



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Parents and well wishers,

It is rightly said, 'What we are is God's gift to us and what we become is our gift to God.' The winds of change sweeping across the fields of science, technology, medicine and agriculture have led to radical advancements and harnessing of energies. It is however, impossible to

contain the flow of time which keeps moving. We have entered the new scholastic year which is holding out a bundle of promises. Undoubtedly in the coming years, life would be more comfortable and easy but real happiness comes if each one of us resolves to do our best and executes this promise with full dedication and determination.

"No strong will, no success", is the greatest principle of life. All difficulties vanish if we have a resolute will like that of Columbus to discover a new world. Our dreams contain the strength to transform mediocrity into magnificence.

The light of knowledge spreads when it is shared in the service of the society. We in our own humble way, try to inculcate this in the best possible way among our students. But no one has a magic wand to make things happen overnight and it is the sustained effort which takes us ahead on the path of progress.

Nido Qubein had rightly said, "The price of discipline is always less than the pain of regret" and it is time for us to realize that success comes to those who are ready to pay its price in terms of discipline, dedication and hard work.

May God make all our dreams come true this session.

Sr. Yvette

THE EDITOR SPEAKS

Dear Readers,

Our children are gifted with many talents. Our duty is to provide them the necessary platform and proper background to develop them. We, in this institution have always provided our students ample opportunities to show and develop their talents - in the classroom, on the playground, in the auditorium and in letting them express their thoughts and ideas in printed letters. We want our students to grow up



into civilised human beings having faith in the fundamental values of life with a feeling of pride for the glorious past of their country and love and respect for the cultural heritage of India. We want them to grow up into enlightened citizens rooted in their traditions. This, indeed, is a challenging task as western influences which are alienating our youth from their own culture have become very powerful. The carriers of these influences are obviously the electronic media and the Hindi film industry which has revealed its links with the underworld.

Teenagers are prone to influences, they have a tendency to imitate. Our Indian youth is much ahead of others in this respect. The glare and glamour of the materialistic west is casting its magic spell on their minds. They are developing a craze for the western living standards, life style, western music, dance and the like. This is an unfortunate development, which must be discouraged because it is striking at the roots of the centuries old heritage which we have preserved through ages. Imitation is not bad but regarding a decadent foreign culture superior to your own is lamentable. Our youth should be made aware of the fact that they belong to a culture which, in the past was like a sky-high tower of light spreading its lustre on the surrounding countries, even on those at the far ends of the earth-illuminating the minds of men, exalting their hearts ennobling their lives and above all, beckoning them on to the realisation of their highest spiritual destiny.

After the final defeat of Napoleon Bonaparte, the British proudly remarked that 'the battle of Waterloo was won on the playgrounds of Eton and Harrow.' This proud affirmation of the British tells us how important our educational institutions are and what significant role they play in shaping the destiny of a nation. I think it's the foremost duty of our educational institutions to develop faith and respect for the fundamental values of life, love and pride for the great glorious past of India and feelings of tolerance and brotherhood for all communities and cultures.

K.K. Tiwari

From Reporter's Diary

Activities Round-up

- The Reopening :** The school re-opened on April 2, 2007 for the current academic session. The reopening was preceded by a staff meeting presided over by the Principal. The new staff members were introduced in the meeting.
- Formation of the School Cabinet :** Nominations for the new School Cabinet were made on April 19 and on the next day election was held for the posts of the President, the Vice-President, the Sports Captain and the Secretary to Literary and Drama Association. House Captains and Vice-Captains were selected from amongst the nominated ones.



**Celebration of the Teachers' Day
A Dance Recital**

3. Installation of the School Parliament : It was held on April 28 at 8 a.m., The Principal administered the oath of duty and loyalty to the members of the August School Parliament. Rev. St. Mabel, the new Superior of Vic Province, who was present on the occasion honoured the Cabinet members with sashes.

4. Farewell to Sr. Carol : Rev. Sr. Carol, ex. Superior Vice-Province and the new Provincial Superior was given farewell and the new superior of the Vice Province Rev. Sr. Mabel was welcomed in a get-together.

5. Farewell to the outgoing Members of the Staff : Rev. Sr. Elena, Rev. Sr. Usha, Mrs. Mahua Srivastava, Miss Fenny and Miss Geeno were given farewell on 12 May in a get-together.

6. The School Literary and Dramatic Association 2007-08 : The Association was inaugurated on 5 May by Rev. Sr. Yvette, the Principal. A variety entertainment programme put up by the students followed. The Association held the following activities in the current academic session :

(I) An Elocution Contest - 'Just A Minute' for the senior students of classes IX to XI

on 7 July.

- Fancy Dress Competition for the students of the Primary section on 16 July.
- Recitation Competition for classes I & II on July 18.
- Singing Competition for classes VI to VIII on July 18.
- Singing Competition for classes III to V on 18 August.
- Solo Dance Competition for classes VI to VIII on 18 August.
- Solo Dance Competition for classes I & II on 25 August.
- A Debate on the topic, 'Modern Living has made us unhealthy and disease prone' on 1 September for the senior classes.
- A Ras Leela for classes III to V on 10 September.
- Solo Singing Competition for classes I & II on 15 September.
- Fancy Dress Competition for classes IX to XI on Jan. 30, 2008.

7. Celebration of National Festivals :

(i) **Independence Day (Aug. 15):** The day was celebrated with patriotic zeal and fervour. Rev. Fr. Pius Menezes, Director, Social Service Centre Kathgodam, the Chief Guest on the occasion unfurled the National Flag which was followed by an impressive march past. An Inter-House patriotic group song competition was held on the occasion. Two of our students made inspiring speeches.

(ii) **Gandhi Jayanti :** A special morning assembly was conducted on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti by the students of Class VI B in which homage was paid to the Father of the Nation.



**An impressive March Past
Independence Day**



**Fare-thee well-Mrs.
Nirmal Khanna retires**



**Congratulations! Winners of
Gold Medal in the International
Assessment Test with the Principal
and Mr. K.K. Tiwari**



**Congratulations! Winners of Gold-Medal in
NISO2007 with the Principal and
Mrs. Tara Bhatt**

(iii) **Republic Day** : Mr. H.S. Bagadwala, Chairman, Municipality was the Chief Guest on the occasion. The Chief Guest unfurled the flag and the programme began with the march-past. The programme included speeches, patriotic group songs and dances.

8. Celebration of Religious & Cultural Festivals :

(I) The morning assembly of August 3 was marked by speeches and songs in which Lord Krishna was remembered on the eve of Janmashtami.

(II) A special morning assembly was conducted on the eve of Deepawali on 7 November.

(III) A beautiful cultural programme was put up by the students on December 20 to celebrate Christmas. Rev. Fr. Baptist Quadras delivered an inspiring speech on the occasion highlighting the message of Christmas.

9. Celebration of Teachers' Day : Students expressed their thanks and gratitude to their teachers by celebrating the teachers' day in a befitting manner. A variety entertainment programme was put up on the occasion followed by lunch.

10. Observance of Memorable Days :

(I) May 1 was observed as the day of working class solidarity in the school. Students of Class IX put up a short programme of variety entertainment for the non-teaching staff of the school.

(II) A special morning assembly was conducted by the students of class XI A to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the First War of India's Independence, 1857 on the 10th of May.



Our Budding sportsmen : Kirti Saran and Shubham Bisht-participants in the National Swimming Contest with the Principal



The Outgoing Students of Class XII At the Farewell Function

(III) The feast of Blessed Mother Bridget of Jesus, foundress of the Congregation of Ursuline Sisters was celebrated with joy and enthusiasm on 3 September. A special morning assembly was conducted to mark the occasion. The life and the services of Mother Bridget were high lighted in a speech delivered and a group-song sung on the occasion.

IV. Hindi Diwas, September 14, was observed as the day of National identity. A thought - provoking speech was delivered by Dhawal Tripathi of Class VI on the occasion.

V.Paridhi Pande of Class X reminded the students about their duties to the senior citizens in an inspiring speech delivered on October 1 - 'the day of the aged.'

VI. A special morning assembly was held to celebrate the Feast of Mother Mary - Nirmala - the patroness of the institution, on December 8. Rev. Sr. Yvette - the Principal also spoke on the occasion and told the students about the importance of the day.



Congratulations! cash prize winners in the National science Olympiad with the Principal

11. **Celebration of Children's Day** : The teachers made the morning



Many Happy Returns of the day-Rev. Sr. Yvette- Our Principal with the staff on Her Birthday



Rose buds of our garden-our tiny tots on their Annual Function



Rose buds of our garden-Our tiny tots on their Annual Function

assembly of 14 November very interesting and memorable for the students by putting up a variety entertainment programme for the students which included songs, dance and speeches. Drawing and essay writing competitions were also held for the students.



A semi-classical dance being staged in the valedictory Function of the Literary Association

12. Nirmalites In Inter-School Competition (at local, district, state and national levels):

I. Inter-School Basketball Tournament Haldwani (April 20-21, 2007): Both Boys and Girls Teams of our school participated in the above tournament. Our Girls Team stood first and Anjali Saklani of our school was declared the best player.

II. District Inter-School Basket Ball Tournament 2007 was held at the sports stadium, Haldwani on August 8, 9 and 10. Our Junior and Senior Girls teams bagged the trophy and our senior boys remained the runner up.

III. Inter-School Swimming Contest 2007 (August 21 to 23): One of our participants got the 1st prize in 50 metres and 100 metres Breast Stroke and four others bagged the II and the III prizes in Breast Stroke and free-style swimming.

IV. Zonal Swimming Contest, NE Zone

(September 25-28): It was held at Guwahati, Assam. One of our school luminaries - Kirti Saran Agrawala bagged 3 Gold medals in the above contest while Shubham Bisht received one Gold and one Silver.

V. Champion of champions Regional Sports Karate Championship - 2007: It was held at Sports Hall Ranikhet on 22 and 23 September 2007. Five participants from our school got the 1st prize in the contest.

VI. Inter-School G.K. Quiz (September 24): The Quiz was organised by Rotary Club, Haldwani. Eight participants from our school secured the top ranks in this contest.

VII. Inter School Debate: It was held at St. Theresa Sr. Sec. School, Kathgodam on February 3. Himanshu Badhani of our school stood I in this debate.

13. Orientation Programmes, Seminars & Symposia:

I. An Orientation programme for the parents of the children studying in K.G. classes was held on 21 April with Mrs. Jyoti Agrawala as the resource person.

II. Another Orientation Programme was held on April 28 for the parents of children studying in classes I and II.

III. On June 28 & 29, a life Orientation Programme was conducted by Rev. Fr. Andrade for the teachers.

IV. As the school reopened after summer vacation, an Orientation programme was conducted by Mrs. Jyoti Agrawala for the parents of the children of the primary section (Classes III, IV & V) on 7 July.

V. Mrs. Jyoti Agrawala also conducted an awareness programme for the parents of the students of Class XI.



Bubbling with joy-Our students in the Valedictory Function of the L.A.



Aditi Balutiya-Junior-Girls Sports Champion, Sumedha-Senior Girls Sports Champion, Vivek Palyal -Senior boys Sports Champion

VI. Mrs. Jyoti Agrawala and Mr. Meena Mehta of our school attended an Adolescence Education Programme organised by the C.B.S.E. at Haridwar from July 16 to 18. The same programme was attended by Rev. Sr. Yvette - the Principal on July 19.

VII. A seminar on Adolescence Education Programme was conducted in the school-hall for teachers by Mrs. Jyoti Agrawala and Ms. Meena Mehta on July 30 and for the parents of classes IX to XI, on August 11.

14. **The School Excursion :** Students of classes IX to XII with the Principal and teachers went to visit places of historical importance in Rajasthan on October 16 and returned on October 21 with a wealth of information about these places.

15. **Expressions 2007 :** The school held its Annual Function Expressions 2007 on 1 November. A grand physical and cultural display was presented on the occasion which included dances, drills, Marshal Art and many interesting items of physical display. Shree Vanshi Dhar Bhagat, hon'ble minister for Forest and Wild life, Govt. of Uttaranchal, was the Chief-Guest on the occasion and Mr. N. K. Joshi, Ex. Director General of Forests, Govt. of India graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour.

16. **The Annual Sports Meet :** The sports meet began with the formal declaration of its opening by Rev. Sr. Yvette on 18 December and concluded on 19 December with the closing ceremony. It included races, jumps and throws.

17. **Farewell to The Outgoing Students of Class XII :** It was held on February 9. The students of Class XI staged a variety entertainment programme on the occasion. The Principal - Rev. Sr. Yvette presented valuable gifts to the outgoing students.

18. **Tiny Tots On the Stage :** The little ones of classes L.K.G. and U.K.G. staged a variety entertainment programme for their parents on 16-2-08. They displayed their budding talents in colourful costumes. The programme was liked by all.

19. **Valedictory Function of the Literary Association :** It was held on 16-2-08. A cultural programme was staged on the occasion.

20. **Prize Distribution :** It was held on February 26. Athletic Championships, House Championship and sports prizes to the students of the primary classes were given on the occasion. With this the academic session was over.



The Outgoing Students of Class XIIA, XIIB & XII C (Commerce) with The Principal, the Manager & Their Teachers



House of the year- Teresa House



Teressor House Tops in Athletics



The fret and fever of the examinations being over we began to make up our minds for Expressions 2007, our Annual Function. How many items would be performed, who was to be the Chief-guest, who would be the anchors - were the questions being asked. There was plenty of excitement among students. A physical cultural display was to be held on the occasion. We all were happy, teachers were busy and so was our principal, Rev. Sister Yvette. The date was finalised within a week and preparation began.

The school playground which, untill now looked like a saint in meditation wore a totally different look. Now it looked like a young sportive child brimming with joy and bubbling with enthusiasm. None else but we changed the look of the ground as we brushed up our performance on it. We danced, we marched, took exercises and did everything that could make our annual function the most memorable one.



**Marching on from success to success
Students of Nirmala**



**Sinduri Mooti De Bol
a Punjabi Folk Dance**

Management and our Guest of Honour Mr. N.K. Joshi - Ex-Director General of Forests arrived and were given a standing ovation. An impressive march past marked the beginning of the programme. As the students marched led by their House Captains holding banners in their hands, the following words of a patriotic song resounded in the air :



**A Memento Being Presented
to the Chief Guest**



**Keep the doctor away-
a grand mass P.T. display**

"Kadam Kadam Badha ye ja
Khushi Ke Geet Gaye ja
Ye zindagi hai Kaum Ki
Too Kaum Pe loota ye ja."

The march past was followed by 'Stuti' - a prayer dance in which the dancers sung of the glory of that great Metro Dancer on High who holds the strings in his hands of all dancers on world stage.

'If health is lost, something is lost' is an old proverb. Then why to lose it ? Physical health is more

Expressions - 2007

important than the material wealth. A sound mind needs a sound body to live in. All these thoughts found expression in mass P.T. which was demonstrated by the students from class IX to Class XII.

Our next item 'Ma Tujhe Salaam' upheld the glory and the greatness of this motherland of ours which in itself is world in miniature. A panoramic view of the cultural excellence of India was presented in this item. It was profusely appreciated by the audience.

'Blitzreig' or lightening attack was a display of marshal art. Young students of class VII and VIII performed excellently with sticks and empty handed. Viewers remained spell bound to see how 'the fist of fury' smashed a thick wooden stick into pieces.



**A thing of Beauty is a joy for ever
- a rhythmic group dance**

An excellent display of skills was the item Towering Teens. Stirring up the curiosity of the viewers, there was an iron pillar on the left side of the ground. Till the beginning of this item it looked insignificant. As the item began, it became the main centre of attraction. Young boys of classes VI, VII and VIII showed their skills on this pillar and received applause after applause from the audience. Their sleek bodies, twisting and turning on the pillar produced a spectacular sight.

The Chief Guest delivered an inspiring speech. He seemed much impressed by the way we performed on the ground. He donated a sum of Rs. 2.5 lakhs each for the old People's Home and the Hindi medium classes for poor children run by our Sisters.

'Rangeelee Mantee De Bol' - a folk dance from Punjab was the concluding item. The ground began to throb with the colours of sacrifice, affluence and exuberance which are characteristic of the state of the Punjab. The chanting of 'Jo Bole So Nihal, Sat Sri Akal' - resounded in the air.

We returned home at 5 p.m. The programme was over. Our annual function was over but it remained alive in the newspaper columns for many days to come and will remain alive in our memories for ever.



Health is Wealth and Body is the Bank- Malkhamb



**If you keep fit you are always hit-a
performance based on aerobics.**

Damini Tiwari
Class - XI A



The Annual Athletic Meet - 2007

'The Battle of Waterloo', it is said 'was won on the play-grounds of Eton and Harrow'. It does not mean that the play grounds of these two reputed institutions were used for the battle, it simply means that warriors who defeated Napoleon at Waterloo had the training of their minds and bodies on these playgrounds. Evidently school play-grounds play an important role in shaping the destiny of a nation.

It was the month of December. Winter had set in with all warm, the sky was clear - no mist, no favouring our sports meet. The look. It became lively. One could see jumping and taking exercises on the

The much awaited December 18. The Principal Meet open and administered the followed by the sports Captain the flame.

The Athletic events began with races. One hundred metres, two hundred metres, four hundred metres and the marathon - 800 metres races created a lot of excitement on the ground. The most interesting was 800 metres race in which slow and steady always wins. Those who ran very fast in the first round were seen falling down on the grass after completing not even half of the total number of rounds.

When the races were over throws and jumps began. Shot Put and Discuss Throw were interesting items in which the participants displayed their strength. Our announcers encouraged them with interesting comments.



A race in progress

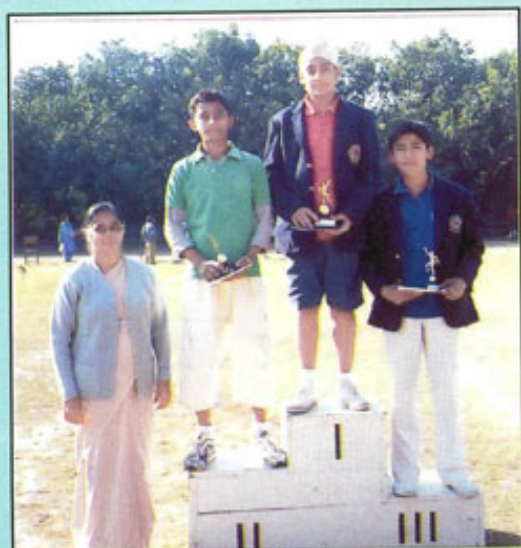
Athletic Meet finally began on declared the 19th Annual Athletic oath to the participants. This was running round the playground with

with races. One hundred metres, two metres and the marathon - 800 metres

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Congratulations!

At 2:30 p.m. the bell rang and the day's events were over. Tired and exhausted, we returned home. The next day, sharp at 8:30 a.m., the activities resumed. The finals of the racing events and the most interesting of all the relay races were to take place. Events began. There was a lot of excitement among the students. As the racers paced forth, we began to cheer them up. The score-board showed the position of different Houses which was changing after any event was over. Mr. M.C. Pandey, our veteran sports instructor was directing the events in an efficient manner with Mrs. Rashmi Joshi. The whistle looked like an extension of his tips. 'On your march', he said, 'set' and the race



Congratulations!

began. The faster the runners paced, the louder was the cheering up. As soon as a final event was over, the winners were called at the Victory Stand and were awarded medals and certificates.

Some stalls were put up for the refreshment of the students wherefrom we could buy snacks. At mid-day we felt hungry and rushed to those stalls. Relay races were the finishing punch of the day. After that it was announced that the students had to assemble on the playground for the closing ceremony.

The memories of the sports meet are still fresh in my mind. I am confident that a day will come when some of those who showed their skills and talents on our ground will do the same on the Olympic ground.

A Peep Into History

Trip to Rajasthan



Our students at City Palace Jaipur (Rajasthan)

What will strike one's mind when one hears of a trip just after the fret and fever of the exams? One will feel very happy and overjoyed. The same thing happened with us. When we heard that our school is taking us on a trip to Jaipur we all got very excited. Everyone eagerly started waiting for the day i.e. 16th October, when we would leave for Jaipur. We started our journey on 16th Oct. We were told to assemble at the Entry-point of Kathgodam Railway Station to board our train 'Ranikhet Express' for the journey till Delhi. We reached Delhi the next morning i.e. 17th Oct. around 6 a.m. We had our breakfast in the train itself. Now, we changed our train for the journey till Jaipur. The name of our train was 'Rajasthan Sampark Kranti Express'. During our journey we sang many songs and saw the beautiful sand-dunes in the outskirts of Rajasthan. We reached Jaipur at 2 p.m. in the afternoon and went to our hotel for lunch. The food was indeed very tasty! Now it was time for us to visit 'Birla Mandir' and 'Chokhidhani' in the evening. Everyone boarded the buses to see the beautiful and extremely peaceful Birla Mandir. Indeed it was as beautiful as it could be. Made of white marble the temple is dedicated to Lord Vishnu. The temple is made by the Birla Family. The temple is also popularly known as the 'Lakshmi Narayan Mandir'. We were lucky enough to see the grand 'aarti' of the temple held every evening around 6:35 p.m. After seeing the 'aarti' and taking a few photographs we set out for 'Chokhidhani', the only 5 star ethnic village resort with a blend of rustic environment and modern amenities. Entering the village gate was indeed a very good experience as we felt we were entering a real typical Rajasthan village. We also danced with the folk dancers and also heard the traditional Rajasthan folk-songs. The song which I liked the most was 'Kesari Balma Padharo More Des' which meant a calling for people to come to Rajasthan to enjoy a feeling of love and brotherhood. We also enjoyed elephant ride and camel ride. The girls also put Mehendi on their palms. We also enjoyed a 'Paalki' or a palanquin ride.



Our Students At Jaipur Fort

After having our dinner we went back to our hotel. The next day after early breakfast we were ready for a full day trip to Ajmer and Pushkar. Pushkar as Hindu Mythology says is a place where gods released a swan with a lotus in its beak and let it fall on earth where Lord Brahma would perform a grand Yagna. The place where the lotus fell was called Pushkar. It is situated 14 kms away from Ajmer and is one of the five sacred dhams. Pushkar is also known for its temples built by different rulers. But due to lack of time we could only see the most famous 'Brahma Temple', said to be the only temple in the world dedicated to this deity. The beautiful temple is made with white marble. The temple priest told us the whole history of the making of this temple and also showed us many beautiful idols of Lord Brahma and Vishnu inside the temple. We also saw Pushkar Lake which is a sacred lake where pilgrims descend to bathe in the sacred waters. Pushkar is also known for its annual



Our Students at Fort Palace-Jaipur (Rajasthan)

Pushkar Camel Fair. Now, it was time for us to see Ajmer, a beautiful city surrounded by mountains on all sides. We all found this place very beautiful. The centre of attraction here is the 'Dargah Shareef of Khwaja Moinuddin Chisti' which is situated at the foot of Taragarh hills. It consists of several white marble buildings arranged around two courtyards, including a massive gate donated by the Nizam of Hyderabad. As we went to the Dargah on Thursday which is believed to be the holyday of Muslims, we saw the Dargah crowded by ladies, kids and men sitting and reading Namaz. After such a hard and tiring journey throughout the day we went back to our hotel to rest in. The next day i.e. on 19th, we set out for a full day sight seeing of Jaipur covering Amber Fort, Jal Mahal, city palace and museum etc. Everyone was very excited to see all these places. We all first went to see Hawa Mahal. Hawa Mahal is a palace complex enclosed in a place quarter. Hawa Mahal means a palace of winds. Then we went to see the city palace and museum. We were divided into two groups and each group was provided with a guide. The palace was quite big and beautiful as it also had a museum and an art gallery. The palace was not allowed to be seen from inside. Then we went to see the museum, where one could recall the history of Rajputs, Chauhans and everyone who invaded Jaipur. We saw many big and small pictures and portraits of Raja Man Singh II, Raja Sawai Jai Singh etc. playing golf. We also saw the currency, the

weapons and armoury used in the wars at that time. We also saw the royal swords of kings which were passed on from generation to generation and also the clothes worn by them at that time. We all were very much anxious to see the art gallery which was indeed a praiseworthy collection of decorative art and its beauty. After such a wonderful knowledge of the past we went to see Jantar Mantar, another note-worthy building in Jaipur and Sawai Jai Singh's observatory. Jantar Mantar is spread over a vast area of land and also has the world's biggest sundial. Through this sundial one can calculate the time of any place in the world depending upon the shadow of the sun. After that we went to see Amber Fort which is a palace complex overlooking the artificial lake south of the town of Amber. It is a synthesis of Hindu and Muslim architecture.

After that we went to see Jaigarh Fort which is on the hills above the Amber Fort Complex offering stunning views of the foothills of the Aravalli Range as well as attractions such as immense underground water-storage tanks, a medieval canon factory.

After the whole day trip to all these places we were very exhausted and decided to go to our hotel to have Lunch and also to rest for sometime. After having our Lunch we went to Bapu Bazaar for a couple of shopping hours. There were around 600 shops in the market and it was the biggest market of Jaipur. Then we went to our hotels and packed our bags for the next day journey to Haldwani, back to our home town. The next morning we boarded our buses and went to the Jaipur Railway Station to board the train. We reached Haldwani at 11 p.m. and our parents came to pick us. The whole trip was very educative indeed and it gave us an opportunity to know one another. I will not forget such a wonderful trip in my life.

Debate : **Low Cost Cars are Not Traffic Hazards**

The market is abuzz with the news of TATA's 1 Lac. car. The middle class dream to own a car seems to turn into a reality now. But development has never been a smooth process. Obstacles often come on its way and this time the opposition is coming from the "green hypocrites" whose real motive is to maintain the car as a status symbol of elite class. They are opposing the low cost cars under the pretext of traffic congestion and pollution. And my opponents, without looking into the real issues, have accepted this allegation.

But, here lets turn to a different question.

Is it appropriate in any sense to deny the middle class from the enjoyment of having a small car ? If we have a population, we have to fulfil its needs. Moreover development can 'not' be checked anyway. It is like a river which flows and flows and flows, no matter how many big or small stones you throw in it.

Talking about pollution, we are facing this problem even today. If we stop the small cars from entering the market we will have to look at a permanent solution to this problem. And the only long term solution lies on the replacement of conventional fuels by the non-conventional ones.

For my opponents aiming at short term solution, I would say that its not bad to oppose the polluting agents but the more logical steps would be - (i) strictly enforcing the environmental regulations on industries and (ii) a protest against big cars and outdated vehicles which consume more fossil fuel and hence are more polluting. But here my opponents are aiming at a new car with lowest cost, best mileage and least emission.

What type of picture do we have in our mind while talking of Indian roads ? Overcrowded narrow roads turned narrower due to encroachment from both the sides ? Roads with every size of pits and every sort of transportation mean, from a bullock cart to the latest shining car all haphazardly crawling like snails. The roads which are the example of anarchy and chaos, where no one cares about traffic signals, parking regulations and even the common traffic rules.

These are the real areas of concern responsible for traffic congestion and pollution. These conditions are not going to improve untill and unless we develop a responsible traffic management, better roads and better public transportation. Our 'metro concentrated development strategies' have to be turned into 'inclusive development strategies' covering each and every corner of the country. And obviously, its time to develop a civil sense among ourselves.

Our problem is not too many cars but too many bad policies. When we will overcome our problems with better policy initiatives, the worlds cheapest car which my opponents consider a danger, will prove to be the greatest achievement for both, the Indian automobile industry and the Indian society as well.

-Himanshu Badhani

THINKING "IT'S ME"

S o
metimes, I wonder
why things seem to be changed.
Why a person around us gets changed,
why life plays games with us, why our
family always stands by us. Why don't we care
for the one who loves us instead care for those
whom we love ?

Why ? Why ? Why ?

Like this, there are many questions in the mind of a
teenager. Teenager thinks that everything should go
according to his or her wish. He or she creates his or her own
world. That world is the world of illusions. Is it correct ? I
myself am in the stage of teen. I am also a teenager. And,
thinking upon these things whether its true or not !
You also might be in your teen-age.

So think.

Are you living in this real world or your own
world of imagination ???

Divya Joshi
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OUR LIFE

I have
been living in the
world of dreams.
Suddenly, entered many
streams
Walk in and out, Life will sprout
The way you lived your life, Just get out
Of those you never thought,
But, you dearly brought.....
It's life my friend, same will be the trend
For you, your dreams will someday come true.
For everything give your best shot, life will
never stop.
End the way you lived, start your new journey,
but always go along with time.
Never try to excel it, never repell it.
Balance the force of attraction and you will
One day or the other achieve your
destination.....

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