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Freedom: *They say I am power...*

Power: *What do you feel?*

Freedom: *Well, I feel I am ceaselessly changing...*

Power: *So am I.*

Freedom: *How do you sound so certain?*

Power: *I derive that certainty from your existence, dear!*

Must we always take pledges and oaths of didacticism to understand and value such forces?

Must we fall back upon rust-reeking notions of what is right and wrong...while true freedom lies not in what anybody else teaches us to think but in nurturing our minds to evolve?!

On this note, Cubs' Voice wishes everyone to be their own paramount guiding light!

Happy Independence Day!



**From the Desk of
Mr. Dyutiman Banerjee,
Secretary,
Managing Committee.**

Dear students, there is no substitute for hard work — *you have to be resilient*. Work hard, not just for a good academic result but for your own holistic development. Your competition should be with your own self. Always strive to become better than what you were yesterday. Don't let that fire die down.

Working systematically is very important in life. Start small: "*I will keep my room neat and tidy. I shall tend to myself, come to school in polished shoes and a pressed uniform*" and so forth. Such trivial details of life work a wonderful math on our self-discipline. If you practice positivity, it will become a habit which you cannot cast away. That is why you will find these minutiae insisted upon even at our school. And it does reap its harvest: **St. Xavier's Institution, Panihati**, reaches new heights every day, with our alumni being well-established in different corners of the world. The little incentives we give you in the form of 'Helping Hand' card, 'Police' card and merit cards have shaped you to be a good human being.

Always keep the urge for betterment alive in you —

I have to do better, I have the potential to do better. Keep that hunger alive in you. Pursue what you love. Frame your life the way you want, but whatever you do, make sure you are dedicated to the cause and give it your 100%. Success will automatically follow wherever you go.

~Transcribed by Debangee Thakur, 12F



SXI CELEBRATES RATHYATRA

St. Xavier's Institution, Panihati has once again embraced the spirit of Rathayatra with great enthusiasm and reverence this year.

The celebration, marking the grand journey of Lord Jagannath, Balaram and their sister Subhadra, brought the entire school community together in a vibrant display of tradition and festivity.

The celebrations began with the majestic Rath or chariot, beautifully decorated and bearing the deities Jagannath, Balaram and Subhadra, making its way from the school's annex building to the main building. This procession was followed by a week-long stay at the main building. During this period, the Rath became a focal point of celebration, enriching the festive atmosphere of the school.

A highlight of the celebration was the Rath's journey through the streets of Panihati. Students and teachers alike participated in pulling the ropes of the grand chariot, engaging in the age-old tradition that symbolizes communal effort and devotion. The vibrant processions saw enthusiastic students perform beautiful dance routines that captivated onlookers, adding to the festive cheer.

The celebration also featured the distribution of *prasad*, to all students and staff. This act of sharing blessed food further strengthened the sense of community and devotion, embodying the true spirit of Rathayatra.

As the week drew to a close, the Rath made its journey back to the annex building, concluding the celebration with a sense of fulfillment and joy. The annual Rathayatra at St. Xavier's Institution, Panihati, not only honors tradition but also fosters unity and cultural pride among its students and staff. This year's celebration was a testament to the school's commitment to preserving and celebrating cultural heritage, making it a memorable and cherished event for all involved.

~Anushka Ghosh, 11A

MEDIA CORNER



Sourin Dhar of Class 6F has secured the **First position in International Karate Championship 2024.**

Anushka Pandey, 6G at **SEISHINKAI SHITO-RYU KARATE Do FEDERATION, INTERATIONAL OPEN KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP OF 2024.**



Students of SXI shine at the CISCE REGIONAL BADMINTON TOURNAMENT IN DARJEELING.

ACTIVITIES AT SCHOOL

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Empowering Minds: A Knowledge Centre's Success Story Unfolds

The Suburban Educational Society's Sahaj Path Library serves as a beacon of lifelong learning and self-development, providing a conducive environment and necessary resources for individuals to achieve their educational and career goals...

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you."

The Suburban Educational Society, ever dedicated to the welfare and betterment of students, operates not only St. Xavier's Institution at Panihati and Ruiya, but also founded the Sahaj Path Library on August 1, 2019. Located on T.N. Banerjee Road, this institution plays a pivotal role in fostering comprehensive development in society and, by extension, the nation. It serves all users, regardless of age, race, sex, colour, creed or religion, providing a conducive environment for those, who aspire to advance their careers and re-establish themselves in society.

Library Facilities and Services
The library is open from 8am to 8pm and features a free reading room. It offers readers the necessary ambience to concentrate on their studies and engage their intellect. It fosters self-development by providing an environment, where individuals can focus on their goals. More than 600 readers are proud members of this institution, with 50 to 60 visiting daily to read in a peaceful atmosphere and utilise the print services available. The library also lends books, according to the readers' requirements, catering to job aspirants and those seeking to upgrade their career goals through higher diplomas and degrees.

Achievements and Success Stories
Operating seven days a week, the library accommodates those, who are job-holders, enabling them to utilise their Sundays productively. The library boasts 10 aspirants, who have secured government jobs, with others gaining placements in the army, customs, Commando Hospital and similar institutions. One aspiring advocate has praised the library

as a blessing, now aiming to become a judge. Numerous professionals have realised their career goals thanks to the library's amenities. Two chartered accountant aspirants have already achieved their dreams, and three more are on their way to earning the esteemed degree. Additionally, one member is pursuing a PhD in Hindi.

Support and Amenities
Readers prefer studying at Sahaj Path because domestic duties at home often interrupt their focus. The library's conducive ambience helps them concentrate effectively. Furthermore, the free Internet facility enables uninterrupted online classes and various online mock exams, enhancing their skills and performance. The management promptly addresses any issues, ensuring a smooth experience for the students.

A Centre for Self-Education
The library empowers people to pursue lifelong self-education, enriching and enlightening them while fostering independence. Like all public libraries, it functions as an intellectual powerhouse, aspiring to meet the educational, intellectual, recreational, informational and cultural needs of the community. Its primary function is to serve as a centre for self-education, supporting and promoting formal, non-formal and lifelong education, by maintaining an adequate stock of books and other reading materials.

A Proud Legacy and Future Aspirations
It is a proud moment for the Suburban Educational Society to invite more aspirants to join this unique library, which has become exemplary in the existing societal structure. We look forward to enhancing this facility in the years to come because, as Benjamin Franklin said, "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." Sahaj Path Library continues to stand as a testament to the power of learning and the impact it can have on individual lives and society as a whole.

We all bear witness to yet another remarkable feat achieved by the Suburban Educational Society, as the **Sahaj Path Library**, which celebrated its first birthday on 1st August 2019 strews a success story, boasting more than 600 proud members, 10 aspirants having secured government jobs, and an even brighter future.



SXI Panihati at T.T U19 Girls Group Champion of CISCE.



Oishee Majhi of 12D became the CHAMPION in CISCE Regional T.T tournament in U19 girls.



Soumava Dutta of 11C secured the Third place in U19 CISCE REGIONAL KARATE 2024 COMPETITION.



Pramit Paul of 6I secured Third place in CISCE REGIONAL KARATE 2024 COMPETITION.



Aditya Banerjee of 12D secured the 3rd Position at the Corporate Chess Championship organized by PGIM Mutual Fund.

ভারতবর্ষ – স্বপ্নের এক নাম

১৯৪৭ সাল। অনেক রক্তবরা সংগ্রামের পর ১৫ই আগস্ট ভারত পেয়েছিল তার বহু কাঙ্ক্ষিত স্বাধীনতা। তারপর কেটে গেছে প্রায় ৭৭ বছর। এই ৭৭ বছরে ভারতের বিজয় মুকুটে যোগ হয়েছে একের পর এক সাফল্য।

পৃথিবীর বৃহত্তম গণতন্ত্র - আমাদের দেশ তার বিপুল জনসংখ্যা নিয়ে দুপ্তভঙ্গিতে এগিয়ে গেছে উন্নতির দিকে-সে সামাজিক হোক বা অর্থনৈতিক। স্বাধীনতার পূর্বে সেই কুসংস্কারের অঙ্কার জালে আবদ্ধ ভারত আজ অনেকটাই মুক্ত।

গতবছর ২০২০-এ ভারতের চন্দ্রযান-৩ চাঁদের মাটি স্পর্শ করে। শুধু তাই নয়, চন্দ্রযান অবতরণ করে চাঁদের দক্ষিণ মেরুতে, যেখানে আগে কোন দেশ অবতরণ করতে পারেনি। সেই চিরঅন্ধকারের দেশে ভারত তার বিজয় পতাকার দ্যুতি ছড়িয়ে দেয়। ভারতীয় বিজ্ঞানীদের এই অবিম্বরণীয় কীর্তি সারা জগতে আলোড়ন সৃষ্টি করে। বর্তমানে প্রযুক্তি-বিজ্ঞানের এতই বিস্তার ঘটেছে আমাদের দেশে যে প্রযুক্তি-বিজ্ঞানে উন্নত দেশগুলির তালিকায় প্রথম সারিতে রয়েছে ভারতের নাম। ভারতীয়রা আজ সারা বিশ্বের মুখ্য প্রযুক্তিগত সংস্থাগুলির শীর্ষ পদে আসীন। এদিকে আন্তর্জাতিক ক্রীড়াভূমিতেও ভারত তার যোগ্যতা প্রমাণ করেছে এবারের কুর্ডি ওভারের ক্রিকেট বিশ্বকাপে জয়ী হয়ে এবং এক দিবসীয় বা ওয়ানডে ক্রিকেট বিশ্বকাপে দ্বিতীয় স্থান অর্জন করে। ভারতের নীরজ চোপড়া গত অলিম্পিক গেমসে ও এশিয়ান গেমসে জ্যাভেলিনে স্বর্ণ পদক অর্জন করে দেশের নাম উজ্জ্বল করেছেন। জি২০ শীর্ষ সম্মেলন এর সঞ্চালনার ও সভাপতিত্বের দায়িত্ব গ্রহণ করে ভারত নিজের সংস্কৃতি ও শিল্পকলাকে সর্ব সম্মুখে তুলে ধরে জানিয়ে দেয় যে আজ ও সে এক প্রাচীন গৌরবময় ঐতিহ্যের ধারক ও বাহক।

অঙ্কারের মধ্যে মৌলিক সংগীতের জন্য পুরস্কার জয় কিংবা ভারতের অন্যতম শ্রেষ্ঠ উৎসব দুর্গাপূজার ইউনেস্কোর পক্ষ থেকে সম্মান লাভ-সব কিছুই ভারত কে বিশ্ব দরবারে চিহ্নিত করেছে বৈচিত্র্যে পরিপূর্ণ এক দেশ হিসাবে।

কিন্তু বৈচিত্র্য আমাদের প্রধান বল নয়-আমাদের আসল শক্তি আমাদের ঐক্য, যা আমাদেরকে এক সাথে এগিয়ে যেতে সাহায্য করে- কারণ ভারতবাসীর কৃতিত্বই ভারতের কৃতিত্ব। ঐক্যবদ্ধ হয়ে ভারতবাসীরা যদি চিরকাল বাধাবি পদ পেরিয়ে এগিয়ে যায় তাহলে কবির সেই স্বপ্ন সফল হবে-

“ভারত আবার জগৎ সভায় শ্রেষ্ঠ আসন লবে।”

~Palakh Chattopadhyay, 91



~Riddhina De, 2F



~Shourik Routh, 4F

স্ব-অধীনভারত

স্বাধীনতা অর্থাৎ স্ব-অধীনতাই নিজের মনের রাস্তায় চলা, মন খুলে বাঁচা। কারোর আদেশ, শর্ত, বাধ্যবাধকতার বেড়াজালে জড়িয়ে না থাকা। ভারতের ধন সম্পদ, মানুষের মুখের গ্রাস লুঠ করেছিল একদল লোভী সাম্রাজ্য বাদী। চারিদিকে তখন অসংখ্য মানুষের চোখে জল, অসহায় মানুষদের আর্তি। সব হারিয়েছিলাম আমরা সেকালে। হাজার হাজার মানুষ মারা গিয়েছিলেন। ভারত মায়ের চোখে কালো আকাশ, মেঘে ঢাকা। সূর্যের আলো যখন কেউ দেখতে পাচ্ছিলনা- নেতাজী, গান্ধীজী, ভগতসিং, ক্ষুদিরাম আরো অনেকে আপ্রাণ চেষ্টা করেন দেশকে বিদেশীদের হাত থেকে মুক্ত করতে। রক্তে ভরে গিয়েছিল ভারতের রাস্তা। ব্রিটিশদের অত্যাচার থেকে রেহাই পেতে সবাই যখন মরিয়া, অবশেষে সূর্যের আলো এসে পৌঁছালো ভারতে। সমস্ত বিদ্রোহ, লড়াই এর অবসান ঘটল। ভারত মানিজের শিকল ভেঙে মুক্ত হলো। আমরা স্বাধীনতা পেলাম ১৯৪৭ সালের ১৫ই আগস্ট। আজ তার সাতাত্তর বছর পূর্ণ হল।

~Sampreet Ghosh, 81

India celebrates Independence of glory and diversity India's Independence Day, celebrated on August 15th, is a vibrant display of the nation's rich cultural diversity with its glorious history. Every year people from different corners of our country come together to honour the great sacrifices of our freedom fighters and to glorify our hard-earned independence. People enjoy engaging in various celebrations and some prefer to put on dresses of saffron, white and green in colours. This celebration is not just a reflection of India's unity in diversity but also a reminder of collective strength and resilience. I feel proud to be an Indian.

~Purandhri Seal, 41

India gained independence on 15th August 1947 after a struggle of over 200 years. Many great men risked their lives and even died fighting for freedom, and we are proud of them. This day of independence is recognized worldwide. In many other countries, the tricolor is seen flying high as well. Last year, the Burj Khalifa in Dubai was illuminated in the colors of the Indian flag to honor the country on its 77th Independence Day. Some people also fly kites in saffron, white, and green. Proudly, we sing 'Jai Hind' after the national anthem.

~Srinjan Sen, 31

A Dream Comes True

A nation, resurrected from a deep sleep, Awoke with dreams it vowed to keep. They broke the chains with all their might, To usher in a dawn so bright. With courage bold and spirits high, Freedom's call rang through the sky. In unity, they found their way, To build a land where hope will stay. Our motherland, now free, stands proud and strong, A testament to right the wrong. Her heart beats true, her voice so clear— A symbol of freedom year after year.

~Anmolika Dutta, 6F



~Karunamoy Bannerjee, 11F

আমার দৃষ্টিভঙ্গি থেকে স্বাধীনতা হলো নিজের মতো বাঁচা। নিজের জন্য নিজেকে নিয়ে বাঁচা, পাখনা মেলে উড়ার ইচ্ছা নিয়ে... সবার সঙ্গে মিলেমিশে বাঁচা। আমাদের ভারতবর্ষ স্বাধীনতা পেয়েছিল অনেক বছর আগে... ১৫ই আগস্ট ১৯৪৭ সালে। কিন্তু তা হলে কী হবে, আমরা সবাই নিজেদের সমস্যার মধ্যে জর্জরিত। খোলা মনে, চিন্তাশীল হয়ে বাঁচার সুযোগ আমাদের সবার জীবনে আসে না। তবে সেই অসুবিধার মধ্যেও যে নিজের জন্য সময় বার করতে পারে, সেই সত্যিকারের জীবনবোধ সম্পন্ন একজন মানুষ। যদিও সেই সুযোগ ছাত্রজীবনে আমাদের নেই, তবুও আমি চেষ্টা করি অন্তত একদিন নিজের জন্য সময় বার করে, পড়াশোনা বা অন্য কিছু বাদ দিয়ে, আমার আশেপাশের সবার জন্য সাহায্যের হাত বাড়িয়ে দিতে... সেটা গরিব বাচ্চাদের খাবার দান করা হোক বা বাবা-মায়ের কাজে একটু একটু করে সাহায্য করা হোক। এই একঘেয়ে জীবনের গণ্ডি থেকে মুক্তি পাওয়ার এক আলাদা মানসিক শান্তি আছে। সব সমস্যা অতিক্রম করে এগিয়ে যেতে পারলেই আমি নিজেকে একজন স্বাধীন ভারতবাসী বলে মনে

~Kasturi Ghosh, 81

Independence Day is a very special day for our country. It is the day we celebrate our freedom. Glory means how we remember and honor all the brave men who helped our country become free. Diversity means that, although we come from different backgrounds, cultures, and traditions, we celebrate this day as one big family. On this day, we feel happy and proud to be an Indian.

~Neelakash Dutta, 2B

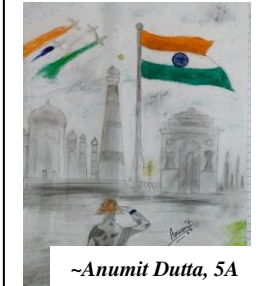
A STORY OF AN UNKNOWN FREEDOM FIGHTER

Once upon there lived a small boy called Ravi in pre-independent India. The name of his village was "TONGA" in Arunachal Pradesh. One day, Ravi was cleaning his room. Suddenly, he found a big trunk which belonged to his grandfather. It was very old untidy and had rust on it. He also found a lock and a key on the place where he found the trunk. When he opened it, he found a map which marked the secret places of the freedom fighters from where they collected food and water. Ravi's aim was to become a soldier. So, Ravi collected guns and bombs and gave it to the freedom fighters and helped the rebels exchange messages. In this way, he became their secret messenger. But unluckily and unfortunately, he was caught by the British ruler. The rulers tortured him severely but weren't able to get any secret on the rebels. Then the villagers of his village got him out of jail. Then again, he started his work. When the nation gained her freedom, Ravi was awarded by the government for his bravery and people still remember him. Ravi died afterwards but he still lives in people's hearts.

~Asmita Ghosh, 5E



~Ahanangshu Ghosh, 4I



~Anumit Dutta, 5A

Independence Day is to celebrate the sacrifices Proud and happy we feel on this day It showcases our unity We salute this day. We wait to go to school Sing the anthem and see the flag being hoisted.

~Dishani Sarkar, 3C

The Tricolour Batch

“Vande Mataram...” I woke up to the glorious tune, realizing it was 15th of August. I was resting on the top of Vivan's book shelf. Vivan, my soldier, was to attend a program that day on the occasion of our 77th year of Independence. “Maa where is my tricolour badge?” screamed Vivan. “On the book shelf.” My heart danced with joy as he put me on the left side of his combat uniform and set off for school. My tricolour shone bright with pride as I saw Vivan, a seven-year-old boy dreaming of serving his country. On the way I saw many places where people accumulated together celebrating this auspicious day, hoisting the Tiranga. As soon as we stepped inside the auditorium, I was awestruck. Every wall had the pictures of our martyrs. Tricoloured balloons, pictures and wall hangings added a touch of elegance to the auditorium. We were enveloped in a patriotic fervour. We settled down in our seats and the play started, named, ‘The First War of Indian Independence’. It showcased how we were tortured by the British rulers. While the peasants did not have food for a single meal, the cruel British lords like Bentinck and Dalhousie were engaged in merry-making. They staged the play so elegantly that it made my heart ache. Just then, Vivan's teacher called him to the green room. His glistening eyes, overflowing with hope, requested Vivan to play the role of Mangal Pandey, who triggered The Great Revolt of 1857, for his classmate was not able to make it. Vivan had a strong memory and knew the lines, for he was present during the rehearsals. He could not let his school lose face. So, he agreed to play the role. I knew how he was having volcanoes of anxiety as well as excitement. After a few minutes, he set his foot on the stage. His face and the way he walked told that he was going to ace the act, “I will not use the cartridges greased with animal oil for I respect my motherland where we worship animals instead of killing them, where we do not believe in violence. We live in a land rich with biodiversity and cultural diversity, yet unity. I will not let some fair-skinned destroy my India.” His scream filled with courage and bravery echoed throughout the auditorium. Everyone had goose bumps, and waves of patriotism ran through their blood vessels. This scene ended with loud claps as everyone stood up for our National Anthem. Everyone held their head high in pride as we walked down the memory lane once again, witnessing how India freed herself from the British rule, how thousands of people sacrificed themselves to protect their motherland, how 15th August provided a new morning, a new breeze of freedom to the Indians. Truly! We, the Indians, are the face of this incredible nation, and this nation is the face of ours.

~Shrestha Sarbajna, 8I

SCIENCE QUIZ

What was the first vaccine to be developed against a contagious disease?

- a) Influenza
- b) Smallpox vaccine
- c) Whooping Cough
- d) Flu

Answer: (b)

Sports Quiz Corner

Who was the first Indian badminton player to win an Olympic medal?

- a) Malvika Bansod
- b) PV Sindhu
- c) Saina Kehwal
- d) Arundhati Pantawane

Answer: (c)

The only part of the body that cannot repair itself is the tooth. Human teeth don't have the cells necessary to repair damages like other organs and structures do.

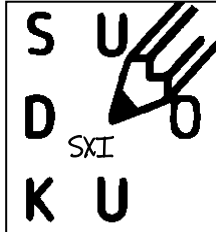


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~Keshav Laita, 4G



~Sanchayita Mandal, 7E



“Sammy Schoolsmith” by Vinayak Das, 9I



~Meghathay Saha, 11A



~Anis Kumar Acharyya, 8I

TRIVIA

1. What you can catch but never throw?

Have a try,
What am I?

2. What five-letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?

Have a try,
What am I?

Answers to be revealed in the next issue

TOPIC FOR NEXT ISSUE: A TRIBUTE TO TEACHERS: Our Guiding Light

Students willing to submit their works for the next issue may send it to cubsvoicexi@gmail.com as a docx file by 31 August, '24

Answers of the last issue:
1. Age
2. The future