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↳ Pause to think ↳

"If you take the responsibility for your life you can start changing it.
Slow will be the change, only in the course of time will you start;
moving into the world of light and crystallization,
but once you are crystallized you will know what real revolution is.
Then share your revolution with others; it has to go that way, from heart to heart."

- OSHO

“Editorial”

Summers, late night football matches on our comfortable couches with a bowl of popcorn in one hand and the TV remote in another, sleeping till late in the morning, movies, chilling out with friends. Life could not get any better and that is when the dream comes to a halt and we are forced to face the harsh reality of lessons and assemblies, house meetings and line ups and moreover, Worksheets!! Yes my friends...SCHOOL!

But for some of us, school has an altogether different meaning like choosing new subjects, sitting in new classes, new teachers....but -for me, it is my last year in school..

I feel really ambivalent about it, excited and sad at the same time. So many expectations to live up to and so much I want to do before I leave.

Well, my advice to you all, do all you can, become involved in school activities, especially if you've avoided them in the past. Class XII, this is your last year to bask in school spirit and you may regret it if you let the opportunity slip away.

For what it's worth: it's never too late or, in my case, too early to be whoever you want to be. You can change or stay the same, there are no rules to this thing. We can make the best or the worst of it. I hope you make the best of it. I hope you see things that startle you. I hope you feel things you have never felt before. I hope you meet people with a different point of view. I hope you live a life you're proud of. If you find that you're not, I hope you have the strength to start all over again. The newsletter may seem a little dry to some. So, through this volume we will strive to bring you an amalgam of news and creativity. Hope it is to your liking.

We welcome written feedback at thedalian@rediffmail.com

Reva Singh
Member of the Editorial Board

Dear Sumer,
Many thanks for your e-mail, a pity you could not meet John Henry Dermot Daly in Australia, he lives in Canberra.
I am now back from Ireland, and attach my talk to the Dalys at the gathering. It would be fine to put anything in your newsletter.
Regards,
Dermot

We bring you an excerpt from Dermot Daly's letter:

Daly's Grove was la square 3 storied Georgian house, typical of many of that period. The first real information that we have is about Darby, the grandson of Dermot who was transplanted. He was born in 1721 and died in 1777 aged 56, he is buried in the family vault at English near Daly's Grove and married Teresa.

- O'Flanagan whose portrait you now see, she died in 1817. They had two sons Francis and Peter from whom we are all descended, and two daughters. Francis the elder conformed to the church of Ireland, I do not know the reason, possibly to get round the Penal Laws before Catholic Emancipation in 1829, but at that time they were much less stringent. However, his son became a Colonel in the 4th Hussars and grandson was the famous Indian Army General, Sir Henry Dermot Daly of Indian Mutiny fame and who had a public school built in his memory in Indore by the Maharaja's, called Daly College, it is still flourishing and is known as - the "Eton of India". Strange to say only 6 months ago I was in Australia, I met his great grandson, John Henry Dermot, and I think he would be Olive's 5th cousin. He lives in Canberra and has a son and daughter and several grandchildren. He has recently edited his great, grandmother's fascinating letters to her mother written from India during the Indian Mutiny. I have a copy of it here.

Dermot Daly

*"Australasian Junior Round Square Conference"
at the United World College, Singapore*



'Opening eyes, Opening minds, Opening hearts' was the theme of the 2010 Junior Regional Round Square Conference hosted by the United World College of South East Asia in Singapore. Seven of us - Aamir Rampurwala, Anisha Maheshwari, Atishay Modi, Dravya Badgara, Gehna Modi, Kritika Kasliwal and Shreyas Bindal with Mr. Gary Everett as our escort, had been selected to represent our school.

Full of enthusiasm and overwhelming excitement, we started our journey to Singapore on the 16th of June. Since we reached a day early, we planned to visit the Universal Studios. The place was everything we had expected and we had an amazing time trying out different rides and shopping for mementos.

The next day we left for the Pre-Conference to Tioman Island, Malaysia. Ten out of the total number of 21 participating schools joined the Pre-Conference.

To put it briefly, our activities at Tioman were kayaking, snorkeling and building a turtle hatchery. For kayaking each of us got to row our own kayak in the sea and on the only river in Tioman. Snorkeling

was probably everybody's favorite activity. It was surprisingly easy to learn and the underwater flora and fauna was absolutely stunning. The turtle hatchery that we built from scratch in 4 days was definitely the most rewarding work that we did in the entire trip as we helped in saving 2 species of turtles from becoming extinct. One day we were taken on a 5 hour long hike through hills covered with rubber trees. Though challenging it was a lot of fun. The highlight of the trek was playing under a rocky waterfall.

On the 22nd of June, we bid goodbye to Tioman with sad faces. Our spirits picked up at the first sight of UWCSEA, our host school. We were given a warm welcome. We were handed out welcome kits before being taken on a tour of the school.

An extremely interesting orientation session complete with flamboyant Chinese dragons and compelling beats of rhythmic music was followed by meeting with our respective baraza groups where we played icebreaker games and got acquainted with each other.

The most interesting activity was the Baraza Challenge where every baraza group was given some basic supplies like drinking straws, paper, sticky tape and string, along with a single egg. The challenge was to devise some way of making the egg fall from the top of a 3 storey building without the egg breaking. There were some very hilarious attempts and a lot of broken eggs that day. Many groups succeeded in getting the job done.

Our activities at the conference consisted of various outings to destinations like China Town, Arab Street and Little India. Other memorable experiences were a laser show called 'Songs of the Sea', riding on the Singapore Flyer, walking through the world famous Orchard Street, and the Singapore night walk. We also had many interesting though saddening keynote speeches where the speakers spoke very eloquently about the plight of animals that are mistreated and exploited by humans for their own selfish purpose. The speeches were accompanied by heart breaking pictures of animals being tortured. Some people were moved to tears and were unable to sit through the whole presentation.

Delegates of the Conference

"Raffles International Science Camp"



Selamat Pagi... this is how we greet people in Singapore. We were given a warm welcome by the host school, Raffles International. The institution offered us a plethora of activities and opportunities. Forensic science, eco-walk, graph theory, perfume making, holography, HPLC, LED, light polarization and material science are some of them..

Have you ever tried making a kite or catching grasshoppers or just racing across an unknown city with nothing more than a map and a compass? I'm sure this sounds as crazy as it actually is... these are some of the highly memorable moments of the "amazing science race"... Some of us ate the traditional "Nasi Lemak" of Singapore which was an amazing Singaporean dish while some of us were simply happy with the same monotonous Indian food...

A brain full of scientific facts and a heart full of monumental, eventful, unforgettable moments is what we've earned in this "scientific" trip to The Raffles Institution, Singapore.

Shilpika Ganeriwala X G Varun Mittal X G

Chadwick School, U.S.A.

How would you describe your exchange?

I had the best 2 months of my life at Chadwick. Living by the beach, learning how to surf and watching dolphins every morning was my favourite pass time. I had the time of my life.

Anything special that you did?

In my science class I dissected a pig's heart and boiled a chicken to its bones and reassembled the skeleton. It was a little gross but fun! I also saw a ballet recital and a musical.

Any nightmares?

My flight from Bangkok to L.A. got cancelled twice and I had to stay alone in a hotel for 2 days. It was one crazy ending to my trip.

Saloni Bindal



Cate School, California

Can you tell us something about your exchange?

The 5 weeks at Cate have made me a more responsible person. All the memories of the time spent at Cate from interacting with the girls there to giving interviews for their projects on Hinduism, k-climbing and not to forget frozen yoghurt at Yo Yunt Yum's that I had with the coach, will be cherished forever.

What changes would you like to see implemented in The Daly College?

The thing that I liked the most at Cate was practical teaching. Students knew they were learning rather than just mugging things up. Cate students used laptops there which were really useful as all study material was very handy. The assembly at Cate was more interactive and it should be the same in our school also.

Rishika Maheshwari



Appleby College, Canada

How would you describe your exchange?

My exchange was packed with adventure, learning, sightseeing, interaction with students from around the world and discovering more of myself. It was an interface with the education and knowledge being imparted in a different part of the world. This experience has enriched me and boosted my confidence.

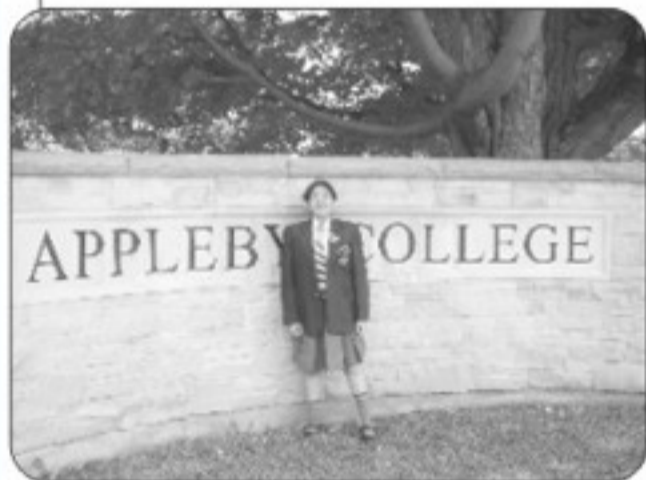
The best part of your exchange?

Canada's natural beauty mesmerized me especially the lake Ontario because of its tranquility and calmness. I also witnessed a baseball match and a theatre show 'Rock of Ages'.

Was the food there to your liking?

The variety of food including Mexican, Chinese and Thai cuisines tickled my taste buds.

Sakshi Gupta



Sedbergh School, Canada

How would you describe your exchange?

My trip to Sedbergh school, Canada was one of the most memorable experiences of my life.....it taught me many things from playing rugby and football to canoeing in one of the best lakes of Canada. I visited many places including the Great Niagara falls, CN tower in Toronto, the Parliament in Ottawa and the French city of Montreal. Every bit of my short and sweet exchange was a success.

How are the people there different from people back home?

The people there are very friendly and welcoming but when it comes to their country, they get very protective.

What was the best part of your exchange?

The best part of my exchange was discovering the beauty and serenity of Canada while canoeing in the Quebec Reserve.

Kartik Bhargava

Bridge House School, South Africa

Tell us something of your exchange?

My experience at Bridge House School was indeed overwhelming. I was mesmerized by the beauty and serenity of the school which is beautifully built around Cape vineyards and green meadows.

What was the best part of your exchange?

The best part of my stay in South Africa was exploring the wildlife. I did things that I had never even dreamt of doing, from tussle with the ostriches to touching a cheetah and holding a crocodile with my bare hands and a rapidly beating heart. I have experienced Africa in its raw form.

Have you learnt anything new?

I learnt mountain climbing and river rafting which I thoroughly enjoyed. At Bridge House, I did a variety of activities like water polo, craft, drama, tennis and arts. My exchange has made me realize how small the world is and it has given me memories which I will cherish throughout my life.

Bhavik Gandhi



*'Gate school, California'***How has your experience been in DC so far?**

My exchange of Daly College has been incredible. I am only here for four and a half weeks but I actually could stay longer. The girls in Bharati House have been so friendly, so loving and so kind. I live in a boarding house myself the girls at my school don't interact with each other like Dalian girls do.

What are your opinions about our language?

One of my favorite parts of this exchange is learning Hindi. I've been learning the National Anthem of India as well as the assembly prayer, and I really enjoy learning the language in general.

How did you like our culture?

The Indian culture astounds me. As I am leaving for Delhi-Agra-Jaipur trip. I am excited to see more of this beautiful country. Thank you for welcoming me to your school. Dhanyavad
Alexx Tamena

*'Anglo Colombian school, Colombia'***How has your experience been in The Daly College so far?**

My experience so far has been spectacular. Being able to learn and understand an absolutely different culture, with all different flavours, colours and costumes, at first might result frightening, but then you are able to understand many things about such a mysterious culture with very nice people who have made my stay in India much more interesting and fun.

Besides the good things, what are the shortcomings of living in India?

I have not faced any real shortcomings but the difference in language, weather and food at first made things difficult...but after some time I started enjoying every part of being in India.

What have you learnt?

I've learnt many things. Such as the respect shown for elders, the way they behave towards foreigners, always willing to learn from them, and the patriotic sense they are always showing. They like and love their country.

What is your advice to the people interested in going for an exchange?

Be totally open-minded and expect the unexpected.
Antonio Jaramillo

*'Hill Field Strathallen College, Canada'***How has your experience been in The Daly College so far?**

Very fun. Everyone is so nice and the campus is so big. I was expecting to join a school that was small and only focused studies, but I realized that sports are just as important.

The best part about your exchange?

I wanted to come to India as my parents are basically Indians.....so I guess that's the best part about my exchange.

Any message for the Dalians?

Yes, everyone here is so nice, thank you for making my stay an amazing one. I have loved each and every minute of being here.

Kaveri Aparna Tankha

*'Munich, Germany'***Why India?**

Experience something else, learning about a new culture, religion, people. Since my grandfather lived in Mumbai for 6 years and is full of exciting, interesting stories about India. India was perfect. When I'd seen pictures of DC I totally fell in love with the campus.

How has your experience been in DC so far?

First thing I recognized when I came here was the kindness of the friendly and helpful people, who made it easy for me to settle down, and doesn't allow me to feel home sick at all.

What are the things you liked about DC and would want to see the same implemented in your school too?

I would love to have assembly sports and other facilities in my school, because that gives the feeling of being a family rather than a school.

So thank you to everyone and especially the girls from Bharati House.

It is a great pleasure to be a member of this school for one year.

Wilhelmine Von Praussen

Reva Singh, XII C

'Inter house Aquatic Meet'**Boys**

The Inter House Swimming Meet (Boys) for the year 2010-11 was held from the 19th to the 22nd of July. Tagore house is proud enough to have promising swimmers owing to which the house grabbed the 1st position. They were followed by Ashok and Jawahar houses as II and III respectively. The Pamecha Bandhus- Suraj and Uday Pamecha from Ashok and Vikram House respectively displayed extraordinary talent in all their events and were the best swimmers of Level I and Level II respectively. Abhishek Wadhvani representing Jawahar house became the best swimmer for Level III.

Girls

The Inter House Swimming Meet (Girls) took place from the 7th to the 9th of April. Enthralling everyone by their superb swimming, Aashna Patel from Bharti House and Tanvi Jhambulkar from Ahilya House were adjudged the best swimmers of Level I and Level III respectively. Akanksha Wadhvani and Gehna Modi, representing Indira House, shared the title of 'Best Swimmer' for Level II. Overall, Indira House emerged as the winners of the meet.

Nikhil Kela XII E

‘Football Fever’

Though the FIFA fever ended throughout the globe, it lingered in The Daly College as the Inter house football matches started. The Dalians witnessed a spectacular display of oozing house spirits and glorified victories. All the houses took part enthusiastically and tried to perform to the best of their abilities. But finally hard work and team spirit of Tagore House bore fruit. They defeated all other houses bagging the first position. The match for runners up position was worth seeing which was between Jawahar House and Vikram House, but finally Jawahar House won against Vikram. The house positions for this inter-house event are: 1.Tagore House 2. Jawahar House 3.Rajendra House 4.Vikram House 5.Ashok House
Shubham Suri XII A

‘Inter House Hockey Competition’

Girls

The Inter House Hockey competition is yet another event which grabs the attention of many. The level II hockey was held from 27th March to 29th March 2010. The game was highly challenging and interesting for the teams. Finally with hard work and determination the Bhartians steered their way through to bag the first position. The runner-up position was bagged by Ahilya house.

The Inter house hockey girls level I was held from the 11th April till the 13th April 2010. The first match was between Indira and Bharati House which was won by Indira House. The spirits were high and the next match was between Bharati House and Ahilya House. It was a neck and neck competition and with unbeatable excitement Bharati House defeated Ahilya House. The match between Bharati House and Indira House was a draw. Nandini Singh, Sonali Rathi and Shubhi Betala displayed exceptional performance.

Shifali Agrawal XII C

‘Inter House Music Competition’



Music washes from the soul the dust of everyday life and so the Dalians started with the inter-house music competition to rejuvenate themselves and begin the new session with zest and gusto.

In Indian music, Anirudh Paliwal of Ashok House kept the audience riveted with his brilliant performance in vocal solo and bhajan and won the first prize. Second to follow in classical vocal solo was Tanya Sojatia (Bharati) with Shivali Mehrotra (Ahilya) in the third position. The Tagore House boys conquered the stage in group song and stood first with Vikram House second and Ahilya House bagging the third place.

Paritosh Gupta of Jawahar House won the first prize in instrumental solo with Augustus Henry (Vikram) and Avni Goel (Indira) in the second and third position respectively. Ashok House emerged as the champion in Indian music with Tagore following next and Vikram in the third place.

Next was the inter-house western music. It was Tanya Sojatia

(Bharati) again in the limelight with her mellifluous voice winning the first position in vocal solo. Leonard Henry of Vikram house was the second prize winner and Nikhar Therani of Jawahar House, the third.

In Western group song the Indira house conquered the first place with Ahilya and Rajendra sharing the second position. The Tagorians with their scintillating instrumental group performance made their way to the top with the Vikram House following second and Rajendra third.

The overall winner of western music was Vikram House. Rajendra House stood second and Bharati third.

Dipsha Ghatak XII B

‘Budding Quizzers’

Quiz is and has always been a sensation with audience. The 1st inter house GK quiz was held on July 28th, 2010 in the school auditorium. The 1st position was won by Tagore house with an impressive score of 220 points. Jawahar finished as the runner-up with a score of 110 points followed by Rajendra with 100 points, Bharati at 60 and Ahilya at 50 points respectively. Ashok and Vikram shared the 6th position with 40 points each and Indira house was placed 8th with 20 points.

Sakshi Agrawal XII C

‘English Extempore’

Level I

All of us very well know how hard it is to go on stage and talk. Well, not just talking but appealing to them is what is necessary. Surviving the pressure, the quivering feet, and the shivering hands that hold the paper.

Overcoming tough competition, Konpal Patni stood first, Akshat Kasliwal was second and the third position was shared by Vedant Newatia and Vedant Goenka for class 10th.

In class 11, Akshat Mahajan, Radhika Munshi and Priya shone over the rest.

For class 12th Garvit Pahwa stood 1st, Sneha Pendharkar stood 2nd and Divyank Agrawal stood 3rd.

Garvit Pahwa was the overall Best Speaker.

This time, the Level I English Extempore was nothing but fantastic and was much more than any of us expected.

Shivani Bagani XII D

‘Hindi Elocution’

The school witnessed yet another Inter house competition. The competition kicked off well. The first position was bagged by Jawahar house, the second position by Bharati house and Indira grabbed the 3rd position.

DC's Green Chapter

Go Organic, Go DC! : DC's organic farming has taken off and following vegetables are grown

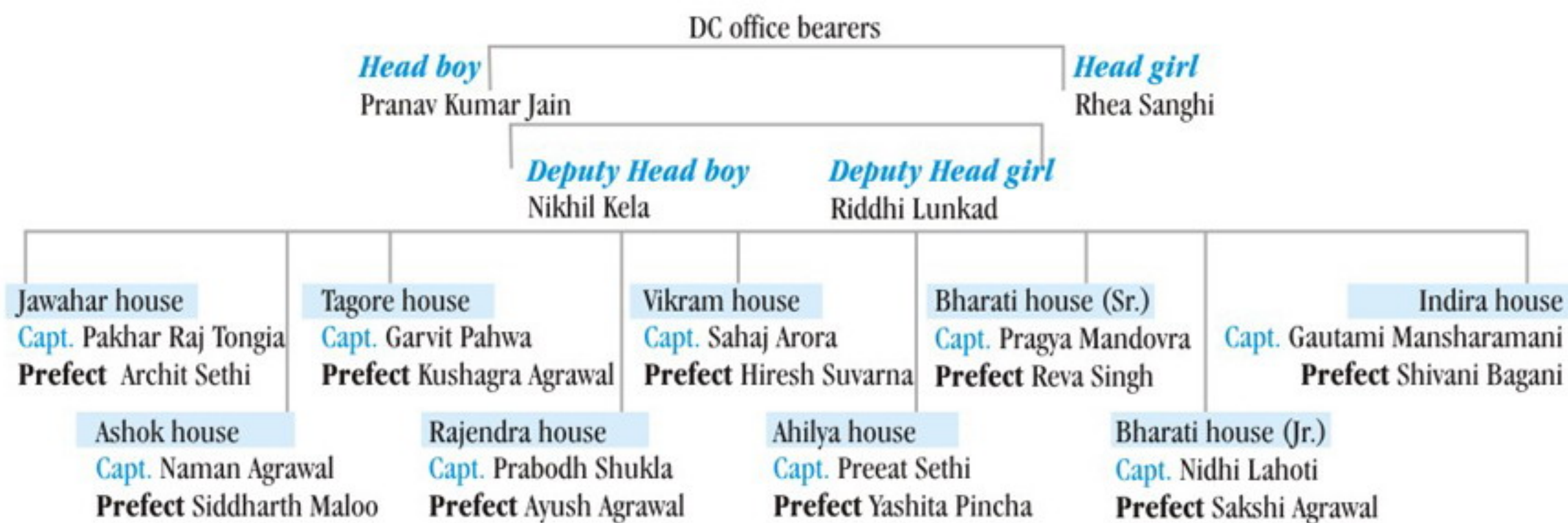
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Oath Taking Ceremony



The Oath taking ceremony of the newly elected student council was held on the 8th of April 2010 in the college auditorium. It was a solemn occasion. The captains held the flags of their respective houses and they pledged to serve to the best of their abilities. This event once again marked the beginning of responsibilities and commitments. The function was presided over by the Principal, Kr Sumer Singh.



Cultural prefects:

Deepsha Ghatak
Himanshi Goomber
Yashovardhan Ganeriwala
Anmol Arora.

Sports prefect:

Suraj Pamecha
Shifali Agrawal

S.S.L. prefect:

Vinay Jain

Guest prefect:

Hirni Desai

Basketball (boys):

Captain
Vice-captain

Rijul Shukla

Vinayak Goyal

Basketball (girls):

Captain
Vice-captain

Shifali Agrawal

Shivani Deshmukh

Squash (boys):

Captain
Vice-captain

Dhananjay Singh Garha

Anshul Jain

Squash (girls):

Captain
Vice-captain

Anandita Gupta

Konpal Patni

Athletics (boys):

Captain
Vice-captain

Yohaana Shah

Vinay Jain

Athletics (girls):

Captain

Snehdeep Kaur

Shooting (boys):

Captain

Hiresh Suvarna

Shooting (girls):

Captain
Vice-captain

Chakradhar Singh

Shourya Goel

Swimming (boys):

Captain
Vice-captain

Chirantana Jamnia

Suraj Pamecha

Swimming (girls):

Captain

Nikhil Kela

Sirisha Narsimhan

Sports Captains and Vice-captains (2010-2011)

Cricket (boys):	Captain Vice-captain	Sahaj Arora Ram Rai
Cricket (girls):	Captain Vice-captain	Poorvika Singh Tanishtha Dua
Football (boys):	Captain Vice-captain	Shubham Suri Siddhant Vyas
Football (girls):	Captain Vice-captain	Sachi Shukla Bhavika Patwa

Pragya Mandovra, Nidhi Lahoti XII C

Pathways Invitational Swimming Meet

19 students along with our coaches Mr. Satish and Mr. Saiwal and our escort Mrs. Aditi Ghatak left Indore on 24th April, hoping to bring laurels to our school in an invitational inter-school swimming meet held at Pathways World School, Aravali Retreat. 24 schools participated in the meet.

The Daly College swimmers performed well above anybody's expectations despite the fact that this was the first time that our school was invited to participate in this event. Almost all swimmers representing the Daly College managed to secure a position among the top 3 in their respective events.

Tanvi Satish, Gehna Modi and Pushendra Pal emerged as champions in the U-10 Girls, U-12 Girls and U-16 Boys categories respectively. The team championships in the U-10 Girls, U-12 Girls and the A-16 Boys categories were bagged by our team. Overall, the Daly College stood 2nd; after the host team, Pathways World School, beat Mayo College, Delhi Public School, Shreeram School and many others.

Nikhil Kela XII E

Basketball Interschool

(BOYS & GIRLS)

The Daly College girls as well as boys basketball team participated in the U-19 inter-school basketball tournament which took place from 21st-26th July'10 at the BBC. Both teams emerged victorious and left the viewers awe-struck. The girls' team won the final match which was against Emerald Heights; and the boys' team, against Bhavans Prominent. Both matches ended in a nail-biting finish. Apart from the trophies, both teams received a cash price of Rs. 5000 each. Also, Pooja Laddha was awarded the Best Player of the tournament.

Rijul Shukla XII E

The Lawrence School, Sanavar

(GIRLS)

On the 25th of April, The Daly College girls Basketball Tournament team left for the 7th Honoria Lawrence Tournament held at the Lawrence School, Sanavar. The girls gave a good fight throughout but lost just one match against YPS, Mohali the score being 48-46. They played against Welham Girls, the Lawrence School and Shree Ram School and managed to settle for the 1st runner-up trophy. The school's name was further glorified when Pooja Laddha received the 'Most Promising Player' award for her outstanding performance.

Shifali Agrawal XII C

Shivani Deshmukh XII D

Cricket Tournament At Pinegrove

Cricket to us was more than play; it was worship in the summer sun - Edmund Blunden.

Our cricket team escorted by the director of sports Mr Dharam Verma and the cricket coach Mr Sanjay Thakkar left for the first invitational day-night cricket tournament organised by the Pinegrove School, Dharampur, Shimla on the 21st of April. After reaching Dharampur on the 22nd and holding a brief training session, the team played its first match against the home team the next day. Our team was victorious beating the home side by 5 wickets. In this match, Sahaj Arora was awarded Man of the Match due to his blistering knock of 76 runs of just 40 balls.

In the next match, our team competed against Sherwood College, Nainital. Our team was victorious in this game too, winning by 4 wickets. Once again it was Sahaj Arora who won the Man of the Match award with a score of 52 runs of 35 balls. Jai Singh and Anshuman Kedia also contributed at the batting end. In the third match, our

team faced Mayo College. Though Rohin Gupta and Siddharth Shivhare stood at the crease to find a way through but their efforts were in vain and unfortunately, our team fell short of the target.

The next day we were to face Mayo College once again in the final. Everyone was determined to win the title this time. But on that day, Lady Luck shone on Mayo College and thus they won the tournament. Prakhar Jain gave a consistent bowling performance but fell short of just one wicket from getting the best bowler award. Sahaj Arora was adjudged the best wicket keeper of the tournament. In future, hopefully, we will have better results. Quoting Sachin Tendulkar, "Eventually it is a game of cricket".

Sahaj Arora XII B

Shivani Bagani XII D

DC at Welham



The Daly College team comprising Yashowardhan Ganeriwal, Mannat Juneja, Varun Mittal, Pranav Jain and Rhea Sanghi left Indore on the 25th of April escorted by Mr. Rajesh Khanna. The Quiz team, namely Varun Mittal, Yashowardhan Ganeriwal and Mannat Juneja managed to clear the first round and, after a rigorous round of quizzing in the second round, were declared 6th out of the 14 schools. The debating team cleared the first round as if it were a child's play and reached the second round that proved to be tough. Since Welham Girls' School had opted for the Parliamentary form of debating, the 1st and the 3rd team and the 2nd and the 4th team had to pair up for the second round. Accordingly, Daly College teamed up with Doon School and Scindia School teamed up with Welham Girls' School. After a lot of passionate debating, the team Daly College and Doon School beat the team of Scindia School and Welham Girls' School. Finally, the moment had arrived. Daly College was against Doon School and the glitch was that both the teams knew each others weaknesses and strengths. The topic at hand was extremely controversial - "Sympathetic dialogue and intellectual support is the only solution to the Maoist problem." After a scintillating round of debating, Doon School was declared as the winner by the Chairperson of the debate- Mr. Lahiri who was also the Principal of Welham Boys' School. Rhea Sanghi was declared the Most Promising Speaker.

Varun Mittal X G

DC hosts Invitational Debate

The Daly College organized a combination of the following 3 events on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th April 2010. The first event was the English Debate which was conducted in 2 rounds. A total of 13 schools participated, namely- Mayo College Girls' School (MCGS), Maharani Gayatri Devi School (MGD), Yadavendra Public School (YPS), Vidya Devi Jindal School (VDJS), Punjab Public School (PPS), Rajkumar College (RKC), Scindia School, Lawrence School,

Assam Valley School (AVS), LKS, Sanskar Valley School (SVS), Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya (SKV) and The Daly College (DC). The preliminary round consisted 2 groups. The topic for the Group A preliminary round was- "The True Spirit Of Sports Is Dead." Rhea Sanghi was adjudged the Best Speaker of Group A. The topic for the Group B preliminary round was - "Generation next should now all the Batons." Mannat Tipnis of Lawrence School, Sanawar was adjudged the Best Speaker of Group B. Out of the 13 schools 8 schools qualified for the final round, namely- DC, MCGS, MGD, YPS, Scindia School, AVS, LKS and Lawrence School. The topic for the final round was- "All Is Right with the World." Scindia School and The Daly College emerged as overall winners. Aayush Tandon was adjudged the Best Speaker followed by Rhea Sanghi and Pranav Jain. The second event was the Quiz in which 6 schools participated, namely- Maharani Gayatri Devi School, Mayo College Girls' School, The Doon School, Lawrence School, Sanskar Valley School and The Daly College. The school team comprising Mannat Juneja and Paritosh Gupta, won by a huge margin. The Daly College also hosted the Hindi Debate in which LKS, Gotan emerged as winners. The topic for the debate was, 'हम नस्लभेदी होते जा रहे हैं'

Riddhi Lunkad XII F

"The Dalians shining in Indian Jersey"



The 3rd Junior Asian Championship was held from 6th July to 11th July in Colombo, Sri Lanka. It was a matter of immense pride for the school when two of our students qualified to represent India at the tournament. Manik Dutta and Anandita Gupta represented India in the Blue Jersey in the U-15 categories. Manik lost to Korea no.1 who later finished 2nd, the set score being 3-1. Manik reached the finals of the plate event, where he lost 3-2 to Divij Singh of India. Anandita reached the second round. She later finished as the finalist in the plate event losing to a Malaysian. Manik is now ranked 16th in Asia while Anandita Gupta is ranked 10th in the continent. Thanks for making D.C. proud.

"Konpal Patni Excels In Squash"



Konpal Patni of The Daly College has won the Jr. under-15 Girls Squash title in the Otters' Club Open National Level Squash Championship held at Mumbai. She defeated Aishwarya Bhattacharaya of Maharashtra by 3-1 giving an excellent performance. We all congratulate her on her brilliant success.

"Casual Day"

On the 24th July, none of the house masters found their house students in proper formal uniform in the line ups which is otherwise the compulsory uniform for Saturdays, but they didn't seem to mind as it was all for a noble cause. The Daly College observed 'Casual Day' where students could attend the school in decent and acceptable civil clothes. The money collected has been given for "Prince Alexandra Fund" for charity. The white long sleeves were conveniently replaced with the colorful clothes. It was surely a budding entrepreneur's idea.

Konpal Patni X - A

"TERI Environment Workshop"

On 9th of July, TERI Environment Workshop was organized in the DCBS hall by the TERI group, New Delhi. Selected students of classes 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th attended the workshop. It was conducted by Ms Aditi Pathak and Ms Deepika Joon, research scholars from TERI. TERI is an organisation which works for the welfare of the environment. They work in all parts of the world by briefing people and creating awareness of the importance of environment in our lives. TERI also organizes the environment quiz "GREEN OLYMPIAD" every year in schools across India.

We are all aware of the 'hot topic' discussed around the globe. Yes, it is the climate change or 'global warming'.

The increasing effect of the green house gases has a great impact on our daily lives. It can be seen through various examples, the changing pattern of rains, droughts in many parts of the country and thus affecting thousands of farmers across the nation.

During the workshop we carried out group discussions on **topics such as biodiversity**. 2010 is declared as the year of biodiversity by the UNITED NATIONS. We discussed about various species that are extinct or are on the verge of extinction.

The Vulture, the Royal Bengal Tiger, the Indian Rhino and even the butterflies are some of the species which are endangered. These animals play an important part in the food chain and even if one component is disturbed, all living beings will be affected.

Through documentaries, group discussions, presentations, animations and quizzes we learnt a lot about the current global scenario and it was a great learning experience.

Ashwin Kirtane XF

"Tennis"

Isha Budhwal, a student of class 7 was adjudged the runner-up of U-12 category and quarter finalist of the U-14 category in the All India Championship Series held in Mumbai. She reached the quarter finals of the three tournaments - National Series in U-14 Doubles category, Singles and doubles in the U-12 Tennis Nationals held in Mumbai and the U-14 and U-16 category of the All India Championship Series.

"Science on wheels."

On the 26th of July 2010, the international year of astronomy, a science exhibition on wheels was set up in the Daly College. It is catalyzed and supported by the Rashtriya Vigyan Evam Prodyogiki Sanchar Parishad (RVPS), a department of the government of India and promoted by Madhya Pradesh higher education department.

Its first phase is in Madhya Pradesh and is spread across 25 districts and 133 tehsils. Other places that were visited in Indore were Columbia Convent, Holkar Science College and Kasturba

Girls School.

Its aim is to promote science in the interiors of the country and to change the superstitious beliefs of the villagers.

They presented around 30 astronomy based science projects which included a telescope, a moon phase calculator, a student planetarium, models of space shuttles and satellites, a micro-ampere from touch, etc.

Some of these were new projects and were really interesting. The micro-ampere from touch that consisted two metal plates of copper and aluminum and a meter, measured the amount of energy in one's body.

Also, the moon phase calculator was something new. It was a 2-D model with the face of the moon. You could enter any date you want to and it would show the phase of the moon on that particular day, i.e., that phase of the moon would light up.

The 8th graders explained the projects pretty well thus making the exhibition a great success.

Shivani Bagani XII D

STAFF NEWS

It is very rightly said that all good things come to an end. It was a bittersweet end to the last session bidding goodbye to staff members who have retired.

Mr. Jacob John, Director of Academics and HOD of Biology. He has worked unceasingly for the school and has made a platform from where taking off seems much easier. Thank You Sir!

Mr. Hassan, Boarding House Coordinator and an indispensable part of the history department. Under his guidance, there are noticeable changes in the conditions of the houses and we hope that the unstinted growth will continue.

Mr. V P Singh, one of the favourite teachers. He will be missed as the HOD of the Maths department. He devoted most of his teaching career to the school.

Mrs. Rani Bhaskar a very senior teacher who worked in the capacity of the head of the junior science block. Innovative, loving and hard working are some of the words that describe her aptly.

Ms. Indra Garg was in the administrative office. She developed new software for the school making most of the office job easy and convenient.

Mrs. Seema Dixit worked in the Hindi department. A much loved person with a great sense of humour. She'd be surely missed by the junior school.

Mrs. Jayaprabha Mishra was very popular with the Pre Primary kids and they loved having her around. A very amiable person indeed. She left school as her husband got posted outside Indore.

Going all the way to the pavilion to get sports equipments issued for inter-house activities won't be as much fun anymore with **Mr. Bihari Lal** not being around.

The March Past during the Athletic meet won't be the same anymore now that **Mr. Pardesi** won't be here to instruct us.

Mr. Shujuddin joined on 1st July 1980 as a senior clerk. He successfully managed the stationery department.

Mr. Ramnarayan Bhenia also worked in the stationery department and managed the department well. Though he was accorded farewell, but will continue to work in some other capacity.

Mr. Hashmi looked after bookings etc and was earlier a lab assistant in chemistry department.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to these people whose unceasing dedication and support will never be forgotten by us.

Gautami Mansharamani XII E



The long hot summer vacation gave way to the New Term at Junior School and the campus came alive as the Children trooped in on the 1st of July 2010. Now it seems the kids are where they love being and all is right with the world!!! With the monsoons having set in at last it is an absolute pleasure to be back in the verdant DC campus. With the Windows having got a facelift during the Vacations, the Classrooms wore a fresh, bright look bringing in the Greenery of the campus.

We were indeed honoured to welcome our distinguished Old Dalian Shri Digvijay Singhji Raghogarh to Jr. School who took time off his busy schedule to spend some time at his Alma Mater

Accompanied by our Principal Sir he took a quick round of the School and complimented our Headmistress on how vibrant and colorful the School looked!!

School is not only about academics but also about compassion, kindness and growing up to be good citizens. Towards this end Junior School has initiated a drive to collect toys, clothes and stationery for the less privileged children who study at the Anganwadis. Kudos to our generous parent community our store rooms are already overflowing. Many thanks to the little Dalians and their parents for their enthusiasm!!!

The planner for the month of July was choc- a-bloc with fun filled activities to keep our young ones on course with the learning curve. We recorded some outstanding achievements at the Spell Bee Competition and the UCMAS competitions at the State and National levels.

The English Week Celebrations: (12th - 17th July)

Planning and preparation started as soon as the school re-opened after the two-month break. The soft boards looked vibrant with different themes like 'Blend Tree', Idioms and Phrases, Tongue Twisters, About Authors, Poems etc. The morning assembly too had a special touch with English Language related talks and presentations. There was a special Puppet show and a fabulous presentation on Punctuation where the learning of English became easy and fun too!

The little Dalians (classes I to IV) celebrated the English week with Poetry Recitation, Just A Minute, Show and Tell etc.

The girls and boys had a wonderful experience at the interactive session with the only Indian author of Multiplayer game books Mr. Anshumani Ruddra, who visited Daly College on the 26th July. He mesmerized the children with his easy way of talking and within no time acquired a huge fan following.

The Hindi Week (19th - 25th July)

The Hindi Week had a similar focus on Hindi and the Morning



Assemblies were Hindi centric.

Results of Competitions

1) "Rattling Rains" Art and Craft Competition

Craft :

Class & Section	Name of Student	Position
IV B	Kshitij Wadhvani	I
IV B	Khushi Goyal	II
IV B	Abhipriya Verma	III

Art :

Class & Section	Name of Student	Position
IVA	Divnoor Kaur Chhabra	I
IVA	Riya Gupta	II
IVA	Anand Nair	III
IVA	Naquiya Barwaniwala	III
III C	Parakram Bakiwala	I
III D	Khushi Rathore	II
III A	Seher Malik	III
III D	Rajnandani Sagar	III
III C	Sahejveer	Consolation
III D	Disha Lilani	Consolation
II A	Aadya Kedia	II A
II C	Garima Jaiswal	II C
II B	Shanay Sojatia	III
II C	Vedika Dubey	III
IC	Ishita Agrawal	I
IC	Jagriti Agrawal	II
IB	Sanya Doshi	III
IB	Prakhar Gupta	Consolation
IA	Siya Arora	Consolation

1) Hindi Poetry Writing

Class & Section	Name of Student	Position
VC	Akshata Kasliwal	I
VE	Rohan Jain	II
VE	Ameya Jain	III
VC	Madhvi Moyde	Consolation
VC	Avansh Agarwal	Consolation
VIF	Mudit Agarwal	I
VIE	Sara Sethjiwala	II
VIA	Jagdev Singh Jhaggi	III
VIA	Vandini Bhatia	Consolation
VIF	Devang Goyal	Consolation
VIB	Aditya Lath	Consolation

2) English Poetry Writing Competition - Level III (14-07-10)

Class and Section	Names	Position
VIA	Meenakshi Mangal	I
VIC	Disha Dawar	II
VIE	Ankit Attri	II
VIA	Aarya Singh	Consolation
VIA	Rhythm Tahilramani	Consolation
VIB	Sanaya Modi	Consolation
VID	Rakshit Assudani	Consolation
VA	Manan Gandhi	I
VC	Devang Maheshwari	I
VC	Akshata Kasliwal	III
VA	Pradhyumna Malpani	III
VB	Amur Khandelwal	III
VA	Pooja Dodve	Consolation
VE	Ishita Sureka	Consolation
VE	Rohan Jain	Consolation

3) Inter House Swimming Competition:

Class and Section	Names	Position
VE	Rohit Sumrall	in 100 m Free Style, II in 100m B/stroke and III in Relay
VD	Ritik Verma	III in 100m B/stroke
IV B	Parth Soni	III in Relay

4) Girls Inter House Swimming Level III

Names	Position	
Tanvi Satish Jhambulkar	Best Swimmer Level III First in 100m Free style 50 m Back Stroke 50 m Breast Stroke and 4 X 50 Relay	
Ahilya	Indira	Bharati
Ist	2nd	3rd

5) Inter House Football Match

House	Position
Tagore House	I
Ashok House	II
Jawahar House	III
Vikram House	IV
Rajendra House	V

Swimming Competition held at Pathways International, Delhi

Name	Position
Tanvi Jambhulkar (VE)	2 gold medals, Indore Open U13
April 2010	3 gold medals at Pathways u10



Overall Championship Shield at Pathways



Akshata Kasliwal (V C) April 2010
 u10 Girls bronze 25m Backstroke
 u10 Girls bronze 25m Breaststroke
 u10 girls freestyle relay -1st

Zehrab Bandoowala (V C) April 2010
 Bronze u10 girls freestyle at Pathways
 Gold u10 free style relay at Pathways
 Gold (breast stroke) and bronze (Butterfly stroke) at Indore Open competition

Premlata Bai Holkar Squash Championship Girls U-11

Adwetiya Kasliwal (V E)
 Winner Premlatabai
 Sanaya Modi (VI B)
 Runners up



Inter House Quiz

The 1st Inter House G.K. Quiz of this academic session was held on 28th July was quite unique in the sense that this time different rounds were prepared and conducted by teachers of different departments and believe me , they did a pretty good job as quizmasters.

Spell Bee: The Spell Bee competition was organised by Maars International. The Junior School students came out with flying colours under different categories:

Category- III-

Amogh Kawathekar VI- A- 1st Position in Indore
 Vaibhav Parikh VI- F- 4th Position in Indore
 Ankit Attri VI E- 5th Position in Indore

Category- II

Hriday Khatri- III B - 1st Position in Indore
 Nishant Dawani- III A - 2nd Position in Indore
 Mehul Kukreja III B- 5th Position in Indore
 Mayank Munsii III B- 8th Position in Indore

Chess Champions:

Anshuman Raj Agarwal of Class II A was declared the State Chess **Champion (under 7 category)**
 Aryaman Raj Agrawal of Class IV- stood 4th in the State Chess Champion (under 9 category)
 Congratulations and we hope they excel at



Jamshedpur where they will represent M.P in Nov. 2010

UCMAS National Level Competition- Ananya Sethi and Anant Kasliwal Runners up at the State Level Competition were participants at the Nationals in Chennai and both came home with consolation

trophies. Well done Whiz Kids!!

Names	Position	Competition
Anant Kasliwal	4th Runner up in Term KG-2	6th State Level Competition
Ananya Sethi	4th Runner up in Term KG-2	6th State Level Competition
Anoushaka Dalal	4th Runner up in Term 8	6th State Level Competition
Jai Periwal	4th Runner up in Term 5	6th State Level Competition
Yash Verma	4th Runner up in Term 5	6th State Level Competition
Anant Kasliwal	Merit 49 in Term KG-2	10th National Level Competition
Ananya Sethi	Merit 46 in Term KG-2	10th National Level Competition

As we go to print the singers and musicians of Junior School are busy preparing for the Musical Afternoon on the 31st of July and then the Choral recitation scheduled for the 7th of August.

ODA NEWS

This summer has been very busy for the Old Dalians. We had our Jaspreet Anand Memorial Floodlit Tennis ball cricket tournament in May 2010 at school. It was a very encouraging event with more than 200 old students participating .We had a total of 91 matches where 4877 runs were scored and 513 wickets taken. The tournament was won by United Six and the runner-up was Secretary Six in the above 35 category. In the general category Raiders team were the winners with invincible as the runner-up. This was followed by the ODA summer dinner. This was held at a new venue near the Lake at the School. It was a good opportunity for the Old Dalians to meet each other as the attendance exceeded 300. At the venue the crowd was entertained by a live band. The evening stretched late in the night till 2.30 a.m.

In the monsoon season we will have an ODA Trekking event on August 29th, Treasure hunt on September 19th and the ODA Squash tournament from August 30th, 2010.

The ODA WEEK 2010 will start from November 28th and will conclude on December 5th 2010 with the ODA Annual Dinner on December 4th at school. All Old Dalians are requested to come for the programme.

Shagun Mehrotra, a Fellow in the Faculty of Urban Planning at Columbia University delivered a talk at Assembly. He, along with his associates, are editing a First Assessment Report on Climate Change and Cities. Shagun presented to the school a copy of his book on the Indian Railways "From Bankruptcy to Millionaire" which is now in its 5th reprint and is available in 3 languages. Sanatan Suryavanshi is now entering his fourth year at Columbia University in Canada where he is studying animation. He and a few friends are involved in an independent short film project.

Subhash Naik has sent us a copy of his book of poems 'The Earth in Custody'.



Raja Digvijay Singhji graces Daly College with his presence On the 22nd of July, Raja Digvijay Singhji visited DC and addressed the students with his inspirational words.

Mr Khanindra Barua 1968 batch did his masters in Physics from Guwahati University and M tech from IIT, Delhi and joined the Defence Research and Development Organisation as a Scientist. Presently he is the Group Director with Defence Electronics

Research Laboratory, Hyderabad. He established 'ab initio' an MIL STD 833C line for fabricating hybrid microelectronics circuit's facility to cater to the requirements for Electronic Warfare Systems. The technology developed by Mr Barua and his team was recognized by the National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) and was awarded the Independence Day Import Substitution Award in 1993 on the work carried out for the Integrated Missile Development Programme (IGMDP). He has about twelve technical publications to his credit both in Indian and International journals. One of his papers bagged the prize for the best paper award in the International Society for Hybrid Microelectronics (ISHM) India Chapter Conference. In addition he has equal number of articles and projects published in popular scientific magazines. He is the recipient of the Assam Science Society Science Talent Awards while in college.

Old Dalians make DC proud!

The Old Dalians, Vishal Gupta and Rais Sheikh have been selected by IIM - Calcutta for their Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM) programme. We congratulate them on their success.

It's a matter of pride for our school that Harshveer Jain, Siddhant Sachdeva and Nishith Maheshwari have made it to IIT this year in their first attempt. Harshveer has joined IIT Powai and Siddhant Sachdeva has joined IIT, Delhi. We congratulate them on their commendable performance and wish them luck.



Shri Salil Bhandari has been nominated as the Sr. Vice President of the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, an apex serving 10 states of North India. He has also been nominated to the Board of Governors of the Indian Institute of Management, Indore

Obituary

The Daly College family mourns the demise of one of our old Dalians, General Surendra Singh. We would like to pay our condolence to the family. May God give strength to the bereaved family to bear the loss.

May his soul rest in peace.

हिन्दी विभाग

संपादकीय

इस अंक में हम आपकी मुलाकात करवा रहे हैं इस विद्यालय के उठा सितारे से, जिन्होंने बहुत कम उम्र में अपनी प्रतिभा से सफलता की ऊँचाइयों को स्पर्श किया है। ये सितारे जो आकाश को छूने की तकल्लुफ रखते हैं और दिन-प्रतिदिन सफलता की सीढ़ियाँ चढ़ते इनके कदम इस बात की पुष्टि करते हैं कि अधिक प्रयास और मेहनत से निश्चित ही एक दिन ये अपना मुकाम हासिल कर पाएँगे। इसके साथ ही इस अंक में आप पाएँगे संस्मरण, आलेख और मुझे कुछ कहना है, के माध्यम से महत्वपूर्ण रुचिकर जाणकारी और आत्मकथ्य भी।

गहना मोदी

99 वर्षीय गहना ने तैराकी के क्षेत्र में विद्यालय, राज्य और राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर उपलब्धियाँ हासिल करते हुए कई स्वर्ण और रजत पदक अपनी झोली में भर लिये हैं, जिनमें पाथवे अंतर विद्यालयीन प्रतियोगिता में हासिल चार स्वर्ण पदक और ट्राफी के साथ रीवा राज्य स्तरीय प्रतियोगिता में चैंपियन होने का गौरव भी शामिल है। उन्हें सर्वश्रेष्ठ तैराक के रूप में भी पुरस्कृत किया जा चुका है।



शौर्या : इतनी छोटी उम्र में इतनी सफलता पाकर कैसा लगता है?

गहना : मुझे बहुत खुशी होती है। मैं गर्व महसूस करती हूँ कि मैं ये मुकाम पा सकी परंतु मेरा मानना है कि यह तो अभी शुरुआत ही है, मैं आगे बहुत कुछ करना चाहती हूँ।

शौर्या : पहली बार में हार का अनुभव करने पर आपकी क्या प्रतिक्रिया हुई थी?

गहना : पहली बार में हार जाने से बुरा तो बहुत लगा था, निराशा भी हुई थी परंतु खुशी भी थी। खुशी इस बात की थी, कि पहली बार में ही मुझे राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर खेलने का मौका मिला जिसमें मैंने नवां स्थान प्राप्त किया। इतना कह सकती हूँ कि इस हार ने मुझे आगे बढ़ने के लिए प्रेरणा और शक्ति दी।

शौर्या : शुरुआत से अभी तक का आपका सफर कैसा रहा?

गहना : हर सफर में उतार-चढ़ाव तो आते ही हैं। मेरा सफर भी मिला-जुला था। मैंने कई बार हार का सामना किया परंतु, सफलता प्राप्त करने का भी अलग ही मज़ा है।

शौर्या : इस खेल में प्रगति करने की प्रेरणा किसने दी?

गहना : इस खेल में दिलचस्पी तो मेरी पहले से ही थी। बस, आगे बढ़ने का हौसला माता-पिता से मिला। आज मैं जहाँ हूँ, उन्हीं के कारण हूँ और तहे दिल से उनकी आभारी हूँ।

शौर्या : अभी तक की आपकी क्या-क्या उपलब्धियाँ रह चुकी हैं?

गहना : तीन बार जिला स्तरीय व स्टेट लेवल ओपन चैंपियनशिप जीती। अंतरविद्यालयीन प्रतियोगिता भी जीता। विद्यालय का जिला व राज्य स्तर पर प्रतिनिधित्व किया व अन्य दूसरी भी कई प्रतियोगिताएँ जीती।

शौर्या : अपनी सफलता में अपने कोच को कहाँ तक श्रेय देती हैं।

गहना : उन्होंने मुझे हमेशा अच्छा प्रशिक्षण दिया है, व आगे भी देते रहेंगे। हाँ, मेहनत बहुत ज्यादा करवाते हैं पर उसी से तो मैं यह सब प्राप्त कर पाई हूँ। वे मेरे लिए बहुत महत्वपूर्ण हैं और मेरी सफलता का श्रेष्ठतम भागीदार मैं उन्हें ही मानती हूँ।

ईशा बुडवाल

टेनिस के क्षेत्र में चमकता एक ऐसा नाम है जिसने कई राज्य और राष्ट्रीय स्तर की कई प्रतियोगिताओं में अपनी प्रतिभा का परिचय दिया है। अखिल भारतीय टेनिस एसोसिएशन द्वारा आयोजित प्रतियोगिताओं में 99 वषीय ईशा ने कभी उपविजेता और कभी विजेता होने की उपलब्धि प्राप्त की है। मुंबई, पूना और इंदौर में बेहतरीन प्रदर्शन देकर ईशा ने अपनी प्रतिभा का लोहा म्हावाया है।



कृति : इतनी छोटी उम्र में इतनी सफलता पाकर कैसा लगता है?

ईशा : पहले तो इतनी छोटी उम्र में सफलता पाना नामुमकिन सा लगता था, परंतु अब बहुत गर्व महसूस होता है। इसके साथ-साथ भविष्य में और अच्छा करने की तथा और ऊँचे स्तर पर पहुँचने की प्रेरणा मिलती है।

कृति : पहली बार हार का अनुभव करने पर आपकी क्या प्रतिक्रिया हुई थी?

ईशा : पहले तो बहुत बुरा लगा परंतु मैंने इससे दिल छोटा नहीं किया बल्कि अपनी गलतियों को सुधारने और भविष्य में इससे कहीं ज्यादा बेहतर प्रदर्शन देने का निश्चय किया।

कृति : शुरुआत से अभी तक आपका सफर कैसा रहा?

ईशा : मेरा सफर पूरी तरह से उत्साह से भरा हुआ है। इससे मुझे काफी कुछ अनुभव करने और सीखने को मिला।

कृति : क्या इसका पढ़ाई पर कोई असर नहीं पड़ा?

ईशा : पढ़ाई और खेल दोनों में अच्छा करने के लिए समय का सामंजस्य बनाना मुश्किल है लेकिन माता-पिता के मार्गदर्शन की वजह से यह काफी सरल लगता है।

कृति : आपके कोच कौन हैं?

ईशा : मेरे पिता ही मेरे गुरु हैं। उन्हीं से प्राप्त प्रशिक्षण से आज मैं इस मुकाम तक पहुँच सकी हूँ। बिना उनके मार्गदर्शन के मेरा यहाँ तक पहुँचना नामुमकिन था।

रोहित मेहता

डेली कॉलेज के छात्र रोहित मेहता ने भाई ऋषभ मेहता की प्रेरणा से घुड़सवारी में न सिर्फ अपना स्थापन बनाया है बल्कि 28 घंटे लगातार घुड़सवारी करते हुए लिम्का बुक ऑफ रिकार्ड में अपना नाम दर्ज कराने की उपलब्धि भी हासिल की है। वेलिंगटन, दिल्ली, पूना, मूह और इन्दौर में आयोजित प्रतियोगिताओं में

रोहित 2 स्वर्ण, 3 रजत और ५ कांस्य पद जीत चुके हैं। इसके साथ-साथ उन्हें एक्वेस्ट्रियन एक्सलेंस अवॉर्ड का विजेता भी घोषित किया जा चुका है।



शौर्या : इतनी कम उम्र में तुमने इतनी सारी उपलब्धियाँ प्राप्त की हैं। तो रोहित सबसे पहले हमें यह बताओ, किस उम्र से तुमने घुड़सवारी शुरू की?

रोहित : लगभग ८ वर्ष की उम्र से मैंने घुड़सवारी शुरू की।

शौर्या : तुम्हारी रुचि घुड़सवारी में कैसे हुई?

रोहित : मुझे मेरे पिता ने समझाया एवं मेरे विद्यालय (लारेंस स्कूल, लवडेल) में भी इसका वातावरण था।

शौर्या : तुम्हारे कोच कौन हैं और तुम्हें प्रतिदिन कितना अभ्यास करना होता है?

रोहित : मेरे कोच डा. महेन्द्रन हैं और मैं दिन में एक से डेढ़ घंटे अभ्यास करता हूँ।

शौर्या : इतनी कम उम्र में जब तुमने पहली बार राष्ट्रीय प्रतियोगिता में भाग लिया तब तुम्हें कैसा लगा?

रोहित : पहली बार प्रतियोगिता में भाग लेने पर मैं बहुत उत्साहित था और सफल होने पर मुझे बहुत खुशी हुई।

शौर्या : प्रतियोगिता से पहले क्या-क्या तैयारियाँ करनी होती हैं?

रोहित : मैं अपने राइडिंग किट, यूनिफार्म, हेलमेट, शूज़ एवं छड़ी को तैयार रखता हूँ। अभ्यास तो करना ही होता है।

शौर्या : मैं आपकी अभी तक की उपलब्धियों के बारे में जानना चाहती हूँ।

रोहित : मैंने राज्य एवं राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर कई पदक हासिल किए हैं।

शौर्या : आपको किस से सबसे अधिक प्रेरणा मिलती है?

रोहित : मुझे अपने बड़े भाई को देखकर प्रेरणा मिलती है।

शौर्या : भविष्य में क्या योजनाएँ है?

रोहित : मैं आगे चलकर अंतर्राष्ट्रीय प्रतियोगिताओं में भाग लेकर पदक हासिल करना चाहता हूँ।

शिक्षक दिवस पर विशेष

कहाँ लुप्त हो गई परंपरा

हमारी भारतीय संस्कृति में गुरु को भगवान का दर्जा दिया गया है शायद इसलिए कि गुरु अपने शिष्यों में भेद-भाव किए बिना उन्हें शिक्षा देता है और उन्हें बच्चों के समान समझता है। भारत में गुरु-शिष्य की परंपरा प्रस्तर युग से चली आ रही है तथा उनके बीच एक आत्मीय संबंध बना रहा है। गुरु विशाल वटवृक्ष के समान



है और शिष्य उस पर लगे फल, जिनके गिरने का दुख वृक्ष को हमेशा रहता है और खुशी भी कि उसकी छाया में पके फल अब दूसरों को सुख देने निकल चुके हैं।

परिवर्तन संसार का नियम है। हर दिन कुछ नया बन घट रहा है। यह संसार अस्थायी है जिसमें पुरानी यादें और निशानियाँ मिटती जा रही हैं। समय बिजली की रफ़्तार से बदल रहा है और बदल रही है हमारी विचारधारा, मान्यताएँ और दुनिया को देखने का नज़रिया। इस बदलाव का प्रभाव किसी हद तक गुरु-शिष्य परंपरा पर भी पड़ा है। अब गुरु, गुरु न रहकर शिक्षक हो गया है, शिष्य, विद्यार्थी में और गुरुकुल, विद्यालय में तब्दील हो गये हैं। गुरुदक्षिणा ने अपना अस्तित्व माया की नगरी में खो दिया है। अब गुरु-शिष्य में पहले से संबंध नहीं रहे न ही शिष्य उफ़! विद्यार्थी की नज़रों में गुरु के प्रति वैसा प्यार, आदर और सम्मान दिखाई देता है। गुरु तो आज भी शायद पुरानी परंपराओं में विश्वास करता हुआ विद्यार्थी को उसी भाव से पढ़ा रहा है लेकिन कहीं न कहीं विद्यार्थी के हृदय पर समय ने चोट की है। विद्यार्थी अब समय के साथ बदल रहे हैं और बदल रही है उनकी सोच, अपेक्षा और जीने का तरीका। अगर आज शिक्षक उसकी उम्मीदों और अपेक्षाओं पर खरा नहीं उतरता तो वे मानते हैं कि उन्हें कुछ आता ही नहीं और खरे उतरते हैं तो कौन सी बड़ी बात? आज विद्यार्थी गुरु को अपनी कसौटी पर कसना चाहते हैं अपने रुतबे और पहुँच का रौब दिखाकर पीठ-पीछे शिक्षकों के लिए ऐसे शब्द प्रयोग किए जाते हैं जिन्हें सुनना तो दूर सोचने में ही रोंगटे खड़े हो जाते हैं। आखिर इन प्रताड़नाओं और अपेक्षाओं से क्या हासिल होगा? पीठ-पीछे ईश्वर रूपी गुरु की बुराइयाँ करके शिष्य अपनी उच्च श्रेणी का शायद परिचय देना चाहते हैं और बताना चाहते हैं कि अब वे आधुनिक हो गए हैं। इन सारी तुच्छ हरकतों से वे और कुछ नहीं बल्कि अपनी संकीर्ण मानसिकता और छोटी सोच का परिचय दे रहे हैं। अब समय आ गया है कि हमें अपनी सोच बदलनी चाहिए और इस आधुनिकता का मुखौटा उतार फेंकना चाहिये ताकि विद्यालयों में फिर से वही आदर, सम्मान का वातावरण लौट सके जो कभी भारत की पहचान हुआ करता था और हम अपनी पुरानी गुरु-शिष्य परंपरा को जीवित रख सकें।

पुष्पेंद्र पाल
दसवीं 'द'

हिन्दी दिवस पर विशेष

हिन्दी भाषा के सम्मान को समर्पित यह दिवस प्रतिवर्ष 98 सितम्बर को मनाया जाता है। हिन्दी हमारी राष्ट्रभाषा है, राजभाषा है, मातृभाषा है। बहुजन समाज के बोलचाल, व्यवहार की भाषा अपने इतिहास में महान संस्कृति को संजोए हुए है। भाषा वह माध्यम है जिसके द्वारा हम अपनी भावनाओं का, विचारों का आदान-प्रदान करते हैं। प्रकृति ने हमें वाणी का सर्वश्रेष्ठ उपहार देकर उपकृत किया है मनुष्य ने भाषा की खोज करके उसको समृद्ध बनाकर पूरी

मानव जाति का कल्याण किया है। कल्पना कीजिए भाषा और वाणी के बिना हमारा क्या होता? हम संवाद ही न करते? शायद हमारा संसार वहीं थम जाता। किसी विद्वान ने कहा है कि भाषा के द्वारा अर्थात् जैसे ही तुम बोलना आरंभ करते हो तुम्हारी संस्कृति, परिवेश, देश, शिक्षा और सभ्यता का पता चल जाता है। हमारी राष्ट्रभाषा हिन्दी का इतिहास समृद्ध एवम् प्राचीन है। इसने दुनिया को उच्च स्तर का साहित्य, ग्रंथ, महाकाव्य, कवि-लेखक प्रदान किए हैं। अनेक सम्मानों एवम् पुरस्कारों से यह समय-समय पर गौरवान्वित हुई है। हर चौदह मील के अंतराल पर इसका स्वरूप बदलता है परन्तु हम गर्व के साथ कह सकते हैं कि हम हिन्दी भाषी एक हैं। आज हम हिन्दी भाषा का सम्मान एवम् इसकी महान संस्कृति का स्मरण करते हैं..... अंत में



हिन्दी तुमको वंदन है
हिन्दी, जीवन दर्शन है
अर्पण और समर्पण है
नव आशाओं की चितवन है
कुमकुम अक्षत चन्दन है
तुलसी, सूर, कबीर हैं
पंत, प्रसाद और मीरा हैं
मुस्कानों का ये दर्पण है
अश्रुत का भी क्रन्दन है

नव रसों की गागर है
छोटा लगता सागर है
हर युग का स्पन्दन है
अमृत विष का मंथन है
हिन्दी तुमको वंदन है
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तान्या नीमा
नवीं 'ई'

सुहाना सफ़रनामा

“जिन्दगी इक सफ़र है सुहाना.....और जब सफ़र में दोस्तों का साथ हो और हिमाचल की खूबसूरत वादियाँ हों, तो सफ़र अविस्मरणीय हो जाता है। तो लो, हम भी चल पड़े।

२४ अप्रैल, २०१० को डेली कॉलेज से ८० लड़के और लड़कियाँ मालवा एक्सप्रेस से अंबाला के लिए रवाना हुए। इस ट्रेन की एक खासियत है, कि यह कभी समय पर नहीं पहुँचती तो हमें भी कौन सी जल्दी थी? हम तो यहाँ दोस्तों के साथ पूरे मजे कर रहे थे। दो दिलों में बँट गए। एक दल शिमला की ओर बढ़ चला, तो दूसरा मनाली की ओर। सुंदर वादियाँ, हरे-भरे वृक्ष, घुमावदार रास्तों और सुहावने मौसम का लुत्फ़ उठाते हुए हम कब मनाली पहुँच गए पता ही नहीं चला।

शाम को प्रसिद्ध मॉल रोड पर टहलते हुए दुकानों की रौनक देखी। कुछ खरीदारी भी की। अगली सुबह होटल की खिड़की से जब व्यास नदी पर नज़र पड़ी, तो मन प्रसन्नता से भर उठा। दोपहर को हम प्रसिद्ध हिडिम्बा माता के मंदिर गए। पूरी तरह लकड़ी से बना यह मंदिर कई सौ साल पुराना है।

अगला दिन बहुत खास था। हम सब सुबह-सुबह तैयार होकर चल पड़े 'रोहतांग पास' की ओर। १३,४०० फीट की ऊँचाई पर स्थित बर्फ से ढकी यह जगह देश की सबसे ऊँची सड़कों में से है। गाड़ी से बाहर नज़रें घुमाई तो चारों ओर बर्फ की कोसों बड़ी चादर नज़र आई। उस पर पड़ रही सूर्य की किरणें, झिलमिलाते सोने का प्रभाव दे रही थी। अभी मैं इस अप्रतिम दृश्य को निहारने में ही डूबा हुआ था कि बर्फ का एक गोला मेरी पीठ पर पड़ा और फिर क्या था, हम

दोस्तों के बीच मानो बर्फवारी की एक नई जंग छिड़ गई। लग रहा था मानो यह खेल कभी खत्म ही न हो। पर कुछ ही देर में हमारे हाथ ठंड से ठिठुर कर अकड़ गए थे।

अगले दिन सुबह हमने अपना शिमला की ओर का सफ़र चालू किया। हमें शिमला पहुँचने तक रात हो चुकी थी। होटल के आरामदायक कमरे में जाते ही हम नींद के आगोश में समा गए। सुबह उठते ही फिर चल पड़े शिमला की सैर पर। मशहूर टॉय ट्रेन का मज़ा लिया, मॉल रोड पर सैर-सपाटा और ढेर सारी खरीदारी के साथ ही शिमला का खूबसूरत सफ़र खत्म हुआ।

अब हमारी वापसी का समय आ गया था। सो हम चल पड़े अंबाला की ओर। अंबाला से ट्रेन में बैठकर हम इंदौर पहुँचे। इंदौर स्टेशन पर सबके माता-पिता बड़ी व्याकुलता से इंतजार कर रहे थे। मन में अभी भी शिमला-मनाली की यादें घुमड़ रही थीं। तब ख़याल आया कि डेली कॉलेज के इतने अच्छे शिक्षकों के कारण ही हम यह सुहाना सफ़र पूरा कर पाए।

सिद्धांत करमरकर
सातवीं 'द'

मुझे कुछ कहना है

मंज़िल तुमसे दूर नहीं है
अपने कदम बढ़ा के देखो।
तोड़ दो मन के सारे बंधन
अरमानों की उड़ान भर के देखो।।

हर मनुष्य अपने जीवन का लक्ष्य तय करता है और पूरा करने के लिए कठिन रास्ते पार कर जाता है। आगे बढ़ चुके हैं अपनी नई कक्षा में दाखिल होकर। जहाँ दिल डरता है परीक्षा से, नए लोगों से किंतु मन ढाँढ़स बँधाता है, जो भी हो जाए, इस बार परीक्षा में अच्छे अंक लाना ही है।

मन में कई इच्छाएँ होती हैं, कई योजनाएँ होती हैं जिससे अपने स्कूल के आखरी पड़ाव में वो कर दिखाएँ कि हमारे गुरु और माता-पिता हम पर गर्व कर सकें। पिछले वर्ष नयी छात्रा के रूप में काफी मुश्किलों से गुजरना पड़ा, पर वही मुश्किलें धीरे-धीरे अनुभव बनती गईं। नए रास्ते अपने लगने लगे। यहाँ रहकर, लोगों का प्यार पाकर रास्ते और मंज़िल दोनों आसान हो गए। शिक्षकों के आशीर्वाद और सहयोग से और अपने दोस्तों के साथ से, कठिनाइयों से लड़ने का साहस मिला और धीरे-धीरे ज़िन्दगी में सब कुछ सरल होता दिखाई दिया। आज मैं, ज़िन्दगी के इस मोड़ पर आ खड़ी हूँ, जहाँ से मुझे पीछे नहीं जाना है। केवल आसमान की ऊँचाइयों को छूना है। इसी के साथ-साथ मैंने यह भी सीखा कि जीवन में उतार-चढ़ाव आते रहते हैं बस लक्ष्य को पाने के लिए विश्वास और दृढ़-निश्चय चाहिए। मेरे साथियो, नदी, कभी पहाड़, पत्थर या जंगल के रुकावट बनने से रुक नहीं जाती, वह सिर्फ सागर से मिलने के लिए चलती चली जाती है इसलिए आप सब भी बिना थके, बिना रुके बस चलते जाँ क्योंकि हर कदम पर एक परीक्षा है, इससे डरोगे तो रास्ता कठिन लगेगा और उस पर चलोगे तो लक्ष्य आपका इंतज़ार करेगा।

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