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## Editorial

Dear Readers,

Come September in St. Mark's and a host of activities follow. This year was no exception. Our students participated in various competitions, functions and social welfare projects. Annual Day celebrations, Inter school competitions, Spic Macay, Zonal Competitions, Excursions and sports activities to name just a few. This was possible due to the overwhelming support of the parents, management and staff members. Our constant efforts have been to bring about all round personality development in all the students. We have tried to feature every event and moment as well as the names of the meritorious students in this issue. We hope you will appreciate our efforts and continue to support us.

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Hon'ble Education Minister Dr. Narender Nath giving away the trophy to Manjot Kaur for securing first position in the Commerce Stream (March 2000 Aissce Exam.)

### SMS, Meera Bagh, Hosts Inter School Poetry Recitation

SMS, Meera Bagh has been organising Inter School Poetry Recitation Competitions in English, Hindi and Sanskrit annually for some years. This year it was a huge event with over 20 schools and about 1200 student participants. It was held on 10 Sept., 2000.

Dr. Ajit Khullar, Secretary of Poetry Association of India, who is instrumental in promoting poetry among the youth, honoured



The prize winners of the poetry recitation competition held in our school - Class IX



the occasion by being on the panel of distinguished judges. Among the other distinguished judges were -- Dr. Vikram Chopra, Sr. Professor of English in Delhi University; Dr. (Mrs.) Jagjit Ahluwalia -- former Lecturer in Delhi University; Mr. R. P. Malik retired Principal and Sr. Lecturer Incharge of English Language teaching; Mr. R. G. Kapoor, a retired Principal; Dr. R. K. Dabas, Director - SCERT Dr. (Mrs.) Asha Joshi - Hindi Lecturer in Delhi University; Dr. Pant - a Sanskrit Scholar.

In English recitation, the maximum trophies were bagged by St. Mark's School, Meera Bagh, St. Mark's Girls School, St. Mark's School, Janak Puri, St. Francis De Sales School and Bal Bharti Public School, Pitampura.



The prize winners of the poetry recitation competition held in our school - Class VIII

Among the schools which won the maximum trophies in Hindi Recitation were St. Mark's School, Meera Bagh, St. Mark's School Janakpuri, St. Cecillas and Bal Bharti Public School, Rajendra Nagar.

In Sanskrit Recitation, the

maximum trophies were bagged by Ramjas School, Pusa Road, St. Mark's Girls School and St. Mark's School, Janakpuri.

A well organized event ... it was evident from the beaming faces of one and all leaving the venue.

#### Uma Sharma's Kathak Holds SMS Students Spell Bound



Our Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal welcoming the artistes with a few words.

Within the framework of Virasat-2000, a festival of Indian music and dance, under the aegis of SPIC MACAY, an enthralling and captivating Kathak Dance Recital by Uma Sharma (The renowned Kathak artiste) was witnessed on 23 Sept. '2000. Uma Sharma's dance recital comprised of Vandana, Toda, Tukda and Paran', a piece from

Krishna's Raas Leela, 'Marichi Vadh' from Ramcharitmanas and the mind boggling 'Sawaal-Jawaab' - a kind of competition between the beats on the tabla and the footwork of the dancer.

Her explanation of each piece before she actually performed the same was highly informative and inspiring for the

students and her 'Abhinaya' and footwork were awe inspiring.

She kept the audience enraptured and spellbound by her captivating voice and her magnificent footwork.

She was accompanied by Jwala Prasad as the vocalist, Mubaraq Ali on the Tabla and Gulfam Ahmed on the Sarod.

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The audience left awestruck by Uma Sharma's captivating performance.



### Tryst with Katha

Students of St. Mark's had a tryst with 'Katha' - an organization which aims at bridging the gap between literacy and literature, from 4 to 7 September. On the first day, a seven member team comprising of six students and one teacher attended a "Katha club" meet which was inspiring and informative.

'Chandalika' - a drama based on Rabindranath Tagore's dance drama was staged on 6 Sept. by our senior students - Mansha Seth (XII D), Sahiba Puniani (XII C), Karan Wahi (XA), Pallavi Mehta (XF), Abhishek Shaw (XA), Anil Bhasin (IX B), Kartik Abbi (IXB), Gaurav (IX C) and were awarded the second prize

for their sterling performance by Dr. Kiran Bedi.

Our school quiz team comprising of Vivek Padmanabhan (XI E), and Arun Dhamija (XI B) and Ms. Lakshmi Srinivas participated

in the Katha Quiz based on Education, Excellence and Indian literature and were awarded special appreciation certificates for their noteworthy performance on 7 September, 2000.



Our students being awarded by Ms. Kiran Bedi for their excellent performance in 'Chandalika'.

### SMS, Meera Bagh Celebrates Annual Day (Seniors)



Our Chief Guest Hon'ble Education Minister, Dr. Narendra Nath, lighting the inaugural lamp during Annual Day (Seniors).

We celebrated our "Annual Day" for Seniors on Nov. 8, 2000. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Dr. Narendra Nath, Hon'ble Minister of Education, NCT of Delhi. Dr. R. K. Sharma, Deputy Director of Education, Distt. West presided over the function.

*And there was something special in the air - an excitement, an exuberance.....*

The Annual Report was presented by the Principal Ms. Anjali Aggarwal. The programme commenced with "Saraswati Vandana" - invoking the blessings

of Goddess Saraswati to enhance our learning prowess. It was presented by the students of class VI.

'Chandalika', a one-act play authored by Rabindra Nath Tagore followed. It was about an untouchable girl 'Prakriti' who is delivered spiritually by a Buddhist monk 'Ananda' - presented by students of class X and XII.

"Uniformity laced with Unity" was what was conveyed through the dance of four different forms of folklore - the Garhwali, the Bhojpuri, the Lavani and the

Malayali - in all their splendour.

It was followed by an English Skit "Identity" - about every woman still in search of her identity. A stunning choreography "War and Peace" followed with the message - "Let peace prevail on Earth". This was presented by students of Class IX, X, XI and XII.

The energetic Haryanvi Folk dance with foot tapping music was next.

Prize Distribution followed and the function concluded with the ballet. "Sare Jahan Se Achcha" - the grand finale of the evening highlighting the Indian struggle for freedom from British Rule.

From the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre, civil disobedience, to the saddest event in Indian history, the partition of India.

*.....it's an experience to be experienced. It's over and yet the mood lingers on.....setting us in readiness for the next year.*



### SMS, Meera Bagh Celebrates Annual Day (Juniors)



Dr. Usha Lamba, Education Officer, Zone 14, giving away the award for meritorious academic performance in the presence of Chief Guest and the Chairman.

Our junior students celebrated Annual Day on Nov. 9, 2000. Mr. Kewal Singh, I.P.S. Dy. Commissioner of Police (West) was the Chief Guest and Dr. Usha Lamba, Education Officer, Zone XIV (Distt. West) presided over the function.

After Saraswati Vandana, presented by students of std V, 'Que Sera Sera, followed - "whatever will be, will be ....." about the uncertainty of the future.

Next was a Maharashtrian folk dance about a fisher woman in search of a groom - dreaming of meeting him in the waves of the sea.

"Pehla Kaam" on the importance of literacy followed. The Choir entertained with songs which had themes of love, peace, unity and goodwill.

'The Sleeping Beauty' in the form of a musical ballet followed - the popular fairy tale retold was enchanting.

The star attraction of the evening was "Lakh Roop Tere" - the manifestation of Lord Krishna and his avatars and Rasleela.

It was fascinating to see such zeal and artistic talent in all the young participants.

### A Report - Project Threads

Students of our school enthusiastically collected funds for 'Threads' - A project which is a brain child of all those who are concerned about the education of under privileged children, especially girls. This concern manifested itself in collection of funds, subsequent conversion of the funds to uniform material and prompt, personal distribution of the material among the needy students in the neighbourhood schools.



SMS Team with the Nursery students of MCD Girls Schools, Jwalapuri distributing uniform material.

On 12.10.2000 a team led by the Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal and Vice Principal Ms. V. Wahi visited MCD Girls School, Jwalapuri and uniform material was distributed to over 600 students of Nursery, class I & II. Then they went to Govt. co-educational School, Peera Garhi, where the students of classes VI - X Stds. benefitted by this project. Material for uniform for students of classes VI - XII was handed over to the Principal of Pratibha Vikas Vidhyalaya.

### SMS Excels in Debate



Sugandha Sharma and Mansi Gupta of class VII excelled in the Inter School Debate, organised by PACE Forum - 2000, by securing the second position in the Mega Finals, held on 24 October, 2000. The topic for the debate was 'Gender Inequality is responsible for India's rate of illiteracy.'

They had qualified for the Mega Finals after securing the first position at the Zonal level held on 18 October 2000. The topic then was - 'Peace is a state of mind, not the state of a Nation.'

Sugandha Sharma and Mansi Gupta being awarded the second prize in HT PACE debate.

### Workshop : For Parents & Teachers

On 16th September '2000, our school conducted a workshop for parents of the students of class VI. The topic of this workshop was "How to make a better student". The speaker, Mr. Raymond D'Costa emphasised the

importance of spending quality time with children and stressed that involvement of both parents in the upbringing of the child. The second session for teachers focussed on the importance of appaluding and rewarding the

efforts of the children to motivate them to excel. This workshop was instrumental in making our children better students and enhancing their reference and research skills.



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### Recitation Competition Prize Winners

English		Class X		Class VI	
<b>Class I</b>	<b>Position</b>	Pallavi Mehta	III	Harshvardhan Rai	II
Disha Sethi	II	Dheera Anand	Special Prize	Tanu Arora	III
Tavleen Kaur	III	Shrishti Dhawan	Special Prize	Aafreen Sarfaraz	Special Prize
Harsimran S. Juneja	Special Prize				
<b>Class III</b>		<b>Class XI</b>		<b>Class VII</b>	
Siddharth Rajan	I	Priyanka Bassi	III	Neha Bhaskar	Special Prize
Brinda Valecha	Special Prize	Ridhima Nangia	Special Prize	Kartik Kajla	Special Prize
Vasundhara	Special Prize				
<b>Class IV</b>		<b>Class XII</b>		<b>Class VIII</b>	
Anjali Gambhir	III	Mansha Seth	I	Sonam Kochhar	II
Garima Chopra	Special Prize	Varun Mishra	Special Prize	Kanika Gogia	Special Prize
		Deepti Iyer	Special Prize	Vaishali Bhardwaj	Special Prize
<b>Class V</b>		Hindi		<b>Class IX</b>	
Dhananjai Kanshal	III			Smriti Malhotra (Girls)	II
Aditi Ramdas	Special Prize	<b>Class I</b>			
		Vansul Pali	I	<b>Class X</b>	
<b>Class VI</b>		Arnav Razdan	II	Karandeep Lamba	Special Prize
Suparna	Special Prize	Surbhi Inamdar	Special Prize	Kanika Kalra	Special Prize
Nandita	Special Prize				
<b>Class VII</b>		<b>Class II</b>		Sanskrit	
Anisha Singh	II	Aparajita Pandey	I		
Sugandha Sharma	Special Prize	Harshana	II	<b>Class VI</b>	
Ankit Bathla	Special Prize	Shivani Sheel	III	Isha Bhatia	III
		Shrishti Jain	Special Prize	Geetanjali Malik	Special Prize
<b>Class VIII</b>		<b>Class III</b>		<b>Class VII</b>	
Chesta Aghi	I	Rohneet Kochhar	I	Anisha Kochhar	Special Prize
Rene Verma (Girls)	III	Simranjeet Kaur	III		
		Akshay Kaur	III	<b>Class VIII</b>	
<b>Class IX</b>		Jasanpreet Singh	Special Prize	Shreta Sachdeva (Girls)	II
Amrita Singh Ahuja	II			Kanika Sharma (Girls)	Special Prize
Pooja Chawla	III	<b>Class IV</b>		<b>Class IX</b>	
Nidhi Nair	Special Prize	Nishtha Bathla	I	Sonashree Saxena	Special Prize
Prarthna Malhotra	Special Prize	Tarveen Kaur	II	Megha Tiwari (Girls)	I
Charu Choudhary (Girls)	Special Prize	Mrunmayi Alurkar	III	Neha Goel (Girls)	Special Prize
Sakshi Kumar (Girls)	Special	Anant Sharma	Special Prize		
	Appreciation	<b>Class V</b>			
Preeti Shekhawat (Girls)	Special	Kirti Aghi	I		
	Appreciation	Arjun Thukral	Special Prize		

### Science Exhibition

Our school participated in the zonal level science exhibition in August, held at 'Modern Child School, Nangloi'. The following students participated and exhibited their models.

1. Satya Shiva Munjal & XII B Natural Energy
2. Tarun Gupta & XII D Library Management System
3. Sahil Khullar & XII D Burglar Alarm
4. Parikshit Guha & IX A Solar Crop Dryer
5. Aditi Ramdas & V A Water Cycle
6. Nishant & V A Magnetic Separation
7. Kavneet Kaur & VII A Electrical Crane

Out of the above models, the models of Satya Shiva Munjal & Amit Chhatwal, Tarun Gupta & Paras Agarwal, Sahil Khullar & Luv Sharma, Aditi Ramdas & Parikshit Guha were selected for the centre level science exhibition.

Tarun Gupta and Paras Agarwal's model on Library Management System got selected for the state level.



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### Science Olympiad - Results

The 2 level **National Science Olympiad (1999-2000)** result was declared in September 2000.

The All India Ranking of our school students is as follows:

	All India Rank
Amit Khatri	47
Vikram Vijh	320
Manik Mittal	332
Rohit Jain	477
Shruti Bansal	212
Deepti Bhatnagar	11
Vivek Padmanabhan	116

### Discovery Channel Quiz-2000

Sixteen students participated in the Discovery Channel Quiz 2000, held at Army Public School on 13 September. The event was designed to test the awareness of children, in a range of subjects that included Nature, Science & Technology, History, World cultures and Human adventures. The quiz master was Derek 'O' Brien. The participants were.

#### Junior Group

1. Aditi Ramdas	(VA)
2. Mansi Gupta	(VII G)
3. Sugandha Sharma	(VII C)
4. Rajat Yadav	(VII F)
5. Anusha Venkat	(VII D)
6. Sombir Palit	(VII B)
7. Jatin Dabas	(VI D)
8. Anuraag Jain	(VII D)

#### Senior Group

1. Ashwin S. Gopal	(XE)
2. Ishu Tayal	(XC)
3. Jatin Anand	(VIII A)
4. Dhruv Saxena	(VIII G)
5. Manik Mittal	(IX D)
6. Alok P. Jaywant	(IX D)
7. Mandeep Singh	(XC)
8. Amit Khatri	(IX B)

### Sanskrit Recitation

(I) A zonal competition for Sanskrit Poem Recitation was held with students from various Govt. Aided, Unaided, Recognised Schools participating under Zone-14 by Delhi Administration.

The competition was held on **10 Oct., 2000** at S.K.V. Mundka, New Delhi.

In the Senior Category for Boys. Mohit Malik of Class IX E was awarded the second prize.

(II) An Inter School competition, organised by the 'Sanskrit Academy' New Delhi was held from 17 to 23 Oct. 2000 in Govt. School B-3 Paschim Vihar. Our Students, Abhishek Goyal of class X G and Esha Bhatia of Class VII F won consolation prizes in Sanskrit Bhashan Pratiyogita and Ekal Ishlok Pratiyogita respectively.

### Saat Rang Quiz by 'Katha'

Eight students and two teachers participated in the 'Saat Rang Quiz' on the literature, tradition and culture of SAARC countries, organized by KATHA (an organization working in the areas of literacy, literature and education) at British Council auditorium on 21 September.

The participants were :

1. Ashwin S. Gopal	(X E)
2. Sanchi Kochar	(XI A)
3. Vivek Padmanabhan	(XI E)
4. Gaurav Taragi	(XI E)
5. Arun Dhamija	(XI B)
6. Sameer Chopra	(XII)
7. Yogesh Anand	(XII)
8. Neha Misra	(X D)
9. Ms. Jyoti Ramdas	
10. Ms. Lakhmi Srinivas	

### G.K. and Intelligence

In order to make G.K., Mathematics and Science more interesting and enjoyable and also to prepare the students for the current competitive environment from the very beginning, the Central Institute of General Knowledge Learning conducted a G.K. and Intelligence test on 26 Sept. Students from std. II to std. XII participated enthusiastically. The Results.

No. of successful sub-juniors	=578
No. of successful juniors	=604
No. of successful seniors	=544
No. of medals (to students who secured more than 90%)	=34

Medal holders

**Class II.** Piyush Kalra.

Tushar Jaisingani, Gurkirat Singh  
Arpit Jain, Ashish Rajput  
Abhishek Rajput, Mehak Juneja  
Nishant Nair, Ranjana Kalia  
Supriya Sharma, Prashant Joon  
Shweta Sharma, Taniya Gogia  
Priyanshi Handa, Sumedha Ahuja  
Shruti Sharma, Ashima Gujral  
Aakshi Sharma, Karshni Kharbanda  
Mayank Arora, Rohan Chopra  
Gaurav Malik, Simran Sandhu  
Drishti Bajaj, Prateek Singh

**Class. III**

Prakriti Dua, Aakansha Gupta  
Shreyas Khurana, Surbhi Batra  
Vasundhara Srinivas, Tarun Gupta  
Surbhi Batra, Shruti Seth

### Inter-School Debate

On 21 September 2000 an Inter School Debate competition was held at Maharaja Agrasen Model School, Pitam Pura. The topic of discussion was, 'In the opinion of the House, Parental Interference is Necessary for Adolescents'.

Ridhima Nangia of class XI-B spoke



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in favour of the motion while Sanchi Kochar of class XI-A stood against the motion and won the third prize. Mansha Seth of Class XII-D was the interjector.

### Zonal Recitation

On 25 September 2000 the west district zonal English recitation competition for seniors was held at Vishal Bharti Public School Paschim Vihar.

Mansha Seth of class XII D won the first prize in the senior girls category and Varun Misra of class XII D won the second prize in the senior boys category.

The results of the Zonal Competition for juniors and sub-juniors.

#### Juniors:

Cheshta Aghi 1<sup>st</sup> Prize (VIII E)  
Ankit Baltla 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize VII B

#### Sub Juniors:

Aditi Ramdas 1<sup>st</sup> Prize (V A)  
Dhanajai Kaushal 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize V E

### Debate

On 17 October 2000 a debate competition was held at S.S. Mota Singh School, Guru Harkishen Nagar.

The topic debated was "Women equality is a formality."

Dheera Anand of class X A spoke for the motion. Arun Dhamija of class XI B spoke against the motion. They won a trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 500 on being declared as the Second Best Team.

### Students Excel in Essay Writing

Avantika - A Group of Indian Contemporary Arts organised the International Essay Writing Competition 2000 on 15 September 2000. A number of students from our school won prizes. The names of the winners are:-

1. Rupam Jain III D Rs. 50  
Cash
2. Akanksha Gandhi II C Rs. 50  
Cash
3. Aastha Chhabra VII G Rs. 50  
Cash
4. Neha Gupta IX G App.  
Shield
5. Sugandha Goel V A App.  
Shield
6. Gaurav Ahuja III E App.  
Shield
7. Gaurav Taragi XI E Gold
8. Soumya IV B Gold
9. Jagriti III D Gold
10. Nayan Hajela II A Silver
11. Ankita VI D Silver
12. Richa Grover X D Silver
13. Ruchika XI A Silver
14. Shruti Gupta IV D Bronze
15. Nidhi Nair IX F Bronze
16. Himanshi II E Bronze
17. Ankit Chugh VI G Bronze

### St. Marks excels in music and dance in Zonal Inter School Competition

SMS bagged the second prize in the senior category and the third prize in the Junior category in the Zonal Patriotic song competition. The senior girls sang an enthusiastic "Ek Rah Ke Hain Meet" which emphasized the feeling of universal brotherhood and national integration.

In Folk Dance, the senior students won the second prize while the juniors bagged the first prize with their energetic Haryanvi folk dance.

### Group song Competition

Twenty three students of our school participated in the National Group Song Competition

organized by Bharat Vikas Parishad on 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2000. The juniors sang "Ek rah ke hain meet" enthusiastically. The seniors on the other hand sang "Vishwa mein goonje hamari Bharati", glorifying the culture of our mother land. Both in the senior and the junior category, students of St. Mark's bagged the third prize.

The participants were

#### Senior Category

Rupali Dhali XI D, Aditi Sharma XI C  
Deepti Handa XI D, Rupanki Arora XI A  
Samta Batra XI D, Divya Saneja XI C  
Nida Sarfaraz XI D, Pooja Jindal XI D  
Hena Varma XI A, Kavita Rhode XI C  
Richa Khanna XI C, Pooja Babbar XI D

#### Junior Category

Mohit Malik IX E, Manmeet IX A  
Ayush K. Jaiswal VIII B, Isha  
Mahajan IX E, Shallu Singh IX E  
Ishtmita Kaur IX E, Mehak Malhotra IX A  
Vinshu Wason IX G, Nisha IX C  
Sachin IX E, Tiny Gill IX F

Besides, winning the third prize in the senior category, they were selected to participate at the State Level, and this time Jasmine Kumar (X C) and Madhulika Saxena (X A) also joined the group.

### Zonal Competition Folk Song

A zonal competition for folk songs was held with students from various Govt., Aided, Unaided, Recognised Schools participating under Zone-14 by Delhi Administration.

The competition was held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2000 at Govt. School, B-4, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi.

20 Senior Girls and 18 Junior Girls represented St. Mark's Senior Secondary Public School, Meera Bagh in individual categories for the competition. The senior group sang "Lai" Lai Ree Balam Ne Jaan Mori Lal" and the juniors sang "Kajra



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Bikan Ko Ayo Re, Kajra Koi Le Lo".

Both the songs popularly called 'NAKTA from AWADH region' in Uttar Pradesh are sung during marriage celebrations.

Both the songs were highly appreciated by the audience and bagged II and III prizes in respective categories.

### The participants of the Senior group were

Neha Mishra X D, Ishtmita Kaur IX A  
Jasmine Kumar X C, Sonashree Saxena IX B, Isha Mahajan IX E  
Shallu Singh IX E, Mansi Gupta IX E  
Tiny Gill IX F, Himanshi Nigam IX F  
Nisha Shaw IX C, Shivani Bhalla IX C  
Richa Arora X A, Asha Dayma X D  
Kamna Sabharwal X D, Tanu Aggarwal X C, Rashima Tandon IX F  
Saloni Dhingra IX F, Madhulika Saxena X A, Ritika Behl X A  
Mehak Mallotra IX A

### The participants of the Junior group were

Aneesha Kochar VII D, Shweta Jaitly VII D, Swati Sharma VII C  
Esha Bhatia VII F, Shruti Rawal VII F  
Hina Saxena VIII E, Divya Manaktola VIII D, Neha Bajaj VII C  
Kanika Miglani VIII A, Mansi Sethi VIII A, Neha Bhatia VIII A, Gunjan Malik VIII B, Nishi Aggarwal VIII E  
Megha Chopra VIII B, Charu Raichandani VIII B, Vidhi Arora VIII F  
Komal Grover VIII F, Inderpreet Suri VIII B

### Emats (All India General Knowledge Test-2000)

110 students of classes VII to X from St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School (Meera Bagh) participated in the All India General Knowledge Test conducted by Emats (Educational Material and Services), held in the month of September, the results of which were received on 9 November.

Amit Khatri (IX B) has won the first prize in the senior category and Sombir Palit (VII B) has emerged the winner in the junior category. The details of the performance of the top 3 students in each category is as follows:

Senior Category	Score	Percentile
1. Amit Khatri (IX B)	73.25	99+
2. Suryanshu Gupta (X F)	67.75	97
3. Manik Mittal (IX D)	65.00	97
Junior Category	Score	Percentile
1. Sombir Palit (VII B)	77.00	99
2. Shilpa Anand (VIII A)	78.00	97
3. Jatin Anand (VIII A)	76.00	95

### All India Philatelic Quiz

Vivek Padmanabhan (XI E) and Ashwin S. Gopal (X E), won the 2 prize in the Philatelic Quiz Competition held on the occasion of Indepex Asia 2000 (14 Asian Philatelic Exhibition) hosted by the Postal Services of India, at National Science Centre, Pragati Maidan, on 24 October. They qualified for the finals.

In the North Zone final of the All India Philatelic Quiz Contest held at National Science Centre, Pragati Maidan, Delhi, on 10 November. They won the fifth prize among fourteen final contestants.

### ESPN Quiz

Gaurav Taragi (XI) and Vivek Padmanabhan (XI) participated in the ESPN Star Sports Quiz held at Talkatora Stadium on 13, November, this year.

### Science Quiz

Amit Khatri (IX B), Manik Mittal (IX D) and Suryanshu Gupta (X F), won the first prize - a cash award of Rs. 600/- each, in the 'Exploration Quiz' held at D.A.V. Centenary School, Paschim Enclave, on 24 November 2000.

### Educational Trip

Students of Std. VIII along with their teachers of went on an educational trip to Atlas Cycle Industries, Sonapat in September. It was a highly rewarding experience for all concerned when they learnt how 250 parts of a cycle are manufactured and assembled together.

### Maths Club

The Mathematics faculty of St. Mark's, Meera Bagh, launched the 'Ramanujam Club' before the autumn break this year. The aim and purpose of this club is to initiate and motivate, our youngsters to accept and appreciate maths as a subject that can be enjoyed and liked. Various aspects of this important subject will be taken up in the course of the club meetings. The first step in this direction is to shed their apprehensions towards the subject 'Maths can be fun' is the club's motto. Weekly puzzles and brain teasers are put up on the bulletin boards and the winners are promptly recognized. Nearly 160 students participated in the first round of puzzling. There has been a remarkable increase in the number of entries in the subsequent weeks. On an average 300 students made an attempt to solve the puzzles. The names of the prize winners in the first five rounds are as follows :

Puzzle No. 1 :	Soumya	VI-C
	Abhishek Goyal	X-G
	Pashmeen	
	Manchanda	XI-D

Puzzle No. 2 :	Arpit Mathur	VII-C
	Kanishk	
	Aggarwal	IX-A
	Soumya Johri	XI-B

Puzzle No. 3 :	Rishab Sharma	VIII-E
	Kanishk	
	Aggarwal	IX-A
	Richa Khanna	XI-C



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Puzzle No. 4 : Sakshi Gupta	VIII-C
N.K. Arvind	X-D
Gaurav Taragi	XI-E

Puzzle No. 5 : Dhruv Suri	VI-F
Kripy Bogra	X-C
Saurabh Gupta	XII-C

### Film show by the Discovery Channel

Oct. 12 was a film day for students of class VI, VII and VIII. The Discovery Channel organized a film show for these classes which proved to be both educative and interesting. Class VI viewed a film on elephants, class VII on lightning and class VIII enjoyed a film on the space shuttle. Students received gifts from the Parle Group, who were the sponsors.

### English Language Teaching Workshop

A workshop for English language teachers to upgrade their teaching talent, was organized by Orient Longman in our school on 29 November.

Prof. V. Sasikumar, a senior professor from CIEFL, Hyderabad, conducted the workshop. He is a teacher educator and has 43 years of experience of teaching school and college teachers of English.

It was attended by more than 40 teachers teaching the primary and middle classes. The seminar was very innovative, brain-teasing and exciting. It dealt with all the ways to achieve the objectives of teaching and learning English effectively.

### Growl Programme (Generating Resources with Laughter)

The AICB (All India Confederation of the Blind) has launched a campaign to collect and sell 'Kabari Newspapers' which will go towards

building a Corpus Fund so that every blind child can get Braille Books.

The AICB is the largest self help organisation of the blind in India and has 20 branches and affiliations all over the country. We take pride in the fact that the students of St. Mark's, Meera Bagh, from classes V to VI contributed over 4000 kilograms of Kabari Newspapers with which approximately 130 Braille books can be printed. It is the highest amount collected so far from any school in Delhi.

### Green Ambassadors

The Snow-Leopard Eco Club was launched in our school on the eve of the 'World Ozone Day' i.e. 16 Sept. 2000. The Green Ambassadors went on a cleanliness drive and to conserve water and electricity in the school premises. On 27 Sept. they were taught to recycle paper and make paper bags by using discarded brown paper wrappings. This was to motivate them to 'Say No to Plastic bags'. The next step was to prepare a nursery where they grow flowering plants. On 24 Oct. 2000 they launched a campaign, 'Say No to Crackers'. A street play was performed to show the ill-effects of Crackers on the environment and child labour involved in its manufacturing. It is an on going project and this has been successfully accomplished under the able guidance of Ms. Minoo Srivastav.

### A Magic Show

Prof. Kamesh a renowned magician performed a magic show for students of class 6. Through his tricks he educated the students. They also got a golden opportunity to learn a few tricks.

### Training Camp for Scouts

34 Scouts with their scout master Mr. D. Kalra attended a training camp at Nizamuddin organized by the Delhi State Bharat Scouts and Guides.

They were taught to make knots mentioned in the 'Tritiya Sopan'. They learn a lot from the octogenarian leader Shri Ram Dev Ji.

### St. Mark's goes Outbound

The students of class 6 and 7 were taken to Mt. Abu in the month of September. It was indeed a welcome relief from the maddening crowd and mechanical life of Delhi.

The students admired the natural beauty and smelt fresh air amidst the serene atmosphere.

The architectural excellence of the Dilwara temples had them spellbound.

--The students of class 8 and 9 went on an excursion to Ranthambore from 17 to 20 Oct. 2000. They had a date with the tiger which was nerve racking. The stay at Choki-Dhani gave them a glimpse of a typical Rajasthan village life.

Classes 11 and 12 were taken to Dalhousie and Khajjiar on 29 Oct. 2000. A short and sweet trip where the students got a chance to admire the scenic beauty of what is known as Mini Switzerland.

--The Sariska and Choki Dhani trip for class 10 organised between 24 to 26 Nov. 2000 was again a date with wildlife and nature. Shopping in Jaipur is something which the students look forward to. The Visit to the Albert Hall Museum enlightened them about the life and times of the Jaipur Maharajas.

### Adventure Camp at Rajgarh

A team of 40 students attended an adventure camp at Rajgarh from 27 to 30 Sept. 2000.

They enjoyed staying in tents in a pollution free environment where they could rejuvenate themselves and derive energy directly from nature.

They did rock climbing and rapelling. Group games and Air shooting was also organised for them. They look forward to more and more trips of this kind.



## STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART

### We'll fly in a Spaceship

In the spaceship, we'll fly,  
High! up in the sky.

We'll see galaxies, comets and the stars,  
and planets like Venus, Neptune,  
Jupiter & Mars.

We'll reach there very soon,  
Watching the sun and the moon.

The lights on our spaceship are  
so gay,  
That we can easily find our way.

**-Medha Bansal**  
IV-C

### In a spaceship

Today in the spaceship we will fly,  
Very-very high up in the sky.

Soon we will be in the stars,  
And so many planets like Venus and  
Mars.

We will be in sky soon,  
There will be sun and of course the  
moon.

I and you are very gay,  
Now let's take our spaceship to the  
moon's way.

**-Namrata Kochhar**  
V-G

### Goddess Earth

Save Goddess Earth  
Who cares for us  
Do not exploit her  
Heighten her value

Stop conducting nuclear tests  
Give Goddess Earth the best  
Nuclear bomb destroys acres of  
land

Join the No-NUCLEAR hand  
It'll destroy the human kind

and no one will be left behind  
Pollution is increasing  
Fresh air decreasing  
Plant more trees  
make the air pollution free

New faces are blooming every day  
on Earth  
increasing the rate of birth  
Global warming is now our concern  
With conflicting theories almost a  
dozen

Save Goddess Earth  
Who cares for us  
But first understand her worth.

**-Anusha Venkateswaran**  
VII D

### Promise

Read but write more,  
Talk but think more,  
Play but study more,  
I promise you will succeed for sure.

Eat but chew more,  
Weep but laugh more,  
Sleep but wake more,  
I promise you will be healthy for sure.

Hate but love more,  
Order but obey more,  
Argue but agree more,  
I promise people will love you for  
sure.

Punish but for give more,  
Spend but save more,  
Consume but store more,  
I promise people will respect you for  
sure.

**-Harjas Makkar**  
VI H

### Books, You Really Are Our Best Friends

Books, Oh! You really are our best

friends  
our friendship will last till the very  
end  
You give us information and  
education  
knowing you is a sensation  
You give us the technique of the world  
with a suggestive idea about it.

Helping every body to see  
all those things  
to which attention is never paid  
and are always forbade  
You tell us the honest way  
to work and play.

You make our brain a  
repository of all knowledge  
helping us to abide  
and keep aside  
all the bad invectives  
you really are our-best friends  
who tell us to mend our ways.

In you all there are some genial things  
helping us to cling  
to you, as you make, and help  
to make a replica of it in our minds  
also making the knowledge bind,  
acting like a file  
You really are our best friends.

Sometimes you have in you, a kismet  
making our eyes wet  
You are very affable  
From us, not separable

The genre inside you  
gives us a lot of information at an  
early age,  
It's written in a systematic manner  
page by page

The pictures inside you  
have so much to do  
by reasoning the things  
and are very pleasing



## STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART

You really are man's best friends  
Showing many life bends.

The guidance inside you  
will help make our future very tall  
You sometimes in our dreams  
talk to us  
and you are plenty  
like people in a bus  
You give us hysterics and happy  
moments  
(I only meant)  
that you are very nice  
making us wise.

Without you all, The world  
will whirl.  
You all are so full of nice things  
giving us a pledge  
of remaining together, forever  
on the life's edge.

You make us vigilant and intelligent  
showing us the right path  
and making us bathe  
in a tub of views and actions  
that help us to build a character  
to reach a wonderful destiny  
and will never make us bend  
Books you really are our best  
friends.

-Chayan Kaushal  
VII E

### Best ways to improve yourself

A person can make himself a better personality by following these steps.

**Respect** yourself first of all. Only then will others respect you.

Be **confident**, that gives you the courage to rise every time you fall.

Be **truthful** its a hard path to follow but its the best.

**Self-discipline** is very important. By following it, you have a routine,

**Concentration** is very important too. Whether it be studies or games, concentrate.

-Priyanka Chandra  
VIII F

### Is Diwali a Festival of Lights?

We refer to Diwali as a festival of lights, but does it remain a festival of lights? No. we have made it a festival of sound by bursting crackers which is absolutely wrong. Fancy spending hundreds of rupees on something you destroy in an hour or so and get air pollution and noise pollution in return. Not only this, these crackers are made by small children who should be getting education as we are. These crackers can cause harm not only to them but to also to us. We all should realize these facts but still we burn crackers. We all should join hands and try to make Diwali a festival of lights and not of sound.

-Pooja Chawla  
IX B

### Sports Round Up

The performance in the Zonal Athletic meet held in B-3 Paschim Vihar Govt. School from 19 Oct. to 23 Oct. is as follows:

#### Girls Section

In the Senior category Shobita of XII A won the II position in 200 mts and III position in 100 mts.

The senior 4 x 400 mts relay team comprising of Shobita XII A, Himani Hooda XII B, Himani Shokeen XII

B and Khushoo Vig XII C won the III position.

In the Junior category Kriti Gupta of class IX won the I position in shot put.

#### Boys Section

In the Senior category Dhruv Khosla of XII D won the III position in 400 mts. The team comprising of Dhruv Khosla XII D, Jitender P. Singh XI E, Sandeep Arora XII E and Rohit Rawal XII C won the I position in 4 x 100 mts relay.

Dhruv of XII D, Jitender P. Singh, Rohit Rawal and Barun Sobti of XI E won the II position in the 4 x 400 mts relay.

Jitender Pal Singh of XI E also won the II position in 100 mts and 200 mts race.

Naveen Chandela of IX C won the II position in the 200 mts race.

In the Junior boys section Naveen Chandela of IX C, Aditya Malhotra of IX E, Nishant Nandi X D and Pradeep Lohia X C won the III position in the 4 x 100 mts relay. Kudos to all these athletes for their splendid performance.

#### Volley Ball

Volley Ball Sub Junior National Championship held at Hyderabad



Ashish Grover XI D was part of the Delhi team.



## Cricket

ShikharDhawan of X E has been selected for the under 16 national championship. He has performed



very well in all the three matches and has scored half a century in each match. He took 6 wickets in all. "Well played, keep it up. Shikhar!"

## Foot Ball

I. The Sub Jr. team of our school participated in Bal Bhavan Foot Ball tournament held at Bal Bhavan. Our team emerged champions by defeating Moti-Bagh No. 1 in the finals by 3-0.

II. In the Inter-Zonal foot ball tournament the Jr. team of our school reached up to the quarter finals in the under 17 foot ball tournament.

III. In the Inter-Zonal Foot Ball tournament the Sr. Team of our school reached up to the quarter finals in the under 19 foot ball tournament.

## National Cadet Corps

Sakshi, Suruchi, Kritika, Nidhi and Megha from SMS attended a 10 day NIC camp from 1 Oct. 2000 to 10 Oct. 2000 in the Army Parade grounds at New Delhi. They took part in many competitions that were organized and enjoyed mingling with students from different schools.

## NIC camp at Junagarh, Gujarat

Tanu Tandon, Kamna Sabharwal, Deepti Verma, Deepika Bhatt, Mansi Aggarwal, Nida Sarfaraz, Kavita Rhode and Charu Raichandani attended an 11 day National Integration camp from 2 Oct. 2000 to 11 Oct. 2000 at Junagarh. The cadets got an opportunity to meet cadets from other states. They visited Dwarka, Gir forest, Junagarh fort and Porbandar. They took part in various cultural items and won prizes.

## Gita Ramayan competition

An Inter School Gita Ramayan Competition was held on 17 Sept. 2000 at Sanatan Dharam Mandir, Janakpuri to celebrate Radha Ashtami. 10 schools participated and SMS Meera Bagh won the II prize.

## Rethinking human values - Need of the hour

Today the world has become so materialistic where majority of the people are largely influenced and define their true worth by material values, such as social position, monetary worth, external appearance or personal possessions. This misrepresentation of the source of true worth creates cultures of accumulation, possessiveness, selfishness and greed and is the root cause of conflict, exploitation, poverty and tension in the world. Co-operation, Freedom, Happiness, Honesty, Humility, Love, Peace, Respect, Responsibility, Simplicity, Tolerance and Unity are the core values fundamental to the well being of humanity as a whole. They will touch the core of the individual

and the world will automatically become a better place when each individual becomes a better person.

**Cooperation** provides means for each climber to take a step, no matter how small, and for those steps collectively reach the pinnacle.

Full **Freedom** functions only when rights are balanced with responsibilities and choice is balanced with conscience.

**Happiness** is earned by those whose attitude and attributes are pure and selfless.

**Honesty** means there are no contradictions or discrepancies in thoughts, words or actions. To be trusted and to trust provides the foundation for an untarnished relationship. A person who embodies Humility will make the effort to listen to and accept others.

**Love** is the principle which creates and sustains human relations with dignity and depth.

**Peace** is the foundation, the major building block upon which a healthy functional society stands.

To know one's own worth and to honour the worth of others is the true way to earn **Respect**.

**Responsibility** is managing time and resources to bring maximum benefit while accommodating necessary change.

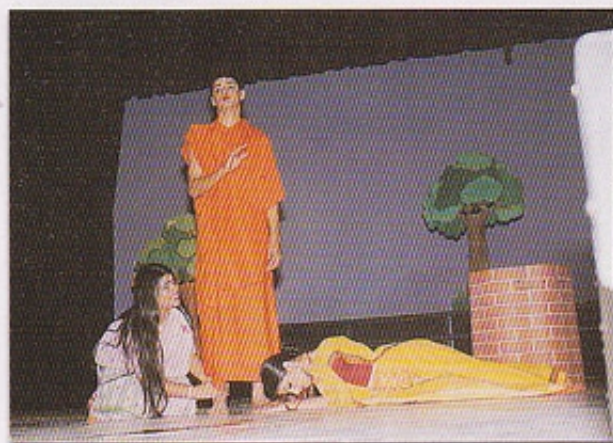
**Simplicity** calls on instinct, intuition and insight to create essenceful thoughts and empathetic feelings.

**Tolerance** is inner strength which enables the individual to face and transform misunderstandings and difficulties.

**Unity** is harmony within and among individuals in the group.



## Annual Day Seniors



A scene from 'Chandalika'. The one act play performed by classes 10 and 12.



A Haryanvi dance performance by young students of class VIII.



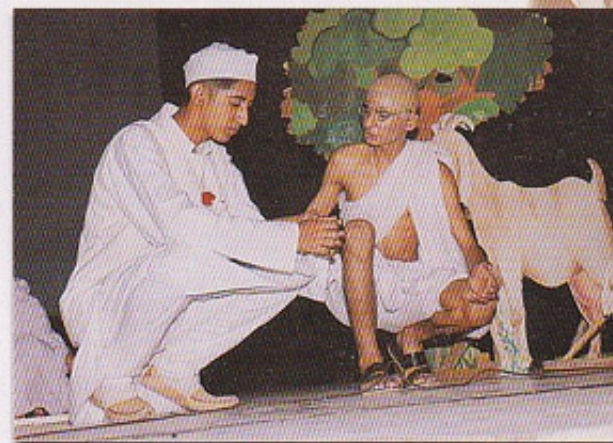
A scene from the English Skit 'Identity'.



A scene from the beautiful choreography 'War and Peace'.



A close up of the Malayali folk dancers - Fusion folk lore.



A scene from the Ballet 'Sare Jahan Se Achha'.



## Annual Day Juniors



Our Chief Guest Mr. Kewal Singh DCP (West) lighting the lamp for the Annual Day (Juniors).



Saraswati Vandana by students of class V.



The wicked witch waving her Magic wand.  
A scene from 'The Sleeping Beauty'.



The magic spell has started working.



The fairy sings and blesses the princess.



The Maharashtrian folk dancers in their joyous mood.



## Annual Day Juniors



'Pehla Kaam' - a literacy campaign by the tiny tots.



Gopis playing Holi - a scene from Lakh Roop Tere.



Radha and Krishna - Lakh Roop Tere.



Krishna pacifying Yashoda.



The Choir singing in their joyous mood.



Que Sera Sera - the uncertainty of the future.



## Glimpses



Students of Class X in the English Recitation Competition.



Danseuse Uma Sharma giving a lecture demonstration of her performance.



The tiny tots of MCD Girls School Jwalapuri after receiving the uniform material - Project Threads.



2 prize winners in 'Gita Ramayan' Competition held on 17 Sept. 2000.



Mr. Raymond D'Costa addressing a group of Parents.



Prof. V. Sasikumar addressing a group of teachers.