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Brief History of 15th August

In 1757, after the British victory in the Battle of Plassey, the rule of East India Company started in India. By 1858, the British Crown had assumed control over India. The situation after World War I was marked with suppressive and exploitative laws by the British. This led to revolutionary calls for independence, and sparked the phase of non-violent and non-cooperation movements followed by the civil disobedience movement.

The enduring leader and a national symbol for all these movements was Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi- the Father of the Nation. The next decades were marked with constant struggles between the Indians and the British for freedom. Many movements and acts were carried out by the Indian National Congress, freedom fighters and the people of India.

In the year 1946, the Labour government, the exchequer of Britain thought of ending their rule over India because of their exhaustion of capital post the World War II. The British government announced, during the early 1947, that they intend to transfer power to the Indians by the month of June 1948. This approaching independence could not decrease the Hindu-Muslim violence in Bengal and Punjab. This led to Louis Mountbatten, the then Viceroy of India to propane the power

hand-over date, owing to the fact that the unprepared British army could not cope with the increased violence in the country. **In the month of June in 1947, the prominent Indian leaders like Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Mohammed Ali Jinnah, Abul Kalam Azad, Master Tara Singh and B. R. Ambedkar agreed for a partition of India along religious outline.**

Millions of people belonging to different religious groups tramped across the newly drawn border to find places to reside. This took away around 250,000 to 500,000 lives. Finally, at midnight of 15 August 1947, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru proclaimed India's independence by reading out his famous speech known as "**Tryst with destiny**". During this speech, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru said "**Long years ago we made a tryst with destiny, and now the time comes when we will redeem our pledge, not wholly or in full measure, but very substantially. At the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom. A moment comes, which comes, but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new, when an age ends and when the soul of a nation, long suppressed, finds utterance. We end today a period of ill fortune, and India discovers herself again.**"

The significance of 15th August in India

The republic of India gained its independence from the rule of the British on 15 August 1947. Since then, every year, 15th August is celebrated as the Independence Day in India to commemorate its freedom from the 200-year-old British government.

For India, 15th August is a day of her re-birth, a new start. At the midnight of 15 August 1947, the British rulers handed the country back to its Indian leaders, ending a remarkable struggle that lasted years. It was 15 August 1947, the historic date, on which sovereign India's first Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru unfolded the tricolour flag of the nation on the glorious Red Fort. The day is significant in the history of India as bringing an end to the British colonial rule in India.

15th August Celebrations in India

Every year, India's Independence Day is celebrated on this day by all the proud Indians. 15th August is observed as a national holiday throughout the country. Though, local governments conduct the ceremony of flag hoisting all over India, the venue of main celebration is the Red Fort in the capital city New Delhi in India. The celebration starts every year with the unfurling of the tricoloured national flag by the Prime Minister of the nation, followed by a televised speech. The speech generally reflects the present condition of the nation along with the achievements in the previous year and the future development plans. A tribute is even paid by the Prime Minister to freedom fighters of India by declaring the day as a national holiday. Post the flag-hoisting ceremony, patriotic programs

by children from schools based in different states is one of the main attractions.

In northern and central cities of India, kite flying is celebrated as an event associated with the Independence Day. People symbolise their patriotism towards the country with the use of national flags of different sizes. They decorate their cloths, cars, household, etc. with the tricolour flag. The Indians in various parts of the world also celebrate the Independence Day with parades and pageants.

Almost every school, college, university and government organization hoist the national flag on 15 August. Nowadays, many housing complexes, clubs, societies, group of friends, etc. even observe the flag-hoisting ceremony within their premises with ease, joy and honesty. This just shows the togetherness of Indians, who never forget to pay a tribute to their ancestors who sacrificed their life for the betterment of the country.

On this occasion, the Management and the Staff of Fr. Agnel School, Waliv-Vasai East wishes their students and their parents **India's Happy Independence Day**. May God instil in our younger generation the wisdom, the values, the courage and the patriotic attitudes of our freedom fighters. May God protect people of our country from different vices, calamities, sicknesses and bless their homes with peace and joy to live in unity in the family.

**WISHING YOU ONE AND ALL
A HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY**

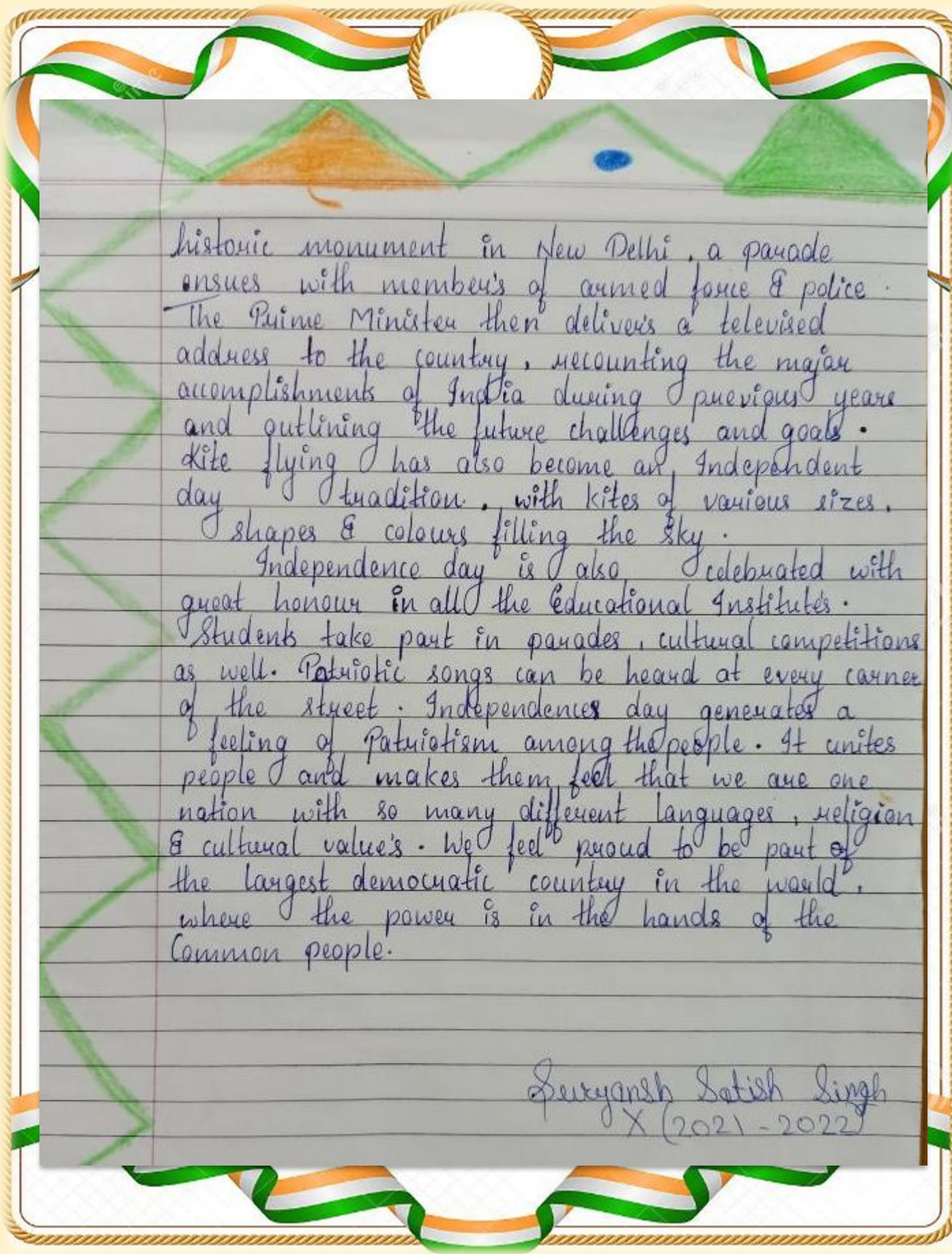
Independence Day

15th August 1947 is the day embossed in the golden history of India. It is the day when India got its freedom from the 200 years of British rule. It was a hard and a non-violent struggle in which many freedom fighters & great men sacrificed their lives for our beloved motherland.

We celebrate 15th August every year as our Independence day. It is celebrated as a national holiday throughout the country. On this day at the stroke of midnight, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Our first Prime Minister, unfurled the National flag at the Red fort for the first time. The Independence day also marks the anniversary of undivided India's partition in India & Pakistan. We are now a free & sovereign nation.

On this special occasion, the people of India recall the selfless sacrifices & unparalleled contributions of great men & women to achieve the Independence of India. Famous leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Subhash Chandra Bose, Bhagat Singh, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel,

Jawaharlal Nehru, Rani Laxmi bai, Mangal Pandey.. fought fearlessly against the Britishers. Many of them even sacrificed their lives to make India free from British rules. Their contribution & efforts are remembered in India's Independence history. Independence day is marked throughout India with flag-raising ceremonies, drills and the singing of the Indian National Anthem. Additionally various cultural programs are made available in the state capitals. After the Prime Minister participates in the flag raising ceremony at the red-
fort



historic monument in New Delhi, a parade ensues with members of armed force & police. The Prime Minister then delivers a televised address to the country, recounting the major accomplishments of India during previous years and outlining the future challenges and goals. Kite flying has also become an Independence day tradition, with kites of various sizes, shapes & colours filling the sky.

Independence day is also celebrated with great honour in all the educational institutes. Students take part in parades, cultural competitions as well. Patriotic songs can be heard at every corner of the street. Independence day generates a feeling of patriotism among the people. It unites people and makes them feel that we are one nation with so many different languages, religion & cultural values. We feel proud to be part of the largest democratic country in the world, where the power is in the hands of the common people.

Suryansh Satish Singh
X (2021-2022)

School Life # Best life

School life is the best time of our life as we make new friends, learn new things and build our career there. School time is the only time which we enjoy most, and when we enter college, we always miss our school life. School life teaches us lots of new things and prepares us to face all the challenges of life. I loved my school life and really enjoyed it. My school teacher loved me. I enjoy going school to meet friends and learn new things. I loved attending school as I meet friends everyday and also learned new things.

Now let me introduce you to my school. I am a proud student of Fr. Agnel school, Walive and can proudly call myself an Agnelite. My school is one of the most well-owned schools in my town and is very beautiful and magnificent and one gets a feeling of palatial mansion looking at the school. My school provides all the facilities including sports, library, computer lab, science lab and many more to add to the list. The atmosphere around the school makes our mind fresh. I have been a part of Fr. Agnel School since its early years of development.

With grief I have to say that now no more I would be able to attend school as I have now pass my SSC examination but... With great honour I call myself the alumni of Fr. Agnel School. I have been an obedient student throughout the school and the credit for the same goes to my parents and most important by my teachers. I had been the monitor of my class and it was a matter of great pride for me to handle the whole class. This responsibility was given by my class teacher and I handled the class very well. Our lovely teachers not only teaches us but also prepare us for various competitions and activities every year. Whatever festival comes, it is celebrated in

our school and I am participate in all the festivals.

Apart from the annual cultural day, my school is known for organising grand annual day program. I love this annual programme because in this programme prize distribution is also done. Apart from this we also have annual sports competitions with the help and support of my teachers I actively participate in all the sports. Me, my friends, and our seniors also participate in these competitions and our make our school proud. My school has great teachers, excellent faculty and all the facilities that one students needs to excel in his/her life.

The biggest reason behind the success and fame of my school is our principal Rev Fr. Diego Lyama. He has an attractive personality with well versed disciplined. Every morning we say prayer where principal encourages all the students to maintain the discipline in school. Father loves all the students. I admire his personality and principles. Our principal motivates us to take part in various extra curricular activities.

I love my school and my school life. Fr. Nigel school teachers love and always support us. I have learned all the discipline from my teachers. I will ~~also~~ always miss my school and all teachers who guided me and support me in my life. I miss my friends and all of them after leaving the school. My school life has taught me many things and gave me best friends. I wish all the success to my school and love everything about my school life.

Ruchi Nil Sharma.
xth (2020-2021)

१५ ऑगस्ट

१५ ऑगस्ट १९४७ रोजी भारताला स्वातंत्र्य मिळाले. ब्रिटीशांच्या गुलामगिरीतून भारत स्वातंत्र्य झाला. या राष्ट्रीय सणाच्या दिवशी आपण भारतासाठी बलिदान देणाऱ्या अनेक क्रांतिविशींची आठवण करतो. आपल्या झेंड्याला सलामी देतो. याच स्वातंत्र्यदिनाच्या दिवशी मी घेतल्या वेगळ्या विनयावर सांगणार आहे. आज २१ व्या शतकात स्त्री खरोखरच स्वातंत्र्य आहे का ? आजची स्त्री सुशिक्षित आहे का ?

'पेढूनी नवी आव्हाने, तिने भासाळ तोलले आहे'

'तिजमध्ये जग सोरे, देवाचा अंश पाहे'

अशी ही आधुनिक काळातील स्त्री शिक्षण घेऊन प्रत्येक क्षेत्रात पुरुषांच्या बरोबरीने काम करून घराला हातभार लावत आहे. आज शिक्षिका, पकील, पायलट, पोलिस, जर्नलिस्ट अशा सर्वच क्षेत्रात आघाडीवर उभारलेली स्त्री मनुष्यविकास शतकात खरोखरच सुशिक्षित आहे का ? सध्याचे सामाजिक वातावरण पाहता आजची स्त्री अजिबात सुशिक्षित नाही.

शिक्षण घेतल्याने माणूस सुशिक्षित होतो. पण सुसंस्कारित होईलच असे नाही, याचा प्रत्यय नुकत्याच दिलेली घडलेल्या अमानुष घटनेने आला. अनादी काळापासून रिज्यांवर अत्याचार होत आला आहे. मग तो समाज कोणताही असो. रिज्यांकडे बघण्याचा दृष्टिकोन आधुनिक काळातही फारसा बदललेला नाही. स्त्री ही फक्त मनुष्य पत्नी म्हणूनच

लिच्छाकडे पाहिले जाते. काळ बदलला तरी पुरुष जातीच्या मानसिकतेत मात्र काहीही बदल झाला नाही.

अर्थात सर्वत्र पुरुष वर्गित जाहीत पण काही वर्गित प्रवृत्तीच्या लोकांमुळे स्त्री पुरुष जाल बदनाम होते आजकाल कोणतेही वर्तमानपत्र उघडून वाचलेतर स्थितीवरील अत्याचाराची मकू तरी बालमी वाचाल्या मिळते. अगदी मकू पूर्वाच्या सुदीपासन स्त्री वर्षाच्या स्त्री वर अत्याचार केला जातो.

अशा घटना घडल्या की समाज तात्पुरता दवरून निघतो. अत्याचारित स्त्री बदल सहानुभूती दाखवली जाते. आणि अत्याचार करणाऱ्याला फडक खासन करुथाची मागणी केली जाते. घोड्या विषयाने लोक अशा घटना विस्मयून जातात.

पण ज्या स्त्रीवर अत्याचार होतो. तिच्या मनाचा कोणी विचारच करत नाही. तिच्या मनावर मकू खोल जखम होते. जी कधीच मरून येत नाही. त्या जखमेवर फुंकूर घालायचे असून समाज तिच्या अनेक प्रश्न विचारून जगणे मुश्कील करते म्हणूनच स्त्रीकडे बघण्याचा समाजाचा दृष्टिकोन जो पर्यंत बदलत नाही. तोपर्यंत स्त्री सुसंक्षिप्त राहणार नाही.

म्हणूनच आपल्या देखात, जेव्हा स्त्री सुसंक्षिप्त राहिल तेव्हाच आपण अर्थात १५ ऑगस्ट म्हणून मानला जाईल. आपण अभिमानाने आपल्या देखाचा गौरव करू वाकतील "जिथे स्थितींना आहे मान, तोच आमचा भारत देश मगन."

—Ananya Rupesh Sawant
STD-10th

स्वातंत्रता दिवस

स्वातंत्रता दिवस भारतीयों की पराधीनता के बाद हमारे मुक्ति-दिवस का प्रतीक है। इस दिन भारतीयों ने ब्रिटिश साम्राज्यवाद को देश से खदेड़ दिया और स्वतंत्रता देवी का धर्म से स्वागत किया। मूल्य का अनुमान आसानी से स्वतंत्रता ही जीवन का वरदान है और पराधीनता/अविद्याम/कहना न होना कि स्वतंत्रता ही जीवन का मूल्य है, जिसकी प्राप्ति के लिए बलिदान की जाता है। इसी मूल्य की रक्षा के लिए युद्ध लड़े जाते हैं और पराधीनता की बंधनों को हर कीमत देकर काटा जाता है। भारत के इतिहास में 1857 ई. के जनसंग्राम को स्वाधीनता-संग्राम कहा जाता है कि इसमें हिन्दू, मुसलमान, राजा और बंकर सभी मिलकर अंग्रेजों से लड़े थे। सुभाष चन्द्र बोस ने 'आस' की रानी शोषक कविता में लिखा है :

मदलों ने दी आंग्र झोपड़ से ज्वाला बुलगाई थी;

यह स्वातंत्रता की चिनगोरा अंतर्मन से आई थी।

भारत के पेशवाओं ने एकजुट होकर आजादी के लिए संघर्ष किया। अंग्रेजों की सैन्य के भारतीय वीरों ने बगवत का झंडा ऊंचा किया। स्वतंत्रता के लिए बाल गंगाधर तिलक, गोपाल कृष्ण गोखले, लाला लाजपत राय, महात्मा गांधी, पं. जवाहरलाल नेहरू, सुभाष चंद्र बोस, चंद्रशेखर आजाद आदि ने बड़ी से बड़ी कुर्बानी दी। 15 अगस्त सन 1947 को हमारा देश स्वतंत्र हो गया। इस लिए यह दिन हम सभी भारतीयों के लिए महान गौरव का दिवस है। इस दिन पूरे देश में उमंग और उत्साह के साथ उत्सव मनाया जाता है। स्कूलों-कॉलेजों में तिरंगे झंडे फहराए जाते हैं। कई प्रकार के समारोहों का आयोजन किया जाता है। दिल्ली में लाल किले पर इसी दिन समारोह के साथ राष्ट्रध्वज फहराया जाता है और प्रधानमंत्री देशवासियों को अपना संबोधन देते हैं।

स्वातंत्रता-दिवस एक राष्ट्रीय पर्व है, जो हमें देश की स्वतंत्रता और एकता का संदेश देता है। इस दिन सात-काल प्रभात फेरियाँ निकाली जाती हैं। विद्यालय, सरकारी कार्यालयों तथा सार्वजनिक स्थानों पर राष्ट्रध्वज फहराया जाता है और सामूहिक रूप से राष्ट्रगान गाया जाता है। निजी स्थानों पर भी राष्ट्रध्वज फहराया जाता है। विद्यालयों में सभा का आयोजन किया जाता है, जिसमें कविता-पाठ, भाषण, रसों की आदि विविध सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम प्रस्तुत किए जाते हैं। इस अवसर पर लोग देश के उन वीरों के महान त्याग और बलिदान को याद करते हैं तथा उन्हें श्रद्धा-सुमन अर्पित करते हैं। स्वतंत्रता सैनानियों का प्रिय मातृ, विजयी विश्व तिरंगा धारा की स्थान-स्थान पर बड़े उत्साह के साथ गाया जाता है।

स्वातंत्रता-दिवस पर हम सभी यह संकल्प दुहराते हैं कि स्वतंत्रता हमारे लिए सबसे अधिक मूल्यवान है। हमें इसको हर कीमत पर सुरक्षित रखना है। इस संघर्ष में सैनिकों की ये पंक्तियाँ हमें सदैव प्रेरणा देती रहती हैं :

अपना शान्ति आप करो तुम पुष्टी शान्ति है, सुख है।
पराधीनता से बड़, जग में नहीं दूसरा दुख है।

जय हिंद!

अंशिका

* Experience from pre-primary to std 10th *

Arozsonismary Anthony Nadar

My school life was surely a learning experience. The confidence and motivation it gave me, I couldn't get anywhere else. Most importantly, it was the place where I recognized my uniqueness and individuality. My school life is no less than a Treasure for me which gave me valuable joys in life. It was the place where I started by learning the alphabets and now I can solve equations using the same. I got encouraging classmates and supportive and caring teacher's that was a big gift for me. I still remember those days of my school; where we used to share sweets with friends and burst crackers together during diwali. It was a joyful moment and during christmas singing carols, enjoying the skit and dancing with santa clause was such a great fun and adds sugar to my memories. I can't forget those days when going for picnic with classmates, playing games on the ground and those fun moments with classmates were just amazing. My school life helped me to learn about the things which were first mysterious to me. For instance, I got answer's to many questions that were always at the back of my mind.

Sign: _____

My school helped me to gain knowledge and excel in studies. Competitions were such things that brought out the best in me. The thing was that it made me confident enough to speak in public. I still remember those days, when I used to be always afraid to take part in competitions or giving speech in front of everyone. One day my teacher gave me a speech to be delivered on a special occasion, I told her that I can't ma'am, I'm afraid to speak in front of huge crowd but she motivated me and trusted me and said that 'You can! that you can!!' was something, I meant to say, it was my life's turning point. I just thought to myself if a teacher can trust me 100% then why can't I trust myself? This question changed me and I worked for that speech the best, and now I am confident enough to speak in public. "something, students can learn from my experience is that we have to overcome our fears and not let them control ourselves because we won't understand our capabilities if we are afraid."

What can I express about my teacher's..... they made complicated topics easy to understand for the students. They understand every student's abilities and make learning easy for them. They correct us when we are wrong and support us when we are right.

They know what is best for us, though, at times, we may feel its unfair, as we grow up, we start to understand that was all for our benefit. 'I am and I will always be grateful to my Teacher's, who had a significant influence in my life.' My teacher's were always there to support me, direct me to the right path and encourage me to do better than before. Not only teacher's but also principal, vice-principal, manager and other staff's also encouraged me and supported me a lot. The non-teaching staff were also supportive and lended a helping hand whenever we needed. Honesty, Trust, service, punctuality, cleanliness, responsibility were some of the values I learned from my school. More than that I found my school as my second family, where I found teacher's as my parents and my classmates as my brother's and sister's. "Dear teacher's you all may be away from me, but your teachings will never be."

The first day and last day of my school life was the most memorable one. I entered my school weeping and even while leaving, I have some tears in my eyes but I am still happy that I was blessed with such a beautiful family. The difference being the former was not wanting to go and later us for not wanting to leave. The joyful days my school life has given me are surely countless and will remain to be the best days of my life.