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### SYMPHONY OF LIFE

“

The circle of life is  
not meant to be  
understood but to  
be experienced.

- Unknown

## CIRCLE OF LIFE

All of us who live on Earth have a role in the web of life, where each life is interlocked with another life and depends on the other. We live in a circle of life, it starts at conception, and carries on throughout our lives, till we draw our last breath and leave the material plane. It is a symbolic representation of birth, survival, and death.

The Circle of Life is an ideology based on the belief that every living thing exists as part of a delicate balance, as Mufasa tells his son Simba in ‘The Lion King’, “You must take your place in the Circle of Life.”

The idea of life as a circle or a wheel exists across multiple religions and philosophies – Life is represented as a circle because it is a constant loop.

It reminds us that hope, joy, and pain can be seen as symbols in life because they represent the various experiences and emotions that make up human existence. Together, they form a cycle of highs and lows, growth and resilience, mirroring the continuous journey of life, granting us memorable experiences which shape each soul into a unique story.

As we come to the end of another academic session, a journey filled with abundant blessings and learning, wins, and losses, we look forward to our constant growth of mind and heart.

“It’s the Circle of Life and it moves us all,  
through despair and hope,  
through faith and love,  
‘til we find our place on the path unwinding.”  
-The Lion King

- THE EDITORS

## OUR PRIORITIES

St. Stephen's is committed to Making Quality Education Accessible and building the character of its students by inculcating the values of Self Discipline, Integrity, Mutual Respect, Pursuit of Excellence, Learning for Life and Environmental Management (SIMPLE). The School will build language fluency and improve reading habits of the students and will also continue to introduce one educational innovation each year to make learning more meaningful. The School will continue to be a model employer and invest in teacher training and development.



# CAMPUS STORIES

## Marching Ahead with Patriotism

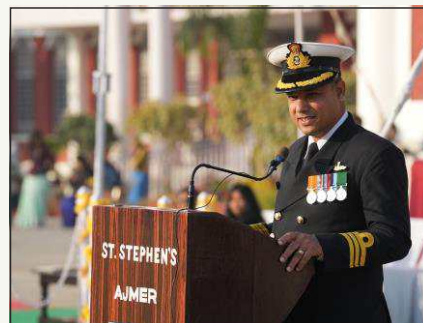


“A celebration of sovereignty is not only being patriotic, but also knowing our duties towards the nation and striving for the nation’s growth.”

The 75<sup>th</sup> Republic Day was celebrated with great zeal and ardour. The Chief Guest, Commander Manish Singh, Commanding Officer, 2 Raj Naval Unit, Ajmer, graced the occasion and hoisted the tri-colour as the National Anthem resonated with the passionate young hearts of the students. The NCC cadets and scouts smartly dressed in their respective uniforms, the marching contingents of the four houses and the School Brass Band briskly marched to the rhythm of the patriotic songs played by the School band. A patriotic song performance, gymnastics, drummers’ call, presentation of the young bulbuls and inspiring speeches filled

the air with the feeling of pride and patriotism for our country. Commander Manish Singh, in his address, encouraged the students to continuously move towards their goal, no matter which field they chose, and to focus on the development of their character during their grooming period, that is, their student life. He emphasized that the students are the future of the nation and must be groomed in a way that the legacy of the nation can be secure in their strong and able hands.

The students of classes Nursery to III celebrated a pre-Republic Day on January 25, 2024. The tri-colour printing activity conducted for the Pre-Primary students helped them to know about our National Flag and the Ashoka Chakra. A Show and Tell activity was conducted for classes I and II which helped them to gain knowledge about the tri-colour flag of India. A Paragraph Writing activity themed on freedom fighters was conducted for the students of Class III.





# Basant Panchami

## A Season of Love and Happiness



Basant Panchami was celebrated on February 14, 2024 by students of the Primary Section. It is a festival celebrated to honour Goddess Saraswati, the deity of knowledge, music, art, and wisdom. The School ambience was transformed into a picturesque spectacle with vibrant yellow coloured flowers adorning every corner. The students participated in different art activities like Colouring, Finger Printing, Kite Decoration, Art with Pulses. They wore yellow coloured clothes symbolizing the onset of Spring and the festival of Basant Panchami. Yellow coloured floral arrangements, thematic displays enhanced the festive aura, creating an enchanting atmosphere in the School.





# Bal Sabha

## Better Environment, Better Tomorrow

‘A good education is the foundation for a better future.’

The Bal Sabha is an eagerly awaited event at St. Stephen's. It is a day when students get the opportunity to showcase their talents.

This celebration is a perfect platform for students to exhibit their skills in front of their peers, teachers, and parents. Students of classes Nursery to III celebrated Bal Sabha held on February 10, 2024.



It was themed on ‘**Better Environment, Better Tomorrow**’. Humans and the environment are mutually interdependent on one another. The event showcased the cultural diversity of the School and promoted unity and harmony among the students. It began with the lighting of the lamp by the Chief Guest, Mr. Ganesh Narayan Mathur, Chief Executive Officer (Retd.) Delhi Cantonment Board. An invocation dance presented by the students paid a befitting tribute to our motherland.

The Annual Report of the Primary Section for the session 2023-24 was presented by the Primary Headmistress.

The Chief Guest, in his address, spoke of such events being organized during his time which have drastically changed because there is no dearth of resources

today. He appreciated the collective contribution and efforts of the teachers. A palette of colours sprinkled hues in the Bal Sabha. The hymn ‘All Things Bright and Beautiful’ presented by the students, thanked the Creator who made the universe. This was



Mr. Ganesh Narayan Mathur

followed by a dance on Tiger Anthem which was a musical masterpiece celebrating the tiger's role in the jungle reminding us to conserve forests. Students presented the butterfly dance ‘The Rainbow on the Earth’, a nature's ballet with butterflies. A mesmerizing dance on ‘Ye Tara Vo Tara’ depicted the partnership of the bright stars lighting up the night sky.

Cheerful chirrups of the birds and the lifetime memories at Nani's place was a medley of joyful and energetic song sung by our little Stephanians. ‘Voice of the Jungle’, a dance set to the pulsating rhythm of ‘Dhak Dhak Dharti’, which matched the earth's plea to preserve the forests, followed ‘The Free Spirit’ of the dancers travelled around with

‘Awara Bhanware’ to understand how to keep our forests intact. A dance performance on the song ‘Sun Mitwa’ (Dance for Hope) encouraged everyone to be preservers of trees like Amrita Devi who decided to save the *Khejdi* trees even if it meant sacrificing her own life. ‘Sound of Life’ had the little Stephanians dancing to the beat of ‘Barso Re Megha’ requesting the clouds to bring rain and quench the thirst of each and every creature around. ‘The Ultimate’ was a musical drill dance highlighting the importance of balancing nature around with the nature within. This event urged all guests to reflect on the state of the earth and our existence, encouraging them to take steps to leave this planet healthy for the future generations.

The performances were a treat to watch and left everyone spellbound. It was a moment of pride for the parents to see their children perform so well. The Vote of Thanks was presented by Ms. Natrajan Mamta.





# Capturing the Vibrancy





# Bidding Adieu

The School bid farewell to Ms. Ranjana Verma on June 30, 2023, Ms. Anita Tolumbia on September 30, 2023 and Ms. Savita Verma on January 31, 2024 and thanked them for their dedicated service of 37, 29 and 16 years respectively. The farewell gatherings were filled with memories, laughter, and a few tears as we thanked each of these teachers for their valuable support to the School. We celebrated their contributions, knowing that their teachings will keep inspiring students for years to come.



## FOUNDER'S DAY

Founder's Day was celebrated on February 20, 2024 to mark the 74<sup>th</sup> birthday of our founder, Shri Gilroy Martins. An atmosphere of celebration filled the School with memories, values and experiences of all those closely associated with Sir. It was an occasion to reminisce, acknowledge and to celebrate the life of our founder- a visionary who touched numerous lives. The teachers through an activity shared their unforgettable moments with Sir that had a lasting impressions on their life. Ms. Shefali Martins, the author of the book 'My Sir', read a chapter titled 'Moments in Time' which speaks of the joy expressed by the little Stephanians on Sir's birthday. The Principal, in his speech acknowledged the principles that Shri Gilroy Martins lived by in his life and the legacy of St. Stephen's he had left behind and exhorted us to carry it forward, Onward and Upward.



## IN MEMORIAM



A memorial service was held on February 26, 2024, to commemorate the 19<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of our Founder, Shri Gilroy Martins. An interfaith prayer service was held and floral tributes were offered by the staff members. The Principal spoke about Sir's visionary outlook for the young minds within the institution. He emphasized the importance of celebrating Sir Martins' life by embodying the values and principles he stood for. Reflecting on the impact Sir had on the School, he highlighted the need to continue our Founder's legacy of selfless service and dedication towards education. The Director, in her address, spoke of Sir being a perpetual source of inspiration for everyone. She acknowledged him as a self-made man who strived for excellence, led a disciplined life, and was a person with strong ethical values. She further stated that each member of the School has the responsibility to carry forward his hopes and aspirations.



# Learning For Life



Pariksha Pe Charcha is an annual interactive session held every year since 2018. On January 29, 2024 the students of Class IX viewed the live telecast of the session. During the event, the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, interacted with students,

teachers and parents from across the country, and shared valuable tips on how to prepare for the Board Examination and other entrance exams in a relaxed and stress-free manner.



A session on Moral values was held on January 27, 2024 for Class XI. The Resource Person was Lt. Col. Mohit Kumar Sharma, an alumnus of our School. He spoke on the essence of moral values in a student's life. He answered queries of the students regarding pursuing a career in the Defence Services.

A two-day session on Adolescence and Mental Health was held on January 9, 2024 and January 20, 2024. Students of Class IX



had an interaction with Ms. Shagun Kaushal, a mental health therapist and holistic wellness coach, and an alumnus of our School. She stressed upon the important aspect of self-love and the significance of understanding and respecting others' feelings. During

the session, students were guided to understand the importance of embracing their unique journey and also the detrimental effects of comparing their lives to fictional narratives fueled by social media.



Two sessions on the Importance of Traffic Rules were held on January 27, 2024 for Class IX and on February 7, 2024 for classes VIII and XI. The resource persons were ASI Sanjay Sharma, Mr. Girdhari Singh, Mr. Mukesh Khatana and Inspector Praveen Kumar (Rajasthan Traffic Nodal Officer). They explained to the students the importance of wearing a helmet while riding and guided them about the traffic rules and fines related to traffic misdemeanors.



A Career Counseling Session for the students of Class X and parents was held on January 13, 2024. The resource person was Mr. Amar Pal Singh Shekhawat, Director, Aryan College, Ajmer. He discussed the various streams that students could take up in Class XI.



Mr. Lionel Ellis (TGT) and Ms. Krutika Sharma (PRT) attended a training programme on A tete-a-tete session with Mr. Sahdev Singh, the author of 'Riddles in Rhyme' at Mayo School, Ajmer on January 20, 2024.



Ms. Dhruvika Ojha, Ms. Megha Yadav, Ms. Anupama Chaurasia and Dr. Seema Chopra witnessed the Science Exhibition at Central University, Bandar Sindri on February 29, 2024. The exhibition featured a diverse range of creative contributions from students across various schools, showcasing models related to the solar system, rainwater harvesting, laser security alarms, accident-prevention trains, sensor-equipped blind sticks, smart

city concepts, drip irrigation systems, and stress-releasing yoga asanas.



The Legal Literacy Club of the School organized a Slogan-Writing activity on January 24, 2024 on the occasion of Rashtriya Balika Diwas for Class IX. The theme for the slogan writing was 'Beti Bachao'.

A literary competition was organised by Bharat Nirwahan Aayog on January 16, 2024 for classes IV to XII. The students participating in this competition were required to write essays, poems and slogans on the topic, 'Mera Matdaan, Mera Swabhimaan'.



# IMPRESSIONS

## Nature's Palette

### Showcasing Expressions of Harmony with Nature

**L.K.G.**

H.K.G.

**"Dive into  
Holistic  
Healing: Insight  
from Water  
Creatures"**

## CLASS I

## CLASS II

### CLASS III



## L.K.G.

"Nature's  
Therapists:  
Water  
Animals  
Inspire  
Holistic Well-  
Being."

## H.K.G.

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# Cycling and Eco-Adventure

*Pedalling for the Planet*

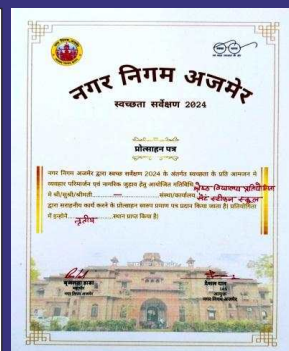


A cycle expedition for students of classes VIII and IX was held on March 10, 2024. The distance covered was approximately 40 kms. This initiative was aimed to raise awareness about climate change, themed as 'On the Road to Resilience: Cycling against Climate Change and Road Safety'. The cycle expedition began from the School to Foy Sagar, Kharekhari Village moving onto Pushkar then Budha Pushkar and cycled onwards to Hokra Village, Makarwali Village and back to School. The students experienced the beauty of nature as they pedalled towards a greener world and embraced the benefits of cycling and physical well-being.

## Green Horizon



St. Stephen's School has been honoured with a prestigious certificate by the Municipal Corporation, Ajmer, for its outstanding performance under 'Swachh Sarvekshan 2024'. The School secured third place, reflecting its commitment to creating a cleaner, greener, and more responsible society.







# CAMPUS STARS



## Academics

### Congratulations!



(L to R): Shakshi Doutaniya (VIII-B), Disha Jain (VIII-B) and Pratibha Rawat (VIII-B) participated in a letter writing competition, '*Bitiya ke Paati Babul ke Naam*' organized by the District Administration and Women Empowerment Department, Sawai Madhopur, Rajasthan (2022-23). Their letters have been published in the book '*Likh Di Paati Babul Ko*'.



(L to R): Harsh Tarachandani (V-B), Ayushi Sharma (IV-A), Kiara Jatav (III-E), Ethan Samuel (III-A), Ruhi Gaur (IV-A), Vanika Soni (II-E), Aaron Loyal (VI-A), Vanshika Mathur (VII-C) and (inset) Laiba Siddiqui (II-C) won the second round of the State Level Poster Making Contest 2023 organised by the Traffic Police, Jaipur.

## Sports



Rohan Vijayvargiya (XI-Com A) participated in the (Under-17 Boys) 67<sup>th</sup> National School WUSHU Championship Tournament 2023-24, held at Ranchi, Jharkhand.



Jennis Manoj Ojha (XI-Sc) secured the First position in the Doubles category and the Second position in the Individual category in the AITA Championship series held at Chandravarai Stadium, Ajmer.

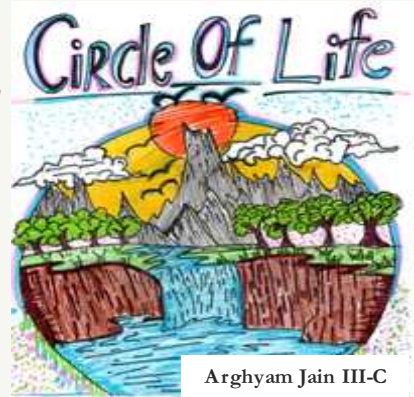
Jennis also secured the Second position in the Individual category 67<sup>th</sup> State Level Tennis Tournament (Under-19 Girls) held at Maharishi Gautam Sr. Sec. School, Jodhpur. Leading the Ajmer team, she secured the Third position in the team event.

She also participated in the (Under-19 Girls) 67<sup>th</sup> National School Games 2023-24 held in Jodhpur.



# WORDSCAPE

**A**s the sun rises and sets, the circle of life unfolds — a perpetual dance of beginnings and endings. Through a series of thought-provoking poems, the students encourage us to cherish the present moment, learn from the past, and welcome the unknown future with open arms.



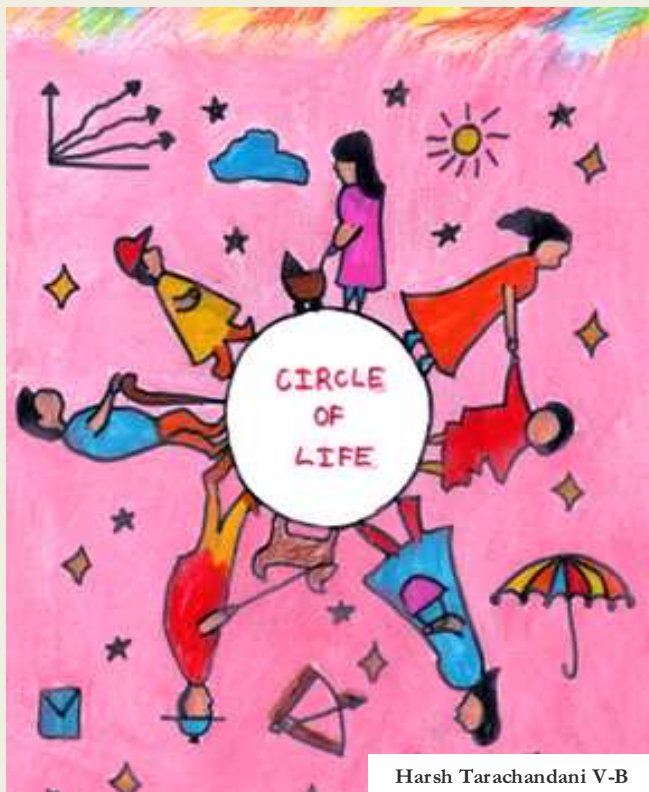
## CIRCLE OF LIFE

**L**ife is very strange,  
A never ending cycle.  
Birth, death, happiness and sorrow,  
All are parts of our life.

We come with nothing,  
Yet we struggle for everything,  
In the end we depart with nothing.

Life is a circle of happiness and sorrow,  
At times we laugh and sometimes we weep,  
All these make life a colourful picture.

**Kartik Sharma**  
IV-C



## A TOUCH OF ETERNAL LIFE

**W**ithin the splendid galaxy,  
our life unfolds,  
A life cycle graced, a tale each of us holds.

As we reflect on our wants and  
yearn with greed,  
God tailors our needs, fulfilling every need.

From our first breath to decisions profound,  
Life's crucial moments, where destinies  
are bound.

God's eternal presence, our constant rescue,  
Whether our deeds are virtue or sin's hue.

In the circle of life eternal, we all descend,  
Journeying through life, from beginning  
to the end.

**Charvi Patel**  
X-C



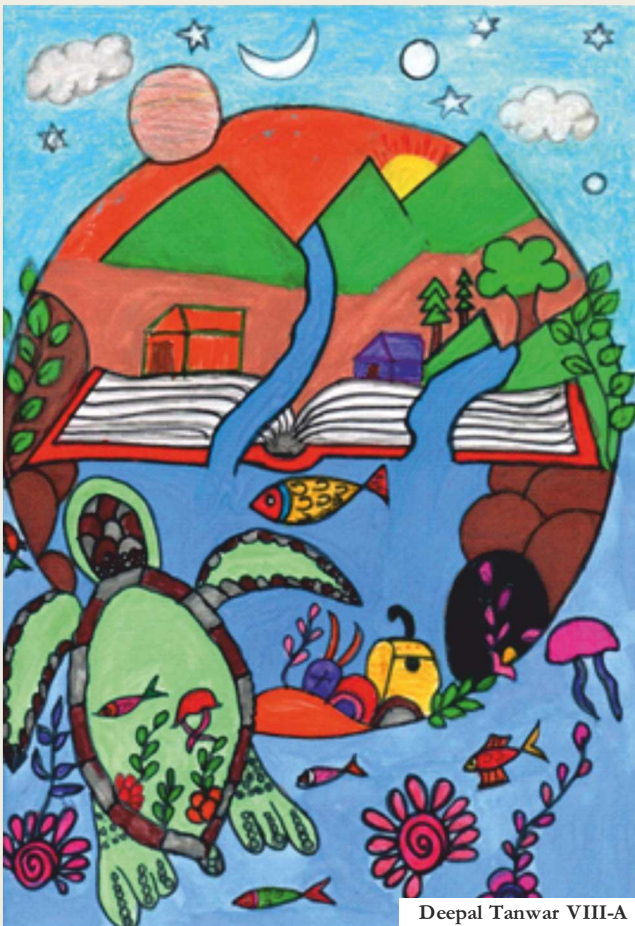


## जीवन चक्र: कोई न जाने

जीवन का यह सुख-दुख का चक्र  
पांच तत्वों से बनकर  
पंच तत्वों में मिलने तक का सफर।  
भूत, भविष्य की चिंता में  
वर्तमान की बाजी हार।  
लाभ-हानि के पलड़े में  
तुलता जीवन व्यापार।

अंधकार में, प्रकाश में  
सफलता-असफलता के पथ में भी  
सांसों को चलना होगा  
कोई न जाने आज है  
कोई न जाने कल ना होगा  
कोई न जाने जीवन सफर  
का कब अंत होगा।

दीपल तंवर  
कक्षा-आठवीं 'अ'

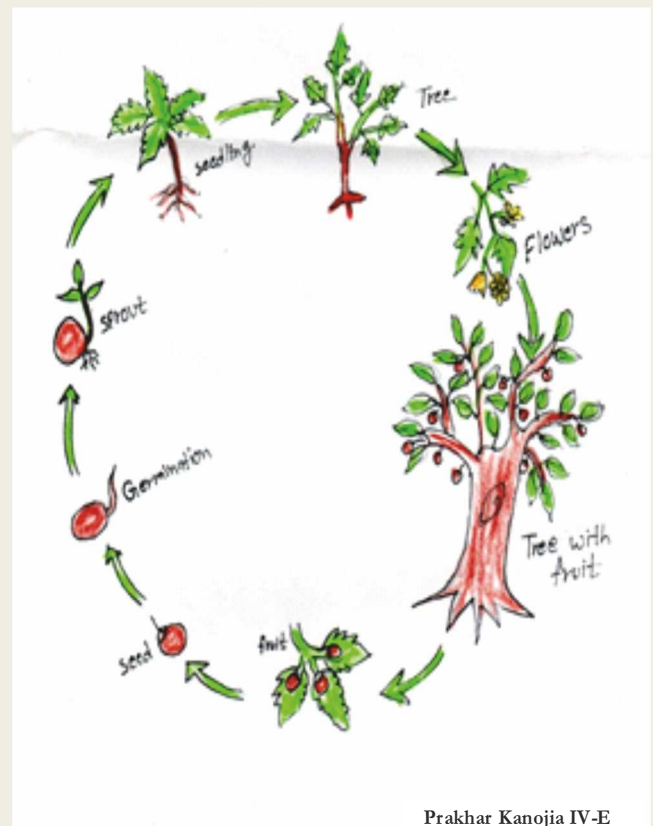


Deepal Tanwar VIII-A

## तितली का जीवन

रंग-बिरंगी तितली रानी, जीवन इसका कठिन कहानी  
होती है बगिया की रानी, जीवन इसका कठिन कहानी  
पत्ती-पत्ती है शाख-शाख की, शोभा ये  
हर बाग-बाग की  
जीवन इसका कठिन कहानी, जीवन इसका कठिन कहानी  
पत्ती पर अंडों से होकर, चलता इसका जीवन चक्र  
बागों की कहलाती रानी, मुश्किल से बनती ये रानी  
बाग-बाग हर कली-कली पे,  
उड़ती है हर गली-गली में  
तितली रानी सबसे प्यारी, होती है यह सबसे न्यारी  
जीवन इसका कठिन कहानी, जीवन इसका कठिन कहानी  
पत्ती से जीवन है पाती, रस फूलों का पीकर जीती  
पत्ती-फूलों से ही अपना, सारा जीवन चक्र चलाए  
रंग-बिरंगी तितली रानी, जीवन इसका कठिन कहानी।

निमिष अपूर्वा  
कक्षा- तीसरी 'इ'



Prakhar Kanojia IV-E



## पिता के प्रति पुत्री के अविस्मरणीय पल

भावों की अभिव्यक्ति,  
विचारों का सार।  
संबंधों की गहराई से,  
कोई ना पाया पार।।

वात्सल्य से ओत-प्रोत बिटिया जब अपने बाबुल से दूर हो जाती है तब वह अपने मन के उद्गारों को 'पाती' में समाहित कर कुछ इस प्रकार संदेश भेजती है।



Himanshi Sharma XI Com-A

27 जुलाई 2022

आदरणीय पापा!

चरण स्पर्श!

कैसे हैं ? आशा करती हूँ कि आप स्वस्थ और प्रसन्न होंगे। जीवन में काफी लगाव, प्रेम और आपके प्रति सम्मान रहा। संकोच की सीमाओं के बीच कभी शब्दों के जरिए जता या बता नहीं पाई, लेकिन आज जब सोच रही थी कि फादर्स-डे पर आपको उपहार क्या दूँ, तो सोचा कि जिस पिता ने मुझे काबिल बनाने और हमेशा खुश रखने में अपना पूरा जीवन समर्पित कर दिया, उनके लिए शायद किसी उपहार से ज्यादा संतान की, उनके प्रति प्रेम और भावनाओं की अभिव्यक्ति अनमोल होगी। इसलिए मैं अपनी अमूल्य भावनाएं, जो सिर्फ आपके लिए हैं, उन्हें व्यक्त कर रही हूँ। पापा एक बेटी होने के नाते हमेशा से ही मेरा झुकाव आपकी तरफ अधिक रहा और आज भी माँ से ज्यादा आपसे पटरी बैठती है। जब भी माँ बचपन में डाँटती थीं तो आप अपने पास बुलाकर दुलार दिया करते थे। माँ ने किसी चीज के लिए मना किया तो आप ही फरमाइशें पूरी करते हैं। हर शौक आपने मेरा पूरा किया है और हर छोटी-बड़ी उपलब्धि पर मेरा उत्साह बढ़ाते रहे। जब भी मेरी हिम्मत जरा भी कम पड़ती है तो हौसला आप ही देते हैं। यह कहकर कि "तुम करो, आगे बढ़ो। मैं हूँ ना, फिर किस बात की चिंता?" आपके इन शब्दों ने जीवन की किसी भी कठिन और असमंजस भरी स्थिति में मेरा हाथ नहीं छोड़ा।

शुक्रिया पापा, मुझे इस दुनिया में लाने के लिए। लोग कहते हैं कि बेटियाँ बोझ होती हैं पर जिस दिन बेटियाँ अपने पिताजी का नाम रोशन कर देंगी तो बेटियाँ किसी बाप के लिए बोझ नहीं कहलाएँगी। शुक्रिया पापा, मुझे इतना मजबूत बनाने के लिए। आपकी इन बातों से मेरे मन में बैठा डर खुल गया। शुक्रिया पापा, मुझे इतने अच्छे स्कूल में पढ़ाने के लिए। आप रात को एक गिलास पानी में बादाम डालकर रख देते, जब सुबह होती तो आप छिलके उतार कर हमें खिलाते।

जब आप हर सुबह स्कूल के लिए उठाते तो कहते कि उठ बिटिया लेट हो जाएगी स्कूल के लिए। आप मेरे लिए इस दुनिया में सबसे अनमोल हैं। आपके जैसे पिताजी मुझे कहीं पर नहीं मिलेंगे। शुक्रिया पापा, मेरे इतने अच्छे पापा बनने के लिए।

प्रतिभा रावत  
कक्षा-नवीं 'ब'





आदरणीय पिताजी,  
सादर प्रणाम!  
चरण स्पर्श!

कैसे हैं आप पिताजी ? आज मुझे आपकी बहुत याद आ रही है। इसलिए मैंने आपको फोन भी किया था। फोन पर आपकी आवाज सुनकर आपसे ढेर सारी बातें करने का मन हो रहा था। मुझे अब भी याद है वह दिन जब मुझे आइसक्रीम खाने की बहुत इच्छा हो रही थी, परंतु मौसम खराब होने की वजह से मम्मी ने आइसक्रीम खाने से मना कर दिया था, लेकिन आपने मम्मी की डाँट खाने के बावजूद मुझे आइसक्रीम दिलाई थी। मैं उस पल को आज तक भुला नहीं पाई हूँ। मुझे वह पल भी याद है जब मेरे जन्मदिन के दिन बारिश हो रही थी और सड़कों पर पानी भरा हुआ था लेकिन आप उस तूफानी बारिश में सिर्फ मेरे जन्मदिन के लिए केक, खाने का सामान आदि लाने के लिए गए थे। उस बात के लिए आपका बहुत-बहुत धन्यवाद। आपके साथ मेरे बहुत सारे पल ऐसे बीते जो मैं भूल नहीं पाई। आप दुनिया के सबसे अच्छे पिता हो। मैं बहुत खुशानसीब हूँ कि मैं आपकी बेटी हूँ। हमेशा मेरे आगे रहकर मेरे हर काम में मेरी सहायता करते हो। आप मेरे बहुत अच्छे मित्र भी हो। मैं परेशान होती हूँ तो मेरी परेशानी का हल बहुत ही सरलता से निकालते हो। हमें घुमाने भी ले जाते थे, परंतु जब से आपका ट्रांसफर हुआ है तब से मैं बहुत अकेलापन महसूस करती हूँ। मुझे आपकी बहुत याद आती है। मुझे अच्छा लगता है जब आप मेरे साथ होते हो। वैसे अगले हफ्ते से मेरी वार्षिक परीक्षा शुरू होने वाली है। मैंने परीक्षा की तैयारी भी बहुत अच्छे से कर ली है, परंतु मुझे डर है कि मैथ्स के एग्जाम में मेरा क्या होगा ? मैंने तैयारी तो कर ली है, पर मैथ्स का पेपर देखते ही मुझे डर-सा लगने लगता है और डर की वजह से एग्जाम में मेरे नंबर भी अच्छे नहीं आ पाते, लेकिन मुझे खुशी है कि आपने मेरे लिए ट्यूशन का उपाय निकाला है। मैंने कल से ही ट्यूशन ज्वाइन कर ली है। आशा है कि मैं इस बार एग्जाम में बहुत अच्छे नंबरों से पास हो जाऊँगी। इस उपाय के लिए आपका बहुत-बहुत धन्यवाद।

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कैसे हैं आप पापा ? आपके पैरों का दर्द कैसा है ? सर्दियाँ आ चुकी हैं इसलिए अपना ख्याल रखिएगा। ठंड में आपके पैरों का दर्द शुरू हो जाता है न, इसलिए कह रही हूँ। आज आपकी बहुत याद आ रही थी, इसलिए फोन किया था मैंने आपको। फोन पर आपके साथ ढेर सारी बातें करने का मन किया, मगर आपको ज्यादा देर तक फोन पर बातें करना पसंद नहीं, इसलिए यह पत्र लिख रही हूँ। पापा! मन कर रहा है कुछ दिनों के लिए आपके पास चली आऊँ और वहीं रहूँ, आप लोगों के साथ कुछ दिन। वक्त कितनी तेजी से उड़ जाता है ना पापा, अभी कुछ साल पहले ही मैं आप लोगों के साथ उस घर में रहती थी। पापा! आपको याद है जब मैं छोटी थी और आप ऑफिस से लौटते थे तो आपको पानी देने के लिए कैसे मैं, माँ से लड़ती थी कि “पापा को पानी मैं दूँगी, आप नहीं।” माँ कितनी हँसती थी यह सुनकर और आप भी हमेशा मेरे ही हाथ से गिलास लेते थे पानी का, और माँ की तरफ देखकर हँस पड़ते थे। आज फिर से, आपको अपने हाथ से पानी का गिलास देना चाहती हूँ पापा। मैं जानती हूँ भूले तो आप भी नहीं होंगे। मेरे पत्र का जवाब जरूर देना। आपके जवाब का इंतजार रहेगा।

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