IX–XII. The students of Nursery to Class VIII had an extended vacation due to the severe winters. The District Magistrate had ordered closure of schools for students upto class VIII till 13th January 2013.

4th January : Pranav Rai and Samuel Wilson of Class XII participated in the National Mega Final of Wiz National Spell Bee– 2011–12 and secured the 5th and 6th rank respectively. They were awarded a Certificate of Rank, Gold Medals and a Cash award of Rs. 1000/- each. It was indeed a moment of great pride and achievement for the college. The Principal facilitated them and encouraged them for their achievement.

10th January : Pre-Board examination for Classes X and XII.

12th January : Staff Meeting and Seminar for the teachers on E-teaching.



15th January : The College re-opened for the students of Class Nursery to VIII after the winter vacations. Timings were 10.00 a.m. – 2.10 p.m.

26th January : *Republic Day Celebrations* – The Chief Guest on the occasion was Rev. Fr. Donald D'Souza, Manager of the college. The programme began with the hoisting of the National Flag by the Chief Guest. Thereafter Kaustubh Kapoor and Satwick Mishra delivered their speech in English and Hindi. the choir rendered patriotic songs. There were some special prizes awarded to the students–

Best Athlete 'A' Division

Siddharth Thakur (11D) – St. Patrick's House

Best Athlete 'B' Division

Arijit Roy Choudhary (10B) – St. Francis' House

Best Athlete 'C' Division

Shariq Ashar (8B) – St. Patrick's House

Best Sportsman

Vatsal Shekhar Jha (12B)

Best All Round Student – (Junior)

Adarsh Goel (5D)

Best All Round Student (Senior)

Ankit Sahu (12C)

The Chief Guest addressed the gathering and conveyed the message of Republic Day. The Principal Rev. Fr. Denis Naresh Lobo gave the Vote of Thanks.

28th January : Showing of Pre-Board Answer Scripts to the Parents of the students of Class 12.

Asia's Biggest Computer Olympiad was organised by Science Olympiad Foundation in which Shaswat Pratap of Class 10D bagged the school topper position and 7th City rank in class 10 category.

In a friendly football match St. Francis College Junior Football team beat La Martiniere College. The score was 2-0.

31 January : The Farewell Ceremony of Class 12 students. The Programme began with welcoming the Principal Rev. Fr. D.N. Lobo, the Vice-Principal Rev. Fr. S. Bara and the Headmistress, Sr. Ranita, alongwith the students of Class 12. The College Captain, Vice-Captain, Captains and Vice captains of all the four houses handed over their flags and badges as a sign of the end of their tenure. Ankur Malik of Class XI, delivered a farewell message to the students. This was followed by the Inauguration of the Year Book prepared by Sameer Kumar and Inaugurated by the Principal.

Mr. P. Filose read a passage from the Holy Bible, the Vice-Principal Rev. Fr. S. Bara



said a farewell prayer for the students. He invoked God's blessings for a bright and prosperous future and wished them good luck for their examination.

Dr. A. Dean delivered a farewell message wherein he reminded them of their Alma-Matar and encouraged their tireless efforts in bringing laurels to the college in all spheres, be it sports or cultural competitions. It was their efforts that impacted the standard of the college.

The Principal addressed the students and wished them all the very best. He told them to be a shining example for the world. He told them to be different and be ever willing to face challenges in the world. Special Prizes were distributed. **Pavitra Singh - 12 was awarded prize for Full Attendance.**

Highest Attendance was awarded to Parth Choudhary, Rishabh Srivastava, Sandeepan Daundiya and Sameer Kumar. This was followed by a lunch for the Staff and Students.

2nd February : Staff Picnic – The Staff went for a Picnic to Nature's View, Siddhauri. It was a day filled with fun, enjoyment and relaxation.

4th February : Practical Examinations of Class XII (ISC) begin.

9th February : Showing of Answer Scripts (Pre-Board) Class X.

14th February : ISC Examination begins.

15th February : Distribution of Admit Cards for the Students of Class X.

16th February : *Parent-Teacher Meeting* – A Parent Teacher Meeting was held before the commencement of the examination to apprise the parents of their wards' performance.

25th February : Commencement of Final Examination; ICSE Examinations begin.

8th March : Final Examination ended. The students were on a term break thereafter.

15th March : Showing of Answer Scripts to the Parents. There was a large turnout of Parents who came to see the Answer Scripts of their ward from Classes VI-VIII.

18th and 19th March : An E-Teaching Seminar was conducted for the Junior and Senior School Staff Members. The teachers were explained how to conduct an e-teaching class. Thereafter lesson plans were prepared for the same.

25th March : Distribution of Final Term Reports Cards

26th -31st March : *Term Break and End of Session.*

In fond Association
Mrs. C. Dacosta

Annual Prize Distribution



'Guest of Honour, Rev Sr. Sherine distributing prizes to the junior school students'



'Rev. Fr. Denis D'Sourza, Principal, Cathedral Sr. Sec. School along with Mr. Peter Fathom, MLC – giving away special awards'



'Proud parents and their wards with the Principal'



'Achievers par excellence – displaying their trophies'



Patriotic Ferrous



Independence Day



Rev. Fr. Peter D'Souza,
Ex-Principal, St. Francis College
being welcomed



The office-bearers smartly
march-past the dias.



Republic Day



Chief Guest, Rev. Fr. Donald D'Souza
being escorted to the dias.



Time to think & introspect
about our Nation's future!



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Expression - 2012



Prof Manoj K. Misra, Vice-Chancellor,
University of Lucknow -
Chief Guest for the Inaugural Ceremony
being welcomed with loud cheers'

'College representatives
handing over their college flags'



'College representatives handing
over their college flags'

'Debating on - serious issues'



Expression - 2012



'Ground - Work' for Innovation



'Brain Teasers
the Quiz finals'



'Mellifluous & Melodious
- Western Music'



'Sur sur taal - Indian Music'



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Expression - 2012



'Excited to get on stage -
Choreography'



'A tribute to Indian
Culture during Choreography'



'In rap't attention !
The audience during Expression-2012'



'ELOMIME
contest in progress'



Glimpses!

Patron's Day



Special Assembly on Patron's Day
Chief Guest
Rt. Rev. Dr. Gerald J. Mathias,
Bishop of Lucknow



Concelebrated Holy Mass -
Praying for the institution
on Patron's Day



Christmas Celebration



Unto us a child is born!



A warm hug from Santa to
Chief Guest
Rev. Fr. Alwyn Moras





Sport's Day



The Solemn Pledge of Sportsmanship'



'The Torch on its way'



'The Moment of Glory - Proud Winners'



The Chief Guest
Mr. Alok Ranjan, IAS -
giving a start to the Tug-O-War'



Sport's Day



'Bag'em & Tag'em - The Sack Race'



'Japanese Drill'



'Mass P.T. by students from Classes IX to XII'



'Evolution of Dance - Classes VII & VII'



'Indian Premier League contingents perform during the display'



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Sport's Day



Young Franciscan Gymnasts
with the Chief Guest'



'Hair Raising -
Ring of Fire'



'NCC Drill on Sports Day'



'Cock - House 2012-13 winners -
St. Georges' House'



Annual Fete



The Manager Rev. Fr. Donald D'Sorza
declaring the Annual Fete OPEN!



Goodies to be won all around!



Spinning the 'Wheel of Fortune'!



Something for everyone -
Kiddies' Corner!



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Bidding Aiden..... Farewell for Class XII



'Handing over Flags & Badges by the outgoing office-bearers'



'Awarded for Full Attendance'



'Feelings being expressed through Music'



'Year Book 2013-13 being released on the occasion'



Staff Picnic



'In anticipation - rearing to go'



'Give me that - Fun & Games'

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Staff Excursion (Goa)



'We are on our way!'



'On the prestine beaches
of Goa'



'Shaking a Leg -
on board a Cruise Ship'



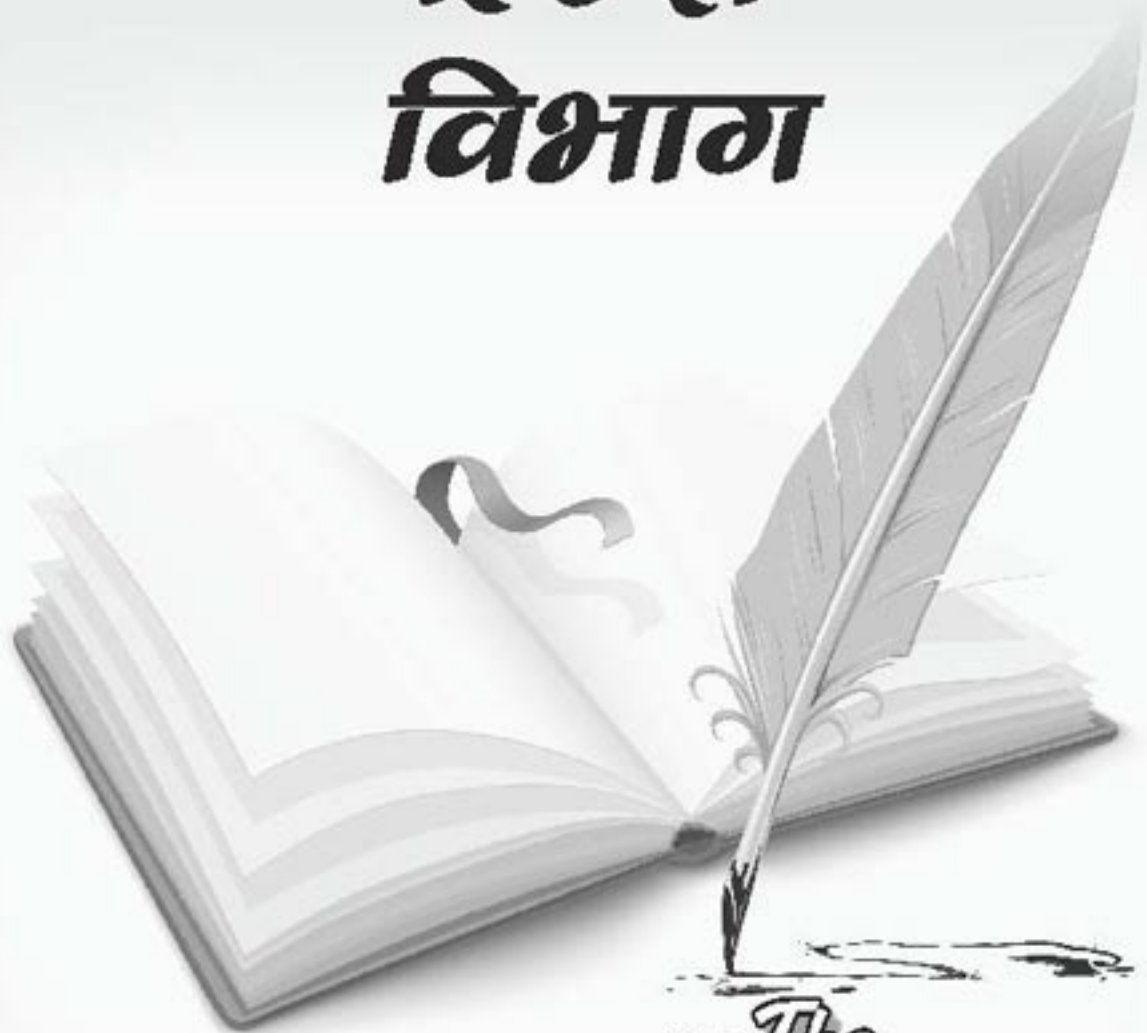
Staff Excursion (Goa)



'Mac De Deus Church, Saligao, Goa'



हिन्दी विभाग



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संचार भाषा और हिन्दी

पुराना सब कुछ नया न रहा
नया भी रहा न एक समान।
प्रगति के साथ बदलते गए,
चिरन्तन जीवन के प्रतिमान।।

संचारक्रांति इक्कीसवीं सदी का समर्थतम रूप है। आज कम्प्यूटर, इन्टरनेट, सेटेलाइट आदि संचार के उत्कृष्ट माध्यम हैं। इसमें संदेह नहीं जो भाषा इन संचार माध्यमों पर खरी उतरेगी, वह विश्व व्यापार और प्रबन्धन पर अपना आधिपत्य स्थापित करेगी, जिसमें तद्भाषा-भाषी राष्ट्र को रोजगार के 'नए-नए' अवसर उपलब्ध होंगे तथा विश्व में उसकी आर्थिक, सामाजिक तथा प्रौद्योगिक समृद्धता को सुनिश्चित करेंगे।



आज यह सर्वविदित है कि भाषा के रूप में अंग्रेजी उक्त निष्कर्षों पर खरी उतर रही है, जिससे अंग्रेजी भाषा-भाषी समुदाय रोजगार के सभी अवसरों से लाभान्वित हो रहा है। ऐसे में हिन्दी भाषा तथा भाषियों का अस्तित्व संकट में है। किसी की समृद्धि द्वेष नहीं प्रेरणा का कारण बननी चाहिए, हमें इस भाव से अंग्रेजी को सीखना है, उसके समानान्तर चलना है और अपने लक्ष्य को प्राप्त करना है। आज यदि हिन्दी को संचार प्रौद्योगिकी के

अनुरूप न निखारा गया तो हिन्दी भाषा की पहचान मात्र साहित्यिक कविता, कहानी तक सिमट कर रह जाएगी। फलतः दिनोदिन होते प्रौद्योगिक और वाणिज्यिक विकास का प्रयोजन हिन्दी भाषा-भाषियों के लिए अर्थहीन हो जाएगा, रोजगार के नए अवसर समाप्त हो जाएंगे और जमीनी विकास की संभावनाएँ क्षीण होती जाएँगी। अस्तु, हिन्दी को विश्वस्तर पर प्रतिष्ठित करने के लिए संचार और प्रौद्योगिकी क्रांति में हिन्दी भाषा को शामिल करना आवश्यक है। यह सच है कि आज की इस पूँजीवादी तथा साम्राज्यवादी व्यवस्था में अंग्रेजी का वर्चस्व है किंतु इस आशंकित भय से कि हम अपनी भाषा की क्षमताओं और संभावनाओं की उपेक्षा कर दें, यह किसी भी दृष्टि से एक स्वाधीन और संप्रभु राष्ट्र के जीवन्त समाज के लिए उपयुक्त नहीं कहा जाएगा। इसके लिए जहाँ शासन-प्रशासन को अपने संकल्पों की पूर्ति के लिए दृढ़ता और धैर्य के साथ निर्णय लेकर उन निर्णयों को कार्यान्वित करना पड़ेगा, वहीं हिन्दी जनमानस को भी आगे बढ़कर अपनी भाषा के शक्ति-संवर्धन में योगदान करना



पढ़ेगा। इसके अतिरिक्त अन्य जितने घटक हैं उनको अपने दायित्वों का निर्वहन करना पड़ेगा तभी हम हिन्दी को सच्चे अर्थों में संचार क्रांति के इस युग में संचार-भाषा का रूप देकर राष्ट्रीय तथा अंतरराष्ट्रीय धरातल पर प्रतिष्ठित करते हुए एक सम्पन्न वैश्विक भाषा का स्थान दिला सकेंगे।

हिन्दी के लब्धप्रसिद्ध कवि भारतेन्दु हरिश्चन्द्र के शब्दों में—

निज भाषा उन्नति अहै,
सब उन्नति को मूल।
बिनु निज भाषा ज्ञान के,
मिटै ने हिय को सूल ॥ □

सात्विक मिश्रा
छात्र सम्पादक
XI-D

आज का युवा वर्ग तनाव ग्रस्त - आखिर क्यों ?

21वीं सदी का युवा वर्ग अत्यन्त स्वच्छन्द होकर जीवन व्यतीत करना चाहता है परन्तु पारिवारिक मूल्यों ने उसे जकड़ रखा है। यह सत्य है कि सामाजिक और पारिवारिक मूल्य हमारे जीवन के अभिन्न अंग हैं लेकिन इनमें परिवर्तन भी अत्यन्त आवश्यक है। इस परिवर्तन ने युवा वर्ग के मन मस्तिष्क को झकझोर कर रख दिया है। फलस्वरूप इन मूल्यों के साथ अपना सामन्जस्य स्थापित कर पाने में स्वयं को असमर्थ पाता यह वर्ग तनाव ग्रस्त है और आज की सामाजिक मूल्यों को पूर्णतयः समझ पाने का निरन्तर प्रयास कर रहा है।

आज इस भागती हुई जिन्दगी में जहाँ भौतिकवाद ने प्राथमिकता ली है वहीं युवा वर्ग के समक्ष अनेक बाधाएँ भी उत्पन्न हुई हैं जिनसे जूझना ही उनके तनाव का मुख्य कारण है। जनसंख्या विस्फोट ने हमारी कार्य क्षमता को घटा दिया है और आज का युवा कर्मठ, परिश्रमी और शिक्षित होने के बावजूद बेरोजगार घूम रहा है।

आज का युवा जो चाहे कर सकता है क्योंकि वही भविष्य का कर्णधार है परन्तु यदि इन्हीं का विश्वास ढगमगा जाय तो हमारा देश किस प्रकार उन्नति कर सकता है ? युवाओं के





हस मानसिक उत्पीड़न के अनेक कारण हैं और उसमें प्रमुख हैं उनके माता-पिता और उनकी सोच में अन्तर।

पीढ़ी दर पीढ़ी विचार बदलते हैं। समय के साथ-साथ जीवन शैली परिणत होती है और मानसिक तौर पर मानव का विकास होता है। हमारी सोच और जीवन शैली में अन्तर ही तनाव का मुख्य कारण है। हमारे जन्मदाता हमें हर बुराई से दूर रखने की चेष्टा करते हैं। परन्तु आज के युवाओं को यह बन्धन पसंद नहीं। अपने अभिभावकों का रक्षात्मक तरीका उन्हें घुटन और बन्धन के अलावा कुछ नहीं लगता। कारणवश, आज हर घर में पीढ़ी की लड़ाई है, मूल्यों और सिद्धान्तों की जंग है संस्कारों के सांघे में ढलने का संग्राम है। इसी कुरुक्षेत्र में उत्पन्न होता है तनाव।

युवाओं की मानसिक दुर्दशा का कारण पाश्चात्य सभ्यता का हम पर बढ़ता प्रभाव भी है। देर रात तक घूमना-फिरना व अन्य बुरी आदतों में सलंग्न होना, आज की युवा पीढ़ी की दिन-चर्या में यह आम बात है। परन्तु इसका उनके मन मस्तिष्क पर गहरा प्रभाव पड़ता है। और शिक्षा में भी बाधा उत्पन्न करता है। फलस्वरूप एक पन्द्रह सोलह साल का बालक स्वयं को तनाव ग्रस्त थका हुआ और बलहीन पाता है। उसके जीवन में कोई नयापन व उत्साह नहीं रहता।

आज का युवा अपने कंधों पर परिवार की आशाओं और उम्मीदों को ढोता है। अतः उन आशाओं पर खरा उतरना न केवल उसका स्वप्न होता है अपितु उसका कर्तव्य भी होता है। परन्तु जब वह कठिन परिश्रम करने के बाद भी असफल हो जाता है तो उसे निन्दा, उपेक्षा और दुर्व्यवहार का सामना करना पड़ता है। युवाओं का यह कर्तव्य होना चाहिए कि वह पूर्ण परिश्रम कर अपने लक्ष्य की ओर बढ़े और यदि कुछ हाथ न लगे तो मायूस होने के बजाय उस दिशा की ओर फिर सम्पूर्ण प्रयास करें। अपने जीवन की हर विपत्ति का सामना आत्मविश्वास से करें। तभी वह इस तनाव ग्रस्त जीवन से मुक्ति पा सकते हैं। □

दिव्यमान सिंह
XII-A

“यदि तैयारी की इच्छा नहीं है तो जीतने की इच्छा का कोई मूल्य नहीं।”

“मुश्किलें मस्तिष्क में जीती हैं और समाधान हृदय में मौजूद होते हैं।”



गुज़ल

क्या ख़बर थी इस तरह दिल गुमज़दा हो जायेगा।
जिसको चाहा जान से वो भी जुदा हो जायेगा॥

मेरी किस्मत में कहीं लिक्खा है उन से मिलने को
वो कभी गर मिल गये तो मोजिज़ा हो जायेगा॥

मुझसे इतना बेनियाज़ी क्यों तुम्हें है आखिरश
प्यार से गर बोल दोगे क्या बुरा हो जायेगा॥

मेरी गलती मुआफ़ करना मैं भी एक इंसान हूँ
इंसीं गलती न करे तो वो खुदा हो जायेगा॥

अपना गुम खुद ही उठाऊँगा मगर तुम साथ दो
कुछ नहीं होगा मगर इक आसरा हो जायेगा॥

मुझको यह मालूम है कि मुझमें कोई बात है
इक दफ़ा भी जो मिलेगा वो मेरा हो जायेगा॥

उनसे मिलने में मुझे अच्छा तो लगता था मगर
क्या ख़बर थी दिल ये उन पर ही फिदा हो जायेगा॥ □

अनुराग सिन्हा
पूर्व शिक्षक

15 अगस्त का छिपा रहस्य

- प - पवित्रता बढ़ती जाए।
= - न्याय से हर काम हो।
द - द्रव्य के लोभी न बनो।
ह - हनन हो देश के शत्रुओं का।
अ - अमन-चैन हो देश में।
ग - गतिमान रहे जनता।
र - स्नेह हो आपस में।
त - तटस्थ रहे सुख-दुःख में □



प्रखर अग्रवाल
III-C

व्यंग्य लेख

ॐ मोबाइल देवाय नमो नमः

जबसे मैंने मोबाइल खरीदा है, मैं तो फिक्स होकर रह गया हूँ और सभी कुछ मोबाइल हो गया है। कहीं जाने से पहले ही मोबाइल बज उठता है और मैं जड़वत फिक्स हो जाता हूँ। मेरा खाना, पीना, सोना, जगना सब कुछ मोबाइल के सहारे होता है, कुछ भी फिक्स नहीं।

अब यदि कोई मित्र मुझसे मेरी दिनचर्या के बारे में प्रश्न पूछता है तो मैं यही उत्तर देता हूँ कि मेरी दिनचर्या मोबाइल है, सुबह जब मेरा मोबाइल बजता है तो मैं जग जाता हूँ और देर रात्रि जब मोबाइल सो जाता है तो मैं भी सो जाता हूँ।



सुबह से शाम बस मोबाइल ही मोबाइल। छालत तो यहाँ तक पहुँच गयी है कि स्नान करते समय बाथरूम में भी मोबाइल रखना पड़ता है। पूजा के समय जब किसी देवी देवता की आराधना कर रहा होता हूँ, यदि उस समय घंटी बज उठती है तो पूजन का मंत्र बदल जाता है और ॐ मोबाइल देवाय नमो नमः का जाप प्रारम्भ हो जाता है।

ब्रेकफास्ट के समय भी ऐसे-ऐसे भयंकर मोबाइल ब्रेक लगते हैं कि कई बार ब्रेकफास्ट के बर्तन ही ब्रेक होकर चकनाचूर हो गये हैं और दिन भर मुझे फास्ट (उपवास) करना पड़ता है। ब्रेकफास्ट में कई बार ब्रेक अर्थात् बर्तन का टूटना और फास्ट अर्थात् उपवास पूर्णतया सही साबित हुआ है।

जब मैं आफिस के लिए निकलता हूँ तो रास्ते में अनेकानेक व्यक्ति ऐसे मिलते हैं जो वाहन संचालन सुख व मोबाइल श्रवण-वार्ता सुख का एक साथ आनन्द लेते हुए दिखाई देते हैं। अभी पिछले महीने ही हमारे पड़ोसी के अग्रवाल जी इन दोनों सुखों के आनन्द को लेते हुए खुदा को प्यारे हो गये थे।

कल जब मैं सपरिवार अपने प्रिय मित्र शर्मा जी के यहाँ गया तो वहाँ हमने देखा कि शर्मा जी बिस्तर पर लेटे हुए हैं। उनके दाहिने पैर एवं बायीं कलाई पर प्लास्टर चढ़ा हुआ है। जब मैंने उनसे पूछा तो उन्होंने बताया कि यह सब मोबाइल की माया है। पिछले सप्ताह जब वे अपनी हीरो हाण्डा से कार्यालय जा रहे थे कि रास्ते में जेब में रखा मोबाइल बज उठा और जब वे वाहन संचालन सुख व मोबाइल श्रवण सुख का एक साथ आनन्द लेने लगे कि सामने



से कार चलाते हुए मोबाइल का आनन्द लेते हुए एक दूसरे महाशय ने ठोक दिया। और सड़क पर भूमि पूजन आरम्भ हो गया। मित्रवर, यह सब मोबाइल का महा प्रसाद है।

अभी पिछले सप्ताह ही मेरे एक मित्र मेरे घर पर पधारे, उनका चेहरा उतरा हुआ था, उनकी रानी सूरत देखकर मैं उन्हें अपने कक्ष में ले गया और उनका कुशल-क्षेम पूछा तो उन्होंने बताया कि मोबाइल की वजह से मेरे और मेरी पत्नी के मध्य कलह हो गया है। मैंने पूछा कि मोबाइल ने आप दोनों के मध्य कौन-सा खेल खेला है तो उन्होंने बताया कि मेरे मोबाइल में मोनिका नाम की किसी लड़की का एसएमएस आ गया था। बस क्या था मेरी पत्नी का पारा सातवें आसमान में जा पहुँचा। मैंने लाख सफाई दी कि मैं मोनिका नाम की किसी लड़की या युवती को नहीं जानता हूँ लेकिन मेरी एक भी न चली। एक सप्ताह से घर में चूल्हा नहीं जला है। हम दोनों बाहर ही अलग-अलग होटल में खाना खा रहे हैं। पत्नी ने मुझसे तलाक लेने का निर्णय ले लिया है। अब तुम्हीं कुछ करो। उन्होंने कातर दृष्टि से देखते हुए सहायता की गुहार की किन्तु मैं भी अपने आप को असहाय एवं किंकर्तव्यविमूढ़ की स्थिति में पा रहा था।

पहले घर में एक मोबाइल था, फिर बीबी ने अपने लिए अलग मोबाइल की माँग की और विवाह के पावन वर्षगांठ पर मुझे उसकी यह माँग पूरी करनी पड़ी। फिर क्या था बेटे को उसके जन्म दिन पर मोबाइल देना पड़ा और बेटे को हाईस्कूल में प्रथम श्रेणी पास करने के उपहार स्वरूप मोबाइल गिफ्ट करना पड़ा। चार-चार मोबाइल का भार उठाते-उठाते मैं घोड़े से खच्चर बन कर रह गया हूँ और मेरे पर्स का मोबिआयल सुखता ही जा रहा है।

सुबह कार्यालय पहुंचने में जरा भी देर होती है तो बॉस मेरा लोकेशन लेने लगते हैं और शाम को घर लौटने में भी देर हुई तो परम प्यारी अर्द्धांगिनी लोकेशन लेने लगती हैं। कभी बॉस, कभी बीबी, कभी बच्चे अब आप ही बताइये मैं कहीं कहीं किस-किस को अपना लोकेशन दूँ। अब तो स्थिति इतनी दयनीय हो गई है कि सौंस लेते समय भी लोकेशन देना पड़ता है।

मित्रों, इधर मैं एक अजीब सी बीमारी का शिकार हो गया हूँ। अक्सर रात को मैं नींद में चलने लगता हूँ और अपना लोकेशन देने लगता हूँ। मोबाइल की वजह से दिन में मैं फिक्स होकर रह गया हूँ। किन्तु रात में मोबाइल हो गया हूँ।

जब से मैंने मोबाइल खरीदा है तब से सुन्दर एवं मनोहारी सपने दिखना बंद हो गये हैं क्योंकि जब भी मैं कोई सुन्दर सपना देखता हूँ उसी समय मोबाइल घनघना उठता है। अब सुन्दर सपनों के बजाय भूत, प्रेत, रेगिस्तान और तूफान के ही अक्सर सपने आते रहते हैं।

मेरी मित्र मंडली में एक मित्र ऐसे थे जिनके मुख मण्डल पर सदैव सहज स्वभाविक मुस्कान रहती थी, उनके चेहरे पर कभी तनाव नहीं दिखाई देता था, यदि कुछ क्षण के लिए



तनाव हुआ भी तो दूसरे क्षण फिर वही हंसता खिलखिलाता हुआ चेहरा। लगभग दो माह पश्चात उनसे बाजार में मुलाकात हुई, मैं उनको देखकर पहचान ही नहीं पाया बल्कि उन्होंने ही जब मुझे आवाज़ दी तब पलट कर उनकी ओर देखा। उनका रंगहीन, गंधहीन, उत्तरा हुआ चेहरा देखकर मुझे विश्वास ही नहीं हुआ कि यह वही मित्र हैं जो हमेशा मुस्कराते रहते थे। किसी अनहोनी की आशंका से मैंने धीरे से उनसे पूछा कि क्या बात हो गयी? आपका चेहरा उत्तरा हुआ क्यों है? सब कुछ ठीक तो है न? उन्होंने कहा सब कुशल है। फिर मैंने उनकी दीन-दशा के बारे में पूछा कि मुखमंडल की लालिमा कालिमा में कैसे बदल गयी। इस पर उन्होंने जेब से मोबाइल निकाल कर बताया कि जब से मैंने मोबाइल खरीदा है मेरे चेहरे की लालिमा गायब हो गयी है, मुस्कान ने मेरा साथ छोड़ दिया है क्योंकि जब भी मोबाइल बजता है कोई न कोई समस्या मुझे बाँये उठ खड़ी होती है। अधिकतर लोग मोबाइल में अपनी परेशानी, समस्या, दुःख-दर्द का ब्यान करते हैं और इसी के कारण मेरा सुख चैन खत्म हो गया है।

एक दिन मैंने कार्यालय में अपने बॉस से मोबाइल सुख की चर्चा छेड़ दी। तो उन्होंने भी बड़े बुझे मन से यह बताया कि जब मोबाइल नहीं था तो मैं सच्चे मायने में अधिकारी था। जिससे बात करने की इच्छा होती थी, उससे बात करता था, नहीं तो अर्दली के माध्यम से कोई न कोई बहाना बना दिया करता था। किन्तु जब से मोबाइल ले लिया है मैं टेलीफोन अर्दली बन कर रह गया हूँ।

मोबाइल की वजह से हरक विभाग का काम अत्यधिक बढ़ गया है, पुलिस विभाग का तो हाल ही न पूछिए, इसकी वजह से अनेकानेक नयी समस्या आने लगी हैं। प्रतिदिन थाने में लड़का लड़की गुमशुदगी की रपट दर्ज हो रही है। मोबाइल देवता की कृपा से लड़का लड़की एक जगह पर मिलते हैं फिर उन्मुक्त आकाश की तलाश में फुर हो जाते हैं। अभी तक तो पुलिस अपराधों की तलाश में परेशान थी, अब प्रेमी-प्रेमिकाओं की खोज एक नई समस्या बन कर सामने उठ खड़ी हुई है।

अब तो कई विभागों में सी.यू.जी. मोबाइल दे दिये गये हैं। जिसमें यह स्पष्ट निर्देश रहता है कि हमें बन्द नहीं रखना है। अर्थात् चौबीस घण्टे बॉस की गिरफ्त में। सबकी स्थिति एक निरीह मेमने बनकर रह गयी है, कि कब आपका मोबाइल झनझना उठे और अमन चैन आपका साथ छोड़ दें।

सच पूछिए आज मुझे ऐटम बम, परमाणु बम से भी उतना भय नहीं लगता है, जितना मोबाइल से लगता है। पता नहीं कौन-सी कॉल आपकी सुख शान्ति छीन लें और आप भी सभी की तरह अपने इष्ट देव की आराधना की बजाय ॐ मोबाइल देवाय नमो नमः का जाप प्रारम्भ कर दें। □

देवाश निगम
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जो शहीद हुए हैं उनकी.....

आज 30 जनवरी का दिन मुझे अतीत की यादों में ले जाता है व मेरे दिल दिमाग को झकझोर कर रख देता है, क्योंकि आज ही के दिन हमारे पूज्य महात्मा गांधी की हत्या हुई थी। पूरा देश इस घटना से हतप्रभ रह गया, प्रत्येक व्यक्ति इस घटना से स्तब्ध रह गया। इस दिन को राष्ट्र शहीद दिवस के रूप में मनाता है।



शहीद दिवस के दिन हम सब जहाँ महात्मा गांधी को याद करके श्रद्धांजलि देते हैं वहीं उन वीर, बहादुर व निडर पुरुषों को भी श्रद्धांजलि देते हैं जो देश की आजादी में अपनी जान गंवा बैठे व देश की सीमा पर रक्षा करते हुए वीरगति को प्राप्त हुए। बड़ा मार्मिक व संजीदा विषय यह है कि हम सब उन्हें केवल याद भर करते हैं। वास्तविक रूप में उन्हें सच्ची श्रद्धांजलि तब होगी जब हम सब लोग उन्हें इस दिन केवल याद ही न करें वरन उन वीर पुरुषों के पीछे रह गये निराश्रित परिवारों के सम्मानजनक जीवन जीने के संदर्भ में कुछ करें व समाज के अन्य वर्गों को भी इस कार्य के लिए प्रेरित करें कि हम सब केवल याद ही न करें वरन तन-मन धन से उनके परिवार के साथ खड़े हों।

इन सब के अतिरिक्त अहम विषय यह है कि समाज के सभी व्यक्ति यह प्रण करें उन्हें देश रक्षा करने वालों की तरह कन्धे से कन्धा मिलाकर एक स्वस्थ समाज के लिए लड़ाई लड़नी है। समाज का हर वर्ग उनकी प्रेरणा से सबक लेते हुए स्वस्थ समाज की रक्षा के लिए कुरीतियों से लड़े यह शहीद दिवस की सच्ची श्रद्धांजलि होगी। □

हर्षित अरोड़ा

VII-B

माँ

माँ तेरी ममता का आँचल
बीत रहा है इसमें बचपन
कितनी ठण्डी इसकी छाया
तुम से मैंने जीवन पाया।



तुझसे सीखा चलना मैंने
रोकर सीखा हँसना मैंने
ठोकर खाकर जब गिर जाता
तू मुझको झट गोद उठाती
मैं चुप हो जाता जब तू सहलाती। □

आबूत कपूर

I-D

शिष्टाचार

शिष्टाचार दर्पण के समान है, जिसमें मनुष्य अपना प्रतिबिम्ब देखता है।

शिष्टाचार मनुष्य के व्यक्तित्व का दर्पण होता है। शिष्टाचार ही मनुष्य की एक अलग पहचान करवाता है। जिस मनुष्य में शिष्टाचार नहीं है, वह भीड़ में जन्म लेता है और उसी में कहीं खो जाता है। लेकिन एक शिष्टाचारी मनुष्य भीड़ में भी अलग दिखाई देता है जैसे पत्थरों में हीरा।



शिष्टाचारी मनुष्य समाज में हर जगह सम्मान पाता है—चाहे वह गुरुजन के समक्ष हो, समाज में हो, व्यवसाय में हो अथवा अपनी मित्र-मण्डली में।

अगर कोई शिक्षित हो, लेकिन उसमें शिष्टाचार नहीं है तो उसकी शिक्षा व्यर्थ है। जब तक वह समाज में लोगों का सम्मान नहीं करेगा, उसके समक्ष शिष्टता का व्यवहार नहीं करेगा तो लोग उसे पढ़ा-लिखा मूर्ख ही समझेंगे, जबकि एक अनपढ़ व्यक्ति यदि उसमें शिष्टाचार का गुण है तो उस पढ़े-लिखे व्यक्ति से अच्छा होगा, जो पढ़ा लिखा होकर भी शिष्टाचारी नहीं है।

शिक्षा मनुष्य को अभीष्ट मार्ग पर अग्रसर करती है, लेकिन यदि मनुष्य पढ़ ले और शिक्षा के अर्थ को न समझे तो व्यर्थ है।

एक अनजान व्यक्ति एक परिवार में अपने शिष्ट व्यवहार से वह स्थान पा लेता है जो परिवार का घनिष्ठ संबंधी भी नहीं पा सकता।

शिष्ट व्यवहार मनुष्य को ऊँचाइयों तक ले जाता है। शिष्ट व्यवहार के कारण मनुष्य का कठिन से कठिन कार्य भी आसान हो जाता है। शिष्टाचारी चाहे कार्यालय में हो अथवा अन्यत्र शीघ्र ही लोगों के आकर्षण का केन्द्र बन जाता है। लोग भी उससे बात करने तथा मित्रता करने में रुचि दिखाते हैं। एक शिष्टाचारी व्यक्ति अपने साथ कई लोगों को भी शिष्टाचारी बना देता है।

किस समय, कहाँ पर, किसके साथ कैसा, व्यवहार करना चाहिए उसके अपने-अपने ढंग होते हैं। हम जिस समाज में रहते हैं हमें अपने शिष्टाचार को उसी समाज में अपनाना पड़ता है। क्योंकि इस समाज में हम एक दूसरे से जुड़े होते हैं। जिस प्रकार एक परिवार में लोग एक दूसरे से जुड़े होते हैं उसी प्रकार यह समाज भी हमारा परिवार है।



एक बालक के लिए शिष्टाचार की शुरुआत उसी समय हो जाती है जब उसकी माँ उसे उचित कार्य करने के लिए प्रेरित करती है। जब वह बड़ा होकर समाज में कदम रखता है तो उसकी शिक्षा प्रारंभ होती है। यहाँ से उसे शिष्टाचार का सही ज्ञान प्राप्त होता है। यहाँ से उसके कोमल हृदय पर अच्छे-बुरे का प्रभाव पड़ता है। □

गौरांग मिश्रा
XI-D

गुजरात की यात्रा

पहली जनवरी की रात थी। मैं अपनी माँ और उनके स्कूल के बच्चों के साथ गुजरात जा रहा था। हमारी ट्रेन 11.00 बजे आई। हम लोगों ने अपनी सीट तुरंत लेली। अगले दिन हम लोग अहमदाबाद पर उतरे। उधर हम लोगों ने बस से कामा होटल गए। फिर हम लोग घूमने गए। अहमदाबाद में जुमा मस्जिद, सयद सिदिककी मस्जिद, मद्र काली मंदिर और तीन दरवाजा देखा। अगले दिन हम लोग बस से जूनागढ़ गए। जूनागढ़ एक पर्वत पर है। उधर हमने ऊपरकोर्ट किला देखा। उसमें एक सी आठ राजा ने राज्य किया था। वहाँ दो तोप थे जिनके नाम थे नीलम और मानिक। वहाँ एक पहाड़ है जिसका नाम माउंट गिरनार है। कहा जाता है कि वह पहाड़ समुद्र से उठा था। एक कुआँ था जिसका नाम नवगुण कुआँ था। अगले दिन हम लोग सासन गीर पहुंचे। फिर हम लोग एक सफारी पर गये। हमने शेर, हिरन, तेंदुआ और लंगूर देखा। अगले दिन हम लोग दीयू गये। हमने एक किला, एक गिरजाघर और एक समुद्र किनारा देखा। अगले दिन हम लोग सोमनाथ गये। वहाँ हमने एक मन्दिर देखा। इसके बाद हम लोग अहमदाबाद वापस आ गये वहाँ से हमने लखनऊ आने के लिए ट्रेन पकड़ी। फिर हम लोग वापस लखनऊ आ गये। मैं इस यात्रा को कभी नहीं भूलूँगा। □



पी. प्रद्युम्न
IV-C

“अपने लक्ष्य को न भूलते अन्यथा जो कुछ मिलेगा, उसी में संतोष मानने लगेगे।”

लालच मत करो

एक बच्चा स्कूल जा रहा था। स्कूल के रास्ते में उसे एक अनजान आदमी मिला और उस बच्चे को एक चॉकलेट खाने को दी। बच्चे ने भी बिना सोचे-समझे वह, चॉकलेट ले ली और उसे खाने लगा। चॉकलेट खाते ही बच्चा बेहोश हो गया और वह आदमी उसे उठाकर ले गया। बच्चे के घर न लौटने पर उसके माता-पिता परेशान हो गए। बहुत देर तक खोजने पर जब बच्चा नहीं मिला तो घर वालों ने पुलिस में खबर करी। पुलिस कई दिनों तक प्रयास करने के बाद भी बच्चे को खोज न सकी। इससे हमें यह सीख मिलती है कि हमें लालच नहीं करना चाहिये। न ही किसी अनजान व्यक्ति से कोई खाने-पीने की चीज लेनी चाहिये। □



दक्ष खन्ना
III-D

टी.वी. और नानी

नानी से अब कोई भी तो,
सुनता नहीं कहानी।
जब से घर में आया टी.वी.,
हुई रिटायर नानी।
अब कहानियाँ उसको अपनी,
लगने लगी पुरानी।
बच्चों के संग टी.वी. देखें,
हर पल नई कहानी।
टी.वी. तो लगता है जैसे,
नानी की भी नानी। □

कनिष्क माखीजा
IV-C



अनमोल ज्ञान

सम्भालकर रखने योग्य – सम्मान
त्याग देने योग्य – ईर्ष्या
ग्रहण करने योग्य – ज्ञान
निर्धन को देने योग्य – दान
प्रस्तुत करने योग्य – सत्य
जीतने के योग्य – प्रेम
दूसरों को दिखाने के योग्य – दया
मन में दबाकर रखने योग्य – क्रोध □

हर्ष आनन्द
III-C





मैं और मेरे पिता

- जब मैं 6 वर्ष का हुआ तब मैंने महसूस किया कि मेरे पिता दुनिया के सबसे ताकतवर ही नहीं, सबसे समझदार व्यक्ति भी हैं।
- जब मैं 9 वर्ष का हुआ तथा मैंने महसूस किया कि मेरे पिता को दुनिया की हर चीज़ के बारे में अच्छा ज्ञान है।
- जब मैं 12 वर्ष का हुआ मैं महसूस करने लगा कि मेरे मित्रों के पिता मेरे पिता की तुलना में अधिक समझदार हैं।
- जब मैं 15 वर्ष का हुआ तब मुझे अनुमति हुई कि मेरे पिता को दुनिया के साथ चलने हेतु अतिरिक्त ज्ञान की आवश्यकता है।
- जब मैं 20 वर्ष का हुआ तब मैंने महसूस किया कि मेरे पिता किसी दूसरी दुनिया के हैं और हमारी सोच के साथ नहीं चल सकते।
- जब मैं 25 वर्ष का हुआ तब मैंने महसूस किया कि काम के बारे में अपने पिता से सलाह नहीं लेनी चाहिये क्योंकि मेरे हर काम में कमी निकालने की उनकी आदत सी पड़ गई है।
- जब मैं 30 वर्ष का हुआ तब मैं महसूस करने लगा कि मेरे पिता को मेरी नकल करके कुछ समझ आ गई है।
- जब मैं 35 वर्ष का हुआ तब मैंने महसूस किया कि कुछ जरूरी मामलों में पिताजी से सलाह ली जा सकती है।
- जब मैं 40 वर्ष का हुआ तब मैंने फैसला किया कि मुझे पिता की सलाह के बिना कुछ नहीं करना चाहिए क्योंकि मुझे ज्ञान हो चुका था कि मेरे पिता दुनिया के सबसे समझदार व्यक्ति हैं पर इससे पहले कि मैं अपने इस फैसले पर अमल कर पाता मेरे पिताजी इस संसार को अलविदा कह कर चले गए और मैं अपने पिता की हर सलाह और तर्जुबे से वंचित रह गया। □



हरिषित शरोड़ा
VII-B

अहा ! ये सब्जियाँ

अहा, टमाटर बड़ा मजेदार,
बोला मुझे तुम खालो यार,
मुझे अगर तुम खाओगे,
ताकतवर बन जाओगे।

अहा, ये आलू बड़ा मजेदार,
बोला मुझे भी खालो यार,
मुझे अगर तुम खाओगे,
मोटे तुम हो जाओगे।

अहा, ये गाजर बड़ी मजेदार,
बोली मुझे भी खालो यार,
मुझे अगर तुम खाओगे,
आँखों की रोशनी बढ़ाओगे।

अहा, ये पालक बड़ी मजेदार,
बोली मुझे तो खाकर देखो यार,
मुझे अगर तुम खाओगे,
शक्ति से भर जाओगे।

अहा, ये सब्जियाँ बड़ी मजेदार,
बोली हमें तुम खालो यार,
हमें अगर तुम खाओगे,
खूब बड़े हो जाओगे। □

कुशल बजाज

I-D



मेरे स्कूल का एक दिन

सुबह उठकर खा पीकर,
तैयार होकर स्कूल को जाते।।

लगता है स्कूल का परिसर
हमको सदा ही रुचिकर।
दोस्त यार और अध्यापकगण,
प्रार्थना में गाते जन-गण-मन।।

इसके बाद हम सब बच्चे,
क्रम से अपनी कक्षा में जाते।
पहला कार्य हमारा होता
शिक्षक का अभिवादन करना।।

अध्यापकगण आकर हमें पढाते,
सही गलत का फर्क बताते।
मिन्न-भिन्न विषयों का ज्ञान बढ़ाने,
हमको नित नई राह दिखाते।।

मध्यावकाश की घंटी जब बजती,
हम सब की टोली मैदान को चलती।
खेल-खेल कर मिट्टी से सन जाते,
इतना सनते कि पहचाने न जाते।।

बाद में जब अवकाश हो जाता,
थक हारकर घर को जाते।

माँ को बताते स्कूल की बातें,
पुनः सुबह फिर हम उठ जाते,
खा पीकर स्कूल को जाते।। □

देवजीत दे चौधरी
VII-A





महीनों के गीत



कोहरा छाया ओस झरी, जोड़े से जनवरी बरी।
दिन छोटे हैं रात बड़ी, फूलों से फरवरी जड़ी।
तेज हुई सूरज की टार्च, महुए से महका मार्च।
गांव-गली तपती खपरैल, गर्मी ले आया अप्रैल।
गर्मी, धूल पसीना रे, बहुत बड़े लू के नाखून,
जान बचाओ आया मई, जून।
वर्षा ले कर आयी है, मस्ती बरी जुलाई है।
नाचे मयूर होकर मस्त, कितना अच्छा लगे अगस्त।
इन्द्र धनुष है अम्बर में, फूले काँस सितम्बर में।
पेड़ो ने पाले झाड़े, अक्टूबर के पिछवाड़े।
काँप उठे बन्दर जी, हँसने लगे नवम्बर जी।
करो पढ़ाई बाते कम, लगा दिसम्बर साल खत्म। □



अंश चन्द्रा
V-C

बेचारी दीदी

पापा मेरे शान से कहते
मैं हूँ फ्रान्सिस का चिराग
दिल और दिमाग से
करता हूँ उसे रोज सलाम
मम्मी मेरी जोर से कहती,
यूँ न ऐसे रौब दिखाओ।
हिम्मत है तो आगे आओ,

मैं भी हूँ कुछ कम नहीं जी
फ्रान्सिस की शक्षिका जो ठहरी।
अरे! मेरी भी तो बात सुनो
आपस में बहस बन्द करो

मैं हूँ घर का छोटा फ्रान्सिसकन
मुझे न कभी परेशान करो
तभी बेचारी दीदी चिल्लाई
रोती-रोती वह आगे आई।
काश मैं भी होती एक लड़का,
भर्ती होती मैं भी फ्रान्सिस में
और बनती इस जंग का हिस्सा। □



जेतिक बनर्जी
III-C

गीत

चन्दा मामा प्यारे
साथ में लेकर तारे।
मेरे घर में आ जाओ,
ईशिता तुमको पुकारे।।

चन्दा मामा प्यारे
तेरे साथ में खेलूंगी
चौदनी में नहाऊँगी,
मेरे पास में ही रहना,
दूर न मुझसे जा रे।।



चन्दा मामा प्यारे
लुका छिपी खेलें आओ,
बादल में छिप जाओ।
ईशिता तुमको दूँढे,
वो जीते तुम हारे।।

चन्दा मामा प्यारे
तुमको जब भी छूने की,
कोशिश मैं हूँ करती।
भाग के मुझसे क्यों कहते,
ना ना ना ना ना रे।।

चन्दा मामा प्यारे
तुम तो रात के राजा हो,
प्यार की इक परिभाषा हो।
तेरे कारण दूर हुये हैं,
धरती के अधियारे।।

चन्दा मामा प्यारे,
घूँघट है आकाश का,
दुल्हन बन के रात सजी।
चौंद है माथे का टीका,
गहने हैं सब तारे।।

चन्दा मामा प्यारे,
मैं थी बैठी गुमसुम,
रात अमावस कहीं थे तुम।
हम बच्चों की यही दुआ,
आओ हर पखवारे।।
चन्दा मामा प्यारे, □

अनुराग सिन्हा
पूर्व शिक्षक

दो का पहाड़ा

एक गांव में थे दो चोर, चोरी करते चारों ओर।
पीते थे छः लीटर दूध, खाते आठ किलो अमरुद।
दस गांव में थे बदनाम, बारह धानों में था उनका नाम।
चौदह आये धानेदार, सोलह बेंत पीठ पर मार।
अदठारह मील ले जायें ठेल, हुई बीस साल की जेल। □

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अंश चन्द्रा
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सड़क पर और आसमान में

क्या कभी कल्पना की आपने कि कोई कार भी आसमान में उड़ान भरे! अगर की है तो फिर समझिए कि आपकी कल्पना सच हो गई।



मैसच्यूसेट्स की एक कम्पनी टेराफ्लूगिया ने दुनिया की पहली फलाईंग कार बनाई है। हाल ही में इसका परीक्षण किया है। अमेरिका के राष्ट्रपति बरैक ओबामा ने इसकी तारीफ करते हुए इसका नाम टीरिक्स (Terix) रखा है। पहली उड़ान में इसने 1400 फीट की उड़ान भरी। जमीन पर चलते समय यह 561 किलोमीटर प्रति घंटा के रफ्तार से चली। जमीन पर इसके ऐयरविंग्स (Airwings) ऊपर की तरफ उठ जाता है। फिर इसके व्हील्स बाहर आ जाते हैं। उड़ान भरते समय इसके ऐयरविंग्स बाहर निकल आते हैं और व्हील्स अंदर चली जाती है। इसमें 23 गैलेन गैस टैंक भी बनाया गया है। □

सत्कर्ष पाण्डेय
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मेरा कालेज

हम सब के प्राणों से प्यारा।
यह सेन्ट फ्रान्सिस कालेज हमारा॥
इसकी फुलवारी है प्यारी।
सुन्दर सी है प्यारी प्यारी॥

सम्मुख है 'प्लेग्राउन्ड' हमारा।
यह सेन्ट फ्रान्सिस कालेज हमारा॥
अध्यापिकायें सब मेहनत करती हैं।
शिक्षण में तत्पर रहती हैं॥
चमके यहाँ विजय का तारा।
सुदृढ़ अनोखा सबसे प्यारा॥
यह सेन्ट फ्रान्सिस कालेज हमारा।

हम सब अनुशासित रहते हैं॥
पढ़ने में मेहनत करते हैं।
नित ईश्वर वन्दना करते हैं॥
है विद्या का मन्दिर प्यारा।
यह सेन्ट फ्रान्सिस कालेज हमारा॥ □

असद हादी
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एकता से अखण्डता



शताब्दियों पहले एक महान नीतिकार तथा अर्थशास्त्री-आचार्य चाणक्य ने एक स्वप्न देखा था। वह स्वप्न था— अखंड भारत का। उन्होंने सिकन्दर महान की तलवार के वार से अपनी मातृभूमि को लहलुहान होते देखा था। उन्होंने देखा था कि किस प्रकार उस यवन ने भारत में खून की होली खेली थी। उनका यह मत था कि जब तक भारत कई राज्यों में खण्डित रहेगा तब तक वह यवन

आक्रमणकारियों के निशाने पर रहेगा।

समय व्यतीत होता गया और फिर भारत के इतिहास में वह युग आया जब मौर्यवंशी सम्राटों ने भारत में एकछत्र राज्य स्थापित किया। सम्राट चन्द्रगुप्त मौर्य के पराक्रम और आचार्य चाणक्य की नीतिकुशलता के कारण खंडित भारत अखण्ड भारत बन गया था। इस काल में किसी भी विदेशी में भारत की तरफ आँख उठाकर देखने का साहस न था क्योंकि तब भारत संगठित था तथा भारतीयों में एकता थी।

इतिहास साक्षी है कि महमूद गजनवी, मुहम्मद गौरी, नादिर शाह, अहमद शाह अब्दाली, तैमूर तथा बाबर जैसे नृशंस यवन आक्रमणकारियों ने हमारे भारत पर तभी आक्रमण किया जब भारत खण्डित था। इन यवनों ने न सिर्फ हमारी संस्कृति एवं सभ्यता को हानि पहुँचाई अपितु नरसंहार कर भारत में तांडव भी किया।

हम इतिहास बदल नहीं सकते पर उससे सीख सकते हैं। आज भी हमारी सीमाएं सुरक्षित नहीं हैं तथा आतंकवादी हमारे देश की एकता और अखण्डता को खण्डित करना चाहते हैं। परन्तु यह हमारा कर्तव्य है कि हम आपसी वैमनस्य को भुलाकर तथा एकता एवं भाईचारे के सूत्र में बँधकर अपने महान देश भारत की अखंडता को बनाए रखें तथा प्रगति के मार्ग पर अग्रसर होकर अपने राष्ट्र को सफलता की नई बुलंदियों पर पहुँचाए। □

अनिरुद्ध श्रीवास्तव

IX-D

“सपने और लक्ष्य में केवल योजना का फर्क होता है।”

“मनुष्य जन्म से नहीं कर्म से महान बनता है।”

“बमैर सोचे बोलन बमैर निशाना साथे गोली चलाने जैसा है।”



पिता

पिता जीवन है, सबल है, शक्ति है
 पिता सृष्टि के निर्माण की अभिव्यक्ति है
 पिता उंगली पकड़े बच्चे का सहारा है
 पिता कभी कुछ भीता है कभी कुछ खारा है
 पिता पालन-पोषण है, परिवार का अनुशासन है
 पिता भय से चलने वाला प्रेम का प्रशासन है
 पिता रोटी है, कपड़ा है, मकान है
 पिता छोटे से परिन्दे का बड़ा आसमान है
 पिता अप्रदर्शित, अनन्त प्यार है
 पिता है तो बच्चों को इंतज़ार है
 पिता से ही बच्चों के डेर सारे सपने हैं
 पिता है तो बाजार के सब खिलौने अपने हैं
 पिता से परिवार में प्रतिपल राग है
 पिता से ही मां की बिन्दी और सुहाग है
 पिता परमात्मा की जगत के प्रति आसक्ति है
 पिता गृहस्थ आश्रम में उच्च स्थिति की भक्ति है
 पिता अपनी इच्छाओं का हनन और परिवार

की पूर्ति है
 पिता रक्त में दिये गये संस्कारों की मूर्ति है
 पिता एक जीवन को जीवनदान है
 पिता दुनिया दिखाने का एहसास है
 पिता सुरक्षा है, और सिर पर हाथ है
 पिता नहीं तो बचपन अनाथ है
 तो पिता से बड़ा तुम अपना नाम करो
 क्योंकि माँ-बाप की कमी कोई नहीं बॉट सकता
 ईश्वर भी इनके आशीर्षों को काट नहीं सकता
 दुनिया में किसी भी देवता का स्थान दूजा है
 माँ-बाप की सेवा ही सबसे बड़ी पूजा है □

अरूण सिंह
 XI-C



जीत

ताश के पत्तों से महल नहीं बनता,
 नदी को रोकने से समुद्र नहीं बनता,
 आगे बढ़ते रहो जिन्दगी में हर पल,
 क्योंकि एक जीत से कोई
 सिकंदर नहीं बनता। □



स्तनजीत सिंह
 III-D

बचपन

कागज की कस्ती थी।
 पानी का किनारा था,
 कहीं आ गये हम अब।
 समझदारी के इस दलदल में
 आह ! वह नादान बचपन ही कितना प्यारा
 था। □



अनिरुद्ध श्रीवास्तव
 IX-D

पर्यावरण की पुकार



काटने से पहले शाखें-पेड़ सोचना जरूर
इस पर बसेरा होगा किसी परिदे का
न पा मेहनत से संजोया आशियाना अपना
रोयेगा, कोसेगा, सोच यह काम है किसी
दरिदे का

आज तो कर देगा अनसुनी उसकी कराहें
रंग लायेगी एक दिन उसकी बददुआएँ
न होना हैरान परेशान

महरूम जब रिमझिम से हो जाये
दबाके पर्यावरण की आहें
कल पायेगा तू ही सजाएँ
जिनके दम पर कायम सांसे तेरी
कहाँ से लायेगा वे संजीवनी हवाएँ?

देख प्रदूषण का कठर
कुदरत इंसान से घबराये
रफता-रफता दूर होती जाये
न सुधारी जो अपनी खताएँ
कैसे पायेगा कुदरत से वफाएँ ? □

आर्य कृष्णा
II-A

आओ साथी

नए वर्ष से नाता जोड़े
आओ साथी बात करें।
लड़ना और झगड़ना छोड़े
आओ साथ बात करें।

विज्ञान का यह युग आया है
विज्ञानमय अपना जीवन।
सारा विश्व सिमट आया है
लगता जैसे घर-आंगन।
नम के तारों को हम तोड़े
आओ साथी बात करें।

भूख-गरीबी बेकारी से
हमको मिल लड़ना होगा।
दुर्गम-पथ को सरल बना के
आगे ही बढ़ना होगा।
नए रास्तों को हम मोड़ें
आओ साथी बात करें।

आने वाले कल को देखो
हम उजली तस्वीरें हैं।
अपने ही हाथों से गढ़ते
हम अपनी तकदीरें हैं।
तम की तमस मटकियाँ फोड़ें
आओ साथी बात करें। □

भावेश अग्रवाल
V-C





शिक्षक महान है

वह शिक्षक महान है, जो देते हमें ज्ञान है।
शिक्षक का आदर करना, अपनी ही शान है।
हम फूल है, चमन के, शिक्षक बगिया है।
उसके बगैर जीवन, काँटों से भरा है।
शिक्षक से ही महकता, सारा जहान है।
शिक्षक की इज्जत करना, अपनी ही शान है।
शिक्षक तो दुनिया को, सन्मार्ग दिखाता है।
ईश्वर तक पहुंचने का, वह मंत्र बताता है।
प्रभु ने भी किया है, सदा उसको प्रणाम है।
शिक्षक का आदर करना, अपनी ही शान है।
शिक्षक की आज्ञा मानना ही सबका धर्म है।
शिक्षक को मान देना, यही छात्र-कर्म है।
शिक्षक का ही दिया हुआ, यह जीवन-दान है।
शिक्षक का आदर करना, अपनी ही शान है। □



सितिज टण्डन
V-C

आज के हम बच्चे

आज के हम बच्चे,
थोड़े अच्छे थोड़े कच्चे,
कन्थों पर है बस्ते का बोझ,
खींचते चलते हम उसको रोज-रोज।
आज के हम बच्चे,
सूरत से सच्चे, मन के सच्चे,
मन में सब जानने की आशा,
कभी न घरे हमें निराशा।।
आज के हम बच्चे,
मान कर चलते सबको अच्छे,
माता-पिता, अध्यापक गण,
सबको है हमारा नमन।।
आज के हम सब बच्चे,
प्रेम का पाठ सिखाते चलते।। □

पुष्पोजीत दे चौधरी
VIII-B



खूबसूरत

दुनिया की सबसे दुर्लभ
जोड़ी होती है
'खुशी' और 'आंसू' की
दोनों का एक साथ मिलना मुश्किल है,
लेकिन जब दोनों साथ होते हैं, तो
वह पल सबसे खूबसूरत होता है। □



रतनजीत सिंह
III-D

दया



अमेरिका संयुक्त राज्य के प्रेसीडेंट एकबार राजसभा में जा रहे थे। रास्ते में उन्होंने एक सुअर को कीचड़ में घसें देखा। सुअर कीचड़ से निकलने के लिए जी-तोड़ प्रयत्न कर रहा था। पर वह जितना ही प्रयत्न करता, उतना ही अधिक कीचड़ में घंस जाता। सुअर की यह दयनीय दशा देखकर प्रेसीडेंट साहब से रहा न गया। वे अपनी उसी पोशाक सहित कीचड़ में कूद पड़े और सुअर को खींचकर बाहर निकाल लाये। समय हो गया था, इसलिए वे उन्हीं कीचड़ से भरे कपड़ों को पहने राजसभा में गए। सभा के सदस्य उन्हें इस दशा में देखकर अचरज में पड़ गए। लोगों के पूछने पर उन्होंने सारा हाल कह सुनाया। तब लोगों ने उनकी दयालुता की भूरि-भूरि प्रशंसा की। इस पर प्रेसीडेंट साहब ने कहा –“आप लोग व्यर्थ ही मेरी तारीफ कर रहे हैं। मुझे सुअर पर कोई दया नहीं आई थी। उसे बुरी तरह फंसे देखकर मुझे दुख हो गया और मैंने अपने दुख को मिटाने के लिए ही उसे बाहर निकाला। इसमें मैंने सुअर की भलाई नहीं की, अपनी ही भलाई की, क्योंकि उसे बाहर निकालते ही मेरा दुख दूर हो गया।”

असल में प्राणीमात्र के दुख से दुखी होकर उन्हें दुख से छुड़ाने की चेष्टा का ही तो नाम दया है। □

प्रजेश राज त्रिपाठी
IV-C

छोटी सी ज़िन्दगी



छोटी सी ज़िन्दगी है,
हँस के जियो,
भूला के गम सारे,
दिल से जियो,
उदासी में क्या रखा है,
मुस्करा के जियो,
अपने लिए न सही,
अपनों के लिए जियो।



रतनजीत सिंह
III-D



माँ

माँ संवेदना है, भावना है, एहसास है
 माँ जीवन के फूलों में, खुशबू का वास है
 माँ रोते हुए बच्चे का, खुशनुमा पालना है
 माँ मरुस्थल में नदी या मीठा-सा झरना है
 माँ लोरी है, गीत है, प्यारी सी थाप है
 माँ पूजा की थाली है, मंत्रों का जाप है
 माँ आँखों का सिसकता हुआ किनारा है
 माँ गालों पर चुम्बन है, ममता की धारा है
 माँ झुलसते दिनों में, कोयल की बोली है
 माँ मेहन्दी है, माँ कुमकुम है, सिंदूर है, रोली है
 माँ त्याग है, तपस्या है, सेवा है,
 माँ फूंक से ठण्डा किया कलेजा है
 माँ कलम है, दवात है, स्याही है
 माँ परमात्मा की स्वयं एक गवाही है
 माँ अनुष्ठान है, साधन है, जीवन का हवन है
 माँ जिन्दगी के मुहल्ले में, आत्मा का भवन है
 माँ चूड़ी वाले हाथों के, मजबूत कंधों का नाम है
 माँ काशी है, काबा है, और चारों धाम है
 माँ चिन्ता है, याद है, हिचकी है

माँ बच्चों की चोट पर सिसकी है
 माँ चूल्हा, धुआँ, रोटी और हाथों का छाला है
 माँ जीवन की कड़वाहट में अमृत का प्याला है
 माँ पृथ्वी, जगत है, धुरी है,
 माँ बिना इस सृष्टि की कल्पना अधूरी है
 माँ का महत्व दुनिया में कम हो ही नहीं सकता
 माँ जैसा दुनिया में कुछ हो ही नहीं सकता
 विश्व में किसी भी तीर्थ की यात्रा सब व्यर्थ है
 यदि बेटे के होते हुए माँ-बाप असमर्थ हैं
 वे खुशानसीब होते हैं, माँ-बाप जिनके साथ होते हैं
 क्योंकि माँ-बाप के आशीर्षों के हजारों हाथ होते हैं।



अरूण सिंह
XI-C

“बहनों में तैरना सीखें, बहनों में बहना नहीं।”

“जहाँ अज्ञान है वहाँ दुःख आकर ही रहेगा।”

“प्रत्येक अपसर के लिये तैयार रहना सफलता का रहस्य है।”

“जो हंस सकता है, वह निर्धन नहीं।”

असमंजस

सूर्यास्त की लालिमा में
प्रकृति लय हो गई है
पर इन्द्र है मेरे मन में,
क्या गलत और क्या सही है ?
इस रास्ते पर न जाने कितनी बार
कितनी बार मेरे पग पड़े हैं
पर आज असमंजस की आँधी से हार
वे वहीं पर स्थिर खड़े हैं।
राहें कई हैं, मंजिलें भी हैं अनेक
पर उद्वेग भरी आँखों से नहीं सकता उन्हें देख
जीवन में ऐसा क्यों होता है,
कि बिना असमंजस कोई निर्णय नहीं होता है?
कहने को मस्तिष्क हमारा शक्ति का भण्डार
है,
पर दो राहें पर आ कर इसके भी स्वीकारी
हार है।
कहते हैं सुनना चाहिए जो हृदय कहे
पर क्या करें जब असमंजस उस पर भी
वार करें ?
विद्वानों ने कहा शान्ति ही समाधान है,

पर असमंजस में शान्त रहना कहीं आसान
है ?
मन करता है बौद्ध अपनी दुविधा किसी के
साथ
पर कौन है ऐसा जिससे करूँ मैं बात ?
चाह कर भी न पाना यह असमंजस कैसा
है ?
सूर्योदय हो जाने पर भी अंधियारा होने
जैसा है।
सूर्यास्त की लालिमा में
प्रकृति लय हो गई है।
पर गलत और क्या सही है ?
प्रश्न बच गया है। □

देवीग शर्मा
XI-D



कौन बड़ा



एक शेर था। वह पेड़ के नीचे सोया था। एक मच्छर आया और
करने लगा—मिन—मिन। शेर ने कहा, "ऐ, मच्छर भाग यहाँ से।" मच्छर
बोला "क्यों भागूँ ? मैं क्यों भागूँ यहाँ से।" शेर घमंड से बोला "मैं जंगल
का राजा हूँ। सबसे ताकतवर हूँ। इतना छोटा—सा मच्छर और मेरे पास
बैठेगा। चल भाग यहाँ से वरना भार डालूँगा।" मच्छर ने कहा मैं किसी



से भी नहीं डरता' शेर को गुस्सा आ गया उसने मच्छर पर पंजा मारा।

मच्छर उड़ गया। पंजा शेर के गाल पर पड़ा। खाल निकल आई। खून बहने लगा। शेर दुखी हो गया। शेर कुछ नहीं कर सकता था। वह उठकर जाने लगा। मच्छर ने कहा "कभी घमण्ड मत करना। किसी को कमजोर मत समझना। सभी अपनी-अपनी जगह बड़े हैं।" □

गर्व मल्होत्रा
II-D

भ्रष्टाचार

भ्रष्टाचार, भ्रष्टाचार, भ्रष्टाचार
क्या है, कहीं है, कैसा है,
है किसी ने देखा ?
इसका कद स्वरूप और आकार
राजनीति एक ढकोसला है
लोकतंत्र एकदम खोखला है
यहाँ सबको सब कुछ करने की खुली छूट
है
जनता के धन की एकदम, खुली लूट है।
ये करते हैं कुछ खास, असरदार,
फिर कैसा भ्रष्टाचार ?
राजनीतिज्ञ अपनी पार्टियां चलाते हैं,
नौकरशाह अपनी खामियाँ छिपाते हैं,
माफिया अपराध कर धन कमाते हैं
धन के लेन देन को कहते हैं व्यापार
फिर कैसा भ्रष्टाचार ?
'सेन्ट किट्स' हो या 'हवाले' का हवाला
सभी ने मिलकर निकाला है
इस देश का दिवाला
फिर भी जपते हैं सभी सत्य नाम की माला
ये सब असरदार, करते हैं देश को शर्मसार,

क्या यही है भ्रष्टाचार ?
घारा, चीनी, घुरहट, यूरिया का हो मामला
सांसद खरीद फरोख्त या दल बदल का
यामला
सभी ने ठगा है, तो सिर्फ इस देश को
पहनकर उजला-उजला, खादी के वेश को
क्या सोचता होगा परलोक में बूढ़ा गाँधी ?
देखकर भ्रष्टाचार का तूफान और आँधी,
तज रहे आज हम सब, नीति विचार और
आचार
हाँ, यही है भ्रष्टाचार, हाँ, यही है,
भ्रष्टाचार!! □

उत्कर्ष गर्ग
XI-C



उपदेश



उस भव्य पण्डाल में विद्वान महात्मा जी प्रवचन दे रहे थे। श्रद्धालु जनता उस ज्ञान गंगा में डुबकियाँ लगा रही थी। आध्यात्मिक रसमय माहौल था। उसी पण्डाल में मैले कुचैले वस्त्रों में एक मिखारी बैठा हुआ था। प्रवचन सुन कर उसकी निस्तेज आँखों में एक विशेष चमक आ गयी। प्रवचन समाप्त होने के बाद महात्मा जी अपने कैम्प में पहुंचे तो थोड़ी ही देर में वह मिखारी भी वहाँ जा पहुँचा और उनके घरणों में गिर पड़ा।

“अरे तुम यहाँ कैसे आ पहुँचे..... कितने गन्दे हो तुम।” मखमली गद्दे पर एयर कण्डिशनर का आनन्द ले रहे महात्मा ने उसे फटकारा। “स्वामी जी मैं तीन दिनों से भूखा हूँ आपके हाथों से ही महाप्रसाद मिल जाये तो बहुत बड़ी दया होगी।” मिखारी गिड़गिड़ाया।

“अरे तुम्हारा यहाँ कोई स्थान नहीं है, जाओ सबक पर वहीं भीख माँगो।” साधू ने झिड़कते हुए कहा।

“महाराज जी आपने ही तो अभी अपने प्रवचन में कहा था कि सेवा और त्याग की भावना ही व्यक्ति को देवता बना देती है।” मिखारी का निस्तेज चेहरा दीर्घमान हो उठा था।

महात्मा जी की कान्ति फीकी पड़ गयी थी उन पर सैकड़ों घड़े पानी पड़ गया था। उनके सभी शिष्य अवाक रह गये थे। □

कुशाग्र निगम
V-C

“जो इंतजार करता है उसके पास हर चीज आती है।”

“दया मनुष्य का स्वाभाविक गुण है।”

“मह्य मोता लभाले वाले को ही मोती मिलते हैं।”

“न्याय की बात कहने के लिए हर समय ठीक है।”



रोटी

शव्य पण्डाल एवं सजी हुई कनातें..... रंग बिरंगी झालरों की सजावट बजता हुआ मधुर संगीत मटकते फूलों का बना हुआ प्रवेश द्वार..... पण्डाल के बीचों बीच पानी का कृत्रिम फव्वारा आस पास सजी हुई सालाद की विभिन्न प्लेटें एवं चम्मच एक से एक बढ़कर लजीज व्यंजन और उनके पीछे खड़े हुए खानसामें।

सभी भोजन करने में व्यस्त थे। तभी पण्डाल में एक पागल घुस आया और एक खानसामें के पास खड़ा होकर कहने लगा

“ऐ दे दो..... हमें भी कुछ खाने को दे दो.....”

“चल हठ भाग यहाँ से!” खानसामें ने कहा

थोड़ा से दे दो बहुत भूख लगी है।”

तभी कार्यक्रम के आयोजकों की निगाह उस पर पड़ गयी। वे उन्हें खदेड़ने लगे। पागल इधर-उधर भागने लगा। भागते समय उसकी निगाह रोटियों पर पड़ गयी। उसने लपक कर कुछ रोटियाँ उठा ली। तभी आयोजकों ने उसे पकड़ लिया तथा उसकी पिटाई कर दी। उससे रोटियाँ छीनकर पण्डाल में रखे कूड़ेदान में डाल दीं। सहमा हुआ पागल मारे डर के पण्डाल से बाहर भागने लगा। इसी भागा-दौड़ में किसी-किसी के कपड़े खराब हो गये, किसी के खाने की प्लेट गिर गयी।

“कहाँ कहाँ के पागल आ जाते हैं।” एक ने कहा।

“बिल्कुल पागल था।”

“आयोजकों को अच्छी व्यवस्था करनी चाहिए थी।”

“पूरा मूढ़ ऑफ कर दिया।”

“मेरी तो साड़ी का सत्यानाश कर दिया, इसे ज़ाइविलिंग में देना होगा।”

“बेचारा।” एक ने सहानुभूति जतायी।

सभी पुरुष-स्त्रियों भोजन करने में पुनः व्यस्त हो गये, और वह भूखा पागल सड़क के उस पार बुरी तरह डोंप रहा था। □



कुराग्र निगम

V-C

“बहाना झूठ से भी मरकर चीज है क्योंकि वह सुरक्षित झूठ होता है।”

हमारा पर्यावरण

अपने चारों ओर के वातावरण, जिसमें पृथ्वी, आकाश, नदी, पहाड़, पेड़ व वायु आदि आते हैं, को हम पर्यावरण कहते हैं। पर्यावरण ही हमारे जीवन का आधार है। इसकी स्वच्छता हमारे वर्तमान व भावी जीवन के लिए आवश्यक है।

उद्योगों द्वारा उत्पन्न कचरा, वाहनों द्वारा उत्पन्न धुआँ, कंक्रीट के निर्माण आदि द्वारा हम पर्यावरण को दिन-प्रतिदिन प्रदूषित करते जा रहे हैं। यदि शीघ्र ही इसे रोका न गया तो जीवन मुश्किल होता चला जायेगा।



अधिक से अधिक पेड़ लगाकर, नदियों को साफ सुथरा रखकर तथा औद्योगिक कचरे को घटाकर हम अपने पर्यावरण की रक्षा कर सकते हैं। साफ पर्यावरण द्वारा ही हम अपने देश सहित पूरी दुनिया के भविष्य को स्वच्छ, स्वस्थ व सुन्दर बना सकेंगे। इस कार्य में हम बच्चों की भूमिका अधिक महत्वपूर्ण है, क्योंकि प्रारम्भ से ही पर्यावरण के प्रति जागरूकता हमें भविष्य में पर्यावरण को प्रदूषित करने से रोकेगी तथा पर्यावरण को स्वच्छ रखने को प्रेरित करेगी।

सेंट फ्रांसिस कालेज में हमें पर्यावरण को स्वच्छ रखने की शिक्षा देने के साथ ही पर्यावरण को साफ सुथरा रखने का प्रयास किया जाता है। लखनऊ शहर के भीड़ भरे इलाके में स्थित होने के बावजूद पूरा विद्यालय परिसर खुला, विस्तृत व हरे भरे पेड़ों से युक्त है। ऐसे विद्यालय का छात्र होना गौरव की बात है। पर्यावरण स्वच्छता के लिए विद्यालय से प्राप्त संस्कार हमें प्रेरित करते रहेंगे। □

सात्विक पाण्डेय
IV-C

“हजार मील लंबी यात्रा भी एक कदम से शुरू होती है।”

“जो डरते हैं वे हमेशा संकट में रहते हैं।”

“जैसा लक्ष्य होगा वैसा ही जीवन होगा।”

“जो खुद नहीं सकता वह विपत्ति को थका देता है।”



गाँव की मिट्टी

जब शहर के कोलाहल से थक
अपने फ्लैट के बिस्तर पर
करवट बदलते हुए
बन्द करता हूँ पलक
तो बहुत याद आती है
अपने गाँव की मिट्टी की खुशबू
वह सौंधी-सी खुशबू।
मन खग बन चहक उठता है
उड़ चलता है अपनी कल्पना
पवन के साथ बहने को।
आम के पेड़ पर कोयल की कूक
हरियाली की ओढ़नी ओढ़े खेत।

कदम दौड़ने लगते हैं।
उस कोमल मखमली घास पर
डाली-डाली लगती है साथ नाचने।
तो बहुत याद आती है
अपने गाँव की मिट्टी की खुशबू
वह सौंधी-सी खुशबू
रिमझिम फुहार के बीच
सूरज की लाली
इन्द्रधनुष की मुस्कान
घास पर बिखरे ओस के मोती
बहुत याद आती है
गाँव की मिट्टी की खुशबू □



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“पूछे अवसर से अधिक महंगा कुछ नहीं होता।”

“बीते हुये कल को अपना आज बर्बाद न करे दे।”

“स्वयं को जीतना पहली और सर्वश्रेष्ठ विजय है।”

विकिपीडिया, एक निःशुल्क, सहयोगी, बहुभाषीय विद्याबली



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विकिपीडिया इंटरनेट आधारित एक निःशुल्क ज्ञानकोष परियोजना है। यह एक ऐसे ज्ञान पृष्ठ के रूप में है जो सभी को इसका संपादन करने की छूट देता है। यह एक बहुभाषीय विकल्प है, और स्वयंसेवकों के सहयोग से निर्मित है। जिसकी भी इंटरनेट तक पहुँच है वह विकिपीडिया पर लिख सकता है और लेखों का संपादन कर सकता है। विकिपीडिया के मुख्य सर्वर टैम्पा, फ्लोरिडा में है और अतिरिक्त सर्वर एम्सटर्डम एवं सियोल में है। निपुण लोगों द्वारा बनाए गए ज्ञानकोष न्यूपीडिया के रूप में 21 जनवरी, 2001 में इसकी शुरुआत हुई। अब यह विकिपीडिया फाउन्डेशन द्वारा संचालित है जो एक गैर-लाभकारी संस्था है। यह 300 से भी ज्यादा भाषाओं में है, जिसमें से 15 भाषाओं में 50 हजार से भी अधिक लेख हैं।

विकिपीडिया के संस्थापक जिमी वेल्स के शब्दों में यह *“विश्व के प्रत्येक व्यक्ति के लिए, उनके अपनी भाषा में एक बहुभाषीय, मुक्त, सबसे अधिक गुणवत्ता वाला विश्वकोष बनाने और वितरित करने का एक प्रयत्न है।”*

विकिपीडिया के आज के युग में कई लाभ हैं :

1. विकि स्वरूप के कारण लेखों की कड़ियों को शब्दों के साथ जोड़ना आसान है, इससे न केवल लेख के बारे में जानकारी मिलती है, बल्कि उससे जुड़ी अन्य रोचक जानकारियाँ भी प्राप्त होती हैं।
2. विकिपीडिया में काफी तेज़ी से समसामयिक विषयों के बारे में लेखों का विकास हो सकता है।
3. गुगल और अन्य सर्च पर किसी विषय पर खोज करने पर विकिपीडिया के लेख परिणामों में प्रमुखता में उभरते हैं।
4. विकिपीडिया एक ऐसा मंच है जो शिकायत का मौका नहीं देता है बल्कि आपको अपनी ही शिकायतें दूर करने का मौका देता है। अगर आपको लगता है कि कोई जानकारी अधूरी है या गलत है, तो आप तुरंत उसमें घटजोड़ या सुधार कर सकते हैं। इन सभी लाभों के बावजूद विकिपीडिया की विश्वसनीयता एवं सत्यता पर भी विवाद होता रहा है। इस वेबसाइट पर आसानी तथा बर्बरता के साथ संपादन करने की क्षमता, असमान गुणवत्ता और कई भाषाओं में तथ्य के परोक्ष लोकप्रियता की प्राथमिकता इत्यादि की काफी आलोचनाएँ हुई हैं। फिर भी इसके मुक्त वितरण, निरंतर और बढ़ी संख्या में बदलाव, विभिन्न क्षेत्रों और भाषाओं के समावेश ने इसे इंटरनेट पर विश्व के सबसे अधिक लोकप्रिय निर्देशिका संसाधनों में से एक बना दिया है। □

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