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## EDITORIAL

Dear friends,

This year September dawned and a pall of gloom pervaded the air. The crumbling down of the massive WTC towers by the suicidal attackers is still fresh in our minds. For some moments it all appeared like watching a science fiction movie. Nevertheless, a reality. What would have been the reaction of the people who were inside or who witnessed the towers reduced to rubble? The aftermath of Sept. 11 attacks and the ongoing war to track down the terrorists has brought a lot of pain and misery to people. Will this war result in bringing peace to the human race?

Amidst the unanswered questions we here at St. Mark's had to set the ball rolling as we are training young minds to face the future with more courage.

We have to help them to carve a niche for themselves and make their future bright. So we organized many activities, where our students brought us laurels. We are really proud of them.

Congratulations to our Principal Ms. Aggarwal for being honoured with the Saraswati Samman by the Avantika group — a group of contemporary artists and intellectuals on 17 Oct. 2001. We are thankful to all our parents and our well wishers for their overwhelming support in all our endeavours.

## INTER SCHOOL RECITATION COMPETITION



SMS Inter School Recitation Competition began with the traditional Lighting of the Inaugural Lamp.

On 16 September 2001, once again we organized the SMS Inter School Recitation Competition. The Chief Guest Dr. Usha Lamba, Education Officer, Zone XVII,

lit the inaugural lamp and with the click of the mouse a panoramic overview of poetry down the ages was unfolded. Over 1200 students from various prestigious schools of Delhi participated. This competition provides a platform for students to enable them to have the best possible exposure to the appreciation and recitation of poetry. Some of the erudite personalities who participated as judges were Prof. Lamba, Dr. Vikram Chopra and Dr. N.S. Sethi, (Delhi University); Dr. Dabas, Director, (SCERT); Mr. Satya Narayan, (Ex-Principal); Dr. R.P. Malik, (Teacher Educator); Mr. K.K. Chopra (expert from HT); Ms. Renu Anand from NIE and teachers from various prestigious schools.

This Recitation Competition was conducted in three languages English, Hindi and Sanskrit. In English the maximum number of prizes were bagged by students of St. Mark's Meera Bagh followed by St. Mark's Girls School; St. Mark's Janakpuri; Bal Bharti Public School, Pitampura; Salwan Public School and DPS, Vasant Vihar.





The prize winners of class IV in the English category.



The prize winners of class IX in the English category.

In Hindi the trend was repeated as the host school bagged the most trophies followed by St. Mark's Girls School, St. Mark's Janakpuri; Salwan Public School and DPS, Vasant Vihar.

In Sanskrit, Sachdeva Public

School bagged the maximum number of prizes followed by St. Mark's, Janakpuri, Bal Bharti School, Pitampura; Sumermal Jain Public School and St. Cecilia's. This gala event was co-sponsored by Ratna Sagar Pvt.

Ltd., Suman Prakashan, Arya Book Depot, Scholastic, Procom Informative Systems and Planet IQ. Every one looked happy at the end of the day. We congratulate all the participants for their enthusiasm.

### A SCINTILLATING PERFORMANCE BY PRATIBHA PRAHLAD AT ST. MARK'S



The danseuse Pratibha Prahlad .

On 6 October 2001, under the aegis of SPIC MACAY, the students of our school witnessed an enthralling performance by Ms. Pratibha Prahlad, an outstanding exponent of Bharatanatyam.

Her flair for rhythm, flourish in movements and eloquence in expression impressed the young audience so much that all were left spell bound at the end of the performance.

She reached out to the audience, exuding vitality and warmth and through her lecture demonstration depicted her depth in both 'vritta' and 'abhinaya'. A memorable event indeed, for all who witnessed it.

She was accompanied by Ms. Vidya Srinivasa as the vocalist, Mr. Anuroop on the violin, Mr. Prem Kumar on mridangam and Mr. Ganesh on the nuttavangam.

At the end of the event, the Chairman of the School, Mr. T.P. Aggarwal praised the performance and the Principal Ms. Anjali Aggarwal gave the vote of thanks.



Our Chairman Mr. T.P. Aggarwal, felicitating the danseuse.



The tiny tots welcoming Pratibha Prahlad — 'Spic Macay 2001'.



## MS. ANITA PRATAP AT ST. MARK'S



Ms. Anita Pratap — the noted journalist being welcomed by our Principal Ms. Anjali Aggarwal.



Ms. Anita Pratap signing copies of her newly released book 'Islands of Blood'.

Oct. 8, 2001 shall remain a memorable day for all at St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Meera Bagh. The students got an opportunity to interact with none other than Ms. Anita Pratap, noted journalist turned author. Ms. Anita Pratap is best known for her investigative

journalism. Be it Sri Lanka, Afghanistan or our very own Kashmir, Ms. Anita Pratap has reported virtually from everywhere. All her experiences in war prone areas have been wonderfully expressed in her maiden book 'Islands of Blood', which was just recently

released by her in the capital. If the questions posed by the students were interesting, more interesting was the way Ms. Pratap answered them. All in all, a wonderful morning for us at St. Mark's as it was a rare privilege to interact with a personality like Ms. Anita Pratap.

## SCIENCE EXHIBITION

(Our reporters Chayan, Mansi, Sugandha, and Prakrit are reporting about the Science Exhibition held in our school on 10 September 2001).

- Vivek : Hello Friends. I just saw the Science Exhibition and I really enjoyed it.
- Chayan : I think Intelligence and determination were shown in the Science Exhibition.
- Sugandha : Wasn't it great that more than hundred students participated?
- Mansi : Yes! It was a marvellous event and the models were breathtaking. The basics of Science being a part of everyday life was expressed.
- Chayan : Did you see that hydro electric power station? It was beautifully made and anyone who saw it could easily understand the principle behind it.
- Mansi : We should not forget the electromagnetic crane. Don't you think it deserved a prize?
- Sugandha : Prakrit and Chayan even your model of a hover craft was of great utility especially in this era of pollution.
- Prakrit : 'The reflection of light' made by Tarun Arora and Tarun Sharma was a simple model and they explained the concept of reflection of light in an easy and simple way.
- Mansi : Not to mention the Biology projects. I think they were very knowledgeable.
- Sugandha : Everybody did well. I appreciate all of them for their hard work and enthusiasm in which they presented their models.
- Chayan : I too.
- Prakrit : Next time, there'll be an exhibition, I'll do my best and I hope I'll get a prize.
- Mansi : Best of luck.



Students demonstrating their models to the hon'able judges.



## A CRUSADE AGAINST POLIO



Students of SMS campaigning to fight against Polio.

On 14 October 2001, under the aegis of District 3010 of Rotary International, the students of the Interact club of our school along with our Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal and the teacher incharge Ms. K. Mehta camp-aigned in the area around the school, to educate people about the Pulse Polio Programme.

With banners, placards and wearing T-shirts with slogans printed on them, the students talked to people, making them aware of the deadly disease – Polio. They also urged people to take their children, below the age of 5 years, to the nearby centre set up by the administration, for Oral Polio Vaccine.

The students felt happy and had a sense of satisfaction as well as achievement for doing their little bit to eradicate this deadly disease from the face of the earth.

## QUANTA INTERNATIONAL 2001



Participating team of Quanta International 2001.

(From L to R) : Manoj Grover, Vivek Padmanabhan, Gaurav Taragi, Akanksha Sethi, Shruti Bansal, Navitesh Narang and Arun Dhamija.

Seven students of our school accompanied by Mr. B Tangri participated in "Quanta-2001" an international competition of Science, Maths, Astronomy & Computer Science held at City Montessori School Lucknow from 9-11 Nov. 2001

Students from ten countries took part the competitions. Arun Dhamija's effort got "Special Mention" in the group discussion.

The students got a lot of exposure and experience from this event.



## BOOKS - OUR BEST FRIENDS

A Scholastic Reader's Club has been launched in our school for classes VI to VIII. Through this club we want to encourage the students to pick up a habit of reading.

The club holds its meeting once a month. The members are free to express their views on their stories and talk about the new words they learn. Many students are also provided with books from Scholastic, so that every time they have something to discuss in the meeting. There is a special notice board where the members put up their articles about the books they read.

Our club is working well in every possible direction and will continue to work with the guidance of the teacher Incharge Ms. Rachna Marwah.

## ROCK 'N' ROLL

A gala rock music competition, Pepsi Storm was held at Hamsadhwani Theatre at Pragati Maidan. This was the Grand Finale and ten best schools all over Delhi competed for the Best band Trophy after being shortlisted in the Preliminary Round. Our School Band comprised Arjun Thukral, Ish Abbi, Harshvardhan Rai, Rohit Kulkarni, Aneesha Kochar, Kartik Abbi, Jasmine Kumar, Karan Wahi, Dheera Anand and Neha Mishra. The cheering teams added further life and excitement to the evening. Our students presented themselves with great zeal and did their best.

## MY BEST EXPERIENCE - Isha Verma VII F

Everyone of us is familiar with the daily newspaper, but very few of us know exactly how much efforts are put. I attended the workshop organized by The Times of India Group on 22 November 2001 at their unit in Sahibabad. We were shown the different stages of printing. It was a thrilling experience to know the stages through which a new item has to pass before it is printed in the columns of the newspaper.

## SMS INTER SCHOOL RECITATION RESULTS

### PRIZE WINNERS OF SMS, MEERA BAGH

#### Category - English

##### Class Winners

- I Aakshi Bajan (III Prize), Kritika Relan (Consolation)
- II Tanya Arora (III Prize), Sahiba Khurana (Consolation), Shibika (Consolation)

- III Garv Malik (I Prize), Shivam Sheel (Consolation), Vasu Bhardwaj (Consolation)
- IV Vasundhara Srinivas (I Prize), Vrinda Valecha (Consolation), Siddharth Rajan (Consolation)
- V Akansha Arora (II Prize), Daaman Kohli (Consolation)
- VI Dhananjai Kaushal (Consolation), Aditi Ramdas (Consolation)
- VII Richa Chugh (Consolation)
- VIII Sugandha Sharma (II Prize), Arisha Singh (Consolation), Divya Jyoti Sharma (I Prize) (G.S.), Chitranshi (Consolation) (G.S.)
- IX Priyanka Chandra (II Prize), Neha Makkar (Consolation)
- X Pooja Chawla (I Prize), Amrita Singh (III Prize), Parul Nath (Consolation) (G.S.)
- XI Srishti Dhawan (Consolation), Pallavi Mehta (Consolation)
- XII Priyanka Bassi (II Prize), Sanchi Kochar (II Prize), Akansha Bhardwaj (Consolation)

#### Category - Hindi

##### Class Winners

- I Sahib Bhatia (I Prize), Saurabh Maithavi (I Prize), Shairen Chawla (II Prize)
- II Anchal Kapoor (I Prize), Yogendra Bhardwaj (II Prize), Karan Chopra (Consolation)
- III Shubra Vats (I Prize), Karshni Kharbanda (III Prize)
- IV Ankit Choudhary (II Prize), Vasudha (Consolation)
- V Anjali Bedi (I Prize), Garima Chopra (II Prize)
- VI Kriti Aghi (I Prize), Arshia Jain (III Prize)
- VII Harshwardhan Rai (III Prize)
- VIII Yachna Sindhwani (I Prize), Ankit Bathia (II Prize), Gunjan Batra (Consolation), Neha Sehgal (Consolation)
- IX Niti Dabas (I Prize), Richa Vohra (Consolation)
- X Kriti Gupta (II Prize), Karan Bhasker (Consolation), Rashmi Arora (Consolation) (G.S.)

#### Category - Sanskrit

##### Class Winners

- VI Rashi Khanna (Consolation Prize)
- VIII Esha Bhatia (II Prize)

## RESULTS OF THE SCIENCE EXHIBITION

| Name           | Class/Sec. | Prize | Models             |
|----------------|------------|-------|--------------------|
| Medha Barsal   | V C        | I     | Skeletal System    |
| Dhruv Gupta    | V B        | II    | Fountain in bottle |
| Kunal Malhotra | V A        | III   | Dam                |



# KALEIDOSCOPE

|                    |        |             |                             |
|--------------------|--------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Aarush Garg        | V B    | Consolation | Skeletal System             |
| Akhil Sehgal       | V B    | Consolation | Volcano                     |
| Gauri Sethi        | VI D   | I           | Hydel power station         |
| Ankur Gulati       | VI D   | II          | Transport                   |
| Dhananjay Kaushal  | VI G   | III         | Biogas plant                |
| Rishabh Garg       | VII B  | I           | Anemometer                  |
| Samarth Dargan     | VII F  | II          | Transport in Coal mine      |
| Sanchi Sethi       | VII F  | II          | Coal mine                   |
| Manvi Sareen       | VII B  | III         | Future means of transport   |
| Nipun Dhamija      | VII E  | III         | Mixer and Grinder           |
| Pooja Khanna       | VII G  | Consolation | Generation of electricity   |
| Naman Chaudhary    | VII E  | Consolation | Self watering system        |
| Harleen Kaur       | VII B  | Consolation | Glass House                 |
| Tarun Arora        | VIII A | I           | Reflection of light         |
| Tarun Sharma       | VIII A | I           | Reflection of light         |
| Rahul Mahajan      | VIII B | II          | Convection current          |
| Kartik Kajla       | VII F  | II          | Conduction of heat          |
| Abhinav Gupta      | VIII C | III         | Earth quake alarm           |
| Abijeet Viri       | VIII E | Consolation | Nuclear Reactor             |
| Siddharth Chitkala | VIII E | Consolation | Nuclear Reactor             |
| Gautam Dharmani    | VIII B | Consolation | Ray box                     |
| Nikhil Safaya      | IX B   | I           | Wave Energy Station         |
| Bhavuk Makkar      | IX B   | I           | Wave Energy Station         |
| Ayush Kumar        | IX G   | II          | Laser communicate           |
| Kanika Gogia       | IX C   | III         | Hydroelectric Power Station |
| Diviya Sinha       | IX G   | Consolation | Smoke less Chulah           |
| Vani Kumar         | IX E   | Consolation | Slide Projector             |
| Sakshi Gupta       | IX F   | Consolation | Projector                   |
| Sonam Kochar       | IX F   | Consolation | Projector                   |
| Vani Mehta         | X F    | I           | Save life on Roads          |
| Sameer Mirani      | X F    | I           | Save life on Roads          |
| Rohit Jain         | X E    | II          | Rain water harvestation     |
| Tushar Sharma      | X E    | II          | Rain water harvestation     |
| Somil Goel         | X F    | III         | Revolution in fresh air     |
| Varun Gulati       | X F    | III         | Revolution in fresh air     |
| Surbhi Sharma      | X A    | Consolation | Internal Combustion Engine  |
| Karan Khanna       | X A    | Consolation | Internal Combustion Engine  |
| Parikshit Guha     | X E    | Consolation | Internal Combustion Engine  |
| Sameer Awasthi     | X E    | Consolation | Internal Combustion Engine  |
| Manika Puri        | XI A   | I           | Food Adulteration           |
| Niti Marwah        | XI A   | I           | Food Adulteration           |
| Varun Arora        | XI B   | II          | Electronic Eye              |
| Jaskaran           | XI B   | II          | Electronic Eye              |

|                   |       |             |                 |
|-------------------|-------|-------------|-----------------|
| Nitin Nanda       | XI B  | III         | Laws of energy  |
| Saumya Jain       | XI B  | III         | Laws of energy  |
| Neha Misra        | XI B  | Consolation | Car Silences    |
| Siddharth Gupta   | XII E | I           | Carbon detector |
| Sunil Bhasin      | XII E | I           | Carbon detector |
| Seema Mittal      | XII B | II          | Air Reservation |
| Shelly Goel       | XII B | II          | Air Reservation |
| Vivek Padmanabhan | XII E | III         | Acidity of soil |
| Varun Kapoor      | XII E | III         | Acidity of soil |
| Aman Khanna       | XII E | Consolation | Thermo EMF      |
| Rohit Sethi       | XII E | Consolation | Thermo EMF      |
| Nidhi Purang      | XII E | Consolation | Plant Hormones  |
| Manoj Grover      | XII B | Consolation | Plant Hormones  |

The following models were selected for the zonal science exhibition which was held in Divine Public School, Paschim Vihar.

|                 |       |                        |
|-----------------|-------|------------------------|
| Valbhav Dua     | V F   | Digestive              |
| Nishtha Batla   | V D   | and Respiratory system |
| Kunal Malhotra  | V A   | Dam                    |
| Gauri Sethi     | VI D  | Hydel power station    |
| Samarth Dargan  | VI F  | Coal and               |
| Sanchi Sethi    | VII F | Transport in Coal mine |
| Ayush Kumar     | IX G  | Laser communication    |
| Vani Mehta      | X F   | Save life on roads     |
| Sameer Mirani   |       |                        |
| Rohit Jain      | X E   | Rain water Harvesting  |
| Tushar Sharma   |       |                        |
| Manika Puri     | XI A  | Food adulteration      |
| Niti Marwah     |       |                        |
| Siddharth Gupta | XII E | Carbon detector        |
| Sunil Bhasin    |       |                        |

Out of these models the following models were selected for the district level science exhibition which was held in Salwan Public School, Rajender Nagar.

|                 |       |                        |
|-----------------|-------|------------------------|
| Samarth Dargan  | VII F | Coal and               |
| Sanchi Sethi    |       | transport in coal mine |
| Ayush Kumar     | IX G  | Laser Communication    |
| Vani Mehta      | X F   | Save life              |
| Sameer Mirani   | X F   | on road                |
| Siddharth Gupta | XII E | Carbon                 |
| Sunil Bhasin    |       | detector               |

Out of these selected models one model was selected for the state level science exhibition. This was :  
Samarth Dargan VII F Coal and transport in  
Sanchi Sethi Coal mine



**PROCOM QUIZ**

Procom information system organised the fifth Procom Quiz contest in September 2001 at SMS Meera Bagh. The quiz was designed for the students of 1 to 12 standard.

This contest was supported by some reputed organisations like Nestle India, Britannia Industries, HCL and Cyber Media India Ltd. It is a matter of great pride that 212 students have been selected for the Final Inter School Round and 59 students awarded prizes.

The list of class Toppers selected for prizes is as follows :

**Puzzle's Quiz**

| Name                      | Class |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Dhiren Aggarwal           | 1 A   |
| Charan Preet Singh        | 1 B   |
| Nimrit Kaur               | 1 C   |
| Rohit                     | 1 D   |
| Harjot                    | 1 E   |
| Tomya Sardana             | 1 F   |
| Sameer                    | 1 H   |
| Radha Bhola               | 1 I   |
| Rishab Farid Singh Sehgal | 2 A   |
| Shubham Sareen            | 2 B   |
| Kartik Masand Rai         | 2 C   |
| Abhishek Sethi            | 2 D   |
| Taniya Arora              | 2 E   |
| Megha Bhatia              | 2 F   |
| Akshit                    | 3 A   |
| Mehak Juneja              | 3 B   |
| Atul Sharma               | 3 C   |
| Aashima Gujral            | 3 D   |
| Shubhra Vats              | 3 E   |
| Drishti Bajaj             | 3 F   |
| Kanika Saraswat           | 3 G   |

**Mathematics Quiz**

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| Garv Malik       | 3 E  |
| Naman Choudhary  | 4 D  |
| Ankush Dua       | 4 E  |
| Harshit Gogia    | 5 C  |
| Jatin Baweja     | 5 F  |
| Akshay Goyal     | 6 A  |
| Gaurav           | 8 E  |
| Ghanshyam Bansal | 10 E |

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| Himanshu Yadav    | 10 E |
| Udit Tayal        | 11 E |
| Divya Aggarwal    | 12 E |
| Mohit Malhotra    | 3 G  |
| Daaman Kohli      | 5 A  |
| Dhananjai Kaushal | 6 G  |
| Nitin             | 7 A  |
| Nishant Sharma    | 8 B  |
| Raunaq Khanna     | 10 C |
| Nisha Nair        | 10 E |
| Chetan Bhatia     | 11 C |
| Smriti Raichand   | 12 E |

**Computer Quiz**

|                |      |
|----------------|------|
| Saksham Gulati | 3 F  |
| Chhavi Trivedi | 5 D  |
| Ajay Chhatwal  | 7 D  |
| Ankit Ahuja    | 8 E  |
| Gaurav Arora   | 11 E |
| Akarsh Mittal  | 12 B |

**C++ contest**

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Ashmeet Kaur Kalra | 11 E |
| Arshya Kapoor      | 12 E |

**Informatics Practices Contest**

|              |      |
|--------------|------|
| Nitika Kumar | 12 D |
|--------------|------|

**The Medal Winners****Puzzle's Quiz**

Garima Verma I G won the Gold Medal and topped her class.  
Shubra Vats III E won the Silver Medal and topped her class.  
Mani Makkar II G won the Bronze Medal and topped her class.

**Mathematics Quiz**

Rishabh Garg VII B bagged the Gold Medal and he also topped his class.  
Naman Chaudhary IV D won the Silver Medal and topped his class.  
Ankush Dua IV E won the Silver Medal and topped his class.  
Deepesh Khanna won the Bronze Medal and topped his class.

**Aptitude Quiz**

Prateek Pardal of IX D won the Gold Medal and he topped his class.  
Kunal Gulati of IV H won the Silver Medal and he topped his class.

Chetan Bhatia of XI C won the Bronze Medal and he topped his class.

**Computer, C++ and Informatics Quiz**

Vipul Sachdeva of X B bagged the Gold Medal and he topped his class.

Sugandha Goel VI A won the Silver Medal and also topped her class.

Nikhil Puri of IV H won the Bronze Medal and topped his class.

**Zonal Debate****Competition (Hindi)**

Sugandha Sharma and Neha Bhasker of VIII-C won the third prize in the Zonal Hindi Debate Competition held at Jhabban Lal D.A.V. School.

**Zonal Recitation****Competition (Hindi)**

Karandeep Singh Lamba of XI B won the first prize and Kriti Gupta of X B won the second prize in the Zonal Hindi Recitation Competition in their respective categories.

Yachna Sindhwani VIII-G of the junior group won the first prize. In the sub-junior category Anjali Bedi of V-C won the third prize.

**SMS Students Bring****Glory to the School**

**In the Zonal Declamation Competition** which was held on 25.9.01 Arun Dhamija (XII) and Neha Misra (XI) participated. Arun Dhamija won the second prize. The topic was 'Corruption — a burning problem of the nation'.

**In the Zonal English Declamation Contest** which was held on 25.9.01 Mansi Gupta (VIII) stood first and Ankit Bathla (VIII) stood second. The topic was 'Are you really independent'?



**In the Inter School Zonal English Recitation competition** held on 27.9.2001 Dhananjay Kaushal (VI) in junior category stood first. In the sub jr. category Daaman Kohli (V) stood first and Akanksha Arora (V) received a consolation prize.

### **St. Mark's Students do it Again**

In the Sanskrit Recitation Competition held at the Zonal level by Delhi Administration the following students of our school bagged the first, second and third prizes :

Esha Bhatia of class VIII-D stood first, Mohit Malik of class X-E stood second and Sumit Kumar of class VIII-E was third.

Congratulations to all the winners.

### **Young Artistes of SMS**

The students of St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Meera Bagh, made their school proud by winning the First position in the following competitions held at the Zonal level by Delhi Administration :

In the Patriotic Group Song Competition, the junior boys, sang "Hum Bhavishya hain, hum hain bhaavy..." and bagged the first prize.

In the Folk Song Competition, the junior boys sang "Hori khelen Raghubira Avadh mein..." and stood first in that category too.

In the Folk Dance competition, the junior girls, performed the Haryanvi dance number "Ud jaiyo re kabootar....." and bagged the first prize, while the senior girls performed on a Rajasthani song "Lad lik loomba....." and stood first.

### **St. Mark's Celebrates Environment Day**

On 10 September 2001, various activities were organized to

celebrate environment day, in coordination with INTACH Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage to sensitize the children about environmental issues. Children of Class VI, VII and VIII were given topics based on Tiger Conservation for writing essays, poems and stories and for making posters. There was a tremendous response.

Continuing with the activities of Snow Leopard Club, the Eco-Club members prepared the Tiger Notice Board on 20 Sept. 2001 whereby they presented exclusive information about Tigers – their subspecies and why they should be conserved to sensitise other children about the role kids can play in Tiger Conservation.

### **Wildlife Week**

St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Meera Bagh, observed the Wildlife week (1 to 7 Oct. 2001). During this week, students participated in the painting competition held on 5 Oct. 2001 at Ganga International School, organized by INA Smriti Trust and Tiger Trust. Students from Class I to X also participated in various drawing, painting and declamation contests on topics related to wildlife and its conservation held on 3, 4, and 5 Oct. 2001 by the National Museum of Natural History, Barakhamba Road to show their concern to wildlife and create awareness about nature, environment and wildlife.

A written quiz was organised by NMNH, New Delhi held on 20 Nov. Manik Mittal of Class X D won the 1 Prize. Alok P. Jaywant Class X D has won the encouragement Prize.

### **Green Ambassadors Attend a Dance Workshop**

The Green Ambassadors of the Snow Leopard Eco Club of our school participated in a dance and mime movement workshop by Ms. Maya K. Rao and the members of International Kathakali Dance School on 12 Oct. 2001. There was a story telling workshop also by noted theatre personality Mr. Vinod Nagpal. These workshops were a good exposure as the children learnt dance movements depicting "Save the Tiger".

### **SMS Meera Bagh Wins Again**

On 17 October 2001 an Inter School Debate Competition was jointly organised by INA Smriti Trust and Tiger Trust at Guru Nanak Sr. Sec. Public School, Punjabi Bagh. The topic of the debate was, In the opinion of the House, *'The continued presence of circus shows and mobile zoos is a brazen act of cruelty towards wildlife.'* Dheera Anand of class XI E spoke against the motion and won the First Prize in the Best Speaker category and was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 400/-. Abhishek Shaw of class XI B spoke in favour of the motion and won the second prize in the Best Speaker category and won a cash prize of Rs. 300/-.

### **Another First Prize for St. Mark's Meera Bagh**

On 6 November 2001 an Inter School Debate Competition was held at St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Janakpuri. It was organized by the SMS Eco Club Janakpuri for classes VII and VIII. The topic of the debate was, in the opinion of the House, 'Save



Environment concern of Society.' Sugandha Sharma of class VIII C spoke in favour of the motion and won the First Prize in the Best Speaker Category. Mansi Gupta spoke against the motion. The quality of the debate and the arguments put forth were rich and absorbing.

### Anti Cracker Campaign

A 'Nukkad Natak' was presented by the artistes of Rupantar theatre for the students of the school, to sensitize the students on the harmful effects of crackers, and thus discourage them from burning crackers — students enjoyed the show as the message was conveyed in a hilarious and satirical manner.

### Eco Activites

'Vermi composting' is being done by the students of the Eco Club. The functional vermi composting kit was presented to the school by SED (Society for Environment & Development).

Congratulations : Alok Jaywant secured the 2 position in Delhi state in the 'Green Olympiad' conducted by TERI.

### Students Attend DILA

Members of our Interact Club attended the DILA (District Interact Leadership Assembly) organized by the Rotary Club at Apeeiay School, Sheikh Sarai, on 21 September 2001. The Chief Guest at the function was Ms. Kiran Bedi. The assembly was conducted to make the young interactors aware of the main objectives of the Interact Club and help them undertake different activities for the betterment of the society. The function provided a platform for the interactors to express their

views and a chance to learn the essentials to become a good interactor.

It was a day filled with fun, fruitful interaction and a learning experience for all the interactors.

### St. Mark's Inter House Folk Dance Competition for Jrs.

Our country India is a mixture of diverse culture which is reflected in its folk dances and songs. To expose the young students to this, we conducted the Inter House Folk Dance Competition for Juniors on 15 October 2001.

The tiny tots were very confident and energetic in presenting the authentic folk dances from different states of India. The rhythm in the music and their colourful costumes enchanted the audience.

Patel House folk dancers were declared the winners. In Std. II their children presented the Gujarati folk dance and in Std. IV danced the Kummi dance of Tamil Nadu.

### Inter House Folk Dance Competition

NIE sponsored the Inter House folk dance competition on 19 Nov. 2001 at St. Mark's School, Meera Bagh. The school was graced by the presence of eminent judges, Ms. Nalini Jain and Ms. Monica Bhist both veterans in the field of music and dance. Students performed lively dances with a lot of zeal and enthusiasm depicting our rich Indian culture and its diversity. Judging the prize winners was like deciding who is "First among Equals". Nevertheless, in the juniors Shastri House which presented the Punjabi Dance bagged the first prize and in the seniors Patel House with their

energetic Rajasthani Dance walked off with the trophy. NIE sponsored prizes for the winning teams.

### Talented Singers

The tiny tots of our school sang melodious and popular numbers in the Intra-Class English singing competition held on 6 and 7 November 2001 for classes I, II and III, & IV, V respectively. Their melodious voices enchanted the audience and their confidence and enthusiasm was appreciated by all.

(Photographs of Prize winners on page 16.)

### St. Mark's Inter House Skit Competition

An Inter House Skit Competition was organized on November 5, 2001 in the presence of the Chief Guest the Chairman Mr. T.P. Aggarwal. The distinguished judges Ms. Sheena and Ms. Suparva Gulati appreciated the presentation.

Shastri, Nehru, Gandhi and Patel Houses staged 'We are the world', 'Flipside', 'A ghostly picnic' and 'The man who wouldn't go to Heaven' respectively. Among these skits 'Flipside' by Nehru House was judged the best. Pallavi Mehta (XI A) was given the prize for the best actress while Neha Makkar (IXE) was judged as the best supporting actress. Special prizes were given to Shweta Talwar (XII D) and Madhulika Saxena (XI B). Sameer Mirani (XF) and Sohail Chawla (X A) were awarded prizes for supporting actors. The entire programme was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.



## Essay Writing

Our students of excelled in the International Essay Writing Competition organized by 'Avantika — A Group of Contemporary Artists and Intellectuals.' The competition was organized in September and the school secured the First position in its zone. The prize winners were :

| Name                | Class                            |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Dushyant Yadav   | VII Cash award of Rs. 50/- each. |
| 2. Kshitij          | III                              |
| 3. Sakshi Mahajan   | V                                |
| 4. Ritika Taneja    | IX Gold Medal                    |
| 5. Sanjea Khanna    | II                               |
| 6. Anurag Jain      | VIII                             |
| 7. Prakriti Dua     | IV                               |
| 8. Krishan Malhotra | X Silver Medal                   |
| 9. Mudit Kalra      | VI                               |
| 10. Srishti Khera   | III                              |
| 11. Priyanka Gulati | IX                               |
| 12. Nitika Batra    | XI Bronze Medal                  |
| 13. Sanya Khera     | III                              |
| 14. Hemant Aggarwal | VII                              |
| 15. Kanika Gogia    | IX                               |
| 16. Neha Chopra     | X                                |
| 17. Gurleen Gandhi  | X Janki Vallabh Shastri Samman   |
| 18. Sanchit Mahajan | II                               |
| 19. Mudit Mahura    | VI                               |
| 20. Sanya           | IV                               |

## Inter School Debate Competition

On 20 September 2001 an Inter School Debate Competition was held at Maharaja Agrasen Model School Pitampura. The topic debated was 'In the opinion of the House, Individual Initiative, not political action can help solve every day problems.'

Shristi Dhawan of Class XI B

spoke in favour of the motion, while Pallavi Mehta of class XI A spoke against the motion and won the third prize in the Best Speaker Individual Prize category. Shweta Khera of Class XII C was the Interjector.

## Fun and Frolic Day

The students of class I and II participated in the Fun and Frolic Day held in Vishal Bharti School Paschim Vihar on 1 October 2001. The students won III prize for the self composed jingle for the Pepsi advertisement Tanmay Dureja got an outstanding prize in the Fancy dress competition and Sanya Sikka got a special prize in the art and craft competition.

## Our Students Excel in Debates

On 1 October 2001 an Inter School Debate Competition was held at S.S. Mota Singh Model School, Guru Harkrishan Nagar. The topic debated was, In the opinion of the house, 'Contemporary education makes the student literate but not educated.' Amrita Singh Ahuja of class X F spoke for the motion and Arun Dhamija of class XII B spoke against the motion. They won the third prize in the Best Team category.

On 29 September 2001 an Inter School Debate Competition was held at Jhabban Lal D.A.V. Sr. Sec. Public School, Paschim Vihar under the aegis of Rotary Club of Delhi Westend. The topic debated was 'Can Computers replace teachers in the Classroom'. Shristi Dhawan of Class XI B upheld the motion and

was awarded the First prize for the Best Speaker 'For the Motion'. Karan Wahi of class XI C spoke against the motion and won a consolation prize.

## Brain Wave-2001

The following students from our school were selected to participate in Brainwave 2001 – Annual Inter School Quiz competition organised by Manav Sthali School, Rajender Nagar on 27/11/2001

Abhishek Kr. Shaw XI-B,  
Madhulika Saxena XI-B

Dhruv Saxena IX-G

Jatin Anand IX-G

Apart from being an enriching experience, the student's received participation certificates.

## A 'Clean Sweep' by SMS

Gyan Mandir Public School, Naraina, organized various competitions on 20 Nov. and 21 Nov. 2001. In the various competitions of Declamation, Skit, Rangoli, Slogan Writing, On the spot poster making and essay writing St. Mark's, Meera Bagh, put in a commendable performance. They carved a niche for themselves among participating schools by winning the maximum prizes and maximum points in the competitions. Receiving first prizes for Rangoli and Inter School Skit Competition, the school got a thundering applause when they received the Champions Trophy. The judges lauded the students for their excellent performance and appreciated the participants of St. Mark's for their co-operation and discipline. A proud moment indeed for all at SMS.



The 1 prize winners for Rangoli were :

1. Suruchi Suman XII B
2. Rupanki Arora XII A
3. Nidhi Purang XII C
4. Iti Choudhary XII E

The skit 'Flip side' won the 1 prize. The participants were :

1. Pallavi Mehta XI A
2. Abhishek Shaw XI B
3. Neha Mishra XI B
4. Sumer Seth XI B
5. Dheera Anand XI E
6. Priyanka Chandra IX D
7. Neha Makkar IX E
8. Nidhi Nair X F

## Counsellor's Workshop

Ms. Deepika Dhankar, Counsellor, of our school attended Counsellor's Workshop on 28 Nov. 2001 organized by Wigan & Leigh College of Design. The objective was to enhance the counselling skills of budding counsellors. The Guest of Honour was Prof. Asha Bhatnagar, Ex. HOD, Deptt. of Education Psy. & Foundations of Edu. (DEPFE), NCERT, New Delhi.

## Teacher of St. Mark's Honoured

'Avantika - A Group of Contemporary Artists and Intellectuals honoured our teacher, Ms. Amita Singhal, by the Dr. Rajendra Prasad Award, for her exemplary contribution towards Nation Building and Development of Art, Culture and Preservation of Environment at a National Award Ceremony held on 17 October 2001.

## Workshop for Maths

A Mathematics workshop organized by FORUM OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS on 20 September 2001 in Mahavir Senior Model School was attended by Ms. Poonam Sethi and Ms. Monika Jain, teachers of our school. The topics of part C of Class XII were discussed in detail by Mr. J.K. Thukral who is a senior 'Reader' in Sri Ram College of Commerce.

The teachers of SMS, Ms. Poonam Sethi, Ms. Monika Jain, Ms. Rita Mathur, Ms. Vanita Jain also attended the Maths Workshop 'Blue Print and design of Question Papers for Class XII and the latest changes in the design of Question papers of Class X held at Mata Jai Kaur Public School on 27 and 28 September 2001. The Chief Guest Prof. J.N. Kapoor, Former Vice Chancellor of Meerut University, emphasized on having a Maths Laboratory. Dr. Chibber and Dr. Nijhawan discussed the latest changes in the design of the question papers and the blue prints for class X and XII respectively.

## Workshop for Teachers of English

A workshop for the English teachers of the primary section of our school was conducted by Mr. Robert Bellarmine, on 29 Nov. 2001.

Mr. Robert has worked at the Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages (CIEFL), Hyderabad as a methods expert for seven years.

Currently he is developing an innovative English Curriculum for teaching English. The workshop was conducted in a very interesting way by involving all the teachers in numerous activities which can be conducted in the classroom situation.

The purpose of the workshop was that teachers should involve pupils in various activities that would help them to draw out their creativity and enhance the learning process.

Improvement in expression in the language, better communication and correct use of grammar was explained.

It was a good learning experience for all those who attended the workshop.

## Excursion to Goa

A 64 member team comprising of 58 students and 6 teachers spent 3 exhilarating days at Goa — the tourists paradise. During their stay, they visited the church in which St. Francis Xavier's relic is kept on display and St. Catherine's Cathedral. The team went to a number of beaches, namely, Kolva, Baga, & Calingoote, to name a few. The pinnacle of the visit was the mind blowing experience in the ferry on river Mandovi. Everybody came back totally intoxicated with pure fun and joy.

## Sanskrit Shloka Competition

If the students did well in other activities there they did a wonderful job in Sanskrit too.

The Sanskrit Academy organized



a Sanskrit Shloka Music competition on 6 November 2001. The students went to **Rajkiya Sarvodaya Girls School**. The following students were awarded consolation prizes :

1. Esha Bhatia VIII D
2. Shimit Rawal VIII D
3. Swati Sharma VIII C
4. Shweta Jaitly VIII C
5. Ritika Baliyan IX G

A Sanskrit Shloka enunciation competition was organised on 7 November 2001. The following students were awarded with the consolation prizes.

- Kartik Kajla VIII F  
Tanmai Rastogi VIII F  
Praveen Aggarwal VIII F  
Vaibhav Purang VIII F  
Saransh Singh VIII C  
Geet Sethi VII H

## Award Ceremony

On 24 Nov. 2001 Delhi Sanskrit Academy honoured a few Sanskrit teachers from various schools all over Delhi, for achieving 100% result in class X for the year 2001. Dr. Jyoti Kiran Hajela from our school, was one among the felicitated ones.

## Sanskrit Seminar

On 26 Nov. 2001 a Seminar in Sanskrit was organised in D.A.V. Centenary Public School, Paschim Enclave. Sanskrit teachers from various schools and colleges read out their thoughts and views on the topic, '**Flora in Sanskrit**'. Mrs. Rajana Bhardwaj and Dr. Joyti Kiran Hajela represented St. Mark's, Meera Bagh.

## From the Sporting Arena

The SMS Meera Bagh team Played in the inter zonal competition against B-Block Govt. School Paschim Vihar and won the match.

|                                      |                                   |                                  |
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| Shikhar-80 runs & 2 wkts for 29 runs | Karan Wahi Took 5 wkts for 6 runs | Shashwat took 3 wkts for 15 runs |
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## Master Blaster Cricket Tournament

St. Mark's reached the finals of the Master Blaster Cricket Tournament (U-18) by defeating Salwan Public School in the Semi-Finals, Ramjas school (Anand Parbat) in the quarter-finals & Montfort and Manavsthal in the league match  
**Semi-Finals** : Shikhar scored 98 runs & took 2 wkts for 22 runs.

**QUARTER FINALS** : Shikhar scored 55 runs & took 2 wkts for 26 runs.

**RAMJAS-137 all out** : Hansit-34 runs.

**ST. MARK'S-138/4** : Aditya-25 runs While Karan Wahi took 2 wkts for 29 runs.

**LEAGUE** : Karan Wahi scored 50 runs & took 2 wkts for 27 runs. Kunal Narang scored 40 runs.

**SCORES** : St. Mark's-240 for 7 in 35 overs

Montfort-201 all out in 30 overs

## Football :

- Our Sub Jr. football team participated in the Father Peter Memorial Football Tournament organised by St. Francis School, Janakpuri S.M.S. reached till the semi-finals.
- Sub Jr. : Score-2-1.
- **Senior football team** :

We played in the Jatin Bedi football tournament and reached the quarter finals.

Score-3-2.

## Office Bearers 2001-2002

### Our Portfolio Holders

**Vice Head Boy** Mayur Krishen Batra—XI E

**Vice Head Girl** Shrishti Dhawan—XI B

**Vice Sports Captain (Boy)** Aditya Malhotra—XI E

**Vice Sports Captain (Girl)** Nandini Bhatia—XI A

**Vice School Captain (Boy)** Karan Wahi—XI C

**Vice School Captain (Girl)** Neha Misra—XI B

**Vice House Captain Shastri** Abhishek Shaw—XI B

**Nehru** Pallavi Mehta—XI A

**Gandhi** Dheera Anand—XI E

**Patel** Pragun Ahuja—XI E

**Interact Club President** Pallavi Mehta—XI A

**Secretary** Karan Wahi—XI C

## All India Level Shooting Competition

Bhavna Kishnani of our school, has been selected to represent Delhi Directorate NCC in shooting in the All India Thal Sainik Camp which is to be held in Delhi Cant from 11 Oct. to 22 Oct. 2001. In this camp 16 NCC directorates (States) will be participating.

### N.C.C.

Three girls Deepali XII, Kavita Rode XII C and Richa Sharma XI went for the BLC camp held in Jodhpur (Rajasthan).



## EYE CATCHERS

### CLUB TEACHERS ORIENTATION HELD IN ST. MARK'S MEERA BAGH



Our Principal Ms. Aggarwal welcomed the delegates to the Eco Club Orientation Programme.

St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Meera Bagh, was selected as the lead school by the Department of Environment to conduct a half day seminar on 'Eco Club teachers Orientation Programme' on 5 Nov. 2001. A number of Eco club teachers from the neighbouring schools attended.

Specific present-ations were given by eminent resource persons such as Mr. J.S. Kamyotra (CPCB), Mr. Manoj Dabas (ATREE Bangalore), Mr. V. K. Pahuja (Delhi Jal Board), Mr. Subhash Chandra (DCF West), Mr. L.M. Saxena (S.E.D.), Ms. A. Aggarwal, Principal welcomed the distinguished guests and mentioned the various activities being undertaken to create a better awareness of Bio-diversity, Energy conservation, waste management, water resources and pollution, at the school level. The School's Eco Club teacher Ms. Minoo Srivastava was the convener of the programme.

## MATHS SEMINAR

"To teach maths effectively, you should take it as a religion" said Dr. S.N. Chibber Secretary of the Delhi Association of Maths Teachers at a seminar organised by our school on 21 November. The seminar was attended by Maths teachers from nearly 20 schools. The day began with a welcome address by Ms. Monica Jain, followed by Dr. S.N. Chibber's instructions and suggestions for framing questions for Class X students. The teachers present, were given a clear picture of every aspect of the new pattern introduced by CBSE in framing the question papers for X board examinations to be held in 2002. Ms. A. Aggarwal, the Principal, said that she sincerely hoped that her students would benefit by the training the teachers have received in the course of the seminar.



Dr. S.N. Chibber giving instructions to the Maths teachers on how to frame questions.

Dr. Chibber also emphasized on correlating mathematical problems with day to day life. He said that it should help in developing an attitude towards life — being systematic, disciplined, organised etc. The post lunch session was for the teachers of Class XII. During this session the entire syllabus for the academic year 2001-2002 was discussed along with the blueprint and marking scheme by Dr. J.C. Nijhawan, Distt Secretary of Delhi Association of Mathematics Teachers. The seminar came to an end with a vote of thanks proposed by Ms. Poonam Sethi.



## EYE CATCHERS

### SOCIAL SERVICE BY INTERACTORS



The interactors of SMS, Meera Bagh.

The interactors of our school along with the President of the Rotary Club of Delhi Janak Rtn. Mattoo with other senior members of the club and the Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal and Vice Principal Ms.V. Wahi, visited two government schools in Ranhola and Nangloi, on 28 September 2001. The interactors distributed cloth for uniforms to the students belonging to the underprivileged section of the society.

It was a unique experience for the young interactors who empathized with their fellow students of these schools. In the words of the interactors, "It is sad to see the pathetic condition of these schools. We will definitely try to do all that we can to help these children."

The interactors of St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Meera Bagh are all set to take up many worth while projects in the year 2001-2002.

### A SPECIAL 'CHILDREN'S DAY' AT ST. MARKS

The 13 of November at St. Marks School, Meera Bagh was a day of unusual gaiety and fun. The teachers had a cultural bonanza which came as a wonderful surprise for the children. The students enjoyed the variety entertainment presented by the teachers to mark the Children's Day celebrations. The ballet in English; 'The Little Mermaid' and the ballet in Hindi, 'Lakh Roop Tere' enthralled the students. They were thrilled to watch their teachers singing and dancing to a delightful parody of Hindi songs as well as acting in a hilarious skit. The grand finale was a song rendered by all teachers, carrying a message of love and happiness for the children. The appreciative audience had the honourable presence of Chairman Mr. T.P. Aggarwal, the Principal, Ms. Aggarwal, the Vice Principal, Ms. Wahi and the Headmistress, Ms. Sethi. It was indeed a treat to the eye, to watch the delighted faces of the children



A message of Love from the teachers to the students.

as they applauded their teacher's presentations!



'Lakh Roop Tere' a ballet performed by the teachers.



The fairy tale 'The Little Mermaid' enacted by the teachers.



## PHOTO FEATURE



Nehru House presented a Rajasthani Folk Dance in the Inter-house Folk Dance Competition (STD IV).



Participants of Nehru House performing a Goan dance (STD. II).



Patel House bagged the 1<sup>st</sup> Prize with their Gujarathi Dance (STD II)



Participants of Patel House presented the Kummi Dance of Tamil Nadu (STD IV).



Gandhi House performing bhangra (STD IV).



Participants of Gandhi House Performing Garba in the inter-house Fok Dance Competition (class VIII and IX).



## PHOTO FEATURE



Patel house bagged the first prize in the inter-house folk dance competition (Class VIII & IX).



Winners of the inter class singing competition. Class 1 (L to R) : Ayush, Kashish Grover, Shubhanker Jain, Samarpeet Kalra and Kartik Chopra.



Winners of the inter class singing competition. Class II (L to R) : Disha Sethi, Aastha Singhal, Shiv, Dhruv Jolly, Arnav Rajdan.



Winners of the inter class singing competition. Class III (L to R) Vasu Bhardwaj, Nishant Nair, Abhishek Sharma, Swati Narang, Sahil Khurana.



Winners of the inter class singing competition. Class IV (L to R) : Ritika Monga, Jagchanan Singh, Sreejoni Nag, Surbhi Batra, Avi Dhingra.



Winners of the inter class singing competition Class V (L to R) : Aman Suneja, Akshay Kumar, Heena Tandon, Shivam Saggarr, Akaksha.