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MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL

Rev. Br. Jerome Manuel

As we close another remarkable academic year, I want to take a moment to reflect on our journey together. This year has been filled with growth, challenges, and countless achievements that have shaped the SEM community.

To my dear students, I am incredibly proud of each one of you for your resilience and dedication. The hard work you put in academics, sports, and other co-curricular activities has been inspiring to witness. Each one of you has contributed to SEM's spirit, and all your achievements deserve to be celebrated.

To you parents and families, we owe you a debt of gratitude for the unwavering support. Your involvement makes a significant difference in your son's life and enriches the entire SEM community.

My heartfelt gratitude to you administrative, teaching and non-teaching staff. Your dedication and passion and commitment to create a nurturing environment for our students and all quiet efforts have not gone unnoticed. Together we continue to foster a love of learning and community.

As we look ahead, let us carry the lessons learned and the friendships forged into the future. Embrace new opportunities and challenges that await.

Thank you to each one of you for being part of this incredible journey. Here's to another successful year ahead!

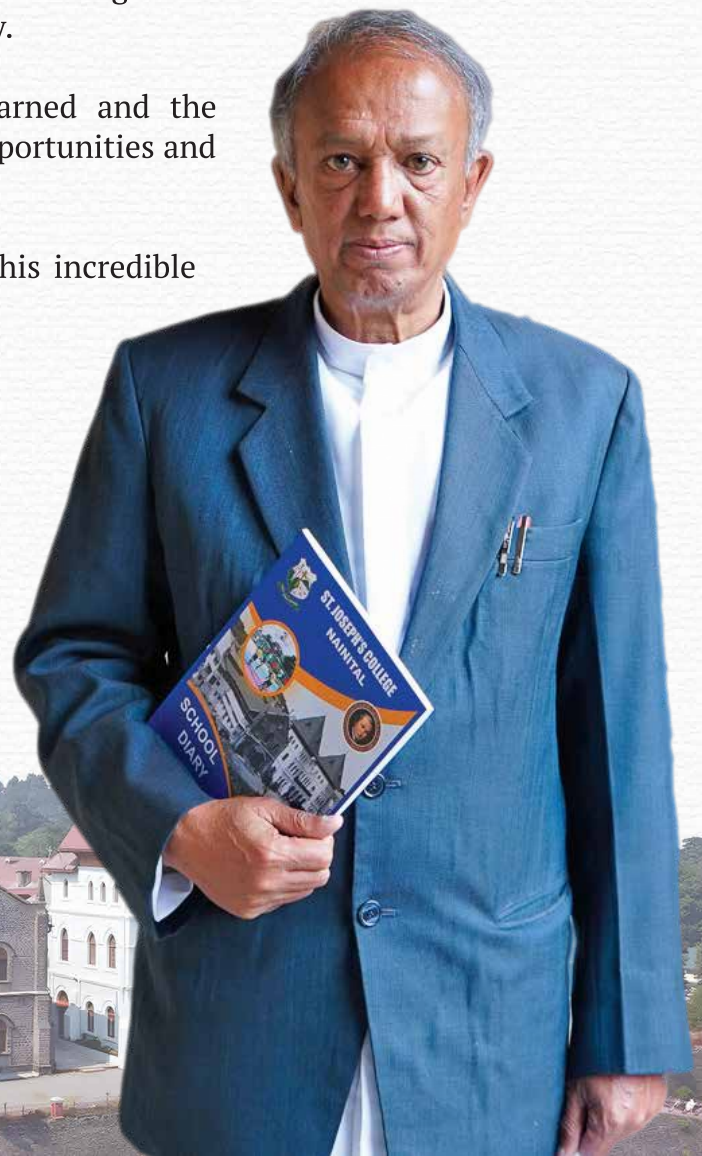
Rev. Br. Jerome Manuel CFC
Principal

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*You are stronger than
you seem, braver than you
believe, and smarter than
you think.*

- Christopher Robin

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MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY

Br. Lawrence Colaco

Dear St. Joseph's College Community,

It is with great joy and gratitude that I share this message for the 2024 College Review Magazine. This college review serves as a testament to the vibrant life, remarkable achievements, and shared experiences that define SEM—our beloved St. Joseph's College.

At the heart of all we do at St. Joseph's College is our unwavering faith. This faith serves as a guiding light, inspiring hope and optimism in an ever-changing and complex world, and enabling every student to discover and realize their full potential.

As I reflect on the year gone by, I am deeply moved by the legacy of dedication and service at SEM by all those who have devoted their lives to this institution. From mentors and visionaries to support staff and alumni, their commitment has laid the groundwork for the strong traditions we continue to uphold with pride today.

I feel honored to be given the opportunity to play my part at St. Joseph's College. Since its inception in 1888, this institution has been one of the premier schools in the country, renowned not only for academic excellence but also for its emphasis on character building and instilling good values. As our school motto says, "Certa Bonum Certamen"—"Fight the Good Fight."

St. Joseph's College is a community rich in culture and excellence—one that fosters growth, learning, and the holistic development of every student. This environment is made possible through the collective efforts of each of you—students, parents, teachers, support staff, and alumni. Your contributions, steadfast support, and trust have been instrumental in making St. Joseph's College the esteemed, respected, and nurturing institution it is today.

As we look to the future, we remain deeply committed to preserving the unique characteristics and values that define our college. Together, with our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and proud alumni, we will continue to build on this legacy, fostering pride, belonging, and the spirit of resilience for all who call themselves Semites.

This year has also been marked by several achievements across academics, co-curricular activities, and sports, showcasing the all-round excellence for which SEM is known. It has been equally heartening to see our students imbibe and practice the values of respect, empathy, and teamwork—qualities that will serve them well in their journeys ahead.

As we celebrate the successes of the past year through this magazine, let us also renew our commitment to the vision that has guided St. Joseph's College for over a century. This is a time to celebrate our shared stories, strengthen our connections, and look forward with optimism to the generations of Semites who will continue to bring pride and honor to our name.

St. Joseph's College will continue to invest in forming young men who are inspired to grow into their potential to live, learn, lead, and serve society with humility and integrity.

Once a Semite, always a Semite. May our shared journey continue to inspire and uplift us all.

With gratitude and best wishes,

Br. Lawrence Colaco,
Secretary, St. Joseph's College



MESSAGE FROM HEADMISTRESS

Mrs Zeba Raza

Dear SEM Family,

It is with immense pride that I write to you as a part of the SEM community. In SEM, we don't just set goals, we shape leaders, innovators, and change-makers who redefine excellence. Under the strong leadership of CCBI, SEM continues to flourish. The dedication of our faculty, the unwavering support of our parents and alumni along with the boundless enthusiasm of our students makes SEM an outstanding institution.

As we flip through the pages of the latest edition of our school magazine, I hope you'll share my excitement and admiration for the outstanding achievements of our students. This magazine is more than a mere compilation of pages, it's a vibrant reflection of the diverse talents, achievements, and creativity of our students. Each contribution speaks to the heart of what SEM stands for—nurturing minds and inspiring a shared commitment to excellence.

The old saying, “The pen is mightier than the sword,” holds true now more than ever. Writing for the school magazine offers our students a powerful medium to express their thoughts, ideas, and experiences. Through the written word, they not only discover their own voices but also develop the ability to shape the ideas and opinions of others. This creative outlet is instrumental in fostering personal development and strengthening academic performance.

Each page of our school magazine offers a glimpse into the minds of our young writers, where creativity blossoms and inspiration take root. The stories, poems, articles, and reflections leave a lasting imprint on both the heart and mind, inviting us to celebrate the unique journeys of our students. As we turn these pages, we honor the efforts and accomplishments that define this academic year—moments of triumph, growth, and learning that have shaped our collective experience.

This magazine is the result of a collaborative effort, and I extend my sincere gratitude to every student, teacher, and staff member who contributed. Special thanks to the editorial board for their hard work and commitment to bring this publication to life, ensuring it remains a treasured part of SEM's legacy.

As we move forward, let us remain committed to nurturing a culture of unity, intellectual curiosity, and innovative spirit. Pray the stories and achievements featured in this magazine serve as a source of inspiration for us all, driving us to reach new heights and strengthening the bonds we share. Together, we are creating a bright future for each and every student at SEM.

With heartfelt gratitude and best wishes,
Mrs Zeba Raza
Headmistress.

Message From Junior School Coordinator

Mrs Suluckshana Sah

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." — William Butler Yeats

Greetings to all!

I am deeply grateful to the Brothers in CCBI for entrusting me with the role of Coordinator once again. Their faith in me strengthens my commitment to creating a community where each child is empowered to reach their full potential, experience joy in learning, and embrace values, creativity, and compassion in every aspect of their education.

This past year has been filled with growth, achievement, and unforgettable moments. Our vibrant school community—students, teachers, and families—has worked together to shape a truly enriching experience for all.

2024 brought significant changes. We bid farewell to our beloved Principal, Br. Hector Pinto, who has moved to Kurseong. His leadership, kindness, and vision left a lasting legacy of compassion and resilience. Though he is no longer with us, his influence will continue to inspire us.

We are excited to welcome Br. Jerome Manuel as our new Principal and Br. Lawrence as Secretary. Their energy, perspectives, and dedication promise new opportunities for our school, and I look forward to the journey ahead under their guidance.

Among this year's memorable events, the Mother's Day celebration stood out as a heartwarming occasion. Our students beautifully expressed their love and gratitude for their mothers, showcasing the strong values of family and appreciation within our community. My sincere thanks to our staff for making this event a success.

To our students: Your education is about more than grades—it's about preparing for the challenges and opportunities life will bring. As Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Embrace your studies with passion and purpose, for they are the foundation for a brighter future.

Discipline is equally important. It is not a limitation but a framework that strengthens your character, helping you pursue your dreams with focus and resilience. As Aristotle said, "The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet." Commit to excellence in both academics and behavior, and you will be empowered to lead with confidence.

None of this would be possible without our dedicated Junior School staff. Your passion for teaching and commitment to our students' growth creates a nurturing environment for them to thrive. Thank you for all that you do.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to our parents. Your unwavering support and partnership are vital to our students' success. By entrusting us with your children, you help us build a strong, united community.

Let us move forward together, guided by our shared values and commitment to excellence. Together, we are creating a legacy of lifelong learning and leadership.

Thank you for your trust, enthusiasm, and support. Here's to another year of growth and achievement!

With sincere appreciation,
Mrs Suluckshana Sah
Coordinator, Junior School

Message From Middle-School Coordinator

Mr. Birendra Manral

Building success through discipline and focus.

Dear Students,

I hope this message finds you well and motivated. Today, I want to discuss something vital to your growth and future success: the power of consistent effort and focus.

Let me share a few examples of individuals who have achieved remarkable success—not because of luck, but because of their dedication and hard work, day after day, focused on a single goal. Take Michael Jordan, one of the greatest basketball players of all time. He didn't rely solely on his talent; he practiced relentlessly, shooting 1,000 shots every single day, not just for a week or a month, but consistently over the years. This discipline allowed him to perfect his game.

Warren Buffett, one of the world's most successful investors, dedicates 5 to 6 hours a day to reading. Imagine the level of commitment required to sit down and invest time in learning each day, no matter how busy he might be. His success didn't happen overnight; it is the result of countless hours spent honing his knowledge.

Similarly, best-selling author Stephen King writes 2,000 words every day, even on holidays. He doesn't wait for inspiration or perfect conditions; he simply shows up and does the work.

These individuals didn't become successful overnight. Their greatness is the result of years of focused, continuous effort. There is no shortcut to success—only consistent, dedicated work can get you there.

Now, let's compare this with the habits of many young students today. Often, when things don't go as planned, the first reaction is to blame others—teachers, parents, or circumstances. While it may be easy to react impulsively in the face of challenges or setbacks, this approach will not help you in the long run. Success doesn't come from blaming others; it comes from taking responsibility for your actions and working persistently toward your goals.

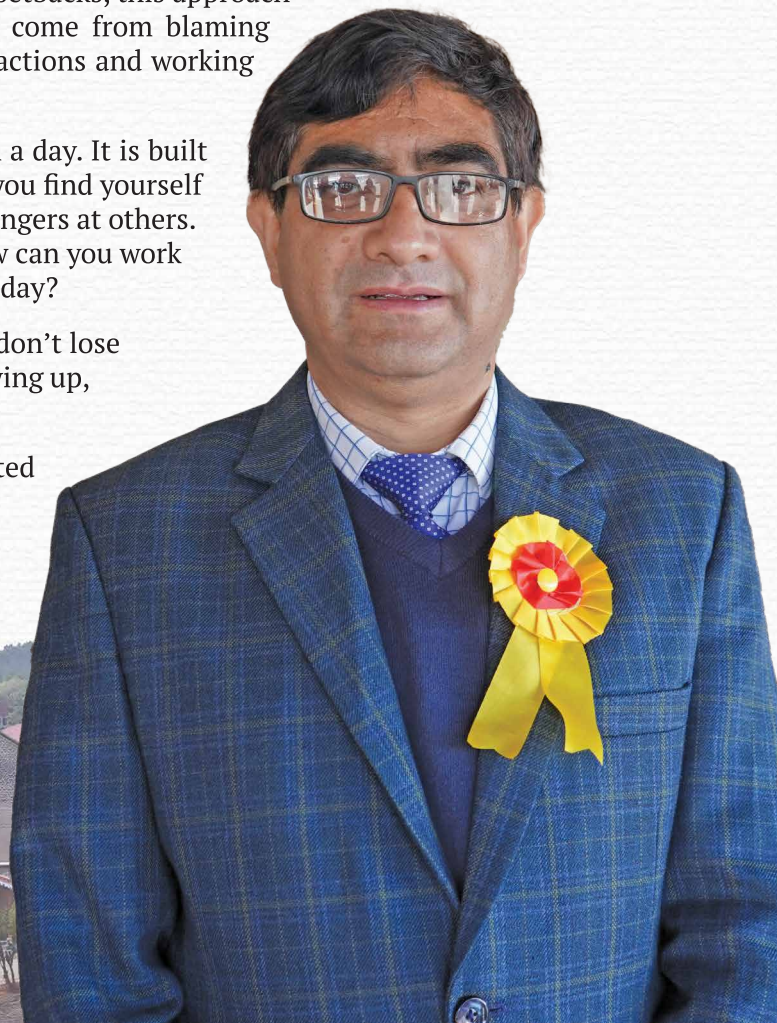
Remember, success is not something that happens in a day. It is built over weeks, months, and years of dedicated effort. If you find yourself struggling or falling short of your goals, don't point fingers at others. Instead, ask yourself what you can do differently. How can you work smarter, stay more focused, and improve a little each day?

Every small step counts. Don't rush the process, and don't lose heart if success doesn't come immediately. Keep showing up, keep working hard, and keep believing in yourself.

Success is within your reach if you remain committed and put in consistent effort each day.

Best regards,

Mr. Birendra Singh Manral
Coordinator, Middle-School



Message From Senior School Coordinator

Mrs Harsh Nagpal

Education, often described as the most powerful tool we can use to change the world, is much more than the acquisition of knowledge. It shapes the way we think, the way we act, and ultimately, the way we contribute to society.

As Aristotle once said, **“The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.”**

This profound truth reflects the journey of learning—a path that is often challenging, but one that rewards us with wisdom, growth, and opportunity.

However, education in its truest sense is not confined to books, exams, or degrees. It must go hand in hand with morality, for knowledge without values can lead to empty success. It is our moral compass that defines who we are and how we use the knowledge we gain. As Mahatma Gandhi wisely stated, “Education which does not mould character is absolutely worthless.” In essence, it is not enough to be well-versed in subjects; we must also be compassionate, empathetic, and honest in our dealings with others.

For our students, this message is vital. Your time in school is a crucial period of intellectual growth, but it is also a time to build the values that will guide you through life. As you strive for academic excellence, remember that true success lies in the balance between knowledge and integrity. No matter how far your education takes you, it is your character that will leave a lasting legacy.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, “Character is higher than intellect. A great soul will be strong to live as well as to think.” Let these words remind you that while the pursuit of knowledge is essential, the strength of your character will define your true impact on the world.

As students, you will face challenges and temptations along the way, but never lose sight of the principles that matter. Hard work, honesty, respect, and kindness will not only help you excel but will also make you a better human being. The choices you make today shape the future you will step into tomorrow.

“Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education.”

— Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Best regards,

Mrs Harsh Nagpal

Coordinator, Senior-School

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*You don't have to be
great to start, but you
have to start to be great.*

- Zig Ziglar

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Message From Mr Ashim Talwar, 1979 batch

Ladies and gentlemen, fellow alumni, and dear students of SEM, it is an absolute honour to stand before you today and reminisce about my incredible journey with Saint Joseph's College, fondly known as SEM by its students and alumni of SEMIANS.

My time at this glorious institution spanned more than seven unforgettable years—a chapter of my life that began with tears and, as fate would have it, ended with them too. But oh, how different those tears were.

The first tears fell when I, an 11-year-old boy from Calcutta, arrived at SEM on a cold and stormy night, far away from the comfort of home and family. The night was one of those Nainital evenings where the wind howls through the pine & oak trees, the mist curls around the mountains, and the air carries an unshakeable chill. My luggage, left behind somewhere in the chaos of switching buses at Kathgodam, didn't help matters. The overwhelming loneliness, the strict discipline, and the absence of my parents made my first night feel endless. Those were tears of homesickness, fear, and longing for the familiar. I remember thinking, "How will I ever survive this?"

But survive I did—no, thrive is a better word. Over time, SEM worked its magic. Friends were made over shared cups of hot cocoa, and the relentless beauty of Nainital's summers—the golden sun, crisp mountain air, and the endless stretches of greenery—became part of who I was. We were kept busy, flitting between classes and the games field, molding us into young men who learned not just to study, but to live, to laugh, and to appreciate one another. We began to recognize the sacrifices our parents made to send us here, and the brothers and teachers who guided us with patience and purpose.

Those years in SEM gifted me something precious—friendships that have withstood the test of time. It's been more than 45 years since I walked through those gates for the last time, but those bonds remain as strong today as they were in the dormitories where we whispered late into the night.

As we approached our ICSE and ISC, we learned a different kind of heartbreak—the bittersweet tears of parting. It dawned on us, perhaps too late, that the friends we had taken for granted, the seniors we had looked up to, would soon scatter to different corners of the world. And it wasn't just the friends. Some of the brothers, whose patient guidance had shaped us, and the teachers, whose tireless devotion had nurtured our minds and hearts, would also move on. There was a profound sadness in knowing that things would never be quite the same again. But there was also pride, deep pride, in the young men SEM had molded us to be.

And oh, the memories! How can I forget the picnics, where laughter echoed through the valleys? The sports days, where we cheered until our voices were hoarse? The bunking from school when we snuck into town to watch movies or gorge on the scrumptious dishes in Embassy, Flattis, Copa Cabana and NEGIs. The times we stuffed papers inside our trousers backs so that the benders were less



painful! The letters we wrote the girls of Ramnee which usually went unacknowledged but didn't stop us from repeated attempts! Some funny memories are imprinted amongst us like the time some boys dared each other and threw a cassette player belonging to brother Lyng into the lake and then the music we all had to face! Of course the music wasn't from the player!

The fetes, concerts, juvies, and swimming & boating contests—all these events left an indelible mark on us. Each one was a mosaic of joy, excitement, and camaraderie, etching themselves into the very fabric of who we are.

What SEM really did, beyond the books and lessons, was to shape us into people of character—God-fearing, loyal, and principled. The values instilled in us at SEM became the armour we wore as we ventured into the world, ready to face its challenges. SEM equipped us with every tool we needed, polished over time through trials and triumphs, to become a force to be reckoned with among our peers.

You know, I've always believed that the milestones in life aren't marked by the wealth we accumulate or the accolades we achieve. No, the true milestones are the friends we gather along the way. It's about the people who stand beside us, through thick and thin, who laugh with us, cry with us, and remain by our side until the very end.

And that, dear friends, is the greatest gift SEM gave me—friendships that have endured, values that have guided me, and memories that will forever bring a smile to my face. SEM was not just a school; it was—and still is—a place that shapes souls.

To all of you who are still lucky enough to be part of this journey, cherish it. For one day, when your time here is done, you too will look back with tears. But they won't be the tears of fear or homesickness. They'll be tears of gratitude, of pride, and of love for the place that helped you become who you are.

Thank you, SEM, for everything and a special thanks to Rev Br. O'Shea, Br. Burke, Br. Kyle, Br. Comber, Br. Walsh and teachers Mr. SC shah, Mr PL Shah, Mr. Chandra, Mr. Gomes, and all the others who contributed to our education.

I'd like to end by wishing my best to all the young students graduating out into the world as they succeed in unravelling life's challenges and always remember what SEM taught us in safeguarding our values, respect, humility, integrity and disciplines above all else!!

Mr Ashim Talwar

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*Don't watch the clock; do
what it does. Keep going.*

- Sam Levenson

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Message From

Mr. Shivam Adhikari, 2023 batch

"The greatest journeys teach us to overcome our fears, grow stronger through challenges, and find our voice—not just for ourselves, but for others too."

The beginning of my journey at this school still feels like yesterday—an interview with Dr Peter Emmanuel and Mrs. Purnima Rathore that marked my entry into a place I would soon call home. I vividly remember the proud smiles on my parents' faces, a memory etched in my heart. That moment set in motion a 12-year voyage filled with learning, growth, and transformation.

In my early years, I was placed in the hands of Miss Rana, a teacher who has nurtured countless students over her long tenure. Her classroom wasn't just a space for academic learning; it was a garden where seeds of character and resilience were sown. She taught us that education goes beyond textbooks and that it's about respecting those around us—teachers, peers, and juniors alike. I learned that growth comes from the humility of being a lifelong learner, not just in knowledge but in spirit also. But every journey has its share of storms. There were times when I felt sidelined, even bullied, when the road seemed difficult to walk. Yet, looking back, these moments proved to be the fire that forged my strength. I learned to stand tall, to speak up for myself, and to fight the good fight. Our school's motto, Certamen Bonum Certamen—Fight the Good Fight—echoed in my mind during those difficult times, reminding me that true victory is often found in persistence and in staying true to oneself. As I moved through the years, the stage of my school became more than just a platform—it became my canvas. The interschool fests, the events, the performances—they all allowed me to discover my voice and gain the confidence to represent not only myself but my school. It was through these moments that I realized the power of a stage, not just in the literal sense, but in the way it shapes you to be bold, to express yourself, and to leave a lasting impact. One of the most defining experiences of my school life was being entrusted with the role of College Captain. With this position came responsibility, and alongside it, the guidance of Brother Hector Pinto, whose words of wisdom continue to resonate with me. "A leader's voice must not only command but uplift," he once told me, and those words became my compass during my tenure. They taught me that leadership is not just about authority, but about empathy, about using your voice to empower others.

From Miss Rana in my first years to Miss Nagpal in Class 12, and every teacher, the thread of my school life has been closely knit, woven with moments of growth, struggle, and triumph. As I stand at the edge of this chapter, ready to turn the page, I carry with me the most important lesson of all: to be a learner is to learn how to speak with courage and clarity, to know that finding your voice is the first step in helping others find theirs. My school has been my compass, my shelter, and my forge, and it has prepared me to face the world with strength, wisdom, and kindness. This journey has been a testament to the truth that the good fight is worth fighting, and now, as I step into the future, I am ready to continue that fight—with the lessons and memories of my school and my teachers guiding me every step of the way.

Shivam Adhikari

Message From The College Vice-Captain

“The greatest glory in life lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall” —
Nelson Mandela



Swarnim Pathak
College Vice-Captain

Dear SEM,

I fall short of words in expressing my gratitude towards you for entrusting me with the mountainous responsibility of serving you, as your captain.

While no one is perfect at everything, I assure you that I gave my best to everything that lay in my jurisdiction and I am proud to write this farewell note, marking the successful completion of my tenure as the College Vice Captain.

I am delighted that during my tenure and the 12 years I spent here at large, I was able to achieve various laurels for my school, forge the most amazing friendships and we were able to organize an array of events ranging from a **Model United Nations** conference to our annual cultural fest, '**Literati**' and many such other successful events.

In retrospect, I pray that the Almighty blesses the SEM family abundantly with the choicest of blessings, and may we all continue to Fight the Good Fight in the name of Love, Kindness, Compassion, and Resilience.

With many more thoughts and very few words, Signing Off !!

Swarnim Pathak

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Do your best, then adopt a 'whatever happens, happens' mindset. Don't try to force things. Just let go and allow the right blessings to flow. - MARCANDANGEL

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Message From Nehru House Vice-Captain

“A farewell is not the end; it’s the beginning of a new journey, where every goodbye creates the space for a new hello.”



Brahmroop Singh

Vice-Captain

Dear Yellows,

As I bid farewell to my role as your House Captain, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude. Being a part of Nehru House has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life, and leading such a passionate, determined, and talented group of individuals has been a true honour.

To all the members of Nehru House, I want to express my heartfelt thank you. Your dedication, enthusiasm, and team spirit have been the driving force behind every victory, every effort, and every memorable moment. It’s your collective energy that has shaped our house and made it stronger than ever.

I would also like to extend my special thanks to our College Captain, Krishiv and for being a constant pillar of support. Your hard work, leadership, and commitment have been truly inspiring, and I couldn’t have asked for better partners in this journey.

As we step into the future, I urge each one of you to carry forward the values of determination, unity, and resilience that define Nehru House. The challenges ahead will only make you stronger, and the victories will be even sweeter. Remember, the spirit of Nehru House lives in each one of you, and it will continue to shine brightly.

I wish all of you the very best in everything you pursue, and may the future hold nothing but success and fulfillment for each of you.

I hope that each one of you will live up to our house motto, that is, to be “Faithful and Brave”.

Message From Pant House Captain

“A farewell is not the end; it’s the beginning of a new journey, where every goodbye creates the space for a new hello.”

Dear Greens,

At the brink of the end of my tenure, I am filled with gratitude and nostalgia. It’s hard to believe that my time as House Captain is coming to an end. I want to take a moment to extend my heartfelt gratitude who have inspired and guided me throughout this journey.

First and foremost, I’d like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our House Vice-Captain, Allen Kujur and Junior Prefect Dhruv Agarwal for their unwavering support, dedication, and leadership, which have been instrumental in guiding the house to greater heights. Your relentless commitment to our house’s success has been truly inspiring.

To all the members of Pant House, I cannot thank you enough for your relentless spirit, hard work, and camaraderie. Your energy and enthusiasm have been the driving force behind all our success, and I am proud of the unity and strength we’ve shown as a team. The bond and memories that we have built together will forever be etched in my heart.

As I move on, I have no doubt that Pant House will continue to shine brightly, and I look forward to seeing each one of you achieve even greater success and uplift our motto “Ever to Excel”.

Let’s carry the values of teamwork, respect, and perseverance that define us. I wish you all the best in your future endeavours. Keep pushing boundaries and aim for greatness. Pant House will always be a beacon of strength and unity. Thank you all for your trust, friendship, and dedication.

Krish Jaiswal

Pant House Captain,
St. Joseph’s College, Nainital 2024



Krish Jaiswal

Captain



Allen Kujur

Vice-Captain

Message From Tagore House Captain

“Every ending is a new beginning.”

Dear Reds,

As I stand before you today, I am filled with a mix of nostalgia and gratitude. My journey as your House Captain has been an incredible experience, one I will cherish forever. I want to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your unwavering support throughout the year.

A special mention goes to our Vice Captain, Peter Michael. Your dedication, teamwork, and leadership have been invaluable.

To my fellow housemates, your enthusiasm and commitment have made every event memorable. Whether we were competing on the field or working together in preparation, your spirit was the driving force that propelled us forward. I encourage you to carry this passion with you as you continue your journey at St. Joseph's College. Remember, we are not just a house; we are a family.

As I step down, I urge you all to embody our house motto: "Onwards and Upwards." Embrace the future with courage and determination. Face challenges head-on, and support one another in all your endeavours. Each of you has the potential to achieve greatness, and I have no doubt that Tagore House will continue to shine brightly in the years to come.

Thank you for everything. I wish you all the very best in your future endeavours. Let's keep the Tagore spirit alive!

Onwards and Upwards!

Shauryaveer Singh,

House Captain,

Tagore House, 2024.



Shauryaveer Singh

Captain



Peter Michael Khalko

Vice-Captain

The Importance of Moral Values in Achieving Big Goals

Academic success or failure depends upon the set of goals in this current competitive world where people only look at how a person can be inferior to them regardless of their abilities. However, people misinterpret the fact that influence on large goals can only be rendered by moral values. I myself have never been a bright student in my class but I was always taught the moral values by my parents who are helping me to achieve big heights which can only be accessed through the moral values. One can touch any height in academics but it is impossible to grow personally or professionally without moral values like honesty, empathy, perseverance, or integrity. Thus, moral values form a strong base for character building. They determine how individuals approach challenges, handle people, and respond to failures.

For instance, honesty gives people trust that is fundamental in all fields. Sympathy allows people to understand each other and work together, hence creating a friendly atmosphere that leads to success through failure. Perseverance teaches people the importance of carrying on despite failure. Sometimes it is more important to be resilient than to be anything near a genius. Many successful individuals attribute their success to the fact that they were dedicated and hardworking, rather than attributing it to their performances in academics. People acting with integrity will earn respect and credibility as well as professional lives. This respect opens doorways to new opportunities, collaborations, and support systems that may not be there if they do not possess good ethical foundations. A good reputation can often weigh over academic qualifications in careers, allowing people to experience personal and professional growth.

Good moral values also promote the growth mentality. People who believe in qualities like hard work and determination treat failures as lessons rather than failures. Such an approach creates an atmosphere where progress and innovation are constant and friendly and human beings learn and grow with what they achieve. It is quite essential that people, even while pursuing high goals, embrace challenges and learn lessons from their mistakes. Finally, regardless of academic or intellectual success, great goals are required so that your moral values are beyond



excellent. They help in building character, developing trust, and much more. Success is not in grades, but in how and in what ways we live up to our set values.

Parth Choudhary, 2B

Importance of Dustbin in a Classroom



A dustbin in the classroom plays a crucial role in maintaining a clean, organized and hygienic learning environment. Here are some key reasons why it is important:

Promotes cleanliness – A dustbin encourages students to dispose of waste properly, preventing littering. This helps to keep the classroom free from trash.

Reduces health hazards – Proper waste disposal helps prevent the accumulation of germs and bacteria that can cause illness. Proper disposal of waste minimizes the risk of infection.

Fosters responsibility – Having a dustbin in the classroom encourages students to be responsible and develop good habits.

Environmental awareness – A dustbin serves as a reminder for students to reduce, reuse and recycle. In schools, it can also promote environmental consciousness by teaching students the importance of different types of waste. A clean and organized environment improves a student's focus and productivity.

Incorporating dustbins into a classroom environment is a simple but effective step towards creating a safe, cleaner, healthier and more responsible person.

Nishchay Singh Bora, 3B

The Intertwined Worlds of Hogwarts and St. Joseph's College



Like many kids of my age, I am a fan of Harry Potter. Harry Potter is a seven-book series written by the British author J.K. Rowling. It's a story about a boy named Harry Potter. When Harry was just a baby, his parents were killed by a dark wizard known as Lord Voldemort. On his eleventh birthday Harry found out that he too was a wizard and went to study at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Hogwarts and my school, St. Joseph's College have quite a few similarities. The building of the two schools is quite similar. The corridors of my school remind me of Hogwarts.

I also think that some of the characters in the book are like my teachers and friends. I would like to start with Professor Albus Dumbledore, the Headmaster of Hogwarts and compare him to my English teacher, Mrs. S. Sah. They both are very calm and collected and rarely ever get angry.

The second character that I would like to compare is Professor Minerva McGonagall with my Hindi teacher Mrs. M. Joshi. They both are strict but fair and always want the best for their students.

The character that shares some likeness with my class teacher, Mr. J Nath, is Professor Remus Lupin. They both are kind and intelligent.

As far as the students of Hogwarts are concerned, I would like to start with Ronald Weasley, who is a little like my friend Veer Sah, like Ron is always there to support Harry, Veer is always there for me. The second character is Hermione Granger who I think is like my friend Akshat Shukla. Like Hermione, Akshat is very smart and always tells me to do the right thing. Just like all these characters in the book Harry Potter play an important part in his life, similarly all my teachers and friends play an important part in my life. I hope to become as brave, humble, caring and selfless as Harry.

Arunoday Singh Bora, 5A

Flames in My Eyes



Flames in my eyes,
These flames are not of fire,
But of my desire.
People ask me what I want to become in my life,
And I reply with a bold smile,
I want to be a hope, in which the world resides;
I want to be a shoulder on which the world cries;
I want to be a faith, by which the world abides;
I want to be an explorer, who explores people's smile;
I have desire to become time,
To fill the world with life,
All because I have flames in my eyes.

Lokesh Arya, 5A

Health is Wealth

Growing up you might have heard the phrase 'Health is Wealth', but its essential meaning is still not clear to most people. Most people confuse good health with being free of any kind of illness. While it may be part of the case, it is not entirely what good health is all about. We value health in the same way that we value time once we lose it. We cannot rewind time, but the good news is that we can regain health with some effort. A healthy person is normally more confident, sociable and energetic, but an unhealthy person spends days shuttling between hospital and home, trying to find out what has gone wrong. People often seem to give a lot of importance to working hard to make money and care the least for their health. Not many understand that unless they are healthy enough to move out and use their body for various activities, they would not be able to do anything they want to. So, we should take care of our health as well as our wealth.

Divyansh Singh Bisht, 5B

Fire of Bravery

Bravery is absolute fire,
In need of a spark to ignite,
Takes it time to grow
And turns up burning bright.
At a certain point of life
If given the needed spark,
It gives the ability to see
In the cold, bitter dark.
But often there's aggression
And recklessness quite wild,
Therefore, one always needs
Calm to make one's mind.
Then soon it forms a flame
That none can smother,
As none its power can match,
Not even wind or water.
Thus, it is a flame
Where calm and courage set,
'Tis not the absence of fear,
But the mastery of it.

Aaradhay Bargali, 6B



Terrorism has become a widespread phenomenon throughout the world. There is not a single day when innocent people do not become the target of militants. People live in continuous fear of death and do not feel secure. No wonder the masses are totally disillusioned.

In today's world, even the most developed and advanced nation of the world, the USA, is attacked by terrorists. Thus, we can say without a doubt that in the years to come the whole world will be in the clutches of terrorism. Terrorism has become rampant even in our very own country. Everyday we hear of bomb blasts, kidnappings, and destruction in different parts of the country. All these violent activities are master-minded by various terrorist organizations like Lashkar-e-Taiba, Hizbul Mujahideen, Harkat-ul-Mujahideen, Al-Qaeda and many more. These groups are getting away with every criminal offense in the name of their goals, religion or community, and so far, they have not been crushed.

If the cult of terrorism remains unchecked then we, the future generation, will never be able to enjoy the fruits of peace and prosperity. The government should deal firmly with such disruptive forces that threaten the lives of people. They should be dealt with severely.

We want to grow up in a peaceful world. Power and influence are irrelevant when human lives are expendable and are at the whims of immoral people. Respect for human-life needs to be taught again to those who think narrowly in the name of religion, land and community.

Samriddh Tiwari, 7A

The Importance of Co-Curricular Activities in Education

Co-curricular activities play a vital role in shaping a student's overall personality. These activities ranging from sports, debates, etc. complement academic learning and provide students with essential life skills that extend beyond the classroom.

Engaging in co-curricular activities helps students to improve their social provide enhance teamwork skills, and develop leadership qualities. Whether participating in sports or a school club, students learn how to work with others, communicate effectively, and manage responsibilities, all of which are valuable in real-world situations. These activities also boost self-confidence, allowing students to discover new talents and passions outside academics.

Moreover, co-curricular activities enhance time management skills. Balancing schoolwork with co-curricular activities teaches students how to prioritize and allocate their time efficiently. This balance prepares them for future challenges in both their academic and professional lives. Additionally, co-curricular involvement can improve mental health, offering a healthy outlet for stress and a sense of belonging within a community.

Academically, students engaged in such activities often perform better in school. Many studies show that participation in sports, music, or other activities positively impacts cognitive development, critical thinking and problem-solving abilities.

In today's competitive world, universities and employers also value co-curricular involvement. Students who actively participate in these activities stand out, as they demonstrate a well-rounded personality, strong interpersonal skills, and a proactive approach to learning.

In conclusion, co-curricular activities are not just "extras" in education; they are essential for nurturing a well-balanced, capable, and adaptable individual. The lessons learned through these experiences contribute towards both personal growth and academic success, laying a strong foundation for future endeavours.

Prithviraj Singh Dhaila, 8A

Die Like Men



When one gives up on the challenges,
When the world left him clueless.
When the comrades betray,
One forgets the inner sway.
Thinking, "Why did I grow up,
Facing the selfish world?"

The society suppressed him,
Like a hunter killing a dream,
He was left, rugged up,
Living in the failure's hub.

Finally, it all depends on the one,
To reform or to burden himself with ton.
The one who reforms, shines again,
With the new hope flowing in his vein.

The one who stops,
Spends the rest of his life like a rot.
His deep spirit is lost,
And this life is without any cost.

The one who resurrects
God says, he is correct.
Even if he does not succeed,
He will have the will's speed.
The one who leaves it, cannot lead it.
He sees everyone succeed
But himself remains in need.

So, draw the conclusion,
Let everyone go out of this confusion.
That if, one failed the first time,
He can't succeed the other time,
But he can,
If he wishes to.

Sandarbh Agarwal, 8C

Restoration of statehood: A New Dawn for Jammu and Kashmir?

Jammu and Kashmir's political journey has been one of significant change, especially since the revocation of its special status in 2019. The region, once known for its autonomy under Article 370, was reorganized into two Union Territories—Jammu & Kashmir, and Ladakh—marking a turning point in its governance.

The prospect of restoring statehood to Jammu and Kashmir has emerged as a major topic of discussion. Statehood signifies the return of local governance, with elected representatives holding more authority over the region's administration. This change could reinstate the legislative assembly, empowering the people to shape their political future directly. With the central government indicating its willingness to restore statehood, hopes are rising for a more stable and self-reliant Kashmir.

The restoration of statehood could also strengthen democratic processes. Elections to the legislative assembly, when held, will give people the platform to voice their concerns and participate more actively in the region's governance. This is seen as a crucial step towards rebuilding trust between the people and the government.

Economically, statehood could open up avenues for growth and development. With greater control over local policies, the region could focus on boosting tourism, agriculture, and industry, leading to job creation and overall development. It may also enhance investment in infrastructure, health, and education, contributing to a better quality of life for the residents.

Socially, the restoration of statehood might provide a sense of identity and pride to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. It could address long-standing grievances about the region's autonomy, paving the way for a peaceful and progressive future. However, challenges remain, including ensuring political stability and addressing security concerns.

The return of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir represents a hopeful chapter in the region's history. It holds the promise of self-governance, democratic renewal, and economic prosperity, potentially ushering in a new dawn for the people of this beautiful and historically significant land.

Abhyuday Baghel, 8C

Football

Football, also known as "the beautiful game" is the world's most popular sport, uniting people from all walks of life. Globally, it enjoys large followings, with tournaments like the FIFA World Cup and clubs like Barcelona, Manchester United and Bayern

Munich capturing the hearts of millions. The game's simplicity makes it accessible everywhere, requiring only a ball and space, which fuels its universal appeal.

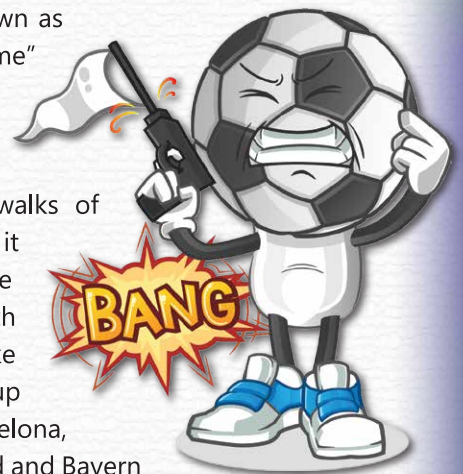
In India, football has a long history, especially in states like West Bengal, Goa and Kerala. Kolkata's Mohun Bagan vs East Bengal rivalry remains legendary. However, football has often played second fiddle to cricket, which dominates the country's sports scene.

In recent years, Indian football has seen a revival with the creation of the Indian Super League (ISL) in 2014, drawing international players and coaches to elevate the game. Stars like Sunil Chhetri, one of the world's top international goal scorers, have inspired a new generation of footballers. Meanwhile, clubs like Kerala Blasters and Mumbai City FC are building dedicated fan bases across the nation.

Despite the growth, Indian football faces challenges, such as limited infrastructure and cricket's overwhelming popularity. However, youth development programs led by the All India Football Federation (AIFF) are creating opportunities for the next generation.

Football's global power to unite and inspire is undeniable. In India, the sport's rise is promising. Though a spot in the FIFA World Cup remains a distant goal, India is steadily making its mark, with the hopes that football will soon claim its rightful place in the nation's sporting culture.

Anshuman Sah, 8B



Coffee

In the cosy cafes of Kolkata,
In the misty mountains of Munnar.

In the breakrooms of youngsters and their start-up stints,
In the balconies of grandfathers reading the daily print.



In the abode of the lady with a hearty laugh,
And the conversations of the wise teachers.

In the top shelf of the cricket fan,
And the bottom drawer of the postman.

In the rooms of night owls and the early risers of the past and present,
In the routine of lovers that you spot on the way.

Especially in that one apartment with a light on, in that high-rise at night
You're bound to find a red mug offering a lot of warmth and delight.

Of course, I can go on and on,
I've got a lot to say.
But most of all, I want to say,
That "Coffee is my favourite".

Amol Virk, 9A

Changes



There was a time when all was just.
Freedom could be felt like a gust.
Environment friendly goods were bought and sold.
People seemed to never grow old.
Thick and green forests were all over the scene,
Our planet was both blue and green.
Now has come a time when all is unjust,
All we breathe is nothing but dust.
And now as factories have started to thrive,
Our planet seems to lose it's life.
Many may say these changes are just.
I ask them, "Why is pollution to our planet like a layer of rust?"
They may say these changes are good.
I ask them, "Why have our lives become so crude?"
If they say these changes are not bad.
I ask them, "Why man is today so sad?"

Dhairya Pratap Singh, 9B

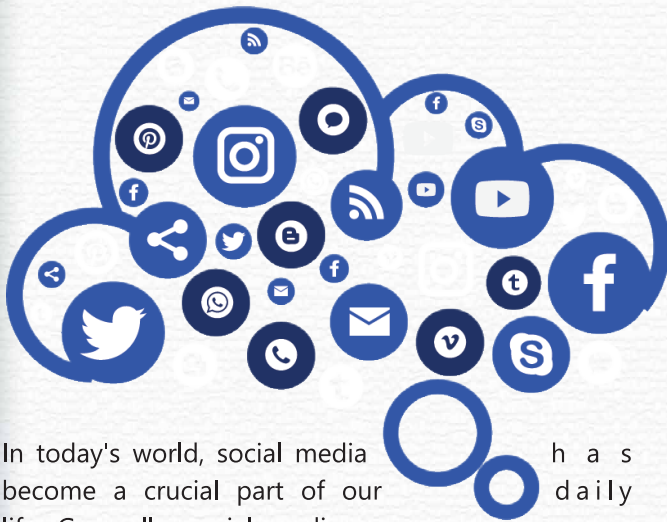
Expectations

It is fine if you say, "I do not know what others expect of me", But it is completely illogical to say, "I do not know what I expect for myself". The ultimate expectation we have from life is happiness and contentment. Why does everyone forget the importance of joy in life? The obvious answer is 'Expectations'. Working according to what other people expect from us is similar to being a robot that has no heart and feeling. One should set an aim, know one's abilities, work hard and then expect the most from life. Life has so much to give us, provided we make good use of every opportunity that comes our way. So, know your abilities, know your limit, work accordingly and expect accordingly.



Yuvaan Sharma, 9A

Social Media



In today's world, social media has become a crucial part of our daily life. Generally, social media means a website or an application where we can send or receive information. Some social media platforms are Youtube, Whatsapp, Telegram, Instagram, etc. Some people consider social media as a blessing, while some others think that it will destroy the human mind and in turn destroy people's physical health. According to the latest data, people spend an average 2.5 hours a day on social media. This clearly tells us how many people are addicted to social media.

If we talk about the advantages of social media, we can say that it helps us in communicating with people all around the world. We can see educational content on YouTube. The e-commerce apps like Amazon, Flipkart, etc. use social media to promote their products.

When talking about the disadvantages, the first one that pops up is its distracting power. Many cyber bullying cases occur, online privacy concerns and many other things.

To conclude, I would like to say that social media can harm you, but also benefit you. The choice is yours, take what you need from it.

Rudraksh Joshi, 9B

The Onslaught of Winter

When the pallid pock marked visage of
The Moon and the rosy-coloured cheeks of
Dawn are seen with each other in the
Constantly changing Sky of Earth,
Those who can understand,
Understand -
Winter is coming.
Prudent Men beware
Mad men rejoice
But All shall shiver,
For Winter is coming.

Etch a picture as vivid as you can,
Of the thriving tree onto your mind.
So whence the thriving force crumbles under
The Brutal Brunt of the despotic Winter,
This etched picture shall be a reminder
Of the lively Spring that awaits you.

Underestimate Winter and you shall stumble and fall.
Do not seek for help as no hand
Shall be there to help you up.
For every hand shall be covered in gloves,
Tucked into armpits, heating up the
Frozen carpals.

Prudent Men beware
Mad Men rejoice
But All shall shiver
For Winter is coming.

Aaron Rony Matthew, 11B



Neem Karoli Baba

Baba, also known to his followers as 'Maharaj ji', was a Hindu guru and a devotee of Lord Hanuman. He is known worldwide for being the spiritual guru of a number of Americans that travelled to India in the 1960's and 1970's, among them the most notable being Ram Dass, Krishna Dass, Bhagwan Dass and Jai Uttal.

Neem Karoli Baba, known at that time as Baba Lakshman Das, left his home in 1958.

Ram Das tells a story that Baba Lakshman boarded a train without a ticket and the conductor decided to halt the train and forced him to get out of the train in Neem Karoli village of Farukhabad District in U.P. After forcing Baba off the train, the conductor found that the train would not start again. After several attempts at starting the train someone suggested to the conductor that they should allow the Sadhu back on the train. Neem Karoli Baba agreed to board the train on two conditions - 1) The railway company promised to build a railway station in the village of Neem Karoli, as there was no station nearby, and that 2) the railway company must henceforth treat ascetics better. The official agreed are as Neem Karoli Baba boarded the train and jokingly said, "What! Is it up to me to start trains?". Immediately after his boarding the train, the train started but the train driver would not proceed unless the Sadhu blessed them to move forward. Baba gave his blessing and the train proceeded. Later his wishes were fulfilled and he lived in the village for a while.

Afterwards he wandered extensively throughout Northern India and during this time he was known by

many names including Lakshmi Dass, Handi Wala Baba and Tikonía Wala Baba. In Vrindavan, local inhabitants addressed him by the name of Chamatkari Baba. During his life, two Ashrams were built- one at Kainchi and the other at Vrindavan. As time passed, 100 temples were constructed in

his name. The Kainchi Dham Ashram,

where he stayed in the last decade of his life was built in

1964 with the Hanuman

Temple. It started two years prior with a small platform

for two local Sadhus-

Premi Baba and

Somwari Maharaj- to

perform Yagnas. Over

the years, the temple has

become a pilgrimage for

locals, spiritual seekers and

devotees worldwide. Each

year, the Kainchi Dham

Bhandara takes place to

commemorate the

inauguration of the temple- a

celebration that typically receives

over 1,00,000 devotees.

The saint died at approximately 11:15 am, on 11th September 1973 in a hospital at Vrindavan. He was returning by night train to Kainchi from Agra where he visited a heart specialist. He disembarked at Mathura where he began convulsing and requested being taken to Shridham Vrindavan.

They took him to the hospital where he was given injections and an oxygen mask. He roused and pulled the mask off his face saying "Bekar". He asked for Ganga Water. As there was none, they brought him regular water. He then repeated several times "Jai Jagdish Hare", each time in a lower pitch. Slowly but surely, his face became very peaceful. He left for his heavenly abode.

Arnav Sah Gangola, 9B

Fomo To Jomo



Change one letter in your life and precious things can occur to you. It took me four years, including a pandemic, to change one letter- FOMO to JOMO. FOMO stands for the fear of missing out. It is a deep-seated phenomenon, but when we peel the layers off, we discover the core of it- social comparison.

Social comparison is worsened by the excessive use of social media. We believe our perception of reality is the constant stream of posts, encapsulating luxurious vacations, impressive career achievements, in vibrant parties that often lead to disappointment, distraction and dissatisfaction with oneself.

FOMO is the feeling of unease and anxiety when we see others having a more enjoyable and luxurious life experience than ourselves.

Fortunately, there is an antidote to this phenomenon, i.e., JOMO, which stands for the: JOY of Missing Out.

Well, so what is JOMO? It is a powerful shift in one's mindset to find contentment in quiet and independent activities that boost self-growth and fulfillment. It is one's ability to focus on the present and give to themselves the required time which energizes and regenerates them. Now, it might seem to you that JOMO is running away from society and people, but rather, JOMO is about finding activities that give you fulfillment.

Lakshya Singh Bisht, 10 B

Family and Friends

When you're a child, your parents do everything for you. They cook your meals, buy you clothes, drive you to a friend's house, and pick you up after school activities. But as you grow older, you'll probably find out that you want to do more things on your own. As you grow older, it's likely that you'll spend more time with your friends than with your parents.

When you're between the stages of being a boy and a man, you can feel like you don't belong in either place. You're not a child anymore, but you feel you're not ready to take on the responsibilities of an adult either. You want to be seen as an individual – sometimes, separate from your families. Have you ever got to that point when you're happy one moment and angry the next?

Just try to imagine how your family is feeling? To them, it may seem as if you're rejecting them – they may be hurt, that you don't want to spend time with them anymore.'

Friends on the other hand, do make a difference. They share our worries and emotions and listen to our problems. They are the ones who introduce us to new ideas. They laugh with us, cry with us and it becomes easy to feel that our friends are more important than anything in our life.

But you have something to contribute to the world. Contribute your talents and imagination. Don't give up or duck out. You're wanted! You're needed!

Asdaq Imran, 10A



Inter Class Football Final



This year, the eagerly-awaited inter-class football final was to be played between Class 10 and Class 12. There was a tough competition among all the four classes (9,10,11,12) from the beginning of the tournament. Both the finalist classes were determined to become "champions". As the referee blew his whistle to start the match, there was loud cheering and clapping from the supporters of both the classes. The players from both the sides were playing enthusiastically, kicking the ball, dodging the players and trying to score a goal. By the end of the first half, both Class 10 and Class 12 were equal with a score of 0-0. Both the teams discussed their match tactics in their huddles and soon they were back in their positions to resume playing. There were several injuries but the players doggedly played till the last whistle. Class 12 started attacking more and was playing quite aggressively in the second half. Parth Chand was the first to score a goal for Class 12 and we came under-pressure. It seemed as if Class 12 will win but we were trying our best to score a goal. The match became more intense. Parth Chand scored a beautiful goal and made it a brace for him. Class 12 was leading by 2-0. The final whistle blew and Class 12 won the finals by 2-0 and was declared the winner of the Inter-class football tournament. We were completely heart-broken but at the end of the day, we were glad to give a tough competition to class 12 and other classes in the tournament. There were hand-shakes all round and the inter-class football tournament for the year 2024 came to an end.

"All of us perform better and more willingly when we know why we're doing what we have been told or asked to do."

-Zig Ziglar

Abhay Chaudhary, 10 B

Horrors of Rape

In the midnight's veil, a woman treads, just twenty,
Her path cold and empty, her pulse quick, breath
unsteady.

A shadow grips tight, her spirit is torn, her body
breaks,
She has bled more tears than wounds could ever
make.

He felt her tremble, her breath so weak,
A silent cry, no words left to speak.
Her fear, a nectar, her struggle in vain,
As shadows consumed her, blistering pain.

They say "she invited it", but I know better—
He didn't just take her; he tortured her soul,
Left it hollow and cold, once fierce, now lost,
Entangled in darkness, with innocence the cost.

On the edge, pen in hand, I watch and wait
As he sealed her fate, too afraid to stand.
But now I do stand, with a dying 'candle' in hand.
Today, our hearts do burn for her, but we'll soon
forget

Yes, he did kill her, but blood is also on my hand
Each line a confession, yet I play the fool,
As the shadows grow, I question my role—
AH! is it the devil that I see, or merely my shattered
soul?

Sabnoor Singh ,10 B



“ADIEU SEM”



Reflecting on my seven years at SEM, I realize how deeply this school has shaped me. From my early days in class 6 to the final stretch of 12, my journey here has been rich with experiences and bonds that have defined my growth.

Living as a boarder, SEM became my second home. The vibrant atmosphere—filled with morning laughter and shared meals—fostered friendships that have become integral to my life. I fondly recall the impromptu football matches and those quiet afternoons spent in the quadrangle and at the monkey bell, where ideas flourished and dreams took shape.

The dedicated faculty have been instrumental in my development. Their guidance not only fuelled my academic passion but also instilled vital life lessons in discipline and resilience. Teachers inspired me to explore my interests, from science experiments that sparked curiosity to art projects that allowed my creativity to shine.

Beyond academics, SEM emphasized the importance of teamwork and leadership. Participating in various clubs and sports taught me to collaborate effectively and respect diverse perspectives. These experiences nurtured my ability to connect with others, enriching my understanding of the world around me.

As I look ahead, I carry with me the invaluable lessons and cherished memories from SEM. The bonds I've formed and the dynamic personality I've developed here are gifts I will cherish forever. SEM has equipped me to face new challenges with confidence, and I am excited to embrace the future with gratitude for this incredible journey.

Adieu, SEM!

Kabir Singh Dhillon, 12-B

Navigating Life: Existentialism and 12th Grade

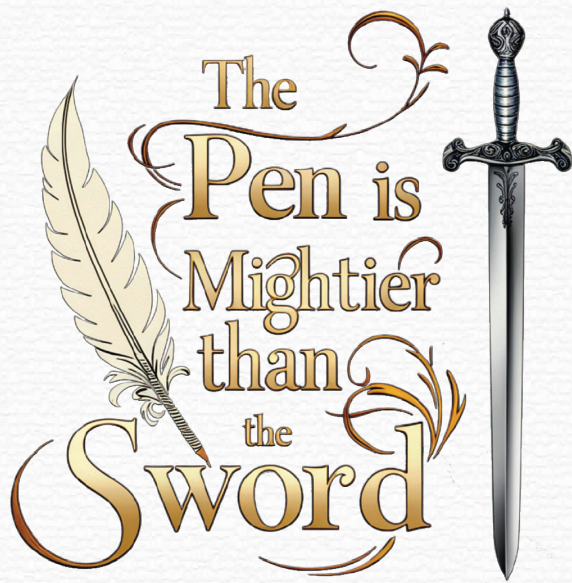
As I approach the end of my school journey, I often find myself at a crossroads. The pressures of final exams, boards, college applications, entrance exams, and future career choices feel overwhelming. In this whirlwind of responsibilities, like many 12th graders, I grapple with profound questions about identity, purpose, and freedom. This is where existentialism, a philosophy based on individual experience and choice, becomes a guiding light through this maze of uncertainty.

In this phase of life, the freedom to make decisions can be exhilarating but also daunting. I often find myself questioning, “Am I making the right decision?” This internal dialogue is a crucial part of the existential experience. This questioning is a part of the process. Accepting that I am responsible for my decisions helps me approach them with confidence.

For 12th graders it's easy to get caught up in what everyone else expects or thinks is important and thus we forget what genuinely matters to us and what gives our life meaning. However, exploring existentialism has taught me that meaning isn't something already given to us; it's something we need to actively create for ourselves. Unlike religious or traditional beliefs, which say that a higher power gives life meaning, existentialists believe that we must create our own meaning through our actions.

As I wrap up my thoughts, I'd like to suggest a deeper dive into this particular topic. If you're interested, I recommend reading “Being and Nothingness” by Jean-Paul Sartre. This elaborates that ultimately, what's important is living authentically, embracing freedom, and finding your own meaning along the way.

Shivansh Sah Gangola, 12B



The world is ruled by brain, not by brute force. The sword may conquer the body, it cannot conquer the heart. The conquest of heart is mightier than the conquest of the body. The conquest of the heart is everlasting while the conquest of the body is short-lived. The pen conquers the heart and the sword conquers only the body.

Ideas rule the world. The French Revolution was brought about in the minds of men by writings of Rousseau and Voltaire. The slogans: Liberty, Equality and Fraternity, proved mightier and more formidable than the army and armoury of Louis XIV. The thoughts expressed by the greatmen of the world in their books exercise a greater influence than the most resounding military victories. The Vedas, the Gita, the Bible and the Quran have influenced the lives of generations of men and they will go on doing so till eternity. But where are the great conquerors of the world? Are not Caesar, Alexander, Napoleon, Timur and Hitler buried in the dust of oblivion?

Books and ideas are the most explosive things. They rule the mind and the mind rules the world. Hitler's victories are no more. They are forgotten. But Hitler's autobiography 'Mein Kampf' is read even today and shall be read by the coming generations. The exploits of his pen have proved mightier than those of his sword. When we sing the Jana-Gana-Mana or the Vande Matram, do we not feel a thrill along our spine? The writings of Mahatma Gandhi awoke the Indian masses from their age long political slumber and they wrested freedom from the unwilling hands of the British.

What inspires a soldier? What inspired Arjuna on the battlefield? The ideas of great men from time immemorial inspire the soldier on the battlefield. It was the Bhagvat Gita of Lord Krishna which inspired Arjuna to perform his 'dharma' i.e. duty which was to fight against evil. Even the victories of the sword are immortalized by the pen. The battle of 'Ramayana' would have been forgotten if Valmiki's or Tulsi Das' pen had not celebrated it. The pen carries the sword on its mighty shoulders. The Germans were more afraid of the leaflet raid of the Allies than of their bombs.

In conclusion, the pen that conquers the heart is far mightier than the sword that conquers only the body.

**"The pen is mightier than the sword,
For by the sword are mortal battles waged,
But by pen entire cultures swayed."**

-Ilyan Kei Lavanway

Madhav Vashistha, 12B

I Can Do It

In the quiet whispers of dawn's first light,
Dreams awaken, ready for flight.
With every heartbeat, a spark ignites,
In the depths of my soul, a fire ignites.

Mountains may rise, and storms may brew,
But within me lies strength, steadfast and true.
Each doubt a shadow, each fear a stone,
Yet I'll climb higher, I won't walk alone.

With courage as my compass, hope as my guide,
I'll break through the barriers, let passion collide.
No challenge too daunting, no dream out of reach,
With every small step, I'll learn and I'll teach.

So here I stand, with my heart open wide,
Ready to conquer, ready to stride.
For I can do it, this much I know,
With faith in my spirit, I'll watch myself grow.

Krishiv, 12B

Fare Thee Well; A Message to the future Ambassadors of SEM

Approaching the year's end, we tend to reflect on a multitude of affairs concerning our life at school, and when it is your final year, this feeling magnifies and starts personifying itself, almost into a philosophy. In the 12 years that I spent at SEM, I saw this place breathe life into thousands of boys who strode in its colonial era hallways, and wrote the motto "Certa Bonum CertaMen" close to their hearts, both literally and figuratively. These young adults served and continue to serve as the ambassadors of Sem. In fact, each of you reading this are and will forever be the **Ambassadors of SEM**.

By this, I mean to tell you that you all are the torchbearers of the legacy of this institution, you are its façade to the world, and you have to ensure that you carry this torch held high through the darkest and the brightest of times. Remember that no one is born a leader, each of you are leaders in your own capacity, but you must know that a leader is bound by oath and his morals to always guide his peers into the right direction away from darkness.

Remember to never judge anyone through the spectrum of fear, favour or ill-will and to see the positive side in everyone around and more importantly, never forget to be **kind** even to those who may have not been the same to you, for God watches over you and he will always reward you for your kindness and not arrogance. Remember that whether you are within the school premises or without, you are always representing SEM and your conduct will directly help or harm the legacy of your school, therefore always act with wisdom and make sure to always **RESPOND** and never **REACT**.

And lastly, and most importantly, remember to always respect your elders, especially the teachers who have



dedicated their lives to ensuring that young boys like us learn to become men, so do your part and become gentlemen in order to make them proud of you and not disregard you, so that you go into the world as individuals with respect for both yourself and those around you. It might seem tempting at this age, but never get lured by your peers into hurting someone, instead be the leader and vow to change those around you for the better.

To conclude, I only advise you to always work hard, stay motivated and dedicated. Keep learning, spread love and respect amongst everyone and make sure you discharge your duties as Ambassadors of SEM with utmost honesty and integrity and when in doubts always remember: **'THIS TOO SHALL PASS'**.

In retrospect, I leave you with a quote by Mother Teresa-

"In this life, we cannot do great things.

We can only do small things with Great Love."

Finally, 'you may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you will join us. And the world will live as ONE'.

Swarnim Pathak, 12B



मेरी प्यारी पुस्तक

पुस्तकें हमारे दिमाग को खोलती हैं तथा हमारी सोच को बड़ा करती हैं और हमें मजबूत बनाती हैं, ऐसा कोई और नहीं कर सकता। पुस्तक अकेले में हमारे दोस्त का काम करती हैं। मैंने अपने जीवन में अधिकांश अपनी कक्षाओं की पुस्तक चंपक पढ़ना पसंद करता हूँ। इस पुस्तक में बहुत ही रोचक एवं मजेदार कहानियाँ होती हैं। इसमें कुल बीस कहानियाँ हैं। मेरी प्यारी पुस्तक में ५० पन्ने हैं। यह पुस्तक मुझे मेरे प्रिय दोस्त अथर्व ने भेंट की थी। इसे मैं रविवार के दिन तथा जिस दिन मेरे विद्यालय का अवकाश होता है, उस दिन पढ़ना पसंद करता हूँ। चंपक में मैंने चालाक बंदर, शरारती गिलहरी, तीन मूर्ख पंडित, चतुर नाई, घमंडी लकड़बग्घा और मूर्खों का गांव आदि कहानियाँ पढ़ी हैं। चंपक को पढ़ने में मुझे बहुत मजा आता है। जब मैं इन कहानियाँ को पढ़ता हूँ तो मुझे लगता है कि मैं किसी और दुनिया में हूँ। मुझे ऐसा लगता है कि मानो ये कहानीयाँ मेरे आस-पास चल रही हैं। इस पुस्तक को बार-बार पढ़ने से मेरे अंदर पुस्तक पढ़ने की आदत का विकास भी हो रहा है। मैं अपनी प्यारी पुस्तक चंपक को हमेशा संभाल कर रखता हूँ।

जयंत कनवाल
कक्षा ४ (क)

विद्यालय में भूकंप का एहसास २०२३

सामान्य दिनों की तरह सुबह हम अपने स्कूल की तरफ जा रहे थे। हमने सुना था कि भूकंप के आने से ऐसा होता है कि सब कुछ अपनी जगह से हट जाता है और जमीन के अंदर एक हलचल होती है। लेकिन आज भी वह दिन याद आता है जब हम अपनी कक्षाओं में बैठे थे और अचानक से ऐसा हुआ कि अल्मारी में रखा कुछ सामान अचानक से नीचे गिरा और मुझको लगा कि मैं जिस कुर्सी में बैठा हूँ वह हिल रही है पर वह क्यों हिल रही है यह समझ में आता इससे पहले ही हमारी



शिक्षिका की आवाज आई कि यह भूकंप आया है और सब अपनी मेजों के नीचे छिप जाओ। अचानक से सभी बच्चे चिल्लाते लगे, लेकिन क्योंकि हमको पहले से बताया गया था कि अगर ऐसी कोई आपदा आती है तो हमको शांत रहकर पहले खुद को बचाना है और फिर दूसरों की सहायता करनी है। हमने ऐसा ही किया, कुछ देर ऐसा हुआ लेकिन वह समय हम सबके लिए बहुत डरावना था।

सभी बच्चे डर गए थे और वे कुछ समझ नहीं पा रहे थे कि किस तरह से यहां से निकाल सकते हैं। कुछ देर बाद ही सभी बच्चों को खेल के मैदान में पहुँचा दिया गया था। हम डर गए थे लेकिन अब ऐसा लग रहा था कि सब कुछ सही हो गया है। वह मेरा पहला अनुभव था। हम घर जाते समय भी सि बात पर बात करते हुए जा रहे थे। उसी रात में सो नहीं पाया था, सोचता रहा कि फिर कभी ऐसा हुआ तो हमको क्या तैयारी करनी होगी जिससे हम सब बच सकते हैं और दूसरों की सहायता कर सकते हैं। दूसरे दिन स्कूल पहुँचकर हम सब ने अपनी कक्षा अध्यापिका को यह बात बताई और उन्होंने हमको समझाया कि हम क्या-क्या कर सकते हैं अगर फिर कभी ऐसा हो जाए। हमारे मन का डर अब कुछ कम हो गया था। हमने अध्यापकों को धन्यवाद दिया और अपने-अपने कामों में लग गए।

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भारतीय संस्कृति

भारतीय संस्कृति विश्व की सबसे प्राचीन एवं संस्कृति है। जो लगभग ५००० वर्ष पुरानी है। भारतीय प्राचीन ग्रंथों में संस्कृत का अर्थ संस्कार माना गया है। भारतीय संस्कृति सर्वाधिक संपन्न और समृद्ध है। मानवता, भाईचारा, सम्मान, परोपकार, भलाई, प्रेम और धर्म भारतीय संस्कृति की मुख्य विशेषताएं हैं। हमारी संस्कृति हमें जीवन के आदर्शों का पालन करने के लिए प्रेरित करती है। भारतीय संस्कृति का अध्ययन करने के लिए कई विदेशी भारत आते हैं। भारतीय संस्कृति में अनेकता में



एकता ही मूल पहचान है। भारत ही एक ऐसा देश है, जहाँ विभिन्न धर्म और जातियों के लोग रहते हैं।

हमारी भारतीय संस्कृति वैदिक काल से अपने परंपरागत अस्तित्व के साथ अजर अमर बनी हुई है। भारतीय संस्कृति प्रत्येक जाति और समुदाय की आत्मा है। संस्कृति से ही देश, जाति या समुदाय के उन समस्त संस्कारों का बोध होता है जिनके सहारे वह अपने आदर्शों व जीवन के मूल्यों आदि का निर्धारण करता है।

भारतीय संस्कृति के लोग “वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम्” पर विश्वास करते हैं। अर्थात् हमें आपस में मिलजुल कर रहना चाहिए भले ही भाषा और रंग रूप अलग हो, परंतु हम सभी भारतीय एक परिवार के समान हैं। भारत की राष्ट्रीय भाषा हिंदी है हालांकि विभिन्न राज्यों में लगभग ४०० से अधिक दूसरी भाषाएं बोली जाती हैं। भारत की अधिकांश जनसंख्या हिंदू धर्म से संबंध रखती है। भारतीय संस्कृति में गणतंत्र दिवस, स्वतंत्रता दिवस, गांधी जयंती, होली, दीपावली, रक्षाबंधन इत्यादि प्रमुख राष्ट्रीय पर्व तथा उत्सव मनाए जाते हैं। भारतीय संस्कृति में गुरु का स्थान और सम्मान भगवान से भी बढ़कर होता है। बड़ों का आदर सम्मान और श्रद्धा भारतीय संस्कृति का एक बहुत ही बड़ा सिद्धांत है। हमें अपनी भारतीय संस्कृति पर गर्व है।

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आज के समय में बुजुर्गों का तिरस्कार

हर माता-पिता आपने बच्चों की आँखों से देखभाल करते हैं, उन्हें आच्छी शिक्षा देते हैं, अच्छे कपड़े, अच्छा भोजन, अच्छा रहन-सहन देने के लिए जी तोड़ मेहनत करते हैं लेकिन उसके बदले में उन्हें क्या मिलता है? उन्हीं के बच्चों द्वारा दुख व तकलीफ दी जाती है। जो बच्चे बचपन में माँ का आँचल और पिता की उंगली पकड़े रहते थे, बड़े होने के बाद वही आँचल और उंगली झटक कर उन्हें घर से निकाल देते हैं।



क्या अपने बच्चों के लिए इतना सब कुछ करने के बाद भी उनकी तकदीर में यही लिखा था कि उन्हें एक दिन वृद्ध-आश्रम जाना पड़ेगा। जिन माता-पिता ने अपना सारा धन अपने बच्चों की जरूरतें पूरी करने में लगा दिया अब उनके पास कोई भी धन न होने के कारण उन्हें अपने बच्चों के द्वारा ही त्याग दिया गया। जिन माता-पिता ने आपने मुँह का निवाला अपने बच्चों को दे दिया वही आज एक रोटी के लिए तरसते हैं। जिन माता-पिता ने उन्हें पढ़ना लिखना सिखाया उन्हीं को आज वह अनपढ़ कहते हैं, फिर भी वह अपने बच्चों की भलाई की कामना करते हैं और जो बच्चे अपने माता-पिता को वृद्ध-आश्रम में छोड़ देते हैं, मैं दावे से कह सकता हूँ कि एक दिन उनके बच्चे भी उन्हें वृद्ध-आश्रम छोड़ आएंगे।

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डिजिटल डिटॉक्स

आजकल की भागदौड़ भरी जिंदगी में हम सभी डिजिटल तकनीक के अधिक से अधिक उपयोग में लेते हैं। स्मार्टफोन, कंप्यूटर, टेलीविजन, और सोशल मीडिया ने हमारी जिंदगी को आसान बना दिया है, लेकिन इसके साथ ही यह हमारे मानसिक स्वास्थ्य पर भी नकारात्मक प्रभाव डाल रहा है। डिजिटल तकनीक के अत्यधिक उपयोग से हमारे मस्तिष्क पर



दबाव पड़ता है, जिससे तनाव, चिंता, और अवसाद जैसी समस्याएं उत्पन्न होती हैं।

डिजिटल डिटॉक्स, यानी डिजिटल तकनीक से दूरी बनाना, हमारे मानसिक स्वास्थ्य के लिए एक आवश्यक कदम है। यह हमें तनाव, चिंता, और अवसाद से मुक्ति दिलाने में मदद करता है। डिजिटल डिटॉक्स से हमारी नींद की गुणवत्ता में सुधार होता है, सामाजिक संबंधों में सुधार होता है, और आत्म-विश्वास में वृद्धि होती है। इसके अलावा, डिजिटल डिटॉक्स से हमारी मानसिक स्पष्टता और एकाग्रता में सुधार होता है।

आखिरकार, यह समय आ गया है कि हम अपने जीवन को डिजिटल तकनीक के चंगल से मुक्त करें और अपनी मानसिक स्वास्थ्य को प्राथमिकता दें। हमें अपने स्मार्टफोन का उपयोग सीमित करना चाहिए, सोशल मीडिया से दूरी बनानी चाहिए, पुस्तकें पढ़नी चाहिए, प्रकृति में समय बिताना चाहिए, और योग और ध्यान करना चाहिए। यदि हम ऐसा नहीं करते हैं, तो हम अपने जीवन को हमेशा के लिए बर्बाद कर सकते हैं। लेकिन अगर हम डिजिटल डिटॉक्स को अपनाते हैं, तो हम अपने जीवन को फिर से जीवंत बना सकते हैं, और अपने आप को एक नए, स्वस्थ, और खुशहाल जीवन की ओर ले जा सकते हैं। यह समय है अपने जीवन को बदलने का, यह समय है डिजिटल डिटॉक्स का।

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स्वावलंबन (आत्मनिर्भरता)

स्वावलंबन का अर्थ है अपने ऊपर आश्रित या निर्भर होना। वे बड़े भाग्यवान हैं जो अपने ऊपर आश्रित हैं। दूसरों की दया पर निर्भर होकर जीने में आनंद नहीं है। पराधीनता में जीना कष्टप्रद है, इसमें दुख ही दुख है। कहा भी गया है — “पराधीन सुक सपनेहुं नहीं”। पराधीनता अपने में भी सुखदाई नहीं है।

जेल की चार दिवारी में कैदियों को कोई खास काम नहीं करना पड़ता। उन्हें भोजन भी मुफ्त का और ठीक-ठाक मिलता है। पर कैदी कैदखाने में नहीं रहना चाहते क्योंकि वहां किसी भी प्रकार आजादी नहीं है। पिंजरे में बंद पक्षी की भी यही दशा होती है — ‘कहीं भली है कटुकु निबौरी कनक कटोरी की मैदा से’। अर्थात् दूसरों की अधीनता में सुख की कल्पना भी बेकर है। इसीलिए हर व्यक्ति स्वावलंबी होना चाहिए।

स्वावलंबन आत्मा की पुकार है। यह मनुष्य को आत्मनिर्भर ही नहीं बनाता बल्कि उसे जीवन में कुछ नेक कार्य करने के लिए भी प्रेरित करता है। गाँधी जी इसीलिए चाहते थे के भारत के गांव स्वावलंबी बने। ग्रामवासी अपने छोटे-छोटे कार्यों के लिए शहरों की ओर कातर दृष्टि से ना देखें। परंतु यह ना हो सका। नतीजे में भारत के गाँव अभी भी पिछड़े हुए हैं। ग्रामवासियों को रोजगार की तलाश में शहरों की ओर पलायन करना पड़ रहा है।

व्यक्ति और गाँव की तरह देश का भी स्वावलंबी होना आवश्यक है। स्वतंत्रता के बाद हो तीन दशकों तक राष्ट्र अपने लोगों के लिए खाने भर अनाज भी पैदा नहीं कर सकता था। आज हम खाद्यान्नों के मामले में आत्मनिर्भर हैं। आज हमारे देस में इंजीनियरों, डॉक्टरों तथा तकनीकी पेशे से जुड़े विशेषज्ञों की कोई कमी नहीं है। हम अनेक क्षेत्रों में स्वावलंबी हैं। हम दुनिया के परमाणु शक्ति संपन्न अग्रणी राष्ट्रों में से एक हैं। सुई से लेकर हवाई जहाज तक, कुदाल से लेकर ट्रैक्टर तक हम अपने ही देश में बना रहे हैं।

स्वावलंबन का गुण मनुष्य को महान बनाता है। यह गुण अपने साथ धैर्य, संतोष, आत्मविश्वास, साहस आदि गुणों को भी समाविष्ट करता है। प्रत्येक कार्य में दूसरों पर निर्भर रहना बुरी चीज है, इससे आत्मा का नाश होता है। वे व्यक्ति जो स्वावलंबन के गुण का महत्व नहीं समझते, वे अपनी स्थिति दयनीय बना लेते हैं। स्वावलंबन हमें सुख-शांति और समृद्धि प्रदान करता है, जो कर्म हीन नहीं बनते।

स्वावलंबी व्यक्ति समाज के सामने एक अच्छा उदाहरण प्रस्तुत करता है। वह आवश्यकता पड़ने पर जरूरतमंदों की मदद कर सकता है। उसका आत्मविश्वास उसे किसी भी स्थिति को अपने अनुकूल मानने की प्रेरणा देता रहता है। स्वावलंबन का अर्थ यह नहीं कि हम सब काम अपने हाथों से ही करें। समाज में श्रम-विभाजन के बिना काम नहीं चलाया जा सकता, श्रम-विभाजन आवश्यक है। स्वावलंबन से तात्पर्य इतना ही है कि हम दूसरों पर उस हद तक आश्रित ना हो कि हमारे दैनिक कार्य ही रूक जाए। अपने ऊपर इतना विश्वास होना चाहिए कि प्रतिबंधात्मक स्थितियों में भी हमारे काम न रूक सकें।

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अकेलेपन का अंधेरा

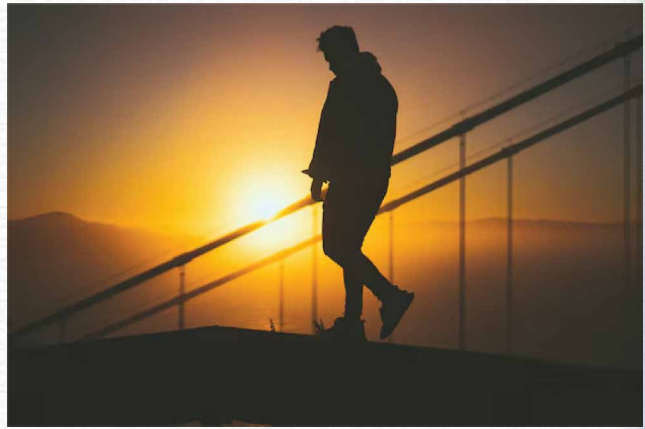
अकेलापन एक खालीपन है जो हमारी आत्मा में गूथता है, दुनिया से जुड़ने की भावना की कमी। यह एक खो जाने की भावना है, चेहरों के सागर में खो जाना, कोई सहारा न मिलना। हम जुड़ने की चाहत रखते हैं, अर्थ और उद्देश्य की। लेकिन कभी-कभी, हमारी गहरी इच्छाओं के बावजूद, हम खुद को अकेला पाते हैं।

हम प्यार चाहते हैं, लेकिन वह हमें मिल नहीं पाता। हम सफलता चाहते हैं, लेकिन वह हमारी पहुंच से दूर रहती है। हम स्वीकृति चाहते हैं, लेकिन वह हमें नहीं मिलती। अंदर का खालीपन बढ़ता है, और हम खोये हुए और अकेले महसूस करते हैं। अपूर्ण इच्छाएं एक बोझ बन जाती हैं, और हमें निराशा में धकेलती हैं।

आज की हाइपर-कनेक्टेड दुनिया में विरोधाभास है। हम लोगों से घिरे हैं, लेकिन अकेलापन महसूस करते हैं। सोशल मीडिया प्लेटफॉर्म, जो दूरियों को कम करने के लिए बनाए गए, अक्सर उन्हें बढ़ा देते हैं। हम अपनी सच्ची भावनाओं को खुशहाली के मास्क के पीछे छुपा देते हैं।

जीवन की जटिलताओं को नेविगेट करते समय, अकेलापन आनजाने में घुस सकता है। हम सपनों का पीछा करते हैं, लेकिन वे हमारी उंगलियों से फिसल जाते हैं। हम जवाबों की तलाश करते हैं, लेकिन खामोशी ही जवाब होती है। हमारी आत्म-मूल्य कम होती है, जिससे मुक्ति पाना मुश्किल हो जाता है।

लेकिन आशा है। अकेलेपन को पहचानना ही जिन्दगी का पहली चरण है। कभी विश्वासपात्र मित्र, परिवार के सदस्य या



मानसिक स्वास्थ्य पेशेवर से संपर्क करना एक लाइफलाइन हो लकता है। समुदाय गतिविधियों, स्वयंसेवा या समर्थन समूहों में भाग लेने से फिर से कनेक्शन बनते हैं।

आत्म-चिंतन और आत्म-देखभाल महत्वपूर्ण हैं। अपने को सच्चे मन से को स्वीकार करना, दूसरों की कमियों को स्वीकार करने की अनुमति देना है। माइंडफुलनेस, ध्यान और कृतज्ञता का अभ्यास अकेलेपन से सामाजिकता की ओर ध्यान केंद्रित करता है।

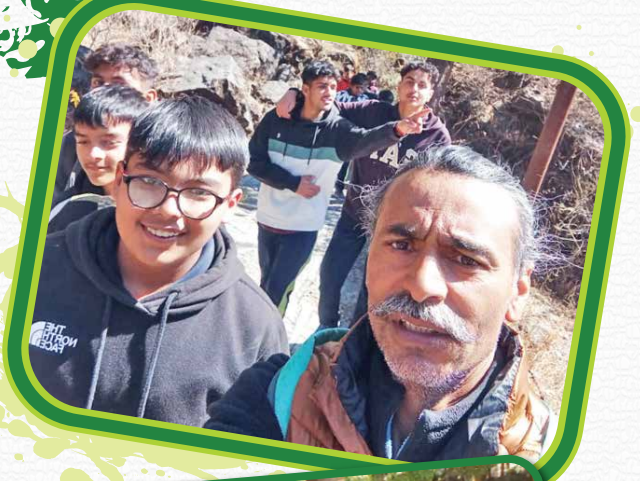
जैसे-जैसे हम अपने उद्देश्य की भावना को फिर से खोजते हैं, अकेलापन फीका पड़ने लगता है। हम अकेलेपन की सुंदरता की सराहना करना सीखते हैं, शांत पलों में ताकत पाते हैं। हम प्रकृति, कला या शौक से फिर से जुड़ते हैं, जुनून को पुनर्जीवित करते हैं। अकेलेपन से मुक्ति पाने के लिए साहस, आत्मविश्वास और धैर्य की आवश्यकता है। यह एक यात्रा है, गंतव्य नहीं।

दिव्यांश भंडारी
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TREK TO KHURPATAL

23RD FEBRUARY, 2024

On 23rd February, 2024, the boarders of St. Joseph's College, Nainital, embarked on a thrilling excursion to Khurpatal Waterfall and Char Khet Adventure Park, under the guidance of our warden, Mr. Sethi. This adventure, spanning the classes from 9 to 12, was not just a break from our academic routines but a dive into the realms of nature, teamwork, and the spirit of adventure. Our journey began with a trek, originally mapped out to be around 7 kilometres.



INVESTITURE CEREMONY - 9TH MARCH, 2024



The investiture ceremony was organized on 9th March 2024 for the official appointment of the School Captains in the school auditorium from 10:00 A.M. onwards. The ceremony was attended by Brother Lawrence as the Chief Guest.

The appointments for the Academic Session 2024 are as follows:

College Captain - Krishiv

Vice College Captain - Kabir Dhillon

Vice College Captain - Swarnim Pathak

Nehru House Captain - Garv Khetrapal

Gandhi House Captain - Samrath Sandhu

Pant House Captain - Krish Jaiswal

Tagore House Captain - Shauryaveer Singh

Nehru House Vice Captain - Brahmroop Singh

Gandhi House Vice Captain - Nishant Gautam

Pant House Vice Captain - Vineet Jaiswal

Tagore House Vice Captain - Nabhya Dalmia

Junior Prefect - Shlok Ratan Singh

The cabinet was led by the College Captain, Krishiv. College Vice Captain, Kabir Dhillon led the gathering into a solemn prayer, followed by an address by the College Captain, Krishiv. The Headmistress gave the vote of thanks. Our Principal, Brother Hector Pinto then showered words of encouragement and wisdom upon the newly appointed Captains. The entire ceremony was organized by Mr. Arthur Knight.



INTER-SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

16 & 17 MARCH, 2024



St. Joseph's College, Nainital, celebrated the inauguration of its new basketball court by hosting an exhilarating inter-school Basketball Tournament from March 16th to March 17th, 2024. The event saw enthusiastic participation from nine prestigious schools across the Kumaon Region of Uttarakhand, highlighting the sporting spirit and talent of the young athletes. Participating Schools:

1. St. Joseph's College Nainital (Green)
2. CRST School
3. BSSV School
4. St. Andrew's Public School Bhowali
5. Mother Pride School Ramnagar
6. Ran Public School Rudrapur
7. Gurukul International School Haldwani
8. Sanwal Public School Nainital
9. St. Joseph's College Nainital (Blue)

The tournament commenced with league matches on March 16th. The final match was a captivating battle between St. Joseph's College Nainital and Ran Public School.

Individual Awards: • The Best Shooter: Adhiraj Basnet (SEM)

• Most Promising Player: Md. Hassan (RAN)

• Player of the Tournament: Chetan Jeena (SEM).



HINDI ELOCUTION

21ST MARCH



On March 21, 2024, the corridors of our school resonated with the eloquent articulation of thoughts and emotions as the annual Hindi elocution competition took centre stage.

In the middle school, it was class 8A that stole the show with their compelling delivery and profound interpretations, securing the winner's title for their class. In the senior category, there was a tie between 10A and 10B for the first position. Class 9B secured the second position. Class 9A was the second runner-up class.

The winners from each class were awarded sweet packets by Br Jerome and Head mistress ma'am to celebrate their accomplishments. The esteemed panel of judges, comprising Mrs. M Joshi, Mr. M Tiwari, and Mr. R Bhatt, brought a wealth of experience and expertise to the event.



GRADUATION DAY CEREMONY

22ND MARCH, 2024



The graduation day ceremony held at St. Joseph's College on March 22, 2024, was an unforgettable event which celebrated a significant milestone in the lives of the students and marked the culmination of the academic journey for the graduating class of 2024. The most significant event of the evening was the Candle lighting ceremony. This tradition was introduced in SEM by our Principal, Br. Hector.

Following the ceremony, graduating seniors were invited to enjoy refreshments during which they took the opportunity to capture memories with their friends and loved ones by taking selfies and photos of these priceless moments. In addition, the students received a special memento from their teachers, which would serve as reminders of their alma mater and the special memories shared during their time at SEM.



Ex-SEMITE Batch of 1974

6th April, 2024



In the spring month of April, our esteemed institution welcomed back its alumni from the 1974 batch for a nostalgic visit. The ex-students, now seasoned professionals and leaders in their respective fields, returned to their alma mater with fond memories and enthusiasm.

Upon arrival, they were warmly received by the school administration and staff. The visitors toured the campus, revisiting their old classrooms, laboratories, and playgrounds, reminiscing about their time at school.

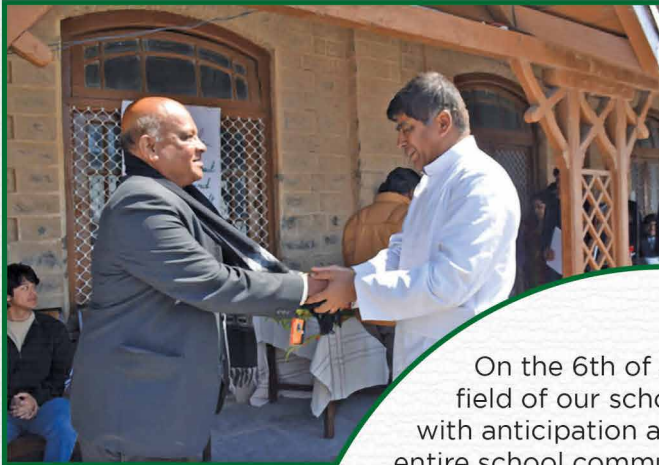
The alumni shared stories of their achievements and experiences since graduation, inspiring current students. They also interacted with teachers, exchanging updates and expressing gratitude.

The visit culminated in a felicitation ceremony, where the school acknowledged their accomplishments and contributions. The 1974 batch alumni expressed appreciation for the school's role in shaping their lives and pledged support for future generations.



Teachers Farewell

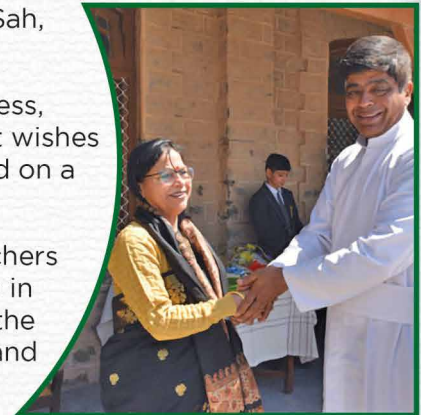
06th April, 2024



On the 6th of April, the main field of our school was adorned with anticipation and gratitude as the entire school community gathered to bid farewell to three esteemed teachers: Mr. Sah, Mr. D'gama, and Mrs. Ghildiyal.

Br. Hector delivered a concluding address, offering words of encouragement and best wishes to the retiring teachers as they embarked on a new chapter in their lives.

Following the assembly, the retiring teachers were honoured with a sumptuous lunch in the library, providing an opportunity for the school community to mingle, reminisce, and bid a fond farewell to three beloved educators whose impact will be cherished for years to come.



Principal Brother Hector Pinto's Farewell

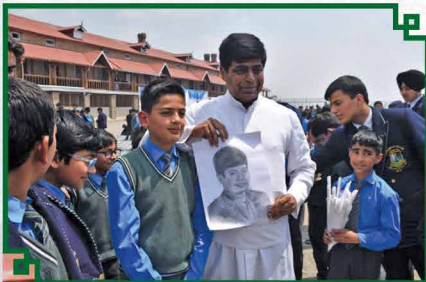
12 & 13 April, 2024

The school organized a memorable campfire and dinner event on the evening of April 12th at 6:30 pm, dedicated to boarders and staff. The highlight of the evening was the heartfelt address by Br. Hector Pinto, the outgoing principal.

The evening concluded with a sumptuous dinner, leaving both staff and students with fond memories of the occasion. This event not only served as a farewell to a respected principal but also reinforced the bond within the school community.

On 13th April, 2024 at the main field of our school, the air buzzed with a mixture of emotions as the school community gathered to bid a heartfelt farewell to our former principal, Br. Hector Pinto. Here's a glimpse of the poignant moments that unfolded during the ceremony: The event commenced with a grand welcome befitting Br. Hector's esteemed tenure, as applause filled the air, echoing the profound gratitude and respect of the entire school community.

His ideals will forever inspire the institution.



Adult Literacy Drive

24th April, 2024



On April 24, 2024, a significant event took place at St. Joseph's College in Nainital with the inauguration of an Adult Literacy Drive, an initiative by Rotary India. The initiative was aimed at addressing the issue of adult illiteracy and promoting education among the local community. The event commenced at 10:00 AM in the college auditorium with a ceremony attended by the School Principal Br. Jerome, Brothers, Headmistress Mrs. Zeba Raza, Teacher In-charges Mr. Gupta and Mr. Roy, Members of the Interact club of St. Joseph's College and Dignitaries of the Rotary Club. The Event was also attended by the members of our support staff who became a part of the first session of our adult literacy drive.



Art Competition

BY ROTARY CLUB

25th April, 2024



On April 25, 2024, after school hours, the Eco Club successfully organized an engaging Art Competition for classes 3 to 8, aimed at promoting awareness of environmental issues through creative expression. The event took place in the senior Study Hall, under the supervision of the core committee of the Eco club. Mr. Himanshu Gupta, the Art Teacher, announced the topics for both categories. The topic for classes 3-5 was "Save Earth," and for classes 6-8, it was "Negative Impact of Global Warming." Participants painted nature scenes, focusing on themes such as biodiversity, conservation, and the beauty of natural habitats. This activity encouraged artistic expression while fostering appreciation for the environment. The Art Competition facilitated by the Eco Club was a resounding success. It not only provided an outlet for artistic expression but also promoted environmental consciousness among participants



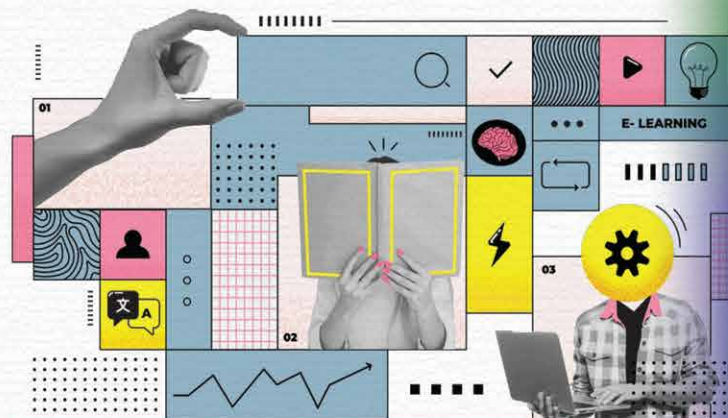
CAREER FAIR UNIVERSITY CONNECT 4.0

27th April, 2024

On 27th April, 2024, students from St. Joseph's College and local schools, Representatives from 20 Top Universities Overview: The Career Fair at St. Joseph's College, Nainital, was a resounding success, bringing together students, educators, and representatives from some of the world's most prestigious universities. It was organized in collaboration with University Connect.

The following academic institutions attended the Career Fair 2024:

1. *World University of Design*
2. *G.D Goenka University*
3. *Worcester Polytechnic Institute, USA*
4. *RV University*
5. *Grenoble Ecole de Management*
6. *Ecole Intuit*
7. *Ashoka University*
8. *Lumiere Education*
9. *Illinois Institute of Technology, USA*
10. *University of Guelph, Canada*
11. *SOAS University of London*
12. *Tokyo International University*
13. *Mody University*
14. *Thapar College of Engineering*
15. *Amity University Rajasthan*
16. *Plaksha University*
17. *Regents University London*
18. *Xavier University, USA*
19. *Shiv Nadar University*
20. *KR mangalam University*



Labours Day

01st May, 2024

The Labour Day assembly commenced on 1 May, 2024 with students distributing cards to the workers, symbolising gratitude for their contributions. A prayer set a reflective tone, followed by an impassioned speech from Krishiv, the College Captain, emphasising the significance of labour rights. The atmosphere was enriched by a poem, celebrating the dignity of labour. The middle school choir presented a moving song, adding to the atmosphere of appreciation. Ma'am Anjana Tomar delivered an insightful speech. Mr. Neeraj's song stirred emotions. Mr. Madan expressed gratitude for the support shown to the workers. Headmistress Mrs. Zeba Raza delivered an inspiring address, highlighting the importance of honouring labour. The assembly concluded with everyone standing united for the National Anthem, a powerful tribute to the nation and its hard working citizens.



Fortnight

01st May, 2024



The opening ceremony of the athletics meet after a five-year hiatus was filled with anticipation and excitement. The entire college was looking for this day especially the participants. The ceremony began with the inspection of four houses by the Chief Guest, Mr. E. D’Gama followed by the March Past. The contingent was led by the College Captain Krishiv from Nehru House followed by the house Captains and Vice-captains. College Vice Captains, Kabir Dhillon and Swarnim Pathak and the House Captains, Garv Khetrapal (Nehru), Shaurya Veer Singh (Tagore), Samarth Singh (Gandhi) and Krish Jaiswal (Pant) , Junior Prefect Shlok Ratan Singh and Dhruv Agarwal. Nehru House was led by Brahmroop Singh, Gandhi House was led by Nishant Gautam, Tagore House was led by Nabhya Dalmia and Pant House was led by Vineet Jaiswal. The Torch ceremony was followed by the March Past. It was a symbolic and exciting part of the event. The Captains carried the Torch symbolizing the



mark of sportsmanship and competition. It was followed by the Oath Ceremony led by the College Captain, Krishiv and followed by the athletes for the honour of their Houses and school and glory of sports. The inspiring words by the chief guest motivated the athletes to strive for excellence and embody the true spirits of competition. The ceremony ended with the Principal’s (Br. Jerome) vote of thanks that messaged the athletes by congratulating them on the wonderful display of March Past, saying that he thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated the entire ceremony. He encouraged all the participants to fight the good fight and to embrace the spirit of sportsmanship and healthy competition. The Principal concluded by wishing everyone a memorable and successful event, filled with moments of achievement and personal growth.





Mother's Day

04th May, 2024



Mother's Day is a celebration of mothers all across the world for their hard work and dedication. A mother is a priceless gift from God and a perfect amalgamation of love, devotion and sacrifice. Keeping this emotion in mind the primary wing of St Joseph's College, celebrated the special occasion of Mother's Day with fervour and great zeal on 4th May, 2024. The management and the staff welcomed the special guest of the day, the lovely mothers. The mothers with their children participated as duo in activities like rangoli, heena art, best out of waste and ramp walk. Three were off stage activities and the ramp walk was an on stage activity. The theme for the ramp walk was 'traditional attire'.



Founder's Day

05th May, 2024

Founder's Day at St. Joseph's College, Nainital, was celebrated on May 5, 2024 in the school auditorium from 10 A.M. onwards. The boys offered great tribute to our founder, Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice on the occasion of his birth anniversary. The celebrations were followed by a feast for the staff and students. Various PPTs and speeches were presented, depicting the life of our founder.



Annual Sports Day 2024

The Annual Sports Day 2024 was held with great enthusiasm and excitement, showcasing the athletic prowess of students across various houses. The event was graced by Chief Guest, Commodore Mr. Amit Bhandari, who inaugurated the proceedings.

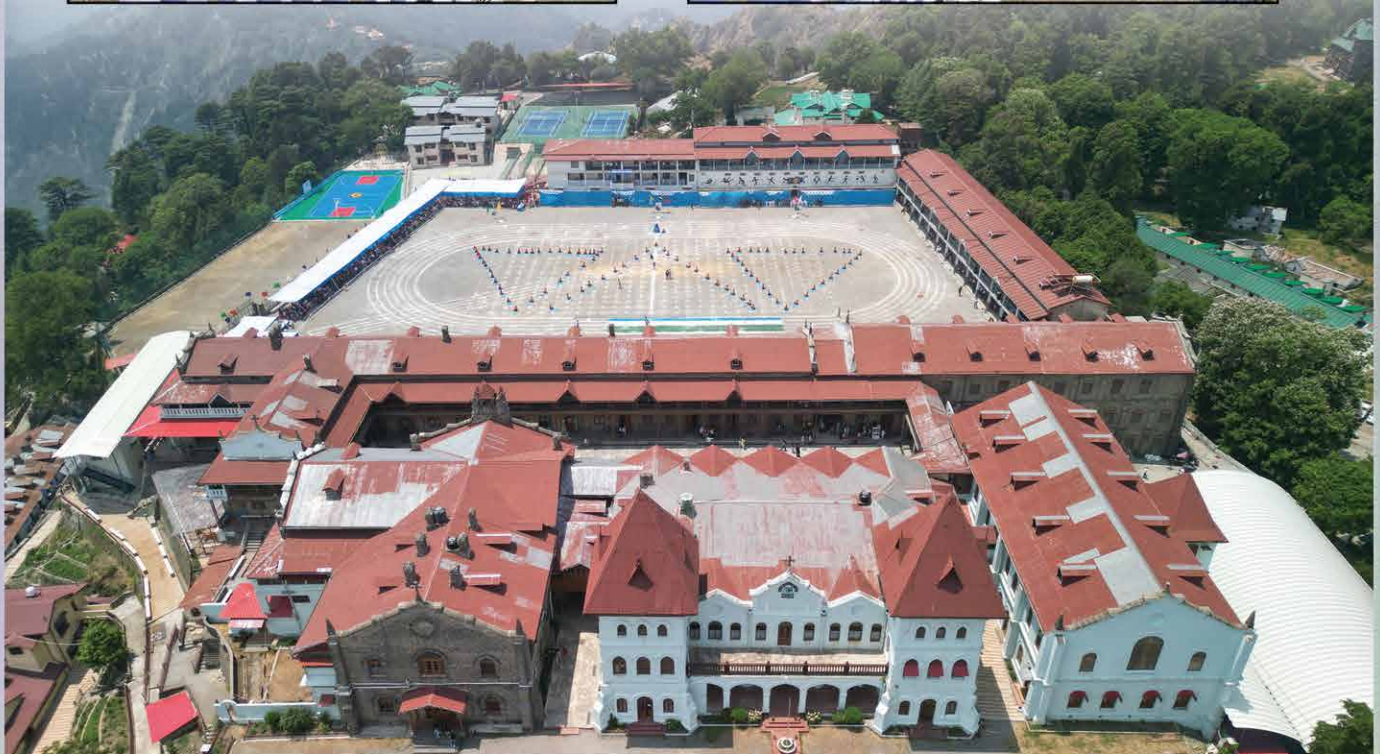
The highlights of the day included the awarding of the Athlete of the Year (P.L. Sah Memorial Trophy) to Krishiv, the college captain, for his exceptional performance in multiple events. Pant House won the coveted Marching Shield, demonstrating their discipline and coordination. Gandhi House emerged as the overall champions in athletics, with Krishiv leading by example.

The event also featured a thrilling cultural performance by the students of Class 11 and 12, who presented a high-energy Bhangra dance. The crowd was left mesmerized by

their energetic moves, colorful costumes, and infectious enthusiasm. The performance was a perfect blend of tradition and modernity, showcasing the students' talent and creativity.

The Bhangra performance was a fitting culmination to the sports day events, leaving the audience in awe and setting the tone for the closing ceremony. The Annual Sports Day 2024 concluded with a sense of accomplishment and pride, setting the stage for future sporting endeavors.

Commodore Mr. Amit Bhandari emphasized the importance of sports in building character and commended the students for their dedication and hard work. The event was a resounding success, showcasing the students' prowess in both sports and cultural activities.









Governor's Cup

07th, 08th, 09th June, 2024

The Governor's Cup 2024, held from June 7th to 9th at Raj Bhawan, Nainital, saw participation from 123 Golf players across India. St. Joseph's College, Nainital, proudly sent seven talented students:

1. Krishnam Vinayak,
2. Aarav Singh Sandhu,
3. Karan Singh,
4. Advait Agarwal,
5. Ram Bansal,
6. Emir Usmani, and
7. Neil Shankar Shah.

The final day on June 9th featured about 40 players, with Aarav Singh Sandhu clinching the title in the Under 15-17 years' category, while Karan Singh secured the Runner Up position in the 12-15 years' category. Notably, Neil Shankar Shah, a Class 2 student, was awarded the 'Youngest Golfer' trophy. At just six years old and having learned golf for only two months, Neil's passion for the game shines through as he works diligently to hone his skills. This event not only highlighted the talent at St. Joseph's but also fostered a spirit of sportsmanship and dedication among the young players.



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ਲੰਡਨ - ਸਰਬਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਨੂਤ - ਸੇਂਟ ਜੋਸਫ਼ ਕਾਲਜ ਨੈਨੀਤਾਲ ਦੇ 135 ਸਾਲਾਂ ਦੇ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਆਰਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੰਧੂ ਨੇ ਗੋਲਡ ਪ੍ਰਤਿਯੋਗਤਾ ਦੇ 15-17 ਵਰਗ ਵਿੱਚ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਰਚ ਬਨੂਤ ਸ਼ਹਿਰ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ ਰੋਸ਼ਨ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ। ਨੈਨੀਤਾਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਹੋਏ ਗੋਲਡ ਪ੍ਰਤਿਯੋਗਤਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਦੇਸ਼ ਦੇ 123 ਖਿਡਾਰੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਹਿੱਸਾ ਲਿਆ। ਸੇਂਟ ਜੋਸਫ਼ ਕਾਲਜ ਨੈਨੀਤਾਲ ਦੇ 11ਵੀਂ ਜਮਾਤ ਦੇ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀ ਆਰਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੰਧੂ ਪਹਿਲੇ ਸਥਾਨ ਤੇ ਆਇਆ। ਨਾਨਕਮਤਾ ਦੇ ਬਿਜਟੀ ਦੇ ਨਿਵਾਸੀ ਗੁਰਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੇ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਆਰਵ ਸੰਧੂ ਦੇ ਦਾਦਾ ਜੀ ਸ ਸਰਬਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੰਧੂ ਬਨੂਤ ਦੇ ਜੰਮ ਪਲ ਹਨ ਤੇ ਉਹ ਨੈਨੀਤਾਲ ਨਾਨਕਮਤਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਮਾਜ ਸੇਵੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਮੋਹਰੀ ਭੂਮਿਕਾ ਨਿਭਾਉਂਦੇ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ ਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦਾ ਭਰਾ ਪਰਮਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੰਧੂ ਬਨੂਤ ਤੇ ਨੇਤਲੇ ਸਕੂਲਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਬਤੌਰ ਡੀ ਪੀ ਡੀ ਕੰਮ ਕਰਦੇ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ। ਬਨੂਤ ਨਿਵਾਸੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਸ ਸਰਬਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੰਧੂ ਤੇ ਪਰਮਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੰਧੂ ਨੂੰ ਬਨੂਤ ਸ਼ਹਿਰ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ ਰੋਸ਼ਨ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੇ ਆਰਵ ਸੰਧੂ ਨੂੰ ਵਧਾਈ ਦਿੱਤੀ।

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Middle School Debate Competition

08th June, 2024



On June 8th, St. Joseph's College Nainital hosted an engaging middle school debate competition for classes 6, 7, and 8 in the school auditorium. Students showcased their oratory skills and critical thinking, passionately presenting arguments on diverse topics. The boys flourished with their eloquent use of language, effectively employing rhetorical devices and persuasive techniques. Their confidence grew as they navigated counterarguments and engaged with their peers, fostering a spirit of camaraderie and healthy competition. The event not only enhanced their public speaking abilities but also encouraged teamwork and respect for differing viewpoints, making it a memorable experience for all participants.



English

Elocution Competition

20th June, 2024



On June 20, 2024, St. Joseph's College hosted both the Senior School and Middle School Elocution Competitions, showcasing exceptional talent and enthusiasm among students. In the Senior School event, students from Classes 9 and 10 captivated the audience with their eloquent performances. Esteemed judges Br. Jerome Manuel, Br. Sarto D'Souza, and Mrs. Pamela Knight evaluated the participants, who delivered powerful renditions of poems such as Dr. D. H. Groberg's "The Race" and Rudyard Kipling's "If." Class 9B emerged victorious, while Class 10A claimed the top honour among the tenth graders. Class 12-B were declared the overall winners in the senior category.

Simultaneously, the Middle School competition featured lively presentations from Classes 6 to 8, with students reciting an array of poems, including T. H. Palmer's "Try, try again" and Roald Dahl's "Jack and the Beanstalk." After much anticipation, Class 7B secured first place, followed by Class 8A in second, with a tie for third between 8C and 7A. The events concluded with applause and the college anthem, as Br. Jerome commended all participants for their hard work and encouraged their continued growth in oratory skills, making the day a memorable celebration of talent and dedication.



Junior School Dance Competition

07th July, 2024



"To dance is to be out of yourself. Larger, more beautiful, more powerful."

On July 7, 2024, the Junior School held a vibrant Inter Class Solo Dance Competition for students in Classes 3 to 5, centred around patriotic themes. The event kicked off with an inspiring speech from Garvit Bisht of Class 5A, followed by twelve talented dancers showcasing their skills, each limited to a three-minute performance. Rudra Pratap Singh Bisht of Class 5B expertly anchored the second half of the event, which also featured enthusiastic performances from students of Classes 1 and 2. Brother Lawrence offered words of encouragement before announcing the results. Vedant Kumar Navneet claimed first place, followed by Siddharth Ruwali in second and Aniket Bhattacharya in third. The celebration concluded with the College Anthem and the National Anthem, as the audience applauded the remarkable talent and passion displayed by all participants, leaving a lasting impression on everyone present.



Sunday-Funday

21st July, 2024

On July 21, 2024, a delightful day unfolded for the Junior School Boarders, thanks to Mr. M. Sethi, who organized two exciting games: The Cow Shuttle Run and the Stepping Block Run. The atmosphere buzzed with anticipation as students gathered, eager to shake off the stress of recent exams. With lively music filling the air, the boys were instantly uplifted, creating a vibrant and cheerful mood that set the stage for an unforgettable day.

As the games commenced, laughter and friendly competition ensued, with each participant showcasing their agility and enthusiasm. The camaraderie among the boarders was palpable, fostering a spirit of teamwork and fun. After the thrilling contests concluded, the excitement peaked when the winners and runner-ups were announced. To their delight, they received delicious pizzas from Domino's as a reward, a fitting treat for their efforts.

Mr. Sethi's thoughtful organization not only provided a refreshing break from routine but also ignited a sense of competitiveness among the students. The day was a resounding success, filled with joy, laughter, and unforgettable memories, leaving the boarders with smiles on their faces and a renewed sense of camaraderie.



Report on **Hockey Regional Tournament**

Miss. Bhawana Shonak: The CISCE Regional UP & UK Hockey Tournament 2024 took place from July 24 to July 27 at the Dhyan Chand Hockey Stadium in Jhansi. St. Joseph's College (SJC) showcased exceptional talent, emerging as the runners-up in a highly competitive field. Under the guidance of Coach Mr. Nikhil Arya and Team Manager Mr. Arthur Knight, SJC started the tournament strong with a 2-1 victory against Jaipuria School in their opening match. They continued their impressive form, dominating La Martiniere College with a decisive 4-0 win in the second match. In the third league match, SJC faced St. George's, securing a close 3-2 victory to reach the finals.

In a thrilling championship match against SGC, SJC fought hard but ultimately fell short, losing 2-1. The team's performance throughout the tournament highlighted their skills, determination, and sportsmanship, earning them respect and recognition. SJC's journey in the tournament not only reflects their hard work but also sets a foundation for future competitions, promising a bright future for the team. The support from the coaching staff and management was instrumental in guiding the players through a successful tournament campaign.



Junior School English Elocution

24th July, 2024

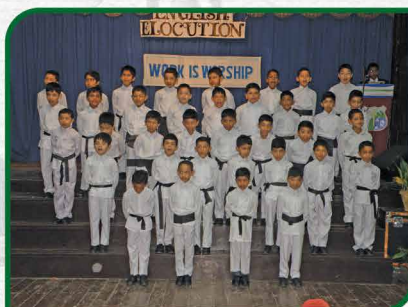
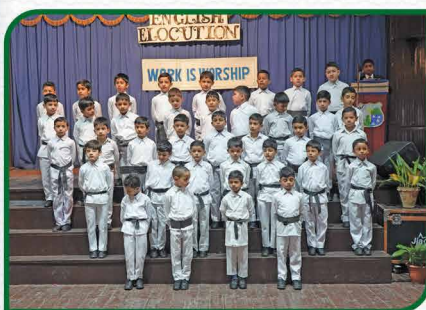


On July 24, 2024, St. Joseph's College hosted an inspiring Elocution Competition for junior school students in Classes 3 to 5, designed to enhance public speaking skills and boost confidence. Enthusiastic participants showcased their talents, while students from Classes 1 and 2 added a delightful touch with poetry recitations, celebrating themes of nature, friendship, and imagination.

The event featured a variety of engaging poems, including "Make It Green" by an anonymous author from Class 1A and "The Crocodile's Toothache" by Shel Silverstein from Class 3B. The esteemed panel of judges, including Mrs. B. Shounak and Mrs. N. Siddiqui,

evaluated the performances based on expression, clarity, and overall presentation.

Class 5A claimed first place with their compelling rendition, while Classes 3B and 4B tied for second, and Class 4A secured third. The competition was a tremendous success, reflecting the dedication of both students and teachers. It provided a vibrant platform for young orators to express themselves, fostering a profound appreciation for poetry and significantly enhancing their confidence in public speaking. The day was a celebration of talent and enthusiasm, leaving a lasting impression on everyone involved.



Miss. N. Bisht's Farewell

31st July, 2024

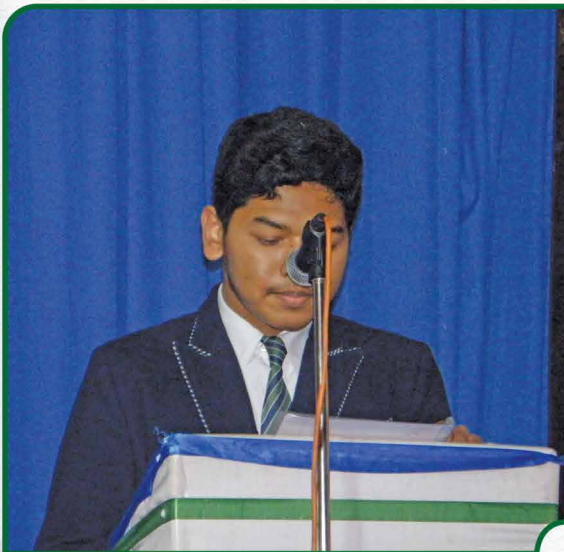
On July 31, 2024, the school auditorium buzzed with emotion as students, faculty, and staff gathered to bid farewell to Miss Neerja Bisht, who served as an English teacher at SEM for over 22 remarkable years. The event was a heartfelt tribute to her dedication and impact on countless students.

The farewell ceremony began with a warm welcome, followed by speeches that highlighted Miss Bisht's unwavering commitment to education and her profound ability to inspire. Colleagues shared anecdotes, reflecting on her passion for teaching and her innovative approaches to learning. Students expressed their gratitude, recalling how her

encouragement and enthusiasm ignited their love for literature.

As a token of appreciation, Miss Bisht received heartfelt gifts from the school community. The ceremony concluded with a moving speech from Miss Bisht, who shared her fond memories and emphasized the importance of perseverance and lifelong learning.

The event was a poignant reminder of the lasting legacy she leaves behind, not only as an educator but as a mentor and friend. Miss Neerja Bisht will be dearly missed, but her influence will resonate in the hearts of those she taught for years to come.



SBI Minis

Children's Football Finals

01st August, 2024



On August 1, 2024, the finals of the SBI Minis Childrens Tournament took place at the DSA ground, where St. Joseph's College had a face off with B.S.S.V. – Red in a thrilling match for boys under 4'7". The atmosphere was electric as supporters from both sides gathered to cheer on their teams.

The first half commenced with intensity, and despite St. Joseph's relentless efforts, B.S.S.V. managed to score a fortunate goal, taking a 1-0 lead. St. Joseph's demonstrated impressive teamwork and skill, but the first half ended with B.S.S.V. with an upper hand. As the teams returned from the break, St. Joseph's came out with renewed vigour, determined to turn the tide.

In a dramatic twist, with only minutes remaining, Aaditya Choudhary struck a stunning equalizer, sending the crowd into a frenzy and levelling the score at 1-1. The tension soared as the match progressed into

penalties, with both teams showcasing their composure and skill. After an intense round of five penalties, the score was tied at 4-4, pushing the match into the nail-biting death penalty shootout.

Unfortunately, St. Joseph's missed their sixth penalty while B.S.S.V. converted theirs, resulting in a hard-fought 5-4 loss. Despite the disappointment, the boys, guided by Coach Mr. Amit Dhaila and Assistant Coach Mr. Rohit Joshi, displayed tremendous heart and resilience throughout the tournament.

In recognition of their efforts, Aaditya Choudhary was named 'Player of the Tournament,' and Laksh earned the title of 'Best Goalkeeper of the Season' during the prize distribution ceremony. The day showcased not only their talent but also their unwavering spirit, making St. Joseph's College proud in this challenging tournament.



Interact Club

Investiture Ceremony

03rd August, 2024

On August 3, 2024, St. Joseph's College held the Investiture Ceremony for the Interact Club in the school auditorium, marking the beginning of the Rotary International Year 2024-2025. The event was graced by esteemed guests, including Rotarian Vikram Sayal, Rotarian Amit Khanna, Rotarian J.K. Sharma, Principal Br. Jerome, Headmistress Mrs. Zeba Raza, and teachers-in-charge Mr. Himanshu Gupta and Mr. Pralove Roy, along with club members.

The ceremony commenced with a warm welcome from the anchor, highlighting the Interact Club's impactful drives, followed by a prayer led by Saksham Mahara. A video presentation showcased the club's achievements, after which Vedic Virat Joshi captivated the audience with a beautiful song.



Rotarian Vikram Sayal presented the collars to the President and Secretary, who then led the board members in taking their oaths of office. The signing of the Interact Club charter followed, marking an important milestone. During the pinning ceremony, badges were awarded to board members, directors, and teachers, acknowledging their support.

President Shivansh Sah Gangola delivered the inaugural address, and Rotarian Sayal shared insights into the club's history and congratulated its members. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks from Secretary Divyansh Bhandari, ending on a high note with the college anthem.

CISCE Zonal Level Table Tennis Tournament

03rd August, 2024



St. Joseph's College Nainital proudly hosted the CISCE Zonal Level Table Tennis Tournament for the UP UK Bareilly Zone on August 3, 2024, embodying its commitment to both individual and collective development. The event brought together 65 enthusiastic participants from five esteemed schools: Aditya Modern Public School, Hartmann College, St. Mary's Convent College, Sherwood College, and St. Joseph's College, fostering a spirit of healthy competition.

The tournament featured both boys and girls competing across three age groups: U-14, U-17, and U-19. Over the course of 10 hours, an impressive total of 150 matches were played, showcasing remarkable talent and sportsmanship. The panel of officials, led by Mr. Lalit Bisht, ensured smooth proceedings throughout the day.

Under the able guidance of Principal Br. Jerome Manuel, the tournament was meticulously organized by Mr. Nikhil Arya, whose efforts were pivotal in making the event a resounding success. The top five players in each category earned the opportunity to represent the Bareilly Zone in the upcoming CISCE Regional UP and UK Table Tennis Tournament in the third week of August.

St. Joseph's College continues to strive for excellence, nurturing each student's potential in academics and co-curricular activities alike. This tournament not only highlighted the skill and dedication of young athletes but also reinforced the college's mission to promote holistic development in its students.



Inter-House

General Knowledge Quiz

05th August, 2024



On August 5, 2024, St. Joseph's College hosted an exciting Inter House General Knowledge Quiz Competition in the school auditorium that aimed at fostering a spirit of learning and curiosity among students. Organized by Mrs. Deepti Mishra, Mr. Salil Rautela, and Mrs. Jaya Sah, the event featured eight enthusiastic participants divided into four teams, showcasing their intellectual prowess.

The quiz, graced by Principal Br. Jerome Manuel and Secretary Br. Lawrence as the chief guests, was designed to enhance general knowledge and promote healthy competition. It was divided into two sections: Middle School (Classes 6-8) and Senior School (Classes 9-12).

Participants faced a series of five challenging rounds: Question and Answer, Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ), Visual, Audio/Buzzer, and Rapid Fire. The questions spanned a wide array of topics, including History, Geography, Science, Current Affairs, Sports, and Entertainment, ensuring a stimulating experience for all.

The competition concluded with the announcement of the winners: Pranav Prakhar Pande and Shantanu Bisht from Gandhi House

triumphed in the Middle School category, while Atharv Srivastava and Ram Bansal from Nehru House emerged victorious in the Senior School segment. The event not only celebrated knowledge but also strengthened camaraderie among students.



Independence Day

15th August, 2024



On August 15, 2024, St. Joseph's College, Nainital, celebrated Independence Day with a vibrant flag-hoisting ceremony at 9:00 am, led by Shri Bal Krishna, a cherished employee who retired after 41 years of dedicated service, alongside Principal Br. Jerome. The ceremony, filled with pride, was followed by the National Anthem and a series of engaging performances in the school auditorium.

College Captain Krishiv gave a heartfelt speech about the significance of Independence Day followed by Master Rudra Prataap Singh and Mrs. R. Gururani who delivered speeches to honor our freedom fighters and talked about the importance of this historic day. The audience was captivated by a dance performance by Classes 4 and 5 and a patriotic poem recitation by Aditya Joshi.

A touching farewell speech for Shri Bal Krishna was delivered by Mr. Rakesh Bhatt, followed by token presentations by Br. Steve Fernandes and other dignitaries. Students showcased their talents with a play on the revolutionary Chandra Shekhar Azad, group recitations, and spirited songs.

The program concluded with insights on discipline and responsibility from Mr. Rakesh Bhatt, followed by a vote of thanks by Academic Head, Mrs. Zeba Raza. This celebration beautifully embodied the spirit of patriotism and responsibility, leaving a lasting impact on all attendees.



St. Joseph's College Model United Nations

10th & 11th August, 2024

The St. Joseph's College Model United Nations (SJC MUN 3.0), held on August 10-11, 2024, was a remarkable event that brought together young leaders from various schools to engage in thought-provoking discussions and debates. The conference commenced with a vibrant opening ceremony, featuring the Chief Guest Ambassador C.M. Bhandari, a distinguished diplomat, who delivered an inspiring keynote address that set the tone for the proceedings.

Participants from esteemed institutions, including All Saints College, St. Mary's Convent, Longview Public School, and Dikshant International Haldwani, alongside individual delegates, came together to immerse themselves in the complexities of international relations. The event included six dynamic committees: The United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA), All India Political Parties Meet (AIPPM), United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), United Nations General Assembly - Disarmament and International Security Committee (UNGA-DISEC), United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSCW), and the International Press (IP).

Throughout the conference, delegates engaged in rigorous debates on pressing global issues, including environmental sustainability, human rights, and disarmament. The General Assembly session offered a platform for representatives to present their positions and engage in meaningful dialogue, fostering a comprehensive understanding of international affairs.

St. Mary's Convent was awarded the Best School Delegation for its outstanding performance, showcasing the high level of competition and engagement throughout the event. In addition to the formal proceedings, the MUN also facilitated social gatherings and networking opportunities, enriching the overall experience for all participants.

Feedback from delegates was overwhelmingly positive, commending the Secretariat for its effective organization and the event's impact on developing vital diplomatic and public speaking skills. SJC MUN 3.0 not only fostered a spirit of collaboration and intellectual curiosity but also inspired the next generation of leaders to take an active role in shaping a better world.



Edmund Rice Justice Meet

31st August, 2024

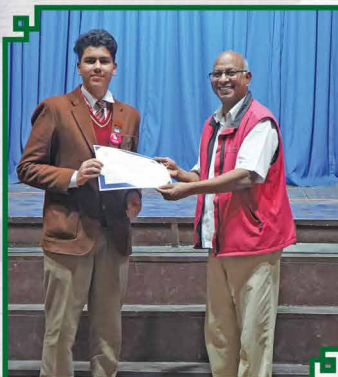


The ERI Justice Meet 2024 at St. Joseph's College, Nainital, held on August 31, was a vibrant and impactful event centered on the theme of Gender Equality. Kicking off at 9:30 AM and concluding at 3:00 PM, the meet saw enthusiastic participation from students of St. Joseph's College and Long View Public School.

The day was filled with engaging presentations, videos, and interactive activities

designed to foster understanding and advocacy for gender equality. Participants took part in a quiz, a power walk, and collage-making, showcasing their creativity and teamwork. Each group tackled random topics, with members speaking for 2-3 minutes, deepening their insights into critical issues.

Highlights included a heartwarming performance by Class 8 students and a poignant poem recited by Astitva Vishor from Class 11. The ERI Justice Meet was a resounding success, leaving all attendees inspired and enriched by their experiences in promoting gender equality.



Inter-School Accolades

Indradhanush 2024

31st August, 2024

The much awaited season of Inter-school Fests was the harbinger of awards for students of Saint Joseph's College. The Indradhanush held at MLSBVM, highlighted impressive performances by our talented students, with Bhavya Shandilya and Mayank Bisht winning

1st place in Aipan, Madhav coming 2nd in Cogitation, and Agustav Joshi alongside Rajyavardhan Tripathi finishing 2nd in Promulgation. Ayushman Khampa secured 3rd place in Playback.



Acharya Narendra Dev Sansthan Dance Competition 2024

The Junior school students participated in a dance competition held on 2nd of October, Gandhi Jayanti at Acharya Narendra Dev Sansthan, Nainital. Our boys were the youngest amongst the participant's despite of that they got lots of praise from the judges and audience as they gave a mesmerizing performance. Our children got a consolation price. The teachers in charge for this event were Mrs.B.Jagati and Mrs.N.Sah



Sanskriti 2024

08th September, 2024

St. Mary's Convent College, Nainital, hosted the esteemed interschool competition "Sanskriti 2024," bringing together talented students from various schools. Our school participated with great enthusiasm and dedication, securing an impressive overall runner-up position.

Our students excelled in various events, demonstrating their exceptional skills and creativity:

1. Caption Making (Senior): Utkarsh Joshi (12th) secured 3rd position.
2. Standup Comedy: Hargun took home the 1st prize.
3. Elocution: Our students bagged the 2nd position.
4. Caption Writing (9-10): Sabnoor Singh secured 2nd position.
5. Poster Making: Mayank Bisht won 3rd position.
6. Quiz Senior Category: Madhav V. achieved 2nd position.
7. Quiz Junior Category: Atharv S. secured 2nd position.

Sanskriti 2024 was a resounding success for our school. We congratulate our students on their impressive achievements. We look forward to future editions of Sanskriti and continued excellence in interschool competitions.



Ex-SEMITE Batch of 1964

In September, our esteemed institution rolled out the red carpet to welcome back its illustrious alumni from the Class of 1964, celebrating a momentous Golden Jubilee reunion. Fifty-eight years after graduation, these trailblazing individuals returned to their beloved alma mater, sharing tales of triumph, nostalgia, and gratitude.

The alumni tour showcased the school's remarkable transformation, highlighting state-of-the-art facilities, cutting-edge technology, and innovative learning spaces. As they revisited cherished landmarks, memories of laughter, friendship, and academic excellence came flooding back.

A heartfelt felicitation ceremony recognized the remarkable achievements of the 1964 batch, acknowledging their profound impact on society. The alumni expressed deep gratitude for the school's transformative influence on their lives, crediting their formative years with shaping their success.

This momentous occasion reaffirmed the unbreakable bond between our school and its distinguished alumni, inspiring future generations to emulate their excellence.



Teachers' Day

05th September, 2024

Teachers' Day 2024 at St. Joseph's College was a heartfelt celebration, dedicated to honoring the hard work and dedication of educators. Held on September 5, the day overflowed with appreciation and entertainment, reflecting the deep respect students and administration have for their teachers.

The festivities began with warm greetings in classrooms, where students presented handmade cards, flowers, and heartfelt messages, setting a positive tone for the day. Teachers were then escorted to the auditorium for the main event, which featured inspiring speeches from Krishiv, K.S. Dhillon, Sandarbh Agarwal, and Rudra P.S. Bisht. Each speech highlighted the profound impact teachers have on their students' lives.

The program included a delightful solo dance and a vibrant group dance by Junior School students, showcasing their collective spirit.

A beautiful duet by V.V. Joshi and K. Nath added a melodious touch, while the school choir's performance of the hymn "Strong and Constant" created a serene moment of reflection. A skit depicting Eklavya and Dronacharya emphasized themes of dedication and respect.

As a token of appreciation, each teacher received a carefully chosen gift, symbolizing the community's gratitude. Principal Brother Jerome delivered a heartfelt address, underscoring the essential role of teachers in fostering a nurturing learning environment.

The day concluded with a festive lunch attended by the Principal and other brothers, further celebrating the invaluable contributions of teachers. Teacher's Day 2024 was a resounding success, leaving both educators and students with renewed appreciation and respect for the teaching profession.



Futta Tournament

16th & 17th September, 2024



The much-anticipated Futta Tournament took place on September 16th and 17th, 2024, at the School Quadrangle Futsal, affectionately known as 'Futta.' This thrilling event brought together players from Class 4 to Class 12, showcasing the vibrant spirit of our school community.

The tournament kicked off with an exhilarating match between Classes XI and XII. Despite the Class Elevens putting up a strong defense, the seasoned Class Twelves triumphed decisively, setting the stage for an action-packed weekend. With 21 teams competing, the atmosphere buzzed with energy, and spectators were treated to exciting matches accompanied by lively music.

On the second day, the finals highlighted the skills of our younger players. Class 6's 'Manchester,' Class 7's 'Black Panthers,' and Class 8's 'Devils' emerged as champions in their respective categories. In the senior division, Class 12 claimed victory, solidifying their reputation.

The winning teams and standout players were celebrated with delicious cakes and pizzas, treated by the Principal, the Headmistress, and Mr. Mukund Sethi, who organized this thrilling event. As we reflect on two days of fierce competition and camaraderie, we eagerly anticipate the return of the Futta Tournament next year, ready to ignite our passions once again!



Fireless Cooking Competition

19th September, 2024



The Fireless Cooking Competition for middle school students in grades 7 and 8 was held on September 19, 2024, and was a resounding success. Participants showcased their culinary talents while demonstrating teamwork, nutrition awareness, and kitchen safety. The event also emphasized the importance of gender equality in cooking and collaboration. Feedback from both participants and judges was overwhelmingly positive, with many requesting similar events in the future.

Special thanks go to Br. Jerome, Br. Lawrence, Br. Sarto, and Mrs. Zeba Raza for their invaluable contributions. We also appreciate Mrs. H. Nagpal and Mrs. A. Tomar for judging the event and all teachers who supervised the participants. This initiative not only highlighted students' creativity but also reinforced essential life skills and values. Overall, the competition was a meaningful step towards promoting social justice and inclusivity in the school community.



SEM Idol Singing Competition

27th September, 2024



On September 27, 2024, the highly anticipated SEM Idol competition took place in the school auditorium, featuring both Junior and Middle School categories. During lessons 2, 3, and 4, the Junior category showcased the incredible vocal talents of younger students, with Br. Lawrence, the school Secretary, praising their dedication and highlighting the importance of extracurricular activities for holistic development.

Agastav Joshi from Class 11B anchored the event, keeping the audience engaged with his lively commentary. After an intense competition, the winners emerged as follows: 1st Place: Raghav Joshi (Class 2A), 2nd Place: Manik Shaurya Pandey (Class 2B), and 3rd Place: Rushank Sijwali (Class 2B). The event was judged by esteemed figures Mr. S. Banerjee and Mrs. K. Bisht, who commended the participants for their passion and skill, all under the guidance of music teacher Mr. P. Roy.

Later in the day, during lessons 6, 7, and 8, the Middle School competition captivated the audience with outstanding performances. The Honorable Headmistress, Mrs. Zeba Raza, inspired participants with her motivational address, while Senior Coordinator Mrs. Nagpal provided support. The Middle School winners were: 1st Position: Aaditya Joshi (Class 6B), 2nd Position: Idant Chandra (Class 6B), and 3rd Position: Ayaan Dutta (Class 7B). Trained by Mr. P. Roy and Mrs. K. Bisht, the students' hard work shone through, making the SEM Idol competition a memorable celebration of talent and teamwork.



Gandhi Jayanti

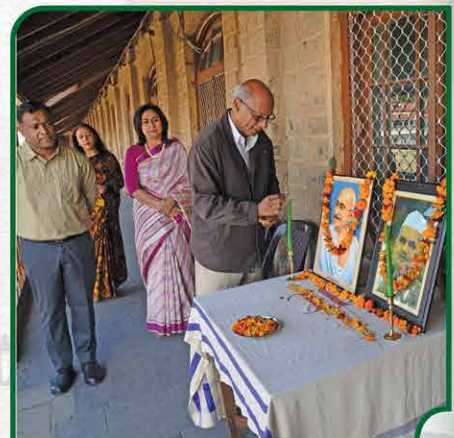
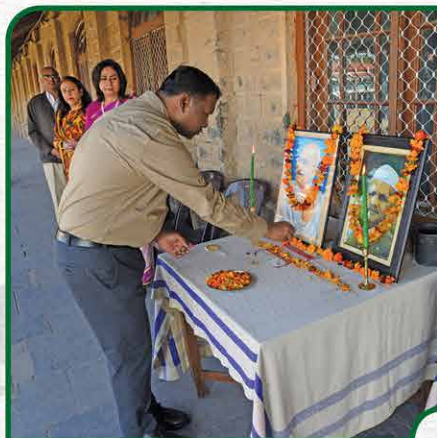
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The celebration honouring Gandhi Jayanti and Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti commenced with an inspiring opening speech by the anchor Agastav Joshi. The atmosphere was filled with reverence as Br. Lawrence and Br. Sarto lit candles to pay homage to these remarkable leaders who shaped our nation's history. Following this, the respected Headmistress, accompanied by Br. Lawrence and Br. Sarto, led the gathering in paying floral tributes to the portraits of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri, symbolizing our gratitude and respect for their sacrifices.

The program featured four captivating speeches delivered by students, highlighting the profound contributions of both freedom fighters to India's struggle for independence. Each speech resonated with passion and dedication, bringing to life the ideals and vision of these iconic figures. In addition, the students recited four beautifully composed poems that celebrated the unwavering spirit and legacy of Gandhiji and Shastriji, emphasizing their roles in inspiring future generations.

To further honour these leaders, the students performed a heartfelt song that encapsulated the essence of their teachings and values. The Headmistress was then invited to address the gathering, sharing words of wisdom that inspired all present. The celebration concluded with a closing speech by the anchor, reinforcing the significance of the day. The national anthem was sung, marking the official end of the ceremony. The event was a moving tribute, echoing the sentiments of "Jai Hind, Jai Bharat," as everyone left with a renewed sense of pride and unity.



Report on Interschool Taekwondo Tournament

05th October, 2024



On 5th October 2024, an exhilarating interschool taekwondo tournament took place at Gowardhan Hall, Nainital, featuring skilled athletes from various schools across the region. Among the participants, two students from St. Joseph's College, Kartikeya Nath and Dhananjay Pratap Singh Bisht, both from Class 11A, proudly represented their school and showcased outstanding performances in their respective weight categories.

Kartikeya Nath displayed remarkable agility and determination throughout the tournament, advancing through tough rounds with precision and control. His efforts were rewarded with a silver medal in his weight category, reflecting his resilience and skill in the sport.

Meanwhile, Dhananjay Pratap Singh Bisht gave a stunning performance, dominating his matches with finesse and strength. His dedication and strategic prowess earned him the gold medal, securing the top spot in his weight division and bringing pride to his school.

The tournament not only provided a platform for young athletes to demonstrate their talent but also fostered a spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie among participants. St. Joseph's College extends its heartfelt congratulations to Kartikeya and Dhananjay for their exceptional achievements and for bringing honor to the institution.

Both athletes have set a shining example for their peers and have proven that hard work, discipline, and passion are key to success. The school is confident that these promising taekwondo players will continue to excel in future competitions.



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Ex-SEMITE Batch of 1999

On 25th October, our school warmly welcomed back its esteemed alumni from the 1999 batch, celebrating their Silver Jubilee reunion. Twenty-four years after graduation, these accomplished individuals returned to their alma mater, sharing stories of success and nostalgia.

The highlight of the visit was a thrilling football match between the current school team and the ex-students. The highly contested game ended with the current team emerging

victorious, winning 5-0. The ex-students demonstrated impressive skill, but the younger generation's energy and teamwork prevailed.

A felicitation ceremony followed, honouring the 1999 batch's achievements and contributions. The alumni expressed gratitude for the school's foundational role in shaping their lives.

The reunion reinforced the enduring bond between our school and its illustrious alumni.



Kautik Fest 2024

at Hermann Gmeiner School

Kautik Fest 2024 at Hermann Gmeiner School, Bhimtal, celebrated students' creativity through diverse cultural events, drawing enthusiastic participation. In the Graffiti competition, the team of Sabnoor Singh, Mayank Raikwal, Bhumika Bangari, and Divyansh Sah won 1st place for their vibrant and thought-provoking artwork. In the Best out of Waste competition 2nd place was awarded to Shivansh Sah Gangola, Mridul Mehra, Shaksham Mahra, and Ishant Pandey for their innovative creations using recycled materials. The festival highlighted the students' creativity, teamwork, and dedication to sustainability, making it a memorable event.



Report on Mrs. Anjana Tomar's Farewell

14th October, 2024

On October 14, 2024, St. Joseph's College, Nainital, held a heartfelt farewell for Mrs. Anjana Tomar in the school auditorium, beginning at 10:30 a.m. After dedicating nearly 20 years to our institution as a beloved Hindi teacher, her departure marks the end of an era filled with passion, dedication, and inspiration.

The event commenced with warm remarks from the Headmistress, who highlighted Mrs. Tomar's unwavering commitment to her students and her significant contributions to the school community. Former students shared fond memories and anecdotes, showcasing the profound impact she has had on their lives. Her innovative teaching methods and ability to ignite a love for the Hindi language were particularly praised.

As a token of appreciation, Mrs. Tomar was presented with gifts and a heartfelt letter from the faculty and students. The auditorium resonated with emotions as attendees expressed their gratitude and best wishes for her future endeavours.

In her speech, Mrs. Tomar reflected on her time at St. Joseph's, expressing her deep affection for the school and its students. The farewell concluded with a group photograph, capturing the cherished memories and lasting bonds forged over the years. Mrs. Tomar will be dearly missed, and her legacy will continue to inspire future generations.



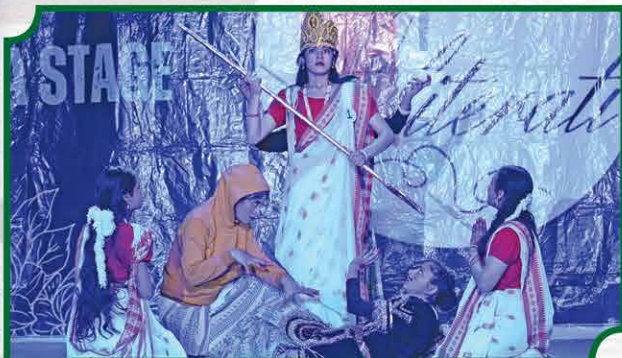
Literati

16th October, 2024

Under the visionary leadership of our Principal, Br. Jerome Manuel, St. Joseph's College, Nainital, hosted its Annual Cultural Fest, Literati 2024, on October 16, 2024. This inter-school event celebrated creativity and talent across various disciplines, including art, music, dance, and oration. With enthusiastic participation from six esteemed schools, the event provided a vibrant platform for students to showcase their abilities and engage in friendly competition. The following schools participated in Literati 2024: St. Joseph's College, Nainital (SJC), St. Mary's Convent, Nainital (SMC), St. Xavier's College, Nainital (SXC), Mohan Lal Sah Bal Vidya Mandir, Nainital (MLSBVM), Longview Public School, Nainital (LPS) Sanwal School, Nainital. Literati 2024 featured 13 diverse events, each designed to highlight the wide array of talent among the students. These events included: Timeless Encounter – Play, Stand-Up Comedy, Ballroom's Groove, Group Dance, Hurdles, Sports Challenge, Band Competition, Banter Blitz, Mock Commentary, Documentary Making, Photography, Rangoli Making, Aipan, Face Painting, Best Out of Waste, Creative Writing and Poster Making. The students displayed exceptional creativity and skill in each event, and the atmosphere was filled with excitement, with cheers and applause



resonating through the college campus. The event was graced by the presence of Brigadier K.D. Malhotra as the Chief Guest, who delivered an inspiring speech. He emphasized the importance of cultural education in shaping well-rounded individuals and encouraged the participants to embrace creativity as a vital part of their holistic development. His words were both motivational and thought-provoking, adding a sense of gravitas to the occasion. The fest was meticulously organized under the leadership of Mrs. Zeba Raza, our school Headmistress, alongside Brother Lawrence, the School Secretary, and Mrs. Kavita Bisht, who worked tirelessly to ensure the success of the event. Their dedication to fostering a spirit of creativity and collaboration among students was evident in every detail of the fest. St. Joseph's College was declared the Overall Winning School, while Mohan Lal Sah Bal Vidya Mandir was named the





Overall Runner-Up School. Literati 2024 was a remarkable celebration of talent, creativity, and camaraderie among the participating schools. It not only provided students with an opportunity to showcase their skills but also fostered relationships and mutual respect among the institutions. The success of the event speaks volumes about the dedication of the organizers and the enthusiasm of the participants. As we look forward to next year's Fest, the memories of Literati 2024 will undoubtedly inspire the emergence of new talents. We hope that the ideas and creativity ignited during this event will continue to inspire young minds to explore their capabilities as future global citizens.







Diwali Bonfire

25th October, 2024

On 25th October, our school hosted a joyous Pre-Diwali celebration for students and staff. The festivities commenced at 5:30 PM with the captains lighting the bonfire, symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness.

Before the boarders departed for their Diwali break, exciting games were organized, fostering teamwork and camaraderie among students. The atmosphere was electrified as students danced to popular tunes, showcasing their talent and enthusiasm.

As dusk fell, students lit candles, creating a mesmerizing display of twinkling lights. The event concluded with a sense of warmth and togetherness, filling everyone's hearts with the spirit of Diwali.



Report on Science Exhibition

25th October, 2024



The annual Science Exhibition was held on 25/10/24, providing students with a platform to display their scientific knowledge and creativity. The event aimed to foster curiosity and provide a platform to showcase their intellectual abilities, enhance problem-solving skills, and promote practical understanding of scientific principles among students.

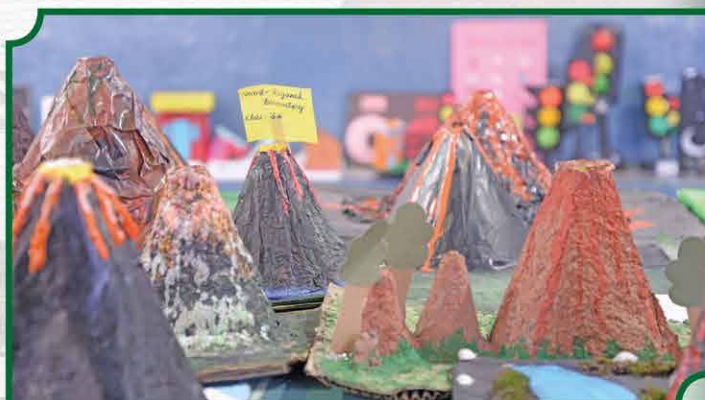
The models focused on environmental sustainability, Fire alarms, Drone with recording camera, Hydraulic games, Geo-stationary and polar satellite station, water purification system, pinhole camera, microscope, bioscope, neuron and impulse conduction, working model of heart and urinary system, Tesla coil, hyd rocketry, hydraulic maze, krytominer, glowing diya with water and interesting chemical reactions. Some models were on Renewable energy. Students presented models on solar and wind energy, showcasing methods to harness renewable energy effectively.

Interactive Robotics and Coding: Robotics projects attracted considerable attention, with students demonstrating robots.

Overall the exhibition was a resounding success and was well received by students, parents and guest schools. The exhibition encouraged the students to engage in hands on Science and instilled in them a sense of responsibility.

This exhibition not only provided students with a platform to exhibit their scientific talents but also inspired them to think about the solutions that can benefit society at large. This event helped ignite young minds to pursue innovation making a positive impact on their learning journey.

A lot of effort was put in by the boys and a great deal of guidance and help by the science teachers, did much to make the venture a success. The exhibition, as remarked by the parents, teachers and other school students was of a very high standard. We hope that this tradition will continue for many years to come and science studies will reach new heights in SEM.





Plantation Drive 2024



St. Joseph's College, Nainital, organized a plantation drive to promote environmental awareness and enhance the ecological well-being of our planet. Under the guidance of social justice animators Mrs. Jyotsana Solomon and Mr. N.S. Bisht, students and faculty united in a spirited effort to plant saplings around the campus.

The event aimed to educate participants about the importance of trees in combating climate change and preserving biodiversity. Engaging activities included informative talks on sustainable practices and the role of forests in maintaining ecological balance.

The plantation drive not only beautified the college surroundings but also instilled a sense of responsibility among students towards environmental stewardship. Participants expressed enthusiasm and commitment to ongoing eco-friendly initiatives, reinforcing the college's dedication to social justice and environmental sustainability. Overall, the drive was a significant step towards fostering a greener future, encouraging the community to actively participate in environmental conservation efforts.



“7th Jim Corbett – Pandit Gobind Ballabh Pant - F.G Pearce Memorial Annual Young Ideators’ Conclave 2024”

held at Birla Vidya Mandir, Nainital.

A team of five students, accompanied by Mr. Himanshu Gupta, recently participated in the esteemed “7th Jim Corbett – Pandit Gobind Ballabh Pant - F.G Pearce Memorial Annual Young Ideators’ Conclave 2024” held at Birla Vidya Mandir, Nainital. The three-day event, spanning from 1st to 3rd May, proved to be an enriching experience for our students, as it attracted over 15 outstation teams from the topmost schools of India.

Our SEM students distinguished themselves admirably throughout the event. Swarnim Pathak was honored with the Best Speaker Award in the debate category, showcasing exceptional oratory skills and intellectual prowess. Additionally, Divyansh Bhandari clinched the top position for his entry in the creative writing event, demonstrating remarkable talent and creativity.

Furthermore, our quiz team showcased commendable performance, advancing to the finals in the General Quiz category, thereby adding another feather to our cap.

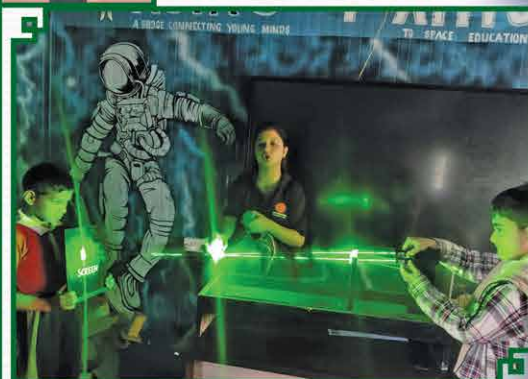
Participating and succeeding in such a competitive national-level event was undoubtedly challenging. However, the achievement stands as a testament to the dedication and hard work of our students, under the able guidance of their mentor teachers.

Overall, the conclave provided a platform for academic and intellectual growth, fostering healthy competition and camaraderie among the brightest minds of the nation.



AstroPathshala

AstroPathshala, created by Astroverse, is a unique STEM program inspiring young learners to explore space science, AI, robotics, and electronics through hands-on, practical learning. First launched at St Joseph's College, Nainital, the program's vibrant AstroPathshala lab includes telescopes, high-tech equipment, and space-themed art. Students actively build rockets, explore satellite models, and create rovers, guided by expert educators. With activities like stargazing, science exhibitions, and exciting competitions—including a NASA Hackathon—AstroPathshala now reaches over 30,000 students. It aims to ignite a passion for space science, aligning its future-ready curriculum with NEP 2024 to inspire innovation and growth in India.



Historic Step for International Unity: **SAIN Formed in Nepal**

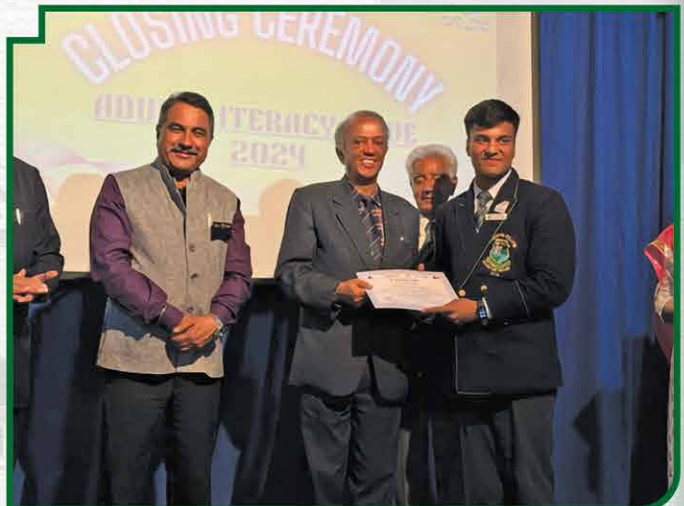


Swarnim Pathak, Deputy District Interact Representative of RID-3110 (2024-25), proudly represented his school, Nainital, and India in association with Rotary Club of Nainital, at a prestigious flag and letterhead exchange with program in Nepal. During this pivotal conference, the South Asian Interact Network (SAIN) was formed through the signing of a treaty and Memorandum of Understanding among participating countries. Swarnim, signed this treaty and marked a historic milestone as a founding member in the creation of this international organization, aimed at fostering unity and cooperation across South Asia.



Closing of Adult Literacy Drive

St. Joseph's College Adult Literacy Drive: Empowering Workers through Education
St. Joseph's College successfully conducted an Adult Literacy Drive from April 24th to June 25th, a two-month initiative aimed at empowering workers with essential literacy skills. The drive was spearheaded by the Interact Club, a student-led organization dedicated to community service.



Special Lunch

On December 12th, the school kitchen was abuzz with excitement as teachers took over to prepare a special lunch. The day before, there had been a thorough planning session to curate an elaborate menu, ensuring a delightful feast for everyone. The lunch, served to coworkers as well, was a hit not just for its variety but for the love and care that went into each dish.

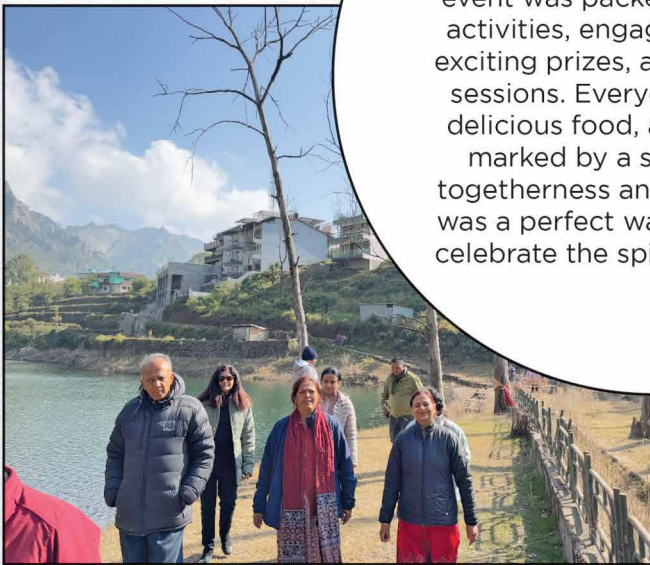
The kitchen was filled with laughter and camaraderie as teachers enjoyed themselves while cooking. The meal turned out to be a wonderful treat, showcasing the teachers' culinary skills and their ability to come together to create something truly special. The day highlighted the sense of community and togetherness that makes the school such a warm and welcoming place.



Staff Picnic



On December 8th, the staff and management enjoyed a delightful day picnic at Dynasty Resort. The event was packed with fun-filled activities, engaging games with exciting prizes, and lively karaoke sessions. Everyone relished the delicious food, and the day was marked by a strong sense of togetherness and camaraderie. It was a perfect way to unwind and celebrate the spirit of the season.



Christmas Celebration



On the evening of December 6th, a special bonfire was held at the school with the boarders, serving two delightful purposes. Firstly, it was a celebration of Christmas, filling the air with festive cheer and warmth. Secondly, it marked a fancy send-off for the boarders, commemorating the end of the academic year in style. This dual-purpose event not only celebrated the holiday season but also provided a memorable farewell for the students, leaving them with cherished memories to take forward.





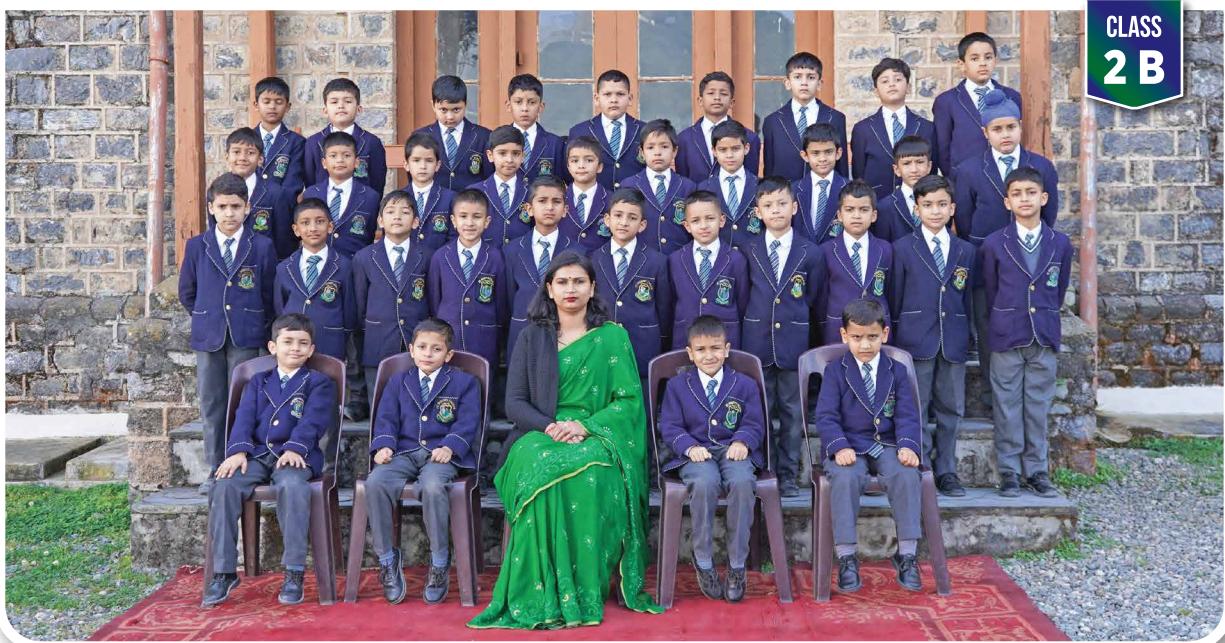
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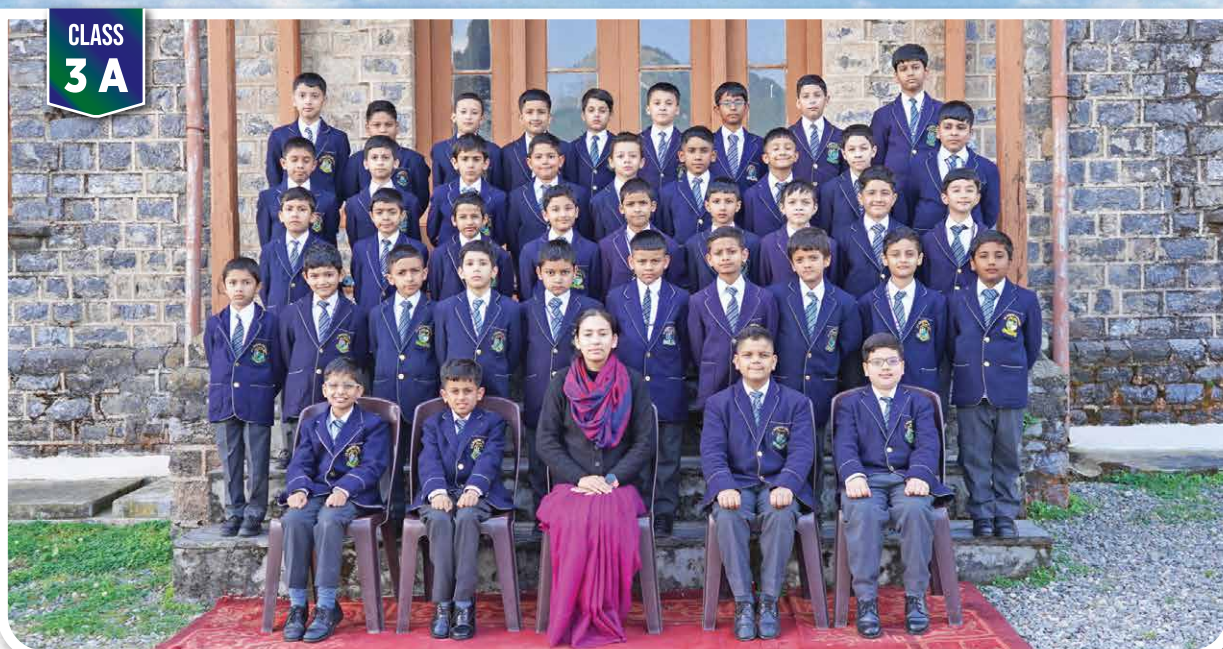


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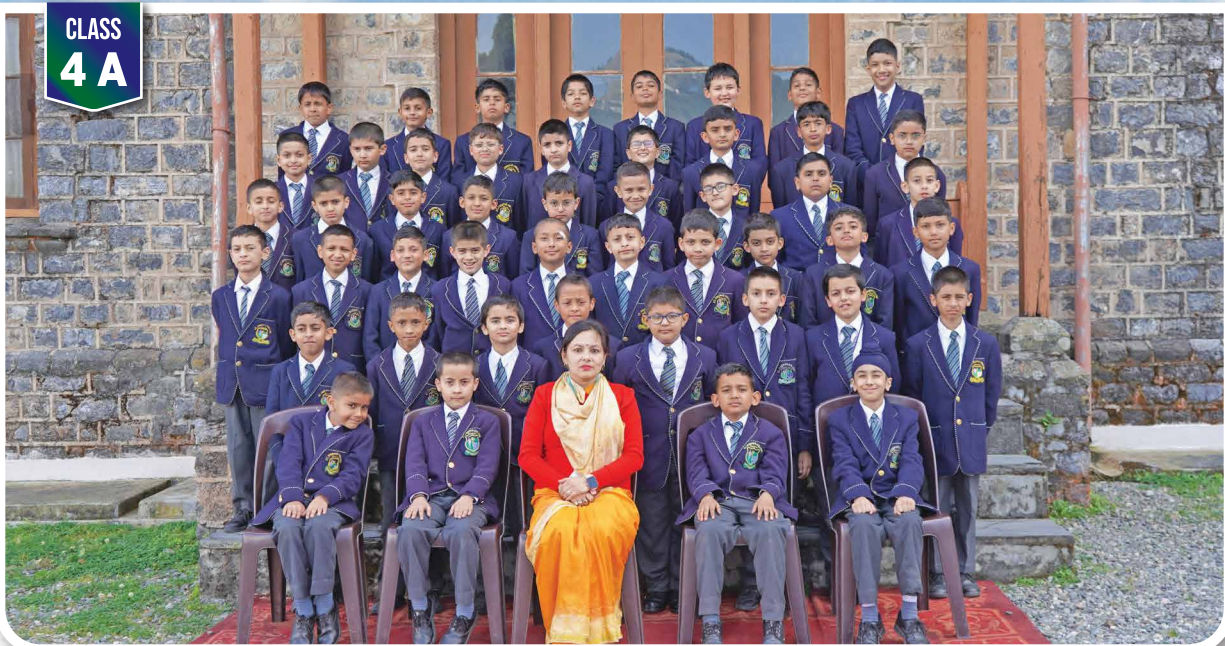




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 Absent : A. Nauriyal, Nischay, Y. Tewari



(L-R) Seated : P. Bairathi, K. Karki, Mr. J.E. Nath (Class teacher), G. Ghumman, Md. Hammad
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 Standing (II ROW) : N. Jakhar, H. Singh, B. Dixit, S. Kanwal, Owais, A. Tomar, T. Mehra, V. Joshi
 Standing (III ROW) : N. Agarwal, S. Kukreja, L. Arya, A. Sharma, P. Joshi, R. Agarwal, R. Martin, A. Shukla
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 Absent : A.E. Shamsi, A. Gupta, K. Chand, S. Nayal



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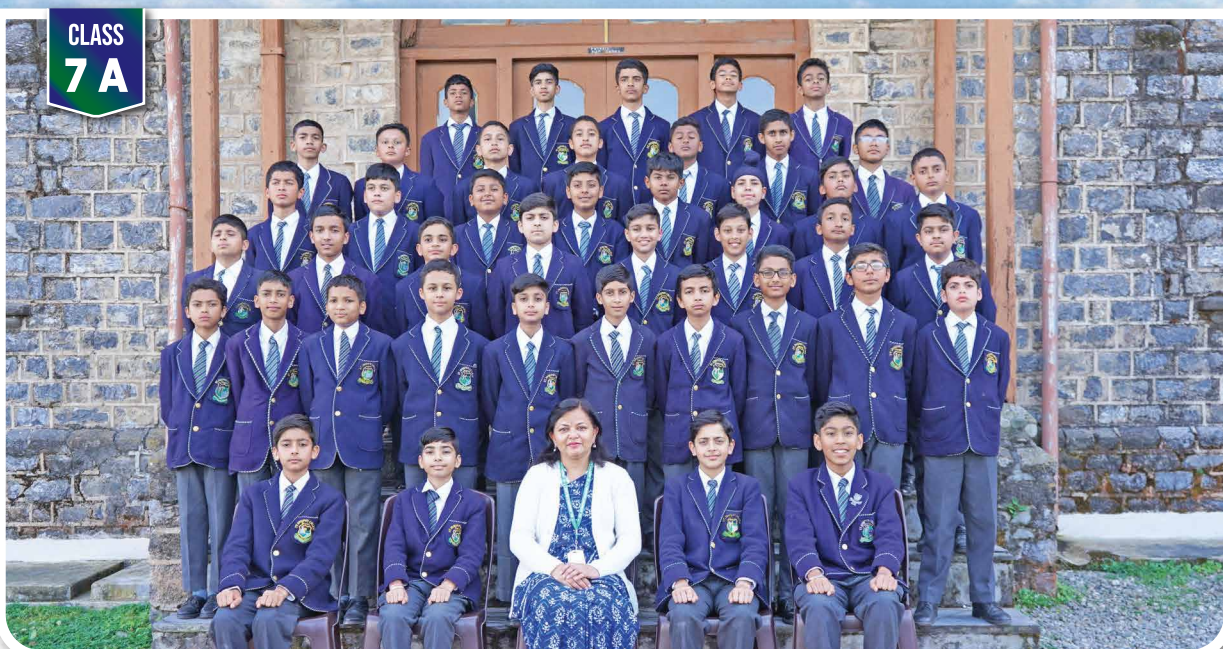


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 Standing (IV ROW) : D. Mehta, A.S. Mahra, Y.A. Mehra, A. Kapurwan, V. Yadav, T. Sahni, A. Nayal, R. Bisht, A. Rana
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 Standing (II ROW) : P. Joshi, R.S. Bisht, Y. Negi, M. Kothari, R.N. Goswami, A.S. Chauhan, N. Pandey
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 Standing (III ROW) : V.S. Bisht, V. Adhikari, P. Varshney, D. Thind, D. Rajput, T. Matta, A. Gangwar, M. Joshi
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 Standing (V ROW) : A. Hussain, L. Sahdev, V.P.S. Bhullar, A. Negi, Mohd. Yusuf



(L-R) Seated : A. Chabra, L. Suyal, Mrs. K. Bisht (Class teacher), A. Choudhary, A. Gautam
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 Standing (V ROW) : T. Mer, T. Singh, S. Shah, R. Raj
 Absent : U.V. Singh, R. Kumar



(L-R) Seated : A. Sah, A. Godiyal, Mrs. J. Sah(Class teacher), K. Bajaj, R. Bajaj
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 Standing (II ROW) : B. Upreti, A. Shah, S. Khan, A. Bhatt, K. Rawat, S.M. Tripathi, K. Pathak, A. Budhlakoti
 Standing (III ROW) : Y. Joshi, P. Tewari, S. Sah, A. Atul, P. Sah, I.P.S. Virdi, A. Bahuguna, N. Joshi
 Standing (IV ROW) : N. Khetrapal, N. Mehra, A.S. Anand, H. Tewari, S. Shah, M. Uwais, V. Mehra
 Standing (V ROW) : I. Jaiswal, P.P. Pande, K. Agarwal, P. Karki



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(L-R) Seated : S. Kumar, A. Yadav, Mrs. R. Gururani (Class teacher), M. Chaudhary, A. Virk
 Standing (I ROW) : D. Sah, S. Mehra, S. Gupta, S. Bhatt, S. Tripathi, A. Singh, R. Chandra, G. Verma
 Standing (II ROW) : Y. Sharma, Y.M. Mehra, Y. Bora, Mohd. Huzafia, B. Chandel, N. Mehta
 Standing (III ROW) : A. Sah, P. Tiwari, P. Anand, V. Singh, T. Sah, A.R. Sachdev, S. Singh
 Standing (IV ROW) : Y. Negi, R. Sah, A. Chandra, D. Bisht, A. Sah, A. Rana, M. Joshi
 Standing (V ROW) : K. Mehrotra, M.S. Bukhari, A. Khan, A. Mehta, E. Usmani, A. Rawat, A. Belwal
 Standing (VI ROW) : A. Sah, U. Shrivastava, Z. Nawaz, J.S. Virk, R. Paul, F.S. Mohannad, K. Arya



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 Standing (V ROW) : H.S. Sethi, S. Joshi, S.R. Chaudhary, N. Pandey, R. Bohra, A.S. Bisen
 Standing (VI ROW) : A.S. Negi, V. Shaunak, A. Agarwal, S. Agarwal, A.S. Papola, M.B. Shah, R. Singh



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(L-R) Seated : S. Siddiqui, A. Oli, A. Sandhu, Dr. M. Tiwari (Class teacher), L. Agarwal, J. Rawat, A. Tiwari
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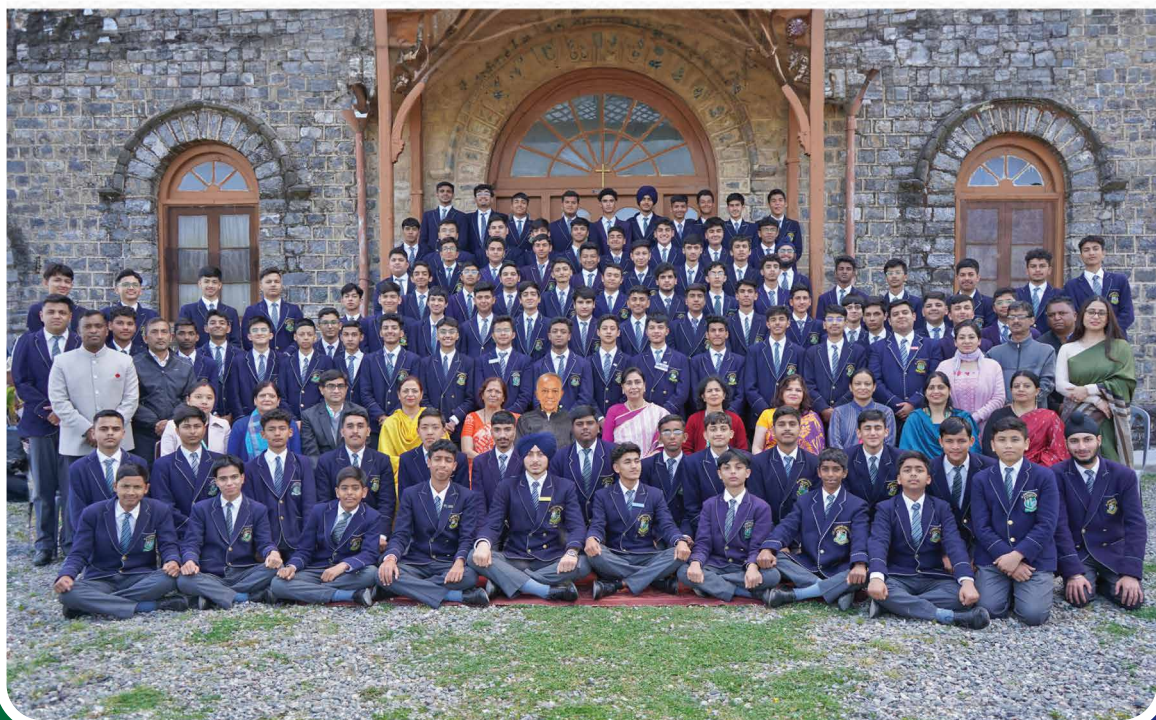
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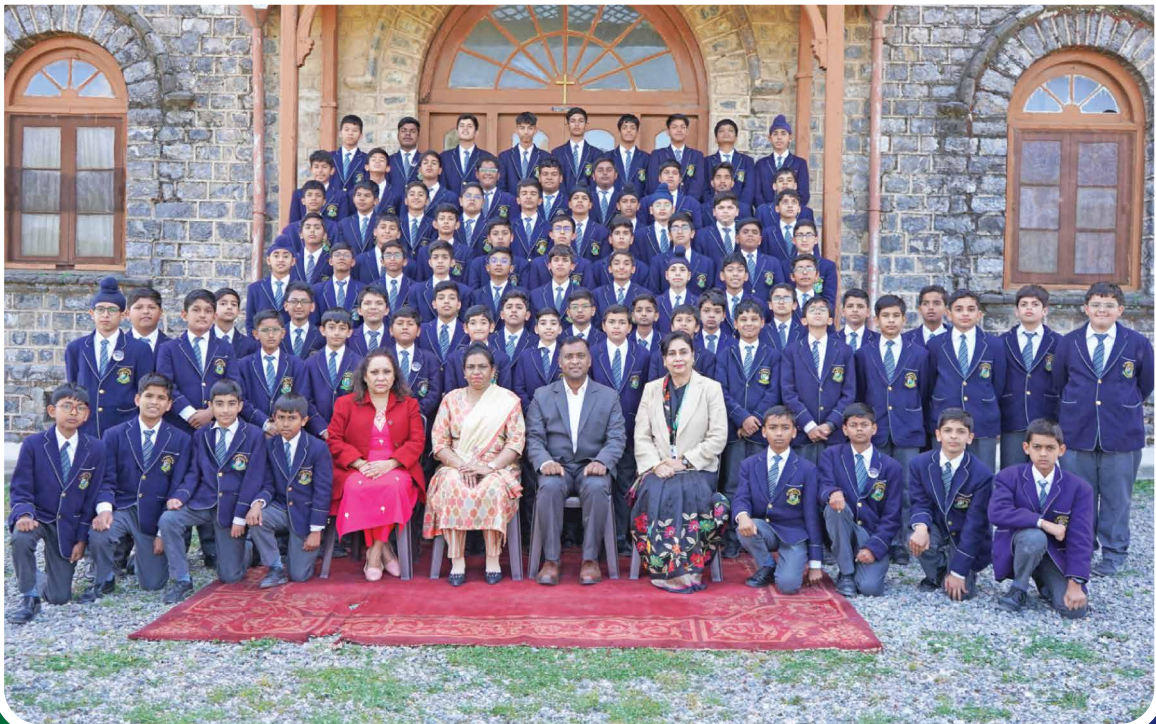
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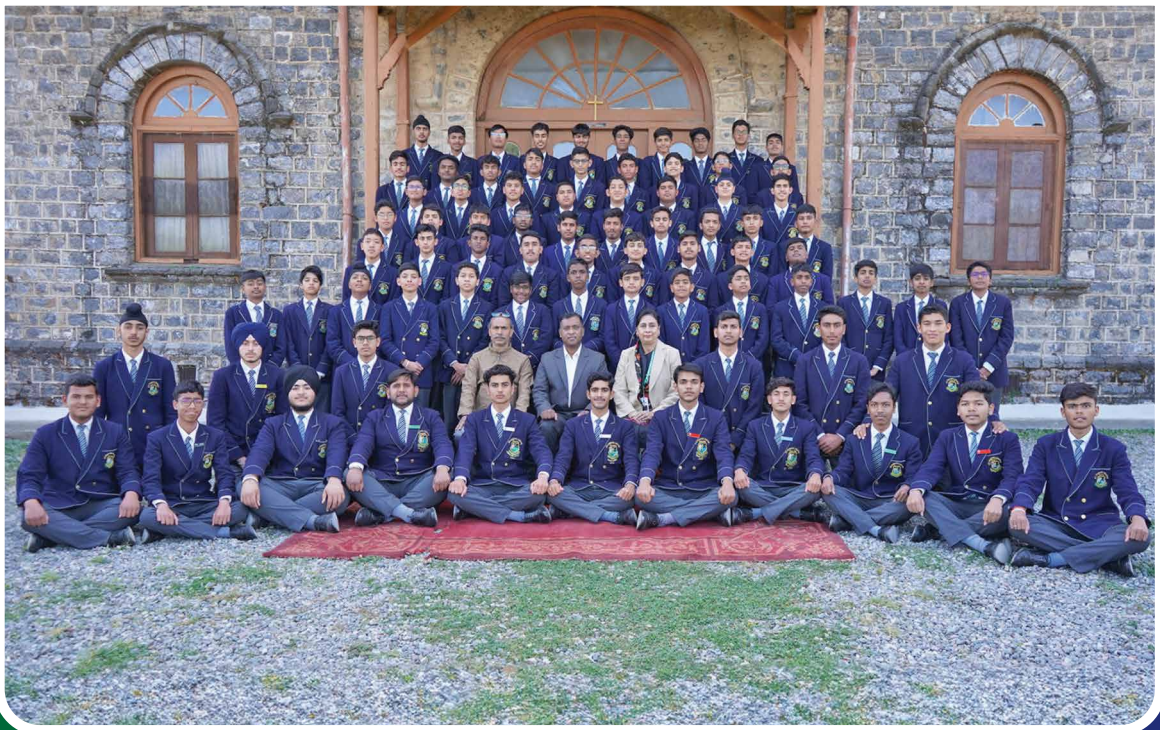
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Junior Boarding Wing



Middle School Boarding Wing



Senior School Boarding Wing



Boarders 2024





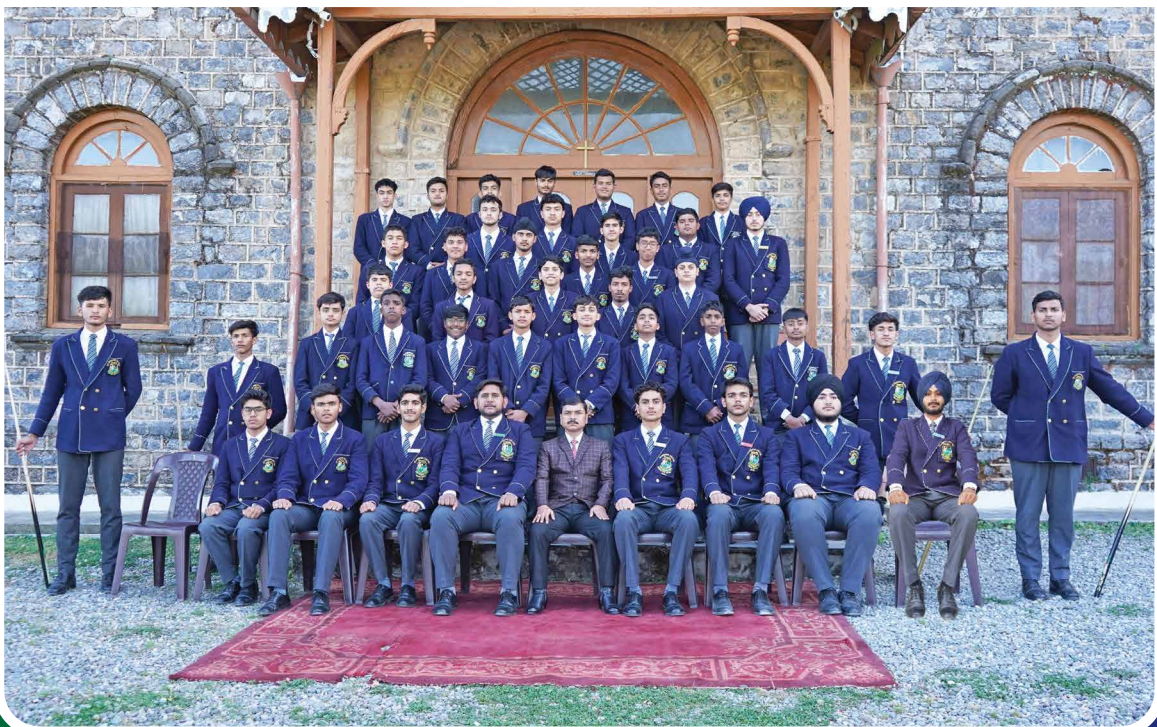
Athletics Winners 2024 – Gandhi House



Marching Winners 2024 – Pant House



Inter-House Football Winners 2024 – Tagore House



Snooker Club 2024



College Basketball Team A



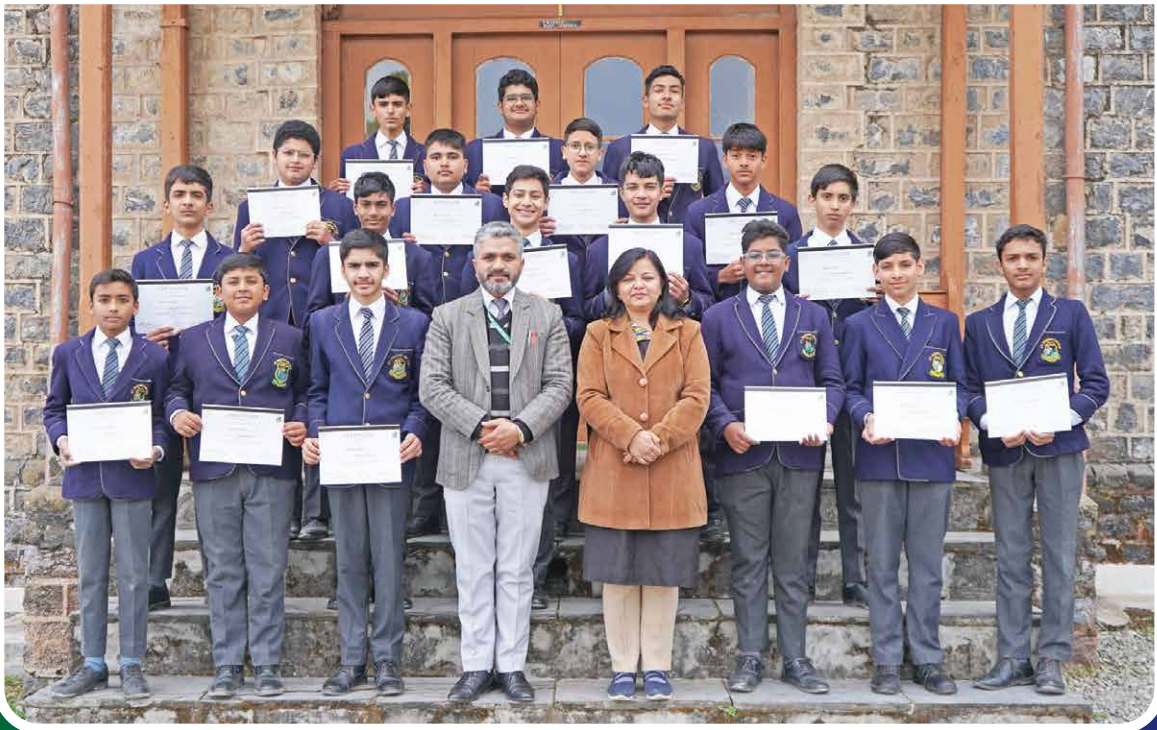
College Basketball Team B



Gandhi House Winner Basketball Team



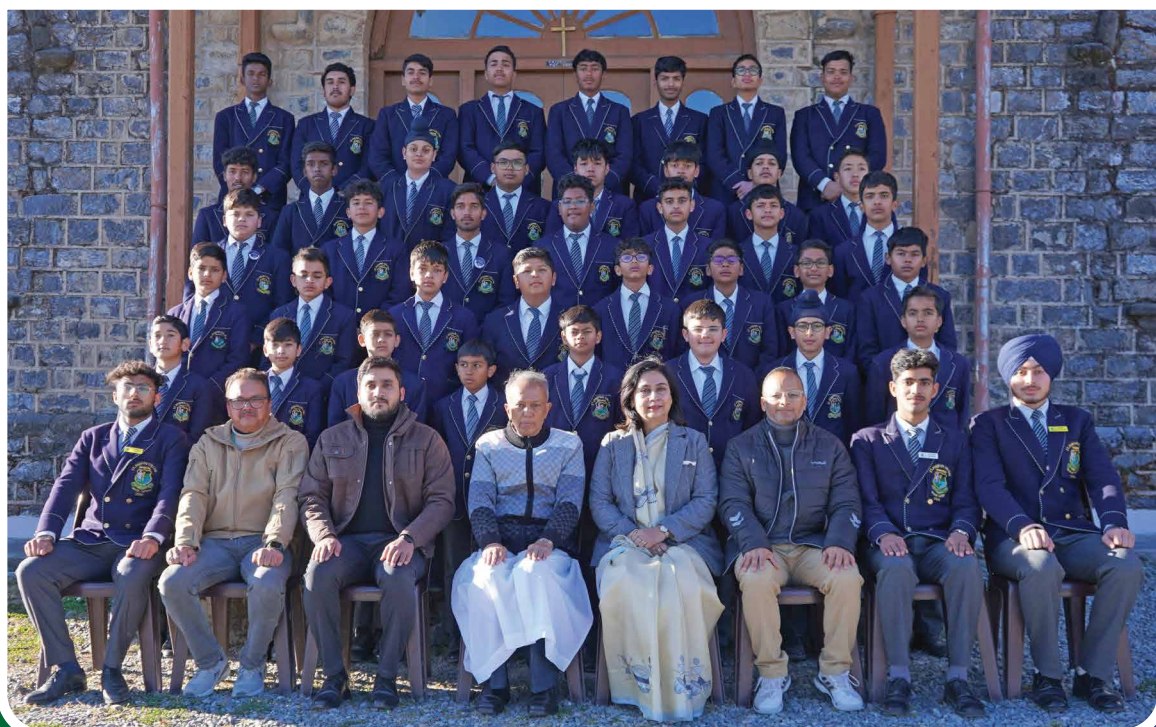
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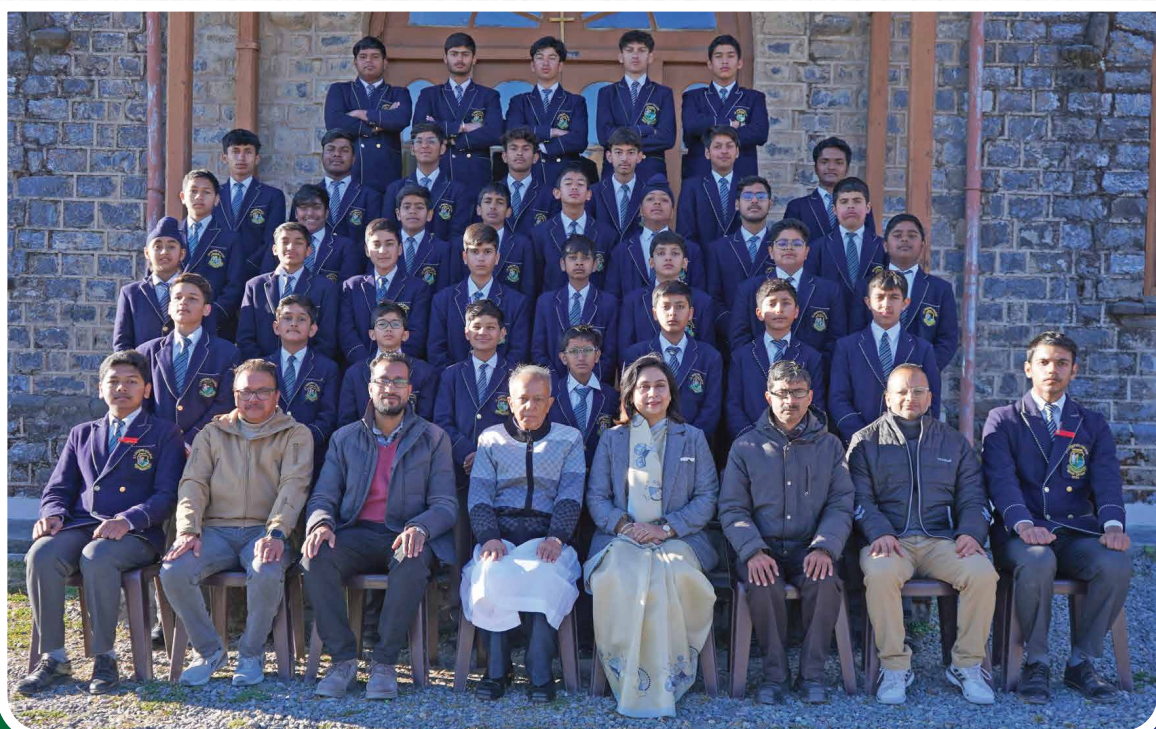
Social Justice Group 2024



College Cricket Team



Inter House Volleyball Winners 2024 – Nehru House



Inter-House Softball Winners 2024 – Tagore House



Juvies 2024 (4' 9)

(LEFT TO RIGHT) : Rishab Kumar, Aaradhya Bargali, Aaditya Chaudhary, Advit Nayal, Yuvraj Bisht, Hardik Kumar, Devang Mehta, Lakshit Suyal, Aamir Shamsi, Utkarsh Joshi, Aamir Shamsi, Harshit Janouti, Aaradhya Bisht, Kavyansh Chaudhary.
Mr. Amit Dhaila, Mr. Rohit Joshi



Minies 2024 (4' 7)

RUNNERS-UP

(LEFT TO RIGHT) : 2ND ROW:- Vihan Kohli, Aanjaney Gupta, Mohd. Tharoor, Aaditya Chaudhary, Ranvijay Mehra, Aaradhya Bargali, Aayush Chawla, Lakshit Suyal (G.K)
1ST ROW:- Prabal Verma, Lakshya Negi, Mayank Suyal, Parth Mardaan, Mr. Rohit Joshi, Mr. Amit Dhaila, Hriday S. Joshi, Naksh Rajput, Vihan Goyal, Nivaan Jakhar



Inter-House Badminton Winners 2024.

- STANDING** : Vinayak, Suyash Agarwal, Sharuya Gupta, Kabir Dhillon, Mr. A, Dhaila, Shauryaveer Singh, Nishant Gautam, Anuraag Kumar
- SITTING** : Anil Masih, Mohd. Faizal, Vansh, Vikhyat Bhalla, Agrim Verma, Aahil Ansari, Atif Khan, Ankit Mesih, Vansh Agarwal, Adarsh Negi, Parth Singh Dharmshaktu



Inter-House Table Tennis Winners

- STANDING** : Dhairya P. Singh, Yuvaan Sharma, Kyan Bajaj, Vansh, A. Kunwar, Bhramroop Singh, Shaurya Gupta, Krishiv, Mr. A. Dhaila, Kabir Dhillon, Shauryaveer Singh, Suyash Agarwal, Adarsh Negi, Ayan Dutta, Aahil Ansari, Virat, Shasya Singh, Anshdeep Singh
- SITTING** : Sandarbh Aggarawal, Vikhyat Bhalla



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- Standing (V ROW) : Mr. R.S. Rana, Mr. S. Rautela, Mr. A. Knight, Mr. N.S. Bisht, Mr. R. Bhatt



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Standing (V ROW) : Ms. C. Bisht, Ms. S.D. Bora



College Relay Team 2024

Standing (I ROW) : Kabir S. Dhillon, Mr. A. Dhaila, A. Basnet

Standing (II ROW) : Krishiv, N. Gautam.

The College Relay Team 2024 broke the 50 years old record of 4x100 metres Relay, previously held by the batch of 1974 at a timing of 51 seconds. The boys in the above picture clicked a timing of 50.15 seconds.



Athletics Best Men 2024 (O, A, B, C, D Divisions)

(L-R) Seated: A. Rana, J. Singh, Mr. A. Dhaila, K.S. Dhillon, V. Tewari, H. Kumar.



College Football Team 2024

Seated (I ROW) : A. Sandhu, P. Mehra.

Seated (II ROW) : Mr. R. Joshi, Mr. A. Dhaila

Standing (I ROW) : S.R. Bisht, S. Dafouti, S. Singh, G. Dhaila, P. Chand, Krishiv, K.S. Dhillon, P. Kumar, N. Gautam, K. Goswami, V. Tewari, J. Adhikari.

Absent : A. Basnet, M.S. Bisht



Inter – Class Football Winners Class 12

Seated : Mrs. B. Shounak (Class teacher)

Standing (I ROW) : Kabir S. Dhillon, Krishiv

Standing (II ROW) : G. Khetrapal, S. Sandhu

Standing (III ROW) : Y.S. Shekhar, P. Kumar, S. Singh, S. Dafouti, S. Gupta

Standing (IV ROW) : P. Mehra, K. Jaiswal, P. Chand, A.P. Singh, S. Singh.

Absent : A. Basnet, M.S. Bisht

BEST MEN 2024



**Athlete Of The Year 2024 &
Promising Sportsman 2024 - Krishiv**



**Best Badminton Player 2024
Shauryaveer Singh**



**Best Hockey Player 2024
Samrath Sandhu**



**Best Snooker Player - 2024
Shaurya Gupta**



**Sportsman Of The Year 2024
Kabir Dhillon**



**Most Promising Volleyball Player 2024
Yash K. Shekhar**



**Promising Hockey Player 2024
Garv Khetrpal**



**Best Table Tennis Player 2024
Rishik Bajaj**

Aakash Agruee
Radiates warmth
and
enthusiasm

Aashish Adhikari
Infectious
positivity

Abhinav Pant
Passionate
about
knowledge

Akshay Arya
Harmonious
team player

**Deepak Singh
Negi**
Innovative
thinker

Diryansh Bhandari
Organised and
efficient

Aditya Suyal
Unapologetically
himself

Kartik Tewari
Warm and caring presence

Mayank Bisht
Confidence
personified

Ashwin Tiwari
Brings fresh
perspectives
to class
discussions

**Mayank
Rawat**
Exudes self -
assurance

**Kartikey
Kaira**
Genuine and
authentic



**Hariyash V.S.
Rathore**
Always looks on
the bright side

**Pratham Singh
Bisht**
Thoughtful and
considerate

**Mohammad
Ayan**
Compassionate
friend to all

Sachin Joshi
Honest and
trustworthy

Prathmesh Mehra
Joyful energy

Nikhil Manral
Creative spark
shines bright

Siddhant Singh
Supportive friend

Parth Chand
Fearless and
determined

Tirth Pandey
Empathetic
listener

Suhit Victor
Playful spirit

Utkarsh Joshi
Imagination
knows no
bounds

Vaibhav Pandey
Reliable and
dependable

Adhiraj Basnet

Competitive sportsman, focused on his goals, with a tendency to get lost in his own world

Angad Veer Singh

Creative, articulate, and artistic, with a great sense of humor.

Anhadpreet Singh

Down-to-earth, calm, and an avid reader, with a passion for learning.

Jashan Jot

Cooperative, empathetic, and a good listener, serving as a pillar of strength for his friends.

Kabir Singh Dhillon

Competitive, athletic, and a natural leader, with a strong sense of responsibility.

Krish Jaiswal

Respectful, humble, well-behaved, and friendly, with a positive attitude.

Mahiraj Singh Bisht

Table Tennis enthusiast, always up for a challenge.

Krishiv

Keen sportsman, a charismatic leader, and a teacher's favorite, with exceptional academic skills

Rana Tegveer Singh

Talented boxer, laid-back, and well-spoken, with a talent for stage performances.

Samrath Singh Sandhu

Charismatic leader, confident, and commanding presence, with natural leadership abilities.

Shaurya Gupta

Ambitious, history buff, friendly, and quick-witted, with a keen business sense.

Shauryaveer Singh

Dominant force in indoor games, sharp-minded, with an eclectic taste in music.

Yash Kumar Shekhar

Gifted sculptor, humble, and friendly, with a passion for art.

Garv Khetrapal

Intelligent, soft-spoken, and quick-thinker, with exceptional problem-solving skills.

Ansh Ali Khan

Career-oriented, hardworking, and an introvert, with focus on academic excellence.

Atul Kumar

Shy, humble, and kind, with a heart of gold.

Ayushman Khampa

Talented singer, charming, kind, respectful and humorous, with a flair for entertainment.

Bhavya Shandilya

Brilliant artist, anime enthusiast, and music lover, with vibrant creativity.

Charanjeet Shah

Football enthusiast, skilled cricketer, loyal, and witty.

Chetan Singh Jeena

Basketball player, tall and dashing, with a confident stride.

Deryansh Sharma

Unique individual, anime fan, exceptional mathematician and football enthusiast.

Dityansh Singh Chauhan

Friendly, tall, and charming, with a warm personality.

Atyant Veer Sah

Technically savvy, Ph.D.-level accounting skills, friendly, and a skilled snooker player.

Garva Bisht
Foodie, fitness enthusiast, and dedicated boxer, with a passion for wellness.

Ishant Pandey
Anime fan, calm, and quiet, with a creative mind.

Gaurav Petshali
Unique bowling style, introvert and shy, with hidden talents.

Divyansh Tiruwa
Graceful dancer, kind-hearted, respectful.

Gautam Bohra
Fitness enthusiast, polite, and thoughtful, with a respectful and considerate nature.

Krishna Bisht
Conducts himself well, a talented dancer, respectful.

Madhav Vashistha
Helpful, kind, intelligent, creative, cricket enthusiast, extremely knowledgeable.

Mihir Bisht
Cool and valued member of the class, with a positive attitude.

Nischal Sah
Harry Potter fan, well-liked by teachers and co-students, open to changes.



Piyush Bhandari
Skilled snooker player, always ready to help.

Rachit Karnatak
Relaxed personality, good-natured, and a cricket enthusiast.

Riddhiman Singh Bisht
Kind and helpful, calm and quiet, with a willingness to assist and openness to change.

Prajwal Kumar
Classic footballer, shy, and independent thinker.

Shabdham Pandey
Exceptional musician, good-natured, articulate.

Sarthak Dafouti
Shy yet unique, standing out in his own special way.

Shivansh Sah
Gym enthusiast with deep-rooted heritage, just going with the flow.

Shivansh Sah Gangola
Impatient but a gifted artist, known for his dad jokes.

Swarnim Pathak
Sweet-natured and kind, universally adored.

Swasti Raj Singh Bisht
Trustworthy and well-behaved with a great sense of humor.

Uzair Ahmed Siddiqui
Class favorite, one of a kind.

Vibhu Rai
Humble and kind-hearted, with a flair for Pahadi music and a friendly demeanor.

Yash Raj Singh Dhaila
Talented beatboxer, humorous, and an exceptionally talented basketball player.

Yuvraj Sah
Energetic and tall, excels in sports.

Yuvraj Singh Kanwal
Easygoing with an excellent taste in music.



Visit of Hon'ble Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami to St. Joseph's College, Nainital

On Thursday, January 16, 2025, St. Joseph's College, Nainital, had the privilege of hosting the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Shrimaan Pushkar Singh Dhami, during his visit to the picturesque town of Nainital. His helicopter landed precisely at 11:30 a.m. on the First Field of the school, amidst a backdrop of serene mountains and mist-laden skies.



The Chief Minister was warmly received by Br. Lawrence, Secretary of St. Joseph's College, who extended a heartfelt welcome and presented him with a bouquet of flowers as a token of appreciation. Also in attendance were other esteemed dignitaries, including the District Magistrate of Nainital, the Senior Superintendent of Police, Nainital, and MLA Mrs. Sarita Arya, who accompanied him during this momentous occasion.

Due to inclement weather conditions, the Hon'ble Chief Minister waited for over an hour in the Brother's Parlour for the skies to clear. During this time, he engaged in a cordial interaction with Br. Lawrence. He expressed his gratitude to the Management, Staff, and students of St. Joseph's College, commending their dedication to excellence in education and the school's long-standing legacy. In his words, he conveyed his best wishes for the continued success and prosperity of the institution.



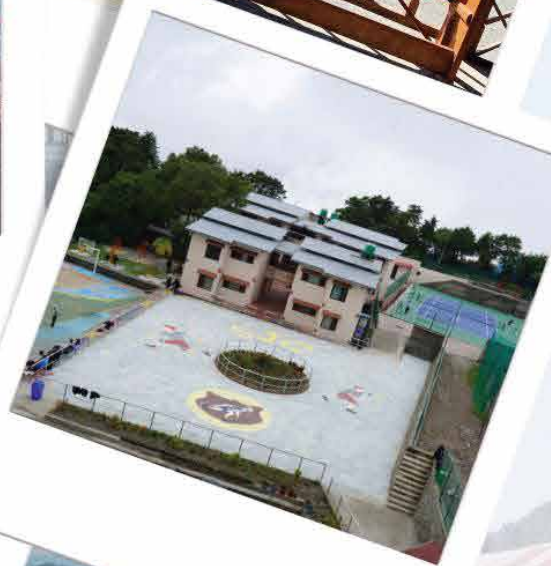
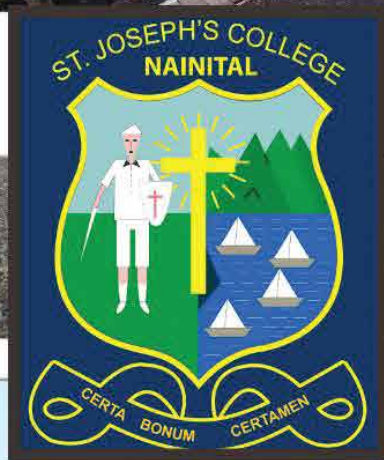
Although the visit was personal in nature, the Chief Minister's gesture of goodwill and encouragement left a lasting impression on the school community. Once the weather improved, he proceeded to the town to continue his itinerary.

On his return, Shrimaan Pushkar Singh Dhami assured Br. Lawrence and the Management of his unwavering support to the school whenever needed. His words reflected his deep respect and appreciation for the institution's contribution to society.



St. Joseph's College extends its heartfelt gratitude to the Hon'ble Chief Minister for his gracious visit and wishes him the very best in all his future endeavors. May his leadership continue to guide Uttarakhand towards greater progress and prosperity.







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