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Section I : From The School

My Dad, My Hero

Arjun Ghai & Srijani Sankar Barik, U-VI

This world is a very dark, inescapable labyrinth of emotions, every turn leads to something unknown. To survive its wrath, we have to move beyond the fear of the unknown; and this dive into the depths of the unknown requires insane courage. I have this courage. I did not get it in me unexpectedly, it evolved over time.

I have so much to say, you are close and yet so far away. This is for those times when I have left it unsaid even if there were tears pouring from those eyes.

You are what I wish to be. You are what I will look up to, till eternity. You have taught me what a man needs to know of this world. You have given me the strength to cry, to be afraid, to fail. You have taught me the power of love, love that reaches out, through the universe, through void and darkness, from you to me. You are my teacher; you have taught me more than what a millennium of education could have. You've made me learn the importance of honour and respect. You've lead me through this dark abyss called life. You've taught me how to live and what I am, who I am to become; it is because of you, and for you. And so, you have become more than God to me.

It is not in flesh and blood, but the heart which makes us fathers and sons. My father is my hero. He was and always will be. The greatest man I have ever known, his heart was pure and his mind was beautiful beyond measure. He never saw somebody as weaker or smaller than himself, to him, all humans were one. The world saw him as one man, but I saw this man as my world. He thrived on belief and never preyed off anybody. He was a real man in this unreal world. That was real strength. He made a legend because his story deserves to be told.

The world breaks everyone, and afterwards, many are strong at the broken places. Instead of

finding an escape, we have to face what we have lost. If it is important enough, nothing, nothing in this entire universe will be able to replace it. Nobody can replace him either. It pains, but I find strength in this pain. Because no pain can become too deep, no knife can become too sharp to cut love, the pure love between my father and me.

I know that he loves me. I haven't heard it from him, it yet remains a dream. But I do not really mind if my dream just remains silent, some things aren't meant to be said, they are just meant to be understood.

I love you, dad.

A Letter to Death

Aarushi Thakur, L-V

Dear death,

You have a wonderous way of intertwining your life with ours, a rather hated way if I say so myself. I have always wondered why choose the people who deserve better than you. But then an afterthought occurs: is there a sin greater enough that deserves a fate to be left in your hands? Is there?

I know there is no life without you, but why do you not tell us? Tell us you're near? Maybe it would help with the pain. Maybe? The pain is what drives us mad, the pain is what you inflict upon us and forget to take back. If only you could take away souls, it would've been better. It would've, right? I know that's an odd question but I can't help but wonder if the pain's absence would've brought peace or not? Would grieving be missed or not?

Dealing with your emergence is one of the toughest and, dare I say it, beautiful experiences. You must be wondering why I would use a term as joyous and beautiful rather than sorrow or grief,

well the answer is quite simple but rather odd. Accepting a person's inevitable departure is a long process filled with mourning over loss, but also smiling and laughing over memories you never knew you had made. It forces you to create a new perspective filled with the reality of unexpectedness and the highest degree of grief. We do learn alot, yet nothing would ever change the sorrow and the sudden blurriness in your eyes as the endless array of memories and words that were said come back and regret forms over the ones that we left unsaid, for they could be said later.

In the past few weeks you have taken away quite a few souls that I wish could be here a while longer. You have given grief to those who wished to smile. I won't be getting an answer but I can't help but write for it seems that I could blame Death for my crying eyes, blame Death for what I couldn't do or should I say blame Death for what I wish I hadn't done.

Love always

Tomorrow is Another Day

Pavit Sidhu, L-V

I am Fourteen years old, and I think I have been through my fair share of struggles. At times I have felt I couldn't keep pulling through. The thing is, I'm still here. I believe in staying strong even when everything seems to be going wrong. I don't tell you about what I've been through, that would be pointless because we all have misfortunes and our own battles. Even though I have wanted to give up, there has always been something telling me to get up, get over it and move on. The storm might be bad, but life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain until the sun comes out. Life would be easier if we could just learn to be happy with what we have, learn to say goodbye when it's time, and not ever look back. True sometimes we don't know what we have until we lose it, but it's also true we don't know what we're missing until we find it. There's a reason behind everything and instead of wishing things wouldn't happen, we need to go out there and look for that reason. Being hopeless and upset is a waste of time. We need to laugh and smile. Appreciate all the good things God gives us and forget the rest. Live life as it comes and goes.

We may never be perfect, but we have to love ourselves as we are. We make mistakes, we hurt others, but soon we learn, life moves on

We only live once, so why hold grudges and cry when we can love and laugh. Just because today is a bad day does not mean your life is bad. Tomorrow might not even be the best day of my life but I believe tomorrow is another day when we can start all over again.

Start where you are, use what you have, do what you can. The secret of being happy is accepting where you are in life and making the most out of

everyday. You can't change how people feel about you, so don't try. Two things prevent us from happiness, living in the past and observing others.

So enjoy your life and be happy because storms make trees take deeper roots. We are who we are for a lot of reasons. And maybe we'll never know most of them. But even we don't have the power to choose where we come from, we can still choose where we go from there.

The Most Common Dream

Guneet S. Talwar, L-VI

From convincing your parents as a child to being pleasant with your boss as an employee, from showing grief as a doctor to giving fake hope like a politician, one must know how to act.

If I were not to speak about the professional part of acting, I would say that it is a must have skill. Even if you were to become a 'Baba' you need to know how to act and stay so much in your character that you yourself start believing that you are God in one way.

Now, being an actor is easy but creating magic is what separates you from the rest. A lot of hard work goes into show casing these plays. An actor apart from living his character has to be loud and must speak with clarity, after all he/she is performing for the audience. Acting is much more than just getting onto the stage and mouthing lines. It's becoming a person from a completely different time and space.

Have you ever noticed a 'Baba'? You may think that it is very easy to become one these days, but it isn't. For that you first need to be a pro actor.

In the end, all I have to say is that becoming an actor is a very common dream but indeed is one of the toughest. Also, to give you an example of what knowing your lines is, here is a dialogue from last year's play, 'Night of January 16th'. This dialogue belonged to the district attorney flint, which was played by Abhiraj. I knew his lines too, that just shows how much practice went into creating a play like that. I quote—

"On the night of January 16th when lights of Broadway blazed an electric dawn over the festive crowds below, the body of a man came hurtling through space and crashed a disfigured mess at the foot of the Faulkner building. That body had been Sweden's great financier Bjorn Faulkner, he fell fifty stories from his luxurious penthouse, a suicide we were told, a great man unwilling to bend before his immense fortune, found the fall from a skyscraper shorter and easier."

The Sanawarian Laundry

Sanaabi Thingbaijam, L-V

The following article is written only on the basis of observations pertaining to the Girls department. After hearing a million threats and taunts by all the matrons for having to wear a dirty, sweaty house T-shirt or to use a damp towel for the next one week if you miss kit chucking on Tuesday or Saturday, you finally go to the press room to do the needful. And there you see those perfectly lined kits in your pigeon holes, cleaner than ever. I was wondering the other day of how Sanawarian laundry is so important even though we complain and crib for the wonderful "faded" colours or the amazing odour of pee from the clothes and believe me, it takes twenty sprays of an expensive perfume to ward off that pungent smell. To start with, I agree that faded things are really 'in' these days and everyone wants a certain part of their clothes ripped or faded, but in Sanawar it comes without any efforts, all thanks to AI laundry. A blood red Vindhyan T-shirt eventually seems pink and we fear that sooner or later, if the fading continues, they may just turn into the sunny yellow Himalayan house T-shirt. And Oh! If you are thinking of buying a track suit or a house T-shirt never forget and buy a size six times your original size because with laundry comes an immense amount of shrinkage. We have seen cases of an XL turning into an XS or the one leg of a track suit being shorter than the other and I don't think we should even start about the blue blouses where there is no difference between a twenty eight and a thirty. But the cherry on the cake is the fact that sometimes even after putting a million tags for identification, you never get your own kit or even better you don't get one at all! Even after all these drawbacks, I am surprisingly impressed and proud of our Sanawarian laundry. It is impeccable how they manage to wash all the clothes of seven hundred people twice a week with only a difference of three-four days! So the next time you want clothes washed for seven hundred people with three pairs of clothes each, which makes it twenty thousand one hundred clothes in total that too at the speed of flash, contact A-one laundry.

Peaceful Darkness

Aarushi Thakur, L-V

She couldn't take it anymore.
The voices in her head,
Were like bullets shot at her heart.
She couldn't deny the temptation anymore,
The longing she had to let go.

She was a blank canvas.
Now red is smeared in her being.
Letting go of the voices she embraced,
Embraced the temptation to let go.

She dug deep into her empty heart,
Put the strings connecting her to reality,
Now away from the voices,
Away from the temptation to let go,
She'll hold onto it forever,
PEACEFUL DARKNESS.

Goliath

(On body shaming and more)

Srijani Sankar Barik, U-VI

'The sadness will last forever.'

—Suicide note of Vincent Van Gogh.

GAIA: I haven't eaten today.

ABEL: I have never really seen you eating. You are eating yourself away.

GAIA: Do not start with your 'you are sabotaging your body' lectures again, oh please. I've had enough. I've come home after weeks.

ABEL: You have the gods to thank; I thought that you were dead.

GAIA: I am dead enough. I have been, for a long while now. It is good that you realized.

ABEL: How about deciding upon what to write on your epitaph.

GAIA: How about leaving me alone for a while, so that I can think about a thousand ways to die painlessly.

ABEL: How about making people around you feel less of your presence. Like, you know, being invisible, or maybe, unnoticeable for a while, so that people don't mind when you die, you know.

GAIA: I know. Do you know that we have six month's bills pending? I know you know.

ABEL: You are in depression, you know. I mean, not 'my dog is dead, so I'm depressed' kind of depression, clinical depression. And denial, about everything, about your existence and you being a total epitome of ruthless malfunction of the human species. You ought to be on medication.

GAIA: And you are just there, staring at me helplessly.

ABEL: So what do you do when you are suffocating on somebody else's damnation?

GAIA: Get a gun and get yourself a life.

ABEL: I need money, and an attorney. You need death.

GAIA: Undoubtedly.

ABEL: Look at you, Gaia. You look like something non-living. You have nothing on you.

GAIA: Well, neither do you.

ABEL: You know I don't mean money. Do you realize what you've done to yourself?

GAIA: I have become this over time, Abel. Now... no... you listen, and listen to me carefully. I have become this over time and while you witnessed my soul weakening, you did nothing. Anorexia is eating me away, I feel empty. And all you can do is tell me to die.

Where was your conscience when you mocked my appearance before your friends? Where were you when I told you that I was made a joke out of my office? Where were you when after every meal, I would purge out everything that I would eat? Where were you when I disappeared for a month? Answer me, will you? You weren't there, Abel.

And now that I am too weak to work, too fragile and too broke, you leave. I don't have the freedom to cry, they call me weak. Well, I am I am too weak to stay. This sadness...this sadness, Abel, will last forever.

Money is Not Everything

Pranav Kapur, U-III

'Richie Rich', an old and famous cartoon and a movie. He was the richest child in the world. However, money could buy him everything but not one thing, that is happiness.

In this jet age, success is measured by money. But in reality money is not everything. No doubt money is an important necessity to live comfortably. In this age, money is used to show friendship also. Money cannot provide mental peace and satisfaction at heart. People who run after money suffer from diseases and lose the charm of living. Money should not be used to show kindness, kindness should come from within ourselves. Donating money in charity is a good thing. People worship money as God. Money can buy comforts of life but not love, peace and happiness. Money is very much used in this age as a piece of show off. Wealth does not always mean goodness, it can be roots of many evils also. Money minded people are selfish and greedy. According to a famous philosopher virtues lies in midway.

So, one should have as much money so as to fulfil one's basic needs. A man having a good heart is richer than any millionaire.

My Younger Sister

Manya Kumar, L-III

My younger sister,
Is the best younger sister.
She is my best buddy,
She is my everything.
She loves me a lot,
I love her a lot.

I make charts for her,
I make cards for her,
She buys things for me,
She buys toys for us,
Because we are life of each other.

We dance together,
We sing together,
We eat together,
We play together,
We do everything together,
I love my sister.

Time is a Healer

Bimalika Thapa, U-VI

I was tinnier, than I am right now when I first stepped into this school and what my parents told me was, always believe that something beautiful is going to happen and ever since I've always been someone who looks too deep into something

or someone, that is because I realised from a young age that there's always more than what meets the eye. When I met all of you, I knew we were born with fire and gold in our eyes. As time heals everything I hope, the scars we may have left on each other's hearts, also get healed in the time we still have together with all the distance that lies between us not in miles or kilometers but feelings, I want you all to know that if we wait until we're ready we 'll be waiting for the rest of our lives, so let us get out there and show the world what we are worth of. And above all, watch with glittering eyes the whole world around you because the deepest secrets are hidden in the most unlikely places, those who don't believe in magic will never find it.

There are things we don't want to happen, but have to accept; things we don't want to know but have to learn, and people we can't live without but have to let go.

S.S.T. in Sanawar

Archit Bansal & Nishchay Mago, U-V

S.S.T--What is it? Is it Social studies or is it Sara Saal Tension. Well it's difficult to choose, but some people like me, may choose the latter.

According to me, it is the most tedious and tiring subject. From Jahangir's life to India's rivers to poverty in Africa and federalism. There's lot to read and memorise. Completing SST's work is the most annoying task. We have to write so many questions of so many topics of so many subjects, of so many different books. Moreover, when the exam's come, only to open SST's register is a heroic task. Only the length of the answers makes me want to go to sleep and skip the subject.

But one thought came to me while writing this speech yesterday, if studying SST is so hard, teaching must be harder to so many subjects. And for the teachers, I would like to continue to work hard in SST. Never mind the marks.

Section II : From The Staff

!! Achievers !!

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

S. No.	Name	House	%
L-III—A			
1.	Bisman Buttar	NPG	90'00
L-III—B			
2.	Aaran Krishn	SPB	90'00
3.	Armaanvir Singh Bhatia	NPB	90'00

U-III—A

1. Kritish Goel	VPB	91'00
2. Lakshay Bhatia	SPB	93'00
3. Prisha Gera	SPG	90'00
4. Ujjwal Kotwal	NPB	97'00

U-III—B

5. Anvi Chopra	VPG	91'00
6. Arooshi Bhatia	HPG	94'00
7. Dhruv Sud	VPB	93'00
8. Hriday Jain	SPB	92'00
9. Jaibhav Chopra	HPB	90'00
10. Jayant Sharma	SPB	91'00
11. Pranav Kapur	HPB	90'00
12. Sukhmehar Singh Jakhar	NPB	91'00

U-III—C

13. Hrithik Roy	VPB	93'00
14. Jaimukund Bhan	HPB	95'00
15. Ravinandini Singh Chauhan	NPG	90'00
16. Shaurya Khanna	SPB	94'00

L-IV—A

1. Anabat Puar	VHG	92'00
2. Chitesha Rewri	HHG	95'00
3. Daksh Chopra	SHB	95'00
4. Devisha Jain	NHG	91'00
5. Roshan Raj	NHB	95'00
6. Samridhi Garg	NHG	92'00

L-IV—B

7. Mokshi Sharma	NHG	92'00
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L-IV—C

8. Navya Garg	SHG	96'00
9. Tanvi Sood	VHG	93'00

L-IV—D

10. Kirti Jindal	HHG	96'00
11. Saanvi Khurana	SHG	98'00

U-IV—A

1. Harshangad Singh	HBJ	95'00
2. Jaanasheen Kaur Bala	HHG	93'00
3. Puru Manjarey	VBJ	92'00
4. Shravan Bhatia	HBJ	90'00
5. Simar Singh Gabadia	NBJ	95'00

U-IV—B

6. Himanshu Sabharwal	SBJ	95'00
7. Karmanbir Singh Batth	VBJ	91'00
8. Noøpur Sharma	HHG	98'00
9. Samarth Kharbanda	HBJ	90'00

U-IV—C

10. Pavya Singh	HHG	95'00
11. Shireen Malhotra	VHG	90'00

U-IV—D

12. Ishika Sen	VHG	91'00
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L-V—A

1. Sanaabi Thingbaijam	VGD	90'00
2. Satvik Narula	NBJ	95'00

L-V—B

3. Amshul Bhatia	NBJ	90'00
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L-V—C

4. Yakshita Bansal	SGD	92'00
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L-V—D

5. Ananya Kohli	HGD	90'00
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U-V—A

1. Nitya Khanna	VGD	91'00
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U-V—C

2. Anshruta Thakur	NGD	92'00
3. Tushar Garg	VBS	92'00

L-VI—A

1. Prerna Bedi	SGD	90'00
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L-VI—C

2. Keshav Kumar	VBS	93'00
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L-VI—D

3. Parth Pant	HBS	94'00
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Section III : SPORTS NEWS**Inter-House Gymnastics-2017 for PD, GD & BD****1. Result of P.D. Girls Individual Gymnastics Championship :**

Position	Winner's Name	House	Class
Third	Kashvi Sareen	HPG	6C
	Ishi Kejriwal	HPG	5A
Second	Chhavi Narayan	SPG	5C
	Moolchandani		
First	Samaara Khilnani	SPG	6B

2. Result of P.D. Boys Individual Gymnastics Championship :

Position	Winner's Name	House	Class
Third	Jai Chauhan	HPB	6A
Second	Utkarsh Verma	SPB	6B
First	Vasuman Chauhan	NPB	6A

3. Result of GD Individual Gymnastics Championship :

Position	Winner's Name	House	Class
Third	Ada Kohli	Vindhya	12A
Second	Maliha Tandon	Vindhya	8C
First	Sonam Wangmo	Himalaya	11A

4. Result of BD Individual Gymnastics Championship :

Position	Winner's Name	House	Class
Third	Mohammad Anas	Himalaya	10D
Second	Arjun Ghai	Vindhya	12B
First	Abhay Sharma	Siwalik	12D

5. House Position—IH Gym Comp. :

Position	4th	3rd	2nd	1st
PD Girls	Vindhya	Nilagiri	Siwalik	Himalaya
PD Boys	Himalaya	Vindhya	Siwalik	Nilagiri
GD	Siwalik	Nilagiri	Himalaya	Vindhya
BD	Vindhya	Nilagiri	Himalaya	Siwalik

Inter House PT Competitor-2017 for PD, BD & GD

1. PD Girls Best PT Leader :

Position	Winner's Name	House	Class
Fourth	Samaira Arora	Vindhya	6A
Third	—	—	—
Second	Sohana Jishtu	Himalaya	6C
	Schaj Chandra	Siwalik	6B
First	Nyah Malik	Nilagiri	6B

2. PD Boys Best PT Leader :

Position	Winner's Name	House	Class
Fourth	Abhimanyu Lohan	Siwalik	6B
Third	Abhimanyu Soni	Nilagiri	6C
Second	Jaimukund Bhan	Himalaya	6C
First	Kritish Goel	Vindhya	6A

3. GD Best PT Leader :

Position	Winner's Name	House	Class
Fourth	Rect Sidhu	Nilagiri	11A
Third	Ada Kohli	Vindhya	12A
Second	Ruchita Sharma	Siwalik	12A
First	Gaurika Mehtani	Himalaya	12C

4. BD Best PT Leader :

Position	Winner's Name	House	Class
Fourth	Arjun Ghai	Vindhya	12B
Third	Anshul Shroff	Nilagiri	12D
Second	Akshit Bansal	Himalaya	12B
First	Abhay Sharma	Siwalik	12D

5. Inter House PT Comp. House Position :

Position	4th	3rd	2nd	1st
PD Girls	Vindhya	—	Himalaya & Siwalik	Nilagiri
PD Boys	Nilagiri	Himalaya	Siwalik	Vindhya
GD	Himalaya	Nilagiri	Siwalik	Vindhya
BD	—	Vindhya	Siwalik & Himalaya	Nilagiri

हिन्दी खण्ड

अन्तर्सदनीय कनिष्ठ हिंदी भाषण प्रतियोगिता

दिनांक—16-9-17

नाम—अर्जुन संघ

कक्षा—नौवीं बी

स्थान—प्रथम

हम व्यक्ति पूजक समाज में जी रहे हैं

आप उन्हीं के लिए खास हैं

जिन्हें आपसे कुछ आस है।

व्यक्ति पूजक समाज के समर्थको,

क्या इस बात का आपको अहसास है ?

आदमी देव पूजा, पत्थर पूजा, नाम पूजा एवं वृक्ष पूजा करे या न करे उसे दूसरी पूजाएँ जरूर करनी पड़ती हैं—व्यक्ति पूजा एवं पेट पूजा। कलियुग में भारत जैसे धर्म-परायण देश में यह जरूरी हो गया है कि व्यक्ति पेट पूजा जैसे आवश्यक कार्य की पूर्ति के लिए नियमित व्यक्ति पूजा मो करे।

यैसे तो भारतीय जीवन में सभी क्षेत्रों में व्यक्ति पूजा की महिमा गाई जाती है, लेकिन राजनीति के क्षेत्र में तो पूजा के फलितार्थ का कोई सानो नहीं है। इधर पूजा उधर फल। आदमी में कोई गुण हो न हो बस एक व्यक्ति पूजा का गुण हो, उसके आने वाली सात-बीड़ियों का जीवन तर सकता है।

भारत में लोगों की व्यक्ति पूजा की अजीब-सी आवत है, कुछ समय पूर्व अम्ना मसीहा बन गए और उनके प्वादे तक महान हो गए। आज के ज़माने में कई बाबा लोगों को ठगते हैं, बेईमानी करते हैं, अपने घरों में काले धन की चोरियाँ रखते हैं—यह काला धन गरीबों के दिन-रात की खून-पसोने की मेहनत का होता है।

मोदी जी की पूजा का प्रताप तो देखिए, पूजा करने वाला भी छोटा-मोटा मोदी बनकर—मोदीमय हो जाता है। यही नहीं मतदाता तक मोदीत्व प्राप्त कर मोदीमय हो जाते हैं। आज के चुनावों में लड़ते तो एक मोदी जी होते हैं, लेकिन हराना लीकों एवं करोड़ों-मोदियों को पड़ता है। आज तो सोनियाओं, जयललिताओं, मायावतियों, ममताओं, योगियों आदि न जाने किन-किन की पूजा की जा रही है।

अंत में मैं कहना चाहूँगा कि हमारी आस्था जीवन मूल्यों, नैतिक सिद्धांतों तथा सबुणों में होनी चाहिए न कि व्यक्तियों में। यह न तो व्यष्टि के हित में होती है न ही समष्टि के हित में। अनिश्चित की सार्थकता वस्तुनिष्ठता में ही निहित है, व्यक्ति निष्ठता में नहीं।

अपने कंधों पर उठा,
भावनाओं, आकांक्षाओं से मैं भूति बनाता।
आस्थाओं, मान्यताओं को उप पर लुटता
न जाने किस गरज में राक्षस को नगवान बनाता।
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राम रहीम को उसी के डेरे में रह रही दो साध्वियों से बलाशकार के आरोप में दंडित किया गया है। इस मामले से पता चल सकता है तथाकथित बाबा कितने धाँवर होते हैं तथा अनुयायी कितने अज्ञानी तथा मोले-माले हो सकते हैं।

उसके अनुयायी अर्से बंद कर उसकी ओर नेतृत्व व मार्गदर्शन के लिए देखते थे।

दुष्कर्म के मामलों में अब फैसला आ गया है और सजा भी हो चुकी है। ऐसी संभावना है कि डेरे में हुए अन्य काले कारनामों का काला सच भी बाहर आएगा। सी०बी०आई० पहले ही गुरमीत के खिलाफ करल के आरोपों में सुनवाई कर रही है और देर सवेर इन मामलों में भी न्यायालय अपना फैसला दे देगा। डेरे में पुरुष भक्तों को नपुंसक बनाने के मामले भी हैं, जिन पर भी कारवाई चल रही है। यह सब बुराचारी बाबा के बुरे इरादों की ओर इशारा करता है तथा साथ-साथ ही इससे सत्ता पर बैठे लोगों तथा अधिकारियों की भोग स्वीकृति का भी पता चलता है।

धीरे-धीरे ब्रह्माचारी, चंद्रास्वामी और मिडगावाला के बारे में तो सुना ही होगा। यह सब कांग्रेस के कारण पनपे।

यह अत्यंत दुःख है। असलियत सामने आने के बाद मिडगावाला मारा गया, लेकिन ब्लू स्टार आपरेटन से जो गुस्ता उपजा, उसकी कीमत इंदिरा को चार माह बाद ही अपनी जान देकर चुकानी पड़ी। इसी तरह गुरमीत राम रहीम को नाजपा के नेताओं ने उम्ताहित किया।

ऐसी अफवाहें हैं कि हरियाणा में जीतने के बाद मुख्यमंत्री मनोहर लाल खट्टर को छोड़कर सभी मंत्री गुरमीत का धन्यवाद प्रबट करने के लिए सिरसा के डेरा सच्चा सोदा में गए थे। लेकिन इसका यह मतलब नहीं है कि अन्य दल बोधी नहीं है। वर्ष 2009 में डेरा प्रमुख ने कांग्रेस को समर्थन दिया था। वर्ष 2007 में गुरमीत को दी गई जेड प्लस श्रेणी की सुरक्षा के बदले में यह समर्थन दिया गया था।

लोकतंत्र मतदाताओं व दलों में सीधे संपर्क की मांग करता है। बाबा इस रास्ते में आ जाते हैं और वे समानांतर सत्ता कायम कर लेते हैं। जब मतपेटी पर किसी और का कब्जा हो जाए तो लोकतंत्र कमजोर होता है। इसलिए लोगों की सहमति से चलने वाली प्खाली में बाबाओं की कोई जगह नहीं होगी चाहिए।

आशाराम, रामपाल या अब राम रहीम, इन सभी बाबाओं ने सामाजिक परंपरा, धर्म को, विश्वास को छिन्न-भिन्न कर दिया है। इसलिए आवश्यकता है कि शिक्षा का प्रसार प्रसार हो, साधारण जन को सरकारी सुविधाएँ मिलें ताकि छोटी-छोटी सुविधाओं के लालच में लोगों की बुद्धि पर परदा न पड़े और वे बाबा धर्म के ठेकेदार जन-जन को न लूट सकें। बना दिया है धर्म को धंधा-2

पड़ गया है गले में फंदा
जागो, अब तो जागो देशवासियों,
समझो कि धर्म नहीं है धंधा-2

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कक्षा—नौवीं सी

सच्ची सुन्दरता

हमारे तन की सुन्दरता क्षणभंगुर है जबकि कर्मों की सुन्दरता आजोवन बनी रहती है।

एक बार एक राजा ने अपने राज्य में घोषणा करवाई कि जिस किसी के हाथ सबसे सुंदर होंगे उसको कीमती पुरस्कार दिया जाएगा। सबको जैसे ही इस घोषणा का पता चला तो सब अपने-अपने हाथों की उचित देखभाल एवं साज-सज्जा में लग गए। कोई दिन में तीन बार हाथ धोता, कोई हल्दी-चंदन का लेप लगाकर बंठ गया और कइयों ने तो काम करना ही बंद कर दिया यह सोचकर कि कहीं हाथ न जराब हो जाएं।

पूरा राज्य ही अपने हाथों को सुन्दर बनाने में लग गया। फिर निर्णय का दिन आ पहुँचा और सभी राजदरबार में अपने हाथ दिखाने पहुँचे। सबके हाथ चमक रहे थे। राजा ने सभी को हाथ आगे करने को कहा। सब अपने-अपने हाथ आगे करके खड़े हो गए। जाँच शुरू होने से पहले एक प्रामोण लड़की खेत में काम करने के बाद रौंड़ती हुई समा में प्रवेश करती है। वह राजा से बोली—महागज मुझे देर से आने के लिए मारु कर दें। खेत में काम करते-करते थोड़ी देर हो गई। राजा ने सबके हाथ देखकर निर्णय सुनाया कि इस प्रतियोगिता में यह किसान की लड़की विजयी हुई है। यह देखकर सब हैरान रह गए। सबने सोचा कि इतने खुरदरे व मिट्टी लगे हाथ इतने सुन्दर कैसे हो सकते हैं? तब राजा ने कहा—हाथों की सच्ची सुन्दरता उसके काम करने में है। सबको राजा की बात अच्छी लगी और उस लड़की को डेरो पुरस्कार दिए गए।

हाल ही में मोडिया ने स्टैनफोर्ड यूनिवर्सिटी की अनुसंधान रिपोर्ट देते हुए खबर दी कि भारतीय विश्व भर में सबसे सुस्त लोग हैं। जब मैं बहुत सारे रोपड़िया बालकों को बिना हेल्मेट के गाड़ी चलाते देखती हूँ तो मुझे भी लगता है कि

ऐसा गरीबी के कारण नहीं, बल्कि लापरवाही व सुस्ती के कारण होता है। मैं अक्सर देखती हूँ कि छोटे कस्बों में कई बस व ट्रक चालक सुरक्षा मानकों व जनता की सुविधा को धत्ता बताते हुए बीच सड़क में बतियाते रहते हैं। वे सड़क के बीचोंबीच गाड़ी लगा देते हैं तथा अन्य लोगों को पास लेने से रोकते हैं। ऐसा करने वाले अक्सर बड़े बाहनों को चलाते हैं। देखा जाता है कि चाईक पर चार-चार लोग स्वार होते हैं। मैं मानती हूँ कि इस समय यह बेहतर होगा कि हम अपनी उन कमजोरियों को समझें।

सामाजिक संस्कृति से काफी कुछ फर्क पड़ता है। जहाँ तक भारत का संबंध है, यहाँ तो इस तरह के सलीकों का तेजी से पतन हो रहा है। पश्चिमी देशों में आज्ञा पालन व सम्मान देना आम बात है, जबकि भारत में ऐसा नहीं है। सबसे खट्टा अनुभव तब होता है जब भारत के सरकारी कार्यालयों में कोई जाता है। हमारी सरकारी संस्कृति आम तौर पर जघृता वाली होती है, मारों आप उनके काम में वखल दे रहे हैं। यहाँ पर हालात यह है कि प्रधानमंत्री तक को सरकारी कर्मचारियों को समझाना पड़ता है कि वे सभ्य बनें। हमारे विद्यालय में भी एक नई संस्कृति प्रारम्भ हो गई है—आत्म-अनुशासन की। हमें स्वयं अनुशासित होकर औरों के लिए प्रेरणास्त्र बनना चाहिए। सभी हम श्रेष्ठ नागरिक बन सकते हैं। मैं आप सभी साथियों से यह विनम्र निवेदन करना चाहती हूँ कि आत्म-अनुशासन को अभी से अपनी आदत बनाइए। सुबह उठने के लिए, P.T. के लिए, Dorm से बाहर निकलने के लिए, विद्यालय आने के लिए, Prep तथा Study Hour में समय पर बैठने के लिए समय का ध्यान रखिए। रात्रि को 10 बजे से 5 मिनट पहले बिस्तर पर विश्राम के लिए पहुँचिए। वक्षाओं में अनुशासन का पालन कीजिए, अध्यापकों का सम्मान कीजिए और एक ऐसी संस्कृति का निर्माण कीजिए जिससे भविष्य में हम जीवन में सफल हों।

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