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The Bishop's School, Pune

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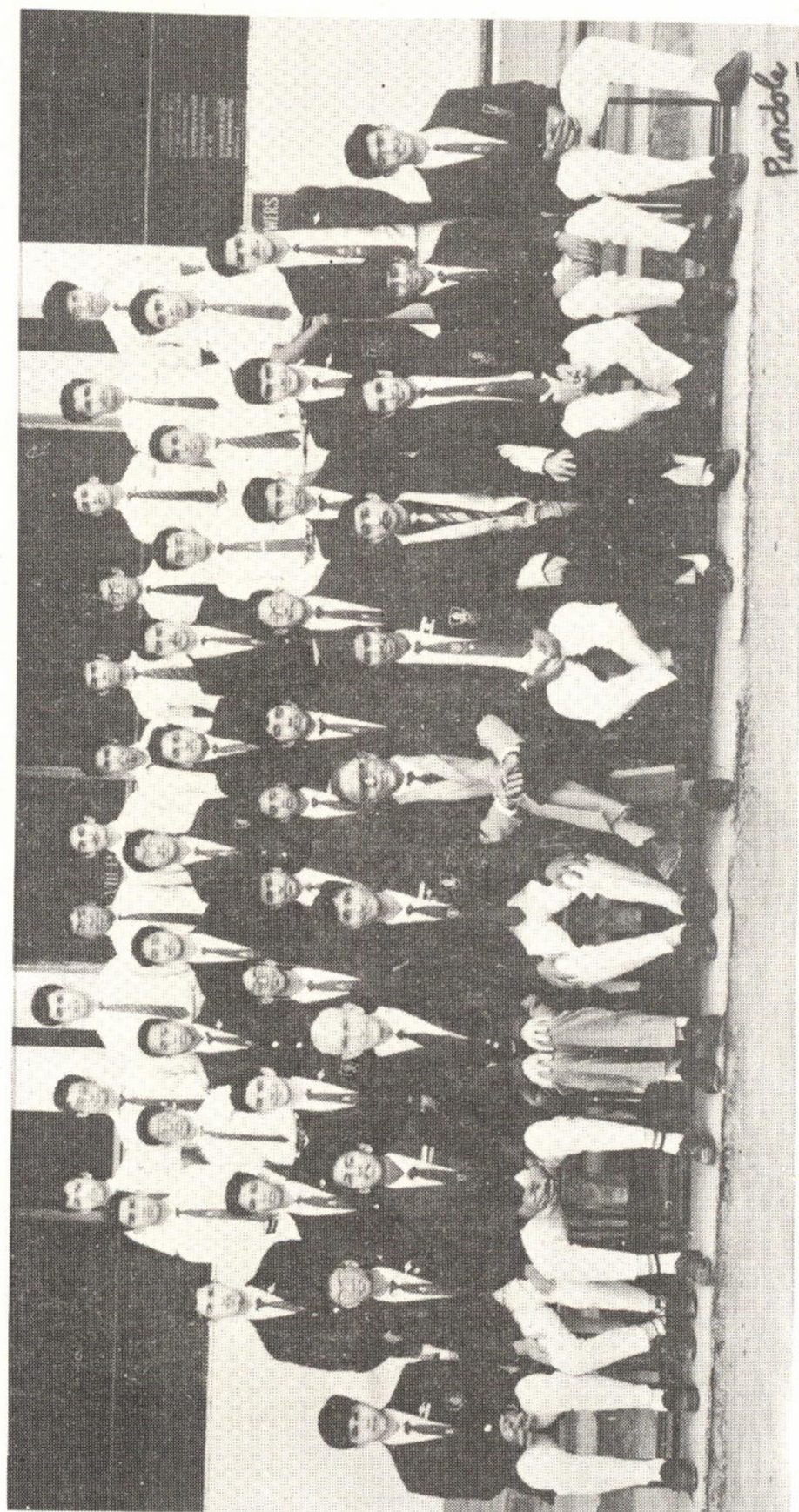
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THE SCHOOL STAFF



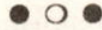
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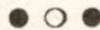
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THE YEAR IN BRIEF

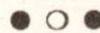
The academic year 1990-91 began with the appointment of A. Lakdawala as Head Boy, B. Haribabu and A. Pandharpurwala as Vice Head Boys, and B. Sharma and K. Khursedji as Senior Prefects.



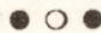
On the first Monday of term, that is six days after the school reopened, the results of the March, 1990 ICSE examination arrived, and there was much rejoicing as all 87 boys had passed, with 68 boys getting 1st divisions and the rest 2nd divisions. Congratulations all round!



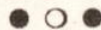
The asphaltting work, begun at the end of May, was completed for the time being by mid-June with seal coating being done—ready for the monsoon. The ceremony of Commissioning of Prefects was the first activity to take place on the newly-surfaced 'Uppers' and it was nice to have less dust flying around.



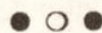
In the first fortnight of term there were two friendly Staff V Boys football matches, which both ended in draws. No comment! Inter-class football matches were played early in the term to give the coaches of the school teams a chance to spot talent, though once again there were problems in using the pitches on the race-course as the racing season began very early. Football was in everyone's mind as the World Cup was in progress in Italy at this time, too.



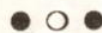
In mid-July, the periods were shortened by five minutes each to allow for an Activities period from 2.45 to 3.30, to prepare for the end of August Dramatics and the Festival of Choirs. The gymnasts also took advantage of this period to practise their chair tricks for Founder's.



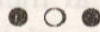
At the end of July, the Wadia block that had been used as a biology laboratory for several years became a Common Room for the Juniors, with a T.V. set and, by courtesy of the PTA, a V.C.P.



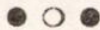
Our debaters maintain a high standard : once more they won the Kurup Trophy at the Inter-School Competition run by St. Mary's School, with M. Nabar also being adjudged best speaker. He and A. Balagopalan are to be congratulated — well done!



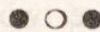
This year our football matches with St. Peters', Panchgani, were not played as the dates suggested were not agreed to by them. However, St. Peters', Mazgaon, were more accommodating and our team went down to Bombay at the end of July for an enjoyable fixture in which, however, we were heavily defeated 0-5. This came after a series of successes in the Poona Inter-Schools Tournament, in which, in fact, all three teams did well and reached the knock-out stage. On 21st August, the Minis beat their opponents, St. Vincent's, in the final 3-2, Faizal Razak scoring a hat-trick and being awarded the trophy for the Best Player — congratulations all round!



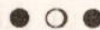
In August, two teams took part in a Bible Quiz, the seniors coming first and bringing home the rolling trophy and the Juniors coming third — more congratulations!



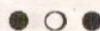
Those who have musical ears were delighted when the piano in Harding Hall was given an expensive and extensive overhaul in mid-August, as a result of which it sounds sweeter than it has for many a long year. This was completed just in time for the entertainments given in connection with the Prize giving days. Now let us not jar or 'judder' the piano lest it go out of tune again!



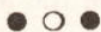
The monsoon was a good one this year, for which everyone in the country should be grateful. A down-pour in the morning of Independence Day meant that the presentation of flags was held in Harding Hall instead of the Uppers, though, of course, the National Flag was broken as usual by the Scouts with the Principal in attendance. A presentation was made to Shelar who had retired after many years of excellent work as a hard-working helper in the kitchen, where he was usually the first to arrive (and wake us all up with his clattering of degchies!) This was followed by the Senior and Junior Elocution Competitions, which were closely contested and maintained a good standard.



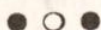
Despite more heavy rain throughout the day, many parents of KG, I and II came to see the entertainment put on by their children on 23rd August. Another big crowd turned out on 28th for the Junior School Prize giving and entertainment, at which Col. M.M. Gupta was the Chief Guest. Many of us at Bishop's - Staff, boys and servants - have reason to be grateful to him for the medical help he has given to us over many years and so we were especially glad to have him and his wife with us. For the Senior Prize Giving and Entertainment the Chief Guest was Mr. K. Subramaniam, Director Defence Estates, with which department we have had cordial relations over the years. Unfortunately, our football team had to miss these two prize days as they were away taking part in an inter-School Football Competition organised for Anglo-Indian schools at St. Peter's, Panchgani. The team returned during the monsoon break having enjoyed some good football but being placed only 5th out of the eight schools taking part.



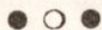
After the short monsoon break, school reopened on Teachers' - Day, and the staff took the opportunity to relax while the senior boys looked after their classes. The School Kitchen turned out an excellent lunch for the staff, who were then well entertained by the boys at an impromptu show - an enjoyable and praiseworthy effort. No-one worried about the soaking wet weather on this day!



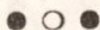
The next two days, the school choir took part in the Festival of School Choirs at the Nehru Memorial Hall. These dates did not suit us at all, because of so many other activities but we had to accept them or not participate. As a result, the choir was smaller than usual but, thanks to good training by Miss Z. Patel and Mrs. C. Jolly, sang sweetly with a beautiful tone, especially remarkable being the trebles.



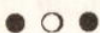
As soon as the ICSE selection exams were nearly over, the zero period was introduced to allow time for practice for the P.T. display and the Thanksgiving Service at Founder's, which was to be early this year depending as it does on the dates of Diwali. Some boys also took part in Centrafest 90, doing well in Debates and the Quiz Competition.



A social had been held in Bishop's for the St. Helena's girls early in August, and there was a 'return fixture' at St. Helena's towards the end of September. It is very good for both boys and girls to have these, I feel, and they are certainly looked forward to by all concerned.



The monsoon continued to harass us even at Founder's, but despite steady rain in the afternoon of Tuesday, 9th October, marching practice with the band was held (on the Uppers) for the next day's P.T. Display. The weather remained fine on Wednesday morning and so there was no problem about getting to and from St. Mary's Church for the Thanksgiving Service, which was well attended and as inspiring as usual. After it, the exhibition opened and was visited by large numbers while there was some delay in putting out the chairs for the P.T. Display because of the uncertain weather. In the end all went well and the usual crowds enjoyed the P.T. Display, with Col. S.E. Modak as Chief Guest. The Annual Fete was held next day, with the weather again causing concern. Because of the cloudy sky, the cold drinks stall had less sales than usual, but all the other stalls had enormous crowds right from the time Mrs. Patwardhan inaugurated the Fete till it closed some 4^{1/2} hours later. It was noticed that two showers of rain were completely ignored by the happy crowd! The next day we were let off the hook weatherwise as the sun shone all day for the Cricket matches - both won surprisingly by the School and Staff teams. Another successful Founder's Week was over, and we could relax and enjoy the Diwali break that started from lunchtime.



We had hardly resumed studies when there was another interruption — a 'Bharat Bandh' called by the BJP, which meant that the majority of dayscholars had no transport to bring them to school. What a waste of a day!

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There was more heavy rain at the end of the month (October) and the cricket grounds on Sub Area were water-logged, thus causing the postponement of inter-house matches fixed for the last weekend. Luckily the next week was dry, and the evenings were taken up with the scheduled Heats-cum-Finals of Athletics Field Events.

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In mid-November the Inspector of Anglo-Indian Schools paid an official visit to the school, spending about six hours going round classes and checking various records in the school office. His report is awaited.....

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The Athletics Finals were held on the Sub Area ground on 17th November, with Col. A.K. Bakshi and his wife as Chief Guests. Things went like clock-work — too smoothly in fact, as we got so ahead of schedule that some boys found themselves running without sufficient rest after their previous races! Thanks to excellent organisation and co-operation everything was cleared up well before dark, the only thing that marred the day being that two bicycles were stolen. Neither has been traced at the time of writing this, (but one was found and re-covered from the thief later).

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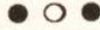
The Long Distance Runs were scheduled for the Friday after Sports Day, but the Race-course was still full of horses and stables because of some labour trouble at the Bombay race-course and also a nation-wide shortage of diesel-oil which meant that the horse-transportation could not be used. So the runs were postponed till the last week of the term after the terminal tests.

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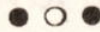
On 27th November, a very, very sad and tragic event occurred: Chaitanya Kaushal of Class 7B, who was cycling home, was run over and killed by a truck. No one will forget the feeling of shock and grief we all felt on hearing the news. The next day happened to be a holiday and crowds of middle and senior school boys, boarders and dayscholars, some old boys and many staff made their way to the house in Koregaon Park to pay their final tribute and offer sympathy to the family. On the following day, at Assembly, the Principal paid a moving tribute to Chaitanya and, emotionally, the Choir sang one of the boy's favourite hymns. In the midst of all this tragedy one thing stood out very clearly — how no one thought of caste or creed : we showed that we are one family, without divisions - an example to the country during the Current communal disturbances. Once more, we express our deepest sympathy to the family.

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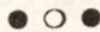
In the last two or three weeks of the term, terminal tests were held, the Choir, trained entirely by Miss Z. Patel, took part in the Yuletide Concert on two consecutive evenings and the postponed Long Distance Runs took place - leading to an interesting Cock-House position, with Mansfield leading after many years of trailing. There was also one unusual event - a party, with lunch and games, for some 150 girls and boys and a few staff of St. John's Orphanage, Panch Howd. This was organised and financed by the Scouts under the direction of Mr. S. Fernandes — a wonderful effort, obviously thoroughly enjoyed by the children judging by their squeals of delight.



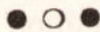
The Junior School put on a first-rate Nativity Play, cleverly integrating Santa Claus with the Bethlehem story. I hope a separate article will appear elsewhere in the magazine, to give credit to all concerned. In the afternoon of that day, there was a Staff V Boys basketball match, which ended in a draw 55-55! The two days left after the Long Distance runs were filled with games and class-parties — all thoughts of studies being over for 1990 (except for Class 10 for whom March, 1991, looms ever nearer!)



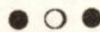
During the holidays a note was received from the Council for the I.S.C. Examinations in New Delhi to say that the I.C.S.E. Examination had been postponed for two weeks and would now run from 15th March to 1st April.



The final term of the academic year began, as usual, with Class 10 having their Prelims, and these examinations and all other school activities continued normally though the Gulf War began on 17th January.

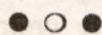


On 25th January, the P.T.A.'s Junior G.K. Quiz took place in Harding Hall, which was overcrowded as all the boys from Classes 5 to 10 attended. In a well-contested competition, Arnould came out top. The next day, a Saturday, was Republic Day, and a Special Assembly with flag-raising and so on was held, followed by the Senior G.K. Quiz. This was extremely well conducted by Mrs. M. Postwalla and enjoyed by everyone. Arnould again did well but this time managed only second place, Harding being the winners.

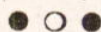


On Thursday, 31st January, a special fete was held in the school to raise funds for St. Mary's Church who wanted to build a wall round the ground, previously known as the O'Connor Field. The building of this wall had been suggested over ten years previously, but for some reason had never been carried out. The fete was a grand success and the Church Wall Fund benefited a great deal. Especially praiseworthy was the raffle organised by

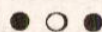
Mr. S. Fernandes, with the help of Mr. L. Gaikwad and Mr. A. Lobo amongst others, which raised an enormous amount.



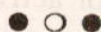
On 9th February, the School G.K. 'experts' volunteered in large numbers to take part in teams of two in 'Indiana 91' a quiz contest about India. Three teams reached the knock-out round, and, of these, two were among the four finalists, coming in 2nd and 4th place overall.



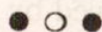
During the winter vacation, Mr. E. Dique, a long-serving member of the School Governing Body, fell down the stairs of his flat, severely injuring his skull. He was not expected to live, but, being of a very strong constitution, he did so, and after a few days in the Jehangir Nursing Home, he was transferred to a Guest room in the school where he slowly recovered and was able to walk about a bit. However, a complete recovery was not to be his, and he died in the early hours of 22nd February. The school was closed as a mark of respect, and the funeral at St. Mary's Church, of which he was a very regular member, was attended by a large congregation. Bishop's is very grateful for all he has done for the school, and we all pray that his soul may repose in peace.



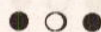
Mansfield, as mentioned earlier, was doing very well in the Cock House Competition and was in fact winning until the end when the Study Cup points were totted up and then, coming bottom in Study in all three divisions (!), it sank to third place, leaving Harding as Cock House.



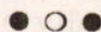
Boxing is always rather hard to fit in. The ideal time would seem to be July - except for the monsoon weather. This year the competition took place at the end of February and in early March, with the bouts starting at about 4.45 p.m. as it was too hot and sunny before that. Mr. Aspi Irani once more showed his amazing keenness and refereed on all the evenings, including the final one on 5th March. Our grateful thanks to him.



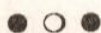
Mr. Aviet and a group of boys are to be congratulated on selling the 2nd highest number of UNICEF Greeting cards in Poona, this year. Well done!



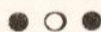
It was good that we were able once more to have hockey matches, after a lapse of a year or two, with St. Peter's Panchgani. Their 1st XI came here on Saturday, 2nd March and our 2nd XI went up there. Both our teams won in well-contested matches.



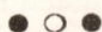
A Class 2 boarder swallowed a one-rupee coin towards the end of February. As an X-ray showed it lodged firmly in his stomach, the medical authorities at a local nursing home said that it would have to be removed under anaesthesia. This was done successfully — but the bill came to over Rs. 3,000/-! No further comment!



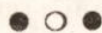
Holi being over, the weather as usual hotted up, and on 11th March, early morning school timings were started. On this same day, Class 10 boys, who were on Study Leave, came to a farewell lunch, a few days before their exams were due to start. This was an enjoyable occasion, with very tasty food cooked in our own kitchen.



The postponed ICSE examinations started on 15th March and continued till 1st April. On some days there was only one paper — in the morning — on others there were Science practicals, but on four or five days there were two papers, the second of which was in the afternoon and it was therefore very hot in the Hall. The day after the last papers, the boarders had their farewell dinner, giving nice parting presents to the three or four most senior leaders, who, in turn, made short good-bye speeches. Then class 10 left Bishop's to wait till the results due in mid-June.



As soon as the ICSE examinations were over, the School internal ones began, and these continued until Friday 12th April, when the last papers were answered before the Final Assembly of the year took place. The boys' holidays then began, while the staff celebrated Easter and completed their marking, attended promotion meetings and wrote reports.

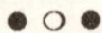


The day before the report books were issued to parents, some of the staff bid a regretful farewell to Mr. Ian Deane, an old boy and a keen member of the School Governing Body, who was about to leave with his family to live in England. We are grateful to him for all he has done for Bishop's. We also hope that his son will do as well in his new school in England as he had done here. Good luck to all of you!

On the morning of Saturday, 20th April, parents came to collect their sons' report books and there were the usual displays of delight and disappointment. Now the 126th year of the life of Bishop's was well and truly over and all could enjoy the holidays.



A General Election was due to be held in May, but, because of the tragic assassination of Mr. Rajiv Gandhi, this was postponed till June. The results of the ICSE examinations were also delayed, but when they did finally come there was cause for rejoicing - as you will see if you look at the detailed results later in the magazine. That is a happy note to end on!



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 1990-91

It is with some pride and much gratitude that I present this report for the year 1990-91 for it has been another good year in the life of the School. The School continues to enjoy a high reputation. The people of Pune have a good opinion of the School and speak of it in favourable terms. It will be our constant endeavour to justify this belief and so mould the boys in our charge and care that they are a credit to us, their home and society.

NUMERICAL STRENGTH

We had about 1950 boys on our rolls of whom 220 were boarders, and we continue to be a well integrated School comprising boys from all sections of society, all religions, castes and communities.

PRAYERS, SERVICE, DISCIPLINE

Our day starts with assembly, hymns and prayers which contributes to the tone and ethos of the School. A healthy school atmosphere prevails.

Prefects and monitors assist to maintain good discipline and learn the art of leadership. The Head Boy Aftab Lakdawala did very well and always set a good example with his own conduct and character.

Social Service and giving is encouraged and the items worthy of mention are (i) Sale of Rs. 33,000/- worth of UNICEF cards by Mr. Aviet and his group of boys; (ii) Organising a special lunch and outing for orphans by Mr. S. Fernandes and his scouts from the sale of old newspapers; (iii) The total involvement of Staff, Scouts, boys and servants in the fundraising to save St. Mary's Church grounds, raising over Rs. 36,000/- by organising a Fete with ten days' notice and Mr. S. Fernandes and Scouts raising a further Rs. 45,000/- Mr. Guzder, Mr. Lobo and Mrs. Roberts, assisted by all staff, putting in a mighty effort; (iv) Helping build the wall and chain link fence. The chain link donated by Mr. Z. Poonawala of the Poonawalla Stud Farm on a request from Bishop's School. Also getting the grounds bull-dozed, levelled and rolled. (v) Collection of Rs. 2,561/- for save the canal Fund and (vi) Sale of old text books to the tune of Rs. 3,998/- for a worthy cause.

ICSE RESULTS 1990-91

89 boys appeared for the Examination, all of whom were successful- 73 in Division I and 16 in Division II. 30 boys obtained 75% and above, of whom 15 scored over 80% and the top boy 91.5%. Subjectwise there were 35 distinctions in English, 25 in Science, 26 in Maths, 17 in Social Studies, 10 in Commerce, 8 in Economics and 5 in Hindi.

The general academic standard of the School is good at all levels.

STAFF CHANGES

Mr. & Mrs. Dique resigned to go to Muscat, and Mr. Mogre and Mr. C.D. Beaman are now working part time in the Boarding Section.

We welcome to the Staff Mrs. N. Daniels, Mrs. U. Singh and Mr. J. Zamen.

SALARY STRUCTURE

The salary structure of all categories of staff was reorganised which was beneficial to all of them. They were also given an increase in Dearness Allowance.

GAMES AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

As usual we had a year packed with over twenty-five different activities directed to bring about all-round development of body, mind and spirit. Many of these are organised on an Inter-House and Inter-Class basis to build a fine esprit-de-corps.

The School Scout troop, the oldest in the country, had a good year under Mr. S. Fernandes and Mr.L.Gaikwad. Eight Scouts were awarded first class badges, the scouts organised a lunch and outing for orphans, did traffic duty daily and on special days, and in addition to assisting in the fete for St. Mary's Church, collected nearly Rs. 45,000/- for the Church wall.

Mr. Aviet's SUPW boys did a lot of good work in the school, and the DEAS under Mr.H. Gomes had a good year, with 5 boys obtaining bronze awards and 2 silver awards.

The School Choir continues to maintain a high standard under Miss Z. Patel, Mrs. Jolly and Mr. Beaman.

The Bible Quiz teams under Mr. K. Singh bagged both the Senior and Junior trophies answering nearly all the questions.

The School Quiz teams under Mr. C. D. Beaman did very well, being runner-up in Centrafest, and with two teams getting 2nd and 4th position in Indiana '91.

The Science Club under Mr. C. Highland explored the field of photographic equipment, and the Astronomy club under him has been exploring the heavens. It is a very good and active club.

Debating has reached a new peak under Mr.M.Guzder. His boys, especially A. Balgopalan and M.Nabar, yet again bagged the Kurup Trophy and came first in Centrafest. This year he will organise an Inter-School debate in honour of the Rani Saheb of Miraj (Senior)

The Hockey teams did well under Mr. Jagtap, Mr.Mogre and Mr. E. Pope. In the fixture against St. Peter's Panchgani, we won 3-0.

Football as usual is a game in which our boys excel. Mr. E. Pope and Mr. Burton trained the Seniors, Mr. H. Gomes and Mr.Dupratt the Juniors, and Mr.N.Mogre and Mr. Dique the Minis. The Seniors and Juniors reached the quarter-finals of the Inter-School tournament whereas the Minis did even better and were champions of their division. Faizal Razak who scored a superb hat trick was declared best player of the tournament.

The activities of Founders Week saw the boys and staff coming up to excellent standards in the P.T. display, and the Arts and Craft Exhibition under Mr.M. Guzder and Mrs.L. Roberts.

Mr. N.deSousa and Mr. C. Highland were in charge of Dramatics and all three sections of this Schools put up well appreciated variety entertainment programmes on Prize days.

Other activities were Badminton under Mr. G. Gomes, Table Tennis under Mr. G. Aviet, Gymnastics under Mr. Wandre and Mr. Austin, Photography under Mr. D. Choudhari, Boxing, Volley Ball, Basket Ball, Electronics, Cricket, Camps.

Also worthy of mention are the Chapalkar brothers who obtained several prizes in swimming, A. Jaitha the golf champion, and S. Nadkarni who was scheduled to play for the Maharashtra Junior Cricket XI. Also J. Chakkalakal, N. Goel, R. Kochar and S. Idgunji, V. Vishwanathan, J. Nabar enabled the School Tennis Team to win the Mini trophy and Junior Individual cups.

I am sorry to say that despite the many activities and opportunities we offer, many day scholars prefer to stay home glued to the T.V., the idiot box.

It would not be possible to carry out our programme of activities without the help and co-operation of many staff and I would like to thank them for all their good work.

THE JUNIOR SECTION AND MRS. L.ROBERTS

This Section keeps up a high standard of academics and activities under the able and dedicated leadership of Mrs.L. Roberts assisted by Mrs. C. Jolly, and I wish to thank her for all the good work done.

MIDDLE AND SENIOR SCHOOL

This also continues to maintain good standards under the Headmaster, Mr. M. Guzder. I thank him for his valuable assistance at all times especially in organising the major functions such as Prize days, Sports Day etc. His work is much appreciated.

BOARDING SECTION

Mr. Beaman continues to make a valuable contribution and I thank him for his work.

THE OFFICE

The Office under Mr.Lobo continues to be efficient and I thank him for his good work.

THE PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The Parent-Teacher Association assisted by Mr. Beaman, Mrs. M.Postwalla, Mrs.V.Menon and Mr. J.R. DeSouza conducted the Inter-House Quiz, and the P.T.A. contributed a VCP to the School.

VISITORS

Bishop Vinod Peter, Moderator's Commissary to the Diocese of Kolhapur,(in March'91) and the Inspector of Anglo-Indian Schools (in Nov.'90) visited the School. The Inspector though pleased with the School, has not given a report. The Bishop was very impressed with the School.

IMPROVEMENTS/RENOVATIONS

The tar-macadam work was completed, as a result of which the School looks better, and there is less dust and dirt around. Extensive roof repairs and considerable repairs and renovations. Being an old School this is inevitable.

GOVERNING BODY

We lost three members this year. Mr. E. Dique died in February 1991, Mr. Ian Deane migrated to the U. K. and Mr. B. A. Peters to Australia. I am extremely grateful for their valuable contribution to the management of this School. We welcome to the Governing Body and Society, Lt. Col. E. J. Simeon (Retd) former Principal of Cathedral School, Doon School and La Martiniere, Calcutta and look forward to his association with our School. I am very grateful to the members Rev. D. L. Rae, Mrs. L. D. Cruz for their support at all times and I especially thank Rev. Brian C. Wintle, our chairman, who despite his busy schedule supports and guides me in all I do. I can depend upon him and this is always most encouraging in my endeavours.

DEATHS

Mr. Sam Chakranarayan our School lawyer, an ex-Bishopite, who had helped the School considerably in its legal battles, passed away last December. Himmat Singh, an old servant, died suddenly two weeks ago, and last year one of our boys, Chaitanya Kaushal, died in a tragic road accident. This year we shall, at the request of the parents, start a prize in his memory. Mr. Dique, the oldest member of our Governing Body, died in February 1991. We took care of him after his fall last December.

Mrs. Harcourt Cooze died at the age of 103 in July and many staff and boys attended her funeral as she was a matron here many years ago. We also received the sad news that Namdev an old retired bearer passed away.

GRATITUDE

The School depends upon many friends and well wishers, and I wish to thank the following for their help : The GOC-in-C, Southern Command, Brig. Jagat Joshi Sub Area Commander, Brig. Chandra Shekar and the officers of the ASPT, Commandant AFMC, Col. M. M. Gupta, Commandant ME, Commandant Col Bakshi and Officers of the T.A. Battalion, the 2 Mahar Regiment. NDA, BEG, DDE, DEO, CEO, Authorities of the RWITC, Mr. Aspi Irani, Mr. N. B. Jagus, & Dr. Kasbekar.

Also to SMJCE who always send us teachers when Staff fall sick etc.

CONCLUSION

In recent times our country and indeed the world has witnessed some historic events which have dramatically altered the course we were moving on, and the political atmosphere remains clouded. The words of the President's address on the eve of Independence Day come to us each day, that the look on the face of India is not one of satisfaction. It is in this

unsatisfactory climate that you and I have the task and challenge to nurture the boys in our School. It is in a corrupt Society that we have to teach them to be honest, it is in the midst of terrorists and thugs that we have to teach them to be honest, it is in the encroaching glare of video, T.Vs., sex and violence that we have to teach them to be clean and upright, it is in a world of dwindling moral values that we have to write the sacred laws upon the tablets of their heart, it is in the new craze for money and power that we have to show them the priceless gifts of truth, kindness and goodness, it is in a selfish world and the growing concrete jungle that we have to teach them the redeeming power of love. And this, my friends, is not an easy task. But it can be done, and for this we must firstly firmly believe in values which are eternal, in the redeeming power of love, and by responding to our God-given task. Our children will eventually be what we make them.

"I took a piece of living clay
And gently formed it day by day
And moulded it with power and art,
A young child's soft and yielding heart.

I came again when years were gone;
It was a man I looked upon.
He still that early impress bore
And I could change that form no more."

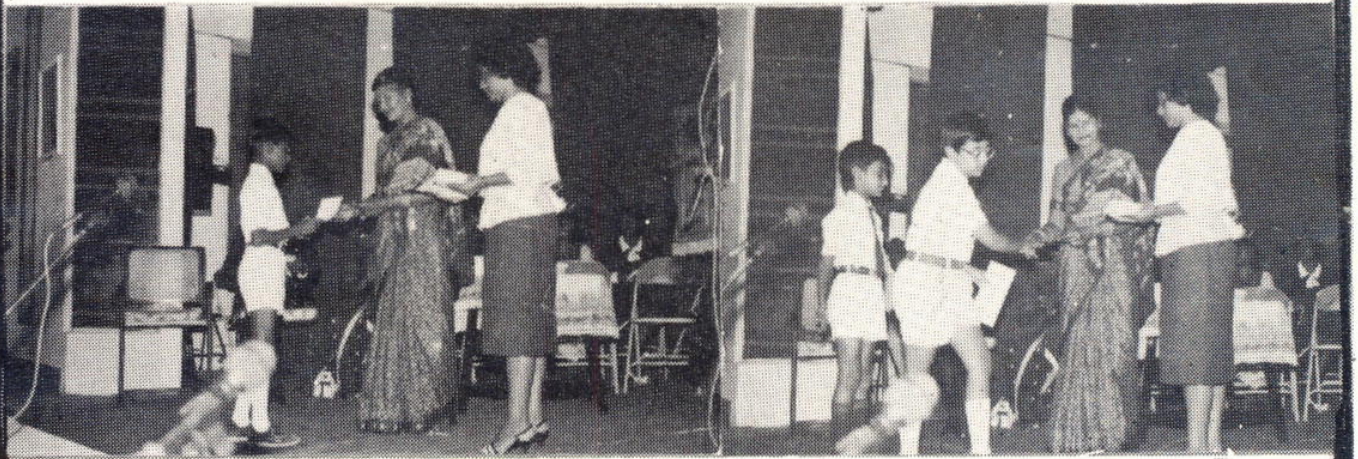
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CLASS PRIZES 1990-91 (JUNIOR SCHOOL)

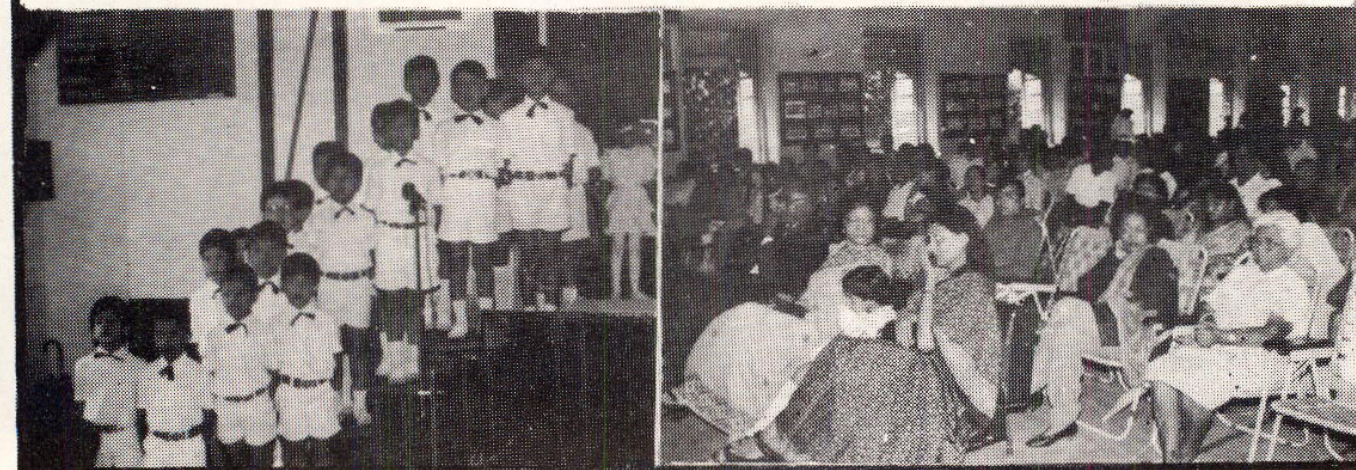
	Class KG A	Class KG B	Class KG C	
General Proficiency	K. Parekh	B. Kaunds	T. Kadiani	
English	M. Chopra	R. Patodia	S. Sarin	
	A. Mittal	D. Mital		
Mathematics	A. Nawab	R. Marwah	K. Dhole Patil	
		R. Damley		
Hindi	A. Nahar	A. Dayal	T. Kadiani	
Progress	R. Borawake	V. Temgiri	N. Raheja	
Elocution	A. Mittal	N. Dalvi	J. Singh	
	B. Anand			
Art	H. Tuteja	I. Kashyap	A. Khinvasara	
	L. Thomas			
Craft	G. Saraf	R. Kunder	C. Kitawat	
Good Conduct	K. Lulla	D. Martin	S. Wandre	
General Helpfulness	R. Seolekar	R. Crasto	G. Wargaonkar	
Specail Class Prize	—	S. Kogge	K. Iyer	
	Class 1 A	Class 1 B	Class 1 C	Class 1 D
General Proficiency	K. Ahuja	A. Nori	S. Sarkar	K. Agarwal
English	S. Basu	A. Nori	P. Daroga	K. Agarwal
Mathematics	P. Patel	N. Agarwal	K. Oswal	P. Ghosh
		M. Chanda		
Hindi	K. Ahuja	A. Nori	H. Vyas	K. Agarwal
Progress	S. Kadu	S. Khan	H. Joshi	V. Varma
Elocution	P. Dattani	S. Sirur	R. Koshy	S. Felfeli
Art	P. Dattani	F. Rajenimbalkar	S. Goel	V. Panse
Craft	B. Snehi	S. Farooqui	U. Attar	B. Jagle
Good Conduct	P. Patel	G. Gurbuxani	N. Rajput	D. D'Souza
General Helpfulness	S. Kadu	G. Shetty	A. Arora	P. Bankar
Special Class Prize	S. Basu	S. Kasbekar	—	—
	Class 2 A	Class 2 B	Class 2 C	Class 2 D
General Proficiency	F. Tambuwala	S. Chaphalkar	S. Mital	A. Sarkar
English	F. Tambuwala	P. Bhayani	S. Mital	A. Sarkar
				K. Bhandari
Mathematics	A. Shah	P. Bhayani	C. Ghate	S. Rathi
				S. Motiwala
Hindi	F. Tambuwala	S. Chaphalkar	D. Habbu	M. Shopurwala
				A. Basu
				J. Jamdar

	Class 2 A	Class 2 B	Class 2 C	Class 2 D
Progress	A. Shah	G. Sadarangani	K. Kodre	K. Somani
Elocution	A. Gandikota	A. Menon	S. Sadekar	—
Art	R. Lala	S. Peerzada	H. Kanitkar	H. Adnur
				D. Shinde
Craft	H. Phadnis	A. Dey	K. Kadam	H. Tavawalla
Good Conduct	K. Sumant	M. Senji	A. Nain	S. Bhat
General Helpfulness	R. Mahajan	S. Singh	N. James	R. Bruce
Special Class Prize	J. Theoson	S. Misra	H. Gurav	R. Manikam
	Class 3 A	Class 3 B	Class 3 C	Class 3 D
General Proficiency	V. Malhotra	A. Chrispal	M. Poonawala	S. Ranade
English	B. Aviet	A. Chrispal	C. Billimoria	K. Shikarkhane
Mathematics	L. Tahiliani	A. Chrispal	A. Khar	N. Joshi
		G. Krishna		
Hindi	A. Ohri	M. Polshwalla	R. Khurd	P. Oswal
	M. Lokhandwala			
Progress	M. Shaikh	V. Gulati	S. Patil	F. Farooqui
	P. Wadhwani	T. Kazi		
Elocution	C. Janson	S. Mane	C. Billimoria	A. Dadachanji
Art	K. Supanekar	G. Krisha	D. Dedhia	S. Yadav
Craft	V. Bhalla	M. Vora	V. Londhi	K. Kotak
Good Conduct	S. Chaturvedi	P. Beri	R. Wadhwani	—
	A. Chopra			
General Helpfulness	B. Nagauda	F. Sayed	P. Suvama	A. Shaikh
		A. Mukherjee		
Special Class Prize	R. Gupta	G. Krishna	—	—
	Class 4 A	Class 4 B	Class 4 C	Class 4 D
General Proficiency	R. Kalra	R. Inns	A. Ghadiali	A. Nayyar
		S. Dasgupta		
English	R. Kalra	R. Innis	A. Ghadiali	V. Mundkar
Mathematics	S. Sarkar	R. Innis	A. Ghadiali	A. Poodar
		S. Jangle		A. Nayyar
Hindi	V. Khanna	V. Kulkarni	R. Rahil	G. Chaphalkar
Science	—	R. Innis	—	—
		S. Dasgupta		
Progress	K. Kowshik	A. Kamble	M. Jagnade	P. Thorat
Elocution	S. Gonsalves	S. Dasgupta	D. Anand	A. Nayyar
Art	K. Singh	A. Farooqui	M. Adeeb	M. Mandhare
	P. Subba			
Craft	D. Sassan	A. Farooqui	K. Jagwani	S. Attar

THE JR. SCHOOL PRIZE DAY



THE JR. SCHOOL CONCERT ON PRIZE DAY



	Class 4 A	Class 4 B	Class 4 C	Class 4 D
Good Conduct	M. Quettawalla	K. Saighal A. V. Mundhe	D. Khumree	K. Joshi
General Helpfulness	P. Banthia	A. Daryanani	K. Jagwani	S. Xavier

SPECIAL PRIZES 1990-91 (JUNIOR SCHOOL)

Good Scholars (Upper Section)	A. Dasgupta 97% (4B),	R. Innis 97% (4B)
(Lower Section)	S. Mital 98% (2C),	A. Chrispal 98% (3B)
Don Oliver Prize	K. Somani (2D)	
Miss J. Wordsworth Cup for Progress	J. Lokhandwalla (4B)	
Gentlemanly Qualities	S. Gandhi (2D), H. Jauhar (4B)	S. Currimbhoy (4B)
Best Actors	S. Felfeli (1D), L. Dougal (4A), R. Pathak (4B), D. Tanna (2D),	K. Jandial (3C), A. Kapur (4D), D. Anad (4C), C. Massey (3A),
Dancers	E. Hyams (4C),	M. Harishchandre (4C),
Singers	S. Felfeli (1D),	R. Innis (4B),
Cubs	L. T. Mathew (3A), G. Krishna (3B), H. Sane (3D), N. Tarun (4A), R. Innis (4B), H. Nalwala (4D),	J. Kochhar (3A), A. Chaturvedi (3C), A. Mishra (3D), K. Kartik (4A), R. Rajpal (4C), K. Radhakrishana (4D),
Special Prize for Proficiency	A. Poddar (4D)	
P. T. A. Art Prize	A. Farooqui (4B)	
Best All Round Student in the Junior School		R. Innis (4B)

SENIOR PRIZE DAY & PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

The Annual Senior Speech Day followed by the Prize Distribution was held on 29th August, 1990. The Chief Guest for the evening was Mr. K. Subramanian, Director Defence Estates, Southern Command, Pune. Many of our Prefects were away in Panchgani representing the school in the Anglo-Indian Schools Football Tournament and so, only a handful of them lined up, along with the Staff, for the customary introduction to the Chief Guest and Mrs. Subramanian.

After the two dignitaries were presented with a garland and bouquet, the school song was sung and the Principal delivered his Report for the year 1989-90.

The smartly dressed prize winners, who had been held captive by the Prefects in class XA all this while, now lined up outside the hall and individually went up on stage to receive their prizes from Mrs. Subramanian. Each one received a special word of encouragement to keep up the good work from her.

After the distribution of prizes, the Chief Guest addressed the gathering of parents and visitors. A vote of thanks preceded the interval which had been scheduled for ten minutes but exceeded that time limit, as is the case every year.

The second half of the evening was devoted entirely to a Variety Entertainment Programme put up by the boys of the Senior and Middle School.

The Senior English Play 'The Dark Cupboard' was the first item on the agenda. Rishad Patel excelled in his part as a high-strung lady who suffers from claustrophobia. Malhar Nabar played the part of the irritable husband, Bill. Anshul Goel acted very well as the Convict Smithers. The one-act play was a great success with the twist to its plot towards the end of the play.

The School Choir then sang two songs and were as good as ever. They were accompanied by Miss Z. Patel on the piano and conducted by Mrs. C. Jolly.

This was followed by the hilarious Hindi Play 'Bure Farse Mehman Ban Kar'. The cast was excellent and the audience enjoyed the one-act play.

The Middle School then put up a short skit which revolved around the affairs of an employment agency.

The final item of the evening was a patriotic song in Hindi, composed and directed by Mr. M. Chavan. The singers were accompanied by him, too, and provided the evening with a grand finale.

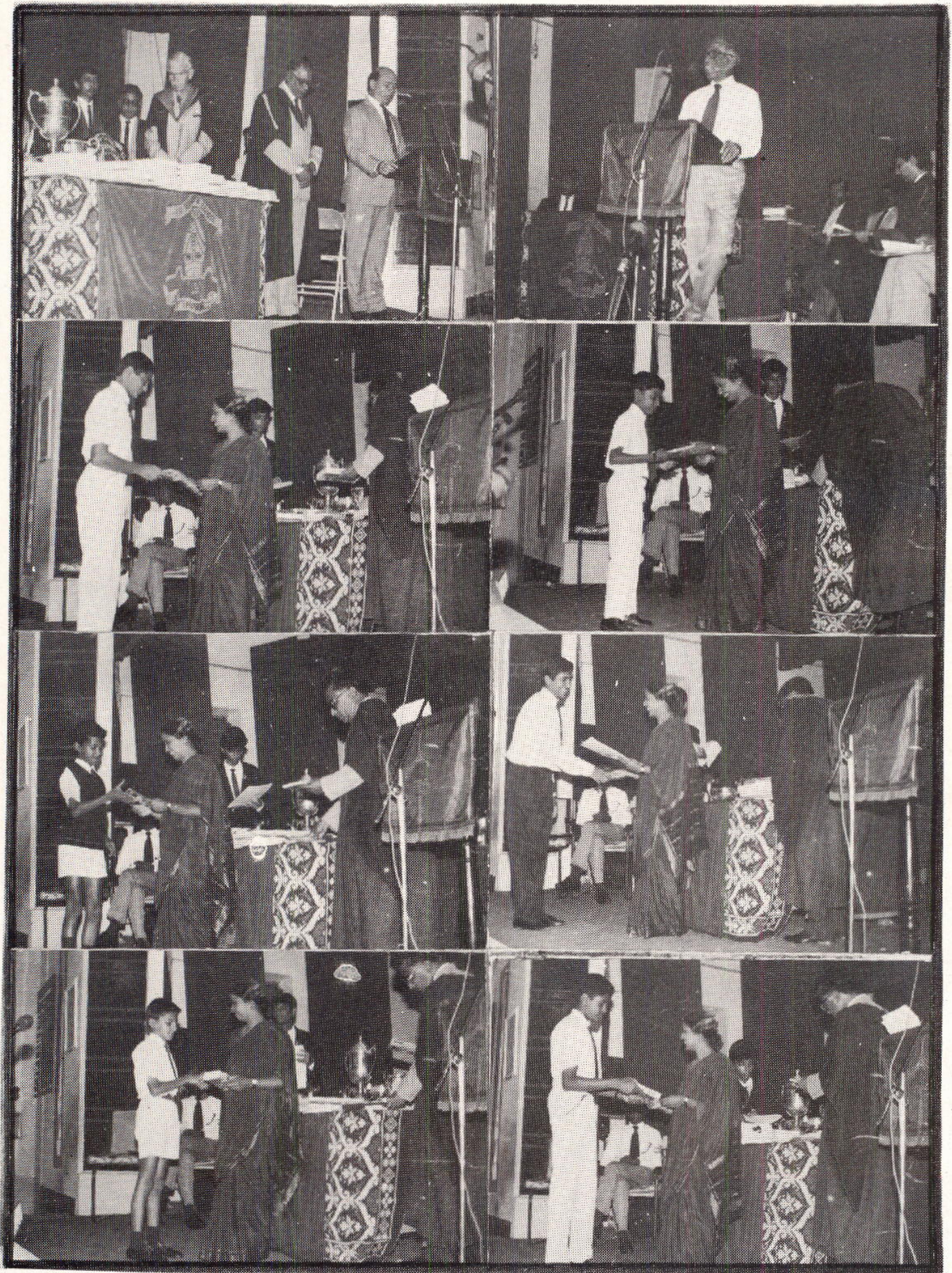
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THE SR. SCHOOL VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT



THE SR. PRIZE WINNERS



CLASS PRIZES 1990-91 (MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL)

	Class 5 A	Class 5 B	Class 5 C	Class 5 D
General Proficiency	A. Bhalkikar	A. Bhatia	P. Tandon	S. Gandikota
English	A. Bhalkikar	A. Bhatia	P. Tandon	S. Gandikota
Mathematics	J. Joseph	D. Parthasarathi	P. Tandon	S. Gandikota
Hindi	A. Jawadwala	A. Bhatia	P. Tandon	S. Gandikota
Progress	R. Borawake	G. Katoch	A. Goel	A. Ashar

	Class 6 A	Class 6 B	Class 6 C	Class 6 D
General Proficiency	A. Rihan	A. Chanda	N. Tyrewalla	J. Deane
English	A. Rihan	Y. Kanthi	N. Tyrewalla	J. Singh
Mathematics	S. Pingle	A. Chadha	A. Master	J. Deane
Hindi	N. Thadani	A. Chadha	N. Karve	J. Jhuremalani
Progress	T. Rangwala	B. Balchandran	H. Narieelwalla	G. Sharma

The Chaitanya Kaushal Prize For the Best Scholar in Class 6. —

A. CHADHA

	Class 7 A	Class 7 B	Class 7 C	Class 7 D
General Proficiency	K. Shrishrimal	G.V.S. Karthik	M. Gupta	M. Thadani
English	K. Shrishrimal	G.V.S. Karthik	A. Hukku	N. Kartikeyan
Mathematics	K. Shrishrimal	G.V.S. Karthik	S. Matai	D. Ramchandani
Hindi	K. Shrishrimal	J. Randhawa	A. Joshi	M. Thadani
Progress	A. Thakkar	D. Gogri	S. Rathi	C. Shah
Special Prize	-	-	A. Joshi	S. Jain

The Anand Datta Prize for the Best Scholar in Class 7 —

K. SHRISHRIMAL

	Class 8 A	Class 8 B	Class 8 C
General Proficiency	S. Rihan	G. Kanhere	H. Puruswani
English	S. Rihan	G. Kanhere	H. Puruswani
Mathematics	K. Bhandari	A. Chowdhari	K. Joshi
Hindi	B. Kapur	G. Kanhere	H. Puruswani
Progress	-	J. Matcha	N. Bahulekar

The Rajendra Tembwalkar Prize for the Best Scholar in Class 8 —

G. KANHERE

	Class 9 A	Class 9 B	Class 9 C
General Proficiency	S. Nadkarni	A. Goel	S. Luthra
English	S. Banerjee	J. Ganguly	S. Luthra
Mathematics	A. Sanghvi	A. Khanna	S. Luthra
Hindi	A. Joshi	A. Goel	J. Deshpande
	M. Dhingra		
Progress	K. Cooper	D. Somers	R. Sawhney

The Mrs. Anima Ganguly Cup for the Best Scholar in Class 9 — S. LUTHRA

	Class 10 A	Class 10 B	Class 10 C
General Proficiency	S. Shrishrimal	M. Kaul	A. Balagopalan
English	R. Banthia	R. Khandekar	M. Nabar
	S. Shrishrimal		
Mathematics	S. Shrishrimal	S. Chandran	A. Balagopalan
Hindi	S. Shrishrimal	S. Goel	A. Balagopalan
	K. Rangwala		
Progress	D. Halstead	S. Jagtap	A. Jain

SPECIAL PRIZES 1990-1991 (MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL)

Mrs. Chinmulgund's Prize for General Knowledge	Middle School	J. Nabar
	Senior School	M. Nabar
Handicraft	Middle School	Z. Bohari
	Senior School	A. Parekh
Art	Middle School	M. Poonawala
	Senior School	A. Pokale
Dramatics	English	A. Sawhney
The Anis Jamadar & Santosh Salve Memorial Prizes for Gentlemanly Qualities		A. Balagopalan, M. Nabar K. Taraporewalla, K. Khursedji, M. Kaul, S. Chandran, S. Shrishrimal, R. Banthia, H. Banthia, A. Lulla, A. Lakdawalla M. Nabar/ A. Balagopalan A. Lakdawalla
Prize for Public Speaking		
Head Boy's Prize		

Head Boy's Cup for P.T.
Major Khanolkar's Cup for Gymnastics
Air Commodore Suri's Shield for Declamation

Best Scholar in English
Major Brown's Cup for Hindi

Major K. Chibber's Cup for Science
Mr. Mullenau's Cup for Mathematics
Science

Governor's Cup for Proficiency
Progress

Mrs. Gladys O'Leary's Cup for Social Studies
Principal (Retd.) Lunn's Cup for Geography

Best All Round Boy in Each House

Arnould
Bishop's
Harding
Mansfield

Best All Round Boy in the School
Senior Rex Ludorum
Junior Rex Ludorum
Best Scholar Middle School
Senior School
The A. Fernandes Trophies for Scouting
Best Troop Leaders
Best Scout
Brig. R.A.R.O'Connor Trophy for Leadership
Rev. P.D. Bunter Cup for Singing (Choir)
Special Certificates for Exemplary Conduct

I. Sayyad
B. Haribabu
M. Nabar/
A. Balagopalan
R. Khandekar
S. Shrishrimal/
K. Rangwala
A. Balagopalan
S. Shrishrimal
A. Balgopalan
S. Shrishrimal
A. Jain
S. Shrishrimal
A. Balagopalan/
S. Shrishrimal
A. Pandharpurwalla
A. Mishra
R. Joshi
B. Haribabu
A. Balgopalan
B. Haribabu
I. Sayyad
K. Shrishrimal
S. Shrishrimal

A. Mishra/P. More
A. Talathi
A. Lakdawalla
S. Williams
V. Katre, Z. Chinoy,
A. Chinoy,
A. Pandharpurwalla,
S. Dwivedi,
S. Williams,
K. Rangwala,
S. Pokarna,
A. Kaushal,
Y. Chitalwalla

HOUSE AWARDS

	Sub-Juniors	Juniors	Seniors
Long Distance Run	Mansfield	Arnould	Mansfield
Athletics	Bishop's	Arnould	Mansfield
Hockey	Arnould	Bishop's	Mansfield
Football	Mansfield	Harding	Mansfield
Cricket	Mansfield	Bishop's	Harding
		Harding	
		Mansfield	
Indoor Games			Arnould
Volley Ball/Basket Ball			Mansfield
Study Cups (Mubarakhi Irani Trophy)	Bishop's		
(George Young Trophy)		Arnould/	
(Robey Trophy)		Harding	
P. T. A. Rolling Trophies for General Knowledge			Bishop's
Cock House (Runners-Up)		Arnould	Harding
Cock House	Arnould		
	Harding		

HARDING HOUSE NOTES

The year 90-91 proved to be a very successful year for Harding House. The year began with a bang with us securing first place in Table Tennis, but our fortunes were reversed in Badminton, as our Badminton stars couldn't do much and finally we ended securing second place in Indoor games behind Arnould.

Next came football, and our footballers such as F. Razak tried their level best but still luck stopped us from prevailing and we once again came second. We also congratulate F. Razak for bringing honour to the school by scoring a hat-trick in the Final of the Inter-School Tournament.

Cricket followed which saw us batting the other teams out and at this stage we were leading the other houses on points. Thanks to excellent batting, bowling and fielding by our Seniors and Juniors we were able to clinch cricket.

We had some excellent runners such as R. Joshi and A. Jha in Athletics. They ran superbly on the Final day to see Harding snatch a point against Mansfield but eventually we came last in Athletics. The Sports day was ours as we won three out of four relays and we were awarded 1st place in Marching. A special mention should be made of N. Ambat, R. Malhotra, N. Ghadiali and A. Ausekar who willingly sacrificed their own interest and honour for the larger interest of our house. They were boys of Div. II who willingly agreed to participate in Div. I as we had no competitors in Div. I. The Long Distance runs came next where our runners tried their best but even then we were beaten by Mansfield who came first.

SR. COCK HOUSE CHAMPIONS HARDING HOUSE



JR. COCK HOUSE CHAMPIONS HARDING HOUSE



The 'Shahbaz Ahmeds' of Harding House had a tough time against the other houses in all after Hockey. Volleyball was still there and because of good performances by Y. Chitalwala and A. Chahal we managed to come a close second to Mansfield. After this, it appeared as if Mansfield was going to clinch the Cock House but unbelievably brains prevailed over brawn and we came a close second to Bishop's who won the Study Cup.

On the basis of points we were first and eventually we clinched the Cock House.

Last but not the least we would like to thank Mr. N. deSousa and Mr. C. Highland for their encouragement which helped us in our quest for the Cock House.

Well done Harding : — Keep it up!

D. NORONHA (HOUSE CAPTAIN)

K. JOSHI (VICE-CAPTAIN)

S. TALREJA (IX-A)

ARNOULD HOUSE NOTES

The year 1990-91 was a relatively good one for the House compared to 1989-90. We fared well in almost all fields as the report shows.

Indoor Games were first on the agenda and here it was Arnould's dominance over the other houses all the way. In table-tennis we took 2nd place, behind Harding. H. Jawaharkar's efforts went a long way in securing the second spot for the house in table tennis. In Badminton we were second to none. Our team included Rohit Khandekar, a player who held a state ranking in Badminton last year.

Football was a bit disappointing after the success in Indoor Games. Our Juniors tied for second place with Mansfield while our Seniors were placed joint third with Bishop's and Harding. Akil Pandharpurwala excelled in the Seniors, scoring all five goals against Harding. Kaizad Taraporewala and Arvind Balagopalan played well in defence. Sadly, our sub-juniors came last. Overall, we were placed joint third with Bishop's.

With cricket, we slipped lower down in the table. Our Seniors and sub-Juniors came third while a dubious decision in a Juniors' match robbed our team of their third position. We stood last in the Juniors. Nevertheless, the efforts of S. Rangila (Seniors) and G. Daswani (Juniors) should be lauded. We stood last in cricket, picking up a mere seven points overall. At this stage fourth in the race, way behind leaders Harding. Bishop's had overtaken us at this juncture and it appeared as if we didn't stand a chance in the Cock House Championship.

Our athletes, however, did not let us down. With K. Sareen (III) leading the way, our Juniors stood first. Sareen took all the events in his division. In him, we possess Inter-School material. Our Sub-Juniors came second. G. Raut ran a tremendous anchor leg in the 4x100 (IV) relay. Our Seniors had to be satisfied with the fourth position though A. Malhotra ran well in Div. II. Our points tally had swollen but we were still placed fourth.

The Long Distance Runs was another happy hunting ground for the House. Our Juniors came in first while the Seniors and sub-juniors were third. S. Upadhyaya (III) and A. Pandharpurwala and A. Balagopalan (Div. II) helped us to come second overall. By now, we had overtaken Bishop's and were third in the race for the Cock House. We were still way behind the new leader Mansfield.

We stood second in basketball and moved clear of Bishop's. S Rangila and R. Sawhney displayed great skill and accuracy on the court. (Volley ball)

In hockey, we tasted success after a long lay-off. No house could hold a candle to Arnould as our sub-juniors stood first, juniors joint second with Harding, and seniors second outright.

BISHOP'S HOUSE NOTES

Well, here we are again at the end of another year of Inter-House Sports Competition. The year 1990-91 brought us some disappointing results. We slipped from third place to fourth place. Perhaps in the forthcoming year, we shall see some new hopes.

In the beginning of the year, we got off with a bad start. We came in the third place in the Indoor Games Events. The next sport was Football. We were tied in the second place with Arnould and Harding in the Seniors. In the Juniors we came last, and sub-juniors in second place. On the overall we came third-tied with Arnould.

Basketball and Volleyball were the next. This sport is only for the Seniors. We came third in Basketball and last in Volleyball. Lack of interest was shown in the latter.

Cricket kept our hopes alive. We came second in the Juniors and Seniors and fourth in the Juniors. Our overall standing was second place.

I must congratulate all the Bishopites for their contribution to the Athletic events. We came first, second and third in the sub-juniors, juniors and seniors respectively. The Tug-O-War team from Bishop's snatched the first place. On the overall standing Bishop's came first. Long Distance proved to be a bitter disappointment for us. Our sub-juniors and seniors came last, while our juniors came second offering some consolation.

This left us with only two more events to go and we were trailing all the other houses. Our hopes for the Inter-House Hockey were set high and we came in second place.

Studies was the last event to take place. Our brains proved to be a little too much for the other houses whom we left behind to take the first place.

Throughout the year, we had our ups and downs, but in the end we came in the fourth place. Like I mentioned before, perhaps next year we may produce some very fine results.

ANDREI MISHRA (HOUSE CAPTAIN)

MANSFIELD HOUSE NOTES

The year began disastrously. We were placed last in the Indoor Games. But Football put us on top with our Seniors and sub-Juniors coming first and juniors second. At this stage we were joint first with Harding. We fared quite well in Cricket. Only if our Seniors had done better our position would have been more secure. We were now placed second in the race for Cock-House.

Our performance in Athletics was much better and we were able to pull closer towards the leaders. We saw notable performances from B. Haribabu and G. James who were awarded Victor Ludorums in Division II and I respectively. All our sights were now on the Long Distance Runs, where we were sure to do well. As expected, we fared exceptionally well with the Seniors and Sub-Juniors trouncing the opposition. Our superiority in the Long Distance runs took us to the top of the table.

Our fine showing in Basketball further consolidated our lead. At this point we were virtually assured of the Cock-House position. But a miserable performance in Hockey dampened our chances. Even though the Seniors walked through the opposition, our sub-juniors and juniors let us down badly. They were unable to emulate the performance of their Seniors and were relegated to the last position. We made a brief recovery through volleyball, where we stood first.

But we got our Final blow in studies. Our seven point lead over our nearest rivals was reduced to nothing, our brains failed to deliver the goods. We stood last in all three divisions. Thus our wonderful performance in the beginning did not prove fruitful, as we were pushed to the third place in the overall Cock-House placings. We would like to thank Mr. W.H. Burton and Mr. N.A. Mogre for their contributions. We only hope that Mansfield continues to dominate on the Field and also starts wiping the dust off their books.

All Brawn and no Brain Led the House into the Drain.

B. HARIBABU & V. KATRE

COCK HOUSE RESULTS 1990-91

		Foot Ball	Indoor Games	Cricket	Athle- tics	Long Distance	Basket/ Volley Ball	Hockey	Study	Total
Seniors	Arnould	3	7	3	1	3	4	5	3	29
	Bishop's	3	3	5	3	1	2	1	7	25
	Harding	3	5	7	5	5	3	3	5	36
	Mansfield	7	1	1	7	7	7	7	1	38
Juniors	Arnould	4		1	7	7		4	6	29
	Bishop's	1		5	5	5		7	3	26
	Harding	7	—	5	1	1	—	4	6	24
	Mansfield	4		5	3	3		1	1	17
Sub- Juniors	Arnould	1		3	5	3		7	3	22
	Bishop's	4	—	1	7	1	—	5	7	25
	Harding	4		5	3	5		3	5	25
	Mansfield	7		7	1	7		1	1	24

COCK HOUSE

1st	HARDING	85
2nd	ARNOULD	80
3rd	MANSFIELD	79
4th	BISHOP'S	76

INTER - HOUSE TABLE - TENNIS

Table Tennis in 1990-91 started off with a big boom. This was quite a successful year for the game also called 'Ping-Pong'.

This unlike the past years has all the houses at individual positions and not sharing any places. Harding proved to be the best though Arnould could have done better. Mansfield stood third and obviously Bishop's last.

Most of the points were decided by the doubles matches though there were two singles also, the first being played between Saraf D. of Mansfield Sardesai S. of Bishop's, and the second between Saraf again and Jawaharkar H. of Arnould.

Though Saraf beat Sardesai, he lost to Jawaharkar in the surprising upset game. All three games were clean though the first one was close.

The singles provided the cream of the tournament and all the excitement was evolved from there. There were not too many spectators though there was quite a lot of house spirit and cheering applause.

The tournament was very highly organized and carefully planned by Mr. G. Aviet. A special vote of thanks goes to him as he took and wasted some of his own time to clean the gym and get lights fixed. The tournament was enjoyed by all and sundry.

H. JAWHARKAR - IXC

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball in Bishop's is always played with a lot of enthusiasm. Each Academic year, Volleyball is played in the beginning of the third term. Since only four house teams participate, it is only a three-day affair (officially). Otherwise it is played everyday after school.

The year 1990-91 saw many enthusiasts, trying their skills at Volleyball. The boys who play volleyball range from 7th standard to 10th standard (staff inclusive). Since there are so many who like to play volleyball a second court was put to use behind the Principal's bungalow.

Volleyball was not the only game played on the volleyball courts. Some 'weirdos' invented a new game in which, in place of volleyball, a football is used, which is meant to be kicked instead of hit, and the rules are the same as those used in volleyball.

The four house teams saw a few new players in the tournament, otherwise the teams, generally, remained the same as the previous year. Mansfield came first winning all their matches. Harding clinched second place winning 2 matches out of three, Arnould was in 3rd place winning 1 match only and Bishop's had to settle in for a 4th place winning no matches at all.

Some Staff take more interest than most boys - ED.

ANDREI MISHRA
XB

TENNIS

This year has been the best year for Bishop's in its short tennis history. After reaching nowhere for the first three years, we have now reached top status with astonishing upsets and superb performances in the last tennis inter-school tournament.

Our best performance was seen in the Minis category or the under twelve category. Our Minis team was led by joint captains Vivek Vishwanathan and Siddarth Idgunji followed up by Rahul Kocchar and Janak Nabar. In the singles, both Vivek and Siddharth reached the finals, upsetting the second and top seeds respectively. In the end, it was Vivek who clinched the title with a well-fought win over Siddharth. In the team category, Bishop's took on Karnataka in the finals, after beating holders and top seed Vincents in the semi-finals. Bishop's thrashed Karnataka 3-0 to take the title.

In The Juniors, the fight for the top place was led by Noel Chakkalakal, Nikhil Swami, Sahil Rihan and Nishchay Goel. In the singles event, both Noel and Nikhil reached the quarters where Nikhil was defeated in a hard fought tie-break while Noel went on to reach the finals and take the title. In the team events, Bishop's played enthusiastically from the start to the finals where we were beaten in a fight to the finish against Vincents. It was 2 all in matches when the conductors of the tournament, Vincents, forced Noel to play the final singles after he had just finished a hard fought doubles match.

In the seniors, our hopes were demolished when the directors scheduled the tournament to be played during the selection exams for our 10th grade. Only one boy could play-Anshul Goel of Class Nine, but we were left out in team events and Goel could not produce anything spectacular in the singles.

No matter what the newspaper said, it was Bishop's who emerged at the top of the list with 3 wins and 2 runners up. Even with the fact that we had no Senior team and Vincents did.

NOEL CHAKKALAKAL

ATHLETICS

Athletics in Bishop's is a compulsory event for every Bishopite. The competition ranges from the boys of standard three to those of standard ten. Every year, two of the school working days are taken for the heats. From these heats the finalists are selected to run on the Final Day.

The Sports Day was on the 17th of November at 2.45 in the afternoon. The march-past was the first event that took place. Col. A.E. Bakshi, who was the Chief Guest, noted Harding the best in marching. After that the oath was taken by the Headboy. Soon after that the races began.

In Division 5, M. Phadatare was awarded the Victor Ludorum. He received stiff competition from A. Shetty of Harding House.

In Division IV A. Jha won all the events. A. Jha from Harding House was awarded the Victor Ludorum. In the 4x 100m relay, the first place was taken by Arnould House followed by Harding House and at third place was Mansfield House.

Division 4 and 5 who are the sub-juniors are always with the most numbers of athletes. In the Sub-Juniors first place was taken by Bishop's House followed by Arnould, Harding and last (but not least) Mansfield.

Division 3, which was next, was a bit more exciting. Arnould was at its best in this Division. K. Sareen of Arnould house totally bested Division 3 by winning all the events. Mostly all the winners in the juniors were from Arnould House though there were a few Bishop's and Mansfield's. In the Junior Relay (100x200x200x100), Arnould came first, Harding came second, followed by Bishop's in the third place.

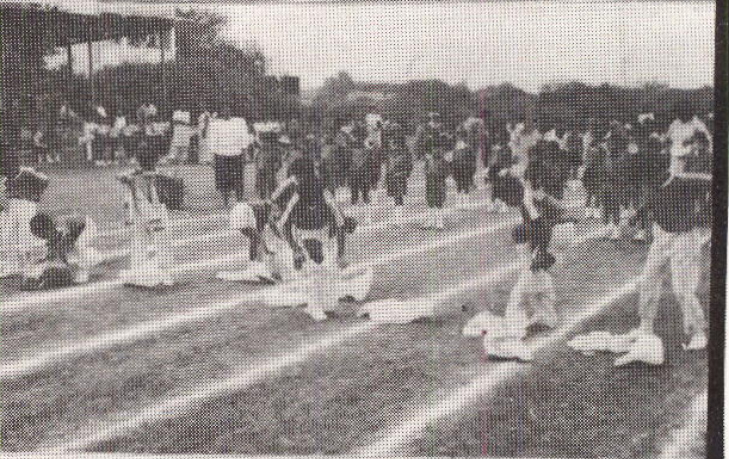
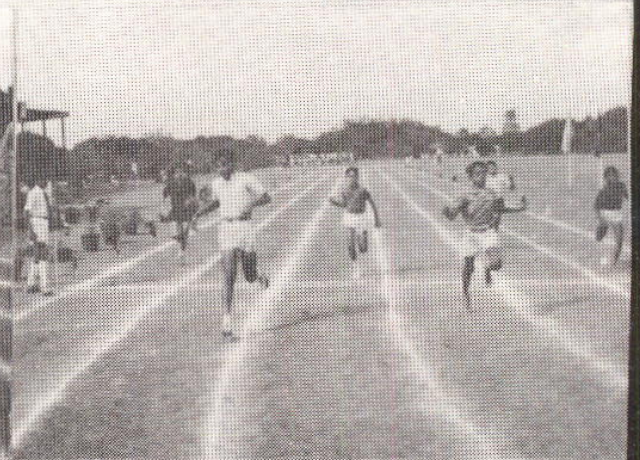
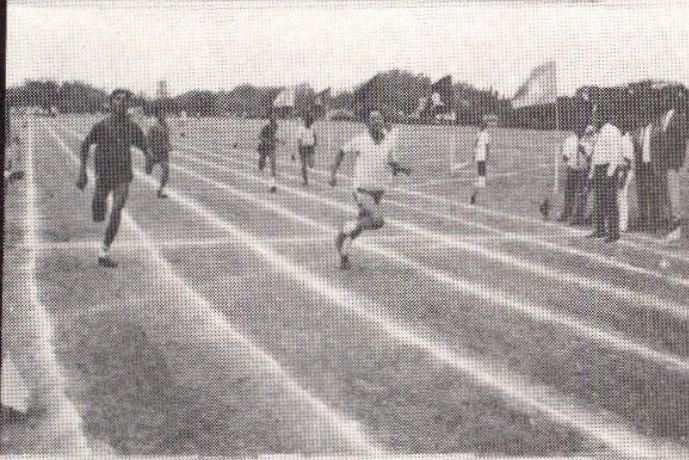
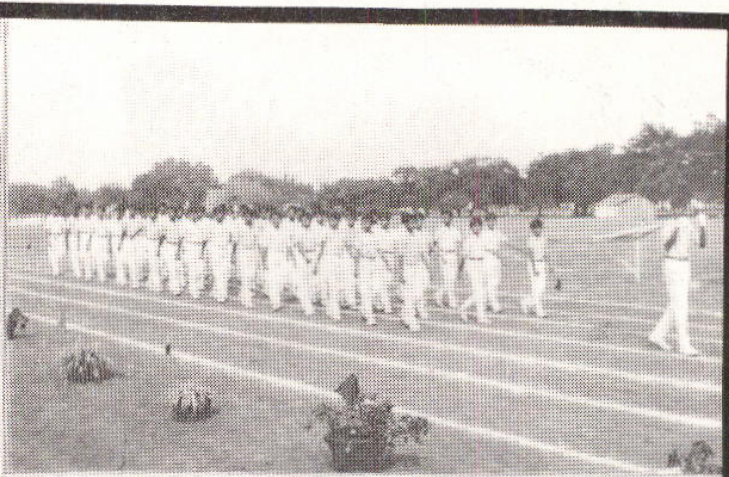
In the Juniors (Division 3) Arnould came 1st, followed by Bishop's, third place was occupied by Mansfield and in the fourth place was Harding.

Division 2 is the toughest category in the whole school. The 100M dash usually determines who is the fastest boy in the school. There is a lot of keen competition in this division. Every race saw many new different competitors. R. Joshi of Harding House came first in the 100 M and 200M followed by B. Haribabu of Mansfield in both races. In the Shot Put first place was taken by T. Shaikh. In all the other events B. Haribabu came first. Obviously, the Victor Ludorum went to B. Haribabu.

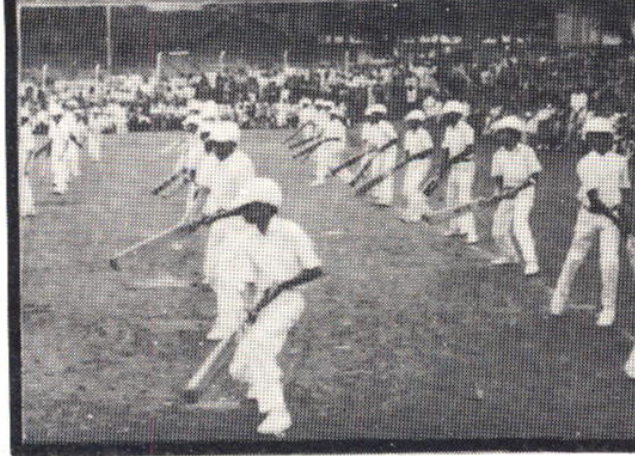
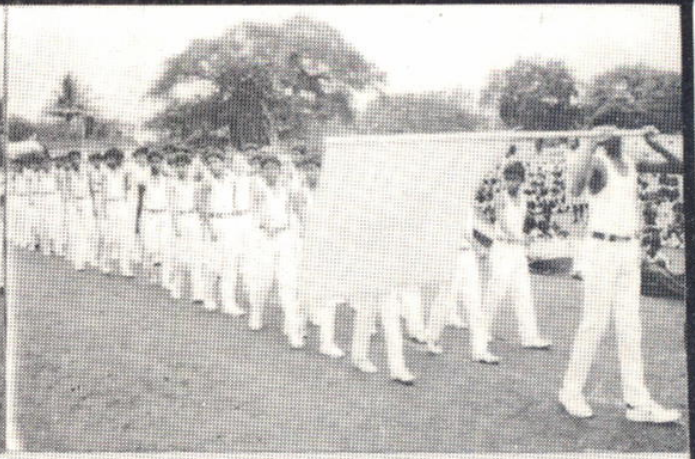
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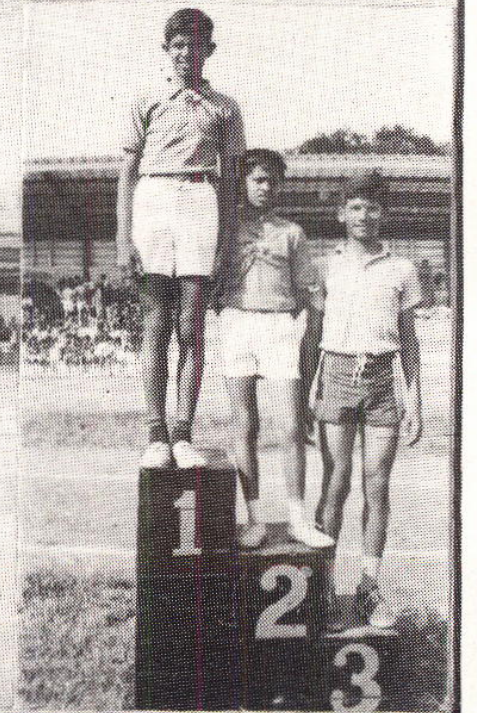
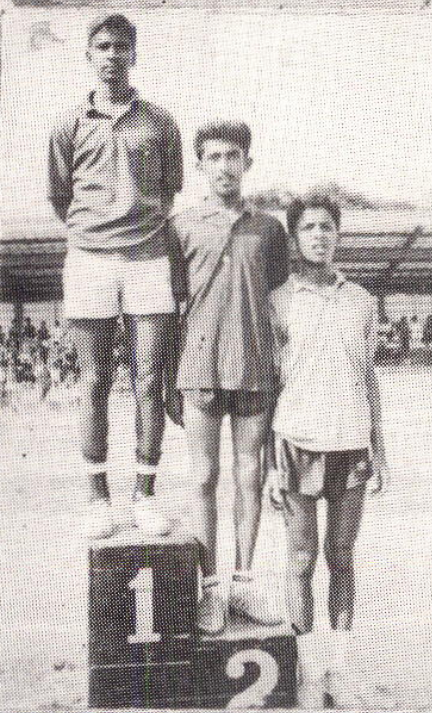
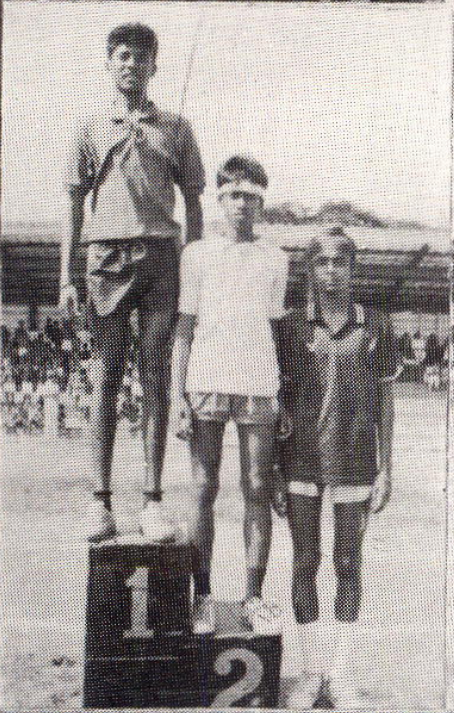
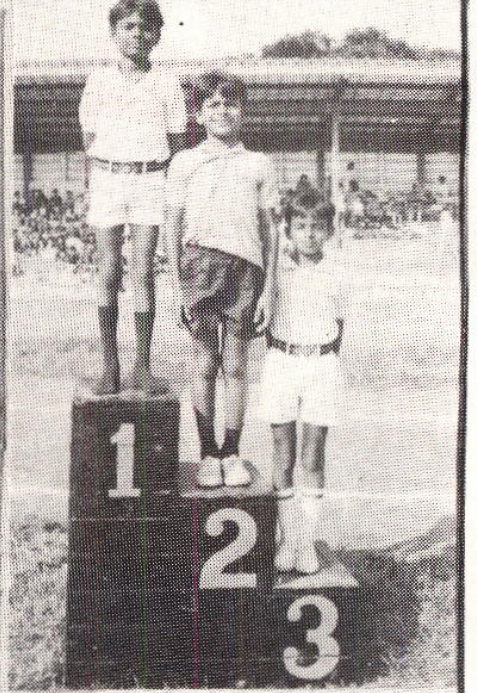
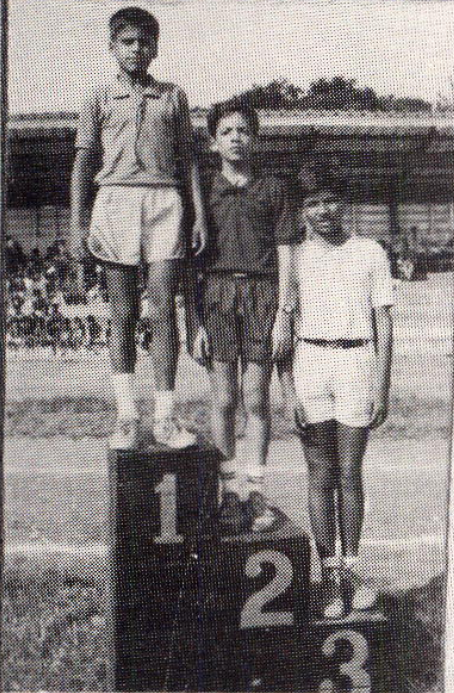
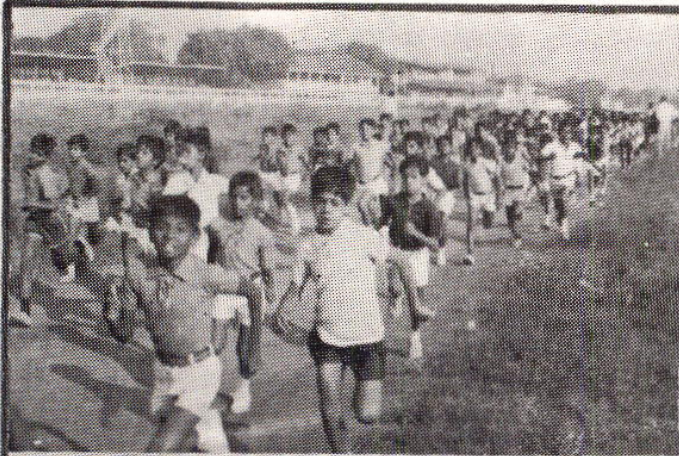
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ATHLETICS & P.T.



THE LONG DISTANCE RUNS ON THE RACE COURSE



Division 1 has some of the oldest athletes of the school. Arnould House had no competitors in this division at all. Since there was a shortage of competitors from most houses, a number of boys from division 2 came up to division 1. In this division too, there was a lot of competition. But G. James of Mansfield House deserves special mention. He won most of the events though he had stiff competition. In the Tug-O-War, Bishop's took the cake hands down (literally). Second place was tied between Arnould, Mansfield and Harding. In the Senior Relay (200x400x400x200M) Harding came first, followed by Mansfield House and third, Bishop's House. The First place in the Medley Relay was taken by Harding House. Bishop's House ran into bad luck as one of the athletes dropped the baton. The Victor Ludorum in Division 1 was taken by G. James of Mansfield House.

In the Seniors (Division 1 and 2), Mansfield came first, Harding second, Bishop's third and Arnould fourth.

After all these events took place, the Junior School put up some interesting races. This was followed by the Parents and Visitors' race which was won by Mr. & Mrs. Wadhi who won the event last year, too. The last race of the day, the Old Boys' Race, H. Seymour's Team came first followed by our school team and Johnson Matthew's team came third.

After this, the March Past Order for the year 1990-91 was declared. The results were- Harding 4th- Mansfield - 3rd- Arnould 2nd- and the Athletic Champions- Bishop's 1st. Prizes were awarded by Mrs. Bakshi and thus the Athletic season for 1990-91 came to a close.

ANDREI MISHRA-XB

BASKETBALL

Basketball in Bishop's though not having reached a high standard is played with great eagerness. The Basketball season in Bishop's is from the Diwali break to the winter holidays.

Besides the four teams that were to take part a lot of boys were playing on the Basketball court with footballs, tennisballs, etc. Boys even used it as a rink-hockey court. Many kinds of 'modified basketball' were also played constantly, i.e., 'Around the World', Donkey, etc.

Every now and then the 'Invincibles' (the staff) played against the Jackers (the boys). Both teams were equally good though the boys had a slight edge on the staff (no offence to the staff!). With all the 'Michael Jordans' and 'Bill Magic' Johnsons of all the four house teams, the basketball fever was at its zenith and everybody was raring to go on with the house matches.

Mansfield took the cake hands down, followed by Arnould. Bishop's came in third and Harding came fourth. As a result the Basketball season in Bishop's came to a close.

ANDREI MISHRA

XB

INTER - SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Football, by far, is the most popular sport in Bishop's; since football only needs a pair of shoes and a football (kit inclusive) almost everybody plays the game. Particularly in Bishop's football is encouraged to the extreme.

Bishop's has produced some very fine footballers in the past few years. The training season for football begins about a week after school reopens after the summer vacation. All three teams - Seniors, Juniors and Minis come out and practise seriously (???) The year 1990-91 proved to be a very good one for the football teams of Bishop's school. The Minis came first after beating St. Vincents : 3-2 in normal time. Special note must be made of Faizal Razak who scored all three goals in the Final Match. The Juniors came up to the semi finals and lost in a controversial match with the S.S.P.M.S. Appeals were made to the Zilla Parishad to probe into the matter but nothing was done about it. The Senior team didn't do so well. Though they lost only one match in the first round, it was that one match that judged who had to play St. Vincents. Our team lost to Ornella's (foolishly) by a solitary goal and had to pay the price by clashing with St. Vincents in the next round, to whom we lost.

But the Senior Team still had much more in store. The usual annual fixture was to be played against St. Peter's (Mazgaon) in Bombay. Our first XI went down to Bombay only to be defeated 5-0, but not without giving a tough fight. The next tournament that was to be played was the Anglo-Indian Schools Tournament at Panchgani. Our first XI went up there minus four original team players (all due to medical reasons). Due to stiff competition, our team came second last (an improvement since the previous tournament.)

Thus came a close to Bishop's Inter-School Football for the year 1990-91 The Senior Team members were as follow :

1. Solomon B. (Goalkeeper), 2. Joshi R. (Goalkeeper), 3. Haribabu B. (Captain), 4. Katre V. (Vice-Captain), 5. James G., 6. Hailu S., 7. Mishra A., 8. Pandharpurwala A., 9. Gavandi S., 10. Sardesai S., 11. Ambat N., 12. Taraporewala K., 13. Balagopalan A., 14. Chitalwala Y.

ANDREI MISHRA-XB

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!

Bajirao Inter Class Football Tournament

Monday, 18th June, 1990, the prestigious Baji Rao Inter-Class Football Tournament has begun. Runners-up last year, XC begun to vie for top honours this year, with gusto! The team walked onto the field, backed by an enthusiastic cheering crowd of supporters.

The whole class was present for our first match against XA which was one of our toughest, the teams being extremely well matched. The First half saw some fast 'deadly' moves by both teams (in vain.) The second half was even faster with the ball really giving the audience a 'kick' out of the match. The lone goal was scored in XC's favour in the dying minutes by N Ambat.

The second match against XB was comparatively easier, with the final score at 3-0 in our favour, with S. Sardesai and V. Katre scoring in the first half and N. Ambat in the second half. XB had made some quick and unnerving dashes for the XC goal line but couldn't get past our 'Zenga' like goalkeeper S. Saraf, who was too tough a wall to break past.

Our third match was to be (on paper) the most difficult considering the presence of some good players in G. James, etc., in the IXC team. But they seemed a bit off-colour, as the star-studded XC team slashed and slithered through the watery IXC defence (it was raining) shattering them 8-0 with N. Ambat-2, B. Haribabu-2, A. Pandharpur-3; and S. Gavandi-1.

IXB was another 'dynamite' team due to a strong defence line-up consisting of H. Salam and G. Shindepatil, causing an initial scare by hammering through the normally safe hands of S. Saraf the only goal against us in the tournament. But then the XC machine got into action and systematically ripped apart the IXB goal's net with N. Ambat scoring a tantalizing hat-trick followed by a Gavandi sizzler and a slippery curvaceous penalty kick by S. Sardesai and a calculated one by A. Pandharpurwala.

IXA was XC's easiest and most complacent of opponents being roundly hammered by a salvo of 11 goals to none, with most of our players doing the waltz and playing the fool by trying to shoot in our own goal in the latter stages.

Probably the waltz was in anticipation of the shield the XC Captain would lift due to our straight wins and superior goal average. We must also mention the alert and fortified XC defence comprising K. Taraporwalla, M. Nabar, A. Balagopalan, S. Ahmed and G. Mahindra, who failed us but once due to a comic mix-up. Also the highly encouraging and inspired cheering squad which was surely the envy of every class.

In a show of our pride of gaining the title of 'Baji Rao Champs 90-91', we hung up our trophy above the board in class, and hope that next year the future XC do the same. Amen to that or should we say Good-Go-Go-Goal!

The Team was : B. Haribabu; A. Pandharpurwala; V. Katre, S. Gavandi; S. Rangila, N. Ambat (Highest Score); S. Sardesai; M. Nabar. A. Balagopalan, K. Taraporewalla, S. Saraf (Goal-keeper), G. Sarna, Y. Lalwani, D. Salunke (Vice-Captain); G. Mahindra; S. Ahmed (Captain).

S. AHMED/G. MAHINDER
XC

SCOUTING IN BISHOP'S

The word 'Scouting' means an approved type of character training. After a glorious year of scouting activities, scouting started off on another year of adventure and fun. The year started off with many new scouts joining our Scout Troop.

Early in the year, a few scouts went on a training camp to Bhimashankar (110 kms from Pune). This camp was held so that all the scouts who attended could get an idea of what camping outdoors was like and to get used to it. The camp, attended by about 25 scouts from our school, was under the leadership of Satyajit Deshpande. The camp was termed as a 'fun camp' rather than a training camp, since the scouts did more of the former. A lot of games were played along with quizzes being held all the time. The scouts trekked, rapelled, cooked and tracked. Apart from this, the scouts also learnt a lot about first aid. This camp was enjoyed in true scout spirit.

The scouts, under Mr. S. Fernandes later started a relief fund in aid of the Panch Howd orphans. A large sum of money was made by selling old newspapers. A meal was prepared for all the orphans, who came to our school one Saturday. Entertaining games were held and prizes were given away by Mr. Roberts.

Once again the scouts had the honour of flag breaking on the Independence as well as Republic days. A number of scouts were awarded 'Tenderfoot' and 'Dwitya Sopan' badges. On 21st November, 8 scouts are now doing the Rajya Puraskar (Governor Scout) Badge and after that they will be doing the President Scout Badge.

Every Friday, the scout meeting is held in the evening. Games are played and new things are taught and the scouts are trained for their badges. All this is successful due to Mr. S. Fernandes' tireless efforts.

I would like to thank K. Gorade, A. Mukadam and S.Baxi, who have helped me write this article.

ANDREI MISHRA
XB(TROOP LEADER)

FOUNDER'S WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Finally, Founder's Week had arrived. The whole school had been practising for months. This practice would now be put to the test of fire.

The boys were excited and expectant. This was their chance to show off what they could do, to the other boys. The celebrations started on 10th October.

The first event on this day was the Thanksgiving Service, held at St. Mary's Church. At the service the school choir performed magnificently (as usual) Full marks to Mr. Beaman, Mrs. Jolly, Miss Patel and of course, the boys in the Choir. The service was a superb start to the Founder's Week celebrations, with the Principal's sermon being 'the icing on the cake'.

On the evening of the 10th was the annual P.T. Display. Spectators at the event witnessed a gala and colourful show with items like cricket, drill, cloth drill, Mass P.T., Italia'90 (performed by the Junior School) and of course, gymnastics. Brigadier Modak graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

After the P.T. Display visitors flocked to the exhibition to see the handicrafts of their sons, grandsons, nephews, etc. Every project/model that required explanation had its proud owner explaining its functions. The senior school exhibition included a Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Economics/Commerce, History, Geography, Electronics and Art/Craft section.

The next day (Thursday 11th October) was the annual school fete, which as usual was a smashing success, raking in plenty of money.

On Friday, 12th October, there were the annual cricket matches which ended at 1.00 p.m. with the indomitable staff beating the 'old-old' boys and the school team emerging victorious over the old boys. This was followed by a lunch.

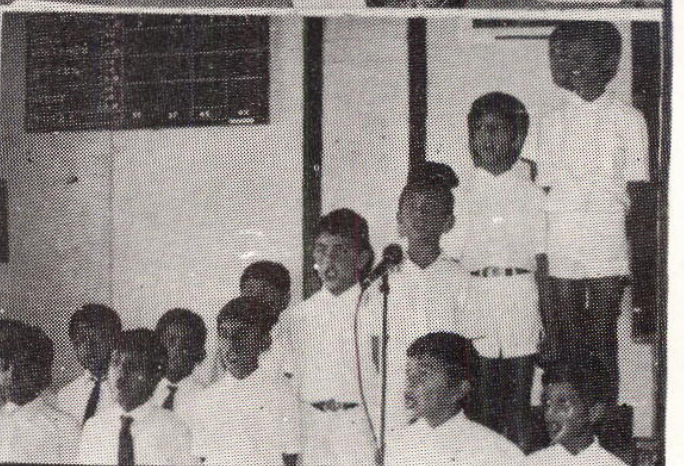
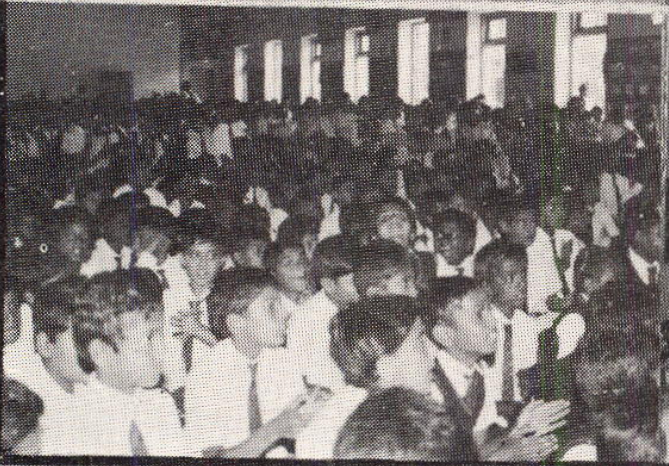
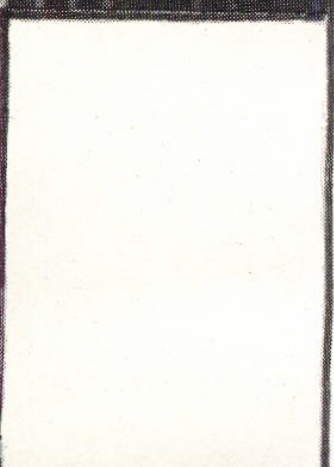
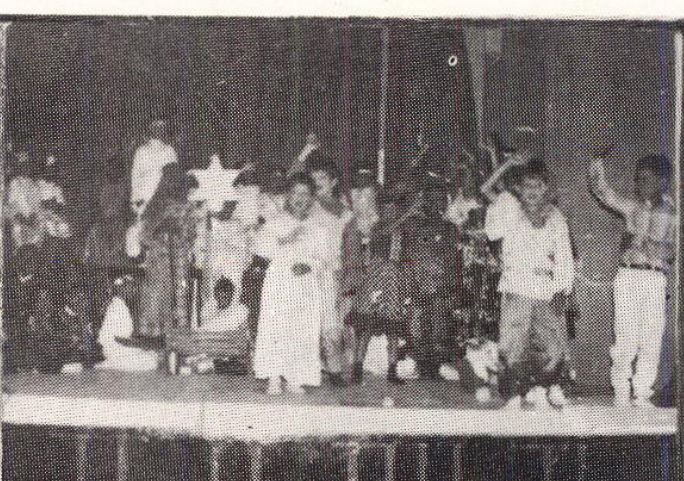
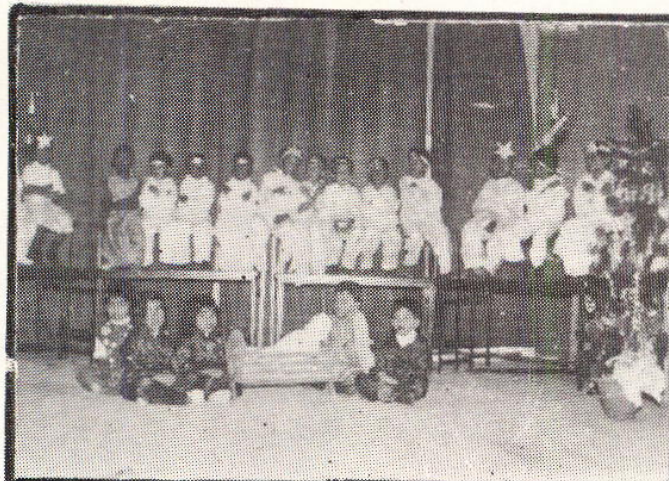
Starting at 1.00 p.m. was the greatest attraction of all - The Diwali Break!

R. DALAL, AJAITHA
IXC

THE JR. SCHOOL EXHIBITION - FOUNDERS WEEK



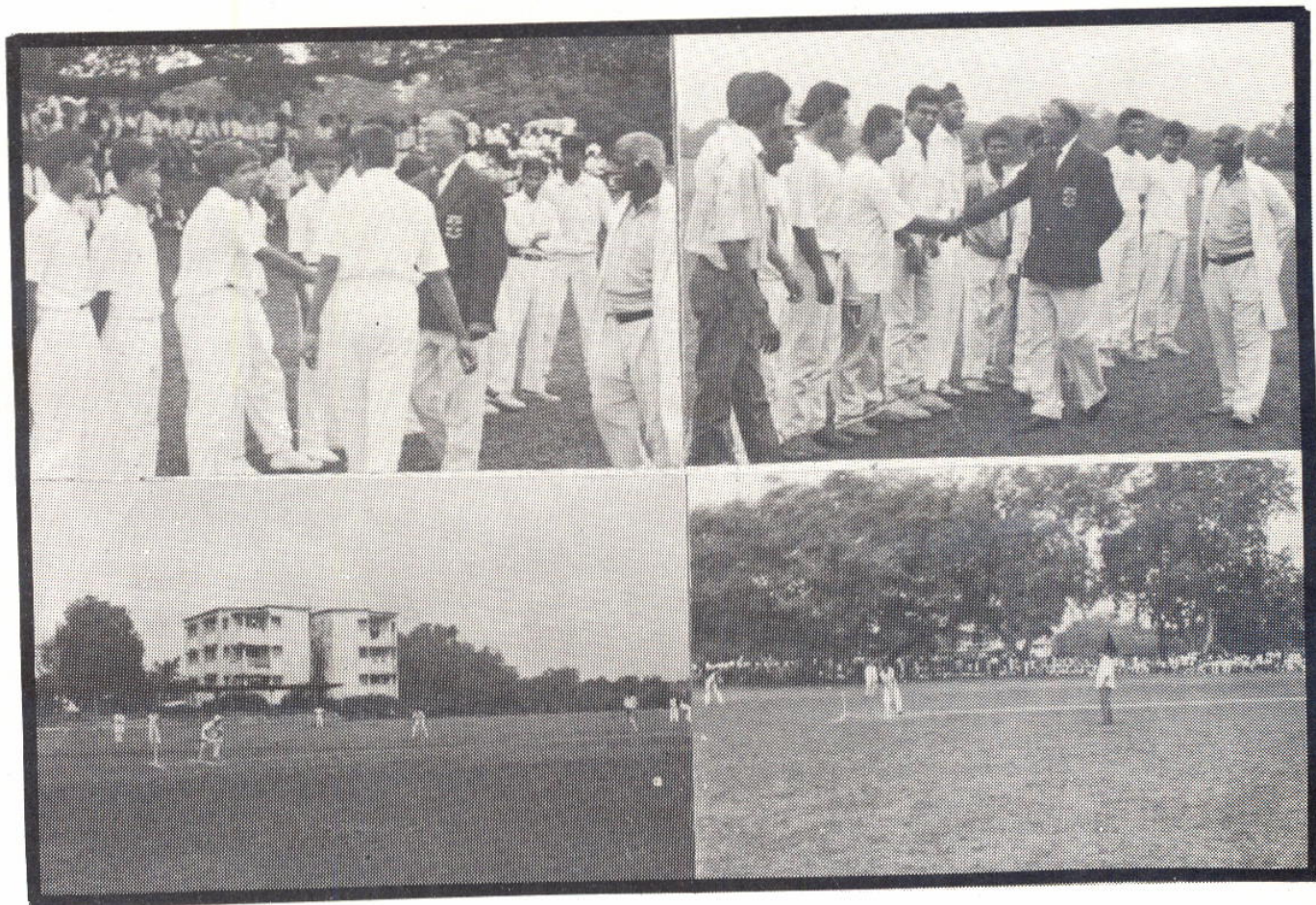
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FOUNDER'S WEEK CELEBRATIONS - THE SCHOOL FETE



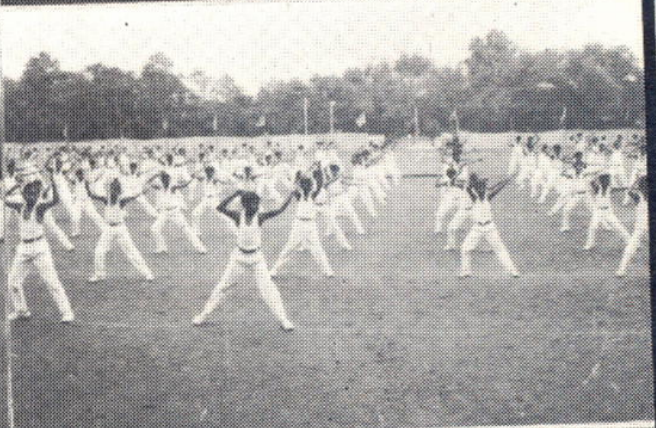
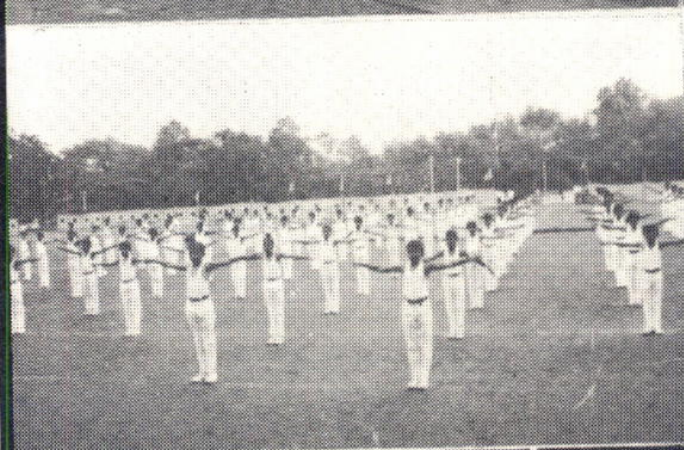
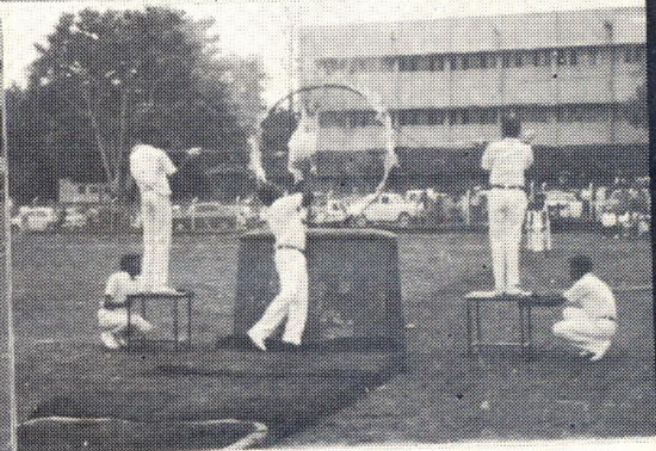
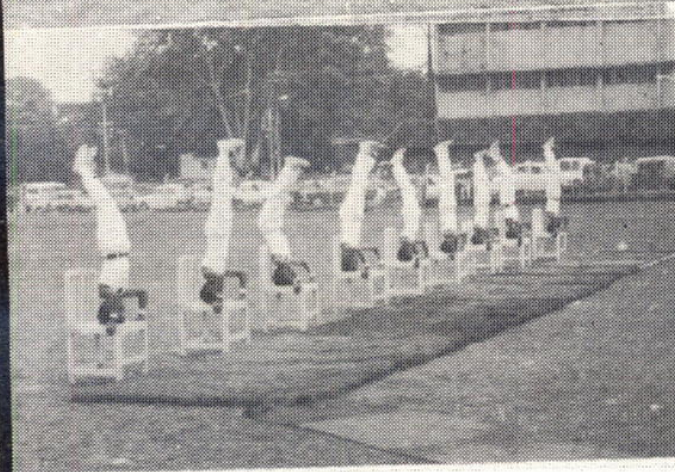
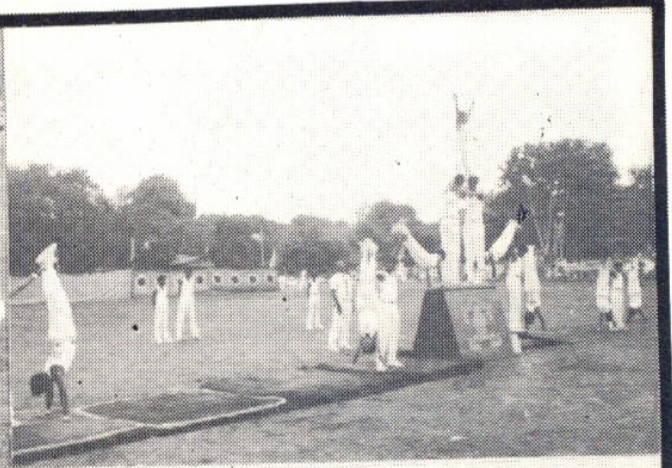
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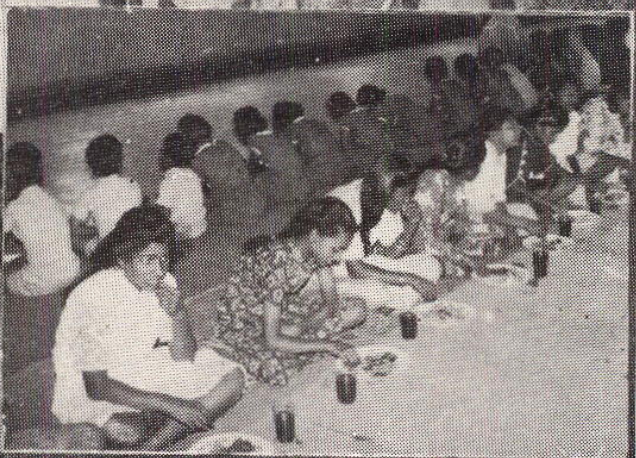
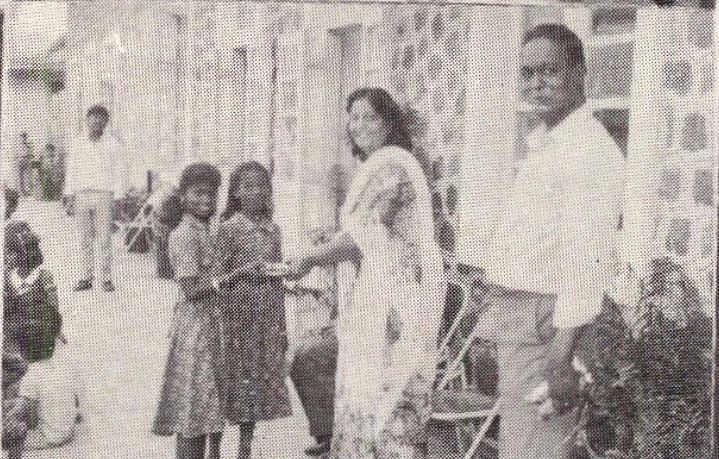
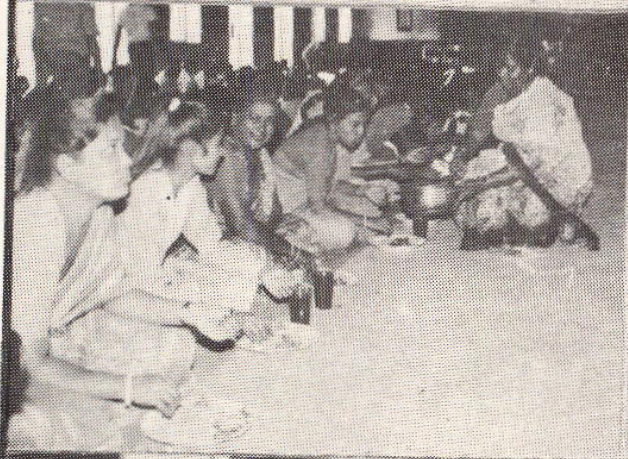
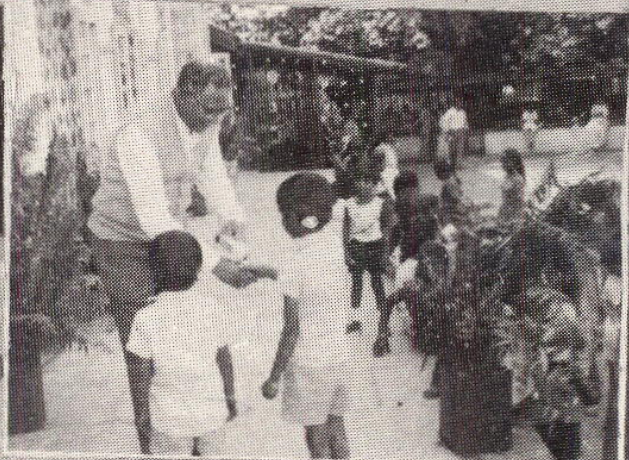
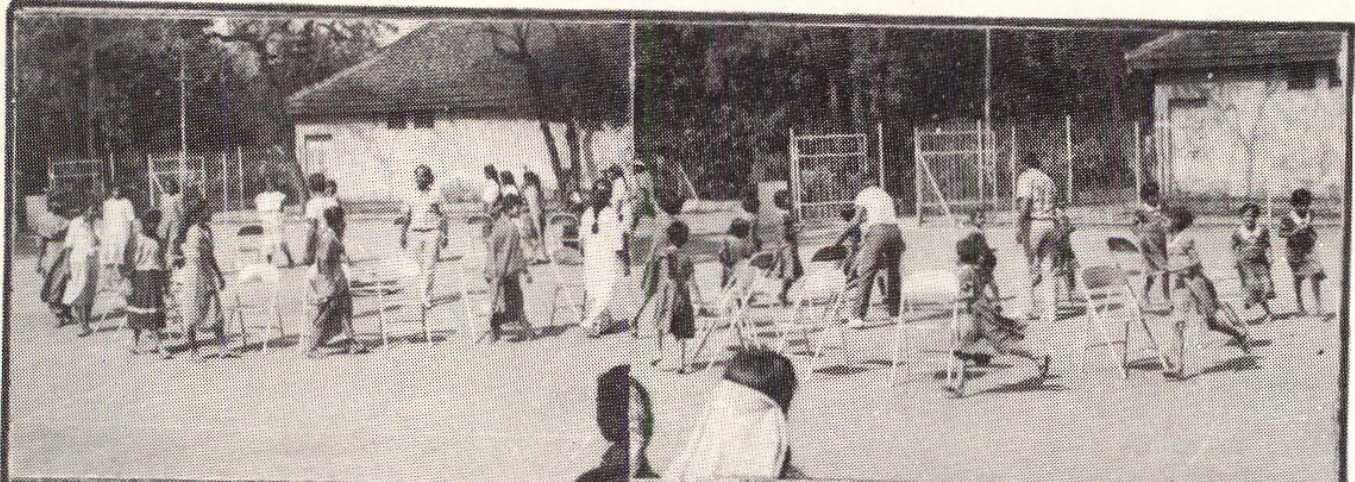
THE SR. SCHOOL EXHIBITION - FOUNDERS WEEK



P.T. AND GYMNASTICS DISPLAY - FOUNDERS WEEK



OUR SCOUTS ENTERTAINING THE CHILDREN FROM PANCH HOWD



QUIZZING IN BISHOP'S

In the academic year 1990-91, there were three high points for Quizzing in Bishop's.

The first was in September, 1990, when our team of M.Nabar and A.Balagopalan obtained the second position overall at Centrafest, 1990.

The second was the Inter-House G.K. Quiz held on the 26 January, 1991, where Arnould House, which in essence were the school team, were clear favourites. However, in a nail-biting final, the Harding team comprising R. Dalal, S. Chandra, Pokharna and Datta, pipped Arnould to romp home by a margin of 36-32.

The Third high point was at 'Indiana 1991' on the 9th of February, 1991, where our team of M.Kaul and Dwivedi came second and our team of A.Roy Chaudhri and S.Roy came fourth. To conclude I would like to offer any future quizzing aspirants the following advice: "Honour and Shame from no condition rise :

Act Well thy part; there all honour lies."

C'mon G.K. enthusiasts - who said these words?

REESHAD DALAL

IXC

SOME OLD BOYS

Name	Year of Passing	At Present	Address
1. Sameer Sayyed	1985-86	Doing M.C.M. (I) (Graduated from Ness Wadia)	401 Thacker Apts. Pune 1
2. Ram Whabi	1985-86	Systems Management Graduated from Ness Wadia	204 Chetna Apts East Street
3. Wayne Nelthropp	1985-86	B. Com.(Ness)	15 Queens Garden
4. Aliasger K.Polan	1980-81	Business	719, Raviwar Peth
5. Monish Shakeel	1983-84	Business	Bhiwandi
6. Ali Asgar Kapadia	1988-89	Mechanical Engg.	207/215 Kazi Sayed Street, Bombay-3
7. Alijaan Rajan	1988-89	F.Y.B.Com. Business in Exports	411 Loha Bhavan D'mello Road, Bombay 9
8. Suhail Sayyed	1988-89	F.Y. B.Sc.	401, Thacker Apts. Pune 1.
9. Prashant Bhandari	1988-89	F.Y. B.Com. (Diploma Imp/Exp.)	B-38, Ashwini Sty. Shivaji Nagar. Pune 5

10. Llewellyn D'mello (HEAD BOY)	1988-89	F.Y.B.Com.	203, Dipti Villa, Andheri East, Bombay 99.
11. Manish Solanki	1988-89	F.Y.B. Com. (Business)	54, Sholapur Bazar, Jewl Apts, Pune 1.
12. Amit Sawant	1988-89	Petroleum Tech (Business)	D-3 Mayfair Soc, Boat Club Road, Pune 1.
13. J.Duggal	1988-88	F.D.B.D.S.	Gokul Mansion Dhole Patil Road, Pune 1.
14. C. Charwad	1988-89	T.Y.T.E.	331, Shukrawar Peth, Pune -2.
15. P. Rajore	1988-89	F.Y.B.C.S.	653, Sachapir St. Pune -1
16. Anil Balani	1988-89	F.Y.B. Com.	406, Nina Apts, 925, Synagogue St. Pune 1.

ICSC RESULTS 1990-91

There are no divisions for the ICSE. Divisions shown are based on the percentage requirements for the SSC. The Honours list is based on the former (ISC-11) grades. Boys obtaining 24 points and less are placed on the School Honours list.

No. of boys who appeared for the examination	... ..	89
No. of boys who were successful in the examination	... ..	89
No. of boys who failed the examination	... ..	0

PASS PERCENTAGE

Results showing Divisions based on percentage basis :

1st Division (60% and over)	... ..	73
2nd Division (45% - 59.9%)	... ..	16
3rd Division (36% - 44.9%)	... ..	0
Failure on aggregate or No. of subjects		0
Total		89

ANALYSIS OF RESULTS - SUBJECT-WISE
ICSE March / April 1991 Grades Subject-wise

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Pass%	Teacher
Subject	V. Good		Credit			Pass		Fail			Mr C. D. Beaman, Mr. M. Guzder
English	12	23	20	19	15	—	—	—	—	100	
Hindi	—	5	34	31	14	1	—	—	—	100	Mr S Fernandes
French/ Amharic	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	100	Private Tutions
	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	100	
History/ Geography	5	12	17	23	19	11	2	—	—	100	Mr H Gomes Mr N deSousa
Maths	9	17	12	18	18	10	2	2	1	96.6	Mr T Varghese
Science	15	10	19	16	18	6	4	1	—	98.9	Mr K Singh Mrs K Jadhav Mr C Highland
Commerce	1	9	15	23	16	3	1	—	—	100	Mr F Fernandes
Economics	3	5	6	7	—	—	—	—	—	100	Prof Satyanarayanan

ANALYSIS OF SCIENCE RESULTS - SUBJECT-WISE

Grade	A	B	C	D	E	Pass %	Teacher
Subject	V. Good	Good	Credit	Fair	Poor		
Physics	7	24	42	13	03	96.6	Mr C Highland
Chemistry	18	23	26	14	08	90.9	Mr K Singh
Biology	23	43	15	8	—	100	Mrs K Jadhav

HONOURS LIST

Boys obtaining an aggregate of 24 points or less (based on the old ISC grade)]

	%	Pts.		%	Pts.
Shrishrimal S.	91.5	7			
Balagopalan A.	89.5	8	Chandran S.	83.5	13
Nabar M.	88.3	9	Deshpande S.	83.0	13
Kaul M.	88.3	9	Taraporewalla K.	82.3	13
Banthia R.	87.0	9	Lalwani Y.	81.3	13
Ahmad S.	85.3	11	Lalla A.	81.8	14
Dwivedi S.	85.0	11	Chinoy Z.	80.8	15
Rangwalla K.	85.3	12	Katre V.	79.5	15
Ghadiali N.	83.3	12	Khursedji K.	79.5	15

	%	Pts.		%	Pts.
Datta N.	79.3	15	Vadiwala S.	65.2	25
Bajwalla R.	78.5	16	Mutha P.	63.5	25
Iyer S.	78.3	16	Irani N.	62.7	25
Banthia H.	78.0	16	Dwivedi M.	61.7	25
Pokarna S.	78.0	16	Sequeira D.	63.7	26
Goel S.	77.3	17	Solomon B.	62.0	26
Bal H.	78.3	17	Malhotra R.	61.3	26
Purswani B.	77.9	17	Pandharpurwala A.	61.0	26
Khandekar R.	77.2	17	Majithia A.	60.0	26
Joshi R.	76.0	17	Gargash A.	61.5	27
Rathore D.	76.5	18	Vishwanathan R.	60.8	27
Mahindra G.	76.2	18	Varyani R.	60.3	27
Modak N.	75.5	18	Lakdawala A.	60.0	27
Prakash N.	74.7	18	Sarkar P.	61.5	28
Kulkarni P.	73.8	19	Ambat N.	60.2	28
Chinoy S.	74.8	19	Jaigude R.	60.0	29
Chitawala Y.	72.5	19			
Sarna G.	72.5	19			
Sayed M.	72.5	20			
Ausekar A.	70.0	20			
Gurudatta G.	71.2	21			
Rao H.	70.0	22			
Dighe S.	69.8	22			
Yaganegi N.	69.8	22			
Kaushal A.	69.7	22			
Mshra A.	69.2	22			
Ganjifrockwala A.	69.0	22			
Norohna D.	69.0	22			
Salunkhe D.	68.2	22			
Saraf S.	67.7	22			
Pore N.	68.5	23			
Pungaliya S.	66.8	23			
Jain A.	66.2	24			
Bahrainwalla M.	66.0	24			
Sarkar A.	66.0	24			

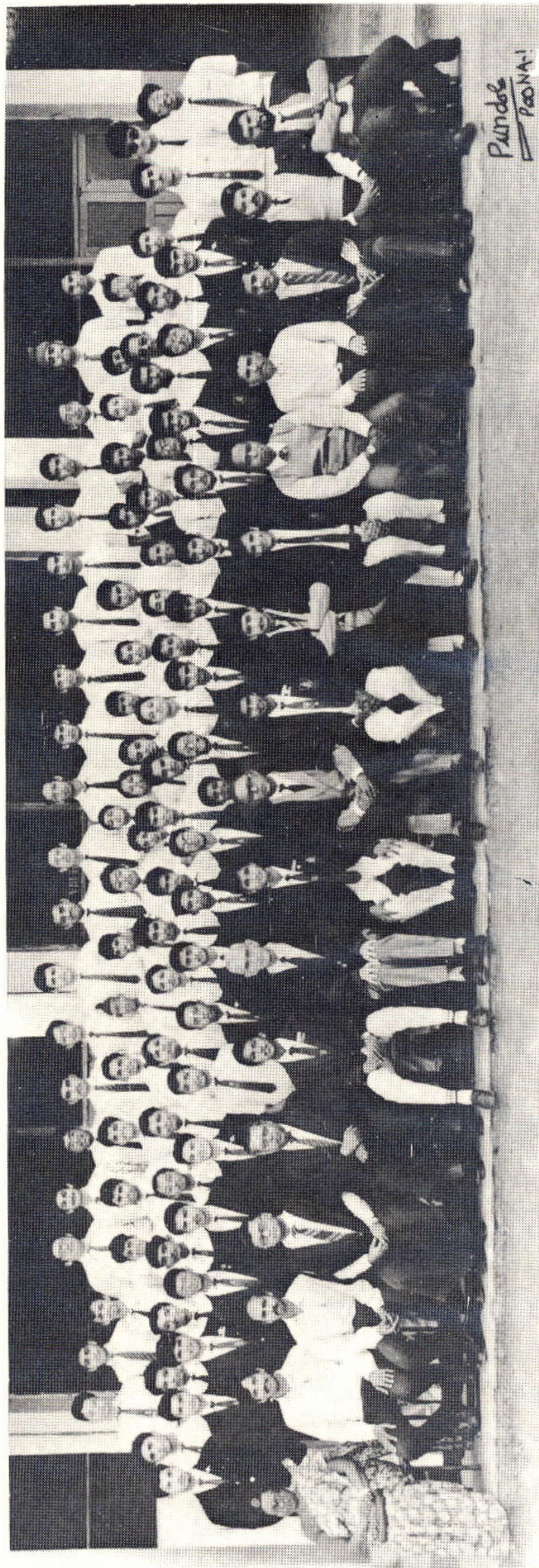
**Others obtaining 1st Division
(60% and over)**

	%	Pts.
Solanki S.	65.7	25
Gavandi S.	65.3	25

2nd Division (45% - 59%)

	%	Pts.
Mehta P.	59.5	29
Bhatia N.	59.2	29
Chahal A.	59.0	29
Sardesai S.	57.7	29
Mallick J.	57.7	30
Haribabu B.	57.0	30
Bumb R.	58.3	31
Taimini V.	55.3	31
Jagtap S.	54.3	31
Rathi N.	54.5	32
Nayak H.	53.3	32
Mirchandani S.	52.5	33
Baxi H.	53.3	33
Halstead D.	52.3	33
Rangila S.	50.2	34
Bharmal H.	48.3	35

CLASS X A, B, C WITH THEIR TEACHERS



PREFECTS AND MONITORS - INSTALLATION CEREMONY



JOKES

1. Did you hear about the boy octopus who married the Girl octopus. They walked down the aisle hand in hand, hand in hand, hand in hand, hand in hand, hand in hand, hand in hand, hand in hand, hand in hand, hand in hand.
2. I had a homing pigeon who was five hours late. "What happened to you? I asked when he finally arrived. "Nothing, He replied, "It was such a nice day that I decided to walk."
3. Customer : That's the hat I want, The one with the red cherries, the green grapes and the pink peach.
Assistant : Certainly, Madam, Shall I wrap it?
Customer : No, I'll eat it now.
4. Why couldn't the boy open the piano?
Because all the keys were inside.
5. What is the worlds biggest moth?
Mammoth.
6. Why don't robots panic?
Because they have nerves of steel.
7. What do you call a group with hair problem?
Darandraff.
8. What's the definition of an optimist?
A man who falls from the top of the Eiffel tower and says on the way down, "Well, I'm not hurt yet."
9. Fortune teller : I see a great disappointment for some one close to you.
Customer : That's right, I've no money to pay you.
10. Why is the letter C like magic?
Because it can turn ash into cash.
11. What do you call a Spanish man who had his car stolen?
Car-loss.
12. Why were the postman and chimney sweep in court?
They were accused of blackmail.

CHETAN SHETTY

V B

JOKES

1. The young Miss complained to one of her friends, "It was terrible! I had to change my seat four times at the theatre last night."
"Why?" asked the friend, "Did anyone bother you?"
"Yes - eventually."
2. One night a young doctor got a phone call inviting him to be a fourth at a bridge party.
"Going out?" his wife asked suspiciously.
"I am afraid so," he answered laconically. "It's a serious case. In fact three other consultants are already there."
3. Editor : Does it pay to advertise in my paper? Well, I should say it does. Look at Smith, the grocer, for instance. He advertised for a boy last week and the very next day Mrs. Smith had twins - both boys.
4. Teacher : How many feet are in a yard?
Student : It depends on how many people are standing in it.
5. What is the difference between a hungry man and a greedy man?
One longs to eat and the other eats too long.
6. Photographer to new model, "Shall I photograph you in the nude?" "No leave your clothes on, thank you!"
7. Customer : A dollar for a haircut? Can't you give me a flat rate?
Barber : Sir, our rates have nothing to do with the shape of your head.
8. The hotel proprietor was talking to one of the servants one morning.
"You know" said he "that fellow in room No. 9 looks as if he's got no cash. Watch him. I believe he's probably down and out."
"Yes" said the servant grinning, "He was down and out during the night with his luggage and unpaid bill."
9. Joe went on his first air journey. As he climbed down to the ground at the airport he turned to the pilot and said,
"Thank you, Sir, for both the rides."
"Both rides?"
"Yes, my first and my last."

MIND BENDERS (RIDDLES)

1. There were two persons walking on the street. The first was the father of the other, but the other was not the son of the first. Explain the relationship between the two.
2. Which is the longest word in the dictionary and why?

3. What is between here and there?
4. Three women, each has two daughters and they all go into a restaurant for a meal. There are only seven vacant seats in the restaurant, but each has a seat to herself. How do they manage it?
5. If we can see a mile with a single eye, then how many miles can we see with two eyes?
6. 1/2 kg. of iron weighs more or 1/2 kg. of cotton?
7. What is the difference between a sailor and a baby?
8. What is the thing that goes up but never comes down?
9. Why does the lion have long hair in the jungle?

ANSWER

1. Father and the daughter.
2. Smiles is the longest word because there is a mile between the two 'S' in the word 'SMILES'
3. And
4. One of the women is a grand mother and her two daughters are the mothers of the four daughters. So there are seven of them altogether.
5. One mile only.
6. Both are equal.
7. The sailor makes a bed in the sea where as the baby makes a sea in the bed.
8. Our age.
9. Because there are no barbers in the jungle.

By VARUN WADHI

IV A

DO YOU KNOW?

1. We human beings carry our young in our arms, but you will be surprised to know that sometimes beavers carry their young ones in the same manner.
2. We all know that all frogs give eggs, and the tadpoles hatch out of them, but this is not true in the case of the Marsupial tree frog of the Amazon. The frog has a "zipper" fold in the skin on the back from which fully hatched tadpoles come out.
3. With a survey in Great Britain, it is observed that today's children are more intelligent than their grand parents were at the same age at that time.

4. We all have our own choices; in the same way, lice also have choices. They like clean, short hair, and they don't like black people. They prefer young children between 4 to 6 years. Among the people over twelve, lice prefer females.
5. A camel loses about 100 kg. weight when it crosses a desert. When it reaches the oasis, it drinks about 150 litres of water.
6. There is a fish called the "Salmon" which is born in a mountain stream, and somehow finds its way to the sea. After 4 years something makes it swim back to the exact place of its birth. Then it breeds, and the cycle continues.
7. If we regularly take Vitamin - E with regular exercise, it increases our capacity to work; but if we take more vitamin - E, we will have stomach disorders and delay in healing of wounds.
8. A Soviet geneticist, Valery Shakhbazov, has discovered a device, which can predict the Biological age of the person, by analysing the cells of the body.

CHOWDHURY A.

VII B

HOW ZAT!

1. Hail storms are fun when you're indoors. But they are disastrous for crops. In Italy when farmers locate an approaching hailstorm, they fire rockets into the clouds to scatter and break up hailstones before they fall on earth. On one occasion they fired 50,000 rockets and succeeded in keeping a storm at bay.
2. Try making a paint brush out of Real Camel's hair and painting with it. It can't be done! "Camel hair brushes" used by artist are actually made from the hair of Russian squirrels. Real camel hair is used for making carpets.
3. Have you ever heard of a desert tuning into a sea? The Mediterranean, which was once a lake, dried up six million years ago and turned into a vast desert. And then the ocean suddenly burst through a piece of land which connects Europe to Africa and the entire flooded area became the Mediterranean Sea!
4. Don't flinch from a stinging nettle next time you see one. They can be used in many ways. Some people eat them. They claim it tastes like Spinach once its stings are totally destroyed in the process of cooking. Nettles are also used for making dyes and weaving a kind of cloth.

SHANTANU BASU

VII D

RIDDLES

1. Which is a room without walls?
Ans: Mushroom.
2. Which is the city without buildings?
Ans: Electricity.

POEMS

1. Coal is black
Skies are blue
Friends like you are very few.
2. Not for show
Not for fame
I write AMIT as my name.

JOKES

1. WIFE : Let's buy Junior a bike
HUSBAND : Do you think it will improve his behaviour?
WIFE : No, but at least it will spread it over the neighbourhood.
2. BOXING INSTRUCTOR : (to a student who had his first lesson) : "How did you like it, Benny? Do you have any question?"
BOXER BENNY : "Yes! do you have a correspondence course?"
3. HAL : Do you have any superstitions?
CAL : No, I don't. I believe it's bad luck to be superstitious.
4. "The police shot my dog."
"Was he mad?"
"Well, he wasn't too pleased about it."
5. Did you hear about the dumb fisherman who chartered a helicopter because he wanted to catch flying fish?

AMIT CHADHA

V I B

JOKES (Laugh Time)

1. The new bank clerk was given a package of 5 pound notes with the instructions to count them and see if there was a hundred.
He counted upto fifty-eight and then threw the bundle down.
"Why did you stop?" asked the bank manager.
"If it's right this far," said the clerk, "It's probably right all the way."

2. Jim : Boy, I wish I had enough money to buy an elephant.
Slim : What ever do you want an elephant for?
Jim : I don't. I just wish I had that much money.
3. "Why don't you answer the phone?"
"Because it isn't ringing."
"Must you always wait till the last minute?"
4. For an important opening night, a couple received a pair of theatre tickets, anonymously sent.
They phoned all their friends to find out who'd sent the tickets, but to no avail. Nobody knew who sent them. They wracked their brains saying, From whom? From whom?"
Opening night, they attended the theatre. It was an excellent performance, but they couldn't enjoy it properly, for worrying about where the tickets came from.
When they got home from the show, they found their apartment ransacked. Every single thing of any value had been stolen, and on the table was a note reading, "Now you know from whom!"

INSULTS

1. The circus just came to town. Why don't you talk to the ringmaster about getting a job? I hear that they are in the market for a trained hippo.
2. His I.Q. is so low that he doesn't even know what I.Q. stands for.
3. Is that your head, or are you carrying a watermelon on your shoulder?
4. The last time he went to the Zoo, attendants chased him for two hours. They thought he'd escaped from one of the cages.
5. I can't take anything away from her I.Q. as I can't subtract anything from zero.
6. You're so weak, you couldn't beat eggs.
7. Hey! Do you want to see something funny? Look in a mirror.
8. Is that your nose, or are you eating a banana?
9. The only exercise he gets is from stretching when he yawns.
10. He's so lazy that waking up in the morning makes him tired.

PARIKSHIT ARORA

VII B

INSULTS

1. He's so stupid, his mother had to tattoo his name on his arm so he wouldn't forget who he is.
2. When he goes to the Zoo, the monkeys throw peanuts at him.
3. Kissing a porcupine would be less painful than kissing you.
4. They say everyone in the world has a double and now I know it is true. I saw your double last week. His name was Kongo and he was in the gorilla cage at the Zoo.
5. If you stood on the corner, the only person who'd pick you up would be the dust man.
6. If you value your life, hide quick! Here comes the dog catcher.
7. The last time she went to the monkey cage at the Zoo, she got three proposals of marriage.
8. I'd go out with you, but it's against my religion to date Chimpanzees.

PARIKSHIT ARORA
VII B

A SMOKEY PUZZLE

To 3/4 of a cross add a circle complete,
Then when two semi-circles a perpendicular meet,
Add a triangle that stands on two feet,
Then two semicircles and a circle complete,
Join these and a plant well known you will greet.

Ans : TOBACCO

SOME MISNOMERS

1. DRY CLEANING is not dry. All Articles are placed in a washer containing a wet solution and thoroughly saturated.
2. The RED SEA is not red. It was so called through a biblical mistranslation. It reflects the mountains of Edom. In Hebrew Edom means red.
3. The MOSQUITO BITE is not a bite. It is a Puncture.
4. A DRESSED CHICKEN is completely undressed.

ASHISH SARKAR
VB

ABBREVIATIONS

1. What is the full form of these abbreviations :

A.I.R.	All India Radio
B.B.C.	British Broadcasting Corporation
C.I.D.	Criminal Investigation Department
I.A.F.	Indian Air Force
N.C.C.	National Cadet Corps

B. VASANT

VB

SPARE POWER

Driving is no fun when the car battery suddenly goes dead. Now there is a battery with an 'emergency backup'. If the car battery goes dead, one has only to flip a switch which connects the main system to the reserve unit. Of course, you have to shut off the 'power drainers' - lights, radio and stereo, but in a few minutes the main battery is recharged! The reserve cell can help the car start about 20 times before it needs to be recharged.

AMIN BUDHWANI & DASWANI ROHIT

VIII

AMAZING BUT TRUE

1. A blue whale weighs 150 tons.
2. The largest flying bird is the Albatross whose wing span is 15 feet.
3. The Humming Bird can hover in mid-air because of its 60 to 80 flaps per second, that gives the bird its name, it can also fly backward.
4. A sea serpent which is a creature of the seas is 100 feet long. The most popular sea serpent is the "Loch Ness Monster".
5. President Abraham Lincoln's minister's name was Kennedy. And Kennedy's minister's name was Lincoln.
6. The word 'MALAYALAM' can be spelt backward as well as forward.
7. The heaviest boy in India is 87 kilos at the age of 11 years.
8. The Whale Shark is the largest fish, which weighs 20 tons. Its food is nothing but plankton (small fish only 2 to 4 inches long) because its teeth are 1/4th of an inch.

9. The largest Lizard in the world is the Komodo Dragon which is 4 to 5 meters long and can eat pigs, deers, cows. It is found on the biggest island of Indonesia, Komodo, which gives its name.
10. 'Rin Tin Tin' a German Sheepdog was the first dog to earn a million dollars. He was a movie 'character' and his first film was "Where the North Begins" in 1925.
11. The Chinese emperor "Shen-Nung" was the first to use acupuncture.
12. An Endocrinologist treats the glands such as the thyroid and adrenal which secret body hormones.
13. The coldest recorded temperature was — 128.6° Fahrenheit in Vastok, Antarctica on August 24, 1960.

M. SHROFF

VI D

JOKES

1. Master : Ramu, what is the shape of the earth?
 Ramu : It is round Sir,
 Master : Give me 3 reasons to support your answer.
 Ramu : Mummy says it is round, Daddy says it is round and so do you Sir.
2. Patient : Doctor, I have just swallowed a roll of film.
 Doctor : Well, I hope nothing develops.
3. Judge : So you broke into the department stores to get a two-rupee cigar. What were you doing in that safe?
 Prisoner : Oh! I was putting in two rupees meant for the cigar.
4. A Judge told a person who was standing in the witness box, that "You have promised that you will tell the truth, but do you know that if you don't tell the truth what will happen?"
 Culprit : Eh! My Party will win this case.

RIDDLES

1. Who is the white man with a black hat?
 Ans. : A Matchstick
2. What did one tonsil say to the other?
 Ans. : You better get dressed - the doctor is taking us out tonight.
3. Which letter roars?
 Ans. : C (Sea)

4. Which letter sometimes wear spectacles?
Ans. : I (eye)
5. Which letters are grown in the fields?
Ans. P and T (Pea and Tea)
6. Which letter is found in the playground.
Ans. : D (in the hockey field)
7. Which letter has a queen, servants and sentries?
Ans. : B (bee)
8. How can you spell rot with two letters?
Ans. : D.K. (decay)

MAN IT

1. A man (fruit) which everyone is fond of.
Ans. : Mango
2. A man which is an opening for drainage.
Ans. : Manhole
3. A man who is in charge of a firm, industry.
Ans. : Manager
4. Holder of Mandate.
Ans. : Mandatory.
5. A person who does cosmetic treatment especially for finger nails.
Ans : Manicurist
6. A man who is a fertilizer.
Ans. : Manure
7. A man who is a large house.
Ans. : Manor
8. A public declaration of principles and policies.
Ans. : Manifesto
9. A man who is cunning and skillful.
Ans. : Manipulator
10. A man who is a comic character.
Ans. : Mandrake
11. A man who is an insect.
Ans. : Mantis

12. A man who is a large baboon
Ans. : Mandrill
13. A man who is an orange
Ans. : Mandarin
14. A man who is a musical untrumant.
Ans. : Mandolin
15. A church minister's house.
Ans. : Manse
16. A man who is a hard grey metal.
Ans. : Manganese
17. A man who is a language.
Ans. : Manx
18. Long hair on a horse's or lion's back.
Ans. : Mane
19. A cat without a tail
Ans. : Manx

ANIRUDDHA TEKAWADE

IXA

RIDDLES

1. A snail is at the bottom of a well 30 feet deep. Every morning it climbs up 3 feet and at night it slips down 2 feet. In how many days will it be out of the well?
2. There are A & B and the distance between them is 90 km. There is a train which is 300 m. in length and its speed is 30 km/h. Both the train and the bird start at the same time from town A. Assuming that the route is absolutely straight what should be the speed of the bird in order to fly over the train and reach town earlier than the train?
3. An A-320 airbus is on its routine flight from Delhi to Islamabad. It is going over the Kashmir valley at an altitude of 16000 feet and at a speed of Mach. 1.5. The weather conditions are ideal for flight. All of a sudden the Air bus dives down and crashes into the valley. Where will the survivors be buried?

ANSWERS TO RIDDLES ON PAGE

1. 28 days :

On the 27th day it will have climbed 27 feet and on the 28th day by evening it will have climbed 30 feet and will be out of the well.

2. 30 k./h

The bird will have to cover the distance of 90 kms and the length of the train.

3. Can the "SURVIVORS" be buried !

HARSHVARDHAN / A. JAWHARKAR.

LAUGH AT LIFE

1. I was visiting an 84 year old aunt who had always been overweight. "They sent one of them new fangled doctors to see me," she scoffed, "and at my age."

She then produced her meal : a plateful of potatoes and a large pastry roll full of meat. "Is that your diet?", I asked. "Of course not" she snapped. "This is my dinner - I had my diet a good hour ago."

2. My large, grey poodle was constantly told to stay on his mat, six meters from the dining table. No matter how often he was told, he'd often try to sneak over to us only to be sent back. One evening as we ate, Oscar suddenly appeared at the table. This time, however, he had anticipated our command to return to the mat - he brought it with him!

3. As my grandmother often mislays her keys, I bought her a key tag that beeps in response to a certain sound. She decided on the word "Mama".

During one of my visits, a neighbour took me aside and suggested I might have to pay more attention to the elderly lady. Yesterday, he said, he saw her roaming through the house, calling for her mother and looking for her in drawers and cupboards.

4. It was apparent from my lunch order at the store - 60 gms of chicken and sugar - free soft drink - that I was dieting. The owner commented, "I just purchased an audio cassette that guarantees weight loss. If you listen to it regularly, you hear nothing but ocean waves and it is supposed to change your eating habits."

"How much did you lose" I asked.

"Thirty five Dollars," he said.

5. My aunt gives herself less credit than she deserves when it comes to credit. One day her son came from school and told his mother he had problems with his maths homework. "You will have to ask your father when he comes home. I've never been very good at maths."

After a moment she asked out of curiosity, "What is your homework about?"

"Percentages."

"Oh, I can help you with that." she stated. "That's not maths, that's shopping."

MANISH CHANDRA

XA

QUOTABLE QUOTES

1. It is only bad temper that we attribute to being tired or worried or hungry; we put our good temper down to ourselves.
2. Everyone tries to accomplish something big, not realising life is made up of little things.
3. A holiday gives one a chance to look back and forward to rest oneself by an inner compass.
4. Men build bridges and railways across deserts but contend successfully that the job of sewing on a button is beyond them.
5. When you are successful, never think you can sit back and enjoy it. Nobody will let you.
6. I don't want everyone to like me; I should think less of myself if some people did.
7. Becoming number one is easier than remaining number one.
8. There is no distance on earth as far as yesterday.
9. Two things worry most people these days - one that things never get back to normal; and the other, that they already have.
10. He who knows others is learned. He who knows himself is wise.
11. A mistake proves that someone stopped talking long enough to do something.
12. There are more storms in ourselves than over either land or sea.
13. Peace is not a season; it is a way of life.
14. Humour is laughing at what you haven't got when you ought to have. it.
15. A man can't ride your shoulder until it's bent.

MANISH CHANDRA

XA

GOD

'GOD' be in my head,
when I think.
Be in my learning,
When I learn.
Be in my legs,
When I run
And be in my heart
when I pray.

RAIN

'Rain, Rain' go away, come again another day,

'Little Vicky wants to play',

'Little Nicky wants to lay',

And little Amit wants to pray.

If a peacock lay an egg in your garden who will own it?

No one. Peacocks don't lay eggs but peahens do.

John : Doctor, Doctor, I feel like a pane of glass!

Doctor : I thought as much. Next time don't come through the window.

Police : Give me your number.

Accused : It is in the telephone book.

Police : What is your name.

Accused : That too is in the book.

Teacher : What grows on the tree trunk?

Adil : I don't know sir.

Teacher : Bark boy Bark!

Adil : Bow-wow.

NILHODHA

VIB

Teacher : Ram where is your house?

Ram : Opposite to Ravi's house.

Teacher : Where is Ravi's House?

Ram : Opposite to my house.

Teacher : Where are yours and Ravi's houses?

Ram : Opposite to each other.

Child : Mother, wash my face.

Mother : Wash it yourself.

Child : But I don't want to wash my hand.

GAURAV RULHAN

VB

Teacher : Raghu, why are you late?

Raghu : I dreamt of a football match last night.

Teacher : How could it make you late?

Raghu : The players were given extra time.

Security guard : (To a small boy) Hey, can't you read that sign board? No fishing in this river.

Small Boy : (Promptly) I'm not fishing, Sir. I am just teaching my worm how to swim.

SUYOG SAINKAR

IID

Teacher : Who can tell where is America in this World Map?

Mohan (pointing out in the map) : Here it is.

Teacher : Who can tell me who discovered it?

Sohan : Mohan, Miss

SPORTS

1. In which game is the term "try" used?
2. In which game is the term "Chukker" used?
3. In which game is the term "short-stop" used?
4. Where is the Olympic flame kindled?
5. Name of the coach of Jesse Owens?
6. Name of the coach of Carl Lewis?
7. From which country is Ben Johnson's new coach?
8. Which woman first scored 10 out of 10 points in gymnastics?
9. Which two countries were the early champions of cycling?
10. How many spikes are allowed on the shoes of a sprinter?
11. In which year was Hockey introduced in the Olympics?
12. Which country defeated U.S.A. in basketball for the first time?
13. How many golds did the Soviet Union win in the 1980 Olympics?
14. How much time did Carl Lewis take to run the 100 metres in 1984?
15. How many countries took part in the Seoul Olympics?
16. Which country won the Soccer in 1984 games?
17. At what age did Muhammad Ali win his first medal in 1960?
18. Which athlete of 1936 Olympics is known as the most versatile?
19. In which event did Edwin Moses of U.S.A. win gold in 1984?
20. Which Canadian sprinter is called "Big Ben"?

Answers for Sports

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| 1. Rugby Football | 11. 1908 |
| 2. Polo | 12. U.S.S.R. |
| 3. Baseball | 13. 80 |
| 4. The Altar of Hera | 14. 9.99 sec. |
| 5. Larry Shyder | 15. 16 |
| 6. Tom Taliez | 16. France |
| 7. Yugoslavia | 17. 18 |
| 8. Nadia Comeneci | 18. Jesse Owens |
| 9. France and Italy | 19. 400 m hurdle |
| 10. Six per shoe | 20. Ben Johnson |

BINYL KOSHY

VIIA

JOKES

1. "It took three sheep to make this sweater I am wearing."
"Well, well..... and I didn't even know sheep could knit."
2. "What is it that sheep look for at the sales?"
"Baa-gains."
3. "How do sheep change direction on the MI?"
"They do ewe turns."
4. Little girl : Daddy, why do you keep talking to yourself in the mirror?
Daddy : Because I've got to toast the bride on Saturday.
Little girl : I hope you don't burn her like you burn our toast.
5. "I say, I say, I say.... My horse can jump higher than my house."
"Your horse can jump higher than your house?"
"My house can't jump an inch."
6. Teacher : Jarvis, I want you to name three famous inventors.
Jarvis : Yes, Sir. John Logie Baird, Thomas Edison and Pat Pending.
7. Teacher : Molly, did your father help you with this homework?
Molly : No, Sir. He did it all by himself.
8. "Waiter, why is my chicken squashed flat?"
"Well, Sir, you told me to bring you your lunch and to step on it."
9. "Waiter, are the tablecloths ever changed in this establishment?"
"I can't really say, Sir. I've only worked here for six months."
10. "Doctor, doctor, I feel like a piano."
"Well you certainly don't look grand to me."
11. "Doctor, doctor, I feel like a bar of soap."
"I am afraid that's life boy."
12. "Doctor, doctor, I can't sleep a wink. What can I do?"
"Sleep right on the edge of the bed. You should then soon drop off."
13. What yard has four feet in it?
A yard with a dog in it.
14. What looks exactly like half a loaf of bread?
The other half.
15. What do you get if you drop a piano on an army officer?
A flat major.
16. Which travels faster, heat or cold?
Heat. It's easy to catch cold.

17. What comes out of the wardrobe at 100 miles an hour?

A Stirling Moth

TAHER ATHARI & CHIRAAG SHAH

VIII D

John : Father, Father, I killed five mosquitoes - two were women and three were men.

Father : How do you know that two were women and three were men?

John : Father, two mosquitoes were buzzing round the mirror and three were buzzing round your beer bottle.

AVINASH SHARMA

IVA

The year's class outing will be by the seaside

It will cost Rs. 40.....

..... by train or Rs. 50 on the coach

The head master will be coming.....

..... to see us off.

The weather will be wet and windy.....

..... in Russia and warm and sunny in Boston

There will be no swimming.....

..... until we get there

There will be a visit to a museum.....

..... or if preferred to a fun fair

But we must be back by twelve o'clock.....

..... at midnight

Hooray!

Boo!

Hooray!

Boo!

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Boo!

Hooray!

JOKES

Three men were in the middle of nowhere, when a good fairy appeared. She gave them each a wish.

1st man : I wish I was in England (Poof)

2nd man : I wish I was in America (Poof)

3rd man : It's very lonely without them, I wish they both come back (Poof) (Poof) - they both came back.

School

I have a beautiful School

I have a nice school

It is made of bricks and plaster

But the only nasty thing

About my nice little school

Is the bald headed Maths Master.

SAMIR TAHEER

IVA

RIDDLES

How would you make a singer sing?

By removing 'er'.

Why is 10 afraid of 7?

Because 7 (ate) 9.

Which ring is square?

Boxing ring.

Where do fish wash?

In a river basin.

ANAND SUTTATTI

VID

JOKES

Butler : I have grown grey in your service and now I'm dismissed. Is there nothing you can do for me?

Master : Yes, you may take my bottle of hair dye when you go.

Did the Doctor treat you yesterday?

No, he charged me ten dollars.

Judge : Order Order in the court!

Prisoner : Pakoda's with tomato sauce please.

Diner : I can't eat this stuff - call the manager.

Waiter : It's no use - he won't eat it either.

Old Lady : Must I stick the stamp on myself?

Post Office Employee : No, stick it on the envelope.

JOKES

John : What is your baby sister's name?

Jack : I don't know.

John : Why don't you know?

Jack : She won't tell me

Teacher : On which part does a leopard have the most spots?

Norman : On its skin.

Teacher : If a butcher weighs 50 kg. The next year his weight increases 2 kg more. What will he weigh?

Jack : He will weigh meat.

Teacher : Why do you come to school?

Student : Because the school can't come to us.

SAGAR SHETTY &
YAWAR HUSAIN VID

AMAZING FACTS BUT TRUE

1. There are somewhere between 2,000,000 and 4,000,000 different types of insects.
2. The insect that has the longest life is the cicada which lives for 17 years.
3. The first zoo was started as long ago as 1150 B.C. by a Chinese Emperor.
4. The largest prehistoric bird was the flightless Dromornis St-irtoni, a huge emu like creature which lived in Central Australia 11,000,000 years ago and was 10 feet (3 metres) in height and weighed 1100 lb (500 kgs).
5. The remarkable 8 year old from Hongkong, Chung Kwun Ying, performed 1985 consecutive hard pushups in an hour.
6. The oldest complete stained glass in the world represents the Prophets in a window of the Cathedral of Augsburg, Bavaria, Germany dating from the second half of the 11th Century.
7. The world's most popular soft drink is Coco Cola with over 301,000,000 drinks sold per day by early 1985 in more than 155 countries.
8. The longest platform in the world is the Karagpur Railway Station in West Bengal which is 833 m long.
9. The most expensive writing pens were the 18 carat pair of pens capped by diamonds of 388 carats sold by Alfred Dunhill for 9,843 pounds sterling.
10. The highest auction price paid for a walking stick has been 24,200 dollars.

MADHU NAIR

VIB

RIDDLES & JOKES

1. What goes up when the rain comes down?
Ans : An Umbrella
2. I cry and cry till I die. What am I?
Ans : A candle
3. What did baby corn ask mum corn?
Ans : Where is popcorn?
4. What weapon does a vampire have?
Ans : A vampire hockeystick
5. Which is the most dangerous city?
Ans : Electricity

6. Who is always hungry day and night?
Ans : The country Hungary
7. Why are rivers rich?
Ans : Because they have river banks
8. If your clock strikes thirteen what is the time?
Ans : Time to get a new clock
9. Why did the captain give his team a lighter?
Ans : Because they kept on losing their matches.
10. What witches are found in the deserts?
Ans : Sandwiches
11. Where do we get rope?
Ans : Europe
12. What has light but doesn't shine?
Ans : The word "light"

HEAVENLY PUZZLE

Once in our Geography class, our teacher was telling us about the Solar system. She asked a boy in our class, "What are heavenly bodies?" he replied, "Heavenly bodies are bodies which are in Heaven."

PILOT PUZZLE

We were watching the Mosquito Squadron on T.V. My mother suddenly said, "I would like Hans to become a pilot when he becomes big." My brother, who is only five years old, said, "I don't want to become a toilet!"

Teacher : Who built the steam Engine?

Student : What?

Teacher : Right : James Watt.

Teacher : If Mt. Everest was not there what would have happened?

Student : You would have not taught us about Mt. Everest.

**ELIAS FERNANDES &
SHAYNE GONSALVES VIB**

RIDDLE

What gives milk but has only one horn?

Ans : A Milk Van

PARIKSHAT VASUDEVA VB

JOKES

1. "Is that 654224?"
"No, this is 654225."
"No matter, please call Mr. Sharma from next door."
2. Beggar (to his father) : Suppose if we get a car, what will we do?
Father : Both of us will sit in it and go begging.
3. Raju : Dad, can you sign with your eyes closed?
Dad : Why not, my son?
Raju : Then sign this; it is my report card.
4. "My teacher must be very religious" said the little girl. "Every time I answer one of her questions, she says 'My God! My God!'"
5. A Gambler's three-year-old son learnt to count up to thirteen. It went as follows : Ek, do, teen, char, panch, chey, saat, aath, now, das, ghulam, began, badsha.
6. A husband and wife were quarrelling. The wife got up in temper, stuffed a few saries in her bag and was marching out of the house when the husband yelled at her, "Where the hell do you think you are going?" "I am going to hell," she hissed back. "In that case don't forget to say my namaskar to your parents and relations."
7. Sohan (to a beggar) : It's shame on you to beg. Come to me I will pay you Rs. 5/- daily.
Beggar : Just Rs. 5/-? You come begging with me and I shall pay you Rs. 50/- daily.

SUMIT TEJWANEY

JOKES

Father (after seeing his son's bad report) : You had told me that your report card was superior this time.

Son : Yes father, the report card is made out of a superior quality paper.

Where do cows in America go for their vacation?

Ans : Moo York

Paul : My brother keeps on changing his parts from time to time.

Michael : Is he an actor? What is his age?

Paul : Two years.

Raju : My brother is only 2 years old and he can pronounce his name backwards.

Ravi : What is his name?

Raju : Otto!

Robin (to the teacher) : Miss, would you scold me for something I have not done.

Teacher : No.

Robin : I have not done my homework.

Once a bank manager stood up and announced in a busy office. "Did anyone lose a bundle of hundred rupee notes tied with a red rubber band."

All the people raised their hands in a huff.

"I found the red rubber band" replied the bank manager.

DID YOU KNOW

1. There are 40,000 species of spiders in the world.
2. The fastest snake is the Black Mamba which can travel at 7 mph.
3. The vulture can glide at a speed of 90 mph.
4. The first bird in the world was the archaeopteryx.
5. The first metal to be used by man was tin.
6. The octopus has three hearts.
7. The ancient Tartars ate books under the impression that the knowledge the books contained will become theirs.
8. The Amazon river discharges 4.2 million cubic feet of water per second into the Atlantic Ocean.
9. Kaspar Hauser of Bavaria could see the stars in broad daylight.
10. The lead which is in a pencil of average quality and length can draw a line 56 kilometres long.
11. In the 4th century B.C., the Greek city-State of Sparta had 25,000 citizens and 500,000 slaves.

N.KARTIKEYAN

VIII

RIDDLES

Why is a crack in the chair like a policeman?

Ans : Because both will pinch you if you don't park right.

Who's elderly, has many children and walks around with sticky feet?

Ans : The old Woman who lives in the Glue.

What is an egg beater?

Ans : A mother hen who spansks her babies.

How do you make an apple go bananas?

Ans : You drive it out of its rind.

Why do golfers wear two pairs of trousers?

Ans : In case they get a hole in one.

MATHEMAGIC

1. $9 \times 1 = 9 = 9 = 9$
2. $9 \times 2 = 18 = 8 + 1 = 9$
3. $9 \times 3 = 27 = 2 + 7 = 9$
4. $9 \times 4 = 36 = 3 + 6 = 9$
5. $9 \times 5 = 45 = 4 + 5 = 9$
6. $9 \times 6 = 54 = 5 + 4 = 9$
7. $9 \times 7 = 63 = 6 + 3 = 9$
8. $9 \times 8 = 72 = 7 + 2 = 9$
9. $9 \times 9 = 81 = 8 + 1 = 9$
10. $9 \times 10 = 90 = 9 + 0 = 9$

Find out what is puzzling.

Answer : The sum of each number comes to 9 and the answers are opposite from Sr. No. 5

RAHUL KOCHHAR

VIII B

STORY

Alms for a Beggar

One day as our car was waiting at a signal, a young lad came to us and begged my father for alms. My dad told the boy that he had no money to give. To this the lad replied, "Ask memsahib for some". Just then the signal turned green and as our car was about to start again, the boy said to my father, "Since you don't have money, take some from me." Saying this he flung a 10 paise coin into our car.

PARTHIV MAJUMDAR

VB

RIDDLES

When is a shaggy dog most likely to enter a house?

Ans : When the door is open.

What is black and white and red all over?

Ans : An embarrassed Zebra.

What is a zebra after it is five years old?

Ans : Six years old.

How do you spell mousetrap in three letters?

Ans : C-A-T

If two is company and three is a crowd, what are four and five?

Ans : Nine.

JITEN SINGH

VID

LIMERICKS

There was a young lady named Bright
Whose speed was much faster than light
She set out one day,
In a relative way
And returned on the previous night.

A cheerful old bear at the zoo
Could always find something to do.
When it bored him, you know,
To walk to and fro,
He reversed it and walked fro and to.

There was a young man of Devizes
Whose ears were of different sizes
The one that was small
Was of no use at all
But the other one won several prizes.

JITEN SINGH VID

JOKES

Knock-knock
Who's there?

Ken

Ken who?

Ken I come in!

Who's there?

Amos

Amos who?

A mosquito

Who's there?

Harry

Harry who?

Harry up and open the door.

Who's there?
Atch
Atch who?
Nasty cold you got there.

Who's there?
Max
Max who?
Max no difference; just open the door.

Who's there?
Grannie : Knock-Knock
Who's there?
Aunt
Aunt who?
Aunt you glad to see me.

What is the difference between -

- a jeweller and a jailer?

Ans : One sells watches and the other watches cells.

- a storm cloud and a child being spanked?

Ans. : One pours with rain and the other roars with pin.

- Elephants and Fleas?

Ans : Elephants can have Fleas but Fleas cannot have Elephants.

A man travelling at 130 mph on the road was stopped by traffic police.

"Sorry Officer," said the driver, "was I driving too fast?"

"No, Sir" said the traffic police "You were flying too low."

Adam : I am our school champion in the 100 metre sprint.

Tom : Are you really? What did you do it in?

Adam : Oh, the usual white shirt, shorts and running shoes!

Tom : Ha, ha! I bet I could race you if you give me a yard start.

Adam : OK, you're on. Where?

Tom : Up a ladder.

Mum : Hello, Jack. Learn anything in school today?

Jack : Yeah, how to get out of class by stuffing red ink up my nose.

Teacher : Jack, will you correct this sentence please. "The bull and the cow is in the field."

Jack : That should be : "The cow and the bull is in the field. Ladies should always be before gentlemen."

NAUSHIR PATUCK
VIB

JOKES & RIDDLES

A preacher comes along a road and writes, "I pray for all."

A doctor comes and writes, "I prescribe for all" and a man passing by writes, "I pay for all."

Why do we say Amen not a women?

Ans : Because we sing hymns and not hers.

Customer : Waiter, this bowl is wet.

Waiter : That's the soup Sir.

There are three boys :

The first boys says, "If my father jumps in the Tapti river he will come out from the Narmada."

The second boy says, "If my father jumps in the Krishna river he will come out from the Godavari."

The third boy says, "If my father jumps in the tank he will come out from the tap."

How would you make a snail fast?

Ans : Take away is food.

Definition of Luck : Another person's misfortune.

What has a pen but can't write?

A goat.

What has teeth but can't write?

Ans : A comb.

What happens when we stay without food for seven days?

Ans : Weak (Week)

ABHIJIT THATTE

VIII

JOKES

The elephants were beating the insects 20-0 at half-time in the jungle Football Final. There was a dramatic transformation in the game. The centipede came on with 20 minutes to go. He inspired the insects' 54-20 victory. Asked why he had not come earlier. He said, "I was busy tying up my laces."

"When I was 20 I had hundreds of people under me."

"Where were you working?"

"In a cemetery."

"What do you do now?"

"I am a big time operator."

"What do you do?"

"I wind up Big Ben."

What do you get when you mix a martina and a husband in Marathi and a dog?

Ans : Martina Navratilova.

Why isn't a bus struck by lightning?

Ans : Because there is a conductor.

SAMEER S. SHINDE

VIII

THE WORLD'S PRINCIPAL SUSPENSION BRIDGES

1. Verrazano - Narrow : New York (U.S.A.) completed in 1964; it held the record for the length of the central Span until 1981 (opening of the Humber bridge in Great Britain : a span of 1,409 meters).
2. Golden Gate : San Francisco (U.S.A.) opened in 1937, it holds the record for height above water of its piers (227 meters).
3. Mackinac : Mackinac (U.S.A.) It has an overall length of almost 6 km. And the longest suspension structure in the world (2,254 meters). It was opened in 1957.
4. George Washington : New York (U.S.A.) This is the oldest of these suspension bridges. (It was built in 1931). It has two road levels, one on top of the other.
5. Salazar : Lisbon (Portugal) Opened in 1966. It was the largest of Europe and was built with special precaution against earthquakes.
6. Forth Road Bridge : Edinburgh (Great Britain). It has the suspended part in steel and the approaches in concrete. Completed in 1969, it also has cycle paths and Footways.
7. Severn : Bristol (Great Britain) Although it has to cope with very strong currents and winds, it is the lightest and the most economically built in the world. It was opened in 1966.

II ALL ABOUT CALORIES

Activity	Calories
1. Sleeping	0
2. Taking a shower	25
3. Getting dressed	30
4. Riding a bicycle	150
5. Sitting down to study	25
6. Sitting down to eat	28
7. Walking	140
8. Running	490
9. Swimming	500

III ESTIMATED POPULATION IN THE YEAR 2000 (IN MILLIONS)

1. EUROPE	780
2. ASIA	3560
3. AMERICA	992
4. AFRICA	768
5. AUSTRALIA	32

TOTAL 6132

B. THADANI

IXA

RIDDLES

What do you never eat at breakfast?

Ans : Lunch and dinner

What is a person who shaves 20 times a day?

Ans : A barber

What did the rug say to the floor?

Ans : "Don't move - I have got you covered.

What did the first candle say to the second candle?

Ans : "Are you going out tonight?"

What did the big rose say to the little rose?

Ans : "Hi ya, bud."

What did the adding machine say to the clerk.

Ans : "You can count on me."

What four letters of the alphabet do you use to play hide-and-seek?

Ans : O-I-C-U

How many sides does a box have?

Ans : Two, inside and outside

What do you take off last before getting into bed?

Ans : Your feet from the ground.

What is as big as an elephant, but doesn't weight an ounce?

Ans : Elephant's shadow

What do you lose everytime you stand up?

Ans : Your lap.

What is the one thing everybody in the world is doing at the same time?

Ans : Growing older.

How can a man cross a road?

Ans : By walking

JOKES

Nurse : There's a man outside with a wooden leg named Smith.

Doctor : What is the name of his other leg?

Patient : Doctor, if a person's brain stops working, does he die?

Doctor : How can you ask such a stupid question? You're alive, aren't you?

Hypochondriac : Doctor, can you give me a pill that will get rid of pains in the neck?

Doctor : If there was such a pill, you wouldn't be here now.

Customer : Is this a second -hand store?

Clerk : Yes.

Customer : Good, I would like to buy one for my watch.

Ray : May I see you pretty soon?

Joe : Don't you think I am pretty now?

GURJEET SINGH

VB

FUNNY SPORTS

Daniel was a worried lad
Asked Clara, what's wrong with you?
Next is the three-legged race,
And I have only two

Peter was a pole vault king
You've never seen the likes
He didn't need to use a pole
He sat on Steven's spikes.

Andrew won the slow cycling
He said, "It was just luck
I cycled through a patch of mud
And both my wheels got stuck."

Fatty won the tug-of-war
The Cup he proudly lifted
The seven dumplings in his team
Made sure he wasn't shifted.

Selected by :
MIHIR GOSAVI

VID

LITTLE KNOWN FACTS ABOUT GEORGE WASHINGTON

George Washington never shook hands with people, not even his friends. As President, he officially greeted people with a bow.

Washington had his own household silver candlesticks melted down into coins for the first U.S. Mint. George Washington had no children of his own, but he was a father to his two step children John (Jack) and Martha (Patsy)

When Jack died at the age of 26, George and Martha Washington adopted and raised the grandchildren - George (little West) and Nellie.

It is true that George Washington had false teeth. However, they were not made of wood but hippopotamus ivory. He lost his real teeth because of a poor diet.

MIHIR GOSAVI
VID

THE WORLD'S LARGEST ISLANDS

1. Greenland in the North Atlantic - 840,000 square miles.
2. New Guinea in the Western Pacific - 306,000 square miles.
3. Borneo in the Western Pacific - 286,568 square miles.
4. Madagascar in the Indian Ocean - 226,658 square miles.
5. Baffin in the Arctic Ocean - 195,928 square miles.

LIFE SPAN

Animals	Average Life Span
Cats	12 years
Dogs	12 years
Goats	8 years
Goldfish	7 years
Hamsters	2 years
Horses	20 years
Rabbits	5 years
Turtles (Box)	35 years
Turtles (Slider)	15 years
Mice	3 years
Guinea Pigs	4 years

MISTAKEN NOTIONS ABOUT ANIMALS

Bears do not kills with a hug - Bears kill their victims with a powerful swipe of their front paws. They do not give their enemies a "bear hug". Their arms are extremely strong and can strike lethal blows.

Camels don't store water in their humps - Camels' humps are made of fat. They can travel for long periods in the desert without food because their bodies use the fat in the humps as nourishment. However, camels are able to drink great amounts of water, which is stored in their stomachs.

MIHIR GOSAVI
VID

MILK-GIVING ANIMALS OF THE WORLD

The milk of animals is used by people everywhere for nourishment. Americans and Europeans commonly use Cow's milk. Here are other animals whose milk is used by people :

1. Buffalo - Egypt, India, Pakistan
2. Camels - deserts of Africa and Asia
3. Donkey - China
4. Sheep - Greece
5. Horses - China
6. Reindeer - Lapland
7. Goat - Greece
8. Yak - Tibet

ODD FACTS ABOUT ANIMALS

- 1 Dolphins sleep with one eye open at all times.
- 2 The pig is the only mammal other than man that can get sunburned.
- 3 Polar bears have hair on the soles of their feet to keep them from slipping on the ice.

MUSICALLY GIFTED KIDS

1. Louis Armstrong - Trumpeter/Singer - Louis Armstrong known as "Satchmo" was one of the greates Jazz musicians of all time. He learned to play the trumpet when he was thirteen and started performing soon after.
2. Benny Goodman - The great Jazz Clarinettist. Benny Goodman began performing with his brother before he was a teenager. At age of thirteen, he became the youngest member of the musicians' union. Best known as a jazz musician, Goodman also recorded works by Mozart and Beethoven.

3. Michael Jackson : Singer/Song writer began performing at the age of five with his brothers, The Jackson Five.

On his own, he has recorded many hits and co-authored a song "We are the World."

MIHIR GOSAVI

VID

ASTONISHING FACTS FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS

1. A nuclear environmental machine for testing stress corrosion has been developed by Nene instruments of Welling borough England, that can be controlled at a speed as slow as one million millionth of a millimeter per minute, Or 3.28 feet in about 2,000 million years.
2. The shortest pangram ever produced was the 26 letter sentence, compiled by Michael Jones in 1984. The pangram was "Veldt jynsc grimes waqf zho buck", which means that wrynecl woodpecker (from the grasslands of African climbed up the side of a male bovid which is grazing on sacred Muslim Owned lands.
3. The most difficult tongue twister is, "The sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick" especially when spoken quickly.
4. When the Ribbon worm runs out of food, it eats itself, consuming upto 95% of its own body to stay alive.
5. Norman Johnson from England cut a 12 inch cucumber into 244 slices in just 13.4 seconds i.e. 18 per second.
6. Garry Harley, the English barber once shaved 987 men in one 60 minute sprint.
7. The biggest killer ever was Behram, an Indian Thuggee cult member. He strangled 931 victims to death with a yellow and white strip of cloth between the years 1790 and 1840.
8. The world's smallest rideable bike is no smaller than a shoe. It has wheels only 3.5 cm high.
9. An average bulb lasts 1000 hours, but at South Alameda country, the same bulb has been burning continuously for 84 years.

SUMEET KAUL

VII B

LAUGHTER - THE BEST MEDICINE

John : 'Do you write with your right hand or left hand?'

Peter : 'Well, I usually write with a pencil.....'

James : I started my life without a penny in my pocket

Charlie : That's nothing. I started life without a pocket.

The manager of a shop was ticking off one of his staff., "I saw you arguing with a customer", he said crossly. "Will you please remember that in this shop the customer is always right. Do you understand?"

"Yes Sir", said the assistant. "The customer is always right". "Now what were you arguing about?" "Well Sir, he said you were an idiot.

Angry customer : "These safety matches you sold me didn't strike.

Shop Keeper : "Well, you can't get matches much safer than that."

A very superior person was walking round an art exhibition, when he paused. "I suppose this hideous monstrosity is what they call modern art!" he told an attendant, "No, Sir", replied the attendant, "that's what they call a mirror."

Mum : "Sally, you've put too much postage on that letter.

Sally : "Oh, have I? I hope it doesn't go too far then!"

Ajay : "What sort of a car does your Dad have?"

Amit : "I can't remember the name. I think it starts with T."

Ajay : 'Really? Ours only starts with petrol.'

Tushil : 'What do you mean by telling everyone I am an idiot?'

Siddharth : I'm sorry. I didn't know it was supposed to be a secret.'

An old lady was making her very first flight in an airliner. She was highly nervous and insisted on speaking to the captain before the take - off.

'You will bring me down safely, won't you?' she asked anxiously.

'Don't worry, madam', said he cheerfully, 'I've never left anyone up there yet.'

Harry : 'I'll sell you something for 2 paise that cost me 4 paise and I'll still make a profit.

Jones : 'What's that? It cost you 4 paise, you'll sell it to me for 2 paise and still make a profit?'

Harry : 'That's right?

Jones : 'All right, here's my 2 paise, what is it then?'

Harry : 'A used bus ticket.'

VIVEK BHARATAM

IXA

CAMP AT BHIMASHANKAR

SCOUTING : The word itself means adventure, excitement, fun, character training and being self dependent. To fulfil all this Scouts depend heavily on camps.

This year on 12th October we left for Bhimashankar at 4.00 p.m. However, as we ascended the Ghats we met with an accident. Luckily no one was hurt. Our bus had banged into a boundary wall. We spent 3 hours there, having fun.

We started off when the bus was repaired and reached Bhimashankar at 7.00 p.m. We divided ourselves into 2 groups.

Leopards - P. More, P. Batra, K. Gorade, A. Hakim, A. Talathi, S. Phadnis.

Wolves - A. Mukadam, S. Baxi, P. Datar, H. Gavandi, H. Sundaresan, S. Banerjee.

We played many games. At midnight we roamed around the jungle. returned to the temple, where we were to stay, quite disappointed. The Leopards were set for night duty.

We were woken at 5.30 a.m. by the ringing of bells of the temple. We first visited the 400 year temple dedicated to Lord Shiva. Close by was the 2nd highest peak in Maharashtra - Nagphani. We started that way walking in a straight line behind our leader. After descending 50 feet we came to a jungle path. We had to climb 100 feet. At last we reached the top. We felt most successful. Climbing down was fun as we played games like Tarzan Swing, Monkey Crawling even as we climbed down.

In the afternoon we rested. In the evening we played Tug-O-War, and other races with rugs & gloves. At the time of sunset we clambered to a place where it could be seen clearly and took many photographs.

Next day we went jogging and did many exercises. We also found a small cliff 25 feet high. We decided to do rappelling (a Scouting exercise) from there. In the afternoon we had the quiz between the Wolves and the Leopards. It was a close fight and the Wolves won 182-179 points.

Some special prizes were awarded, Entertainer to S. Baxi and most helpful boy - P. Datar.

On Sunday we returned at 10.00 p.m.

A. MUKADAM & K. GORADE

IXC

CENTRAFEST 1990

I will not mince words. In all fairness, I have to say that our showing at Centrafest 1990 was pathetic.

Only the debate, in which our team of M. Nabar and A. Balagopalan shared first place with St. Mary's School, and the Quiz in which our team of M. Nabar, A. Balagopalan and

M.Kaul came second helped to stem the rot. None of our team even qualified in the J.A.M. (Just-A-Minute) and What's the Good Word. In the Profex (Exhibition) our school's stall was one of the most poorly decorated. We also had a bit of bad luck, with our star singing entrant, inconveniently, falling sick at that time. (Don't do it again, Sammy)

Our only other achievements were that M.Nabar was adjudged the Best Speaker of the Debate and that our school came third in the Marching competition.

To conclude, I would like to offer hope for the future. After all, as the old proverb goes, 'He who laughs last laughs best.'

Note : This proverb only applies if we do better in future.

R. DALAL & S.LUTHRA

We won centrafest 1991! (Ed.)

D.E.A.S. IN BISHOP'S

As most of you must already be knowing, D.E.A.S. stands for 'The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.'

In the academic year 1990-91, the 'Dukes' received a boost with a number of new applicants. Besides these Bronze Trainees, there were also some Bronze Qualifiers, Silver Trainees and one Silver Qualifier. In October, 1990, the D.E.A.S. boys from our school were taken on a camp to Matheran, where we stayed at 'The Hermitage' which is a property owned by the D.E.A.S. Two of the masters of our school (i.e. Mr. C. Dupratt and Mr. G. Gomes) accompanied us. In order to be brief, I will just say that we all enjoyed the camp tremendously. Besides camps/expeditions, the other courses of the D.E.A.S. consist of Community Service, Physical Recreation and Skills. The aim of the D.E.A.S. is to turn its members into better all-round people (not men-there are girls too), both physically and mentally.

REESHAD DALAL-IXC

DEBATING

As usual the Rao Kurup Inter-School Debate was held early in the year, 28th July, 1990. The previous year, Bishop's had won the trophy and all hopes were on the present team for retaining the trophy.

After a long period of listening to and removing boys, Mr. Guzder finally came up with a team, M.Nabar and A. Balagopalan.

That dreaded afternoon, the team, Mr. G. Aviet and a few supporters went to St. Mary's. The very fact that perhaps all the girls were staring at us shook us a bit. And when the news arrived that A. Balagopalan was to speak first, this set his knees knocking. To

Speak, in front of a hallful of girls, to convince them of what you yourself need not be convinced is, believe you me, no laughing matter. But that then is the art of debating.

Once on the stage, all the participants began to forget their nervousness. Arvind Balgopalan, in a fiery manner, had the audience absolutely spellbound. In contrast to this, M. Nabar's so soft, so calm, yet eloquent speech had everyone wondering. No one was sure whom to believe. Once Bishop's had finished, there was no doubt who would win. In spite of valiant efforts from St. Vincent's and St. Mary's, Bishop's was clearly far superior.

The results were eagerly awaited as the judges came on stage. Over the mike - Best Speaker - Malhar Nabar; The rest was lost in the applause. Then the most important of all, 'The Rao Kurup Trophy goes to Bishop's. We were ecstatic. M. Nabar's punch gesture sent ripples of laughter through the girls. 'Bishop's had gone it yet again.'

Let's hope Bishop's does it again and again for a long, long time to come!

The focus then shifted to the Centrafest competition which was held at the Dastur High School for boys on the 15th and 16th September 1990. The same team entered for the debate. For a change, the organisers introduced an additional qualifying round before the final.

We qualified easily, coming second to St. Vincent's. The final was held on Sunday with the topic for the debate being 'Women should be confined to hearth and home.' The topic had been disclosed on the previous day and both of us spent a sleepless Saturday night preparing for the debate.

Even though we won, the glory of our victory was robbed by the fact that we tied for first place with a team we didn't expect to tie with. Nevertheless, M. Nabar won the Best Speaker prize again.

Unfortunately the traditional debate against St. Helena's could not be held this year despite our boys' best efforts to move Mr. Guzder to organize the annual fixture.

MALHAR NABAR &
ARVIND BALAGOPALAN

THE JUNIOR GENERAL KNOWLEDGE COMPETITION

25th January, 1991, dawned like any other day and the sun rose in the East and not the West as most of the participants who had survived the written elimination round of the General Knowledge Competition had expected. Immediately after the lunch break the boys assembled in front of Harding Hall, the venue for the competition. They were 'shepherded' into the Hall and were seated. The occupants of the Hall wore an expectant air and were impatiently waiting for the competition to begin.

Outside the Hall the competitors were receiving last minute counsel from their respective Housemasters and House-captains. On learning that we had only ten seconds to answer each

question, respiration went out and perspiration came in. The lots were drawn and they pitted defending champions Mansfield against Bishop's, and Harding (last year's runners up) against Arnould.

In the first round Mansfield faced Bishop's. The competitors became confused and hasty midway. At one point Mansfield decided that James Baker was the secretary general of the United Nations Organisation. Bishop's ran to ground all dreams Mansfield had of retaining the title by winning 18-17.

In the second round Arnould began on rather equal terms with Harding but surged forward in the second section. Judging by the scores one could say that Arnould won hands down. The scores read 20-7.

The Grand Finale began with the participants showing the first signs of frustration. They began casting glances at the audience to see if someone would let the cat out of the bag. Surveying the participants' faces one could see dark circles round their eyes, a sure sign that they had been burning the midnight oil. Bishop's took a head start and Arnould was down 0-5, but Arnould suddenly burst out with a flood of answers which turned out to be correct and went on to clinch the title 29-11.

The show ended rather badly with some juveniles exhibiting their unruliness by hooting. On coming outside all seemed to be jubilant and later I discovered that it was because they did not have to carry chairs.

G.V.S.KARTHIK

VIII B

THE SCIENCE CLUB REPORT

SESSION - I

Bishop's has always been encouraging activity where everyone gets a chance to take part and the Science Club is just another such instance.

Session I started in January as an idea floated by Mr. Highland - "Let's have a Science Club" and the response was effervescent. The first to open was the Astronomy wing. Saturday evening 7p.m. half an hour of orientation talks and readings from Astronomy books/articles then armed with data we would go up to the Junior School terrace, point a telescope to the sky and see the real thing. Sometimes we never even had a telescope but even naked vision is an amazing asset.

In June the Science Club took concrete shape. S. Pokarna was elected President and S. Shrishrimal Vice-President. Rules were laid down for what was to be a tight ship - it was decided that any member with more than three absences would be asked to quit the club - 'no passengers'.

We started with Photography - a detailed study of the camera, handling and minor maintenance - photo composing methods, etc., led on to exchanging of notes and ideas - Some intelligent clicking resulted in some interesting compositions - we studied professional compositions in magazines and even did some critical observations of T.V. photography. Next we grew a crystal with Sodium Thiosulphate, then studied the burning Magnesium wire learnt about its oxide, tested its basic nature; Heated Lead nitrate, Calcium Carbonate, Copper Sulphate and pondered the chemical clock experiment our favourite!

Then came the Quiz - The four groups - EINSTEIN, KEPLER, EDISON and NEWTON battled it out in an exciting competition held by Mr. Highland, Pokarna and Shrishrimal which included practical and analytical questions beside the usual theory stuff.

So our Session I was great fun and now as the next batch takes over we wish them all the very best!

S. Pokarna (President), S. Shrishrimal (V. President)

SESSION II

In January each year we of the IX join the Science Club run by Mr. Highland as the tens have their ICSE approaching. We had heard a lot about the Science Club from our Seniors so when it came to entry there was a massive flow.

The first meeting of Session II was held on 19th January - S. Luthra was appointed President, A. Bhartia - Secretary, S. Talreja - Treasurer and N. Thadani - Attendance Manager. There were four subdivisions with Captains - R. Sawhney, S. Talreja, A. Joshi and H. Jawharkar.

Our next meeting was on 2nd February as the 26th was Republic Day. We saw water being made both temporary and permanently 'hard' by the addition of salts and then had fun removing this 'hardness' and making 'soft' water. Deshpande brought an old cassette recorder and Mr. Highland opened it up and showed us the parts and how it works. We also opened up an audio cassette and saw how that functioned. It was so enlightening that everybody decided to bring other old gadgets to study from time to time. Next on 9th February we learnt in detail about a Cathode Ray tube - and how it produces T.V. pictures. We also saw the formation of Vector rings in water using red, blue and black colour traces. Very shortly Mr. Highland will show us the inside of a T.V. set so we are really excited.

February 16th - we opened a voltage stabilizer today and learnt how it operates. We also saw diodes and capacitors and transistors and learnt how they function in a circuit. Our Science Quiz also kicked off with Edison losing to Newton in round one of a Cliff-hanger preliminary round.

In the future we plan to do some photography, exciting experiments, peek into the microscopic world and in general prove that Science is a lot of Fun!

S. LUTHRA -IXC

ASTRONOMY IN BISHOP'S

The year began with the sighting of Comet Levy. The Bishop's School Astronomy Club was back in action under Mr. Highland.

Soon the IX boys got themselves enrolled in the Astronomy Club, our members were increasing by leaps and bounds. But that didn't last. Ultimately, there were only a few 8th and 9th standard boys and even one 7th standard boy (V. Lalwani) who showed interest. Amazing Comet Levy was seen by Y. Lalwani, A. Ausekar and M. Baharainwalla. The 9th standard boys were not able to see the comet because of clouds during their Astronomy session. Infact, they never saw anything that day as the clouds rolled in when Mr. Highland was showing them the planets on the elliptic. That was the end of it.

The month of October was bad for the club due to the monsoon clouds. We resumed our meetings towards the beginning of November.

Regular lectures on Astronomy were given by Y. Lalwani and A. Ausekar to the junior students under the guidance of Mr. Highland. The interest of the junior boys was shown by the fact that Mr. Highland received over ten charts for the Physics exhibition (Astronomy section). Many boarders, i.e. R. Sawhney, N. Gurnani, H. Jawharkar, A. Chaure, S. Talreja showed interest and produced amazing work.

The month of December saw the arrival of Comet Encke. This comet was unfortunately not sighted by any one though everyone tried; there was also no proper optical aid available at that time.

During the same period Y. Lalwani and A. Ausekar joined the J.V.P. (Jyoti Vidya Parisansta) the Amateur Astronomer Association in Pune under the IOCAA (Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astro-physics) They also attended a few lectures given by the J.V.P. Secretary, Mr. Sani on 'Mathematical Astronomy'. Mr. Highland also became a member of the J.V.P. A. Ausekar also attended a starparts at Khanapur with the J.V.P.

January saw the first All India Amateur Astronomers meeting held in Pune. This was held on 12th and 13th January. Many famous professional and amateur astronomers participated. Mr. J. Narlikar, director of IUCAA, was also present. The next one will be in 1991 in Nagpur. No student from Bishop's took part as it was during the Std. X prelims so they were pretty disappointed.

Astronomy in Bishop's continues as good as last year. Mr. Roberts, Mr. Guzder and Mr. Beaman keenly support the Club and show a lot of interest in the observations. Infact, Mr. Roberts has promised us a really good telescope. Wow! that will really uplift the Club. So let us end with clear skies and happy sessions and sightings to all members.

Y. LALWANI, A. AUSEKAR &
A. AHMED XC

The Astronomy Club now has a fine telescope, a set of lenses and filters - E.d.

ASTRONOMY FOR EVERYBODY

All of us, from childhood, have gazed at the sky in wonder. The Sun and Moon, the wandering planets, the fiery trails of comets and meteors - these are things to marvel at. Man will never tire of looking up into the tremendous, sparkling bowl of space.

Sky-watching was undoubtedly a pastime of pre-historic man. The ancient Egyptians and Babylonians, several thousand years ago, observed the heavens carefully to devise quite accurate calendars. Observations by Copernicus, Galileo, and others in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries were among the first great steps to modern science. Even today, the science of Astronomy depends on observation.

Astronomy is for the amateur as well as the professional. The amateur can see for himself the sights that stirred Galileo, Herschel, and other great astronomers. Although in some regions weather and climate are often unfavourable, any interested person in any part of the world can become a sky observer.

The beginning observer should have a book on general astronomy. Even a little knowledge increases the pleasure of observing. Even an observer without binoculars and a telescope can see many wonders of the heavens. The important thing is to know how to look and what to look for. The constellations can be traced and identified. The positions of Sun, Moon and the brighter planets can be watched.

No special equipment is needed to get to know your sky. If you are fortunate enough to have a pair of binoculars you can use them to see a few star clusters and nebulae. Get used to finding your way about the sky with the eyes first and then see what enormous pleasure you derive from 'Astronomy'.

Y. LALWANI, A. AHMED

XC

AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS' MEET IN PUNE

The First All-India Amateur Astronomers Meet held at Pune on 12th and 13th January, 1991, went off pretty well although in no particular direction that could truly be considered as progressive. There were a few setbacks, like amateur speakers being asked to present their papers in 2-3 minutes and one of them, Mr. A. Desai, being told to forfeit his presentation on the false excuse that the slide projector was not compatible with the transparency slides when in fact, they had been tried out just before the session began. The professional astronomers who were supposed to give Survey type and other observational projects didn't say anything which could be considered useful for the amateur, except Dr. Rajmohan of the Indian Institute of Astrophysics who proposed a plan which intended to set up about 10 telescopes with computer driven facilities and tracking equipment to have a network of amateurs

working together on the same project. Something very unlikely to take place in the near future - An amateur dream----- I hope it comes true!

A talk by Col. J.E.S. Singh was very interesting. It showed how to observe Earth-Satellites and record them. The other interesting talks were by Dr. A. Bhatnagar on Solar Astronomy by and for the amateur, Prof. B.V. Sreekantan on Space Astronomy, Dr. Jacqueline Van Gorkon on a neutral hydrogen image of the universe and Prof. Ajit Kembhavi on Data Analysis and Image Processing. The 14" Celestron S.C.T. with the Computer controlled drive system was used to show just one object - Jupiter at 350x. The computerised data analysis methods used were worth seeing and using for serious work in Astronomy.

A regional meeting of amateur astronomers Association was held and an all India Co-ordination Committee was set up. The next regional meet will be at Nagpur in 1992.

Y. LALWANI

M. BAHRAINWALA

XC/A

DISARMAMENT

Disarmament refers to the reduction of war material and personnel according to international agreement. Every nation is spending a lot of money in maintaining an army, in furnishing the army with up-to-date weapons, and in producing highly destructive armaments such as the atom bomb, chemical weapons and nuclear weapons. No nation, however, seems safe, for other nations are also progressing in this destructive race for armaments.

Today the world is divided into two sharp camps or power blocks. One is the U.S.S.R. and other communist countries and their allies. The U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A. have reached special heights of efficiency in the design and manufacture of powerful weapons. And, though the two nations were allied in the Second World War, they are now mutually suspicious of each other.

The UNITED NATIONS, which was brought into existence on the ashes of the League of Nations, is seriously concerned with this problem. If, by the slightest chance, any nation provokes another to war, there is no knowing what may happen in the next few hours. Atom bombs and other nuclear weapons and planes may fly in all directions wreaking havoc on the whole world affecting not only belligerent nations but also non-belligerent nations. SO DISARMAMENT is talked of. Mutual suspicion clouds the vision of the powerful nations; though they are aware of the annihilating effects of a war, they are nevertheless nowhere near reaching an agreed and practical solution.

In between these two power blocks, exist another group of nations - which may be called the neutral block. The leaders of those nations, alive to the annihilating effects of a global war, are blending their energies and efforts to bring the heads of the two blocks together, in a bid to be non-aligned, to discuss this problem. Today strained relations between the U.S.S.R.

and U.S.A. impede such a meeting. But all the world hopes that, in a short time, the forces of reason and goodwill will assert themselves and bring about a lasting solution to the problem of disarmament.

AMIT C. SANGHVI

IXA

AN ESCAPE FROM KUWAIT

It was 2nd April 1990, and we were still on our summer vacation. We were awakened in the early hours of the morning by the terrible sound of the jets. Not knowing as to what was happening I was rather excited to be up early and be the first one to wish my father, as the unfortunate day happened to be my father's birthday.

My parents looked rather worried as I noticed the sudden gloom in their faces. My father immediately switched on the Radio for B.B.C. news and received the news that Iraq had invaded Kuwait. From 7 a.m. our telephone kept ringing, our friends informing us of the invasion. We could hear the terrible sound of the bomb explosion. We could see helicopters passing by our balcony. We could see long queues at the super market as people started filling up with the necessary food stuff. Some people panicked since it was the beginning of the month and they wanted to rush to their native land. There was no way out as the airport runway had been bombed and they managed to go by road to Basra to Baghdad or to Amman. We waited for about one and a half months till everything at the Jordan border was calm, although we were scared of the looting, the burning and destruction of Kuwait. At last we decided to leave Kuwait and return to India, in a convoy of buses. We packed some of the things which we could carry with us along with a lot of water and eatables for our journey. Our journey started as we drove through hot sand and breeze to Basra and from there to Baghdad. It was terrible to sit in the bus for about 14 hours and the thought of reaching Jordan after about another 10 hours was terrible.

We reached Jordan after 2 days, but were still scared as we may have to stay there to get places on the plane. Luckily we spent only one day there, and boarded the plane in the morning for India. I do miss Kuwait as I was born and brought up there. I also miss all my computer games and other wonderful toys. But my mum says, 'Be happy we are all safe'.

RICHARD ROCHA

VID

THIS IS A DAY I SHALL NEVER FORGET

This is a day I shall never forget. It has been the worst day of my life and it will haunt me for the rest of my days.

It all began at 7.30 a.m. This was the time I woke up, because the alarm, which I had set half an hour earlier, had not rung. I must have got ready in record time. I might never have made it if it hadn't been for the incident of the school bag. I had arranged my books in my

bag and was about to leave for school, when I discovered that the bag had a huge tear in it. I quickly transferred my books to my spare school bag.

Needless to say, I missed my bus and finally arrived at school twenty minutes late. Then to my horror, I realized that before coming to school, I had not polished my shoes. For being late and not polishing my shoes, I was 'awarded' four hours detention on the following Saturday.

We had an English test in the first period. I ground my teeth in disgust as I realized that I had left my "ICSE English Language Test Papers" at home. Luckily my friend lent me his book after he had finished. Unfortunately I am not expecting to pass the test.

Things went relatively (and deceptively) well until the fifth period, which was library. At the school library, the librarian announced that as I had not brought my library book for the third week in succession, I would have to pay a fine of Rs. 5.

I managed to get back home without further ado. I quickly changed my clothes, as my friend and I were going to see the movie 'Puffin'et Touran', which was the most popular movie in the U.S.A. about a year ago. Then the phone rang. It was my friend saying that he couldn't get tickets. I was really quite disappointed as I had wanted to see that movie for a long time.

But there was more (and worse) to come. When it came, it was the straw that broke the camel's back.

In the middle of the night, I was awakened by the smell of something burning. My people were also shouting. The house was on fire.

I managed to make my way out of the house safely. A neighbour approached me and asked if I was all right and if there was anything I needed. He must have been surprised that the answer was a pen and some paper, but he complied with my request.

So here I am, outside my house, watching it burn down in front of me, and writing an account of this horrible day. I wonder if there is a Guinness Record to be obtained for The Worst Day of your Life? If so, then after reading my account, the readers will agree that I should be the unanimous winner of the Record.

REESHAD DALAL

Two Short Articles From The Mitre Of 1963 **SUNDAY MORNING AT "BISHOP'S"**

Sunday morning besides being a day of rest, has through the efforts of the Principal, developed into a day of worship for all the major religious communities of the School. At 7.15 a.m. it is a heart warming sight to see Anglican, Catholic, Hindu, Muslim, Parsi and Sikh boys of the School, in full school uniform, lined up under Prefects and led off to their

respective places of worship. For Christian boys Sunday Worship is obligatory, but for boys of other religious persuasions it is optional. It is, therefore, particularly cheering to see the large turn-out of non-Christian boys Sunday after Sunday to worship God according to their light. The panacea offered for to-day's ills is "Back to God." Bishop's is proud of the contribution it is making towards this great ideal.

FRIDAY NIGHT AND MR. JAGOS

Every week our boarders, especially the little ones from the Junior School, look forward to Friday night with the same eagerness that Columbus' sailors looked for land. It is the day when Mr. Jagos treats them to their weekly picture show. There is always the expectation and wonderment at what's going to be on. Mr. Jagos rarely disappoints. He is a superb showman, he knows exactly what to give the troops (here little boys) and week after week he digs up something that can hold our youngsters entranced for nearly two hours. The few stoneagers, that muck in, seem to be equally thrilled. But there is one who heartily despises the Friday night show. He is the "Duty Master" who has been on his feet right from 7 a.m. He cannot now look forward to bed earlier than 11 p.m. He mistakenly feels that Mr. Jagos is wholly responsible for this 'last straw' and heartily wishes Mr. Jagos a permanent abode in a bed of thorns. But he is unfortunately in a minority of one. If the choice of the next Prime Minister of India is left to the vote of the Boys of Bishop's there would be no hesitation about "After Nehru, who?" It will certainly be Mr. Jagos.

P.S. : Readers will be glad to know that although these are extracts from a Magazine 27 years old, the facts hold true till this date. On Sunday most of the boarders continue to go to the various places of worship and every Friday, rain, hail or storm the Friday movie is shown - thanks to Mr. Jagos who comes personally to check that things are going fine. Thank you sir.

PAPAYAS! NEVER AGAIN

Today I would like to share with you all one of the most interesting episodes of my life.

A few years ago, I used to stay in a Colony which was on the outskirts of the city. I had a neighbour Mr. Dubey, small in build with round belly, short and equally short - tempered!

He had a very beautiful garden with various flowers, many kinds of roses and around the garden was a big fence with only one gate to enter. But the centre of attraction in his garden was the papaya tree growing just near the edge of the fence. Mr. Dubey loved this garden more than his life.

Mr. Dubey lived alone in his house with not many visitors. He had a very good impression of me. He thought I was a studious and hard-working boy and so sometimes he used to give me one or two papayas as a token of appreciation.

hated this work, and I'm afraid I gave a lot of trouble, by going as slowly as I could. When my driver gave me a whip, I started shying at any object on the road. And then I found that jibbing was a very good trick, and whenever I was whipped, I simply backed. My owner got disgusted at last, and sold me to a gentleman who was fond of hunting.

I was delighted to get back to saddle-work, and thoroughly enjoyed my gallops with the hounds after the jackal in open country. But an accident put a stop to that jolly life, for one day my master pressed to a big jump which I would not do. I did my best but fell short, and fell. My master was thrown and broke his arm, and I badly sprained one of my legs.

I was in hospital for weeks, and then was sold to a gentleman who wanted a quiet riding horse. He was a kind master, and used me well, and I was at his service for a good number of years. Now I am old, he gives me very little work to do. I spend most of my time grazing in the pasture, and leading a quiet, contented life.

B. HARSHA - VIIA

SPORTSMANSHIP

Sportsmanship means not only taking part in sports and playing the game in conformity with the rules prescribed, but also playing the game in accordance with the spirit instilled on the playground. A true sportsman observes all those rules in life which he has been taught to observe in sports. One who has achieved skill or proiciency in games but has not learnt to apply the rules of sports does not deserve to be called a sportsman.

Sportsmanship includes, first, fair play. In games if any plays foul the side to which he belongs is penalised. Similarly in the bigger game of life one must always be fair in one's dealings with others. Fairness, honesty, integrity, openness of heart and frankness are the qualities that a sportsman should display in life line. One should not practise deception, should not bluff diplomacy or humility.

Next, sportsmanship includes obedience to the leader. In the games the players have to obey their Captain and yield to him on points on which they are in disagreement with him. They must supported him with full confidence their captain. Respect for discipline is an essential part of sportsmanship.

Team spirit also takes part in sportsmanship. In games the various players must cooperate with one another if they wish to win a match. Without mutual cooperation success is impossible. Sportsmanship consists in working in full harmony with others. In cooperation indeed lies strength whenever a common aim linds a number of people working together, they must display their sportsmanship by working with harmony and without jealousy. Finally, the spirit of sportsmanship demands cheerfulness even in the face of defeat. When two players play a tennis match the loser does not cling to anything and unwillingly does not give up; instead the loser congratulates his opponent on his success and shakes hands with him.

Fair play, respect for discipline, recognition of the need of team work and cheerfulness even in the state of defaat are thus the spirits of a sportsman. It is evident that sportsmanship is something to admire. It is conducive to human happiness and welfare.

SANDEEP SUBRAMANIAM-VIIIB

CONSERVATION WITH PLEASURE

Wild life is Africa's heritage and made the African countries not only conserve their wild life but also cherish it. In addition, African countries also claim valuable income from the extensive tourism in terms of foreign exchange and publicity.

Recently we visited Ramuzinda Safari Park, 85 km West of Hazare. There we saw many rare and endangered species of animals such as the rhino.

Ramuzinda, which is a new addition to the many safari parks in Zimbabwe, was officially opened on 27th July, 1987 by the Minister of Natural Resources and Tourism, Ide Victoria Chitepo. The purpose of the establishment of the park was mainly to re-introduce and conserve some enlarged species of animals. The area of the park is about 26,000 acres but is being extended by another 22,000 acres.

Ramuzinda is said to be one of Africa's most exclusive Safari lodges, most of which are beautifully furnished and are located on the edge of a water pan. On this pan, wild animals come to drink water in the night and on full moon nights, it is a sight to be seen. The River Saruiui passes through the park. At Ramuzinda lovely safaries are conducted for the visitors by the game guides who are well-versed in wild life and ecology, so they can observe and appreciate Africa's wild life heritage. Besides Safaries in the land reserves, walks are also arranged; we went on one of these walks at 6.30 in the morning when most of the wild life was out of the bush at Ramuzinda.

At present, there are 4 Rhinos, 206 elephants, 150 Impalas, 90 Zebras, about 8 Kudus, 5 Leopards, 93 wild beasts, 15 Elands, 19 Ostriches and a variety of birds numbering over 130 species. It is almost impossible to mention all the animals in such little space. The main attraction, however, is the black rhino.

What struck us most in the trip was the fact that wild life conservation and pleasure can go hand in hand.

NISHCHAY GOEL

VIII B

THE BURGLAR POSTMAN

It was a dark and sinister night, the postman had knocked at our door at 8 p.m. I could see the whiteness of his teeth tearing the night's darkness as he delivered the ominous telegram to my father. I was relieved to see him go back into the night leaving his footprints on the matting of our staircase. The furtive movement of his eyes intrigued me.

The telegram shattered my father whose younger brother, a major in the army, was seriously wounded in the battle at Siachen and was now fighting for life in the Military Hospital in Delhi. My parents decided to catch the last train to Delhi, leaving in barely forty minutes. I could not accompany them because I had to appear for my last paper of my final

exams. Seeing the agony of my parents I told them not to worry and that I would take care of myself through the night. Daddy and Mummy left at 8.30.

I was now alone and the darkness enveloping the house seemed to unnerve me. I bolted all the doors and windows and retreated into my bed room. I had always been afraid of robbers and thieves and now I was alone hence I decided to protect myself.

I took a cassette and recorded, 'Chor Chor' in my voice and fixed the speakers in the drawing room to the stereo which I always kept beside my bed and the cassette ready to play on pressing the button. I tried to read my chemistry book but my mind did not concentrate. I fixed the alarm for getting up at 4 a.m. and dozed after switching off the lights.

Sometime during the night the slow and muffled noises made me sit up in bed. Shortly, I heard the sound of the window of the drawing room opening and noises in the drawing room. Through the crack in the door of my bed room, I saw a torch going over the cupboards. I was paralyzed with fear but then quickly took a look at the wall clock and saw myself doing things. It was 3 a.m. and I moved the alarm to 3 a.m. and suddenly the house was filled with a shrill alarm. Simultaneously I switched on the stereo and the concealed speakers in the drawing room, the night was filled with 'Chor Chor'. Instantly there was a stampede in the drawing room and I saw the thieves moving out of the window and a voice crying "Ah, my ankle is twisted", In a short while the neighbours came and that steadied my nerves. Then something caught my eyes. There were the footprints of the kind on the carpet which had been left by the postman when he had come to deliver the telegram.

Accompanied now by the police who had been summoned by the neighbours, I went to the telegraph office. The constable called out the postman. The glint in his eyes confirmed my suspicions.

How ironical; those whom we never suspect sometimes turn out to be different from what they appear to be.

"Still waters run deep".

ANURAG CHOWDHURY

VIII B

SCIENCE AND WARFARE

In the remote past when battles were fought with swords, axes, spears and sticks, science had little or nothing to do with war. The scientist pursued his experiments in a secluded laboratory and was more interested in the preparation of strange mixtures than in anything else. Fighting was supposed to be the particular business of the soldier and had nothing to do with scientists. It was not until the Chinese invented gunpowder that guns and revolvers replaced swords and spears. The gun powder was invented for use in fire-crackers originally, but the evil nature of man began to misuse it for destructive purposes.

Modern wars are in every sense of the word Scientific or Chemical wars. These wars are fought with inventions, some of which when used could wipe out the entire population of the target. Some of these inventions are the types of bombs, missiles and poisonous gases. They have been proved to be a harm to human life. Ancient weapons have been almost wiped out. But the countries who still possess ancient artillery, are at the mercy of the superpowers which are more scientifically advanced.

This is true that science has changed the entire nature of warfare. The wars have become more destructive and deadly. But it does include some disadvantages also. In olden days only the professions were affected. But nowadays, with the air raids and sudden missile attacks the entire population including the innocents are affected. Another effect is on economic nature of the countries. It takes very little time to start a war, but to recover after war takes years. The war takes place at all places and at all times. But science has also brought up new developments. It has eliminated manpower. Countries having a small population can pose a big threat to countries with larger manpower but less machinery. This is due to the larger amount of artillery the smaller country has.

Many people blame science for the upliftment of modern wars. But in a real sense, this is wrong. Science has just contributed to warfare by developing new and modernised weapons. The real cause of war lies in the political, economical and in some cases the psychological involvement of science in warfare.

MADHAV MALHOTRA

VIII B

THE SECOND ALL INDIA FESTIVAL COMPETITION

September 17th was a thrilling day for young Piano artists, the reason being that the IInd All India Piano Festival Competition was going to take place. If we wished to participate we had to pay Rs. 50/- per piece, the number of pieces being irrespective. This was organised entirely by the Poona Music Society and I thought it was very decent and kind of them to write us an informal letter informing us about the place, timing etc. The judges really deserved a good hand from everyone as they came from Canada and USA bearing all their own expenses.

The seniors were adjudicated by Ms Alice Enns, the intermediate by Ms Lorraine Ambrose and the Juniors by Ms Bonita Sheun. The adjudication ended on the afternoon of October 15, 1990. A piano recital was given by the Senior Adjudicator. After this came the announcement of the prize winners. The most exciting of all and to my amazement I was one of the prize winners. Photographs were taken and published in the paper and the next few days I was the pride of the school. On 16th we were awarded our cash prizes and certificates after which we were asked to play on the Society's piano. The Society also invited us to a grand dinner at the Turf Club and till now I say 'um.... what a day.'

S. KHIRID

VIII B

"An idle mind is a devil's workshop", they say. I was not contented with a single papaya and so one day I and two of my friends decided to have a small adventure.

Late in the evening at seven o'clock, we stealthily entered Mr. Dubey's garden by the gate. I had got a sickle with me while Rohit had got a bag. I climbed the papaya tree and started throwing the papayas; Nilesh watched keenly.

Being extremely excited, we didn't realise that we were making a commotion. Suddenly, the light in front of the tree lit up, and we saw Mr. Dubey charging at us with a stick.

There was no place to run except towards Mr. Dubey because the tree was at one end of the garden. Mr. Dubey caught my friends by their ears and started beating them. At that movement the papaya being a weak tree gave in and it snapped and I landed straight on Mr. Dubey's head knocking the daylights out of him.

Leaving Mr. Dubey we ran blindly towards the gate., and the next moment, I banged into something solid.

As I got up, I saw a large number of currency notes fallen on the ground. Looking at the person, I realised he was none-other than the notorious criminal "Bagga".

With all our might, we hit him with the papayas that we had, thus knocking him unconscious and then fled from the scene.

Later as I took a look at Mr. Dubey's house I saw a large number of police men had gathered and from Mr. Dubey's actions I could make out he was telling them how he caught Bagga which was a big "LIE". I was happy that a criminal was caught but sad that the credit was going to the "WRONG PERSON."

JATIN DESHPANDE IXC

STARS AND MANKIND

How many of you know that a star is very much like a human being. It too takes birth and eventually, after living out its life, dies.

It is believed that stars are born out of fragments of a large cloud (which essentially contained matter i.e., hydrogen and other gases).

A star during its life time functions as a huge nuclear reactor actively involved in the fusion process i.e., converting Hydrogen into Helium to derive its energy.

As a matter of fact our sun itself is a middle - aged star. We receive hydrogen and helium energy in the form of light and heat from the sun.

But how long will this last? Is it infinite? It certainly is not. According to scientists and astrologers the sun will last for a few billion years more and once it completes its life, it will expand and finally explode with a huge "bang" and absorb all the planets, back into its fold.

But hopefully by then man will have found another home in another system like the Solar System.

JATIN DESHPANDE
IXC

ADVENTURES OF A BISHOPITE SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS

As usual I had gone to school that day! The fifth period was Hindi. Our teacher Mr. Fernandes persuaded us to buy Raffle tickets in aid of St. Mary's Church. Much against my wish, I had to sell three sheets.

The three sheets had 60 tickets in all and each ticket was for only a rupee. We were given a maximum of fifteen days in which we had to sell it. I thought this was quite a simple task and so I waited till the last day since the people in my colony are quite well-off. On the day before we had to submit the Raffle Sheets, I decided to sell them. As they say - "Charity begins at home" I persuaded my father to buy four tickets. Then I went out at 4.45 in the evening to accomplish the task.

As I went to the first house, I was welcomed by a ferocious barking dog and I decided it best to leave. But as I turned back, the owner of the house came to the door and after explaining everything to him, I managed to make him buy two tickets. At the next house the people told me that they were not interested in these raffle tickets as they did not believe in their luck. Just as I was about to say something they slammed the door in my face.

At the third house I saw a complete contrast to the previous one. The people welcomed me with a smile and asked me whether I would like some tea which I very politely declined. Then after telling them about the tickets they bought five tickets to my surprise.

In this way, after visiting around 25 to 30 house and climbing around 15 to 20 stairs, I managed to sell all the tickets and puffing and panting I reached my house.

When I saw the clock I was shocked. It was 9.30 p.m. which meant I had spent almost five hours on a task which I felt would be very "SIMPLE".

Later, while packing my bag I realised that I had not done my Mathematics homework and that I had a History Test the next day.

I could not complete my homework and so I was scolded by my teacher. In my History Text, I put up a poor show.

After all the trouble that I had to undergo to sell 3 sheets worth Rs.60/- I have realized that the best way to sell raffle tickets (from the students point of view) is to include them in the "SCHOOL FEES".

JATIN DESHPANDE
IXC

LITTLE MISS MUFFET

Little Miss Muffet
Turns blue on her Tuffet
because it has dropped below freezing;
Little Jack Horner,
Curls up in his corner;
for weeks he's been coughing and sneezing;
Old Mother Hubbard
Has ripped up her cupboard
And Burned it, which isn't surprising;
There's simply no way
That these poor folks can pay
As their fuel costs are steadily rising.

HICKORY DICKORY DOCK

Hickory; dickory; dock
There isn't a car on the block;
The pumps are closed down
Ev'ry where in town
Till next Monday-seven o'clock
Hickory, dickory, day,
The sky isn't smoggy or gray;
The air's fresh and clean.
We can breathe without fear;
Could it be life is better this way?

JACK BE NIMBLE!

Jack be nimble, Jack be quick,
Jack jump into the oil slick;
Jack fill bucket, Jack not stop;
Jack now icky and smeared with glop;
Jack not caring, jack not pay,
Jack now heating his house this way

PETER, PETER, PUMPKIN EATER

Peter, Peter, Pumpkin eater,
Bought a new electric heater,
Plugged it in his pumpkin shell,
Hoped that it could warm him well.

Peter used it just one night
Blew out fuses left and right
said, "Some changes are required";
Paid to have his shell re-wired.
Peter's heater worked, but then
Late that night conked out again;
In the dark, there was no doubt
that the city had blacked out.

Peter's shell is now for sale;
He's moved to fort Kanderdale.
Shacked up, if the tale is true,
with the woman in the shoe.

Collected by :

ANDREI MISHRA - XB

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A HORSE

Now that I am getting old and stiff in the joints, I like to meditate, while grazing in the pasture, on my foal days. I think that was the happiest part of my life. I had no work to do, and could run about after my mother, who was a fine Arab mare, without any restraint. Most of my time was spent in the fields, where I nibbled the grass and scampered about, while my mother was steadily grazing.

But that could not last for ever. When I was old enough, the trainer came and, to my great surprise fastened a long rope to my head, and then began driving me round and round in circles with his long whip. I was frightened and angry, but he went on till I was so tired that I could scarcely stand. However, my mother told me that it was no use my resisting, and to make a long story short, I was at last thoroughly trained as a riding-horse.

I was bought by a young officer as a polo pony, and I soon got to love the game. He was a kind master, and a good rider; and in the end I would do anything for him, and was quite proud when his side won the game. But he got into debt, and had to sell me; and I was bought by a gentleman and a lady who kept a buggy, and was trained to run into a shaft. I

Then the doctor asked for his reward. The lady refused to give it to him. So he took this up to the court. The judge asked the woman why she was not paying the doctor. The lady said that she was not fully cured. "I can see everything but one thing" she said. The judge asked her what that was. The woman said, "My furniture." The judge understood what she meant to say and gave the verdict in her favour.

The poor doctor was left with nothing.

B. VARSHA

VIIA

UNDERWATER RADIO

Good news for music-loving swimmers - a water proof radio called "The Band!" It is attached to an adjustable head band which fits on the swimming cap. Sealed in moulded plastic, it has two adjustable speakers of foam-sponge which create a column of air between the ears and the speakers, so that no water gets in. You can listen to it clearly up to a depth of 10 ft. but deeper, the radio waves get muffled. It does not work in salt water, so don't take it when swimming in the sea.

RAJESH THADANI & CHIRAAG SHAH

VIID

THE WAKE CALL

Mr. and Mrs. Gosh (our neighbours) had stopped talking to each other after a quarrel.

If Mr. Gosh wanted to say something to his wife, he would write a note and put it on the table and draw his wife's attention to it.

Mr. Gosh had just got a new job and he was going to join it from the next day. He had to reach there by 6 a.m. So he had to get up at 4 a.m. to get ready in time. He wrote it and put it on the table.

The next day when Mr. Gosh got up it was half past 6. Then he noticed a note near his pillow. On it was written, "It is 4 a.m. time for you to get up."

NILESH LADDAD & MUFFADAL QUETTAWALLA

VIID

A GHOSTLY ADVENTURE

One day my friend and I had gone to visit one of our aunties in a village. We reached there late at night and had difficulties to find the house. We got down at the S.T. stop and asked some people which was the road to the village. They told us we would have to cross a forest and then we would have to cross a forest and then we would reach the village. We started walking across the forest. After some time we were very tired and sleepy. We could not walk anymore and decided to spend the night in the forest. So we went to sleep. After

some time I got up and saw my friend was missing. It was very dark and I could not see anything clearly. Suddenly I saw an arm of a man. I went close and saw it was my friend's arm. Then I went a little forward and I saw the other arm of my friend and then slowly, slowly I saw all the parts of his body scattered into pieces. I was very scared and shocked to see it. By this time I had gone very deep into the forest and lost my way too. Then suddenly I saw a small hut in which there was a light burning. I saw that there was no one in the house and the door open. I went in and saw that there was all dust and dirt all over the room which was full of cobwebs and the floor was red, guess what? There was a small bed in one corner. I decided to sleep over there but when I went to sit on it, it turned into bones and fell on the ground. I was very frightened. Then I ran towards the door but it got locked by itself and I fell down on the ground, then I saw a shadow fall on me. I turned to look at the back but I saw no one. As soon as I turned a hand came and started coking me. I screamed and fell on the ground. I woke up and saw I was dreaming and I still was in my house.

Q. MUFFADAL & NILESH LADDAD

VIII

THE FLASHBACK OF AN ACTIVE AMATEUR ASTRONOMER

"M31, M42, M45, Hey, what's that?" inquired the junior students. "They are some of the objects seen in the sky." replied Mr. Highland, as he was introducing the new batch to Astronomy. As an older member of the club, I knew exactly what he was talking about, so in a flash, I was transported to my previous year in the Club.

I remember those days vividly, I was in the 9th standard when Mr. Highland just showed me those objects.

M31 Andromeda galaxy! Boy it was like looking at a glowing egg. We could not believe it but we were seeing 2.2 million years behind in time! The light we were watching had left Andromeda Galaxy 2.2 million years ago - consider that man evolved on this planet only one million years ago-the light, we were now watching started from Andromeda long before man even existed on earth. It was amazing to be made aware of this and I remember the day we sat gazing at M-31 my respect for the sky and creation was enhanced 2.2 million times.

M42 Orion Nebula : It was like looking at a beautiful cloud in which we were told that hundreds of stars were taking birth - fantastic - especially when we learnt how stars were 'born' and 'grew up'!

M45 The Pleiades we saw through Ahmed's - 8X binoculars. It had seven bright stars which looked like seven sparkling diamonds of the most beautiful necklace I'd ever seen. I wished that I could pluck it out of the sky.

M6 & M7 Globular clusters in Scorpio. When we saw those objects through Ahmed's powerful binoculars, I could not believe that so many stars existed so close to each other. I was stunned by the sheer magnificence of the sight.

M8 The lagoon Nebula. We stumbled upon this when we were in search of the comet Levy through Baharainwalla's telescope (10X), it looked lovely.

M27 The Dumbelle Nebula : Seen through Ahmed's binoculars when we were studying the summer triangle (Vega, Deneb, Altair) and the area of the Milky way (our spiral galaxy) that passes through here. It was very difficult to locate and Mr. Highland had a tough time trying to get us to the right spot as binoculars are not the easiest things to use for locating anything in the sky.

The majority of our observations were done on top of the Junior School building. During our Astronomy Sessions in the year 1990, three comets paid us a visit. A. Ausekar, M. Bahrainwalla and I saw comet Levy. The comets came as follows :

1. Comet Austin - Constellation Perseus
2. Comet Levy - Constellation Scorpio.
3. Comet Encke

A lot of searching and hard work was done but the other two comets were elusive to all the members of our club. However heaps of fun was obtained searching.

There was a lot of planetary observations done.

1. Jupiter in Cancer was amazing. I still recall the first time I saw the moon of Jupiter through my 40x telescope (Oh yes, I forget to tell you) I was so interested in Astronomy that I saved every penny until I could buy my own telescope!
2. Mars in the constellation Taurus. On November 27th Mars was closest to the earth for this part of the century. It was best to observe it at this time. You bet we were assembled and watching it.

The Geminids meteor shower was also seen.

Constellation : Gemini : Date - 15th December, 1990 - 60 mins of observations : 6 (roughly every 5 minutes).

Seen by : my little brother (Vijay) who has become an adept little astronomer too and he cannot wait to grow old enough to be a club member and myself. One meteor lasted so long that Mr. Highland saw the meteor first and tapped me and I tapped Vijay and we all saw it. None of us will ever find it easy to forget this day.

Now you know why I'm Astronomy crazy; You'd like to be in my shoes? you'll never know what Astronomy is all about until you try - TRY!

YOGESH LALWANI

XC

(ASTRONOMY CLUB)

THE DREAM CHASE OR DREAMS MIGHT COME TRUE

The jail alarm sounded. Unbelievable! Prisoners had escaped. I rushed to the jail superintendent's office for further instructions.

As I saluted he told me, "Mr. Patterson, you must apprehend the escaped convicts and bring them to book. At your disposal are the area's finest policemen, the best armed, safest, fastest bullet proof jeep and a free hand in operations. These four are the most talked about criminals in India. They must not escape. Their names are never used by them. Instead the foursome use nick-names. Their leader is called Dilby Oily. The others are Malike Milding, Magha Vernon and Deeger Goga. Best of Luck."

With a lump in my throat, I saluted and went out. The jeep with my men was waiting. I had heard it come. As I got in, the jeep started and sped off. About a mile up front, we saw some people getting into a Jaguar. One of the men immediately recognised Deeger Goga among them. They had a bad start. We had seen them. I immediately contacted Headquarters. "Convicts spotted on Toucan Road. Travelling in a Jaguar number KA-13 B9317. Am following. Over."

The chase continued. It seemed that our speeds were equally matched and the distance between us neither increased nor decreased. After a while, it became apparent that the car ahead was heading for the ghats of the Nilgiri Hills. It didn't seem to work out. I had assumed that the car would head for the forests and try to lose us there. Anyway, it made things easy for us. There would occasionally be a short burst of gunfire from the jaguar. We would return fire but none of us were affected in any way by it. It seemed that the car in front was also bullet proof.

Dilby and his cronies often tried to shake us off. They had nearly been successful once but not completely. We had managed to get back on their trail. Otherwise, their attempts to shake us off were futile.

The cat and mouse game continued. We were not successful in getting any nearer to catching the escapers. I quickly ordered reinforcements in the form of a helicopter force for us. The headquarters said they were sending one helicopter with twelve men in it. I then established radio contact with the Jagaur. Luckily it had a radio.

"Give up, Dilby," I said, "your situation is hopeless. As it is, you can't escape us. We have already got a helicopter on the way to get you." I don't know who replied, but the reply was immediate. "Heh! Catch us if you can."

We were fast approaching the lake on the outskirts of the town near the hills. Just as we reached the road near the lake, the Jaguar turned and hit the railings on the side of the road, but still managed to come back on the road. We were not lucky. We went on straight, broke the railing and fell into the lake. Suddenly I woke up. My room-mate in the Police Officers' mess was staring at me. "I've been waking you up for five minutes now. Get up and get ready. The boss wants you in his office on the double pronto. You seem to have got yourself at some work now." I got up, dressed and went to the Superintendent's Office.

THE POSSIBILITIES OF EXTRATERRESTRIAL LIFE

It would be exciting to see some aliens suddenly coming to Earth! to find some strange radio signals being intercepted from outer space. It is strange that from the millions and millions of stars and planets in our universe and beyond, only Earth seems to possess the consciousness of the universe. Let us survey the possibilities of life in our solar system.

Mercury is planet closest to the sun. It cannot have life, you would start burning instantly the moment you came close enough to its sun side. Mercury possibly could have some creatures deep in the ground, but as far as we know, there is nothing, there is no atmosphere (2) Venus - Venus is a strange planet. It could contain 94% carbon dioxide. This is exactly what will happen to our planet Earth in the advanced stage of the Greenhouse Effect! perhaps there were some advanced civilisation which, during course of time, evolved so much carbon dioxide, that they were eventually wiped out! In any case, Venus is so hot that it can melt some metals.

Earth- we know that there is life on Earth. This is to tell you about a fantastic theory called the Gaia Hypothesis. It says that the whole Earth is alive! Its breathing in the form of our trees respiration, its evolution-our own. But scientists say that all living things must reproduce. The Earth is doing so, by sending men like spores into outer space, so that we can build new civilisations!

Mars - There is very little reason why there should be no life on Mars. Its soil and atmosphere has oxygen in it, and it has water being exchanged between the earth and the atmosphere. Perhaps the Martians, if they were any, were wiped out during a terrible bombardment of meteorites, which have probably caused the canals on Mars. Jupiter - It is too cold, and its gravity is so much that you wouldn't even be able to lift your head. Saturn Nothing can live on Saturn for the above reasons, but who knows whether the rocks comprising the famous rings are organic or not. Uranus, Neptune and Pluto cannot have life due to intense cold. Perhaps out in space with its countless suns and stars, we will be able to solve the unending quest of mankind.

S. SARAN

VIII B

THE ATTACK ON THE GUNS

The Horses neigh in the wild charge
As the guns their volleys discharge
The riders pause, their ranks broken
Then, as if a command is spoken,
Regroup and forward troop
In the face of those big guns.

Again and again those big guns shuddered,
And each time more bodies were discovered
Yet the attack pressed on like waves in the sea
How brave-O, how brave must those horsemen be!
The gunners watched helplessly as the attack drew near
As in their hearts grew the pinprick of fear
That the attack might even succeed!

On they pressed, those soldiers bold
If they retreated, their honour was sold
Amid the bang of gun and the clash of sword
Many went up to join the lord.
A few remaining saw in the sky, a lone parakeet
Which seemed to say, "Pray don't admit defeat",
And so they pressed on.

And when at last the guns were won,
Their honour was saved and the deed was done
That was the day when many men died
Many good men from both the side
They set us an example - those brave men,
Several of whom lie dead in that fateful glen.
May they Rest in Peace.

REESHAD DALAL

IXC

COMPUTER GAMES

Slam! Bang! Crash! These are the noises you commonly hear at video game parlours. The subject of all the attraction are the video games which all of us young people love to play.

But now these games are available for playing in the quietness of your own home on the home computer. All you have to do is sit comfortably, switch on the machine, 'load' the game, read the instructions and remember which keys to use. Now you are in a fantasy world of your own where YOU control everything and become a pilot, treasure hunter, star defender, golfer, athlete, driver or whatever the game is about. And as you enjoy your game and repeatedly try to improve your score, the computer keeps track of your score, 'remembers' the past high scores and keeps on giving advice to egg you on.

In a game called 'space commanders' there are alien attackers out, gunning for Earth. You, from your ship, have to destroy the fighters before they touch ground. Their 'Mothership' which sometimes comes above the fighters gets you extra points if you hit it. Sound effects accompany your war. If you survive three rounds of combat you have won the game.

Then there is a 'Flight Simulator'. You choose your aircraft from 2 aeroplanes and have to take-off, fly and land safely. On the screen, on meters you can see the engine power, control directions, altitude, speed, fuel, throttle and flaps which you have to control. For a take-off or landing you have to get everything in order or you CRASH. The screen turns pink, orange, green and purple and it is 'finito'.

Another game is 'Arm Chair Quarter Back'. In this you choose your team and opponent from a list of teams. Then there is a simulated play of an American football match; you have to try to win within the four quarters by making the right kind of attacks and defences against the computer and the most touchdowns.

'Starion' is a game of logic and skill. You are the 'numero uno' of a space academy and have been chosen to pilot the 'SS Stardate'. Your mission is to go through time and correct the destruction caused by the aliens. In each time zone you have to fight the aliens. On destroying an enemy ship you get a letter. Nine letters form an anagram which on solving gives the answer to a question in another time zone.

When you have worked through all the 243 zones you arrive at event zero where you get the supreme accolade of Creator.

IBM 'Test Drive' is a car driving game in which you have to drive your car, a Lamborghini Countach or Ferrari Testa Rossa or another of the three cars along a cliff road averaging a high speed, overtaking other vehicles and dodging police cars to petrol pumps. Faster driving means more points.

Asteroids, Tower of Evil, Shadow fire crackers, Ice Palace, Digger, Zaxxon Shamus, Decathlon, Flightmare, Moonbugs, PC-Golf, Snooper, Arcade Volleyball, Alley, Cat Carmen Sandiego and many other games are available in the market which give you hours of entertainment. All computer games only require practice and good eye cum hand co-ordination. And the objective of these games too is the same-amusement, thrill, excitement, and education using fantasy in this video age.

Enjoy yourself

SHASHANK LUTHRA

IXC

THE NATIONAL DEFENCE ACADEMY

I live in N.D.A. Khadakvasla. The N.D.A. is very beautiful. In the N.D.A. there is the Sudan Block and the Science Block. There are almost 1500 Cadets in the N.D.A. There are 15 Squadrons in the N.D.A. The 15 Squadrons are :

(1) Alfa (2) Bravo (3) Charlie (4) Delta (5) Echo (6) Foxtrot (7) Golf (8) Hunter (9) India (10) Juliet (11) Kilo (12) Lima (13) Mike (14) November and (15) Oscar.

There are 4 Battalions in the N.D.A. No. 1 Battalion consists of Alfa Sqn, Bravo Sqn, Charlie Sqn and Delta Sqn.

No.2 Battalion consists of Echo Sqn., Foxtrot Sqn. Golf Sqn. and Hunter Sqn.

No. 3 Battalion consists of India Sqn., Juliet Sqn., Kilo Sqn. and Lima Sqn.

No. 4 Battalion consists of Mike Sqn., November Sqn. and Oscar Sqn.

The head of the N.D.A. is the Commandant. There are many other Officers of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

I like the N.D.A. very much and I wish that I can stay there for ever.

S CHATURVEDI
VIID

MOVIES AND CRICKET

I am an ardent fan of cricket and movies and this is how I combine the two.

Ravi Shastri and Nayat Sidhu	:	Watan Ke Rakhwala
Sanjay Manjrekar	:	Aaj Ka Arjun
Dilip Vengsarkar	:	Veerudada
Mohd. Azaruddin	:	Jauani Zindabad
Manoj Prabhakar	:	Jadugaori
Kapil Dev	:	Mukadar Ka Badshah
Kiran More	:	Harjeet
Anil Kamble	:	Din Dhade
Narendra Hirwani	:	Jeevan Ek Sangharsh
Raju Venkatapathy	:	Chayal

SUMIT TEJWANNEY
VIIB

THE BLIND WOMAN AND THE DOCTOR

Once there lived a blind woman who wished to be normal again. She called a doctor and asked him whether he could cure her or not. He told her that he could cure her. So the woman told the doctor that if she would be all right again, then she would pay the doctor, but the doctor would get nothing if he failed. So the doctor agreed.

The doctor came daily to her house and began his treatment. But his eyes fell upon her furniture. At last he cured her.

As I saluted him, he told me, "Mr. Patterson, you must apprehend the escaped convicts and bring them to book. At your disposal are the area's finest policeman, the best armed, safest, fastest police jeep and a free hand in operation. These four are the most talked about criminals in India. They must not escape. Their names are never used by name. Instead the foursome use nicknames. Their leader is called Dilby Oily. The others are Malik Milding, Magha Vernon and Deeger Goga. Best of Luck."

The story sounded somewhat familiar to me!

VIKRANT PATWARDHAN

IX C

THE NIGHT VISITOR

Our summer vacations had just started that very day. Right since I came back from school that day, I was enjoying myself. Now, at night, I was sitting in front of our VCR watching the movie "Born on the Fourth of July." My parents were asleep. My brother in his usual style had gone to sleep while seeing the movie.

Just then, there was a harsh rap on the door. Thinking that it was the society watchman, I opened the door. A gun stuck me in my ribs and its holder, a masked man and his accomplice, pushed me inside and came in. They shut the door behind me. One of them tied me up, gagged me and dumped me in the bathroom. Now, I was oblivious as to what they were doing in the house. As far as my being tied and gagged was concerned, it was easy for me to escape. Using the Scouts' technique, I first got my hands in front of me and untied their knot with my teeth. Then, with my hands free, I untied my legs and undid the gagging on me. As our bathroom windows had removable slats, I removed them climbed out of the window and slid down the drainage pipe to the ground. The latter part of this whole operation was carried out very smoothly and silently as I had done it several times while playing here. Now the robbers were oblivious of my escape.

My main concern now was to free my family and get the robbers caught. I spotted their motor-cycle. (it being the only vehicle in the whole colony which I did not recognise.) Working quickly, I managed to cut a few wires and also puncture the fuel tank with a stone nearby. This made a lot of noise and I was surprised that the robbers had not noticed it. The petrol tank part was dangerous as the petrol spilling out, could easily have caught fire. By now, the motorbike was completely shattered with its fuel tank broken, its ignition wires, gear and clutch cables and some other wires also cut. Now, using a stone, I broke the lock of my bicycle and raced away on it to the nearby police-station. I had travelled only a little distance when I realised that maybe our neighbours could help us. Thus, I returned and went to every house furiously ringing the door-bells and telling people about the robbers in our house. Soon, nearly the whole colony was down there to catch the robbers. Meanwhile, one of our neighbours went to the police station to call the police. We raced up to our house, broke open the front door and threatened the robbers. But they were no easy meat. They used my parents and brother as hostages to hold us off. Now there were nearly twenty five of us

against those two and we were helpless. No action could be taken. We tried to talk the robbers into giving up, telling them how hopeless was the situation they were in. We might as well have spoken to the walls. The robbers just turned a deaf ear to them. For half an hour we tried to convince them to give up, but to no avail. The robbers were adamant and it was hopeless to make them see sense. Now the tension on both sides was getting unnerving.

Just then, the police arrived. We handed the situation over to them. I still don't know how they did it, but as they were talking, the police inched closer to the robbers. When only about three feet separated them, the robbers realised this tactic and told the police to stop, or.... But now, it was too late for them. From that distance the police were easily able to draw and fire their guns too fast for the robbers to notice. Now it was all over except for the post-mortem and other formalities. The robbers were dead. We had had a close shave that day. We nearly lost a fortune and my parents and brother came within hairs breadth of death. Luckily it ended well for us, with no casualties.

VIKRANT PATWARDHAN

IXC

WORLD WAR.....

It was 3.00 a.m. in the morning when the alarm began to ring. All the Chiefs and heads of Army, Navy and Air Force assembled together. There, on a view panel were the locations of the nuclear warheads all over the world. U.S.A.'s President, Mr. George Bush was troubled. The Pentagon was troubled.

The U.S. nuclear heads were in danger. The computer controlling these nuclear warheads had been locked by a citizen, a young boy of 13 who by mistake discovered the code to lock the computer systems. His name was Allen.

There was a lot of excitement in the Pentagon. The missiles were pointing towards U.S.S.R. and ASIA. Any time they might be fired. Tension was mounting up in the defence office of U.S.A. The code was 'MASON JR2U'. To open the computer, people would have to play Jack Flash, the fastest game on computers ever produced. Many people did not succeed in doing so but Allen was a champion in Jack Flash.

People were sent all over the country to find Allen and after two days he was brought to the computer system. He typed in the code word and began playing Jack Flash. It was 4.45 p.m. and at 4.50 p.m. the missiles would be fired. He lost the first, second and third game. It was 4.49 p.m. Just in time Allen succeeded. OOf! a breath-taking experience. The code of the computer was changed and everything was back to normal.

HRISHI TALWAR

IXA

DEATHLY LANDING

"Your plane flies well, doesn't it?" I asked my friend, Jack. Jack replied, "Yeah! It sure does! I've made many changes in the plane since I bought it. I've even installed two-way radio facilities in the..... He just slumped in his seat.

My friend and I had taken off from Sahar Airport from Bombay to cruise around. During the time we had been flying I had asked him what some instruments in the plane were for. I had opted to take an airplane flying course from another friend, Brad Gilbert. I had just learnt how to use the radio from him. Then, after some conversation Jack slumped in his seat.

I got up from my seat, and tried to revive him, but to no avail. I checked his pulse. It wasn't too strong. Then after trying a little more to revive him, I decided I had to take things in my hands. I wasn't going to betary my friend and parachute down, while he crashed, but I would try to bring the plane down safely.

I called the control tower. "Mayday! Mayday! This is single engine craft BE-8180! The pilot has lost consciousness. I can't fly. Over!" The control tower responded. They told me to keep calm, they had my plane on the radar, and would try to instruct me from the tower, on how to bring her down.

I was told to change direction and come back to Bombay. I was instructed from the tower, how to handle the rudder and the throttle. I turned back to Bombay. It took hours to reach Bombay (or so it seemed). There I was met by an army helicopter over runway 6, on which I would land, who would instruct me thereon, on how to bring her down. I turned to face the runway. I started downwards according to the chopper's instructions.

I discovered I was off course. I came back for a second approach. Then just as the pilot of the helicopter instructed, I reduced throttle and began to lose altitude. I just had to put the plane down but I received a jolt as the plane's wheels touched down. The plane swung off the runway, into a ditch and overturned. I lost consciousness.

The next thing I knew I was in the hospital. I decided aftter making sure my friend was alright, that I would now surely accomplish the pilots training course.

NAVIN THADANI

IXA

MY FAVOURITE GAME

My Favourite game is Cricket. I like it very much. It is my best game. There are eleven players in this Game. There are two teams, one team bats and the other team fields. The team that fields has a wicket-keeper. He wears two pads and two gloves. I see it on Television and play on Saturday and Sunday.

M. POONAWALLA

IVA

SOWING THE DRAGON'S TEETH

Cadmus , the Prince of Tyre, was once told that if he sees a cow with certain marks he should follow it, and he should find a city where the cow would lie down. Cadmus saw such a cow and followed it.

Entering a wilderness far from any locality, the cow lay down. Prince Cadmus knew that the new city was to be built with that spot as the centre. He marked the place and went away. The Prince was back at the spot with his followers. But before beginning the work in the city, they must be sure that place would have enough water for its inhabitants. The Prince asked his men to locate any source of water.

After wandering for a while, the Prince's followers heard the gurgling sound of a waterfall. Happily they began to drink from it but a ferocious demon emerged from behind the fall. Soon the Dragon took hold of the men. Despite their struggle to escape, it killed them. Their death-cry attracted Cadmus to the spot. Prince Cadmus prayed to Goddess Athene. With her blessings, he fought the dragon valiantly. The fight went on for some time but at last the dragon was killed.

The dragon's teeth lay scattered. The Prince collected them and buried them in a place. This he did at the advice of the goddess otherwise the teeth would have created great havoc. Suddenly, out of the sown teeth, a battalion of warriors sprang up. They looked angry. They would have killed whoever they saw. The Prince hid behind a rock. The Prince, from his hiding place, hurled a stone into the throng of the warriors. The warriors did not know who threw it. "You threw it!" one of them accused another. The second one denied.

Soon everyone started accusing someone else as the mischief monger who threw the stone. Their quarrel resulted in a fight. They fought on ferociously until they began to fall dead. Only five of them survived the fight. They accepted Prince Cadmus as their leader, and were ready to help him build the proposed city. The Prince was happy.

Thus was built the city of Thebes in Greece. The five warriors became the founders of the foremost noble families of Thebes. Centuries later, the city was destroyed by Alexander the Great. The site is known today as Thivai.

KARTIK VISWANATHAN IVA

TWO FRIENDS

Two friends were walking through the forest when a bear attacked them. One turned and fled. He climbed a tree and sat there, while the other remained on the road. There was nothing for him to do but fall to the ground and play dead.

The bear came up to him and sniffed. The man even stopped breathing. The bear sniffed his face, decided he was dead and lumbered off. When the bear was gone, the other man climbed down and said with a smile, "What did the bear whisper in your ear?"

"It said that someone who deserts his friend in time of danger is not a good person at all."

A.MUKHERJEE

IIIB

FOOTPRINTS

Amar was a very kind and honest boy. He always prayed to God and found that God always helped him.

One night he had a dream that he was walking along the seashore and talking to his best friend, dearest to God. He could clearly see two pairs of footprints. One were his and the other were His Master's. Suddenly there was lightning and a thunder storm. Amar seemed to have lost his dearest friend. He could see one pair of footprints on the sand. He asked God, "Why did you leave me alone? I was so scared." God replied, "I did not leave you, I was with you." Amar questioned, "How were there only a footprints on the sand?" God replied, "My dear child, those were not your footprints. They were mine. I was carrying you in my arms."

Amar then looked down and saw there were two footprints. Now God was walking beside him holding his hand and talking to him.

Amar woke up thanking God.

"GOD LOVES THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."

V. JETHMALANI

IIIB

THE TWO BOYS & THE POOR MAN

Once long long ago, there were two boys. The first boy's name was Raju and the other boy's name was Shamu. One day the boys were in the house alone because their parents were away. One day there was very heavy rain and the boys were sitting alone in the house. Some one was knocking at the door. There was a poor man who was freezing with cold. They took the man inside and told him to lie down but before that they gave him a hot cup of coffee. The man was very pleased with the two boys and blessed them.

M. POLISHWALLA

IIIB

THE CLEVER SHEEP

Once in a forest lived a Sheep. Her name was Bushy. One day while she was walking through the forest, she saw a matchbox. She took it and set off. A little away she saw a drum. She picked it up and walked on. After a while she saw a tortoise shell. She took it and set off. Then she came to a den. She went inside and said to herself, "I will rest here." She lay down and rested. While she was picking up her things to go to her house she heard a loud voice. "Show me your eyes." Bushy quickly lit two matchsticks and showed it to the tiger. The tiger got frightened and said, "Show me your back." Bushy held out the tortoise shell. Then Bushy said, "Now I am coming to eat you." The tiger got frightened and ran away because Bushy played the drum. After the tiger had run away Bushy came out and went to her house.

SUSHANT MANE

IIIB

MOTHER TERESA

"In the dark time she is a burning and shining light."

From a small town in Albania comes the short slender woman whom the whole world knows as Mother Teresa. The children have only to see her calm smiling face and they love her instinctively. She has organised many schools, clinics, leprosy centres and homes for the dying. She took as her dress a blue bordered white sari worn with a cross on the shoulder. She says that God helps those who help others. People of all castes and creeds love and respect her. She is often called "The saint of the gutter and the living saint of Calcutta."

ANIRUDHA SARKAR

IID

PLANTS-OUR FRIENDS

In our day to day life we come across many kinds of plants. Some are big and are called trees while others are small and are called bushes. Plants are useful to us. They give us shade and firewood. Many things are made from wood. Birds build their nests on the tree. Plants provide us with fresh fruits. Animals eat the leaves of the plants. Plants and trees keep the air fresh. Medicines are also made from them. Plants do not grow all around the world. In the desert plants are hard to find. Therefore we should not cut trees. They are our best friends and they make the world a beautiful place to live in.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Animals are an important part of men's life. They are a part of nature. They are very useful to man. They help him in many ways. Some animals like dogs and cats are kept as pets. Some animals are used in the circus. Still some people are cruel to animals. They hurt the animals and ill-treat them. Now a days, organisations like the SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) are being formed. Sad to say that even today some people do not understand the value of animals and are treating them cruelly.

ANIRUDHA SARKAR

IID

THE ELEPHANT

Some of the animals are small. But many of them are big, like the elephant. His long trunk waves back and forth. It reaches for something. It's a peanut. Whoosh! Suddenly the peanut isn't there more. It has been picked up, like dust by a any vacuum cleaner.

THE LION

GR-R-R! Hear the lion growl. R-R-RAWAR! Hear him roar. He is really a big cat, but he lives in the jungle, and he is much too dangerous to be petted. He is so fierce that he is called the King of Beasts.

JUNED JAMADAR
IID

MY DOG

I have a nice dog.
His name is Spoopy-spoons.
We keep him well
I take him for a walk with my father,
mother and my sister.

ABHINAV VASU
IB

MY SISTER

I have a sister.
She is nice and kind.
She is a good girl.
She loves me very much.
She gives me lots of sweets.

MUKESH MUKHI
IB

MY BIRTHDAY

My Birthday was on 23rd August.
I had a party.

My friends came and had cake.
We played games. We had lots of fun.
GAUTAM ASWANI
IB

MY DADDY

My Daddy is a very good man.
He helps me to read.
He plays with me.
He also tells me stories.
I like my Daddy very much.

ANANT NORI
IB

MY DADDY

My Daddy is a tall man.
He gives me toys and books.
He is a brave man. He teaches in Poona
College.

SHADAB F
IB

THE GAME I LIKE

I like football.

Yesterday, when I was playing football,
I made five goals in the match.

SHARON SIRUR
IB

MY SISTER

I have a sister.
Her name is Reaje.
She is naughty.
She likes to play with my
Toy-gun M-16.

S. SARKAR
IC

MY BROTHER

I have a brother.

He is nine years old.

I like him.

His name is Aftab.

He plays cricket with me.

I. ALI

IC

MY TOYS

I have a lot of toys.

A remote control car.

It is grey.

I have a music car also and Finger
Chops Robot.

R. SAWHNEY IC

MY PET

My pet is a dog.

His name is Micky.

He is black in colour.

His teeth are sharp.

He loves me and follows me
everywhere.

He knows many tricks.

MEHERIAR C K.G.A.

MY SCHOOL

Bishop's is my School.

I am very happy and proud of School.

My teacher is the best and my
Principal loves me very much.

AZIZ LALJEE

K.G.A.

THE ZOO

The zoo is fun.

I love to see lions, tigers and monkey
tricks.

The small train takes me round the zoo.

Let us all go for a picnic to the zoo.

KUNAL PAREKH

KGA

THE ART OF ACTING

"He is a fabulous actor. Look at his facial expressions. He seems so natural."

These are the comments we pass on good actors, be they be on the school stage or the Hollywood Screen. In fact, everyone is an actor in himself. There are some people who are more sensitive than others. And among those is a small bunch of people who can express themselves and their feelings in words or by controlling their body-movement, especially through their eyes and facial expressions. That small group comprises good actors.

You can easily distinguish between sensitive and insensitive people. There are some who get easily excited and their eyes shine when they get the highest marks in their class, whereas on the other hand you may find many who remain unmoved even after hearing of the sad demise of their close relative.

A good actor always involves himself in the character he portrays. He feels his part and moulds himself accordingly. He does a lot of thinking before going on the stage. He must

forget his original self, and once he gets fully acquainted with his role, expressions come automatically. If one is insensitive, the expressions are artificial and the acting is termed as 'over-acting' or 'poor acting'. It is here when natural talent, the natural power to act and express counts. That is why we often say, "Oh, he is a born actor. He is God-gifted in acting."

But it does not mean only 'God-gifted'. People can act. No one should be discouraged but should try to improve the power of expression. It is generally seen that verbal and facial expressions go side by side. If one can get the ups and downs of the tone of his speech and check on the frequency of the sound, then the eyes and the rest of the body co-ordinate by themselves.

For being a good actor, a good amount of thinking is essential. Whether it be the role of a King or a Sailor, or a Thief, or a Beggar, a good actor is able to make it look real through his involvement and talent.

ANSHUL GOEL

IXB

THE HAND THAT ROCKS THE CRADLE RULES THE WORLD

It is the mother whose hand rocks the cradle. She has a powerful influence on her children. They grow up under her care in the early years of their life. She trains them, as a gardener tends the bushes of a garden. She moulds their character and has a powerful impact on their views.

A mother's influence is not short lived but everlasting. Even if somebody wants to root out his mother's influence, he cannot do so. She not only develops their virtues and feelings but also moulds their views and opinions. These views and opinions become a part and parcel of their life.

Wherever a man holds any position, he rules over others. He may be the Manager of a firm or the Minister of a State or the President of a country. In whatever capacity he works he rules. But he rules, only in name; that means the real ruler is his mother because he is merely a reflection of his mother.

It is said that Nehru's father by his discipline moulded Nehru. But would it have occurred without the love of his mother? Discipline also has to be accompanied by love to have an effect. Today's child is tomorrow's citizen. It is this citizen who rules the world. If the mother is noble, their child will be noble. The future of the world depends upon those who rule over it, but they in their love are moulded by their mothers.

There are, however, some exceptions. Sometimes children of good mothers turn out bad and rule the world badly. For this, their mothers are not responsible. Sometimes children of bad mothers turn out good and rule the world well. The credit for this should go to them and not to their mothers.

D. DUGGAL

VIII C

THE CRASH

With nimble fingers, I jabbed repeatedly at the control panel, but in vain. My aircraft continued its descent downwards. A chill ran down my spine as I gazed at the tree-tops which approached at a crazy speed. I hurled myself towards the cockpit door, and then darkness descended over me.

The faint morning light and a group of anxious faces greeted me as I opened my eyes. I felt my throbbing head with nimble fingers. Surprisingly, I wasn't even bruised. My survival after the crash is something which puzzles me even today. For the first time I gazed at my surroundings. I was, as I realised, in some small village. A robust figure stepped out from the crowd surrounding me and spoke to me. I learnt that I was in a little village called 'Haripura' which lay about five miles from town. I gave my own brief introduction. I was left behind with an old man while the rest of the crowd got back to work. He explained to me that my plane had crashed on the outskirts of the village and I had been found a few feet away from the wreck. He talked a lot more and the day passed by.

As evening approached I was able to walk and I strolled around the village. I decided to leave for town early next morning and expressed my idea to the old man. The old man looked at me crazily and held me tightly. I don't know why, but I felt scared. There was something very queer about the way the old man had behaved. The next morning I set off early. The old man showed no sign of remembering his previous actions and instead waved me farewell. As I turned, I could swear that he was grinning, scornfully.

After a long tiring walk, I reached the highway where I expected to get a lift for the remaining part of the journey. I hailed a passing car and it stopped. Thanking the driver, I climbed into the car. I introduced myself and then gave him a brief account of my queer adventure. Brakes screeched and tyres squeaked when I mentioned 'Haripura.' The driver turned around, his face a mask of horror. "Did you know Haripura. It was wiped out due to plague thirty years ago?" he said.

ASHISH SINHA

VIII B

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE

It was 00:00 hrs at a U.S. Airbase on a remote island off the Saudi Arabian coast. The operation Desert storm had been a huge success : Kuwait was in the verge of being liberated. The U.N. in a dramatic step prevented the use of any Biological and Chemical weapons.

Then to add to the U.S. misery all its allies withdrew, leaving it to fight the 'War of Nerves' on its own. The origin of these weapons for Iraq was, amazingly, a sole ammunition plant in the heart of Baghdad heavily guarded from any type of attack. The only way to break their security shield was to fly a solo mission into the heart of terror. This mission was definitely a suicide mission and the volunteers were few.

The man perfect for this mission was only one and his name was Squadron Leader James Calvin Mc Greedy. The blue-eyed and blond-haired six-footer, with rippling muscles and nerves of steel, hailed from the State of Texas, he was a Top Gun graduate. His commander was aware of this fact and nominated him for this mission. From ever since his childhood, James had yearned to get the 'purple heart' the highest U.S. medal for bravery. So in pursuit of this he headed for Baghdad in his reliable 'F-19 Stealth Bomber'. He glanced back as the lights of the air-base faded into the deep black sky. He reminded himself that he was not afraid. As he entered the city he jammed the SAM radars but however knew that the BRS (Back-up Radar System) would soon detect his presence specially since it was tuned for Stealth Bomber detection. Then when he was about to enter the ammo factory out of the blue came a dozen Mig-29's. Missiles Whizzed near. James felt a droplet of perspiration trickle down his forehead. He opened the Bay doors and out dropped out thousands of pounds of ammunition. He pulled back the throttle as he began his ascent. He glanced at his speed gauge, he was travelling at 640 km/hr a phenomenal speed for such an aircraft. But then as if out of nowhere came a missile - the fatal missile which James had dreaded from the beginning. Thus James completed his mission and won his prized award the 'purple heart', but AT WHAT COST?

AMAN NARAIN -VIII B

RUN! RUN! RUN!

'Oh God! I wanna live! he thought as he ran. His lungs were craving for oxygen, his muscles were aching and his face was covered with perspiration. He stumbled on half running, half-walking by will power.

His name was Robert Dane; codename 'Crack'. An FBI agent who had been working under cover in Columbia, to uncover a notorious gang of drug-dealers who were members of the Carter ring of Columbia. He was an ex-marine and had fought in Vietnam. His mission was to find their Head-Quarters and destroy it.

But there had been a leak, probably his source and the Carter henchmen had chased him into the Amazonian rainforests.

He had been on the run for three days now. He was in the heart of the forest. As he ran he wondered how he had survived so long. 'Oof' he cried out as he hit a branch. But he had no time to squander. The men were close behind and above was their helicopter.

'Thump, thump, thump', his feet pounded on the jungle floor. He could hear the men behind him and the very fact that they were after him, sent a chill up his spine. For the first

time in his life, he was afraid of dying. His 200 pound 6 feet and 3 inches frame crashed through the undergrowth. He now wished he had taken that commando course. As he ran he thought of his wife and children and the holiday he had planned for Hawai. He felt on the verge of death. His body resisted with a force he did not know he owned. As he strained his body to the limit he knew that he would not be able to keep this up for long.

He wanted to sit down, have a huge gulp of water and put some real food into his tortured stomach. He had been living off the jungle for three days, eating berries and insects. It was becoming more and more difficult to see as the vapours rose from the ground. It would become a jog. Perspiration clouded his vision. Leaves brushed across his face. "Damn it", he thought, as a thorn cut his face. He wondered whether his pursuers were as tired as him. 'God, these insects.' He crashed on through the jungle unwittingly blazing a path for his enemies. He could hear their footsteps behind him. He knew that they were gaining on him and that he was unarmed while they were armed to the teeth with state of art weaponry. It was high noon and the mist had formed a fog. His blood-pressure increased. No light penetrated the trees and the trees looked like knives more than ready to put him into everlasting sleep.

He slowed down a bit to catch his breath but only temporarily. They were closing in on him and he could hear their heavy combat boots trample the undergrowth.

He did not bother to be stealthy. He began to wonder why he was running in the first place. But he couldn't think clearly. He had hardly slept for the last three days and was on the verge of a nervous break-down and collapsing to the ground too tired to live. His reflexes were getting slower and legs felt like they had been injected with lead. Time had begun to have no relevance and even his surroundings seemed irrelevant. The only things of relevance were himself, his pursuers and running. His target was a Mayan Temple dead East. His compass pointed towards the East but after three days he had still not reached the temple which was his only hope.

Suddenly he lost his footing and went straight down. It took him very little time to identify his obstacle as quick-sand; a common peril in jungles. He tried to remember what he learnt about survival but simple as he reached waist-deep in quick-sand when his pursuers arrived. They yanked him out roughly. But after the long run and the violent struggle in the quick-sand, he could only sit and catch his breath, as his body cooled down and both his mind and body relaxed.

He was slipping into a state of coma but a sharp kick to his ribs awoke him. He found himself staring into the barrel of an AK-47 assault rifle. Death was at hand and there was nothing he could do about it and he didn't like it one bit. His last hope had been that the reconnaissance helicopter, which had been looking for poppy fields, had seen his flares but quite obviously they hadn't.

The men discussed in hushed tones, then one of them placed a Colt 45 at his head and told him in broken, heavily accented English to say his prayers. Then he barked orders at Dane and forced him to kneel. 'This is it' thought Dane as memories of his family, parents, friends, childhood and blunders flashed through his mind. He prayed for his children and wife and wished he could have been with them. And as though it was God's answer to his prayers from high above the canopy of trees a machine gun let loose its deadly micro-missiles. From the chatter of the machine-gun, Robert made out that it was an FBI standard issue machine-gun. The men crumpled to the jungle floor, their towering forms now lifeless heaps. Dane lay down heavily and waited for the paratroopers to land and take him away. He was happy to have escaped and just happy to be alive after his nerve-racking ordeal.

S. RIHAN

VIIIA

THE GOLDEN AGE OF COMPUTERS!

A Computer in its most primitive form was nothing but a calculating machine. Charles Babbage, who made an analytical machine is generally regarded as the father of the modern computer. Now diversification has seen computers in every field from Geology and Egyptology to Art.

Computers are used by many artists and the Badshah of Indian Art, M.F. Hussain, to create three-dimensional figures. Computers used for colouring have at least 3 thousand colours at their disposal. The first accepted computer was a huge electronic integrating device, many times faster than man, but now a computer, a tenth of its size, is probably ten times faster than that. This revolutionary step was brought through the silicon micro-chip, the size of a baby's finger-nail. Manufacture is a problem, since one bacterium on the chip will be like a tree across a road.

Computers are a revolution in today's science. But are they infallible? Shakuntala Devi, India's enfant terrible has on more than one occasion beaten a computer. Their contribution to Medical Science is the greatest. One example is the MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging). Inside this machine are gigantic magnets super-cooled in liquid helium. They cause a magnetic field sixty thousand times greater than that of Planet Earth. This causes the hydrogen atoms of the water in our body to vibrate which are picked up by powerful super computers, forming multiple and three dimensional figures and cross sections. The world's most powerful super-computer 'Crazy-2' is used in this technological marvel.

There have been many innovations in computers. One computer, designed to play chess, can beat all but the top, thirty players in the world. Another computer recently designed can perform biological dissection.

But computers too have led to human destruction. In the ongoing Gulf War, computers were used to put Tomahawk missiles to much more efficient destruction of Iraqisites.

Many people believe that a time may come when computers will replace man. An interesting article had said that some people believe the only difference between man and computers is that man's brain is made of meat and uses glucose while computers are made of circuitry and run on electricity. But if we remove a person's gray cells one by one and replace them with chips, will the person be there? This is the fundamental aspect of consciousness and only time will tell.

A. PAREKH
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VIIIA

ENCOUNTER WITH THE UNKNOWN

It was a Friday evening, about 6.30 p.m. The air around me was quite still and calm. I was sitting in my balcony, staring at the fiery orange sky. To my left was a table, on which the Science fiction book I had been reading was kept. The story in the book was of interplanetary wars. I was wondering whether there really were such things as aliens, or extra-terrestrial creatures, or unidentified flying objects.

Suddenly, the orange sky turned white as a flash of light blinded me for a moment. When my eyes got accustomed to the bright light, I saw a small saucer-shaped object, which was gradually coming closer. It came closer and closer to me and then abruptly stopped where it was. I could see the saucer quite clearly now. It was of a strange colour, I had never seen before. There were lights all around it. I stared in fascination and realized that it was an airship; — an alien airship! A real alien airship, a U.F.O.! I got very excited.

A ray of light came upon me, and I was blinded again. When I could open my eyes, I found myself in a strange room. There were huge computers, dazzling lights and robots! But that was not all. There were strange three-legged creatures. They were tiny men and purple all over. They had wires, knobs and lamps. They had tyres instead of feet! I was amazed at seeing all this and I felt my eyes were popping out. This was not possible! How could I be in the air ship! But I was. A robot came forward and beckoned to me. I followed him. He took me to a large room, where sat an alien. He had a strange object around his neck, something like a miniature rat-trap. "Greeting, Earthling," he said. "How do you know our language?" I asked with unfeigned surprise. "This computer helps me to talk any language in the universe," he replied and indicated the strange object. "Come, I shall take you on a tour," he said. He took me all around the airship.

After having finished the tour, he said, "Now for the real purpose of our bringing you here. We wish to know more about your planet, Earth." I told him nearly everything I knew, from, farming to wars. After that, he gave me a round object, which was crystalline, and said, "Take this as a token of our gratitude. We shall now send you back." "But wait, let me know more about your planet," I said. At this moment my sister came rushing in and said, "Who are you talking to?" I looked around me. I was in my balcony. The sky was a fiery orange colour. To the left was the table, with the book on it. I only looked at her, not knowing what to say. I saw that in my hand was a round white crystalline object.

HEERU PURSWANI

VIIIC

BISHOP'S SCHOOL REVISED IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Certain traditions do not change and for sure traditions of Bishop's School haven't changed over the years. And would it be for our beloved Principal, Mr. Roberts, they wouldn't change for another..... umum, well, it's difficult to estimate!!

But just considering that minute chance that they do change, its consequences boggle the mind.

Imagine walking into a close air Bishop's School of the future. The hydraulic gates do not allow you to ride through on your bicycle. (Bicycles are the only modes of transport left in 2024 A.D.) Directly in front, maybe you see a modern cafeteria in place of the existing lunch shed. On the right is the office, now serviced by robots and housing the super-computer of the school which is now attended to by the teachers constantly feeding in data which in turn is processed into the computers of every student in the school.

The cycle stand is not visible and only when one reaches the side of the volleyball court does one come across it. It now contains a large number of cycles.

Ah! now, the staff room where the off-duty computer analyst teachers of the day come to relax, now contains a miniature golf course in place of the billiard table of the bygone days of yesteryear.

Coming up to the Uppers one sees that it is covered with ceramic flooring instead of the tarred surface which was present in my school days. The classrooms now house superbly crafted teak desks with desktop computers on all of them. Everything is centrally air-conditioned. One also often hears the sound of flats being administered on students by the mechanised robot monitors of the day.

Entering the Junior block, one suddenly hears a large change in the sound environment. It's safe to assume that either our mechanised monitors haven't reached here yet or that they themselves are making a racket!

From here on we pass on to the last stage of our tour on to the Simba field. It's a total disappointment. After going through the rest of the school, one might have expected an ultra-modern sports centre, but alas, Simba remains the Simba of yesteryear with no proper stands or viewing galleries.

Well! It's bearable. After all, tradition does take time to change. Give a few more years and one might see a new Simba field altogether.

All of a sudden, I hear a bell ringing through my sleep and ending my fantastic chimera. Wakey! Wakey! my partner shouts, it's the end of the History period!

A. KHANNA

IXB

UNKNOWN FACTS OF OUR COUNTRY

FACTS ON HOBBIES

MOST PEN PALS : Mr. A.K. Arora of Bombay has the largest number of penpals, about 300 all over the world.

MOST AUTOGRAPHS: Vijay Deshpande. 45, an employee of Air India has a collection of over 1400 autographs of eminent persons from all over the world like Dr. Radhakrishnan, Jawaharlal Nehru, Lal Bahadur Shastri, Indira Gandhi, Morarji Desai etc.

PLAYING CARDS : Kishor Gordhandas has a collection of over 2500 playing cards of all shapes, sizes and types like historical, geographical, romantic.,

MATCH BOXES : Vijay Khandelwa, a fourteen year old school boy, has 1750 matchboxes Most of them are Indian with colourful depictions of gods, historical figures flora and even zodiac signs.

LARGEST GARAGE : Pranalal Bhogilal has a two storeyed garage in Billimora housing a collection of 176 cars including 46 Rolls Royces and large numbers of vintage cars.

FACTS ON BANKING

THE FIRST BANK : The Bank of Hindustan established by Alexandar and Company at Calcutta in 1770.

BANK WITH LARGEST NUMBER OF BRANCHES : The State Bank of India Group has 10976 branches in 1988.

FIRST FOREIGN BANK IN INDIA : Chartered Bank established in 1853 in Madras.

Foreign Bank with largest number of branches in India : Grindlays Bank had 56 branches in India in 1987.

FACTS ON STOCKS, SHARES, DEBENTURES

COMPANY WITH LARGEST SHAREHOLDERS : The Reliance family of shareholders having 42 lakhs shareholders.

LARGEST RIGHT EQUITY ISSUE : 3-15 crores shareholders were offered by Reliance to its shareholders amounting to Rs. 198 crores.

MAXIMUM DIVIDEND : 113% dividend paid by Colgate Palmolive is the maximum by an Indian Company.

MAXIMUM DEBENTURE HOLDERS : 9 lakh people in India hold debentures in Reliance Industries Ltd.

LARGEST NOW CONVERTIBLE DEBENTURE ISSUE : The F seicis of Reliance was floated for 27 crores debentures with Rs. 270 crores.

THE BOXING TOURNAMENT



HOCKEY VS ST. PETER'S SCHOOL - PANCHGANI



THE INTER SCHOOL CHAMPIONS - JR. FOOTBALL



FACTS ON BRIDGES

LONGEST RIVER BRIDGE : The 5.57 km long Mahatma Gandhi Setu, the bridge over Ganga at Patna is the longest river bridge in the world. The cost was Rs. 300 million, 90,000 tonnes of cement, 12,300 bars of reinforcement Bars, 2400 tonnes of light steel and 3,300 tonnes of structural steel. The Bridge was inaugurated on March 2, 1982.

LONGEST SEA BRIDGE : The Annai Indira Gandhi bridge connecting Rameswaram with Mandapam in Tamil Nadu is India's longest bridge across open sea. The 2.34 km long bridge has a span of 115.2 m and vertical clearance of 18 m above high tide level. The bridge was inaugurated on October 2, 1988.

BIGGEST CANTALEVER BRIDGE : Howrah's Bridge is India's biggest and busiest cantalever bridge. It spans River Hoogly is Calcutta and is 457 m long completed in 1943.

HIGEST MOTORABLE BRIDGE : The Highest motorable bridge in the world is at a height of 5,602 m at Khardungla, Ladakh. The 30 m long bridge rests on ice and was built by Border Roads organisation.

BUSIEST BRIDGE : With 57000 vehicles a day and countless pedestrians, Howrah Bridge is the world's busiest bridge.

FACTS ON CRICKET

HIGHEST AGGREGATE : Sunil Gavaskar holds the world record of 10,122 runs, the highest ever scored by individual in Tests. He made these from 1971 to 1987 in 125 tests scoring 34 centuries and unbeaten on 16 occasion the highest being 236 not out.

FIRST INDIAN TO SCORE A TEST CENTURY : Lala Amarnath was the First Indian to score a century in Test cricket. He made 118 against England in 1933 at Bombay.

FIRST INDIAN TO SCORE A DOUBLE CENTURY : Polly Umrigar became the first to score a double century; 223 in 1955 in the Hyderabad test against New Zealand.

BATTING AT ALL POSITIONS : The only person to bat in all batting positions in batting order was Vinoo Mankad.

LEAST RUNS IN AN UNINTERRUPTED DAY : M.L. Jaisamha holds the world record in scoring the least runs (49) in an uninterrupted day of test cricket. He did it on December 18, 1960 at Green Park, Kanpur against Pakistan; starting with 5 he finished at 54 spending 330 minutes. He was out at 99 the following day batting for 8 hours and 20 minutes and spending an hour to proceed in the nineties.

HIGHEST OPENING PARTNERSHIP : The highest partnership for first wicket is 413 by Vinoo Mankad (213) and Pankaj Roy (182) against New Zealand at Madras in 1956.

MAXIMUM CENTURIES AT A VENUE : 46 centuries were scored at Ferozshah Kotta in Delhi.

MOST WICKETS IN AN OVER : Three wickets in four balls off an over by Ravi Shastri is the record for most wickets in an over.

DISMISSING ALL 11 BATSMEN IN A MATCH :

In 1964-65 Series against New Zealand at Delhi S. Venkatraghavan became the first and only Indian bowler to dismiss all the 11 batsmen. His final tally was 11/152.

MOST CONSECUTIVE MAIDEN OVERS : 21' successive maiden overs bowled by R.G. Nadkarni i.e., 126 balls without conceding a run in January 1964 against England at Madras is a world record. He finished the test with figures of 29-26-3-0.

FACTS ON TENNIS

WINNING HALL OF FAME THRICE : Vijay Amritraj is the only player in the world to have won the Hall of fame tournament thrice in U.S.A. Vijay won it in 1978; 1980; 1984.

MAXIMUM APPEARANCES : Anand Amritraj has represented India for 20 years. He made his debut at Guwahati in 1968 and has played all subsequent matches until 1988.

FIRST TO REACH SEMIFINALS OF WIMBLEDON : Ramanathan Krishan is the only Indian to have reached the semifinals of Wimbledon twice in a row in 1961 and 1962.

LONGEST MEN'S SINGLES TIE BREAK : Premjit Lal was beaten 20-18 in the third set of first round against Bjorn Borg in 1973.

FIRST INDIAN PAIR TO REACH SEMI FINALS AT WIMBLEDON : Vijay and Anand Amritraj are the first Indians to reach doubles semifinals at Wimbledon.

ARCHIT KAUSHAL

NILESH PORE

MANISH CHANDRA

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A WORD

A careless word
may kindle strife;

A cruel word
may wreck a life.

A bitter word
may hate instill;

A brutal word
may smite and kill.

A gracious word
may smooth the way;

A joyous word
may light the day;

A timely word
may lessen stress;

A loving word
may heal and bless.

EMPLOYEE'S GRIEVANCE

When I take a long time, I am slow
When my boss takes a long time, he is thorough.

When I don't do it - I am lazy,
When he doesn't do it - he is too busy.

When I make a mistake - I am careless,
When he makes a mistake - he is human.

When I do something without being told,
I am overstepping my boundaries,
When he does the same thing - it is initiative.

When I take a stand - I am bullet headed,
When he does it - he is being firm

When I overlook an elementary rule - I am rude
When he slips a few rules - he is being original.

When I please my boss - I am apple polishing,
When he pleases his boss - he is co-operating

When I get ahead - I get brakes,
When he gets ahead - that is hard work.

Come TO THINK OF IT - IT'S A REAL HARD LIFE I AM LIVING.

THE FILE

For want of a file
 The letter was lost
For want of a letter
 The boss was lost
For want of a boss
 The meeting was lost
For want of a meeting
 The decision was lost
For want of a decision
 The project was lost
For want of a project
 The organisation was lost
And all for want of a file

SOME TIPS TO A TOTAL LIFE

1. Get up early : But don't go to bed late.
2. Eat sufficiently : But don't live to eat
3. Give in charity : But don't give in to the others
4. Laugh at yourself : But don't laugh at others
5. Pardon others : But don't spare yourself.
6. Search within you always : But don't magnify other's follies.
7. Love your children : But don't hate other's off-spring.
8. Do exercise regularly : But don't ignore doctor's advice.
9. Follow a detached life : But don't run away to a forest.

FACTS OF LIFE

This is a story about four people named 'Everybody' 'Somebody', 'Anybody' and 'Nobody'.

There was an important job to be done and
Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.
Anybody could have done it but Nobody did it.
Somebody got angry about that, because it was
Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody
could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody
When Nobody did what Anybody could have done!

INTERESTING INFORMATION -BIRTHSTONES FOR EACH MONTH

January	-	Garnet
February	-	Amethyst
March	-	Bloodstone or aquamarine
April	-	Diamond
May	-	Agate or Emerald
June	-	Pearl, Alexandrite, or moon stone
July	-	Ruby
August	-	Sardonyx or peridot
September	-	Blue Sapphire
October	-	Opal, Tourmaline, or Rose Sapphire
November	-	Topaz
December	-	Turquoise or Blue Zircon

LAUGHTER - THE BEST MEDICINE

1. "I'd like to know if Dr. Mehta is reasonable in his charges", a patient asked the nurse. "By all mean", she replied, "Dr. Mehta does his best to bring illness within the reach of everyone."
2. By the time a fellow nowadays manages to make both ends meet, the government moves the ends.
3. Little boy praying aloud.
"Oh my God, help me to be a good boy; if at first you don't succeed try, try and try again."

VIKRAM ARORA IXB

GOLF

GOLF - What is Golf? Many people ask this question. They have not heard of any thing as 'Golf'. It is a game in which a hard ball is struck with clubs (golf-sticks) towards and into the hole on each of successive smooth greens separated by fairways and rough ground.

Many people think that it is an old man's game and not meant for youngsters. But anyone can play the game. Very often we see youngsters winning tournaments held all over the world.

The equipment for the game is quite expensive. It comprises some golf balls which are quite hard, a glove to wear on the hand so as to get a firm grip of the club, spikes to get a good stance and not to slip. The 14 clubs are carried in a bag about 1.5 mts. in height. This bag is carried by a man called the 'caddie'.

As in all other games there are rules to be followed. There are many rules which are compiled in a book. This book should be carried everytime you play a round of golf. There are 18 holes in one round. These holes vary from 100-500 yards of different length and the total course of 6000-7000 yards. It takes around 3.5-4 hours to play one round of golf. The lesser the shots you take, the better the player you are.

There are some handicaps also given to the average player. The lower the handicap the better the player. The professionals are very good at the game and can produce miracles. The amateurs are also good but not as good as the professional.

The good players of the world are:

1. Greg Norman (Australia)
 2. Nick Faldo (England)
 3. J.M. Olazabal (Spain)
 4. Payne Stewart (U.S.A.)
 5. Curtis Strange (U.S.A.)
- Player of the Century - Jack Nicklauns (U.S.A.)

ANISH JAITHA
IXC

WRITING AN ARTICLE

The 1989-90 Mitre had just come out when our English Language teacher, Mr. Aviet sent word that he wanted articles for the Mitre by Friday. We requested him to extend the date till Monday; He agreed.

I went home and began a desperate search for ideas for articles. I asked everyone I knew for something but to no avail. None of the ideas they gave, appealed to me nor could I think of something myself.

I rang up my friends and asked them about their state of things. Most of them had already written their articles and here was I, still thinking for an idea.

Time went on. It was Monday. I got up early and sat down at my desk with a blank page before me and a pen in my hand. Hopefully something would flow from my mind. As Thomas Edison had said, "Genius' one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration." But there was I using one hundred percent perspiration but, sadly, still there was nothing.

Then an idea originated in some corner of my brain. Why not write an article on my troubles in writing an article. How I thought and thought and thought again but could not think of anything.

So now I have finished my article, Hurrah!

SHASHANK LUTHRA

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— शाह चिराग

मैं भी किसी की बेटी हूँ
आज निश्चित होकर लेटी हूँ ।
झंझट झमेले से कोसो दूर ।
मेरे जाने से दुःखी है जरूर।
कुछ खुशियाँ मना रहे हैं ।
खुशी के गीत गुनगुना रहे हैं
जानते हो अब मुझे भी मिला सकून आराम
दहेज में माँ बाप ने जहर की बोतल दे दी
अच्छ किया काम
मेरी माँ एक देवी, पिता भी एक जिंदा दिल
इस तरफ सास बेरहम और ससूर बुझदिल
मेरा भाई जवान बहादुर बहन प्यारी दुलारी
यहाँ ननंद नटखट नखरैल, देवर एक जुआरी
यह हकीकत बता रही है एक दुखियारी,
लडकी हूँ, इसलिए बनी हूँ समाज को बोझ भारी ।

भगवान

— मनोज भाटिया

जिसने बनाया यह जहान
व कोटि कोटि महान ।
जिसने यह जहान बनाया
उनको हम कहते हैं ।
प्यारा भगवान ।
भगवान को प्राप्त करने के लिए
सिर्फ दिखावे की कोई जरूरत नहीं है ।
कुछ भी हो किसी भी व्यक्ति को धर्म और फर्ज से
पीछे नहीं हटना चाहिए ।
जो व्यक्ति फर्ज और धर्म से पीछे हटता है ।
वह व्यक्ति मूर्ख और दुष्ट होता है ।
किसी भी व्यक्ति को अपने को बड़ा और
दूसरे को छोटा नहीं कहना चाहिए ।
कोई भी धर्म छोटा बड़ा नहीं हैं ।
इन्सानियत ही सबसे बड़ा धर्म हैं ।
कोई भी भगवान अलग नहीं हैं । सब
भगवान एक ही हैं ।
सिर्फ रूप अलग अलग होते हैं ।
हमेशा सिर्फ भगवान में विश्वास रखना चाहिए ।

हमने किया तुमसे प्यार
तुमसे अपना फर्ज पुरा किया
करके हमसे बेवफाई यार
मजनू जिस लडकी से करता था प्यार
उस लडकी का नाम था लैला
और जिस लडकी से मैं करता हूँ प्यार
उस लडकी का नाम है बेला
हर किसी को पढ़ना चाहिए
वैसे ही जीवन में सबको
एक बार प्यार करना चाहिए ।
माँ महान हैं
माँ नहीं तो क्या जहान हैं ।
इनसान खराब होता नहीं
खराब किया जाता हैं
इनसान दीवाना बनाता नहीं
दीवाना बनाया जाता हैं ।
हमने किया तुमसे प्यार
समझकर तुम्हें अल्लाह का पैगाम
अब हाल ऐसा हैं कि
हमें ही नहीं पता खुदका नाम
जब तक रहें यह जहान
माँ कहलाएँ महान

माँ

माँ एक ऐसी चीज है जो बहुत महान है ।
माँ बच्चे को नौ महीने अपने पेट में रखती है ।
माँ को शायद कितने दुःख सहने पड़ते होंगे ।
शायद पुरुष ऐसा नहीं कर सकते ।
माँ अपने बच्चे को अपना दूध पीलाती है ।
इसीलिए शायद माँ के दूध को अन्य दूधों से
ज्यादा शक्तिवान माना जाता है ।
माँ न होती तो यह समाज शायद अधूरा होता था ।
काश अगर मैं औरत होता और
मुझे माँ बननेका अवसर मिलता और
मैं महान कहलाता था ।
माँ सच बहुत महान है ।

जीवन

— अमित शिंदे

मेरे प्यारे सखा, तू है क्यों सोचता
जिस को कहते हैं जीवन वह जीवन हैं क्या?
यह जीवन तो बस चार दिन का है खेल
चिरंतन है कब अपना जीवन से मेल?
समझले है कमजोर जीवन की डोर
अटल मौत है, मौत का सब पे जोर
समझ, गर्व जीवन पे करना फजुल
कि इक रोज यह तेरी हस्ती है धूल ।

शायरी

शायरी आती नहीं
शायरी कहने चलें,
दिल में प्यार नहीं
आशिक बनने चलें,
ना मेरा दिल हिंदू-मुसलमान
मेरा दिल है इन्सान
में जहाँ भी रहता हूँ
उस देश का नाम हिंदुस्थान
देखते ही देखते
शायर हो गए,
हम तुम्हारे और
तुम हमारे हो गए
हम हमेशा शायरियों को करते हैं अर्ज
जो भी हम करते हैं ।
वही बनता है हमारा फर्ज
मत करो हमसे शरम
बहुत देर हो चुकी है
मत करना अब किसी से प्यार
क्योंकि बहार जा चुकी है।
क्यों किया हमसे झूठा वादा
जब निभाना ही नहीं था
क्यों किया हमसे प्यार
जब अपनाना ही नहीं था
आसमान पे हैं खुदा
और जमीन पे हम
इसे कोई झूठ कहें
किस में है इतना दम ।

शायरी

— व्ही. जोबानपुत्रा

एक बार कही शायरी की प्रतियोगिता हो रही थी ।
तो एक मशहूर शायर आये ।
उन्होंने शायरी शुरू की कुत्ते के ऊपर कुत्ता ।
सबने कहाँ वा. वा. वा. वा. ।
फिरसे उन्होंने कहा कुत्ते के ऊपर कुत्ता ।
सबने कहा वा. वा. वा. वा. वा. वा. ।
फिरसे उन्होंने कहा कुत्ते के ऊपर कुत्ता,
कुत्ते के ऊपर कुत्ता, कुत्ते के ऊपर कुत्ता ।
सब लोग नाचने गाने लगे ।
पर एक आदमी को कुछ समझ में नहीं आ रहा था।
उसने दूसरे आदमी से पूछा की
यह कैसी शायरी है तो उसने कहा
शायरी छोड बैलेन्स देख बैलेन्स ।

शायरी की दुनियाँ

— मनोज भाटिया

मेज पर फूल रखा हैं,
उठाते क्यों नहीं,
हम उदास बैठे हैं बुलाते क्यों नहीं,
न मेरा दिल हिंदू है न मुसलमान
मेरा दिल है इन्सान
मैं जहाँ भी रहता हूँ
उस देश का नाम हिंदुस्तान
नहीं चाहिए मुझे
यह बेकार दौलत
बस चाहिए मुझे देश से
प्यार की मोहलत
क्यों किया झूठा वादा,
जब निभाना ही नहीं था,
क्यों किया झूठा प्यार
जब अपनाना ही नहीं था ।
मुझे पसंद है मौज दोस्ती
उससे भी ज्यादा प्यारी है,
मुझे शायरी से दोस्ती

गिनती से ग्यान

— अभिषेक अगरवाल

एक - दो - तीन - चार
बच्चो बैठो न बेकार ।
पांच - छे - सात - आठ
निशि दिन पढो प्रेम का पाठ ।
नौ - दस - ग्यारह - बारह
अच्छी बातें सीखो यारो ।
तेरह - चौदह - पंद्रह - सोलह
पढने लेकर जाओ झोला ।
सतरह - अठराह - उन्नीस - बीस
मातपिता को झुकाओ शीश ।

चुटकुलें

- (1) नौकर : (मालिक से), साहब, मैं आप के लिए इतनी अच्छी मच्छरदानी लाया हूँ कि इस में एक भी मच्छर नहीं जा सकता
मालिक : तो फिर मैं इस में कैसे घुस पाऊंगा ?
— अभिषेक अगरवाल
- (2) अध्यापक (छात्रोंसे) : मुहम्मद गोरी को शब्दवेधी बाण किस ने मारा था?
एक छात्र : जी, मुझे चुगलखोरी की आदत नहीं हैं ।
— अभिषेक कुमार
- (3) एक सज्जन ने एक कुत्ता खरीदते समय उसके मालिक से पूछा, “यह कुत्ता वफादार तो होगा ही?”
अजी यह अव्वल दर्जे का वफादार हैं । तीन बार मैंने इसे बेचा और तीनों बार यह भागकर मेरे पास चला आया? कुत्ते का मालिक बोला ।
- (4) प्रसिद्ध बल्लेबाज को मृत्यु के बाद यमराज ने उसे पूछा - ‘तुमने देश का नाम रोशन किया है । तुम स्वर्ग में जाना चाहते हो कि नर्क में । तुम बोलो, मैं तुम्हारी इच्छा पूर्ण करूँगा ।
बल्लेबाज ने उत्तर दिया ‘जी’ जहाँ भी पिच अनुकूल हो वहाँ मुझे भेज दीजिए ।
- (5) मंत्री : डॉक्टर मुझे कोई ऐसी दवाइयाँ दो जिस से मेरा वजन दोन - तीन मंत्रियों जितना हो जाए ।
डॉक्टर : अरे, तुम ऐसा क्यों चाहते हो?
मंत्री : क्योंकि मुझे चाँदी पर तोला जाएगा ।

- (6) एक पहलवान ने एक कमजोर को जोर से थप्पड़ मारा ।
 कमजोर : पर थप्पड़ गुस्से से मारा था मजाक से?
 पहलवान : गुस्से से ।
 कमजोर : फिर कोई बात नहीं मजाक मुझे पसन्द भी नहीं है ।
- (7) पत्नी (तमतमाती हुई आवाज में) : मैं पूछती हूँ ऐसा चोर नौकर आपने रखा ही क्यों?
 पति : क्यों क्या हुआ ।
 पत्नी : होगा क्या, हम लोग ताजमहल होटल से चाँदी का जो चम्मच उठा लाये थे । उसने गायब कर दिया ।
- (8) पत्नी (गुस्से से) : मुझे मालूम हुआ है कि दफतर की टाईपिस्ट के साथ तुम्हारा सम्बन्ध अच्छा नहीं।
 पति (समझाते हुए) : तुमने बिलकुल ठीक सुना है, पर बहुत दिनों से उससे अपना सम्बन्ध मधुर बननेका प्रयास कर रहा हूँ ।
- (9) सावधान : कुछ महिलाये ऐसे कपडे पहनती है कि देखते ही पुरुषों के प्राण निकालने लगे । लेकिन अधिकांश महिलायें खाना भी ऐसा ही बनाती हैं ।
- (10) जब साहब ने मुनीम से कहा - मैंने शायद तुम्हे पहले भी कहीं देखा है ।
 जरूर देखा होगा हुजूर. मैं आपके इलाके की शराब की दुकान पर काम करता हूँ ।
- (11) न्यायाधीश (अपराधी) से : तुम्हारे कितने भाई हैं?
 अपराधी : हुजूर एक ।
 न्यायाधीश : गलत बयानी करते हो. तुम्हे याद नहीं, तुम्हारी मम्मी ने बताया है कि उसके दो बेटे हैं ।
- (12) जौहरी, की दुकान पर जेवरों के सजे हुए स्थान पर लिखा था - इस सुनहरे मौके का लाभ उठाइये और इस सुनहरे मौके का लाभ उठाते हुए एक चोर उन तमाम जेवरों को लेकर चम्पत हो गया ।
- (13) केंद्रखाने में दो कैदियों की यह बातचीत हुई -
 भैया, कौन सी पुस्तक पढ़ने में व्यस्त हो?
 यार, इस किताब का शीर्षक है, जेल से कैसे भागें.

मोहित शर्मा रांव सुशित जैन
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- (14) माँ : बेटे आज तुम्हारी आँखे लाल क्यों हैं?
 बेटा : माँ मैं आज स्कूल में ठीक से नहीं सो पाया।

- (15) अध्यापक : मरने के बाद हम कहाँ जाते हैं?
 लडका : काश्मीर
 अध्यापक : वह कैसे?
 लडका : आपने ही कहा था कि काश्मीर भारत का स्वर्ग है ।
- (16) एक औरत : डॉक्टर गलती से मेरे बेटे के कंठ में मेरा कलम फंस गया है ।
 डॉक्टर : जबतक मैं नहीं आता लिखनें को कुछ और का इस्तमाल करना ।
- (17) पिता : मोहन शीशा किसने तोड़ा?
 मोहन : मैंने नहीं सोहन ने तोड़ा । जब मैंने उस पर पत्थर फेका तो वह झुक गया ।
- (18) माँ : बेटे आज बड़ी देर लगा दी घर आने में ।
 राजू : माँ मैं जब घर आ रहा था तब मैंने सड़क के पास एक बोर्ड पर 'सावधान - धीमा चलना यह पढ़ा।
- (19) अध्यापक : राजू और मोहन तुम दोनों, ने आज देर क्यों की?
 मोहन : मेरे साइकिल के पहियेमें एक काँटा घुस गया ।
 राजू : मेरे भी साइकिल के पहियेमें एक काँटा घुस गया ।
 अध्यापक : वह कैसे?
 राजू : हम दोनों एक ही साइकिल पर थे ।
- (20) अध्यापक : रघू तुम कल क्यों नहीं आए?
 रघू : मेरे दाँतो में दर्द हो रहा था इसलिए मेरे दो दाँत डॉक्टर ने निकाल दिये ।
 अध्यापक : अब तुम्हारे दाँत कैसे हैं ।
 रघू : मैं कैसे जानू वे तो डॉक्टर के पास ही हैं ।
- (21) भिखारी : अंधे को एक रुपया दे दो?
 आदमी : तुम्हारी एक आँख तो ठीक है ।
 भिखारी : तुम्हें कैसे मालूम?
 आदमी : मैं एक डॉक्टर हूँ ।
 भिखारी : तब पचास पैसे ही दो ।
- (22) एक बार दो मूर्ख नाव की सैर कर रहे थे ।
 पहला मूर्ख : अरे देखो नाव में पानी भर गया है लगता कहीं पर छेद है ।
 दूसरा मूर्ख : अरे तो क्या हुआ नाव तो भाड़े की है ।

देनदल पथिक, विशाल मलार,
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- (23) एक पति अपनी मोटी पत्नि से -
 अच्छा एक बात बताओ तुमको एक बार में मरना ज्यादा पसंद आयेगा की तडप तडप कर मरना?
 पत्नी : एक ही बार में मरना ज्यादा ठीक रहेगा ।
 पति : तो तुम मेरे हाथ पर अपना दूसरा पैर भी रख दो ।
- (24) मास्टरजी : रामू अगर तुम्हारे पास पाँच चाकलेट है और तुमने मुझे एक दी तो तुम्हारे पास कितनी चाकलेट बचेंगी ।
 रामू : जी पाँच ।
 मास्टर : वह कैसे?
 रामू : क्योंकि मैं आपको एक भी चाकलेट नहीं दूँगा ।
- (25) रिकी : तुम्हारी स्याही फीकी क्यों है ।
 पिंकी : अच्छा! मैंने चखकर नहीं देखी ।
- (26) एक आदमी : अकेले अकेले ही पूरी खा रहे हो?
 दूसरा आदमी : नहीं भाई सब्जी भी साथ है ।
- (28) मालिक : खबरदार कलसे घर में कदम रखा तुम्हारी वजह से मैं आज मरने से बाल बाल बचा।
 नौकर : मालिक एक मौका और दीजिए ।
- (29) मोटी औरत : मैंने आपके बेटे को इसलिए मारा क्योंकि उसने मुझे भैंस कहा ।
 मां : मगर उस बेचारे को अभी जानवरों की पहचान नहीं है ।
- (30) रामू : तुम्हारी बनायी हुई चाय में चीनी तो दिखाई देती नहीं मगर चींटी तो ऊपर तैर रही है ।
 श्यामू : कुदरत का नियम है हलकी चीजे तैरती है भारी चीजे नीचे नीचे बैठ जाती हैं ।
- (31) राजेश : तुमने तो अठन्नी खोई है, मगर मुझे दो चवन्नियाँ मिली है ।
 रमेश : शायद मेरी अठन्नी गिरकर दो चवन्नियों में बन गई होगी ।
- (32) माँ : अरे मुन्ने तुमने चीनी के डिब्बे पर 'नमक' क्यों लिख दिया ।
 मुन्ना : चींटियों को धोखा देने के लिए ।

— अभिषेक शर्मा

बाबासाहेब आंबेडकर

— अभिवेक शर्मा, कक्षा 8 सि

भारत नेताओं की भूमि है। भारत ने बहुत से महान और सम्मानपूर्वक नेताओं को जन्म दिया है।

इन्हीं में एक सर्वप्रिय और मधुर स्मृति के नेता थे डॉ. भीमरावजी आंबेडकर। डॉ. आंबेडकर का जन्म सन १८९१ को हुआ, जो आज से ठीक सौ साल पूर्व था। वह एक बहुत ही नरम दिल के इन्सान थे।

डॉ. आंबेडकर ने पिछड़ी जातियों को बढ़ावा दिया। उन्होंने दलितों को उनका खोया हुआ आत्मविश्वास, सम्मान और प्रतिष्ठा को वापस दिलाने में भरसक प्रयत्न कर सफलता दिलाई। डॉ. आंबेडकर ने अपनी उपाधी अमरीका में हासिल की। उन्हें भारत के प्रति बहुत प्यार था और उन्होंने भारत को परतंत्र से स्वतंत्र बनाने में भी महात्मा गांधी और जवाहरलाल नेहरू के साथ मिलकर आजादी के लिए लड़ाई की। आजादी के उपरान्त संविधान बनाने की समिती के वह अध्यक्ष थे। उन्होंने भारत के संविधान बनाने में बहुत सहायता की। आंबेडकर का लक्ष्य सिर्फ भारत को आजादी दिलाना ही नहीं बल्कि भारत के अनुसूचित जनजातियों को भी आगे लाना था। डॉ. आंबेडकर एक नीतिकुशल और प्रतिभाशाली नेता थे। उन्हें आजादी की लड़ाई में बहुत बार जेल भी जाना पड़ा जो उन्होंने हसते हुए स्वीकार किया। बाबासाहेब को हमेशा भारतीय एवं अन्य देशों के लोगों और नेताओं से बहुत सम्मान मिला। वह न केवल भारत में बल्कि विदेशों में भी एक जानेमाने नेता के रूप में माने जाते थे। वह गांधीजी के साथ अहिंसा के रास्ते पर चलनेवाले एक आदर्श भारतीय नेता थे। आज जब उन्हें हमे छोड़े हुए पुरे १०० (सौ) साल हो गए हैं, फिर भी हमें उनकी याद हमेशा आती रहेगी। सचमुच बाबासाहेब भिमराव रामजी आंबेडकर का नाम भारत और पुरे विश्व के कोने में याद किया जाएगा। काश वह आज जीवित होते तो आज हो रहे सामप्रदायिक दंगे, फसाद शायद न होते।

सचमुच भारत ने एक आदर्श नेता खो दिया।

यह रेडिओ गप्पिस्तान है।

— अंकुश गुप्ता, कक्षा 7 सि

यह मुर्दाबाद केंद्र है। अब आप से समाचार सुनिये। अभी अभी बासी खबर मिली है कि मुर्दाबाद के राष्ट्रपति का शुभ देहांत हो गया है। वह ५०० साल के थे। इनका शव न रात में न दिन में, न सुबह और न दोपहर, ऐसे समय पर ले जाया जाएगा।

अब जग मनसुदी से समाचार सुनिए। आज की ताजा खबर यह है कि रास्ते में विमाने और रिकशा दोनो एक दूसरे से टकरा गए। विमाने में बैठे ६०० व्यक्तियों की मृत्यु हो गई तथा ६५ घायल हो गए तथा विमान चकनाचूर हो गया।

आज जब हमारी संवाद दाता सब्जी मार्केट में गई तो आलू और टमाटर के बीच लड़ाई हो गई, जमकर मारामारी भी हुई। आलूजी बहुत गुस्से में थे और टमाटर पर बरस पड़े तथा दोनों में जमके हाथापाई हो गई। टमाटर ने हार मान ली लेकिन आलू ने टमाटर की हत्या कर दी जिससे सारी सब्जी मंडी लाल हो गई। बैंगन ने लौकी की नाजूक कमर तोड़ डाली। हमारे संवाद दाता ने उन्हें छुड़ाने का प्रयत्न किया लेकिन कोई फायदा नहीं हुआ बल्कि उन्हें भी मार खानी पड़ी। रेल के नीचे चींटी ने अपनी जान दे दी इससे दुःखी होकर हमारे प्रधानमंत्री मिट्टी, सोना लड्डू ने कहा है कि चींटी के मर जाने से आज देश के झंडे नीचे कर दिए जाए।

मक्खी और बटर की लड़ाई हो गई। बेचारी मक्खी ने चाय के प्याले में जान दे दी और परलोक सिधार गई। आज मौसम का हाल सुबह के बाद होगा। रात का सूर्य उत्तर दक्षिण की ओर डूबेगा। दोपहर को सुनहरा चाँद निकल कर आप को रोशनी देगा। रात को मुर्गी बांग देगी और सुबह कुत्ते भीकेंगे। वर्षा होगी या नहीं, हम भगवान तो नहीं, जो आपको सही खबर बताये।

प्रकृति और प्रदूषण

— अक्षय जोशी

प्रकृति दो पक्षों में विभाजित है। कोमल पक्ष और कठोर पक्ष। एक ओर प्रकृति में कलकल निनाद करती हुई कल्लोलिनी, लहराते हुए शस्य-श्यामल श्वेत, कुलरव करते हुए पक्षी इत्यादि हैं तो दूसरी ओर दैत्याकार भूधर, खौफनाक घाटियाँ, घंघोर जंगल और उनमें खतरनाक जानवर इत्यादि भी हैं। प्रकृति के यह मनमोहक कवियों के लिए प्रेरणा का स्रोत बनकर रह गए हैं। परन्तु दुर्भाग्य से आज कल इस सृष्टि का सर्वनाश हो रहा है। आजकल जैसे जैसे विज्ञान में प्रगति हो रही है वैसे वैसे इस प्रकृतिके लिए खतरा बढ़ रहा। नई मशीनों से तथा नई गाड़ियों से प्रदूषण की मात्रा बढ़ती जा रही है।

प्रदूषण तीन प्रकार के होते हैं - वायु प्रदूषण, जल प्रदूषण, तथा ध्वनि प्रदूषण।

नई-नई पेट्रोल पर चलने वाली गाड़ियाँ बहुतायात धुआँ निकालती हैं। जिससे मनुष्य के शरीर में बहुत सी जान लेवा बीमारियाँ उत्पन्न होती हैं।

मृत शरीरोंको नदियों के घाटों पर जला कर बहा दिया जाता है जिससे जलीय जन्तु को नुकसान होता है। बड़े-बड़े कारखानों में से निकली हुई व्यर्थ सामग्री नदियों में बहा दी जाती है। यह भी जलीय जन्तुओं के लिए हानिकार सिद्ध होता है। हमारे घरों के नलों में जो पानी आता है वह बीमारियों की जड़ है। यह अशुद्ध पानी भी बहुत सी बीमारियाँ पैदा करता है।

आजकल बड़े कारखानों में आधुनिक मशीनें हैं जिनकी ध्वनि मजदूरोंमें बहरापन पैदा कर देती है।

इसी प्रकार प्रकृति का विनाश हो रहा है।

इसे संतुलित करने के लिए सरकार को नहीं परन्तु जनता को भी प्रयत्न करना चाहिए। अगर यह प्रदूषण चलता रहा तो शायद यह सृष्टि हमारे लिए विषैली बन जाएगी। इसलिए हमें इस प्रकृति को फिरसे सुधारना है तो हमें किसी प्रकार इस प्रदूषण को जड़ से नष्ट कर देना पड़ेगा।

गरमागरम जामुन

एक भिखारिन किसी जंगल में जा रही थी। उसने देखा कि गड़रिया भेड़ें चरा रहा है।

पास में ही जामुन का पेड़ खड़ा था। पेड़ पर काली - काली जामुन लगी हुई थीं।

जामुन देखकर भिखारिन के मुँह में पानी भर आया। उसने गड़रिये से कहा, भाई गड़रिये। मुझे भूख लगी है, थोड़े से जामुन तो तोड़ दो।

गड़रिया जामुन के पेड़ पर चढ़ गया। गड़रिये ने पूछा, “बोल भिखारिन. तू गरम-गरम जामुन खाना चाहती है या ठंडी?”

भिखारिन ने जवाब दिया, “क्या कभी जामुन भी गरम होती हैं? अच्छा, मुझे गरम जामुन खिलाओ।”

गड़रिया पेड़ पर से जामुन गिराने लगा। जामुन धूल में गिरने लगीं। भिखारिन उन्हें उठाकर मुँह से फूँक फूँककर खाने लगी।

जामुन खाती-खाती भिखारिन उन्हें कहने लगी, “भैया, ये जामुन तो गरम नहीं हैं।

गड़रिये ने हँसकर जवाब दिया, “फिर तू इन्हें फूँक-फूँक कर क्यों खा रही है।

क्रिसमस का त्यौहार

रूपरेखा

(१) ईसाइयों का सबसे प्रसिद्ध त्यौहार (२) बड़ा दिन २५ दिसम्बर (३) शरदुत्सव

(४) विश्व बन्धुत्व की भावना का प्रतीक - क्रिसमस डे । (५) ईसा मसीह का जन्म

क्रिसमस ईसाइयों का सर्व श्रेष्ठ त्यौहार है । अंग्रेजी राज्य के काल में ही क्रिसमस भारत के त्यौहारों में सम्मिलित हो गया था । और अब भी भारतीय त्यौहारों में यह त्यौहार अपना महत्त्व रखता है ।

क्रिसमस का त्यौहार २५ दिसम्बर को सारे संसार में धूम-धाम से मनाया जाता है । इसे 'बड़ा दिन' भी कहा जाता है । यह सप्ताह भर मनाया जाता है और इसे 'क्रिसमस सप्ताह' भी कहते हैं । २५ दिसम्बर को सभी जगह छुट्टी का दिन घोषित किया गया है ।

आज के दिन भारत में भी क्रिसमस कार्ड और उपहार हिन्दू, सिक्ख, मुसलमान और ईसाई एक दूसरे को भेजते हैं ।

२५ दिसम्बर को पहले 'शरदुत्सव' मनाया जाता था । ईसाई मत का प्रचार होने पर इसे क्रिसमस दिवस का नाम दे दिया गया । अतः यह विशुद्ध धार्मिक त्यौहार बन गया ।

क्रिसमसके बारे में भिन्न-भिन्न देशों में भिन्न-भिन्न प्रथाओं का प्रचलन है ।

क्रिसमस के दिन ईसाई बड़े जोरशोर से पुराने सामान और वस्त्रों को हटाकर नये वस्त्र पहनते हैं । एक दूसरे का अलिंगन करते हैं, उपहार देते हैं, बधाई के कार्ड भेजते हैं । २४ दिसम्बर की रात १२ बजे सामूहिक नृत्य आरम्भ होता है । मोमबत्तियों का नृत्य विशेष रूपसे प्रसिद्ध है ।

इसी दिन आधी रात के समय लोक अपने घरोंके आँगनमें एक पेड़ खड़ा करते हैं । २५ दिसम्बर की सुबह को जब बच्चे जागते हैं तो पेड़ों पर फल फूल और खिलौने आदि लटके हुए होते हैं । बालक उन्हें पेड़ों से तोड़ते और खुशी से नाचते गाते हैं । उनका विश्वास है कि आज के दिन वह दयालु बूढ़ा जिसका नाम सान्ता क्लाज है, आता है और वह उपहार स्वरूप चीज अच्छे बच्चों को देता है । एक-दूसरे के घर मिठाइयाँ भेजी जाती हैं ।

आज के दिन महात्मा ईसा का जन्म हुआ था । परन्तु फिर भी इनकी जन्म तिथी के विषय में विद्वानों का मतभेद है । कुछ देशों में इसे अप्रैल में मनाया जाता है । कुछ में मई महीने में और कुछ देशों में जनवरी में । इतना होनेपर भी २५ दिसम्बर को क्रिसमस डे मनाने की भावना विश्वबन्धुत्व के सिद्धान्त पर की गई है ।

महात्मा ईसा एक सरल स्वभाव के और सामाजिक प्राणी थे । उन्होंने कुमारी मरियम के गर्भ से जन्म लिया था । इसलिये लोग आज रात गिरजा घर अवश्य जाते हैं । और वहाँ प्रार्थना करते हैं । रात को धार्मिक नाटक भी खेले जाते हैं और जिनमें ईसा मसीह के जीवन की झलकियाँ दिखलाई जाती हैं । इस दिन की और विशेषता भी है कि यह एक बड़ा दिन है ।

विजयादशमी, दीपावली, जन्माष्टमी आदि पर्वों की तरह क्रिसमस का भी धार्मिक या सांस्कृतिक महत्त्व किसी प्रकार भी कम नहीं है । इस पर्व पर ईसा द्वारा दिया हुआ प्रेम, विश्व बन्धुत्व की भावना एवं दयाभाव का अमर सन्देश मानकर जीवन को सरल एवं पवित्र बनाकर अमरता का सन्देश दिया जाता है ।

यह सन्तोषजनक बात है कि सब धर्मों के अनुयायी हिन्दू, मुस्लिम, सिक्ख, ईसाई सब पर्वों की भाँति इसे भी राष्ट्रीय पर्व मान कर आपस में भाईचारे की भावना रखकर प्रेमपूर्वक उपहारों का आदान प्रदान करते हैं एवं नृत्य तथा सामूहिक गान द्वारा एकता की भावना का प्रतिपादन करते हुए व्यक्ति, समाज, प्रांत, देश एवं विश्व की एकता का प्रदर्शन करते हैं । आज के दिन हमें चाहिए कि हम महात्मा ईसाके पवित्र जीवन का अध्ययन करें । उनके दिये हुए नैतिक गुणों का सही मूल्य जगाकर अपने अन्दर नैतिक गुणों का समावेश करें। ऐसा करने सेही 'वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम्' अर्थात् सारा संसार ही कुटुम्ब है, इस सिद्धान्त पर चलकर हम अपनी आनेवाली पीढ़ियों का पथप्रदर्शन करने में सफल होंगे ।

वाद-विवाद

ग्राम और नगर

- ग्रामीण : सुनाओ मित्र । क्या हाल है?
- नगरवासी : हमारा तो अच्छा हाल है, तुम अपनी कहो ।
- ग्रामीण : अरे! हम तो हमेशा आनन्द मनाते हैं । खुली हवा, ताजी साग - सब्जी, अपने ही खेत का अनाज हमें चिन्ता किस बात की है? घर में गाय-भैंस बंधी है, दुध घी की कमी नहीं ।
- नगरवासी : यह तो ठीक है, पर मिट्टी और फूस के झोपड़े में रहने वाले! तुम क्या खाकर मेरा सामना करोगे? मेरे ऊँचे भवन तो देखो? तुम्हारे कपड़े मैले-कुचैले खदर के हैं । हमारे सूट-बूट तो देखो।
- ग्रामीण : ऊँची दुकान, फीका पकवान । ऊँचे भवनों में रहकर कोई ऊँचा नहीं हो जाता । हमारा दिया अनाज खाकर हमीसें अकड़ते हो! हम एक दिन अन्न न भेजें, सब्जियाँ न भेजें, तो तुम्हारा जीना कठिन हो जाये और मेरे कपड़े मैले थोड़े ही हैं । इन पर तो धरती माता की पवित्र मिट्टी लगी हुई है । हम काम करते हैं, तुम्हारी तरह निकम्मे थोड़े ही हैं कपड़ों की ही शान देखते रहें ।
- नगरवासी : ह...ह...ह...ह हाथ न पहुँचा तो अंगूर खट्टे हैं । अरे ये सुन्दर- सुन्दर घडियाँ, ये बढिया पेन, सवारी को बढिया मोटार तुम्हारे भाग्य में कहाँ....
- ग्रामीण : ठीक है, परन्तु ऊँचे भवनों में रहकर सुन्दर वस्त्र, घडियाँ और आभूषण पहनकर और मोटरों में घूमकर भी तुम्हारा शरीर क्यों सूखता जाता है? अरे हमें प्रकृतिमाता अपने हाथों से पालती है और हृष्ट-पुष्ट करती है । शहरों में धूँआ और धूल स्वस्थ कहाँ रहने देते हैं? मेरी बालिष्ठ बाहे, कितनी ताकत है इनमें
- नगरवासी : अक्ल बड़ी कि भैंस? मोटा-ताजा होने से क्या हुआ? हमारी बुद्धी की क्या बराबरी करोगे? तुम्हारे यहाँ छोटे-मोटे स्कूल अब जाकर खुले हैं । हमारे यहाँ बड़े-बड़े कालेज और विश्वविद्यालय हैं, जहाँ शिक्षा पाकर हम ज्ञान-विज्ञान सिखते हैं । रेलगाडियाँ और वायुयान हम बनाते हैं । तुम तो अभी बैलगाडी में ही घूमते-फिरते हो ।
- ग्रामीण : वाह, वाह, शिक्षा पाकर तुम चतुराई सीख जाते हो । विना परिश्रम के खाना सीखते हो और झूठ गर्व में रहते हो । यदि हम कपास न उगाएँ तो तुम्हारी वस्त्र कैसे बनेंगे? हमारे बलवान ग्रामीण यदि धरती खोदकर लोहा न निकाले तो तुम्हारी रेलें, मोटरें, जहाज और हवाई जहाज कैसे बन सकते हैं? हमारे जवान सेना में जाकर देश की रक्षा न करे तो तुम्हारा क्या हाल हो? तुम हमारे दास हो....।
- नगरवासी : गालियाँ देने लगे ? कभी दर्पण में भी मुँह देखा है। हम तुम्हारे दास हैं या तुम हमारे दास हो? मिट्टी विट्टी का काम तुम्हें सौंपकर हम तो साफ सुथरे रहकर आनन्द मनाते हैं । ग्रामोफोन रिकार्ड के साथ गाते-नाचते हैं, सिनेमा में फिल्म देखते हैं, बढिया होटलों में खाना....।
- ग्रामीण : अच्छा, तो क्या तुम्हें कुछ नहीं करना पडता? सवेरे से शाम तक तुम जो कार्यालय में कलम-घिसाई करते हो और हिसाब गिनते- गिनते पिस जाते हो, उसकी बात करो ।
- नगरवासी : तुम तो निरे मूर्ख हो।
- ग्रामीण : तुम महामूर्ख, जरा जबान संभालकर बात करना, नहीं (मुक्का दिखाता हुआ । कसम बजरंगबली की ...)
- (एक वृद्ध का प्रवेश)
- वृद्ध : अरे रे ! तुम यह क्या? आपस में लडने लगे? हे ग्रामीण तुम अपने कार्योंसे नगर को अन्न देते हो और हे नगरवासी तुम कच्चे माल का पक्का माल बनाते हो जैसे कपास से कपडा । दोनों मिल-जुलकर एक-दूसरे की सहायता से जीवन निर्वाह करते हो । एक के विना दूसरे का निर्वाह नहीं । लाओं अपने हाथ मिलाओ। दोनो मिलकर सहयोग और सहकारिता से भारत की उन्नति करो, इसी में तुम्हारी उन्नति है ।

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