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EUPHORIA OF EXPRESSIONS



If you have the words, there is always a chance that you will find the way.

SEAMUS HEANEY

POWER OF EXPRESSION

The way we express is the way to impress! Expressions are a way of giving some life to the thoughts and feelings inside us. When we are happy, we express it through a smile and when we are sad, we have a gloomy face. In our life, we also use words to express our feelings and emotions about various things we strongly feel about. Expressions make our message stronger and effective. It is only through these expressions one can communicate openly and freely.

Farewells are not the end, just beginnings of new possibilities. The class of 2020 bid goodbye to the Stephen's family, and we too wished them a lifetime of success as they step into a new world of possibilities and accomplish new milestones. Filled with nostalgia, the outgoing students pledged to strive for excellence.

We Stephanians have also come to the end of the session as the campus heard the voice of quiet contemplation during Annual Examinations which would pave new path for forthcoming opportunities.

The Primary Art Exhibition held to showcase the artistic work of the students is an outlet of expression of their creativity. We also welcome the new addition of L.K.G. students to the Stephanian family where they will be nurtured with love and guidance.

So, just express in whatever way you can, talk it out or write it down. Just never silence your emotions!

- THE EDITORS

SCHOOL'S MISSION STATEMENT

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). By 2022, 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.

Patriotic Fervour

Colours of patriotism and the bliss of freedom came to life on Republic Day

Republic Day evoked the spirit of patriotism in the hearts of all Stephanians. The icy cold winds could not deter the feeling of patriotism as the School celebrated the 71st Republic Day. The day was marked by the unfurling of the National Flag by our Principal Ms. Bharti

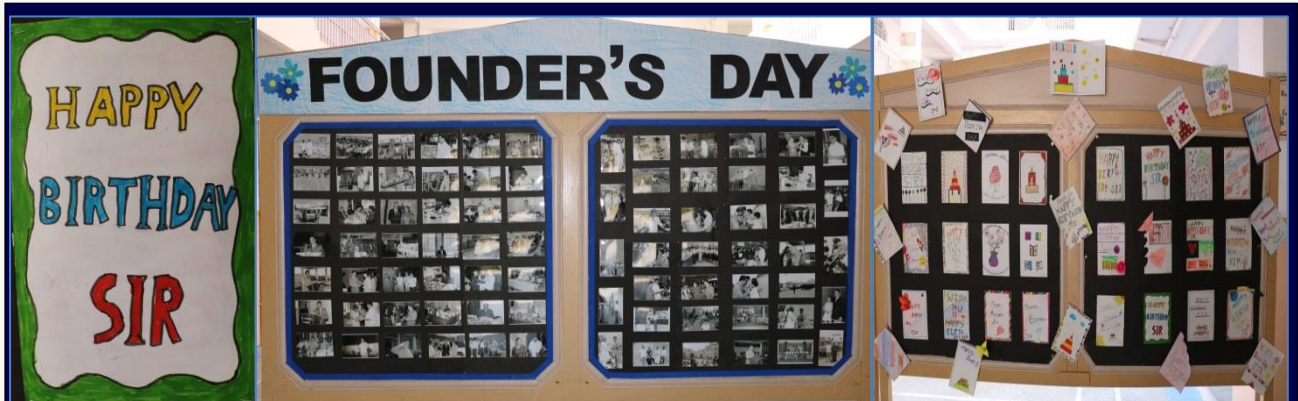


Patriotism surrounds the air with unfurling of the National Flag, parade & the school band

Hindi added a feeling of nationalism to the day. The Principal, in her address to the students, said that we should respect the ideals of the constitution, render national service, promote harmony, preserve our rich heritage and protect the sovereignty, unity and integrity of India to become good citizens.



Tolumbia. A well-orchestrated March Past by various platoons, a display of physical exercise, a Patriotic song and a speech in



Founder's Day was celebrated in the School on February 20, 2020 to mark the 70th birthday of our founder, Shri Gilroy Martins. A Card-Making activity was organised for the students of the Primary section wherein they made beautiful greeting cards to show their love and regard for Sir. It was an occasion to reminisce, acknowledge and cherish the memories of this wonderful School and its founder.

IN MEMORIAM

A memorial service was held on February 26, 2020, to commemorate the 15th death anniversary of our Founder-Director Shri Gilroy Martins. Floral tribute was offered by the staff members. His life stands as an example of values enshrined in the acronym SIMPLE.



Art Ignited



Fun With Paper

Origami activity was organised on December 19, 2019 for the students of classes L.K.G.-III. The activity rendered an opportunity to all students to showcase their Origami skills with perfection. The students skilfully transformed a flat square sheet of paper into a finished design. Our young minds created unique and exclusive shapes and structures to showcase their finesse in paper craft.

Flying High in the Sky

An Inter-House Kite Making was organized for the students of classes IV & V on January 14, 2020 to add another blooming bud to the array of activities,. The students participated in the activity with full zeal and fervour. It was a wonderful opportunity for the students to showcase their creativity that left the onlookers astounded. On the whole, the competition was full of colours and innovative thoughts.



I Wish I were a Colour...

Colours hold a special place in every child's life. Colours give wings to their imagination. To increase the fondness of students and to encourage them to play with colours, a 'Fun With Colours' activity was organised on January 14, 2020 for the students of classes L.K.G.-V. It gave them an opportunity to paint their world using the power of their creativity. The young budding artists were delighted to participate in this activity and had a wonderful experience creating magic on paper.

In Awe of Flowers!

Every flower is a soul blossoming in nature. The School organised a Flower Show on January 18, 2020 for the students of classes IV-VIII and created awareness towards various flowers among the students. The parents, who visited the flower show, developed an interest to nurture gardens in their surroundings. The beautiful flowers transformed the School premises into an ecosystem of a wide range of flowering plants at one place. A unique feature of the Flower Show was the involvement of students in the cultivation, growth and maintenance of the flowers.

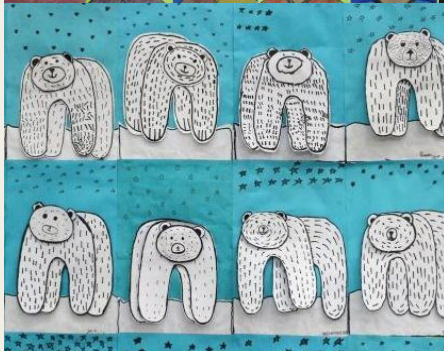


IMPRESSIONS

Expression of Creativity

The Primary section Art Exhibition tried out a range of imagination and creativity to produce amazing art. Children transformed the school auditorium into a vibrant art gallery

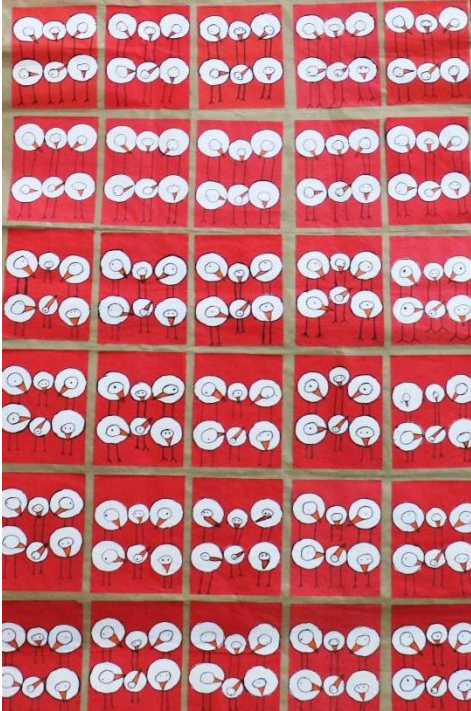






ART

EXHIBITION



Farewell: A New Beginning



Glimpses of farewell

Goodbyes can be happy if celebrated with the hope of new beginnings. The students of Class XII are set to enter a new phase of their life and welcome greater opportunities. The air was filled with sombre and mixed emotions, the joy of growing up and the pain of leaving the school behind. The farewell held on February 2, 2020 was themed on 'The Culture of Rajasthan'. The vibrant colours of Rajasthan symbolizing wishes for their bright future, filled with beautiful colours of life. The elements of culture teach that one should always stay connected to their roots no matter what they achieve in life. Students of Class XII were smartly dressed to bid adieu to their alma mater. Students were overwhelmed with emotions after watching a presentation of

There is no time like that spent at school...but everyone has to say goodbye

memories from their School life. There were performances by students of Class XI depicting fragrance of Rajasthan. The Head Girl Parimeeta Sharma and Head Boy Rochak Jain delivered the valedictory speech on behalf of the outgoing class. The solemn Candle ceremony was conducted to pass on the light of knowledge to the students of Class XI. Our Principal Ms. Bharti Tolumbia addressed the outgoing students and wished them good luck for their future. She talked about the belief that Sir Martins adhered to in his life which resonates with a quote from Virgil, "They can because they think they can." She exhorted the students to achieve their goal through righteous means and reminded them that the choices they make now, will be the foundation for their future.



Photographs of Class XII 2019-2020 batch

Learning for Life



1. The school organised an informative session on 'What Next after 10th and 12th' for the students of class X and their parents. It was aimed at guiding them to choose subjects in class XI and providing useful information regarding career options after class XII. The workshop was conducted on January 4, 2020 by Mr. Amarpal Singh Shekhawat
2. Ms. Shilpy Choudhary (P.G.T.) attended a one-day Training cum Orientation Programme on Examination on January 4, 2020, organised by CBSE in Jaipur
3. Ms. Ritu Bhargava (T.G.T.), Ms. Krutika Sharma (P.R.T.), Ms. Jagrati Sharma (P.G.T.), Ms. Baljeet Kaur Viridi (T.G.T.) and Ms. Supreet kaur (P.R.T.) attended a one-day workshop on 'Experiential Learning' on January 15, 2020 organised by CBSE in collaboration with Shri Aurobindo Society at DPS, Ajmer
4. The students of class IX attended a live stream session with Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi on 'Pariksha Pe Charcha 2020' on January 20, 2020. The students acquired knowledge about how to balance studies and extra-curricular activities and have a technology free hour everyday



5. Ms. Judeline D'Souza (P.G.T.) conducted a briefing session for the students of classes X and XII to guide them regarding the Board Exams
6. The students of classes VI-IX attended a session on 'Traffic Rules & Regulations' on February 5, 2020 organised by Transport Department and Traffic Police, Ajmer 2020 in the school. The traffic awareness team performed a street play and gave students guidelines to follow various traffic rules. The staff members and the students took a pledge to abide by the traffic rules and follow safety measures
7. The staff attended an 'Orientation Programme for Invigilators in Board Examination' on February 15, 2020 conducted by Ms. Shilpy Choudhary (P.G.T.)

CAMPUS STARS



Academics



Congratulations!



Syeda Fizza Fakhri for outstanding academic performance in the Class XII Board Examination and for being among the top 0.1 percent of successful candidates in Painting



(L to R): Shubh Bansal , Suman Jangid and Lakshyana Rathore for outstanding academic performance in the Class X Board Examination and for being among the top 0.1 percent of successful candidates in Social Science



(L to R): Arpit Anand and Siddharth Jain for outstanding academic performance in the Class X Board Examination and for being among the top 0.1 percent of successful candidates in Mathematics

Gold Medal Winners in the SOF International English Olympiad Level 1 2019-20 (Juniors & Seniors)



Lavanya (III-D) won the Gold Medal of Distinction for securing Zonal Rank 16 in the SOF National Science Olympiad Level-1 (2019-20)



Row 1 (L to R): Pragati Lalwani (I-B), Keerat Bhola (II-D), Khushbu Goyal (III-C), Shlokk Maheshwari (IV-A) and Nandini Khanna (V-D)

Row 2 (L to R): Shubhadeep Choudhury(VI-C), Mohit Somai (VII-B), Ishita Sharma (VIII-A), Garima Pradutt (IX-A), Kanika Mathur (X-A) and Rashika Sajnani (XI-Sc.)

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Row 1 (L to R): Garv Singh Bundel (I-B), Suryansh Singh Solanki (II-A) and Shlokk Maheshwari (IV-A)

Row 2 (L to R): Swapnil Goyal (V-A), Shubhadeep Choudhury (VI-C) and Siddharth Choudhary (VII-E)

Row 3 (L to R): Yash Narayan (VIII-F), Garima Pradutt (IX-A) and Rashika Sajnani (XI-Sc.)

(Towards Right): Khushbu Goyal (III-C) and Rishi Agarwal (X-B)

Sports



Danish Khan (IX-D) won the Gold Medal in the 15th Kherogi and 3rd Poomsae District Taekwondo Championship organized by Ajmer Taekwondo Association held at Meenakshi Vatika, Dhola Bhata, Ajmer



Rahul Prakash Dhaka (VIII-C) won the Bronze Medal at the 15th Kherogi and 3rd Poomsae District Taekwondo Championship held at Meenakshi Vatika, Dhola Bhata, Ajmer



Kandarp Sharma (VI-A) secured the Third position in Sub-Junior Boys Championship organized by District Roll Ball Association held at All Saints Girls School, Ajmer

Co-curricular Activities

Our School Brass Band was awarded the first prize for their performance at the 71st Republic Day celebrations organized by the District Administration at Patel Stadium



I Row (L to R): Surbhi Sharma (IV-C), Riya Rajwani (IV-C), Gurpreet Kaur (IV-C), Tanisha Rawat (V-D), Avinash Mirchandani (V-A), Khush Soni (V-A), Shreyansh S. Khichi (V-A), Shreyas Khetawat (V-B) and Jatin Karamchandani (V-B)

II Row (L to R): Harshvardhan S. Rathore (V-B), Aditya Sehra (V-B), Divyanshi Khetawat (VI-B), Heer Anuragi (VI-C), Vishesh Talepa (VI-B), Vineet Ballani (VI-B), Aman Mathur (VI-B), Reet Bhargav (VI-B) and Aditi Jain (VI-B)

III Row (L to R): Yashvi Jain (VI-B), Nakhshatra K. Chouhan (IX-B), Mayank Bhawrani (IX-F), Syed Junaid Hussain (IX-F), Ojasvin Chaturvedi (IX-D), Ojasvi Chaturvedi (IX-B), Aaradhy Charan (IX-C) and Mudit Verma (IX-A)

In Inter-school Group Dance Competition organized by Municipal Corporation, Ajmer under the 'Swachh Sarvekshan 2020' drive to promote cleanliness among the masses, our dance troupe was awarded the second position



Sitting (L to R): Aditi Sharma (VIII-F), Gunika Sethi (VIII-E), Mrinalini Singh (VIII-D) and Unnati Bhagchandani (VIII-F)

Standing (L to R): Tanvi Sharma (VIII-F), Chavi Charan (VII-B), Tanishka Choudhary (VII-B), Sneha Agarwal (VII-B) and Pooja Chaudhary (VII-B)

(Inset): Charu Charan (VIII-E)



Siddharth Jain (XI-Com. A) secured the 3rd position in the Speech Competition at the Vikram Sarabhai Centenary Programme organized by Indian Space Research Organization, Department of Space, Government of India held at M.D.S. University, Ajmer



Manan Chaurasia (IX-D) participated in the District Level 'INSPIRE Manak Award 2020' for preparation of Science project /model. His project 'Water Conserving Smart Shower' was among the top 5 projects out of 74 participants. He will now proceed to the State Level



Anmol Surana (XI-Com A) secured the First position in the Acharya Bhadrasen Memorial Debate Competition organized by Acharya Bhadrasen Charitable Trust, Ajmer



Akshat Pareek (VIII-F) secured the first position (Tehsil Level) in the Bhartiya Sanskriti Gyan Pariksha organized by Gayatri Teerth, Haridwar

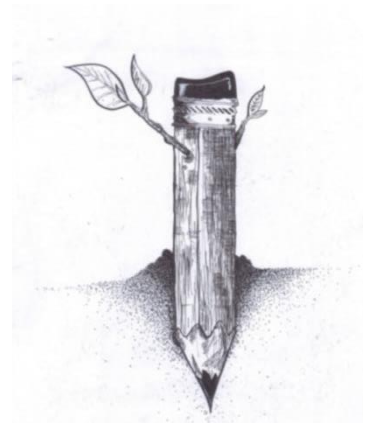
He was also among the top ten students out of a group of 500 students (Classes VI-VIII) who participated in the Yoga Competition 'Yoga Amrit 2019' organised by Bharat Vikas Parishad Yuva Shakha, Ajmer



(L to R): Aaradhya Sharma (IX-C), Atisha Sharma (IX-A) and Shefali Raj (IX-A) won positions in the slogan writing competition under the aegis of the 31st National Road Safety Week to bring about change through the power of youth organized by the Department of Transportation

WORDSCAPE

An inner voice, a gentle murmur, pouring out what you feel brings joy not only to life but also to the heart. By expressing thoughts and emotions positively, we in turn appreciate the goodness around us. The poems and articles by the students in this issue's Wordscape have beautifully translated their feelings and emotions into expressions!



Shubh Bansal (XI Sc.)

THE SONNET OF DAWN

The snow white on the mountain tonight,
Not a footprint in sight.
A kingdom of isolation,
Where I'm the Queen.
So afraid, my aim is out of sight,
The glass half empty, or glass half full,
Well either way one won't be thirsty.
Count your blessings not your flaws,
You've got it all,
Yet your mind is lost in sounds.
There's so much to be done, to gain your aim
Get rid of the monsters inside your head.
Never give up,
A new dawn will break,
And you will win again.

Anushka Upadhyay
VIII-A

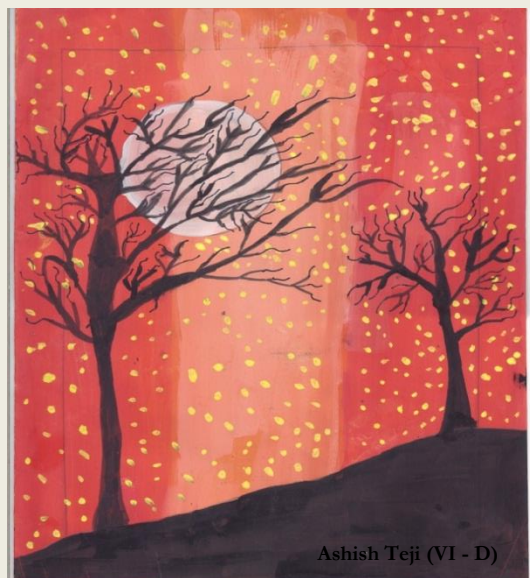


Aditya Mathur (VI- C)

If I were...

I wish I were a bird
So I could fly in the sky
In the month of July
High... so high
I could touch the sun
I could touch the sky
I could fly... high in the sky
I wish I were a plane
So I could load & carry people
I could fly over the mountains
I could visit all over the world
I wish I were a pen
So people could use me to express
What all they have in their hearts.

Mohit Jain
VI-B



Ashish Teji (VI - D)

LIKE A BIRD, SO HIGH

If I were a bird,
Like the Queen of the sky
Enjoying amidst nature
Soaring so high
Fill me with pleasure,
Gliding so high.
My wishes will come true
When I'll be able to fly.
Nothing can stop me,
From flying so high.

Sneha Mathur
VI-B



Ashutosh Prajapati (VI- C)

SUBLIMITY

Each and everyone has the power to
Express their inner feelings
Which arise
To ignite the thoughts, from the conscience.
It is the road, through which
Sublimity is achieved.
If you are angry with someone, let him know
If you love someone, let him know.
Life's too short, to keep them
Secret, that's we all know.

Shubhradeep Choudhury
VI-C

SOARING HIGH

Expressions are the marks that are never
erased,
Which tells us what is best for you
And what is waste.
Your words might lie,
But, your expression makes you soar high.
From your eye to your chin,
All comes on your face and makes you win.
Beautiful, cheerful and fruitful you think,
It all shines in your eyes as you blink.
Your voice might stutter,
But, your expression would always be smooth
as butter.
May be the ethos of sadness, stops you to fly,
But, your expression makes you soar high.

Harshit Pareek
VIII-D



Hiya Morani (VI- D)

That's Me

Yes, that's me.
Look and you'll see.
My hair are Shinny as stars
My eyes are always searching for happiness.
My arms are always there to help you.
My hand will never let you down.
My heart is fulfilled with joyfulness.
I'm the one who never stops hardworking
I never stop anyone from doing right
My friends are always there to support me.
I live to make my parents proud.
I hope you like me.
I dream to go ahead
It's all clear as can be
That's positively, absolutely me.

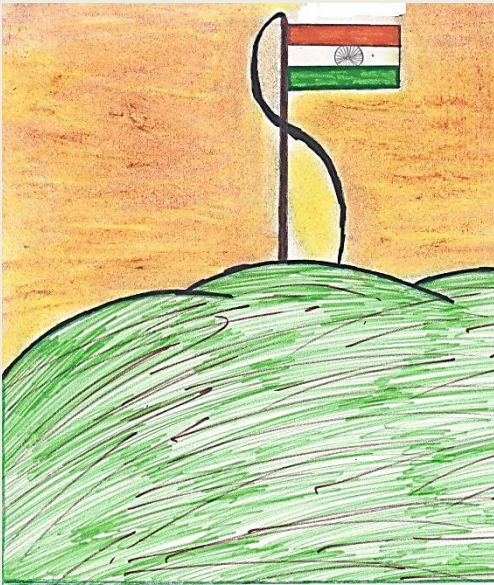
Hiya Morani
VI-D

सिपाही

उसके कर्तव्यों को देश
अब नमन कर चुका है
हर उस सिपाही को
जो वतन पर मिट चुका है
बर्फ का वो टुकड़ा भी
अब उस से थक चुका है
हर उस सिपाही से
जो उसकी गोद में
दब कर अमर हो चुका है।
माँ का हर एक आँसू भी
अब सूख चुका है
हर उस सिपाही के लिए
जो उसके आँचल में
अपना दम तोड़ चुका है
तिरंगा भी उनके मृत शरीर पर
लिपट-लिपट कर थक चुका है
हर उस सिपाही से
जो उसकी शान के लिए
अपना दम तोड़ चुका है।

खुशी भार्मा

कक्षा—ग्यारह (कला)



Ayan Williamson (VI-C)

आप मुस्कराओगे : जग मुस्कराएगा

आज के भागदौड़ से भरपूर जीवन में हमारी व्यस्त दिनचर्या तनाव और चिंता में ही खत्म हो जाती है। आज जब हम स्वयं के लिए ही समय नहीं निकाल पा रहे हैं तब हमारे जीवन में उत्साह कहीं गुम सा हो गया है। ऐसे में हम सकारात्मक जीवन शैली के लक्ष्य से दूर होते चले जा रहे हैं। सकारात्मक सोच हमारी स्वस्थ मानसिकता दर्शाती है। हम अकसर गौर करते हैं कि जब हम जीवन के प्रति सकारात्मक बातें करते हैं तो लोग हमारी ओर आकर्षित होते हैं और इसके विपरीत ही यदि हम दिन भर नकारात्मक बातें करते हैं तो कोई भी हमसे सम्पर्क रखना पसंद नहीं करता है।

सकारात्मकता उत्साह को जन्म देती है जो हमारे जीवन में नए आयाम एवं लक्ष्य प्राप्त करने के लिए प्रेरित करती है। जीवन में उतार-चढ़ाव आना लाजमी है और अपेक्षाएं पूरी ना होने पर निराश होना भी स्वाभाविक है किंतु यदि हम उसी अंधेरे में डूबे रहेंगे तो आशा एवं सफलता के उजाले को नहीं देख पाएंगे। हमें हमारी हर असफलता को सफलता की ओर बढ़ते एक और कदम के रूप में देखना चाहिए और यदि फिर भी मन में शंका हो तो महान संगीतकार रवींद्र जैन और महान साहित्यकार रघुवंश सहाय जी का उदाहरण मन में धारण कर लें। जिन्होंने जीवन में सभी नकारात्मक पहलुओं को गौण कर सकारात्मक जीवन शैली का अनुसरण किया और कई उपलब्धियाँ प्राप्त की। हमें जीवन में 'ऑल इज वेल' कहते हुए आगे बढ़ते रहना चाहिए। सकारात्मक सोच हमारे भीतर ऊर्जा का संचार करती है। हमें एक स्वस्थ जीवन शैली की तरफ अग्रसर करती है। इसलिए सदैव अपने दृष्टिकोण को सकारात्मक रखें और अपने जीवन लक्ष्य की तरफ अग्रसर रहें। और एक बात हमेशा ध्यान रखें कि 'दुनिया में केवल एक ही इंसान आपकी तकदीर और आपकी तस्वीर बदल सकता है – वो हैं आप।'

सिद्धार्थ जैन

कक्षा—ग्यारह (वाणिज्य)

स्नेह

एक चिड़िया का अपने बच्चों को घोंसले में सुरक्षित रखना है स्नेह या फिर एक माँ का स्वयं खाए बिना अपने बच्चे का पेट भरना है स्नेह। यह प्रेम ही तो है जो एक जवान को दिन-रात अपने देश के लिए सीमा पर तैनात रहने का जज्बा देता है और यह भी स्नेह ही है जिसके कारण वह अपने देश के लिए जान देने से भी कतराता नहीं है और खुशी-खुशी अपनी साँसें देश के नाम न्योछावर कर देता है। जब एक प्यासे को पानी मिल जाए तो उसकी आँखों की चमक में झलकता वह स्नेह या फिर एक गरीब को जब दो वक्त की रोटी मिल जाए तो उसके मन में पनपता है वह स्नेह। आज अगर सभी लोग एक-दूसरे के प्रति स्नेह और आत्मीयता रखें तो हमारे देश में ही नहीं संपूर्ण विश्व में शांति स्थापित होगी। आज कुछ स्थितियाँ विपरीत दिखाई देती हैं जिनके परिणाम भी हमारे समक्ष हैं। अतः रहीमदास जी के दोहे –

‘रहिमन धागा प्रेम का, मत तोड़ो चटकाय।
टूटै से फिर ना मिलै, मिलै गाँठ परि जाय।’
को आज समझने व अमल में लाने की आवश्यकता है। यदि हम एक-दूसरे के प्रति बैर भाव रखेंगे तो आपसी मेलजोल कम होगा और ईर्ष्या की उत्पत्ति होगी। इसलिए आज के समय में स्नेह एवं प्रेमभाव को धारण करते हुए हमें हमारी जीवन-यात्रा पूर्ण करनी चाहिए। गुप्त जी की ये पंक्तियाँ सटीक अर्थ देती हैं –

“चलो अभीष्ट मार्ग में, सहर्ष खेलते हुए।
विपत्ति विघ्न जो पड़े, उन्हें ढकेलते हुए।
घटे न हेलमेल हो, बढ़े न भिन्नता कभी।
अतर्क एक पंथ के सतर्क पंथ हों सभी।।”

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कश्मीर!

दशकों का डूबा
उजियारे से रूठा
समरों में बलिदानित
उपहासित, अपमानित
सूर्योदय अब आज हुआ है
किलकारी भरते कश्मीर को
भारत माँ ने गोद लिया है
कश्मीर की उर्वी पर अजर-अमर उस धरती पर
कश्यप की उस वेदी पर
अत्याचार असंख्य हुए
उत्तर जिनके निशंक
सदा ही शून्य रहे
पर आज हजारों बलिदानों से
रक्त रंजित मैदानों से
प्रलयंकर भीषण नाद उठी है
आजादी का वह स्वप्न अधूरा
पूरा करने की ज्योति जली है
पूर्णाहुति दे अब समर वेदी पर
ज्योतित जीवित झंकृत
कश्मीर को रखना है
कारगिल, गिलगित, अनंतनाग
सियाचीन, बनिहाल तक
विजय पताका दो से घटकर
एक अकेला अपना है।

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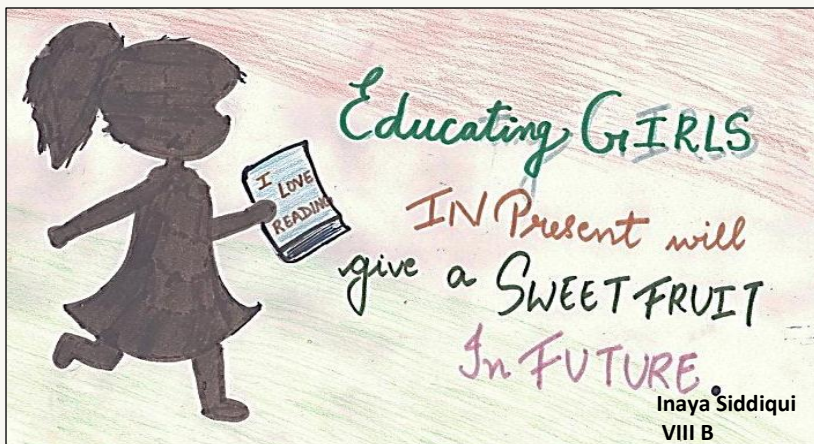
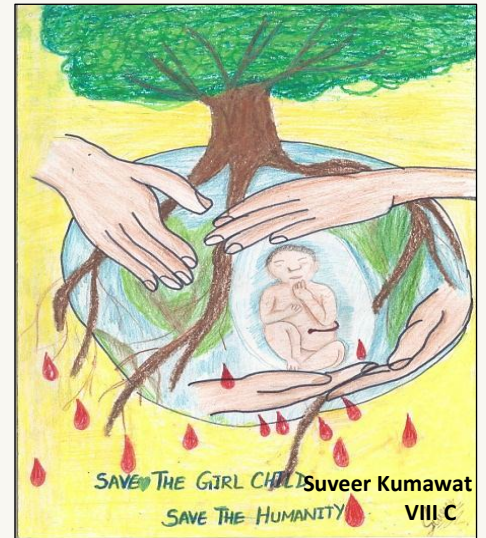
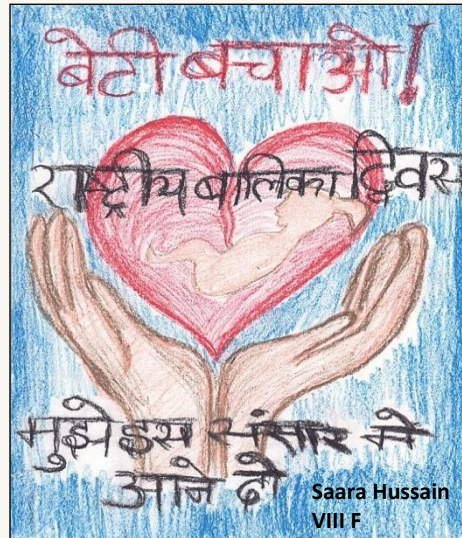
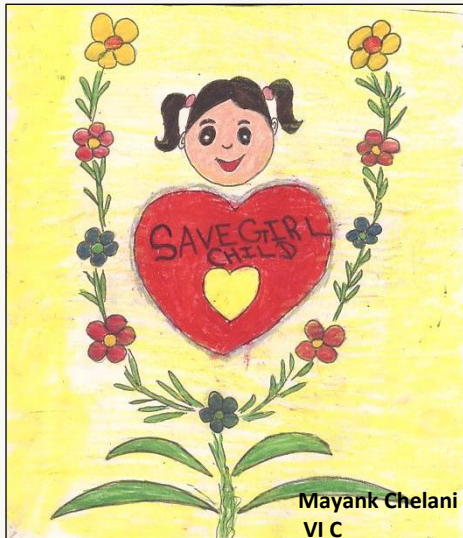
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