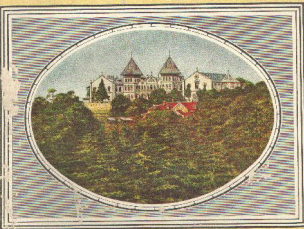




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ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE NAINITAL

Conducted by The Christian Brothers.

## *Editorial*

We apologise to all for this late edition of the Review. Reasons for this long delay are manifold and our kind readers will have to be satisfied with this excuse.

Prologues, Editorials and introductions do mostly take the shape of a vindication; our modest little booklet is only intended to enter the households of friends and, such as it is, we send it to kindly people. It is easy to conceal vanity under the cloak of self-depreciation, as it is to show naked rudeness in exaggerating our own merits.

We have aimed at telling our little tale with truth and simplicity, and our efforts have no higher ambitions than entertaining the many friends of St. Joseph's College with the record of nine months in its long history of 99 years.

## ***The Jubilarian's address and reply at the end of the Concert***

Your Grace : Archbishop Cecil de Sa, My Lord Bishop Alan de Lastic, Rev. Fathers, Rev. Br. Provincial and Brothers, Rev. Mothers and Sisters, Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls :

I extend to all of you a most hearty welcome to this evening's function, and I need not tell you how much I appreciate your presence here.

But especially I feel highly and tremendously honoured to have here with us at today's Jubilee Celebrations, not only my esteemed ex-pupil Bishop Alan, but also Archbishop Cecil. I am most grateful to both of you for giving us so much of your valuable time and for the nice sentiments expressed by both of you at this morning's Mass.

Sixty years in the religious life is a long span, yet these years have meant so much for me, as they have for so many other Jubilarians, and seem to have come and gone so silently. I look back on them and find that I have lived through one of the most exciting and interesting periods in the life of any man. Those sixty years have brought with them profound changes, the impact of which has been felt in so many different ways : in nations, in institutions, in individuals, in ways of thinking, and above all in the extraordinary patterns of behaviour that we find in many of the young people of today. Society has changed and with that changing society we are asked to adapt our institutions to the needs of the present day; even in our methods of teaching and what we teach, e.g. the new and computerized Maths.

I came to India in 1928; I would call it a transitional period. The old British Raj was here, strong and flourishing. We had excellent schools, excellent sets of boys who were keen at study and games. I thoroughly enjoyed teaching, and during the long winter holidays used to enjoy the long hikes and a good bit of shikar thrown in. At that time the terrain abounded in wild life. They are for me now memories, but very pleasant ones. It was a period in my life when everything seemed secure; religious life was strict but it had its compensations, and the vigour of youth can take much and find reward in the little things of life.

## SPECIAL MENTION

In 1947 our schools faced a big problem as many of the parents with their children left India, leaving a certain vacuum which had to be filled. We began by admitting a greater percentage of Indian students (formerly the rule governing admittance was limited by the code to 15%). We never looked back and our schools flourished. Today our schools are flourishing; the high standards are maintained; and the old traditions are still there.

These sixty years in the Bros (20 of which I have spent here in Sem) have been great years for me. I have had my ups and downs, my good days and bad days, but they were days spent in the company of very great men, whose sterling characters and generous natures could always be relied on. I am referring to Bros. Connolly, Cuihane, Dehoney, Mockler & Lonergan, whose photos are there on the walls of this auditorium.

Today it is my pleasant obligation to pay tribute to them and to thank those great men, all of whom are gone to their reward, for their inspiring example, their sense of dedication to duty, for their charity which went beyond empty words, and finally for their tremendous sense of Irish humour which made the burden often light.

I thank the Priests & Bros, Rev. Mothers & Sisters assembled here tonight for your prayers and good wishes.

I thank our Br. Provincial, Br. Steilmayer, for gracing this occasion and for the lovely encouraging sentiments he has expressed.

A very special word of thanks to Br. O'Donohue and the choir for the beautiful music and singing we had at this morning's Eucharist, also for his kindness, generosity and encouragement, and for the lovely and encouraging sentiments he has expressed — I never thought I was such a great fellow.

I thank the Teachers and Boys who have entertained us here this evening, and all for the lovely and useful presents given me.

Finally I thank God for his sustaining help down through the years.

May God continue to bless and protect all of you.

"Good Night"



## SPECIAL MENTION

# BROTHER LOBO

Brother Lobo arrived in Naini Tal from Shillong on the 27th of May, and from the 2nd of June to the 27th of July he took over the duties of our Principal, Rev. Brother M.D. O'Donohue, who was indisposed and had to go for treatment to the Holy Family Hospital in Delhi.

We missed Brother O'Donohue and prayed fervently for his speedy recovery. However, we were fortunate and grateful that in Brother Lobo we had an able organizer, who supervised the various activities held to celebrate the International Year of the Youth.

On the 20th of July the gym wore a festive look with coloured sheets and posters embellishing the walls and streamers and balloons adding to the gaiety of the place. Various Inter-Class and individual competitions were held. Class X B was lucky and was rewarded with a special screening of a video film, the next afternoon. Brother Lobo also took a keen interest in the skating competitions, held during the holidays. We were eager and thrilled to win because prizes came in the form of delicious edible items.

New volley-ball courts were coming up and a new set of horizontal bars were being added to the gym and Brother Lobo graciously supervised the work. Our first term exams were conducted in the usual disciplined manner and we did credit to the principles instilled in us by our Principal and were grateful to Brother Lobo for looking after us in his absence.

We were happy when Brother O'Donohue returned, having recovered completely. Brother Lobo then left for Shillong and we bade him adieu, thankful for his care of us and the great interest he had taken in the School activities.

P. Oberoi & S. Kejriwal  
IO B

# HIGHLIGHTS 1985

## Diary 1985

### March

- 1st : I.C.S.E. Examinations begin.
- 11th : Classes one to nine begin for boarders and day-scholars.
- 17th : St. Patrick's Day : Holiday.  
Movie : A Bridge too far.  
I.C.S.E. boys return at 5 p.m. and receive a warm welcome.
- 18th : Voting for Captains held in the evening.  
Classes commence for boys of class 10 (1985 batch)
- 19th : St. Joseph's day — a holiday. Results of elections for Captains and Vice Captains :
- College Captains : Shere Hasan Harris  
His Vice Captain : Ashok Akash Sahhon  
Yellow House Captain : Sandeep Bansal  
Yellow House Vice Captain : Devinder Singh Patni  
Red House Captain : Sanjay Kejriwal  
Red House Vice Captain : R. Mehrotra  
Blue House Captain : Atul Nalyyer  
Blue House Vice Captain : S. Sachdeva.
- 23rd : Captains give a party to Staff.  
An exciting movie full of suspense screened : "The Sting"

### April

- 2nd : Easter Holidays begin.
- 6th : There was an Easter Vigil Mass held at 8 p.m. in our Chapel.  
After the Mass tea, coffee and biscuits were served to the boys and staff.
- 8th : His Excellency, the Ambassador of Ireland called to see St. Joseph's on his way back from Ranikhet. He was deeply impressed by all that he saw.

## HIGHLIGHTS 1965

- 14th : "Raiders of the Lost Ark", an exciting movie was shown this evening.  
15th : Sports Practice began today.  
23rd : Mother Pia seriously ill.  
25th : Mother Pia died from cancer at 4.15 p.m.  
26th : Mass celebrated for the soul of Mother Pia. The Christian boys went for the Mass and burial.  
29th : Class ten went for a picnic to Jeelkote with Mr. Menezes and Mrs. Simpson.

### May

- 5th : "City Lights" a hilarious comedy starring Charlie Chaplin was screened today.  
19th : Br. Murphy's Diamond Jubilee. Mass in the morning celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Allen O'Leary (A past pupil of Br. Murphy's) and his Grace, Archbishop Cecil O'Sa. The choir sang beautifully. The choir was taught by Br. O'Donohue. That evening a concert was given by the boys, in honour of Br. Murphy.  
22th : 58th Annual Athletics held. His Lordship Bishop Allen O'Leary was the Chief Guest.

### June

- 3rd : Br. Lobo arrives to take over the management of the College during Br. O'Donohue's illness.  
5th : Football season commences.  
21st : First Terminal Exams begin.

### July

- 3rd : Br. O'Donohue arrived after his illness.  
4th : Football Matches : Staff versus Boys. Staff won 2-1. Consternation !  
20th : International year of the Youth Festival.  
Bro. Lobo arranged an inter-class competition which also served as a variety entertainment for the boys. There were Quiz competitions, What's the Good Word, Extempore Speaking and Blue Print Competitions. Blue Print involved all the boys in the audience who were asked to suggest ways in which Youth could prove useful. The teachers were given a day off. The total results declared : 10 B First in the Senior School and 7 A First in the Middle School. They were given a half holiday next day plus a video show.  
25th : Br. O'Donohue takes charge again. Br. Lobo left for Solang.  
30th : Swimming season begins.

## August

- 1st : Sem played Polytechnic in their first match of the Landoi Tournament. Score 2-0 in favour of Sem. Goal getters : R. Dogra and S. Kala.
- 8th : Sem played Sherwood Rangers 'B' Team. Sem won. Score 5-0.  
Sem Juveniles 'B' team played Girls Vidya Mandir 'A'. Sem lost 2-0 (Quarter Finals)
- 10th : Mrs Masood, Mrs Singh and ten boys met with an accident today as the jeep they were travelling in went down 15 feet over the khud. The boys were unhurt. Mrs Singh escaped with a few head injuries which were stitched. Mrs Masood was not so fortunate. She suffered several injuries on her skull but no brain damage, a few fractures on her arm and a few cracked ribs. Many prayers are being said for her recovery but also in thanksgiving to Almighty GOD that the results of the accident were so slight.  
Sem 'A' team drew with B.V.M. 'B' team 1-1.
- 12th : Sem 'A' Juveniles played C.R.S.T. 'A'. Sem won by a solitary goal scored by Negi, the captain.
- 15th : Flag was hoisted at 8 a.m. Speeches were given by Br. O'Donohue and the College Captain. The National Anthem was sung by boys and Staff.  
H.M. Pande Memorial Cup Finals commenced at 5 p.m. Sem lined up against G.I.C. Sem won 3-0. The boys shouted all the way home after their victory. The girls in Sonn were alarmed !
- 16th : Landoi Match : Sem versus K.Y.C. 'A' team. Sem lost 1-2.
- 19th : Colts' Tournament commenced. Sem 'B' vs. B.V.M. 'A'. Score 1-1.
- 22nd : Colts' 'A' team versus M.J.H.S. Sem had an easy victory.  
A rogue monkey entered the Senior dormitory at 9.30 p.m. Caused a mild uproar.
- 24th : Colts' Match Vs. S.A.B. Sem won by a great number of goals.  
Class Ten Social with Sonn a great success !
- 26th : Colts' Matches in town : 1st Match : S.J.C. 'B' Vs G.I.C. 'A'. G.I.C. won 2-0.  
2nd Match : S.J.C. 'A' vs G.I.C. 'B'. Sem won.
- 28th : Holidays till 2nd Sept.  
Colts' Match against B.S.S.V. Sem won 7-0.
- 30th : Raksha Bandhan. Boys tied Rakhees on the hands of their sisters in St. Mary's.

## HIGHLIGHTS 1985

### September

- 4th : Sem 'A' Vs G.L.C. 'A', Semi final. Sem won by 3 goals.
- 5th : Colts' Finals; Sem 'A' Vs. C.R.S.T. 'A'. Sem won 4 love.
- 6th : Holiday for Teachers Day. Table Tennis Finals :  
Winning House : Pant House; 2nd Gandhi House; 3rd Nehru House;  
4th Tagore House. College Colours : S.S. Bisht
- 8th : Concert for Teachers' Day held today. Best Drama Shield awarded to Class 9 B for their play "The Death Trap"; Best Actor 1985, Sudhir Nunes; 2nd Best Drama, 8 A: "The Book that saved the earth"; 3rd Best Drama, Class 7 B: "Abraham Lincoln".
- 11th : Swimming Meet Opening Ceremony. Final events held.
- 12th : Convent Fete where the boys spent generously.
- 13th : Water Polo Finals held today. White Team vs Blue Team. White team won.
- 14th : First Debate held today : 9 A vs 8 A. Topic : "Credit Cards are a positive asset". Won by 9 A.
- 16th : Extempore Speaking : Two best selected were : P. Priyaranjan and A. Bhargava.
- 18th : 23rd Annual Aquatic Meet : A Division 4 x 25m Relay : Tagore. 4 x 25m Medley Relay : Tagore House.  
Best Man : S. Nunes and H. Rasheed.  
'B' Division : 4 x 25 Relay : Nehru House. Best Man : M. Wadia.  
'C' Division : 4 x 25 Relay : Gandhi House. Best Man : P. Halung.  
Water Polo Exhibition Match : S. Nunes' Team.  
Musical Chairs : J. Prasad; A. Sachdeva.  
Burst the balloon : R.L. Tewari.  
College Colours 1985 : S. Nunes and H. Rasheed.  
Winning House 1985 : Tagore House.
- 19th : Badminton Finals :  
Pant House. First: Nehru, 2nd: Gandhi, 3rd: Tagore, 4th.  
Best Man 'C' Division : A. Kabadwal; Best Man 'B' Division : H. Sah; Best Man 'A' Division : M. Siddiqui.  
College Colours 1985 : M. Siddiqui. Winning House : Pant.
- 22nd : 2nd Term Exams commence.

28th : Holiday for Muharram.

28th : 2nd Term Exams finish. Boys went to All Saints' College for the Girls' Inter-school Debate Competition.

Topic : "Can the youth of today remove the prevailing social evils" ? Won by St. Mary's Convent.

## October

2nd : Gandhi Jayanti.

9th : Holiday in honour of Principal's Day. Concert that evening.

12th : Annual Fete which was a great success.

15th : Inter-House Football Tournaments commence.

18th : Dussehra Holidays begin. Boys of Class Ten went to Jodhkote.

26th : Meeting of Principals of Catholic Schools. Our Principal attended.

## November

6th : Boxing Finals. Colours to Maruti Nandan Sah.

14th : End of Diwali Vacation. Last Lap begins.

17th : Lawn Tennis Finals.

23rd : Prize Distribution.

28th : Final Exams begin.

30th : School finishes at 1200 hours. Home sweet Home!

## **I.C.S.E. Results 1984**

**72 Presented—72 Passed**

**Congratulations to All Concerned.**

CAPTAINS

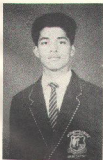


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(College Captain)



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**Extempore Finalists**  
K. Gha, P. Oberoi,  
R. Mirchandani, A. Kapoor



**Best**  
at Acting—S. Nanda  
at Debating—K. Gha  
at Declaration—P. Oberoi



**Inter Class Debate**  
Winners 10 B Runners-up 9 B



College Eleven

## FOOTBALL

Colts



FOOTBALL

Our Juveniles Team in the Finals of the  
Independence Day Tournament.



College Basketball Team



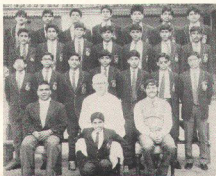
College Cricket Eleven



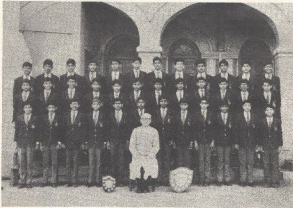


Badminton Winners.

Rowing Club



Inter Class Dramatics & Elocution Winners  
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**ART & CRAFT**

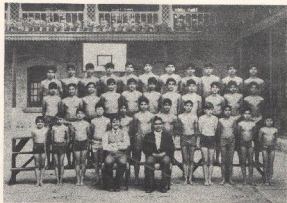
**Inter Class Winners and Sharda Singh Art Competition Awardees**



**AQUATICS**

**Proficiency Certificate Awardees**

**Coaches: Mr. M.D. Palmer & Mr. G.F. Goran**



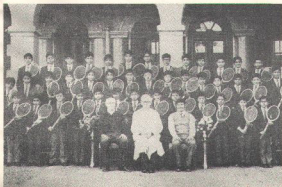


Seniors

# LAWN TENNIS CLUBS

Coaches: Bro. E. B. Lyng & Mr. M. D. Palmer

Juniors



# **SPECIAL MENTION**

## DEDICATION

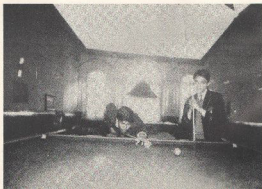
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Rev. Bro. P. S. Murphy



First Table

## BILLIARDS

Second Table



## **EXTRA CURRICULAR**

### ***Basketball 1985***

Hemmed in by buildings on all sides, the basketball court is normally one of the most crowded and frequented areas with boys playing diverse games, walking casually or lining up for meals. However, when a basketball match is in progress the quadrangle acquires a sedate, disciplined look as basketball players are seen handling the ball adroitly, throwing or intercepting it—each one intent on reaching it to his respective basket, in front of a cheering crowd, egging their favourites to net the maximum points. Our Coach, Mr. M.D. Palmer's whistle can be heard intermittently, commenting on the game with its shrill note.

This year the preliminary rounds of the competitive matches were completed by September, and the finals of the Inter-House and Inter-Class Basketball Tournament took place in October. In the former, sharp shooting Pant House gave the plucky Gandhi House an overwhelming drubbing. In the Inter-Class match, Class VIII went on a scoring spree and defeated class X. It was an exhilarating match as all matches are when both the teams are equally good. At mid-term the College Basketball Team had played with Mahareja Club in the only match with an outside group this year. Our players went down, fighting gallantly to the end.

Basketball is a popular game and played throughout the year. We enjoy it tremendously, both as players and spectators, because it lacks the taut competitive tension of other games and simultaneously inculcates in us the virtues of a true sportsman.

Ram Lal Tewari  
Class 8-B

## ***Lawn Tennis 1985***

The rain clouds had depleted their stock, and the sun smiled brightly inviting one and all to step out of dank interiors and savour the warmth of a sunny day—promising more of the same. It was a Sunday! The boys grabbed their racquets and made a bee-line for the courts. The tennis season had begun!

The four tennis courts were soon bustling with activity as boys challenged each other to prove their prowess, grown slightly rusty over the three months when they had concentrated on other games. It was just a matter of time and soon the tennis players were back in form.

Naturally tournaments came in the wake of the tennis season. House charts were put up with the names of the players in each division. Tennis practice sessions ensued and once the preliminary matches were completed, dates were fixed for the semi-finals and then the finals, to which everyone looks forward.

Soon it was November and there was a slight nip in the air—the weather was ideal for the finals of the Tennis Tournament. The nervous contestants were busy warming up for matches, receiving all possible encouragement from their friends on the sidelines. The Tournament began with the 'D' Division Doubles in which Devendra Singh and Rahul Anja (Nehru House) overwhelmed Ryan Lewis and Syed Nowman Ali (Tagore House) 6-0, 6-3. In the Singles of the same division Devendra Singh made short work of Zulfikar Khan, winning 6-3, 6-4.

In the 'C' Division Doubles Bobby Dewan and Sohane Nyes were pitted against Mohammed Zeeshan. In a tough battle Pant House defeated Tagore House with a 6-3, 6-4 victory.

Next in the agenda was the 'C' Division Singles and the two contestants were Bobby Dewan and Sanjay Sahel. What makes a contest between them more interesting is that they are the best of friends and have been old tennis rivals since 1983. These two champions made their debut in tennis 2 years ago and Sanjay proved himself superior by defeating Bobby in the finals. But Bobby did not take his defeat lightly and turned the tables on Sanjay in '84. Now in '85 the two crossed swords again and Sanjay forged ahead by winning the first set with 4-6; however, Bobby avenged his defeat by ousting his rival next set 6-4. The third and final set seemed to be heading for a draw.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR

when suddenly Sanjay shot into the lead. Now only time will reveal result of the 'Clash of the Titans' in '85. The results of the other House matches were as follows :—

### 'B' Division Doubles

Alok Arora and Manvinder Singh (Gandhi House) defeated Vishal Vinayak and Saurobh Mehrotra (Pant House) 6-4, 6-3.

### 'B' Division Singles

Vishal Vinayak (Pant House) defeated Piyush Gupta (Nehru House), 6-4, 9-8.

### 'A' Division Doubles

Afaq Nadri and Pravin Singh (Gandhi House) defeated Sandeep Bansal and Abhay Singh (Nehru House) 6-0, 6-2.

### 'A' Division Singles

Afaq Nadri (Gandhi House) defeated Gaureav Sharma (Pant House) 6-2, 6-3.

### Open Doubles

Afaq Nadri and Pravin Singh (Gandhi House) defeated Sandeep Bansal and Abhay Singh (Nehru House) 6-2, 6-4.

The best or rather the most interesting part was yet to come—Open Singles in which Vishal Vinayak and Afaq Nadri played for the College Colours. Though Vishal showed a readiness to avail of every opportunity to get the better of his opponents, the latter with his determination and splendid array of shots outwitted his opponent 6-1, 6-3. Afaq had also won the College Colours in '84. Should he win it for the third year in succession, he will be the recipient of a special award.

Pant House won the award for fielding the Maximum victors.

Thus an engrossing session of Tournaments came to an end, but only temporarily, for '85 will come with new excitement, players and matches.

Thanks to Br. Lyng and Mr. Palmer for the coaching they gave and for all arrangements made by them.

Kim Ojha  
Class 10 B



## ***Football 1985***

Football ranks high in popularity at Sam. The verve, swagger and speed with which it is played and the enthusiasm it generates places it on top in the priority list, of both the players and the spectators. It is one of the games in which we pit our skill against outside teams, besides playing our Home League matches, and therefore, understandably, it requires a high level of ability and training. Thanks to the dedication of the players and, last but not least, the enthusiasm of our boys, we won the laurels in two of three tournaments this year.

### **Inter-House Matches**

In the League Matches Nehru House romped home on the first, fourth and fifth fields by giving a scintillating performance with their speed and superior ball skills. In the other two fields Pant and Tagore Houses triumphed, while Gandhi House bowed out winless. Well, better luck to them next time !

### **Inter-Class Matches**

Football is played in the rainy season and the vagaries of weather during that time seem to match the element of unpredictability inherent in all games and matches. For the first time in several years, 8, the juniormost class in the senior section, bagged the trophy by virtue of their tremendous speed, shooting ability and sharp goal keeping. They confronted 10 A in the finals and earned a 2—0 win over their seniors.

In the middle section 7 B scored a win by beating 7 A. In a thrilling encounter the solitary winning goal came at the tail-end of an exciting match.

In the junior section, the much fancied class 4 dominated the field. We were proud to watch the budding footballers of Sam giving the kickoff to their future soccer career, through their remarkable dexterity in the game.

### **The Juveniles**

The Juveniles commenced in an adventurous mood and with our 'B' team gaining a one goal edge over B.S.S., we were launched into the next round of this reputed tournament. In this, however, we lost to Birla Vidya Mandir's 'A' team, which gave a good account of itself.

Our 'A' team was more successful and the intrepid players clinched their place in the finals. In their march to glory their decisive victories

were over B.V.M. 'B', in a re-match and C.R.S.T. Inter College, Naini Tal. The latter put up a stiff resistance and it was our Captain, A. Negi, who with a powerful shot sent the ball into the net and steered the jubilant team to the last round of the game in which we had a formidable rival in Government Inter College, Naini Tal. Our 3-0 triumph over the latter was a hard won victory and we had the additional satisfaction of having defeated a good team.

### Colts

The Colts were being conducted simultaneously and though our 'B' team went down fighting in this tournament, the 'A' team salvaged our prestige by amassing 64 goals in 7 matches. The team's 13, 17, 20, 7, 3 and 4 goal victories were highly applauded and the packed flats bore testimony to the avidity with which the tournaments were being followed by the townsfolk. Sanjeev Kumar was the highest scorer and as the captain—having replaced D. Dalakoti—he led his team to a 4-0 victory over C.R.S.T. College. We must not forget to mention Richard Fernandez, who could not participate because of an injury and who would have been an asset to his side. The 'A' team brought home the coveted trophy; Sanjeev Kumar was adjudged the best player and Peter Hsing also received an award with the commendable appellation of the 'Most Disciplined Player of the Tournament'.

### Landau

We did well and stood second only to K.Y.C. 'A' having been defeated by a narrow margin of 2-1. With this the local tournaments came to an end.

We were proud, without being too complacent, at having got through with flying colours in these tournaments. It is only by competing with others that one's true standing and position can be gauged and therefore we were glad we participated. Not one for resting on our laurels, we are determined that next year we will better our performance at all levels of the game. Furthermore we are looking forward to learning some fine techniques by watching the champion footballers in 1986 Mexico Gold Cup Football Tournament. Who knows to what heights one can rise—after all the sky is the limit!

Ram Lal Tewari  
Class 8 B

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R. Mehrotra & A. Khan

Class 10 B

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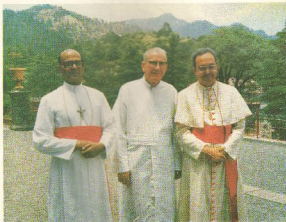
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## SPECIAL MENTION



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At the conclusion of the above, a brief interval followed and then an exhibition match took place between two well-known players of the District. We were proud to learn that one of the contestants was an ex-Semite. They displayed some brilliant strokes and both were very much in control of the sets and therein the gruelling match, the eventual scores showed a draw, for both were evenly matched.

Subsequently, the table was taken over by A. Shahi and S.S. Bisht contesting for the College Colours. The defending champion, Shahi, was in good form and in the opening game he started on a winning note and no upset was in sight; however, a very cautious Bisht reversed the anticipated result. Undoubtedly it was a well contested match, with each one trying to discover a chink in his rival's armour. With his hard hit smashes and tenacity of purpose Bisht downed Shahi and emerged the victor.

At the end of the programme the audience applauded the commendable efforts of both the winners and the vanquished. The Chief Guest gave away the coveted prizes. Pant House maintained its supremacy and was awarded the winner's trophy.

As we trooped out of the gymnasium there was much back-slapping, but the atmosphere of genial bonhomie did not detract from the impression that the Chief Guest's speech had made on us, by urging us to make our College motto an integral part of our lives: *Certe Bonum Certamen*—fight the good fight—this, we vowed, would be the guiding force in whatever we undertook.

Leon Higginson  
Class 8 A



## ***Badminton 1985***

Badminton, which requires utmost concentration and agility, is patronized by many boys in Sem. It is not an uncommon sight to see boys in twos and fours harrying the shuttlecock with their rackets either over or into the net and the dull, tuneless twang of the game is audible both indoors and outdoors. The monsoons are especially conducive to the playing of this game because downpours frequently enforce suspension of outdoor games. In recent years boarders and dayscholars have evinced great interest in badminton and this accounts for the improved standard of the game this year.

The Inter-House Tournaments commenced in August. Very smoothly and systematically the preliminary matches were followed by the finals of all divisions. Early in the month, in the 'D' Division finals Devendra Singh (Nehru House) wrapped up the match in a short time by defeating Anurag Negi (Pant House). Some other Division matches were also held around this time.

On the 19th of August the finals of the main matches were held and Capt. L. M. Sah, General Secretary of the Juveniles, was the honoured Chief Guest. The first game was the 'A' Division Doubles in which S. Bansal and R. Chaturvedi established their supremacy with consummate ease. The most entertaining match was a neck and neck contest between C.M. Negi (Pant House) and H. Sah (Nehru House).

M. S. Siddiqui (Pant House) and R. Chaturvedi (Nehru House) vied for the College Colours in the most esteemed match of the evening. We were fortunate to witness some very fine footwork, wristy flicks and terrific smashes. The spectators were on tenterhooks as to the outcome of the match, which was in favour of Siddiqui.

This pleasant excitement-packed evening came to an end with Mrs. Sah graciously distributing the prizes to the victors.

B.C. Seth & T.D. Gupta  
Class 10 B

## **Billiards 1985**

This year the World Amateur Billiards Tournament was held at Delhi and the emergence of Geet Sethi as the youngest champion in the history of the game gave an impetus to Billiards in Sam with every player aspiring to acquire the illustrious status of the young Indian, by initially attaining some level of excellence at the School level. We are thankful to our School authorities for providing us with the opportunities which can help to make our dreams come true.

In 1985 there was an unprecedented rise in the number of boys who opted for Billiards. In March, of the 110 enrolled boys, the novices were allotted a 6-foot table. The two standard sized tables were reserved for the more experienced players and soon the cues and ivory balls were out and practices were in full swing, with Brother Comber coaching the boys for the tournaments to be held in mid-October.

The various pools were drawn and the tournaments began. At the second table the unexpected victory of R. Fernandez and S. Rajamani, and the consequent elimination of K. White and S. Srivastava, two competent players, caused a major upset. In fact Rajamani went on a winning spree, but in the finals of the Singles at the second table, he was defeated by a large margin at the hands of N. Kapil.

At the third table there was a fierce competition between Joseph Hauling and Sanjeev Kumar in which the former proved himself superior. M. Wadia and P. Jain qualified for the finals of the Singles at the first table. There was much speculation as to the outcome of this contest. Fortune favoured Wadia and he reached the 200 mark before Jain and thereby won the College Colours.

The results of the Doubles Tournament are given below :—

### **First Table**

Winners	—	S. Kariwal and S. Bansal
Runners-up	—	P. Jain and C. D'Souza

### **Second Table**

Winners	—	K. White and V. Deo
Runners-up	—	V. Maheshwari and Partner,

**Third Table**

Winners	—	Sanjeev Kumar and G. Goel (Sr)
Runners-up	—	S. Sharma and N. Jolly

We in Sam are enthusiastic about anything we undertake. Billiards of late has caught our fancy and you never know how many Geet Sethis we have in the making.

Our thanks are due to Br. Comber for his excellent coaching and supervision.

Peayush Gupta  
Class 9 B

## ***The 98th Annual Athletic Meet***

The Annual Sports Day is generally the most spectacular event in any academic session. It precedes the summer vacation and is graced by the presence of parents, from far and near, neighbouring schools and other invited guests. The Sam boys, as usual, put their best foot forward to enhance the reputation of their beloved institution. This year the Athletic Meet bore a special significance, because it was dedicated to our revered Brother P.S. Murphy, who celebrated his Diamond Jubilee in 1985.

As the D-Day approached, the tempo of preparations was accelerated. Athletes put in rigorous practice, each one trying to score the maximum points for his House in the Events, which were to be decided before the 25th of May. The various P.T. displays and gymnastics were perfected, under the competent supervision of Messrs Gomes and Palmer and soon, even to the most discerning eye, they had acquired a clock-work precision.

A bright, clear day ushered in the 25th and we heaved a sigh of relief because inclement weather can lay waste the most diligent efforts. We spent the morning arranging chairs and erecting tents for the guests and then after a last look at the carefully marked field and seating

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arrangement, we trooped in to dress even as parents and friends began to arrive and take their places around the field, in the space provided.

"We swear that we will take part in the Athletic Meet in the correct spirit of sportsmanship and try our best to glorify our Houses and abide by the rules of the Tournament", — this solemn oath, taken by the Sen athletes, marked the inauguration of the athletic session of the year '85. The opening ceremony was presided over by Mr. K.C. Lamba, Additional Session Judge, Naini Tal District.

At 2 p.m. sharp the Sen athletes marched out in House groups, matching their steps to a lively rhythm played by the P.A.C. Brass Band. The Chief Guest, His Lordship, the Rt. Rev. Alan De Lastic, Bishop of Lucknow, took the salute. The Blue House marching was impeccable and it was the recipient of the Marching Shield.

After this there was never a dull moment, and in the events, following the March Past, promising athletes proved their mettle. In between the various items, eminent citizens and dignitaries were requested to give away the prizes for those events of the A, B, C, D, Divisions, the results of which had already been decided. In the Invitation Relay 'Old' boys had once again to be contented with the second place, being unable to match the running prowess of their Juniors. The athletic events were rounded off with the Band Race and then there was a short interval for refreshments.

The daredevils, representing the College Gymnasts, put up a superb show characterized by speed, grace and accuracy. They jogged off the field to a thunderous applause. The P.T. displays were equally marvellous and highly appreciated by the spectators. In a grand finale the boys arranged themselves meticulously into an impressive pyramid, through which Brother Murphy was felicitated on the occasion of his Diamond Jubilee.

In the Final March Past the four houses marched out in order of Merit, with Blue House proudly leading the school. Having assembled for the prize distribution, the Principal, Brother M.D. O'Donohue, thanked the Bishop and guests for their presence and imparted the interesting

piece of information that his Lordship had had the privilege of being a pupil of Brother Murphy in whose honour the Athletic Meet had been organized.

The Bishop, in his address, paid a touching tribute to his mentor and requested him to give away the prizes. The singing of the national anthem marked the end of the day's programme and we stood at attention till our honoured guests left the sports arena.

And so the grand day drew to an end and many of us left for the summer vacations with our parents to enjoy a few days of respite from studies and R.T. practices.

R. Dogra 9 A

Sanjeev Kumar 8 A

## ***Aquatic Meet 1985***

18th September—a day made to order, with brilliant sunshine and a mere hint of a breeze. Untimely cyclonic rains had disrupted the swimming finals, scheduled to be held on the 15th of the month. The postponement had its disadvantage in that now the much awaited spectators from the two neighbouring girls' schools could not attend and it became a private affair but, nevertheless, an exciting one for all and sundry—even the hydrophobic.

'I now declare the 23rd Swimming Carnival Open', these words of our Principal, Rev. Bro. O'Donohue resounded in the swimming complex; there was the sharp crack of the starter's gun, sound of heat, almost synchronized splashes and the '85 Aquatic Meet was on its way. This year the events were completed in a comparatively shorter period because there were no second grades.

The main attractions of the morning were the two 'A' division relays and in both Tagore House walked off with the team honours. In the diving finals we were happy to note that the standard of performance was considerably higher than in the previous years. This year the customary class 10 Obstacle Race was cancelled in favour of Musical Chairs, with

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class B in joint participation. Jinesh Prasad (10) and Ajay Sachdev (10) emerged winners in this thrilling contest. Bursting Balloons, a new feature, was an instant hit—full kudos to the Coaches, Messrs Gomes and Palmer, the innovators!

Water-polo has always been a favourite in all Aquatic Meets. Unfortunately, this year most of the Houses did not have the requisite number of swimmers who could play the game, so the Coaches organized two teams with the participants selected from all the Houses. White and Blue caps differentiated the groups and the 'White Caps', under the captainship of Sudhir Nunes, trounced their rivals.

The outstanding swimmers in each division were as follows:—

'D'	Division	R. Lewis (Tagore House)
'C'	"	P. Hsuing (Gandhi House)
'B'	"	M. Wadia (Tagore House)
'A'	"	S. Nunes and H. Rasheed (Tagore House)

The College Colours were shared by S. Nunes and H. Rasheed, while Tagore House logged the highest points and was declared the winner.

It is to the credit of the Coaches and the swimmers, some veteran, some new, that each Aquatic Meet is exciting, even though some events might be repeated each successive year. The swimmers might change, but the keenness with which they participate, the dedication of the Coaches and the enjoyment of the spectators are unchanging characteristics of such meets.

Sudhir Nunes & Ravin Mirchandani

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## ***Debates and Extempore Speaking***

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The finals of the Debating and Extempore Speaking was held on the 17th of October, in the evening. We had a selected audience in the Sisters and the senior girls from St. Mary's Convent, our own staff members and ofcourse the College boys.

Prior to this, through various preliminary bouts and by a process of elimination, the final debating teams and extempore speakers were selected. A noteworthy feature of these preparatory contests was that they brought to the fore many a talented and competitive-minded speaker.

The Auditorium was alive with a subdued chatter, but as soon as the debaters' names were announced there was pin-drop silence—the hush of expectancy. Classes IX B and X B had qualified for the finals and so Parikshat Oberoi, Kim Ojha and Shankar Bhagel of X B and Sudhir Nunes, Christopher D' Souza and Ravin Mirchandani of IX B strode up smartly and took their seats on the brightly illuminated stage, along with the Chairperson, Brother J. P. Murray, who had earlier chosen the thought-provoking topic of the debate—'The Pen is Mightier Than the Sword'. Class IX B defended the motion admirably but X B walked off confidently with the victor's trophy by virtue of a more convincing delivery. Brother Murray aptly and succinctly summed up the discussion at the end by stating "It was a conflict between reason and commonsense".

Extempore speaking is always looked forward to. It is a more difficult mode of delivery because it requires not only eloquence but an ability to marshal one's thoughts swiftly and interpret them into appropriate words to produce a coherent speech on a given topic. Four seasoned speakers, namely, Kim Ojha (X B) Parikshat Oberoi (X B), Ravin Mirchandani (IX B) and Abhay Raj Kapoor (VIII B), were given five minutes to speak on diverse subjects and one had to marvel at their fluency—with an occasional groping for the right word—and resourcefulness. Kim gave a hilarious critic's version on 'Hindi Film Music', Parikshat waxed eloquent on 'Fast' and Ravin recited a romantic poem on 'Sunsets' to drive home his point, while Abhay wove an interesting tale around 'Letters'.

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During the time the judges put their heads together to calculate the individual points of the participants, the audience were invited to speak on one of the extempore topics. An intrepid class VIII A boy, Vinit Sahni, climbed onto the stage and gave an original talk on love-letters; the audience expressed their appreciation by giving him a big hand. In the final marks tally the two veterans, Kim and Parikshat ranked first and second respectively, while Ravin took the third place. In debates Kim, Parikshat and Sudhir were named the best speakers, in order of merit. With the announcement of the above results the evening's programme came to an end.

We are proud of our Institution for providing us with innumerable opportunities for an all-round development in all fields and we are specially grateful to Brother Murray for his invaluable encouragement and guidance which have helped elicit the best from participants in debates and extempore speaking.

S. Nunez (9 B)

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## ***Elocution and Declamation 1985***

One of the most keenly contested activities in Sem is the Inter-Class Individual and Group Elocution, which was scheduled for the 18th of October this year.

The day was preceded by a period of determined effort and regular sustained practices with each class and individual participant anxious to excel in one's performance before a College crowd, which could be appreciative or critical, as suited the performance.

The programme commenced on a promising note and it was a pleasure to mark the fund of talent and confidence in the speakers. Even speeches and poems, which in casual reading we would dismiss as prosaic developed into stunning pieces when delivered with clarity and correct intonations.

In the choral recitation class IX B, under the expert guidance of Brother P.B. Walsh, stood first in the senior section with 77.3% and their



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stirring rendition of Flan Isle was unanimously applauded. Class VIII B, with an impressive 76.6%, led the middle group. Trained by Brother M.D. O'Donohue they held the audience spellbound with their admirable recital of 'The Old Clock On The Wall'. In the junior group contest the following day, Mrs. Meneses' class V B said their piece with such clear enunciation and appropriate expressions that the judges awarded them the highest marks, namely 82.7%.

The individual events followed. Leon Higginson (VIII A) won the first place in the middle section with 85.3%. Sudhir Nunes (IX B) brought the house down with his inimitable interpretation of 'George Bernard Shaw in School'. I came onto the stage next, nervous yet eager to get over with, and recited, 'The Snake'. If one can gauge one's performance by the response of the audience, then I can state quite confidently that I had fared quite well.

The best was yet to come in the form of two impassioned speeches, selected from 'The Merchant Of Venice' and 'Julius Caesar' and delivered by Kim Ojha and Pankshat Oberoi, respectively. The two X B boys, each with a percentage of 89.3, shared the first position. Sudhir was declared the runner-up and I was compensated for not securing a place by being given the honour of writing for you.

In Rajeesh Shah (V A) we detected the potentialities of a talented speaker and it was not surprising that he stood first with Kshitij Sahni, 'The Little Acorn', close at his heels in the second place.

The announcement of the results brought the curtain down on this extra-curricular activity, and as we put it behind us it was with a complacency, which invariably follows a task well done.

Manvendra Singh  
9 B



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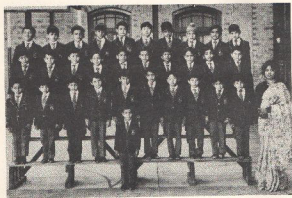
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Class Monitors with the Principal



Class 1



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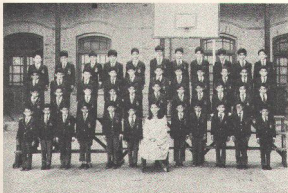
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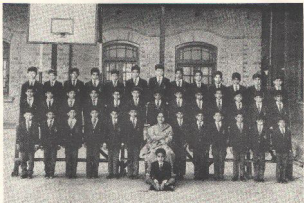
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*3rd Row:* V. Laxman, D. Bisht, T.V. Kuri, S. Thuman, A. Rautela, G. David, G. Khan, G. Shah, T. Bisht, D. Kandpal, G. Sah

*4th Row:* E. Chen, Y. Chaudhary, P. Tandon, R. Singh, M. Upadhyaya, S. Gill, N. Swaroop, P. Bisht, N. Dargopal, N. Pant, S. Kumar

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*Sitting :* Ramesh Mehrotra.

*Class Teacher :* Mrs. R. Sah.

## Class 3 B

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*1st Row:* A. Joshi, J. Rowal, S. Sah, D. Sah, H. Arora, A. Awasthi, G. Khelia, C.S. Raikwal, T.R. Sachdev, A. Joshi, A.P. Bernard, H. Sah, M. Choudhary, N. Imray.

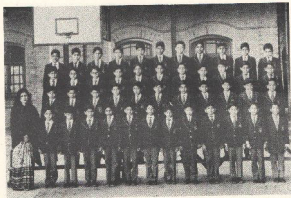
*2nd Row:* V. Marasi, A. Pande, B. Sweeney, S. Sah, H.C. Seth, A. Nayal, S. Virmani, A. Chandola, A. Sah, S. Kumar, A. Faribar, V. Pande, R. Bhatt.

*3rd Row:* V. Singh, G. Singh, A. Rana, P. Theodora, S. Handwani, T. Lai, J.S. Vink, B. Sah, M. Coulter, M. Garg, K. Apurva, N.K. Thakchom, V. Dhar.

*Class Teacher:* Mrs. J. Irwin.



Class 4 A



*Left to Right*

*1st Row:* A. Sah, I. D'Lima, A. Mehrotra, R. Pinto, M. Khali, Y. Tewari,  
G. Baskani, E. Chang, R. Khanna, S. Tandon, C. Bhowal, V. Bishi.

*2nd Row:* S. Upadhyay, R. Singh, S. Sah, V. Rawat, R. Agarwal, R. Thomas,  
A. Nanda, N. Shetty, S. Sah, S. Tandon, S. Gibbs.

*3rd Row:* H. Tewari, R. Ahuja, V. Dhillon, N. Pandey, V. Jaiswal, N. Nairwal,  
N. Anand, J.S. Bhat, M. Franco, M. Tewari, R. Dick.

*4th Row:* R. Sah, V. Kapoor, C. Sah, V. Sharda, P.N. Sah, Y. Mittal, L. Liang,  
R. Ebenezer, D. Ferro, P.S. Bhatt, S. Bhatt.

*Class Teacher:* Miss E. Rana.

## Class 4 B

*Left to Right*

*1st Row:* A. Jagati, S. Tewari, M. Tewari, S. Khan, A. Joshi, N. Bisht, D. D'Mello, A. Kumar, S. Gupta, R. Sah, B. Bhatt, V. Sonwal.

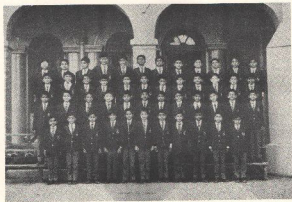
*2nd Row:* G. Singh, K. Sahni, S. Sah, P. Adhikari, A. Mittal, J. Kumar, P.C. Pant, V. Sodhi, L. Sah, S. Pangray, V. Sah.

*3rd Row:* C.S. Bisht, H. Joshi, G. Anandman, A. Bisht, S. Chaudhary, V. Sharma, H. Randhawa, M.B. Sah, H. Swati, A.P. Singh, V. Garasati.

*4th Row:* A. Joshi, A. Chaturvedi, S. Kumar, B. Sah, B. Ahmed, B. Khos, B. Nyio, N. Gautam, A. Benjwal, P. Pant, N. Pata.

*Class Teacher:* Mrs. S. Singh.

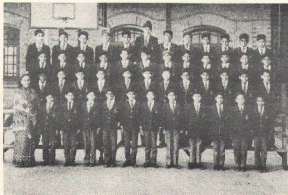
Class 5A



*Left to Right*

- 1st Row:* J. Joshi, S. Adhikari, A. Bhatt, A. Vishwa, V. Avasthi, L.M. Sah, V. Kohli,  
P. Joshi, K. Sah, M. Pande, G. Joshi.
- 2nd Row:* A. Chaudola, A. Kapil, R. Gibbs, R.D. Bezario, Sati Sah, R. Agarwal,  
P. Dogra, M. Campbell, N. Simpson, L. Sah, A. Gupta, R. Sah.
- 3rd Row:* J. Singh, R. Sultan, H. Gupta, V. Anand, R. Tandon, S. Luke, B.S. Dhami,  
S. Fernandez, S. Sah, M. Mamtaz, Jayant Singh.
- 4th Row:* A. Goyal, V. Bajpai, S.P. Upadhyaya, S.M. Ku, V.S. Virk, Z.A. Khan,  
P. Chaturvedi, Sanjay Sah, D. Lee, A. Chaturvedi, A. Mehrotra, L. Lobo.

## Class 5 B

*Left to Right*

*1st Row:* V. John, V. Verma, A. Sah, K. Navin, M. Oswin, D. Manickhi, A. Agarwal, T. Mehta, V. Jagati, V. Sah, N. Kumar.

*2nd Row:* D. Rawat, P. Rawat, M. Kalra, P. Sah, K. Misra, A. Chaudhri, S. Lee, K. Mehta, R. Darnad, P. Chandra, S. Pant, B. Mehta.

*3rd Row:* S. Gupta, H. Sah, A. Singh, N. Sinha, T. Acera, L.S. Anand, H. Gill, N. Bantel, G. Bhatt, R.S. Rao, M. Sah, S. Nangpal.

*4th Row:* S. Nayal, S. Joshi, I. Bhatt, S. Anand, H.P. Singh, D. Singh, M. Pande, A. Palmer, N. Baptista, A. Tewari, G. Prakash, S. Sah.

*Class Teacher:* Mrs. A. Menzies.



Young boys going to receive their first Holy Communion from  
His Excellency, Bishop Alan De Lastic

*Reginald Douglas all his great victories said :*

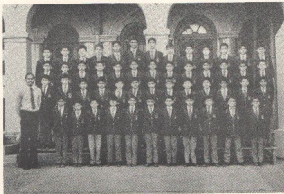
*"The only day in my life when I was supremely happy  
was the day of my First Holy Communion".*

#### A PROMISE AND A PRAYER

I promise Thee, sweet Lord, that I  
Will never cloud the light  
Which shines from Thee within my soul,  
And makes my reason bright.  
Nor ever will I lose the power  
To serve Thee by my will,  
Which Thou hast set within my heart,  
Thy precepts to fulfil.

Oh, let me drink as Adam drank  
Before from Thee he fell;  
Oh, let me drink as Thos, dear Lord,  
When faint by Sihar's well.  
That from my childhood, pure from sin  
Of drink and drunken strife,  
By the dear fountain I may rest  
Of everlasting life.

Class 6 A



*Left to Right*

*1st Row:* I. Banerjee, A. Dhillon, P. Majeta, U. Pandey, S. Solomon, T. Bhatt,  
Anil Tewari, M. Sethi, G. Mehrotra, S.S. Bhatt, V. Kapoor

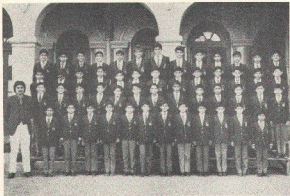
*2nd Row:* P. Pant, A. Gurbajal, A. Gangola, A. Gupta, Pu Tung, A. Tewari,  
R. Thakur, I. Singh, M. Mayasani, R. Arora, P. Marla, P. Pant, H. Bhaskara

*3rd Row:* M. Mishra, M.P. Sah, S. Bhatt, Anil Sah, V. Sah, S. Dandani, A. Sud,  
S. Lamba, M. Khanna, S. Sethi, A. Garg, A. Bharti, M. Khatwal

*4th Row:* Ajay Sah, J.S. Bhatt, R. Lee, R.S. Nain, G. Kapoor, S. Theo, S.R. Arora,  
S.A. Dhyas, A. Tewari, P. Lim, D. Bhat, A. Roy, C. Manoran

*Class Teacher:* Mr. G.R. Banerjee

## Class 6 B

*Left to Right*

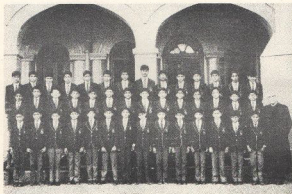
*1st Row :* A. Verma, R. Pant, M. Sharma, S. Joshi, A. Chivwal, M. Sawal, R. Sanguri, V. Mehrotra, T. Pathak, M. Gangola, R. Sah, A. Kumar.

*2nd Row :* A. Bhargava, E. David, J. Pant, V. Bishi, M. Pandey, S. Nazareth, R. Oberoi, A. Joshi, M. Joshi, A. Syed, G. Fennel, N. Bangola, A. Chingola.

*3rd Row :* A. Kumar, M. Ali, A. Sah, A. Pant, R. Lewis, S. Kumar, H.C. Liu, A.D. Mahal, V. Bhalla, V. Sad, S. Gupta, S. John, M. Sah.

*4th Row :* C. Harbola, R. Sharma, S.R. Kamal, A. Shroff, D. Carroll, G. Kohli, D. Bhan, S.N. Ah, A. Singh, H. Bhaskar, J. Singh, V. Barua, D. Bhan.

Class 7 A



*Left to Right*

*1st Row :* M. Thorpyal, A. Mural, A. Joshi, R. Ranshawa, C.V.S. Bhatt, A. Sehgal, H. Tewari, V. Bhalla, D. Agarwal, A. Chaudhary, R. Jagati, V. Kainth, A. Joshi, R. Jatal.

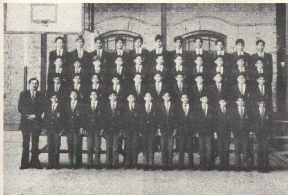
*2nd Row :* I. Ribeiro, M. Bishi, S. Bishi, S. Sath, M. Sazon, V. Pande, R. Loke, N. Chaudhary, M.H. Khan, A.P. Vash, S. Oliveira, S. Sah, A. Tewari, A. Lahoti.

*3rd Row :* K.C. Prakhya, V. Vishal, M. Klair, G. Sakhi, S. Shah, V. Kothli, M. Lal, A. Kumar, A. Sinha, M. Pande, N. Mittal, M. Medley, D.C. Chhimwal, P. Upadhyaya.

*Class Teacher :* Mrs. T.A. Conner.

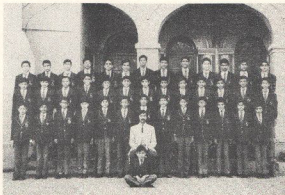


## Class 7 B

*Left to Right*

- 1st Row:* Mr. P. Medley (Class Teacher), S. Rodrigues, M.A. Malik, D.K. Tewari, M. Mittal, N.S. Bhatt, V. Sahni, R. Sah, R. Bhatt, R. Karonchak, M. Vireya, K. D'Sa.
- 2nd Row:* H. Upreti, M. Grover, A. Goel, H. Sah, L. Sah, M. Tandon, A. Khosla, T. Nayyar, V. Lal.
- 3rd Row:* P. Halang, V. Kumar, M. Fost, R. Nyes, B. Pande, D. Rawat, S. Thomas, V. Mungali, V. Singh, M. Uprethi, S. Sah.
- 4th Row:* L. Lin, H.S. Seble, N. Vmudeva, K. Jagati, A. Gupta, D.P. Singh, S. Bear, N.K. Singh, A. Waha, K. Dhillon, M. Zeehan.

Class 8 A



*Left to Right*

*1st Row :* S. Bhatt, G. Fernandez, B. Joshi, S. Luthra, D. Nairwal, P. Lams, C. D'Silva, R. Jainwal, B. Garg, S. Ajmani, N. Mishra, S. Bhargava, P. Joshi.

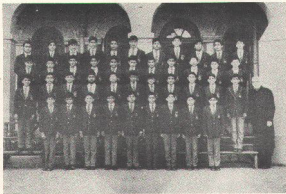
*2nd Row :* S. Rastola, S. Sah, R. Chaudhary, A. Parti, R. Singh, R. Sharma, N. Jolly, S. Singh, K. Tewari, J. Bhatia, S. Kumar, P. Stephens, A. Chaudhary.

*3rd Row :* S. Desai, S.P. Connolly, L. Higginson, G. Goyal, V. Bhansagar, G. Singh, S. Waseed, K. Sharma, A.N. Singh, I. Holung, M. Joshi, S. Shah, U.S. Dhillon.

*Sitting :* A. Sangari.

*Class Teacher :* Mr. G. Irwin.

## Class 8B

*Left to Right*

*1st Row :* A. Kholla, N. Mishra, K. Bangari, H. Bhatt, S. Gupta, A. Dwivedi, S. Sharma, A. Negi, R. Anuja.

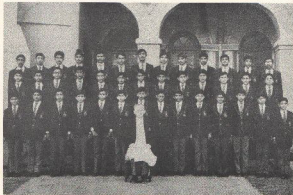
*2nd Row :* H. Akhtar, S. Sirohi, M. Sherring, C. Bolas, D. Joshi, J. Sharma, S. Shah, S. Kumar, G. Rana, A. Kapoor, P. Srivastava.

*3rd Row :* B. Singh, S. Rawal, P. Sah, A. Gupta, D. Kumar, M. Ahmed, S. Banerji, P. Gupta, P. Gool, V. Jagati, D. Mehta.

*4th Row :* R. Chaturvedi, R.M. Sarma, V. Sah, G. Agarwal, R. Tewari, S.R. Pandey, S.A. Siddiqui, S. Chaudhary, A. Singh, S. Mekrotra, O.P. Shah.

*Class Teacher :* Bro. P.S. Murphy.

Class 9 A



*(Left to Right)*

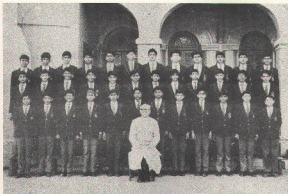
*1st Row:* A. Tewari, S. Sahni, M. Ghayor, M. Subail, V. Joshi, Y. Sharma, A. Bhargava, Y. Seth, N. Chhimwal, P. Jain, P. Anuja, M. Jalil, S. Kumar, P. Joshi.

*2nd Row:* R. Sah, A. Mehta, A. Aurora, A.V. Verma, A.H. Nadri, V. Maheshwari, B. Pant, P. Srivastava, M. Siddiqui, R. Negi, S. Shah, R. Sah, M. Joshi,

*3rd Row:* Y. Khan, R. Rautela, A. Humayun, D. Kohli, S. Aami, P.P. Sinha, A. Shaba, R. Sirohi, I.P. Singh, R. Adhikari, R. Dogra, S. Sen, G. Sharma.

*Class Teacher:* Sec. J.P. Murray.

Class 9B



*Left to Right*

*1st Row:* P. Vishnu, V. Khella, B. Dewan, H. Saini, G. Shalla, G. Goyal, V.S. Sharma, A. Joshi, S. Bhat, G. D'Mello, A. Bhatt, S. Pande.

*2nd Row:* R. Fernandez, P. Tandon, V. Vinayak, N. Kapil, V. Pratap, A. Pathak, M.N. Singh, S. Sharma, R. Pande, S. Srivastava, R. Mirchandani.

*3rd Row:* P. Sinha, K. White, N. Agarwal, A. Lal, R. Dias, V. Vishal, I. Jasi, C. D'Souza, S. Nuss, H. Rashed, M.N. Shah, P. Gupta.

*Class Teacher:* Bro. F.B. Walsh.

Class '10 A



*Left to Row*

*Stoop :* Mr. P.J. Walsh, Mr. J.P. Murray, Mr. T.M. Syed, Mr. O'Donohue, Mr. J. Moneros, Mr. R.C. Chandra, Mrs. Singh, Mr. S.C. Sah.

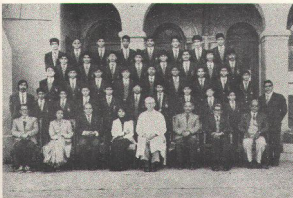
*2nd Row :* Mr. G. Irwin, M. Tewari, K. Gurnani, D. Dalakoti, N. Khas, M. Negi, V. Chandola, S.S. Bhatt, A. Singh, H. Negi, K. Rawat, Mr G. Gonca.

*3rd Row :* Mr. P.L. Sah, Cl. Sah, V. Jainwal, J. Joseph, V. Deo, G. Shah, R. Dias, S. Sanganeria, S.H. Harris, S. Mehrotra.

*4th Row :* R. Mehrotra, R. Joshi, V. Bhatt, S. Lakhotia, V. Bansal, R. Aliq, V. Agarwal, M. Wadia.

*5th Row :* S. Sachdeva, M. Pant, A. Naigyan, S. Paruthi, S. Min, P. Singh, J. Prasad, A. Sakhou.

## Class 10 B

*Left to Right*

- Sitting :* Mr. S.C. Sah, Mrs. Singh, Mr. J. Menzies, Mrs. B. Simpson, Bro. M.D. O'Donohue, Mr. P.L. Sah, Mr. R.C. Agarwal, Mr. T.M. Syed.
- 2nd Row :* Mr. G. Irwin, A. Kabadwal, T.D. Gupta, S. Shah, A. Rawat, M. Mittal, D. Saxena, S. Tewari, D.S. Bisht, R.K. Joshi, Mr. G.F. Gomes.
- 3rd Row :* S. Rajamani, C.M.S. Negi, H. Sah, P. Jain, S. Chaturvedi, R. Shah, A. Khan, A. Tewari, C.S. Tripathi.
- 4th Row :* P. Oberoi, K. Gha, M. Khan, J.S. Toor, Y. Bansal, A. Singh, N. Agarwal, S. Kejriwal.
- 5th Row :* S. Kala, R.C. Seth, M. Siddiqui, S. Baghel, D. Patni, D. Bisht, M. Samant, M. Maulekhi.

# The Diamond Jubilee of Rev. Br. Patrick Severin Murphy

The 19th May 1985 was a great day in the annals of St. Joseph's. On that day Br. Murphy celebrated his Diamond Jubilee of his entrance into the Congregation of Christian Brothers. A thanksgiving Mass was celebrated that morning by His Lordship, Rt. Rev. Allen DeLastic, Bishop of Lucknow and a past pupil of Br. Murphy, assisted by His Grace, Rt. Rev. Cecil D'Sa, Archbishop of Agra, formerly Bishop of Lucknow and an outstanding friend of St. Joseph's. The choir taught by the Principal, Br. M.D. O'Donohue gave a lovely rendering of beautiful hymns. The College Chapel was filled to overflowing. That evening all were entertained to a variety concert in honour of the Jubilarian.

Br. Murphy came to India fifty-eight years ago. He spent a total of twenty years in Sem. He was Principal of St. Vincent's, Asansol; St. Patrick's, Asansol; St. Michael's, Patna. He was invariably a friend to the many boys he taught in the classroom and trained on the playing field. He took particular interest in the under-privileged and the poor and helped hundreds to attain good positions in life. He was a dedicated and close teacher and his boys always did excellently in Exams. This can be seen from the results of the many Senior classes he taught. He was a good sportsman, batted well at cricket, was outstanding at football and hockey and an unrivalled champion at handball. And now in the evening of life, he is with us in his beloved Sem. St. Joseph's wishes this good brother all the best in the years ahead.



## Brothers, Sisters and Staff



### *Left to Right*

- Sitting :* Br. P.S. Murphy, Br. E.B. Lyng, Br. T.C. Moynihan, Mrs. J. Masood, Br. M.D. O'Donohue, Br. J.P. Murray, Br. P.B. Walsh, Br. T.A. Conboy.
- 1st Row :* Mrs. M.C. Barrett, Mrs. A. Moncos, Mrs. Singh, Mrs. S. Singh, Mrs. K. Pant, Miss P. Rana, Mrs. Pant, Mrs. J. Irwin, Mrs. B. Jain, Mrs. Y. Tahir, Mrs. L. Shah, Mrs. P. Medley.
- 2nd Row :* Mr. J. Moncos, Mr. J.P. Sah, Mr. D.C. Sah, Sr. A. Sequeira, Sister Eustace, Sister Sebastiano, Mrs. H. Simpson, Mr. R. Chandra, Mr. P.L. Sah, Mr. H.C. Sah.
- 3rd Row :* Mr. M.K. Joshi, Mr. M. Palmer, Mr. G.F. Gomes, Mr. R. Jacob, Mr. G. Irwin, Mr. G. Barrett, Mr. T.M. Sped, Mr. S.C. Sah, Mr. P. Medley.

# LITERARY SECTION

## Autobiographical

Now evening has fallen, the sun has just set.  
The twilit sea-shore is all golden and wet  
From the ebb and the flow of the waves of the sea,  
So constant in movement, so perfectly free!

Now I find myself down on the sparkling sands.  
I am skipping and leaping and clapping my hands.  
I jump over the rocks, I dash under the cliff—,  
No longer half-crippled and limping and stiff.

The waves are unruly: they dance and they leap!  
Yet I dash through the shallows, plunge into the deep!  
There is danger around me — these waters are rough!  
But my muscular legs are like steel: they are tough!

When darkness is falling, I wander away  
From the sea and the sand, from the shore and the bay.  
My body exhausted, my soul filled with joy,  
I call to the heavens, "How lovely to die!"

Sad! It all never happened! I wake in a daze.  
The sea-shore has vanished, all gone are its waves.  
I shall never be like them, no, never the same!  
I'm a polio victim: I shall always be lame.

Charanjeet Singh  
Class 8 B

## जिन्दगी

यह एक ऐसी चीज है जिसको इन्सान सबसे ज्यादा महत्व देता है। दुनिया में साग किसी के पास जाकर पूछ नीतिगत कि वह सबसे ज्यादा किन चीज को महत्व देता है, धन की या ज्ञान की। सबसे पहला जवाब आएगा, ज्ञान की। कहते हैं कि 'ज्ञान ही तो महत्व है।'

मेरी कहानी भी कुछ इसी प्रकार है। मैं अपनी जिज्ञा केन्द्र जीवनकालिक में प्राप्त की। अपनी पूरी जिज्ञा प्राप्त करके, मैं अपने पिताजी के फँसे हुए आधार में लप गयी। जिन्दगी आराम से अपनी घड़ी पर दौड़ रही थी। एक रात को मैं कभी नहीं सुन सका। उस रात की मेरे पैर और छाती में दर्द उठा था। उस रात को मैं कभी नहीं सुन सकता क्योंकि वह रात मेरी नींद का सम्बन्ध लाई थी। उस रात रात के 11.30 बजे के कि अचानक मेरी नींद सुन गई क्योंकि अचानक मेरे पैर में तीव्र दर्द उठा, फिर बढ़ ही गया। मैं उठा और दर्द की ओर ज्यादा ध्यान न देकर जिन्दगी पर पहुँचा। मेरा सारा ज्ञान के बारे में कुछा जा रहा था। मैंने जब से एक पिताजी पानी निकाला और उठे की गया।

पानी पीकर मैं बेहोश देर कमरे में इन्टर-डोर घुसता रहा क्योंकि मुझे कुछ सोचने की बेवकूफी हो रही थी। अभी मेरे पैर में हल्का-दर्द उठने लगा। फिर वह दर्द बस होने की जगह और तेज होने लगा। मैंने तेजी से अपनी पैर पकड़ा और पलंग की ओर बढ़ा। मुझे लग रहा था कि मेरा पूरा समय खूब रहा है। मेरा सिर चला जा रहा था। मैं अपना पैर पकड़े हुए पलंग पर खुदक गया। मेरे चेहरे ने डेरी घबराती उम्र दिखाया। मुझे लग रहा था कि यह दर्द मुझे जागृत कर देगा। पलंग नहीं क्यों मैं सोचना या किसी की सहायता के लिए बुलाना चाह रहा था, परन्तु मेरे मुँह से आवाज नहीं निकल रही थी। मैं उस दर्द को सह नहीं पा रहा था। मेरी आँखों ने आँसू निकल पड़े। मुझे लग रहा था कि मेरे बदन के सारे मूल्य बढ़ी जा रहे थे। अभी मेरे मुँह से एक बड़ी ही तेज चीख निकली और मैं बेहोश हो गया।

कमरे काद पता नहीं गया हुआ, लेकिन जब मेरी आँख खुली तो मुझे बाथरूम में बैर लगा था। मैंने बाथरूम तरफ बगलई तो पता चला कि मैं खड़े हो कमरे में था। मेरी बहन ने मुझे बताया कि मेरी बीछ गुरे बंगले में सुन गई थी और उस बीछ को सुन कर तब सोन हनुमाने हुए से मेरे कमरे में पहुँचि तो देखा कि मैं बेहोश पड़ा हूँ और मेरे मुँह से खून निकल रहा था। तब निताली ने आँखों से आँसू की आँसू की फोन किया और उन्हें उसी कमरे आने की कहा।

वह दर्द थक पावस हो चुका था। वह मेरी बीछ की घली थी, जो मुझे घुसा रही थी। मुझे हलतात से जाया गया। वहीं पर गुरे बदन की जीव पड़ताल की गई और एक्करे कराया गया। साग की एक्करे रिपोर्ट मेरे घर पहुँची तो गुरे घर में घबराई सा सम्भारा सा गया। मैं अपने बारे में जानना चाहता था कि मुझे क्या हुआ है। बड़ी हिम्मत करते मेरे माँ ने वह बताया कि मेरी जिन्दगी में सब बिगड़े हैं, महीने जाती हैं। मैं वह सुनकर निराश आश्चर्य-वर्धित सा

रह गया। पहले तो मैं बहुत रोया लेकिन बाद में मुझे यहूमासा हुआ कि मेरे रोने से मेरी जिन्दगी नहीं बच सकेगी।

लेकिन मेरे पिताजी ने हिम्मत नहीं हारी। वह मुझे लेकर हाँसकान, न्युयार्क, जमना, प्रॉन्स और पता नहीं कितनी जगह गए। वहाँ पर एक से एक छवि डाक्टरों की दिखाया, लेकिन कोई मेरा इलाज न कर सका। मेरे पिताजी ने पैसा पानी की तरह बहाया, लेकिन उसका कुछ फायदा नहीं हुआ।

मैं अपनी मौत का हर दिन बिना रहा हूँ। मैं मरना नहीं चाहता। मेरी उम्र अभी 25 वर्ष है। मैं जीना चाहता हूँ। मैंने जिन्दगी की ओर बहुत पकड़ने की कोशिश की लेकिन वह मेरे हाथ ही नहीं आती। इस समय मैं जिन्दगी की ओर मोड़ के बीच संघर्ष कर रहा हूँ। मैं जीना चाहता हूँ और इस तरह से मैं जिन्दगी के पीछे दौड़ रहा हूँ पर वह मेरे हाथ नहीं आती।

राजीव मेहरोत्रा

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## The Role of Youth in Modern India

Youth is a tantalising agony — an age of soaring aspirations but abortive fulfilment, of lofty idealism but harsh realities and of immense energy but ignorance of paths.

Youth is a raw-material, it must be worked upon and shaped. Youth power could expand society, if mobilised with wisdom and vision.

Today we are passing through an age of disturbing strains and stresses. We have discarded faith, but we are terrified at intellectual scepticism. This transition is telling upon the youth most manifestly. The society is torn between 'deep apocalyptic fears and vague mystical yearnings' truly. It is therefore necessary that the youth is guided and well organised.

Politics is the most important component of the national life. The ultimate decision-makers are politicians; they shape the destiny of a country. Unfortunately, over the last few years politics in our country has become completely devalued and immoral. Power and self have corrupted the Indian polity. The masses are becoming increasingly

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The young women are best suited for this task. They are unassuming, frank and direct. They could be mobilised for this national endeavour. They would form best non-official family-welfare agencies. Won't they ?

If the energies of the youth are not channelised to the right path, they could be led astray. The youth power could be misied. This is distinctly clear in view of today's murky political situation. A misled youth is a social liability.

It is, therefore, necessary that the youth should be organised and guided properly. I would also like to say that youth can be successful only when the people of the older generation abide with them. In fact you should have great hopes from us—from 'the youth'. Isn't that true ?

Nadeem Ahmed Khan

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## एक दुखियारी की आत्मकथा

मेरा नाम ? मुझे कुछ याद नहीं आ रहा । हाँ, ज़ादी से पहले मेरा भी ज़रूर कोई नाम था, लेकिन अब याद नहीं रहा । दुखों की सहेली-सहेली में सब कुछ भुल गई हूँ । सिर्फ़ काम करना, यात्रियाँ भुनका याद आता है । यह कोई काम की बात नहीं है, क्योंकि ज़ाहज़ कभी से मेरी नहीं हाज़त रही है ।

बापू जब पहले मेरी ज़ादी मेरे पति से दुई की । ज़ादी ने पहले तो पता नहीं था, बरन्तु ज़ादी के बाद पता चला कि कोई पति भी इतना ख़ूब हो सकता है । दिन-रात पति सराब और ख़ुश में होते रहते थे । नमाने-धमाने की तो उन्हें कोई चिन्ता ही नहीं थी ।

कुछ माह तक तो मैं ख़ुश रही, बरन्तु अपने बाद जब मैंने इस ख़याल के शिक्क़े तिर उड़ाना चढ़ा तो मुझे मारा-पीटा गया । अब तभी मैंने जान ली कि घर में किसी के सहारे नहीं चूँगी । पति निरुध्मा था । सान-समुर तो जब के इस पृथ्वी से उड़ चुके थे । बाबर इनीतिफ़ इनके बाद जो मेरे पति की लूट गिनी, इसी लूट में ही मेरे पति की इतना ख़ुश व्यक्तित्व बना छोड़ा होगा ।

बादिर है कि इस सब को हवायी गृहस्थी पर बड़ा ख़ुश ख़बर पड़ा । घर में खाने-पीने के सामे पड़े रहते थे । रहने में जो कुछ भी आता था वह सब तो इन्होंने ख़ान कर दिया ।

इनके बाद विपत्ति का पहलू दृढ़ पड़ा। इनसे मेरे पति को तो कोई चिन्ता नहीं हुई, पर मुझे गृहस्त्री का काम छोड़ कर बाहर काम करने पर मजबूर होना पड़ा।

इनके बाद जब मैं काम शुरू करने की निकली तो मुझे कई जगहों पर तो जलील होना पड़ा। भला एक अधमरी भी घोरत को कोई क्या काम दे सकता है? परन्तु इस दुनिया में तब भी इन्सानियत चिन्ता थी। एक ठेकेदार ने मुझ पर तरस आकर मुझे पत्थर तोड़ने का काम दे दिया, तब से मेरा वही काम चलता आ रहा है।

घब तो और मेरे पति का नाया भी कुछ पर से उठ गया है। मुझे कोई कलान भी प्राप्त नहीं है जिसके आसरे आपको ही जिन्दगी की सफ़। घब तो इस लोगों की जली-कटी और कुछ अपनी की लहानुभूति ही मुझे मुग्धने की मिलती है। लोगों का यह जलजला मुझे और दे भी क्या सकता है? लहानुभूति—मिर्के जलजली लहानुभूति।

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## एक भीषण दुर्घटना

वह कार की-लीन बार लहराई और फिर तेजी से लामने से आ रहे एक टुक की तरह बढ़ी। लेकिन अचानक फिर बाई और मुड़ गई और बाल-बाल अपनी और फिर लामने से आ रहे एक नुकीले रिक्शे की और तेजी से बढ़ी और फिर, 'पड़ाव' और फिर बीकाने-किस्ताने की आवाज, लोगों के भागने की आवाज। उफ। बड़ा ही डरावना दृश्य था। कार एक तरह उल्टी पड़ी थी। दो बच्चे जिन्हींके पूरी दुनिया भी न देखी थी, मौत की घागोश में चले गए। एक बच्चे का पैर फट गया था और घति बाहर निकल आई थी और मुँह से खून निकल रहा था।

बारों तरह खून ही खून था। बीड़ी देर पहले के हंसते-कूदते मकूल आ रहे थे और सब के बीच की भीड़ में सो चुके थे। ऐसी अमानक मौत और वह भी इसनी कम उम्र में। भगवान करे ऐसी मौत किसी को न आए। सभी लोगों का ध्यान एक छोटी लड़की पर गया। वह बच्ची एक तरह पड़ी घायल पक्षी की तरह छलपटा रही थी। उसका गिर फट गया था और उसने खून ही खून निकल रहा था। वह बच्ची लोगों की तरह ऐसे देस रही थी जैसे उसकी आँखें कड़ रही हों, "मैं सभी मरना नहीं चाहती, मुझे बचा लो।" कुछ घावमी उसकी और तेजी से बढ़े। लेकिन सभी उस मामूम बच्ची की तरफ एक ओर झुक गई। वह मौत की भीड़ में सो चुकी थी। कटोर से कटोर दिव वाला इन्सान भी अगर यह दृश्य देखता तो उसे रोना आ जाता। कई लोगों की आँखों से खू-बारा वह निपसी। कुछ औरल अपनी लाठी का चला मुँह में दूँ कर अपनी हलाई रोकने की कोशिश करने लगी।

जिन्दगी मौत से डार गई। ये तीन मासूम बच्चे जिनकी न जो किसी में कुत्तानी की खोर न हो उन्हें जिनसे डीम से देखा था, मौत ने उन्हें निकल दिया। यह खतरा और यह खतरा वाता बहुत गिरेगी है। यह मजबूत नहीं जो खली खतरा धुलाता है जो गिरीय हो, जिसका कोई कसूर न हो। नौरवान और औरों को वहाँ हम भीषण दुर्घटना को देख रहे थे, मुझे से तेजी से जाने बड़े और उस मुक पर जो धावन खतरा में खतरा होता हुआ वाही से बाहर निकल रहा था, उस पर दृष्ट पड़े। उस मुक की खोजने की धावन वहाँ पर पूर उठी। जब तक पुलिस खतरास्थल पर पहुँचती, पीड़ में उस मुक की जान से धार दिया।

उन तीन मासूम बच्चों की जानें सम्मुख में रखी जा रही थी। क्या पता उनमें से कोई बच्चा अपने बा-बाप का इकलौता हो। उनके बा-बाप को जब इसके बारे में खबर मिलेगी जब उनके दिव पर क्या बीतेगी? उनका दिव जो खली-खली हो उठेगा। माँ तो बाकिर माँ होती है और जब उन मासूम बच्चों की माँ मुनेगी कि उनके दिव के दुकई, जान से भी ज्यादा धार मासूम बच्चे मौत की आगोश में कले बड़े हैं तो यह बेचारी पापल हो जाएगी।

आज तो तीन बच्चे मरे हैं, क्या पता कल पाँच और मरे। इसलिए जो भी कोई जाहून बलाता है उसे बहुत सावधानी से जाहून बलाना चाहिए।

राजीव बेंदरोष

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## Team Work

We can't play alone in the game of life—  
Are dependent, my friend, on others  
We cannot "get by" in the struggle and strife,  
Except for the help of our Brothers!  
Whatever we plan or whatever we do;  
Whatever we give of the best of us,  
Is meant to include all our fellow men too—  
And add to the joy of the rest of us!  
Whatever we "vision", whatever we "dream"—  
Be we lowly or lofty of station;  
Whatever our "idea" "invention" or "scheme"  
We are working for all creation!

God's running this world and His vast Universe  
 And blesses the worst and the best of us;  
 And the gifts He has made to divinely disperse  
 Are not only for you—but the rest of us!

We may call it by this name or call it by that  
 "Teamwork" or plain "Co-operation"  
 Together we stand—by ourselves we fall flat;  
 Together, my friend, we're THE NATION!  
 Whatever we do or whatever we plan  
 We can't stand alone, e'en the best of us,  
 But we must share of our gifts with our good fellowmen  
 For we're only a part of the rest of us!

## *This Day Is Mine to Mar or Make*

This day is mine to mar or make,  
 God keep me strong and true;  
 Let me no erring by-path take,  
 No doubtful action do.

Grant me when the setting sun  
 This fleeting day shall end,  
 I may rejoice o'er something done,  
 Be richer by a friend.

Let all I meet along the way  
 Speak well of me tonight.  
 I would not have the humblest way  
 I'd hurt him by a slight.

Let there be something true and fine  
 When night slips down to tell,  
 That I have lived this day of mine  
 Not selfishly, but well.

Anon.



## बैंक लुटा

मैं बचपन से ही कहा ही उद्योग किस्म का व्यक्ति हूँ। चायद इसलिए ही मेरी जिन्दगी के हर मोड़ पर किसी न किसी मुसीबत की मैं गले लगा लेता हूँ और फिर उसी मुसीबत से छुटकारा पाने के लिए दृढ़ दबाकर भागता हूँ।

आज सवेरे-सवेरे मेरे पिताजी ने मुझे एक चेक 10,000 रुपए का दिया और कहा कि बैंक जाकर उसे चुना जायें। मैंने अपनी माही उठानी और मस्ती के खानस में बैंक की ओर चल दिया। बैंक में मेरे कई जान-पहचान वाले भी हैं। मैंने बैंक चुनाया और गुपचाप बाहर जाने लगा कि मैनेजर साहब का बुलावा आ गया। उन्होंने मुझे दो नई चेक बुक और कुछ कागजात सबका बिद् और कहा कि अपने पिताजी को दे देना। फिर उन्होंने मेरे लिए सीतल पेय और कुछ खाने को मंगाया। फिर मैं उनके साथ बाकी में नयगुल हो गया। मैनेजर बड़ा ही मनोही था।

तभी बैंक में बाजीब या कोहराम मच गया। कमरे से बाहर बूँह निकाला ही था कि एक बुँहा पचा और मैं चुड़कता हुआ मैनेजर की गोली में गिर पड़ा। मैनेजर ने मुझे एक छोटा एकटा दिया और खुद हाथ उठाकर कहा ही गया। मुझे धुन में कुछ वमन में नहीं आया लेकिन जब देखा कि मले पर कन्क की नयी टिबी है तो मेरे हाथ अपने आप ऊपर चले गए। मैं तो घर के बारे अपना नाम तक भूल गया। वह सम्बन्धारी मुक या जिनके हाथ में कन्क थी। दुनरा मुक बाहर से लोगों की कन्क पर टिकाव बैठा था। नयकुक ने मैनेजर से चाबी निकालने की कहा। मैनेजर ने गुपचाप चाबी का गुपछा केव से निकाल कर मेज पर रख दिया। उस मुक ने यही ही बावधानी के तिबोरी खोली और गारे दगए केले में भर दिए।

फिर वह खोली से मुसा और कन्क के पिछले हिस्से से मैनेजर पर जहार किया जिससे वह बेहोश हो गया। ऊपर बाहर जाने मुक ने एक मोल भी चीज निकाली और उसमें से एक नहीन तावा निकाला और सबको एक घेरे में खड़ा कराया और चारों ओर लगे से घेर दिया और कहा जो भी अपनी जगह से हिला और लगे की कुछा तो सब फट जायेगा। वह कहकर वह अपने मायी को लेकर बीटर-मार्शल पर भाग खड़ा हुआ। पुलिस के घाने पर और जांच करने के बाद मानुस चला वह बम नहीं था। वह सिर्फ इसलिए था कि लोग अपनी जगह से हिले नहीं।

सिर्फ वह दो मुक कम से कम डेढ़ लाख रुपये लेकर भाग खड़े हुए और कोई गुल्ल नहीं कर सका। दुनिया कुछ करे या न करे, लेकिन मैंने वह कलम खा ली है कि मैं कभी बैंक नहीं जाऊँगा।

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# सड़क के किनारे पत्थरों को तोड़ती एक नारी की आत्मकथा

बड़े पत्थरों को तोड़ने का काम तब मुझ किशा अब मेरे पति की बीमर के रोग से मृत्यु हो गई। अपने चार बच्चों का पेट भरने के लिए मुझे यह काम करना पड़ा।

मुझ से बड़े ही मैं काम पर निकल पड़ी हूँ। लोहे के लथ टुकड़ों से कचर तोड़ने तोड़ने में बेरुम हो जाती हूँ और मेरी हथेलियों से मून रिसने लग जाता है। इस घर के लिए खाराम भी तो नहीं कर सकती हूँ क्योंकि मैंनेकर यह देखकर मजदूरी काट लेता है। कुल पाँच सप्ताह तो मुझे लगातार बारह घंटे के बलवादी काम करने से निकलते हैं और उसमें से जो अगर कुछ कट जाए तो मैं अपने बच्चों का पेट किस प्रकार भरेगी ?

पत्थर तोड़ते वक़्त मुझे एक वृथा भी होती है और सोचती हूँ कि यह काम छोड़ दूँ किन्तु कियता सामने पा जाती होती है।

जब मैं काम करती हूँ तो मई मजदूर मेरे साथ समझ व्यवहार करते हैं और मुझे तरह-तरह की गालियाँ देते हैं। मैं मून का बूँट पीकर सब कुछ सहन कर लेती हूँ। नारी जो हूँ और वह भी समझाव, बेवश, कचर और धिंदा नारी।

काम की चकी-हारी जब मैं अपनी टूटी-फूटी झोपड़ी में वापस लौटती हूँ तब मेरे अपने मजदूर पर सारी गेट बैठे बेचारी से मेरी राह देख रहे होते हैं। करीब आते ही वे मेरे निवेश पैरों के निचट आते हैं और कहते हैं, "माँ ! हमें भुल गयी है। माँ, मुझ से कुछ नहीं आया है। माँ, कुछ खाने का दे न माँ !" उनकी मायुम बर्तनरी प्रकार सुनकर मैं फफक-फफक कर रोने लगती हूँ, और मेरे पारीक बच्चे मुझे खाली निगाहों से देखने लगते हैं। तब मैं अपनी मजदूरी के पैसों से खरीदा हुआ भोजन उनके सामने परोस देती हूँ।

भोजन करा, उसे तो जानकरों को खाना चाहिए। खाने के बाद वे सुपचाय सोने लगे जाते हैं। हालाँकि वे बाहिर नहीं करते कि वे तब भी भुले हैं किन्तु क्या मैं एक माँ होकर यह सब नहीं समझती।

रात को चिपड़ों पर बैठे हुए मैं सोचती हूँ कि अब मैं अधिक दिन नहीं बच्ची। लेकिन अपने मायुम बच्चों का क्या आता है जिनके लिए मुझे जीना ही बर्क़ा।

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## ***The Principal's address on the occasion of Br. Murphy's Jubilee***

Our very dear Diamond Jubilarian, Brother Patrick Severin Murphy,

We have assembled here this evening to rejoice with and congratulate you on your attainment of sixty years as a member of the congregation of Christian Brothers. All of us here present are very happy in the knowledge that we comprise a very representative cross-section of your associates over the past six decades. The majority of us here this evening are citizens of Naini Tal, among whom you have spent more than one-third of your life as a Christian brother. Then we feel honoured and blessed by the presence of two Princes of the Catholic Church. We have with us Most Rev. Dr. Cecil de Sa, now Archbishop of Agra, formerly Bishop of Lucknow, and therefore our Ecclesiastical Superior, just as close a cherished friend of all of us today as he was during the decade or so of his episcopal incumbency. Then of course we have with us perhaps the most illustrious student who ever sat at your feet in your classroom: your former pupil, Right Rev. Dr. Alan de Lestie, now our beloved Bishop, who received his early education at St. Michael's School Kurji, Patna; an institution over which you were once Principal. Among the Christian Brothers present are your own Provincial Superior, Brother F.J. Steinmeyer, as well as a very representative gathering of brothers: some few of your own vintage, with whom you have laboured side by side down through the years from the days of your youth onwards; the majority comprising those brothers among whom you have lived and over many of whom you have been Superior and Principal; then there are those very young brothers, representing the coming generation—those young men who have imbibed your spirit and who will perpetuate those Christian Brothers' traditions which you and your confreres have inherited and cultivated. Finally, dear brother, you are a unique Diamond Jubilarian in the sense that on this auspicious occasion you are surrounded by those members of the Staff among whom—even at your advanced age—you still continue to teach and also those young students who have you as their Class Teacher: a Brother who is physically sound, mentally alert and fortified with the experience and expertise of well over a half-century in the classroom.

On an occasion such as this we can only wonder what your thoughts may be when you review those sixty years that have passed. Predominant among them must be a profound sense of gratitude to God for

## *Nainital – A Town of Oods*

High among the lofty hills,  
Overlooking the deep green water  
Where winter with its fury file—  
The hunger of human slaughter.

Outshining the beauty of the rising sun,  
The high, snow clad frosty peaks.  
The winding roads, long miles of run,  
The hissing murmur and endless creeks.

The tapping of many a horse's hooves.  
The fierce wind, the wavery lake.  
The glimpse of many aweary moves.  
The falling of milk white snow flakes.

Sleek, long boats—cutting the waves,  
Ducks and swans, all in a row.  
Water sloshing the deep, narrow caves,  
Dirty, sillage drains in a continuous flow.

A beautiful, welcoming, lively town.  
A place of fantasy, an outshining gem.  
Situated among the hills, green and brown,  
It's Nainital—the hometown of Sem.

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### Naini Tal—Past and Present

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Naini, a word that almost brings the cool air with it, is a heaven for the tourists. Situated at an altitude of 1,938 m, this dreamland town with its beauteous splendour is exquisite and famous as the queen of hill stations.

#### Early History

Naini Tal is referred to in the Manas Khand of the Skanda Purana as the 'Tri-Rishi-Sarovar'. I.e. the lake of the three sages, Atri, Pulastya and Pulaha. The legend runs that these sages in their pilgrimage here, found no water. They then thought of Mansarovar and concomitantly dug a large hole which converted soon into a lake. Hence the name, 'Tri-Rishi-Sarovar', i.e. the lake of the three sages. The present appellation, however is derived from an old temple of goddess Naina Devi which is built on the shore of the lake. About the origin of the temple, it is said that when Lord Shiva was roving in a frantic mood with the corpse of Sati, his first wife, he happened to drop her eyes here. Thus the goddess derived its name from the eyes as 'Naina', and the town as Naini Tal after the goddess and the lake.<sup>1</sup>

#### Discovery by the British and Early Settlements

Prior to the year 1839, according to Atkinson, there are no historical records of Naini Tal.<sup>2</sup> The place was covered with a dense forest only resorted to by the herdsmen of surrounding villages who brought their cattle here during the hot weather and rains for the abundant pasturage of the valley. The place was regarded with some awe by the villagers, not only on account of the numerous tigers and other wild animals, but also because of the demons and fairies who were supposed to haunt the neighbourhood. The prime duty of the herdsmen, on entering the valley, was to propitiate the goddess and thus the temple retained its importance and sanctity. On certain days a large number of people gathered for bathing in the lake.<sup>3</sup>

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It is generally accepted that for the first time in 1841 in an issue of 'Englishman', of 31st December, (which was published from Calcutta), was announced the "discovery of a lake in the vicinity of Almora." This was followed by a letter from Barron, under the name of 'Pilgrim' in the 'Agra Ukhbar'. He wrote, the lake is situated on the range of mountains overhanging the plains, called the Gegur, and is distant about 35 miles from Almora. Its height above the sea is 8,200 feet; this I ascertained by repeated trials of the thermometer in boiling water, which showed temperature of 202° Fahrenheit. It is slightly curved in shape, about 1½ to 1¾ miles in length and its greatest breadth, I should say about three quarters of a mile. ... the water is as clear as crystal"<sup>1</sup> This letter written by Barron under the pseudonym Pilgrim has popularized him as the discoverer of Naini Tal although it was Traill<sup>2</sup> who was the first Britisher to have seen and visited Naini Tal in 1817. Pilgrim has himself accepted this fact in the book, "Notes of wanderings in the Himalaya" which was published by Agra Ukhbar in 1844. He writes,<sup>3</sup> "Mr Traill, the late Commissioner of Kumaon, who is said to have paid a visit to this lake many years ago; it is well known that he possessed the most extraordinary influence among the natives, and entertained particularly illiberal ideas regarding the influx of European visitors into the Province. This feeling of jealousy, it is notorious, he carried to an incredibly absurd extent, and I am sure many will bear me out in the assertion, that he did his best to conceal the existence of such a place as Naini Tal, from all Europeans." It is possible that Traill did not want to reveal the existence of this lake because it was revered for its sanctity by the local people and Traill had great admiration and respect for the tradition of the hill men. Bishop Herber who visited Kumaon during that period has mentioned the popularity of Traill amongst the hill people. He writes<sup>4</sup> "It is pleasing to see on how apparent good terms Mr. Traill is with all these people. Their manner in talking to him is erect, open and cheerful, like persons who are addressing a superior whom they love, and with whom they are in habits of easy, though respectful intercourse. He says he loves the country and the people and he has declined several situations of much greater emolument for the sake of remaining with them".

Barron had heard about the existence of the lake and it was with deceit that he succeeded in locating the alka. He has mentioned the trick with which he befooled his guide because he was aware of the fact that

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<sup>1</sup>Traill was the Commissioner of Kumaon and Garhwal from 1817-38 and carried out the first survey in this terrain.

the local guides misled the Europeans who wanted to see the lake. Barron put a big stone on the guide's head who professed never to have seen the place and told him he had to carry it to Naini Tal, where there were no stones and to be careful not to let it fall and break, because he required it there. The guide with the view of relieving his load soon admitted that there was no scarcity of stones at the spot, a fact which he could not have known without having been an eye witness to it. Barron has further described that this trick was spoiled by later Europeans also until the discovery of Naini Tal was popularised.<sup>8</sup>

The discovery of Naini Tal according to J.M. Clay, (the Commissioner of Kumaon in 1920's and author of the book, NAINI TAL) was first recorded in 1841.<sup>9</sup> According to the records of the U.P. State Archives, Lucknow, it appears that Barron came to Naini Tal for the first time in 1839 and his visit was popularized in 1841 through 'Englishmen' and 'Agra Ukhar'. Barron and his two companions in their first visit entered the Naini Tal basin from the direction of Khairna through St. Leo Gorge, the gorge near the present Snow View area. In his next visit in 1842, Barron arrived from Bhim Tal<sup>10</sup> where he had joined his friends, Batten, the Senior Assistant Commissioner of Kumaon and Captain Weller. This time he had brought with him a boat measuring about six metres in length. After some difficulty it reached Naini Tal safely the day after his arrival, and he and his friends launched it into the lake and went for a row. The inhabitants were, in Barron's words, "frantic with joy at the novel and unexpected spectacle," and on their safe return to land, he and his friends were eulogized with references in Hindu mythology, wherein they were likened to the God Vishnu emerging from the ocean.<sup>11</sup>

On their second trip they managed to persuade a Gentleman Nar Singh to come into the boat with them. This Nar Singh in the recent past had failed to establish his ancestral claim to Naini Tal and the surrounding hills in Batten's court and the matter was under appeal. Barron beguiled him by waiving off his claim in writing on the page of a pocket book, while on the lake, by threatening to topple the boat. The same year Barron also applied for grant of land to construct a house, a garden and some outhouses in the vicinity of the lake. Batten in his letter, dated 9th March 1842, concludes,<sup>12</sup> "...as Mr Barron does not seem to wish for any improper monopoly and he is the first applicant, I think he should be permitted to select any good site." The Board of Revenue while forwarding the letter

<sup>8</sup> Shim Tal is 32 km. from Naini Tal.

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of Barron to the Government for sanction wrote,<sup>10</sup> "it appears from the report of the district officer that the land immediately around the lake is unoccupied and waste and entirely at the disposal of the Government for any purpose which it may please to assign." Finally land was allotted to Barron for construction of a house, just above the present Naini Tal Club at a lease of 2 annas per year.<sup>11</sup> Here he constructed the house Pilgrim Lodge which stands to this day.<sup>12</sup>

In the meantime Lt. Meller, Executive Engineer of Kumaon, Stowell of Almora and Messrs McLean and Saunders of Shah Jahanpur also applied for grants of land. By the middle of 1843, nine applications in all including that of Lushington, the Commissioner of Kumaon had been made<sup>13</sup> and by October 1845, sixteen houses had been constructed and fourteen were under construction.<sup>14</sup> By 1847, Naini Tal had become a popular hill resort; the same year the Commissioner of Kumaon reported to the Government that 40 houses had been built at Naini and two were in the course of construction. Twenty six casual visitors had come to the place between March and August and 61 had spent the summer season in Naini Tal.<sup>15</sup> On third October, 1850, the Naini Tal Municipal Board was constructed. It was the first Municipal Board of the N.W.P.<sup>16</sup>

### The Naini Tal Municipality :

The place came into eminence within a decade after its discovery by the British. There was a quick growth of settlements owing to which the town in October 1850 was given the status of a Municipal Board. It was the first in the N.W.P. Those days the most important work of the municipality consisted of conservancy and the disposal of sewage. In 1884 a scheme for the disposal of the sewage was initiated, a large pipe was constructed to carry the drainage out of the Naini Tal valley along the line of the Mail through Talli Tal. The scheme worked with considerable success, but a recurrence of cholera and small pox epidemics in 1898 resulted in the meeting of a special committee convened by the order of Government to consider the question of sanitation.<sup>17</sup> The Committee recommended that as far as practicable all sewerage shall be removed by the existing sewer and that six extra pail depots shall be provided. The sub-committee also stated that the existence of numerous filthy private latrines was one of the greatest, if not the greatest, menace to the public health in the settlement. The committee considered that latrines in compounds should not be constructed of masonry, but of galvanized iron of an approved pattern. The minimum cubic space should be 3 feet by 3 feet by 5 feet.



for each seat in the bazar area. Every latrine was to be ventilated to the satisfaction of the Committee. The walls were to be cement plastered upto 3 feet in height, and above that to be limewashed including the ceiling. Public latrines were also provided including 110 seats for men and 50 seats for women together with 26 urinals at selected localities and a urinal at every compound latrine.\* From time to time the sewer and sanitation system was improved by the British and upto 1890, Naini Tal was one of the cleanest townships in the country.

During the British period the Naini Tal Municipal Board was one of the best administered Boards in the country. Rules, regulations and bye laws were framed to improve the system, e.g., as early as 1894 and 1895 those areas which were considered unstable, special attention was paid to them. The whole question of the stability of the hill slopes around Naini Tal, especially the Sher-Ka-Danda ridge was considered with the reports received from officers of the Geological Department of India. The general decisions arrived at were contained in a report dated the 22nd April 1895.

In August an estimate amounting to Rs. 87,712 was submitted providing :

- (i) for the lining with lime masonry of all unlined ravines which it was considered advisable to protect,
- (ii) for building revetment walls on the hill sides and breast walls on roads wherever required,
- (iii) for remodelling of the bridge roads and providing them with inner road gutters, leading the drainage into the lined ravines, and sloping the road surface inwards in order that none of the drainage may flow over the outer edge and on to the hillside,
- (iv) sloping off and closing injurious foot paths on the hillsides (except those leading the drainage with the lined ravines), which it was proposed to improve and utilize.

This estimate was sanctioned and all these works were carried out and completed by the beginning of June 1896. Together with this a law was enacted that "tennis courts and platforms on the Sher-Ka-Danda ridge should be covered with a six inch layer of well rammed clay or other material impervious to water and they should be well drained. If preferred, a tennis court can be broken up and

\* To-day in 1955 there are only 5 public urinals in the town.

‡ These rules are not abided by now.

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sloped off so that the water may pass off rapidly. Gardens and cultivated terraces should be absolutely prohibited. Those that exist should be covered with clay and turf immediately."

In 1930, the Naini Tal Municipality promulgated a bye law for ensuring the safety of the hill side within the Municipality of Naini Tal. The town was divided into two zones known as the prohibited area and the exempted area. In prohibited area which was considered as unstable, construction was absolutely banned. In the exempted area buildings could be constructed. However with the advent of Independence there is no distinction between prohibited and exempted areas.

For preventing pollution in the lake the Municipality resolved in 1905 to keep the shallows clear of weeds and to remove all dead weeds on the margin of the lake. This practice was followed upto 1980. For bathing in the lake also there were rules during the British period which were enacted as early as 1916 and are as follows :

- (1) "Bathing and swimming in the lake are prohibited except at :—
  - (i) Naina Devi temple and its adjacent foreshores,
  - (ii) at the boat house,
  - (iii) the Talli Tal foreshore,
  - (iv) the rock at the lake side below Rue Cottage.
- (2) No swimmer is allowed to proceed more than 20 yards from the shore unless accompanied by a boat which must contain a life belt."

To check noise pollution, bye laws were framed in 1916 which regulated the use of loud speakers and other electrically or mechanically operated means of producing loud noises in the Naini Tal Municipality. Without the permission of the Executive Officer no individual could use a loud speaker; and after obtaining permission the loud speaker could be used for 2½ hours only. However, loud speakers could not be used within 100 yards of the hospitals, court, important educational institutions and Government Offices.\*

### The Summer Head Quarters :

Naini Tal assumed a new importance in 1857. There was no outbreak of disorder here and it played an important part as a place of security for refugees. Although Naini Tal remained undisturbed,

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\*There is no check over the use of loud speakers these days.

fighting was going on round Haldwani all through the winter. It was not long after 1857, that Naini Tal became the seat of Government for the N.W. Provinces. The actual date is uncertain as no record of the matter survives. But Stoneleigh, near the site of the present Ramsay Hospital, the first residence of the Lieutenant Governor, was occupied in about 1862, and it was probably in this year that the Government first moved to Naini Tal. In 1865, the then Lieutenant Governor built a house on the Maldon Estate on Sher-Ka-Danda ridge and sold it to Lala Moti Ram Sah for Rs. 40,000 at the end of his tenure of office. From that date until 1879, it was rented by the successive Lt. Governors for Rs. 3,600 per annum. The third house was on the top of Sher-Ka-Danda ridge, the present Snow View Area. The construction began in 1875 and was completed in 1879. The house continued to be the Lt. Governor's residence until 1897, when it was condemned as unsafe. Opposite side of the valley was then considered as safe and the choice of a building fell upon Sherwood House, which is still situated within the boundary of the Government House. The Committee of the Naini Tal Diocesan Schools who owned that building agreed to the proposal on 18.3.1896 that the school house at Sherwood should be occupied temporarily as Government House during the commencing year. This was the official residence of the Governor for five years, but was regarded only as a temporary arrangement. A large estate was then acquired, stretching from the top of Ayarpata to the crest of the southern spur overlooking the plains, and the construction of the present palatial building was started in 1896 and was completed in 1900.

#### Important Buildings and Schools :

One of the earliest buildings erected in Naini Tal was the Church of "St. John in the Wilderness". The site was chosen as early as 1844 and approved by the Bishop of Calcutta, Daniel Wilson. The Church was first opened for Divine Service on April 2nd, 1848, and was in use from that date onwards. The work of the American Methodist Mission began as early as 1857 and in 1859 the Mission Hall, the oldest chapel belonging to the N.W.P. and Oudh was built. Adjoining it was the C.R.S.T. Inter College, then High School for Indian boys. The American Mission School was founded in 1865. The Diocesan Boy's School was founded in 1868 by Bishop Milman of Calcutta. The original site was at Stoneleigh. In 1873 it was transferred to Sherwood. In 1895 it was transferred to Barnsdale, then to Khurpa Tal, from there to Alma Hill and finally to its present habitation on the Ayarpatta hill. Philander Smith College, another

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important school of the period, was the result of the amalgamation of Oak Openings Boys' High School which belonged to the American Mission and was housed at Sher-Ka-Banda and the Philander Smith Institute of Mussorie in 1889. At the present site of Philander Smith College is located the Girls Vidya Mandir. St. Joseph's College was started in 1889 in Naini Tal and is still housed there. The All Saints' Diocesan Girls was founded at the same time at the Diocesan Boys' School, and the two constituted one establishment. When however, the boys moved to Sherwood, a separation took place, and the girls went to Petersfield until 1874 when they moved to Barnsdale. From Barnsdale it was moved to its present quarters in Ayarpatta. St. Mary's Convent was founded in 1878 by Rev. Mother Salesia and is now situated at Ramnee Park. The Ramsay Hospital was completed in 1892. It was erected as a memorial to Sir Henry Ramsay who was Commissioner of Kumaon and was known as the uncrowned king of Kumaon. The Crosthwaite Hospital (present B.D. Pande Hospital) was opened in 1896.

In the meantime Naini Tal had become an educational centre and a tourist resort. Houses, shops and hotels sprang up in all directions. In 1882 the railway to Kathgodam was constructed and thus Naini Tal became accessible to the plains. In 1891, the Naini Tal district was formed and Naini Tal became the headquarter. The road link between Kathgodam and Naini Tal in 1915 further helped in the growth of the town.

### Military Headquarters :

Upon the abolition of the Presidency Armies in 1895, and the reorganization of the Indian Army into four commands (Punjab, Bengal, Madras and Bombay) Naini Tal became the headquarters of the Bengal Command. In 1906, the four command system was abolished by Lord Kitchener and the Indian Army was divided into three commands, Northern, Western and Eastern. Naini Tal became the head-quarters of the Eastern Command. At present the A.S.C. school is located there.

### Growth of Naini Tal

The picturesque surroundings, together with the beauty of the lake, its proximity with the plains and a salubrious climate were the main reasons that led to the selection of Naini Tal as a recreation and health resort during the British period. But tourism was not the main source of income. Being the administrative headquarter, more than 80% of the population was in the occupational sector. The place came into eminence within a span of hardly a decade after its discovery by the British and

there was a very quick growth of settlements owing to which the town in October 1860 was given the status of a Municipal Board. During the second half of the Nineteenth Century, Naini Tal witnessed a phenomenal rise in many urban functions and a number of services and facilities emerged to serve the growing needs of the town. After it was made the summer seat of the N. W. P. in 1860, a remarkable expansion of the town with the growth of magnificent bungalows all around and such facilities such as European schools, marketing areas, rest houses, recreation centres like clubs, dancing halls etc. together with the secretariate and other administrative units came up. The Census of 1901 records a population of 7,609. By then, the town apart from serving as a summer capital had also become a popular health resort and a renowned centre of education. The rail link to Kathgodam in 1882 and the completion of a motor road between Kathgodam and Naini Tal in 1915 also contributed to the significant growth of the town. The population however did not record any significant increase during the 4 decades of this century after 1911, and in 1951, the population stood at 13,093.

In 1960, the U.P. Government decided not to shift the capital to Naini Tal and in the initial stages this step proved a great set back for the economy of the town. But it soon revived its lost significance as a tourist resort. The population data of 1961 and 1971 show a steady rise. It stood at 16,080 and 25,167 respectively. By 1972 the town had emerged as a full fledged tourist centre.

### The Present Scene

In the British period Naini Tal was a resort for foreign tourists, but today though the number of indigenous tourists have increased, foreigners visiting this place are negligible. They form a fraction, 0.6 per cent of the total number of tourists visiting this hill resort. Amongst the tourists coming to Naini Tal 99 per cent are the neo rich type who have overwhelmed and polluted the culture and mannerism of the local people. Since 1960 the elite has stopped coming to Naini Tal.

Naini Tal attracts maximum tourists during the summers owing to the sweltering heat of the plains and prices of the basic necessities during this time shoot up extremely high. Consequently this season is for that class who has enough black money and not for the masses. The tourist traffic during this season also constitutes of parents of

His protective Providence through the many difficulties—physical, spiritual and emotional—which may have beset you through the course of your life. We feel that today, in your inmost soul, resounds the triumphant affirmation of our beloved Mother in her assertion that

"The Almighty has done great things for me : Holy is his name !"

We, too, rejoice with you in your sense of achievement and we join with you in praising and thanking God for the good you have done and the blessings that have been bestowed on you during the course of the past six decades consecrated to Him and dedicated to His service.

It would not be fitting to let this occasion pass by without paying tribute, however brief and inadequate, to you, Brother Murphy, the person we have learned to appreciate and grown to love. You are adaptable : today you are as much at home in modern India as you were in those earlier days in the India of the Raj. You are approachable : you are open to all of us, irrespective of class, creed or social status. You are now—and always have been—sympathetic towards all who are mentally disturbed, bringing comfort and consolation into their lives with your sound advice and words of encouragement. In your own quiet and unobtrusive manner, you have brought relief to many a poor family during your terms as Principal. Because of you, education has been made available to several poor boys whose parents were not in a position to pay board and tuition fees. You are a person whom those in distress instinctively recognize, in whom they place implicit trust, secure in the conviction that you will never divulge what they have made known to you in confidence and that you will never reveal to others the material aid or spiritual consolation that you have been responsible for bringing into their lives.

We now hope and pray that for many more years you may carry on your teaching in the classrooms of SEM. We shall continue to look forward to meeting you after your day's work, roaming the roads and climbing those familiar hills of Naini Tal and its environs, over which you have been trekking for more than a half-century. May you long continue to remain your own charming, sociable self, the joyous sparkle in your eye remaining just as keen as it has always been, your infectious sense of humour continuing long into the future just as subtle and cheering as it is today. May your loving Lord, in whose presence you walk, continue to preserve you in good health for many more years in the place you love and among the people who have taken you to their heart.

Ad multos annos !

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school children who are studying as boarders in some of the finest missionary and Anglo Indian institutions in the country like St. Joseph's, Sherwood, All Saints, St. Mary's Convent etc. These parents come to meet their children who get ten days holidays after annual sports or founder's day. Here again most of the guardians are from the neo rich amongst whom there is a craze to educate their children in Naini Tal because the schools here have produced aluminis like Amitabh Bachhan, Kabir Bedi, Nasiruddin Sah, Danny Denzongappa etc.

The rest of the year, that is from January to April and from July onwards, tourists who visit Naini Tal, the majority of them are from the middle or lower income groups. But the facilities that are being created in Naini Tal, Luxury hotels etc. are for the rich strata of society; nothing is being done to cater to tourists who are from middle or lower income groups.

Today the genuine Naini Tal tourist wants to escape from Naini Tal to a secluded resort to seek peace for which he left the noisy plains. Since the last 2 decades, the tranquility of Naini Tal has been rudely disturbed by the excessive traffic. Planners, politicians and bureaucrats think that every bungalow on the hill side should be connected by a motorable road. During the British period, cement construction was not permitted on the Mall Road and vehicles were not allowed to ply beyond the bus station. But now-a-days especially during the summer season, the Mall Road is clogged with cars, tourist buses and trucks. In the last 3 decades every important office that has been established for Naini Tal district or Kumaon Region has its headquarters in Naini Tal; as a sequel vehicular traffic has increased. It's high time to put a check on the increasing traffic and for the benefit of the region and to save Naini Tal, these offices should be transferred to a suitable locale.

Naini Tal lake at the moment is threatened by vandalism. During the last decade organic pollution has been increasing at such a rate that even preliminary limnological studies show unmistakable symptoms of pollution. The luxurious growth of *Potamogeton pectinatus*, a plant always associated with organic pollution, in the littoral zones of the lake, is sufficient to indicate how heavily the water is polluted. Certain toxic substances such as ammonia, hydrogen sulphide and methane evolve round the year in the bottom waters of Naini Tal lake. This pollution has effected the fish population to a great extent. Ichthyologists of Kumaon University, Naini Tal, have observed different species of water fungi acting as parasites on edible fish egg which

is colossal to fish productivity and an indication of organic pollution. Fish mortality was a casual phenomenon in the sixties in Naini Tal lake, but in recent years it has almost been a regular feature and now every year large number of fishes die during winters.

The most potent source of pollution in the Naini Tal lake is human faeces which is carried there owing to the leakage of sewer lines and the opening of some sewer lines in the lake after 1950. Ecologists in Naini Tal have observed that the intestines of fishes are infested with tape worms.

In the recent years some greedy real-estate developers cashing in on the great demand for new houses have scarred the lovely hill side and with the connivance of the administrators have constructed houses and hotels in localities which were declared unsafe and as prohibited zone by the British Government. These people have not bothered to remove the rubble to the places fixed for its disposal owing to the extra cost involved. This debris is carried to the lake by numerous drains on the hill sides. There has also been an indiscriminate felling of trees and dynamiting for construction of unnecessary motor roads within the town with the consequent danger of erosion.

Furthermore a ropeway has been commissioned in Naini Tal this year. It has been installed on the Sher-Ka-Danda ridge which was declared as a prohibited zone by the British. The very spot where the towers of the ropeway have been constructed are in the tract where in September 1880 the diabolic landslide occurred. Incidentally, the tower number two has started showing signs of wear and tear. The hills in Naini Tal are considered to be fragile and that is why the British dropped the Ropeway and the Mountain Railway Scheme between 1887-89.

Thus pollution in the lake, illegal construction and encroachment and faulty planning have ruined Naini Tal town. Its very existence especially that of the lake is endangered. Technology alone cannot solve this intricate problem now; moral and legal conscience arising from complete awareness that the people and landscape are an inextricable whole must become effective.