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Section I : From The School

GD Prefects—2018

1. Head Girl—Anandita Maini (VGD)
2. Deputy Head Girl—Sonam Wangmo (HGD)
3. M.I. Prefect—Nixita Taneja (VGD)
4. Academic Prefect—Divyanshi Vasisht (NGD)

Himalaya House

1. House Captain—Sonam Wangmo
2. House Prefect—Diya Modi
3. Holding House Prefect—Sabah Kaur Mann

Nilagiri House

1. House Captain—Ruhani Dhir
2. House Prefect—Mannat Bir Kaur
3. Holding House Prefect—Himangini Chibber

Siwalik House

1. House Captain—Anoushka Chauhan
2. House Prefect—Riya Uppal
3. Holding House Prefect—Tanvi Kadyan

Vindhya House

1. House Captain—Nixita Taneja
2. House Prefect—Saachi Bhardwaj
3. Holding House Captain—Sheen Banga

BD Prefects—2018

School Appointments

Head Boy	... Farris Haider Zaidi
Deputy Head Boy	... Abhinav Sohail
M.I. Prefect	... Shubegh Brar
Academic Prefect	... Parth Pant

House Appointments

Himalaya

House Captain	... Sahaj Mehra
School Prefect	... Chirag Garg
House Prefect (Sr. Dorm. Jr. Prefect)	... Vansh Bajaj
House Prefect (Jr. Dorm. Jr. Prefect)	... Jayant Kumar

Nilagiri

House Captain	... Guneet Singh Talwar
School Prefect	... Rishavpreet Singh
House Prefect (Sr. Dorm. Jr. Prefect)	.. Shivam Ahlawat
House Prefect (Jr. Dorm. Jr. Prefect)	... Kushal Khanna

Siwalik

House Captain	... Abhinav Sohail
School Prefect	... Aditya Chadha
House Prefect (Sr. Dorm. Jr. Prefect)	... Kartik Grover
House Prefect (Jr. Dorm. Jr. Prefect)	... Devin Khanna

Vindhya

House Captain	... Shubegh Brar
School Prefect	... Tanmay Robert
House Prefect (Sr. Dorm. Jr. Prefect)	... Abhimanyu Jacob Oberoi
House Prefect (Jr. Dorm. Jr. Prefect)	... Udayvir Singh Grewal

Holding House

House Captain	... Madhav Chawla
School Prefect	... Shivam
House Prefects	1. Dhruv Verma 2. Siddharth Khosla

My New Venture

Aanandita Maini, (Head Girl)

Coming upon this highway as a little girl, I had a typical image of a boarding school in my head, a predicted cataclysmic collapse of human civilization. I was afraid. I sensed fear all around me that day.

Five years later, as I struggle to pen down my thoughts, thinking of those anxious eyes almost tortured by the morning PT. I am afraid. I am fearful yet again not of my responsibility but of this surreal journey I have yet to begin.

To own the abundant life that is waiting for you, you have got to be willing to do the real work. Not your classroom, not your appointment, but needing your spirit.

As a child, I always believed, the love others had to offer was more important than the love I had to give myself. It's a decision you make. To pursue what you have come here to do and not just meander through the days.

It takes grace to be kind even in cruel situations, so let's step into 2018, with our heads held high and our fists down.

I am talking about the real deal; whose life did you touch? Who did you love? Who loved you back? That I know for sure, is what really matters, that I am no better or worse than any other being. That I simply am.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody for imposing their faith in me and entrusting me with this responsibility.

From My Heart To Yours

Mrs. Mridul Jhingan

Every morning when I say my prayers, I ask for the happiness of all people on this hill top. I pray for each child to be happy and healthy. Most of you might not believe this because for you, teachers are always on the other side of the table, a creed apart who are always correcting you, scolding you, giving you prep, taking tests, checking your skirt length, your hair, your nails, your lockers, your shoes and sometimes also your diaries. But that is not because we don't have any better work to do or that we don't love you but because we understand the great responsibility on our shoulders to take care of you.

You are vulnerable and naive and still very young (though you might think of yourselves to be all grown up but you are still little kids in those externally grown up bodies) so cannot always think right (though from your perspective you are always right). The decisions you make may not always be appropriate so we as adults have to intervene. Sometimes, rather most of the times you don't like the interference and too much checking but believe

you me, it is always for your good and you will only appreciate this when you leave and go out into the big wild world where no one will care enough to check you... We want you to take the right step, be conscientious, confident and achieve your goals.

We know you all work very hard and are exhausted by the end of the day and have to still wake up early for PT, but so do we. We all work as hard as you or may be even harder. Remember how the duck wades in water, it looks calm on top but inside the water it is paddling ferociously to keep afloat. You might think as I often thought when I was young... oh these teachers are so lucky, they come every morning dressed up and the whole day go from one class to the other scolding us and have a lot of fun in the staff room having tea and samosas, they don't have to study or take exams. On the contrary, our duty doesn't start with sunrise and end at ten when we say good night to you in the dorms. It goes much beyond that.

Throughout the day, one class to the other, corrections, paper setting, paper checking, result compilation, games duties, hobby duties and dorm duties, signing PCOs and cheques and our own house work is the last thing on our minds. We are not complaining about working but only telling you that all this we do happily ensuring that we are able to give you the best we can. We are there because of you, we wouldn't be teachers without any students. As tutors, we have a humungous task of tutoring you, taking care of all your needs and requirements as you are the future generation and we have a huge responsibility on our shoulders. But we do all this lovingly because we love you, you are not our flesh and blood but you are our children. Sometimes when you are checked, you, say, 'O you hate me or so and so teacher hates me.' Teachers are grown up individuals and they never hate anybody, they only have your good at heart and only love you, maybe we are not able to always show that love. You have given us the opportunity to grow, to be compassionate, to understand problems teenagers face these days.

And then after all this, what do we expect from you? Only to be good human beings. To give your best in everything you do, right from making your bed or setting your locker to running the dreaded 100m to performing in the exams. But the most important is being a human being with a beautiful heart filled with love and compassion for everyone. We are here as a family so treating everyone as a family member and caring for them. This will wash away all the negativity that comes in the form of bullying or shouting or disobeying or creating indiscipline during classes or even littering. Sanawar will become the best place in the world when instead of complaining and cribbing, we start appreciating and paying gratitude for all we have got and making efforts to contribute towards Sanawar's well being. Every little step you take is a training ground for your future. So tread with care dear children.

So let us all pledge to make this hill top the most beautiful place in the whole world filled with the brilliance of our hearts that store only love and compassion for each other and the world.

A Million Droplets

Aarushi Thakur, U-V

Like a million drops of water falling,
My heart loses its beat,
An odd sensation I have often felt,
A mirage of unwanted need.

I don't know what it is,
For none is what I figure,
A rather odd say,
For never do I stutter.

It flows, it evades,
It rushes past my whole,
Never misses a crevice,
Goes along with a part of me stole.

Doesn't seem quite right,
For I can't point a finger,
All it does, all it says,
Is a chaotic rumble.

Grading my senses,
It leaves me wondering,
How do I know which one to say,
For a million drops flow my way...

Precious Nature

Jaanashen Bala, L-V

There's this awestruck look on our faces whenever we catch sight of nature's wonders. This expression, with ready to pop out eyes and a jaw nearly touching the floor, crosses our faces at the glimpse of the scenic beauty of huge majestic snow capped mountains or rolling lush green meadows in forest clearings, that are dotted with bright wild flowers. This look may pay your face a visit when you stand and adore a thundrous water fall that has a peaceful effect simultaneously. There's a relieved feeling that washes over us once we spot a desert oasis nestled amongst the sand dunes in the never ending desert. The feeling of contemptness controls your body when you just sit and admire the vibrant colours of sunset or stand at the seashore with gentle waves lapping at your feet. The background sounds of birds chirping while returning home as the sun sets or gulls crying near the sea is a pleasant melody to the ears.

When you stand before such sights, every problem seems to vanish and all of a sudden you're in a stance of peace and calmness. But many of these wonders are disappearing just because of humans. Pollution is making the humungous enchanting snow-capped mountains become bare. To make place for our homes and factories, the mystical forests are destroyed and the once colourful meadows are no more heard of. Just because we are extremely lazy, we litter in the waterfalls and expect the flowing water to throw it in garbage bins for us. This garbage that we think will automatically land up in garbage dumps instead washes up onto the seashore. Here instead of waves hitting your feet, people's wrappers wash up. The smog

that's created due to our vehicles and factories no longer leaves a clear sky where the eye capturing colours of sunset or the starry skies are visible. With global warming, the refreshing oases are disappearing and the animals are left to search in vain for water.

Don't we want our future generations to be able to forget their worries and adore these marvelous beauties? But instead we're creating a world of skyscrapers and dirty air. They won't know the feeling of the refreshing chilly wind or the beauty of butterflies fluttering around blossoming flowers. They won't know any of it. You might say, 'So what? We know the feeling.' But you must remember to always leave things as you found them or in a better condition. Many used up resources without any second thought and it did cost us. We'll never know the looks of all the extinct species or the journey of travelling by road from Alaska to Russia. But it's not too late! We're aware and we can save nature although it might seem like it's slipping out of our hands. All of us must make a difference to preserve this lucky world we've had the opportunity to live in. We must do our part to save the precious Earth.

Magical Eraser

Abha and Kenisha, U-III

Once I had an eraser,
Its colour was white, black and blue,
It was so magical,
And could erase anything we do.

I told my friend about it,
It shines as bright as the sun;
But she was not ready to believe me,
Instead, was making fun.

She said I was a liar,
And even a fool,
So I told her, I'll prove it,
Tomorrow at school.

Next day at school,
I told her to look,
And what could I do to prove it?
I erased her book.

She got so surprised,
And wanted it back,
But what could I do?
I didn't know how to do that!

Basketball Festival Match-2018

Avanti Aggarwal & Seerat Sandhu, U-V

The enthusiastic crowd sat on the stands awaiting a fun filled afternoon. After all, it wasn't another ordinary basketball match, but it was the annual festival match between the staff and the students. Before the rivalry began, there was a line-up followed by a photograph of all those who were involved. The match started and hard efforts were made by the teachers, yet, the outcome was known.

It was evident that the teachers were exempted from the rules. Yet, the crowd was cheerful towards both the teams. The teachers were found pulling the person and not the ball as the easiest and the last resort! Every moment would bring a gush of laughter through the court. The match ended with the students winning by a huge margin. It was not the score that mattered but the spirit. Not only was it a fun time for all participants, but also a means of getting the teacher-student relationship to another level. The 'never give in' spirit of all was commended and deserved a shower of applause. It was followed by high tea, which was a rapprochement for sure. It was a match worth watching.

My Bliss

Shree Kansal, U-III

I want to go high on the sky,
Like the birds fly.

I want to save a pet,
From no future threat.

I want a friend,
To keep up with the trend,
Till the life's end.

I want a tree to pass time,
When I'm free.

That's all I wish,
For my life's bliss.

The Crying Hill

Ruhaan Bhardwaj, L-III

Tall as a hill, curved on top,
It leaves water sounding very soft,
Tall as a mountain, but big as a loft,
It never stops, dries or more,
It always cries there alone.

Then the breeze flows with ease
And shakes all the hill trees,
After the breeze comes the singing,
Birds who sing and bring seeds,
The seeds fall in the ground and,
Grow into new trees after that.

In the night the moon light,
Slashes like a silver blade,
And makes all the darkness fade,
And waits until the morning,
For the bright sun light.

The Horse I Love

Drishti, U-III

There is a farm near my house
Where I generally go around.

At times I find a horse on my way
Who might stay in a farm on the way.

I pass the same horse every day at times,
He's outdoor eating grass beside a rail fence
When I pass.

But when he's standing in his shed,
Then I see just his neck and head.

The horse is spotted black on white,
His ears and mane and tail are light.

I'd like to take the horse on a ride,
Seated on his back as if on a dreamy night.

I'd like to pat his ears and nose,
And rub his neck, do you suppose.

I'll have a horse when I am grown,
A beautiful farm of my own.

Imagination

Rehmatt Singh, U-III

What is Imagination? Through Imagination we can believe and dream during the night and the day. We all have imagined or dreamed at one point of time in our life. Maybe sometimes all of us might have dreamed when we sleep at night or afternoon.

Sometimes we have bad dreams or good dreams. It is all in our head. If we stay positive we have good dreams and if we stay negative we have bad dreams. Sometimes we are so engrossed in our dreams, we think they are real but they really aren't. When we wake up in the morning we forget our dreams and sometimes we remember them.

Imagination may help you in your studies. Dreams help you to sleep soundly at night. Dreams and imagination make people believe things that are not true. So, dream and imagine no matter what your age is. It might help you later in your life.

Spring Term Exchange Programme (Girls)—2018

Kamla Vaidya—Exchange Co-ordinator (Girls)

OUTGOING Students:

1. Anshruta Thakur, NGD (15th April, 2018 to 20th May, 2018—Cobham Hall School, Cobham, Kent, UK.
2. Anusha Rana, HGD (12th April, 2018 to 9th May, 2018—Herschel Girls' School, Claremont, Cape Town, South Africa.
3. Jassnoor Kaur Jatana, VGD (12th April, 2018 to 9th May, 2018)—Herschel Girls' School, Claremont, Cape Town, South Africa.
4. Jigyasa Sanghi, SGD (10th May, 2018 to 22nd June, 2018)—St. Philips College, Alice Springs, Australia.
5. Manasvi Goyal, HGD (12th April, 2018 to 9th May, 2018)—Herschel Girls' School, Claremont, Cape Town, South Africa

6. Nitya Khanna, VGD (12th April, 2018 to 9th May, 2018)—Herschel Girls' School, Claremont, Cape Town, South Africa.

INCOMING Students :

1. Khanyisile Kotsi, HGD (Herschel Girls' School, Claremont, Cape Town, South Africa).
2. Chelsea Dawes, VGD (Herschel Girls' School, Claremont, Cape Town, South Africa).
3. Brynley Lewis, SGD (St. Philips College, Alice Springs, Australia).
4. Alexandra Furlong, HGD (Herschel Girls' School, Claremont, Cape Town, South Africa).
5. Olivia Lascaris, VGD (Herschel Girls' School, Claremont, Cape Town, South Africa).

GESE (Trinity College, London) – 2017

Interested students from class L-III to U-IV sat for GESE, in Nov., 2017. The students were tested by Ms. Rachel Kirsch, nominated by Trinity College, London. Out of ninety-eight students thirty-four attained Distinction and twenty-six attained Merit. The results are as follows:

SNo.	Name	Class	Result
1	Bisman Buttar	5 A	Pass
2	Hunardeep Singh Sran	5 A	Pass
3	Ishan Phutela	5 A	Merit
4	Kunal Rai	5 A	Merit
5	Manya Kumar	5 A	Merit
6	Manya Gupta	5 A	Merit
7	Narayana Pujara	5 A	Pass
8	Neil Singh Kalsi	5 A	Merit
9	Parinaaz Dhindsa	5 A	Distinction
10	Raahil Dhawan	5 A	Pass
11	Shree Kansal	5 A	Merit
12	Udayvir Singh Sidhu	5 A	Merit
13	Vedant Bhardwaj	5 A	Merit
14	Aaran Krishn	5 B	Merit
15	Abha Acharya	5 B	Pass
16	Aditya Ranjan	5 B	Pass
17	Agam Singh Dhiman	5 B	Pass
18	Armaanvir Singh Bhatia	5 B	Distinction
19	Arnav Bansal	5 B	Distinction
20	Arshiya Chauhan	5 B	Distinction
21	Bhavdeep Sangwan	5 B	Pass
22	Bhavya Gupta	5 B	Pass
23	Daksh Grewal	5 B	Distinction
24	Mugdha Thakur	5 B	Pass
25	Nandini Jain	5 B	Distinction
26	Preet Gupta	5 B	Pass
27	Samarth Gulati	5 B	Pass
28	Sehtej Singh	5 B	Pass
29	Tejasav Monga	5 B	Pass
30	Vasvi Jain	5 B	Pass
31	Yana Saini	5 B	Merit
32	Yestin Yogeshwar	5 B	Pass
33	Aarav Grover	5 C	Pass
34	Adhiraj Singh Kalsi	5 C	Pass
35	Aroosh Jayaswal	5 C	Merit
36	Ayanna Soin	5 C	Merit
37	Chhavi Narayan Moolchandani	5 C	Distinction
38	Gayatri Sud	5 C	Distinction
39	Gurnek Singh Gabadia	5 C	Merit
40	Japhar Kaur Jawandha	5 C	Distinction
41	Naina Grewal	5 C	Distinction
42	Ojas Jain	5 C	Distinction
43	Yash Beniwal	5 C	Pass
44	Ananya Goyal	6 A	Pass
45	Aryaveer Chadha	6 A	Distinction
46	Ayra Khurana	6 A	Merit
47	Jairaj Grewal	6 A	Pass
48	Japteshwar Singh Gill	6 A	Distinction
49	Lakshay Bhatia	6 A	Pass
50	Navdeep Sangwan	6 A	Distinction
51	Shaurya Jindal	6 A	Merit
52	Veer Devgan	6 A	Distinction
53	Aayaan Jain	6 B	Merit
54	Anvi Chopra	6 B	Distinction
55	Aryan Chhabra	6 B	Pass
56	Gurfateh Singh Sandhu	6 B	Pass
57	Hriday Jain	6 B	Distinction
58	Keshav Singla	6 B	Pass
59	Krishnav Sahni	6 B	Merit
60	Simone Katara	6 B	Distinction
61	Utsav Chauhan	6 B	Pass
62	Vansh Sood	6 B	Pass
63	Abhimanyu Soni	6 C	Distinction
64	Atharv Singh	6 C	Distinction
65	Hrithik Roy	6 C	Merit
66	Kashvi Sareen	6 C	Distinction
67	Ravinandini Singh Chauhan	6 C	Distinction
68	Sahib Singh Bhullar	6 C	Merit
69	Shaurya Singla	6 C	Merit
70	Sohana Jishtu	6 C	Distinction
71	Trishita Batra	6 C	Merit
72	Advik Sharma	7 A	Merit
73	Aroma Daisy Kharsyntiew	7 A	Distinction
74	Kaavyan Gupta	7 A	Pass
75	Samyak Jain	7 A	Pass
76	Ahana Negi	7 B	Distinction
77	Jai Singh Cheema	7 B	Merit
78	Meer Zinta	7 B	Distinction
79	Neil Gupta	7 B	Pass
80	Zaara Bhinder	7 B	Pass
81	Zara Kalsi	7 B	Distinction
82	Anoushka Mukherjee	7 C	Merit
83	Krishna Roy	7 C	Merit
84	Aditya Kahlon	7 D	Pass
85	Akshit Prakash	7 D	Pass
86	Shaurya Singh Kotecha	7 D	Pass
87	Dhruv Deora	8 A	Distinction
88	Pooshan Soni	8 A	Distinction
89	Simar Singh Gabadia	8 A	Distinction
90	Tejveer Sood	8 A	Pass
91	Emaan Singh Bhullar	8 B	Merit
92	Gourika Jain	8 B	Distinction
93	Mannic Ahluwalia	8 B	Distinction
94	Abhiraj Bhatia	8 C	Distinction
95	Angad Gill	8 D	Distinction
96	Zoya Khurana	8 D	Distinction

Section II : SPORTS NEWS

- (1) Ronald Robert Kharmartha (VBD) represented IPSC (Jr.) Soccer Team in the 63rd National School Football Championship held at Jammu in December, 2017.
- (2) Udayvir Toor (NBD) won the 1st position in Jalandhar District Shooting Championship-2017 in 177 Peep Sight Rifle Shooting event held on 21st January, 2018.

Section III : O. S. News

Obituary

With grief, we share the demise of our former Headmaster, Professor Gautam Chatterjee, on the morning of February 18, 2018.

Post his short tenure in Sanawar (2003-2004), Professor and Mrs. Chatterjee had settled in Shantiniketan and established the Shantiniketan Vedanta Center to acquaint scholars through annual lectures with his experience on Shakespearean Studies, Vedic Mathematics and Hindu Philosophy.

For those who may not have known him, he was a highly qualified scholar and teacher. He earned his B.A. (Hons.) degree in Economics from Jadavpur University, an M.A. (Economics) from the Delhi School of Economics, and from the University of Essex, England. He later earned an A.M. (Economics) from Brown University, and an A.M. (Philosophy) from a joint program at Harvard and Brown Universities. He was an Exchange Scholar, and a Visiting Scholar, at Harvard University. He taught Economics, International Relations and History, Philosophy and Religion, Mathematics and Physics, in India, England, Canada and the U.S.A., at the graduate and undergraduate levels, prior to joining Sanawar as Headmaster.

The Headmaster conducted a special assembly for the children and staff and observed a minute's silence.

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प्रार्थना सभा में विचार:

तिथि-27-02-2018

नाम—वरदान सूब

कक्षा—दसवीं ए

प्रार्थना :-

हे परमात्मा ! हम सभी को इतना ज्ञान दीजिए कि हम अपनी मातृ माता के प्रति श्रद्धा भाव रखें तथा देश प्रेम को सर्वोपरि मानें।

मनुष्य जिस देश में जन्म लेता है, जिसमें निवास करता है, जिसका अन्न, जल खाकर बढ़ा होता है, उसके प्रति लगाव होना स्वभाविक है।

सच्चा देश-प्रेमी अपने देश के लिए अपना तन-मन अर्पित कर देना चाहता है।

कवि रामावतार त्यागी के शब्दों में—

तन समर्पित मन समर्पित,
और यह जीवन समर्पित।
चाहता हूँ देश की धरती,
तुझे कुछ और भी दूँ।

अमेरिका के देशभक्त राष्ट्रपति अब्राहम लिंकन ने देशवासियों को यह संदेश दिया था, "मेरे प्रिय देशवासियों ! यह मत सोचो कि अमेरिका ने तुम्हारे लिए क्या किया है। तुम यह सोचो कि तुमने अमेरिका के लिए क्या किया है ?"

देश प्रेम कोई सौदा या व्यापार नहीं है। यह देश से मिली सुविधाओं के बदले में दिए जाने वाला भुगतान भी नहीं है। यह तो पवित्र भावना है, निस्वार्थ प्रेम है, दीवानगी है। भगत सिंह को देश प्रेम के बदले क्या मिला—फाँसी। सुभाष को क्या मिला—मौत। गाँधी को क्या मिला—गोली। फिर भी आज सारा राष्ट्र इन महापुरुषों के बलिदान पर नाच करता है। देश के लिए बलिदान हो जाने से बड़ा संसार में कोई गौरव नहीं है।

शिवाजी, महाराणा प्रताप, तिलक, गोकले, मालवीय, आज़ाद, सुभाष आदि न जाने कितने महापुरुषों ने बड़-बड़कर देश-प्रेम का परिचय दिया है। रानी लक्ष्मीबाई, सरोजिनी नायडू आदि नारियों ने भी इसमें प्रशंसनीय भूमिका निभाई है। राजनीतिक सितारों को छोड़ दें तो प्रयोगशाला में दिन-रात एक करने वाले वैज्ञानिक, घायल पीड़ित देशवासियों को रोगमुक्त करने वाले डॉक्टर, अध्यापक, देश के लिए बड़े-बड़े बांध, ताप-घर, बिजली घर बनाने वाले इंजीनियर, ठेकेदार, स्वापारी, मज़दूर, कारीगर भी देश प्रेमी हैं, अगर वे अपने हर काम में देश के गौरव को बढ़ाने की बात सोचते हैं। देश को आगे बढ़ाने की भावना से किया हर कार्य देशभक्ति का पवित्र कार्य है। देश प्रेम की भावना धन, बोलत आदि हर चीज़ से बड़ी है। भगवान राम ने अपने माई लक्ष्मण को कहा था कि उन्हें यह सोने की लंका भी अपने देश से अच्छी नहीं लगी।

देश-प्रेम वह धागा है जिससे राष्ट्र के सभी मोती आपस में गुंथे रहते हैं और देश के लिए शहीद हो जाने वाले अरुण क्षेत्रपाल जैसे महान लोग बन जाते हैं। अगर देश पर कोई जंग, लूकान, बाढ़ या कोई भी विपत्ति आ जाए तो देश-प्रेम की डाल पर सब सहें जा सकते हैं।

इसलिए अपने प्यारे देश भारत से प्रेम करें।
जय-हिंद, बंदे मातरम्।

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हे ईश्वर ! हमें ऐसी बुद्धि दीजिए कि हमारी अध्ययन में रुचि हो तथा हम पुस्तकों में लिखे महान ज्ञान को ग्रहण कर सकें ।

हम केवल सोलने के लिए ही पुस्तकों का साथ नहीं बुढ़ते, आनंद के लिए भी उनके पास जाते हैं । जान-बूझ कर ही मैंने आनंद कहा है न कि मनोरंजन क्योंकि दोनों पृथक-पृथक हैं । कुछ लोग मनोरंजन के लिए भी पढ़ते हैं । वे लोग पढ़ते हैं ऐसी कथा और कहानियाँ जो आज हैं और कल नहीं, जो आज नहीं है और कल बासी पड़ जाती हैं । सच्चा साहित्य आनंद देता है, ऐसा आनंद जिसे समझना कठिन है और साहित्य यह आनंद पहुँचाता है अपने सत्य और सौंदर्य के द्वारा ।

वस्तुतः अध्ययन का अभिप्राय है—स्वयं पढ़ना । अध्ययन पुस्तक का भी हो सकता है और अपने आस-पास के जीवन का भी । इस प्रकार एक निरक्षर व्यक्ति भी देख-सुनकर, मिल-जुलकर, देश-भ्रमण करके, लोगों की सेवा करके, परिस्थितियों के घबके खाकर, कमी कुछ खोकर, कमी कुछ सोलकर दुनिया का अध्ययन कर सकता है । निश्चय ही यह जीवन का व्यावहारिक अध्ययन है, इसमें भी आनंद आता है और इससे भी कबीर जैसा मनुष्य ज्ञानवान बन सकता है । किन्तु महंगा सौदा है ।

पुस्तकों का अध्ययन जीवन के अध्ययन से कहीं अधिक सरल होता है क्योंकि जिन हज़ारों व्यक्तियों ने जीवन का सचमुच सक्षात अध्ययन किया है, उन सब का अदम्य ज्ञान हमें एक ही स्थान पर मिल जाता है । फिर भला उनके अध्ययन में हमें हज़ार गुना आनंद क्यों न आएगा ?

अध्ययन का वास्तविक आनंद तभी आता है जब पढ़ने के साथ-साथ विचार करना भी चलता है । केवल रटने से कोई लाभ नहीं । अध्ययन द्वारा हमें विषय की गहराई में जाना चाहिए और उसके मूल भाव को समझने का प्रयत्न करना चाहिए । उसे व्यवहार की कसौटी पर तोलना चाहिए और उसमें जो कुछ उपयोगी हो उसे जीवन में ग्रहण करना चाहिए । धन्यवाद ।

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बुरा न मानों होली है, दीपावली की बधाई, ईद मुबारक आदि संवाधनों से चारों तरफ का वातावरण खुशनुमा हो जाता है । जिसे बेधो वही त्योहारों के रंग में रंगा नजर आता है ।

मेरे विषय को आगे बढ़ाते हुए मैं आपको बताना चाहता हूँ कि भारत त्योहारों का देश है । यहाँ पर हर धर्म को मानने वाले लोग एक साथ विभिन्न त्योहारों को मनाते हैं । यही भारतीय संस्कृति की सुन्दरता मानी जाती है । भिन्न-भिन्न सम्प्रदाय के लोग होने के बावजूद भी यहाँ पर सभी एक दूसरे के त्योहारों को प्रेमपूर्वक मनाते हैं ।

महोदय ! हमारे देश में त्योहारों को मनाने की प्रक्रिया सदियों पुरानी है या मैं यह कहूँ जब से भारत देश है तब से ही भारत में त्योहारों का चलन है । इसके पीछे समाज में फैली कुरीतियों एवं बुरी बातों को मिटाने का उद्देश्य छिपा होता है । हर त्योहार हमें एक संदेश देता है और हम उसी प्रकार अपना जीवन जीते हैं । उदाहरण के लिए दीपावली दीप-प्रज्वलन अर्थात् प्रकाश का त्योहार है । ईद आपसी भाईचारे को प्रदर्शित करने वाला त्योहार है । हम सब जानते हैं कि इन त्योहारों को मनाने के पीछे हमारा उद्देश्य क्या है ? इसके पीछे समाज से अज्ञान रूपी अंधेरे को ज्ञान के प्रकाश से दूर करना है ।

श्री मान जी, आज सदन पटल पर रखा गया विषय 'सोशल मीडिया' ने हमारे त्योहारों को एकदम फीका कर दिया है । मैं इस बात से पूरी तरह सहमत हूँ क्योंकि आज का मनुष्य इस व्यवस्था में पूरी तरह फिट बैठता है । वह अपने काम एवं जीवन-शैली में इस प्रकार व्यस्त हो गया है कि उसके पास अपने परिवार एवं चाहने वालों के पास जाकर त्योहारों की शुभकामनाएँ देने का भी समय नहीं है । वह सोशल मीडिया की साइट पर बैठकर ही त्योहारों को मनाने की प्रतीति करता है । यह अपने मोबाइल फोन से सभी चाहने वालों को त्योहारों से संबंधित संदेश भेजकर इति श्री कर लेता है ।

मैं इस व्यवस्था को बेहद औपचारिक एवं अवास्तविक मानता हूँ क्योंकि हम किसी के घर जाकर व्यक्तिगत रूप से त्योहार मनाते हैं तो उसका आनंद ही कुछ और होता है । संदेश को तो हम त्योहार के दूसरे ही दिन Delete कर देते हैं । अतः यह कहना कि सोशल मीडिया से हमारे त्योहारों का महत्व बिल्कुल फीका पड़ गया है, बिल्कुल तर्क संगत है ।

अध्ययन महोदय ! दूसरी तरफ मेरे विषयों साथी यानि फेशबुक, इंस्टाग्राम, वाट्सअप आदि के समर्थक इस व्यवस्था को सही मानते हैं । इनके अनुसार तो मोबाइल या लैपटॉप की स्क्रीन पर ही त्योहार मना लेना ही अच्छा है वनाए इसके कि हम असल में किसी को रंग लगाएँ या दीपावली पर दीप जलाएँ या ईद पर किसी के गले लगें । वाह ! क्या त्योहार हैं । Happy Holi का Massage भर पर देने से होली का त्योहार मन गया । अरे भाई ! किसी को सराबोर ऊपर से नीचे तक रंग में जब रंग न दो तब तक काढ़े की होली और जब तक आपस में बर भाव को भुलाकर एक दूसरे को झाँकी की तरह गले न लगाएँ काहे की दीपावली व ईद । अतः आज का विषय बहुत

प्रासंगिक है। मैं आपको बता देना चाहता हूँ कि यदि इसी तरह हम टेक्नोलॉजी के नाम पर त्योहार मनाने का ढोंग करते रहें तो वह दिन दूर नहीं जब हमारी आने वाली पीढ़ी Google बाबा को सर्च कर पूछेगी कि "How to celebrate Holi" तो उसमें कुछ अज की clip बनी होगी जो हमें रोमांचित करेगी और सोचने पर मजबूर करेगी कि क्या वास्तव में होली का त्योहार ऐसे मनाया जाता है। तो श्रीमान जी, अब आप समझ गए होंगे कि किस प्रकार सोशल मीडिया ने हमारे त्योहारों के साथ-साथ हमारी पूरी जिन्दगी को प्रभावित कर दिया है।

श्रीमान अध्यक्ष जी ! जो त्योहार आपसी भाई-चारे एवं प्रेम को बढ़ाने वाले माने जाते थे वे आज सोशल मीडिया रूपी अंजाल से औपचारिकता मात्र रह गया है। फेसबुक या वाट्सअप पर एक रंग लगी फोटो या वीडियो जलते हुए या आपस में गले लगते हुए होली, दीपावली व ईद का दृश्य उपस्थित कर दिया जाता है। लेकिन आज मेरे साथियों को पता ही नहीं कि भारत सांस्कृतिक प्रथाओं वाला देश है। यहाँ हर दिन, हर मास एक त्योहार के रूप में मनाया जाता है अर्थात् यहाँ त्योहार खुशहाली का प्रतीक है। हर घर में खुशी का माहौल होता है। गरीब से गरीब, अमीर से अमीर मिलजुल कर त्योहार मनाते हैं और एक-दूसरे के सुख-दुख में हाथ बाँटते हैं। यही भारतीय संस्कृति एवं सभ्यता की सुन्दरता है। ठीक इसके विपरीत इस टेक्नोलॉजी ने हमारे त्योहारों का महत्व इस कदर कम कर दिया है कि वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम् वाली संस्कृति के देश में भाई-भाई भी एक स्थान पर रहकर त्योहार नहीं मना रहे हैं।

अतः मेरा यह कहना है कि आज इस व्यवस्था ने त्योहारों का महत्व बिल्कुल फीका कर दिया है, बिल्कुल ठीक है।

अध्यक्ष जी ! आधुनिकता की आड़ में हम अपने प्राचीन संस्कारों को भूलकर पश्चिम की ओर ताक रहे हैं। ऐसे में उनकी बराबर तो नहीं परन्तु हम अपनी पहचान खोते जा रहे हैं। यदि समय रहते हम अपनी मूल पहचान की ओर नहीं लौटे तो भारतीय संस्कृति का मिटना लगभग तय है। मैं आपको संसार के साथ चलने से नहीं रोकता लेकिन जिस देश की पहचान ही उसके त्योहार हो उसी को इस फेसबुक, वाट्सअप की आग में झोंक दिया जाएगा तो यहाँ बचेगा क्या ?

तो श्रीमान जी ! मेरा इतना कहना काफी है कि हम आधुनिकता की सारी बातों को सोखें एवं प्रयोग करें लेकिन अपने त्योहारों को जैसे ही मनाएँ कि जैसे प्राचीन काल से मनाते चले आ रहे हैं नहीं तो सदियों पुरानी यह सभ्यता आधुनिकता की आँधी में उड़ जाएगी।

अन्त में मैं कहना चाहता हूँ कि जब तक होली में रंग रहेंगे, दीपावली पर दीप जलेंगे, ईद पर गले मिलेंगे कोई भी वाट्सअप या फेसबुक भारत की अमूर्ण संस्कृति को छु नहीं सकेगा। धन्यवाद

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