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Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Make me a Channel of Your Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow LOVE
Where there is injury, PARDON;
Where there is doubt, FAITH;
Where there is despair, HOPE;
Where there is darkness, LIGHT;
And where there is sadness, JOY
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much
"Seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.





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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 the day greet,
We will answer when duty shall call.

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

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

Words by: V.E. Vance





Principal's Message



My Dear Students and Parents,

Discipline is not everyone's favourite word. It is the practice of training our mind and body so that we control our actions and obey rules. Life is a trade off between instant pleasure and long – term reward. Mostly we look for instant pleasure, as a result there is a break in growth and we don't achieve long – term reward.

Self – discipline makes all the difference in life. Self – discipline in little things like studying instead of mobile scrolling leads to big things, that is, better Qualifications. Have the discipline to do little things you don't like, and you can spend your life doing the big things you do like. Self – discipline is a process. When we start dreaming of a goal in life, we think of our way of living, our way of dealing with others and our response to it. The key to Self – discipline is not an iron will, but knowing why we want something. If we really know why we want to get out of debt, it's easier to save. If we are clear about why we want to improve our qualifications, it's easier to study. **“Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishments.”** – Jim Rohn. The advantage of self – discipline is, when we are self – disciplined, we don't need to get disciplined from anywhere else. As a result, we run our own life and people don't tell us what to do.

Once we are disciplined, we keep “order”. When we want our institution to grow, we must have method. If we want our life to blossom, we need some order in it. Just like nature keeps what is essential and gets rid of the debris. It's called organization. Whenever performance counts, there is organization. Recently we conducted football tournament and we were successful due to discipline which led to an order culminated in re – living the “Franciscan Liga”. Nothing blooms out of a mess. When we have order in our life, we clean up our garbage. Our environment reflects our thinking. Usually, when our house is a mess, so is our life.

Discipline surely brings reward. No effort is wasted. Our school band is an example for it. When we started to practice, it was shaky. We went through many hurdles. But discipline led us to put things in order and the fruit is the beautiful School Band leading every programme. Kudos to the students.

We live in a world where things are constantly changing. Seasons come and go, the tide comes in and out, people get hired and fired. The underlying law of the universe is change. What is true today, may not be true tomorrow. What works today, may not work tomorrow. The only constant we have is change. Our self – discipline will always match the change. Self – disciplined people don't just accept change, they embrace it. Let us not be stagnant. One thing leads to another. We need to start – Start to do something. That small start will lead to something else and to something else. We start in Pre – Nursery and lead to becoming nation builders. I appreciate the efforts of College staff for their hard work and sincerity in bring change in the lives of students. Our efforts will surely bear fruits. We are in the world of fast food / instant noodles. Follow the Law of the seed. The Law of the seed says. “You plant today, and you harvest. . . . LATER”. Plant beans now, pick beans in four months.

Dear parents, teach your ward Self – discipline. At times it is painful, but you will reap the harvest of “Happy Family Life”. Know this, “Motivation gets you going, but discipline keeps you growing”. – John C. Maxwell.

Fr. Rajesh V. D'Souza
Principal

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Athletics Team



Badminton Team



Basketball Team



Swimming Team



Table Tennis Team



Cricket Team



Football Team



Volley Ball Team



Chess Team



• Student Council ~ 2023-2024 •



• Prefects ~ 2023-2024 •



• NCC Contingent •



Class IX



Class VIII

• Support Staff •



Our helpers with the Principal & Vice-Principal

• Achievers 2023-2024 •

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Arjun Agarwal
99%



Abhiraj Singh
98.80%



Arnav Singh
98.40%



Devesh Tripathi
98.40%



Ritwik Vishbha Raj
98.40%



Shikhar Tandon
97.60%



Kartikeya Pathak
97.00%

I.S.C. (XII) TOPPERS



Surya Krishna
96.25%



Siddharth Layek
95%



Aadi Seth
94.75%



Maulik Saigal
92.75%



Harshit Arora
92%

Well Done !
Proud of You All !!
God Bless You !!!

• Farewell & Welcome •



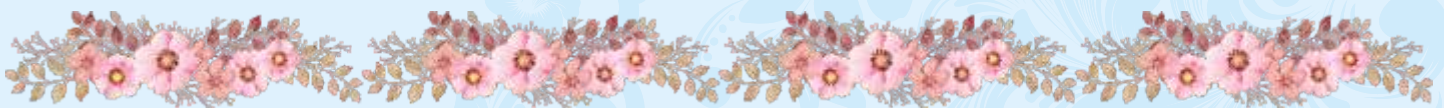
The Franciscan Family bid farewell to Fr. Anup Lakra who was transferred and welcomed the new Vice-Principal Fr. Loyston Cordeiro.



We also said goodbye to the retiring staff members Mrs. M. Sinha and Mr. Rajiv Bhalla along with Mr. Mahendra Pal (Support Staff).



Wishing all of them a very productive and fruitful retired life !





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College Report

“Challenges are that make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful”



Harshit Arora
College Captain

When a chapter ends it heralds in a fresh one. A new beginning is always preceded by an ending. As I sit down to write this report thoughts seem to have wings as they entangle themselves and tumble all at once into my mind. Fourteen delightful and formative years of my life have been nurtured here in this esteemed institution.

The date 11th of April has embedded itself as a milestone one in my life when I was announced as the College Captain for the academic session 2023-24. The feeling I experienced is inexpressible and unprecedented. The primary and common feeling that all the badge holders had was to make this year's success surpass the previous years to maintain “the glory and honour of St. Francis' College”.

Having carried out numerous tasks this year I feel this is the most difficult one to do. This will be my last duty as the college captain and final message to all my fellow franciscans. Life is a mixture of happiness and sadness both equally beautiful in their own way, are the dual emotions profound in their presence in my thoughts right now as I stand at a juncture of adieu to old and welcome to new phase of life.

The first Inter school event that we participated in was ‘Entente’ held at La Martiniere Girls’ College. We underperformed contrary to what was expected however like every dark cloud has a silver lining, some of our juniors Anay Dikshit, Siddharth Srivastava, Sudhanshu Agarwal and Ambar managed to bring laurels for our school notwithstanding it being their nascent attempt. A special thanks to Aadi Seth who was always available for our juniors during the event and guided them when I was not physically present there.

The next event that followed was ‘Blitz’ hosted by Mount Carmel College where our boys performed exceptionally well. We tasted success in a total of 8 events having aced the 1st position in four of them. Collectively a haul of 11 trophies came home. From class 12th category the three students who performed exceptionally well were Harsh Awasthi, Ommer Ali Khan and Dhairya Raj Verma. Juniors who deserve a mention for their are Anay, Sudhanshu, Madhav, Ambar, Siddharth and Fazl performed extremely well.

Our Quiz team consisting of Rudransh Dubey and Paarth Singh made us proud with their outstanding performance. Their razor sharp capability to respond cemented their entry in ‘Ultimate Sports Quiz’ with a monumental figure of about 1500 participating schools from all over India. Their perseverance brought glory by becoming champions of North Zone. Their journey of success halted in the semi final however they have raised the bar of expectations. I hope next year also they make Francis proud and taste more success.



Our football team made our heartbeat race several times with some nail biting finishes and strong performances. The U-17 team guided by our football captain Shourya Kapoor, coached by Sir Brijesh and headed by Ekluvya Lal occupied the 2nd place in the Zonal match with some key players like Sudhanshu, Mohorishi, Prakhar and Shiv.

The month of October brought in another inter school event hosted by St Agnes, due to other important commitments students of class 12 did not get a chance to participate however our juniors stepped in. They took charge performing brilliantly under Ma'am Dacosta's guidance winning numerous trophies. Ajitesh Mohan, Emad Rizvi, Advay Ojha, Rakshit Yadav and Ojasv Arora are among the ones who did us proud with their performance.

The most awaited event of the year was 'EXPRESSION' which is always memorable for students of class 12. In the current year for the first time 30 schools participated in the event. This contributed more to the excitement and of course added to the responsibility. Mitanshu and myself prepared lists on zoom calls, him being a huge support for me on all the three days. The whole batch of class 12th worked selflessly as a team and ensured the event to be the most successful and memorable one.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and convey a heartfelt Thank you to all the teachers who worked tirelessly on all the three days. A special word of thanks to Sir Jackson without whom this event would not have had a successful run. St Francis topped the points table and the gracious hosts that we are, we extended the Champions of Champion trophy towards the first Runner up La Martiniere Girls' College and Mount Carmel College consequently took the runner up position. "Pepsi Cola Lollipop" chants echo in my ear as I write this. Several of our juniors performed extraordinarily well, Madhav Krishna Agnihotri deserves a special mention for individually winning 8 trophies, which is a commendable feat.

Montfort was the last Interschool event we took part in. Annual Sports Day Preparation took the center stage hence the swimming captain Aryaman Arora took charge and under Ma'am Dacosta's guidance we were able to shine in this event just like the previous ones. Some of the winners from the long list are Garv Rastogi, Aryaman Arora, Arpan Gowan and Arnav Mohit.

18th of November, our Annual Sports Day started with the lighting of the torch by the college captain. This experience will be forever etched in my memory. We became the proud winners in the inter school relay with amazing performances of athletes like Kartik Kapoor, Arpan Gowan and Ekluvya Lal. The event ended with the March Past which will hold a prominent place in our memory as it was our last contingent March Past. The distribution of shields and awards were also done where Syed Meezan Hussain (Andrew's House Captain) won the Cockhouse and Yashasvi Raj Yaduvanshi won Best Sportsperson of the Year Award

One student from our 12th batch whom I'll like to give a special mention to is Ameer Hamza whose attendance stands at one hundred percent for the last 14 years. A remarkable achievement which I believe will serve as a motivation for many.

As I begin to wrap up the events details I would like to thank my own house captain Mehul Raj. I always wanted to contribute towards George's House in any way possible but this year with a lot



of added responsibilities it was not possible to execute everything myself. Mehul rose up to the occasions whenever required and handled everything phenomenally.

The report will be incomplete without extending my thanks to some of my friends who were supportive throughout the journey and always gave their best for Francis. Surya, Devyansh, Riddhesh, Oorjit, Ommer, Gurdeep, Siddharth, Garv, Shivang, Abyaz, Alex, Ethan and Atharv the list of names is certainly exhaustive.

Conclusion is not just a vocabulary, it holds an emotion overwhelmingly powerful. I wish the very best for all my juniors I am confident in their capable hands the flag of Francis will continue to fly high "Once a Franciscan, Forever a Franciscans".

A winner is a dreamer who never gives up, I take this belief with me as I take a step back from my current position and turn towards a future that is unknown yet holds a Pandora of promises. Mine, and I am sure all my batchmates when we walk down memory lane of these fourteen years, will be a pleasant one.

Paxet Bonum ☐

Harshit Arora
College Captain

St. Francis' House Report

"PERSEVERANCE CONQUERS ALL"

***"Keep your face always towards the sunshine,
And shadow will fall behind you"***



Harsh Vikram Singh
Captain



Mohorshi Das
Vice Captain

My heart is overflowing with a profusion of strange emotions as I am set to pen down the journey I had being the captain of St. Francis' House.

The Academic Session 2023-24 began with literary events. We wanted to take the lead from the very beginning if we wanted to see ourselves in the race for the 'Cock House'. With performances given by Siddharth, Fazal, Vikhyat we managed to secure 3rd position in the overall tally.



The sports activity began with Inter-House Volleyball with the exceptional performance of Aditya, Hamza, Abu we were able to beat St. Andrews' House in the final and won the Volleyball Shield.

The next sport event was the Inter-House Chess Competition, We had high hopes in this event and with high hopes exceptional performance given by and Vikhyat, Sanskar, Aadi Chess Sheild.

The next sport event was Inter- House Basketball, Inspite of the the exceptional performance of Akshat, Rabnoor, Abeer, we finished fourth in the event.

We dived into the deep waters of St. Francis' College as the next event was swimming. Inspite of great swimming performances of Shubh, Anmol, Abhiraj we finished forth in the event .

Next event on the list was Inter-House Badminton Competition. With the exceptional performance of Arnav Gupta, Shardul, Arnav Sharma and others we were able to win the Badminton Cup.

The next event was the Inter House Table Tennis Competition. With the performances of Behlah, Anmol, Bhavya we were able to secure the third position.

Then the most tiring event arrived at our doorstep 'Marathon'. Samarth finished at the sixth place and Nakul, Behlah completed the marathon which secured us the third place.

Next was the most awaited event, 'Cricket'. We were favourites to win but depsite the great performance of Abidi, Kinshuk, Saif and others we lost the finals to St. Georges' House by just 14 runs and we finished second.

It all came down to the final event Athletics. It was important for us to perform well in Athletics but unfortunately, despite the great performance of Aviral, Krishna, Adeeb, Yashraj we finished fourth.

Although we were unable to win the 'Cock House Shield', we ended up as Runners-up, we were satisfied with our performance as we gave our best and always believed in fair play.

Lastly, I would like to express my gratitude towards our House teachers and my house master, Mr. D. Jackson Sir without whom it would have been impossible to manage certain events.

With these words and a heavy heart, I pass on this yellow flag to Mohorshi Das and wish him best of luck for future and uphold the house motto "Perseverance Conquers All". With that, I sign off as the captain of St. Francis' House. □

Harsh Vikram Singh
Captain

Mohorshi Das
Vice Captain

"If yo can dream it, you can do it." ~ Walt Disney



"It awlays seems impossible until it's done." ~ Nelson Mandela



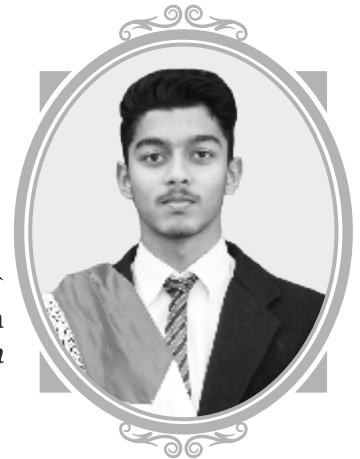
St. George's House Report

"IN HONOUR BOUND"

*"Defeat is not the worst of failures.
Not to have tried is the true failure"*



Mehul Raj
Captain



Arpan Gowan
Vice Captain

As I sit to reminisce and capture the phenomenal record of The George's House in black and white, what accompanies me is nostalgia, sorrow, and misty eyes. Old is gold. The memories I created in the past year, certainly prove that true. The members of the George's House were always geared up to display their unmatched and incredible talent whenever the house needed them.

This session 2023-24 will have a remarkable memory as it brought moments of success to our house in various interhouse events. Although we were not able to lift the COCK HOUSE SHIELD yet our house taught us the most meaningful lesson "In Honour Bound".

The Sports and other Events that were slated for the session 2023-24 began with the Inter-House Chess Competition. We did not have much luck in this sport regardless of the exceptional efforts of Harshit Arora and Parth Singh in the 'A' division and Paras, Rayan Riza, Sambhav, Ritwik, and Gaurish in their respective division. We were able to bag the 3rd position in the overall competition.

Next came the Inter House Badminton. A remarkable performance was given by Paarth, Shiv, and Deepansh. We were placed 3rd in the Badminton Shield.

We were declared the champions of the Literary Shield. Sohaib Khan, Ritwik Vishbha Raj, Sambhav Jain, and Ali Akbar won the hearts of the judges with their brilliant skill sets in the junior category. Anay Dikshit, Paarth Sharma, and Shaurya Chadha amazed everyone in the senior category. A special mention goes to Ojasv Arora for giving an exceptional performance throughout the competition and contributing the most to our victory.

Next up was the Table-Tennis Competition. We managed to bag the 2nd position due to some exceptional of Taher, Shiv, Avi Jain, and Parth Shukla.



Then came the swimming competition. Due to some confusion regarding the date of the competition, most of our competitors were absent on that day, due to which we were only able to secure 3rd place in the overall points tally. However, a notable performance was shown by Devyansh Trivedi, Arjun Singh, and Abhijay Singh in the senior category.

The most joyful and sought-after event of the year is the one which does not have any effect on the Cock House shield, which is the Tug-o-War. Though we didn't win the cake, we had immense fun and it was a great experience. Special thanks to Paarth Singh for being the stern anchor and also to Yusuf Imran, Abhyuday Tomar, Akshat Anand, Dhruv Agarwal, and Anay Dikshit for their vigorous efforts and muscle-wrenching strength.

The game of hoops and balls was the next challenge. Going into the competition, we were the severe underdogs and were also unfortunate enough to have been matched up against this year's favorite, the team in blue, our unprecedented rivals. The stars of the court were Divyansh Rai, Ali Akbar, Ansh Rastogi, Mohd Affan, Sambhav Jain, and Harsh Rastogi. Needless to say, we attained a close victory over the Andrew's House and it was a dream come true to win the basketball shield.

The muddy pitches of the front field hosted the tournament of Volleyball. The monsoon winds coupled with the bad luck, which dawned upon us as we were again matched up with St. Francis' House, the match resulted in a very close loss with us finally bagging the third position. Though we stood third, Anay, Kaarib, Affan, Ankush and I gave excellent performances.

Next in line were the track events of Athletics. Affan, Yusuf, Arshad, Anay, Ankush, and Murtuza in the 'A' division, Ali, Sambhav, Parth, Vijendra, and Hamza in the 'B' division, Akshat, Afraaz, Devyanju in the 'C' division gave their best, but unfortunately, we came 3rd in the overall competition. A special mention goes to Arpan Gowan, the Vice-Captain of our House, for being the major pillar of support in the 'A' division.

They say that those who choose their innings correctly, easily conquer the sport of bat and ball. Cricket was our strong suit since day 1, and we had immense faith in our excellent and diligent players who had already fixed their eyes on the cricket trophy. The culmination of skill and the incredible performances of Shiv, Abhyuday, Ankush, and Anay in the senior category and Syed Ali Mehdi, Kaustabh, and Aryan in the junior category gave us a nonchalant victory.

The most tiring of all events arrived at our doorsteps 'Marathon'. Ali Akbar, Shiv, Arpan, Affan, Paarth, Sambhav, Arshad, and Arjun helped us bag 58 points in the competition and because of their everlasting stamina and sheer will to conquer the victory, we were able to lift the Marathon Shield.

At the end of this emotional as well as unprecedented rollercoaster ride, I stand here with nothing but gratitude towards each member of St. George's House and every elder of the school who held my hand and guided me on the victorious path. Starting the expression of gratitude with Arpan Gowan, the Vice Captain of our house who was a reliable pillar for me in every activity. Not only did he support my decisions but also took charge of the house whenever I was unavailable. I would like to thank the College Captain, Harshit Arora as well for his valuable helping hand in the events. A special thanks to our house master, Sir S. Srivastava for his constant support in the



arduous journey, and thanks to Ma'am S. Srivastava for helping with the literary events.

Last but not least, We might have not won the trophy but we've surely won several young hearts. Life, as the captain of St. George's House taught me a lesson that I shall never forget - Never lose spirit, always walk the talk, because success is in trying and not winning. As I move on I pass the Red flag to my successor and with him the very best in the years to come.

"Don't waste your time looking back, you're not going that way" □

Mehul Raj
Captain

Arpan Gowan
Vice Captain

St. Patrick's House Report

"FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT"

***"Opportunity does not knock,
it presents itself when you beat down the door"***



Harsh Awasthi
Captain



Ajitesh Mohan
Vice Captain

There never was and never will be built a cage to capture time. This eternally free bird has flown us to the end of yet another academic year.

As I sit to pen down the Annual House report, a flood of indelible memories flash through my mind. The moment I was adorned with the house badge, I knew I had to put in a lot of energy and effort to make myself worthy of this honour.

The year 2023-24 witnessed a plethora of activities starting with the 'Battle of Minds-Chess'. We secured First position because of the brilliant minds of our teammates comprising of Sarthak Arora, Harsh Awasthi, Yash Dubey and many more..... ultimately leading us to win the Chess Shield. Thus we started the year with utmost excellency.

The House participated in various literary events like Elocution where our participants displayed their oratory prowess, another Literary event was 'Debate' where our participants showcased their argumentative skills, followed by 'Talent Hunt' which witnessed an overwhelming participation.



The next event in the pipeline was Table Tennis we did not have any luck in this sport regardless of the efforts put in by Emaad and Aarav.

Next came the Inter House Basketball event in this our House stood Third, the star players in the team were in 'A' division Harsh Awasthi, Dhairya Raj Verma, Sarthak Arora, Prakhar Gupta, Ishant Rawat. 'B' division Eric Paul, Anurag, Savya, Alfred and Ujjwal.

"Beat the heat and dive into the blue waters". Swimming brought laurels to our House as we stood First securing yet another shield. Our team of champions was led by Aryaman Arora (Swimming Captain) comprising of budding talents like Shashwat, Shikhar, Aymann, Joel.

"Play badminton with passion, and you'll score with fashion" Inter House Badminton was another event which gave our young buds an opportunity to showcase their talents. Even though we fought hard we ended up securing the Fourth place.

"The greatest test of courage on earth is to bear defeat without losing heart". We never lost heart and got ready for the battle on the 22-yard pitch for Cricket. The match was against St. Francis' House and luck was not on our side and we could not lift the cricket shield.

Back to the backfields, the most awaited event - Athletics was round the corner and our boys performed exceptionally well leading us to secure the Second position. In the track events our 'C' division, 'B' division and 'A' division participants comprising of star athletes like Ajinkya Purkar, Udhbav, Atthrav Mishra, Kartik Singh, Justin, Dhairya Raj Verma, Raghav and many more..... performed beyond expectation. But special mention goes to Azal, Mohd. Kaif, Aymann and Yusuf Khan for their exemplary performance. We also stood First in 'A' division Relay Race, Second in 'B' division Relay Race and third in 'C' division Relay Race.

In the field events our participants brought laurels to our house, In Long Jump, Dhairya Raj Verma secured the gold in 'A' division. In Shotput, Jason Bara stood first in 'A' division and Rudransh in 'B' division. In High Jump Aymann and Ata Ul Khan won gold and silver respectively in 'B' division.

In the Tug-of-War, herculean efforts were displayed by our house boys, Harsh Awasthi, Jason Bara, Ashwin Gehlout brought the cake for our house.

St. Patrick's House contingent proved its loyalty, unity, solidarity, integrity and discipline towards the College during its March Past drill on various occasions like Republic Day, Independence Day, Patrons Day and Annual Sports Display.

St. Patrick's House stands as a vibrant hub within our college community. Although we stood tall in the battlefield from the beginning till the very end, we missed our golden opportunity to win "The Cock House Shield". Our boys showed extreme valour and courage, expressing that we stood second to none, truly they made us what we are today.

It was an honour for me to be the Captain of such an amazing House, I am thankful to my mentors i.e. my teachers who have taught me since my childhood my sincere thanks to the principal Rev. Fr. Rajesh Vincent D'Souza, and Vice-Principal Fr. Anup Emmanuel Lakra for their blessings and guidance.

The journey so far would not have been so smooth and cherishable without constant support, guidance and blessing of our House Master Sir Brian D'More. I would also like to express my heartfelt gratitude Ma'am M. Kishore, Ma'am Dacosta and Sir Rai who trained our boys well for



the literary events. My duties as a house captain would remain incomplete if I would not acknowledge the efforts of my house prefects Andrew David Robinson, Rudransh Dubey, Sarthak Arora, Ommer Ali Khan and finally my House Vice-Captain Ajitesh Mohan.

At the end of this emotional as well as unprecedented rollercoaster ride, I stand here with gratitude towards each and every member of St. Patrick's House and every elder to the College that held my hand and guided me on this successful journey. I would like to extend my good wishes to the future council and wish that they set new, milestones.

"Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory" ☐

Harsh Awasthi
Captain

Ajitesh Mohan
Vice Captain

St. Andrew's House Report

"FOR HONOUR ALONE"

***"Successful People do what unsuccessful people are not willing to do.
Don't wish it were easier, wish you were better."***



Syed Meezan Hussain
Captain



Sudhanshu Agarwal
Vice Captain

With sheer determination and a will to bring laurels to our house, we took oath as Captain Syed Meezan Husain and Vice-captain Sudhanshu Agarwal.

We were the cock house champions for the previous session as well and in our minds we wanted to conquer the shield once again and prove the dominance we asserted on the other houses.

The pursuit for the cock house shield began on an enthusiastic note. Chess was the first event in which our house secured the second position with the much needed contributions from Arnav Tripathi, Oorjit Pandey, Alex Chris Tommer, and Vedant.

Next on the list was Volleyball, in which the house team comprising of Gary, Yashasvi, Mokshav, Kartik, Sudhanshu, Ansh and Alex won the first match with ease and moved on to the finals against St. Francis' House. Unfortunately, we lost the finals and secured the second position in volleyball as well.



After Volleyball, we had basketball and we conquered the U-19 category with a devastating 29-4 win and emerged as the runner ups for the U15 category losing out by a single point difference. It was vice versa for St. George's House. Both the houses were tied for the same amount of overall points. It came as a shock to us that our worthy opponents were handed over the shield and it was not shared. Nevertheless, an excellent team performance from Yashasvi, Satwik and Ayan helped us to win. We secured the second position in basketball as well.

The Literary shield was yet again a very important shield for us. We hoped to win it. We started well and good winning elocutions and had a decent lead. We fell behind in the debates, came third in the Quiz, and did well in the talent hunt as well. Overall we came second in the literary shield with the help of Madhav, Oorjit, Advay Jain, Hardik, Arinjay, Aryan, Arvin Albert, Aryansh, Gurdeep and Sudhanshu.

Returning to sports, our house secured the second position in Badminton as well. Yashasvi, Amay, Kartik and Ameer were great.

Our wait for the first shield of this session ended after a streak of consistent seconds when our table tennis team secured two golds (in singles) and two silvers (in doubles). The Table Tennis Shield boosted our morale. We secured a medal in all four categories. Excellent work showed by Akshat, Reyana, Shreshth, Eshaan, Ibrahim and Advik.

Then we looked forward to the Swimming Events. We secured the second position once again. Kartik sealed victory with two golds and a bronze medal while competing in high fever. Despite of being sick Kartik was very confident about winning. Shreshth and Abhishek also gave their best. Our juniors bagged home medals for us as well.

After taking the cool in the pool, the marathon awaited us. Kartik (First) and Sudhanshu (Second) secured ranks on the podium while running in excruciating pain and injuries. Eklavya came 12th, whereas Satwik finished 19th. Securing the first two ranks was not enough as St. George's House gave us a tough time by getting 7 runners in the top 15. We had to satisfy ourselves with the 2nd position once again.

The commencement of November was marked by the commencement of the athletic events. We won the Athletics Shield with a margin of more than a hundred points. In the 'A' division, Kartik and Eklavya absolutely stole the show. Kartik secured 3 golds and a bronze medal whereas Eklavya won a gold medal, 4 silver medals and bronze. In 'B' division, Mustafa got 4 golds and 3 silvers and Alwin got 3 golds. In 'C' division Abhishek got 5 golds and a silver medal. We found out that the athletes in our house were so good that they were competing against each other. Other winners and participants were Prakhar, Satwik, Advay, Triyakshal, Atharv, Baibhav, Garv, Ali, Ansh, Aditya Upadhyay and Akshat Srivastava. Kartik was awarded the best athlete in the 'A' division, Mustafa in 'B' and Abhishek in 'C'. This was an achievement in itself.

We also won the march past shield giving us the extra points making our lead safe and making the cock house shield unachievable for the other houses. We started with the motive to defend our title and we ended up killing the hopes of the other three houses.

We failed to bring home the cake for our house in the Tug-o-War. We finished fourth.



Yashasvi Raj won the best sportsman of the year award for his achievements in the school as well as the CISCE states and zonals. He was in state volleyball runner up team, came 2nd in the badminton zonals and represented the state teams for Volleyball, Basketball and Badminton.

After the Annual Sports meet and PT Display, Inter House Cricket took place. In Cricket, we had a similar misfortune; however, the match was toe to toe where Advay single handedly led our team until the final over. He scored 40 runs in just 23 balls and took three wickets. We lost by a small margin of 2 runs.

It was disheartening that football was not conducted this year. An event we expected to secure the shield by winning all three divisions.

We were consistent throughout the year and securing the second position in more than half of the events. We won the cock house shield not because we had luck in our favour but because our house stayed consistent and disciplined. We won only three shields but came second quite many times. We would like to thank all the house members for making it happen.

We would like to thank our House Master Mr. R. J. Francis, our House Mistress, Ma'am R. Jackson for their interest and constant encouragement. Special word of thanks to Mr. H. Chandel, Mr. Bisht and Mr. B. Verma for conducting the sporting activities in the best possible way and providing us with ample opportunity to display our talent. Last but not the least I would like to thank our Principal, Rev. Fr. Rajesh V. D'Souza for his constant support and guidance. With these words, we pass on the blue flag to our next batch and wish them luck for their future endeavors. □

Syed Meezan Hussain
Captain

Sudhanshu Agarwal
Vice Captain



Inspirational words of Kalam

"If we are not free, no one will respect us."



"Let us sacrifice our today so that our children can have a better tomorrow."



"One of the very important characteristics of a student is to question. Let the students ask questions."



Quiz Report 2023-24

“To conquer without peril, is to win without glory.”



We understood the true meaning of this quote when we participated in various Quiz competitions throughout the academic session 2023-24, trying our best to carry forward the legacy of Arnav Dev, Siddhant Mishra and many other Ex-Franciscans who brought great laurels to St. Francis' College with their quizzing achievements.

Our Quiz teams participated in the following events:

Fr. George Hess Memorial ASISC Zonal Quiz Competition

Held on 28th July, 2023 at St. Thomas Mission High School, Jankipuram, Lucknow.

This event was a part of ASISC Literary competitions which are conducted annually by CISCE.

In the **Senior category**, our team comprising **Paarth Sharma** and **Rudransh Dubey** of class XI stood **first** and advanced to the **ASISC Regional Quiz Competition**.

In the **Sub-Junior category**, our team comprising **Vihaan Dwivedi** and **Ishaan Aggarwal** of class VIII stood **second**.

Fr. George Hess Memorial ASISC Regional Quiz Competition

Held on 15th October, 2023 at Dr. Virendra Swarup Education Centre, Avadhपुरi, Kanpur

In the **Senior Category**, representing **Lucknow**, the team comprising **Paarth Sharma** and **Rudransh Dubey** were **Runners-up**.

Ultimate Sports Quiz 2023

Recorded in September, 2023, in Mumbai and telecasted on Sports 18 (from 29th November to 17th December, 2023) and Jio Cinema.

This is a National level inter-school Sports Quiz competition, hosted by none other than “The Voice of Cricket”, Mr. Harsha Bhogle, which is telecasted on television (**Sports 18**) and on the online streaming platform **Jio Cinema**. The 2023 season of the Ultimate Sports Quiz featured the **top 36 teams** shortlisted through a qualifying test, held on 4th December, 2022, from across **4000 teams** and **350 cities** across the country.



In the very first episode, **St. Francis' College**, represented by **Paarth Sharma** and **Rudransh Dubey** from Class XI, was up against the defending champions, **Sunbeam School, Lahartara, Varanasi** and **St. Columba's School, New Delhi** in the preliminary round. Our school emerged victorious after a hard fought, neck-to-neck battle till the very last question against the defending champions and qualified for the **North Zone Final**.



In the North Zone Final, we were battling for a spot in the **National Semi-Finals** against **Tagore International School, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi** and **Cambridge Court School, Jaipur**. Once again we stormed into the next round with a thrilling last question win and got the title of "**North Zone Champions**".

Our wonderful journey came to an end in the National Semi-Finals when luck was not on our side against **Krishna Public School, Kamal Vihar, Raipur** and **Birla High School, Kolkata**.

Paarth Sharma and Rudransh Dubey
Class XI-C





2022-2023

List of Students of ISC (XII) Examination 2022-2023

Kaustubh Srivastava (<i>First</i>)	97.75	Shivansh Manohar	91.25
Shivansh Verma (<i>First</i>)	97.75	Abhinav Raj Verma	90.75
Anmol Berry (<i>First</i>)	97.75	Anupam Mishra	90.50
Akshat Dixit (<i>Second</i>)	97.50	Farhan Sheikh	90.50
Syed Ebrahim Haider Zaidi (<i>Second</i>)	97.50	Mohammad Ibrahim Husain	90.50
Sarthak Singh (<i>Third</i>)	97.25	Tanishque Kumar	90.25
Gaurang Gupta	97.00	Aayushmaan Saksena	90.25
Siddhant Mishra	97.00	Ananya Rai	90.00
Abdul Saboor	96.75	Devvrat Singh Yadav	89.75
Revant Sharma	96.25	Mohammed Yahiya	89.75
Mandeep Singh	96.00	Badri Vishal Mahapatra	89.75
Lokesh Rastogi	95.75	Chanpreet Singh	89.75
Aditya Vardhan Singh	95.50	Gaurav Chaurasia	89.75
Abdul Qadir Khan	95.25	Harsh Kushwaha	89.50
Manav Seth	95.25	Adbhut Shukla	89.25
Yash Trivedi	95.25	Aaditya R Nair	89.25
Arnav Dev	95.25	Madhav Prakash	89.25
Kshitij Srivastava	94.75	Siddhant Chandra	88.75
Danish Siddiqui	94.50	Abdul Areeb Khan	88.75
Mohammad Faizan Siddiqui	94.50	Syed Kamran Rizvi	88.50
Adarsh Singh	94.50	Vasu Mehrotra	88.50
Kushagra Pandey	94.00	Yash Kumar	88.50
Fazal Mohammad Ali	93.75	Sarwagya Singh	88.25
Siddhant Jain	93.75	Abdul Aziz Hyder	88.00
Tarun Kant	93.75	Arijit Chakravarty	88.00
Shikhar Srivastava	93.50	Arnav Sharma	87.75
Divy Gauba	93.50	Kartikey Kushagra	87.75
Aditya Singh	93.25	Mohd Rayyan	87.75
Parth Gupta	93.25	Navneet Mishra	87.50
Saksham Dhir	93.00	Tammana Krishna Tejas	87.50
Anshul Prakash	92.75	Achintya Thakarsi Prajapati	87.25
Akshay Kumar Srivastava	92.75	Enosh Lamba	87.25
Jaskeerat Singh	92.75	Krishna Saimani	87.00
Satyavrat	92.25	Adhiraj Singh	87.00



Sanidhya Sharma	86.75	Divyansh Singh	73.00
Atharva Tripathi	86.25	Akshat Chaudhari	72.75
Harshit Dayal	86.00	Syed Mohammad Ali Naqvi Jafri	72.75
Aryan Dhanda	85.75	Shivendra Srivastava	72.50
Utkarsh Srivastava	85.50	Raghav Tayal	72.25
Harkirat Singh Arora	84.75	Aishwarya Anand	71.50
Ambeshu Tripathi	84.25	Emmanuel Sabu Thomas	71.25
Kartik Bhargava	84.25	Mohd Faiz	71.25
Alwin Jaiwant Prasad	83.00	Aditya Narayan Sirohi	71.25
Abbas Azam Kazmi	82.75	Yashasvi Allen Kujur	71.00
Mohd Ashher Alvi	82.50	Zaid Khan	70.50
Ikjap Singh	82.50	Yogya Pratap Singh	70.25
Abhijeet Chris Samuel Victor	82.50	Samraj Kant	70.25
Devender Singh Dua	82.00	Shikhar Srivastava	69.50
Pushkar Bansal	81.00	Prasanna Jeet	69.25
Vranch Sinha	81.00	Vivek Singh	69.00
Cecil John	80.25	Garv Gandhi	69.00
Rishabh Jain	80.25	Praharsh Saran	69.00
Manan Agarwal	80.00	Yashveer Raj Singh	67.75
Wali Abidi	79.75	Abhishek Singh	67.50
Syed Ayaan Shere	79.25	Arpan Shalom Kumar	67.50
Syed Mohd Kalimul Hasan	79.25	Sparsh Sant Lal	66.75
Aditya Kumar	79.25	Devesh Uttam	66.75
Aashman Suresh Pandey	79.00	Chinmay Pratap Singh	66.25
Apratim Srivastava	79.00	Aoun Mohd Tanveer	66.25
Vansh Agarwal	78.50	Joshua Das	66.25
Shreshth Tewari	78.25	Syed Mohammad Ali	66.25
Akshat Pratap Singh	78.25	Ashar Ahmad Fatmi	66.00
Dhruv Seth	77.75	Shreshtha Siyaram	65.00
Akshat Rastogi	77.75	Syed Nabeel Jafar	64.75
Utkarsh Singh	77.50	Ishaque Ali Khan	63.50
Arya Krishna	76.00	Garv Malhotra	63.50
Mohd Faraz	75.75	Arnold Aditya Singh	63.25
Ranveer Arora	75.75	Yash Saxena	60.75
Anchitya Bansal	75.00	Prityanshu Tiwari	60.00
Anshuman Srivastava	74.75	Ansh Kumar Ravi	59.00
Ayushman Pal	74.50	Aryan Popli	57.50
Agamjot Singh Behl	74.00	Srijan Mishra	56.00



Suryansh Singh	57.75	Raj Kumar	44.00
Avijit Kumar Singh	53.75	Mohammad Ali Qaisar	53.50
Shubham Singh	47.50	Rudransh Singh	36.25

List of Students of ICSE (X) Examination 2022-2023

Ambar (<i>First</i>)	98.80	Somnath Dev	94.20
Vedant Agarwal (<i>First</i>)	98.80	Adammya Singh Raghuvanshi	94.00
Sudhanshu Agarwal (<i>Second</i>)	98.40	Kushagra Srivastava	94.00
Paarth Sachdeva (<i>Third</i>)	97.80	Anugrah Tayler	94.00
Manansh Jindal	97.60	Dev Elhance	94.00
Mohammad Husain Abbas	97.40	Arnav Jain	93.80
Madhav Krishna Agnihotri	97.20	Krishiv	93.40
Siddharth Jain	97.00	Ayansh Singh	93.20
Ajitesh Mohan	97.00	Mohammad Fazl Abbas	93.00
Harjas Singh Bagga	96.80	Atharva Rastogi	93.00
Shyamal Rastogi	96.80	Suyash Rastogi	92.40
Paarth Sharma	96.60	Shaan Sahai	92.40
Rudransh Dubey	96.40	Akshat Singh	92.40
Manas Joshi	96.40	Kushagra Sharma	92.20
Argh Sahai	96.20	Muhammad Zaid Beg	92.20
R Sai Vedant	96.20	Siddharth Srivastava	92.20
Wali Zaidi	96.20	Sanad Sharma	92.00
Shreyansh Raj	96.20	Anay Gupta	91.80
Amaan Beg	96.00	Mohd Davish Khan	91.80
Manvendra Mishra	95.60	Akshat Srivastava	91.60
Virat Verma	95.60	Aakarsh Kapoor	91.40
Satwik Verma	95.40	Emad Rizvi	91.40
Daksh Singh	95.40	Arnav Dwivedi	91.20
Ahmad Murtaza	95.20	Shaurya Talwar	91.20
Ayan Adnan	95.00	Shiven Mehrotra	91.20
Abhiraj Merh	94.80	Pratyaksh Srivastava	91.00
Adhyatma Arth Saxena	94.80	Yashraj Pratap Singh	91.00
Shivansh Agarwal	94.60	Samarth Agarwal	90.40
Naitik Tripathi	94.60	Vansh Khanna	90.40
Arush Maurya	94.40	Aradhya Vaish	90.20
Devesh Gupta	94.40	Shreshth Singh	90.00
Shreyas Goel	94.20	Adutiya Agarwal	89.60



Harsh Pratap Singh	89.20	Shaurya Sachin Khare	80.40
Raunit Lakhmani	89.00	Mohd Anas Akhtar	80.40
Shikhar Rai	88.60	Mahiraj Singh Rathore	80.40
Bishandeep Singh	88.20	Om Dixit	80.20
Abu Horairah Ansari	88.00	Arvin Albert	80.00
Vaibhav Singh Chauhan	88.00	Shivang Garg	80.00
Divya Prakash Saxena	87.80	Deepansh Singh	79.80
Harsh Jaiswal	87.60	Yousuf Khalid	79.80
Agastya Kapoor	87.60	Ranbir Singh Makker	79.40
Aditya Tripathi	87.40	Agam Tiwari	79.40
Raj Vardhan Singh	87.20	Prakhar Gupta	79.20
Kartikay Sai Kapoor	87.00	Karmanya Pankaj	79.00
Mohammad Saud	87.00	Achintya Shukla	79.00
Anant Nath Tripathi	86.80	Shashwat Tewari	78.80
Manan Rastogi	86.40	Arrav A Agnihotri	78.60
Harsh Rastogi	86.20	Yash Rastogi	78.60
Anay Dikshit	86.20	Abhishek Narayan Sirohi	78.40
Arnav Mohit	86.20	Justin Baiju Abraham	78.40
Mohorshi Das	86.00	Advay Ojha	78.20
Darsh Goel	85.80	Mohammad Maaiz	78.00
Palash Tiwari	85.60	Prayag Pran Borah	77.20
Chaitanya Durgvanshi	85.00	Humza Ansari	77.00
Raghav Choudhry	84.20	Eklavya Lal	76.80
Ali Imran	84.20	Arpan Gowan	76.20
Rehaan Iqbal	83.80	Siddharth Stephen Tripathi	76.00
Aditya Upadhyay	83.40	Varun Singh	75.80
Shaheryar Haque	83.20	Ankush Giri	75.80
Siddharth Agarwal	82.80	Shiv Mudgal	75.00
Shashwat Rastogi	82.60	Abhyuday Tomar	74.00
Wali Hasan Zaidi	82.40	Mohammad Ayaan Siddiqui	73.80
Akhil Garg	82.40	Aanjaneya Vikram Singh	73.60
Reyan Aziz Khan	82.20	Janamejai Mishra	73.00
Vansh Kohli	82.20	Mohd Zaid Khan	72.80
Labhansh Agarwal	82.00	Parv Khare	72.80
Akshansh	81.60	Akarsh	72.60
Palash Darbari	81.00	Rayan Sarosh Shamsi	72.60
Tanush Taneja	80.60	Sujoy Chatterjee	72.60
Asjad Ahmad Khaan	80.40	Adhiraj Singh Inda	72.40



Harsh Sethi	72.20	Kaif Faisal Shamsi	63.00
Mohammad Jibran Kashif	71.60	Syed Hasan Ameer	62.40
Anmaar Fida	71.60	Zamar Hashim	62.20
Aryan Sharma	71.20	Kartik Kapoor	61.40
Rakshit	71.00	Mohd Sadiq	60.60
Mani Shanker Rastogi	71.00	Raghav Misra	59.20
Ojas Singh Narula	70.60	Syed Mohd Mehwar Abbas Rizvi	58.20
Satyaraj Upadhyay	70.20	Vishnu Kumar Sonkar	58.00
Arnav Nigam	70.00	Vitthal Sharma	56.80
Shiv Mehdiratta	69.80	Avijeet Srivastava	55.40
Ishaank Naidu	69.40	Mayank Chowdhary	50.20
Hasan Ashraf Naqvi	69.40	Ayush Yadav	41.80
Aditya Rajvanshi	68.80	Ali Ahmad	42.00
Hammad Siddiqui	68.40		
Syed Mohd Ayaz	68.20		
Mohd Moinuddin Khan	68.00		
Raunak Varma	67.40		
Abel Das	67.20		
Kunal Raghuvanshi	66.80		
Areeb Haider Naqvi	66.40		
Vansh Jaiswal	66.20		
Jaiditya Malik	65.40		
Abhilash Prajapati	65.40		
Prince Sahab Arora	64.20		
Maneet Juneja	63.80		
Kaarib Ahmad	63.40		



Felicitation Ceremony- 4th October 2022-2023

Members of the Staff who completed 25 Years of Service

- Mrs. B. C. Raina
- Mr. R. Bhalla
- Mrs. A. Agarwal

Members of the Staff with Full Attendance (2022 - 2023)

- Mrs. R. Jackson
- Mr. S. Philip
- Mr. B. D' More
- Mrs. A. Verma
- Mrs. S. Banerji
- Mr. S. Maslamani



Subject wide highest marks obtained in ISC (XII) Examination of 2022-2023

Subject	Name of Students	% of Marks Obtained
English :	Anmol Berry	98.00%
Mathematics :	Siddhant Mishra	98.00%
	Yash Trivedi	98.00%
	Shivansh Verma	98.00%
	Syed Ebrahim Haider Zaidi	98.00%
	Anmol Berry	98.00%
Physics :	Akshat Dixit	100.00%
Chemistry :	Gaurang Gupta	98.00%
	Syed Ebrahim Haider Zaidi	98.00%
Biology :	Revant Sharma	100.00%
Computer Science :	Akshat Dixit	100.00%
	Kaustubh Srivastava	100.00%
	Arnav Dev	100.00%
	Shivansh Verma	100.00%
	Parth Gupta	100.00%
Physical Education :	Aditya Vardhan Singh	100.00%
	Kushagra Pandey	100.00%
	Mandeep Singh	100.00%
	Lokesh Rastogi	100.00%
Economics :	Anmol Berry	95.00%
Commerce :	Anmol Berry	92.00%
Accountancy :	Anmol Berry	99.00%





Subject wide highest marks obtained in

ICSE (X) Examination of 2022-2023

Subject	Name of Students	% of Marks Obtained
English :	Sudhanshu Agarwal	99.00%
Hindi :	Paarth Sharma	99.00%
	Ambar	99.00%
History Civics & Geography :	R Sai Vedant	99.00%
	Ambar	99.00%
	Madhav Krishna Agnihotri	99.00%
	Paarth Sachdeva	99.00%
	Vedant Agarwal	99.00%
Mathematics :	Ambar	100.00%
Science :	Ambar	99.00%
	Vedant Agarwal	99.00%
Computer Application :	Raj Vardhan Singh	100.00%
	Ayansh Singh	100.00%
	Muhammad Zaid Beg	100.00%
	Paarth Sharma	100.00%
	Rudransh Dubey	100.00%
	Shivansh Agarwal	100.00%
	Abhiraj Merh	100.00%
	Ajitesh Mohan	100.00%
	Argh Sahai	100.00%
	Manansh Jindal	100.00%
	Wali Zaidi	100.00%
	Manas Joshi	100.00%
	Ambar	100.00%
	Madhav Krishna Agnihotri	100.00%
	Paarth Sachdeva	100.00%
	Shreyansh Raj	100.00%
	Vedant Agarwal	100.00%





Scholarships 2022-2023

DR. PRATAP BAHADUR SCHOLARSHIP

for securing highest marks in ICSE Examination for the year 2023
Ambar, Vedant Agarwal (98.80% aggregate)

S.C. JOHRI SCHOLARSHIP

for securing highest marks in ICSE Examination for the year 2023
Ambar, Vedant Agarwal (98.80% aggregate)

ANUJ MOHAN SINGH SCHOLARSHIP

for securing highest marks in ICSE Examination for the year 2023
Ambar, Vedant Agarwal (98.80% aggregate)

RITURAJ BHARDWAJ SCHOLARSHIP

for securing highest marks in English ICSE Examination for the year 2023
Sudhanshu Agarwal (99.00% aggregate)

SANDEEP ACHARY SCHOLARSHIP

for securing highest marks in English ISC Examination for the year 2023
Anmol Berry (98.00% aggregate)

PARTH DHAON SCHOLARSHIP

for securing highest marks in Physics ISC Examination for the year 2023
Akshat Dixit (100.00% aggregate)

SAGAR AGARWAL SCHOLARSHIP

for securing highest marks in Chemistry ISC Examination for the year 2023
Gurang Gupta, Syed Ebrahim Haider Zaidi (98.00% aggregate)

J. RODRICKS SCHOLARSHIP

for "Best Student" for the year 2022-2023 Senior Section ~ **Arnav Dev**

ANUJ MOHAN SCHOLARSHIP

for "Best Student" for the year 2022-23 Senior Section ~ **Arnav Dev**

BASIT NASEEM SCHOLARSHIP

awarded to the student securing 3rd Position in ICSE Examination 2023
Paarth Sachdeva (97.80% aggregate)

THE RUDY D'SILVA ART SCHOLARSHIP

for "Best Artist in Class VII" for the year 2023-24 ~ **Shaurya Masih**

B.P. HALWASIYA SCHOLARSHIP

for securing highest marks in Class IX for the year 2022-23 ~ **Abhiraj Singh**



2023-2024

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Surya Krishna (<i>First</i>)	96.25	Devyansh Trivedi	83.50
Siddharth Layek (<i>Second</i>)	95.00	Mirza Mohd Ali Abbas	83.50
Aadi Seth (<i>Third</i>)	94.75	Ethan Joseph	83.50
Maulik Saigal	92.75	Arpan Isaac Dhali	83.00
Harshit Arora	92.00	Pratham Kapoor	82.75
Mehul Raj	91.75	Ansh Rastogi	82.75
Vinayak Mishra	91.75	Syed Ehtisham Husain	82.25
Shhlok Rastogi	91.50	Prashast Singh	81.75
Harsh Awasthi	91.00	Abhijay Singh	81.75
Akshat Anand	90.50	Ishant Rawat	81.50
Mitanshu Shukla	90.25	Mohammad Tayyab	81.50
Harsh Vikram Singh	90.25	Garv Rastogi	81.00
Aaditya Singh Juneja	90.00	Bisman Preet Singh Kalra	81.00
Yug Gupta	89.50	Dhairya Raj Varma	80.75
Amay Banerji	89.25	Mohammad Hamza	80.75
Alex Chris Tommer	89.00	Arshad Aslam	79.75
Om Agarwal	89.00	Atharva Kumar Singh	79.50
Shivang Singh	88.50	Abyaz Ali Mirza	79.50
Archit Gupta	88.00	Shrey Dimri	79.25
Andrew David Robinson	87.75	Aniket Rungta	79.00
Aadam Yusuf	87.75	Mohd Maaz Siddiqui Moin	78.75
Syed Saif Ahmed	87.75	Aditya Bhadauriya	78.50
Ommer Ali Khan	87.75	Sarthak Anand	78.50
Kinshuk Jauhari	87.00	Aditya Mishra	77.75
Amaan Ahmad	86.25	Bhavya Pratap Singh	77.75
Gurdeep Singh Saigal	86.25	Rajat Choudhury	77.75
Sarthak Arora	85.50	Shourya Kapoor	77.75
Mohammad Istafa Ali Khan	84.25	Aditya Gambhir	77.50
Isaah Yusuf	84.25	Yasir Raza	77.25
Riddhesh Yadav	84.00	Ghazi Haider Naqvi	76.75
Aadrit Kapoor	83.75	Rudransh Singh	76.75
Parth Singh	83.75	Mohammad Affan	76.50
Syed Mohammad Ali Abidi	83.75	Ameer Hamza	76.50



Karan Singh Saini	76.50	Lakshya Siddiqui	67.50
Oorjit Pandey	76.25	Arshpreet Singh Chhabra	67.50
Aryaman Arora	76.25	Abhijai Singh	67.25
Dhruv Agarwal	76.00	Mohammed Saqib	67.00
Shreyansh Misra	76.00	Shubh Agarwal	67.00
Syed Meezan Husain	75.75	Mokshav Ranjan Das	66.75
Ashwin Gahalaut	75.25	Garvit Kumar	66.25
Syed Zaid Hasan	75.00	Anamya Srivastava	65.75
Ajitesh Behari Verma	74.50	Rounak Sonkar	65.75
Syed Kabeer Jafar	74.50	Syed Mohammad Daniyal	64.75
Mohammad Faraz	74.25	Muhammad Arhaam Razzaqui	64.75
Neil Richard Hamlin	74.25	Arpit Prasad	64.50
Mohd Zaid	73.50	Mohd Inshaal Khan	63.50
Azal Hammad	73.50	Abdullah Abrar	63.25
Aditya Bhargav	73.50	Umair Ahmad Khan	63.00
Yashasvi Raj Yaduvanshi	72.00	Aditya Singh	63.00
Rayan Nadeem	72.00	Divyansh Rai	62.75
Shaurya Chadha	72.00	Harsh Gautam	62.25
Yusuf Haider Jafri	72.00	Bikram Bir Singh	61.50
Alvin Anil Jacob	71.75	Adeeb Tufail	61.00
Arjun Singh	71.50	Suryansh Singh	61.00
Aaditya Amit Tandon	71.25	Arpit Verma	60.75
Amritansh Nigam	71.00	Ali Mehdi Zaidi	60.75
Satwik Mishra	71.00	Abdul Samad	60.50
Aditya Pratap Singh	70.75	Jason Cletus Bara	60.25
Atharv Chaturvedi	70.50	Adhyansh Srivastava	59.75
Ali Tauseef	70.25	Sukhman Sahni	59.75
Mohammad Yusuf Imran	70.00	Sumant Singh	59.50
Aditya Kaul	69.75	Rayan Mathur	59.25
Archit Nilay Ekka	69.50	Ainaan Hashmi	56.75
Prince Jain	69.50	Fazl Mehdi	56.50
Shivam Khatri	69.25	Syed Abbas Murtaza	55.25
Vikhyat Malhotra	69.00	Krish Mehta	54.25
Aryan Pradhan	68.75	Aaditya Trivedi	53.25
Chris Adam Abul	68.75	Mohammad Hammad	53.00
Atharv Adit Sinha	68.50	Yashvardhan Singh	50.50
Kaustubh Mittal	68.50	Abdullah Ayan Khan	44.50
Arnav Sharma	67.50		



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Arjun Agarwal (<i>First</i>)	99.00	Ishan Kumar	93.80
Abhiraj Singh (<i>Second</i>)	98.80	Akshay Bajpai	93.80
Arnav Singh (<i>Third</i>)	98.40	Divyae Khurana	93.60
Devesh Tripathi (<i>Third</i>)	98.40	Satyam Bisen	93.40
Ritwik Vishbha Raj (<i>Third</i>)	98.40	Mohammad Ali Zaidi	93.20
Shikhar Tandon	97.60	Arnav Chaudhary	93.20
Kartikeya Pathak	97.00	Garv Gupta	93.00
Shlok Garg	97.00	Arsh Maheshwari	93.00
Nidheesh Rastogi	96.80	Neil Mulwani	92.80
Abhinav Sahi	96.60	Jaya Shekhar Ojha	92.80
Neev Mehrotra	96.60	Syed Ariz Naqvi	92.60
Parth Jaiswal	96.40	Mukul Yadav	92.60
Syed Mohammed Ebrahim	96.40	Ojaswit Upadhyay	92.40
Divyansh Verma	96.40	Srivarun Mishra	92.40
Akarsh Prakash	96.20	Atharv Agarwal	92.20
Aditya Singh	96.20	Anvesh Bajpai	92.20
Shaurya Verma	96.00	Tanav Shekhar	92.20
Shikhar Sharma	96.00	Aaryaman Sinha	91.80
Arshdeep Singh Arora	95.80	Utkrisht Shaurya	91.80
Aryansh Pratap Singh	95.80	Krishna Chitravansh	91.40
Saransh Kumar Singh	95.80	Harshit Kumar Lal	91.00
Rishabh Raj	95.80	Lakshya Pandey	91.00
Shaurya Pratap Singh	95.80	Mohd Shayeque	91.00
Areeb Ahmad	95.60	Prabhav Chaturvedi	90.80
Devarsh Rastogi	95.20	Utkarsh Anand	90.80
Swapnil Anand	95.20	Abhiraj Chauhan	90.40
Gaurish Malik	95.00	Saksham Rangra	90.40
Shaurya Bhatia	95.00	Syed Mohd Abbas Husain	90.40
Rakshan Tripathi	95.00	Shashwat Singh	90.20
Prakhar Mishra	94.80	Mohammad Fayyooz Iqbal Usmani	90.20
Aviral Kumar Maitreya	94.60	Ujjwal Gupta	90.00
Hammad Rizvi	94.40	Abhav Chaturvedi	90.00
Mohd Bilal Khan	94.20	Lav Sahai	90.00
Shreyas Shankar	94.20	Kabir Mohan Kohli	89.60
Yuvraj Sukhwani	94.20	Kush	89.60
Gaurav Gupta	94.00	Amogha Kishore Darbari	89.40



Mohd Suhaib Khan	89.20	Affan Ahmad	82.60
Miraan Khan	88.80	Samarpan Verma	82.20
Aaradhya Vardhan	88.80	Uday Raj Chaudhary	82.20
Sanay Singh	88.80	Mohd Humza	81.80
Shamoil Mirza	88.60	Mohd Aashkar Abbas	81.20
Mohd Yusuf Shamsi	88.40	Pranjal Gupta	80.40
Taher Khumusi	88.40	Rudransh Shukla	80.00
Jugatpreet Singh	88.20	K Aditya Shivam	80.00
Sarth Agarwal	88.20	Achintya Agnihotri	79.80
Aryan Mathur	88.00	Suyash Gupta	79.60
Shubhransh Sarkar	88.00	Joshua Emanuel Mack	79.60
Akshit Anand	87.80	Syed Mohammad Mustafa Rizvi	79.40
Vachan Tewari	87.60	Manas Gupta	79.00
Priyal Gupta	87.20	Shaurya Pratap Singh	79.00
Rudra Pratap Singh	87.20	Shubh Agarwal	79.00
Arnav Shukla	87.00	Syed Kalbe Mohammad	78.20
Abeer Kohli	86.80	Aryan Verma	78.00
Marklynn Noel Moses	86.60	Kamran Husain	78.00
Arnav Srivastava	86.40	Ronit Jonathan Spring	78.00
Raunak Motiyani	86.20	Pragyan Singh	77.80
Saurish Verma	86.20	Sanskar Singh	77.60
Yash Kapoor	86.00	Mohd Ayan Siddiqui	77.40
Kartikya Chowdhri	85.80	Mohammed Shamvel Husain	77.20
Adhiraj Pratap Singh	85.80	Syed Ali	76.80
Priyansh Singh	85.80	Hitendra Singh	76.60
Garvit Shahi	85.60	Samarth Singh Rathour	76.40
Arnav Pandey	84.40	Syed Kabeer Ahmad	76.20
Arham Abdul Haq Ansari	84.20	Ranveer Pratap Singh Chauhan	75.80
Ali Sher Khan	83.80	Mahin Gupta	75.20
Mohammad Ayman	83.60	Mohd Hammad	74.80
Anadi Shankar Tripathi	83.60	Aditya Kamal Upadhyaya	74.60
Reyansh Gupta	83.40	Mohd Hashir Ali Qazi	74.40
Mohd Aqib Mohsin	83.40	Soumil Anand Srivastava	74.20
Vidhatra Pandey	83.20	Aaban Hasan Rizvi	74.20
Aditya Raj Singh	83.00	Atharva Pratap Singh	74.00
Shreshth Srivastava	82.80	Bhavya Srivastava	74.00
Vishal Sobhani	82.80	Abdullah Junaid	73.60
Kushal Gupta	82.80	Zohran Urfi Niaz	73.60



Asad Ullah	72.40	Aditya Xavier Swing	60.40
Yahya Syed Mohammad	72.40	Ayush Yadav	59.60
Subhansh Mishra	72.00	Anubhav Singh	59.400
Shaurya Shukla	72.00	Aditya	59.20
Sachit Saxena	71.20	Ujjawal Sharma	57.00
Kaartik Anand	71.20	Yuvraj Pratap Singh	56.40
Wajeeth Raza	69.80	Mohd Faizan Khan	56.40
Satvik Mishra	69.40	Bhavya Chaturvedi	56.20
Aryav Pandey	69.00	Kaushalya Suryavanshi	56.00
Tejas Rastogi	68.60	Bhavya Pant	55.80
Ajitesh Kumar Tiwari	68.40	Adam Daniel	53.60
Krishna Yadav	68.00	Devansh Ojha	53.40
Kheven Joshua Abul	68.00	Anish Lugun	53.20
Ata Ur Rahman Khan	67.40	Mohammad Ali Yardean	52.80
Agrim Jain	66.60	Shlok Rastogi	51.80
Chaitanya Singh Bartwal	66.00	Nikhil Keswani	51.80
Saamarth Stephen Lahari	64.20	Suhas Danani	51.60
Shourya Singh	63.80	Animesh Awasthi	51.40
Krishna Singh	63.80	Mohd Yousuf Ahmad	46.40
Syed Kazim Khursheed	63.20	Naitik Kesarwani	44.00
Vrizul Sonkar	63.20	Abhishikt Ivan Lal	43.60
Shaurya Satija	61.40	Abdul Hadi Tanveer	42.60
Arjun Mohan Kohli	61.00	Eklavya Singh	40.40
Lakshya Kesharwani	60.40		





Subject wide highest marks obtained in

ISC (XII) Examination of 2023-2024

Subject	Name of Students	% of Marks Obtained
English :	Bhavya Pratap Singh	95.00%
	Aaditya Singh Juneja	95.00%
Mathematics :	Surya Krishna	98.00%
Physics :	Siddharth Layek	99.00%
Chemistry :	Aadi Seth	97.00%
Biology :	Mohd. Istafa Ali Khan	92.00%
	Vinayak Mishra	92.00%
Computer Science :	Harsh Awasthi	97.00%
Physical Education :	Surya Krishna	100.00%
	Abhijay Singh	100.00%
Economics :	Aaditya Singh Juneja	93.00%
Commerce :	Harsh Vikram Singh	93.00%
	Yug Gupta	93.00%
Accountancy :	Kinshuk Jauhari	89.00%

Subject wide highest marks obtained in

ICSE (X) Examination of 2023-2024

Subject	Name of Students	% of Marks Obtained
English :	Akarsh Prakash	98.00%
Hindi :	Arnav Singh	99.00%
	Devesh Tripathi	99.00%
	Abhiraj Singh	99.00%
	Akshay Bajpai	99.00%
	Neev Mehrotra	99.00%
	Nidheesh Rastogi	99.00%
	Arjun Agarwal	99.00%
History Civics & Geography :	Arjun Agarwal	99.00%



Mathematics :	Devesh Tripathi	100.00%
	Kartikeya Pathak	100.00%
Science :	Arnav Singh	100.00%
	Arjun Agarwal	100.00%
Computer Application :	Abhinav Sahi	100.00%
	Arnav Singh	100.00%
	Arshdeep Singh Arora	100.00%
	Aryansh Pratap Singh	100.00%
	Gaurish Malik	100.00%
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	Aviral Kumar Maitreya	100.00%
	Divyae Khurana	100.00%
	Divyansh Verma	100.00%
	Kartikeya Pathak	100.00%
	Shlok Garg	100.00%
	Yuvraj Sukhwani	100.00%





Scholarships 2023-2024

DR. PRATAP BAHADUR SCHOLARSHIP

for securing highest marks in ICSE Examination for the year 2024

Arjun Agarwal (99.00% aggregate)

S.C. JOHRI SCHOLARSHIP

for securing highest marks in ICSE Examination for the year 2024

Arjun Agarwal (99.00% aggregate)

ANUJ MOHAN SINGH SCHOLARSHIP

for securing highest marks in ICSE Examination for the year 2024

Arjun Agarwal (99.00% aggregate)

RITURAJ BHARDWAJ SCHOLARSHIP

for securing highest marks in English ICSE Examination for the year 2024

Akarsh Prakash (98.00% aggregate)

SANDEEP ACHARY SCHOLARSHIP

for securing highest marks in English ISC Examination for the year 2024

Bhavya Pratap Singh, Aaditya Singh Juneja (95.00% aggregate)

PARTH DHAON SCHOLARSHIP

for securing highest marks in Physics ISC Examination for the year 2024

Siddharth Layek (99.00% aggregate)

SAGAR AGARWAL SCHOLARSHIP

for securing highest marks in Chemistry ISC Examination for the year 2024

Aadi Seth (97.00% aggregate)

J. RODRICKS SCHOLARSHIP

for "Best Student" for the year 2023-2024 Senior Section ~ **Harshit Arora**

ANUJ MOHAN SCHOLARSHIP

for "Best Student" for the year 2023-24 Senior Section ~ **Harshit Arora**

BASIT NASEEM SCHOLARSHIP

awarded to the student securing 3rd Position in ICSE Examination 2024

Arnav Singh, Devesh Tripathi, Ritwik Vishbha Raj (98.40% aggregate)



Nur. A ~ Mrs. M. Michael



Nur. B ~ Mrs. Mercy A. Massey



Nur. C ~ Mrs. N. Masih



Nur. D ~ Mrs. A. Anuraag



K.G. A ~ Mrs. Berverly Reid



K.G. B ~ Mrs. N. Arora



K.G. C ~ Mrs. S. Rastogi



K.G. D ~ Mrs. R. Gupta



I A ~ Mrs. P. Arora



I B ~ Mrs. A. Verma



I C ~ Mrs. Monika Thomas



I D ~ Mrs. Sumbul Jabeen



II A ~ Mrs. J. Agarwal



II B ~ Mrs. A. Kochar



II C ~ Mrs. R. Dawra



II D ~ Ms. Shazi Ahmad



III A ~ Mrs. E. Paul



III B ~ Mrs. P. Dixit



III C ~ Mrs. M. Bennett



III D ~ Ms. A. Raghuvanshi



IV A ~ Mrs. S. Kirkman



IV B ~ Mrs. B. Victor



IV C ~ Mr. S. Franklin



IV D ~ Mrs. V. David



V A ~ Mrs. S. Mukherjee



V B ~ Mr. Ajeet Riki



V C ~ Mr. S. McDonald



V D ~ Mrs. A. Masih



VI A ~ Mrs. S. Banerji



VI B ~ Mr. L. A. Khan



VI C ~ Mr. Prateek H. Dhar



VI D ~ Mrs. M. Kishore



VII A ~ Mr. P. G. Filose



VII B ~ Mr. H. K. Gregory



VII C ~ Dr. Ruchi Srivastava



VII D ~ Ms. Pragya Pandey



VIII A ~ Mr. S. J. Singh



VIII B ~ Mrs. S. Agarwal



VIII C ~ Ms. Neha Upadhyay



VIII D ~ Mr. R. J. Francis



IX A ~ Mr. S. Srivastava



IX B ~ Dr. M. George



IX C ~ Mrs. K. Gulhati



IX D ~ Mrs. A. Agarwal



X A ~ Mr. M. S. Lall



X B ~ Mrs. R. Jackson



X C ~ Mrs. P. Gupta



X D ~ Mrs. C. Dacosta



XI A ~ Mr. Amaresh Singh



XI B ~ Mrs. S. Saksena



XI C ~ Mrs. H. Kriplani



XII A ~ Mr. D. Jackson



XII B ~ Mr. B. D'More



XII C ~ Mr. L. William



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The Muses' Bower (English Articles Section)





In Conversation with Ma'am A. Agarwal on completing 25 years in the Institution



Interviewer : Ma'am you've received a certificate of excellence for accomplishing 25 years in this college. What were your feelings while receiving it ? Can you give a brief outline of these 25 years ?

Ma'am : Well ,no great feelings I only felt that I am turning old (laughs). 25 years went by so fast.I felt that it was an accomplishment to stay and continue here. I felt honoured on receiving the certificate as completing 25 years is a big achievement you know. I remember seeing other teachers staying here for numerous years and I used to think one day I will also complete 25 years. That certificate has a very important place in my room now!

Interviewer : Ma'am If I will ask you to encapsulate and sum up your journey in just one word , then what will that word be ?

Ma'am : Mixed Bag (gives a radiant smile).

Interviewer : What were your initial years in the school like ?

Ma'am : Prior to joining the school I was quite skeptical as it was boys, big boys and totally boys! Earlier I was teaching at CMS and CMS being a co-ed institute, had a different environment. Children there had different behaviour. So I felt like "Will I be able to handle boys?" but surprisingly boys turned out to be very good! Better than what I expected. Boys here are very affectionate. Initial years , children really loved and respected me and I loved them back. When I started here I was given to teach classes 7th to 9th. Then, post 2 years ,I received class 10th. My subjects even then were Maths and Chemistry.

Interviewer : Ma'am your journey undoubtedly sounds very interesting. I am sure there is more to it.Can you share any anecdote that left a permanent mark on your memory ?

Ma'am : The adoration of students was definitely memorable. Once children somehow came to know about my birthday so whichever class I would go they would gift me hand-made cards. I had to start taking leave from school on my birthday after 2 years(laughs). There were also acts of indiscipline. Once a boy in my class got absent. As I was going home that day I saw that boy in school uniform with his bag on the road and somehow I remembered that he was absent in school. Next day I caught hold of him and took him to the Principal. There he confessed that there was a group of roughly 10 boys who would bunk school and go to Dilkusha garden instead. The whole gang was caught!Another incident , I was driving to school and I saw a student of one of my classes in school uniform walking on the road . I reached school but that boy never came. It was 15th August and so the school was for about an hour. As I was driving home I kept thinking that where could this boy have been. That's when I saw him and another boy in school uniform at a park. So I stopped my car and started walking towards them. As I reached there I saw that they were there



with 2 girls. I then put them in my car, brought them back to school and reported about the incident to the Principal. I had to let the girls go as they started crying.

Interviewer : Ma'am I am pretty sure this is a story which those boys would remember too!

Ma'am : They may ! (Grins). I feel that if we reason out with children then they can be corrected. I believe that Children are mouldable.

Interviewer : Ma'am since you've been teaching here for more than two decades what changes did you see ? What has faded away with the years and what still stands strong ??

Ma'am : The connectivity of students and teachers have faded away. We were very well connected in the beginning but now there is a distance. Students remain in their own group and stay aloof from the teachers. Secondly, the amount of respect with which the student regarded their teachers has gone down. Earlier there was a lot of affection which is missing now. What's still there is the aura of the school which is so positive and also the brotherhood among the children. Right from the beginning I have seen the seniors helping their juniors. Students would go out of their way to help in various events that occur in school. Boys are really proud of the word "SFC".

Interviewer : Ma'am one of the unique feature of your class is that you make a lot of student in charges. I remember we had a furniture in-charge who ensured the proper positioning of desks and chairs and a balancing in-charge who used to balance chemical equations on board.

Ma'am : I now have a calculation in-charge for my maths class (laughs). See, I want everything organised and when in charges are there then somebody is responsible. You immediately come to know what is happening. I even have secret in-charges who help me in knowing what is going on in the class. Boys do it sincerely. I want them to be responsible. I want them to learn how things are done.

Interviewer : Ma'am you have been the sole teacher in-charge of Olympiad for quite long. How were you able to shoulder the responsibility of conducting Olympiad besides teaching ?

Ma'am : Olympiad is a side activity and with the assistance of students and the co-operation of the administration, I was able to manage it. You have seen me doing it but before me Ma'am Khan used to do it.

It is easy, it's not much difficult, just a little bit of paper work, you would know about it since you helped me in conducting it Riddhesh!

Riddhesh : Yes Ma'am I remember helping you with my other classmates and then getting a treat from you for the same!

Interviewer : Ma'am you always had an active involvement in the happening of Expressions. How would you describe the ambience of expressions ?

Ma'am : Expressions started 18 years back. Before that people say they had Cross-roads which I never witnessed. But Expressions was the first inter-school event, a mega event, which connected all the schools in the city. This initiative was taken by our school. After that now we have almost every other school which started these events. As for Expressions, it is very well-conducted. Every



detail is taken into consideration like taking care of the students , judges , marks and all. Sometimes I marvel that how it is done to such perfection!

It is a mega event and a very successful one!

Interviewer : Is there any message which you would like to share with us Franciscans ?? Especially for our batch who is going to leave Francis now

Ma'am : Don't forget us! (laughs). My message would be that do what your heart says and your heart would always guide you in the right direction. Your country needs you and your parents need you. You need to be connected with your country, parents, friends and family because sometimes while following our passion we leave these values behind. Be healthy and never be influenced by temptations. Sometimes the atmosphere around us can be nasty but you take the right decision. ☐

~ By Humans of St. Francis

10 Amazing Facts About Space

- ☞ Laika was the first dog to go into Earth's orbit in 1957 whereas Dezik and Tsygan were the first dogs to go into space in 1951.
- ☞ Unlike other countries which have used animals for their first test flights, India is using the humanoid robot 'Vyommitra' for its first Gaganyaan flight.
- ☞ The Sun is not actually yellow in colour, it is white in colour as it emits all colours of light.
- ☞ Light year is the unit used for measuring distances in space. It is the distance travelled by light in one year and is about 9,460,730,472,580 km.
- ☞ Venus' one day is longer than its one year. It takes 225 days to revolve around the Sun but it takes 243 days to rotate on its axis.
- ☞ The Sun takes 27 days to rotate on its own axis.
- ☞ The Solar System does not revolve around the Sun but rather rotates around a gravitational barycenter which is just above the Sun's surface.
- ☞ As there is no oxygen on Sun to support burning, it is not a giant ball of fire but rather a giant ball of hot gases and plasma.
- ☞ Like Jupiter's 'Giant Red Spot' (a large, Earth sized hurricane), Neptune also has a 'Great Dark Spot'.
- ☞ The coldest recorded planet in Solar System is not Neptune but rather Uranus. ☐



Shubhojeet Bhowmick
Class VI-B



Aporia



*Sitting by a serene lake, deeply lost in thought,
Does true serenity actually exist, or does it not?
The quandary of life moves on, everlasting and with vigour,
Does our conscience have any form, any semblance or figure?*

*I wish to dive deep into the philosophies of Plato or Ptolemy,
but I want to stay pragmatic, down to earth and rid, of all problems within me.
I want to be wise, cunning and witty, yet often fumble down to be just merely funny or fidgety.
Even now as I write this in a bad mood, I feel the child within me trying to make every harsh
emotion, simply moot.*

*I feel as though, I have the ambition,
but the bigger question is, do I have enough conviction?
I so dearly want to be remembered, even millennia after my demise,
but the sad reality is, it's all solely God's devise.
I am just another brick in the foundation of this great, great machine,
but I don't want to be simply another cog that is never-ever seen.*

*Always living on the edge of existential despair,
I want to be seen, but just simply vanish into the air.
It may not seem so but I do see hope for the World,
the game of life going faster, ever harder, simply crazy or in a whorl.
I seek to understand what we will gather from this era of high technology,
where one man is lavish and another one goes to sleep so terribly hungry.*

*If this world is a simulation, it is a cruel one,
we all mindlessly walk, yet follow none.
Lost without adventure, bound without security,
wandering quietly confused through the cityscapes of this 21st century.*

*I promise myself I'll be better,
follow my own principles, to the letter.
Be ambitious, yet keep my feet firmly on the ground.
I'll treat people with child like kindness, and never with the frown.*

*I pray the inner battle and contradictions cease.
Then I'll finally be one inseparable from even the breeze,
and be remembered for ages, yes I will,
and only and only then, pick up this very quill. □*



Madhav Agnihotri
Class XI-C



The SOF Olympiads



SOF INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD

The Science Olympiad Foundation conducts 7 international Olympiads in our school every year: English, Science, Mathematics, Computer, GK, Commerce and Social Studies.

Last year, when I decided to participate in the SOF IEO (International English Olympiad) and NSO (National Science Olympiad), I thought that I would easily be able to score a good rank without much hard work. Boy, was I wrong!

The Olympiads were held at a comfortable time, after the Half-Yearly Examinations but before the Second Unit-Tests. About three weeks before the exams, I tried to solve a mock paper for the first time, and scored quite badly. It was then that I realized I had underestimated the Olympiads. I started studying with dedication, using the Olympiad Prep-Guides that my mother had purchased online.

When I first saw the intimidating Prep-Guide, I was overwhelmed by its lengthy and difficult chapters. However, as I delved deeper, I realized that the syllabus was actually quite similar to what we had studied in class. Moreover, the chapters were presented in an interesting and captivating manner. The various scientific phenomena explained in the books were fascinating and fostered an admiration of the world around us in me.

I used to think I had an expansive vocabulary, but seeing the words asked in the English mock-tests was like reading a foreign language!

As I progressed through the guides and solved previous years' papers, my knowledge of the English language, as well as my understanding of various scientific principles, grew manifold. The questions were all in MCQ pattern, which tested my knowledge of the topics in creative and stimulating ways.

The Olympiads were to be held during the school day. Despite being fully prepared, I arrived on the day at school with butterflies fluttering in my stomach. As I sat in the exam hall, awaiting the question paper, I filled in my details in the OMR Sheet and signed my name. Finally, I received the booklet. I mentally started a stopwatch and progressed through the questions, saving the questions I couldn't answer for last.

With 15 minutes to go, and all the circles on the answer sheet filled, I turned in the paper. As I exited the exam hall, a realization hit me: I had actually enjoyed the Olympiad! Free from the pressure that is inherent in



school exams, the experience of solving science problems and tackling grammar challenges had become quite enjoyable.

A few weeks later, as the Unit Tests ended, the results arrived. I was overjoyed to see that I had cleared the exam and proceeded to the 2nd Level, in both English and Science! As for receiving the medals in the morning assembly, in front of the whole school, that was definitely worth the hard work!

Now, with encouragement from Ma'am Agarwal, the teacher overseeing the Olympiads, I began the preparation for the next level, which was to be held in February. I knew that this was going to be tough, and I was determined to score well. I went through solving old papers, reading the Prep-Guides and preparing for the exam.

At last, on one sunny Sunday morning in early February, I walked through the gates of the school, brimming with nervousness and anticipation. As soon as the question booklet landed on my desk, I went to work. An intense hour later, I walked out of the classroom, carrying both a sense of accomplishment and the weight of anticipation.

A couple weeks later, as I was preparing for my Final Examinations, I felt that my studies for the Olympiad had made several of my concepts clear, and expanded my vocabulary to an amazing level! It transformed the way I approached and regarded my examinations.

In early April, a text message to my mother's smartphone became the missive of ecstatic news: I had topped the 2nd level International English Olympiad. A few days later, as I walked onstage to receive my award, I felt a smile spreading across my face, and I was grateful for the way the Olympiads had changed my perception of studies. □

Student Reporter

Artificial Intelligence



John McCarthy an American computer scientist is considered as the father of Artificial Intelligence. In short it is known as "AI". It is the science of machines which thinks and works like humans. It can be used in industries, electronic gadgets, equipments, medical, banks, media, voice assistant like Siri, Alexa etc. It saves our effort and time. Artificial intelligence is very effective in our day to day life. We all depend largely on computers and we cannot imagine our lives without Artificial intelligence. It is a strong tool for us but we should make good use of it and never misuse it. □

Zaroon Masih
Class III-C



Animal Facts

- ❖ Polar bear skin is black: Polar bears have black skin under their white fur. Polar bears' black skin absorbs more sunlight, keeping them warm in the cold. The black skin also helps them absorb more UV light. The skin extends to their tongues, giving them a dark bluish color that contrasts with their white fur.
- ❖ Walrus can sleep in water: Walrus can sleep in water because of their pharyngeal pouches. These pouches are air sacs on either side of their throats that can hold up to 13 gallons of air. When filled, they can inflate like pillows and allow walrus to bob up and down in a vertical position, keeping their heads above water.
- ❖ Pigeons can do math: pigeons can count groups of objects in their heads and classify them by size. They can also be trained to use abstract mathematical rules to determine which of two images has more elements. Pigeons can also learn abstract numerical rules. pigeons can perform math at the same level as monkeys.
- ❖ Prairie dogs kiss: Prairie dogs greet each other with kisses. Friends, family, sometimes even enemies get a smooch to say hello. But it's not just an adorable quirk of these fuzzy, burrowing rodents. For prairie dogs about to be displaced from their homes by development, kisses could be the key to their survival.
- ❖ Giraffes are the only animal which cannot speak: Giraffes don't have vocal cords because their long necks make it difficult to breathe enough air to make sound. However, giraffes can make some low-frequency sounds, which are often inaudible. These sounds have been described as hums, snorts, growls, hisses, and bursts.
- ❖ Starfish have no brain and no blood .And they aren't even starfish: Starfish, also known as sea stars, are invertebrates that live in salt water and are part of the phylum Echinodermata. They have tough, leathery skin. They can regenerate their own arms. They can eat outside their body. They are edible and are a traditional snack in China and Japan.
They can be harmed by sunscreen or the oil on human skin.
- ❖ Some frogs can freeze themselves: Some frog species can freeze themselves for months while maintaining organ function. Wood frogs (*Rana sylvatica*) are the only North American amphibian species that can freeze solid for up to eight months.
- ❖ Butterflies can taste with their feet: They use chemoreceptors to identify plants. They have taste receptors on their feet called chemoreceptors. Butterflies also have taste buds on their antennae and proboscis, but most of their taste buds are on their feet.





- ❖ Crocodiles can gallop: Crocodiles can gallop because of their muscle bundles, which are longer and thinner than alligators'. This means that crocodiles can cycle their limbs more quickly and get a little more reach with each step.
A gallop is a gait where each foot hits the ground at a different time, in a regular sequence. Crocodiles can also use an even more extreme gait called "a bound", where the two back feet hit at the same time, followed by the two front feet.
- ❖ Koalas fingerprints are same as humans: koalas, the doll-sized marsupials (a species of mammals) that climb trees with babies on their backs in the Australian jungles have fingerprints that are almost identical to human fingerprints. Like human prints, each individual koala's fingerprint also has a unique pattern. □

Shrey Dimri
Class XII-A

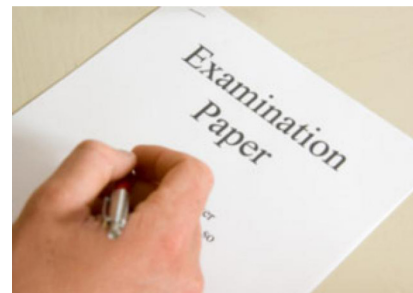
Flowers

*They have no mouth, but seem to speak
A thousand words so mild and meek.
They have no eyes, but seem to see
And bury thoughts into me.
They have no ears, but seem to hear
All my cries, my every tear.
They have no arms, but seem to pat
When with worries my heart is fat.
They have no feet, but seem to walk
Along with me in my dreams and talk.
They, I know, are the flowers so nice
That spread their fragrance a million miles.
Grow a few and then you'll know
How your life is fresh and new.
With a smile so broad, I thank my God,
Whose work to imagine is really too hard. □*

Maanvik Punjabi
Class IV-A



I AM A QUESTION PAPER



*A paper with white lines so clean,
My purpose is to meet minds so mean.*

*I have no mouth or brain,
But endless stories to frame.*

*I test the little minds,
Let the knowledge be defined.*

*I hold many fears and tears,
But you don't worry my dear.*

*Either you pass or fail,
You have to clear me on every scale.
Your journey may end or the battle won,
I will be the fear of everyone. □*

Srijan Srivastav
Class V-C



Segregated schooling - The new trend?



Let us dispel a common misconception- Segregated schooling does not imply isolating students in a convent-like atmosphere. On the contrary, it signifies creating an environment where each gender has an equal opportunity to contribute their opinions and ideas without being silenced. By providing both boys and girls with a seat at the table, segregated schooling promotes inclusivity and ensures that all voices are heard and respected.

We must remember that schools were primarily established for education, not solely for social interaction.

Segregating schools based on gender promotes a focused and conducive learning environment. Research reveals that girls often thrive in collaborative and communicative settings, while boys tend to benefit from more active and hands-on approaches to learning, resulting in enhanced educational outcomes for all students.

Consequently, segregated schooling allows for the elimination of distractions that can hinder academic progress as boys and girls in co-ed schools are more prone to engaging in socializing and exhibiting attention-seeking behaviour, which negatively impacted their academic performance. By segregating schools, students can focus more on their studies and build strong foundational knowledge without the interference of these distractions.

In addition, segregated schooling can foster a sense of empowerment and self- confidence among students which allows students to explore their full potential and pursue careers traditionally dominated by the opposite gender, thus promoting gender equality, and breaking down societal barriers.

Furthermore, segregated schooling can provide a safe space for addressing sensitive and personal issues that are unique to each gender. By providing a supportive environment, segregated schooling enables students to navigate critical issues more effectively, leading to improved emotional well-being and overall development.

Thus, my vote goes for segregated schooling as it offers numerous advantages that cannot be easily achieved within co-educationsystems and students can flourish academically, emotionally, and socially. Let us embrace the benefits of segregated and schooling and support the motion at hand as not one size fits all.

Thank you! ☐

Ojasv Arora
Class IX-C



Happiness to me means

*At the break of dawn,
I woke up from my deep slumber,
And made a hippopotamus yawn,
That carefree yawn was happiness!*

*As the fish feels in the water,
I too dipped myself in the froth-rich bathtub,
Oh! The lukewarm liquid made me warmer,
Just playing with the froth was happiness!*

*When my cousins with their mother,
Stepped into my house,
My jubilation knew no bounds.
That moody communication was happiness!*

*At the rise of noon,
My brother accompanied me to the kitchen,
To prepare and eat some food,
Behind the back of our parents,
That shenanigan was happiness!*

*At the fall of dusk,
We were wet with sweat,
Through some outdoor games,
We pleaded with our fathers,
For a drive to the cricket stadium,
That stress-free play and fun-filled drive was
happiness!*

*At the fall of night,
We smacked our lips with that licious pizza,
My mind was tantalized by that melted
cheese and a large bite,
Then we went to sleep without any hassle in
our mind,
That joy of eating and sleeping together was
happiness! □*



Atharva Agrawal
Class IX-C

A MODERN GENERATION



*A 'modern generation.' is what we live in
Here, doing nothing by ourselves is what we
call a win,
But to our mind, it is the biggest sin,
Is this the modern generation, we want to live
in ?*

*What is being damaged ,is the power of our
mind,
From the most developed to the least , is the
future of human kind.*

*A.I. would take over, is what in the future we
will find
It will even use our resources, without our
sign.*

*We will even forget the term 'letter.'
And let me tell you this won't get any better.*

*For the power will no-longer be in our hand,
Because they will be tied with the A.I. band.
There won't be any peace on any land,
For the small beginning of A.I. , will make the
strongest enemy brand*

*They will have their own minds, infact better,
And they won't stop as they are a go-getter.*

*Is this the **modern generation** we wanted
to live in?*

I say it will be the payment of our own sin. □

Aarnav Pandey
Class VII-A



The International Mathematics Olympiad (IMO)



Are you captivated by the exquisite charm of numbers and the excitement of unraveling intricate mathematical riddles? Have you ever envisioned representing your college on a global platform, demonstrating your mathematical abilities to the world? If yes, then the International Mathematics Olympiad(IMO) serves as the ideal stage for you to unleash your innate mathematical brilliance and embark on a rewarding voyage of exploration and education.

The IMO, coordinated by the Science Olympiad Foundation(SOF), is not merely an ordinary Math contest; it stands as a celebration of Mathematical aptitude and a confirmation of the potency of problem-solving capabilities. Conducted yearly at varying levels, ranging from school to international, the IMO entices participants from all corners of the world, providing them with a distinctive chance to exhibit their mathematical prowess and vie against the finest intellects globally.

It constitutes a dual-examination competition wherein the initial Exam transpires at the corresponding school of the participant, while for the subsequent exam, assorted centers are selected, and the top performers from multiple schools in the preliminary level compete against each other.

Enrolling in the IMO brings forth a plethora of advantages that stretch far beyond the traditional realms of academia. Here are a few compelling reasons why all college students should ponder over partaking in the IMO:

1. Challenge Yourself : The IMO presents a series of demanding mathematical dilemmas that necessitate creative contemplation, logical deduction, and innovative strategies for resolving problems. By tackling these quandaries, students are nudged out of their comfort zones and incited to venture into novel avenues of mathematical reasoning.

2. Global Exposure : Being an international competition, the IMO furnishes students with an arena to engage and vie with counterparts from diverse cultural backgrounds and mathematical heritages. This exposure not only broadens their outlook but also fosters cross-cultural comprehension and cooperation.

3. Recognition and Prestige : Attaining success in the IMO is a validation of one's mathematical capabilities and prowess in problem-solving. Individuals who excel in the IMO garner acknowledgment, accolades, and certificates, which can significantly elevate their academic profile and unlock avenues to distinguished academic and professional prospects.

4. Personal Growth : The arduous preparation demanded for the IMO nurtures indispensable skills such as determination, resilience, and time management. Participants learn to surmount challenges, embrace setbacks as opportunities for learning, and endeavor for continual enhancement, all of which are invaluable qualities for personal and professional advancement.



5. Community and Networking : The IMO community encompasses fervent mathematicians and solvers of problems who share a mutual fondness for mathematics. Involvement in the IMO allows students to connect with like-minded individuals, forge lasting friendships, and establish valuable connections that can endure a lifetime.

6. Inspiration and Motivation : The IMO serves as a wellspring of inspiration and motivation for students to strive for excellence in mathematics and related fields. By witnessing the accomplishments of their peers and imbibing wisdom from their experiences, students are inspired to stretch their boundaries and aspire toward greatness.

In summation, the International Mathematics Olympiad (IMO) extends to college students a distinctive opportunity to unfurl their Mathematical potential, showcase their talents on a global platform, and reap a myriad of benefits that extend beyond academic achievement. So, why delay? Embrace the challenge, seize the opportunity, and embark on a transformative journey of mathematical discovery with the IMO. □

Malay Bisht

Class IX-B

Miracles Do Occur

Who said miracles don't occur?

Who said miracles don't exist?

*When hope fades and prayer fails
And everything seems to be in vain
Then don't worry my friend
Cause miracles do occur*

*When you are in your darkest hour
And everything seems to be falling apart
Then have faith and don't let go
Cause miracles do occur*

*And how else do you think that love is sometimes found in the most hopeless place?
How else would you explain the discovery of the dazzling-diamond from the filthy mines of coal?
And how do you think that we are still alive while living such a vulnerable life?
It's all because of miracle*

*Go on and pursue the hardest journeys
Luck may fail your endeavours
But miracle will not
Cause believe it or not, miracles do occur*

*Who said miracles don't exist?
Who said miracles don't occur? □*



Riddhesh Yadav

Class XII-B



The Evolution of Computers



Hey everyone! We all use computers in some capacity or the other almost every single day. Whether they are handheld devices like tablets or personal computers like laptops. Have you ever imagined how computers originated? Today, I will be telling you about the evolution of computers, and also upcoming transformations which have the power

to tear our world upside down. So let us get underway. The computers used earlier were not like modern-day computers. They were so humongous that they would cover almost an entire room, instead of covering just a small portion of a table like they are today. Wow, could you all even imagine this? The vision of a mechanical device was first foreseen by none other than Charles Babbage, who is also known as 'The Father of Computers'. Although he was not able to fully make a computer, his idea and design led to the creation of the first electronic computer, the Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer, or if it is too long, just call it ENIAC. It could solve complex questions with such a speed that no human could ever achieve before. One major and prevalent issue was that the first-generation computers only knew the Binary language. As the name suggests, binary consists of two numbers, 0 and 1. This was a major issue for these computers. This issue was gradually solved and fast forward to today, computers have become very easy to use with minimal effort. Now going back to the 1950s, computers were only limited to corporations and offices. They were not available to the common people due to their colossal size and high cost. Enter Intel. In the 1970s they brought about the innovation of a microprocessor, bringing dawn to the era of personal computers. Later in the 1990s, the introduction of ideas in various fields, like GUI, and even the laptops, made our devices more accessible, as well as easy to use. Around the same time, the launch of the World Wide Web, or WWW further enhanced computers as not only do they have the power to give answers to complex questions, but also act as a hub for storing useful information. The accessibility and mobility of technology were further enhanced by the introduction of tablets and mobile phones, with touchscreens. Now, we should brace ourselves for the future as we enter some new set of revolutions. Artificial Intelligence can change the world with the thinking capabilities of a human, problem-solving abilities, and many more attributes that it brings to the table. A perfect example of this is an electronic car. Quantum Computing holds the potential to perform complex calculations with an exponential increase in speed. Likewise, virtual reality, biotechnology, robotics, and many more stuff are there that were unseen or unheard of before, but now they hold our future. We all are lucky to witness the dawn of a new era, were because of these changes; the future of humanity will become an improved one, the one which will make our life all the easier. And to think about it, it only started from just a design made by Babbage, which was almost non-achievable at that time. I would encourage you all to seek inspiration from the limitless possibilities lying over the horizon. With each stride, we must continue to push our boundaries and make the impossible tasks, possible. Thank you. □

S. Agarwal



An Ode To Love

*In the realm where hearts do dwell,
Love, like a magic spell, does swell.
A force unseen, yet deeply felt,
In its warmth, even the coldest hearts melt.*

*Love is the sun's first ray at dawn,
The moon that shines when day is gone.
It's in the star's eternal light,
Guiding through the darkest night.*

*Love is the whisper in the breeze,
The rustle of the autumn leaves.
It's the songbird's melodious tune,
The dance of waves beneath the moon.*

*Love is the bond that holds us tight,
In sorrow's gloom, it's our light.
It's the strength when we are weak,
The voice of courage when we can't speak.*

*So here's to Love, a force so pure,
Through time and space, it does endure.
In every heart, may Love find a home,
And in Love's light, may we all roam. □*

Akshat Srivastava
Class IX-C



Kith and Kin



*Friendship or kinship, which is better?
Kinship enables people to follow principles
to the letter.*

*They say blood is thicker than water,
But then again water is abundant whereas
blood is shorter.*

*Friendship is a lot more free,
It fills our hearts, too much with glee.
Friends are like a treasure, hard to find,
They don't peeve our heart nor our mind.*

*True friends stay by our side when we need
them most,
They keep us warm even in bitter snow and
frost,*

*They guide us when we are lost,
And value us, not our cost.*

*True friends are people who almost never
falter,
They leave our life sunny and bright, just
like Gibraltar. □*

Sudhanshu Agarwal (Class XI-B)
Anay Dikshit (Class XI-B)
Madhav Krishna Agnihortri (Class XI-C)

*"However difficult life may seem,
there is always something you can do and succeed at." ~ Stephen Hawking*



Imagination



Hard work may be the key to success, but *imagination* is the maker of the lock, and without the lock, would there be a key?

Imagination is the root of success, and very often the dreams and fantasies that we imagine to turn into reality, with our own dedication and hard work..

But imagination is not just dreaming; imagination is a means of escape from reality, it creates a secret hideout where we can be alone with our fantasies and our dreams. It is our own, private,

magical world, where anything is possible, and where all our wildest dreams are real.

Imagination and dreams are often confused, but though they are quite connected, there is a difference. Dreams are simply something big or extraordinary that we want or desire, whereas we imagine what is either our idea of a perfect world, a wild dream that we are not even close to achieving, or to just zone out for a bit, to relax and to take a break from the real world. We can imagine riding a horse or steering a race car while sitting on a swing, we can imagine watching our favorite cartoon show and drinking a cold drink at home during a boring lesson. We can imagine being a world-famous singer while doing our homework, we can imagine exploring an alien planet while strolling through the park...the possibilities are simply endless.

Imagination is not just some sort of tool for the creative, an endless source of inspiration for artists, musicians and writers. Everyone can and does imagine, whether they spite it and call it 'daydreaming', or whether they purposely go into a trance where they can experience, visualize and enjoy their dreams and desires. Whether we imagine our future and plans, whether we imagine scenery or figures we can paint, whether we imagine characters and stories to put down on paper, each and every one of us use our imagination, and are driven by it.

Being creative does not mean having exceptional skills. It means being able to use our imagination to create something beautiful, like a musician imagines and creates a melodious harmony, or an artist imagines and creates a beautiful scenery. As long as one can imagine, one can create, one can achieve and one can enjoy.

So, friends, whether you want to escape the real world, dream and plan, or be inspired, keep imagining. Never ever let go of your imagination and dreams, and surrender to reality just for the sake of 'maturity' as we know it, because without imagination, would we have a goal? Without the lock, would there be a key? ☐

Arnesh Srivastava
Class VII-A



SOF Olympiads - Not Just a Competition

Olympiads are prestigious academic competitions that test students' knowledge and skills in various subjects, serving as a platform for intellectual prowess and pursuits. The Science Olympiad Foundation (SOF), in particular, stands as a beacon of excellence, inviting students to showcase their talents across a spectrum of disciplines.

At St. Francis College, where such pursuits are encouraged, the SOF Olympiad holds a special place in our academic calendar. Under the guidance of our esteemed teacher in charge, Mrs. Anvita Agarwal, students from as early as class 6 are encouraged to participate in this competition. The SOF Olympiad caters to a wide array of subjects, including Science, Mathematics, English, and more, serving students' diverse interests and aptitudes.



My journey with the SOF Olympiad began when I was merely a third grader, immersing myself in the realms of Science, Maths, and English. Over the years, this evolved into an annual cherished tradition, my commitment to academic excellence. Even amidst the turbulent COVID-19 pandemic, my spirit of learning remained steadfast as the Olympiad seamlessly transitioned into online mode.

In Classes 6 and 7, I achieved the coveted 1st rank at the School level and 17th and 19th ranks respectively at National levels. This year, as I treaded towards the International English Olympiad (IEO) once again, my past laurels fuelled my determination to excel once again.

Preparing for Level 2 of the English Olympiad included delving into the pages of newspapers, books, and grappling with subtle English words as part of my daily routine. Aided by dictionaries, I understood the intricacies of English, forging a path towards merit.

Each year, SOF introduces a myriad of scholarships aimed at nurturing talent and empowering students from all walks of life. From scholarships dedicated to the girl child, fostering gender equality and women empowerment, to initiatives supporting students from underprivileged backgrounds, SOF's commitment to inclusivity knows no bounds. Last year, the SOF Defence Scholarship was introduced, recognising meritorious students hailing from defence backgrounds.

In my voyage, I am indebted to the unwavering support and guidance of Mrs. Anvita Agarwal, whose mentorship has been a guiding light in my pursuit of knowledge. Her encouragement, along with her insights, has truly been instrumental in shaping my academic pathway.

Faced with another challenge, I am invigorated yet again. With determination and knowledge, I aspire to bring laurels to my school, St. Francis College. As John F. Kennedy rightly said:

“Ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country.” □

Ojasv Arora
Class IX-C



Time Management



Time is unpredictable and a complicated concept that humans have pondered for many years. It's often described as the continuous progression of events from past, through present, to future. We measure it with units like seconds, minutes, hours, and years, but its true nature remains puzzling.

Time is both constant and ever-changing hence its management is difficult. It flows intensely forward, shaping our experiences and dictating our day today life. but, our perception of time is descriptive, ruled by feelings and duties.

Time is precious and finite. We all have a limited amount of it, and how we choose to spend it defines our lives. Choose your time wisely and use it wisely. If it's gone it's gone for life time. As a student we must respect time and work according to time. ☐

Srijan Srivastav
Class V-C

Abacus



Is your Maths good? Have you learned your tables? Do you want to be better at doing calculations? If you answered yes, then you should try the abacus! Its a special tool for Maths. It helps you add, subtract, multiply, and divide numbers really well.

Imagine a little gadget with beads on rods. The first one usually starts with five beads. As you get better, you can use bigger ones with more beads. The beads are often brown. With an abacus, you don't need to use

your fingers to count anymore!

People from all around the world use the abacus. It's not just for one country; its everywhere! Long ago, someone invented the abacus and now, millions of people use it to do Maths better. You can even join competitions and show off your skills!

So, if you want to ace in maths, give the abacus a try. It's a fun and helpful way to learn math! ☐

Ojas Agrawal
Class III-C



Heart of Gold

*It sat wounded under a lamp post,
I wondered, if I could be its gentle host.
The little dog and I had the same hardship,
For even I, was looking for true friendship.*

*I rescued it from the devils of dawn,
Its presence felt like that of a newborn.
Spreading love and happiness in my solemn household,
Making me truly ponder if it had a heart of gold.*

*We made numerous memories together, sadly
time flew too fast,
The thought of it leaving now, simply leaves
me aghast,
Whenever I hear another dog's bark,
It ignites in me, the brightest spark.*

*It proved that friendship is truly an art,
For now it is gone, yet lingers in my heart. □*

Sudhanshu Agarwal (Class XI-B)

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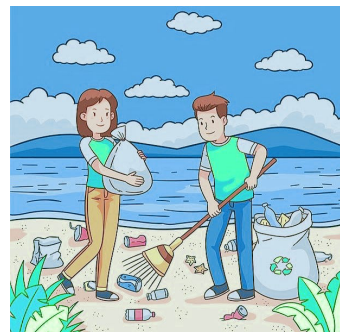
Clean India

*Let us pledge to make India clean,
And make our surroundings neat and clean.
Let's join hands and do what we can,
To make our country shine, let us think of a plan.*

*Wherever we go we see so much pollution,
Let us think of a way there has to be a solution:
So that our country land is full of greenery,
And every place turns into a beautiful scenery.*

*Out in the garden blows a cool breeze,
For this let us plant more and more trees.
Every citizen of the country should forever
know,
That when you plant a tree, a new hope also
grows.*

*Whenever we show respect to the nature,
It brings us close to our Lord Creator
So let us pledge to make India clean,
And make our surroundings neat and clean. □*



Maanvik Punjabi

Class IV-A

*"It is literally true that you can succeed best
and quickest by helping others to succeed." ~ Napoleon Hill*



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



Pollution

Pollution means making the available natural resources on Mother Earth dirty. Pollution is manmade and it is affecting our daily lives in many ways.



There are mainly three types of pollution. They are Air, Water, and Land pollution. The release of harmful gases in the atmosphere causes air pollution. It affects our heart and lungs as it causes breathing problems. Air pollution is also causing global warming, changes in climate, and the melting of glaciers. Water pollution is caused when chemicals and other poisonous materials are mixed in water bodies like rivers, ponds, and seas. Water pollution directly

damages the aquatic life. Waterborne diseases are also caused in humans by water pollution. Similarly, land pollution is caused by mixing harmful substances in the soil. The use of plastics and chemical fertilizers is the main cause of land pollution. It is also affecting our agriculture which in turn reduces the production of various crops, fruits, and vegetables.

Different types of pollution affect not only humans but also animals too. So we all should come forward to stop pollution and save Mother Earth and its environment. We should follow the rule of 3Rs - Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle to check pollution. After all, Earth is our only home in this vast Universe. □

Aarav Srivastava
Class IV – C

Cleanliness Ushers Good Health

Cleanliness is next to Godliness is a saying most of us are familiar with, however we often tend to overlook the importance of keeping ourselves and our surroundings clean. Brushing our teeth, making ourselves squeaky clean by using our favourite soap and shampoo are some of the daily habits that our teachers and family members have ensured we develop as a regular task.

Our regular routine is easy to maintain, however are we really as intuitive throughout the day?



For example when we consume candy or wafers or any other favorite edible on the go, what do we do with the wrapper? If there is a dustbin nearby we may attempt to use it, many often do not even do that. However, what if we do not find a litter box nearby? Many of us grumble about it and proceed to throw the garbage out in the open. This is not only a risk towards hygiene it also poses a potential hazard towards the environment.

Let us all pledge to not litter and keep the garbage aside with us till we find a suitable place to

dump it.

We need to be the change we want to see around us. □



Hitesh Arora
Class II-A

The Blissful Journey



dad. "Let's hope for the best", he whispered to himself I think. It has been eight years since the day it all happened and now I can recall nothing more than this and I trotting here and there in the vast ground. I really wonder how these years flew away giving me so many moments of happiness, excitement, delight, thrill, fun, pride and so forth. I have come across a fact that it is not only your family who love and care for you but also it is your school where you find your real well-wishers who are nurturing and grooming you to help you become good humans. They are the guiding light who want you to be achievers in life. My school has also gifted me the best friends ever.

Being in, sixth standard now I realise that six years are left and this beautiful and amazing journey will go on. I wish time to be a little slower and be kind enough to let me enjoy every bit of it. No matter what I become and where I go, being a part of St. Francis' family is a joy I will cherish forever. □

Mohammad Azm Riza
Class VI-D



The Amazing World of Prehistoric Life : From Giant Animals to Fossils



Millions of years ago, animals even bigger than a blue whale and more powerful than a great white shark (a large predatory shark) ruled the earth. Some of them were mammoths, dinosaurs, and snakes. The first giants appeared in the Permian period, which lasted from 299 to 252 million years ago.

The earth has evolved a lot since then. Here is the timeline of how it changed: Precambrian - Cambrian - Ordovician - Silurian - Devonian - Carboniferous - Permian - Triassic - Jurassic - Cretaceous - Palaeogene - Neogene - Quaternary - today. Some of the prehistoric animals that lived in these periods are Smilodon, Helicoprion, Phorusrhacos, and many more.

Only a tiny percentage of animals and plants that ever lived became fossils. Whether or not an organism became fossilized depends on how and where that plant or animal died. Usually, only the hard parts of a life form, such as its bones or bark, are preserved.

Around 66 million years ago, an enormous asteroid hit the earth. It hit the planet with such force that it wiped out most life and brought the rule of the dinosaurs to an end. The deadly impact caused one of the mass extinctions in history.

In a crowded underwater world full of competition, making the move onto land provided a way to escape from predators, explore new environments, and take advantage of new sources of food. This is exactly what early amphibians did around 380 million years ago. □

Aayansh Dwivedi
Class II-A

Deviance in Friends

*I think, friends enable peer pressure,
They are more in glory, but in pain, they are lesser.
It is incredibly hard to find true friends,
Some pose as them, yet possess truly
worrisome trends.*

*They blend and cloak as well wishers,
But under their garbs, have blasphemous figures.
They can easily presume faces, sweet or serene,
Yet still bear a knife so terribly clean.*

*And it is not the first time that they did it,
In friendship they look only for credit.
If caught, they will plead almost too innocently,
While lying to our faces so very blatantly.*

*We should leave such a snake, and be wise,
Rather than letting them bite us twice. □*

Sudhanshu Agarwal (Class XI-B)
Anay Dikshit (Class XI-B)
Madhav Krishna Agnihortri (Class XI-C)





The Franciscan

2023 ~ 2024

Investiture Ceremony

Junior

Senior



Pledging to be responsible and sincere.



'Taking Oath of Office' ~ A promise to uphold the high standards of the College.



A Badge of Honour.



Confident approach towards the dias.



Proud moment after donning the new mantle.



Being 'invested' with great responsibilities.



The Franciscan

2023 ~ 2024

• Inauguration – New Gate •



Fr. Donald D'Souza, Manager welcomes our dear Bishop.

• Principal's Birthday •



Students felicitating the Principal during a Special Assembly.



Special Blessing of the newly constructed structures underway.



Heartiest wishes from the Staff Members !



The formal 'Ribbon-Cutting' ceremony.



Ready for the 'Cake-Cutting' ceremony.



The Franciscan

2023 ~ 2024

• Prize Distribution ~ Academics •

Junior

Senior



Age is no bar for Achievers.



Recognition of hard work and dedication.



Vice-Principal giving away Medals & Certificates.



Honouring achievement ~
A moment of Pride & Joy !



Junior School Prize Winners ~
Their moment in the 'Sun' !



From Effort to Excellence ~
The culmination of a year's academic journey !



The Franciscan
2023 ~ 2024

• Staff Excursion – Darjeeling & Adjoining Areas •



Ready for adventure & fun.



Exploring the local markets in Nepal.



Excitement writ large on the happy faces !



A visit to the Tenzing Norgay Mountaineering Institute.



Bonhomie at it's best !



At the Darjeeling Zoo & Conservation Centre.



The Franciscan

2023 ~ 2024

Staff Farewell



Wishing Fr. Anup a productive life in the Lord's vineyard !



Inducting the new Vice-Principal into the Franciscan fold.



Mrs. M. Sinha being presented with a personalised memento.



'Pillars that hold the roof' ~ Support Staff, Mr. Mahendra Pal.



Sentiments of Gratitude being expressed by the Principal.



The sorrows of parting set to 'Soul-Stirring Melody'.



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2023 ~ 2024

• Independence Day Celebration •

Junior

Senior



Understanding the Value of Independence ~
A young mind's perspective.



Mr. Zubair Bin Saghir, I.A.S. being
welcomed during the special assembly.



The importance of Freedom being explained.



Marching Past the Indian Tricolour.



Patriotic fervour fills the air.



Coming together for the National Festival.



The Franciscan

2023 ~ 2024

Teachers' Day



Junior School, Special Assembly on Teachers' Day



Making the day a memorable one through prayer and song



Staff vs Students ~ Teams for Basketball match !



Gleaming with Joy on their special day !



Staff Members gather for a Get-together !



Tokens of Appreciation from the Management !



The Franciscan

2023 ~ 2024

Patron's Day



Special Prayers invoking the intercession of our Patron Saint.



The Principal felicitating the Chief Guest Rt. Rev. Dr. Gerald J. Mathias, Bishop of Lucknow.



Meritorious students being feted during the special assembly !



Fr. Rajesh D'Souza addressing the gathering.



A sea of Franciscans on the sprawling grounds !



Ex-students lifting the overall trophy for the Past vs Present matches.



The Franciscan

2023 ~ 2024

• Expression ~ 2023 ~ Day 1 •



Honouring the Chief Guest
Dr. B. D. Paulson, I.P.S.



The Nerve Centre of Coordination ~
Reception Counter.



From Notions to Narratives ~
Every Voice Matters ! English Debate.



Echoes of Creativity ~
Best Out of Waste.



ELOMIME ~
When Recitation & Acting Go in Sync.



Renowned individuals from the city constituted
the judgement panel on Day-1.



The Franciscan

2023 ~ 2024

• Expression ~ 2023 ~ Day 2 •



Where imagination takes center stage ~
Flower Arrangement.



Mental agility under pressure ~
Quiz Contest.



Innovation at its peak !



Esteemed Judges for Day-2 Competitions.



A Canvas of Harmonious Melody ~
Indian Music Contest.



When words meet Melody ~
Western Music Competition.



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2023 ~ 2024

• Expression ~ 2023 ~ Day 3 •



➤ Talent Cocktail ~
A Fusion of Oratory Skills, Music, Art & Awareness.



➤ Brush Strokes of Brilliance ~
Face Painting.



➤ After a day's toil ~
Participants come together .



➤ That 'Top of the World' feeling !



➤ Celebrating Diverse Dance forms ~
Choreography .



➤ 'The Winner takes it all' ~
Champions of EXPRESSION 2023.



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2023 ~ 2024

Sports & P.T. Display



'Releasing Balloons' to mark the Inauguration of the meet !



Torch Relay by the Office Bearers.



Inter-College Relay underway.



The 'Tug-of-War' finals.



Students of Classes I & II presenting the Dancing Hooplas.



'Sentinels of Peace' ~ Classes VII & VIII.



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2023 ~ 2024

Sports & P.T. Display



Mass P.T. Drill with formations ~
Classes IX & XI.



Charlie Chaplin Drill ~ Classes III & IV.



The N.C.C. Drill.



Our Budding Gymnasts !



Going through 'The Ring of Fire'.



Winners of the Cock House Shield ~
ST. ANDREW'S HOUSE.



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2023 ~ 2024

• Concert (Pre-Primary) •



Lighting of the lamp before the performances



Bringing together everyone in harmony !



Co-ordinated Choreography that stole the show !



Pre-Primary students dazzle with their mesmerising performance



'Unity of all faiths' ~ a profound message through dance



The Nativity scene being depicted by our young students



The Franciscan

2023 ~ 2024

Cantata Di Natale



Wishing one and all a Blessed Christmas through soulful singing !



Joy & Cheer ringing out in the auditorium



Rt. Rev. Dr. Gerald J. Mathias as Chief Guest for this very special event



I.T. Degree College choir ~ Runner's Up



The choir from Stella Maris College awarded for 'laudable performance'



Staff choir from St. Mary's College were declared winners !



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2023 ~ 2024

• Fete ~ Christmas Carnival •



Getting ready to participate in the Christmas Carnival

• Feast of Christ the King •



A gathering of the faithful in St. Francis' College grounds



Fishing for the Prize ~ Fun for All !



Our contingent of Catholic students during the procession



Stall owners pose with the Manager, Principal & Vice-Principal



'Open the Gates for the King of Kings'



The Franciscan
2023 ~ 2024

Republic Day



Welcoming Mr. S. M. Qasim Abidi, I.P.S.
as Chief Guest

Farewell ~ Class XII



The Student Council entering the
auditorium



The Marching Band of the N.C.C. Contingent



Sweet Adieu ! Class XI students perform



Ameer Hamza being awarded for
full attendance since Nursery



A mix-bag of emotions
coursing through !



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• Fancy Dress Competition (Pre-Primary) •





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Fancy Dress Competition (Primary)





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SO F Olympiad Winners





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2023 ~ 2024

Franciscan Panorama



Plantation drive being carried out on the campus



Celebrating Mother's Day in school



Proudly displaying their Art !



Winners of the Inter-House English Debate with the Judges



Labour Day Celebration



Past vs Present teams come together





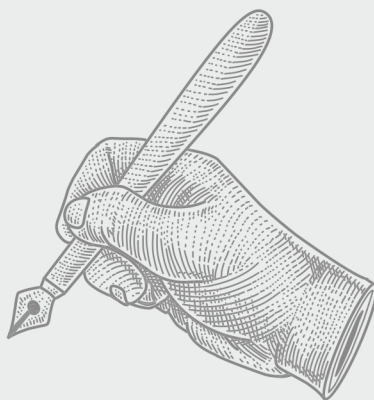
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APRIL 2023

3rd April 2023 : New Academic Session commences

The New Academic Session commenced on a bright and positive note. The staff and students were welcomed by the Principal, Rev. Fr. Rajesh V. D'Souza. He introduced the new staff members :

Mrs. Harshita Kriplani (PGT Economics) & Mr. Lukman Khan (TGT) Computer Application

Addressing the students in the morning assembly, the Principal welcomed the students and wished them all the best for the New Academic Session. He apprised them with the rules of the college and advised them to work diligently throughout the year.

6th - 10 April 2023 : Easter Break

17th April 2023 : Investiture Ceremony : The Student Council for the Academic Session 2023-24 was inducted with their Flags and Badges at the morning assembly, by the Principal Rev. Fr. Rajesh D'Souza in the presence of the staff and Students. Addressing the gathering, the Principal said that those who have been chosen must inspire others to become a good leader. A leader must have the ability to lead others in various circumstances and situations. They should show the path to others. A leader stands out when he knows how to handle a situation. He said that the selection has been an unbiased one. The criteria for selection is on the basis of good academic record and discipline as well as the ability to bring laurels to the college. He said some are born leaders, some acquire leadership through hard work and dedication. There should always be a spirit of hardwork, come what may. A leader must be willing to sacrifice. He must give time to the institution, it will make him proud. A leader must lead others by example. He should be humble and obey the authorities. The Investiture Ceremony concluded with the College Anthem. It was a moment of great pride and honour for the newly appointed Student Council.

College Council 2023-2024

Post	Name	Class
College Captain	Harshit Arora	(XII-A)
House Captain	<i>St. Francis' House</i> Harsh Vikram Singh	(XII-C)
	<i>St. George's House</i> Mehul Raj	(XII-B)
	<i>St. Patrick's House</i> Harsh Awasthi	(XII-A)
	<i>St. Andrew's House</i> Aaditya Singh Juneja	(XII-C)

Prefects : Arshad Aslam (XII-B); Gurdeep Singh Saigal (XII-B); Aadi Seth (XII-B); Sarthak Arora (XII-C); Ommer Ali Khan (XII-C); Om Agarwal (XII-C); Alex Chris Robinson (XII-A); Andrew David Robinson (XII-A); Siddarth Layek (XII-A)

Editors *English :* Riddhesh Yadav (XII-B); *Hindi :* Ansh Rastogi (XII-C)

Sports Captains	<i>Football</i>	Shourya Kapoor	(XII-C)
	<i>Basketball</i>	Maulik Saigal	(XII-B)
	<i>Cricket</i>	Kinsshuk Jahuhari	(XII-C)
	<i>Indoor Games</i>	Syed Ehtisham Husain	(XII-A)
	<i>Swimming</i>	Aryaman Arora	(XII-C)



25th April 2023 : Inter House English Elocution Competition - Class IX-XII.

The results of classes IX and X were as follows :

First	: Ojasv Arora	IX-C	St. George's House
Second	: Advay Jain	IX-C	St. Andrew's House
Third	: Sambhav Jain	IX-C	St. George's House

The results of classes XI & XII were :

First	: Madhav Krishna Agnihotri	XI-C	St. Andrew's House
Second	: Sudhanshu Agarwal	XI-B	St. Francis' House
Third	: Mohd. Meraz Siddiqui	XII-C	St. Francis' House

The judges of the competition were : Mrs. S. Nathan (Christ Church College) ; Mrs. Sheema Mujeeb (Cathedral Senior Secondary School) ; Ms. Akansha Singh (Emma Thompson School)

The competition was conducted by Mrs. C. Dacosta.

28th April 2023 : Inter Class Dance Competition

The winners of the competition were as follows :

First	: Akshat Gupta	VIII-B	St. Andrew's House
Second	: Bhaibhav Eric Ekka	VIII-C	St. Andrew's House
Third	: Mohammad Arham	VIII-B	St. Patrick's House

The competition was conducted by Ms. Jasmeet Kaur.

29th April 2023 : Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony : The Chief Guest on the occasion was our Manager, Rev. Fr. Donald D'Souza. He was welcomed with a floral tribute. The College Choir sang "Make me a Channel of your peace". Prizes for curricular activities were distributed both Inter House and Class wise competitions such as Elocutions, Debates, Quiz, Talent Hunt, Creative Writing and Singing Competitions. Rank holders for the academic session too were awarded. Students with Full Attendance as well as Catechism achievers were given prizes. Special Scholarship are awarded. : Fr. Romano Scholarship for securing the highest marks in Class XI : Harshit Arora (XI-A) 82%.

The Chief Guest congratulated the prize winners. He encouraged them to continue working hard and bring laurels for their parents. He thanked the parents for their unfailing support and encouragement. The Principal, Rev. Fr. Rajesh D'Souza congratulated the winners and proposed the vote of thanks. The programme concluded with the College Anthem.

29th April 2023 : Model United Nations at City Montessori, Aliganj Campus-1,

The results were as follows :

Aryaman Arora (XII-C) *High Commendation Award* ; Rakshit Yadav (XI-B) *Best Delegate Award*; Virat Verma (XI-C) *High Commendation* ; Oorjit Pandey (XII-A) *Verbal Mention* ; Devyansh Trivedi (XII-B) *Verbal Mention* ; Yash Pandey (IX-B) *Verbal Mention*



MAY 2023

1st May 2023 : Labour Day Celebration : A Special Assembly was held on the occasion of Labour Day. Ansh Agarwal delivered a speech in Hindi and spoke of the importance of Labour Day. It is a day set aside to honour the work of our support staff whose relentless service contributes to the smooth functioning of the Institution. In his message, he said that it is the labour force that determines the social and economic progress of the nation. All our workers were given a token of appreciation by the Principal, Rev. Fr. Rajesh D'Souza and a flower by the Vice Principal, Rev. Fr. Anup Lakra. Speaking on the occasion, the Principal, appreciated the work of the support staff. He said it was great to see them on the campus. They have been working sincerely and honestly. The cleanliness of the campus is due to their regular work. He said that some of them have been working for 25-30 years in the institution and their thoughts revolve around the institution itself. He thanked God for the team of good Support Staff and wished them all the best.

2nd May, 2023 : Inter Class Solo Singing Competition

The results are as follows :

<i>First</i>	: Kewis Titus	VI-D	<i>St. George's House</i>
<i>Second</i>	: Atharv Nigam	VI-A	<i>St. Patrick's House</i>
<i>Third</i>	: Aviral Singh	VI-B	<i>St. George's House</i>

The judges of the competition were : Mr. K.K. Rai, Mr. S. Srivastava & Mrs. B. Charles

10th May 2023 : Inter House Hindi Debate Competition (IX - XII)

The topic of the Debate was "न्यायपालिका ही लोकतंत्र की एकमात्र संरक्षक है"

The results are as follows :

<i>Best Speaker (For)</i>	: for XI-C	Rudransh Dubey	<i>St. Patrick's House</i>
<i>Best Speaker (Against)</i>	: for XI-B	Madhav Krishna	<i>St. Andrew's House</i>

Class IX-X

<i>Best Speaker (For)</i>	: for IX-B	Hardik Singh	<i>St. Andrew's House</i>
<i>Best Speaker (Against)</i>	: for IX-C	Ojasv Arora	<i>St. George's House</i>

The judges of the competition were :

Ms. Swastika Dixit (*Christ Church College*) ; Ms. Preeti Singh Camster (*Emma Thompson School*)
Ms. Suleka Srivastava (*Cathedral Sr. Sec. School*)

The Chairperson of the Debate was Mrs. Leena Kar.

14th May 2023 : Parent Teacher Meeting : The first Parent Teacher Meeting of the Academic Session was held. It was encouraging to witness a large attendance of parents, who keenly interacted with the teachers to enquire about their ward in the new class.

Summer vacation commences.

15th - 19th May 2023 : Staff Excursion : The Principal and around forty teachers went on a Staff Excursion to Darjeeling. It was an enjoyable trip.



July 2023

1st July 2023 : Inauguration of the College Gates and integrated structures by Most Rev. Dr. Gerald John Mathias, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Lucknow.

The College Gates and Archways were reconstructed and made larger and wider with new side gates as well, under the supervision of our Principal Rev. Fr. Rajesh D'Souza. The constructed gates and structures look highly impressive. **The Bishop of the Catholic Diocese Most Rev. Dr. Gerald John Mathias**, along with the Vicar General, Fr. Denis Naresh Lobo, the Manager, Fr. Donald D'Souza, the Principal Fr. Rajesh D'Souza and Vice Principal Fr. Anup Lakra, blessed and inaugurated the Gates and new structures. Special prayers and verses from the Bible were read. The college Staff Choir, sang 'Make me a channel of your Peace and Showers of Blessings'. It was a wonderful and significant occasion in the annals of the history of our college, while blessing the Gates, the Bishop prayed for the prosperity and success of the Institution and invoked God's blessing on each one associated with the college.

The NCC cadets and band welcomed the guests. Staff members, a few parents and the office bearers were also present on this momentous occasion. It was a day of great pride and honour for the college to witness such a sacred occasion.

The Bishop addressed the Staff in the Old Concert Hall after the Inaugural ceremony. Speaking to the staff members, Most Rev. Dr. Gerald John Mathias emphasised on the 'Role of Educators', the need to help students to be 'human and humane'. He emphasised the need to adopt ways of making our lives as well as the lives of our students more humane. Quoting from the Letter of a Child Psychologist and Nazi concentration camp, survivor (World War II) Dr. I. Junot, he said "Never again should there be a holocaust, crimes, atrocities to humans in anyway". He lamented that in our present times, there are atrocities carried in various forms and sadly by so-called educated politicians, leaders, educators and fundamentalists who urge hatred, greed and avarice.

He said that the main fault in the Education system is the focus on knowledge and skilled education, but we forget to instil moral and ethical values in our students. It is important to instil the values of tolerance, love and respect in students. He said a good tree produces good fruit, when we instil good values in our children, they will grow to be more humane and kind. Quoting a message from a University of South Africa, he said, "Destroying any nation, does not require atomic bombs, but requires low-level education and cheating by students. Quoting St. Francis de Sales he said, "The heart of Education is the Education of the heart." He said that students should have character, conscience, compassion and commitment which is now grossly neglected, and is giving rise to atrocities in the society.

He said that as teachers we should be good examples and a role model as well as witnesses. He said that we should be able to inspire and influence, which is important for our students. He told the staff members to reflect on these thoughts during staff meetings and prayers at home. On the concluding note, Most. Rev. Dr. Gerald John Mathias thanked the Principal, Staff members and wished them a fruitful session.



This was followed by a Seminar for the staff members. The Resource person was Rev. Fr. Elias Cardoza, he is also the Financial Administrator of the Catholic Diocese of Lucknow. The topic of the seminar was **“What more could a teacher do with your teaching.”** He emphasised on the need for compassion, attitude and interaction of a teacher with the students. He spoke about the importance of inspiring and encouraging our students, the need to bring out the best in them and to recognize their potential so that they grow into confident individuals. We must focus on the positive attributes of the students and not highlight their negative aspects. The seminar was very enlightening and encouraging.

After the seminar, the Principal had a staff meeting, wherein he discussed the agenda and plans of the forthcoming session. This was followed by lunch.

3rd July 2023 : The College re-opens after the summer vacation : The Principal welcomed the students back to the college. He reminded them of the important rules of the College, i.e. not to bring their mobile phones, to be regular to college and not to indulge in indiscipline. He congratulated the toppers of ICSE & ISC.

ICSE 1. Amber (98.8%) & Vedant Agarwal (98.8%)
2. Sudhanshu Agarwal (98.4%)

ISC 1. Sudhanshu Agarwal (98.4%)
2. Kaustubh Srivastava (97.75%); Shivansh Verma (97.7%) & Anmol Berry (97.75%)

6th July 2023 : Arnav Rajvansh, student of VI-C, was recently felicitated with following awards in “Taekwondo Championship”

1. He was felicitated with Gold Medal in Inter School Taekwondo Championship 2023 organized on 30th April at Chowk Stadium, Lucknow in an event KYORUGI.
2. He has been awarded a Silver Medal on Xth Fresher Sub-Junior, Cadet Junior and Senior Kyorugi Poomsae State Boys and Girls Taekwondo Championship 2023 held on 15th June 2023 at K.D. Singh Babu Stadium.

7th July 2023 : A condolence prayer was held during the morning assembly on the sudden and sad demise of **Mr. Kallu** who was Incharge of the Cycle stand of the College.

15th July 2023 : Inter House English Debate Competition Classes IX - XII.

The topic for class IX-X was “Segregated schooling is better than co-education”.

The results were as follows :

<i>Best Speaker (For)</i>	:	IX-C	Ojasv Arora	<i>St. Francis' House</i>
<i>Best Speaker (Against)</i>	:	X-D	Mohd. Suhaib Khan	<i>St. George's House</i>

The topic for class XI-XII was “A Uniform Civil Code goes against the very idea of diversity”

The results were as follows :

<i>Best Speaker (For)</i>	:	XI	Siddharth Jain	<i>St. Francis' House</i>
<i>Best Speaker (Against)</i>	:	XI-B	Fazal Abbas	<i>St. Francis' House</i>



The judges of the competition were :

Mrs. Mohit Jude (*Cathedral Senior Sec. School*) ; Mrs. Sulochana Nathan (*Christ Church College*);
Mrs. Kakooli Gosh (*Emma Thompson School*)

The competition was conducted by Mrs. S. Saksena.

17th - 22nd July 2023 : Unit Test-I was held

27th July 2023 : In the **CISCE (UP+UK) Zonal level Basketball Tournament 2023** hosted by Lucknow Public College, A-Block, Rajajipuram, Lucknow (Zone-B). In the Senior Under 17 Boys' Category, our team was declared Runner-up. The team comprised the following :

1. Emad Rizvi	XI-B	2. Satwik Verma	XI-A
3. Prakhar Mishra	X-C	4. Pavitra Dheer	IX-C
5. Neil Mulwani	X-A	6. Shreyas Shankar	X-C
7. Sarthak Tripathi	IX-B	8. Sambhav Jain	IX-A
9. Shresht Srivastava	X-A	10. Syed Mohd. Ali Khan	IX-D
11. Mohd. Irfanul Haque	IX-C	12. Arnav Pandey	X-C

They were coached by Sir Ajeet Singh.

28th August 2023 : La Martinere Girls' College hosted **Entente 2023** on 26th and 27th July 2023.

The results were as follows :

1. Docudrama :	2nd position	Winners - Ambar (XI-A) and Sudhanshu Agarwal (XI-B)
2. Coder One :	2nd position	Winners - Anay Dikshit and Siddharth Srivastava (XI-B)

AUGUST 2023

1st August 2023 : Investiture Ceremony of the Vice Captains, Prefects and English and Hindi Editors.

The students were invested with their flags and badges at the Morning Assembly by the Principal, Rev. Fr. Rajesh D'Souza. Speaking on the occasion, the Principal congratulated the students. He told them that they were privileged to be chosen as leaders and must set an example by being responsible towards their duties. He said that they should be ready to guide their juniors and be an example for them. He said that it is a moment of pride for their parents as well. He advised them not to take this opportunity for granted but to work with utmost zeal and enthusiasm. The ceremony concluded with the college Choir singing the College Anthem.

The following students of Class XI have been appointed office bearers of the College Student Council for the academic year 2023-2024.

St. Francis' House	:	Mohorshi Das	XI-B	Vice Captain
St. George's House	:	Arpan Gowan	XI-A	Vice Captain
St. Patrick's House	:	Ajitesh Mohan	XI-A	Vice Captain
St. Andrew's House	:	Sudhanshu Agarwal	XI-B	Vice Captain



Prefects : Ambar (XI-A); R. Sai Vedant (XI-A); Siddharth Jain (XI-A); Fazal Abbas (XI-B); Anay Dikshit (XI-B); Paarth Sachdeva (XI-B); Rudransh Dubey (XI-C); Anugrah Tayler (XI-C); Madhav Krishna Agnihotri (XI-C)

English Editor : Mohd. Husain Abbas (XI-C)

Hindi Editor : Paarth Sharma

3rd August 2023 : Inter Class Poster Making Competition on the topic “Swatch Bharat Abhiyan” was held for the students of class VII.

The results are as follows :

<i>First</i>	: Shaurya Masih	<i>VII-B</i>
<i>Second</i>	: Atharva Pandey	<i>VII-B</i>
<i>Third</i>	: Mohd. Ebad	<i>VII-B</i>

The competition was conducted by Sir Pradeep Kumar.

5th-8th August 2023 : City Montessori School, Mahanagar Campus, organised “**Reflections**”, an **International Youth Test** on History, Civics, Legal Studies and Psychology from 5th to 8th August 2023. The following participants won certificates of commendation in the event ‘Legal Vision’:

Senior Category : Rudransh Dubey (XI-C); Mohd. Fazal Abbas (XI-B); Madhav K. Agnihotri (XI-C); Maaz Siddique (XII-C)

Junior Category : Ojasv Arora (IX-C); Advay Jain (IX-C)

10th August 2023 : Inter House Hindi Elocution Competition : For classes IX-XII.

The results are as follows for class IX-X :

<i>First</i>	: Ojasv Arora	<i>IX-C</i>	<i>St. George’s House</i>
<i>Second</i>	: Arinjay Singh	<i>IX-B</i>	<i>St. Andrew’s House</i>
<i>Third</i>	: Hardik Singh	<i>IX-B</i>	<i>St. Andrew’s House</i>

for Classes XI-XII

<i>First</i>	: Mohd. Fazal Abbas	<i>XI-B</i>	<i>St. Francis’ House</i>
<i>Second</i>	: Ananya Srivastava	<i>XII-C</i>	<i>St. Francis’ House</i>
<i>Third</i>	: Rudransh Dubey	<i>XI-C</i>	<i>St. Francis’ House</i>

The judges of the competition were : Ms. Ashima Dhulia (*Christ Church College*); Ms. Preeti Singh (*Emma Thompson School*); Ms. Gladys Singh (*Cathedral Sen. Sec. School*)

The competition was conducted by Mrs. Leena Kaar

Results of Collage Making Competition - Class-VI

10th August 2023 :

First : Anunay Jain (VI-D) *St. Patrick’s House*; Ami Roy (VI-D) *St. Patrick’s House*; Kushagra Mehrotra (VI-D) *St. Andrew’s House*; Anant Srivastava (VI-D) *St. Francis’ House*

Second : Abhivardhan Singh (VI-C) *St. Patrick’s House*; Achintya Vats (VI-C) *St. Andrew’s House*; Ishaant Kumar (VI-C) *St. Patrick’s House*; Parijaat Mishra (VI-C) *St. George’s House*

Third : Aditya Raj (VI-A) *St. Patrick’s House*; KunwarViraj (VI-A) *St. George’s House*; Arjun Garg (VI-A) *St. Andrew’s House*; Archit Tiwari (VI-A) *St. Patrick’s House*



Lakshya Khanna (VI-D) *St. Francis' House*; Azlaan (VI-D) *St. George's House*; Mohd. AzmRiza (VI-D) *St. Andrew's House*; Syed Yasir Ali (VI-D) *St. Patrick's House*

12th August 2023 : Inter Class Best out of Waste Competition - Class VIII

Results are as follows :

First	: Neer Saxena	VIII-D	<i>St. George's House</i>
Second	: Kritarth Mishra	VIII-A	<i>St. Andrew's House</i>
Third	: Vanktesh Sharma	VIII-A	<i>St. Francis' House</i>

The competition was conducted by Ms. Jasmeet Kaur.

15th August 2023 : Independence Day Celebration and Celebration of the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The day's celebration began with - a High Mass which was held in the College Chapel to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Chief Celebrant of the Mass was our Principal Rev. Fr. Rajesh D'Souza accompanied by the Vice-Principal Rev. Fr. Anup Lakra.

The Chief guest on the occasion of Independence Day Celebration was, **Mr. Zuhair Bin Saghir, IAS, U.P. Cadre, 2006 Batch** with an All India Rank 5 in Civil Service Examination. He's Special Secretary, General Administration Department.

The programme began by welcoming the Chief Guest with a Floral Tribute by the Principal. He hoisted the National Flag, and the College Choir sang the National Anthem. This was followed by a splendid March Past by the Student's Council, the Four Houses, the NCC Band and the NCC, contingent. The College Captain Harshit Arora, delivered his speech in English expressing his sentiments and appreciating the sacrifice of our Freedom fighters. The College Choir sang 'Heal the World' melodiously. This was followed by a message in Hindi expressed by Ansh Rastogi.

The college Choir also sang a Hindi Patriotic song which was rendered mellifluously.

The Chief Guest addressed the gathering. He thanked the Principal for the invitation. In his message he said that Independence Day is the most important National festival of the country. He said this occasion fills every citizen's heart with pride. He said that freedom comes with a responsibility quoting Bob Dylan he said, "A hero is one who understands that freedom comes with responsibility. He also quoted lines from RabindraNath Tagore's famous poem "Where the mind is without fear". He told the students to build a character made of steel. They should become men of wealth i.e. intellectual wealth as well as wealth of character.

On this momentous occasion, the **College Magazine** was released by the Chief Guest along with the Principal. The Principal proposed the vote of thanks to the Chief Guest. He presented him a memento and thanked him for gracing the occasion as well as the conveying an inspiring message to the students. The students were given a treat as they exited the campus. The staff had a meeting with the Principal along with a high tea.

A Beacon of Joy : In a heart-warming endeavour, students Suryansh Singh and Yashvardhan Singh have taken the spirit of giving to new heights. Founders of a remarkable NGO **Helping Hands Organisation**, along with their dedicated team members Yashasvi Yaduvanshi, S. Ghazi



H. Naqvi, Umair Ahmed, Priyansh Singh and Rayan Mathur took an aim to light up the lives of underprivileged children in the most heart-warming way. Through meaningful interactions with their seniors, Syed Ali Rizvi (Ex-Franciscan), Ali Siddiqui (Ex-Franciscan), Suryansh and Yash found inspiration that motivated them to establish this NGO. The first venture was carried out on 15th August, 2023, after the college programme.

These young minds have made it their mission to stand by underprivileged children on every festive season. With a clear objective - making sure every child experiences the joy of festivals. They achieve this by both donations and their time, creating a beautiful display of compassion.

Together, they organize events, gather donations, and spend quality time with the children, proving that a small effort can create ripples of positivity. Their inspiring efforts don't stop at uplifting the spirits of the less fortunate; they also serve as a beacon of motivation for others. In a world that sometimes seems to lack compassion, the story of this student-run NGO reminds us that there is still much goodness to be found - and shared.

While they persist in bringing happiness to underprivileged children through festive celebrations, they also enlighten our journey, demonstrating that compassion and kindness are the genuine guiding lights for everyone. **Mitanshu Shukla (XII-B)**

22nd August 2023 : Inter House Quiz Competition (IX-XII)

The results are as follows :

- First** : **St. Patrick's House** : Syed Mohd, Ibrahim (X-B); Adwik Kumar Singh (IX-A); Rudransh Dubey (XI-C); Sarthak Arora (XII-C)
- Second** : **St. George's House** : Ritwik Vishbha Raj (X-C); Shaurya Chaddha (XII-C); Paarth Sharma (XI-C); Vikrant Mishra (IX-C)
- Third** : **St. Andrew's House** : Aryansh Pratap Singh (X-C); Advay Jain (IX-C); Sudhanshu Agarwal (XI-A); Gurdeep Singh Sengal (XII-B)

26th August 2023 : Mount Carmel Convent organised Blitz 2023. A team of students participated and won the following prizes :

- Ambar (XI-A) and Harsh Awasthi (XII-A) won the Third prize in Atarxia.
- Siddharth Srivastava (XI-B) and Ommer Ali Khan (XII-C) came Third in Webrizz.
- Anay Dixit (XI-B) won the Second prize in 'So you think you can dub?'
- Dharia Raj Verma (XII-B) stood second in Neon.
- Mohd. Fazl Abbas (XI-B) stood First in 'There are Imposters among us'.
- AnayDikshit (XI-B) and Sudhanshu Agarwal (XI-B) stood first in Odyssey.
- Madhav K. Agnihotri (XI-C) stood First in Warzone.
- Madhav K. Agnihotri (XI-C) stood First in Word Weavers.



SEPTEMBER 2023

5th September 2023 : Teacher's Day Celebration : The celebration began with the morning assembly, after the morning prayers, the College Captain, Harshit Arora delivered his speech. In his message, he said that teachers are a guiding source of light. Knowledge and skill enhancement techniques are patiently bestowed upon the students by teachers. Their dedication and sincerity cannot be summed up in a speech or even limited to showing gratitude on a single day. A lifetime would not be enough to thank the people who help students to become achievers. Teachers are the backbone of society who do their best, to make their students gain knowledge and implement it properly. He said that teachers have never ceased to be the ignited candle, by burning their energy and selflessly leading their students.

Sudhansu Agarwal, student of XI-A, too delivered a speech on the occasion and said that a teacher is a person who uncovers the treasure invisible in a student. Every small lesson is taught by a teacher. It should be a day filled with gratitude and respect for our teachers. He said that teachers are the torchbearers of knowledge who shape the minds of the future generations. He said that students should remember the profound impact a teacher has on their lives and express our sincere gratitude towards them.

Speaking on the occasion, the Principal Rev. Fr. Rajesh D'Souza thanked the teachers for their devotion and sincere efforts in nurturing young students. He said that every teacher has the ability to inspire their students, the impact may be realised later but will always be there. A teacher would always go that extra mile to bring out the best in their students, even if they have to be strict. Students who return to wish their teachers years after passing out, is a proof of their appreciation, for their teachers.

The students interacted and greeted their class and subject teachers. A friendly basketball match was held between the staff and the students, in which the students won.

The staff gathered in the hall for an entertainment programme. The Manager of the College. Rev. Fr. Donald D'Souza, prayed over the staff. The Principal thanked and appreciated the relentless efforts of the staff and told them that they were a special and integral part of the Institution. The staff played two rounds of Housie and the winners were given prizes.

As a token of appreciation, the Principal and Manager gifted each staff member a token with a card. This was followed by Lunch. The day was well celebrated and enjoyed by the staff, management and the students.

8th September 2023 : Inter House Talent Hunt Competition

Results of Class IX-X were as follows :

<i>First</i>	: Tanishq Jaiswal	IX-B	<i>St. Patrick's House</i>
<i>Second</i>	: Ali Akbar	IX-D	<i>St. George's House</i>
<i>Third</i>	: Aryan Singh	IX-A	<i>St. Andrew's House</i>



Results of Class XI-XII were as follows :

<i>First</i> :	Anay Dikshit	XI-C	<i>St. Geogre's House</i>
<i>Second</i> :	Arun Albert	XI-C	<i>St. Andrew's House</i>
<i>Third</i> :	Mitamnshu Shukla	XII-B	<i>St. Patrick's House</i>

The judges of the competition were : Mr. Shane Castelino (Cathedral Sen. Sec. School); Mrs. P. Daultani (La Martiniere Girls' College); Mrs. Rajani Phillip (Emma Thompson School)

The competition was conducted by Mrs. K. Gulati

15th-26th September 2023 : Half Yearly Examination

OCTOBER 2023

2nd October 2023 : Gandhi Jayanti Celebration : The Principal Rev. Fr. Rajesh D'Souza, the Vice Principal Rev. Fr. Anup Lakra, the Co-ordinator Mr. D. Jackson, Staff and students gathered in the Gymnasium Hall to pay homage to the Father of the Nation - Mahatma Gandhi on his birth anniversary. The Principal lit the lamp and showered rose petals on the portrait of Gandhiji. He addressed the gathering. thereafter the Staff members and students too paid homage.

Annual Marathon : The **Annual Marathon** was held wherein students of class XII participated in the event. the teachers were assigned various check posts and the route of the Marathon was from St. Francis' College to M.B. Club

The winners of the Marathon were :

<i>First</i> :	Kartik Kapoor	XI	<i>St. Andrew's House</i>
<i>Second</i> :	Sudhansu Agarwal	XI-A	<i>St. Andrew's House</i>
<i>Third</i> :	Syed Mohd. Ali Akbar	IX-D	<i>St. George's House</i>

4th October 2023 : Patron's Day Celebration : The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi the Patron Saint of our College was celebrated with great devotion and pride. The Day's Celebration began with the Eucharistic Mass. The Chief Celebrant of the Mass was **Bishop Dr. Gerald John Mathias, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Lucknow.** The Co-celebrants were the Manager Fr. Donald D'Souza, Principal Fr. Rajesh D'Souza and Vice Principal Fr. Anup Lakra and Fr. Elias Cardoza. The Mass was attended by the Staff, some students, and guests. In his homily, the Bishop said that we should live a life of simplicity and honesty and detach ourselves from materialistic pursuits. The soulful hymns sung by the Choir added joy to the Service.

The Eucharistic Service was followed by a Special Assembly. The Bishop hoisted the College Flag and the College Choir sang the College Anthem. On this day Students and Silver Jubilarian Staff were felicitated. They were Mrs. B.C. Raina, Mr. R. Bhalla and Mrs. A. Agarwal. Teachers with full attendance were also awarded. They were Mrs. R. Jackson, Mrs. A. Verma, Mrs. S. Philip, Mr. B.D'More, Mrs. S. Banerji and Mr. S. Maslamani. The students who performed exceptionally well in the Board Examination, both ISC and ICSE 2022-23, were given special recognition. Trophies, Certificates and Scholarships were awarded to them.



The Meritorious Students of ISC, 2022-23 are as follows :

Kaustubh Srivastava (97.75%); Shivansh Verma (97.75%); Anmol Berry (97.75%); Akshat Dixit (97.50%); Syed Ebrahim Haider Zaidi (97.50%); Sarthk Singh (97.25%)

The Meritorious Students of ICSE are as follows :

Ambar (98.80%); Vedant Agarwal (98.80%); Sudhanshu Agarwal (98.40%); Paarth Sachdeva (97.80%)

Special Scholarships were awarded to ISC and ICSE students.

The students were also awarded Certificates and Medals for achieving Highest Marks in various subjects in the ISC Examination 2020-21.

The Bishop congratulated the Staff and Students and encouraged them to continue to strive hard to achieve excellence. He also emphasized on following the example of St. Francis who was a man of peace. We should strive to build a community of peace as there are divisive forces who are causing harm to the country. We should work together to build a strong nation and safeguard the rights of the minority communities.

A week prior to Patron's Day celebration, a series of Past vs. Present sports matches were held. They were the overall Champions. The Old Franciscan Association members felicitated the teachers who retired this year with a token of appreciation.

The Principal Fr. Rajesh D'Souza thanked the Bishop Dr. Gerald John Mathias, and presented him a memento as a token of gratitude for gracing the occasion. He also thanked the Manager, Fr. Donald D'Souza, the parents, Staff and members of the Old Franciscan Association for their unfailing support. He urged the students to render acts of charity, which will surely be rewarded.

The students were given treats, the Staff and guests gathered in the Old Concert Hall for refreshments and they interacted with each other.

Members of the Staff who completed 25 years of service : Mrs. B.C. Raina; Mr. R. Bhalla; Mrs. A. Agarwal

7th October 2023 : Showing of Half Yearly Answer Scripts to the parents.

It was encouraging to see the parents turn out in large numbers to see the performance of their wards in the Half Yearly Examination.

11th-14th October 2023 : Ad-Astra - held at St. Agnes' Loreto Day School was a four day event comprising multi-faceted competitions to test the skills of young students in various areas such as Literary, Danceta, Photography, Home Science, Science and Art. Our students participated in various competitions and brought laurels to the Institution. The results were as follows :

Day-1

2nd in Cloaked Climatics : Rudransh Dubey (XI-C); Kushagra Sharm (XI-A); Paarth Sharma (XI-C)



2nd in Plea De Redencion : Madhav Krishna Agnihotri (XI-C)

2nd in Thespian Masquerade : R. Sai Vedant (XI-A); Harsh Rastogi (XI-C); Siddharth Jain (XI-A); Mohd. Fazl Abbas (XI-B)

3rd in Anthology of Poems : Sudhanshu Agarwal (XI-B); Anay Dikshit (XI-B); Rakshit (XI-B); Madhav Krishna Agnihotri (XI-C)

Day-3

3rd in Motivational Video : Advay Ojha (XI-B); Rakshit (XI-B); Ajitesh Mohan (XI-A)

Day-4

1st in Innoventure : Fazl Abbas (XI-B); Emad Rizvi (XI-B); Siddhartha Srivastava (XI-B); Ajitesh Mohan (XI-A); Pratyaksh Srivastava (XI); Siddharth Jain (XI-A)

2nd in Science Quiz : Ojasv Arora (IX-C); Aditya Sukhla (IX-D)

20th October 2023 : Inter Class Solo Singing Competition

<i>First</i> :	Devaank Shahu	VI-A	<i>St. George's House</i>
<i>Second</i> :	Shahwat Mishra	VI-D	<i>St. Francis' House</i>
<i>Third</i> :	Yash Verma	VI-B	<i>St. Andrew's House</i>

15th October 2023 : The Association of Schools for the Indian School Certificate Examinations, U.P.+U.K. conducted the **Regional Literary Competitions 2023**. Rudransh Dubey (XI-C) & Parth Sharma (XI-C) were awarded the Second position in the Quiz in the Senior Category held at Dr.Swaroop Education Centre, Kanpur. Earlier they stood First in the Zonal Level Quiz Competition held at St. Thomas Mission High School, Lucknow on 25th July 2023.

21st October 2023 : Diya Decoration Competition Class VIII

<i>First</i> :	Shaurya Masih (VII-B) St. Francis' House
<i>Second</i> :	Ajith Gupta (VII-A) St. George's House
<i>Third</i> :	Vivaan Agarwal (VII-C) St. Patrick's House

26-28th October 2023 : Expression - 2023 : An Annual Inter-College Literary and Cultural Festival was held from 26th to 28th October, 2023 at St. Francis' College. This three day extravaganza is a continuing endeavour on the part of our college to bring together students from classes IX-XII in a spirit of healthy competition vying for laurels in various conventional and novel contests. This event is an attempt to showcase the best student talent from prestigious institution of the city under one roof. This year 30 schools from all over the city participated in this event. Around 1500 students vied for various competitions. Various competitions were held during these three days :

Day-1

English Debate, Elomime, Best-out of Waste, Poetry Writing (English), Quiz (Preliminary round) and Indian Music (in the evening).

Day-2

Flower arrangement, Quiz (Final), Mono-acting, Collage making, Expression, Poetry writing (Hindi) and Western Music (in the evening)

**Day-3**

Hindi debate, Face Painting, Talent Cocktail, Innovation and Choreography (in the evening)

The Inaugural Ceremony was held on 26th October at 9.00 a.m. The Chief Guest on the occasion was **Dr. B.D. Paulson, Additional Director of Police, Director Traffic and Road Safety, Uttar Pradesh.** The participating teams handed over their College Flag to the Principal and Chief Guest. The ceremonial Lamp was lit by the Chief Guest, the Principal, Fr. Rajesh D'Souza, teacher representative of Loreto Convent, Vice Captain of La Martiniere Girls' College, Mr. D. Jackson the Coordinator, the Head Mistress Sr. Usha. The Chief Guest declared the event open. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Guest said that the school has given a platform for young students to exhibit their talents. Technology should be used to our advantage, it should not be used for destruction. Expression showcases the talent and innovation of creative minds. He laid emphasis on 4P's namely Purpose, Perseverance, Performance and good Principles.

A Memento was presented by the Principal to the Chief Guest. The Principal said it is his privilege to welcome every one. Students should not only excel in studies but also participate in curricular events and tap their talents. The day's event commenced with the English debate. Prominent educationists and professional artists were invited to judge the competitions held each day.

DAY-1**1. English Debate**

<i>Best Speaker (For)</i>	-	Tisya Gola (La Martiniere Girls' College)
<i>Best Speaker (Against)</i>	-	Madhav Krishna Agnihotri (St. Francis' College)
<i>Best Team</i>	-	St. Francis' College

2. Elomine

<i>First</i>	: La Martiniere Girls' College
<i>Second</i>	: St. Francis' College
<i>Third</i>	: St. Fidelis College

3. Best-out of Waste

<i>First</i>	: La Martiniere Girls' College
<i>Second</i>	: Army Public School, S.P. Marg
<i>Third</i>	: Modern Academy

4. Poetry Writing (English)

<i>First</i>	: Sahil Iqbal	Lucknow Public Collegiate
<i>Second</i>	: Ananya Pandey	Nirmala Convent Inter College
<i>Third</i>	: Kashiv Pandey	La Martiniere Girls' College

5. Indian Music

Solo	First	: Aakarsh Singh Suryavanshi	City Montessori School, GN-I
	Second	: Aryan Singh	St. Francis' College
	Third	: Vimanyu Mishra	Modern Academy



Group *First* : St. Francis' College
 Second : Modern Academy
 Third : City Montessori School, GN-I

DAY-2

1. Flower Arrangement

<i>First</i> :	Sudhansu Agarwal & Yash Dubey	<i>St. Francis' College</i>
<i>Second</i> :	Anjum Mantasha Nimra & Shruti Maurya	<i>Jeevan Dhara Convent School</i>
<i>Third</i> :	Riddhima & Tuhina	<i>The Millennium School</i>

2. Quiz (Final)

First : St. Agnes' Loreto Day School
Second : Montfort Inter College
Third : City Montessori School, Gomti Nagar-I

3. Mono Acting

<i>First</i> :	Arnav Srivastava	<i>The Millennium School</i>
<i>Second</i> :	Udbhav Dubey	<i>St. Fidelis College</i>
<i>Third</i> :	Lakshay	<i>City Montessori School, Gomti Nagar-II</i>

4. Collage Making

First : St. Francis School, Gomtinagar
Second : Unity College
Third : Emma Thompson School

5. Expression

<i>First</i> :	Shravantika Sahay	<i>La Martiniere Girls' College</i>
<i>Second</i> :	Devesh Tripathi	<i>St. Francis' College</i>
<i>Third</i> :	Vedanshi Gupta	<i>City Montessori School, GN-I</i>

6. Poetry Writing (Hindi)

<i>First</i> :	Mansi Mishra	<i>La Martiniere Girls' College</i>
<i>Second</i> :	Devesh Tripathi	<i>St. Francis' College</i>
<i>Third</i> :	Prerna Tandon	<i>The Millennium School</i>

7. Western Music

Group	<i>First</i> :	Mount Carmel College
	<i>Second</i> :	St. Francis' College
	<i>Third</i> :	City Montessori School, Gomti Nagar-I
Solo	<i>First</i> :	Antra Dubey <i>Mount Carmel College</i>
	<i>Second</i> :	Sania Zehra <i>Mount Carmel College</i>
		Parth Sen Singh <i>St. Francis' College</i>
	<i>Third</i> :	Aryan Singh
		Shlok Bhattacharya - <i>St. Francis School, Gomti Nagar</i>
		Cherish Joseph - <i>Loreto Convent Intermediate College</i>

**DAY-3****1. Hindi Debate***Best Speaker (For)*

Rudraksh Tiwari

*St. John Bosco College**Best Speaker (Against)*

Rashmi Rai

*Army Public School, S.P. Marg**Best Team**St. Francis' College***2. Face Painting***First* : St. Paul's College*Second* : Unity College*Third* : St. Francis School, Gomtinagar & St. Francis' College**3. Talent Cocktail***First* : Mahim Fatima*St. Agnes' Loreto Day School**Second* : Madhav Krishna Agnihotri*St. Francis' College**Third* : Anushka Sharma*Mount Carmel*

Vanshika Minocha

*La Martinere Girls' College***4. Choreography : FIRST : St. Ann's Convent; SECOND : Emma Thompson School; THIRD: St. Francis' College.****Special Trophies****Masters of Melody (Indian & Western music)***St. Francis' College***Runners Up***Mount Carmel College***Champion of Champions***La Martinere Girls' College***30th October 2023 : Inter Class Extempore Speech Competition Class VII.**

The results were as follows :

First : Sparsh Bhatnagar

VIII-A

*St. Francis' House**Second* : Neer Saxena

VIII-D

*St. George's House**Third* : Aarav Katri

VIII-C

*St. Patrick's House***NOVEMBER 2023****3rd & 4th November 2023** : The students participated in **MICFEST** organised by **Montfort College** and won the following prizes :

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| 1. Spill to Spell | - | <i>First Prize</i> | Advay Jain & Ojasv Arora (IX-C) |
| 2. Silhouette and Cinecraft | - | <i>Second Prize</i> | Aryaman Arora (XII-C) |
| | | | Rakshit Yadav (XI) |
| 3. Reel Chronical | - | <i>Third Prize</i> | Arnav Mohit, Ayaan Adnan (XI) |
| 4. Adventure Safari | - | <i>Third Prize</i> | Arpan Gowan & Garv Rastogi |
| 5. Wheel of Wideness | - | <i>Second Prize</i> | Madhav Krishna Agnihotri |

18th November 2023 : Annual Sports and P.T. Display : The Annual Sports and P.T. display was held at St. Francis' College on 23rd November 2023. The Chief Guest on the occasion was **Shri Zuhair Bin Saghir, IAS, Special Secretary General Administration, U.P.** The Chief Guest was welcomed with a floral tribute; the programme began with the Ceremonial Lighting of the Torch by the College Captain, Harshit Arora. The Chief Guest formally declared the event open.



The College Captain along with the Captains and Vice Captains pledged the oath. the programme then began with the races of various Divisions followed by the class relays and the Inter-House Relays. This was followed by a variety of drills of each class. **Class III & IV** performed the **Charlie Chaplin Drill** where they showcased, the tango style dance. **Class VII & VIII** performed a drill named **Sentinels of Peace**, they formed the peace sign and emphasized the importance of peace and harmony in the world, through well coordinated exercises. The students of class **IX & XI** performed **Mass P.T.** with a message of Patriotism. The students were dressed in the Tri colour and performed various exercises as well formed **Pyramids**. **Class I & II** performed their drill titled **Dancing Hoopla's** using bright Hoopla's. This was followed by the **NCC Drill** with the **College NCC Band** performing various formations and playing various instruments comprising 24 students of Class VIII. A team of 25 students comprised the **Gymnastic team**, they displayed various formations, performing on the Vaulting Horse, doing the Front Flip, jumping through the Triple Ring and the Ring of Fire, culminating with the Pyramid formation. The **Nursery and K.G.** class Drill titled **Dazzling Rainbows** with Beauty of Nature as their theme. The last performance was by the students of **Class V & VI**, their drill titled **Funky Fusion** based on **Zumba Fusion** along with different dance styles. This was followed by the splendid March Past displayed by the Student Council, the four houses and the NCC Contingent and the NCC Band.

During the prize distribution ceremony of winners of various sporting events were honoured. The important Shields and Trophies are as follows :

1. **Best Athletes :**

A - Division : Kartik Kapoor (St. Andrew's House)

B - Division : Syed Mohd. Mustapha (St. Andrew's House)

C- Division : Abhishek Isac Toppo (St. Andrew's House)

2. **Harrison Memorial Athletics Shield : St. Andrew's House**

3. **Tug - O - War : St. Patrick's House**

4. **Father Alfred Cup for the Sportsman of Year 2023-24 : Yashavi Raj Rajvanshi (XII)**

5. **Literary Shield : St. George's House**

6. **Ajay Agarwal Basketball Shield : St. George's House**

7. **Capt. Fernandes Table Tennis Shield : St. Andrew's House**

8. **Rohit Gurnanai Memorial Badminton Shield : St. Francis' House**

9. **Hubert Fanthome Memorial Marathon Shield : St. George's House**

10. **Shri Joe Parker Memorial March Past Shield : St. Patrick's and St. George's House**

11. **Cock House of the year 2023-24 : St. Andrew's House**

Speaking on the occasion the Chief Guest said that it was a pleasure to be a part of this event. He said that school life is the most cherished time period of our life and should be well enjoyed. He complemented the children's performance and said that greater heights were in store for them which should be well explored. He applauded the Principal's diligence in making the institution a great one. He appreciated the passion and drive of the students which enabled them to perform well.



The Principal proposed the vote of thanks. He thanked the Chief Guest for graciously honouring the occasion. He thanked the parents, teachers and students for making the event a great success. The event concluded with Beating the retreat and singing of the College and National Anthem.

28th November 2023 : Creative Writing Competition

<i>First</i>	: Vivan Pandey	VI-B	<i>St. Andrew's House</i>
<i>Second</i>	: Arjun Garg	VI-A	<i>St. Andrew's House</i>
<i>Third</i>	: Aviral Singh	VI-B	<i>St. George's House</i>

30 November 2023 : Solo Singing Competition

<i>First</i>	: Mohd. Maaz	VII-D	<i>St. Andrew's House</i>
<i>Second</i>	: Ajisth Gupta	VII-A	<i>St. George's House</i>
<i>Third</i>	: Atharva Pandey	VII-B	<i>St. George's House</i>

30th November 2023 : Poster Making Competition - Class VIII

<i>First</i>	: Vankatesh Sharma	VIII-A	<i>St. Francis' House</i>
<i>Second</i>	: Yajat Srivastava	VIII-A	<i>St. Patrick's House</i>
<i>Third</i>	: Mohd. Zakarya	VIII-C	<i>St. Patrick's House</i>

DECEMBER 2023

4th-9th December 2023 : Unit Test-II was conducted

15th December 2023 : Students of Class X along with their class teachers went for a Picnic to Marino Water Resort. It was a fun filled day. The students played various games, had fun and were excited.

15th December 2023 :

Crib Making Competition

Class VI

<i>First</i>	: Anunay Jain	VI-D	<i>St. Patrick's House</i>
<i>Second</i>	: Aarav Dixit	VI-C	<i>St. George's House</i>
<i>Third</i>	: Aviral Singh	VI-B	<i>St. George's House</i>

Class VII

<i>First</i>	: Shriyansh Sachan	VII-D	<i>St. Francis' House</i>
<i>Second</i>	: Shlok Jashnani	VII-D	<i>St. Andrew's House</i>
<i>Third</i>	: Amartya Pandey	VII-C	<i>St. Francis' House</i>

Class VIII

<i>First</i>	: Syed Badr Hussain	VIII-A	<i>St. Andrew's House</i>
<i>Second</i>	: Sparsh Bhatnagar	VIII-A	<i>St. Francis' House</i>
<i>Third</i>	: Arnav Gupta	VIII-B	<i>St. Francis' House</i>



16th December 2023 : Cantata Di Natale - An Inter School Carol Singing Competition for Teachers : 'CANTATA DI NATALE' - Christmas Cantata an On stage Group Singing Competition for teachers was held on 16th December 2023 at St. Francis' College at 5.00 p.m. This competition was held with an aim of bringing together teachers from Christian Institutions all around the city who sang Christmas Carols, songs and medleys. The Chief Guest on the occasion was **Most Rev. Dr. Gerald John Mathias, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Lucknow.**

The institutions that participated were St. Paul's College, St. Francis' College, St. Mary's Convent College, La Martiniere Girls' College, St. Agnes' Loreto Day School, CMS Rajajipuram, Isabella Thoburn College, St. Francis School, Stella Maris Convent.

The Judges for the competition were, Pastor Parag Wesley, Rev. Fr. Elias Cardoza and Sr. Ancy, the Head Mistress of Cathedral School.

Present at the event were several important dignitaries and Principals of various schools. It was indeed an enjoyable evening to hear the melodious rendition of the participants who filled the air with a festive fervour this Yuletide. The College was decorated beautifully with festive decorations.

Speaking on the occasion the Bishop said that Christmas is the festival of joy, peace, love and goodwill. He said that we should be humble and not dampen the spirit of Christmas and enjoy it well. We should reach out to the underprivileged and needy. He said that Jesus wants us to love and honour him. In order to celebrate the festival, we should have the right disposition and follow the path of righteousness.

The Judges too shared their observations and encouraged the participants.

The Winners of the Competition were

- First Prize* : St. Mary's Inter College
- Second Prize* : Isabella Thoburn Degree College
- Third Prize* : St. Agnes' Loreto Day School
- Cons. Prizes* : Stella Maris Convent & St. Pauls' College

The Principal Rev. Fr. Rajesh D'Souza, proposed the vote of thanks.

The guests were served refreshments after the programme.

19th December 2023 : Rudransh Dubey and Parth Sharma of Class XI-C participated in the Ultimate Sports Quiz on 4th December, the qualifying test results were declared on 20th December. The team was selected among top 9 schools from North Zone to participate in the television rounds of the quiz. They went to Mumbai for the same and reached the National semi finals and also became the North Zone Champion.

20th December 2023 : Christmas Carnival : The Annual Christmas Carnival was held on 20th December. The Carnival was inaugurated by the Manager Rev. Fr. Donalds D'Souza who was accompanied by Fr. Rajesh D'Souza and Fr. Anup Lakra. The Carnival had a wide array of food and games stall. Each of the stalls were beautifully decorated with Christmas decorations. The Request Stall and Kiddies corner was a huge success. It was encouraging to see a huge footfall of parents and students along with Ex. Franciscans as well. The Campus was abuzz with excitement, frolicking



and enjoyment. Both parents and students visited the stalls in large numbers, playing various games as well as enjoying delicious food which comprised Chaat stall, Mughlai food, snacks, beverages etc.

The Carnival came to a close at 4.00 p.m. with students eagerly wanting to prolong their enjoyment on campus. The Carnival was a grand success and well appreciated and enjoyed by everyone.

20th December 2023 : Inter School Christmas Cantata held at Loreto Convent Intermediate College. The winners were the team from St. Francis' College.

21st December to 3rd January 2024 : The College closed for the Winter Vacation

JANUARY 2024

4th January 2024 : College Re-opens after the Winter Vacation : Due to the orders of the DIOS, classes of Nursery to VIII had an extended break. Classes IX to XII resumed classes.

5th January 2024 : X and XII commenced their Pre-board Examination

The Principal welcomed and greeted the students on the first day of the month. He advised the board class students to invest a lot of time in their studies, not to be distracted with their phones but to study well and protect themselves in the bitter cold weather. He said that these next three months were crucial and a lot of hard work is required to get good results. He wished them all the best for their Pre-board Examination.

8th January 2024 : Following students have received medals for **International English Olympiad (2023-24)**

1. Zonal Medal of Distinction

Aviral Singh (VI-B); Arnesh Srivastava (VII-A)

2. Class Topper Medals

Aarav Anand (VI-A); Arjun Garg (VI-A); Shresth Rastogi (VI-C); Aarav Dixit (VI-C)
Vihaan Grover (VII-A); Aditya Veer Singh (VII-A); Mohammad Huzaifa Fazli (VII-D)
Vihaan Dwivedi (VIII-A); Zuhair Tayyab (VIII-C); Aarav Khatri (VIII-C)
Shaurya Rastogi (IX-A); Yash Dubey (IX-B); Ojasv Arora (IX-C)
Aryansh Pratap Singh (X-C); Mohammad Ali Zaidi (X-D); Neev Mehrotra (X-D)
Siddharth Jain (XI-A)

SOF - INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD (2023-24)

Class	Name of the Student	International Rank	Zonal Rank	School Rank	Type of Medal
VI	Ritam Agarwal	1244	497	2	Gold
VI	Shubhojeet Bhowmick	1704	663	5	Gold
VI	Vidit Sahu	1390	532	3	Gold
VI	Ishaant Kumar	2369	898	6	Gold



VI	Prateek Singh	1444	560	4	Gold
VI	Sashwat Mishra	739	311	1	Gold
VII	Ajisth Gupta	39	21	1	Gold
VII	Mohammad Omar Ansari	2773	833	4	Gold
VII	Aarav Rawat	813	234	3	Gold
VII	Mohd. Yasir Rizvi	3148	988	5	Gold
VII	Neil Narain Sharma	91	41	2	Gold
VIII	Mudit Srivastava	3811	1306	2	Gold
VIII	Zain Madni Ansari	4183	1441	3	Gold
VIII	Neer Saxena	3461	1174	1	Gold
IX	Hardik Singh	2163	883	3	Gold
IX	Tanish Jaiswal	1603	641	2	Gold
IX	Malay Bisht	937	382	1	Gold
X	Atharv Agarwal	236	77	1	Gold
X	Aryan Mathur	1966	609	3	Gold
X	Arnav Singh	391	118	2	Gold
XI	Ambar	2294	471	1	Gold

SOF 2nd Level IEO Winner :

Armeesh Srivastava (VII-A) won certificate, medal and gifts worth RS. 500/-

Following students have received medals for **International Science Olympiad (2023-24)**

1. Zonal Medal of Distinction

Ajisth Gupta (VII-A)

2. Class Topper Medals

Ahsrut Gaur (VI-A); Aviral Singh (VI-B); Shubhojeet Bhowmick (VI-B); Aditya Kumar Tiwari (VI-B); Vidit Sahu (VI-B); Arnesh Srivastava (VII-A); Aditya Veer Singh (VII-A); Aarnav Pandey (VII-A); Vihaan Deivedi (VIII-A); Zuhair Tayyab (VIII-C); Anant Vikrama (VIII-C); Rudransh Yadav (IX-A); Yash Dubey (IX-B); Mirza Mustafa Abbas (IX-D).

The Olympiad Examinations are held in 79,400 schools across 70 countries. Success in these prestigious examinations heightens ascendancy of our institution. Following students of the college were felicitated for the exceptional performance in the Second Level Olympiad Examinations for the session 2023-24.

Ojsav Arora (X-B) : International English Olympiad (Zonal Medal of Excellence)

Arnesh Srivastava (VIII-A) : 5th Rank in Zone and 143rd Rank Internationally. (Zonal Medal of Excellence and Cash prize of Rs. 500/-)



20th January 2024 : Principal's Day : The staff and students gathered at the morning assembly to wish our Principal, Rev. Fr. Rajesh D'Souza a Happy Birthday and to celebrate this special occasion. The College Captain, Harshit Arora conveyed his message on behalf of the students. He complemented the Principal on his assertive stand on issues he believes in and his unbiased method of implementing them. He thanked the Principal for giving the students an insight to choose what is correct rather than what is popular. He said that the students are blessed to have Father as their Mentor and guide. The students greeted the Principal with flowers and cards, as the Choir sang the birthday song. The Principal thanked the students for their warm wishes and acknowledged the College Captain's message. He said that he was pleased to be a part of the Institution and would continue to work relentlessly to achieve great heights. The staff gathered later in the day in the Old Concert Hall to greet the Principal. The celebration began with a prayer service, comprising a hymn, a scripture reading and prayer by the Head Mistress, Sr. Usha and the Vice Principal, Fr. Anup Lakra. The Manager, Fr. Donald D'Souza was also present to greet the Principal and thank him for his sincere service to the Institution. Mrs. R. Jackson, on behalf of the staff members also thanked Fr. Rajesh for being so approachable and thoughtful towards one and all. She wished Father a very Happy Birthday. Mr. D. Jackson, the Coordinator presented a bouquet of flowers. Mrs. A. Agarwal and Mrs. V. David presented him a greeting card. The Principal thanked everyone for their wishes and acknowledged their presence. The Staff joined in for a fellowship meal.

23rd January 2024 : Students from Class IV-VIII started coming to the College

26th January 2024 : 75th Republic Day Celebration : The Chief Guest on the occasion was **Shri S.M. QasimAbidi, Additional Superintendent of Police, Lucknow.**

The programme began by welcoming the Chief Guest with a floral tribute. He unfurled the Tricolour while the staff choir sang the National Anthem. The Student Council, along with the NCC contingent and the NCC Band presented the March Past.

The College Captain Harshit Arora, delivered a speech in English. He acknowledged the countless sacrifices of our freedom fighters along with the diligent and relentless hard work of the framers of the Constitution who drafted a Constitution with the idea of every citizen enjoying equal rights and freedom. He said that every new beginning is preceded by the end of a previous reality. Our Constitution broke free the shackles of the British governing era and became a sovereign nation. He said that this day affirms our faith of co-existing with harmony and strive to uphold the ideals of the Constitution.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest thanked the Principal. He said that Republic Day commemorates the adoption of the Constitution. He said that India is the most populous and advanced country. He told the students that being the future of the country, they should think responsibly and be aware, to be fair in their dealing and righteous in their conduct. He said that a great nation is formed on the values of the Constitution and the sacrifices of the leaders.

ParthSharma delivered his speech in Hindi.

The staff choir sang patriotic songs both in English and Hindi.



Two students of Class XII were felicitated for Full attendance. They were :

1. Ameer Hamza - XII-A - He has been awarded the Full Attendance Certificate since Nursery.
2. Arshad Aslam - He has also been awarded the Full Attendance Certificate from Class-II onwards.

The Principal Rev. Fr. Rajesh D'Souza addressed the gathering. He thanked the Chief Guest for his presence on the occasion. He addressed the students to abide by the laws, respect the National Symbol and to stand against injustice. He told him to uphold the ideals of the Constitution and to be proud Indians.

29th-31st January 2024 : Showing of Pre-Board Answer Scripts to Class X & XII.

31st January 2024 : Creative Writing Competition

<i>First</i> :	Sparsh Bhatnagar	VIII-A	<i>St. Francis' House</i>
<i>Second</i> :	Neer Saxena	VIII-D	<i>St. George's House</i>
<i>Third</i> :	Granth Srivastava	VIII-A	<i>St. Patrick's House</i>

FEBRUARY 2024

2nd February 2024 : Farewell Ceremony of Class XII : The Farewell Programme began with handing over of the Badges and Flags by the College Captain, House Captains, Prefects and Editors to the Principal. Anay Dixit welcomed the students of Class XII.

The Vice Principal Fr. Anup Lakra read a passage from the Holy bible and prayed over the boys, invoking God's blessings upon them to do well in their exams and future ventures. The Senior Choir members sang a song in English. The College Captain, Harshit Arora delivered a speech, he thanked the Principal and Staff members for their support and guidance throughout his student life and for entrusting him with the responsibility of leading the College. He thanked his batch mates as well as his juniors for supporting him in carrying out all his duties as well as bringing accolades to the College in various Inter School Competitions.

Mrs. Smita Saksena, Senior Teacher of English addressed the students. She told the students that it was an emotional day for them as they have created beautiful memories over the years. She said that the students have turned out to be well rounded and good human beings owing to the good qualities of empathy and perseverance inculcated in the students, which they should take with them as they step ahead. She said that their decency and demeanour is a testimony of being well bred. She said that teaching is a two way relationship between the teachers and students. She said that the students have great potential and are very talented. They have a sense of belongingness for their teachers and in turn the teachers admire their talents. She advised them to live by example and do well in their boards and be successful.

Ali Mehdi Zaidi read a self composed poem.

Addressing the students, the Principal Rev. Fr. Rajesh D'Souza said that we should take great pride in our college. He said that St. Francis' College is ours and will remain with us forever. He said that he didn't regret being with the students. He said that the years spent in College were a blessing



received from their teachers and relatives. He told them to be grateful to their teachers. He said that he didn't ask them to excel but to be successful and one day, God would exult them provided they understood their roots. They must always be grateful. He said that the students were a world to their parents and stars for the school. He told them to give their 100% and have the conviction that they will do very well in life.

An Audio Visual presentation was an emotional moment for the students. Ambar of XI-A proposed the Vote of Thanks. The students sang the College Anthem and were given a Memento by the Principal in the presence of their class teacher. The programme concluded with a lunch for the Staff and Students.

9th February 2024 : Collage Making Competition

First	: Vivaan Agarwal	VII-C	<i>St. Patrick's House</i>
Second	: Harshit Agrawal	VII-C	<i>St. Francis' House</i>
Third	: Shaurya Masih	VII-B	<i>St. Francis' House</i>

10th February 2024 : Class Picnic : Students from Class I-XI went for their Class Picnic to various Picnic destinations. They were accompanied by their class teachers. It was a fun filled and exciting day as the students enjoyed themselves with various games as well as danced to their favourite tunes. The little students of class Nursery and K.G. enjoyed their Picnic on the front field. They were entertained with the swings, music and eatables.

12th February 2024 : Board Examination of Class XII commences.

21st February 2023 : Board Examination of Class X commences.

24th February 2024 : Parent Teachers Meeting was held wherein the parents interacted with the teachers to receive inputs for their ward's performance in the Final Examination. There was a good turnout of students and parents on the campus.

Poster Making Competition

First	: Satyam Sanyal	VI-C	<i>St. Francis' House</i>
Second	: Ami Roy	VI-D	<i>St. Patrick's House</i>
Third	: Aviral Singh	VI-B	<i>St. George's House</i>

27th-29th February 2024 : Minor Examinations for Class VI-VIII

MARCH 2024

1st March 2024 : Final Examinations Commences :

24th MArch : Showing of Answer Scripts to the students upto Class IX.

27th March 2024 : Report Card Distribution and Farewell Ceremony of Retired Staff Members

The Franciscan family bid an emotional farewell to Mrs. Madhu Sinha - PRT Computer and Mr. Mahendra Pal - Class IV Employee as they completed their tenure of employment in the Institution and have retired. The Farewell Ceremony began with a prayer service and the Staff Choir sang



some beautiful hymns thanking God for their dutiful service to the Institution. Mrs. Madhu Sinha joined the Franciscan Family in 2006 as a Computer Teacher of the Primary Section. She dedicated 18 years of service to the Institution. She has been more than just a teacher. She was an inspiration for her students by making her subject very interesting. Her unwavering commitment left an indelible mark on them. Mrs. Madhu Sinha expressed her sincere gratitude to all the Principals, under whom she worked. She also expressed her love for her colleagues.

The Principal Rev. Fr. Rajesh D'Souza said that Mrs. Sinha was an asset to the Computer department. She was a strict disciplinarian and made her subject interesting.

The Manager Rev. Fr. Donald D'Souza praised the hard work of the teachers especially mentioning Mrs. M. Sinha.

Mr. Mahendra Pal, dedicated 34 years of service as a Class IV employee. He was sincere and dedicated and unflinchingly carried out his duties over the years. The Principal thanked him too.

The Vice-Principal Rev. Fr. AnupLakrawas also bid farewell as he was transferred to Holy Redeemer Church, Alambagh. The Principal thanked him for his support and co-operation in the smooth running of the college.

Staff Meeting : After the Farewell Ceremony, the Principal addressed the Staff. He welcomed the newly appointed staff members to the college. He informed the staff members about the plans for the new Academic Session. The Time-Tables were distributed to the teachers after which the Staff Meeting concluded.

Concluding Note : “Great indeed are your works O Lord, now and evermore”.

The Academic Session, 2023-24 was a year filled with both Academic and Curricular achievements. The students participated in various competitions both within and outside the college. Along with emphasis on quality education, the Principal Rev. Fr. Rajesh D'Souza encouraged the students and teachers in various Curricular Activities such as Patron's Day Celebration, Expression, Annual Sports and P.T. Display, Cantata De Natale, College Fete and National Festivals. It was highly encouraging to see the involvement of everyone which made all the events a grand success.

With the blessing of the Almighty and the guidance of our Patron Saint, St. Francis Assisi, the Academic Session concluded on a successful note. This was a motivating factor to steer us to another Academic Session 2024-2025.

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~ Mrs. Christine Dacosta





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सोशल मीडिया और युवा

संदर्भ :

हाल ही में, इंस्टाग्राम और इसी पेरेंट कंपनी फेसबुक को तब सार्वजनिक रोष का सामना करना पड़ा, जब कुछ रिपोर्टों में बताया कि उनके उपयोग का युवाओं पर नकारात्मक प्रभाव पड़ता है। फेसबुक के 'व्हिसल बलोअर' फ्रान्सेस हागे (Frances Haugen) ने यह भी खुलासा किया कि बड़ी सोशल मीडिया कंपनियों द्वारा युवाओं के मानसिक स्वास्थ्य की तुलना में लाभ को उच्च प्राथमिकता दी जाती है। इसने युवाओं पर ऐसे सोशल मीडिया ऐप्स और वेबसाइटों के प्रभाव को उजागर किया है।

सोशल मीडिया के सकारात्मक प्रभाव :

- **संपर्क और संबंध** - फेसबुक और ट्विटर जैसे सोशल मीडिया मंच किशोरों और युवा वयस्कों को अपनेपन और स्वीकृति की एक भावना प्रदान करते हैं।
कोरोना महामारी के दौरान इसका चौतरफा प्रभाव स्पष्ट तौर पर नज़र आया जब इसने 'आइसोलेशन' में रह रहे लोगों और प्रियजनों को आपस में जोड़े रखा।
- **सकारात्मक प्रेरणा** - सोशल नेटवर्क 'सहकर्मी प्रेरणा' (Peer Motivation) का सृजन कर सकते हैं और युवाओं को नई एवं स्वस्थ आदतें विकसित करने के लिये प्रेरित कर सकते हैं। किशोर ऑनलाइन माध्यम से अपने लिये सकारात्मक रोल मॉडल भी ढूँढ सकते हैं।
- **पहचान का निर्माण** - किशोरावस्था ऐसा समय होता है जब युवा अपनी पहचान को संपुष्ट करने और समाज में अपना स्थान पाने का प्रयास कर रहे होते हैं। सोशल मीडिया किशोरों को अपनी विशिष्ट पहचान विकास हेतु एक मंच प्रदान करता है।
एक अध्ययन से पता चला है कि जो युवा सोशल मीडिया पर अपनी राय व्यक्त करते हैं, वे 'बेहतर प्रगति' (Well being) का अनुभव करते हैं।
- **अनुसंधान** - मानसिक स्वास्थ्य विशेषज्ञ और शोधकर्ता सोशल मीडिया का उपयोग प्रायः डेटा एकत्र करने के लिये करते हैं, जो उनके अनुसंधान में योगदान करता है। इसके अलावा, थेरेपिस्ट एवं अन्य पेशेवर लोग ऑनलाइन समुदायों के अंदर परस्पर नेटवर्क स्थापित कर सकते हैं, जिससे उनके ज्ञान और पहुंच का विस्तार हो सकता है।
- **अभिव्यक्ति प्रदान करना** - सोशल मीडिया ने किशोरों को एकदूसरे के पक्ष में अपनी भावनाओं को अभिव्यक्त करने का अवसर दिया है। सशक्त भावों, विचारों या ऊर्जा की अभिव्यक्ति और सदुपयोग से यह बेहद सकारात्मक प्रभाव उत्पन्न कर सकता है।





- **गेटवे टू टैलेंट** - सोशल मीडिया आउटलेट छात्रों को अपनी रचनात्मकता और विचारों को तटस्थ दर्शकों के साथ सांझा करने और एक ईमानदार प्रतिक्रिया प्राप्त करने के लिये एक मंच प्रदान करते हैं। प्राप्त प्रतिक्रिया उनके लिये अपने कौशल को बेहतर ढंग से आकार देने की मार्गदर्शक बन सकती है, यदि वे उस कौशल को पेशेवर रूप से आगे बढ़ाना चाहते हैं।



उदाहरण के लिये, कोई फोटोग्राफर या वीडियोग्राफर अपने शॉट्स को इंस्टाग्राम पर पोस्ट कर शुरूआत करता है। कई युवा पहले से ही इसमें अपना कैरियर बना रहे हैं।

- **रचनात्मकता का बढ़ावा** - सोशल मीडिया युवाओं को उनके आत्मविश्वास और रचनात्मकता को बढ़ने में मदद कर सकता है। यह युवाओं को विचारों की और संभावनाओं की दुनिया से जोड़ता है। ये मंच छात्रों को अपने मित्रों और अपने सामान्य दर्शकों के साथ जुड़ने के मामले में अपने रचनात्मक कौशल का प्रयोग करने के लिये प्रोत्साहित करते हैं।
- **डिजिटल सक्रियता और सामाजिक परिवर्तन** - सोशल मीडिया समुदाय के अंदर प्रभाव उत्पन्न करने का एक माध्यम बन सकता है। यह उन्हें न केवल अपने समुदाय के अंदर बल्कि पूरे विश्व में आवश्यक विषयों से अवगत कराता है। 'ग्रेटा थनबर्ग' युवा सक्रियता की ऐसी ही एक उदाहरण है।

सोशल मीडिया का नकारात्मक प्रभाव :

- **मानसिक स्वास्थ्य समस्याएं** - कई अध्ययनों में सोशल मीडिया के उपयोग और अवसाद के बीच घनिष्ठ संबंध पाया गया है। एक अध्ययन के अनुसार, माध्यम से गंभीर अवसाद लक्षण वाले युवाओं में सोशल मीडिया का उपयोग करने की संभावना लगभग दोगुनी थी। सोशल मीडिया पर किशोर अपना अधिकांश समय अपने साथियों के जीवन और तस्वीरों को देखने में बिताते हैं। यह निरंतर तुलनात्मकता की ओर ले जाता है, जो आत्म-सम्मान और 'बॉडी इमेज' को नुकसान पहुंचा सकता है और किशोरों में अवसाद एवं चिंता की वृद्धि कर सकता है।
- **शारीरिक स्वास्थ्य समस्याएं** - सोशल मीडिया के अत्यधिक उपयोग के परिणामस्वरूप स्वास्थ्यप्रद, वास्तविक दुनिया की गतिविधियों पर कम समय व्यय किया जाता है। सोशल मीडिया फीड्स को स्क्रॉल करते रहने की आदत - जिसे 'वैम्पिंग' (Vamping) कहा जाता है, के कारण नींद की कमी की समस्या उत्पन्न होती है।
- **सामाजिक संबंध** - किशोरावस्था सामाजिक कौशल विकसित करने का एक महत्वपूर्ण समय होता है। लेकिन, चूंकि किशोर अपने दोस्तों के साथ आपने-सामने कम समय बिताते हैं, इसलिये उनके पास इस कौशल के अभ्यास के कम अवसर होते हैं।



- **‘टेक एडिक्शन’** – वैज्ञानिकों ने पाया है कि किशोरों द्वारा सोशल मीडिया का अति प्रयोग उसी प्रकार के उत्तेजना पैटर्न का सृजन करता है जैसा अन्य एडिक्शन व्यवहारों से उत्पन्न होता है।
- **पूर्वाग्रहों की पुनःपुष्टि** – सोशल मीडिया दूसरों के बारे में उनके पूर्वाग्रहों और रूढ़ियों की पुनः पुष्टि का अवसर प्रदान करता है। समान विचारधारा वाले लोगों से ऑनलाइन मिलने से इन प्रवृत्तियों की वृद्धि होती है क्योंकि उनमें समुदाय की भावना का विकास होता है। उदाहरण फ्लैट अर्थ सोसाइटी।
- **साइबरबुलिंग या ट्रोलिंग** – इसने गंभीर समस्याएं पैदा की हैं और यहां तक कि किशोरों के बीच आत्महत्या के मामलों को भी जन्म दिया है। इसके अलावा, साइबरबुलिंग जैसे कृत्य में संलग्न किशोर मादक पदार्थों के सेवन, आक्रामकता और आपराधिक कृत्य में संलग्न होने के प्रति भी संवेदनशील होते हैं।
- **ऑनलाइन बाल यौन उत्पीड़न और शोषण** – संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका में किये गए एक अध्ययन में पाया गया कि सर्वेक्षण में शामिल सभी अमेरिकी बच्चों में से लगभग आधे ने संकेत दिया कि उन्हें ऑनलाइन रहते हुए असहज महसूस कराया गया, उन्हें धमकाया गया या उनसे यौन प्रकृति का संवाद किया गया। एक अन्य अध्ययन में, यह पाया गया है कि ऑनलाइन यौन शोषण के शिकार लोगों में से ५० प्रतिशत से अधिक १२ से १५ वर्ष की आयु के बीच के थे।

आगे की राह :

- **एक समर्पित सोशल मीडिया नीति** – युवाओं को उपभोक्ताओं या भविष्य के उपभोक्ताओं के रूप में लक्षित नहीं करने के लिये उत्तरदायित्व का सृजन कर सोशल मीडिया को विनियमित करने के लिये एक समग्र नीति अपनाई जानी चाहिये। यह एल्गोरिदम को युवाओं के बजाय वयस्कों के प्रति अधिक अनुकूल बनाएगा।
- **अनुपयुक्त सामग्री के लिये सुरक्षा उपाय** – सोशल मीडिया मंचों को कुछ ऐसी सामग्री की अनुशंसा करने या उसका प्रसार करने से प्रतिबंधित किया जाना चाहिये जिसमें यौन, हिंसक या अन्य वयस्क सामग्री (जुआ या अन्य खतरनाक, अपमानजनक, शोषणकारी या पूरी तरह से व्यावसायिक सामग्री सहित) शामिल हैं।
- **नैतिक रूपरेखा के मानक** – ये मानक तकनीकी कंपनियों के लिये ‘डिजिटल डिस्ट्रैक्शन (Digital Distraction) को राकने, टालने एवं हतोत्साहित करने तथा नैतिक ह्यूमन लर्निंग को प्राथमिकता देने के सिद्धांत निर्धारित करेंगे।
- **डिजिटल साक्षरता** – यह महत्वपूर्ण है कि भारत में विद्यमान ‘डिजिटल डिवाइड’ को नज़र अंदाज़ नहीं किया जाए, विशेष रूप से शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में। युवाओं की सुरक्षा के नाम पर नीतिगत निर्णय का परिणाम यह नहीं होना चाहिये कि वंचित पृष्ठभूमि के युवा भविष्य के अवसरों से हाथ धो बैठें।
- **शासन और विनियमन** – कंटेंट, डेटा स्थानीयकरण, थर्ड पार्टी डिजिटल ऑडिट, सशक्त डेटा संरक्षण कानून आदि के लिये इन मंचों के अधिक उत्तरदायित्व हेतु सरकारी विनियमन भी आवश्यक हैं।
- **सोशल मीडिया मंचों की भूमिका** – ‘आटो-प्ले’ सेशन, पुंश अलर्ट जैसे कुछ फीचर्स पर प्रतिबंध लगाना और इससे भी अधिक महत्वपूर्ण ऐसे उत्पादों का सृजन करना जो युवाओं को लक्षित न करें।



- **सामाजिक एजेंसियों की भूमिका** – सोशल मीडिया उपयोग को नियंत्रित करने, सदुपयोगी बनाने और सीमित करने के लिये माता-पिता, शैक्षणिक संस्थानों और समाज को समग्र रूप से महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभानी होगी। पैरेंटल कंट्रोल फीचर के उपयोग, स्क्रीन टाइम को सीमित करने, बच्चों के साथ लगातार संवाद करने और वाह्य गतिविधियों को बढ़ावा देकर इस लक्ष्य की पूर्ति की जा सकती है।

निष्कर्ष :

युवाओं पर डिजिटल तकनीक के प्रभाव का मूल्यांकन महत्वपूर्ण है, क्योंकि ये प्रभाव उनके वयस्क व्यवहार और भविष्य में समाजों के व्यवहार को आकार प्रदान करेंगे। यह जानना दिलचस्प होगा कि बिल गेट्स और स्टीव जॉब्स जैसे तकनीकी क्षेत्र के दिग्गजों ने अपने बच्चों की प्रौद्योगिकी पहुंच को गंभीरता से नियंत्रित रखा था।

सभी प्रौद्योगिकियों के स्पष्ट लाभ और संभावित हानिकारक प्रभाव होते हैं। जैसा कि जीवन के अधिकांश विषयों पर लागू होता है, सोशल मीडिया के उपयोग में भी अति से बचने और उसका संतुलित उपयोग करने में ही समस्या का समाधान निहित हो सकता है।

अभ्यास प्रश्न – ‘सोशल मीडिया वर्तमान समय में एक दोधारी तलवार है।’ सोशल मीडिया मंचों के दुष्प्रभावों से युवाओं की रक्षा के लिये इन्हें विनियमित किये जाने की आवश्यकता पर चर्चा कीजिये। □

काव्या नन्दन श्रीवास्तव

कक्षा-9 सी

विद्यार्थी जीवन

विद्यार्थी का मतलब होता,
जो विद्या का सम्मान करे,
मानवीय मूल्यों को अपनाये,
अपनी संस्कृति का मान करे।

जिसकी निद्रा श्वान समान हो,
लेता हो बस अल्प आहार,
सदन त्याग जो बाहर रहता,
मिलता उसे विद्या का असीम उपहार।

साक्षरता अरु शिक्षा का जो,
अन्तर ठीक समझता है,
सही मायने में वही विद्यार्थी,
सद्गुण का साधक बनता है।

जो विद्यार्थी पढ़ लिखकर भी,
सदाचार वाहक न होता,
उसकी विद्या व्यर्थ हो मानो,
व्यर्थ समय वह अपना खोता।।

धन्यवाद □

श्रेष्ठ श्रीवास्तव

कक्षा-10ए





क्रिकेट को भारत का राष्ट्रीय खेल घोषित कर देना चाहिए



आज के ज़माने में क्रिकेट एक ऐसा खेल बन गया है कि लोग अपनी शाम की चाय तो भूल सकते हैं परन्तु क्रिकेट का खेल देखना या खेलना कदापि नहीं भूल सकते। क्रिकेट ने लोगों के दिलों में इस क़दर जगह बना ली है कि लोग अब क्रिकेट का एक मैच देखे बिना रह नहीं सकते।

क्रिकेट का खेल राष्ट्रीय एवं अन्तराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर खेले जाने वाले खेलों में सबसे अधिक लोकप्रिय है। भारत में क्रिकेट का खेल कई वर्षों से खेला जा रहा है।

अगर देखा जाय तो छोटी-छोटी गलियों से लेकर बड़े-बड़े मैदानों में यह खेल बड़े ही शौक के साथ खेला जाता है। दूसरे शब्दों में कहें तो हर भारतीय के घर में आपको एक क्रिकेट समीक्षक ज़रूर मौजूद मिलेगा।

भारत में क्रिकेट के खेल का एक गहरा सामाजिक एवं ऐतिहासिक महत्व है जो महज खेलों से आगे बढ़कर एक विविध राष्ट्र में एकीकृत शक्ति के रूप में कार्य करता है। क्रिकेट एक ऐसा सूत्र है तो भारत के लोगों को एक साथ बांधकर रख सकता है।

क्रिकेट का खेल भारत माँ के लिए शान, सम्मान और अभिमान बन चुका है। हर साल हमारे भारतीय खिलाड़ी नई-नई उपलब्धियां पाकर भारत माँ की शान गर्व से ऊँचा करते हैं। इतना ही नहीं आईसीसी क्रिकेट रैंकिंग के मुताबिल हमने ओडीआई में दूसरा स्थान, टेस्ट में प्रथम स्थान एवं टी२० में प्रथम स्थान हासिल कर लिया है।

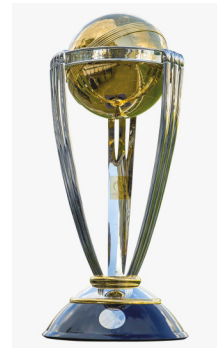
भारत में आईपीएल नामक प्रतियोगिता हर साल आयोजित की जाती है, इसे भारतीय त्योहार की तरह मनाते हैं। कश्मीर से कन्याकुमारी तक हर कोई इसमें समान रूप से रुचि रखता है। आईपीएल स्वधर्म एवं भाईचारे की मिसाल है।

क्रिकेट का खेल राष्ट्र की एक आर्थिक महाशक्ति है। यह राष्ट्र की अर्थव्यवस्था को सुधारने में योगदान देता है। धन का प्रवाह सीधे तौर से रोज़गार के अवसर पैदा करता है।

कुछ चंद लाइने मेरे क्रिकेट खेलने वाले भाईयों के लिये :-



इक्का दुक्का नहीं, हम चौका-छक्का लगायेंगे,
आये हैं हम जीतने के लिए, तो बस जीत कर ही जायेंगे।
और हार कभी हम मानेंगे नहीं, यह सुन लो!
दाँव कोई सा भी हो, उसमें बस जीत कर ही जायेंगे॥ □



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मशीनों की भाषा : मशीनों के संचार के एक व्यापक अन्वेषण की जानकारी



युग की विस्तार से जुड़ी दुनिया में, मशीनों की एकदूसरे के साथ संचार करने की क्षमता उद्योगों को परिवर्तित कर रही है, उत्पादकता को बढ़ा रही है और प्रौद्योगिकी का भविष्य आकार दे रही है। स्वतंत्र वाहनों और स्मार्ट उपकरणों से शुरू होकर औद्योगिक रोबोटों और आभासी सहायकों तक, मशीनी डेटाओं को आपस में आदान-प्रदान करने, जानकारी साझा करने और, कार्यों को समन्वित करने के लिए बढ़ते जा रहे हैं। इस व्यापक खोज में, हम मशीन संचार के रोचक विश्लेषण में उतरते हैं, डिवाइस के बीच बिना किसी आपसी हस्तक्षेप के, स्टैंडर्डाइज़ किए गए प्रोटोकॉल्स और इंटरफेस का उपयोग करके सीमिति परिक्रिया करते हैं। इस डिजिटल आदान-प्रदान से, मशीन निर्देश देते हैं, प्रतिक्रिया प्राप्त करते हैं, और जटिल कार्यों पर सहयोग करते हैं, न्यूनतम मानव हस्तक्षेप के साथ।

मशीन संचार के मुख्य घटक :

संवेदक और क्रियाकलापक : संवेदक ऐसे उपकरण हैं जो पर्यावरण में परिवर्तनों को पहचानते हैं या भौतिक मात्राएं मापते हैं, जैसे कि दापमान, दाब या गति। क्रियाकलापक, दूसरी ओर, उन उपकरणों को कहते हैं जो विद्युत सिग्नल को यांत्रिक गति में बदलते हैं, मशीनों को भौतिक विश्व से बातचीत करने की अनुमति देते हैं। यहां तक कि, संवेदक और क्रियाकलापक संवेदनशील इंटरफेस का गठन करते हैं, जिसमें मशीन पर्यावरण को देखती है और उसे उसके आस-पास का प्रतिसाधन करती है।

संचार प्रोटोकॉल : संचार प्रोटोकॉल एक नेटवर्क में उपकरणों के बीच डेटा के आदान-प्रदान को नियंत्रित करने वाले नियमों और सम्मानों का समूह होता है। संचार प्रोटोकॉलों की मिसालें ईथरनेट, वाई-फाई, ब्लूटूथ और जिबी हैं, जो प्रतिष्ठित अनुप्रयोगों और परिदृश्यों के लिए अनुकूल होते हैं। ये प्रोटोकॉल डेटा स्वरूप, प्रसारण गति, त्रुटि पहचान और नेटवर्क टोपोलॉजी जैसे पैरामीटर्स की परिभाषा करते हैं, मशीनों के बीच विश्वसनीय और लक्ष्यता से आदान-प्रदान को सुनिश्चित करते हैं।

मिडलवेयर और नेटवर्किंग प्रौद्योगिकियां : डिलवेयर उस सॉफ्टवेयर को कहते हैं जो विपरीत प्रणालियों या अप्लिकेशनों के बीच संचार ओर डेटा आदान-प्रदान को सुगम बनाता है। मशीन संचार के संदर्भ में, डिलवेयर प्लेटफॉर्म संदेश क्यूईंग, डेटा रूटिंग और प्रोटोकॉल अनुवाद जैसे सेवाएं प्रदान करता है, जो असंगठित वातावरणों में अनुकूलता और अंतरोपन को सुनिश्चित करने में सहायक है। नेटवर्किंग प्रौद्योगिकियां, जैसे कि राउटर, स्विच और गेटवे, नागरिक और तार्किक कनेक्शन स्थापित करती हैं जो मशीनों को स्थानीय या वैश्विक नेटवर्कों पर संचार करने की संभावना प्रदान करती हैं।

क्लाउड कम्प्यूटिंग और एज कम्प्यूटिंग : क्लाउड कम्प्यूटिंग और एज कम्प्यूटिंग विचार ऐसे प्रणालियों को संचालित करते हैं जो मशीनों को वित्तीय नेटवर्कों पर कम्प्यूटेशनल कार्यों को आवंटित करते हैं और साक्षा संसाधनों का उपयोग करते हैं। क्लाउड कम्प्यूटिंग में, डेटा प्रसंस्करण और संग्रह दूरस्थ डेटा केन्द्रों में केन्द्रीकृत होता है, जो मापदंड, लचीलापन और लागत

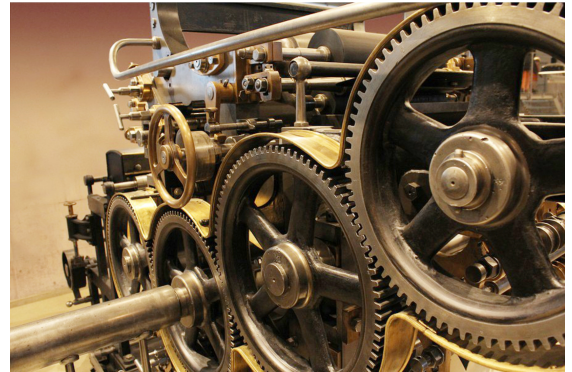


की दृष्टि से अधिकता प्रदान करता है। एज कम्प्यूटिंग में कम्प्यूटिंग संसाधन सज्ञानात्मक और वित्तीय दृष्टि से संदर्भित होते हैं जो डेटा उत्पन्नता के स्रोत के निकट वितरित होते हैं, लैटेंसी को कम करते हैं और समय - संवेदनशील अनुप्रयोगों के लिए वास्तविक समय में प्रसंस्करण करने की संभावना प्रदान करते हैं।

मशीन संचार के ढंग :

मशीन संचार विभिन्न रूपों में हो सकता है, जिस पर शामिल उपकरणों के प्रकार, विनिमय हो रहे डेटा के प्रकार, और उपयोग किए जाने वाले संचार प्रोटोकॉलों के निर्देशांकों पर निर्भर करता है। मशीन संचार के कुछ सामान्य ढंगों में शामिल है :

प्वाइंट-टू-प्वाइंट संचार : प्वाइंट-टू-प्वाइंट संचार में, दो उपकरण बिना किसी मध्यस्थ के एक सीधा संबंध स्थापित करते हैं ताकि उपकरण आपस में डेटा का आदान-प्रदान कर सकें। यह संचार का ढंग सामान्यतः बिना केन्द्रीय सर्वर के पीयर-टू-पीयर नेटवर्किंग में उपयोग किया जाता है, जहां उपकरण सीधे एक-दूसरे के साथ संवाद करते हैं बिना किसी केन्द्रीय सर्वर के आश्रित होने की आवश्यकता के।



प्रसारण संचार : प्रसारण संचार में, एक उपकरण एकल या समय-समय पर अनेक प्राप्तकर्ताओं को डेटा प्रसारित करता है। यह संचार का ढंग अक्सर वायरलेस नेटवर्क में उपयोग किया जाता है, जहां एक बेस स्टेशन या एक्सेस प्वाइंट डेटा पैकेट्स को सभी उपकरणों को प्रसारित करता है जो दायरा में हैं।

मल्टीकास्ट संचार : मल्टीकास्ट संचार में, एक उपकरण उन प्राप्तकर्ताओं को डेटा प्रसारित करता है जिन्होंने डेटा प्राप्त करने के लिए पंजीकरण किया है। यह संचार का ढंग बैडविड्थ का उपयोग अनुकूलता करने और नेटवर्क भंडारण को कम करने के लिए उपयोग किया जाता है केवल इच्छित प्राप्तकर्ताओं की दिशा में।

ग्राहक-सर्वर संचार : ग्राहक-सर्वर संचार में, कई ग्राहक उपकरण सेंट्रल सर्वर के साथ बातचीत करते हैं ताकि वह डेटा या सेवाओं का अनुरोध और प्राप्त कर सकें। यह संचार का ढंग ग्राहक-सर्वर आर्किटेक्चर में सामान्यतः डेटा या कम्प्यूटिंग संसाधनों के केन्द्रीय संग्रह के रूप में केंद्र रूप से एकत्रित होने के रूप में केंद्रीकृत होता है।

मशीन संचार के अनुप्रयोग :

मशीन संचार का व्यापक अनुप्रयोग विभिन्न उद्योगों और क्षेत्रों में है। कुछ प्रमुख उदाहरण शामिल हैं :

इंटरनेट ऑफ थिंग्स (आईओटी) : आईओटी में, अनुकूलित उपकरण और संवेदनशील उपकरण एकदूसरे के साथ और क्लाउड-आधारित सेवाओं के साथ डेटा को ले आते हैं, विश्लेषित करते हैं और क्रियान्वित करते हैं। आईओटी अनुप्रयोग घरों की स्मार्टीकरण, औद्योगिक स्वचालन, स्वास्थ्य निगरानी और पर्यावरणीय अनुभव के क्षेत्रों को छूता है।



औद्योगिक स्वचालन : औद्योगिक स्वचालन में, मशीनें और रोबोट एकदूसरे के साथ और नियंत्रण प्रणालियों के साथ बातचीत करती हैं ताकि उत्पादन प्रक्रियाओं को अनुकूलित किया जा सके, दक्षता को सुधारा जा सके और सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित की जा सके। औद्योगिक संचार प्रोटोकॉल जैसे कि मोडबस, प्रोफिबस और इथरनेट/आईपी फैक्टरी उपकरण और प्रणालियों के संगठन में सहज एकीकरण की सुगमता प्रदान करते हैं।



स्वतंत्र वाहन : स्वतंत्र वाहनों में ऑनबोर्ड संवेदनशील उपकरण, कैमरे और संचार प्रणालियों के साथ वाहनों को उनके आस-पास को धारण करने, परिणामी वातावरणों में नेविगेट करने और अन्य वाहनों और पारिस्थितिकी संरचनाओं के साथ बातचीत करने की समर्थता प्रदान करते हैं। वाहन संचान प्रोटोकॉल जैसे कि डीएसआरसी (निर्दिष्ट छोटी दूरी कम्यूनिकेशन) और सी-वी२एक्स (सेल्यूलर वाहन-से-सभी कुछ) औद्योगिक ड्राइविंग और सघर्ष टालने की क्षमता प्रदान करते हैं।

स्मार्ट ग्रिड : स्मार्ट ग्रिड में, संवेदनशील डेटा, मीटर और संचार नेटवर्कों के साथ उपकरणों द्वारा नियंत्रण और वितरण को वास्तविक समय में मॉनिटर करने और कंट्रोल करने की क्षमता प्रदान की जाती है। स्मार्ट ग्रिड प्रौद्योगिकियों जैसे कि SCAD। (नियंत्रण और डेटा अधिग्रहण) और AMI (उन्नत मीटरिंग इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर) उपयोगकर्ताओं को ऊर्जा की कुशलता, लागत को कम करने और ग्रिड सुरक्षा में सुधार करने की क्षमता प्रदान करते हैं।

स्वास्थ्य प्रणालियां : स्वास्थ्य प्रणालियों में, पहनने योग्य उपकरण, चिकित्सा संवेदनशील उपकरण और संचार प्लेटफॉर्म द्वारा दूरस्थ रोगी निगरानी, टेलीमेडिसिन और व्यक्तिगत स्वास्थ्य सेवाओं भी प्रदान की जाती है। स्वास्थ्य संचार मानकों जैसे कि HL7 (हेल्थ लेवल सेवेन) और DICOM (डिजिटल इमेजिंग और संचार में मेडिसिन) चिकित्सा डेटा की अन्योन्यता और सुरक्षित आदान-प्रदान को सुनिश्चित करते हैं।

चुनौतियां और भविष्य की दिशाएं :

मशीन संचार की अत्यधिक संभावनाओं के बावजूद, कई चुनौतियों को सामना करना अभी बाकी है, जैसे कि -

अनुप्रयोगिता : विभिन्न उपकरणों, प्रोटोकॉलों और प्लेटफॉर्मों के बीच संगतता और अनुप्रयोगिता को सुनिश्चित करना मशीन संचार में एक महत्वपूर्ण चुनौती है। मानक संगठन और उद्योग संघों का महत्वपूर्ण योगदान होता है जो संचार के लिए खुले मानकों और प्रोटोकॉलों का विकास और प्रचार करते हैं।

सुरक्षा और गोपनीयता : संचार के माध्यम की सुरक्षा और गोपनीयता को सुनिश्चित करना एक प्रमुख चिंता है मशीन संचार में। डेटा उल्लंघन, मैलवेयर और नकारात्मक सेवा हमले जैसे साइबर सुरक्षा खतरे संचित तंत्रों और नेटवर्कों के लिए महत्वपूर्ण खतरे प्रस्तुत करते हैं, जिनको कम करने के लिए मजबूत सुरक्षा उपाय और एन्क्रिप्शन प्रौद्योगिकियों की आवश्यकता होती है।



माननीयता और विश्वसनीयता : जैसे ही एक उपकरण के संख्या और जटिलता बढ़ती जाती है, मापनीयता और विश्वसनीयता सुनिश्चित करना लगातार और कठिन होता जाता है। मापनीय संचार आर्किटेक्चर, त्रुटि-प्रतिसेवदन प्रोटोकॉल और वितरित कम्प्यूटिंग परम्पराएं पुनरावलोकनशीलता और संगठनशीलता के लिए आवश्यक हैं।

नैतिक और सामाजिक प्रभाव : मशीन संचार के व्यापक अपनायन के साथ, गोपनीयता, स्वतंत्रता और जावबदेही के नैतिक और सामाजिक प्रश्न उठते हैं। इन चिंताओं का समाधान वाह्यशास्त्रीय सहयोग और नैतिक मानकों का संरचनात्मक काम आवश्यक होता है जो तकनीकी नवाचार को सामाजिक जिम्मेदारी के साथ संतुलित करते हैं।

आगे देखने पर, मशीन संचार का भविष्य उद्योगों को परिवर्तित करने, वैज्ञानिक अनुसंधान को आगे बढ़ाने, और जीवन की गुणवत्ता को सुधारने का वादा करता है। डिजिटल जुड़ाव, बुद्धिमान एल्गोरिदम और मानव-केन्द्रित डिज़ाइन सिद्धांतों की शक्ति का उपयोग करके, हम एक भविष्य बना सकते हैं जहां मशीन संचार बिना संघर्ष के बातचीत करते हैं, प्रभावी रूप से सहयोग करते हैं और व्यक्तियों और समुदायों को बड़े तेज़ी से बदलते डिजिटल दुनिया में सशक्त बनाते हैं। □

शुभ सहाय

कक्षा-6डी

देश भक्ति

देश भक्ति का अर्थ होता है कि देश के प्रति प्रेम भावना। हम सभी नागरिकों को देशभक्ति निभानी चाहिए। देश भक्ति का दूसरा भाव है 'पहले देश फिर हम'। हम अपने देश को मातृभूमि भी कहते हैं। हमारा देश ही हमारा पोषण करता है तथा नागरिकों को बढ़ने में मदद करता है। हम भारतवासियों को अपने देश को अपनी माँ की तरह देखना चाहिए। देश का विकास देशभक्तों की वजह से होता है। हमें कभी अपने देश को स्वार्थ भाव से नहीं देखना चाहिए व्यावहारिक जीवन में देशभक्ति का बहुत महत्व है। देशभक्ति विश्व के सभी आकर्षणों से बढ़कर है। यह एक ऐसा पवित्र और सात्विक भाव है जो मनुष्य को निरंतर त्याग की प्रेरणा देता है। देशभक्ति का संबंध मनुष्य की आत्मा से है।



मेरी इस महान मातृभूमि पर अनेक महान आत्माओं ने जन्म लिया है और इस देश की शोभा बढ़ाई है। राम, कृष्ण, गौतम, बुद्ध, महावीर, गुरुनानक देव, महात्मा गांधी, रानी लक्ष्मी बाई, महाराणा प्रताप, भगत सिंह, सुभाष चंद्र बोस आदि ने जाने कितने संतों, महापुरुषों ने जन्म लिया है।

भारत इस दुनिया का सबसे बड़ा लोकतंत्र देश माना जाता है। हमारा देश विश्व का प्रमुख देश माना जाता है। □

शिवांश गुप्ता

कक्षा-6ए



"बेटी बचाओ"

प्रस्तावना : पृथ्वी पर मानव जाति का अस्तित्व, आदमी और औरत दोनों की समान भागीदारी के बिना असंभव है। दोनों ही पृथ्वी पर मानव जाति के अस्तित्व के साथ ही साथ किसी भी देश के विकास के लिये समान रूप से ज़िम्मेदार हैं। हालांकि, इसमें कोई संदेह नहीं कि महिलाएं पुरुषों से अधिक महत्वपूर्ण हैं, क्योंकि इनके बिना हम मानव जाति की निरंतरता के बारे में नहीं सोच सकते क्योंकि उनके द्वारा ही महिलाओं को जन्म दिया जाता है। यही कारण है कि हमें कन्या भ्रूण हत्या जैसे गंभीर अपराध को पूर्ण रूप से रोकने की आवश्यकता है, इसके साथ ही में लड़कियों को आगे बढ़ाने के लिये सुरक्षा, सम्मान और समान अवसर प्रदान किये जाने चाहिये।

बेटी बचाओं अभियान क्यों आवश्यक है?

इस संसार में ऐसी कई घटनाएं हुई हैं, जिन्होंने इस बात को प्रमाणित किया है कि महिलाएं हर क्षेत्र में न सिर्फ पुरुषों के बराबर हैं बल्कि कई क्षेत्रों में उनसे आगे भी हैं। इन्हीं में से हमने नीचे कुछ बातों पर चर्चा की है :-

- ❖ लड़कियां किसी क्षेत्र में लड़कों की तुलना में पीछे नहीं है और वह हर क्षेत्र में अपना सर्वश्रेष्ठ प्रदर्शन करती हैं।
- ❖ १९६१ से कन्या भ्रूण हत्या एक गैर कानूनी अपराध है और लिंग परीक्षण के बाद गर्भपात को रोकने के लिये प्रतिबंधित कर दिया गया है। सभी लोगों को इन नियमों का पालन करना चाहिए और लड़कियों को बचाने का हरसंभव प्रयास करना चाहिए।
- ❖ लड़कियां, लड़कों की तुलना में अधिक आज्ञाकारी, कम हिंसक और अभिमानी साबित हो चुकी हैं।
- ❖ वो अपने परिवार, नौकरी, समाज या देश के लिये ज़्यादा ज़िम्मेदार साबित हो चुकी हैं।
- ❖ वो अपने माता-पिता की और उनके कार्यों की अधिक परवाह करने वाली होती हैं।
- ❖ एक महिला माता, पत्नी, बेटी, बहन आदि होती है। इसलिए हम में से प्रत्येक व्यक्ति को लड़कियों के प्रति अपनी ज़िम्मेदारियों को समझना चाहिए।



लड़कियों को बचाने के लिये सरकार द्वारा उठाये गये कदम : सरकार द्वारा लड़कियों को बचाने और शिक्षित करने के लिये बहुत से कदम उठाये गये हैं। इस बारे में सबसे हाल की पहल 'बेटी बचाओं, बेटी पढ़ाओ' है जो बहुत सक्रिय रूप से सरकार, एनजीओ, कॉर्पोरेट समूहों और मानव अधिकार कार्यकर्ताओं और गैर सरकारी संगठनों द्वारा समर्थित है। विभिन्न सामाजिक संगठनों ने महिला स्कूलों में शौचालय के निर्माण से अभियान में मदद की है।



बालिकाओं और महिलाओं के खिलाफ अपराध भारत में वृद्धि और विकास के रास्ते में बड़ी बाधा है। कन्या भ्रूण हत्या बड़े मुद्दों में से एक था हालांकि अस्पतालों में लिंग निर्धारण, स्कैन परीक्षण, उत्सवधन, के लिए अल्ट्रासाउंड पर रोक लगाकर आदि के द्वारा सरकार ने प्रतिबंधित किया गया है। सरकार ने ये कदम लोगों को ये बताने के लिये लिया है कि लड़कियां समाज में अपराध नहीं हालांकि भगवान का दिया हुआ एक खूबसूरत तोहफा है।

निष्कर्ष : हमें बेटियों से नफरत की भावना, हमें समाज और देश की भलाई के लिये उसे सम्मानित और प्यार करना चाहिए। वो लड़कों की तरह की देश के विकास में समान रूप से भागीदार हैं। □

आरव दीक्षित

कक्षा-6 सी

क्रिकेट को हमारे देश का राष्ट्रीय खेल घोषित कर देना चाहिए : विपक्ष



“क्रिकेट को भारत का राष्ट्रीय खेल घोषित कर देना चाहिए”, इस विषय पर मेरा दृष्टिकोण विरोधात्मक है तथा मैं इस विषय के विपक्ष में अपना मत रखते हुए कहना चाहता हूँ कि राष्ट्रीय खेल किसी राष्ट्र की संस्कृति के अंदर निहित खेल को माना जाता है।

यदि हम क्रिकेट को ऐतिहासिक परिप्रेक्ष्य में देखें व इसका निरूपण करें तो इस खेल ने, ब्रिटिश साम्राज्य के समय हमारे देश में प्रवेश किया था। उस समय यह खेल ब्रिटिश शासन के उच्च वर्ग के लोगों के बीच खेला जाता था।

भारतीय स्वतंत्रता के बाद, हमने खुद के खेलों की खोज की तथा अपनी पहचान बनाई। हमारे देश में कई ऐसे खेल हैं, जो हमारी संस्कृति और विविधता का प्रतिनिधित्व करते हैं। कबड्डी, खो-खो, हॉकी, तीरंदाजी, गुल्ली डंडा, बास्केटबॉल, कुश्ती और बहुत कुछ।

क्रिकेट को राष्ट्रीय खेल घोषित करने का प्रस्ताव, हमारे ऐतिहासिक और सांस्कृतिक परिप्रेक्ष्य को अनदेखा करता है और केवल एक ही खेल के प्रति ध्यान केन्द्रित करता है। इसलिए मेरा यह मानना है कि बजाय क्रिकेट के, सभी खेलों का समर्थन और प्रोत्साहन करने की आवश्यकता है, ताकि हम अपनी संस्कृति और विविधता को समझ सकें और उसका समर्थन कर सकें। क्रिकेट अधिकतर शहरी क्षेत्र में लोकप्रिय है जबकि ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में इसका प्रसार कम है। इससे हमारे खेलों को क्षेत्रीय असंतुलन का सामना करना पड़ता है तथा यह अन्य खेलों के विकास को भी प्रभावित करता है।

क्रिकेट की दुहाई देते हुए लोग यह भूल गए कि खेल के विकास में संरचना और निवेश की महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका होती है। भारत में क्रिकेट के लिए बहुत सारी संरचनाएं बनाई गई हैं। अन्य खेलों की तुलना में क्रिकेट के लिए अधिक निवेश किया जाता है जो खेल की संरचना और निवेश में असंतुलन का कारण बनता है और अन्य खेलों के विकास को प्रभावित करता है। क्रिकेट को हमारा राष्ट्रीय खेल घोषित करने से हम इस असंतुलन को और बढ़ावा दे रहे हैं। इसलिए मेरा यह मानना है कि हमें क्रिकेट को अपना राष्ट्रीय खेल घोषित नहीं करना चाहिए।



जब हमें आज़ादी नहीं मिली थी तब भी भारत हॉकी का चैंपियन था। हमें हॉकी में आठ ओलंपिक स्वर्ण पदक मिले हैं जो किसी भी खेल में सबसे अधिक माना जाता है। हॉकी की उत्पत्ति खिडो खुंडी नामक पंजाबी खेल से हुई थी इसलिए हॉकी का उद्गम स्थल भारत माना गया है। भारत के गौरवशाली अतीत और उसे पुनर्स्थापित करने का हमें प्रयास करना चाहिए, यदि क्रिकेट को राष्ट्रीय खेल बना देते हैं तो यह हॉकी पर भारी पड़ सकता है तथा इससे सीधे तौर पर अन्य खेलों की ओर रुझान हतोत्साहित हो सकता है व उन खेलों के लिए कोई अच्छा संदेश नहीं जायेगा, यह तो वही बात हुई कि “गुड़ खायेंगे पर गुलगुले से परहेज़ है।”



बदलाव ही प्रकृति का नियम है। भविष्य में कोई नहीं जानता, क्रिकेट अभी लोकप्रिय हो सकता है लेकिन कल अन्य खेल भी प्रसिद्ध हो सकता है फिर लोग राष्ट्रीय खेल को बदलना चाह सकते हैं।

मैं कहना चाहूँगा उन सभी से जो क्रिकेट को हमारा राष्ट्रीय खेल घोषित करने पर तुले हुए हैं कि आज अधिकांश भारतीय पबजी, कैडी क्रश, सबवे सर्फर्स आदि खेलों के भी शौकीन हैं तो क्या हमें इन्हे भी अपना राष्ट्रीय खेल बनाना चाहिए और अगर कुछ वर्षों के बाद प्रवृत्ति बदल जाती है, और अगली पीढ़ी फुटबॉल या किसी और खेल को खेलना शुरू कर देती है, तो क्या हमें अपना राष्ट्रीय खेल बदल देना चाहिए?

कम से कम एक बार सोचें, भले ही इंग्लैंड ने २०१६ तक विश्व कब नहीं जीता, फिर भी उन्होंने अपना राष्ट्रीय खेल नहीं बदला व इंग्लैंड की सरकार ने टीम को तब तक समर्थन दिया जब तक उन्होंने अपने द्वारा अविष्कृत खेल में विश्व कम नहीं जीत लिया। हम भारतीयों की तो आदत ही है, प्रवाह प्रवृत्तियों के साथ चलने की। इसलिए हमें हॉकी को अपना राष्ट्रीय खेल बनाकर हमें हॉकी में अपना गौरव बहाल करना चाहिए।

यदि हम आज क्रिकेट को अपना राष्ट्रीय खेल बनाते हैं तो इसकी कोई गारंटी नहीं है कि हम अपना राष्ट्रीय गीत, थीम, ध्वज, प्रतिज्ञा आदि नहीं बदलेंगे, इसलिए यह विचार करने का विषय नहीं है। अंत में मैं कहना चाहूँगा कि क्रिकेट को राष्ट्रीय खेल बनाने में हमें कोई अतिरिक्त लाभ नहीं मिलेगा। इसके अलावा क्रिकेट प्रेमियों पर भी इसका कोई असर नहीं पड़ेगा, परंतु कई अन्य क्षेत्रों में इसकी आलोचना अवश्य होगी।

क्योंकि भले ही भारत में क्रिकेट के बहुत प्रशंसक हैं और भारत ने चैंपियनशिप भी जीती है, अन्य देश भी इसमें उतना ही अच्छा प्रदर्शन कर रहे हैं। इसलिए हमारा राष्ट्रीय खेल बनाने का कोई सार्थक आधार नहीं है। अपने इसी वक्तव्य के साथ मैं अपना मत इसके विपक्ष में रखते हुए आपसे विदा लेता हूँ। □

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वेदांत दर्शन भारतीय दर्शन की छह प्रमुख शाखाओं में से एक है और इसे उत्कृष्ट आध्यात्मिक ज्ञान को स्रोत माना जाता है। इस ज्ञान की शाखा को उत्तर मीमांसा भी कहा जाता है। प्रस्थानत्रयी इस ज्ञान के मुख्य ग्रंथ या ग्रंथों का समूह है। प्रस्थानत्रयी में तीन ग्रंथ - श्रीमद्भगवद्गीता, दस प्रमुख उपनिषद और वेदव्यास रहित ब्रह्मसूत्र - प्रमुख हैं। इन्हीं के अध्ययन से व्यक्ति वेदांत का आचार्य बनता है। वेदांत का शाब्दिक अर्थ है - 'वेदों का

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वेदांत की तीन प्रमुख एवं कई छोटी शाखाएं हैं। यह तीन प्रमुख शाखाएं क्रमशः हैं - अद्वैत, विशिष्ट अद्वैत और द्वैत। आदि शंकराचार्य, भागवद रामानुजाचार्य और मध्वाचार्य क्रमशः इन तीन प्रमुख वेदांत दर्शनों के प्रवर्तक हुए।

अद्वैत वेदांत - आदि शंकराचार्य ब्रह्म को प्रधान मानकर जीव और जगत को उससे अभिन्न मानते हैं। उनके अनुसार तत्त्व को उत्पत्ति और विनाश से रहित होना चाहिए। नाशवान जगत तत्त्वशून्य है, जीव भी जैसा दिखाई देता है, वैसा तत्त्वतः नहीं है। जीवन का शुद्ध रूप सुषुप्ति जैसा होना चाहिए। इस अवस्था में नश्वर जगत से जीवन का कोई संबंध नहीं रहता। अज्ञान के कारण जीव जगत को सत्य समझता है परंतु स्वप्न संसार की तरह यह जागृत संसार भी जीव की कल्पना है। ब्रह्मज्ञान होने पर यह जगत जीव को मिथ्या ही दिखता है। यह अद्वैतवाद का सिद्धांत है। अद्वैत वेदांत स्मार्त संप्रदाय से जुड़ा है।

विशिष्ट अद्वैत वेदांत - भागवद श्री रामानुजाचार्य ने 9वीं शताब्दी में शंकर के अद्वैत मत के विपरीत यह कहा कि ब्रह्म स्वतंत्र तत्त्व है परंतु जीव जगत भी सत्य है - मिथ्या नहीं। जीव और ईश्वर संबंधित हैं। उनका संबंधन अज्ञान के कारण नहीं परंतु वास्तविक है, मोक्ष प्राप्त होने पर भी जीव स्वतंत्र ही रहता है और उसका ब्रह्म में विलय नहीं होता। भौतिक जगत और जीव दोनों सत्य हैं परंतु ब्रह्म का सत्य जीवन एवं जगत की सत्यता के विलक्षण हैं। ईश्वर पूर्ण है, जगत जड़ है एवं जीव दुःख और अज्ञान से घिरा है। ये तीनों मिलकर एकाकार हैं क्योंकि जीव और जगत ब्रह्म का शरीर हैं और ब्रह्म इनकी आत्मा और नियंता। विशिष्ट अद्वैत वेदांत श्री-वैष्णव संप्रदाय से जुड़ा हुआ है।

द्वैत वेदांत - मध्वाचार्य ने द्वैत वेदांत का प्रचार किया। इन्होंने दिखलाया कि ब्रह्म और जीवन-जगत स्वतः अलग हैं और कभी एक नहीं हो सकते। इनके बीच का भेद स्वतः सिद्ध है क्योंकि भेद के बिना स्थिति असंभव है। भक्ति से प्रसन्न होने वाले ईश्वर के इशारे पर सृष्टि का खेल चलता है। इस सिद्धांत के अनुसार ईश्वर जगत का स्वामी और कर्ता एवं कारण है। द्वैत वेदांत मध्व-वैष्णव संप्रदाय से जुड़ा है।

आधुनिक काल में प्रासंगिकता - वेदांत दर्शन आधुनिक समय में भी बहुत महत्वपूर्ण है। इस दर्शन के अनुसार सभी मनुष्यों में एक ही दिव्यता होती है जो सभी के बीच एकता और समन्वय का आधार बनती है। इसके अलावा वेदांत दर्शन जीवन के मूल तत्वों को समझने में सहायक है जैसे कि धर्म, कर्म, सत्य, अर्थ और मोक्ष। □

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"क्रिकेट को भारत का राष्ट्रीय खेल घोषित कर देना चाहिए"

सबसे पहले मैं एक भ्रान्ति दूर करना चाहता हूँ कि भारत का राष्ट्रीय खेल हॉकी है। वास्तव में भारत का कोई राष्ट्रीय खेल घोषित ही नहीं है। चूंकि १९३६ (उन्नीस सौ छत्तीस) से १९८० (उन्नीस सौ अस्सी) के दौर में भारत ने हॉकी में ओलंपिक खेलों में ८ (आठ) बार स्वर्ण पदक जीते थे तो ये भ्रम बन गया कि हॉकी ही भारत का राष्ट्रीय खेल है। इसी क्रम में हॉकी के जादूगर कहे जाने वाले मेजर ६ यानचंद की जन्मतिथि २६ (उनत्तीस) अगस्त को राष्ट्रीय खेल दिवस के रूप में बनाया जाने लगा।



अस्सी के दशक में जब हॉकी का स्तर नीचे गिर रहा था तभी १९८३ (उन्नीस सौ तिरासी) में भारत ने वर्ल्ड कप जीत कर क्रिकेट का परचम लहरा दिया। २०११ (दो हजार ग्यारह) में फिर वर्ल्ड कप अपने नाम करने के बाद तो क्रिकेट से ज्यादा उत्साहवर्धक और रोमांचक कोई दूसरा खेल भारत में बचा ही नहीं।

समय के साथ बदलते हुए क्रिकेट में पांच दिवसीय खेल के बाद एक दिवसीय खेल आया और फिर आया टी२० का युग। २००८ (दो हजार आठ) में आईपीएल के साथ बेशुमार धन। जहां अंतर्राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर टीम में एक बार में १२-१५ (बारह-पन्द्रह) खिलाड़ियों को अवसर मिलता था, वहीं अब आईपीएल के कारण १००-१५० (सौ-डेढ़ सौ) खिलाड़ियों को अवसर मिलने लगा। इससे नए खिलाड़ियों का क्रिकेट में रुझान बढ़ने लगा।

अक्सर लोग क्रिकेट क्षेत्र में हो रही धन की बरसात को एक नकारात्मक रंग देने का प्रयास करते हैं। जबकि प्रत्येक व्यक्ति मेहनत करता है धन कमाने के लिए। एक अंतर्राष्ट्रीय स्तर का खिलाड़ी बनने के लिए एक व्यक्ति को बचपन से जी तोड़ मेहनत करनी पड़ती है, जिसके कारण उसकी पढ़ाई छूट जाती है। फिर भी कोई गारंटी नहीं कि अंतर्राष्ट्रीय टीम में उसका चयन हो पायेगा या नहीं। इसलिए हमें खुश होना चाहिए कि कड़ी मेहनत के बाद अंतर्राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर पहुंचने वाले खिलाड़ी को उसकी मेहनत का फल तो मिला।

दूसरी नकारात्मक सोच यह है कि क्रिकेट का पक्ष लेकर हम अंग्रेजों की गुलामी की मानसिकता को ढो रहे हैं, लेकिन किसी खेल का न तो कोई राष्ट्र या धर्म होता है और नहीं कोई भाषा होती है। इस हिसाब से तो फिर हॉकी ही क्यों? हमें तो सिर्फ कबड्डी, कुश्ती और शतरंज ही खेलना चाहिए।

अब मैं आखिरी मुद्दे पर आता हूँ कि भारत में किसी एक खेल को राष्ट्रीय खेल घोषित करने की आवश्यकता है। इस मुद्दे पर मैं यही कहना चाहूंगा कि क्रिकेट ही एकमात्र खेल है जो पूरे देश को एक सूत्र में पिरोने की क्षमता रखता है। क्रिकेट के फाइनल बैच के दिन सड़कों पर पसरा सन्नाटा ये दर्शाता है कि भारत में क्रिकेट एक जुनून का नाम है।



क्रिकेट का एक छोटा से छोटा खिलाड़ी भी आज लाखों कमा रहा है। ये देखकर अन्य खेलों में भी आईपीएल जैसे आयोजन आरम्भ हो चुके हैं जैसे कि महिला क्रिकेट, कबड्डी, कुश्ती एवं फुटबॉल।

क्रिकेट की तरह जैसे-जैसे सभी खेलों में बड़े-बड़े पूंजीपती प्रायोजक बनने में दिलचस्पी दिखाने लगेंगे वैसे-वैसे स्वतः ही इन खेलों और खिलाड़ियों का विकास होता जायेगा। क्रिकेट के कारण वह दिन भी आ गया अब हमारे अभिभावक यह नहीं कह सकते कि खेलोगे तो खाओगे क्या?

अंत में मैं अपने तर्कों को विराम देते हुए यही कहना चाहूंगा कि क्रिकेट को अवश्य ही राष्ट्रीय खेल घोषित कर देना चाहिए, क्योंकि यही खेल कारण बनेगा बाकी खेलों के उत्थान का। □

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तटस्थ पर्यावरणीय विषयों में से एक, ग्लोबल वार्मिंग ने हमारे प्राकृतिक परिस्थितियों को प्रभावित किया है। यह विश्व भर में तेजी से बदल रहा है और इसके प्रभावों को न केवल पर्यावरण, बल्कि मानव स्वास्थ्य, अर्थ व्यवस्था और सामाजिक संगठन पर भी महसूस किया जा रहा है। इस निबंध में, हम ग्लोबल वार्मिंग के कारण, प्रभाव और संभावित उपायों पर विचार करेंगे।

प्रथम चरण में, हम ग्लोबल वार्मिंग के कारणों पर ध्यान केन्द्रित करेंगे। इसमें जलवायु परिवर्तन, जलवायु संशोधन और उच्च स्तरीय उर्वरकों का उपयोग शामिल है। दूसरे चरण पर, हम ग्लोबल वार्मिंग के प्रभावों को समझेंगे, जैसे कि धरती के तापमान में वृद्धि, बर्फ का पिघलना, जलवायु अनियमितता और मौसमी बदलाव।



तीसरे चरण में, हम ग्लोबल वार्मिंग के संभावित उपायों पर ध्यान केंद्रित करेंगे। इसमें समुद्री जल के तापमान का नियंत्रण, वन्यजीव संरक्षण, ऊर्जा की बचत और वायु प्रदूषण का नियंत्रण शामिल है।

चौथे चरण में, हम ग्लोबल वार्मिंग के विरुद्ध अपने योगदान के बारे में चर्चा करेंगे। इसमें विश्व स्तर पर समझौतों, प्राकृतिक ऊर्जा स्रोतों का प्रयोग और पर्यावरण में सांझा ज़िम्मेदारी शामिल है।

अंत में, हम ग्लोबल वार्मिंग के संभावित परिणामों के बारे में चिंता व्यक्त करेंगे और इसे रोकने और संभालने के लिए सामूहिक प्रयासों की आवश्यकता पर ध्यान केन्द्रित करेंगे।

इस प्रकार, यह प्रस्ताव हमें ग्लोबल वार्मिंग के महत्वपूर्ण मुद्दों पर विचार करने का एक मंच प्रदान करेगा, ताकि हम समस्या के समाधान की दिशा में कदम बढ़ा सकें। □

परिजात मिश्रा

कक्षा-6 सी



“क्रिकेट को भारत का राष्ट्रीय खेल घोषित कर देना चाहिए”

क्रिकेट भारत का सर्वाधिक लोकप्रिय खेल है। भारत में खेल का अर्थ है केवल क्रिकेट और क्रिकेट लोगों में दीवानगी है क्रिकेट की। जब भारतीय टीम मैदान में उतरती है तो पूरे देश में अघोषित कर्फ्यू लग जाता है। पूरे देश के नागरिक टीवी स्क्रीन, रेडियों आदि अन्य संसाधनों से चिपके रहते हैं। टीम जीतती है तो लोग खुश होते हैं, आतिशबाजी करते हैं, मिठाइयां बांटी जाती हैं, पूरे देश के मंदिरों में टीम के जीतने की प्रार्थनाएं होती हैं तो दूसरी ओर मस्जिदों में दुआएं और कहीं कहीं तो दीवानगी का ये आलम है कि लोग अपने प्रिय क्रिकेटर को भगवान के रूप में पूजते हैं। भारतीय क्रिकेट टीम यदि हार जाती है तो पूरे देश में शोक का वातावरण छा जाता है भारत में क्या बच्चे क्या बूढ़े क्या पुरुष क्या महिलाएं सभी लोग क्रिकेट के दीवाने हैं। क्या किसी अन्य खेल के प्रति लोगों में ये दीवानगी दिखाई देती है?



श्रीमान्, क्रिकेट ही एकमात्र ऐसा खेल है जो पूरे राष्ट्र को एक सूत्र में पिरोता है। हमारी राष्ट्रीय क्रिकेट टीम के खेलते समय सभी लोग जाति, धर्म, भाषा, संस्कृति आदि के अंतर को भूल जाते हैं। क्रिकेट ही एकमात्र ऐसा खेल है जो पूरे देश को एकजुट रखता है, तो क्यों नहीं क्रिकेट को राष्ट्रीय खेल घोषित कर दिया जाये?

भारतीय क्रिकेट बोर्ड (बीसीसीआई) विश्व का सर्वाधिक समृद्ध क्रिकेट बोर्ड है। पिछले दो दशकों में भारत लगातार उत्कृष्ट प्रदर्शन कर रहा है चार विश्व कप, दो चैंपियन ट्रॉफी तथा अन्य प्रतिष्ठित टूर्नामेंट भारत लगातार जीत रहा है। बीसीसीआई ने क्रिकेट को भारत के सुदूर गांवों तक भी शानदार ढंग से फैलाया है। यही कारण है दूरदराज़ के गांवों में बच्चा-बच्चा सचिन का नाम तो जानता है, धोनी का नाम तो जानता है, विराट कोहली का नाम तो जानता है, लेकिन अन्य खेलों के खिलाड़ियों का नहीं

इसके अतिरिक्त बड़ी-बड़ी कम्पनियां क्रिकेट में खूब पैसा निवेश कर रही हैं। आज भारतीय क्रिकेट टीम के खिलाड़ी विभिन्न कम्पनियों की पहली पसंद हैं। सजीव प्रसारण, विज्ञापनों से होने वाली आय, देश की जीडीपी तथा राजस्व में निरंतर वृद्धि कर रही है।

भारतीय क्रिकेट टीम के खिलाड़ी आज के युवाओं के रोल मॉडल हैं, प्रेरणा हैं। प्रत्येक खिलाड़ी का आर्थिक रूप से भविष्य सुरक्षित तथा उज्ज्वल है। युवा आज के समय में क्रिकेट को स्वर्णिम कैरियर के रूप में देखते हैं, क्या यह स्थिति अन्य खेलों की है?

श्रीमान् इसके अतिरिक्त इस खेल ने निरंतर समय के साथ परिवर्तन किए हैं। वर्तमान समय में टी२० तथा आईपीएल का जादू लोगों के सिर चढ़कर बोल रहा है। वहीं भारतीय महिला क्रिकेट टीम ने पूरे विश्व में अपने परचम को लहराया है।



श्रीमान् यह कहना कि क्रिकेट भारत में अन्य खेलों को समाप्त कर देगा, ये सत्य नहीं है, सत्य तो यह है कि अन्य खेलों की तुलना में क्रिकेट के प्रशंसक अधिक हैं, यह खेल आज मनोरंजन का बड़ा साधन है

श्रीमान्, भारत में क्रिकेट लोकप्रिय है क्योंकि भारत में क्रिकेट संस्कृति है, क्रिकेट सामूहिक भागीदारी है। भले ही क्रिकेट विदेशी देश इंग्लैंड से भारत में आया हो, लेकिन वर्तमान समय में यह खेल भारतीयों की चेतना में रस बस गया है। इस खेल के साथ भारतीय जनमानस की संवेदनाएं जुड़ी हुई हैं। अतः मैं दृढ़ता के साथ समर्थन करता हूँ कि क्रिकेट को राष्ट्रीय खेल घोषित किया जाना चाहिए।

धन्यवाद! □

अभिनव गुप्ता

कक्षा-10बी

बाघ की महत्ता



बाघ या व्याघ्र जंगल में रहने वाला मांसाहारी स्तनधारी पशु है। यह अपनी प्रजाति में सबसे बड़ा और ताकतवर पशु है। यह तिब्बत, श्रीलंका और अंडमान-निकाबार द्वीप-समूह को छोड़कर एशिया के अन्य सभी भागों में पाया जाता है। यह भारत, नेपाल, भूटान, कोरिया और इंडोनेशिया में अधिक संख्या में पाया जाता है।

बाघ की सुनने की शक्ति तीव्र होती है और वह हवा से हिलने वाले पत्तों और घास पर किसी के चलने की आवाज़ में फर्क समझ कर सकते हैं। बाघ एक बार में २७ किलो का मांस एक साथ खा सकता है और बाघ के शरीर का सबसे मज़बूत अंग उनके पैर होते हैं।

हर शेर के अलग प्रकार की धारियां होती हैं। उनकी पहचान करने के लिए उनकी धारियां ही सबसे ज़्यादा काम आती हैं। ये बहुत अच्छे शिकारी होते हैं। ये कुछ वक्त तक १००-११० किमी/घंटा की रफ्तार से भाग सकते हैं।

पर इनकी संख्या शिकारियों की वजह से कम होती जा रही है। २०१४ में इनकी संख्या १७०६ हो गयी थी। प्राजेक्ट टाइगर की वजह से २०२२ तक बढ़कर ३००० तक आ गई है। उसके बाद जंगलों में निगरानी बढ़ा दी गई थी उसके वजह से संख्या ३४६७ तक पहुंच गई है।

अगर बाघ नहीं होंगे तो पूरा पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र खत्म होने लग जाएगा, बाकी जानवर खत्म होने लगेंगे और पेड़-पौधे भी खत्म हो जायेंगे। हम सब इन पर निर्भर हैं, शेर की हड्डियों से हमें कुछ दवाइयां मिलती हैं। शेर, हिरण तथा कुछ और जानवरों का शिकार करता है। अगर शेर नहीं होगा तो, हिरणों तथा अन्य जानवरों की संख्या बढ़ जायेगी, कुछ की बहुत कम हो जायेगी, पूरा पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र बिगड़ जायेगा। □

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