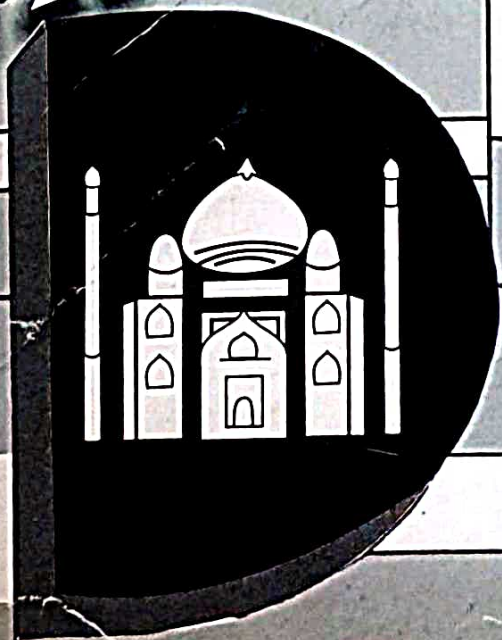




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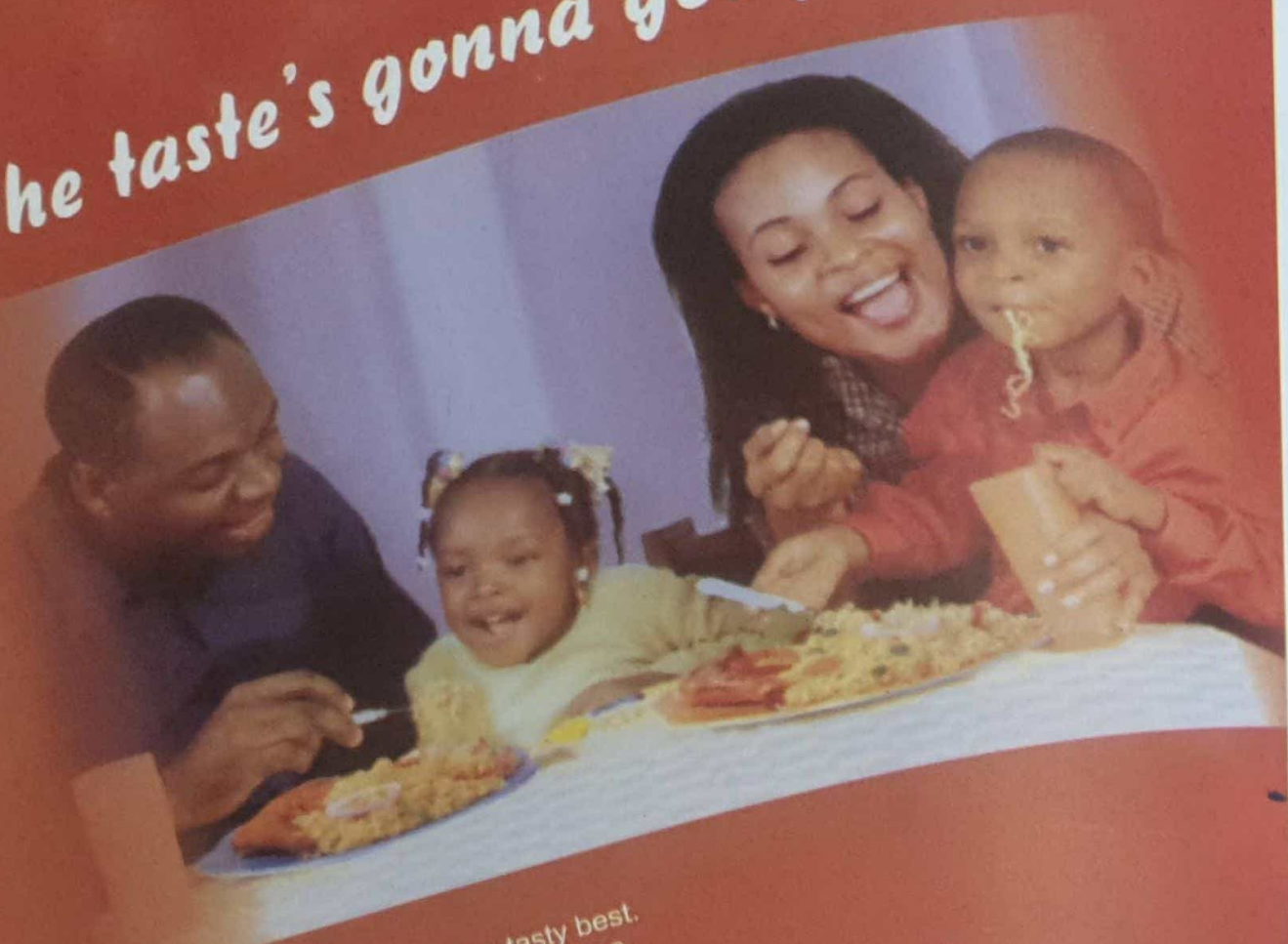
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'Creativity is so delicate a flower that praise tends to make it bloom, while discouragement often nips it in the bud. Any of us will put more and better ideas if our efforts are appreciated'.

- Alex. F. Osborn

It was sixteen years ago that with this precise emotion I.L.S. brought forth its first issue of '**FLYING HIGH**' to nurture and encourage the budding writers, poets and scribes. The tradition continues with the motive to reinvent, recreate and to encapsulate the ethos of the I.L.S. family.

This issue has an assortment of pictures of the **20th Year Anniversary Celebrations**. The pictures evoke sheer nostalgia and pride that each one of us felt for I.L.S. during the celebrations. **The Return Of The Romantics** is an offering from our budding poets and '**Mélange**' is a blend of articles in which the children express their thoughts passionately on the various aspects of life. Today's children definitely have a clear perception of things and are great individuals in the making!

'**Here's your chance to read other people's letters**' is the resultant of the Letter Writing Competition held annually and is really your chance to delve into the mindset of your children.

The cover is a statement of a child's worldview. Our children see the world as a union, as a whole and not fragments of land. Hence it is a tribute to all the wondrous monuments of human enterprise. Finally, it is the noble human spirit that triumphs. Always.

Shalini Ramaul
MRS. SHALINI RAMAUL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

With the winds of change that have engulfed the Middle East and with the strangest war in history concluded, there seems a ray of hope for peace at the horizon. A hope that we will be able to endow our children-a world free of 'the weapons of mass destruction, that we will actually give our successors a world full of hope, a world marked with sincere fraternity and absolute brotherhood, a world where 'Everyman' makes an individual effort to be at peace with himself and his fellow beings.

I do firmly believe in what Eleanor Roosevelt said -

It isn't enough to talk about peace.

One must believe in it.

And it isn't enough to believe in it.

One must work at it.

So dear pupils do practise and spread the goodwill and cheer present within each of you.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the Magazine Committee and compliment them on their commendable venture.



DR. (MRS) SUMAN KANWAR

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I am happy to note that the 16th issue of the annual magazine 'Flying High' of Indian Language School, Lagos is due for publication by April 2003.

It gives me immense satisfaction that the annual school magazine provides the students opportunity to express their creative abilities.

10th April, 2003
Lagos

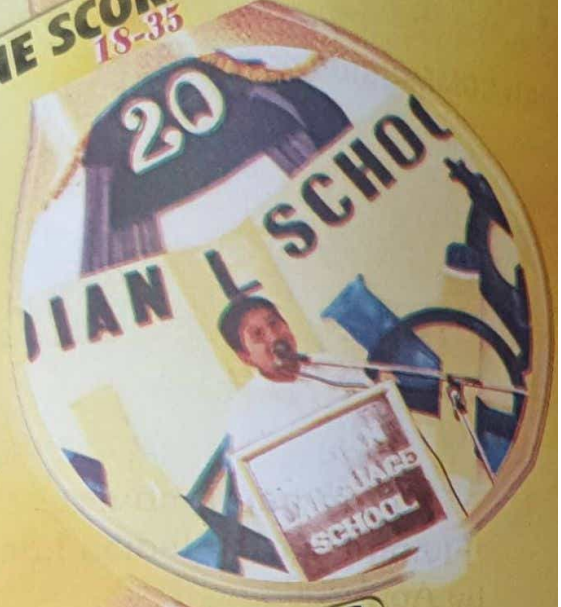
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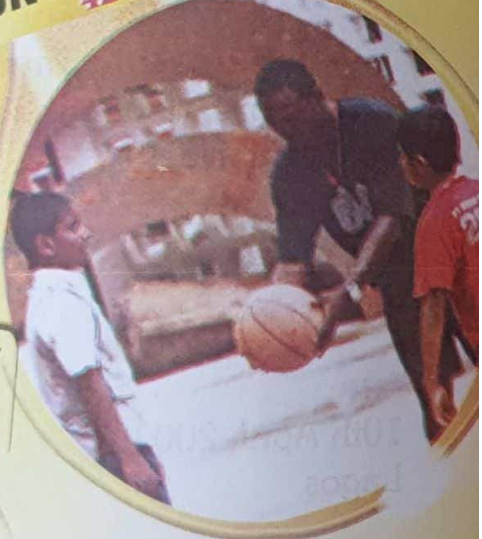
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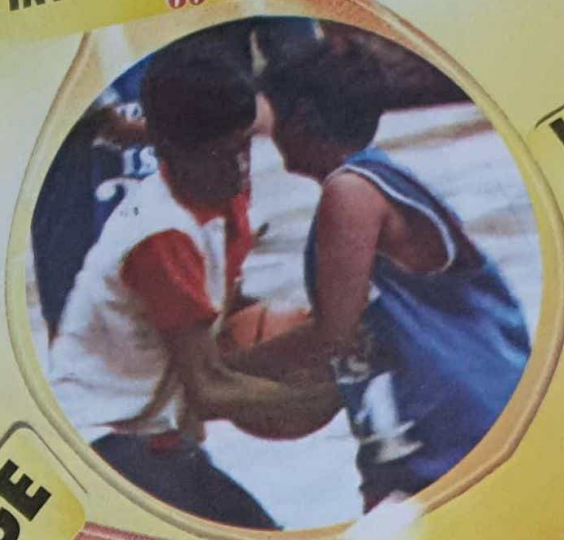


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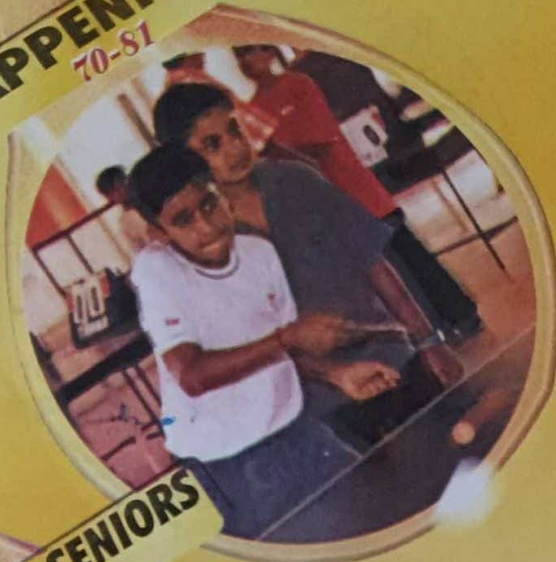


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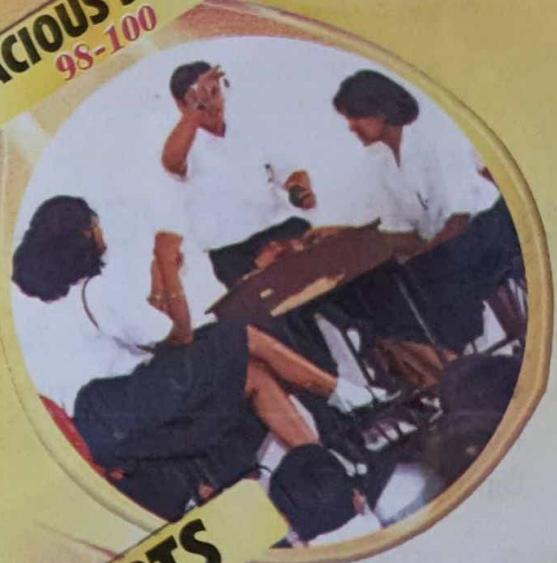
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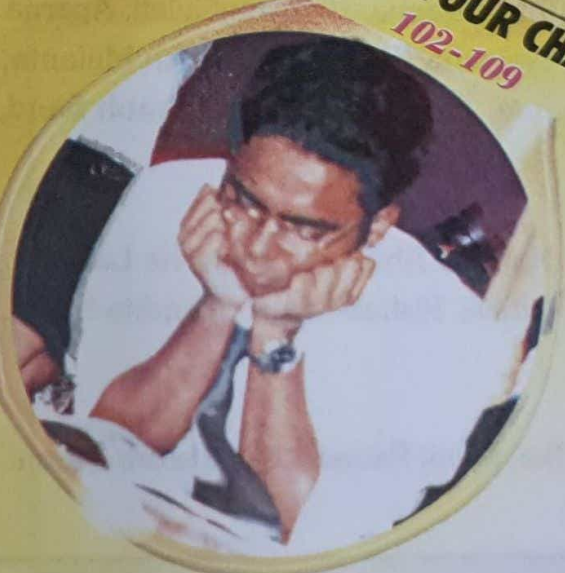
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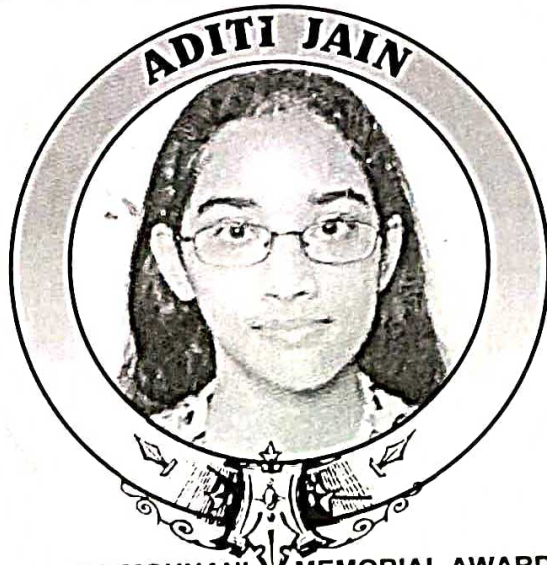
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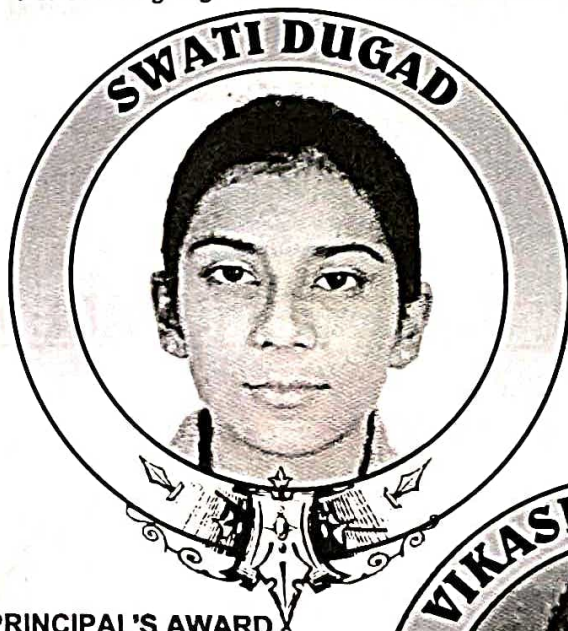
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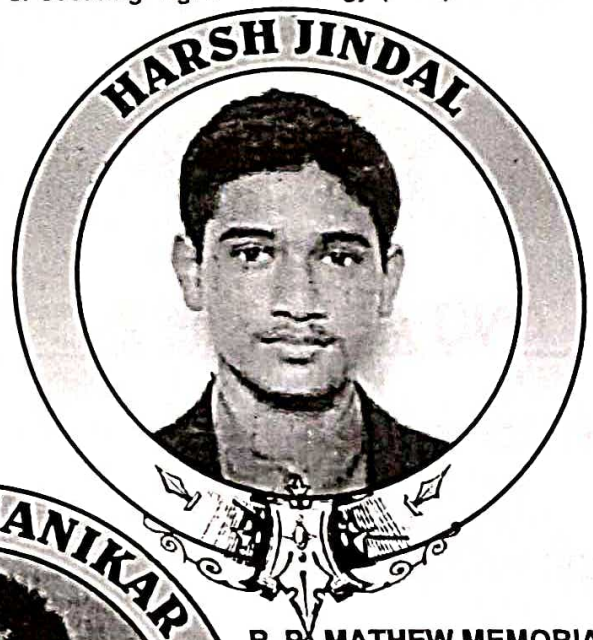
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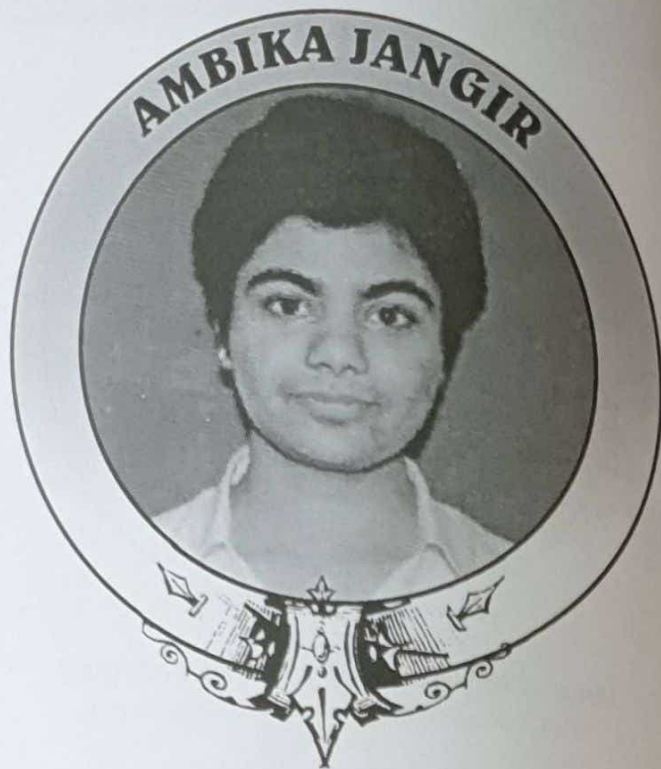


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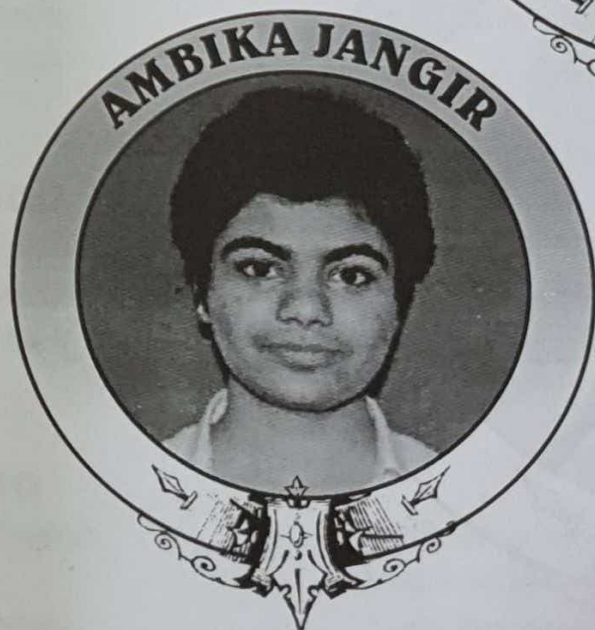
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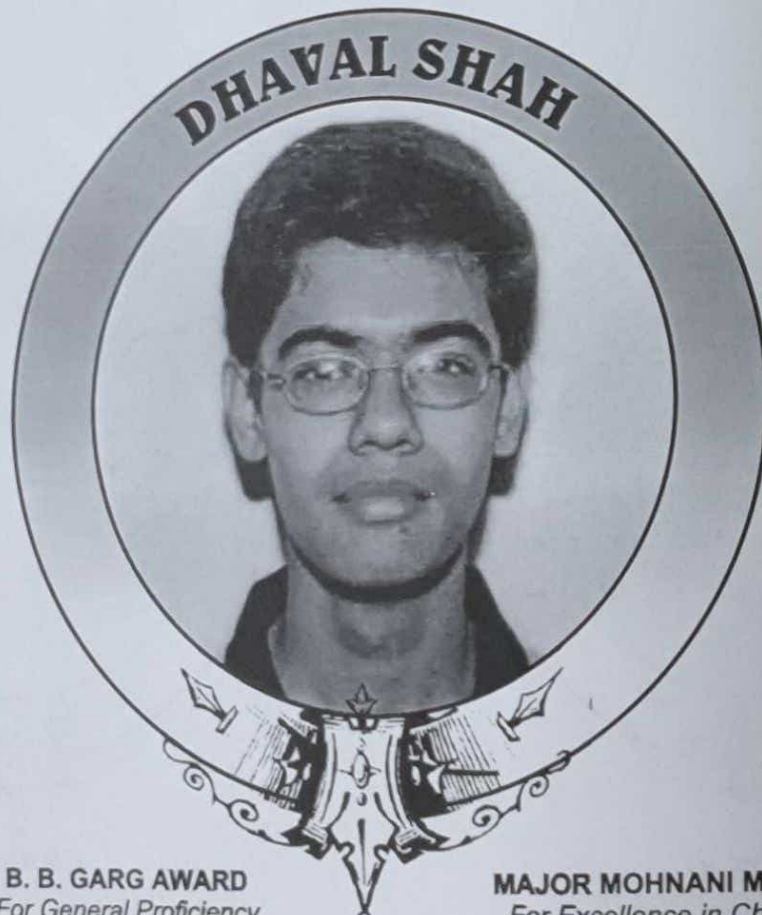
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	-	Sneha Kavishwar
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	-	Saloni Vadeyar

1B

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	-	Vidhisha Devnani
	-	Varsha Mundhra
	-	Pooja Wadhvani
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	-	Varsha Mundra

1C

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1D

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Maths	-	Pratik Ramchandani
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Maths	-	Varun Behani
Hindi	-	Varun Behani
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IIB

English	-	Sidharth Singh
	-	Yeshas Sagar
Maths	-	Yeshas Sagar
Hindi	-	Yeshas Sagar

IIC

English	-	Amogh Luxminarayan
Maths	-	Amogh Luxminarayan
	-	Subhashini Venkatesh
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IIIA

English	-	Subramaniam Kedarnath
Maths	-	Jacob Divya Maria
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Social St.	-	Kapil Saloni

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IIIB

English	-	Nehal Kamat
Maths	-	Chinmay Savant
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Science	-	Nehal Kamat
Soc. St	-	Nehal Kamat

IVA

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VI C

English	-	Hrushikesh Bhuskute
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Maths	-	Makarand Bidikar
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Science	-	Prerna Ingleshwar
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IX A

English	-	Soundarya Kedarnath
Maths	-	Soundarya Kedarnath
Science	-	Soundarya Kedarnath
Social St.	-	Rohit Deshpande
French	-	Soundarya Kedarnath

IX B

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	-	Ananya Tandon
Maths	-	Ananya Tandon
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Science	-	Kriti Arora
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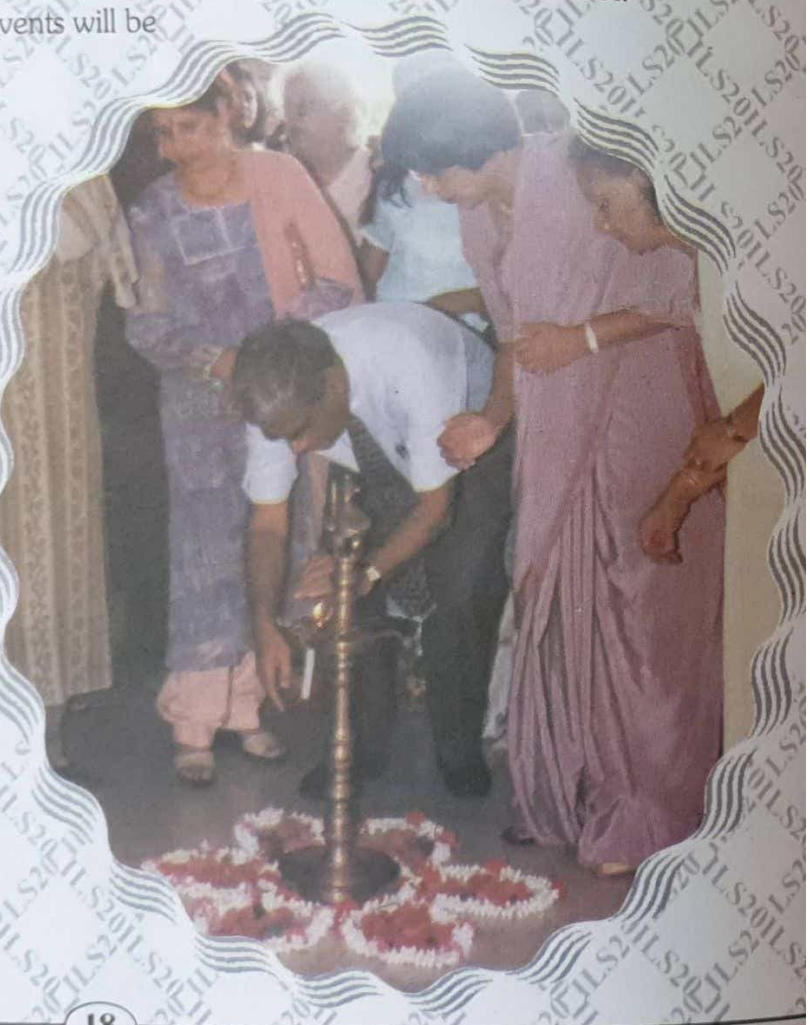
ONE SCORE NOW

20th Anniversary Celebrations - An Overview

"No man that does not see visions will ever realize any hope or undertake any high enterprise" - With these visions the Indian Language School was established in 1982 as a primary school and now, twenty years later, it has become a pillar of strength to all those who have derived so much from it. Thus it was no surprise that ILS came up with a week long celebration to commemorate its 20th anniversary. The Celebrations began with a display of the artefacts made by the ever-so creative students of ILS at the "I MADE IT" exhibition. This was followed by a 'Career Counselling' session for the students of Grade IX-XII. The speakers were professionals affiliated to the 'Indian Professional Forum'. They spoke extensively on fields ranging from Medicine to Hotel Management. This session proved to be beneficial for students who are at the brink of choosing their careers. The next day was filled with excitement as the school for the first time hosted an 'Inter School Debate'. Students from the British International School and other Nigerian schools took part. Our Seniors did us proud by winning us the 1st Prize. The celebrations continued on a more serious note, with a session on "Teenage problems". Parents were invited to attend too. The speakers included two psychologists, teachers and parents. Common problems like the 'Generation Gap' were discussed and students brought out their own problems in the open. It was definitely very refreshing when the children, the teachers and parents voiced their opinions on the issues and problems that manifest this age. This open forum was helpful in clearing some of the differences between the children, their parents and teachers. Later a programme was put up entirely by the students, but the teachers stole the show with their performances in a skit and song and dance sequence. Finally the 'Grand Finale' was held at the Nigerian Law school, where a cultural programme was organized by the staff and the students of the school. All in all, the glorious memories of these events will be imprinted in gold in our minds forever.

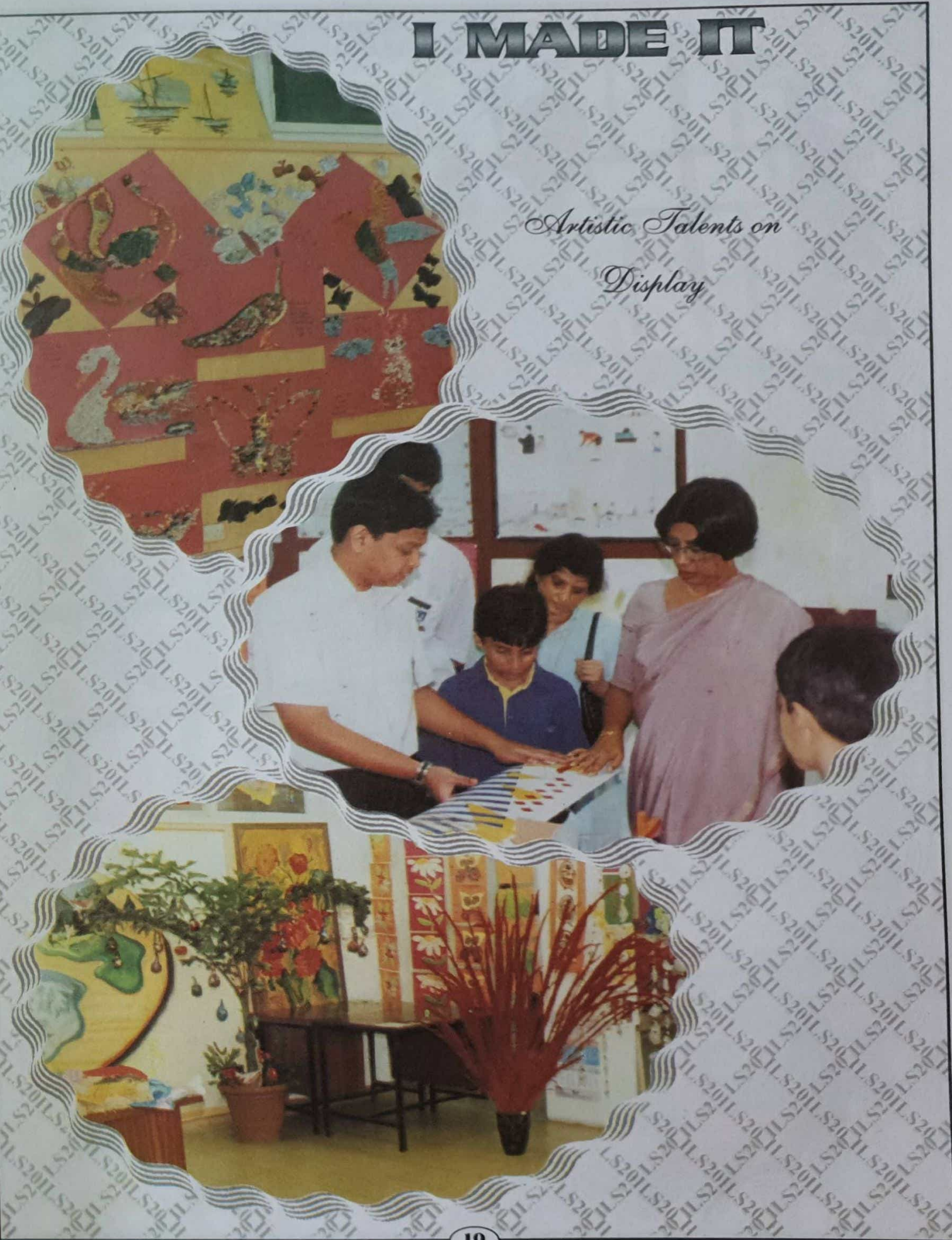
Manasi Bidikar
Grade XI

*Inaugurating the
20th Anniversary
Celebrations at I.L.S.*



I MADE IT

Artistic Talents on Display



I MADE IT

Exuberance
Fresh Flower Arrangement
1st Prize



Paintings on Glass

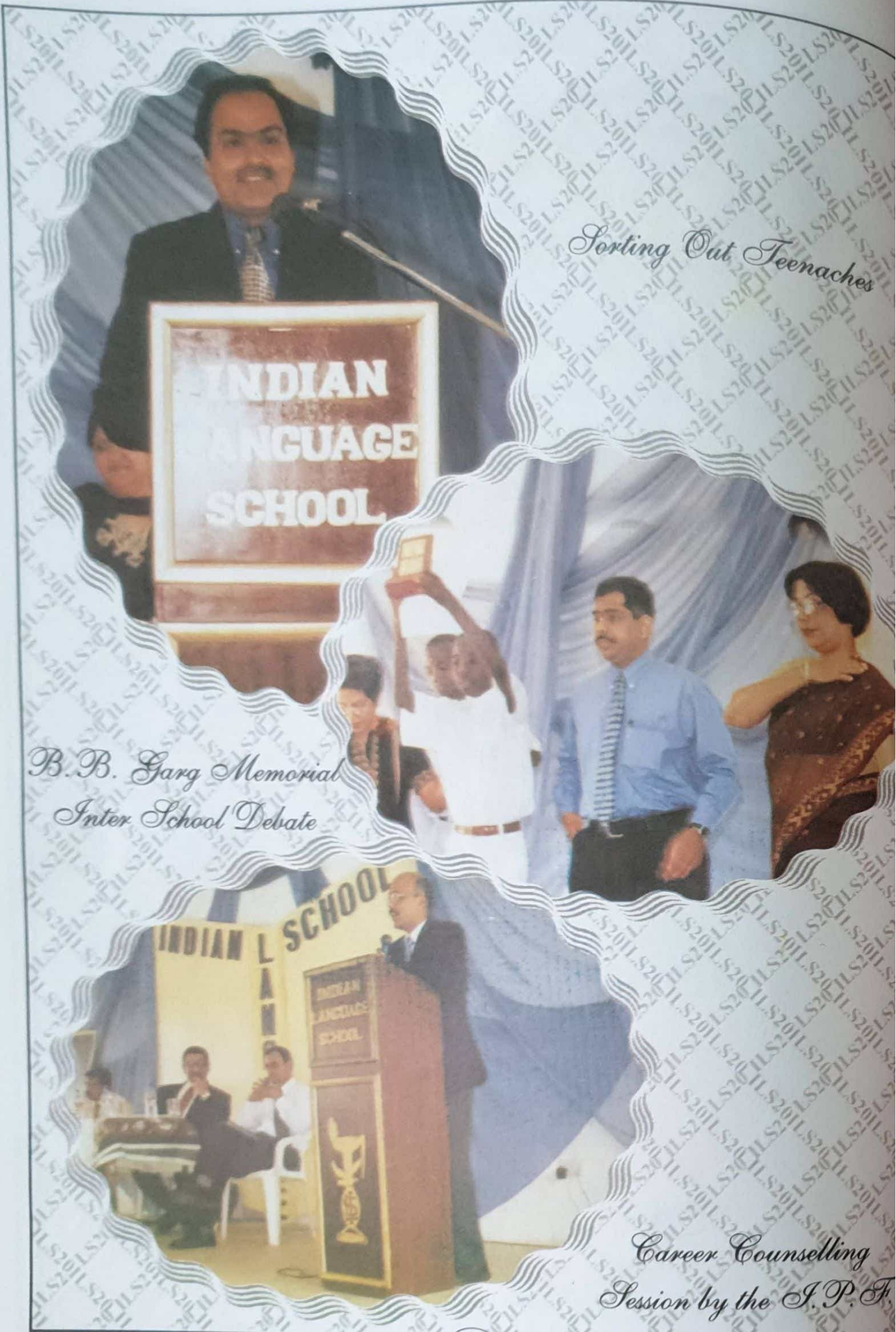
"Butterflies n' Flowers"
(A Hand Crafted Garden
J.L.S. Style)

I MADE IT



Alluring Artefacts



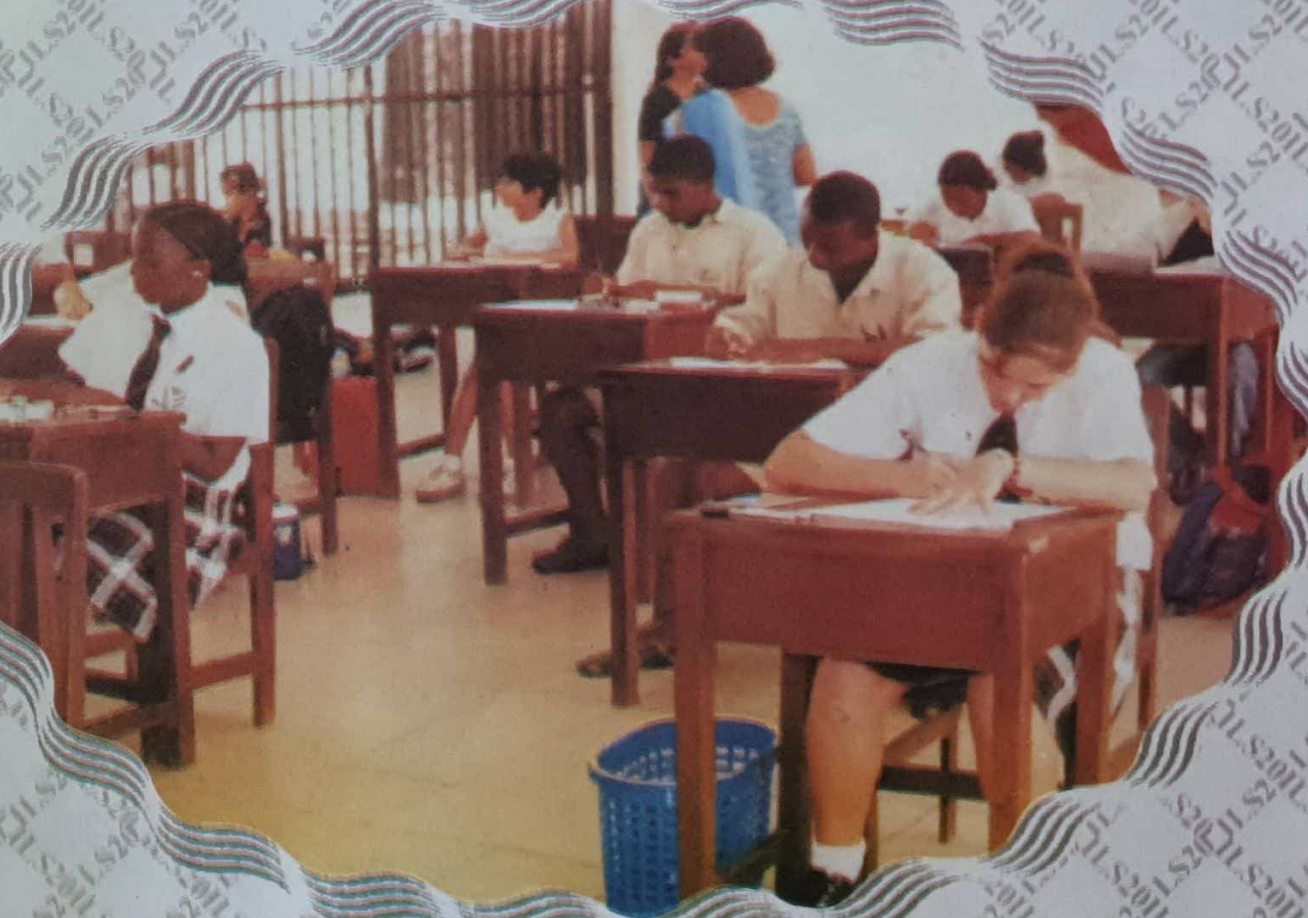



Sorting Out Teenaches

*B.B. Garg Memorial
Inter School Debate*

*Career Counselling
Session by the I.P.A.*

Aptitude for Art!






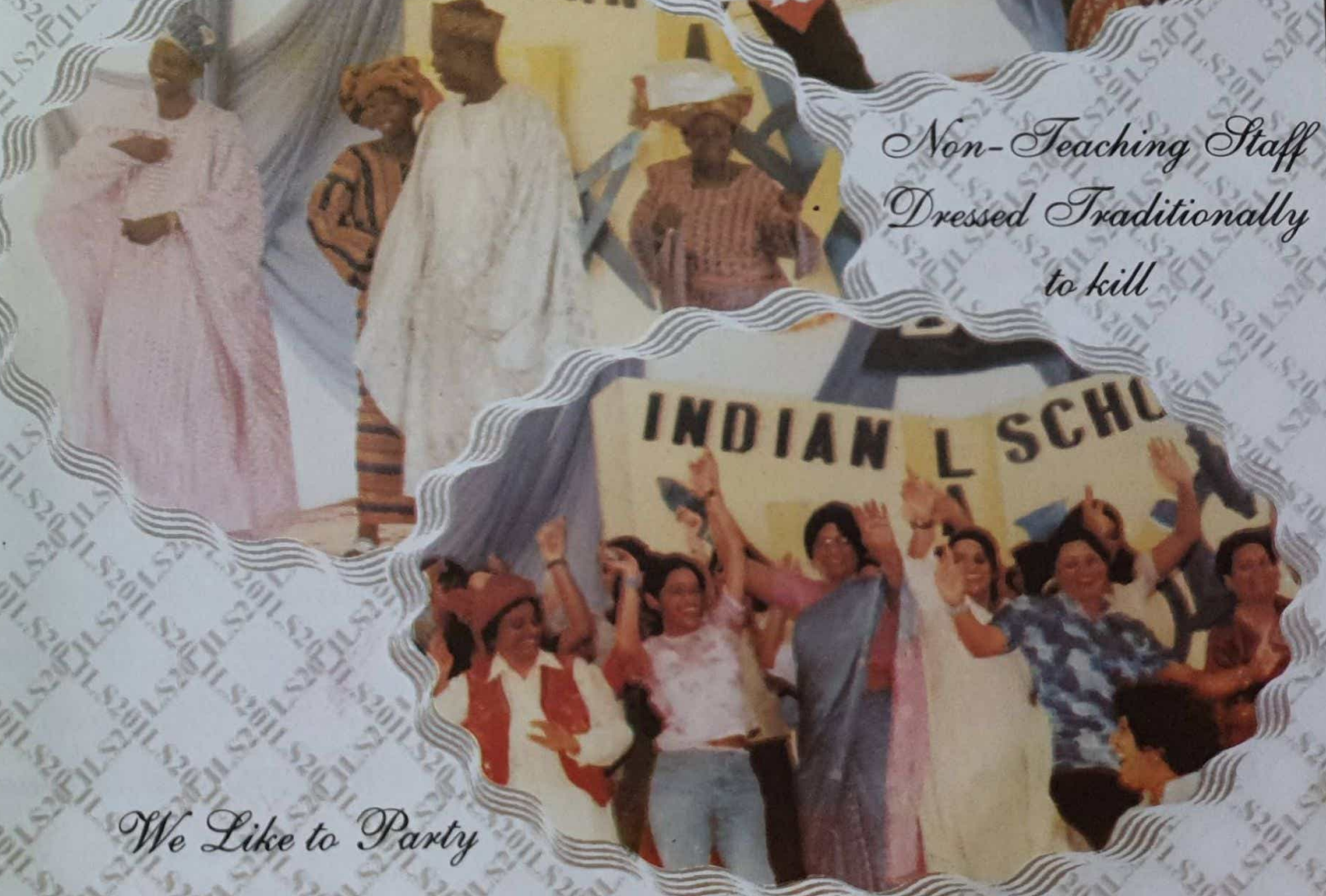
*Teachers
Performing with zest
and Vigour*



*Next Stop....
Bollywood*



*Non-Teaching Staff
Dressed Traditionally
to kill*



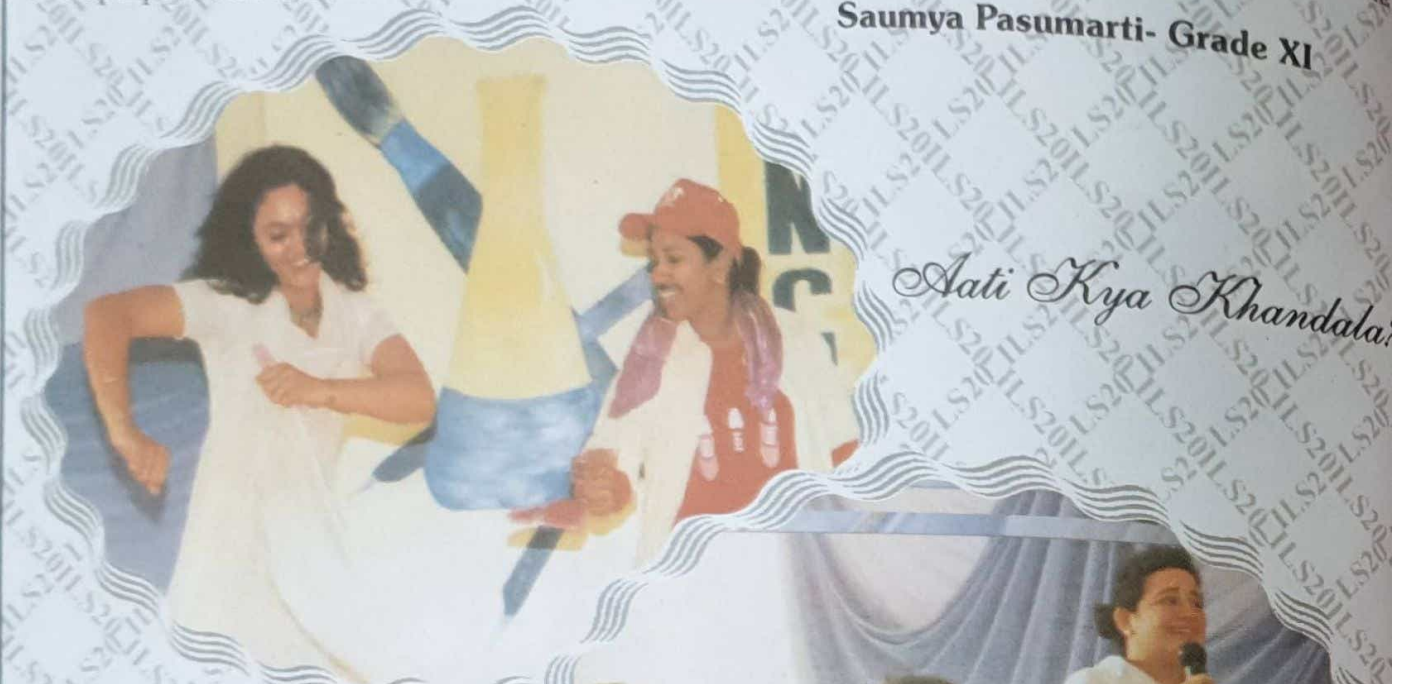
We Like to Party

20th Anniversary Celebrations - THE MUSICAL DAY

'The Musical day', an exciting day of the week-long celebrations allured both the students and the teachers in its wake. Students from almost all classes performed an assortment of songs and plays. The performers in their colourful appearance captivated the attention of the audience.

Not to forget, the remarkable fashion show put up by the Non-Teaching staff of our school which gave us a further insight into the colourful Nigerian culture. The best item of the day was by the teachers. Putting behind the age barrier, they performed a medley of both old and new songs popularly known to us as "Chitramala" which lightened up the show. This day integrated the whole school, as the Multipurpose Hall resounded with the sweet sound of fervent ILS activity.

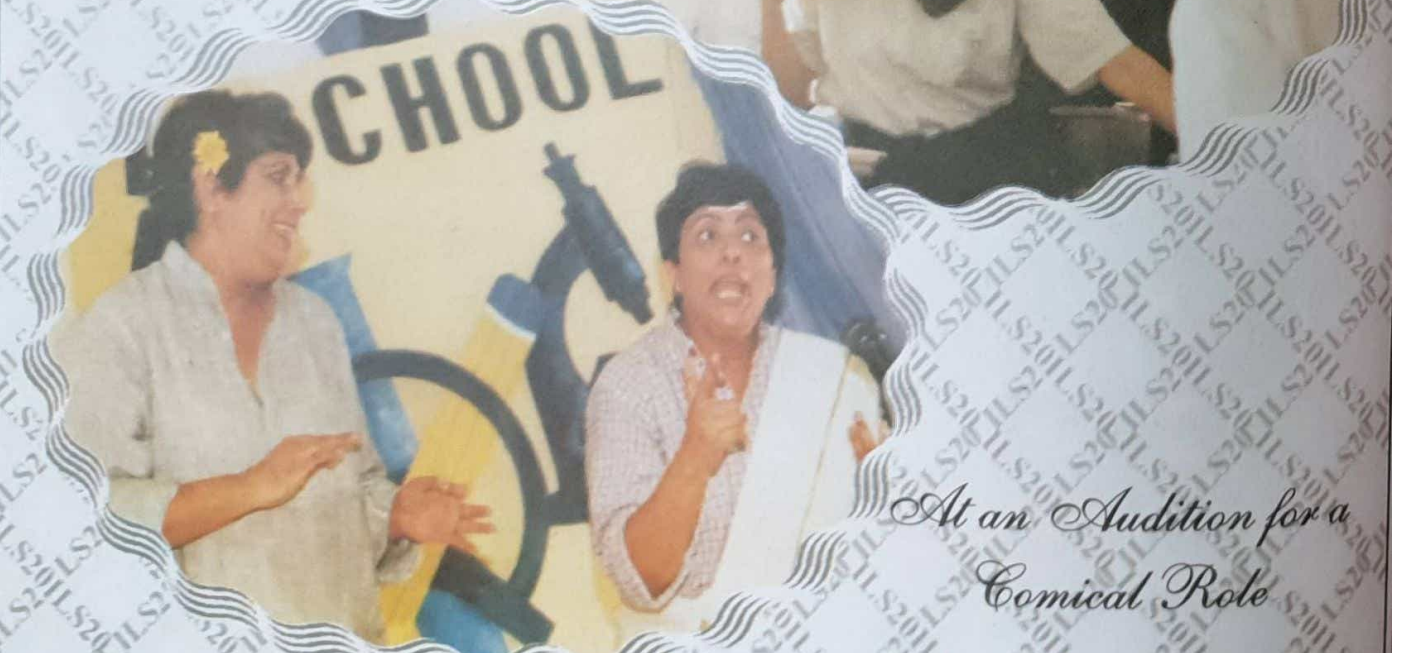
Saumya Pasumarti- Grade XI



Aati Kya Khandala

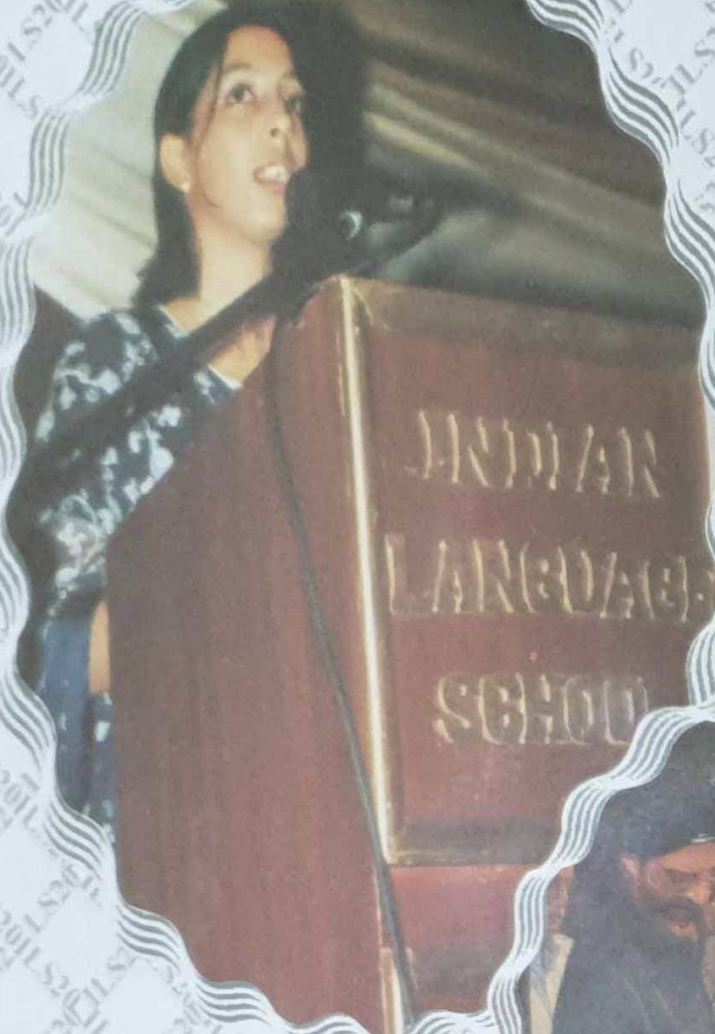


*We are Naughty
but Harmless*

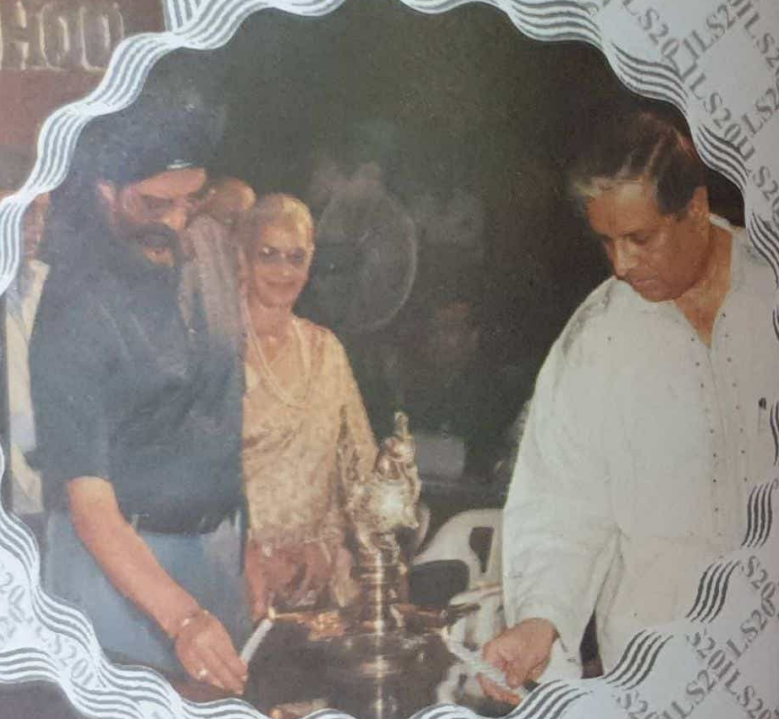


*At an Audition for a
Comical Role*

THE VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME



*Natasha Kanwar
Mesmerizes the Audience*



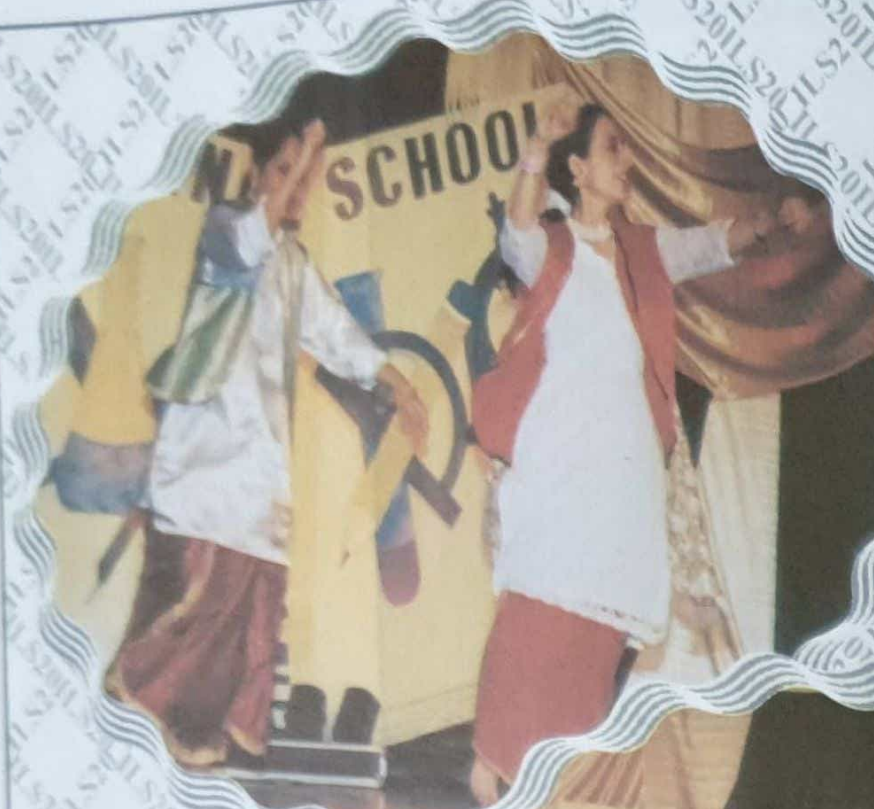
*Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lavani
and His Excellency
Mr. Atish Sinha
Lighting the Lamp at the Function*



*Seen in the Picture are
Mr. P. G. R. Prasad,
Mr. A. Sivaram,
Dr. (Mrs) Suman Kanwar
and
Mr. M. L. Lalchandani*

*A Whole-hearted Participation by the
Parents and Teachers*





Excellent on stage too



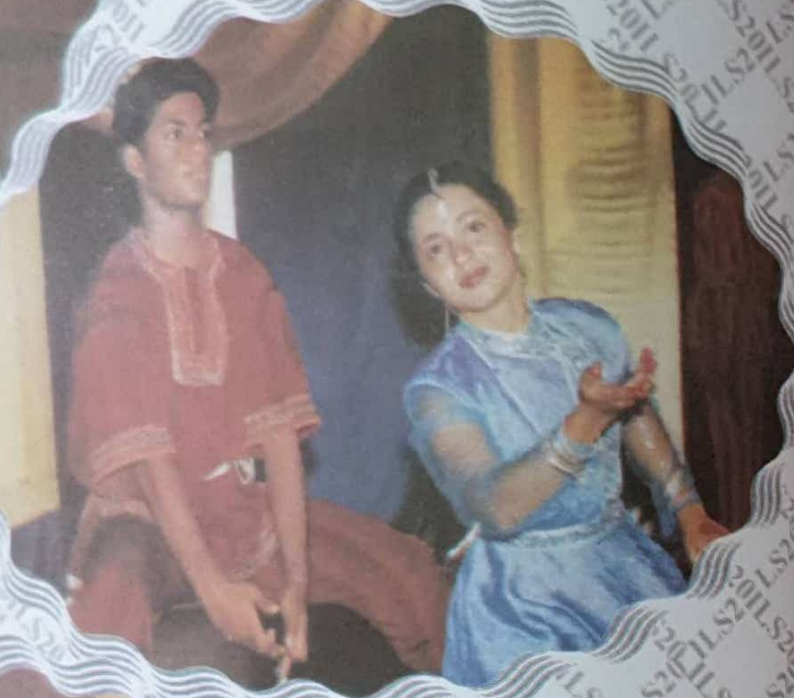
Professional Bhangra Dancers Indeed!



Bengal's Best Couple!



*An Osails Member
Dimpile Latchandani
Walks Down The Memory Lane*



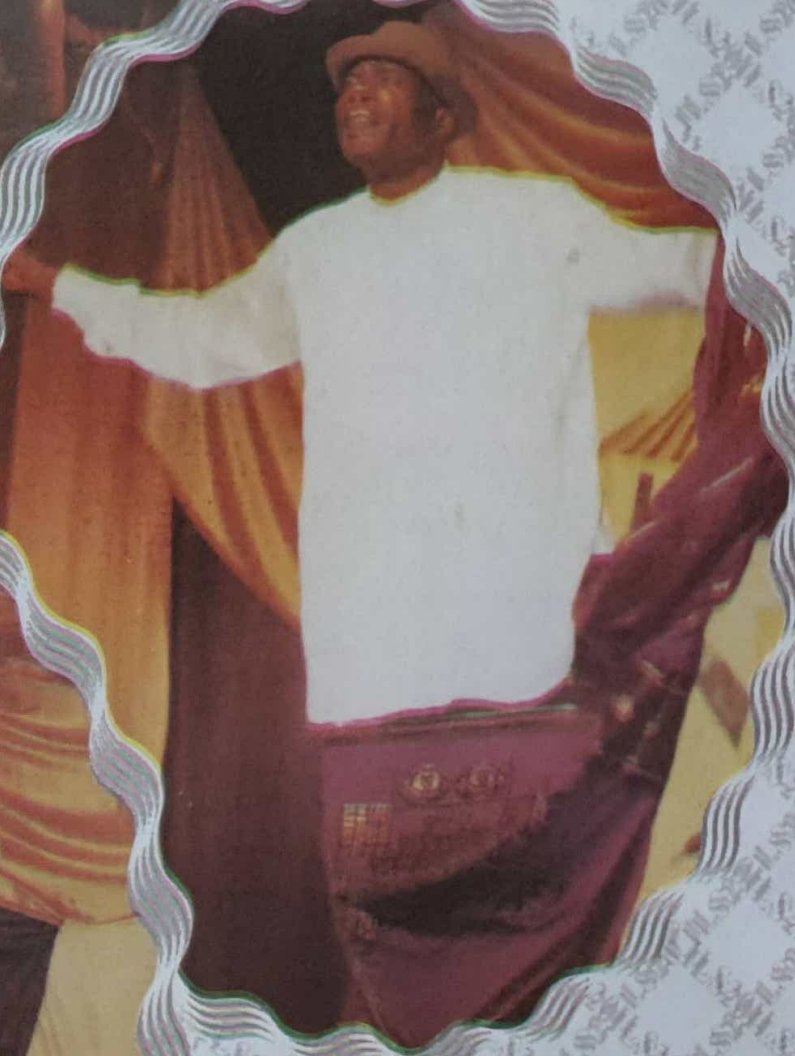
A Soulful Performance



*Hip Hopping away in
Delight*



*Holding the Crowd with
their Enchanting Voice*



Capering the Nigerian Way!



The Chief has a lot of Fanfare!



*Fervent Appreciation
from the
Non-Teaching Staff*



*Chief H. B. Chanrai
Congratulating
Mr. S. O. Jacob
for his dedicated service
to the school.*

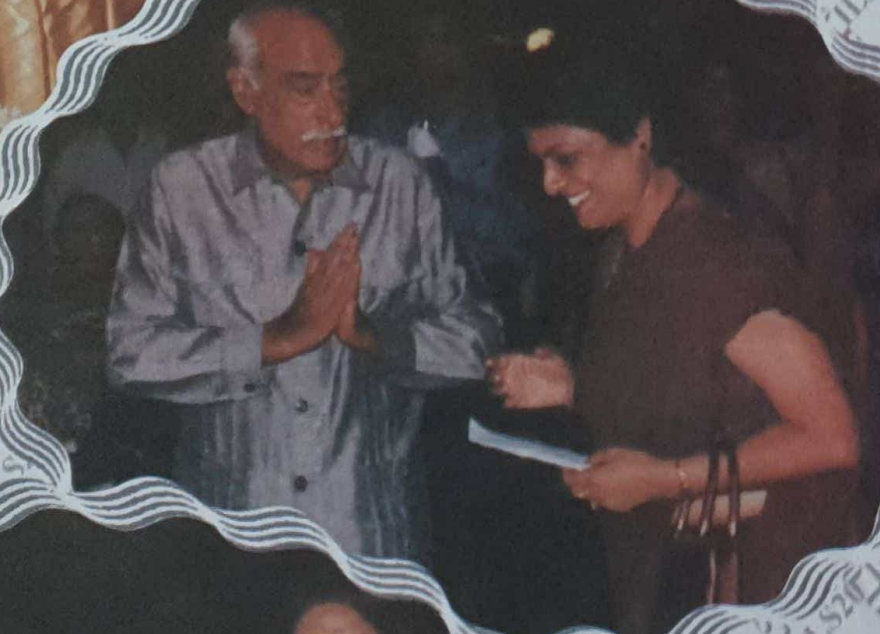


*Mr. J. T. Lalvani and
Mr. M. L. Latchandani
awarding Mrs. Mary Neechi
a token of appreciation.*

In High Spirits at the Concluding Dinner



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STUDENTS COUNCIL



MADHAV JAGANNATHAN

Meticulous and ever cheerful, Madhav is an optimist. His all-round success has made him immensely popular.



SREELAKSHMI LEELADHARAN

Our responsible and sincere Head Girl is always bubbly with enthusiasm and the willingness to learn. Her charming smile and warmth impresses all and has won the hearts of many.



ROHAN GULATI

Polite and amicable, Rohan is chivalric in all his ways. Being diligent and responsible, he fulfils all his duties treating them as opportunities to serve the school.



SUVISH MELANTA

An amenable and popular person loved by her juniors and seniors, Suvish has an exemplary personality. Her energy and competence have added new dimensions to the post she holds.

ELECTORAL PROCLAMATIONS

Sreelakshmi P.L. – Respected Principal, Vice – Principal, teachers, sweet beloved juniors and my ever-friendly school-mates. Good Morning! Now, I used those adjectives not because this is an election speech, but because I mean them, as it was you who made me a winner after four consecutive failures. Thank you once again for electing me as your Vice - Head Girl. I'm Sreelakshmi Leeladharan, the present Vice-Head Girl of your school,

maybe the future Head Girl Who knows?? You do! As you have the power to decide. The Vice-Head Girl badge I am wearing now is a symbol of your trust and faith. As a Vice-Head Girl I could not do enough for my school and I wish to serve you, to serve my school, once again as the Head Girl. I need your support and your vote. Vote and elect – SREELAKSHMI as your Head Girl.

Rohan Gulati – Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm and I, dear friends, am enthusiastic, enthusiastic to work, to win and to lead. Due to my association with the school in the last twelve years, I have come a long way. I am now seeking to give back what I have gained. This is why I am enthusiastic to be your Vice-Head Boy.

Natasha Kanwar - My entire decision to contest for the post of the Head Girl is influenced solely for the purpose of serving the interest of the student community. When I look back at my twelve year's association with the school I realize that I have gained tremendously from ILS, even more than anyone can ever imagine. I earnestly desire to spend my last year in a way which will be marked

with unforgettable memories which I will cherish for life. I wish to say that I am supported by my co-students to contest this year's elections for the post of the Head Girl and I am thankful to all of them, for placing this confidence in me. My performance will enhance the reputation of the school as well as help achieve better heights in educational, cultural and social fields.

Haneesha Lalwani - While

I am of the opinion that each of the five contestants are equally qualified for this post, I modestly feel that I have the fervour to fulfil the duties of this post. I humbly request you to grant me the privilege and honour to serve this school, so do place your confidence in me. I am Hanisha Lalwani contesting for the post of the Vice-Head Girl.

Madhav Jagannathan - I promise

you this speech will be short, if I take more than ninety seconds, please stop me. I am Madhav Jagannathan of grade XII and I would like you to vote for me as Head Boy. A member of Krishna house for the last five years, I have participated in many activities such as sports, debates and quiz. The activities have been both team and

solo for the school and for the house. I have many interests and I believe all of you have as many interests, if not more. As Head Boy, I will promote these interests, and perform all my duties efficiently. I believe, I am the right choice and am requesting you to vote for Madhav Jagannathan as Head Boy.

Suvish Melanta - I've

been in the school since Grade III, I've learnt that the post of Vice-Head Girl demands great responsibility and keen perseverance. I promise to fulfil my duties with the same. I shall serve the school and its students with absolute dedication. Do vote for Suvish Melanta as your Vice-Head Girl

AVISHEK LAHIRI

I have been a student of this institution for almost seven years. In these years, I have keenly observed the previous captains of the house shouldering responsibilities of the house activities. Being the prefect of Krishna house also helped me to gain valuable knowledge and experience. The confidence and maturity that I have gained will help me to guide the Krishnaites.

ANANYA TANDON

Election time is here again and you my dear friends are in a decisive mood, ready to make a selection. We know that when a farmer sows the seeds, after a careful selection, he provides them the best possible conditions so that they germinate well and finally he is overjoyed at the outcome. Our house too is at a stage where it is ready to bloom, with the great efforts of my predecessors. If you select me, I will leave no stone unturned to take Cauvery House to the peak of success.

SIVARAMAN KRISHNAN

Walking together is a sign of strength. When two people walk together, they strike a rhythm, together with body and mind. I want to strike that rhythm with each of my house-mates. Once again the opportunity has come my way to serve my House as a Captain, which is only possible with your support, your co-operation and above all, your affection.

ARPITA GANTAYET

I can neither force you nor plead before you to vote for me. But I want to put forward an important question-

Would you not vote for a candidate who is -

Confident and a result-oriented achiever?

A morale boosting team worker?

A born optimist ?

A rational and a logical person capable of achieving pinnacles of glory for the house?

If your answer is 'Yes' to the above then do vote for Arpita Gantayet.

SRIRAM SHRIDHARAN

My name is SRIRAM SHRIDHARAN and I am a student of grade VII B. I would like to contest for the post of House Prefect of the Cauvery House. I have been studying at ILS since kindergarten and right from the beginning, I have admired the members of the Students Council. The aspiration which set in then has now inspired me to contend in these elections. If I become the House Prefect, I will discharge my duties to the expectations of the house and take up all the responsibilities in a systematic and appropriate manner. I assure you that I will work very hard along with my Captain, Vice-Captain and my House-Mistresses. Hence, I request all of you to vote for me.

SNEHA BADAM

I think I am an apt candidate for the post of Vice-Captain. I am sure our house has the potential and talent to emerge as the best.

The success of the house depends on complete participation of the students of the house. We will leave no stone unturned in our efforts to be the best house of ILS.

PRIYANK MURARKA

I think that the toughest job for a Captain is to give a speech. Last year, while delivering my speech for the position of Vice-Captain, I was thinking how I would manage such a challenging job but during my tenure as Vice-Captain, I was able to serve my house satisfactorily. My greatest achievement is the love that I got from the Yamunaites. I believe that success is achieved only when a team works together in agreement. Hence I seek your love and support. Do vote for Priyank Murarka.

LOVISH MELANTA

I, Lovish Melanta, of the Krishna house, stand before you as a contestant for the post of the House Prefect. As I've been studying at ILS since kindergarten, I know the rules and regulations of our school. I've done quite well in the past years and I am confident of doing better. I have participated in many extra-curricular activities and won laurels for the school. If I'm elected, I promise that I'll fulfil my duties to the best of my ability and take our house to the top. I need your support and good wishes. Please vote for Lovish Melanta as your prefect.

HOUSE WATCH



KRISHNA

CAUVERY

GANGA

YAMUNA



Krishna House

(From L to R)

Amit Jangir - Prefect
 Avishek Lahiri - Captain
 Makarand Bidikar - Vice-Captain
 Lovish Melanta - Prefect

Cauvery House

(From L to R)

Kruti Tanna - Prefect
 Rishu Gupta - Vice-Captain
 Apoorvasena Parikh - Captain
 Tanuj Baru - Prefect



Ganga House

(From L to R)

Sivaraman Krishnan - Captain,
 Vishal Pahel - Prefect,
 Karan Makhija - Vice-Captain,
 Gokul Kannan - Prefect

Yamuna House

(From L to R)

Srividhya Leeladharan - Captain,
 Geetika Mahrotri - Prefect,
 Nandita Khosla - Vice-Captain,
 Nitish Kholgade - Prefect



JAUNTY JUNIORS

LKGA



Class Teacher - Mrs. A. Devnani

LKGB



Class Teacher - Mrs. N. Mukherjee

LKGC



Class Teacher - Mrs. J. Joshi

LKGD



Class Teacher - Mrs. K. Lal

UKGA



Class Teacher - Mrs. D. Makhija

UKGB



Class Teacher - Mrs. P. Sharma

UKGC



Class Teacher - Mrs. S. Ahuja

UKGD



Class Teacher - Mrs. G. Bajaj

1A



Class Teacher - Ms. S. Taurani

1B



Class Teacher - Mrs. A. Kamboj

1C



Class Teacher - Mrs. K. Bhargava

1D



Class Teacher - Mrs. B. Chauhan

IIA



Class Teacher - Mrs. J. Dewan

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Class Teacher - Mrs. N. Ramchandani

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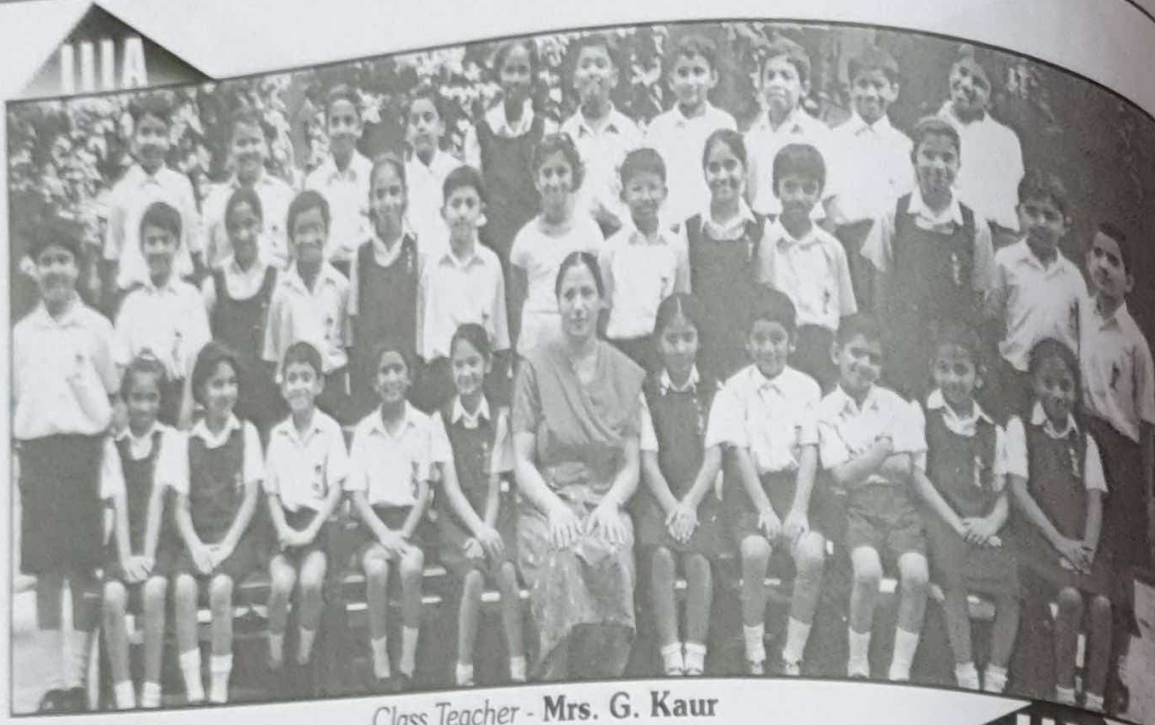


Class Teacher - Mrs. P. Mirpuri

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Class Teacher - Mrs. M. Hiranandani



Class Teacher - Mrs. G. Kaur



Class Teacher - Mrs. G. Tandon



Class Teacher - Mrs. S. Meishery

IVA



Class Teacher - Mrs. P. Ghosh

IVB



Class Teacher - Mrs. U. Jain

THE RETURN OF THE ROMANTICS

Nostalgia

I am a
growing
plant

I really don't remember when I was born
But I do remember that it was summer,
I might be a Gemini or a Taurean,
To know I am curious,
As I am a growing plant.

First I will grow from my root,
Then I will grow from my shoot,
Then I will wait for my wishes to be granted,
As I have just been planted.

MUGHDA SANE - VII A
Cauvery House

Oh! How I long to be back home
The place where I spent my early childhood
So many places to visit, so many shopping malls,
Roaming around on holidays just with my pals

I cherish the freedom I enjoyed there
Allowed to move on my own everywhere
The little scooty which was once presented to me
The rides that I enjoy on it makes me dance with glee

When it is time to come back after the holidays
With a heavy heart I put my toys back in place
My eyes fill with tears each time I say good bye
To my dear friends and relatives who let out a sigh

But life, dear friends has to continue its way,
I wait for the summer holidays to take me back
home in May.

RONNIE ROY - VIII A

My Role Model and Why

Hair as black as ebony,
Skin as white as snow,
Lips like the red, red rose,
A face chiselled to perfection.

Eyes full of compassion,
And empathy for all alike,
She has an aura of dignity,
Her personality commands respect.

And while she walks on the garden floor,
Her feet bare on the earth,
Flowers fear they would prick her,
Yet yearn to caress her feet.

Her words are like honey,
Her smile sweet and pure,
She has a twinkle in her eyes,
Like the rays of the sun on the fresh dew

The sky complains to God,
'Why hath you made two moons?
Mine shines with another's light,
While she glows ever so bright,
With purity bestowed upon her,
Like none other on this earth.'

She is a vision of serenity
An ocean of bliss
Now I can say with tears in my eyes,
-She is my role model, My Mother,
MY PRIDE!!

DEVANSHI MEHTA - IX A

My Dog Jerry

Jerry sat at the kennel,
Watching the dogs go by;
But what was he really doing?
Why, catching the flies to eat!

Ay, there he sat in the sunshine,
Why, he wanted to bark at a boy,
He saw a dog with a bone
And he wanted the bone too.

Oh! How greedy he was!
I have not seen such a greedy dog,
The next day in the morning,
I went to feed him some milk,
Suddenly he caught hold of my hand
And bit me.
But still I love him a lot,

In the evenings we play;
This evening he threw the ball
at me,
And it hit a man.

The man got angry,
And was chasing my poor Jerry.
When the man caught hold of him,
Jerry bit him,
And he cried 'Ouch'.

I gathered my Jerry in my arms
Hid him deep
And ran away...

NIDHI MENON - V B

**I will miss
you!**

I felt the world came to an end
The moment I waved him goodbye
The tears that I had oathed to hold
Came flowing readily by...

I saw him walking away from me
Tearing my heart with each step
How I wish I could stop the watch
And never let this moment be swept.

He turned to look for the last time
And I broke into pieces there
I summoned my courage to utter
three words
And heard myself saying,
" You take care!"

Like these moments when I sit
here alone,
I thank the memories for the
company they loan,
For his memories I will cherish forever
And would lie if I said I don't miss
my brother.

SHIKHA DUTTA - GRADE XI

Missing You

We cried together
We laughed together
We found happiness with each other
Our friendship was undefined
No relationship was so fine
We were inseparable
As day and night.

We supported each other
When either of us was right
Then with a strike of destiny
You had to leave
And all I could do
Was weep.....
At first, the distance between us kept
us apart
Then your mails and phone calls
Elated me to heights anew
And I realised no long distance
Could affect the power of friendship
Because I'm sure
That our friendship will always
Stand the test of the distances.

PROMEETA CHANDRA - GRADE XI

Steady as the Pole Star...

I want to be ...
Deep as the ocean
Be vast as the sky
Be as pure as the snow
Be simple as a baby
Be splendid as the Himalayas
Be radiant as the sun
Be cool as the moon

But to be what I want to be
I must be....
Steady as the Pole Star
Optimistic as the flowers
Punctual as the Sun
Dedicated as the birds
Honest as the mirror.....

MANASI BIDIKAR - GRADE XI

Rain

It rains
Down the drains
It pours
And stains
The parched and yellow
Earth to black
It bursts
The water mains,
Detains
Trains
And planes
It explains
Nothing
It simply rains
And rains
And rains.

TANYA TANDON - VII A

Fashion is in Change

Fashion is in change,
It is like a mountain range.
Sometimes up and sometimes down,
Soon it becomes the talk of the town!
Dresses, purses, shoes and all
The busiest place is the shopping mall !!

VINNY DEVNANI - VA

My favourite Sport - CRICKET

When I play cricket,
I always take a wicket.
When I take a run,
I always look at the sun.
When it is time for lunch,
I take a little munch,
And when the day is done,
I crack some jokes for fun!

NEHAL KAMAT - IV B

An Eventful Year

Grade VI-C, when I look back to,
Was a great year to go,
With friends and laughter,
And some mathematical factors,
The study we had,
Wasn't very bad,
Infact it made me glad!

But when the exams approached,
We were badly floored,
Sorrows and joys we shared,
For the love of all we prayed,
The days flew,
And now I am feeling blue.
The time has come to say goodbye to grade VI-C
But when I look back, I see,
An eventful year that I spent in grade VI-C

SURBHI PURWAR - VI-C

A Mother's Plight

Wake the children, feed the cat,
Pick up the cornflakes off the mat,
Eat your breakfast at the sink
Oh no! The shirts have all turned pink!

Polish the shoes, find the sock,
Always looking at the clock...
Make the lunch, put out the bin,
At this rate, I'll soon be thin!

The homework book cannot be found,
Leave the ironing in a mound,
Slam the door, we are in a rush,
I hope your teeth have had a brush!

Come on, we are really late,
Oh there! I see the school gate...
Rushing home I see the time,
All this and it's not even nine.

Now with the children off to school,
I must clear this messy pool.
Clothes here and book there,
Oh! Isn't it clean anywhere?

Slowly I make my way
Calling the maid I say,
"Help me tidy up"
Then I realize that just yesterday

She had given up.

And, how I wish I could too.
But Alas!
Reluctantly I wade through this
messy sea,
Wishing I was in the garden,
With the butterflies and the bees.

Quickly I do my chores,
Oh lord! Already it is half past four.
Finally when the house is spick
and span,
And, there is peace at last,
The children come running up the
stairs, fast.

Twittering, chattering, fighting
bim - bam,
Oh my! What a bedlam!
And here we go all over again...

NIMISHA AGARWAL - X A
Krishna House

Fever

When you get fever,
It is really very sad,
Especially a viral infection,
Which makes the body weak and bad.
I had to miss school for five days,
And that's not all,
I even had to copy the notes,
And had to have a diet of plain oats.

When I would get up in the morning,
Something would ache my head,
Then Mom would say, "Lie on the bed",
"What is it?" asked Dad coming by,
"Oh! I bet it is just a headache,
It's gone now, perhaps it was just fake"

Isn't that horrible? But that's not all,
I can't go out and play with my ball,
Because of the coughing and 'aah-chu",
And just look at my sister playing about,
Isn't there anything else I could do?

It is very bad, isn't it?
And I suffered it for a whole week,
I had drinks to gulp,
Viral infections cause a horrible fever,
So Beware!
But, listen to your Mom and
treat it with great care.

CHANDNI SAWLANI - V C

Chess

Who says Chess is not a sport?
Athletics for the brain!
And if you think it isn't hard,
Allow me, to explain...

Anyone can throw a ball,
Anyone can learn to skate
But playing chess is something else
You have to Concentrate.

The strategies are quite complex,
And, that's the best part.
One really can't be good at chess,
Unless he has really got brains.

And is bold, strong and aggressive too
You can not hesitate,
This is the 'Military Game',
Of captures and checkmate.

I know I'm not a master yet,
I'm sure I'll improve .
As soon as I can work out,
How those funny pieces move.

PRASHANT VASHISTHA - IX A

**Dream it
Before you
Achieve it**

Live life with an aim,
Live it with a dream,
A dream to establish oneself,
To make yourself known by your deeds,
To be a role model
For others to emulate...
So why don't we sow the seed?
For our very small but real dreams
Who says dreams do not come true?
They do, you know,
Believe in your dreams!
They are for you to conquer,
They are for you to make them
possibilities!

**PROMEETA CHANDRA
- GRADE XI**

Mama's Menu

Why is it always necessary
To eat all boring home food?

I want samosas and spring rolls,
Rotis and Palak Paneer is what I get!

I love to eat pastries,
But mother wants me to eat,
Mawa and dry fruit sweets.

Instead of those lovely Hamburgers,
And French fries I wish for,
I eat dal, rice and raita.

I ask for a Pizza,
And what do I get?
Curds and parathas!

Oh! But when my friends complain
Of toothaches and tummy pains,
Because of all the goodies they eat,
I think Mama's food is simply the
best!

I long for noodles,
But, I land up with
A plateful of vegetables,
And a few strands of noodles!

RAUL RAJE - III A

My mouth waters,
Looking at the chocolates and lollipops,
But, I am served with Halwa
And a glass full of milk!

My School

- Indian Language School -

A name that brings us nothing but pride,
Here we stand together side by side,
Here we come to improve each day,
In our work and in our play,
Here we stand together side by side...

Indian Language School has the best of teachers,
That nurse us, take care of us like mothers,
And mould us to become better people,
They teach us the right from the wrong,
Indian Language School is a second home
to me...

MOHIT DEVNANI - VI C

In The Playground

In the play ground,
Some run around,
Chasing a ball,
Or chasing each other.
Some walk ,
Some talk,
Some stand on their hands,
And some do nothing at all!

NISA PUNJABI - VI C

I Wish I Could.....

I wish I could be the strongest of all
I wish I could be the cleverest of all
I wish I could fly towards the sun
I wish I could eat a whole big bun
I wish I could sing like a nightingale
I wish I could swim like a big blue whale
I wish I could be the most famous star,
I wish I could drive a Rolls Royce car!
I wish I could drink a hundred litres of coke,
Hope I would not die with all the choke!
I hope that my wishes would come to me,
Let me wait and see!

ADITI SINHA - IX B

Indian Freedom Fighters

India is a free country,
But do you know who made it free?
Our Freedom Fighters
Who sweated down to their knees.

Gandhi, Nehru, Lokmanya Tilak
Fought bravely all the way,
They made the British shiver,
They made the British pay,

Bhagat Singh, Chandrashekhar Azad,
Sukhdev and Rajguru,
Laid down their lives for Mother India
But not in vain, mind you.

They were the great fighters
Our country's freedom fighters,
We should all salute to them,
God bless them, Great Fighters.

ADITYA VENKATACHALAM - VIII A

Allow me to dream

Allow me to dream!
To dream of what could be
To dream
Of what will never be!
Can't you see?
Without dreams,
We are nothing.
We are no one.

Dreams
They keep us alive
Dreams!
They give us hope
Dreams
They allow us to believe
Dreams,
Though they are merely fantasy,
They are vital....

Dreams
They allow us to explore:
Our minds,
Our hearts,
And deep within our souls.
Allow me to dream!
Without my dreams,
I am nothing!
I am no one.

Life is a dream
It's funny how we always seem,
To be happy in a dream,
Yet when its time for us to wake,
We think our dreams were a big mistake.

If only we would try to live,
To be forgiving and be able to give,
Then to us, our life would seem,
To be the same as in our dream,
And in the morn when we would awake,
We'd never make the same mistake.

PRAMIT SAMAL - XA

My Mother

My Mother, my dear dear mother,
Is sometimes a great big bother!
With her dos and don'ts,
She makes me scream,
"I won't"!!

In the wee hours of the morning,
When the whole world is snoring,
It is time to wake up!
"Wake up you lazy lazy pup!!
Brush your teeth, have your bath..."
If not behold her wrath!
"Drink your milk, eat your toast..."
Oh! She goads me the most!
"Hurry, hurry, catch the bus..."
To school, to school, what a lot of fuss!
But what would I do without her?
For my whole life revolves around her
My Mum! She's my best chum!!

DINIKA MORDANI - VI A

It Proved

I still remember that time
When the slambook went around,
It put so many people into trouble,
And made so many frown.

Gosh! The tension in the air
Nearly made us fall
And the glares that I got,
Nearly blot me out.

But my pals stood by me
They helped me through the end,
They took my side throughout
They are the best of friends.

RICHA VARGHESE - VIII-A

My Naughty Dog

In my house there lives a dog,
Who always barks whenever I talk.
Once in the middle of the night,
The moon was out of sight,
But still stood there my dog,
Howling so very loud.

One Sunday morning my friend arrived,
Up jumped, my dog and started to bark in surprise
"What is this?" I yelled at him in an angry voice indeed,
But he just ignored me and ran away.
What shall I do with this dog I must say,
He tramples over all the flowers,
He breaks my brothers play pen bars,
He chews on hats and shoes,
And he doesn't leave any clues
But for all the naughty things he does,
I still like him very much,
Because there's no other dog,
As naughty as him!

SHRUTI ARVIND KUMAR - VB

The Precious Pearl

I had a whim to
To learn how to swim

I wanted to see
The deep end of the sea.

I jumped into the blue water
From a boat which had a motor

The water was so cold
There was no place to hold

As I was going down and down
I felt I was going to drown

I saw a little mermaid
She was sitting with her maids.

She presented me a shell
And the pearl in it
Made my heart swell

AMARATH BAI - IV A

For a better you

For beautiful eyes,
Look for the good in others.

To lose weight,
Let go off stress, hatred, anger and
discontentment,
And the need to control others.

To improve your ears,
Listen to the word of God.
For poise,
Walk with knowledge and self-esteem.

To strengthen your arms,
Hug at least three people a day;
Touch someone with your love.

To strengthen your heart,
Forgive and forget.
Doing these things on a daily basis
Will certainly make you a better person.

SHREYAS GAJENDRAGAD

- XB

Peace Talks during Redeployment at the Border

America: So here we are once again,
Trying to let peace reign.

India: It is time we made amends

Pakistan: Give me Kashmir and we'll be friends!

India: I thought we were here to discuss the redeployment,
Let us concentrate on it for the moment.
Since the Parliament attack of thirteenth December,
Carried out by your terrorists – remember!
We stationed our worthy troops for ten months,
To suffer the harshest of conditions.

Pakistan: Let me remind you, why you've planned
To redeploy – it was your troops demand:
'Either lead us to the battleground
Or let us go home safe and sound',
And of course, you chose the least expensive way,
Return – keep war at bay!

India: Our prime motive is doing justice,
To the troops, the redeployment would be bliss.
Ah! Withdrawal is not what we intend,
Our troops will be alert till the end.
Cold, discomfort, separation – they've had a lot to bear,
And now the redeployment would be but fair.

Pakistan: You've been pressurized by world politics,
Since posting troops without war is an extremely foolish antic.

India: So, it's us you've dared to mock?

Pakistan: You're one of the laughing stock....

India: Soldiers – there is war, keep your rifles ready...

Pakistan: Terrorists! – Have the bombs going steady.
(Gunshots, tanks, bombs, missiles...
Ear splitting sounds heard for miles)

America: And so continues the cycle of war amends,
The story of their 'friendly' enmity never ends!

NATASHA KHOLGADE - IX A

Bedtime Stories

Bedtime stories are read to tormentors,
When they are tucked up in bed.
When one story is read,
They never tire of asking for one more.

The willing parent reads him one more,
Hoping to heave a sigh of relief,
But stare in disbelief,
As the squealing child asks for many more.

Vowing to rebuke him if he asks for one more,
The parent reads him a half, hoping to get-off easily,
But from the look the child gives, he starts to feel queasy,
And hears the child persistently asking for more.

Exasperated with the child, the parent leaves,
Hoping to get a wink of sleep,
But is kept awake by the child's screams,
So he returns to put before the child, an appeal.

Promising the child for more the night after,
The parent kisses him goodnight and leaves.
Forgiving the parent, the child sleeps,
Dreaming of the night after.

But the parent lies awake in dread,
For the number of stories he has to read the night after.
And so continues the bedtime syndrome,
Night, after night, after night...

MITHILA RAJAGOPAL - IX A

Why do we copy the west??

Why do we ape the west?
'Wazzup?' 'Spaghetti tops'
'Rock and Hip-Hop'
Have we forgotten our Namastes and salwars?
Has our culture gone that far?

That we have to ape the west in
everything!
The way we talk, walk and sing,
We ape and imitate the west
When our culture is infact the best.

NEEMA IYER - X A

Hello Mr. Osama !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Ramya:- Hello Mr. Osama , How are you?

Osama:- Hello, Miss Ramya, Have you anything new?

Ramya:- Nothing much, But I want to tell you, Beware, people are out to get you...

Osama:- I know that, but those who can catch me are not even a few.

Ramya:- Oh yes! Even after the September attack, Courage is something you don't lack!

Osama:- Of course, I gave a nice smack to Bush, And now he dare not attack back.

Ramya:- Mr. Osama, wouldn't you love to have a friend like me?

Osama:- Of course, yes. Anyway Miss Ramya I have been hearing.

That you are writing too many poems on me. Don't you think you are being too free?

Ramya:- But Sir, people like me try to earn fame, By someone else's famous name!!

Osama:- Well to tell you the truth, I don't mind having a fan as avid as you!

Ramya:- Mr. Osama you just saved me from descending into the despondent blue.

RAMYA SITA - IX A

The year I spent in Grade VI C

My year in VI C was the best of all ,
At least for me, I had a ball.

Here is something about our teachers,
For each, at least, three cheers!

Hindi taught by Mrs. Gupta was lots of fun,
And each chapter was well enjoyed by everyone.

We had Mrs. Ahuja for Social Studies,
Who made everyone in history our buddies.

Maths for the most of us was a nightmare,
But made easy by Mrs. Lahiri, when in her care.

Science too was just a mystery,
But Mrs. Das and Mrs. Tandon made our doubts history.

For French we didn't know what to expect,
But Miss Taurani never let us be incorrect.

Finally let me tell you about our class teacher,
Mrs. Ramaul, who made our year...

This year was great , I can never forget,
A year, I would hate to forget....

AMAN GULATI - VI C

My Friend!

We all need someone
To talk to, in our lives,
A friend to whom we can run to
In times of stress and strife.

A friend who is always there
Throughout the year,
A friend we know will care
And wipe away our fears.

A friend who is always there,
Who is waiting for our call
To wipe away our tears,
And lift us when we fall.

A loving friend
On whom we can depend
To fulfil our every need
A friend you'd call a precious one.

KIRTI SARATHY - VIII A

My Father, My Friend

My father is a kind man,
And he always plays with me under the fan.
He works for me all day and night,
And when he comes back home,
We have a little fight.
He's always a pleasure,
And he comes back home with a treasure.
Oh! He's such a wonderful Dad,
And he inspires me, never to be bad..

PRIYANKA BHATIA - V-A



The Toy store

I've always wanted to go to a toy store,
But my mother says, "Toy Stores are for
babies and not for ladies!"
I would like to go to a toy store and buy
more and more.

I would buy birds, horses, soldiers,
bee-hives and much more,
And make them come alive one day
I'll put the horses in a stable
I'll put the soldiers on a table
I'll put the bee-hives on tree,
And let all the birds go free!.

DAKSHA VASWANI - IV A

The Little Things

Too often, we don't realise
What we have until it is gone
Too often we wait too late to say
"I'm sorry - I was wrong..."

Sometimes it seems we hurt the ones
We hold dearest to our hearts;
And we allow foolish things
To tear our lives apart.

Far too many times, we let
Unimportant things into our minds,
And then it's usually too late
To see what made us blind.

So be sure you let people know
How much they mean to you.
Take that time to say the words
Before your time is through.

Be sure to appreciate,
Everything you've got,
And be thankful for,
The little things in life.

ARCHISA SOOD - IX-B

The Importance of Being Free

I want to be free
Soar out into the sky
I want to spread my wings and fly
I'm tired of being a prisoner
Imagine living and dying behind the bars...

Never to feel the sun on my back
And never to fly in a flock of birds
My heart dies with me
My spirit dies too.

I'm a prisoner for pleasure
Captured and put in a cage
What's my sin or my crime?
Oh! Come quickly
Come quick, to your senses,
You people and realise

Before I die sad and alone
Unwanted, never given the freedom to fly.

RICHA VARGHESE - VIII A

Studying all the way

Study, study and study
For this I am never ready,
My parents force me to read the book,
I just don't want to give it a look,
When did the Cholas reign ?
It makes my head pain!
What is $(a^2 - b^2)$?
It all feels like a nightmare.
What is the formula of Sodium?
Where is that diagram of Plasmodium?
Why is the Diamond so hard?
How do Himalayas act as a guard?
What are Infinite verbs?
What is Pressure?
Where did the Rashtrakutas find their treasure?
These questions sting me, like bees.
Studying is very tough
I feel tired, its enough.
Because of studies I don't even play
Thus, I am never cheerful and gay!

SALONI SHAM - XII

Chaos in Lagos

Blaring horns, shouting drivers,
One car nearly touching the other,
Due to this the drivers get irritated
Cursing each other in a 'Go-Slow'.

The Hawkers make a brisk sale,
Dashing to some car to make their day,
The beggars with outstretched arms,
Beg the people in the cars, for alms.

The sun's rays glisten over Ikoyi waters,
Deftly the chain of vehicles moves,
The Okadas zip between vehicles,
Sparing space for none.

This unusual pattern of chaos
Is found nowhere else
But in our very own Lagos!

P. SHRIPANI - VII A

If only I could move my legs

(The voice of a handicapped person)

If only I could move my legs,
I would do a lot of things,
Like, running like a leopard,
And jumping over athletic springs.

If only I could move my legs ,
I would also go to school,
Play with the other boys,
And, swim in the pool!

If only I could move my legs,
I would go on an adventure,
But God has punished me,
I do not know for what offence?

Everyone seems to be merry
Except for me,
I can only eat and drink
And never be free.

ARSHI AGARWAL - VII A

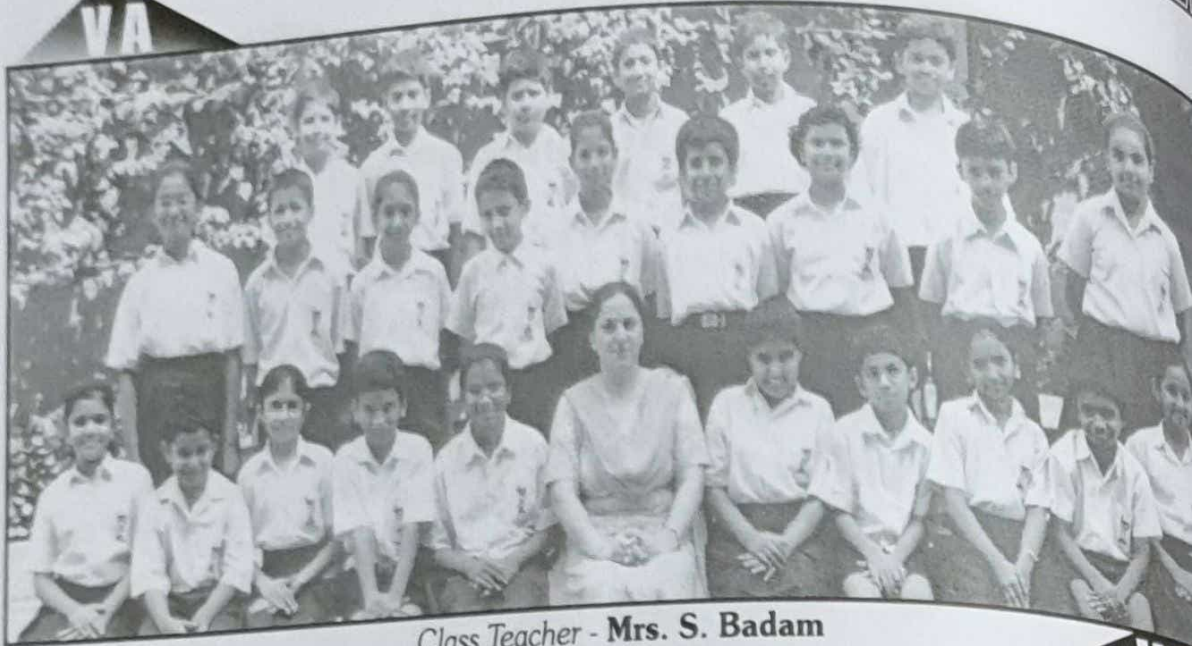
My Wish

As I look up at the sky at night
At the vast space with twinkling light
I want to find the truth of the sky
The rules the heavenly bodies abide by
I want to know about all those stars bright
How for millenniums they've emitted light?
How the comets sweep past with their glowing tails?
Are they all really on a never ending sail?
Why the shooting stars burn in the sky?
What happens to the rockets flying so high?
The planets and moons are members of one solar system
Still we feel we are so far away from them
People say Black holes are the most powerful in the sky
Yet they are invisible, I want to know why?
I want to know more about the asteroid belt
Why the Ice blocks on Mars do not melt?
There are many more questions in my mind
More than probably anybody can find
I want to unravel all the rust
I want to be an Astrophysicist.

AVISHEK LAHIRI - XA

INTENT INTERMEDIATE

VA



Class Teacher - Mrs. S. Badam

VB



Class Teacher - Mrs. P. Gopal

VC



Class Teacher - Mrs. M. Krishnan

VIA



Class Teacher - Mrs. M. Tandon

VIB



Class Teacher - Mrs. J. Raje

VIC



Class Teacher - Mrs. S. Ramaul

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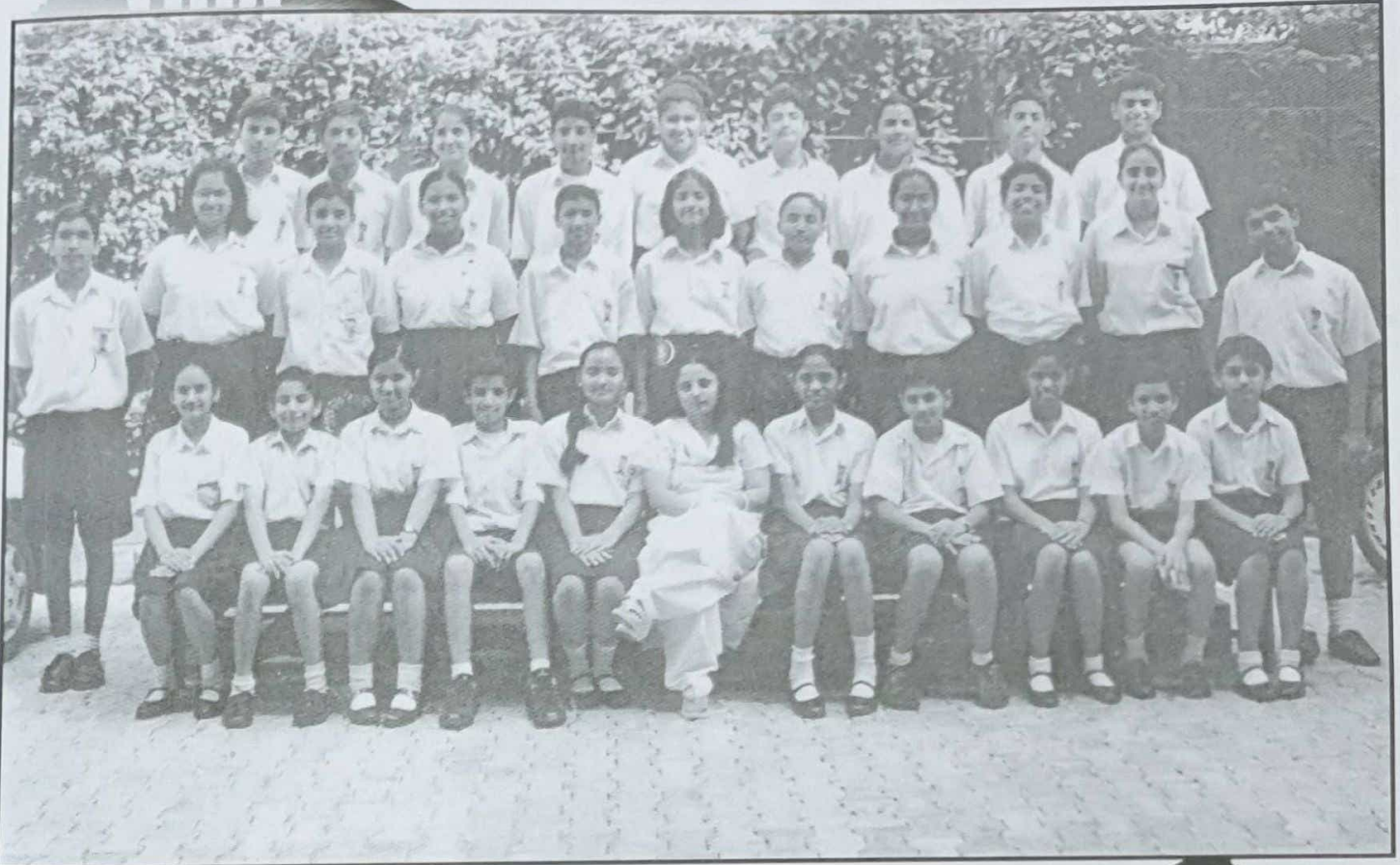
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Class Teacher - Mrs. S. Balachandran

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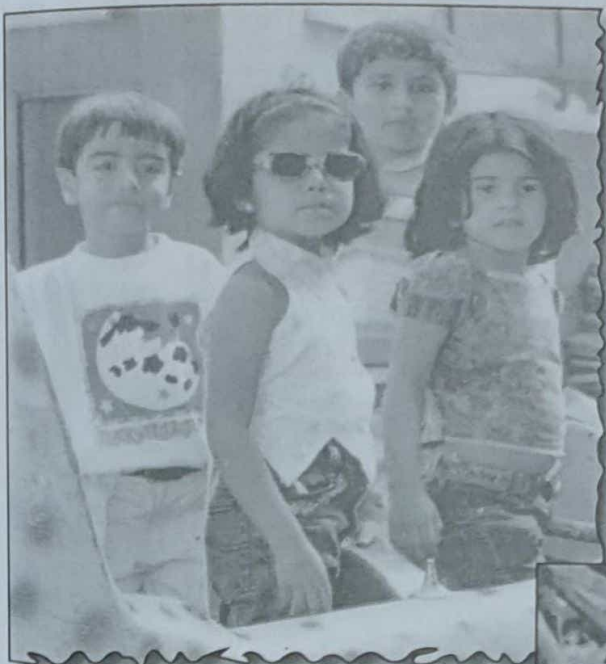
Class Teacher - Mrs. P. Kapoor

VIIIB



Class Teacher - Dr. (Mrs.) A. Agarwal

BAL-MELA



Young guns on the move!



"We believe we can fly"



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Propounding Ahimsa



Hello... May I help you?



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Republic Day Celebrations at the High Commission*



*The Senior Choir Performing
at the Muson Competition*



*Inter School Table Tennis Tournament
(Senior Category)*

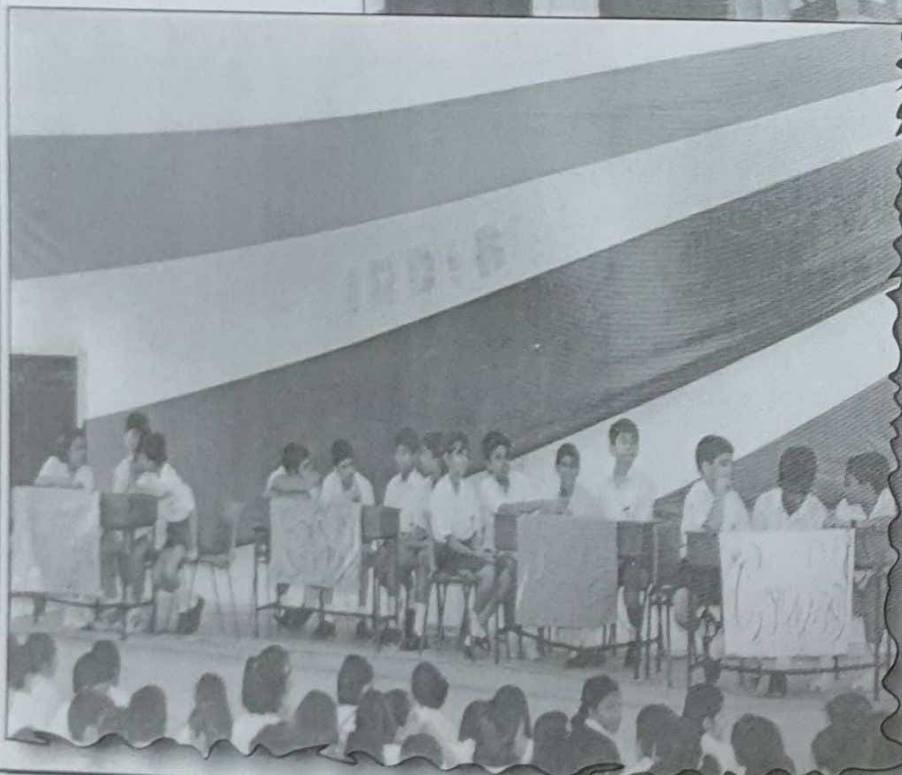
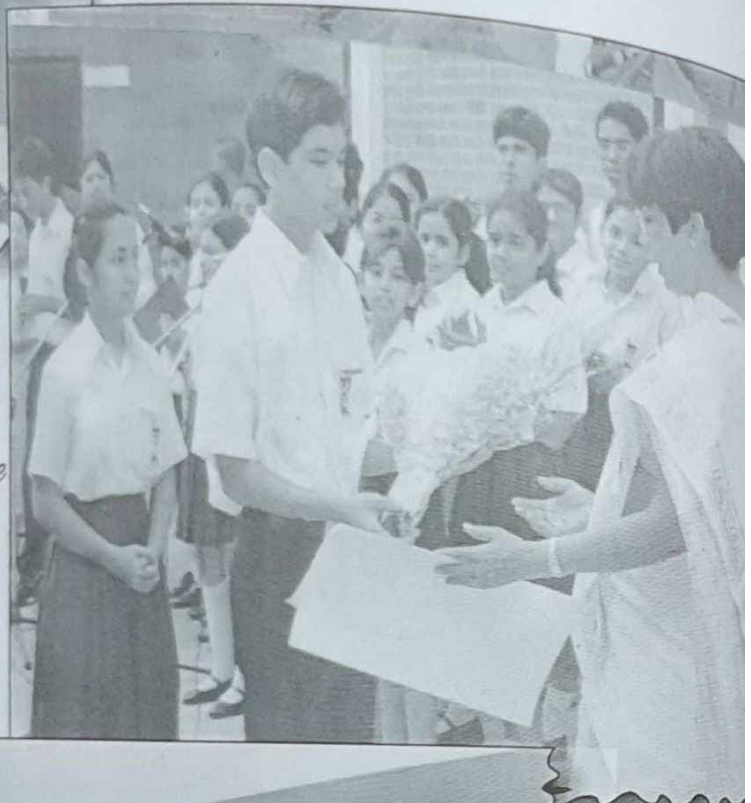


*All Smiles After the
Inter School Table Tennis Tournament*



*Today's Amateurs
Tomorrow's Nightingales*

*You'll Always Have
a Special Place in our
Hearts*



*Surmising
Strenuous*

*A 'Sensible'
Mental
Academy*



*Hip Hip Hurray!
We are the
Youth of Today!*



*Dr. Vimal Mehta
Rewards a Student
for Silent Antics*





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Dr. And Mrs. Manu Chandaria
Launching the NIIJ Centre*

*Dr. Murli Manohar
Joshi, Minister of
Education on a
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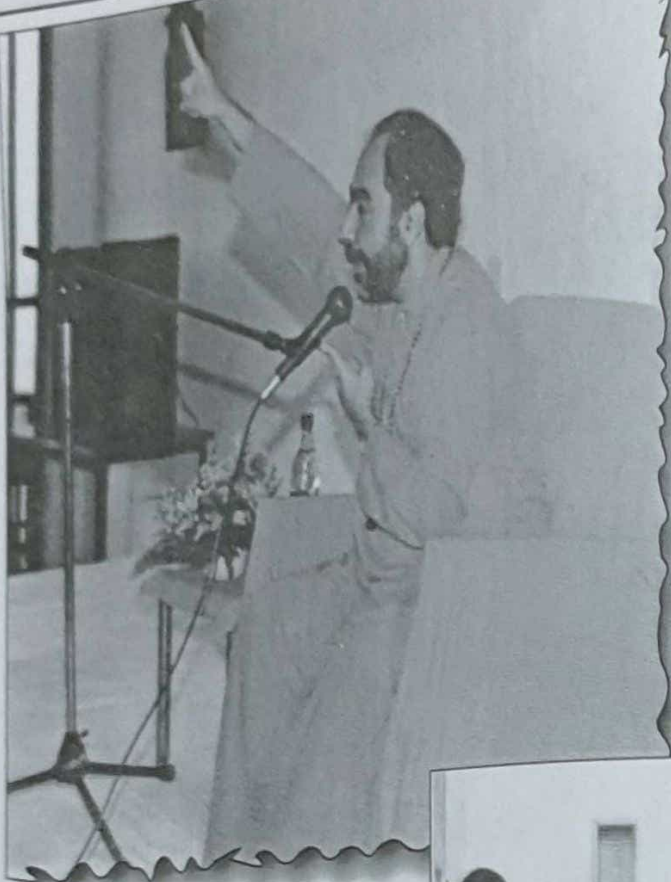


*Articulating our
True Feelings!*

Holding the Fort!

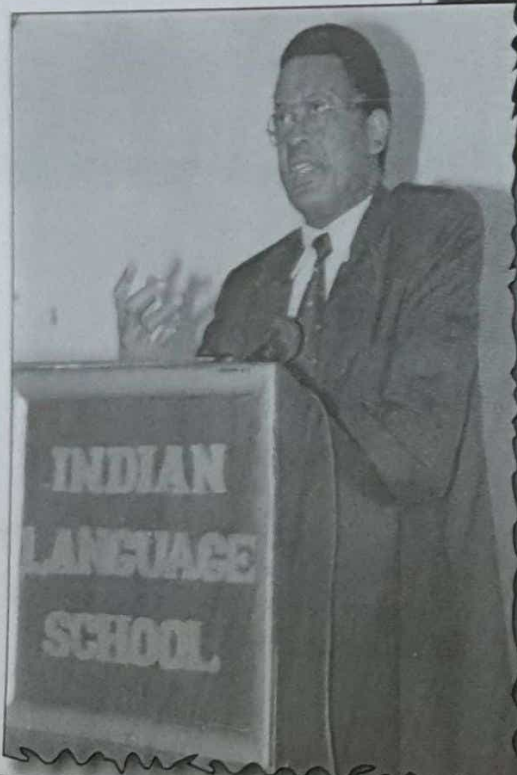


*Master Blaster
on the Run*



Seraphic Disquisition

*The Deputy High Commissioner,
Mr. Praveen Verma
at the School Library*



*Dr. John Aknaya,
Speaking on the
Role of Youth in the Society*



Ringing in Christmas



Celebrating Diwali

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HOUSE FUNTIONS



*Ganga House -
Pleading for Par...*

*Krishna House -
Pleasing a Petitioner*



*Cauvery House -
Singing in Praise of the Lord*



*Whirling at the Water's Edge
A Coastal Dance by the
Yamunites*

*Krishna House -
A Bountiful Harvest
is What We've Reaped*



*Ganga House -
The Flamboyant Bhangra Dancers*



*Ganga House
- Devout Destroyer -*



MÉLANGE

THE SEVEN STAGES OF SCHOOL LIFE

Shakespeare wrote a poem about a man's life in which he divided it into seven stages - the infant, the whining school boy, the lover, the soldier, the judge, the old man and the time close to death. But if one compares the time one has in school alone, it is very much similar to these stages.

The first stage is that of the cry - baby, first time in school, afraid of all the children, the noise and worst of all leaving MAMA. Standing at the entrance of the big school building with the new bag and bottle, hanging on to the mother's hand, afraid to let go, afraid of what is to come next as we enter the first stage, that of the lower kindergarten.

The second stage is that of upper kindergarten and grade I. The stage where we get used to the big and engulfing building. We have our best friends and our class teachers. We have, at this stage hopefully overcome the anguish of being all alone.

The third stage - grades II and III. At this stage we are able to call ourselves big and mature boys and girls. We do not cry anymore (hopefully) and all the 'baby' problems have been left behind. This stage is the stage where we are able to identify our likes and dislikes.

The fourth stage - grades IV and V. Grade IV is the senior most class of the juniors. We can now look down at those little babies who come in crying to school on their first day holding whatever of Mama they can get their hands on. When in Grade V, finally we are treated as 'big kids'. "Oh look at those little babies still in the junior assembly", is what we tell ourselves.

The fifth stage is that of grades VI, VII and VIII. We start feeling the pressure of real work now. Teachers expect you to be more responsible and quiet and all that really boring 'big children stuff' ... No more of that innocent running about and screaming your lungs out. We are supposed to work for all those exams, the new scary thing in life.

The sixth stage, that of grades IX and X. Oh my God! It isn't fun to be a senior after all. The latest fear is that of the upcoming 'Board exams' fuelled by the drilling in by the teachers. Well, I guess the juniors are lucky after all. Guess, we were not really missing anything when we were in that junior assembly.

The seventh stage is the final stage of school life, the stage that decides our future. Very soon we will have to go into that big bad world of adults. There is that sense of excitement and anticipation of what the world holds for us. There is also a sense of sadness about all the beautiful things we will be leaving behind. We can look back now and remember all the lovely experiences of all the stages we had gone through, all the things we had learnt, all the friends we had made. Having traversed through the seven stages, the time has come to bid farewell to our teachers, friends and our childhood as we move on to the next stage, that of adulthood. We will always treasure those beautiful memories and miss those innocent little pleasures we used to indulge in.

LEKHA MUKHERJEE - Grade XII

IF TIME WAITED FOR ME

Have you ever thought about 'Time waiting for you'? Once while I was caught wasting time mercilessly, I was asked this question and told to think about it.

Taking it casually in my usual 'I don't care' attitude, I didn't really ponder over it. When I thought about it, it seemed like fun. Imagine, time waiting for me to get up, get dressed and waddle slowly to school! I wouldn't have to be rushed anywhere, everything could move at my pace. That would be lovely! But one day as I went to bed, I sat and thought about my day. I then realised that I had wasted a little amount of time in doing every single thing and if time waited for me alone, it would be disastrous. Just because of my laziness, people would have to wait for me, doctors would have put a hold on operations, families would have to wait to meet each other, happy moments would have to wait for 'time' to come so that they could shatter away a person's sad moments. Why? Just because time waited ... Dying and suffering people would be tortured, everything would be upside down and worst of all my future would take ages to arrive.

It was then that I realized that, 'Time and tide wait for none'. I had learnt the importance of valuing time.

RICHA VARGHESE - VIII A

SUCCESS

Success means to reach a constant level of positive thoughts so that your actions happen naturally and in the right direction. Pure actions are like good seeds which, when planted, produce healthy and sweet fruits.

"As you sow, so shall you reap" is an adage that warns us of our actions. We know that concern for our actions today ensures the success of our tomorrow. Virtues are the mainstay because success requires hope and hope in today's world requires courage. Working with the strength of your convictions brings about a spiritual kind of honesty. Balance these qualities and your path will be easy. You will only move forward. Your success will be assured. Courage alone does not bring success. If there's only courage, there will be ego. It is courage and honesty, that bring God's help and that is what guarantees success.

"God is getting it done through me", "I am simply an instrument in this task" These are honest thoughts which elicit God's help and protection. Humility is the result of such honesty and courage. A life of enthusiasm, courage, honesty and humility is inspirational.

SNEHA NIMBALKAR - IX B

THE MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE IN MY LIFE

Experiences come to teach us the reality of life and we have to live with it. No wonder it is said that 'experience' is the best teacher. The most memorable experience in my life was when I stayed alone at home, that is when my mother had travelled to America to visit my elder sister. They were the most exciting, amusing and enjoyable days of my life. I had to be like a commander, a master, father and mother of the house. I took decisions very swiftly and prepared my food according to my taste. My father was very busy at work and I hardly met him except at night. That too, was very brief because he was always tired when he came back from the office. My behaviour improved a lot and I did seem like a "Gentleman in disguise!"

SARANG JOSHI - VIII - A

SMILING DOES HELP!

A smile is an expression of happiness which brings brightness and beauty to any face as it is very unique. It varies from person to person. It is also a sign of joy, love and hope.

Smiling is an inexpensive way to improve one's look. It helps our mind to get rid of negative feelings, anger, hatred and worry. A smile helps in disarming one's enemies.

A smile is a double blessing because it makes the hearts of both - the person who smiles and the person who is smiled at, happy. Smiling is an action that can win a person many friends.

When you smile it is important to feel the smile deep inside too and think of it as an essential part of your persona.

Gandhiji said that one is not completely dressed unless one wears a smile. So do make the effort to keep smiling. It does help!

LAXMI HATHIRAMANI - IX B

HOW I SPEND MY SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday mornings for most people mean simply lazing around and spending those few extra delicious moments in bed but for me it is not so because of a human alarm clock which is up at exactly seven o'clock in the morning, no matter what day it is.

Anyway after mourning over my fate, I get up, brush my teeth, have a bath, cut my nails and have a delicious breakfast. Then I tidy my cupboard and table. After my efforts in cleanliness have passed my mother's exacting standards, I am free to do as I like. The rest of the morning is spent in chasing terrorists with Hardy Boys or solving a mystery with the Secret Seven and soon it is lunch time. I do at times wish that Sunday would come at least twice a week especially when I spend my evenings playing cricket.

DISHAAN AHUJA - IV B

ARE YOU AN AQUAHOLIC?

When it comes to health, it is tempting to think that if something is good for you, two or three times the recommended amount must be even better! There is a growing trend among health conscious people to drink endless glasses of water for good health. Did you know that drinking an excessive amount of water, however pure, could be damaging? It will dilute the minerals, including Sodium that the body needs to balance its fluids and maintain its systems.

In some cases it can lead to electrolyte imbalances that can attack the heart. The best way to decipher if one is drinking enough water is the 'Pinch Test'. Place one hand with the palm flat on the surface of a table and pinch the skin on the back of the hand. Release the pinch. If it quickly returns to normal, you have enough fluids in your body but if there is a delay, the cells in your body are dehydrated.

This is a clear indication that you have to increase your intake of water.

TANVI SAVARA - X A

SCHOOL DAYS ARE THE BEST DAYS OF ONE'S LIFE

School days are the best part of one's life! Don't you agree? Many of us wish to be adults for the singular purpose that we want to attain freedom from studies. But are you aware of the fact that most adults wish to be students again?

There is no doubt that a student's life is dedicated to studying well at school. This often vexes the child who would rather choose to have fun all the time. Exams and studies should be taken up as a challenge. These challenges should be considered as advantages and experiences that we learn from.

Friendship is an important aspect of a student's life because a student spends most of his or her time with friends. They share each other's secrets, sorrows and happiness. Later on in life, adults tend to make acquaintances and not genuine friends. It has been observed many a times that school friends remain friends for life.

This is the phase of life when an individual develops team spirit as there are several extra-curricular activities in school like sports, house functions and Inter Class competitions. These bring children close together and encourage co-operation, understanding and team spirit. Thus, the students are filled with enthusiasm to achieve their goals in life, tasting the sweet nectar of success in the ongoing process of schooling.

A student is safe in the 'non-understanding' of things and is free from the tensions of adult life. I would therefore like to conclude by saying that we should make the most of life when we are students because this precious time, once gone, will never return.

ARPITA GANTAYET - IX A

School days are certainly the best part of anybody's life. There's no reason to be sad when one is so young, when one's thoughts are so fresh, when one makes one's friends for life. There's hardly any tension, the only tension that a student might have is that of exams.

School days are the days when we learn so many things. Most importantly we acquire knowledge, but learning is not limited only to studies. We learn many interesting things from our teachers, parents, from the various people we come in touch with.

Schooling teaches us not only the pleasures and importance of togetherness, but it is here that we learn our lessons of life and learn to be enterprising. Hence, school days are the best days of our lives and we must make the most of this beautiful stage.

SNEHA NAYAK - VIII B

DEVELOPING RELATIONSHIPS AT SCHOOL

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|---|--|
| H - Have self confidence | R - Remember the happy times spent with each other |
| U - Understand the view point of others | E - Express yourself properly |
| M - Make friends with everyone | L - Look, Listen and Learn |
| A - Admit your mistake when you are wrong | A - Appreciate efforts made by others |
| N - Never make promises you cannot keep | T - Trust each other |
| | I - Insist on selfless service |
| | O - Obey teachers and seniors |
| | N - Never criticize in public |
| | S - Smile and solve problems |

KISHIN M. THAKUR - Grade XI

ARE YOU SUPERSTITIOUS?

If I ask you the same question what will your answer be? For example, imagine that you are going to write your public examination; and then someone sneezes... Will you think that it is a bad omen and will you wait for a few minutes to start? And if at another point of time a widow crosses your way? Finally when you fail, whom do you blame? If you blame the widow then you are superstitious but if you do not blame her, you will agree that the coming events do cast their shadows. The question that arises is why should you try to put the blame on her? It is your brain conditioned by the age old beliefs that have played the trick.

Man makes certain empirical laws. There is no way for him to test the truth or the falsity of the matter systematically, nor can he offer a convincing explanation yet, hence he holds on dearly to what he deduces. As long as he does not take refuge in these beliefs things seem amusing. But the moment he absolves himself of the responsibility he should bear, they become blind superstitions and unhealthy obstacles in the path of his progress. Therefore I don't want to be superstitious and I am not.

The hooting of an owl, the cawing of a crow, the wailing of a dog are considered to be portents of coming future events or superstitions. They are harmless as long as we accept that they are trying to warn us about the coming events. But praying to God with an offering of coconut, for success in an examination in return, is certainly a very selfish proposition.

We may think that we have entered into an agreement with God and he would hand over a success card to us but that is not so as Satan will always be there to accept the blame for our sins and failures.

SAKTHI MONISHA - VIII A

Me! Superstitious?
Definitely Not!

Why should I have bad luck if a black cat crosses my path and good luck if the droppings of a bird fall on my head? It doesn't make any sense to me at all.

Superstitions enslave our minds and prevent us from thinking logically. Some superstitions are harmful and should be done away with. They can be damaging and can in turn prove to be detrimental. The fear of bad luck results in missed opportunities and makes us even more gullible. It may also result in poor decision making.

The dictionary defines superstition as the "Unreasoning awe or fear of something unknown, mysterious or imaginary". So what draws people to such imaginary beliefs? Perhaps they give us a sense of control over things that are really uncontrollable...

Believing in superstitions does make things easier, but the more we get into this kind of reasoning, lesser the control we actually have over our lives and our society. So friends, as I was saying I'm definitely not superstitious. - TOUCH WOOD!

MAHEK MUKHI - VIII B

EXAM-O-PHOBIA

Exam-o-phobia - is it just the fear of taking an exam or rather the fear of not faring well in a specific exam? Probably 90% of the students suffer from exam-o-phobia, which is infact the reason for not securing good marks in the exams.

Exam-o-phobia is actually a condition in which the students become tense and extremely nervous, generally at the eve of the exam and right before the exam. It is obvious that under such conditions, no student can perform to the best of his or her ability. Wild heart-beats, dry mouths, sweaty palms are the common symptoms of this phobia. Of course different students show different reactions to this phobia that plagues them. Some students even start shaking and vomiting before the exam.

Exam-o-phobia might seem like a simple fear of exams, but it is infact much more than that. In some cases, it can even cause acute depression, suicide and severe lack of concentration. An ironical fact is that parents and teachers are always trying to rid the children of this fear but are normally the reason for the students having the fear in the first place. Parent's and teacher's pressure and too much of self-determination, as in cases where students are trying to prove themselves causes this fear. High expectations, rather over expectations and the student's fear of not being able to meet these expectations makes them afraid of the consequences that they might have to meet.

This phobia can actually be easily cured. Encouragement and not pressurizing from both parents and teachers will not only help the child to gain strong self-confidence but will also help them to overcome their fears, to be relaxed and mentally fit while giving the exam. Continuous reminders of how extensive the portion is and how difficult the examination might be should be avoided at all costs! Studying properly and resting well before the exam helps to achieve self-confidence and a balanced state of mind. These are conditions necessary to take an exam confidently and perform well in it.

Exam-o-phobia, one of the most common yet unknown ailments among children has one of the simplest cures and can infact be completely done away with. All fears can be overcome with just a little help, encouragement, confidence and self-determination.

NEEMA IYER - X A

A phobia or an unreasoned fear for something is what most of us experience at some point of our lives. People have phobias for various things- water, fire and heights are some of the common ones. But the one that is the most common among teenagers is Exam-o-phobia.

Exam-o-phobia is not as scary as it sounds. Students shudder at the thought of it. They do not try to analyze its real impact. Parents and teachers also contribute in building up 'Exam-o-phobia'. A carefree student might just take the exams as a self-assessment exercise while another one ground by the parents and teachers might think of it as a matter of life and death. Parents also try to fulfil their ambitions through their children and in the process might force them to take up something they are not interested in which in turn unleashes varied complications, one of them being 'Exam-o-phobia'.

Instead of the harassment they face, students should be made to understand the real meaning of exams. With regular studies, exams won't seem as monstrous as they do. They will just be like any other daily activity. Education should be more practical than theoretical to make it more enjoyable, interesting and useful. Any student would feel overburdened if he or she is told to memorize pages and pages of texts and give up on other activities.

Hence one can do away with this phobia that infests the lives of many, by treating the taking of exams as a necessary and routine activity.

ANANYA TANDON - X A

TEENAGE PROBLEMS

What is Teenage? It literally means the years of being young adults who are in-between their childhood and adulthood. Teenage also means stress, problems, obligations and responsibilities. I am in my teens and can say that teenage is a journey of life moving at the speed of a roller coaster which has its ups and downs. One doesn't know, how time flies so fast. People say that this is the best stage of one's life and you ought to make the most out of it. But what about the peer pressure that affects our daily life? I guess every teenager has to face such situations. There is simply no escape from it.

Teenage also holds in itself many wonderful experiences of growing up. It makes a teenager more susceptible to changes. This would help us when we venture into a new world. Here is a saying:

'Life is a succession of moments...
To live each one is to succeed.'

Though teenage life is filled with confusions and several questions, its experiences do leave everlasting memories embedded in the hearts of the teenagers forever.

ADITI SINHA - IX-B

LEARN HOW TO RELAX!

Most of us particularly in all our everyday activities, are driving with the brakes on. This brake is the unconscious tension that prevails in our minds. So engrossed are we in our work that we do not even notice the clenched jaws or the constricted muscles. But the resulting fatigue burns up our energy, impairs our skills and talents, dulls our appreciation towards the greatest gift of all called Life and generally paralyses us into a state of immobilization.

The effects of tension are not limited to our body. When the muscles are constricted, a feeling of confusion is relayed back to our brain. Why is it that a man, who effortlessly reels out one idea after another in his own study, suddenly finds his mind blank when he is in an examination hall? This is because tension resulting from putting in too much effort has blocked his capability to reason when the crucial moment arrives.

The solution for combating tension is recognizing the area of tension. When we consciously realize that our forehead is furrowed or our hands are clenched due to tension, by making such a small effort we can rid ourselves of these symptoms.

Our hands are the main executive instruments of our body. They are involved in almost everything we do or feel. We throw up our hands in helplessness, shake our fists when angry, raise our hands in self-defence. In nine out of ten cases, in the moment of extreme tension, our hands will be clenched. We must learn to relax our hands in a tense situation or when something irritates us. This will ease the pressure and give us a feeling of being 'masters of the situation'.

Deep breathing also helps in lowering the degree of tension or excitement. In a crisis, we say our heart is heavy. When that crisis passes, we say that we can breathe easier. But it works both ways. If we learn to breathe easier in the first place, tensions will stop plaguing us. The basic cause for tension is putting too much emphasis on the ultimate goal, trying too hard to win. It is undoubtedly good to have a clear mental image of our objective, but we must learn to concentrate on the specific job at hand.

Lastly, we must remember that when that job is done, there will always be something else to do tomorrow. Life is not a hundred metre race, but a cross-country, and no one can sprint all the way.

SUBRAMANI KRISHNAN - VIII A

PRESENCE OF MIND IN TIMES OF TROUBLE

Of all the creations of God, the most superior one is that of Man. Only man has the power to control his senses and to think. During any calamity or in times of trouble, it is but natural that a person will get nervous and panicky. But a man who is alert and composed during such times, is a man in the true sense of the word.

The first sensible question that should be asked in times of trouble is what would be gained by panicking? Nothing at all! That is why we must have control over our senses. During a calamity there can be a great loss of lives. But having presence of mind can help us to avert great disasters. As it is said, "Delays have dangerous ends". During a calamity or in times of trouble there is no time to waste. With our sharp presence of mind we can prevent the great damages that threaten things like life and property.

I would like to quote an incident to assert that presence of mind really helps. Once I slept over at my friend's place and in the evening my friend's parents went out, leaving us all alone. After sometime I smelt gas and I suspected that the gas was leaking in the kitchen. I immediately went and switched the stove off before the impending tragedy engulfed us.

Man has been gifted with the power to reason, to be able to control his senses and he must use this to his benefit. Having presence of mind helps one in times of trouble and definitely gives one an edge over the others in daily life too.

APARNA RAO - IX B

Presence of mind is a quality in people, which helps them to be calm, composed and sensible in times of trouble.

Very often, when we are in trouble or we are scared, our mind ceases to function. People who muster up courage and think with a clear mind are said to have the admirable quality of 'presence of mind'.

In safe surroundings anyone can feel as brave as a lion. The real test comes when difficult times come. Everyday we hear of people who make the news due to their presence of mind. Some-days back, it was reported that a person had found a mountaineer with a twisted ankle near Mt. Everest. The man bound the mountaineer's twisted ankle, told him to wait there and went to fetch help. It might sound like a silly story but we must be fair to the man and keep in mind that the climatic conditions were freezing. He had done what was practically feasible.

Recently the car of a friend of mine broke down on a lonely road that was frequented by robbers. At first she was scared. Then she calmed down, hailed a taxi and made her way home. I asked her to tell me how she managed it, she gave me a few tips. She told me to clear my mind of all worries and think ahead. She told me to train my mind to think in a precise and logical way. She was sure that then I could handle any difficult situation if I inculcated these habits in myself.

PRIYA TEMBE - IX A

When imagination runs wild, it has no bounds. Then I can be anyone I want to be. Most of the time I become a 'superhero', ready to annihilate crime. On other occasions I become a thinner version of myself which in the real world is fat. As a superhero when I get tired of fighting, I return to my mansion, pick up my friends from their homes in my limousine and then party all night long, eating chocolate-chip cookies and ice-creams with hot chocolate. Sometimes I get bored of my life of luxury and so ZAP! And presto! I'm a 'VIKING', conquering and destroying lands.

This is not where my imagination rests, at times I suddenly evolve to the year 7592 A.D. here I'm a 'super-cop' fighting crime on my 'aero-bike'. I have a gun with several settings and a high-tech laser-particle beam!

When I tire of being a super cop I retire to my mansion. I pay all my servants, enough money to last them a lifetime and I then shoot off into orbit in my jetpack. My much advanced body lungs can convert vacuum into oxygen. Later I slowly drift back to earth, as I realize that my mother is calling me to do my homework...

SHOUVIK BISWAS - VIII A

FIGHTING STRESS

At every stage and in every field of life people are facing stress at various levels - at personal levels, at professional levels and at social levels.

Whatever the cause may be, stress usually shows the same symptoms- The person may feel anxious, fearful, grouchy, physically-ill and nervous. Stress adversely affects the health and mental ability of a person.

This is the reason why lately, so many stress management books have been published. The best ways of managing stress is regular exercise and by keeping oneself fit. Playing of a particular sport or developing a hobby could also help in relieving stress. Any technique of dealing with stress would naturally not help to remove the source of stress but help to handle it in a better way. Stress develops when one is mentally pressurized and is not able to find the solution to one's problems. Letting go of emotions like crying can be very helpful. On the other hand trying to forget the cause of stress and laughing can also be equally helpful.

When incapable of handling stress, many people resort to taking drugs. These are mere tranquilizers and do not offer solutions, instead, they can greatly weaken the nervous system. Some people may also develop detrimental habits such as drinking or smoking not realizing that they might get into serious health problems. The most beneficial and age old ways to deal with stress are 'Yoga' and 'Meditation'. These are what we can call complete solutions. A 'Yoga workout' everyday and a few minutes of 'Meditation' bring about dynamic changes in the lives of people who suffer due to stress.

KARISHMA LALCHANDANI - X A

WINNERS VERSUS LOSERS

- A Winner is always a part of the answer; The Loser is always a part of the problem.
- The Winner always has a program ; The Loser always has an excuse.
- The Winner says ; 'Let me do it for you'; The Loser says 'That is not my job'.
- The Winner sees an answer for every problem , The Loser sees a problem for every answer.
- When a Winner makes a mistake , he says 'I was Wrong'; When a Loser makes a mistake he says 'It wasn't my fault'.
- A Winner makes commitments ; a Loser makes promises.
- A Winner says, 'I must do something' The Loser says, 'Something must be done'
- Winners have dreams; Losers have schemes.
- Winners are a part of the team; Losers are apart from the team.
- Winners see the gain ; Losers see the pain.
- Winners sees possibilities ; Losers sees problems.
- Winners see the potential; Losers see the past.
- Winners choose what they say; Losers say what they choose.
- Winners make it happen; Losers let it happen.

Compiled by ANANYA TANDON - XA

THE BED TRIVIA: THE HISTORY OF THE BED

Do you know that the first bed was probably just a pile of leaves put together to make the ground softer? Next came a stone or wooden bench on which was placed a sack that had been filled with straw, to make a mattress. The skin of an animal was used as a blanket.

It is recorded that during the third century, one of the emperors of Rome had his bed made of solid silver. By the thirteenth century people hung canopies from the ceiling which came down over their beds. This led to the practice of hanging curtains around all four sides of the bed for warmth and privacy. In England, during the sixteenth century, a giant bed was built for a very large family, it was 3 x 3.3 metres! And they all slept in it together.

"Bed" is a very busy word and is used in many ways to describe various things.

Here are a few -

- A plot of ground in which plants are grown is a flowerbed.
- The bottom of a river or lake is a bed.
- The flesh around an animal's claw is referred to as a bed.
- A bed bug is a small blood - sucking insect.
- 'A bed of roses', means everything is very comfortable.

Did you know ?

- King Louis of France had 413 beds.
- The ancient Egyptians must have had difficulty going to sleep- they used pillows made of stone.
- A bed at an average lasts for about fourteen years.

This means that most people will wear out five beds during their lifetime.

HANISHA LALWANI - Grade XI

SUICIDE BOMBERS MARTYRS OR FOOLS

Every morning when one reads the newspaper, he is bound to come across reports regarding terrorism in various parts of the world. Each day is marked with terrorists happenings.

Over the past decade suicide bombings have become common in troubled areas. For example the suicide bombings in Palestine. In such places suicide bombers are held in high regard and their families are rewarded after their deaths. But to all of us around the world suicide bombers are merely fools and suicide bombings, a waste of life and property. For these suicide bombers, it is an extreme method of expressing open rebellion to various policies or a regime. Suicide bombings also aim at promoting religious causes and is considered as a mode of expression of views. The most recent example was the shoe bomber, Richard Reids who tried to blow up a plane but was caught in the nick of time. A small percentage of these suicide bombers do it for the money and their families are rewarded if they are successful.

Do these suicide bombers achieve anything by this? Many innocent lives are lost and property worth millions is damaged. Life loses its true value. Suicide bombers have been criticised all over the world. How can suicide bombers be martyrs when they do not value life?

Life is a precious gift and it is our duty to preserve it. To sacrifice life for a just cause is understandable but suicide bombings for terrorist causes is indeed futile.

KAVITHA SRINIVASAN - Grade XI

DEFINITION OF FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE

The French thinker, Rousseau, once remarked, "Man is always free yet everywhere he is bound in chains". What is freedom? Is it the freedom to live?.....or the freedom to follow your heart, to do what you wish? Whatever freedom a man might possess, he is always controlled and influenced by society. Rules govern our behaviour and laws govern our actions. If we put our toes out of line, we're punished. But isn't such a restriction essential for our society to function?

We all know that if everybody is allowed complete freedom, our world will become topsy-turvy. A man may be independent but never completely free. Nobody is completely free in the actual sense of the word. We may not be dominated and exploited but we are still controlled, restricted and regulated. We may break away.... but only to a certain extent. No man can completely isolate himself and cut off social ties. What is necessary is the judicious use of our freedom, by making our decisions and controlling our destiny.

Freedom of speech and expression does not mean that we misuse it. We must show respect and tolerance towards the freedom of others too. Use your freedom, but use it wisely. Don't be afraid but be mindful that in asserting your rights, you do not hurt others.

SOUNDARYA KEDARNATH - X A

I LOVE LAGOS!

I love Lagos. Many people are surprised when I say so. They begin to point out the hot climate, pot holed roads, choked drains and frequent armed robberies in Lagos and wonder how one can like Lagos. But to me all these appear minor things.

I like the easy-going way of the people of Lagos. In spite of the poverty that affects its people, their optimism about their country is quite catching. The people of Lagos are very religious. There is no nook or corner in Lagos where you will not find a church. Always reading the Bible or other religious books, they look for divine guidance to find a way out of their country's predicament. The Muslims too are very religious and do not forget to pray five times a day. The people of Lagos like children very much and despite their often rough upbringing, they have a soft corner for children.

I have been in Lagos since I was just one year old. I have known no other city other than Lagos (of course, not counting the ones I have visited in the other countries or in India when I go for our annual leave). Harsh and cold winters of Europe or of cities in northern India make me long for the open climate of Lagos. The sun and the sand of the nearby beaches really suit me.

Though I know that we Indians can't spend our lifetime in Nigeria, Lagos holds and shall continue to hold a dear place in my heart forever.

KANCHAN MALHOTRA - VIII A

BEAUTY BRAINWASH

What is up with the portrayal of women in the world today? Why are girls today encouraged to be something they aren't? Why aren't they encouraged to be themselves and to feel comfortable with their own natural appearances? Instead images of anorexic, computer generated, beauty queens appeal much more to people.

It is hard enough comparing oneself to the prettiest girls around but its harder still to compare oneself to the girls in the magazines or on television! That's because they are just so unreal. Young models today posing in magazines choose to make the best use of their physical assets but why do they feel that it is the only way they can be successful? What about the little girls that look up to these stars? What kind of message do they get?

Lately everyone around us seem to be concentrating on looks with a greater zeal. After a remarkable performance in a play, one girl in a leading role, greeted her parents. What was the first thing they said to her? They said, 'Honey you looked so beautiful!' Forget about all the talent it took for her to make her character come alive. Forget about the amount of courage it took for her to perform in front of dozens of people. The first thing her parents thought of to compliment her, was on the way she looked. When we receive compliments such as these, we start appreciating them and try to maintain that image of good looks. Sadly, we somehow are lost in trying to balance the 'real us' and the image that we project of ourselves.

I don't say that appreciating our looks and trying to look good is a bad thing but we shouldn't let the emotion of trying to look 'perfect' become an obsession. There are lots of ways to be beautiful and I think it's sad that the media seems to be telling us that we need to have the 'look' of the moment or else we simply aren't good-looking enough.

PANKHURI UPADHYAY - Grade IX B

THE JOURNEY WITH THE JELLY FISH

On Sunday my friends and I decided to go to the beach. We packed up whatever we needed and set off. On the beach we played with a ball and we also swam. Later on we had our lunch and we were sitting in the sun when suddenly something started tickling my toes. To my surprise it was a jelly fish and it said, "Come, let us take a look at the world under the water."

It showed me how human beings had damaged the once beautiful coral world by polluting it. There were dead fish, floating garbage dumps and oil spills. It was very dirty. Then, it took me deeper where the coral world had not been damaged. It turned around and asked me which of the two worlds I liked. I then realized what the jelly fish was saying. It said "Do not pollute our world." Later I returned to the shore. I was now a wiser and a happier boy and passed the message to everyone.

AMOGH LUXMINARAYAN - III C

HELLO PERTH

When I reached Perth it was midnight. I was overjoyed to see my 'Mashimoni' waiting for us with a bouquet of flowers. That was the beginning of my trip to Perth. At home I was welcomed by my two sleepy cousins and a big white Labrador dog. He barked continuously and I did not understand why he was barking. That night I slept in Mashimoni's guest room along with my parents.

It was the month of May and Australia was enjoying the winter season because it is in the Southern Hemisphere. Next morning I woke up hearing the dog's bark. The morning was beautiful. The sun was mild and the wind had a chill in it. The house lay in a neat locality. My parents, cousins and their dog Wolfy went for a morning walk. I saw some well-kept homes for the old. Australia takes good care of the retired people. Every house has a garden. Each residential area has an entertainment center too.

Mashimoni planned to take us around the small city of Perth. Our first visit was to the 'Caversham Wildlife Park'. It was not far from the city. The park had emus, deer, koalas, eagles and kangaroos. Kangaroos are dangerous and can kick one very hard. That is why we kept a safe distance from them. The Koalas sleep for eighteen hours a day and are fed on Eucalyptus leaves. I also got the chance to hold a pet koala.

Our next trip was to "Yanchep Park" where the aborigines way of life was exhibited. The Yanchep park was quite far away. The road went through dry grasslands and forests. The city of Perth lies on the eastern coastal plains. During our stay there we also went to see a cave with 'Stalagmite'. Perth has an extensive beach off the Pacific Ocean. We visited the 'Fremantle Prison' where the British kept their convicts.

As days passed by, I increasingly became fond of my cousins and their dog Wolfy. My eldest cousin is a university student and the younger one is the student of Grade VIII.

The days flew quickly and Perth soon became a memory. I loved the days I spent in Perth and I really want to go back again. Mashimoni's and her family's love helps me to go through my difficult and strenuous times.

KUNAL SARKAR - VI C

WHAT WE KIDS WANT OUR PARENTS TO KNOW

- Encourage us when we do a good job.
- Make sure you listen to us when you ask questions.
- We can't always get good grades, sometimes we get nervous and make mistakes.
- Don't punish us if we don't do well in school, instead work with us to help us improve.
- Set a good example for us when it comes to habits like smoking and drinking.
- Keep a chart of your accomplishments and achievements for us to emulate.
- Your appreciation means more to us than anything else.
- We like it when you have fun with our friends and us.
- Keep telling us you love us and are proud of us.
- Don't bring up past mistakes, 'Forgive and forget' - I am your child.

SRIRAM SRIDHARAN - VII B

WHAT IS FASHION ?

Fashion means the prevailing mode in such things of life as are object to change in form and style. The members of the upper classes of society set down certain styles in various fields of life as fashionable or correct. Once fashion is set, it is impossible to go against it.

These days we find fashion in almost everything we can think of. There is fashion in dress and ornaments, in customs and usages, in food and drink and in one's language too.

Fashion changes like the wind. It is almost impossible to keep pace with the rapid change of fashion unless one makes it the only business of life. Willingly or unwillingly everybody has to submit to the calls of fashion. The moment you ignore the latest fashion, you are labeled as "outdated". Hence, the pressure persists, to keep abreast with the times.

Catching up with the latest fashion has become a craze with most of the youngsters. Men are also as much fashion conscious as women. These fashionable people foolishly think that fashion is an indication of good taste. But sober and reasonable people know that good taste does not necessarily mean having the fetish for the latest things. Fashion has no fixed standard; It is merely composed of outward and showy things that change without any reason.

Owing to its quick changes, fashion inflicts untold sufferings on people. What is fashionable today may be out of fashion tomorrow. This is especially true for the fashion in clothes. By the time you buy new and up-to-date clothes, they have already gone out of fashion. The result is that the rich alone can afford to be fashionable.

Fashion rules in the world today. People obey the dictates of fashion in various things even at the cost of personal comforts. Very often we find youngsters wearing tight fitting clothes that hinder free movement of their limbs. They know this could lead to various problems but they do not think that way for the simple reason that they cannot afford to be called 'unfashionable'.

Rapid changes in fashion are partly due to man's love for novelty and partly due to the instinct of hero-worship. In matters of fashion in clothes and hairstyles, film stars are the idols for many men and women. For example if Shahrukh Khan wears a particular brand (of T-shirt and jeans). It is an undeniable fact that he almost becomes a 'Pied Piper' with many-a- following....

This blind following to the rapidly changing fashions is neither necessary nor wise. The man who can maintain his originality and who does not fall a prey to fashion is really a man far above the average.

PRIYANK MURAKA - IX A

AN INCIDENT THAT SCARED ME

I had gone to Delhi for my holidays. One day in the morning, I was eating a banana when my Mom opened the door of the balcony. Then she went back into the kitchen. Just as she went inside, I saw some brown thing on my right hand, something I had never seen before! I looked around and then to my astonishment it was a huge Monkey! I was scared and I screamed, threw the banana and ran to my mom. My mom heard me and came out. She thought that the reason for my alarm was a burglar but it was a monkey! We ran downstairs and went to the guard. We told the guard about the monkey. He said that he had seen it too. We went up with a stick but the monkey was gone! The monkey was very smart because it had eaten the banana and kept the peel on the table. Just then the landlady came up. She asked what had happened and we told her everything. She said that there was nothing to be scared of and that the monkeys often came to her garden and destroyed the pots and flowers. It was a very scary day. I can never forget this incident.

ANITA KINI - V B

FASHION VERBATIM

Fashion is ...

F - Fabulous
A - Attractive
S - Simple
H - Hilarious
I - Incredible
O - Original
N - New

LEON LEWIS

IX A

-with which your status is depicted.

LAVINE MAHTANI

IX B

is the window to your personality.

ARUSHI BAJAJ

IX B

--is something that suits me and makes me look 'good'.

VAANSHA MEHRA

IX B

-is your version of the latest 'you'.

PANKHURI UPADHYAY

IX B

is like an ice-cream, enjoy it before it melts.

RISHU GUPTA

IX A

-is the creation of the mind accepted by everyone.

ROHIT JHA

IX A

-is a passion.... and is meant for observation and for attraction.

**ABHISHEK DAS,
TEJAS GUJRATI**

IX A

-is for the bold and the beautiful.

ALIVA NAYAK

IX A

Life is boring without fashion.

DIVYA KOTIAN

XI

Present Indian fashion rules the world.

NEEMA IYER

XA

Fashion shows how trendy a person is...

PRAVEENA PRABHAKARAN

XI

Fashion makes holes in your pockets. Your closet bulges but your wallet stays empty.

**MITHILA RAJAGOPAL
DEVANSHI MEHTA**

IX A

Sometimes fashion is mad but not totally bad. It attracts and also distracts.

SANDHYA DEVNANI

IX A

...is to have funky hairstyles, wear outrageous dresses and not bother about the real meaning of 'Fashion'.

RAMYA SITA

IX A

KEEPING IN TOUCH... OSAILS

*Long, long be my heart with such memories fill'd!
Like the vase in which roses have once been distill'd:
You may break, you may shatter the vase if you will,
But the scent of the roses will hang round it still.*

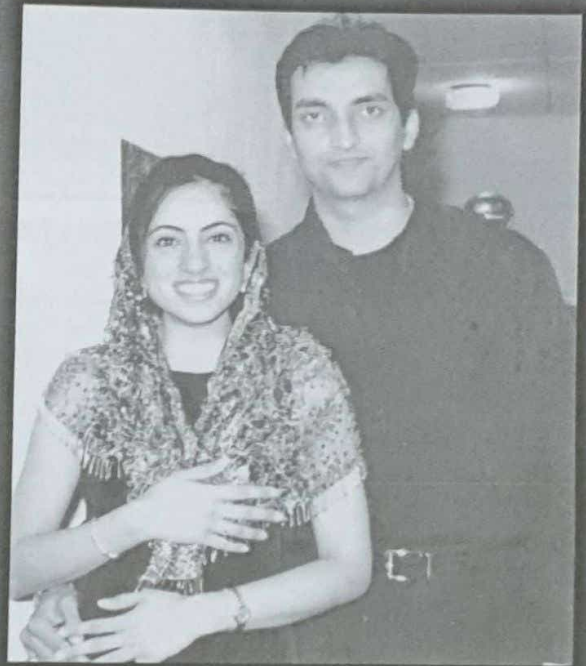
- THOMAS MOORE, *Farewell! But Whenever...*

**THE SCENT OF THEIR LOVE AND REMEMBRANCES LINGERS
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MRS. RUKHI MITRA

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO READ OTHER PEOPLE'S LETTERS

Dear Mai Mai,

Hi! It has been a long time since I heard from you. I hope you are in good health. I am fine over here and I always wait for your wonderful letters. I am writing this letter to you, to tell you about all the beautiful and amazing facts which are the essence of my country India.

Recently there was an 'Indian Cultural Programme' organized by the Indian community here. This event aroused patriotic feelings for my country and now I'm proud to say that I am an Indian. I would like to share some of my views and thoughts about India with you. India is a vast country which has unity in diversity. You will be surprised to know that between the two extremes of the country, people of varied cultural backgrounds live in communion. They have always exhibited their solidarity in times of trouble. I would attribute this to our rich and majestic heritage that is a constant source of inspiration to stand united.

Do write to me and tell me if you're interested in visiting India in your vacations. I'll make sure that I'm there to help you explore our beautiful country.

Yours lovingly

ADITI SINHA
IX B

Dear Divya,

How are you? Everything is fine there. Yesterday was a special day. Infact it was a wonderful day. Everything I wished for, came true and it was my birthday too.

Early in the morning I wished that there wouldn't be any school and when I went down to see the calendar, it was a 'Saturday'. Then I wished for my parents (who had gone abroad) to be with me and there they were ringing the door bell! I was so surprised. I wished that I would have a party and it happened. At the end of the day I wished for a bicycle but I thought that it wouldn't be possible. I went out and I sat at the doorstep. To my greatest surprise, I saw a brand new bicycle standing there. It was all a miracle!

It was fun writing to you. Do keep in touch.

Yours lovingly

DAKSHA VASWANI
IV A

Dear Mrs. Kanwar

This comes as an open confession that you have always been my role model. I have always liked you for your work, especially the way you handle the students and do so much work, which is so hard to do, in such an admirable manner.

What I appreciate in you is that inspite of being in such a demanding position, you have done justice to your other commitments, being a wife and a mother. You never let your work interfere with your family life. You are a picture of elegance and confidence. I hope to grow up and carry myself with the dignity that you do. I admire your dressing sense that sets you a class apart. I like the way you single- handedly carry out all the responsibilities and work of the school.

The students and all the teachers appreciate your work and are really fond of you. I hope to become a smart and responsible Principal like you.

Yours faithfully

TANIA JONES
XB

Dear Avril Lavigne,

Hello! Hope this letter reaches you in good health and mood. I am writing this letter to tell you how much you inspire me and how every song of yours brightens up my day.

I am inspired by the fact that at your age you have achieved so much and gone so far. I now believe that anyone can fulfil their dreams, if they just work hard. Your songs speak out your mind and tell the world about its realities. I believe in you because you are your own person, undaunted by the recording companies. You are also very talented and hard-working. I read that you learnt to play the guitar by yourself. I haven't been able to attend any of your concerts yet, but I hope to, soon. You are indeed a true role model, spreading happiness, fun and unity, through your amusing, yet sensible rock songs. All the awards you have won have not changed your attitude and you still love all your fans. I respect you for being a great singer, who is bound to influence and change the world for the better.

I hope you continue to inspire me and the rest of the world for years to come. When is your next album coming out? Please send me an autographed poster. Long live rock.!!

Yours affectionately,
Your biggest fan

NEEMA IYER
XA

Dear Priyanka,

This is to tell you about my dream holiday. I have always wanted to go for a vacation on a ship. These Christmas holidays, I have finally got a chance. I hope that by the grace of God, I will be able to embark upon this pleasurable trip and return safe and sound.

I am taking a fifteen day cruise and visiting many important ports. I have always wanted to go to the beach, sit peacefully there and gaze into the ocean, especially at night. I can, at last make this dream come true. Ever since I saw the movie 'Titanic', I have wanted to be treated to that glorious feeling of gliding on the waters. To spend the night and day on a cruise must be something wonderful. Most of my friends have been on cruises and say that their holiday was indeed memorable. I have always wanted to envisage nature at its best. This cruise will give me the chance to do so. Visiting so many different places will give me an opportunity to compare the cultures and the flavours of the different places. Most of all I want to lose myself in the horizon and acquire a sense of freedom.

I hope I will come back from the cruise both bewitched and exhilarated. I wish you were also coming with me to share this wonderful experience.

Yours affectionately

MITHILA RAJGOPAL
IX A

Dear Mohit,

How are you? I hope my letter finds you in a good mood and cheerful spirits. I am writing this letter to tell you how proud I am of being an Indian.

Ever since the beginning of mankind, India has been the desired destination of many people. It is a rich and prosperous country. Indians have specialized in many fields like medicine, engineering and sports. Indians strive for perfection in all spheres of life. India is one of the largest producers of agricultural products in the world. In the fifty-five years of independence, India has made commendable progress. She is a vast country and Indians have always shown tolerance towards all religions and cultures that co-exists in the country. She is the largest democracy in the world. These are the many reasons that make me feel proud of being an Indian. I hope you feel the same.

The emotion of reverence for my country overwhelms me and I salute to it, for its greatness.

Jai Hind!

SIDDHARTH GARG
VIII A

Dear Pete Sampras,

Hi! You probably get many letters every day telling you how wonderful you are, how well you play and how they wish to be like you. This might be another one of those letters.

Since I started playing tennis, I've always been a great fan of yours, Your relentless energy, passion for the game and calm demeanour both on and off the court have greatly inspired me and impressed us all wanna-be tennis players. When you broke Roy Emerson's record by winning thirteen Grand Slams, all our hearts leapt with delight. I've always dreamt of being someone like you. The power in your serves, the skills of your ground strokes and your sharp volleys have truly made you, the king of all tennis players. Forget the serves, forget the volley, the mind is the most powerful weapon in tennis. Your will power, self-confidence and focused mind, serve as an unerring example to many of us. Everyday, When I'm tired and worn out, I think of you, your achievements and I feel that I too can be an achiever.

Life in a way, is like tennis. You win some, You lose some. You derive strength and self-confidence from your victories and you learn from your mistakes or defeats. Just as you have reached the pinnacle of glory in tennis. I wish to do well in my life. You are my 'North star' constantly pointing and guiding me in the right direction. I view life as a game of tennis and you as my role model. Your smashing shots are undoubtedly your greatest weapon and it is impossible to take this 'Pete Sampras Slam Dunk' which is truly awesome and authentic. I do hope that I get a chance to meet you and I live my life the way you play tennis.

Yours truly

SOUNDARYA KEDARNATH
XA

Dear Mayuresh,

How are you? I hope you are in the best of spirits. I wanted to tell you something on the the phone but since my phone is not working, I am writing a letter to you.

I once told you that my wishes never come true. I had always wished to win prizes in the games organized during the 'Diwali Fair' but I never won any. So, like always I wished that I would win prizes and this time it actually happened! In each and every game I played, I won. The same thing happened in the raffle draw. I wished that I would win a car and I did. It was such a wonderful day for me. All my wishes came true!

Well, we shall meet and talk to each other later! I do hope that all your wishes are fulfilled too.

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From your loving friend,

NEHAL KAMAT
IVB

Dear Ajay,

How are you? I hope you are enjoying your December holidays. I'm fine and I'm planning to visit you when I am in India. Well, most of the Indians who are living outside India aren't very proud of being Indians because of the poverty that infests it but I am proud of being an Indian.

Indians constitute a significant part of the American Population and quite a few of the NASA scientists are Indians. India has a rich history and has been governed by great leaders like Dr. Rajendra Prasad and Jawaharlal Nehru. It was Bhaskara, an Indian who invented the 'Decimal System' and Aryabhatta invented 'Zero', and gave a new dimension to mathematical calculations. India has had great freedom fighters who gave up their lives for the sake of India's freedom. Bhagat Singh, Chandrashekhar Azad, Rajguru are only a few. If I start counting the reason as to why I am proud of being an Indian, I'm sure I will not be able to do so as the list is endless.

Hence I can proudly say that I am an Indian. 'Jai Hind!'

Yours affectionately

VISHAL PAHEL
VII A

Dear Shravani,

How are you? I miss you a lot. I have not written a letter to you since a long time, so I thought of writing one.

In this letter, I want to tell you about a very special day, a day when all my wishes came true! It was Christmas day, that is 25th December, I wished for a Computer as my Christmas present and guess what? Not long after, I owned a marvellous computer with all kinds of accessories. I will wish for a trip to Paris and I hope that this wish also comes true!

I hope to receive a letter from you, telling me about all that you wish for. Do write to me.

Yours lovingly,

MANSI GUPTA
VA

Dear Kirti,

How are you? I hope you are fine. Do you remember that I once said that all my Christmas wishes came true and you wanted to know all about it. So here I am writing it all for you.

It was a Saturday morning, I was reading an Enid Blyton book when my mother came into the room and said "I am going to the market, keep an eye on the maid." I obeyed my mother. That evening when my mother came back she was hiding something from me but I didn't care because I was concentrating on the book I was reading. After sometime my father returned home and suddenly I heard a chorus of voices cheering for me. I was surprised when I saw my sister holding a gift in her hands. On asking what it was for they told me that they were pleased with me as I had been very obedient and kind that year. Guess, what the present was? A really thick Enid Blyton book called 'The Adventures of the Six Cousins'. As you know that I love to read, I loved the surprise.

Well my wishes came true as I had been an obedient child. I'd like to close my letter here. Give my regards to your parents and your sister. Please reply soon.

Yours lovingly,

DEVIPRIYA LEELADHARAN
VB

Dear Roli,

How are you? Merry Christmas! Today, we are going to have a Christmas Party and then from the sixth of this month our holidays will begin. I want to tell you about the dream holiday I intend to spend this Christmas.

I want to go to South Africa. Everyone says it is a very nice place and that it is very peaceful. I have heard that there is an 'Indian Film Festival' going on there and you know that I just love films. But this is not possible as my sister is in Grade X and after the school re-opens, she has her 'Preliminary Examinations'. I feel sad, it has been my wish to go to South Africa and I was heart broken when my parents told me that we would not be able to go this year. They have promised to fulfil my wishes after my sister's board exams.

Well this is a long cherished wish and dream that has not been realised. What are your plans? Do write to me and tell me. Convey my regards to Uncle and Aunty.

Your loving friend

NEHA AGARWAL
VII B

Dear Granddad,

Hope this letter finds you in good health . I would like to wish you a 'Merry Christmas' and a 'Happy New Year'!

It is the end of the year and it is time to assess the year that has gone by. It is also time to make a new year resolutions. Over the year, I often stopped to ponder about whom I admire the most and the first person that I could think of was you. The three most important qualities I've always admired in you are your being so disciplined, courageous and cheerful. I will always respect you for your courage and determination during your illness. You never let anyone feel the pain that you were going through.

Your being so disciplined will always be a source of inspiration to me. Your cheerful disposition never fails to lighten a somber mood. Though I've never admitted it before, your witty remarks always leave me tongue-tied and make me smile.

Many a times consciously and unconsciously I've tried to copy you but I've not always succeeded. It was then that I realized that you will always be unique and special to me.

Yours lovingly

KAVITHA SRINIVASAN
XI

Dear Mrs. Kanwar,
Hope your school, Indian Language School , is 'Flying High' .

I would like to tell you that you have been my role model, ever since I joined your school. It has been my keen desire to become the Principal of my very 'own' school. I also want to be respected and honoured like you. Apart from being the Principal, I know you actively participate in different social activities. You have an indepth knowledge of everything and all the teachers and children approach you whenever they need guidance. I too, would like to hear the problems of all the teachers and students and guide them onto the right track. I wish that even I keep my school 'Flying High', like yours.

May you stay long with us and achieve the greatest standards of excellence ever.

Your greatest fan

POOJA KAPOOR
XA

Dear Bala ,

How are you? I'm fine and in good health. School and studies are going on as usual. How were your exams? Good, I hope. Christmas party at school is just around the corner. Today I want to share my views about you-with you!

We have grown up together and have been neighbours too. We shared our set of joys and sorrows together. I guess that got me closer to you and helped me comprehend you better, even though you used to pull my leg so often. I realized that you are extremely humorous, you are a caring and a kind person-a quality that wins you a lot of trust. You are firm and decisive, yet gentle with your actions and words. For this I admire you. I've seen many juniors ape you as you happened to be one of their closest friends. Although you hardly knew them, you still made them feel special.

Another of your applaudable characteristics is that you bring out the best in people. Your sense of humour and charisma are envied by all. For all these reasons, I'm proud to say that you are my role model. You have helped me realise my potential. I resolve to make my life and that of others a good one.

I shall close my letter for now. I will write soon. My best regards to your friends.
Take care.

Yours affectionately

SUVISH MELANTA
XI

Dear Devipriya,

How are you? Hope you and your family are enjoying this season of Christmas.

Do you know about the day my wishes came true? Let me tell you about it. My wish was to see Santa Claus. I wanted Santa to bring some chocolates, candies and a surprise gift that would really make my day. On the day of Christmas, I woke up in the morning and I saw my room was very tidy and clean which was a great surprise for me. When I looked out of my window, I saw Santa standing there next to a Christmas tree arranging chocolates, candies and gifts which he had got for me! I went out and Santa wished me 'Merry Christmas', I wished him too. I was very happy that day because my wish had come true.

Do tell me about your unfulfilled wishes, I will pray for them to come true!

Yours lovingly

KIRTI PILLAI
VB

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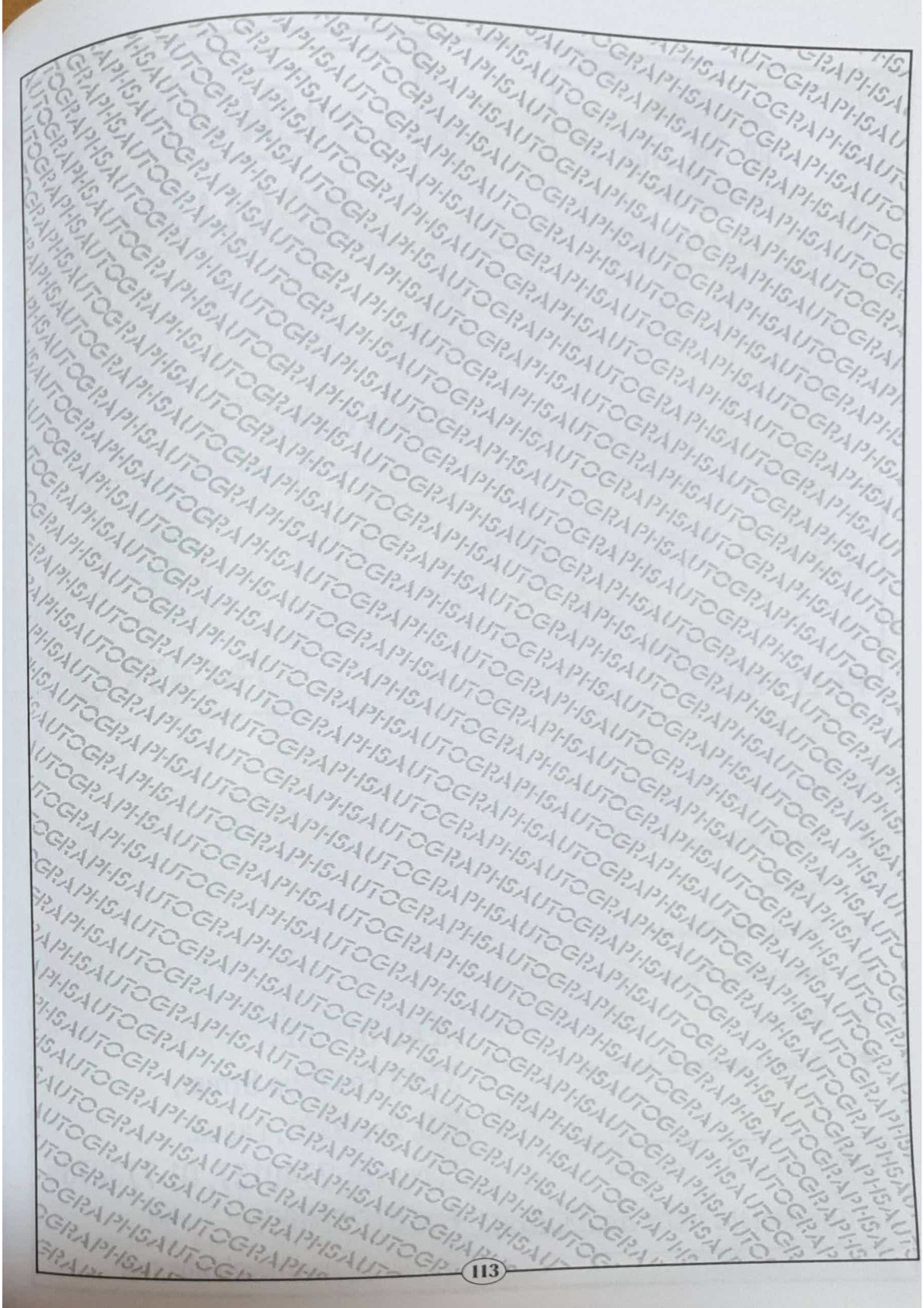
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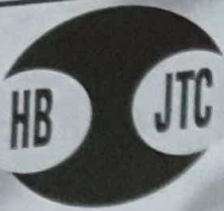
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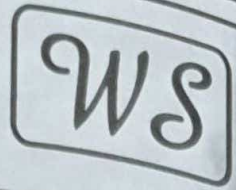
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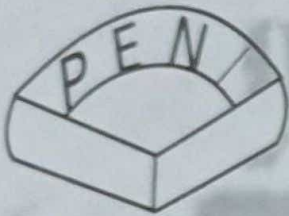
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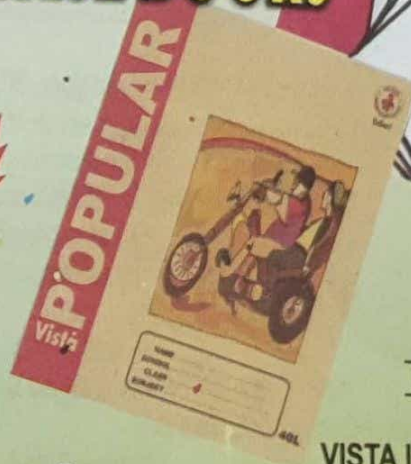
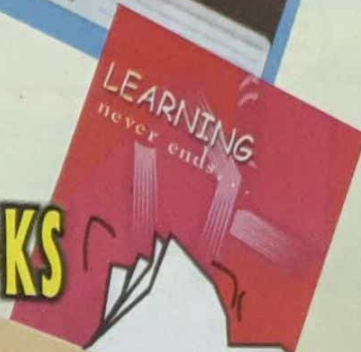
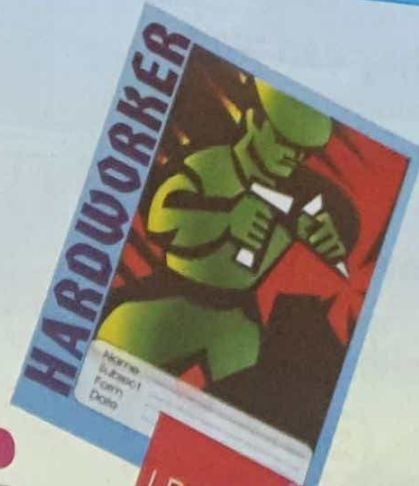
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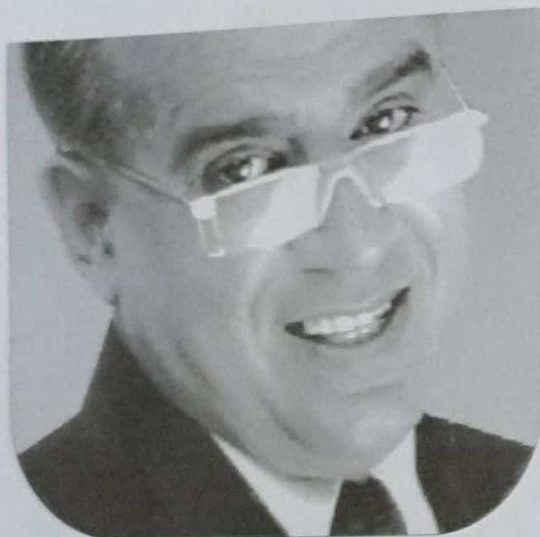
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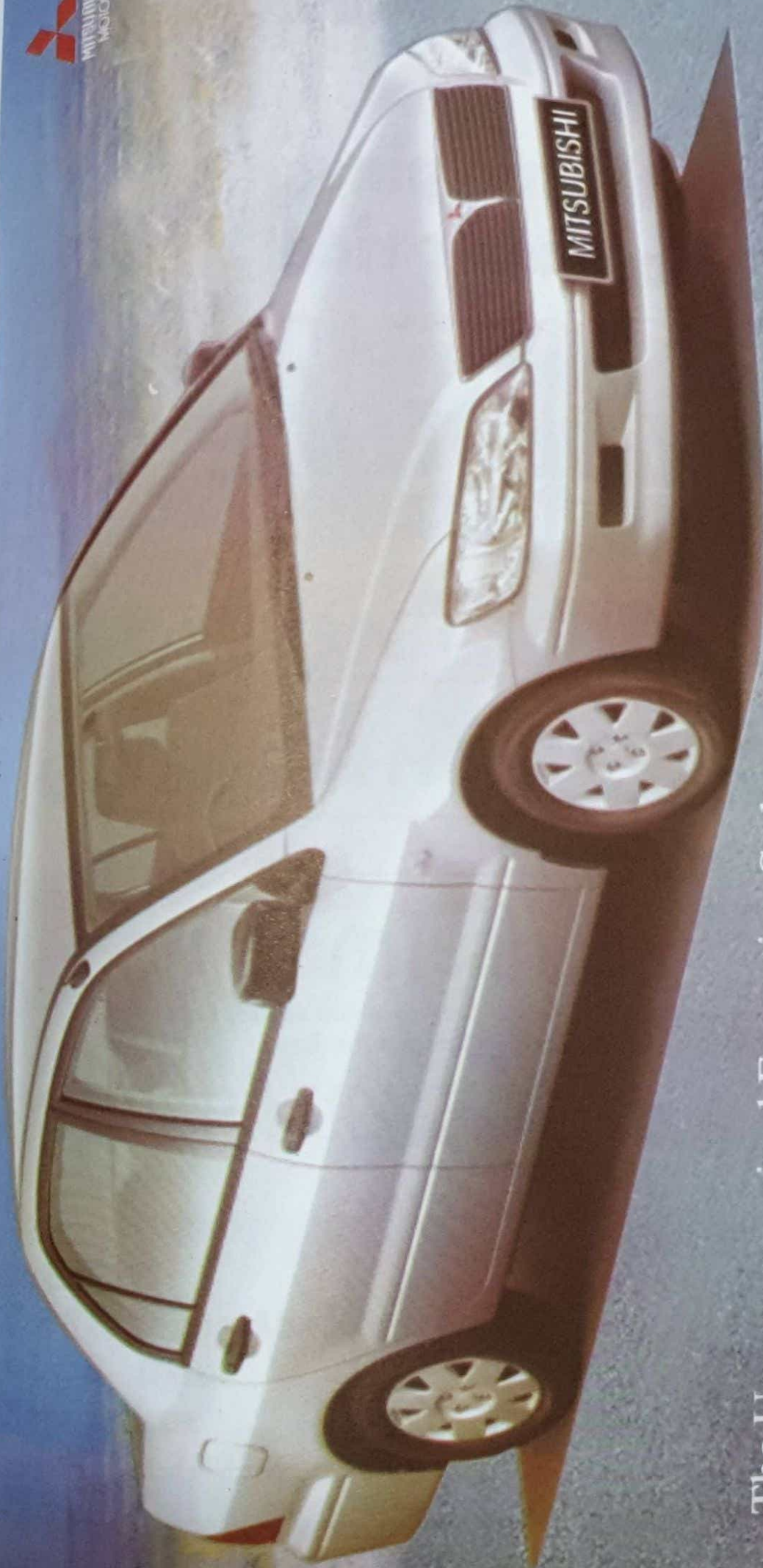
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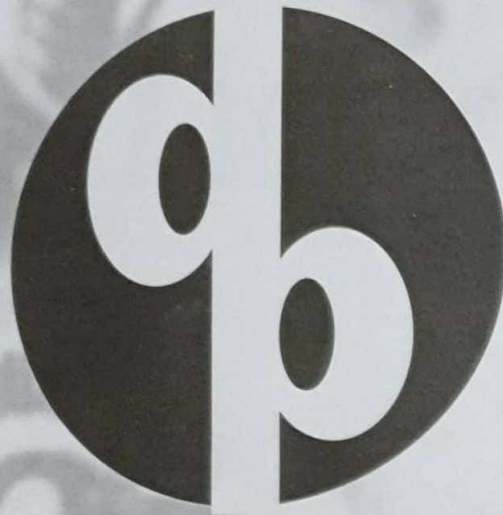
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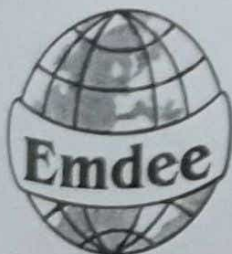
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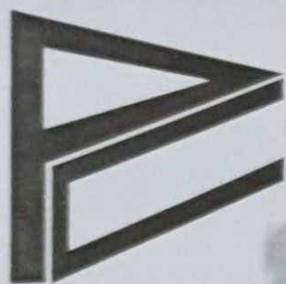
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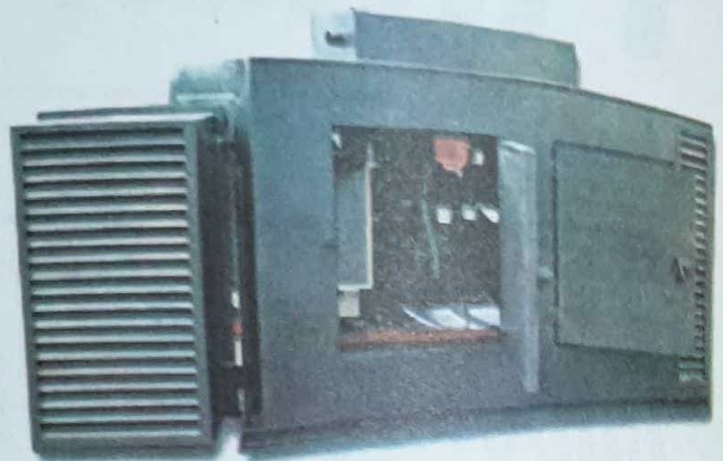
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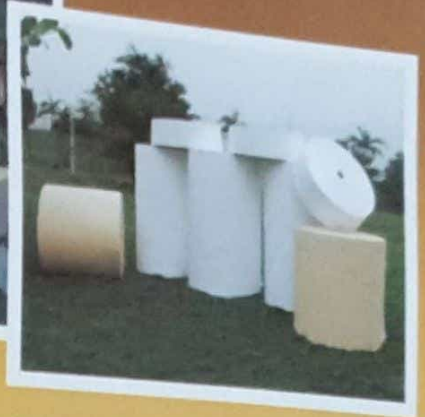
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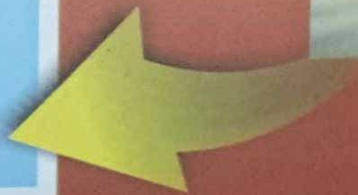
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