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Section I : From The School

Bated Breath

Srijani Sankar Barik, U-VI

I expected, from myself and from the people around me. Little did I know that expectations are something so unreal, yet so extravagant that sometimes, yet often, we incline to build our succession of future actions and current thought about those future actions, around them.

Expectations are a source of ephemeral satisfaction but enduring trauma. This trauma depresses and kills so often, so many people and so many dreams that, with years of scars and gashes and bruises, the smart stop expecting much. And I was not, and am not smart. Expecting little doesn't make me, or anybody else, hopeless. No, it doesn't make me depressed or exasperated with life and its happenings. It just makes me happier because that, which happened, wasn't already presumed by me. Life will surprise you more often, and shock you less often.

There is this partially invisible line that separates something that is called 'expectation' from the thing that is called 'intuition'. It is inexplicable how one turns into the other; yet when it does, it leads to chaos, mess and allegations, inflation of 'ego, acid words and homicide. The difference between the two is so slight that a master of reverse psychology can juggle between the two with the perfect sleight of hand. The difference between the two cannot possibly be fathomed in words. That is the vindictive beauty of expectation, it blurs reality. Just like a mother who has seen the death of her child, a person who expects way too much cannot be pacified, or satisfied. That person endures exquisite agony. If what doesn't kill me only makes me stronger, shall I make myself naive enough to stare in the eyes of death, even when I could have found a better way of survival by just avoiding eye contact?

Expect less. Expect something real. Things tend to fall back into place even so.

The Greatest Question of All

Avanti Aggarwal, L-V

In any conversation, I was taught, there are at least three parties-you, the other person and the Lord. How do you know God exists? That is what is the greatest question of all. We live in a world where your genes can be mapped, where your cells can be copied, where your face can be altered. With surgery, you can go from being a man to being a woman. We have Science to tell us of the Earth's creations; rocket probes explore the universe. The sun is no longer a mystery. And the moon-which people used to worship, we brought some of it home in a pouch-right? So why, in such a place where the once-great mysteries have been solved, does anyone still believe in God or Jesus or a Supreme Being of any kind? Haven't we outgrown it? Isn't like Pinocchio, the puppet, when he found he could move without his strings, did he still look the same way at Geppeto?

The Reb leaned in, he said, "Now, my turn, Look if you say that Science will eventually prove there is no God, on that I must differ. No matter how small they take it back, to a tadpole, to an atom, there is always something they can't figure out, something they can't explain something that created it all at the end of the search. And no matter how far they try to go the other way to extend life, play around with the genes, clone that, live to one hundred and fifty-at some point, life is over. And then what happens? When life comes to an end? You all, when you come to the end, that's where God begins.

Personally, I always wondered about authors and celebrities who loudly declared there was no God. It was usually when they were healthy and being listened to by crowds. What happens, I wonder, in the quiet moments before death? By then, they have lost the stage, the world has moved on. If suddenly, in their last gasping moments, through fear, a vision, a late enlightenment, they change their minds about God, who would know?

A War of Hearts

Mehar Sandhu, U-V

A knight in a shining armour,
A princess beautiful as can be.
A pillar of bravery,
An enchanted beauty.
Never lost a war,
For they were fought on battle fields.
When his brain fought his heart,
The heart rejoiced its victory.
An enchanted beauty,
The fairest of all.
Never been in love before,
Now how could she fall.
Both unkeen,
A constant fight.
To stand back up,
To resist the fall.
But how could they control a heart,
Which wasn't theirs at all.
Two angels,
A heavenly prayer.
An unbreakable bond
A sacred flame.
A story as pure as can be,
Untold, untouched, unseen.
For as long as can be.

Why Men Feel Outmatched During Arguments With Women

Tarika Khanna, L-V

A man who had the gusto to take a survey described one of the most common dynamics that discourages men from trying to make women happy. "They don't forget anything, the smallest of mistakes made ages ago to the purchases that didn't work out, words said in anger, a man can never take it back".

For instance if a woman asks how she is looking in her new outfit and the man being honest says bad or not great, he will be accused for not having a good dressing sense and if he says yes, he will be accused of trying to please her and lying! A doctor would get to know if a man is married or not by checking his blood pressure and noticing his tired, and exhausted face. It would be a miracle to see a man with a normal blood pressure who is married.

It is a universal fact that an argument with a woman which was first the size of a micro-organism turns into the size of a mammoth by the end of it. Women tend to relate past events to current happenings. That leaves a lot of guys anxious because arguments feel like contests for which they are ill equipped. Men feel stupid during an argument with a woman because they don't seem to possess the same memory or insight as women. They'll never know why they will have to defend themselves

for something they did or said ages ago. The only way a couple has not been divorced by now is because a man has learnt to keep his mouth shut and not answer back. So in the end a word of caution to all men out there-never argue if a woman is angry cause you are inviting trouble your way.

Hardwork Leads To Success

Vinayak Kapoor, L-V

Have you ever seen people without working hard leading to success, very few. The successful ones who inspire us have worked hard and gained success.

Success is a sweet word. Everybody wants to be successful in life but to attain it one has to work hard for it unless a miracle happens.

Success means achievement, accomplishment, victory and triumph. The dictionary states that success is something desired, planned, the gaining of fame or prosperity.

Many think that success can be achieved by hook or by crook, that is, through under-hand methods. That may be possible for a short lived success. Success comes with hardwork, time, patience and concentration. One has to be fully focussed on his goal to achieve success and much more.

Success is also something that is viewed differently in the eye of every person.

This means doing what you have always wanted to do. Being where you always wanted to be.

To achieve real success in life, man has to work hard. Even history of man tells us that how they have struggled and worked hard. To be a successful leader we need to work hard. A student who just wastes time and thinks he will be successful, he is wrong. To attain good result or excel in examination-we need to work hard.

In brief, success is happiness and prosperity that comes after putting forth some form of effort.

So Hardwork is the only real secret to obtain in life. Work hard-success will come running to you.

Dear Friends

Remanika Bhutani, U-IV

One day what will happen when we lose our friends who we thought to be the best we had. We loose hope and first get exhausted. Don't we? Life is all about the difficulties which we face at a young age, there must be some of them but, when we face the outer world there will be so many of them. These are the things which make us strong. Sometimes it is good to be alone and fight the consequences. Friendship is when you find a person whom you can trust but-trust not only when the sun is there but also when the storm surrounds you.

Friends are people who are God gifted, you loose them once, the gift would not come in the same paper next time. When you have forgotten a song, a friend is the one who knows how it goes... Some people always care about you without your knowledge but it does not mean that you hate the people who don't care about you because one day you will realize that you lost the moon while counting the stars. Love the people who you feel give you the feeling of a special person. Remember "TRUST" is very expensive to earn. It may take years, but a matter of a second to loose.

The Ones We Love

Sakshi Gothwani, L-V

Parents are ours
And ours only,
And I hate when they
Love somebody,
A bit more than me.
We need them and
We love them, and even
Though they don't
Listen to us,
We know that
They love us.
We feel like running
Away at times,
But we know that
They'll be troubled
Throughout the nights.
They need us even
More than we need them,
I know it's annoying
Sometimes, and
All we need is
Some peaceful times.
They might go mad on us
A few times, but it's okay
'Cause we know
That they love us anyway.
Be patient and be calm
Because everything will be
Alright once and for all.

PD Inter-Section English Poetry Recitation Competition

Inter-Section English Poetry Recitation Competition for PD was held on 22nd April, 2017. As Thomas Gray rightly said, "Poetry is thoughts that breathe and words that burn", the children recited beautiful poems written by different poets on nature, funny poems, thought provoking poems and many more. The overflow of powerful feelings mesmerised the audience and the competition that began in delight, ended in wisdom.

The result is as follows :

Class positions:

Lower 3

First—L-3 B
Second—L-3 C
Third—L-3 A

Upper 3

First—U-3 C
Second—U-3 A
Third—U-3 B

Individual positions:

Lower-3

First—Jujhar S. Dhillon
(L3B)

Second—Arnav Bansal
(L3B) &
Kenisha Arora (L3B)

Third—Yana Saini
(L3B)

Upper-3

First—Kashvi Sareen
(U3C)

Second—Digvijay Jyaa
(U3C)

Third—Krishnav Sahni
(U3B) &
Ravjyot Singh (U3A)

Result of the Painting Competition held on 28-4-17 for PD

Lower Three

Position	Name	Class	House
First	Mugdha Thakur	L-III B	SPG
Second	Parth Gautam	L-III B	NPD
Third	Avani	L-III A	HPG

Consolation :

Sehraj Singh	L-III B	HPD
Drishti Chopra	L-III B	NPG
Sara Swami	L-III A	SPG
Chhavi Naryan	L-III C	SPG

Upper Three

First	Jai Chauhan	U-III A	HPD
Second	Sargun Chawla	U-III C	VPG
Third	Arooshi Bhatia	U-III B	HPG

Consolation :

Sehaj Chandra	U-III B	HPG
Sohana Jishtu	U-III C	HPG

Sanawar Spring Term Exchange Programme—2017

Gaurav Sood & Kamla Vaidya, Exchange Co-ordinators

OUTGOING Students:

1. Anoushka Chauhan—1st May to 21st May, 2017
United World College of South East Asia, Dover
Campus 1207 Dover Road, Singapore 139654
2. Sabah Kaur Mann—1st May to 21st May, 2017
United World College of South East Asia, Dover
Campus 1207 Dover Road, Singapore 139654

INCOMING Students:

1. Zara Kaur Garcha—9th April to 1st May, 2017
United World College of South East Asia, Dover
Campus 1207 Dover Road, Singapore 139654

Section II : From The Staff

!! Achievers !!

Students who scored 90% or above marks in the Second Unit Test of 2017.

S. No.	Name	House	%
L-III—A			
1.	Nimish Garg	HPB	90'00
L-III—B			
2.	Agam Singh Dhiman	VPB	90'00
L-III—C			
3.	Ojas Jain	SPB	93'00
U-III—A			
1.	Kritish Goel	VPB	90'00
U-III—B			
2.	Arooshi Bhatia	HPG	90'00
3.	Hriday Jain	SPB	92'00
4.	Jaibhav Chopra	HPB	90'00
6.	Jayant Sharma	SPB	96'00
U-III—C			
7.	Hrithik Roy	VPB	93'00
8.	Jaimukund Bhan	HPB	97'00
9.	Shaurya Khanna	SPB	92'00
L-IV—A			
1.	Anahat Puar	VHG	93'00
2.	Daksh Chopra	SHB	95'00
3.	Roshan Raj	NHB	92'00
4.	Sehar Kaur Sandhu	SHG	92'00
L-IV—B			
5.	Mokshi Sharma	NHG	92'00
L-IV—C			
6.	Chitrangda Thakur	HHG	90'00
7.	Navya Garg	SHG	93'00
8.	Tanvi Sood	VHG	91'00
L-IV—D			
9.	Kirti Jindal	HHG	95'00
10.	Saanvi Khurana	SHG	97'00
11.	Ustat Kaur Jatana	VHG	91'00
U-IV—A			
1.	Harshangad Singh	HBJ	97'00
2.	Jaanasheen Kaur Bala	HHG	96'00
3.	Simar Singh Gabadia	NBJ	94'00
U-IV—B			
4.	Himanshu Sabharwal	SBJ	93'00
5.	Karmanbir Singh Batth	VBJ	92'00
6.	Noopur Sharma	HHG	99'00
7.	Noor Seth	NHG	90'00
U-IV—C			
8.	Pavya Singh	HHG	94'00
U-IV—D			
9.	Ishika Sen	VHG	92'00
10.	Kahkashan Sehgal	NHG	92'00
L-V—A			
1.	Avanti Aggarwal	NGD	90'00
2.	Priyam Gupta	VBJ	91'00
3.	Sanaabi Thingbaijam	VGD	92'00
4.	Satvik Narula	NBJ	94'00
L-V—B			
5.	Amshul Bhatia	NBJ	91'00
6.	Siddharth Aggarwal	HBJ	90'00
7.	Veni Gupta	VGD	91'00
L-V—C			
8.	Yakshita Bansal	SGD	96'00
L-V—D			
9.	Ananya Kohli	HGD	95'00
10.	Anushreya Singh Verma	SGD	96'00
11.	Seerat Sandhu	NGD	99'00
U-V—A			
1.	Nitya Khanna	VGD	96'00
U-V—B			
2.	Akshita Kaushik	VGD	90'00
3.	Jaiveer Singh	HBS	90'00
U-V—C			
4.	Anshruta Thakur	NGD	91'00
5.	Suryaveer Singh Kadyan	SBS	90'00
6.	Tushar Garg	VBS	96'00
U-V—D			
7.	Gopal Agarwalla	NBS	90'00
L-VI—C			
1.	Aditya Chadha	SBS	90'00
2.	Divyanshi Vasisht	NGD	90'00
3.	Riddhi Khurana	NGD	90'00
L-VI—D			
4.	Parth Pant	HBS	92'00
U-VI—D			
1.	Keshav Peri	NBS	92'00
2.	Srijani Sankar Barik	NGD	93'00

Section II : SPORTS NEWS

Triangular Squash Championship

This year the 2nd Triangular Squash Championship was hosted by the Welham Boys School among the Doon School, The Lawrence School, Sanawar and Welham Boys School on 5th and 6th May.

Result of the Championship is as under:

A. Sanawar Boys U-14 team participated in team and individual championships.

Subir Pannu reached the quarter finals.

2. In Boys U-17 age groups's Team Championship: Team Sanawar secured 2nd position.

Team: Ashwin Krishnan, Hemant Kumar, Prabh Simran Singh Walia, Vinayak Kapur and Ritwik Kapoor.

In individual championship:

3rd position won by Hemant Kumar and

1st position won by Ashwin Krishnan.

3. In Boys U-19 team championship: Sanawar team won the 1st position.

Team: Guneet Talwar, Ashwin Krishnan, Hemant Kumar, Manik Sood and Madhvendra Chauhan.

In individual championship:

3rd position won by Guneet Talwar.

2nd position won by Hemant Kumar

1st position won by Ashwin Krishnan.

And with all 03 positions in senior age group Sanawar defeated both the teams of Doon School and Welham Boys School.

Team Coach—Mr. Deep Raman Singh

HP State Gymnastics Championship-2017

The Himachal Pradesh Gymnastics Competition was held at Rainbow International School, District Kangra from 20th to 21st May. The children successfully brought back 52 medals and 3 trophies to school.

The result is as follows:—

1. Result of Individual Championship of Girls U-10:

- a. Chhavi Narayan (SPG)-5C
- i. Floor ex 3rd position
 - ii. Vaulting 1st position
 - iii. All Round Best Gymnast 1st position

2. Result of Individual Championship of Girls U-15:

- a. Adrika Sood (VGD) 9C
- i. Floor Ex 3rd position
 - li. Beam 3rd position
- b. Veni Gupta (VGD)-9B
- i. Floor Ex. 3rd position
 - ii. All Round Best Gymnast 3rd position

c. Maliha Tandon (VHG)-8C

- i. Vaulting 1st position
- ii. Floor Ex. 2nd position
- iii. Beam 2nd position
- iii. All Round Best Gymnast 2nd position

3. Result of Individual Championship of Girls U-17

- a. Sehar Mehra (NGD)-10A
- i. Vaulting 3rd position
- b. Nixita Taneja (VGD)-11A
- i. Vaulting 3rd position
- c. Shikhar Dhillon (NGD)-10B
- i. Floor Ex. 3rd position
 - ii. Beam 3rd position
 - iii. All Round Best Gymnast 3rd position
- d. Ada Kohli (VGD)-12A
- i. Vaulting 2nd position
 - ii. Floor Ex. 2nd position
 - iii. Beam 2nd position
 - iv. All Round Best Gymnast 2nd position
- e. Sonam Wangmo (HGD)-11A
- i. Vaulting 1st position
 - ii. Floor Ex. 1st position
 - iii. Beam 1st position
 - iv. All Round Best Gymnast 1st position

Team Championship

Trophy for Jr. Team Championship

- i. Veni Gupta
- ii. Adrika Sood
- iii. Maliha Tandon
- iv. Devyani Singh
- v. Samaara Khilnani
- vi. Kashvi Sareen

Trophy for Sr. Team Championship

- i. Ada Kohli
- ii. Nixita Taneja
- iii. Shikhar Dhillon
- iv. Sehar Mehra
- v. Sonam Wangmo
- vi. Devika Vadhera

1. Result of Individual Championship of Boys U-10:

- a. Parth Gautam (NPD)-5 B
- i. Participation

2. Result of Individual Championship of Boys U-14:

- a. Abhijeet Singh (HNB)-7A
- i. Pommel Horse 3rd position
 - ii. Parallel Bar 3rd position
 - ii. Vaulting Horse 3rd position
- b. Vasuman Chauhan (NPB)-6A
- i. Floor Ex. 3rd position

3. Result of Individual Championship of Boys U-17:

- a. Sugam Gera (VHB)-7D
- | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| i. Floor Ex. | 2nd position |
| ii. Parallel Bar | 2nd position |
| iii. Horizontal Bar | 2nd position |
| iv. Vaulting Horse | 2nd position |
| v. Pommel Horse | 1st position |
| vi. Roman Ring | 1st position |
| vii. All Round Best Gymnast | 2nd position |
- b. Gopal Agarwalla (NBS)-10D
- | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| i. Pommel Horse | 2nd position |
| ii. Roman Ring | 2nd position |
| iii. Floor Ex. | 1st position |
| iv. Parallel Bar | 1st position |
| v. Horizontal Bar | 1st position |
| vi. Vaulting Horse | 1st position |
| vii. All Round Best Gymnast | 1st position |

4. Result of Individual Championship of Boys U-19:

- a. Abhay Sharma (SBS)-12D
- | | |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| i. Roman Ring | 3rd position |
| ii. Pommel Horse | 2nd position |
| iii. Floor Ex. | 2nd position |
| iv. Vaulting Horse | 2nd position |
| v. All Round Best Gymnast | 2nd position |
- b. Mohd. Anas (HBS)-10D
- | | |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| i. Horizontal Bar | 3rd position |
| ii. Vaulting Horse | 3rd position |
| iii. Parallel Bar | 2nd position |
| iv. Pommel Horse | 1st position |
| v. All Round Best Gymnast | 3rd position |
- c. Arjun Ghai (VBJ)-12B
- | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| i. Roman Ring | 2nd position |
| ii. Vaulting | 1st position |
| iii. All Round Best Gymnast | 3rd position |

Team Championship

Trophy For Sub Jr. Team Championship-Runners-up

- Aarav Tuteja
- Abhijeet Singh
- Jai Chauhan
- Roshan Raj
- Utkarsh Verma
- Vasuman Chauhan

Trophy For Sr. Team Championship-

- Abhay Sharma
- Arjun Ghai

- Aditya Rohta
- Bhavya Kapoor
- Ishaan Dabas
- Mohd. Anas

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अन्तर्वर्गीय हिंदी निबंध लेखन प्रतियोगिता

दिनांक—6-4-17

नाम—अनुष्का मुखर्जी

स्थान—प्रथम

कक्षा—सातवीं सी

13 मार्च, 2017 का दिन था। बाहर का मौसम बहुत अच्छा था। चिट्ठिया जैसे मसहारे पार रही थीं। वह दिन कुछ अलग ही था। मैं एक अच्छी मुन्कराहट के साथ उठी। मुझे याद आया कि आज होली है। होली मेरे कुछ प्रिय स्पोहारों में से एक है। उस दिन न मुझे किसी का डर था न भय। हम रोड की तरह 9-00 बजे अपना खाना खाने गए थे। अच्छे से अपना पेट भरने के बाद, हम खेल के मैदान में गए। सभी को तीन गुलाल के पैकेट मिले। मुझे लाल, गुलाबी और पीला रंग मिला। मैंने सारे दोस्तों को थोड़ा-थोड़ा करके गुलाल लगाया। यह हमारे विद्यालय में पहली बार था कि हम होली खेल रहे थे। मैदान पर छात्र-छात्रा और शिक्षक-शिक्षिकाएँ सभी थे। यहाँ पर डोल भी बजा रहे थे। मेरे दोस्तों के गुलाल खत्म हो गए थे। वे उदास हो गए कि अब हम होली कैसे खेलेंगे। मैंने अपने गुलालों में से एक उनको दे दिया। कुछ बच्चे होली नहीं खेल रहे थे। थोड़ी देर बाद लोगों को मजे करता हुआ देख मुझे मेरी छोटी बहन की याद आ गई। मैं सोचने लगी कि वह मेरे साथ होती तो क्या करती? एक लड़की जिसका नाम 'अरोमा' है वह तो पहली बार होली खेल रही थी। उसकी खुशी को देख मैं भी खुश हो गई। फिर हिंदी गाने बजाए गए। मैंने और मेरे दोस्तों ने खूब नृत्य किया। मुझे उन बच्चों पर दया आ रही थी, जिन्होंने होली नहीं खेली। मुझे याद आ रहा था कि पिछले साल मैंने कितनी खुशी-खुशी होली मनाई थी। इस साल मुझे सिर्फ इस बात का दुख था कि मेरे साथ मेरे माता-पिता नहीं थे। लेकिन फिर भी मैंने होली बहुत धूम-धाम से मनाई। यह कार्यक्रम एक घण्टे का था। आखिरी गाना चल रहा था कि कार्यक्रम समाप्त हो गया। कार्यक्रम समाप्त होने के बाद हमें जूस के साथ गुजिया भी मिली। हमने स्नान किया और दोपहर के खाने के लिए बसे गए। वापस आने के बाद मैंने अपनी माता को फोन किया और उन्हें होली की शुभ कामनाएँ दीं। मैं यह दिन कभी नहीं भूलूंगी।

अन्तर्सदन पो-डो- हिंदी भाषण प्रतियोगिता

तिथि—6 मई 2017

सदनगत परिणाम :

स्थान	सदन
प्रथम	विष्वा
द्वितीय	नीलगिरि
तृतीय	शिवालिक
चतुर्थ	हिमालय

व्यक्तिगत परिणाम :

स्थान	नाम	सदन	कक्षा व वर्ग
प्रथम	रितिक राँय	विष्वा	छठी सी
द्वितीय	उज्ज्वल कोतवाल	नीलगिरि	छठी ए
तृतीय	स्तुति कपूर	नीलगिरि	छठी ए

सहज
कक्षा ग्यारहवीं

अन्तर्सदन वरिष्ठ हिन्दी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता

तिथि—20 मई 2017

सदनगत परिणाम :

स्थान	सदन
चतुर्थ	शिवालिक
तृतीय	हिमालय
द्वितीय	नीलगिरि
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दिनांक 20-5-17 को सम्पन्न हुई अन्तर्सदन वरिष्ठ हिन्दी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता में हिमालय सदन के प्रतिभागियों ने निम्नलिखित विचार प्रकट किए :

धर्म समाज को तोड़ता नहीं जोड़ता है

जो है, वर्तमान परिस्थितियों में मेरा मानना है कि धर्म समाज को तोड़ नहीं रहा अपितु जोड़ रहा है। पिछले वर्ष नई दिल्ली में अहिंसा विषय भारत के संस्थापक, प्रख्यात जैन आचार्य, डॉ० मोक्ष सुनि ने हज़रत निजामुद्दीन ग़ालिब अकादमी ओडिओरियम में आयोजित 'वेगाम ए इंसानियत' संगोष्ठी को सम्बोधित करते हुए कहा था कि धर्म समाज को

तोड़ता नहीं जोड़ता है। मैं भी मानता हूँ कि विकास के लिए शांति आवश्यक है। सर्वधर्म समभाव, सर्वधर्म सद्भाव विद्व-शांति का मूलमंत्र है। धर्म के मार्ग में हिंसा, भय तथा नफरत का कोई स्थान नहीं। सभी धर्म मानवता के कल्याण और विकास की बात करते हैं। हिंसा व आतंशवाद का सबसे बड़ा कारण आपसी संवाद का अभाव है आपसी विश्वास का अभाव है, संतुलन का अभाव है, स्वीकार्य सोच का अभाव है न कि धर्म, इसलिए मैं मानता हूँ कि धर्म समाज को तोड़ नहीं रहा। सच्चा धर्म तो समाज को तोड़ ही नहीं सकता, वह तो समाज को जोड़ने की कड़ी है। उदाहरण सामने है—हम सभी गिरिजा-घर में प्रार्थना करते हैं। होली, दीपावली, गुरुपर्व साथ-साथ मनाते हैं।

सभी धर्म मानते हैं कि समाज के कल्याण के लिए हम अपने विचारों के साथ-साथ दूसरों के विचारों का भी धार करे। मानवता से प्रेम ही ईश्वर तक पहुँचने का मार्ग प्रशस्त करता है। फिर वह समाज को तोड़ कैसे सकता है ?

अखिल भारतीय इनाम संगठन के अध्यक्ष—उमर अहमद इलियासी भी मानते हैं कि धर्म शांति व सद्साधना के साथ रहना सिखाता है। मैं मानता हूँ कि भारत जैसे विविध धर्म व संस्कृति वाले देश में यह जरूरी है कि हम अपने धर्म-संस्कृति को जानने-समझने के साथ, दूसरे धर्मों की संस्कृति को भी जाने, समझें और आदर करना सीखें। मैं उदाहरण देना चाहूँगा स्वर्गीय बाबा हरदेव सिंह महाराज का—जिनोंने कहा कि मानवता ही सच्चा धर्म है, समाज को जोड़े रखना ही धर्म है। साथियों ! मैं मानता हूँ कि हमें यदि धार्मिक बनना है तो मानवीय गुणों से युक्त होना होगा। लोभ, प्रलोभन, क्रूरता व अहंकार को छोड़कर इन्सान बनना होगा। सभी हम सच्चे धार्मिक बनेंगे और फिर हम समाज को तोड़ेंगे नहीं, जोड़ने का काम करेंगे।

संसार का कोई धर्म नहीं कहता कि भेदभाव की बीमारें मत गिराओ, जीवन को प्रेममय और सुन्दर मत बनाओ, एक दूसरे का सुख-दुःख मत बाँटो तो फिर हम कैसे मान लें कि धर्म जोड़ता नहीं तोड़ता है।

हम प्रार्थना सभा में लगभग रोज संस्कृत प्रार्थनाएँ करते हैं—सर्वे भवन्तु सुखिनः सर्वेसन्तु निरामयाः।

सर्वे नद्राणि पश्यन्तु, मा कश्चिद् दुःख प्राण मयेत ॥

कितने महान धर्म से जुड़े हैं हम। सभी सुखी रहें, सभी निरोग रहें, किसी को कोई दुःख न हो, सभी का वरदायक हो।

यह प्रार्थना सभी के लिए है किसी एक वर्ग विशेष, पंच विशेष या सम्प्रदाय विशेष के लिए नहीं है। यह समाज के कल्याण की भावना से जुड़ी है। क्या हम कह सकते हैं कि ये विचार समाज को तोड़ते हैं। नहीं, बिल्कुल नहीं।

वैदिक धर्म की एक प्रार्थना आपको सुनाती हूँ। 'धर्म की जय हो, अधर्म का नाश हो, प्राणियों में सद्भावना हो, विश्व का कल्याण हो।' 'धर्म की जय' का यहाँ तात्पर्य धार्मिक व सांस्कृतिक विचारों की जय है। 'अधर्म का नाश हो'—में उस अधर्म के नाश की बात कही गई है जो धर्म से विमुख है, चाहे जो भी हो। 'प्राणियों में सद्भावना हो'—समाज के हर प्राणि के लिए दुर्भावना छोड़कर सद्भावना की उद्दात सोच है। 'विश्व का कल्याण हो।' इसमें सारे विश्व के कल्याण की प्रार्थना है। क्या भारतीय समाज के लिए इनसे श्रेष्ठ विचार कहीं मिल सकते हैं? इसलिए मैं मानता हूँ कि सभी धर्मों में समाज को जोड़ने की बात है—तोड़ने की नहीं।

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धर्म तोड़ता नहीं, जोड़ता है। इसे स्पष्ट करने के लिए मैं आपको एक सत्य कथा सुनाना चाहती हूँ। स्वामी श्रद्धानंद ने छात्रों को वेदान्त की शिक्षा देने के लिए गुरुकुल कांगड़ी विद्यालय की स्थापना की थी। इस विद्यालय में वेदान्त के साथ-साथ अन्य विधाओं की शिक्षा भी बी जाती है। एक दिन स्वामी श्रद्धानंद के पास एक पत्र आया। पत्र एक ईसाई पावरी ने भेजा था, जिसमें लिखा था कि भारत के अधिकांश निवासी हिंदी जानते हैं, इसलिए मैं उनके बीच ईसाई धर्म का

प्रचार करने के लिए हिंदी सीखना चाहता हूँ। अपने गुरुकुल में मुझे अध्ययन करने का अवसर दीजिए ताकि मैं हिंदी सीख सकूँ।

स्वामी श्रद्धानंद जी चाहते तो साफ-साफ इंकार कर सकते थे क्योंकि यह एक धर्म के लोगों को तोड़कर दूसरे धर्म में शामिल करने के लिए ही प्रार्थना थी। परन्तु जानते हैं कि क्या हुआ? स्वामी श्रद्धानंद जी ने पत्र का उत्तर भेजा और लिखा—आपका स्वागत है, गुरुकुल खुशी-खुशी आपको हिंदी सिखाने के लिए तैयार है, लेकिन हमारी भी एक शर्त है। शर्त यह है कि गुरुकुल में आपको ईसाई धर्म का प्रचार भी करना होगा ताकि गुरुकुल के छात्र भी महात्मा ईसा-मसीह के जीवन व उनके उपदेशों को जान सकें। मैं समझता हूँ यही धर्म की सच्ची पहचान है। धर्म आपस में प्रेम करना सिखाता है, नफरत नहीं। धर्म जोड़ने का काम करता है, तोड़ने का नहीं।

अब मैं अपने विपक्षी साधियों से यह प्रश्न करना चाहती हूँ कि भारत एक विशाल देश है। हिंदू, मुस्लिम, सिख, ईसाई, बौद्ध, जैन, पारसी, सगुण, निर्गुण उपासक लाखों नहीं, करोड़ों की संख्या में रहते हैं। हम एक-दूसरे के उत्सवों में, समारोहों में, त्योहारों में शामिल होते हैं। उत्तर से लेकर दक्षिण तक, पूर्व से लेकर पश्चिम तक अपवाद कश्मीर को छोड़कर यहाँ दंगे 'न' के बराबर होते हैं, धर्म के नाम पर मारकाट नहीं, समाज को तोड़ने की घटनाएँ नहीं हैं, फिर भी आप कैसे कह सकते हैं कि धर्म समाज को जोड़ नहीं रहा, तोड़ रहा है।

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