



School Anthem

(Rev. Fr. V. Tucker, SJ)

*Stand up all ye Xaverians,
Let's praise our Alma Mater
Sing to our dear school
now and for always.*

*Let's strive for manly virtues,
Smiling when duty calls us,
Ready to serve another,
now and for aye,*

*Xavier, a gallant name,
Xavier, Doranda's fame,
Long may your glory,
Every where be spread,
School of our high endeavour,
School by the shining river,
School of our hearts forever,
School of the brave.*



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, SJ
(1506-1552)



Ignatius

DIAMOND JUBILEE EDITION

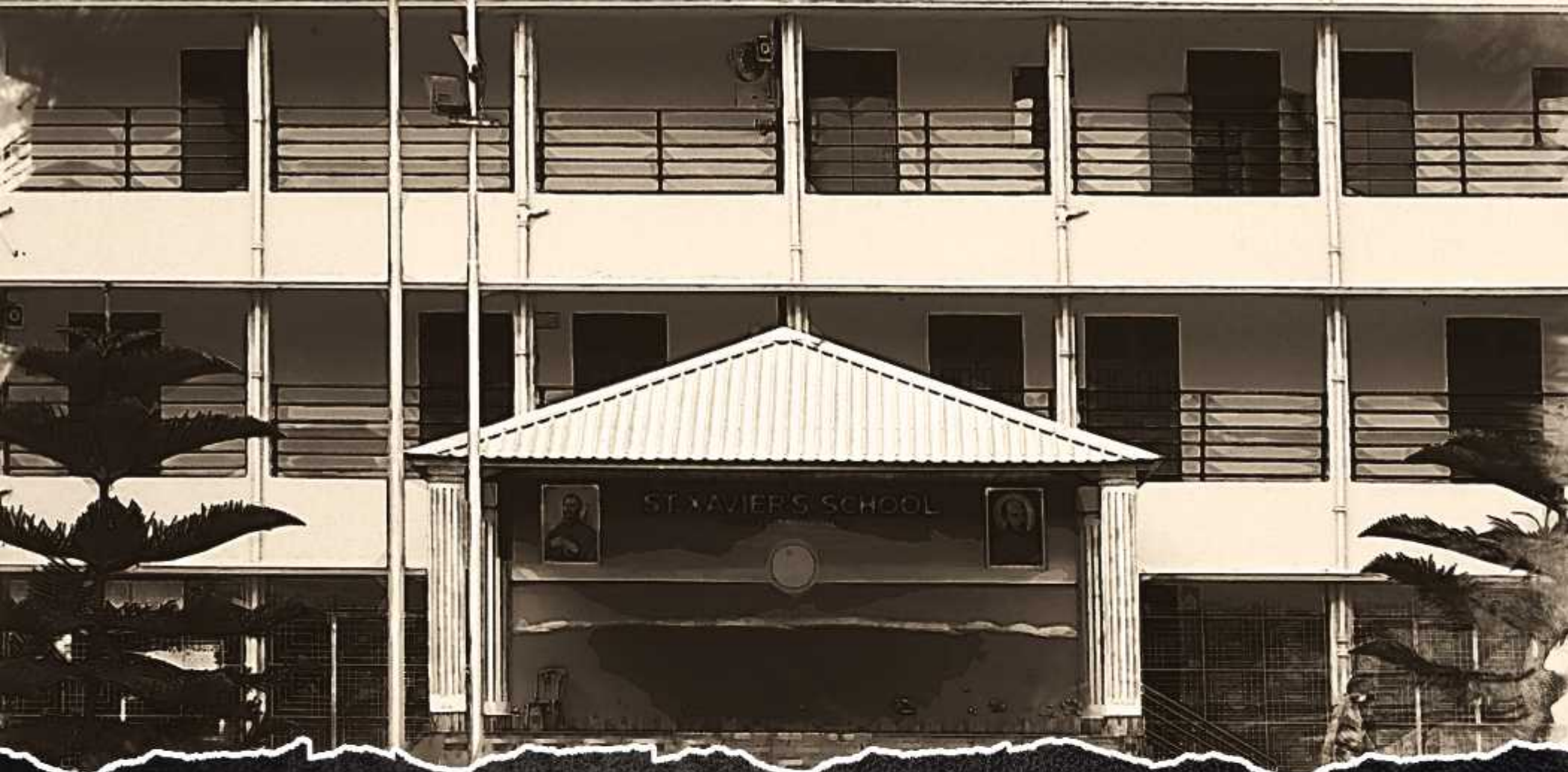
ENDEAVOUR



St. Xavier's School

Doranda, Ranchi

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St. Xavier's School Doranda (1960-2021)

OUR PRINCIPALS

S.N.	Principals	Duration
1	Fr. A. Delporte, SJ	1960-1962
2	Fr. M. Tant, SJ	1962-1963
3	Fr. Victor Tucker, SJ	1963-1969
4	Fr. George Karakunnel, SJ	1969-1980
5	Fr. Joseph Lombart, SJ	1980-1986
6	Fr. Crick, SJ (Acting Principal)	1981
7	Fr. Emmanuel Baxla, SJ	1987-1989
8	Fr. Joseph Lakra, SJ	1990-1999
9	Fr. Johnkheere, SJ (Acting Principal)	1999
10	Fr. James Lakra, SJ	2000-2006
11	Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, SJ	2006-2020
12	Fr. Sanjay Kerketta, SJ	2020-

St. Xavier's School Doranda (1960-2021)



OUR VICE PRINCIPALS

S.N.	Principals	Duration
1	Fr. Victor Rosner, SJ	1964-1978
2	Fr. Bernard Toppo, SJ	1980-1982
3	Fr. Ajay Soreng, SJ	1982-1999
4	Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, SJ	1999-2006
5	Fr. Britius Ekka, SJ (Jr. Sec.)	2006-2016
6	Fr. Ranjit Horo, SJ (Sr. Sec.)	2009-2011
7	Fr. Sanjay Kerketta, SJ	2012-2015
8	Fr. Ignatius Lakra, SJ	2016-2018
9	Fr. Fuldeo Soreng, SJ	2019 -

HEADMASTERS/HEADMISTRESS

S.N.	Principals	Duration
1	Sr. Christiane Marie, SJA	1974-1977
2	Sr. Theresa, JMJ	1978-1981
3	Sr. Joseeta, JMJ	1981-1984
4	Sr. Dionysia, JMJ	1984-1993
5	Sr. Christiane Marie, SJA	1993-1995
6	Fr. Erentius Minj, SJ	1995-2002
7	Fr. Vijay Paul Minj, SJ	2002-2007
8	Fr. Irenius To:ppo, SJ	2007-2009
9	Fr. Britius Ekka, SJ	2009-2017
10	Fr. Ignatius Lakra, SJ	2017-



Mr. Hemant Soren
Chief Minister of Jharkhand

Message

I am pleased to learn that St. Xavier's School Doranda, Ranchi is celebrating the **Diamond Jubilee** this year (2020-21) on the occasion of the completion of 60 years of the foundation of the school.

Established in 1960, St. Xavier's School, Doranda has contributed in a large way in the field of education and has produced excellent citizens for the country. They are not only serving our country alone but they are also serving the overseas.

The government appreciates the efforts and initiatives of the school for all round development of the students besides their academics and in the fields of sports and games. During the trying times of Covid outbreak the school availed its campus as a vaccination center for people to come and get vaccinated. When the migrant workers were returning the school availed its school buses for receiving and reaching them to their homes.

Our government, since its inception has been fully supportive to the cause of higher education in the entire province of Jharkhand. It has always been our pleasure to see schools like St. Xavier's always extending their positive support to the government. All those instrumentals in shaping the school over the years and those who played pivotal role in taking the school to a greater height deserve our special applause.

My heartiest congratulations and greetings to the School Management, Teacher, Students, Parents and the well-wishers for the Diamond Jubilee Celebration.

Hemant Soren



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Rt. Rev. Dr. Felix Toppo, S.J., D.D.

Archbishop of Ranchi

Message



I am glad to know that St. Xavier's School, Doranda, is bringing out the Diamond Jubilee Edition of its annual magazine 'Endeavour' -2021, with the Theme – *Bliss of Solitude*. I congratulate the Jesuit Fathers, teachers, students, parents and the Doranda Old Xaverians for bringing out the magazine. St. Xavier's School, as one of the many well-known Jesuit Institutions, has stood tall in imparting the overall quality education to the students. Most of whom are quite successful in life. The school also gives ample opportunities to the students to imbibe religious and moral values, thus making them good human beings. It also imparts the values of fraternity, equality, justice and unity, thus making them good citizens of India.

Further, the school is involved in social service activities. Directly or through the DOX members, it has been instrumental in bringing social changes in the society. During Covid – 19 pandemic, the school and the DOX members engaged themselves in alleviating the problems and difficulties of many people, especially the poor and the marginalized. They distributed various essential commodities to the needy people. They even donated oxygen concentrators to the State. They also actively worked hand in hand with other Church Institutions and the District Administration. Further, the school actively participated in the Ranchi Cares: *Mission One Million Smiles*, wherein the blankets and warm clothes along with the stationery items for the needy children and parents were distributed. These are charitable and welfare activities, which make the school stand out from other schools.

May the school blossom further as it celebrates its Diamond Jubilee with the theme: *Remember, Rejoice and Reach Out*. May all the stakeholders be the instruments of change in the society so that we are able to make a better and flourishing Jharkhand! May God bless abundantly all those who are associated with the school!

*Felix Toppo, S.J.
Archbishop of Ranchi

January 12, 2022



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Bishop of Hazaribag

Message

Dear Fr. Sanjay Kerketta, SJ

It gives me an immense joy and pleasure to write a few lines as you bring out the School Magazine '**Endeavour 2021**' (Diamond Jubilee Edition) with the specific theme '**Bliss of Solitude**'.

The Covid-19, besides a challenge, is the time of new experiences and lessons for the new human life. We have learnt how to be cautious about the personal life, hygiene and health, also safeguard equally the life and health of others. It also oriented us to be compassionate towards others, especially; the people infected with Covid-19, the migrants, and the poor, the orphans and the widows. It had given us a very strong message of solidarity and communion during the difficult situation of life.

The education is a very important aspect of human life and St. Xavier's School, Doranda, Ranchi is committed to inculcate the basic human values in the students through education. It helps the students to make their future a successful one. I thank and congratulate you, the managing committee and the staff for this noble task.

The publication of the school magazine will provide the students an excellent opportunity to exhibit their inherent skills and talents. It will also give them the platform to express their ideas about the new vision for the family, society, state, country and the whole humanity.

I wish you a grand success for the publication of the Diamond Jubilee Edition of the Magazine. My prayer, best wishes and blessings to you, the staff and the students of the school.

Yours Sincerely.

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Most Rev. Anand Jojo, DD
Bishop of Hazaribag





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I am indeed glad to know that the School Magazine 'Endeavour' is being brought out this year to mark the 'Diamond Jubilee' of St. Xavier's School, Doranda.

St. Xavier's School is highly appreciated for the value based education imparted to the students under her embrace. Thousands of students of the past sixty years recall with nostalgia the years they spent in the bosom of St. Xavier's, their Alma Mater. They take pride in saying that they are XAVERIANS.

This Diamond Jubilee of the School is the celebration of our accomplishments, successes and achievements. St. Xavier's had a very humble beginning and today a small plant has grown big and tall with so many branches and fruits on them. At the outset, I thank God for innumerable blessings He has showered upon St. Xavier's School Doranda from its inception in 1960 till today.

I firmly believe that we have walked together and God has walked with us. There is a saying, "If you like to walk fast, walk alone; but if you like to walk far and steady, you have to walk together." It further says, "If you run alone, it is called a RACE, but if you run together and God is with you, it is called a GRACE." We have walked far and we have the grace of God in our journey. Let us have trust and confidence in God.

When I am writing this message, I am reminded of my own journey in St. Xavier's Doranda. I spent 24 years in St. Xavier's and St. Xavier's became my home and my identity. St. Xavier's School taught me how to live a worthy and meaningful life and I must say I love St. Xavier's. St. Xavier's is a big family and I am happy to say that there is respect among the members and all take pride in taking ownership and responsibility in leading St. Xavier's to a greater height. Let us recommit ourselves that we will make St. Xavier's a place of love, respect, happiness and honor.

Sacrifice becomes a hard challenge and difficult task in life. But only in going through the tough way, one can obtain true successes in life. I regard the sacrifice and hard-work, vision and mission, wisdom and commitment of our forerunner Jesuits like Fr. A. Delporte SJ, Fr. M. Tant SJ, Fr. Victor Tucker SJ, along with our committed staff like Mr. Hira Prasad, Mr. Tantubay and others in the beginning and thereafter so many Jesuits and our collaborators who toiled and are still toiling hard in the vineyard of St. Xavier's School Doranda. All are striving towards excellence with various endeavors.

On this joyous occasion, I congratulate Fr. Sanjay Kerketta SJ, the Principal, Fr. Ignatius Lakra SJ, the Superior and the Jesuits in the Community, all the members of the staff both teaching and non-teaching and students and their parents for the wonderful works they are doing in forming the young minds.

I wish and pray that Almighty God may continue to bless all of us so that we may excel in whatever we do and in everything we may show the Greater Glory of God! May St. Xavier's grow higher and stronger day by day.

With assurances of my prayers!



Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, SJ

Provincial Superior

Ranchi Jesuit Society cum Chairman, St. Xavier's School Doranda





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Gerry Arathoon

Chief Executive & Secretary
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Message



I am delighted to know that St. Xavier's School, Doranda, Ranchi, is publishing the Diamond Jubilee edition of its annual school magazine '**Endeavour 2021**'.

The theme, '**Bliss of Solitude**', for the 60th edition of the school magazine, is very pertinent to the present times all of us are going through, especially the children.

The tremendous effort, initiative and teamwork that goes in publishing a school magazine demands heartiest "Congratulations" to the entire School family. I am sure that the magazine will provide a wonderful reading experience to all.

I take this opportunity to convey my best wishes to the Principal, teachers, students, staff and all other members of the school and wish the Diamond Jubilee edition of '**Endeavour 2021**', a grand success.

Gerry Arathoon
Chief Executive & Secretary

Fr. Henry Barla, SJ

Message

When we are celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of St. Xavier's School, Doranda (Ranchi), my mind naturally travels down the memory lane I have journeyed and met the people who crossed my path and those who accompanied and shaped me during my school years. From a village 220 Kms away from Ranchi, when I came to be enrolled in Std. 8, at St. John's, Ranchi, in 1961, Rev. Fr. Victor Tucker, SJ, was my Principal. He was a man of short stature, well built, receded forehead, having sharp eyes behind his powerful glasses. He was a very kindly person. What attracted me most were his intelligence and affectionate dealing with his teachers, coworkers and students. He always had a kind and assuring word for everyone. Students loved him; children flocked around him. He would not know to put the name on everyone's face but he knew they were his students.

In 1963, Rev. Fr. Provincial Francis Crick, SJ, transferred him to St. Xavier's School Doranda when the institution was still fledgling. He saw to its initial growth and managed all the recurring problems of the time with great patience and immense courage. Then, since his service was needed elsewhere, the Provincial Fr. Luke Verstraete, SJ, missioned him to Namchi (South Sikkim), in 1969. However, his spirit and vision remains. It can be seen in the School Anthem. The motto and the anthem, if pondered, make the beneficiaries to be courageous, visionary and always aim for the higher, so that they may be women and men for others, and face the "brave new world" of today not with yesterday's answers. Today the methods of educating our children have advanced by leaps and bounds and we marvel at its geometric pace. When I walk round the corridors of our School during the class hours, I can sense the flashes of learning emanating from the classrooms. I am glad to see that many excellent students are coming out of this institution and are spreading the message they have imbibed from here.

I am only too glad to be a tail ender, as a retired person from the ecclesiastical stream, but a part of this institution now. My best wishes and God's blessings on this occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of St. Xavier's School to Rev. Father Principal, Vice Principals, all our committed teachers, co-workers and dear students. May St. Xavier's School ever grow and flourish!

Henry Barla, SJ
Fr. Henry Barla, SJ







FROM PRINCIPAL'S DESK

As St. Xavier's School Doranda completes 60 years and celebrates the Diamond Jubilee. Right at the outset I would like to express my sentiments of gratitude towards all those who have committed themselves for making of this grand institution. I would especially congratulate Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, SJ, Provincial, Ranchi Jesuit Society, the former Principal and the present Chairman of the school for visioning 'SXD Vision 2020', the new Plus two wing. I would also congratulate every parent, students, DOX members and all those who have contributed to the cause.

St. Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians gives his definition and understanding of love. From these lines, I would like to choose and express that "love never ends" (1st Corinthians chapter 13, verse 8). This has been my personal feeling that has kept us bound together right from parents, children, Teachers, DOX members and all the people of good will. All have made us feel loved and that's why we are able to contribute to the cause. This school has been established for all without any discrimination and has catered to all sections, creeds and strata of the society. This could not have been possible without the contribution of all whether directly or indirectly.

As we bring out this '**Endeavour 2021**' I personally would like to thank the Almighty for His gracious and abundant blessings all throughout these 60 years. At the same time I would like to remember the path breakers who took the 'road not taken' and rejoice for their contributions. As we rejoice, I also would like to throw the challenges of reaching out to whom we have not reached; for the Society of Jesus calls us today to reach out where nobody has reached. I would also make a humble request through this message of mine to each and every reader to put forward his/her efforts;

- i) To show the way to God through the Spiritual Exercises and discernment;
- ii) To walk with the poor, the outcasts of the world, those whose dignity has been violated , in a mission of reconciliation and justice;
- iii) To accompany young people in the creation of a hope-filled future;
- iv) To collaborate in the care of our Common Home.

For these we have the clarion call of Fr. Arturo Sosa, Superior General of the Society that we focus on these issues up to 2029. Finally, I would like to thank and congratulate the parents, students, teachers and the entire editorial team for their endeavors to bring out this Endeavor 2021.

God Bless All.

Fr. Sanjay Kerketta, SJ
Principal





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Count Your Blessings...

The diary witnesses, *“By accident we discovered an empty house called ‘The White House’...and after a lot of palaver and trouble and disappointment ...the agent gave us the key of the house on 18-01-1960 at 8 p.m. On the 19th, we moved in. While the benches were rushed in the last admissions were going on. On the 20th, we had our first regular class day.”*

I feel extremely happy to be part of the closing ceremony of Diamond Jubilee of St. Xavier's School, Doranda, Ranchi. In 1960 the school was established and sixty diamond years have passed. If you would turn the pages of the history of last sixty years of the school, you would be extremely jubilant to share the joyful moments of the school. The school Remembers the past, Rejoices the present and Reaches Out the future with the spirit of striving to excel.

The colour of the school building changed but the texture and structure remained the same. The Mission and the Vision of the school remains the same even today. The aim of the school is as it was in the beginning. The school aims at forming young men and women of competence, commitment, compassion and of conscience.

Gratitude is immeasurable in my heart for the blessings that St. Xavier's School Doranda has received in last sixty years. Plenty of graces God has showered upon the school, staff, students and their parents. Let me count a few of the greatest blessings in the succeeding paragraphs.

A big salute of respect to all the pioneer Jesuits who lifted the first spade to dig the foundation of the school. I imagine that God must have directly spoken to them to start the school. They had unshaken firmness and conviction given by God Himself to run the school for the service of humanity. May their souls rest in eternal peace.

The school provided the students with opportunities to grow in life, be it in scholastic or non-scholastic activity. Every activity has been very instrumental in forming the students as successful citizens right from the beginning of their schooling. The students who studied in the school have become very successful in their life and they have shown others the way to success. They have become very resourceful persons in the society, within the country and abroad as well. The school provided them the opportunities to gain confidence and become service oriented. Tens and thousands of students studied here and have transformed themselves into diamond. They are serving the nation by holding big offices in the Government offices, private enterprises etc. They are rendering their services within the country and some are serving Overseas. St. Xavier's School is proud and very thankful to you all.

The members of the teaching staff cannot be forgotten. It is they who are in direct contact with the students in the physical class room. They know the strengths of the students and their rooms for improvement. We thank all our teachers for their tireless service in moulding the future of the students. May God bless them and their families.

The school cannot run without the non-teaching staff. They are one of the strongest pillars of the school. Their sincere and timely service to the school leads the school towards its successes. We honestly acknowledge their contributions and thank them. May the almighty God bless them and their families.

Parents are another great support to the school. We thank all of them for supporting the school all the time. In our project of 'SXD Vision 2020' they came forward generously for the construction towards the new building. Their support strengthened us to go ahead with the initiatives taken. With a grateful heart, we pray to almighty God for all the families. May God continue blessing them so that they may grow more generous and be the messengers of harmonious society.

With the academic growth and excellence in students, St. Xavier's School has grown and become today's diamond. It has been possible due to the hard work of the teachers and non-teaching staff. We thank all the teachers and non-teaching staff who have departed before us and gone to their eternity. May God grant them eternal rest in His Kingdom.

God has given us 3434 students in our hands in the academic year 2021-22. These are the gifts to the school. It is our responsibility to make them the gold and diamonds for the world. Further, the quality of gold and diamond that they will have, may be imparted to the world wherever they will live and work most of the years of their life. May the fragrance of Xaverian spirit spread through them and bring transformation in the human society. May they become successful men and women for others and become 'diamonds for the world' in creating the humane society.

Our sincere gratitude goes to our well-wishers for always thinking good and wishing growth of St. Xavier's School Doranda. We thank them for their support and guidance even during the hard phases of life.

During the pandemic situation due to COVID-19 Corona Virus the world was affected. The world is still trying its best to overcome the fear and panic. We ourselves have not yet fully overcome the same. Our gradual work and constant efforts of taking care of ourselves and others may perhaps help us in this regard.

At such situation, when we are the partakers of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration of St. Xavier's School Doranda, Ranchi. So, as we are the witnesses of this jubilee celebration, we develop our character as that of the gold and diamond and work towards creating a harmonious world. Let us strive for excellence in all that we do in our daily life, be it in the school or at home or at our work places. Let us give ourselves without counting the cost. God bless St. Xavier's School, Doranda. Thank you.



Fr. Fuldeo Soreng, SJ
Vice Principal (Senior Section)



From the Editor's Desk



Dear Readers,

The perilous night, however protracted it seems, always breaks at the dawn with the ray of hope and wisdom, promising the aching heart "*this too shall pass*". We felt the impending doom of the Corona Virus pandemic which knocked at the door of our nation in the year 2019, changing our very existence, making the nation go into a complete lockdown followed by the unlocking of a few doors and then again, a major second-wave in the year 2021. It has been devastating; many of us have lost our loved ones to this disease. Amidst this, we have realized the value of each breath we take, the value of each crooked line on the ventilator and the value of life, which are all exquisite gifts from the heaven's brink. Two years have passed and we have moved from perplexity to epiphany of the new-norms in order to survive the threat. The rule of '*survival-of-the-fittest*' still continues. We have embraced the new-normal where we have valued togetherness in isolation. We are all



unperturbed in this, since we know that the definition of 'care' has now changed from being 'in company' to 'embracing the isolation'. Hope lurks in the arrival of a new dawn of solitude to dispel the dark night of loneliness.

We have taken a road less travelled and our will to survive has indeed made us turn the isolation into "*the bliss of solitude*." Humans have always adapted well to the flux of time and have cuddled every storm, diving deep into the ocean to gather the pearls. It is adroit of us to have changed the threats into vast opportunities of discovery. We have discovered ourselves; we have nurtured our relationships, we have pursued our hobbies and most important of all, we have given ourselves a room of one's own. Living in the conundrum of this peril, of which we still are unaware when it shall subside, we discovered 'ourselves'. This magazine **Endeavour 2021** celebrates our heroic pursuit to fight our own battles, to discover our talents and ways to toss away our worries.

I sincerely acknowledge Fr. Sanjay Kerketta, SJ, our Principal for his perpetual leadership in making us all look to the brighter side of the situation. I am also indebted to our Vice Principal Fr. Fuldeo Soreng SJ for his unflinching faith in optimism. Thoughts shared by Mrs. Alka Singh are inspirational. I appreciate Mrs. Nobonita Gupta for her indomitable effort in chiselling the writings to a polished one. I cherish Mr. Raju C.A. Singh for his valued assistance and ever-smiling motivational gestures. I express gratitude towards Mrs. Mousumi, Mrs. Sunaina Subarna, Mrs. Pallavi Singh, Mrs. Manisha Benedict Turkey and Mrs. Bibiyana Soreng for their valued assistance right from the very beginning to the final touches. There are photographs and snippets of artwork by children in this edition for which a word of appreciation goes to Sch. Patras SJ.

The '*Bliss of Solitude*' is an aim to celebrate our togetherness in isolation. Looking into the situation which has left us all forlorn, this **Endeavour 2021** seeks to unravel how each one of us has travelled this road with fortitude. The outlook is that the glass is half filled and that life has to go on. There is a luxury in solitude and the soul is blest if we find the right way to contend with it. As Alexander Pope has said,

*"Blest, who can unconcernedly find
Hours, days, and years slide soft away,
In health of body, peace of mind,
Quiet by day."*

We have all found our ways to remain healthy in both body and mind, we are blest and we always rejoice in the almighty. This is what we reveal in our endeavour to publish this magazine. This is a compilation of writings, art-pieces, photographs and memoirs on the bliss one found in solitude. The writings are all original, from the heart and are inspirational. It hails the effort of the little children who have tried to cope up so well and still continue to do so. It applauds the young learners who have shared their thoughts on how they chanced to acquire the maximum from their isolation. It is a tribute to the warriors and to those who have worked day in and day out even during the pandemic. It reveals the fear of Eliot "*Do I dare disturb the universe?*" and the hope of Wordsworth. It is an attempt to reach for the process of poetic creation:

*"For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils."*

We seek to unravel this flow of creative talent, the beauty of which is enriched by tranquil thoughts. I hope and wish your soul pirouettes to the tune of hope for a better tomorrow, a hope of a new fearless dawn, a morning like the first morning.

Happy Reading...

Yours Truly,
Mrs. Rema T. Das
Editor-in-Chief





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JESUITS AT ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL

DORANDA, RANCHI



Left to Right : Fr. Ravi Hemant Kujur, SJ (Bursar), Fr. Fuldeo Soreng, SJ (V.P. Sr. Sec.), Fr. Ignatius Lakra, SJ (Superior, V.P. Jr. Sec.), Fr. Henry Barla, SJ, (Counselor), Fr. Sanjay Kerketta, SJ (Principal), Sch. Patras Topno, SJ (2nd Yr. Regent)

SXD Vision 2020

The “SXD Vision 2020” building is the brainchild and a dream of Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, SJ, Provincial Superior of Ranchi Jesuit Society, Present Chairman of Xavier's School, Doranda and a long serving former Principal of St. Xavier's School, Doranda. He achieved many golden milestones in his tenure and this one is really a Diamond-stone-like in the year when the school celebrates its Diamond Jubilee in 2020. The credit goes to him for conceptualizing as well as actualizing the idea. He was highly instrumental in raising funds for the same. He specially inspired each parent to contribute ₹ 21000 (₹ Twenty One Thousand) only towards the cause. Therefore, we cannot forget the contribution of parents in realizing the Plus Two wing, ‘SXD Vision 2020’ in spite of the financial difficulties that were induced by the Pandemic.

As Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, SJ, conceptualized this idea he contacted Mr. Rahul Surin, the architect, an ex-student of St. Xavier's School, Doranda who putting his brain behind this building, drew a magnificent map for ‘SXD Vision 2020’. Doranda Old Xaverians (DOX) were not far behind in contributing their best. Along with the extension of the building, the DOX also raised an elegant Diamond Jubilee Gate, which is actually the replica of the Golden Jubilee Gate. Thanks to each one of them.

The Credit goes also to Fr. Joseph Marianus Kujur, the former Provincial Superior of the Ranchi Jesuit Society who laid the foundation for the building on 09.12.2017. Other Jesuits of the School and the community cannot be forgotten like Fr. Ignatius Lakra, Fr. Ranjit Lakra, Br. Gilbert Bilung, Fr. Ravi Hemant Kujur, Fr. Fuldeo Soreng, Fr. Henry Barla, Fr. Pradeep Soreng, Fr. Britius Ekka, Sch. Kuldeep Linda, Sch. Patras Topno who in different times under different capacities contributed directly toward the construction. The staff of the school played no less role in bringing it to its shape.

Special attention is sought here for the Building Commission of Ranchi Jesuit Society that guided the school as to how to envision the “SXD Vision 2020”. It deserves gratitude in realizing the project.

This project would not have been possible without JP Planners (Mr. Jasbir Singh Khurana and Paresh Ghoshal) who along with their team and co-workers placed every brick to raise this beautiful construction.

Fr. Sanjay Kerketta, the present Principal was finally involved in giving finishing touch to the building.

Thanks to each and everyone. May God shower lot of blessings on all and may this ‘SXD Vision 2020’ be a cause to realize the intellectual ministry of the Society of Jesus.

Fr. Sanjay Kerketta, SJ
Principal





What is SXD Vision 2020?

St. Xavier's School, Doranda has been a Jesuit institution with one history but many stories, one fire with many sparks. It has been forming men and women of quality and virtues, men and women who display competence, commitment, conscience and compassion.

We celebrated the GOLDEN JUBILEE of the School in 2010 and yet continue to celebrate the legacy of 59 years and pledge to prosper with our motto, "UTSAH SIDHDHAYE" (Strive to Excel).

In 2020, the School will complete its 60th Year. We would like to celebrate 2020 with a greater sense of gratitude. We would like to share this gratitude with the members of the Society of Jesus, staff, students and their parents and our esteemed alumni. We have initiated **SXD VISION 2020**.

We walk together with dedication and determination to illuminate the minds of many with enduring wisdom. It is a march towards new directions of expansion, both academic and infrastructure.

Though St. Xavier's Doranda has already made its mark in the world of education, it needs to expand so that it can cater to a larger number of meritorious as well as needy students in the days to come. This is a journey towards bigger dreams and visions into the promising future of humanity.

HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL

The School was established in 1960 and it has gone through certain extensions in the course of time. In 1963, a part of the present building in the Senior Section was completed while in 1974- 76, the present Primary section building came into existence. In 1984, the school celebrated its Silver Jubilee and as a remembrance it added another section of the building in the Senior Section. These extensions then were quite sufficient for KG to X.

UPGRADATION OF THE SCHOOL

In 2001, the School upgraded itself to Senior Secondary Level. It had a very good beginning. We started only with Science Stream of 2 sections and in 2006 we also added Commerce stream. Thus at Plus Two we have occupied 8 different class rooms. At the moment it is running very well.

Meanwhile, the School progressed in its performances; both in academics and in co curricular activities. It regained its name and fame of old and parents in a big number started seeking admissions for their wards in St. Xavier's School Doranda. Keeping in mind the need of the time, we have increased one more section from classes Prep to X which requires 11 additional Class rooms.

It is also to be worth noted that the whole structure at the moment had been sufficient enough to fulfill the needs of the initial periods. However, now we require better and bigger infrastructure to meet the various needs of the students and their parents especially in the growing scenario of the world of education.

RATIONALE OF SXD VISION 2020

- In the Senior Section, we have 5.15 acres of land. It has a big playground which we like to develop further. However, at the moment we require a separate Plus two building with better facilities in terms of Library, Computer Lab, Science Labs, Class rooms, Conference rooms, staff rooms, multipurpose hall etc for which we have SXD VISION 2020.
- The above mentioned facilities will be made available for all the students. However, they will be more utilized by Senior Secondary Students, who need better access to these facilities for their studies.
- Expansion is necessary to cater to a larger number of meritorious as well as needy students in the days to come.
- We have increased one more section in each standard. It means that we need 11 extra rooms.



NETWORKING & COLLABORATION

Our endeavor to spread our wings towards new horizons requires a consistent cooperation and collaboration. We have called upon the Members of Doranda Old Xaverians (An Association of the Alumni), and parents of our students and our well wishers within the country and outside to come forward to participate in the process of development and expansion of an institution of learning so that it can serve the nation better in the times to come. The Doranda Old Xaverians have been able to network with 2600 alumni within and outside the overseas at the moment with whom they are regularly in contact.

Based on the financial viability and the financial management, we would like to complete SXD VISION 2020 projects in 2 years.

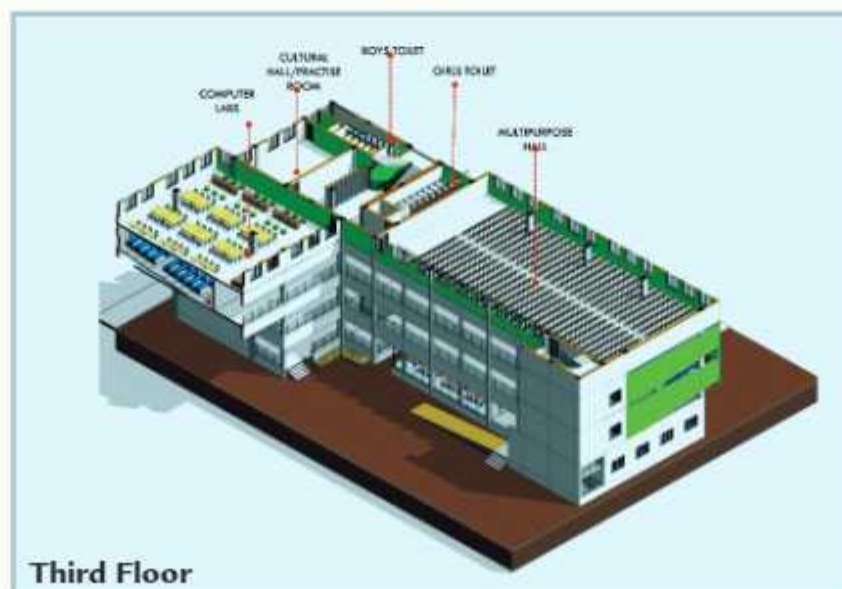
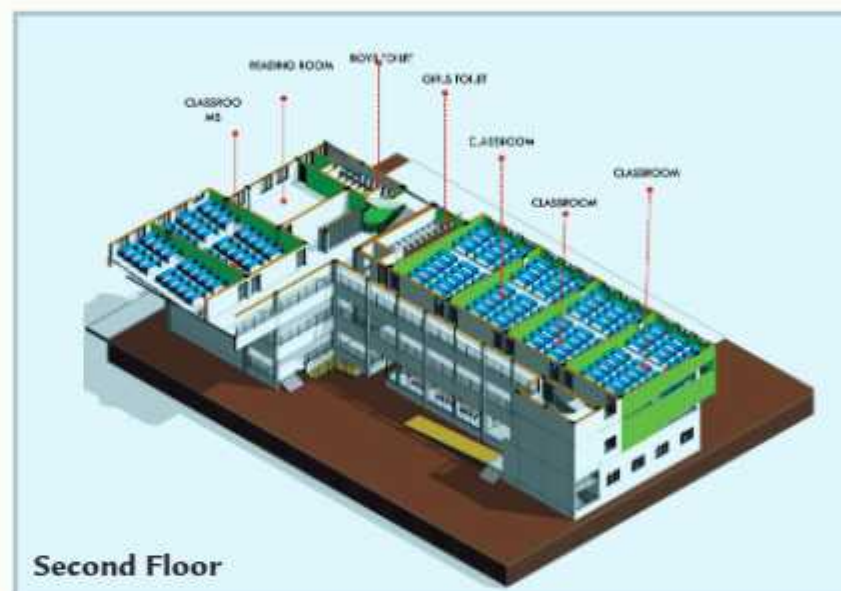
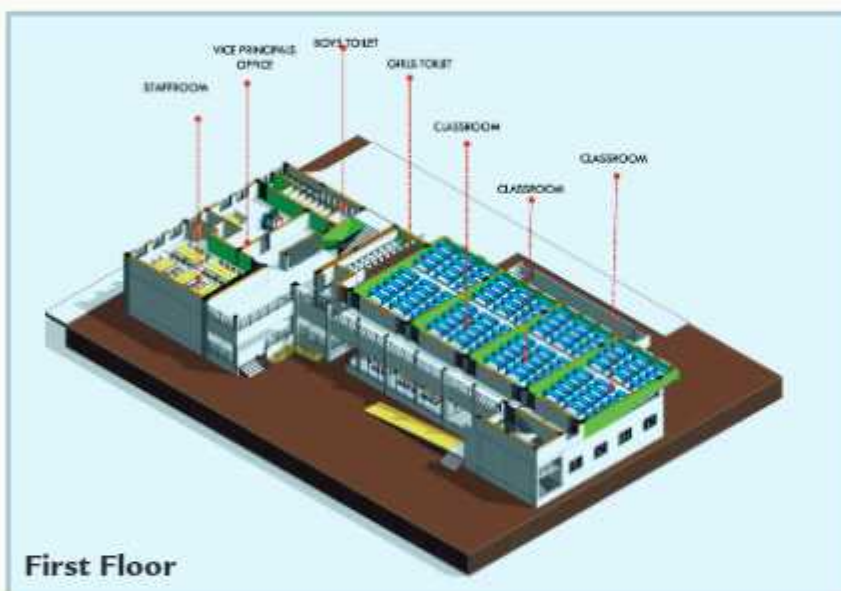
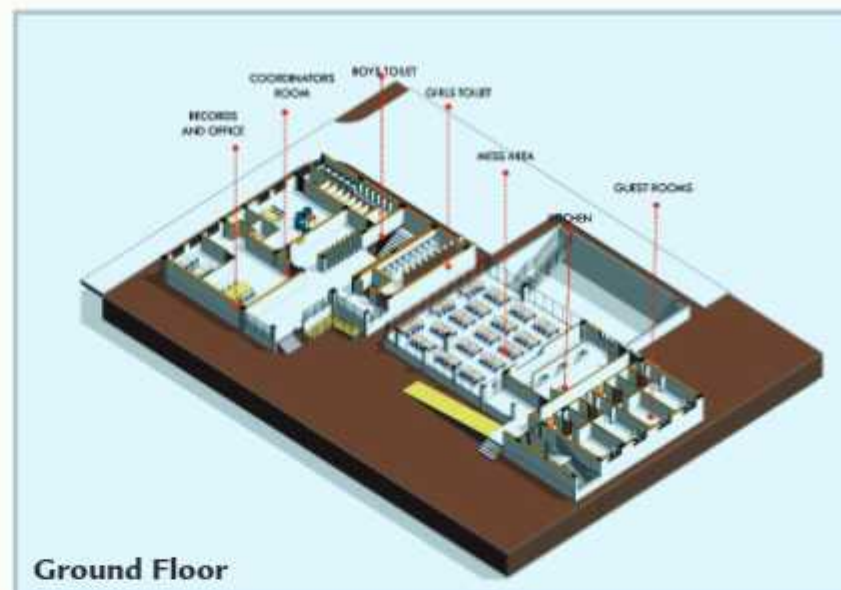
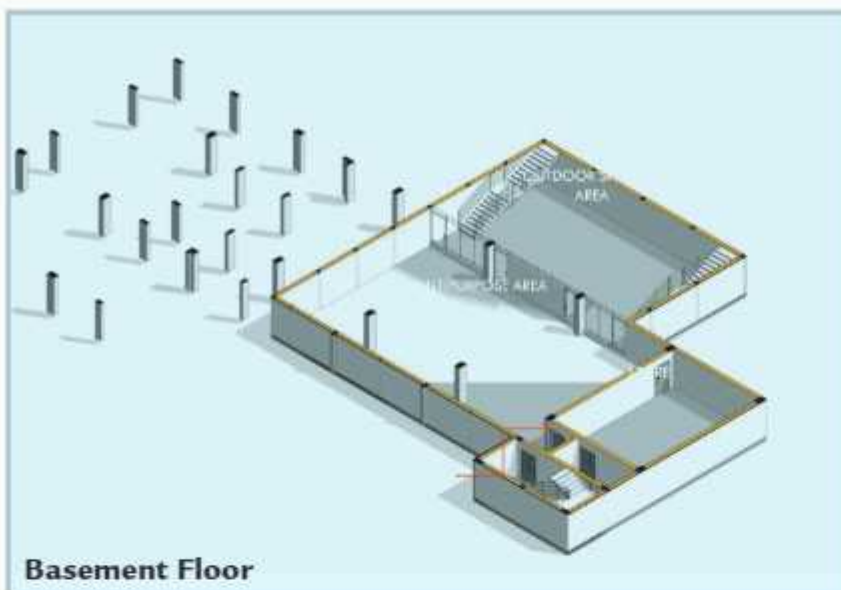
Our Project

Rooms	Areas	Cost of Construction (@1600) (Excluding Circulation & Services) Per Room Approx	Count	Sum (In Lakhs)
Classroom	948 Sqft	15.20 L	10	152.00
Boys Toilet	301 Sqft	4.82 L	4	19.28
Girls Toilet	364 Sqft	5.84 L	4	23.36
Vice Principals Room	510 Sqft	8.16 L	1	8.16
Reading Room	626 Sqft	10.00 L	1	10.00
Co-Ordinators Room	510 Sqft	8.20 L	1	8.20
Staffroom	832 Sqft	13.30 L	1	13.30
Computer Lab	2663 Sqft	43.00 L	1	43.00
Cultural Room	627 Sqft	10.00 L	1	10.00
Multipurpose Hall (Top Floor)	4808 Sqft	77.00 L	1	77.00
Office	910 Sqft	14.50 L	1	14.50
Guestroom	242 Sqft	3.88 L	4	15.52
Kitchen	640 Sqft	10.30 L	1	10.30
Mess Area	1760 Sqft	28.20 L	1	28.20
Multipurpose Hall (Basement Floor)	2850 Sqft	45.60 L	1	45.60
Store	917 Sqft	14.70 L	1	14.70
Outdoor Spillout	1646 Sqft	26.40 L	1	26.40

Total Built-up Area - 53500 sqft (Inclusive Services, Circulation Etc.)

Total Cost of the Project – ₹ 97851500=00 in over Two years. (inclusive GST)

- It is excluded from the Furnishing cost. We are working on the furnishing cost which may come few more crores.
- The process on development is not one time but on- going. It may take another 5 to 6 years.





CONSTRUCTION OF 'SXD VISION 2020' BUILDING









Mr. Raju C.A. Singh
(Prefect)



**Our Photographers
and
Vediographers**

JUNIOR FACULTY



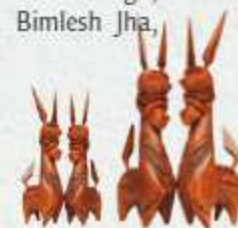
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Our Supporting Staff



With Non-Teaching Staff



With Our Didis



Our Supporting Staff



With Our Drivers & Helpers



With Our Gatekeepers



ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL, DORANDA, RANCHI

TEACHERS IN JUNIOR SECTION

S.N.	TEACHER	S.N.	TEACHER	S.N.	TEACHER
1	Fr. Ignatius Lakra, SJ (Vice Principal)	13	Mrs. Usha Mary Matthews	25	Mrs. Ruchi Upadhyay
2	Mrs. Sunaina Subarna (Coordinator)	14	Mrs. Kirti K. Kujur	26	Mrs. Marry Bibiyana Soreng
3	Mrs. Pamela Alexander	15	Mrs. Gouri Rajan	27	Ms. Sudha Kujur
4	Mrs. Helen Beena Toppo	16	Mrs. Chitralli Bhattacharjee	28	Mrs. Esther Elizabeth Tuti
5	Mrs. Manisha Benedict Tirkey	17	Mrs. Ragina Kumar	29	Mrs. Purabi Ray
6	Mrs. Shukla Ganguly	18	Mrs. Aparna Chakraborty	30	Miss. Amrita Soreng
7	Mrs. Sushma Tirkey	19	Mrs. Madhurima Chakravarty	31	Ms. Priti Michael
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11	Mrs. Prema Kujur	23	Mrs. Rekha Hemrom	35	Mrs. Dolly Triza Charles
12	Mrs. Payal Bigya Kujur	24	Mrs. Raina Kashyap		

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1	Fr. Sanjay Kerketta, SJ (Principal)	18	Mr. Dennis Dawson	35	Mr. Chandramouli Dhawla
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5	Mrs. Asra Sultana	22	Mrs. Suniti Mishra	39	Mrs. Madhuca Singh
6	Mrs. Susmita Roy	23	Miss. Sana Shahab	40	Ms. Amrita Mukherjee
7	Miss. Tanuja Dubey	24	Mrs. Angela C. Kachhap	41	Mr. Santosh Kumar
8	Mrs. Manisha Payal Puri	25	Mrs. Rashmi Srivastava	42	Mrs. Kesika Chettri
9	Mr. Joydeep Banerjee	26	Mrs. Sunita Bhagat	43	Mrs. Shreya Tirkey
10	Mrs. Christina Tirkey	27	Mrs. Jyoti Singh	44	Mr. Gambhir Kumar
11	Ms. Devender Kaur	28	Mrs. Sangeeta Chitlangia	45	Mrs. Nabonita Gupta
12	Br. Patras Topno, SJ	29	Mr. Siba Prasad Laha	46	Mrs. Pushpa Lakra
13	Mr. Rajdeep Banerjee	30	Mrs. Reshma Shikha Tigga	47	Miss. Pooja Kumari
14	Mrs. Pallavi Singh	31	Mrs. Alka Singh	48	Mrs. Komal Kalsi
15	Mr. Rajesh Prasad Sahu	32	Mrs. Priyanka Dubey	49	Miss. Jensi Medlin Bilung
16	Mrs. Jasleen Kohli Kujur	33	Mrs. Seema Singh	50	Mr. Abhay Kumar
17	Mrs. Madhu Shilpi Beck	34	Mohammad Kamran		

ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL, DORANDA, RANCHI

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S.N.	STAFF
1	Mr. Sanjay Toppo (Work Manager)
2	Mr. Anil Ekka (Bus Manager)
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4	Mr. Isidore Kullu
5	Mrs. Anshu Malini Kujur
6	Miss. Punam Kerketta
7	Mr. Binay Xess
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12	Mr. Praveen Bilung
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15	Mrs. Reshma Lakra
16	Miss. Sangita Soreng
17	Mrs. Eliza Barla
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19	Mr. Sunil Lakra
20	Mr. Dickruz Ba'a
21	Mr. Amit Ghosh
22	Mr. Rajesh Bilung

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32	Mr. Lalit Bara
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34	Mr. Marcel Barla
35	Mr. Munna Tirkey
36	Mr. Randheer Dungdung
37	Mr. Sunny Lohra
38	Mr. Tobias Minj
39	Mr. Erenius Minj
40	Mr. Elias Tigga
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60	Mr. Keshav Baral Thapa
61	Mr. Prem Bahadur Rana
62	Mr. Ram Bahadur Thapa
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7	Mrs. Vibha Kachhap
8	Miss. Alka Sushmita Lakra
9	Mrs. Jyoti Bhengra
10	Mrs. Fulkumari Dhan

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12	Mrs. Jyoti Punita Tirkey
13	Mr. Pankaj Tigga
14	Mrs. Manju Kujur
15	Mrs. Sangita Tirkey
16	Mrs. Pushpa Naseem Lakra





From Mask to Unmask

Covid19 has affected the humanity very closely. Many succumbed to covid19 and many escaped narrowly with God's providence. Again, so many remained helpless due to the loss of bread earners and countless people suffered the loss of jobs. This devastation led to many phenomenal questions like why this suffering? Why did it happen only in my family? What is next now?

However, this pandemic pushed the humanity to a new normal life. Now the race is to have the ability to connect for survival amidst frequent lockdowns. The digital world is reigning and ruling over the whole world. The Online classes, online marketing, zoom meetings, virtual activities are the buzzwords today. It's amazing to underline the history that many children began their lives with digital world in online mode. But how long shall we remain virtual?

Now the consciousness for health is paramount. Many are trying to take sufficiently balanced food in addition to their physical exercises. Masks and sanitizers are the new essentials for every citizen having 'social distancing' as new language for the respect and safety of the other person. Thermal scanner, Oximeter, oxygen cylinder, face-shield, gloves are new additions for many institutions. The Self-discipline is realized by many people now.

The corona menace brought the entire humanity into a helpless position with a strong lesson that this life is so precious. Thus, humanity crossed its boundary of caste and creed to serve one another and to feel the need of one another. Some people of good will, NGOs, Alumni Associations availed the basic need of food and shelter in the most difficult times. Some even ran pillar to post to avail beds, oxygen and blood at very crucial hours of the second wave. It shows that humanity got a big blow and it bent to its knees. This has affected all; millionaire and penniless, literate and illiterate, doctors, nurses and normal people. Thus, some people died miserably but the humanity survived.

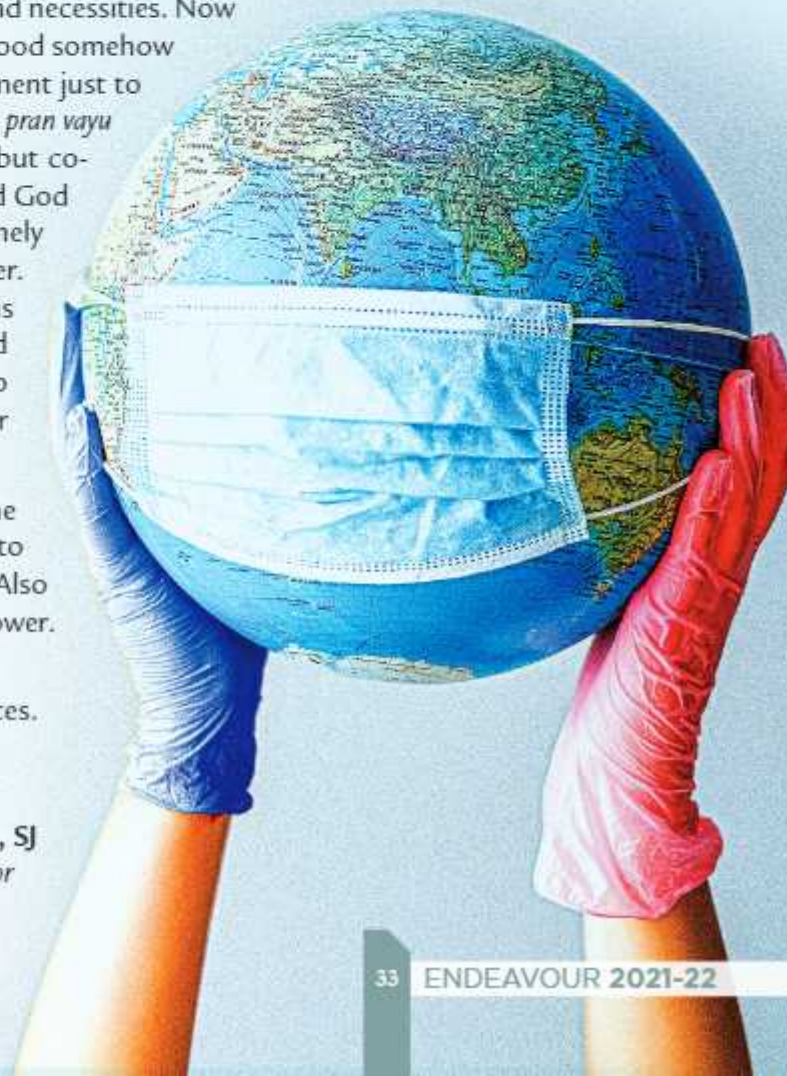
It's amazing to underline that the pandemic has unmasked some of the forgotten realities and necessities. Now basic health care is a responsibility of each individual. Sadly enough the oxygen was understood somehow as so common and ordinary but now it has got the attention of the people for its requirement just to survive at the spur of the moment. So, there is a greater need to produce and to store this *pran vayu* with the surge of developments. Again, pride and greed have no place in human history but co-existence is the spirit of living. At this time of uncertainty people have cursed God or blessed God but finally they are able to surrender in his hand. Some are able to offer more prayers genuinely for second life. To a great extent this menace has bought us closer to God and to one another. The humility and generosity have risen in a great manner for God and one another. There is a strong sense of leading a meaningful life ahead. In the meantime, the humanity retreated indoors and non-human natural world rumbled out liberated. Thus, ecology did recover to a great extent as we witness the periodical rains. By planting more trees, we will save our lives as well.

Largely, humanity has learned to adjust with critical situations. The life has rolled amidst the danger of losing one's own life and family yet performing the entrusted duties in relation to others and offices. The people in general have been able to cope up with their emotions. Also the vaccinations and booster drives have rather stabilized the confidence in immunity power. But still the question lies what is next now?

The efforts of Endeavour under this edition will highlight more insights of human experiences.

I wish and pray that we all lead a better and meaningful life ahead safely.


Fr. Ignatius Lakra, SJ
Superior





Toppers of Board Examination 2021



Our ICSE 2021 Toppers - Class X

SN	Name	Rank	Percentage
1	Ipsit Kundu	1	97.8
2	Shalom Noah Chen	2	97.4
3	Harshit Anand	2	97.4
4	Mandhip Chhetry	3	97.2
5	Aditya Mridul	4	96.8
6	Aditya Raj	4	96.8
7	Yuvraj Singh	5	96.6
8	Mohammad Yalnaaz	5	96.6
9	Shushant Murmu	6	96.4
10	Raj Aryan Sinha	6	96.4
11	Abhinav Kumar	6	96.4
12	Arnav Prativ	7	96.2
13	Mayank Mridul	7	96.2
14	Rajdeep Das Gupta	7	96.2
15	Abhay Tripathi	8	95.8
16	Avineesh Choudhary	8	95.8
17	Hasin Azam	8	95.8
18	Aditya Raj	8	95.8
19	Divyanshu Ekka	8	95.8
20	Abhyuday	9	95.6

Our ISC 2021 Toppers - Class XII (Commerce)

SN	Name	Rank	Percentage
1	Gurpreet Singh Khurana	1	97.25
2	Bhavya Choudhary	2	95.75
3	Muskan Poddar	3	95.50
4	Mayank Bhatia	4	95.00
5	Khushi Crystal	5	94.00
6	Kushal Kabra	6	93.50
7	Waziha Mahnaz	7	93.00
8	Sonal Shruti	8	91.25
9	Anshu Kandulna	9	91.25
10	Jessica Angel Boipai	10	90.75

Our ISC 2021 Toppers - Class XII (Science)

SN	Name	Rank	Percentage
1	Alokit Charles Toppo	1	96.00
2	Puja Rani	2	95.75
3	Aryaman Trivedi	3	95.25
4	Surbhi Kulla	3	95.25
5	Akshata Prasad	4	94.75
6	Isha Minj	4	94.75
7	Aditi Tete	5	93.75
8	Sneha Bage	6	92.75
9	Amir Imam	7	92.50
10	Jackline D. Kerketta	8	92.00
11	Sujay Trishita	9	91.75
12	Vineet Dungdung	10	91.50
13	Saumya Barjo	10	91.50



CORONAVIRUS
(COVID-19)

Regency A Challenging But Enterprising Time



There are different stages of formation in the Society of Jesus. These are meant to form oneself into a multi-dimensional Jesuit. Regency is one such stage. It is a period to deepen the spiritual integration and the human maturation of the regent in all its aspects, through serious and responsible commitment to an apostolic activity. "Regency is the first period in which a Jesuit in formation is called to live with other Jesuits and work full-time in a corporate apostolic activity which is part of the mission of the Society of Jesus" (P-H Kolvenbach). It is also a welcome break from almost seven years of continuous studies. It gives a taste of the work culture of wherever the young man is sent. My Superiors missioned me to St. Xavier's School Doranda which is an esteemed institution and a premier centre of education in the city of Ranchi. Therefore, any regent doing his regency here has great learning experiences. He has immense opportunities to excel himself, not only in teaching but also in numerous co-curricular activities.

I stepped in St. Xavier's when there was a complete lockdown nationwide. It was the time when Covid-19 had spread throughout the world. Like others I too had many plans and dreams about my regency. The school was completely locked. The teachers and students were home-birds due to pandemic protocol. Seeing this entire sticky situation my dreams seemed to be fading away. However, the school began conducting online classes throughout the lockdown period. It was the only alternative available. Gradually, I was introduced to conduct online classes. It was a new way of teaching platform for me. Imagine, teaching from an empty classroom to pupils sitting in their homes! I had neither heard nor seen a thing like that. I was unable to know how much or if ever the children followed me since there was no physical interaction to ascertain it. My children had their own excuses not to switch on their webcams. Sometimes there were very few responses from them during classes. Therefore, I felt teaching online was like one-sided love affair. For more than one and a half years the school conducted classes through online learning platform. I missed all the classes, feasts, cultural programs and all other offline activities in the school, but online classes had its own pros and cons for both teachers and children.

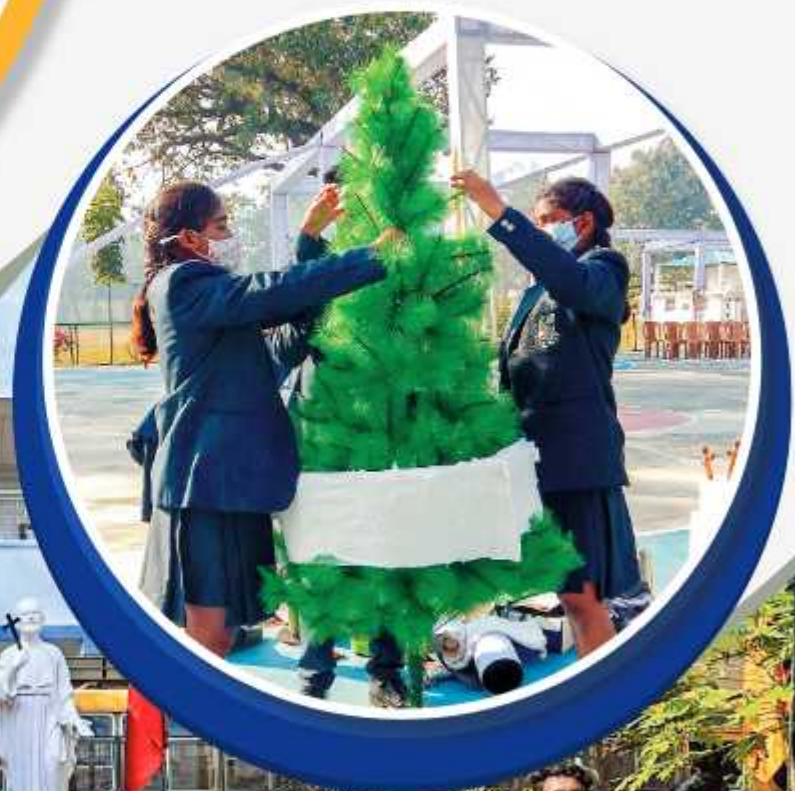
Finally, the Government allowed opening schools for secondary and above classes. I am happy to see the children in the campus. We are following all the Covid Protocols in the school. The children are called to classes on alternative days according to their roll numbers. Children are happy to see their school, rub shoulders with their friends after prolonged lockdown. They have put on weight; many are overweight and so their dresses are not fitting on them anymore. They have lots of things to share with their friends since they are meeting each other after a long time. Hence, sometimes it becomes difficult to control them in the classes. We have our normal classes till 12 noon. To accompany the young ones is a great experience for me. These little children always need our care and support. I always try my best to give them my company. With my friendly personality they are candid enough to approach me for anything. I am happy that they are doing well in their studies. There are times when they need to be guided and helped because of their naughtiness. With the limited number we are celebrating all the school activities in the school. This is another learning point for me to see and learn different co-curricular activities.

We respect each other's dignity in the school. Therefore, I feel that I am given due deference among the staff of both Junior and Senior Sections. I always appreciate their availability whenever I need some help or guidance. As a new member in SXD, I was well taken care of in the initial days. I have understood better that teamwork is essential for success. For the success of any event our teachers put their hearts and minds together. And the result is always satisfying. I am happy to belong to our esteemed members in SXD staff. I also have a good rapport with the non-teaching staff. They are always ready to help and support me when I am in any need.

St. Xavier's Doranda has a very good learning environment for a regent. He is exposed to many different facets of school. All these help him to grow mentally, emotionally, spiritually, etc. I feel lucky to be a member of SXD talented, disciplined, cooperative and generous family. My Superiors did well to mission me here after due discernment. Thanks to one and all.

Sch. Patras Topno, SJ

Senior Section





Momentous Alterations in Routineness

The outbreak of COVID-19 has upended normal life. With countries worldwide imposing lockdowns and physical distancing measures, our daily routines have had to change. The quotidian things that we called our 'habits' drastically vanished in our routines. Things we did from years got paused in this unusual period. It revealed to us the fact that nothing is permanent in life and we should accept the changes happily.

The change of lifestyle during this period was very tough and disparaging but simultaneously it was beneficial in some aspects as it taught us many things. We experienced a critical scenario in the beginning, numerous anxieties crammed our mind and we became worried about coping with these in the near future. As the time passed, we gradually adopted the changed lifestyle; we learnt to live our lives with limited facilities and came to know about the immense power that nature beheld. The new lifestyle made us aware to opt for a healthy diet as the consumption of the unhealthy fast food from various restaurants declined significantly. This proved to be beneficial for our health as we adopted a better food-habit with maximum intake of healthy food in order to boost up our immunity, which was the need of the hour. We adopted the modern technologies as the new normal which became a significant element of our neoteric lifestyle. Since lockdown expected us to stay indoors, we embraced technology to carry on with the work and studies at home, with ease. We learned to respect what we had and came to know the efforts of obtaining it. We also acquired a new mode of education during this period; parental engagement in education increased through home schooling and the adaptation of digital learning in schools accelerated and served as a boon in this tough time. With most of us spending more time at home due to the outbreak of the pandemic, planet Earth is reviving, with reduced air pollution driven by the reduction in road and air travel. These new norms have paved certainly a way for a better tomorrow and the change is for better:

"If we don't change, we don't grow. If we don't grow, we aren't really living."

As we adopted the changed lifestyle, we felt the ease of it. We learned and experienced the importance of adopting changes in our life. We felt the necessity of changing our habits and lifestyle with the time to move forward in life. Change in our life is proportional to our growth and hence, it is one of the necessary elements for the growth of humanity too.

Nasir Yousuf, X 'C'



Adapting to the New Normal

The global Covid-19 pandemic overturned the normal life as soon as its first wave hit the world in 2019. It certainly ended up having adverse, lasting effects on the society - including businesses, governance and the worldwide economy at large. A survey which was conducted recently found that two-third of the respondents agreed to having faced a significant change in lifestyle since the last year.

Talking about the effects that the pandemic had on society in general, it specially altered the way we worked, learned and interacted, as social distancing guidelines and hygiene-related refurbishments led to a more virtual existence, both personally and professionally. Schools and colleges were shut down as a preventive measure to contain the spread of the fatal virus. Well, it surely has affected the education and teaching sector. It has almost been two years, and people are still debating whether they should be reopened or not. The concept of e-learning has been around for decades, but we actually began to witness a noteworthy dynamic shift in this concept only when the pandemic set in. Now, observing e-learning and its advantages: online learning offers teachers an efficient way to deliver lessons to the students as there are extensive tools that come handy while teaching online. This process also allows students hailing from various geographical locations to attend the classes without any hassle. Many surveys also showed that most of the parents wanted their children to continue learning online even after schools reopened, for it cancelled all sorts of transport-related affairs. Along with pros there are also a handful of cons to it: attending online classes demands the students to focus on the screen for hours which can sometimes become pretty arduous for their eyes. It also increases the probability for students to get easily distracted by social media or other sites, which just make it difficult for the teachers to render their classes smoothly and in an engaging manner.

There's good news as far as health is concerned. From lifestyle changes to better and hygienic eating habits, people have really advanced towards proper living. Eating hygiene and exercising emerged as new

and vital areas of focus as people got abundant time to look after themselves while they were stuck inside their homes. Spurred by the initial rule of one outdoor activity per day, many found a revitalized appreciation for getting out and moving more. Walking and jogging saw a notable uptake, as it was found that daily walking increased from 55% in the first week of lockdown to 63% by the sixth week. The pandemic did take a toll on the general mental health of the population, but it was found that exercising and working out helped people curb it to a good extent. The pandemic also gave birth to the development of hobbies amongst the people, which also helped them tackle their mental health.

As governments struggled with the new lockdown measures to control the spread of the virus, it left national economies and businesses counting the costs. A colossal shift in stock markets was witnessed after all the businesses were forced to be paused during the lockdown. Numerous people across the globe were left jobless. People faced a very deficit lifestyle. Some experts have warned that it could take years before the levels of employment return to those seen before the pandemic; yet people remain hopeful.

The travel industry also faced terrible damages with airlines cutting flights and customers cancelling trips. Travelling was halted as soon as the virus broke out. Billions of bucks were lost in 2020 and although the forecast for the coming years seem better. Some analysts suggest that the travel industry won't get back to the pre-pandemic situation even five years from today.

Well, the only conclusion humans can draw from this entire incident is the warning that we must bring a significant change to our lifestyles within the coming years so that future natural disasters don't see us lagging behind. Although new vaccines are slowly being introduced, it's imperative that we maintain similar levels of hygiene and sanitation even after the virus gets expunged from the planet. The pandemic is nothing but a gentle reminder that humans are temporary, but change is permanent.

Achint Singh Malhotra, X 'B'



NATURE

Reclaiming the Past



What is nature? We often hear words such as natural ingredients, natural beauty and many more in our day-to-day life. But do we really know the significance of the word – ‘nature’? According to me, everything and anything that was created and grown without the support of human beings is ‘nature’.

I think that nature is the overall balance of life. What are the components of nature? They are vast expanding forests, the deep calming seas, the various plants and animals. Everyone who is under the shelter of mother earth has a part to play in the balance of nature. Its work is none but to enhance and improve itself without disrupting this balance.

What is ‘balance’ that I am repeatedly mentioning? Balance is said to be attained when the conditions are neither extreme nor mild, that is, a state of equilibrium. When I say that nature is balanced, it means that it is not polluted. It does not have excessive dominance from a specific category of species that is present all over the earth. The temperatures are not extreme. Natural resources are not exploited and so on. Nature has the ability to retain its balance. The water cycle, the eruption of volcanoes, the forest fires and then the rains to stop the forest fires. Nature finds a way. It did the same with the dinosaurs.

Science has proved that dinosaurs lived on this very earth several billion years ago. Why don’t we see them around now? Many reasons are proposed for their extinction. But the most likely one seems to be the disruption in balance of nature. They were creatures that did not support collective progress. They had to be killed for the revival of this balance, for the arrival of humans and other species. As humans and dinosaurs would not have flourished in the same environment. Asteroids hit earth; volcanoes erupted. All that could kill them possibly took place. Why? It is all pretty evident. Why? All these are to make place for new, the better one.

We humans are lot more advanced than other creatures. Better in all aspects. Dinosaurs were long gone to provide a better place for humans. It was a new beginning with the nature trusting the humans. Everything was going good until Industrial revolution. Humans turned rogue. Nations wanted to conquer other nations for resources. Better weapons were created. New inventions took place. World Wars occurred. What was the end result? Several millions of people died. Again, collective growth was not the aim of countries. People were divided.

It was just the beginning. We then started to exploit the nature, chopped down the trees, polluted the air, water and the soil. The burning of fossil fuels increased the rate of carbon dioxide content in air. The air conditioners and refrigerators contributed in depleting our ozone layer. We took nature for granted. We tried to overpower it, but nature has a way to find its balance. The earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, forest fires, melting of glaciers, droughted. What do these symbolize? This is the final warning to us. Nature is reclaiming its balance. It did it with the dinosaurs and it will re do it again with us.

We saw the decrease in pollution rates during the lockdown. Vehicles were scarcely running. Factories were shut. I know this condition is impossible to prolong. But surely science has more ways. We need to work with nature rather than to work against it. We saw the earth healing a bit during the lockdown. We should act now before it is too late when we would be carrying oxygen cylinders to survive and then be moving to the Mars through Space X. I would like to conclude this writing by quoting a famous Chinese proverb-

*“The best time to grow trees was twenty years ago,
the second-best time is now.”*

Arnav Prativ, X ‘A’



Bliss of Solitude

Since its evolution, the human civilization has witnessed several catastrophic conditions like – wars, epidemics, intense natural calamities and so on. COVID-19 however, has been the most grilling and all pervasive one with no parallel in the modern history. Originating from one city, in a flash taking the whole globe in its grip, creating a situation so compelling, left nations with no option other than to go for a complete lockdown.

Unimaginable, even in the wildest of our dreams came we witnessed it all, helplessly. A progressive world where every minute counts, suddenly everything came to a halt. Right from the vendors on the side of the street to big business houses and from farmers to academic institutions, not a single one was spared.

At this moment of crisis, people from the medical front took up the responsibility of saving lives of those infected by the deadly virus, and the IT industry on the other end, stretching itself to its limits, to endure the immense communication load, as if the whole world now depended on it.

In these moments of uncertainty there were feelings of togetherness and empathy. The human feelings which never found place in our minds since long due to the hustle and bustle of life, now got time to settle down. As members of the society. It is important for each one of us that we take care of one another.

But businesses must pick up before the economy gets into a total wreck. It is important to realize for all of us that are knit together in the ecosystem of life and activity, the interdependence between the big and the small.

Amidst all this, education, kept moving fairly well, at all levels, finding innovative ways to conduct classes as effectively as possible. Owed partly to the IT professionals for simulating the classroom environment and much largely to the teaching fraternity for taking up the challenge of not just adapting to a totally new 'virtual' mode of interaction across subject boundaries, but also bringing out new dimensions of creativity to keep their students engaged in the process of learning.

However, vaccination drives done quickly will take its due time. Until then, the present has to be accepted as the 'new normal', and things must move on, for the largest part on work from home protocol. A new culture where there is not much to be imposed by others rather self-imposed, a sense of responsibility driving people with a realization of how important their role is in the larger framework. In fact, a complete year has been given to think and realize the importance of many subtle things that we had, by way of our evolution, but never heeded.

Now, vaccination is in progress and COVID-19 has become historical. Technology drives business and E-business bring things at our doorsteps. In the past one year we have explored lot of alternatives in different fields and are well aware of their pros and cons. Speaking particularly about the field of education, where the stakeholders are emotionally bound together. We have reasons to be possessive about everything that is there in it. These are all time-tested. At the same time, we are living in the era of technology-aided learning (talking of pre-COVID times also) which has been embraced by all of us with full warmth. Learning is only a part of education and education is about all round development of mind and body with full regard to social and moral values.

Do the future changes sound skeptical? Not at all. We as humans, instinctively, will make intelligent choices for ourselves.

Pranjal Sinha, VI 'D'

Flight Back to Nature's Yesteryears

'Just living is not enough. One must have sunshine, freedom and a little flower...' These lines rushed out of the pens of Danish author Hans Christian Andersen, one of the greatest writers to have ever walked the planet. They summarize in a handful of words what nature is to mankind.

In late 2019, the world was struck by a detrimental virus that spread like wildfire and forced all of us into our cozy, comfy rooms in no time. It took the globe by storm in a flash and ended up causing a worldwide pandemic, compelling global shutdowns. Factories and industries were closed, restaurants and malls went into a tentative hibernation, schooling turned online and countries entered a period of complete lockdown. And as I write this, the pandemic isn't over yet; it is STILL spreading like wildfire and is still causing global lockdowns. One may ask, all of this just due to a darned bat? But yeah, that's the funniest and most ludicrous part of it all probably is- an insignificant bat took the world by storm.

Humans have long tormented nature. Our much deplorable species have kept Mother Nature in sanguinary chains for the longest time and has tortured her beyond imagination, writing all of it off as 'development'. And Mother Nature has dealt with it all like an obsequious servant, forever allowing us to walk fearlessly on her scintillating green cloak. Some thinkers often wonder, what if she thinks of her yesteryears, when there was no homo sapiens and the planet was so fresh and green, when the air wasn't the murkiest zephyr, and when the mud breathed free? What if she yearns for her youth, when the people weren't at continuous wars with each other? After all, it shouldn't be a surprise that nature is now living the life of an Eeyorish, desolate grandma, who'll never get her heydays back. Deforestation, pollution, global warming, animal endangerment, melting of the ice caps, rapidly expiring energy resources and what not - what has the world come to?

This throws us back to what we were talking about - yes, the pandemic. That one pandemic which not even the tyrannical and domineering humans themselves could handle. The world faced an economic crisis, and lost several lives. It made our lives hell, for who likes to rot inside four suffocating walls for a year and counting. It's hilarious that we cry over a few days of 'comfortable torment', while nature survived all our cold-blooded malpractices for millennia without a single complaint. It provided us with an unlimited supply of food, land and water - the most basic yet the most important keys to life. Yet, we gave her nothing but a chain of uncaring and inconsiderate responses in return - but this time, it's nature's time to revolt. It's her time now to show us where her strength lies. This time, it's her chance at reclaiming her wistful, lost past.

The pandemic is intrinsically nothing but the most trifling example of what the green that bound us can do. It's just a scintilla of how powerful Mother Nature is. It's like a frustrated jibe that she's dropping at us, as a rather polite answer to our much uncouth acts. For the first time in decades, the world breathed the freshest air it has witnessed in years. For the first time in a score of years, we could hear the tiny sparrows chirp sweetly again. For the first time since you and I opened our eyes, animals roamed the world carefree. Pollution seems to have dimmed and as the sky becomes less and less caliginous, the sun glistens brightly again. Everything comes at a cost and for us, this is a punishment well deserved.

Well, let's just say its nature trying to have fun. It's her longing for her idyllic days. Its nature trying to relive her youth - when the planet wasn't as much of a dystopia as today. Its Mother Nature trying to be a boisterous 'teenager' again and trying to feel her glimmering green cloak again.

Rajdeep Dasgupta, X 'B'



The Burning Home

Ever since, the conceivable history we have lost more than one-fourth of the forests, with the number of forests lost in 9000 years of human history equaling the amount of forest lost in just couple of centuries. Over seven hundred species of plants animals are already extinct in Last five hundred years. The colonization of Pacific Islands led to the vanishing of 2000 species of unique endemic birds, greater than fifteen thousand species of plants and animals are under the threats of extinction today. The rain forests that once covered over 14 percent of Earth, now covers not more than 6 percent of the total surface. By the time you will end reading this magazine edition, a thousand hectare more of Amazonian rainforests shall be cleared for soyabean cultivation or raising beef cattle. And just a gentle reminder all these species and forests that have been talked about were and are living just like you and me.

Now let me take you to a time travel. Close your eyes and try to visualize. Welcome to the year 2047. Celebration of India's independence is in its full swing. The flag was hoisted virtually because at just eight in the morning it's burning hot outside. Automation has stepped in into virtually every aspect and we humans are forced to a sedentary lifestyle. Reason the world outside is just hostile. From radioactive radiations and scorching heat. Poisoned atmosphere to another outbreak. There's everything of this sort but no fresh air and cool breeze. In our homes thanks to science, we have sophisticated fuel cells that cater to our needs of water and oxygen.

The world is not even a click away but just a desire away, courtesy, intelligent neutral implants. The economy is pulsating but there's no childhood to be found, life is more comfortable and less of a bliss. "The hills of Deoli" and "Spell of the Tiger" of Sundarbans are found only in the books of Ruskin Bond and Sy Montgomery. Heartthrob hills of Kashmir, Himachal and Uttarakhand lie

barren, lovely beaches of India lie sea buried. Talk about glamorous Mumbai, or royal city London, cultural capital Kolkata or the hustling New York, they have all now taken a water 'samadhi' and are now things of past. Millions dying every year due to pests, diseases or simply hunger. It's not that medical science hasn't progressed; it's just that mistakes of moments have their fallout on generations.

Now, to the present day wake up dear to the faces of change. Sitting in my solitude lost in my own perusal over our certain mass extinction, I just have one question: how many more pandemics do we humans need to realize the fact that we are a part of nature? Let's stop competing with nature. I tuned to the news and found locusts wrenching havoc in the nation which is strange for India yet a clear signal of impending peril. Scientists are sweating hard to find signs of life on other planets but in vain till now. The basic question that tickles is why go crazy in finding life on some distinct part of the galaxy when you can preserve life with much little effort right here?

The new lifestyle, new way of study despite giving comfort yet has something lacking in them white boards are good, virtual meetings are a whole possibility of enhancing productivity and e-commerce convenient. But can they for a single percent promise the bond of love between a teacher and his student that lasts a lifetime? Can they at all give the same thrill of working under pressure, having an influential way of interaction? Or can the e-commerce give the fun of hopping shop to shop to get the best deal trying to win the mind game to steal a deal and to have a gala time with family and friends. I am not against advancement but in a blunt sense these advancements can never understand human emotions and feelings. A set of codes in a coding language cannot match our learning of hundred-thousand years of evolution.

We owe this planet to other forms of life whose habitats and lives are being compromised

before our ever-growing greed and a need much more unreasonable. They can't speak but their silent cries would be heard by nature and certainly be punished. Today it's their turn, tomorrow shall be ours to suffer profusely. Nature created us with the highest cerebral capability to protect our fellow co-habitants but we turned evil, it's a high time to realize our purpose of creation. The 'don't care' attitude won't work, it's time we take the wake-up call. For instance, the use of leftover sheets of notebook can save a ton of carbon-dioxide emission. Lesser poly bags would mean our future won't get smothered by them. More walking and cycling shall ensure not just good health and mind but also an atmosphere of lesser pollutant gases. Less food wastage per meal would not only mean food reaching to less fortunate but over all a lesser exploitation of environment and pollution (e.g., rice cultivation releases high amounts of methane which is again a greenhouse gas). Use of environment centric rather than profit centered path breaking technologies and innovations. Redefining our needs to a reasonable definition shall mean a happier ecosystem and nature.

Let's be up and be doing. The pandemic did bring families closer, made us realize our strength and resilience as humanity, gave a new meaning of life and living and also brought this lesson yet to be understood that we can't get away by messing with the laws of nature. This came with a cost of millions of deaths, unemployment, ruined families and distorted mental balance of humans, such a big price promising yet to grow cannot be borne. Mere surrender to nature asking pardon for our evils, works wonder. Evidences are conspicuous-water of Ganges again fit for drinking, Delhi free from pollution, wildlife rejoicing, what more do we seek?

The blue planet Earth which we call home is burning wake up before it's too late. Wake up.

Varshneya, VII 'B'

Quarantine:

A Blessing in Disguise

Sunny days, long traffics, weekend movies and parties, everything was normal and life was going smooth, until one day this disease named COVID-19 or Corona came out of nowhere and took over the lifestyles of people. It started spreading rapidly across many countries and very soon took over the world. We saw a series of lockdown being imposed by different countries to minimize the spread of pandemic while in India, on the midnight of 24th March 2020 the government of India decided for a full-fledged lockdown and our lives went upside down in a single night.

The whole world came to a standstill, schools, colleges, offices, theaters, parks etc. everything was closed and we were left isolated at our homes. It was at this point, our family gathered under one roof after a very long period of time. Although we were cut off from the rest of the world including our friends and relatives but we bonded more to the core of our family. We started to spend our time doing activities like playing indoor games, having meals together, discussing on different problems, enjoying the little moments of life and being happy together. Eventually, as time passed by, we saw the rise of online meeting platforms from different techno giants like Zoom, Google Meet, Microsoft Teams, Webex etc., which eased our problems substantially as we entered into a virtual platform for online classes, meetings, frequent video calls etc.

These developments defined a new normal leaving the outside rush behind as we started reconnecting with our friends, teachers and relatives once again through our mobile phones and laptops. Life started getting normalized again to this new form of togetherness although being isolated where we can relax, work and have fun at the same time from the comfort of our homes.

But still, hoping to see everything open soon.... we miss it a lot!!

Shirshendu Mishra

When Teenage and Pandemics Coincided....

Feb 2020- School, Cricket coaching, outings with family and friends

March 2020- Pandemic hits us and lockdown....

Life took a full circle.

My little sister and me were stranded at home. Never had it been so quiet and solemn. Sounds of confused birds and relatively fresher air all around with no vehicles plying, talking to friends over zoom and attending school on cute brains slowly became the routine.

We gradually accepted that "going out" was NOT happening sometime soon. Since my parents are working all corners of the house got converted into virtual rooms for online classes and meetings. Then came October 30th and I turned thirteen and yes it felt good to enter teens. However, I don't know what started coming over me, was it the hormonal changes or the monotony or missing school and friends. I got very irritable and tended to snap. I found myself hooked to the gaming console, getting argumentative at times, and also being emotional.

It seems being a teenager I was not able to understand whether I am a little boy or a man! I didn't want to do any chores at home that "girls or women do" and started throwing tantrums at being asked to clean up even my study table.

My parents tried to reason with me and I was enrolled in to guitar classes to divert my energies. However, the virtual guitar class didn't help much.

My mother then came with an interesting proposal. She was at that time supporting the Jharkhand state Education Department's virtual learning program for government school children. Her organisation was developing gender focused audio visual content and they were looking for children who could lend their voices. The audio visual is a comic-based animation series, which touches

upon gender discrimination, early marriage, and violence, among other issues. She showed me the comic strip and asked me, "Can you help me out? Record the voice of one of the characters? I think you'd be good at it."

I agreed. She gave me the script of a boy named Dinesh, who stood up against the gendered division of work at home, as well as at the community level. I read intently and realised where my problem lied. My voice was recorded, and it raised my self-esteem as I was appreciated and I was indeed good at it! Changes also started coming in.... My dirty clothes were now going straight into the washing machine, the chocolate wrapper was not landing outside the bin, the plate was being removed from the dining table after meals... and so on.

After a few recording sessions, I opened up with my parents and shared that I had been missing my school life, "I miss my friends, and being in class." **I felt lighter after confiding and returned back to my online class where my friends and teachers were there. That was the best part of my stay-at-home virtual learning but I wish normalcy resumes.**

Ansh Shandilya, VII 'D'





New modes of living in Lockdown

In 2020 there was a new virus spreading and gaining fame, popularly known as the Corona Virus. In this long period of time the technology has evolved and made new modes of living in lockdown.

The virus filled the lives of people with a new terror of being infected, so people started to live in solitude. Though it was lockdown in the country and worldwide but a new trend in work style came up that was work from home or online duty. Whether they were teachers, officers or businessman they all started working from home.

We students also experienced a new way of learning. Our home became our classroom with a virtual class on mobiles/laptops/computers etc. where teachers were busy giving us knowledge online. Our family used to do shopping and buying groceries online. It was a time when these gadgets became our biggest helpers. But it is also true that being dependent on anything more than need can make us addicted to it. Children had to stay inside the house. In this period of lockdown gadgets and television became their best friends. They started loving it being stuck to them all the time. Although some of us made the best use of this lockdown period. We became creative and innovative.

Lifestyle of people changed to some extent and also a new style of wearing mask became a compulsory choice for all. People could also not meet their friends, relatives and even their neighbour. Again, mobile became an important connecting medium.

We experienced an entirely new way of living with new modes where we could live our lives even without going out of our houses. We became more adaptable and adjustable.

Apurv Anand, VI 'C'



The Bright Side

As a student, it is very important to attach with the school community. This is a thought-provoking time for everyone. In this type of grave situation, we need to continue to make progress with an approach of instilling hope and affection. Our journey of acquiring education continues by maneuvering an array of tools teachers implement for us students and our parents so that all can be connected as a thread from one corner to another. I have used the motivational approach to encourage everyone to explore innovative ways as we undertake education. To an extent we have been efficacious in reaching to our teachers through Google Meet, Extramarks, Zoom and other social platforms. Our school has coped up with the current situation and not only having completed a whole year of online learning precisely but also co-curricular activities through virtual classrooms and mass media networks such as YouTube, where we children had an opportunity of showcasing our talents.

During this lockdown period, as we are getting ourselves armed with new techs, I also enjoyed my old hobby of appraisal of books, turning a blank sheet of paper to a reflection of my thoughts, and along with this I also inculcated some novel ones too like adding a sport to the list obeying the norms of social distancing. I have also resumed writing essays that were pending for long due to my hectic study schedule. I sturdily feel that we will overcome this period of crisis and we all will happily rejoin our daily schedule and eventful life.

The times are different – unprecedented challenges have shaken the pillar of humanity, forcing it to introspect about the way life has to be lived and this introspecting led to the revival of the flame of passion and help. For instance, there are so many people, helping other people they are not related to just for the sake of humanity. However, are we now able to hear the birds singing, breathe cleaner air? Yes! Nature has her own way of replenishing herself. What you sow so shall you reap. Planting nature with the toxics have the same outcome, that is what we must realize.

“Do your labours sincerely and silently, give your best and work hard, and let your success make noise” - these inspiring words directed me in these times, encouraged me I'm sure it will do the same to you as well.

Realizing that being stuck at home during the lockdown period is not only very monotonous but can also be challenging, I have, nowadays, started learning a lot of things that I would like to share with others so that they too can use their time productively. I have scheduled a fixed time-table, which starts from the moment I wake up till I go to sleep. This scheduling has helped me in using my time prolifically. Due to this, I am able to do all my work including studies, making projects, doing exercise etc. on time. This ongoing lockdown is also proving to be very helpful in maintaining a disciplined life. I also spend sufficient time for fun activities. I devote a part of the time in being with my family, watching movies and playing ludo and carom. Its indeed a happy moment to look at the bright side of it.

Krrish, IX 'A'



Challenging Lifestyles

The whole world has come to a standstill and the reason is the pandemic. It seems that we are part of a horror movie. The villainous corona virus is killing thousands of people. Even in our dreams, we would have never imagined ourselves confined to our homes and unable to meet friends and relatives.

In the beginning, lockdown was considered as a new kind of holiday or extended freedom by some children, like me. Once extended, it made us realize the importance of attending schools. I appreciate the hard work of our teachers who are trying to take online classes and save our academic year. Although initially taking online classes was a challenge for them, they have quickly adapted so that our studies do not get affected. This tells us that we shouldn't run away from challenges but adapt ourselves according to the situation.

It was also a challenge for students like us to quickly familiarize ourselves with the new mode of learning and education during the pandemic. At first, it seemed too difficult but later it became easier and easier. There were also some mischievous boys who disturbed the online classes by joining using other id's, sharing unnecessary content and unmuteing mike for the whole period. But somehow the teachers and students managed the disturbance and the teachers enforced strict rules to get over it. "Remove from class" system was one of the common rules made during online classes. In that, whenever a student did something that was not accepted by the teachers or which disturbed the class, then he was warned three to four times. If the student continued to disturb after the warnings, he was removed (directly logged out) of the class. With this rule in effect, nobody dared to create nuisance during online classes.

Lockdown is giving us many lessons about life. We learned to handle difficulties with a positive mind, and I hope these lessons remain with us throughout life. There is an end to every nightmare, and this one shall end soon.

Ashmit Tirkey, VIII 'B'



Some of us must stay at home And not go out the door
Some of us are working
Like we've never worked before

Some of us are falling out
With siblings, Dads, and Mothers
Some of us are reaching out
And looking after others

Some of us are keeping busy Doing lots of jobs
Some of us have given up..... We're turning into slob

Some of us are playing games
And pursuing novel hobbies
Some of us are still 'no good'
And watching out for Bobbies

Some of us have lots of friends
To text with and to phone
Some of us have no one
And feel that we're alone

Some of us feel positive
And think that we're in charge
Some of us feel anxious
And fear the world at large

Some of us have footpaths
To cycle, walk, and jog
Some of us have nowhere nice
To even walk the dog

Some of us are welcoming New babies being born
Some of us have lost loved ones And cannot rightfully mourn

None of us will ever know What's really going on
None of us will think the same When all of this is done
All of us can choose to spend
Our days in fear and dread...

BUT

All of us can choose to plan
For better days ahead

Aryav Verma, VII 'D'

THE REAL HEROES

The onset of the Corona Pandemic seemed to be a reminder of man's disinheritance from the Garden of Eden. The minuscule virus, unseen, unheard, unknown, had made humans re-think on his "dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air and over every living thing that moveth upon the Earth." The looming doubt, uncertainty and confusion which came with the virus outbreak nearly shattered the glass which was believed to be half-empty or half-full by the pessimists and the optimists likewise. The chaos broke humankind's faith in itself being "a measure of all things." The flux had to be met with a reformed outlook in the normal walk of life.

The declaration of lockdown brought about closure of schools and workplaces. There was a major exodus of migrant labourers to their native places in search of a solace. The market almost came to a standstill, a major setback was felt in the financial sector and man was cumbered with the load of the fleeting economy. The pillars of formal places of learning almost felt the tremors of the shock but resorted to a new mode of teaching via online mode. The pressure was felt deeply by the teaching fraternity moving from chalk-and-talk mode to a VDU's. This triggered a debate on the payment of fee by the parents who preferred not to due to the hole they themselves had in their pockets. However, there was a mutual agreement on it and the cradle of learning started to rock again. It is often heard that the tales are told and retold where teachers and students claim the first position when it comes to sharing an experience in a school-magazine, what is often unheard are the stories untold.

The educational institutions also depend largely on the non-teaching staff who form the backbone of these institutions. The helping fraternity, the sweepers, the care-takers, the drivers, the cleaners and the office-staffs, form the spokes of the wheel of an institution to run on the track. The reason why I chose to pen down on this is because they are often unheard and their voices are muffled amidst the roars of the teaching coterie. St. Xavier's School, Doranda believes in the power of this wheel and tried to put first the need of oiling the linchpin as a priority. I decided to speak to a few and their response was overwhelming not only in praise of the institution but can be a source of motivation for all of us. Why? Let me tell you why; and the answer is the beautiful experiences narrated by them.

Talking to Mrs. Sumi Didi our ever-smiling co-staff, revealed that the school catered to their needs in the time of trouble by helping them with the food-grains and daily necessities. Their wages were paid on time and also in advance so that the lockdown should not drain their lives.

The office staff had their own sweet and bitter experiences to share. "The call of duty is always first..." says Nime Baral from the school reception desk, "we came to the school when the lockdown was partly lifted up for the admission duty which was done online and it was a completely new experience." Gradually they started enjoying the work. They were paid on time but what swept my heart was that they tried to give out from their share of dough with the needy. Mrs. Poonam Kerketta said "the lockdown had snatched away jobs from people and seeing their families starve was excruciating... the little we get is plenty if we have a heart big enough..." She shared that her neighbours had very less to eat and the mother of two small children came to ask for help from Punam. She did a charity of a small amount as a help and getting overwhelmed she smiled and





she said “*‘jyada toh nahi de paaye Miss, thoda hi de paye apne aukaat se, haisiyat toh utni nahi hai ki de pate jyada kuch... per jitna de sakte the diye. Bura laga dekh kar unka haal but de kar kaafi sukoon mila.’*” I was enthralled

by what was narrated by her. The ‘*haisiyat*’ or the ‘*capability*’ was not what was needed for charity, but a heart full of compassion for such a gesture.

I could very well imagine how blissful she might have felt being on the giving-end. She also shared that they had consumed the money she gave and were ashamed to ask for more, so, she herself went to check on them and told if she could give them a little rice which she had plenty from her field and few vegetables she had just bought. The mother of the children requested her to give lentils, only if she could, instead of vegetables as the children would love it. Punam smiled to the request with gratitude to God as she knew well that God had given her a plenty this year. She gave them a bag-full from her field. The spark that her face had when she shared this was unusual. As it is truly said “*A bit of fragrance always clings to the hand that gives you roses.*”

The state of the migrant labourers was also horrifying, the sudden lockdown had led them on foot to reach their homes and many of them travelled long distances with a very little or no food. The office staff Mrs. Anshu Kujur shared one such dreadful sight she had experienced during the lockdown. There was a long queue of workers marching barefoot in the scorching heat empty-bellied. The

media also shared many such stories where the migrants followed the rail-tracks to reach home, some had even died out of starvation. She felt miserable seeing the sight of these migrants and desired to help them. She woke up early and made parathas and bhujia, packed them up with the soaked gram-sprouts as a breakfast for these migrants. Her husband helped her out by distributing these every day for almost a month. They had also installed earthen-pots full of water for the thirsty labourers on their way to home. She also has the opinion that people who are capable to give should always give with open-arms. She counts herself lucky and blest to be of help to the needy. “*Charity sees the need, not the cause*” is true in Anshu’s case.

The pandemic has not only shattered our own superiority complexes but has also brought with it the need to reclaim our position as helpers in the society. The drive of this article is to let you know that all of us have done our part. As a teacher, I tried my best to contribute to the teaching-learning process and brag of my own extra-effort towards the society but the non-teaching fraternity had their own stories to share. Why not hear their bit of it? As I share this, I feel that a crucial situation like the pandemic has taught us all alike to rethink on human aspects of our existence. The need to be compassionate and be a human being and a real hero.

1 Corinthians says: “*Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.*”

The purpose to reveal this is just to check if we knock the doors of our own hearts and see if there is place for someone who really needs it.

Mrs. Rema T. Das





Gratitude

St. Xavier's School, Doranda...we study here...the very thought runs a surge of pride through our nerves. From Prep to standard VII, over these years in this school, I have been part of so many events and fests, competitions etc.. It appears to me that, through all these, our school is telling us that 'Education is a long journey, so in the first place it should be pleasant and memorable'... if you want to explore yourself and the world you live in, the mantra is 'enthusiasm'— Utsaahh Siddhaye.

Such is the environment here, being at school is delightful moment for us. Respected Principal Sir and Teachers all so affectionate, and each and every staff so dedicated and dutiful. The very environment itself carries a very profound message.

Principal sir's address in the morning assembly is a treasure for whole of our life, something we would like to preserve deep within us.

Discipline and human values have a key role in the life of an individual. Our teachers have a very subtle way of conveying their messages- through making us feel important, involving us in every activity, guiding, encouraging, challenging; unaware about how tenderly we were groomed, only way we can realize this is by seeing the satisfaction in the eyes of our parents.

The most remarkable aspect of our school, and what makes it different from others, is the way Parents and Guardians are involved in the process of nurturing their wards. Our Parents feel so connected with the school which further gives us a clear direction.

Mutual Respect...beyond discrimination— this is the binding energy working within the team called my school- ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL, DORANDA.

Pranjal Sinha, VII 'B'



I Belong to the Mankind

I dreamt of being a blessing.
I dreamt of spreading my wings
in the open sky.
I dreamt, I was strong
I dreamt of a normal life.

You told me, I am a curse.
You confined me between male and female.
You made me feel I am helpless.
You discarded me telling
I do not belong to the nature.

But, I still dream.
I still dream of bringing a change.
I still dream of acceptance.
I belong to the mankind.

Aditi Hemrom, XI 'A'



Message to my Alma Mater

Hail Xaverians!

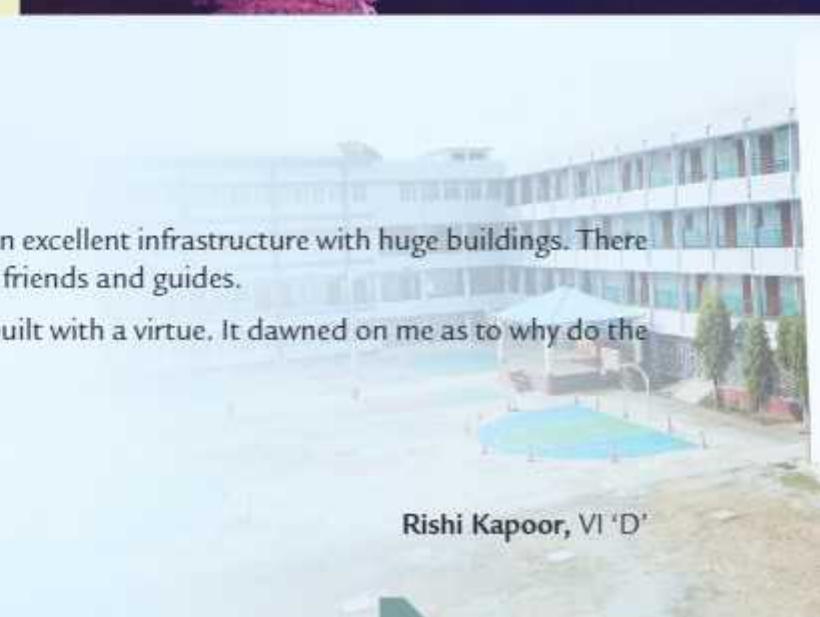
I am grateful to my destiny and my parents for bringing me to this school. My school has an excellent infrastructure with huge buildings. There is holistic development of each child and growth of their competencies as teachers act as friends and guides.

Xaverians can lead the movement that celebrates humanity as each pillar of St Xavier's is built with a virtue. It dawned on me as to why do the teachers push us to find gold even when we don't see that it is there.

The values imbibed by the teachers would let me sail through troubled waters in my life.

Gratias (Thank You).

Rishi Kapoor, VI 'D'





I Have a Dream

I have a dream...

A dream that the youth of today will rise...
There would be clear, beautiful blue skies.
We would be compelled to do our things,

We would give our dreams wings.

When the shadows will lurk in dark,

Women would not fear to move out.

We would respect everybody's emotion,
Genocide, hatred, racism there would be
no place for all those notions.

We wouldn't be divided by nationality,
Instead we would be united by humanity.

Environment, culture and technology
we would bring it all together,
And give this world to flourish with feathers.

Scrolling down the lane,

We won't see the darkness and pain.

Instead there would be light all around and
the ray of sunshine will even penetrate and
reach us in the heaviest of storms and rain.

We would understand that difference in opinion,
Should not cause hatred amongst the million.

We would understand that life is hard
but hard doesn't mean bad.....

We would try and make our world beautiful
instead of colonizing other's land.

I have a dream, and I dream

That one day youth shall stand,
For the future lies in youth's hand.

Srishti Kumari, XII 'C'



I Dream

Something must be so passionately intense that
someone had to dream about it.

And if I could I'd feel what other people's dreams feel like

But if you asked me what mine felt like I'd say

There is a vehement nothingness to it

A pointless carving

Or simply put foolishness

A sort of utopian dream

Where I blaze in the starlight

Play with nymphs,

Fill my basket with freshly plucked flowers

Stir around like serpents in my sundress

Perch on meadows

And live in the dark with a lover.

And spend time like there's no time.

Do I envy Persephone?

Of course not!

There are a thousand millions of different possibilities of

How the world could have been

One very naturally being like Olympus

And yet

So I dream

Finding comfort in knowing I could

Because I don't know what else to make of this

Passionate intensity.

Nandini Pankaj Bodra, XII 'D'





Now I Dream

'Fly high' she said picking up the airplane, swinging it left to right
 Mother dearest quickly fed her spoonful, chuckling at the sight.
 Her two ponytails kissed by the soft breeze dance with a gleam
 Pristine thoughts, very much alive, 'Want to touch the sky, 'I dream'
 Long luscious braids shimmered while sunbathing,
 Mother dearest triumphed at her smile and the artwork crating.
 Sighed the young maiden losing herself in thoughts of Irene
 Anchoring them one by one, 'Flashing cameras and spotlights, I dream
 She was vacuous, 'Cameras? Spotlight? Touch the sky?'
 Ha! Dim-witted indeed,
 Mother dearest dissented, it wasn't fated' she fore read.
 The ear of cropped brown locks, falling on her shoulder still beams.
 'Marathon, marathon envisions everywhere.
 Able to love what's left and yet to come, now I dream'.

Rythem, XI 'D'

Living in a Nightmare

Welcome to my dream, a nightmare to be precise,
 A land that has no dimensions, and knows no time.
 Where my sheets become a noose, entangling my neck
 And my pillow an ocean, where I drown every night.

Where I crawl, hiding from the evil within,
 A place so dark that I can barely see anything.

It is endless and so it seems.

Both, the suffering and the dream.

All I see is a broken mirror,

With face that are close, yet so unfamiliar,
 Enabling me to view, deep within their atrocity,
 Besides revealing my own deeds of monstrosity.

I try to escape, I try to scream,
 But I'm rendered alone, stuck in this bad dream.

But what if this is not just a nightman?

Maybe, it's a replica of the world we live in!

A world where people are addicted to affliction,
 And feed their demons with tears and isolation.

Where some are consumed and left with nothing to lose,
 While some live with illusions, unaware of the truth.

This is a living nightmare,

That is worse than when I am asleep,

With no escapes and no fleeing,

A world where I am the starring victim and
 also the villain in my dream

Vanshika Singh, XI 'C'

I Dreamt of My life

I dreamt of my life, right before my eyes.
 It was a strange dream of sort,
 Difficult to accept and perceive.
 Make me think, was it real or not,
 Still, I let it live in my head and believe
 For I dreamt of my life right before my eyes.

It was all dark and black
 Not that I was blind.
 I could hear no voices talk,
 Just me and my thoughts to ponder? Find.
 Then I saw a single raindrop fall, in which
 I dreamt of my life right before my eyes.
 At one moment I saw my birth,
 People around me were so happy

I made me realize my worth,
 Very next scene was me on my death bed sloppy.
 People around me cried,
 It has been so long since I had arrived.
 I dreamt of my life, right before my eyes.
 What I learned was that things in between matter.
 Life is all about making lives of others better.
 To join in on their laughter
 Cry with them on things that tatters
 Unless you want to be welcomed with glee,
 Only to die to feel free.
 Believe in me I do not lie,
 For I dreamt of my life right before my eyes.

Pranjal Kumar Bhagat, XII 'A'



REMEMBER, REJOICE AND REACH OUT

St. Xavier's School is widely regarded as the best school in Ranchi and is known for abundance of educational practice and discipline. As a student of this school, I know many things about the past of the school and how it is today. Our school was established in 1960 and as in 2021, it is standing erect and efficiently for 61 years and had its diamond jubilee just an year ago! Our school emblem is 'उत्साहः सिद्धये' which is a Sanskrit clause penned by Fr. C. Bulcke meaning 'Strive to Excell'. The patron saint of our school is St. Francis Xavier who was one of the companions of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of Jesuit society.

Our school had a very glorious past since it was established. It was started at the request of H.E.C (Heavy Engineering Corporation), Hindustan Steel Ltd. and National Coal Development Corporation. At the very beginning, the classes were held in a rented house and under a tree! When the rented house was sold to the Society, additional rooms were made. There were many inconveniences and difficulties that the school had to face. Students did not worry much about the difficulties. The dedication and commitment of the staff towards the school should also be acknowledged. The effort of these people is what made this school so prosperous.

Our school's emblem indicates to the fact that striving for excellence is something which can bring the nation together or even the whole world. It will help us to lead a good civilized life and keep us motivated to move ahead.

I think that we should remember the beginning where we started from and rejoice for our success and even continue to reach out and move ahead that is Remember – Rejoice – Reach Out. RRR for attending excellence in life.

That is what makes me proud to be a Xaverian.

Aarav Raj, VI 'B'

Today I am grateful for the people I find myself surrounded with. I got this family almost 6 months ago when I joined this school. This school has been kind to me and given me opportunity to grow in my talents. The moment I first stepped my foot in this school, it welcomed me and never made me feel like an outsider. This year we are celebrating 60 years of this institution, that has shaped lives of thousands of students in all these years and is still continuing to do so. Birendra Singh Dhanoa, Air Chief Marshal, Sajal Chakraborty, IAS, former Chief Secretary of the State of Jharkhand, and Abhishek Chaubey, Indian film director, writer, screenwriter and produce are some of its famous alumni.

While we are celebrating let us not forget the people we have lost. Last year was very traumatizing for many of us. We lost our loved ones. The entire world was mourning. We were all fighting for our lives, especially our covid warriors served the Nation. Many medical professionals and police officers didn't see their family for months and were in constant danger of being infected. Today, we are all grateful to them and for the lives of the ones who survived the wrath of covid-19. We all have a lot to be thankful for.

Last year taught us not to take anything for granted and make everyday count. It taught us to cherish every moment, make several memories and make a difference in peoples' life.

Today we are rejoicing for the moments we are living and the ones we are living them with. We all returned to school nearly after two years of online classes. We missed the interaction we used to have with our teachers and classmates. Many of us missed walking down the halls of the building of this school. Now by the grace of our savior, the Christ, we are able to live these moments again. Now we are able to take part in several extra-curricular activities that we all so dearly missed. The preparation for the closing ceremony of the Diamond Jubilee of our school, has been thrilling and full of memories we will all reminisce in the years following our school days. Since the classes started, we as a family have celebrated some special occasions. We celebrated Independence Day, Teacher's Day, Gandhi Jayanti and our beloved teachers organized a lovely event for us students on Children's Day. I look forward to many more special occasions that we will celebrate together.

The physical state of people has improved tremendously over the last year, but the work is not finished yet. There are many people around us who were severely struck by the global pandemic and have still not recovered. This is the time for us to realise the purpose and value of being a human. With the compassion and humanity that we all possess this is the time for us to reach out to others. We must look out for people less fortunate than us and help in any way possible. Compassion, gratefulness and the feeling of oneness, is what makes us human.

On this note, I, Alisha Toppo, sign off and show my gratitude for being able to express myself to everyone reading this and wish happiness and nothing but the best to all.

Alisha Toppo, XI 'A'

Proud to be a Xaverian



Glad to hear the news of completion of the Glorious 60 Years of Xavier's. I was very excited to hear the news of Vision 2020, the construction of a new building or a new campus. These 60 years brought up many new changes, characters & figures. In this period this institution of learning saw many ups & downs. Many challenges & struggles. Thereafter, this institution rose up to become one of the best school in the World.

Apart from imparting best in academics, the school also gives a complete package of discipline, best educators & state of the art infrastructure to make learning easier like : Smart Class, CuteBrains, geometry box for boards & what not.

Last but not the least, I would like to appreciate the outstanding co-curricular activities like IT Exhibitions, IT Quizzes, all types of sports & different inter-house competitions like : painting, fancy dress, dance, voice of Xaviers, debate, elocution, slogan etc.

After leaving the school the students could be still in contact with the school. Hence, this institute started a new idea of Doranda Old Xaverians also known as DOX. Every year the students meet their classmates & share their thoughts and experiences by remembering their good old golden school days.

In these 60 Years the school produced many decorated alumini. In fact many DOX are in high positions today. Like :

- **Air Chief Marshal Mr. Birender Singh Dhanoa** : The 25th Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force was a proud Xaverian. Birender Singh Dhanoa was born in Deoghar in the Indian state of Bihar (now Jharkhand) to Sukhdev Kaur and Sorain Singh. His ancestral village is Gharuan in the state of Punjab near Chandigarh and Mohali. His father Sorain Singh, an IAS officer, served as the Chief Secretary to the governments of Punjab and Bihar during the 1980s and later as an advisor to the Punjab State Governor and as an Election Commissioner of India. His grandfather Capt Sant Singh had fought in World War II as a captain of the British Indian Army. He has completed a part of his schooling from St. Xavier's School, Ranchi. He is an alumnus of St. George's College, Mussoorie, where he studied from 1968 to 1969. He thereon joined Rashtriya Indian Military College, Dehradun, and later graduated from National Defence Academy, Pune. He also attended a staff course in Defence Services Staff College, Wellington in 1992.
- **Mr. Jairam Ramesh** : Jairam Ramesh (born 9 April 1954) is an Indian economist, historian and politician belonging to Indian National Congress. He is a Member of Parliament representing Karnataka state in the Rajya Sabha. In July 2011, Jairam was elevated to the Union Council of Ministers of India and appointed Minister of Rural Development and Minister (additional charge) of the new Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation. Jairam attended St. Xavier's School, Ranchi in 1961-1963 in classes III to V.

'Proud to be a Xaverian'

Yaseen Ali, VII 'C'



WE REJOICE

Recalling the past,
recollecting the long forgotten,
remembering their smiles,
we rejoice as we,
receive their showers of blessing upon us.
Raptured we move further,
with our amazing record,
of these regal years
and rejuvenate
our school,
our thoughts,
our minds,
as we reach out
to the needy,
the impoverished
and replenish them with all they need.
With all this in our mind we reach out
from diamond to platinum years of excellence.

Harshit Raj Maurya, VIII 'C'



HIBISCUS

I want hibiscus to grow,
And my dreams to flow.
I want redness to dwell,
And my pain to melt.
I want pollen grains to get yellow,
And the depth of my shame to be shallow.

For I have dreamt as high as sky,
And maybe now, I don't see my colours fly,
But one day, one day...
I'll achieve everything,
Whenever it is far or night.

My hibiscus will grow tall,
Leaves will know to distinguish big and small,
I will receive many calls.
And one day, one day...
I will achieve everything that's afore.
I want hibiscus to grow,
And my dreams to know,
I have dreamt as high as sky.
I will achieve it,
There's no if or why.

And I know,
That insects try to hail,
But I have watered it well.
Its roots are strong,
And the flower will never grow wrong.

Red, red, red and darker shade,
My dream's colour will never get fade,
Red is hibiscus and red is my dream.
Hibiscus is my dream and dream is my hibiscus.
Though now, the seed is brown,
But one day, one day...
The flower will own the crown.

For I have dreamt as high as sky,
I won't let it die.
And I want you to know,
That the hibiscus will grow.
My dreams will flow.
The redness will dwell.
And my pain will melt.

Adya Aprajita, XII 'C'

TO SEE

It's about a time when she couldn't see,
All those parasites inside of her,
Which made her what she seems to be.

All those baneful feels,
Took her mind to the seas.

The seas where those monsters swim,
Those ugly, disgusting, sickening beings,
Devouring her up in a whim.

The fingers pointing at her then
Would make her want to pray again.

One is as green as envy,
And the blue makes you lazy.
All thriving in that big sea,
Killing her spirit slowly,
Making her presence unholy.

She dreams of a world
Wherein everyone, fights those inner demons,
Because she feels that everyone has curled

And succumbed to those
Who they don't want to keep close.

Wanting to be free from these
Demons and vultures,
So that one day she can finally see
And then be the one who inspires
To make new sculptures
Of altruism, peace and fraternity.

Sakshi Riya Toppo, XII 'A'



White House

Jesuit Residence



Junior Section





A Shift in the Mode of Education

"The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows."

The impact of pandemic COVID-19 has been observed in every sector around the world. COVID-19 pandemic has led to a drastic loss of human life and presents a challenge to the public health. It caused heavy economic losses as well as adverse effect on education system world-wide. Most governments decided to temporarily close off educational institutions in an attempt to reduce the spread of COVID-19 pandemic. In response to school closures, use of distance learning or online mode of education gives a platform to schools and teachers to reach learners remotely and limit the disruption of education.

Online learning now a days has become a critical lifeline for educational system as to minimize the potential for community transmission. Technology can enable the teachers and the students to access study materials beyond text books that can bridge the gap between time and space. The outbreak of COVID-19 created many negative impacts on educational system. Educational institutions have accepted the challenges and trying to provide seamless support services to the students. In this way educational institutions as well as the students got the opportunity for transformation of traditional learning system to a complete new technological era. Due to COVID-19 pandemic many educational institutions across the world began conducting online classes via video-telephony software such as Google meet, Google classroom, Zoom etc.

Some of the positive impacts of online mode of education are; access to digital world, access to global education, rise in use of learning management system, improvement in collaborative work, increase responsibility of parents to educate their wards, traditional education system is integrated with a present-day higher education system, improved the use of electronic media for sharing information, better time management, demand for open and distance learning programs etc. online courses call for a greater amount of motivation and self-discipline among the students. Technology also adds the visual experience by incorporating animations and other effective tools.

Presently, access to technology and internet is an urgent requirement. So, the digital capabilities and their required infrastructure must reach to the remotest and poorest sections of the society to the students to continue their education. But practically this requirement could not be fulfilled completely. Some other significant issues associated with online learning is the availability and access to digital devices with internet connectivity which has also affected the education system. **Many children tend to get bored with online classes as sometimes online classes are very monotonous. It has also been seen that students are also facing some health issues like eye strain, headaches and fatigue due to continuous gazing of the screen for longer periods.**

As the overlap of the traditional and online modes of education is becoming more and more inevitable, we owe it to make the education relevant to the future through passion and careful planning. It is need of the hour for the educational system to strengthen their knowledge and information to be ready for facing COVID-19 like situations.

Abhinav Verma, V 'B'



Immunity Boosting Tricks

Everyone has isolated himself/herself at home because of the newly declared pandemic Corona Virus. Only self-isolation and social distancing could keep us safe from the harmful Virus. During the time of lockdown everyone had to keep himself/herself strong and healthy. All our Covid Warriors risked their lives and helped us to stay safe during the pandemic. It was our prime duty to stay at home and be self-isolated so that we could be safe.

We should stay healthy and fit and should take all the safety measures at home to stop the spread of Corona Virus. We can stay healthy and fit by following these Immunity Boosting Tricks:

- We should eat healthy food to keep our immune system strong.
- Physical exercise such as yoga, meditation, swimming and playing different Sports etc. to keep ourselves fit.
- We can spend time doing activities which we are interested in. This will help us to be fit, healthy and keep busy.
- We should spend time with our family which will give us positivity and happiness. So, if we follow these simple footsteps in our life, we can boost our immunity with fun.

Aditya Bari, IV 'C'

New Modes of Life Style in Lockdown

Today, when we think of our lives during lockdown, it scares us because we do not want to re-live that situation again. When COVID-19 affected us as a pandemic, our mode of living changed completely. It was very hard to adapt according to this new situation. The whole country was put under lockdown and almost every shop, office, school and college etc was shut down completely. People started doing their work, business, class, everything online. We faced difficulties at the beginning and managed to make it a part of our lives slowly.

Since the day I was born, I had never experienced such a change in my lifestyle that we had seen since lockdown. Government issued guidelines for people to wear masks, follow social distancing and come out of their houses only when it was needed. My parents started working from home and my grandparents were strictly advised to stay only at home. One of the positive results of this lockdown was that we got more time to spend with our family that we could not have got otherwise. My family and me adapted to this situation quickly and spent a happy quarantine time.

The next major change that occurred was the mode of purchasing. I want to share an interesting experience of purchasing during lockdown which you might find funny. When we heard that the Government is going to implement lockdown, my mother went to the grocery shop and bought everything she could remember, so that we do not run short of groceries at home. After a few days we started ordering groceries online which my mother first washed with detergent on the terrace and then we used to bring them inside our home. We used to keep the groceries in a separate place for 7 days. We started buying other things online after lockdown 2.0. Until that time we managed with what we had at home and spent our time with family. I am grateful to God that we were able to have food and luxury during lockdown.

When the COVID 19 was declared as pandemic, the biggest question I had was, 'when will I be going to school?' Our new session commenced with online classes. In the beginning it was tough to attend and learn online, but our teachers made it easy for us. They also faced problems of unavailability of internet or continuous disturbance by some children. Even then we completed one year of 'online classes' successfully, which seemed to be almost impossible at the beginning.

The next question was, 'How will we write our exams?' but we got our online exams conducted smoothly. At the end no child was given any rank because it was a self-assessment test. I wish that we start our new session in school because I am very excited to meet my friends physically.

The lockdown brought a great change in our playing and eating styles also. Most of us have changed our diet for a healthy life and boosting our immunity. Now a days we don't go out for eating but we prepare those dishes at home. One of the most interesting things I did in lockdown was, my sister and me made our own UNO cards by cutting the cover page of my old copies. We discovered many new games that we played to use our time. I also practiced cricket at home and my skills got better. I think that most of us spent our time working on ourselves in many ways. The lockdown challenged us and gave us opportunities as well to give time to each other and adopt new modes of living.

Akshat Singh, IV 'C'



Teachings of Lockdown

No one could have imagined how we would be stuck in our houses for so long during lockdown. People were aware that lockdown was need of the hour to break down the chain of COVID-19 infection. Initially, they were vigilant and cooperative but long spells of lockdown left them in a state of fix. They became more restless and confused in solitude.

However, some people used this hour of crisis as an opportunity and transformed it into learning and fun times. Many broken relations were also re-explored and re-established. Some blisses of solitude are given below:

(a) Lockdown Period Gave more time for family

Before lockdown, most people were so busy with their works that they hardly had any time left for their family. The routine of the day was, “Home to work” and “Work to home!” But during lockdown they could spare quality time for their near and dear ones and the relations became much better and closer.

(b) Learning to do household works

During lockdown, most of the people started doing household works in order to enjoy free time. Most of the people found it a fun activity and helped each other in cleaning the house, watering the plants etc.

(c) Contacting friends and families

In lockdown, many people also communicated over the phone with friends and family members. Before lockdown, due to daily chores, all were so busy that they could not get time to chat with their old friends and had almost forgotten them.

(d) People stressed over “GHAR KA KHANA”

As all the online food ordering companies were closed, people had to eat more home-cooked food. Home meals are much better than those from the restaurants. As a result, health of many improved.

(e) Learned to cook food

During lockdown, many people also learned to cook various foods at home. Besides consuming their own cooked-food, some people started their business of supplying such food enriching both their quality as well as income. They got contentment in serving mankind too.

Let us hope for a better environment and society after the lockdown and pandemic.

Anmol Arun, V ‘B’



The COVID-19 Pandemic - Was It all Bad?

The pandemic which started in China in November 2019 and engulfed the whole year like a wild fire, caused a lot of distress and loss of life. Everyone suffered either physically, emotionally or economically. A lot of people lost their jobs and economy of many countries shattered. Was the pandemic all bad? When we sit back and reflect on the damages caused by the pandemic, we realize that there were some aspects of life which we had neglected up till now, stared at us on our face.

We realized that our environment which we had been taking for granted till now, is in very bad shape. Pollution, especially in urban and industrialized areas had caused immense damage to the environment. After the lockdown, the air that we were breathing, suddenly became cleaner as pollution caused by vehicles had drastically reduced. We could again see the stars in our night sky. Chirping of birds could once again be heard around us.

During the lockdown we could not go to school. Our parents worked online from homes. Our parents could now spend much more time with us. We also got to understand them better. This quality time that families could spend together had never happened before. This increased our social bonding immensely.

Covid-19 also showed us the vulnerability of life and the time God has given us on this beautiful Earth is limited. This time should not only be used for gaining material objects and comfort but also to be used to enjoy nature in its most beautiful form. The importance of relationships, friends and family life became glaringly evident to us by this dangerous pandemic.

Hopefully we will end up as better human beings who care for their environment and for the people we love, as we conquer the evil virus.

Arnav Mukherjee, IV ‘C’



Bliss of Solitude

The blessing of being alone or lonely sometimes helps us to explore ourselves and rediscover our inner strengths. We can conserve our energy and redirect it in a more productive form. Solitude gives us the time to meditate and focus on more productive areas.

During this time, I have spent in many solitary activities such as reading, writing, walking or listening to music. Music is a great motivator and music with a strong beat would make me to move. I am inclined to reap the benefits of music. Playing keyboard and listening to music makes me feel good. It gives a sense of immense pleasure to my brain and boosts my energy. Playing an instrumental music or singing or dancing to music helped me relieve my stress.

Drawing is one of the activities that calms me. I created whole cities hidden in clouds or bottom of the seas. Birds became passenger; plane fish swam alongside mermaids and so on. I drew when my mind was wandering but never permitted myself to devote real time to it. I didn't believe that I was good at this art work. Some exercises require you to draw with your eyes closed or with your non-dominant hand with so much that is unpredictable. But I can turn to drawing as an act of becoming. It feels good to let go of the perfect drawing and instead being delighted by whatever shows up.

During covid pandemic, we missed our schools and daily routine life. We have been indisciplined but we have more breathing space there in the school. Our exams and online classes were near but stress free. But this forced holiday made us understand the seriousness of this world-wide disease and also to sympathize with the many lost lives.

But there is light at the end of the tunnel and hope we would be victorious. Amen!

Dabirru Nerhan, IV 'C'

From A Railway Carriage

Faster than fairies, faster than witches,
Bridges and houses, hedges and ditches.
And charging along like troops in a battle
All through the meadows the horses and cattle:
All of the sights of the hill and the plain
Fly as thick as driving rain;
And ever again in the wink of an eye,
Painted stations whistle by.

Here is a child who clammers and scrambles,
All by himself and gathering brambles;
Here is a tramp who stands and gazes;
And here is the green for string the daises!
Here is a cart runaway in the road
Lumping along with man and load;
And here is a mill, and there is a river:
Each a glimpse and gone forever!

Dabirru Nerhan, IV 'C'

Effective Changes

Lives of many people changed positively for some and negatively for others after a lockdown was declared in India on 24th March, 2020. We often talk about the bad things which happened because of this corona pandemic but why do we fail to see the positive side? After lockdown, we realized that classes and office works can easily be done by sitting in a corner of the room in front of a laptop or a computer. Many people lost their jobs but they also got some jobs with the help of the job interviews online. This corona pandemic taught us how to maintain our health. Due to the fear of corona, we started taking care of our health. It also taught us what the real meaning of spending time with family and relatives is.

We were very busy in our daily lives. When we had some free time, we liked to watch mobile or television. But during lockdown, we wanted to spend time with family. Even if members of the family were far, we talked to them through video calls. We talked about the excess pollution in big cities like Delhi and Mumbai. But after the lockdown, there were less cars on the road and we were able to see the sky clear which was not possible earlier. We also heard the chirping of birds and felt good about it.

Earlier, we had destroyed the mother nature cruelly and because of that we failed to experience the simple pleasures, before lockdown. This 2020 was indeed a bad year but also a good year in some ways. It has definitely brought some change in us and that is indeed good.

Aarav Raj, V 'D'





Mr. Pandemic

Oh Mr. Pandemic! You think you can stop us?
 No! we would never stop ourselves
 We are just like elves,
 tiny and full of mischief
 as every day we are turning new leaves,
 Though you do not allow us to go out in the sun
 still in our houses we are having lots of fun.
 You think you are tough?
 We are tougher to make you huff and puff,
 Don't bother us like this,
 We children would never sit and miss,
 We will push you out very soon,
 You are spoiling our playtime and afternoon.
 I tell you Mr. Pandemic
 You better panic
 and disappear before we are clear,
 Sooner or later, we will kick you out
 We are making our beautiful world sprout.

Vivaan Singhania, IV 'D'



Dalgona Rice

The viral trend of the “do-it yourself” [DIY] gained its fame during lockdown – 2020. Under #hashtag people took #dalgona - coffee – challenge so getting inspired from, I tried its healthier version and tried “DALGONA RICE”.

The recipe of “Dalgona Rice Is Ingredients as follow:

- 1 cup of boiled rice
- 1 cup of cooked lentils
- Some salad

Preparation:

Take a transparent glass. Put some salads, then put rice, pour lentils. Then add some salads garnish with coriander leaves.

My version of dalgona rice is ready to serve.

Dear Moms,

This version of my dalgona rice is so yummy that all little kids will enjoy.

TRY IT!!!

Parakh Narsaria, I 'B'

Quality time with Family

Family is the most important part of our life; without a family a person can never understand what is right and what is wrong. People who have no family and live in an orphanage, would never understand the importance of a family. A family consists of caring members like our grandmother - grandfather, our parents, uncle - aunt and our brothers - sister etc. But today we are so busy in our day to day lives that we cannot spend some time with our family. During the corona pandemic, we were locked up in our houses; we understood the importance of family. We understood that a person is nothing without a family. If a person has no support from his family member, it is very hard for him/her to achieve success in his life.

Now a days we all are spending most of our time watching television and playing video game instead of spending our free time with our family.

It is said that a family always sits, eats and plays together, but now a days we don't even have the time to have a chat with them. We all think that our family members are always shouting at us and scolding us but actually they always think about our happiness. We must devote some of our time to our family members and always love them. Thank you.

Riyansh Jain, V 'C'





A Friend in Need is a Friend Indeed

A friend is very important in our lives and everyone enjoys being in the company of a friend. True friendship is difficult to come by. The faithful friend will be there for you in all your struggles. They will always look out for you. Developing a genuine friendship is a true gift.

'A friend in need is a friend indeed' that is the definition of a true friend. He will never leave you during your hardships, success and failure. We can choose our friends. Real friends always share and support each other. Friendship is a divine connection. We have nothing in common genetically, but that person still cares for us. A friend chooses you, understands you and supports you regardless of your differences. When you are in self-doubt or lack confidence, talk to a friend and your worries will vanish.

A true friend will always wish you well. Without a good friend, life is meaningless. Honesty is the most important factor in maintaining a friendship for lifetime. You must be completely honest with each other in order to understand each other's emotions. Patience and acceptance are also important factors in maintaining a long-term friendship. Understanding and accepting differences is what defines maturity in a friendship. Friendship will provide you with wonderful memories to cherish for the rest of your life. The unending love and care that two friends share is what keeps their friendship strong. A friend will never judge you and will never stop correcting you if you make a mistake. But, no matter what, they will always be there to support you.

Syed Mohammad Dilkash Abidi, V 'B'

Friendship

'Friendship' is a relationship of mutual affection between people. It is a stronger form of interpersonal bond than an association, and has been studied in academic fields such as communication, sociology, social psychology, anthropology, and philosophy. Various academic theories of friendship have been proposed, including exchange theory, equity, theory, relational dialectics and attachment styles.

Although there are many forms of friendship, some of which may vary from place to place, certain characteristics are present in many types of such bonds. Such characteristics include affection, kindness, love, virtue, sympathy, empathy, honesty, altruism, loyalty, generosity, forgiveness, mutual understanding and compassion, enjoyment of each other's company, trust and the ability to be oneself, express one's feelings to others and make mistakes without fear of judgment from the friends. I would like to dedicate a poem for friendship.

A true friend never walks away,	A true friend is there for you,	His arms are for you always open,
A true friend will always stay.	To give you a helpful lift.	His heart for you does forever care,
A true friend will always look out for you,	A true friend tries to make you smile,	And when I think you need me,
A true friend will guard your secrets,	He tries to replace that frown,	I will always try to be there
Like a precious gift.	They may not always succeed,	A hope I am to you,
	But they rarely let you down.	Everything you are to me,
		For friendship we have a special one indeed.

Friendship is one of the greatest bonds anyone can ever wish for. Lucky are those who have friends they can trust. Friendship is a devoted relationship between two individuals. They both feel immense care and love for each other. Usually, friendship is shared by two people who have similar interests and feelings.

You meet many friends along the way of your life but only some stay with you as you live your life. Those are your real friends who stay by your side through thick and thin. Friendship is the most beautiful gift you can present to anyone. It is one which stays with a friend forever.

Ranveer Singh, I 'B'





Rise of Online Class

Traditionally, we students had a weekly routine of going to school but from April 2020 onwards very bad surprise came and everything changed due to the deadly virus. Government ordered a sudden lockdown and all the schools, colleges and organizations closed. Initially, I was pleased about the virus because of the lockdown throughout the nation. We had long holiday for schools. After few months, I was utterly sick and was waiting for the lockdown to be lifted so that I could go to the school again. The virus brought new ways of learning. The online class or E-learning.

Both students and teachers have their own struggles as they never really practiced E-learning but 'practice makes a man perfect' is a very true proverb. The body language and eye contact are important cues for the teachers to perceive in an online class. Teachers also did not have the access to blackboard to clear doubts of the students. In such situation the best way was to explore new method of teaching and assessment despite many hurdles like poor internet, technical issue etc. I am glad that my school, St. Xavier's School Doranda, continued its online class realizing the situation and it proved to be a boon to all of us.

There were many co-curricular activities that were conducted online by the school to keep us engaged meaningfully. On these notes, school management and teachers also act as a 'Corona Warrior' for securing the future of nation by providing quality education. On the other hand, students also faced lots of difficulties. Many students were unable to attend the online class because they were devoid of laptop, smart phones due to the financial problem. Students also struggled to focus on the screen for a very long time. This made many students suffer from the eye problem. Lack of physical interactions with teachers also affected the students.

In my opinion, a physical classroom is much more effective than online learning. But their classes have helped me to keep up with my studies and disciplined me towards learning. Online class is no more an option but it is a necessity today. Thus, online class was a great help.



Learn a Lesson from Nature

Corona virus is spreading very quickly and it has indeed caused a huge sadness. We had to get locked in our homes and our freedom was taken away from us. But if we look at it closely, we would observe that there are some advantages too, as lockdown was declared on 24th March 2020 by the Prime Minister. One of these advantages was the state of being happy of Mother Nature. Before the pandemic, we had done lots of damage to Mother Nature. We had cut down trees and spread lots of pollution which affected the Mother Nature so much that she had taken revenge from us in the form of the corona. We had to get locked up in homes. This was actually a punishment to us. We thought that the Earth was ours. Actually, it was not. This was for all the living beings on this Earth. This selfishness led us to the pandemic.

We were at homes and we didn't have another choice. On the other side animals were getting out and enjoying; sky was so clear and good, birds were chirping happily. What does it show? It shows that we should know that not only we live here but others also live here in this world. Mother Nature is again happy as it was once. Now we should learn our lesson so that we don't repeat the same mistake. Humans make mistakes again and again. But these mistakes are very big. We should never repeat them else we would get double punishment as we got that we had never imagined in life. Let us learn a lesson from this situation.

Aarav Raj, V 'D'



Tricks to Boost Immunity

During this period of Covid-19 we have suffered many consequences but our immunity has helped us fight against the virus and protect our bodies from Covid-19. The immunity in our body helps us to throw out the viruses and protect our body from bacteria and other diseases. In the pandemic of Covid-19 it is important to keep our immunity high. So today I will tell you about how we can boost our immune system;

- We should eat healthy and fresh food like broccoli, amla [Indian gooseberry], carrot, lemon, orange, turmeric, fruits and other vegetables.
- We should get the amount of sleep required for a human body.
- We should do yoga and exercise daily like pranayama, suryanamaskar, jumping jacks etc.
- We should manage stress and also maintain weight.
- Health check-ups would also help us stay healthy and keep our immunity strong.
- We should eat more natural food that contains vitamin C.
- These points will help us to boost immunity.

Vedant Lal, III 'D'

Immunity Booster

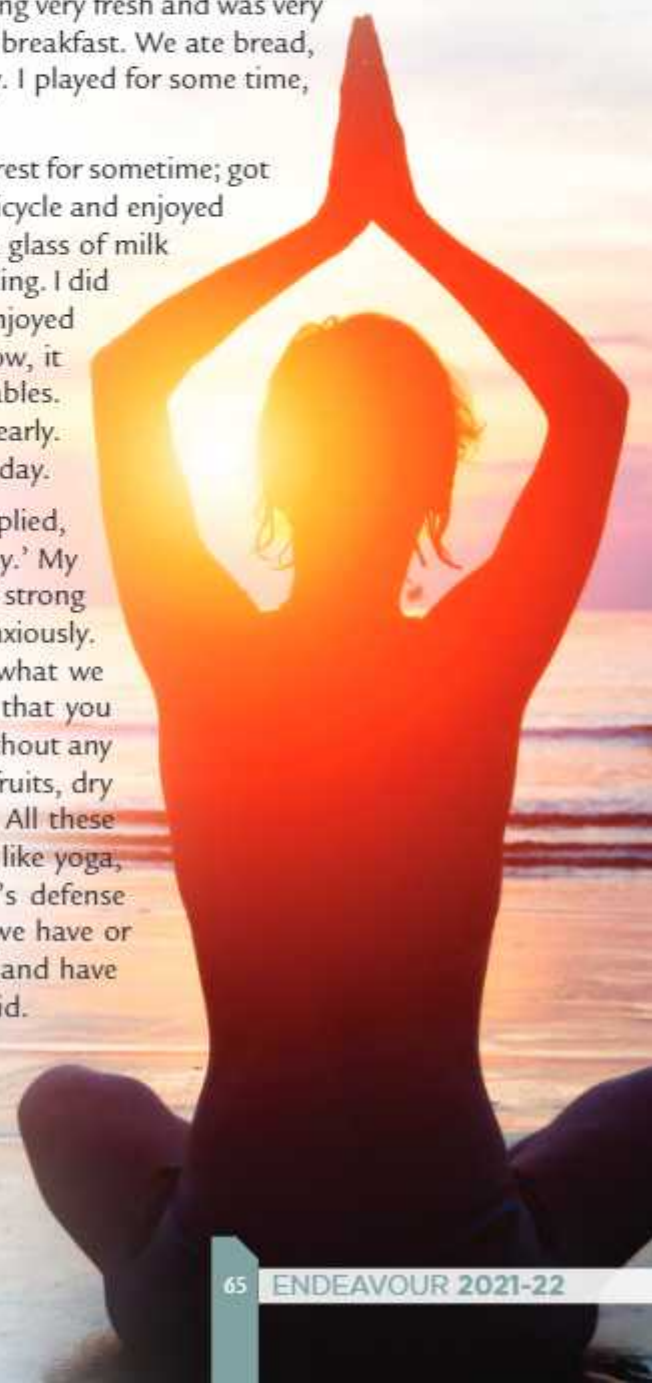
One day I was sleeping in the early morning. My father asked, 'My dear son, why are you sleeping in this beautiful morning?' He patted me saying, 'Wake up son.' I said, 'Papa, let me sleep, I slept late at night'. My father laughed and said 'Early to bed and early to rise; makes a man, healthy, wealthy and wise. Come on wake up.' I woke up. My mom also now came and said to me smilingly, 'Brush your teeth, we will go to the park.' I jumped up. I brushed my teeth and got ready to go to the park.

I along with my parents and sister reached the park. We did warm up exercises and sat for yoga and pryanams. It was a nice experience. After the exercises, I was feeling very fresh and energetic. Then I did some exercises with my father. My sister was busy playing with her dolls. We returned. I took a glass of milk with my favorite Bournvita. I was feeling very fresh and was very happy. I studied for some time and now was ready for the breakfast. We ate bread, butter, jam, fruit juice and salads. Now I was ready to play. I played for some time, took bath and wore fresh clothes.

At lunch, I took rice, chapattis, green vegetables etc. I took rest for sometime; got up and played carrom. In the evening I took a ride of my bicycle and enjoyed very much. When I came home and my mother gave me a glass of milk and some dry fruits. Then I studied for sometime in the evening. I did home work and personal study. Then I watched T.V and enjoyed cartoon shows. I also played games on mobile phone. Now, it was time for dinner. I enjoyed paratha and green vegetables. My father was with me. He reminded me to go to bed early. Changing my clothes, I went to bed. I was very happy that day.

The next day my father asked me about my feelings. I replied, 'I have enjoyed very much and also was feeling very healthy.' My father smiled and said, 'Do you know how you can become strong both physically and mentally?' I was looking at his face anxiously. He said, By increasing your body's defense mechanism, what we call it as body immunity. It is very simple. The secret is that you have to boost your immunity. How? Having good sleep without any anxiety. It increases your immunity. Take healthy diet like fruits, dry fruits, green salads, milk etc., that you have taken today. All these would help you to increase your immunity. The exercises like yoga, pranayam, cycling, swimming would increase your body's defense mechanism. It is important to have satisfaction in what we have or what we are doing. It is also very important to be happy and have no tension. Then I decided to do every step as my father said. I decided 'Nothing is impossible' as the word itself is self-explanatory 'I - m possible'.

Vandit Chandra Samvart, III 'D'





The Current Times of Corona Pandemic

Corona virus causes respiratory illness to humans and animals. In 2019, a new virus called SARS-CoV 2 had emerged in Wuhan, China and quickly spread throughout the world. This virus causes respiratory disease known as Covid-19. It was officially declared by W.H.O. (World Health Organization). The infection has grappled over 219 countries till March 2021.

Corona virus has got its name by its crown shape as 'Corona' means crown in Latin. India had 562 cases of Covid on 23rd March 2020 which has increased to 11,686,796 cases in a year. During this hard time, there was lockdown and for the first time we had many new experiences. Online classes and work from home were the new ways of life. We could only go out for very important works with the precautions like face mask, hand sanitization and social distancing etc. Greeting people with hello and *namaste* and not shaking hands were the new ways. People became aware of good health, healthy diet and exercise for strong immune system. Thanks a lot, to the Almighty, that finally we have the vaccines 'Covishield' and 'Covaxin' against this virus.

Hopefully, this phase will end soon and we will be able to resume our normal life and go to school, play around, hug our friends.

Zeyan Anwar, V 'D'



Quality Time with Family

In modern era people have forgotten the importance of their family due to their busy schedule. But in the pandemic time everyone understood its importance. Due to lockdown everywhere, everyone stayed at his/her home with the family. Each member of family got a chance to spend precious time with his/her near and dear ones. Specially children spent most of their time with their parents. Everyone was relaxed during this time.

All sat together in front of television, enjoying movies, Ramayana and other TV shows. People had time for their entertainment such as playing ludo, snake and ladder, etc. They enjoyed sitting together on terrace, laughing, talking and joking together. We were also ringing plates with spoons and lighting Diya on evocation of our Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi. The most important thing we learnt was cleanliness. So, people took special care on cleanliness. During pandemic everyone understood the value and importance of family. We also understood how to be friendly with nature.

Aditya Raj Sharma, IV 'C'

A Shift in the Mode of Education

Two years ago, we used to study in our normal classes. Our teacher taught us with the help of blackboard and chalk. But now it is pandemic time because of COVID-19, schools and other institutions are closed, so we can't go to our school and can only do online classes. I miss my physical classes. I miss my friends with whom I used to talk and play in the playground of the school. But yes, in the online classes, I learn many things about technology.

In this online mode of teaching, we study from our homes using laptops, tablets, computers, mobile etc. We join our classes using an app known as Google Meet. We use webcam and microphone to speak and show ourselves. We study from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and there are usually three classes in total. As we spend 2 and a half hours in front of the laptop or computer or mobile, our eyes get badly affected. So, I wear anti-glare to prevent my eyes from getting affected. We get ten minutes break after each class.

This experience is very new and different for us. We wish that we return to our physical classes and meet each other face to face. Our teachers also have to co-operate in the online classes and have to work a lot. We also can't meet our friends physically. Sometimes it also happens that some of the students lose their network connection and are unable to attend their classes. All of us try our best to manage ourselves during online classes. We hope that our school opens soon when the situation improves.

Rajveer Singh, IV 'C'



Importance of E-Learning

C OVID-19 pandemic has affected education in various ways. As a result of the closing of schools, teachers and students had to suddenly switch over to remote teaching and learning. Thus, education has changed in many ways, giving rise to e-learning, whereby teaching is undertaken remotely and digitally.

In a country like India there are thousands of students without reliable internet access to participate in digital learning; apart from it many may not have computers or smartphones for e-learning. In India, there is a significant gap between children from privileged and disadvantaged backgrounds.

Effectiveness of online learning: For those who have access to internet and computers/ smartphones, learning online can be more effective in a number of ways. This is mostly due to the students being able to learn faster online. Nevertheless, the effectiveness of online learning varies amongst age groups. The general understanding, especially about younger ones, is that a right environment is required, because kids are more easily distracted. To get the full benefit of online learning, a right learning environment is required. The tutor may need to create a physical class/lecture through video to make it more interesting. Learning may be techno friendly to get maximum out of the minimum.

Role of parents/family members in online learning: With the schools closed, the role of parents has changed in learning and taking online classes for children. Now, they have an opportunity to understand how their children respond to classroom teaching. The parents became aware of the strengths and weaknesses of their children. The areas where more attention is required, the parents have understood. It would help them to guide their wards better in their future.

Anvit James Kujur, V 'A'



My Room Changes into Classroom

In 2019-20 Covid-19 was an ongoing pandemic of corona virus disease. This virus is very dangerous as it affects the lungs of human body. A sudden lockdown was announced by the Prime Minister of our country and we were locked in our houses. Markets, offices, schools, colleges, parks and other public places had been closed. Time faded but the virus spread and infected many people. But we couldn't just sit at our homes. To continue the education of the students and keep them safe from this disease, a new idea came for teaching and learning by switching the mode of education from school to virtual classes through electronic devices by connecting to the Internet.

This also innovated a new mode of learning. It is very useful as it helps in continuing teaching and learning in this critical situation where students cannot go to school for learning. This mode helped the students to learn more about the features of computers in practical.

This mode also had some disadvantages such as;

- It may harm the eyes of students as well as others who had virtual meetings.
- Online classes may create sense of isolation.
- It may cause addiction to internet.

The media, government and the people should follow the lockdown rules strictly. We should wear mask and go out only when it is very necessary. We should keep at least a distance of two meters from others. We should wash our hands with sanitizer and soap time and again. Together we can fight against this situation by following the guidelines provided by the government.

The media and government should work with proper co-ordination in order to improve the present situation. The media and government should put positive thoughts in people instead of putting negative things and making people panic. Similarly, people should also cooperate with the government by following the guidelines to improve the situation faster. Let us hope that soon things will be normal and we would live our life as earlier.

Abhinav Tiwari, V 'B'





A Visit to Palamu Tiger Reserve

I am fond of wildlife. I was eagerly waiting to go a tiger reserve. Finally, I got a chance to go to Palamu tiger reserve which is nearest to Ranchi. Palamu tiger reserve is a good place with amazing Plants and Animals. It abounds in wildlife with good conditions to protect species living in their habitats. I was very excited to see wild animals living in their natural habitats. Not far away from our guest house, I saw elephants and deer at night while we went on a safari. I spotted jackals, deer, monkeys, langoors, Indian gaurs, and mongoose.

(Myself with my younger brother, Turvash Yadav, at Betla Tiger Reserve)

Tigers once roamed in Palamu tiger reserve but now their number has declined. I wish tigers roam once again in Palamu tiger reserve and their number increases. I could not see tigers but I saw other species of animals in Palamu tiger reserve. In future I want to become a forest officer and help to increase tiger population in Palamu tiger reserve.

Palamu tiger reserve is in Latehar district of Jharkhand. It is an Indian national park. Palamu tiger reserve's total area is 1130 square km. Palamu tiger reserve is very famous for tigers. Palamu tiger reserve's half area is Betla national park and the rest of the area is Palamu wildlife Sanctuary.

Palamu tiger reserve was established in 1973. It became a wildlife sanctuary in 1974. It started the tiger project when tigers became lesser in number in India. In 1986, it became a national park. It had only 50 tigers when it was established. Then, it was easy to spot tigers but by 2009 there remained only 6 tigers.

The trip to Palamu tiger reserve made me realize the value of conservation and preservation of our forests and environment. We all should collectively strive to preserve our invaluable natural heritage.

Adrij Yadav, III 'B'



Deeper Meaning of Bliss of Solitude

The 'bliss of solitude' means blessing of loneliness. We get time to think and we imagine more. When we imagine more, we get new ideas. From new ideas, we do something amazing or fascinating. Bliss of Solitude means, 'some moments that we get to spend time with ourselves. We recall that happy moments of our lives. It means some spiritual vision that brings a feeling of joy, not the visual imagination only.

There is a poetry on the topic 'Bliss of Solitude' written by poet Williams Wordsworth. The poet has described solitude as being blissful because when the poet used to lie vacant or in a pensive mood, he recalls the daffodils (flowers) which give him immense pleasure and fills his heart and soul with joy again. The bliss of solitude refers to happiness felt by the poet when separated from the outside world.

We must spend such beautiful moments being alone even if it is for a few minutes. It will give us new insight to lead our life happily with new hope and vision.

Shaurya Choudhary, V 'B'

Immunity Boosting Tricks

COVID-19 is so deadly that it is affecting people everywhere. When it affects a person, it can make him/her very sick. So, during this time we need to keep our immune system very strong. I eat *Chyawanprash* daily to keep my immunity strong. It is available in different flavours. We should also drink *kadha* everyday to increase our immunity power. It contains clove, ginger, black pepper, leaves of *tulsi*, salt and *haldi* which are good for our immunity. *Haldi dudh* is also good for our immunity and we should drink it daily. We must eat fruits like apple, orange etc.

These are some ways by which we can boost our immunity. These ways also prevent us from getting affected by COVID-19. We must also avoid eating junk food like burger, pizza, ice-cream etc. because they can affect our health. So, eat fresh edibles and be safe.

Rajveer Singh, IV 'C'





My Experience and Encounter with the Pandemic

We are aware of the outbreak of the novel corona virus (Covid-19) that was first reported from Wuhan, China on 31st December 2019. It was declared as a Pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO). It is a highly contagious droplet borne virus. Wearing masks suddenly became a necessity as well as a trend. Many companies like Wildcraft, Van Heusen, Jockey, etc., started manufacturing masks. At the same time companies like Dettol, Lifebuoy, Himalaya, Asian Paints etc. started manufacturing hand sanitizers of different fragrances. Emphasis was laid on social distancing. Slogans such as (दो मज की दूरी, मास्क है जरूरी) came up. 'Unite to fight corona' became the new pledge. There was no vaccine in the beginning of the pandemic but the conditions of the patients were controlled by giving them a medicine called Hydroxychloroquine. Patanjali also came up with medicines like coronil to prevent corona and swasari vati to boost immunity of people to fight corona virus.

Many initiatives were taken by the Government to support and applaud the front-line workers such as doctors, policemen, etc. who put their lives at risk for our safety. Arogya setu was a mobile app developed by the Government of India to connect essential health services with the people of India. As travelling was restricted, schools also declared virtual classes. Our School made agreement with Cutebrains App in which teachers sent homeworks and assignments. Later the virtual classes were conducted from Extramarks platform and now it has been shifted to Google meet.

The lockdown gave me a lot of scopes to develop my inner talents like playing piano, drawing, cooking, baking, gardening, painting, making masks and also playing chess. I also participated in some online competitions, watched some interesting movies and series on Netflix. Me and my family gave a lot of importance to immunity boosters such as Amla giloy juice, Tulsi drops with water, Giloy Tulsi and Neem juice, etc. My mother also made detox and decoction like apple cinnamon, fenugreek water, cumin seeds water, raw turmeric water and carrom seeds water. We focused on practicing yoga every day. Apart from work we also had some quality family time together during the lockdown like watching movies with my grandfather and listening to stories from my grandmother etc.

I also spent some quality time with my friends and cousins. However, whenever I went to play, I followed some rules such as carrying sanitizers and wearing masks. I had an overnight stay and party with my best friend Garvit. I saw and wore the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kit for the first time. It was very suffocating though. Two months back we were tested negative for covid-19. My grandparents received the two doses of vaccine recently, however, they have been suggested by the doctor to wear mask all the time. Even after receiving the vaccine the doctors say that we are safe from the virus only 60%. The Pandemic has taught us how to face any type of difficulties with vigour and face the new normal. "Stay home, stay safe"

Ayushman Sinha, V'D'



Friendship

'Friendship' is a simple word but carries a deep meaning. It cannot be defined by a phrase or paragraph. Its meaning is different to everyone in varied situation. It has no bar of caste, religion or social status. Friends are the most important gifts in our life. Good friends are hard to find, harder to leave and impossible to forget. A life without a true friend is merely empty. Friends can long last or short lived.

Who are long lasting friends? Long lasting friends are mostly true friends. They are two types of people who have similar interests and feelings. They will always want our happiness. They can be trusted with anything and everything. They will never try to hurt us. They are the people whom we love and like to spend time. They will always motivate us and always be on our side. We can share joy but also sorrow with them. They never leave us in bad times. They will always help us in difficulties and bad times. We always need a true friend even if we have a family. This will make us completely happy. Some people don't even have a family but they have friends and they are still happy because they consider their friends as family.

Darsh Vaibhav, V'D'



E-Commerce

Nowadays, because of COVID-19 disease many shops and markets are closed. It is very risky to go to markets and shops. Due to this there is a scarcity of food, water etc. So, to prevent it we should do e-commerce [buying and selling of products online]. This is very useful especially during this pandemic time. There are many apps like Amazon, Jio Mart, Myntra etc. My mother uses Amazon and Jio Mart to buy salt, oil, ghee, milk, vegetables, clothes etc. The cost of the products is also low as compared to the markets. It is also helpful in fast delivery and it only takes three or four days to reach. The products reach on the particular date and there is no limitation.

During this pandemic time e-commerce is very useful and helpful to us. The person comes at the door; rings the door bell and keeps the product in front of the door. Thus, there is no physical touch. It also protects us from COVID-19. The workers also check the expiry date and give us fresh products. E-commerce also offers us the cashless delivery and many online payment modes are available.

In the fast-moving lifestyle when people have very busy schedule, e-commerce provides us the products at our door step and saves our time.

There are also some disadvantages of this technology. Sometimes, they sell expired and duplicate products. Many frauds take place online and we can lose our money.

In a nutshell, e-commerce has both advantages and disadvantages. Now a days people are shifting to online mode in huge quantum for many reasons like COVID-19, time management, availability of variety of products in one platform etc.

Rajveer Singh, V 'C'



I Love My India

I love my India and I am proud to be an Indian. That's the pledge taken by all citizens and yet we opt for the green card leaving behind the poor ration card. We believe in Unity in diversity. Religious tolerance is our policy and yet we divided ourselves among caste, creed and culture. In the name of religion, innocent people are killed. We are celebrating 74 Years of Freedom - conquering all odds, we have become global; still we are slaves to poverty, unemployment, corruption, terrorism and illiteracy still rule us. We all need to break free from these chains. Though, we alone cannot change this system. However, if we all unite for a change, we would all be proud to be Indians.

Harshit Bando, V 'B'





Friendship

Friends play an important role in one's life. Friendship is the beautiful bond shared among friends. One cannot imagine his/her life without friends. Friendship does not differentiate between rich and poor, caste and creed, black or white. It is a pure relation of trust and faith between two or more people. The iconic friendship of Lord Krishna and Sudama teaches us the meaning of real friendship. Real friendship is rarely seen. Some people choose friends based on wealth, power and appearances; however, many of them opt godly features and emotional connect.

Good friends share their joys and sorrows with you. They lift you up when you are broken and discouraged. They speak victory at the time of defeat. They comfort you in emotional and physical pain. The Holy Bible tells us about a man named Job and his three friends. These three friends accompanied Job for about seven days and nights to comfort him at the time of distress.

Friends never say 'busy' when you need them. They never misguide and cheat you. Rather they fill your lives with joy and happiness. Instead of looking for a good friend we should strive to be a good friend to others.

Harshit Bando, V 'B'



Lockdown

A new word 'Lockdown' came in our life,
When covid in the country is rife.
We started a new lifestyle,
With sanitizer, mask, social distancing in our mind.
Schools are closed and empty roads,
Classes are now on 'Online' mode.
No friends are coming to play on ground,
Watching rain or sunshine homebound.
In this spring the birds fly in the sky,
We watch them with sadness in our eyes.
I pray to God to give us better day,
Dream to run on the road, virus will cease to stay.

Priyadarshi Bhaduri, V 'D'



Quality time with the family

The Virus COVID-19 emerged and spread around the world in December 2019. As the disease is highly contagious many public places were restricted. Soon a complete Lockdown was declared. Tourists, students, workers were stranded at different places. I was also stuck in Noida with my family. We took shelter in ICISA. There were four to five houses in each campus. The people strictly followed the Covid protocols to prevent the spread of infection.

I played with my younger brother every evening. I also practiced playing tennis in the tennis court. Finally, when the airports were operational, I was back to Ranchi with my family. We were quarantined for five days. During these days we enjoyed watching many web series. My mother used to try out many delicious dishes like *Paneer Chilli*, *Fried rice* etc. I was also regular with my workouts and soon reduced weight. Now I look much smarter.

Though I was isolated from the outside world I grew closer to my inner self. I spent quality time with my family during this Lockdown and it made me feel happier, safer and more relaxed.

Rajveer Singh, IV 'C'





New Modes of living in Lockdown

Covid-19 impacted the whole world in an alarming manner. The impact of Covid-19 has been huge, not just health wise but economically as well. During these tough times, people quickly adapted a remote way of work and play. Thanks to technology! All the shops, parks, gyms, schools and offices were closed. The Prime Minister ordered complete lockdown and instructed officials to charge people who were seen roaming aimlessly on the road. Only emergency vehicles were allowed with prior permission. We have been stripped of many basic rights that we were used in our day to day life. Let us take a close look at some of the trends that have emerged.

School & Working

Since the outbreak, the working and schooling system took a new path shifting remotely, offline to online, no one could ever imagine that such situation would occur. Institutions started using Zoom, Google Meet and other online platforms. This highlighted the importance and correct usage of Internet.



Google Meet



Exercising

With gyms and fitness centers closed, many people were unable to maintain their usual fitness. This has triggered a rise of at - home workouts, with people turning to online classes to keep themselves fit. Even the mothers or housewives who do not get time to maintain their health fitness are able to freely workout at their homes. This has led to the emergence of workout for each one of us staying at home even when the pandemic ends.

Wellness

Wellness and looking after our mental health particularly at this time is important. All of us are spending a lot of time at home. People have been adopting technology to help them with wellness and self-care routine. Meditation and mindfulness apps have had a great surge in downloads since the outbreak of Coronavirus. Even the offline centers started offering online classes for all kinds of people at a very pocket friendly fee. This has led to the emergence of this new technology worldwide.



Socializing

Socializing is one of the major basic tools to keep in touch with friends, family and society as a whole. With the on-going trend of online social interactions being adopted, sitting at home one can have entertainment from anywhere with the internet connectivity.



DIY & Home Challenges

During the ongoing pandemic a huge number of individuals lost their livelihood. There is no source of entertainment left. People have started making DIY projects in the form of "Best Out of Waste", gardening and utilizing the items that are available at home. Many of them have started posting some knowledgeable and funny videos. Housewives have been a good and only support system in backing up the mental and overall health of all family members.



"The only thing constant in this world is **CHANGE**.
Let us together adapt the **NEW Normal**."

Shiven Narsaria, V 'D'

NATURE Pollution

Pollution is the introduction of harmful materials into the environment. These harmful materials are called pollutants. Pollutants can be natural or created by human activities such as trash produced by factories.

There are four main types of pollution – air pollution, water pollution, land pollution and noise pollution.

Air pollution is caused by:

- Harmful gases caused by vehicles and factories.
- Cutting of trees leads to reduced amount of oxygen and increased amount of carbon dioxide which is harmful for us.
- Burning natural sources of environment like dry leaves, cow dung and tree trunks releases carbon monoxide which is very harmful for us.

Diseases caused by air pollution are – nausea, common cold, nasal disorder etc.

Water pollution is caused by:

- Throwing waste and sewage into water bodies.
- Spilling oil in the water makes it dirty.
- Throwing chemical and plastic waste into the water.

It causes harm to creatures living in the water.

Land pollution is caused by:

- Throwing non bio degradable waste in land fills like – plastic waste, aluminium, cans, glass remains etc.
- Spraying insecticides and fertilizers in the farms.

It reduces the growth of plants and trees.

Noise pollution is caused by:

- Vehicles
- Fire crackers
- and ear phones, speakers and head phones

It causes – loss of sleep, stress, hearing loss, headache etc.



We should keep our environment clean by:

- Throwing waste in the dust bins.
- We should not throw chemical waste in the water bodies.
- We shouldn't pollute the air by releasing the harmful gases.

We must keep our environment clean because if we pollute it, it will be very harmful for us.

Syed Areeb Ahmad, III 'C'



S.A.V.E.R.S.

Six Morning Habits to Change by Hal Elrod

Hal Elrod is an American keynote speaker, author and success coach who in his international bestseller book 'The Miracle Morning' states, 'being average means to settle for less than what you truly want and are capable of, and to struggle for your entire life.' If we truly be honest with ourselves, we have somewhere settled for less in our life. As students we do know that we are capable of much more knowledge in our life but we settle for less and become average students. This is wrong and somewhere we need to correct this. So, why don't we begin now and from today itself? We should make our lives better and better every single day. This can be done by following the 'Live S.A.V.E.R.S.'

The S.A.V.E.R.S. stand for:

S-Silence, A-Affirmation, V-Visualization, E-Exercise, R-Reading, S-Scribing.

According to Hal, we should get up at least 2 hours before our call-time and devote at least 10 minutes to each of these activities in the morning. This will help energize our body and mind preparing us for a better and productive day.

We should meditate for ten minutes every day allowing our mind to relax and release endorphins making us calm and preparing for the inevitably hectic day ahead.

Next, we should read and think of motivational thoughts and quotes for 10 minutes which shall help us to think and be positive the entire day.

Next 10 minutes we should spend imagining ourselves in future achieving our very promising goals. We can also make a vision board for this particular activity that has all our goals in it. This activity will not only help to keep us clear of our motives but it will also keep us motivated.

'E' stands for 'exercise'. When we engage ourselves in any physical activity, we automatically feel energized and ready for the tiresome day. Exercise shall ensure that we are physically fit and therefore mentally stable.

Our next 10 minutes must be spent in reading a self-care book or listening to a podcast. Reading helps us to improve our vocabulary and inspires us to be better in our lives.

Writing/Journalizing in a diary or notebook is the best way to keep ourselves free from negative thoughts.

These habits will not only help us to achieve our dreams but they will also help us to be mentally healthy.

Therefore, "Love the life you have while you create the life of your dreams" (Hal Elrod).

Tanveer Jain, V 'D'



Friendship



Friendship is one of the greatest bonds anyone can ever wish for. Lucky are those who have friends whom they can trust. Friendship is a devoted relationship between two individuals who trust and love each other have similar interests and feelings.

Most importantly, true friendship stands for relationships free of any judgments. In a true friendship argument between friends are common. We are made to thrive our life with our friends with adventures.

In short, we can say true friendship gives us reasons to stay strong in life. Having a loving family is all fine; however, we also need true friends to be completely happy. Some people are even orphan but they have loving and caring friends to help them. So, we can see having a true friendship is worth thousand rupees.

Friendship means care and support in the hardest times. Friendship is a bond which indicates pure love and happiness." A friend in need is a friend indeed", defines friendship.

But we cannot depend on our friends for our future. A friend helps us on our tough times but we must build our future on our own.

Devayan Paul

First Day at School

I wonder...
If my drawing
Will be as good as theirs
I wonder...
If they'd like me
Or just be full of stares.
I wonder...
My puzzled face
Will not put them in despair
For I 'm still young
Who needs love and care.

Shourya Raj, V 'B'





Words of a Xaverian

As I stand looking at that sunlit building, I am filled with a sense of pride. It has been 60 years since this institution, of which this building is a part, has been the Alma Mater of numerous people. Some of them quite commonplace, some very dignified, but all successful in their lives. As a guide this institution showed them the way through the unknown, as a potter it moulded them and as a gem smith it refined them giving them the taste of excellence, which we are so fond of.

Started in 1960, this institution has strove ever since to nurture young minds and provide education. This institution created geniuses, athletes, artists, writers, speakers, leaders who are giving their best efforts in their respective fields. Achieving excellence consistently through 60 glorious years, this institution has not only provided the best of education but also polished the characters and talents of thousands of individuals. Together with its teachers it made learning an interesting and fun process. It is its atmosphere that makes an individual progressive, creative and curious. It has ever nurtured the inquisitive mind and has strived making sure that every child becomes the best of himself, having provided numerous opportunities, academic, cultural and athletic, allowing individuals to explore the world and hone their talents. It has allowed each individual to taste excellence, reach out to success and to make it a habit throughout life. Moulding the young minds, this institution has ever instilled good values and morals in them, making them the best of citizens and human beings for the future society.

Atop the pillars of success and excellence, this institution has not forgot the weaker members of the society and has constantly worked for them. 'Reaching out' and providing them with the same quality education and cultural opportunities. It has allowed them to excel in life and become contributors to the society.

Since its origin, this institution has touched numerous lives, its faculty members, teachers, the students, the alumni and the society. Sharing their joys and sorrows, it has extended to become a large 'family'. One that rejoices in the successes and happy moments of its members and grieves in their sorrows. Even during the trying times of the recent pandemic situation, it tried its best to help the members in difficulty, while trying to provide education in the best possible manner.

This institution that has carved a special place in the hearts and memories of its faculty, its students and its alumni as a host of learning and education, where one hones his talents, whose members are as family, their beloved school...

As I stand looking at this school building, I am aware of the impact this institution has had on every individual that belongs to it. Sixty glorious years of spreading knowledge, education and goodwill, through all facets of society, gratifies me and it fills me with pride to be a member of this large family, to be a Xaverian...

(Junior Section)



TOGETHERNESS IN ISOLATION



As the year 2019 was slowly coming to an end and the whole world was eagerly waiting for the numerically magical year 2020. In 'Wuhan' city of central China originated the deadly Novel Corona Virus giving rise to the global pandemic 'Covid-19' (Corona Virus Disease of 2019). It was (and still is) so very infectious that within hardly 2 or 3 months it spread throughout the nook and corners of the world. People were dying like anything. There was panic everywhere. Mankind together with all its scientific and technological developments seemed to be helpless in front of the virus. However, the scientists were successful in discovering that the virus was spreading through the mere contact with the minute water droplets coming out of the mouth and nose of an infected person. Hence, it was discovered that the only way to control the spread of the deadly virus was by wearing masks, practicing hygiene, maintaining social distancing, by imposing lockdown (a lockdown the human history had never seen before) and last but not at all the least came – 'ISOLATION'.

At first 'isolation' was such a frightful word or situation that an infected person was separated from their dear ones, their very own and even from the whole of mankind as man got frightened of itself. But very soon it was realized that in 'isolation' was hidden the seed of togetherness because isolation was short lived just for '14 days' and togetherness was to last forever. In fact, isolation was for togetherness of our family. Isolation was the togetherness of our society; it was togetherness of our country and it was togetherness of mankind. Besides these, there were times and situations where isolation was not only for togetherness in future but in some cases where the whole family was isolated from the outside world; it was 'togetherness in isolation' and the families which had not spent quality time together for a long time on account of their busy schedules got a blessing in disguise to spend a quality time together with the family, to renew their family bonding, to understand each other, to love each other more deeply. The rustic joy of family life which is said to have been lost after the advent of the Machine Age, was once again there in the family. Everyone had enough time to sit, to talk, to play, to spend quality time with and for one another. Even though there were some difficulties in isolation yet there was 'togetherness in isolation.'

Moreover, isolation was a 'Bliss of Solitude'. It was a time to be with God remembering one's blessings and thanking God for His care right from one's very birth. It was also a time for us to reflect how the devil entered in our life and deviated us from God's path to give an entry point to the devil with thousands of sufferings. We always wanted to repent for our sins and return to God as a small child but our busy routine made it impossible. Finally, isolation gave us an opportunity to repent for our sins. It gave us an invitation to return to God and spend a quality time with God our heavenly Father, our Creator and our Redeemer. Really, isolation was not a state of loneliness and hopelessness but it was a time to be together with the world. It was a moment of 'togetherness in isolation', so it was 'A Bliss of Solitude.'

Aviral Isaiah Dhan, V 'C'

Wraith of Covid-19

Laborers are the workers who mainly belong to the states of Jharkhand and Bihar. They migrate from villages, towns, cities, states etc. to different places in search of some sort of works to earn money not only for them alone but also for their entire families. The sudden lockdown declared by our Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi because of the Covid-19 Virus that had spread from Wuhan, China resulted in pain, poverty and loss of livelihood of these laborers. It also mainly affected the lives of the daily wage earners who earn daily and spend it on their daily needs. They do not have any money deposit in their bank accounts to use in emergency. So, they had to travel several thousand kilometers to return to their homeland.

Then the laborers from Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal etc. started coming back to their home. Some on their feet with or without any footwears, some on their cycles and some borrowed carts, pulling it with their own energy. Some thought that following railway tracks would lead them to their home. They travelled along it resting and walking. They slept on the railway tracks and goods carrier train crushed them! Such was the tragedy! Some of their sandals and slippers broke and they had to travel on foot which led to sore feet filled with bruises. Some died due to this ordeal leaving their families in despair. At this point of time many independent organizations came forward to help them return to their homeland.

This incident tells us that we do not do much for these workers; we do not even have any safety laws for them. This affected me very much. So, we should do things to ensure them safety. I would like to request all concerned authorities to take care of the migrant laborers of the country so that the country flourishes. At last, I feel sorry for them who lost their members of the family and friends, not because of the virus but due to the situations which were not under their control.

Prakhar Akash, V'D

Nature Reclaiming the Past

Nature is an integral part of mankind – a blessing for us!

It is everywhere... the water we drink, the air we breathe, the sun we soak in, the birds we hear chirping, the moon we gaze at and more.

Nature has been in existence long before humans and ever since it has taken care of mankind and nourished it. It offers us a protective layer which guards us against all kinds of damages and harms. Survival of mankind without nature is impossible and we need to understand that.

In modern times, people are not paying attention to nature; they are trading off luxury with nature...destroying nature in the name of technological advancement such as constructing roads, building houses and township, setting up industries, cutting down forests and trees for construction purpose.

In the modern age we are getting away from nature due to the modern gadgets such as mobiles. Nature is trying to recover the damages caused by human beings through natural calamities such as earthquakes, cyclones, tsunamis, droughts, famine, landslides and now the pandemic which is the worst thing possible so far!

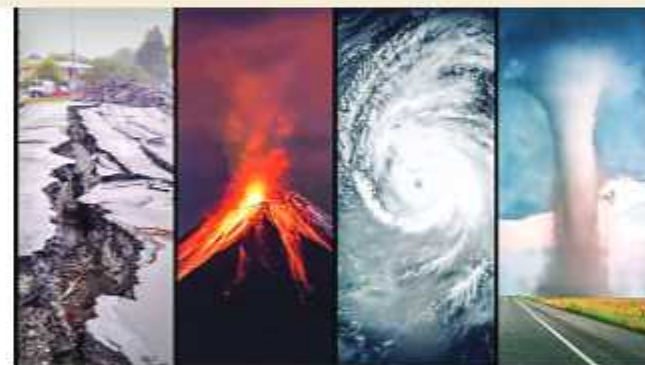
In every change, there is a possibility that is hope. If given a chance nature can reclaim to its originality in every possible way! People of the modern age should learn something from people of yesteryear and start valuing nature before it gets too late. Pollution rate has also decreased in the pandemic. Everything has been closed off like industries and big factories and harmful gases were not released from them. Dolphins, whales relived to the lakes and rivers. Colorful birds were sighted even on the otherwise busy roads.

Look deep into nature and then understand everything better... so true!

We should always remember the American author's, *Mary Gould Davis* quite –

"A walk in nature, walks the soul back home."

Himel Maiti, V'C



यादों के झरोखों से

अपनी यादों के झरोखों में झाँक कर देखती हूँ तो मानस पटल पर लाल ईंट से बना सभागार और विशालकाय इमली का वृक्ष जिस पर पक्षियों का उड़ना - बैठना, घूमता नजर आता है। पेड़ के चारों ओर बच्चों का गोल-गोल दौड़ना, लंच ब्रेक में अजगर और मोर को देखने के लिए बच्चों का उतावलापन मन की गहराई तक उतर कर एक सुखद एहसास कराता है। तब के बच्चों में सहज और सरल बचपन झलकता था। सीमित संसाधनों से अपना मनोरंजन करते बहुत ही प्रसन्न बच्चे।

वर्षों तक शिक्षण कार्य पारंपारिक तरीके से ही चलता था। शिक्षकगण किताबों के पन्ने पलट-पलट कर नोट्स तैयार करते और श्यामपट्ट पर चॉक-डस्ट का ही इस्तेमाल करते थे। कुछ वर्ष पहले विद्यालय में स्मार्ट-क्लास का आगमन हुआ तब शिक्षकों को तकनीकी शिक्षा से परिचित कराया गया।

मार्च 2020 में महामारी ने अपना वीभत्स रूप दिखाया जब जनजीवन ठप पड़ गया। बच्चों का स्कूल आना बंद हो गया, विद्यालय परिसर सूना पड़ गया। कोरोना संकट ने शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में जिन चुनौतियों को खड़ा किया उनमें सबसे बड़ा रूपांतरण कक्षा शिक्षण का ऑनलाइन शिक्षा में बदल जाना है। नए बदलाव ने शिक्षक और शिक्षार्थी को बहुत कुछ सीखने और समझने का मौका दिया। बच्चों की पढ़ाई को कब तक बाधित रखा जा सकता था। अतः हमारे विद्यालय ने भी ऑनलाइन कक्षा कराना आरम्भ किया। ऑनलाइन पढ़ाई जारी रही, परीक्षाएँ भी हुई और बच्चे अगली कक्षा में भी प्रोन्नत हुए। इसे कहते हैं संकट में विजयी होना।

समय का चक्र घूमता रहा और वह दिन भी आ गया जब विद्यालय ने अपनी स्थापना के साठ साल पूरे किए। कोरोना महामारी की काली छाया में हीरक जयंती का उल्लास फीका नहीं पड़ा। पूरे जोश और उत्साह के साथ विभिन्न कार्यक्रमों का आयोजन, ऑनलाइन के माध्यम से किया गया। जिसमें बच्चों ने भाग लेकर एक इतिहास रचा। शायद यह विद्यालय के हीरक जयंती की एक अनमोल और अभूतपूर्व उपलब्धि है। जिन बच्चों ने न कभी स्कूल देखा है और न ही अपनी शिक्षिका को प्रत्यक्ष रूप से देखा है, उन्होंने भी पूरे आत्म विश्वास और अनुशासन के साथ ऑनलाइन प्रतियोगिता में भाग लिया।

बच्चे भले ही विद्यालय नहीं आ रहे हैं पर उनके मन में हीरक जयंती का उल्लास भरा है। उन्हें पता है विद्यालय में उत्सव की तैयारियाँ चल रही हैं। विद्यालय परिसर के कण-कण में सरगम गूँज रहे हैं।

आशा है आने वाले वर्षों में विद्यालय अपनी प्रगति की चरम सीमा पर होगा और हमारे विद्यार्थी अपने देश में ही नहीं विदेशों में भी संत जेवियर्स डोरंडा का परचम लहराएंगे और गर्व से गाएँगे।

*"Xavier, a gallant name
Xavier, Doranda's fame,
Long may your glory
Every where be spread."*

श्रीमती रेजिना खेस्स
सहायक शिक्षिका



Class
Prep

Letter to Santa

Dear Santa,
I would really like to spend more time with my PAPA,
So I would really love you if you could help him get off work early.
So, I can decorate the Christmas tree and enjoy my vacation with him.
I would love it if you could help him in any way.

Sincerely,
Chitrarth, (Prep D)



Sunday was a fun day,
I went to the zoo
Saw many animals
As I walked through.

Black and white zebras
Bob tailed rabbits
Monkeys swinging from the trees
Happy in the breeze.

Lions and tigers,
Rhinos and hippos
Ostrich and pink flamingos.

I saw a giraffe as tall as a tree
But mamma it was a kid like me.

Chitrarth, (Prep D)

Be Safe

One little nose and
two bright eyes
Keep your hands
sanitized.

Wear your mask and
do every task,
Maintain six feet distance
and a healthy diet chart.

Daksh Mukund Garodia, (Prep)





Be Alert

Good Morning to everyone
Be alert, do not make fun
Mask, sanitizer, six feet distance
Be a responsible citizen.

Avishyan Kumar, (Prep)

Ringa Ringa

Ringa Ringa Roses
Vaccination has two doses.
First shot, second shot
Rest all will be fine.

Yansh Budhia, (Prep)



Johnny Johnny

Johnny Johnny
Yes Papa..
Are your hands dirty ?
No Papa..
Have you washed them ?
Yes Papa..
Good job Johnny!
Thank You Papa..

Atharv Agrawal (Prep)

जब तारे बोलते!

आसमान का तारा हूँ मैं
देखो कितना प्यारा हूँ मैं।
सूरज एक है, चंदा एक है
देखो कितना सारा हूँ मैं।
सुबह हो तो सो जाता हूँ मैं
रात को जगमगाता हूँ मैं।
चम-चम करता न्यारा हूँ मैं
क्या सबका राज दुलारा हूँ मैं।
आसमान का तारा हूँ मैं
देखो कितना प्यारा हूँ मैं।

खदान माहेश्वरी, (प्रेप 'ए')

A Lesson

I will stay at home
to weaken you
Oh, Dear Corona !
I have learnt
a lesson from you
To wash my hands
with soap and water
and use sanitizer too.

Sarthak Roy, (Prep)

पेड़ लगाओ

घरती की बस यही पुकार
पेड़ लगाओ बारम्बार।
आओ मिलकर कसम ये खाएँ
घरती पर हरियाली हो,
जीवन में खुशियाली हो
पेड़ लगाओ, पेड़ लगाओ,
अपना जीवन स्वर्ग बनाओ।
जीवन सुखी बनाएँ हम
आओ पेड़ लगाएँ हम।

चित्रार्थ सिंह (प्रेप 'ड')



Corona and the new ideas of March

Going every day to the school
For me it is just super cool,
Education is my future tool
Fills up my life with discipline and rule.

Here comes the novel corona pandemic
Which racked and ruined our academic,
This long and severe lockdown
Cancelled the trip to my hometown.

When the novel corona virus came
It brought numerous ideas of indoor game,
I played many innovative indoor games
So my time did not go in vain.

Ongoing online classes are a big fun
School and my teachers thanks a ton,
In our mind we all hoped
That the pandemic is effectively copied.

Jyot Munjal, (Prep D)

Go Corona Go

Corona Corona go away
Do not come another day
Little Evan wants to play
Corona Corona go away.
Evan Adrial Lugun



If you want to...

If you want to admire,
Admire God's creation.

If you want to give,
Give justice to everyone.

If you want to win,
Win the hearts of others.

If you want to enjoy,
Enjoy the movements of life.

If you want to think,
Think about the good of mankind.

If you want to control,
Control your desires.

If you want to praise,
Praise the Almighty

Jyot Munjal, (Prep D)



I Love My School

My School is beautiful and so cool.

My teachers are so nice.

They give knowledge and advice.

My School looks very big but too me it's a temple.

In the morning, I pray and study there whole day.

When the life of School ends, I have my lunch with my friends.

I love my school.

Anmol Gupta, (Prep D)





कोशिश कर

कोशिश कर हल निकलेगा,
आज नहीं तो कल निकलेगा।
मेहनत कर पौधों को पानी दे,
बंजर में भी फिर फल निकलेगा।
सीने में उम्मीदों को जिंदा रख,
समन्दर से भी गंगाजल निकलेगा।
कोशिश जारी रख, कुछ कर गुजरने की,
जो कुछ थमा-थमा है, चल निकलेगा।
कोशिश कर हल निकलेगा,
आज नहीं तो कल निकलेगा।

विभान पासवान
(प्रेम - डी)



चींटी रानी

सुघड़ सयानी चींटी रानी
मीठी चीजों की दीवानी
जितनी छोटी उतने गुण
सदा काम करने की धुन
एक बार जो दिल में ठाना
बस पूरा कर के दिखलाना।

अभि चौरसिया
(प्रेम - डी)



धरती की बस यही पुकार

धरती की बस यही पुकार,
पेड़ लगाओ बारम्बार।
आओ मिलकर कसम खाएं,
अपनी धरती हरित बनाएं।
धरती पर हरियाली हो,
जीवन में खुशहाली हो।
पेड़ धरती की शान है,
जीवन की मुस्कान है।
पेड़ पौधों को पानी दे,
जीवन की यही निशानी दे।
आओ पेड़ लगाए हम,
पेड़ लगाकर जग महकाकर
जीवन सुखी बनाएं हम,
आओ पेड़ लगाएं हम।



काव्यांश राज
(प्रेम - डी)

नन्हा बच्चा

मैं नन्हा सा बच्चा,
दिल से एक बात करता हूँ।
अपने परिवार के बाग को छोड़
कली से फूल बनने निकला हूँ।
छोड़ कर घर का आँगन,
विद्यालय की सीढ़ी चढ़ रहा हूँ।
मैं नन्हा सा बच्चा,
दिल से एक बात कहता हूँ।
पकड़ के गुरु के हाथों को,
नई राह पे बढ़ रहा हूँ।
कल तक माँ के साथ चला था,
अब गुरु के साथ चला हूँ।
अब मंजिल दूर नहीं है,
क्योंकि मैं विद्या के मंदिर में खड़ा हूँ।
मैं नन्हा सा बच्चा,
दिल से एक बात कहता हूँ।

रीदम मीत श्रीवास्तव
(प्रेम - डी)



हीरक जयंती के प्रवेश पत्र

हम हैं छात्र नये प्रवेश हुए इस स्कूल के,
शुरू हुई हमारी पढ़ाई डिजिटल शिक्षा के माध्यम से।
करते काम हम छोटे-छोटे,
पर शिक्षा पाते नये-अनोखे।
अनुशासन, भिन्न-भिन्न गतिविधियाँ, परियोजना कार्य,
कुछ है कठिन, कुछ है दिलचस्प,
नई है दुनिया, नये हैं रंग,
पर लगते हमे न्यारे हैं।
हर दिन कुछ नया करने की है चाह हमें,
कुछ नया कर दिखाएंगे।
साठ (60) वर्षों का हीरक इतिहास,
जहाँ है विरासत सफलता के,
जिसकी दीवारों से निकले कई प्रशिक्षित,
कुछ तो माता-पिता और कुछ तो
दादा हैं हम नए प्रवेश हुए छात्रों के।
निभाएंगे अपने कामों से इस विरासत को,
कभी पढ़ाई से तो कभी खेलों से,
या भिन्न-भिन्न गतिविधियों से,
हम हैं छात्र, नये प्रवेश इस स्कूल के।

अनुग्रह प्रत्युश बाखला
(प्रेम - डी)



प्यारी माता

बड़ी भली है माता मेरी,
ताजा दूध पिलाती है।
मीठे-मीठे फल मँगवाकर
मुझको नित्य खिलाती है।
मेरे लल्ला राजा मुन्ना,
कहकर सदा बुलाती है।
अच्छे कपड़े पहनाती है,
मीठे गीत सुनाती है।
नित्य सुनाती नई कहानी,
मेरा मन बहलाती है।
कभी जरा बीमार हुआ तो,
झटपट दवा पिलाती है।
रोज घुमाने ले जाती है,
नये खेल सिखलाती है।
बड़ी भली है माता मेरी,
मुझे बहुत ही भाती है।

काव्यांश राज
(प्रेम - डी)



उत्साह: सिद्धये

हम हैं छात्र संत जेवियर्स डोरंडा के
हैं इसका इतिहास पुराना
सुनाता हूँ मैं अब आपको
इसकी कहानी अपनी जुबानी।
थे वो संस्थापक ईश-भक्त लोयोला
और थे उनके मित्रा संरक्षक ईश-भक्त जेवियर।
वे अनेकों के दूरदर्शिता का परिणाम,
संत जेवियर हुआ विद्यालय के नाम।

नहीं था विद्यालय के पास अपना भवन
पर पढ़ने का था सबको मन।
फा. ए. डेलपोर्टे थे इसके प्रथम प्रधानाचार्य
जिसने किया विद्यालय का भवन निर्माण कार्य।
फा. विक्टर ने दिया विद्यालय गान
जो है इस विद्यालय की शान।
उत्साह: सिद्धये है इसका ध्येय,
फा. बुल्के को जाता इसका श्रेय।

चंद छात्रों से शुरू हुई थी कक्षा
अब है असंख्य इसकी क्षमता।
लेकर दीक्षा इस विद्यालय से छात्र
दे रहे हैं दुनिया में अपना सेवा-पात्र
डायमंड जुबिली वर्ष हम मनाते
गर्व से जेवियर्स हम कहलाते
उत्साह: सिद्धये, उत्साह: सिद्धये।।

ईवान आदर्श बाखला
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सत चित आनंद

बौद्धिक, सामाजिक एवं भावनात्मक सामर्थ्य को पूर्ण रूप से विकासशील बनाने के लिए आत्मचिंतन अत्यंत आवश्यक होता है। लोग आज इससे दूर होते जा रहे हैं। भौतिक सुख ने इंसान को आत्मकेंद्रित बना दिया है। लोग भीड़ से घिरे हैं लेकिन स्वयं से दूर होते जा रहे हैं।

मानसिक शक्ति, सृजनात्मक कार्य करने में अपनी अहम भूमिका अदा करती है। सह - अस्तित्व की भावना को ऊर्जा देता है। आध्यात्मिकता की भावना उत्पन्न कर सामाजिक बनाता है और हरेक विषम परिस्थिति से जूझना सिखाता है।

आत्म - मंथन करने के बाद ही इंसान, अपने अंदर के सुर एवं असुरी प्रवृत्तियों की गतिविधियों को पहचान सकता है क्योंकि अहंकार की भावना आध्यात्मिक चिंतन से दूर संकुचित भावना से ग्रसित होती है।

यह नहीं भूलना चाहिए कि समस्त वस्तुओं में एक अनादि नियम निहित रहता है और उसी नियम से वे सब वस्तुएं शासित होती हैं। एकांत स्वयं से साक्षात्कार कराता है। वह आत्मिक शांति प्रदान कराता है। चिंतन को सकारात्मक दृष्टिकोण देता है।

कोरोना महामारी के दौरान एकांत में रहने का अवसर मिला। उस अवधि में आत्म चिंतन करने का पर्याप्त समय था। मानस की यात्रा आरंभ हुई तो कटु सत्य की अनुभूति हुई। अचल शिला के समान मुश्किलें और चुनौतियाँ सामने खड़ी थीं। संपर्क रहित जीवन था। तनाव, अकेलेपन के साथ ही संक्रमण होने का भय, जन - जन में व्याप्त था।

प्रभु सत्ता से लोग जुड़े। आत्म मंथन के द्वारा कोरोना से बचाव के लिए रोग प्रतिरोधक क्षमता बेहतर करने के उपाय जाने। "शरीर पूर्णरूपेण स्वच्छ है तो स्वस्थ है" का अनुसरण किया। एकल परिवार में खुश रहने वाले संयुक्त परिवार की कमी महसूस करने लगे। दूरी कायम करके अभिवादन करने की पारंपरिक विधि की ओर वापस लौटे। परावलंबी, स्वावलंबी बनने की आदत डाले। साथ ही लोगों में साहस, धैर्य एवं दृढ़ता का समावेश भी हुआ।

एकांत ने आनंद का रूप लिया क्योंकि समाधान का साधन स्वयं मानव के पास था। सच्चा ज्ञान उसी को प्राप्त हो सकता है जो प्रभु की शक्ति के अधीन हो। सत्य का पता चलने के बाद ही सम्पूर्ण आनंद की अनुभूति होती है।

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स्मृतियाँ

चलते चलते इन राह पर जाने यह बचपन कहाँ बीत गया?
लड़ते - लड़ते इन चुनौतिया से जाने यह खेलना कहाँ रह गया।
इतिहास जब पढ़ा करते थे, अब वही एक इतिहास है।
विज्ञान और भूगोल का भी एक रमणिक एहसास है।

हिंदी और अंग्रेजी की स्वर्णिम याद रहेंगी।
गणित की भी खौफनाक कुछ बातें रहेंगी।
बसंत का मौसम बीत गया, अब पतझड़ दस्तक देने आया है।
खिलते हुए सूरज को ढकता बादलों का काफिला सा छाया है।
कल जहाँ बातें थीं अनगिनत मुलाकातें थीं।
आज वहाँ पर वादे हैं, सफल होन के इरादे हैं।

परीक्षा की घड़ी का भी अंत नहीं होता था,
अब यहाँ से जटिल परिश्रम का आरंभ है,
एक अनदेखे, अनसुने से अध्याय का प्रारंभ है।
कंधे पर घूमा करते थे कभी, अब इन कंधे पर भी कुछ भार है।
नियति का संवेदना पर कुछ इस प्रकार प्रहार है,
जिनसे प्रेम इतना किया उनसे विरह निर्मम अत्याचार है।

किसे खबर थी कि यह सब तो एक किस्सा था,
विशाल से इस जीवन का अद्वितीय हिस्सा था।
दोस्ती भी थी, मतभेद भी था।
खुशी भी थी और गम भी था।
किन्तु यह सब तो मात्र फसाने हैं,
झेश थे भी तो मन में, दिल में किसे बसाने हैं?
कितने ही दिन बीत गये, कितनी रातें गुजर गईं,
हसीन लम्हें जो हकीकत थे, अब उनकी बस यादें ही तो रह गईं।

कल की ही तो बात थी जब रोते -रोते आए थे,
वर्षों का समय बीत गया।
अब हैंसते - हैंसते वो दिन आया, जब रोते रोते जाना है।
रुकने का दिल तो है, लेकिन कहाँ कोई बहाना है?

युद्ध होता तो लड़ ही लेते
जंग होती तो जीत ही लेते,
किन्तु समय को वश में कहाँ कोई कर पाया है?
ये तो अनंत से ही निरंतर बिना विराम चलता आया है।

तूती तो बोलती है केवल नियती की,
लेकिन हमारी ये दुनिया भी तो गोल है
शायद चलते-चलते फिर कभी मिल जाएँगे
पत्थर की लकीर से लिख ले
ये दौर आखिरी साँस तक याद आएँगे।

आदित्य नारायण सिंह
नवम् '७

मनुष्य है वह जो मनुष्य के लिए मरे...

मनुष्य ने पुण्य और पाप की परिभाषा बहुत जटिल कर दी है। पुण्य और पाप दोनों को ही वह बहुत रुचि से करता है। ऐसा देव महर्षि वेदव्यास ने दो पंक्तियों में इनकी महत्व समझा दी -

“अन्तादरापुराणेय व्यासस्य वचनद्वयम्। परोपकारः पुण्यायः पापाय परपीडम्॥”
अर्थात् पर-हित पुण्य है, दूसरा को कष्ट देना ही पाप है।

तुलसीदास ने भी धर्म-अधर्म की सुन्दर व्याख्या की -
“परहित सरिस धर्म नहिं भाई। पर पीडा सम-नहिं अधमाई॥”

नदियाँ कल-कल की ध्वनि के साथ सुबह से अनवरत एक स्थान से दूसरे स्थान तक बहती हुई देखी जाती हैं। वृक्ष, आँधी एवं तूफान लोगों के बर्बर व्यवहार को सह जाते। नदी एवं वृक्ष दूसरों को सुख पहुँचाने हेतु कष्ट सहते हैं। मेघ धरती को हरा-भरा रखने के लिए बरसता है ताकि धरती का आंचल अन्न से भरा रहे और कोई भूखा न लौटे।

भारतीय संस्कृति मानव कल्याण के लिए ही सदा प्रकाश में रही। इस धरा पर जो भी कार्य होते रहे वह 'बहुजनहिताय' और 'बहुसुखाय' को नजर में रखकर किए गए। इसी से स्पष्ट शब्दों में कहा गया '**बसुधैव-कुटुम्बकम्**' अर्थात् पूरा संसार एक परिवार है।

“सर्वे भवन्तु सुखिनः सर्वे सन्तु निरामया, सर्वे भद्राणि पश्यन्तु मा कश्चित् दुःख भाग्यवेत्।”

अर्थात् सभी सुखी, निरोग रहें, सबका कल्याण हो, किसी को भी दुःख न झेलना पड़े। अतः परोपकार के समान कोई दूसरा धर्म है ही नहीं।

हमारी भारतीय संस्कृति की आधारशिला था त्याग और बलिदान। महात्माओं ने मानव-कल्याण के लिए तन-मन-धन तीनों ही न्यौछावर करने में देर न की। दधीचि, राजा शिवि, रंतिदेव एवं कर्ण इसके ज्वलंत उदाहरण हैं।

आज इस बात की आवश्यकता है कि मानव स्वार्थी न बन परमार्थी बने। उनका हृदय स्वतः विशाल हो जाएगा और मानव कल्याण के लिए वह सदा प्रयत्नशील होगा। जन-जन में यह भाव भर जाए तभी राष्ट्र सुखी एवं समृद्ध हो सकता है।

सत्यम कुमार
दसम 'स'

आनन्द की ओर...

हमारे जीवन मानव के लिए सबसे महत्वपूर्ण अवधि होती है। यह वह अवस्था है जब मानव ज्ञान प्राप्ति के वास्तविक रूप को समझता है। उसकी ज्ञानेन्द्रियाँ ही नहीं जागती वरन् मानसिक एवं आध्यात्मिक सोपान भी मिलता है।

मानव बल, बुद्धि, संस्कृति और नैतिक आचरण को भी ग्रहण करता है। इस तरह वह निम्न जंतुओं की श्रेणी से अलग हो जाता है। सत्यम्, शिवम्, सुंदरम् शिक्षा के वास्तविक अंग होते हैं अर्थात् जो चीज सत्य है, कल्याण करने वाली है और सुंदरता से परिपूर्ण है, उसे ही ग्रहण किया जाए। यही मानव के जीवन को सार्थकता प्रदान करता है।

प्राइमरी सेक्शन में परम पूज्य शिक्षिकाओं ने मेरी नन्ही उँगलियाँ पकड़कर हमें क्रियाशील बनाया। बाहरी दुनिया से हमें परिचित कराया। विभिन्न रंग, रूप और आकार से निकटता स्थापित करने में सहयोग दिया जिससे आंतरिक शक्ति विकसित हुई। चित शांत और शरीर को स्थिरता मिली। निर्देशानुसार सारे दिए गए कार्यों को करने की क्षमता आ गई।

सीनियर सेक्शन में शिक्षक और शिक्षिकाओं ने सच्चा ज्ञान दिया, जिसे आत्मिक ज्ञान भी कह सकते हैं। ज्ञान प्राप्ति के लिए एकाग्रता की आवश्यकता होती है। चिंतन, मनन करने की क्षमता आ जाती है, भाषा का सहारा लिए बिना ही अपने भीतर की उन वृत्तियों को अभिव्यक्त करने में सक्षम रहते हैं जो सुप्तावस्था में रहती हैं। ज्ञान प्राप्ति के अलावा उसमें निहित शक्तियों को प्रकट करने की शक्ति आ जाती है।

विद्यालय में प्रवेश पाकर नियमों का पालन करने से कई आंतरिक शक्तियाँ सुदृढ़ होती हैं जैसे आत्मज्ञान, आध्यात्मिकता की पूर्णता, सहानुभूति, नम्रता, सहयोग एवं आज्ञाकारिता। इन सब का समावेश करा कर संत जेवियर्स स्कूल, डोरण्डा ने हमें सुदृढ़ व्यक्तित्व प्रदान किया। आज मैं इस योग्य हो चुका हूँ कि जीवन में आनन्द प्राप्ति के लिए मात्र मैं अकेला ही काफी हूँ।

कौशिक झा
दसम 'स'



पर्यावरण की रक्षा, दुनिया की सुरक्षा

पर्यावरण की रक्षा से ही मानव जीवन की सुरक्षा संभव है। आज पूरे विश्व में पर्यावरण की सुरक्षा करना बहुत बड़ा विषय बना हुआ है क्योंकि आज का जो महौल है, उससे पूरे विश्व में पर्यावरण प्रदूषित हो रहा है और जब संसार में पर्यावरण ही दूषित रहेगा तो इस पृथ्वी पर मानव जाति का अस्तित्व कैसे संभव रह सकेगा। पर्यावरण को प्रदूषण से बचाना ही पर्यावरण संरक्षण कहलाता है। पर्यावरण संरक्षण का मुख्य उद्देश्य है भविष्य के लिए पर्यावरण और प्राकृतिक संसाधनों की रक्षा करना। इस सदी में हमलोग विकास के नाम पर पर्यावरण को लगातार नुकसान पहुँचा रहे हैं। अब हम ऐसी स्थिति में पहुँच गए हैं कि हम पर्यावरण संरक्षण के बिना इस ग्रह पर लंबे समय तक जीवित नहीं रह सकते हैं। प्रतिदिन वृक्षों की अवैध तरीके से अंधाधुंध कटाई से जंगल भी सिमटा जा रहा है। पर्यावरण असुरक्षित होने से इसका बुरा असर पूरे विश्व पर पड़ता जा रहा है। आज असमय वर्षा होने से कृषि-कार्य काफी प्रभावित हो रहा है। वैज्ञानिक गतिविधियों के कारण पर्यावरण संतुलन बिगड़ रहा है। साथ ही कभी औद्योगिकीकरण के नाम पर तो कभी शहरीकरण के नाम पर वृक्षों की अंधाधुंध कटाई की जा रही है। पूरे विश्व में बढ़ती जनसंख्या के कारण भी पर्यावरण संकट गहराता जा रहा है क्योंकि लोगों के पास रहने के लिए जगह की कमी हो रही है, जिसके चलते जंगलों को हटाकर वहाँ बड़ी-बड़ी ईमारतों और घरों का निर्माण हो रहा है। आज पूरे देश में औद्योगिकीकरण के कारण बड़े-बड़े कल-कारखाने खुल रहे हैं। इन कल-कारखानों से निकलने वाले धुँआ से पूरा पर्यावरण दूषित हो रहा है। साथ ही इनसे निकलने वाले गंदे पानी से स्वच्छ नदियाँ भी दूषित हो रही हैं। इन सभी चीजों के कारण मनुष्यों के बीच तरह-तरह की बीमारियाँ फैल रही हैं और बहुत से लोग इन बीमारियों के शिकार भी हो रहे हैं। इसलिए हम मनुष्यों को यह समझना होगा कि मानव की सुरक्षा के लिए पर्यावरण को स्वच्छ रखना अत्यन्त महत्वपूर्ण है।

हमारा पर्यावरण प्राकृतिक और कृत्रिम परिवेश दोनों का मिश्रित रूप है। इसके अंतर्गत पर्यावरण की गुणवत्ता के संरक्षण की बात की जा रही है। पर्यावरण सुरक्षा की गंभीरता को देखते हुए 5 जून 1972 में, पहली बार स्टॉकहोम (स्वीडन) में पहले सम्मेलन का आयोजन किया गया था। पर्यावरण को सुरक्षित करने के लिए भारत ने भी महत्वपूर्ण कदम उठाए और 1986 में पर्यावरण संरक्षण अधिनियम पारित कर दिया। इस अधिनियम का मुख्य उद्देश्य वातावरण में धूल एवं घातक रसायनों की अधिकता को कम करना और परिस्थितिकीय तंत्रों को प्रदूषण से बचाना है। इस अधिनियम में कुल 26 धाराएँ हैं और इन धाराओं को चार अलग-अलग अध्यायों में विभाजित किया गया है। यह कानून पूरे भारत वर्ष में 19 नवंबर 1986 से प्रभावी है। यह एक वृहत अधिनियम है जो पर्यावरण के सभी मुद्दों पर एक समान नजर रखता है। इसके अलावा भी लोगों को पर्यावरण स्वच्छ रखने के प्रति जागरूक होना होगा क्योंकि अगर पर्यावरण की सुरक्षा नहीं की जाएगी तो वह दिन दूर नहीं जब पृथ्वी पर मानव जाति का विनाश हो जाएगा। अधिक से अधिक पौधे लगाना, कूड़ा-कचड़ा कूड़ेदान में फेंकना। इन सभी चीजों को करके हम अपना और आनेवाली पीढ़ी का जीवन आसान कर सकते हैं और पूरे विश्व को भी सुरक्षित रहने में अपना योगदान दे सकते हैं।

आदित्य राज सिंह
दसम 'स'

**Thank You Dear Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess
for your 23 years of tireless service to SxD**



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May God grant their souls eternal rest in His Kingdom.

Outreach Programme



1st Row (L - R) : Mr. Fidelis Toppo, Sch. Patras Topno, SJ, Fr. Sanjay Kerketta, SJ (Principal), Fr. Henry Barla, SJ (Counselor), Fr. Ignatius Lakra, SJ (Superior, V.P. - Jr. Sec.), Fr. Fuldeo Soreng, SJ (V.P. - Sr. Sec.), Mr. Rajesh Dungdung (Coordinator)
2nd Row (L - R) : Mrs. Pushpa Lakra, Mrs. Usha Sarita Kujur, Miss. Alka Sushmita Lakra, Mrs. Vibha Kachhap, Mrs. Kunul Minj, Mrs. Aarchna Banerjee



Our Privileged Students

OUTREACH STUDENTS



Christmas Celebration





Christmas Celebration



LITERARY EVENTS

DEBATE AND DECLAMATION



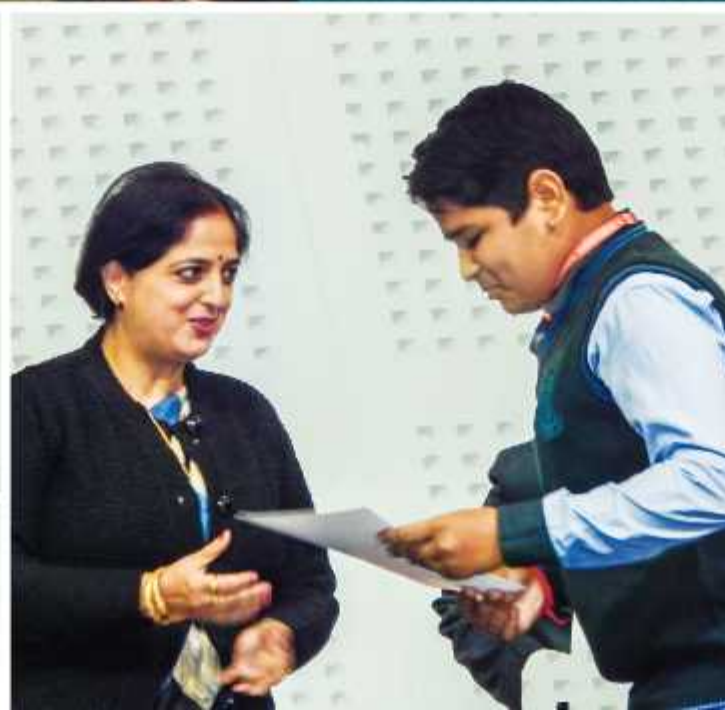
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OFFLINE CLASSES







ONLINE CLASSES



MacBook Pro

ONLINE

DEBATE



FANCY DRESS COMPETITION



INTER HOUSE DANCE COMPETITION





CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION





CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION





Experiments in Science Lab



Distribution of Results



Prize Distribution







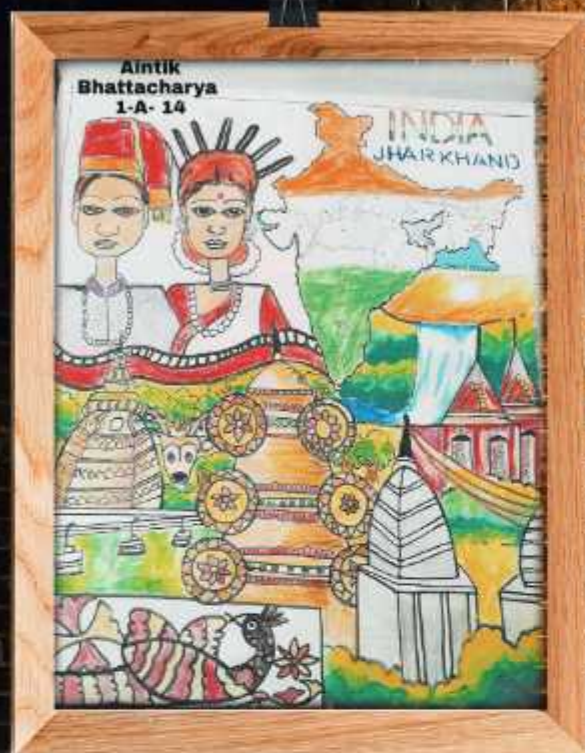


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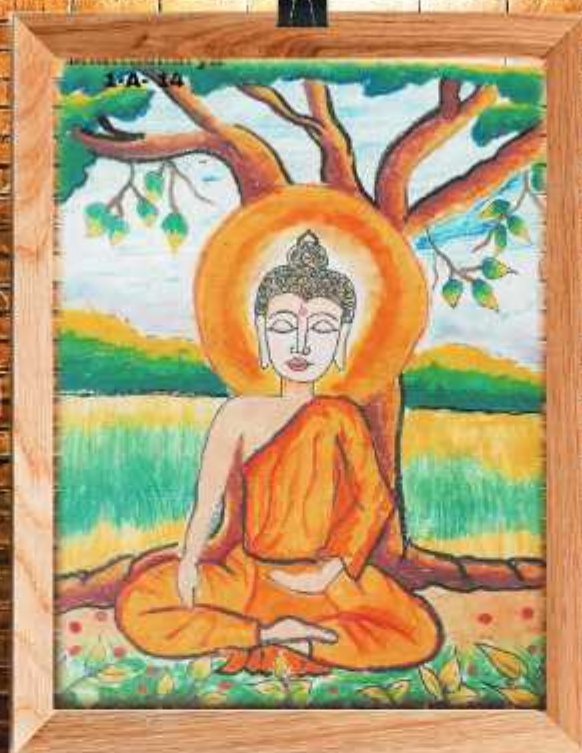


TEACHERS' ORIENTATION PROGRAMME





Aintik Bhattacharya
(Class I, A)



Beauty of Imagination



Snehil Kumar Gupta
(Class V, D)



Himel Maiti (Class V, C)



Sakshi Riya Toppo
(Class XII, A)



Subhojeet Bose
(Class III, C)



Budding Artists



Md. Hamdaan, VII D
(Class VIII, D)



Raushourya Singh
(Class III, D)



Keshav Agarwal
(Class IV, B)



Narsingh Kumar Bhagat
(Class VIII, C)



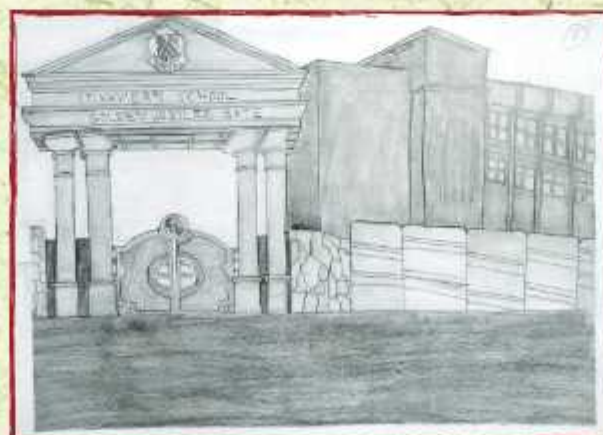
Alankrit Aakash Minz
(Class VII, B)



Anshu Smith Dang
(Class VI, B)



Kushagra Kamlesh
(Class V, C)



Sushen Chandra
(Class IV, C)



Pratham Shahi
(Class III, A)

Budding Artists



Himel Maiti
(Class VI, A)



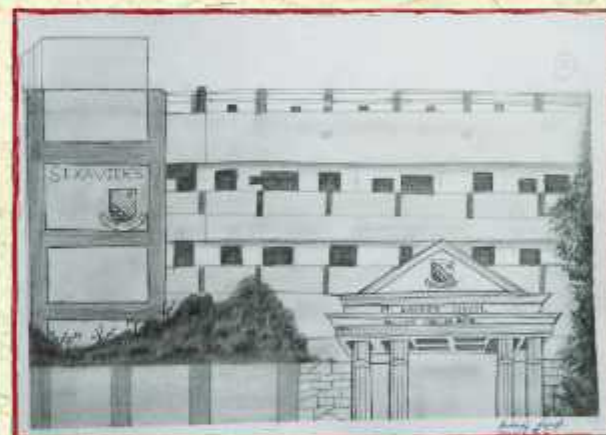
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(Class IV, A)



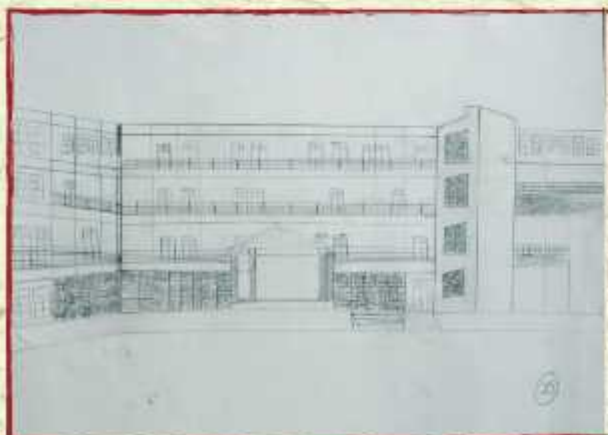
Aryan Tigga
(Class VIII, D)



Ansh Munjal
(Class VI, B)



Aviraj Singh
(Class V, C)



Anirudh Gaurav Kachhap
(Class VIII, D)



Sachmat Singh
(Class V, B)



Kavish Agrawal
(Class IV, C)



Budding Artists



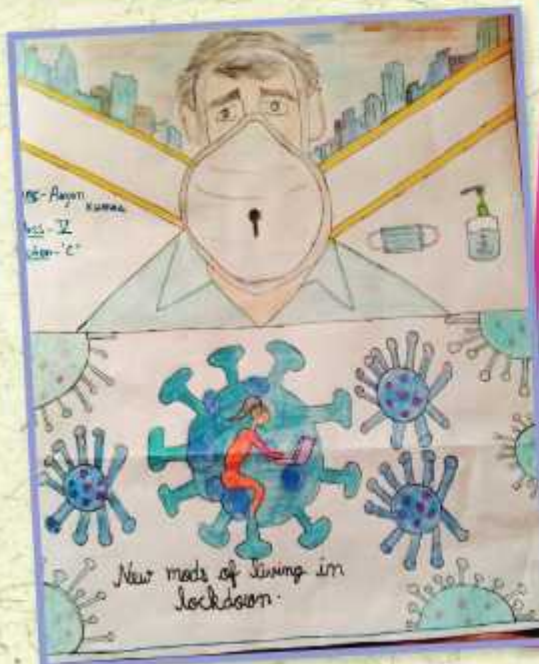
Pratham Vaibhao Surin
(Class IX, A)



Shresth Abhinav Kullo
(Class VII 'B')



Ansh Poddar
(Class VI 'A')



Aayan Kumar
(Class V, C)



Arnav Mukherjee
(Class IV, C)



Rajveer Singh
(Class IV, C)



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BLESSING OF SCIENCE LABORATORIES



SCHOOL CHOIR





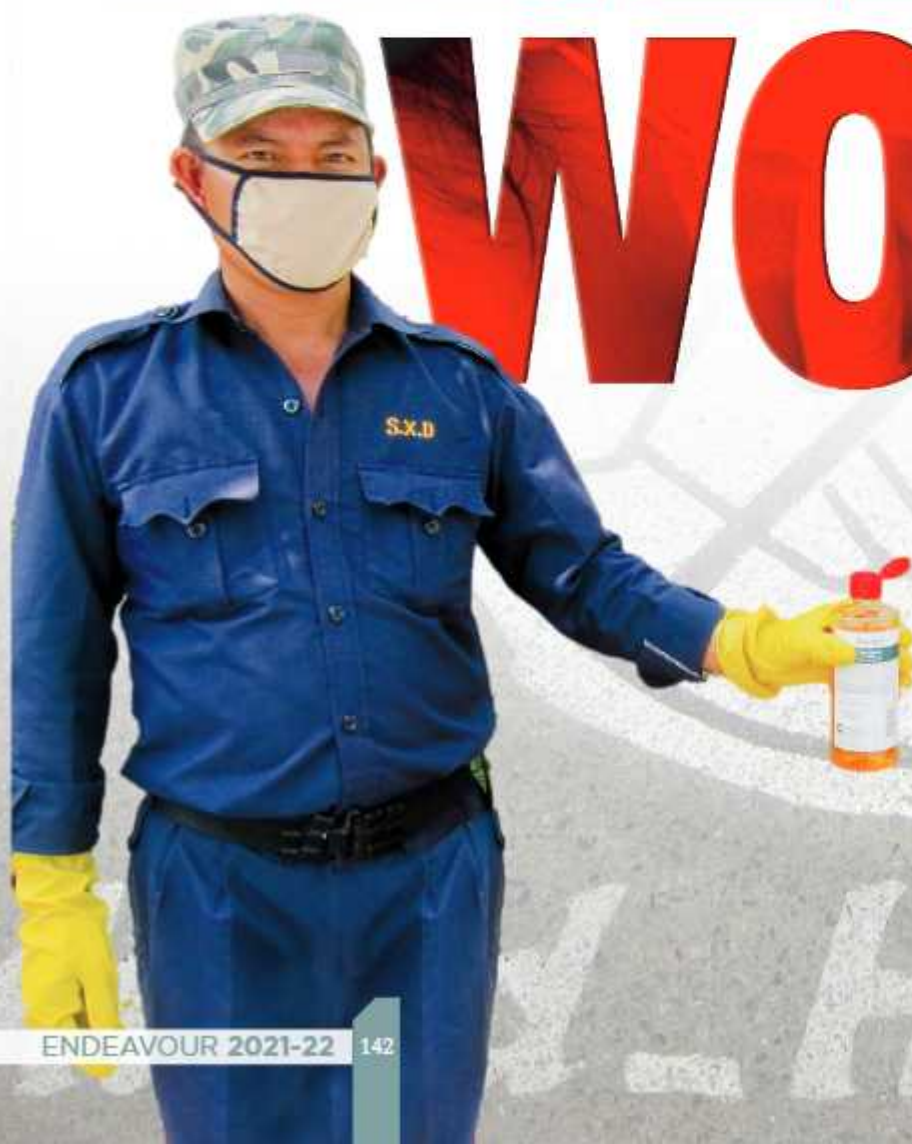
BLESSING CEREMONY FOR OUTGOING STUDENTS (X & XII)



BLESSING CEREMONY FOR CLASSES X & XII



COVID RELIEF WORKS





VACCINATION

कोविड-19 टीकाकरण केंद्र आपका हार्दिक स्वागत है।

पूर्ण सुरक्षा के लिए टीकाकरण के बाद भी पांच सावधानी अवश्य बरतें!



मास्क सही से पहनें



हाथों को नियमित रूप से
साबुन व पानी से धोएं या
सेनिटाइजर का प्रयोग करें



आपस में 6 फीट
(2 मीटर) की दूरी बनाएं



लक्षण होने पर तुरंत
खुद को दूसरों से
अलग रखें



लक्षण होने पर तुरंत
परीक्षण करवाएं

कोविड-19 का टीका सुरक्षित है! जिला स्वास्थ्य समिति, राँची

हम सुरक्षित,
तो देश सुरक्षित!



FOUNDATION OF DIAMOND JUBILEE GATE



HOLY MASS



ONE MIL



LION SMILE



FLOWER DECORATION



XAVIER'S GOES GREEN!





*We don't inherit the earth
from our ancestors
we borrow it from our children...*



News at a Glance



सीएम को सौंपे सात ऑक्सीजन कंसंट्रेटर

जी. संत जेवियर्स स्कूल, डोरंड ने कोरोना मरीजों के इलाज के लिए राज्य सरकार को सौंपे सात ऑक्सीजन कंसंट्रेटर दिये हैं। संत जेवियर्स स्कूल के प्रिंसिपल फादर सजय केरकेड़ा ने स्कूल प्रमुखता विद्यार्थियों के साथ मुख्यमंत्री हेमंत सोरेन को ऑक्सीजन कंसंट्रेटर सौंपे। मुख्यमंत्री स्कूल को सहयोग के लिए धन्यवाद देते हुए कहा कि इसका इस्तेमाल ग्रामीण क्षेत्र में क्षमता के बेहतर उपचार के लिए किया जाएगा।

Jharkhand News : मुख्यमंत्री हेमंत सोरेन से स्कूलों के प्रधानाध्यापकों ने कही ये बात

Prabhat Khabar Digital | 12 Sep 2020 04:19 PM



Jharkhand News : झारखंड के मुख्यमंत्री हेमंत सोरेन से आइसीएसई बोर्ड से संबद्ध स्कूलों के प्रधानाध्यापकों ने मुलाकात की। इस दौरान इन्होंने मुख्यमंत्री को जानकारी दी कि कोरोना संक्रमण की वजह से स्कूलों में विद्यार्थियों की पढ़ाई बाधित है, लेकिन शिक्षा दी जा रही है, लेकिन



12वीं साइंस के टॉप-10

विद्यार्थी	माकस	स्कूल
अनमोल कुमार	99.25%	संत फ्रांसिस स्कूल
आलोकित चाल्स टोपो	96.00%	संत जेवियर्स स्कूल डोरंड
पूजा रानी	95.75%	संत जेवियर्स स्कूल डोरंड
आर्यमण त्रिवेदी	95.25%	संत जेवियर्स स्कूल डोरंड
सुरभि कुल्लू	95.25%	संत जेवियर्स स्कूल डोरंड
अक्षत प्रसाद	94.75%	संत जेवियर्स स्कूल डोरंड
इशा मिज	94.75%	संत जेवियर्स स्कूल डोरंड
प्रीति तिवारी	94.50%	संत फ्रांसिस स्कूल
श्रेया बाख्ता	93.50%	डॉन बॉस्को स्कूल
रोनल बागे	92.75%	संत जेवियर्स स्कूल डोरंड
आमीर इमाम	92.50%	संत जेवियर्स स्कूल डोरंड
जैकलीन डी केरकेड़ा	92.00%	संत जेवियर्स स्कूल डोरंड
बासु परासर	92.00%	संत फ्रांसिस स्कूल

12वीं कॉमर्स के टॉप-10

विद्यार्थी	माकस	स्कूल
गुरपीत सिंह खुराना	97.25%	संत जेवियर्स स्कूल डोरंड
भाव्या चौधरी	95.75%	संत जेवियर्स स्कूल डोरंड
रश्मिता फिटकिरीवाला	95.75%	संत फ्रांसिस
मुस्कान पोंदार	95.50%	संत जेवियर्स स्कूल डोरंड
मयक भाटिया	95.00%	संत जेवियर्स स्कूल डोरंड
आशीष वर्मा	95.00%	संत फ्रांसिस
खुशी कुस्टल	94.00%	संत जेवियर्स स्कूल डोरंड
सोम्या सिन्हा	94.00%	संत फ्रांसिस
कोशल कावरा	93.50%	संत जेवियर्स स्कूल डोरंड
वाजिहा म्हाजा	93.00%	संत जेवियर्स स्कूल डोरंड
तनिशा राज	92.75%	संत फ्रांसिस
सौरभ कुमार	92.50%	संत फ्रांसिस
रिया भारद्वाज	91.75%	संत फ्रांसिस

संत जेवियर्स स्कूल ने पूरी की 60 वर्ष की यात्रा

विद्यार्थियों ने तमकट मस्ती की



साथ मुस्कुराये आज और कल

संत जेवियर्स स्कूल डोरंड ने 60 वर्ष की यात्रा पूरी की। इस वर्षीय यात्रा को हार्दिकता के साथ सेलिब्रेट किया गया। परिसर को तमकट में ढांक दिया गया। विद्यार्थियों का उत्साह और उत्कृष्टता का प्रतिबिम्ब था। 1964 से 2021 तक के पूर्वजों का स्मरण किया गया।



लोकनृत्य ने बिखेरी भारतीयता की छटा



पुराने दोस्तों संग मौज और मस्ती



संत जेवियर्स स्कूल के डायमंड जुबिली समारोह में छात्रों ने बढ़-चढ़ कर लिया हिस्सा

डांस में मस्ती, तो नाटक में दिखा संघर्ष



News at a Glance



डायमंड जुबलों में बच्चों ने डांस पर झुमाया

सभी जेलों में स्कूल में स्थापना
कारागार में बच्चों ने भीतर फेंका

मूल्य प्रतिबंधित नहीं है।
वीथी पर उपलब्ध है।



गुरुकुल से गूगल तक
का सफर तय किया

कोरोना काल में सबकी जिंदगी रुक गयी थी, स्कूल बंद हो गये, कोरोना ने गुरुकुल से गूगल का सफर तय कराया, चॉक,



रेजिना खेस
हिंदी शिक्षिका, सत जेवियर्स स्कूल

समझ में नहीं आयी, तब तक मैं मोबाइल को समय बर्बादी की चीज मानती थी, लेकिन स्कूल के निर्देश पर ऑनलाइन क्लास लेना था, फिर समय सारिणी बनायी और पढ़ाना शुरू किया, शुरुआत में परेशानियाँ हुईं, कई बार रात में जाँब का शेड्यूल देखती, बगल में सोई बेटी को भी जगा देती, क्लास चले अचानक जब स्क्रीन स्थिर हो जाती, तो घबराहट बढ़ जाती।

योग, खेल, संगीत और नाट्य को बनाया माध्यम

कोरोना महामारी ने लाखों लोगों की जिंदगी छीन ली, हालांकि लोगों को जागरूक करने का श्रेय भी



डॉ अलका सिंह
 डी विभाग, संत जेवियर्स स्कूल
 कम नहीं था, किताब की जगह हाथ में स्मार्ट फोन,
 लैपटॉप और लैपटॉप आ गये, मेरे लिए गैजेट का उपयोग

संत जेवियर स्कूल पहुंचे बेल्जियम के स्टूडेंट्स

लाइफ रिपोर्टर **रांची**

संत जेवियर स्कूल में बुधवार को कल्चरल एक्सचेंज कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया गया. इसमें वेल्लिजयम से आये 24 स्टूडेंट्स और चार शिक्षकों की टीम ने अपने पठन पाठन के तौर तरीके की जानकारी दी. इसके पूर्व अतिथियों का स्वागत पारंपरिक तरीके से किया गया. लोकप्रिय पारंपरिक नृत्य पर सभी एक साथ नाचते गाते भी दिखे. स्कूल के विद्यार्थियों ने बताया कि इस तरह के आयोजन से हमें कई जानकारी मिलती है.



लोकनृत्य पर थिरक उठे बेल्जियम के विद्यार्थी.

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Rangoli Competition



Face Painting Competition





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