

THE MARIAN MUSINGS

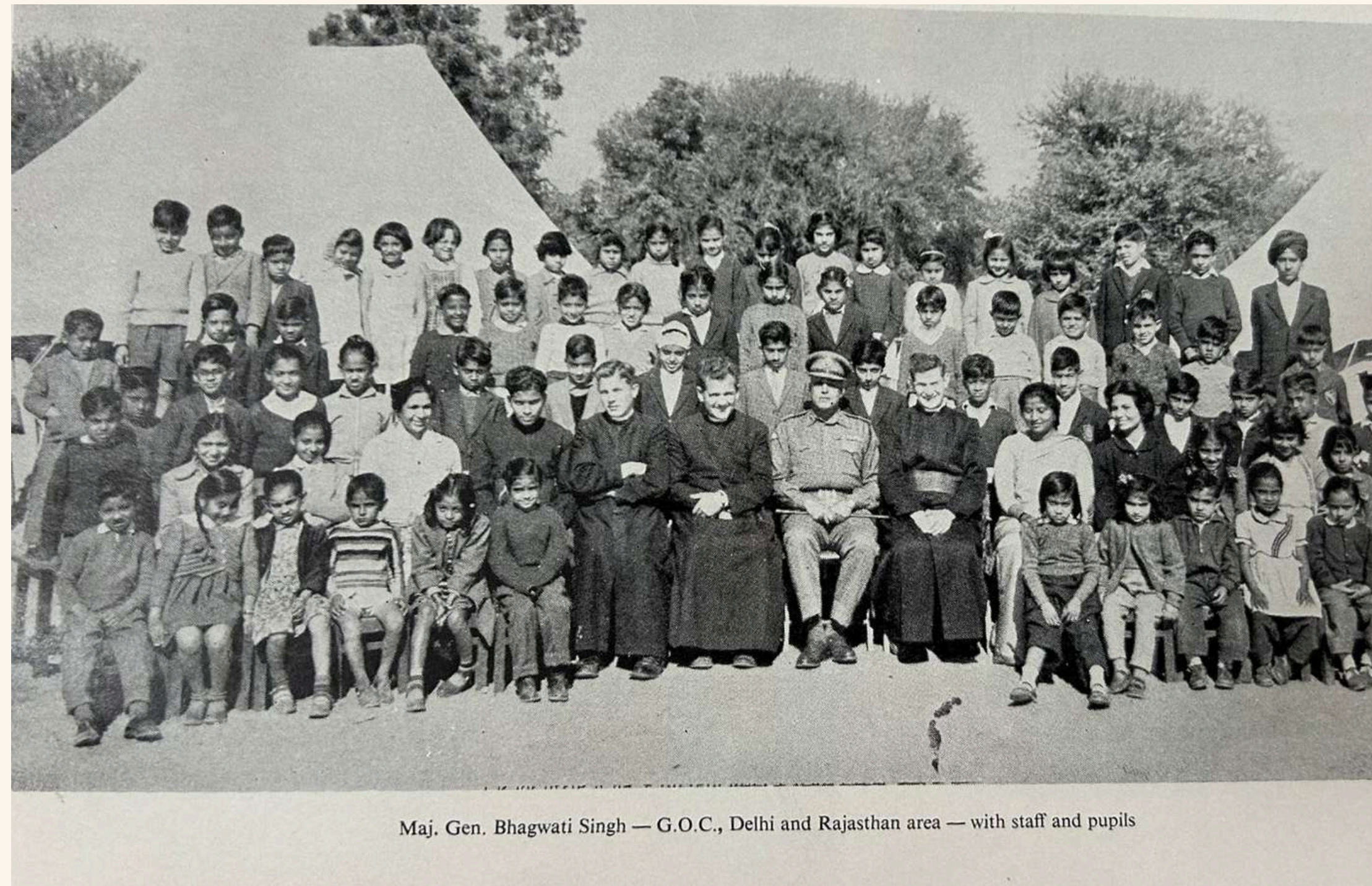
Legacy Leaves

Bonus Content



The Year of Inception

In 1963, the Patrician Brothers opened a new school called Mount St. Mary's in the capital of India. It is situated in Delhi Cantonment, and is intended primarily to cater the Defence Officers' children. It started with four Brothers, six teachers and eighty-five students. The first Principal was Rev. Brother E. T. Dunne and he was in charge of the school until January 1969. The foundation stone was laid on the 6th January 1963, by General Bhagwati Singh, who was the G.O.C. in C. of Delhi Area. The school was initially housed in eight tents (with seven classes) – there were only two students in the seventh standard. During that time, we had co-education. As Loreto Nuns hadn't come up with their project then, we were conducting classes in tents.



The Society of the Brothers of St. Patrick

In a small town called Tullow, the nucleus of the Society of the Patrician Brothers was formed. The Mother House stands there even today. The town of Tullow was very poor and most of the people did not know how to read or write, so Dr. Delaney formed a society, in 1808, to teach the local children. They were taught in the Parish church and thus learning was spread from that small village to other areas of Ireland.

Since 1808 the Patrician Brothers have established schools in Ireland as well as in other countries. They have branches now in Australia, Africa, the United States of America, Pakistan and New Guinea. Their schools in India are in Coonoor, Madras, Meerut, Dehradun Mussoorie and Delhi. Madras was the first centre in India where the Patrician Brothers opened a school.

Although our School opened on January 6th, 1963, we observe February 2nd as the Founder's Day. Our Founder's Day differs from that of other schools in that we commemorate the founding of the Society of the Brothers of St. Patrick on February 2nd, 1808. The Society was founded by Dr. Bishop Daniel Delany who was, at that time, Bishop of the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin.

The School Building

The building work started immediately, and the entire school moved into the building in July 1963. Two floors were completed in December '63. The building was, however, not complete, as the number of students was increasing and a Science Block was required. The staff and the students put up a joint effort in two very successful fetes, in 1966 and 1968, which brought in a considerable amount of money to help complete the building now standing impressively in a symphony of red and grey, with expansive grounds and a beautiful garden.



ECHOES FROM THE PAST: WHEN WORDS BRING TIME

In the words of Mrs. K. Banerjee, a former teacher at MSM:

“Right in front of my eyes, the first buildings began to grow with the capable planning of Bro. E.T. Dunne. At first it seemed so chaotic. The lawns were dug up, the roads were also dug, the construction work had started—trees, roses and grass were being planted side by side. I once even asked Bro. Dunne if it ,wouldn't it have been better to do one job after another, instead of having the campus look so chaotic with rock, mud and rubble strewn all over the place. The great builder just smiled. Lo behold, within months it was like a picture or a painting accomplished. There stood the first building in all its splendour, with roads, flowers and trees on either side, green luscious lawns and rose beds with roses, blooming flowers and hedges, all adding beauty to the splendour. It was all so thrilling to see the great innovations spring to life.

Funds collection was achieved by running an open-air cinema. This was organised by me with the help of some of the senior students—students of Classes VI and VII, thus Rs. 300/– was collected. Then we had Brick Card collections for which I was in charge. With the help of the students, we collected up to Rs. 8000/. Like this with little drops of water this ocean was created.

It was due to the untiring efforts of the Principal, Brother Dunne, that this school has expanded to its present capacity. With his friendly ways and winning smile, he won the hearts of the students and the public alike. He will always be remembered as the builder of this striking school in red.”

In 1969

The First Magazine of MSM was published.

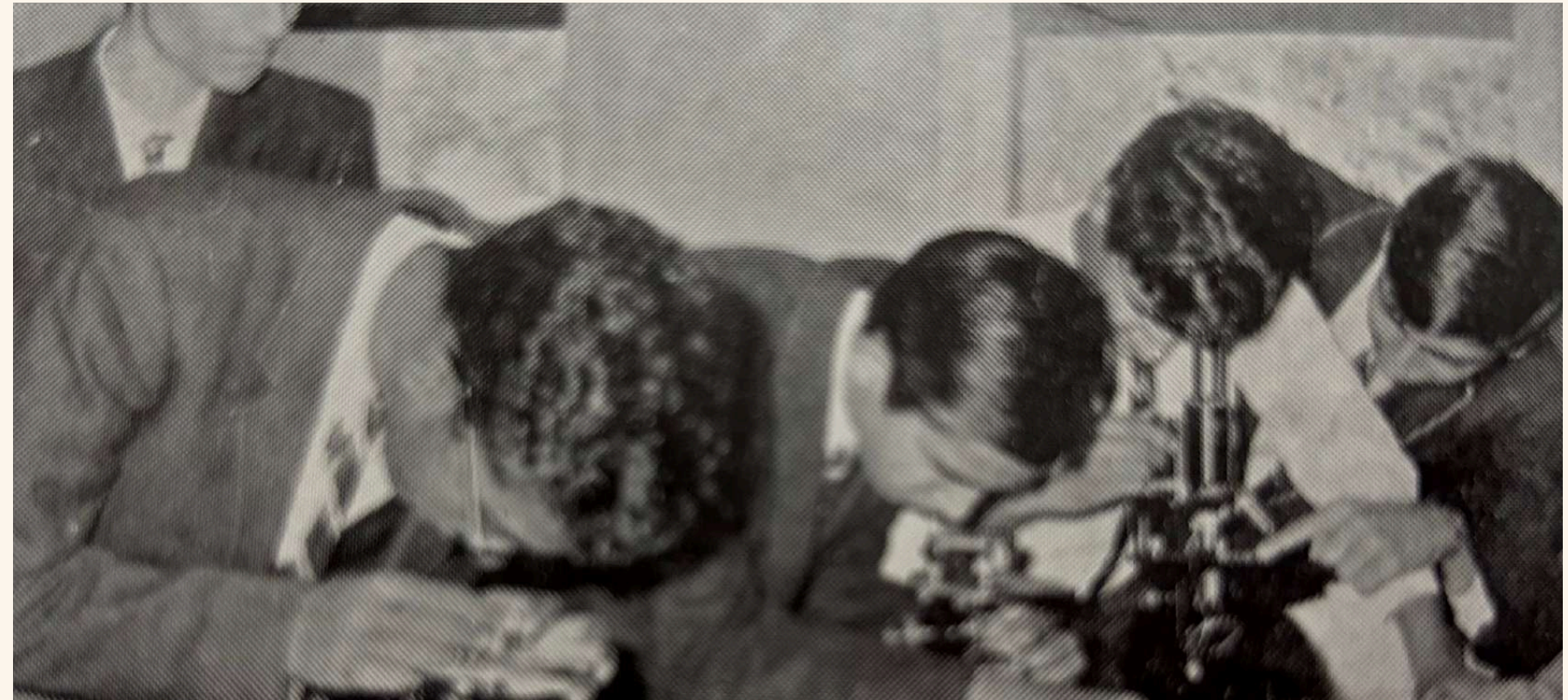
THE FIRST ANNUAL

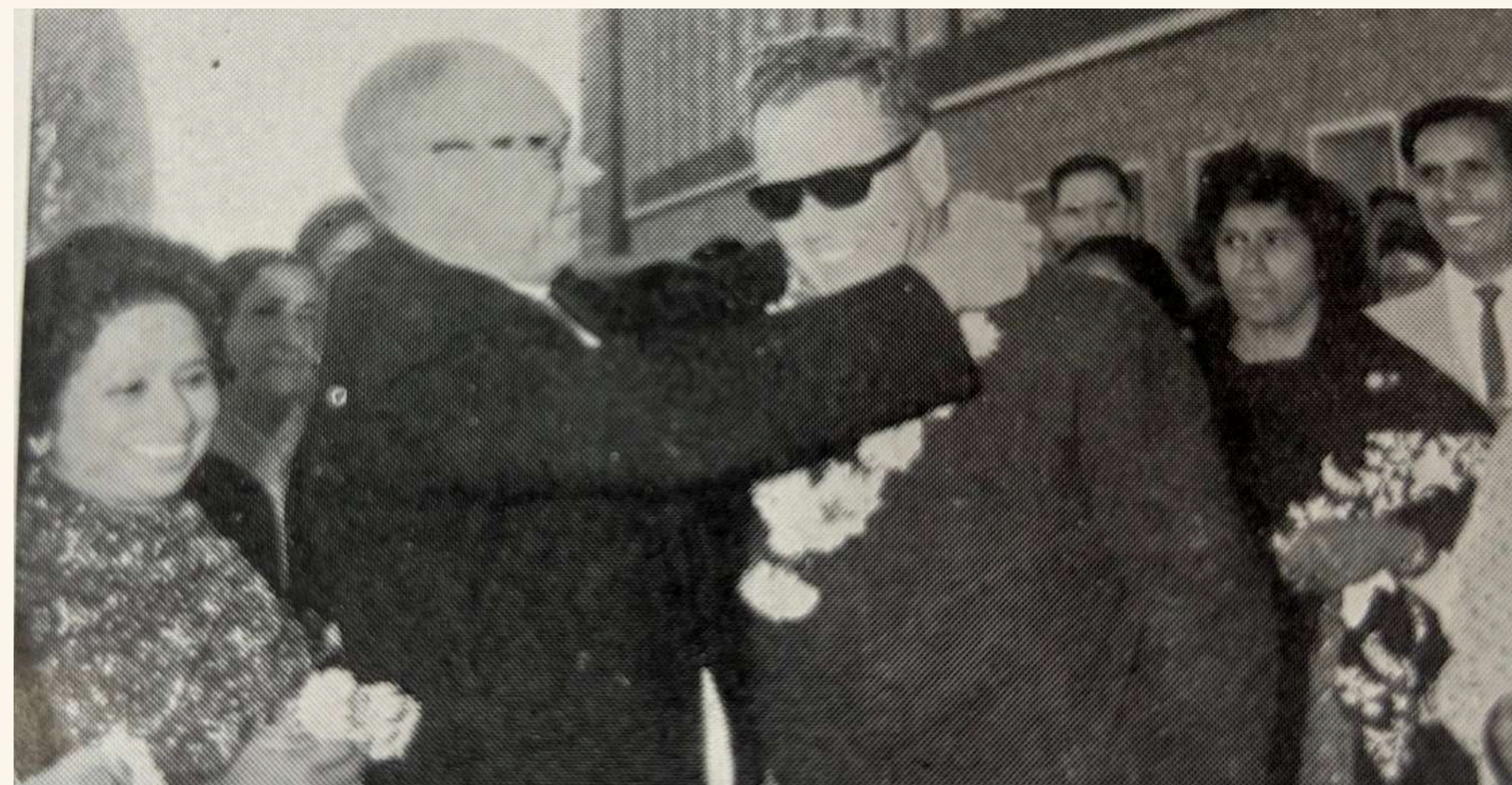




The Loreto girls of Class IX used to attend science classes at MSM.

On 20th January, the New Physics Laboratory was declared open by Mr. John Prakash (Physics Teacher.



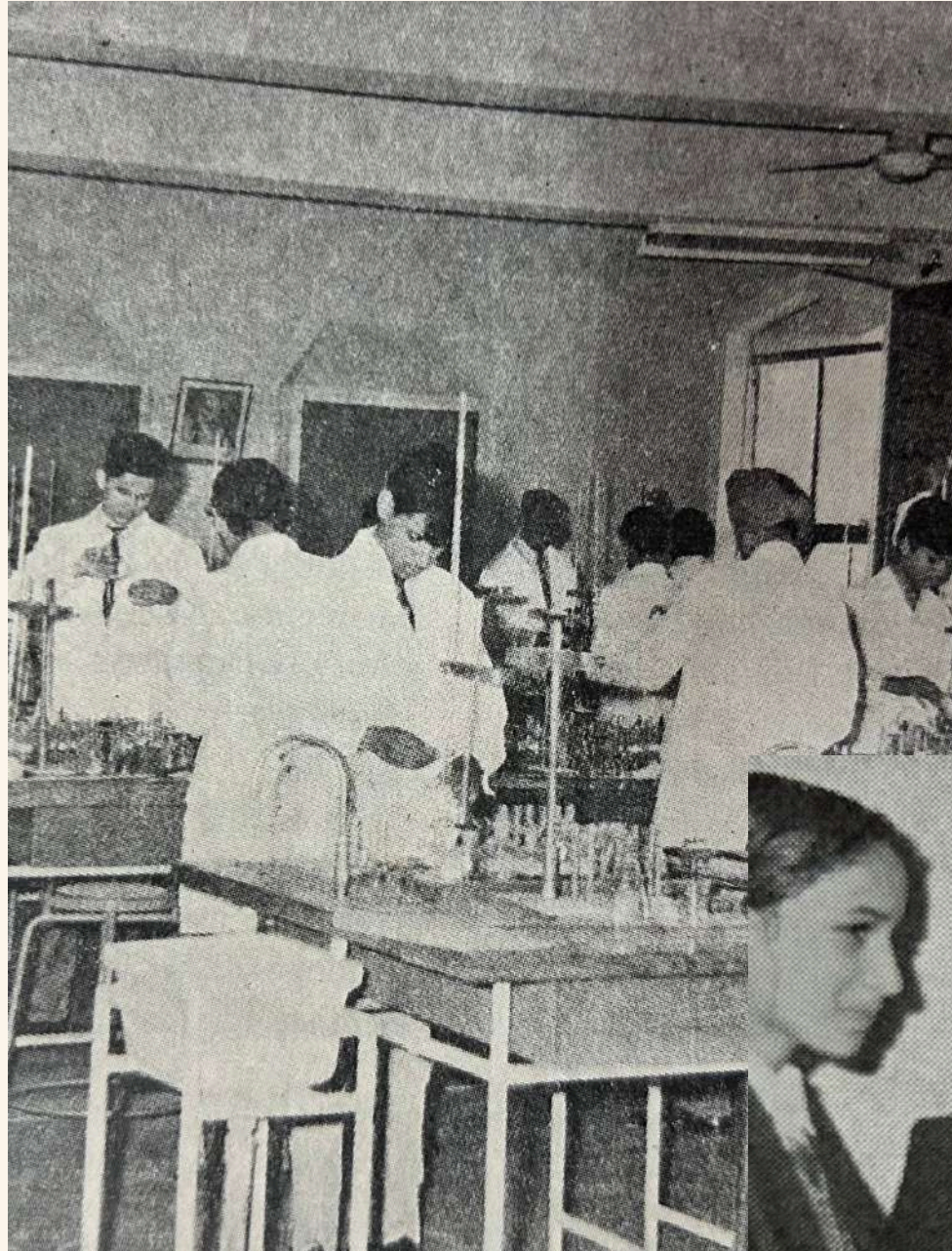


Farewell of the Founding Principal Reverend Brother Eugene Timothy Dunne

On 27th January, 1969, a Farewell dinner for Rev. Bro. E. T. Dunne, the outgoing Principal and on 31st January, Class X organised a farewell Party for E. T Dunne.

On 6th January Brother Dunne left for Dehradun amidst tumultuous scenes of farewell.

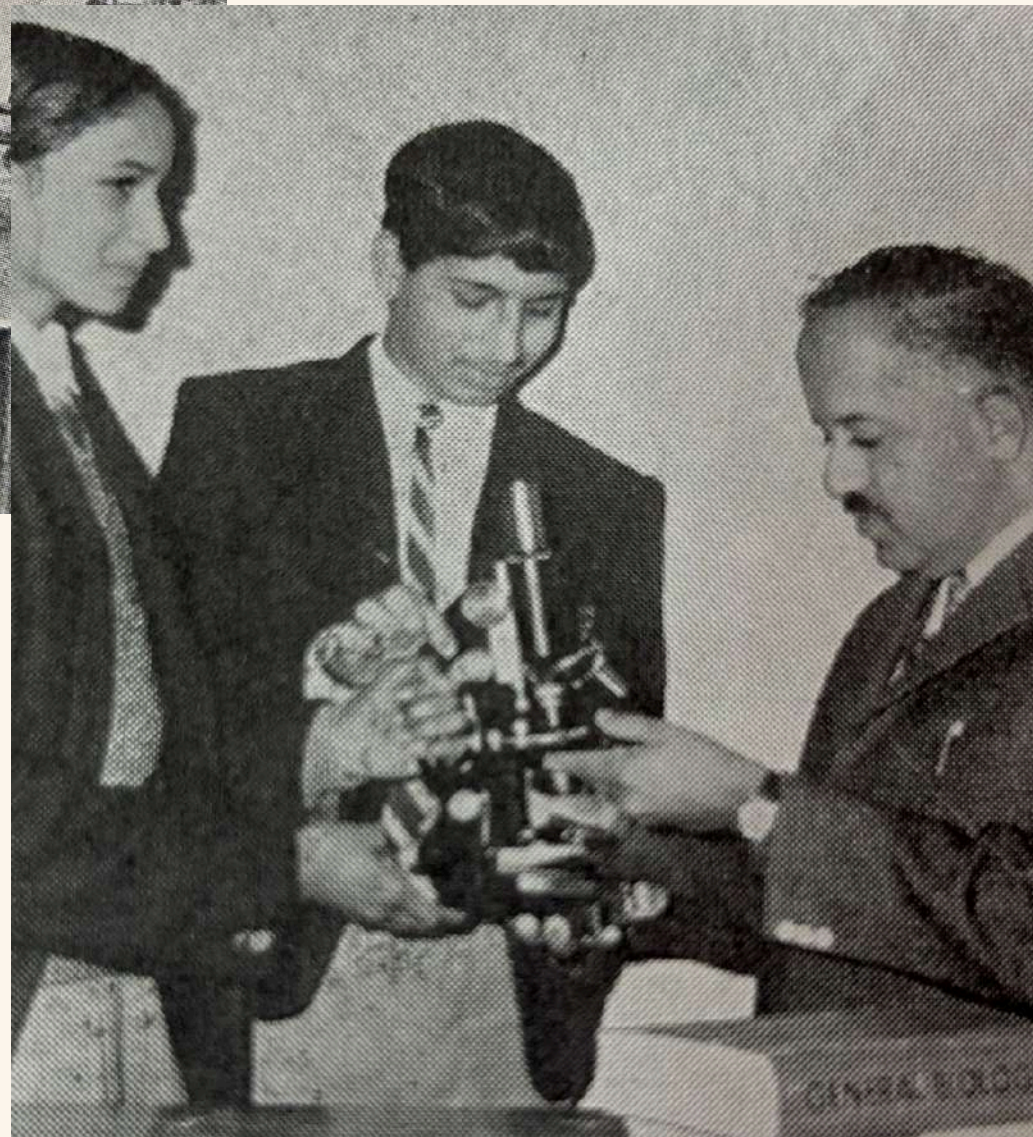




The new Headmaster, Bro. O' Reilly, was welcomed on 9th February in the morning assembly.

On 5th February, the Biology Laboratory was declared open by Mr. Arvind, the Biology teacher.

On 15th July the new Chemistry Laboratory, was declared open by Mrs. Venugopal, the Chemistry teacher.





On 25th October 1969, MSM held its first Annual Athletic Meet.

MSM UPDATES



On 15th November, Class IX quawali was filmed for a TV show.



On 18th November, a large TV set was installed in the multipurpose room.

MSM IN NEWS

A review of MSM's Sports Day was shown on television on 19th March 1970.

On 1st October 1970, Dr. K.M. Munshi's Inter – School Elocution competition was organised by Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan, in which 23 schools participated. Bhaskar Bhattacharji won the prize for the best speaker in the Hindi Section. Mount St. Mary's team got the runner's – up shield.



THE PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The year, 1970, marked, yet another milestone in the Association (PTA). At a meeting of the Parents and Teacher Association (PTA). The birth of the Parent Teacher held on 14th March, 1970, it was decided that our school should have its own PTA. The volunteers who came forward to work in this connection sat together and proposed a draft constitution for the PTA. This draft was circulated in April, 1970. to all the parents and teachers and their views were elicited on the proposals made therein and there was overwhelming support for the formation of the PTA and for the draft constitution and other proposals circulated.

The membership fee was fixed at Rs. 2/- per year for each family, and the parents were requested to pay this along with the fees for July, '70.

By the time the P.T.A. was planned, and formed and the contributions collected from parents, the year was already drawing to a close. Thus, during 1970, not many activities could be initiated but considerable planning for future activities has been done.

The First Working Committee for the PTA

President Bro. F.B. Byrne

Vice President Shri F.K.

Umrigar

Secretary Shri R.

Rangachari

Joint Secretary Mrs. S.

Malik

Treasurer Mrs. S.

Batra

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2. Mr. M.L. Sabharwal
3. Mrs. Sambamurthi
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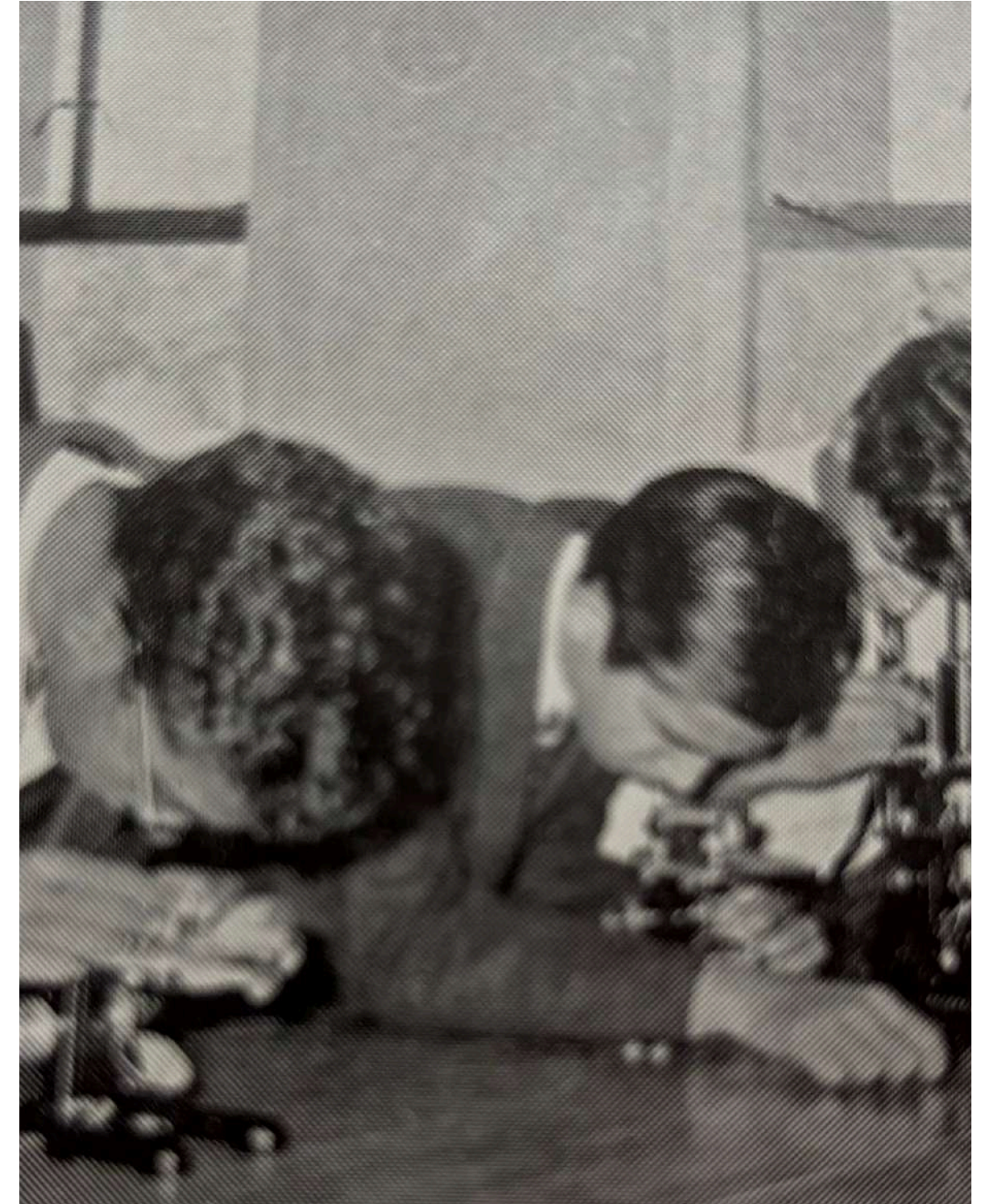
MSM CLUBS in 1970

Music Club

Physics Club

Biology Club

Dramatics Club



Shailendra Verma Awarded by the President

On the 14th February, 1970 an elocution competition was held by Shankar to choose five children to preside over the Prize Distribution of the children's competition, which was to be held at Vigyan Bhawan, on the 23rd February, 1970. Over twenty schools participated in this competition. Shailendra Verma of class XA was one of the students chosen and was the announcer at the function.

It was a proud day for Mt. St. Mary's when Shailendra was garlanded by President V.V. Giri and was awarded a silver and brass plaque, besides two books.

In 1968 the Bose twin sisters Kaveri and Krishna were chosen President and announcer respectively and received similar awards.



MARIANS AT DELHI CHILDREN'S THEATRE

On 7th May 1971, Mount St. Mary's participated in the Delhi Children's Theatre, annual competition. The Hindi Dramatic Society presented hilarious 'Safar ke Sathi'. This play was directed by Mrs. S. Batra. On another day, during this festival, the students produced an English operetta 'Kala Samiti' directed by Mr. Pulinkhala.



"Where there is music, there is joy and that's our secret." - MUSIC CLUB

The musical activities of the school made quite a stir in town the year 1971. The school had two Beat Groups. The senior group was named 'Primitive Art' while as the junior group was known as 'The Soul System'. Both groups have in several musical entertainments in the Capital.

'The Soul System' won the Delhi Talent Contest at the Mavlankar Auditorium. The same group represented the school at St. Joseph's Academy, Dehradun at a function for all the schools of the Patrician Brothers. There are many talented musicians in the middle school. They have all proved their worth at various school functions.

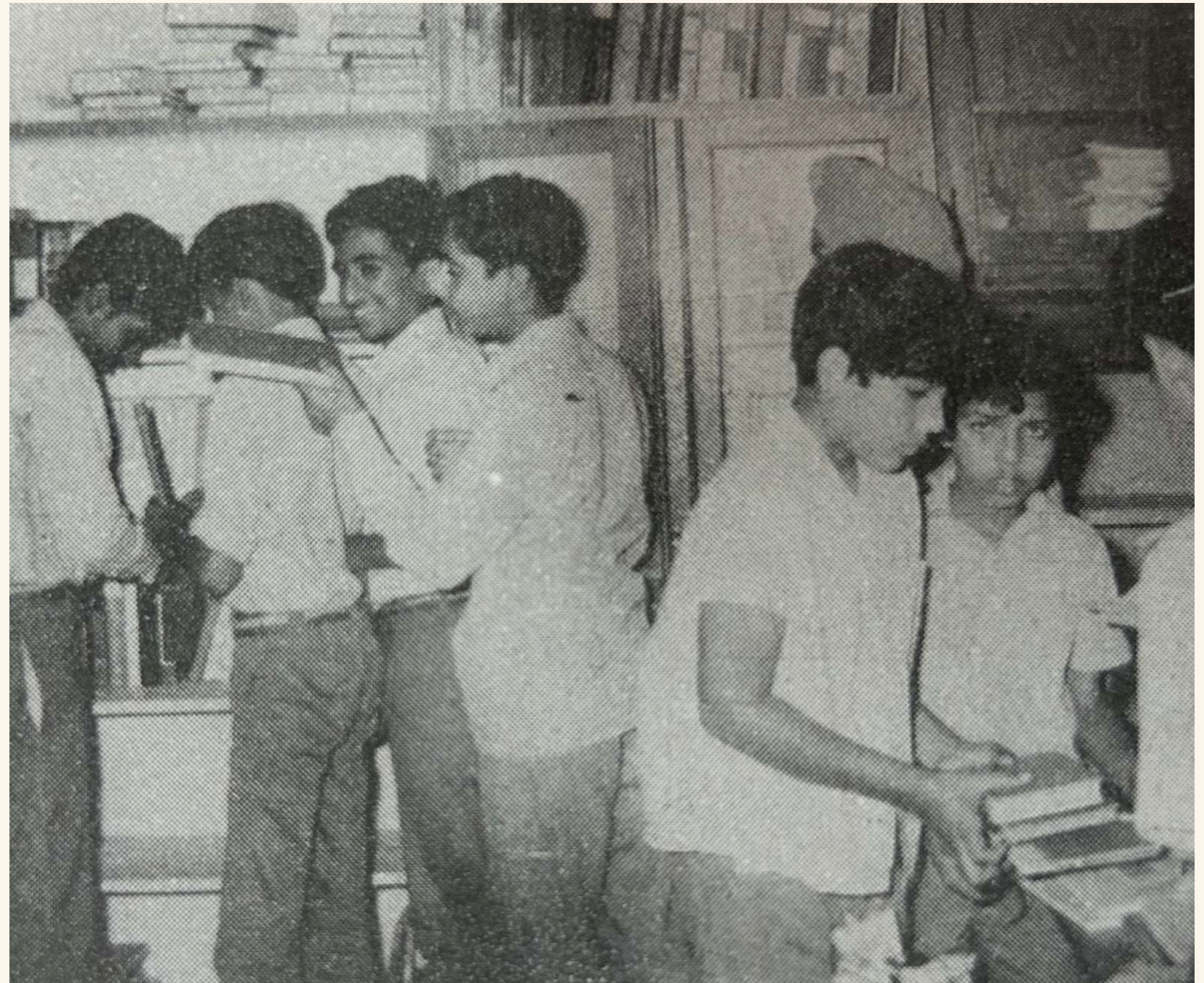
The "Soul System gave an excellent performance at the school fete Jam Session. They also participated in the All-India Beat contest in 1972.



MSM Library

In 1972 the library was established at MSM. Besides the books various contemporary magazines like Sports week, Time, Reader's Digest were read by Marians with, a lot of interest and enthusiasm. The British Council Library was also made available to the students. Records of the books lent were made and nominal fines were levied on those students who forget to bring their books on the appointed date.

“The establishment of the library was a remarkable achievement and all persons who had a hand in converting our school library from a rudimentary form to a very stately and organized form are praise-worthy.”



The Sacred Bond: The Journey of Faith



THE HOLY COMMUNION

On 25th January 1973, Young Catholic boys of MSM received their first Holy Communion at St. Paul's Church.



On 2nd March MSM children visited Blind School. On 6th April, a Mini Fete held in aid of the School for the Blind was a roaring success.

The Outreach Programme



An important achievement of the League was adopting the Relief Association for the Blind as a permanent charity.



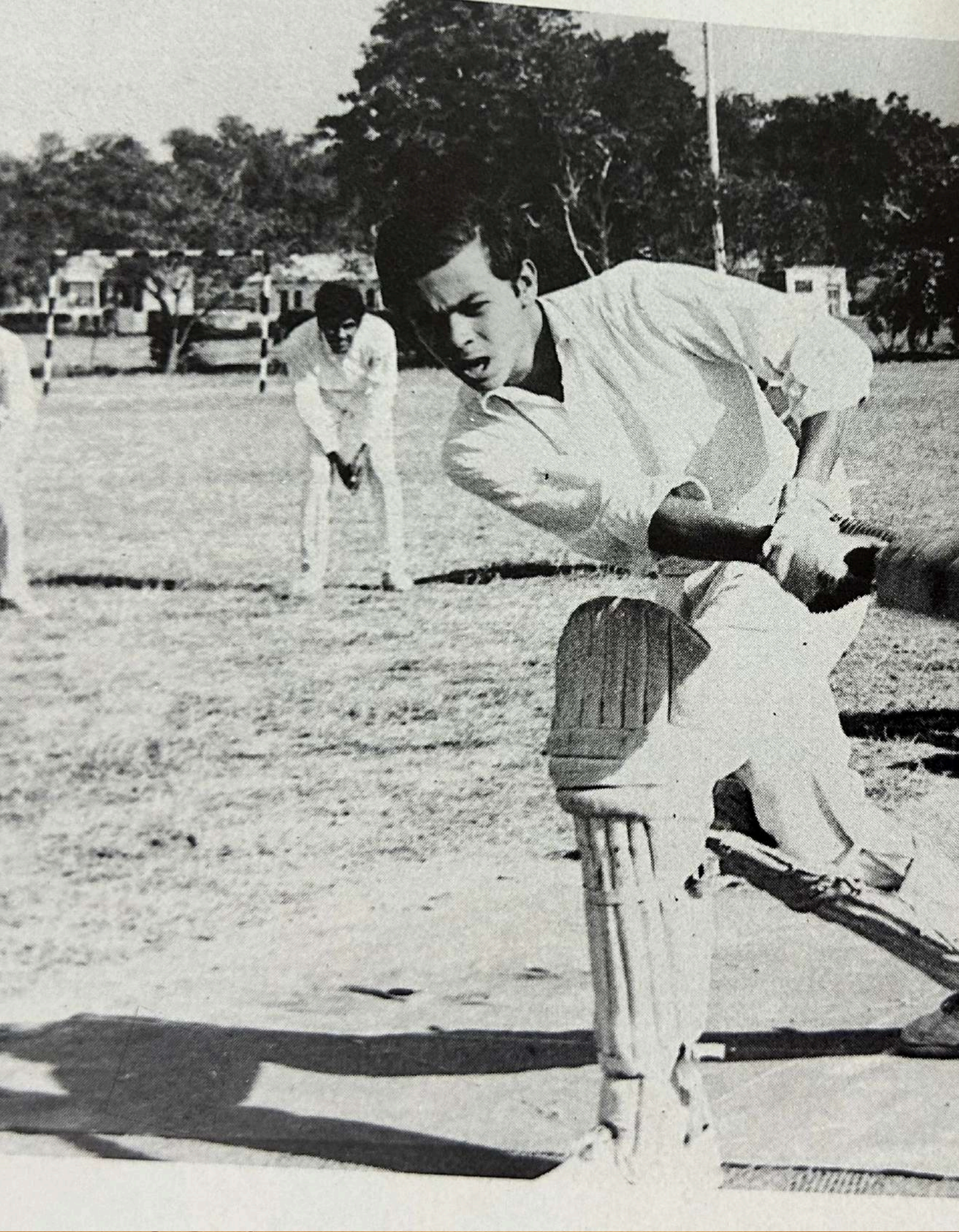
MSM boys were also prominent in the 22 km Peace Walk, organised by the PAX Service Civil International.

From Awareness to Action

The Gandhi Jayanti week in the year 1973 was celebrated by organising a Cleanliness Drive, in order to give a new and cleaner look to the school.

A project of a different nature was to raise a Road Safety Corps in the school. A number of students were trained by the officers of the Delhi Traffic Police. Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the final Test was postponed. Marians hoped and prayed for the next year that the training would be completed, and the boys made members of the Delhi Road Safety Corp.





PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

For the first time in the history of M.S. M, grabbed both the Juniors and Seniors Trophies in cricket at St. George's College.

On 27th April, MSM and the Marians became the proud owners of Photophone 415 life-tested 16 mm sound projector.

“We look forward to a surfeit of film shows.”

Junior Science Talent in 1973

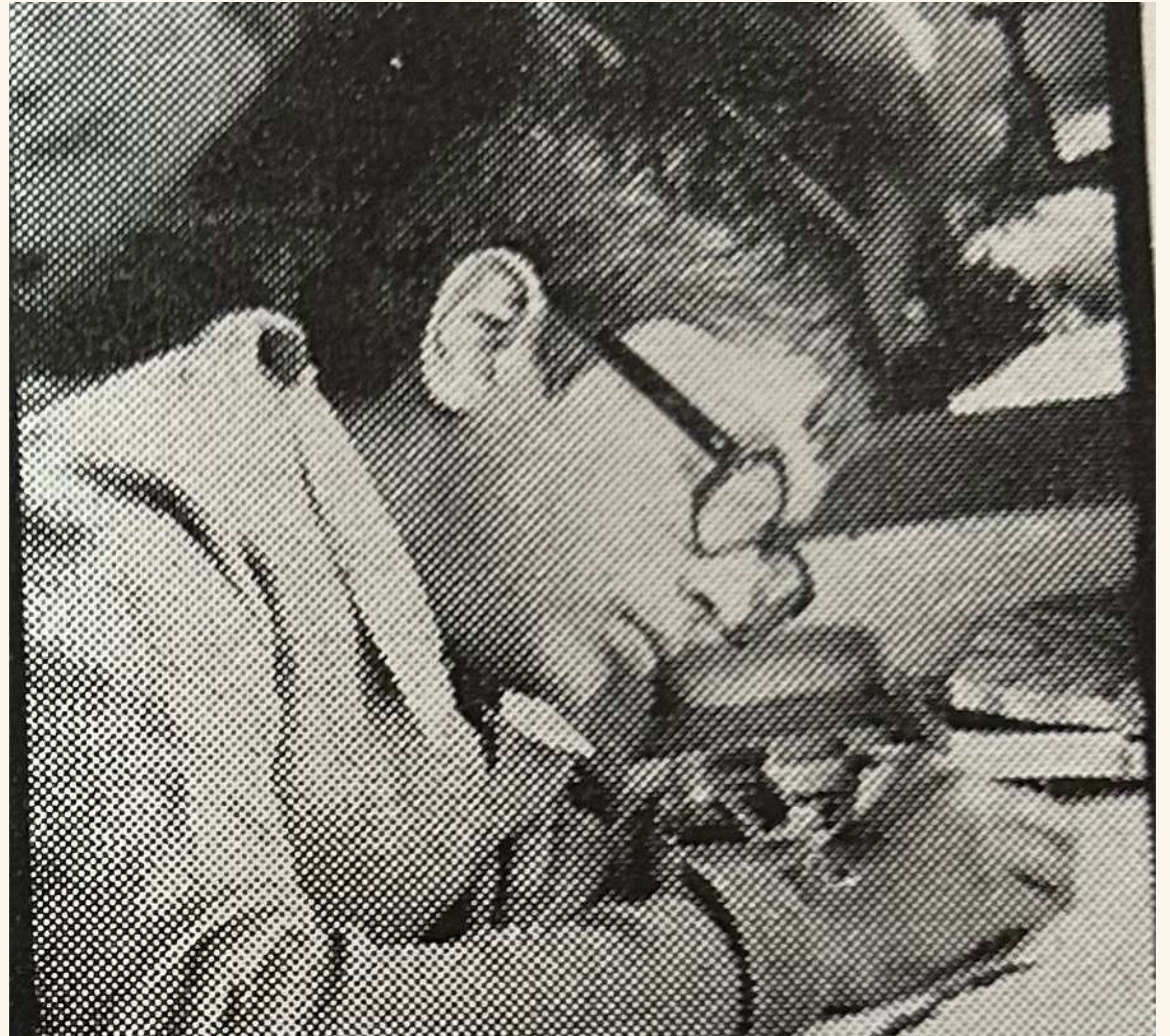
Two boys—Trilochan Sastry and Ranjit Suri made their mark by winning the Junior Science Talent Scholarship and adding another feather to M. S. M.'s headdress (Cap!).

“Four of our boys passed the written test and qualified for the interview, in which, unfortunately, only two boys were successful”.

CADBURY ESSAY CONTEST

Crunchy! Munchy! Cadbury held an Essay contest the year 1973.

The topic was 'The Making of a Chocolate.'
The winners were not rewarded cash prizes.
They were Kushal Dutt XI A, Ranjit Suri IX A,
Gurtaj Singh IX B.



Pedals of Glory: Cycling Championship

Every year a cycle rally was held by the Service Civil International. The course was an exhausting 53 miles, and only a fraction of the original competitors completed it.

Among that year's entrants was a wiry young lad from Mount St. Mary's, Prasant Choudhary. Shy and bespectacled this eleven-year-old boy is the winner of the special shield donated by the I. G. Police, for being the youngest and most promising cyclist of the rally. Prasant completed the 53 miles well within the chartered time, to win the shield for the second successive year.



Navigating New Ventures

Quicksilver

In 1973, some boys of class X decided to start a magazine which they appropriately named 'Quicksilver'. Quicksilver is a name for Mercury, who is the messenger of the gods. Only two issues of the Quicksilver were printed, which turned out to be a success.

“The third issue was being prepared, when the thought of exams banished all else from the minds of the youthful journalists. The headmaster and the principal gave their full support and all the resources at their command to the junior reporters.”

Bullseye: Mastering the Art of Shooting

Colin and Andrew Gilbert brought fresh laurels to Mount St Mary's by clinching the Delhi State Inter-School Shooting titles in their respective groups. Some of the leading schools, and their best shots participated in the event, and the boys did well in annexing the titles.

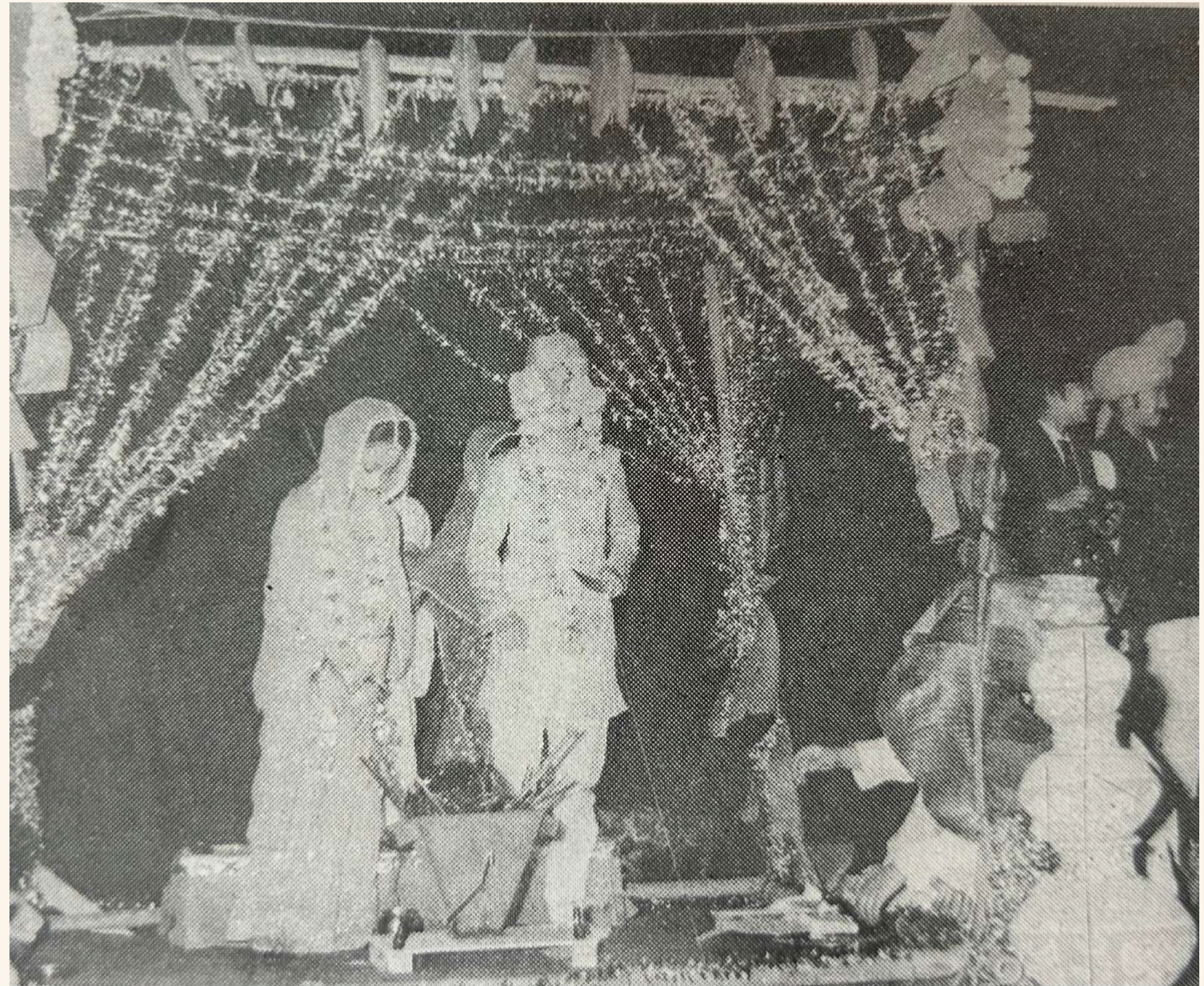
Colin Gilbert even set a new state record in that competition. The prizes were distributed by Shri M: Rana, Union Minister of State for Transport and Shipping.

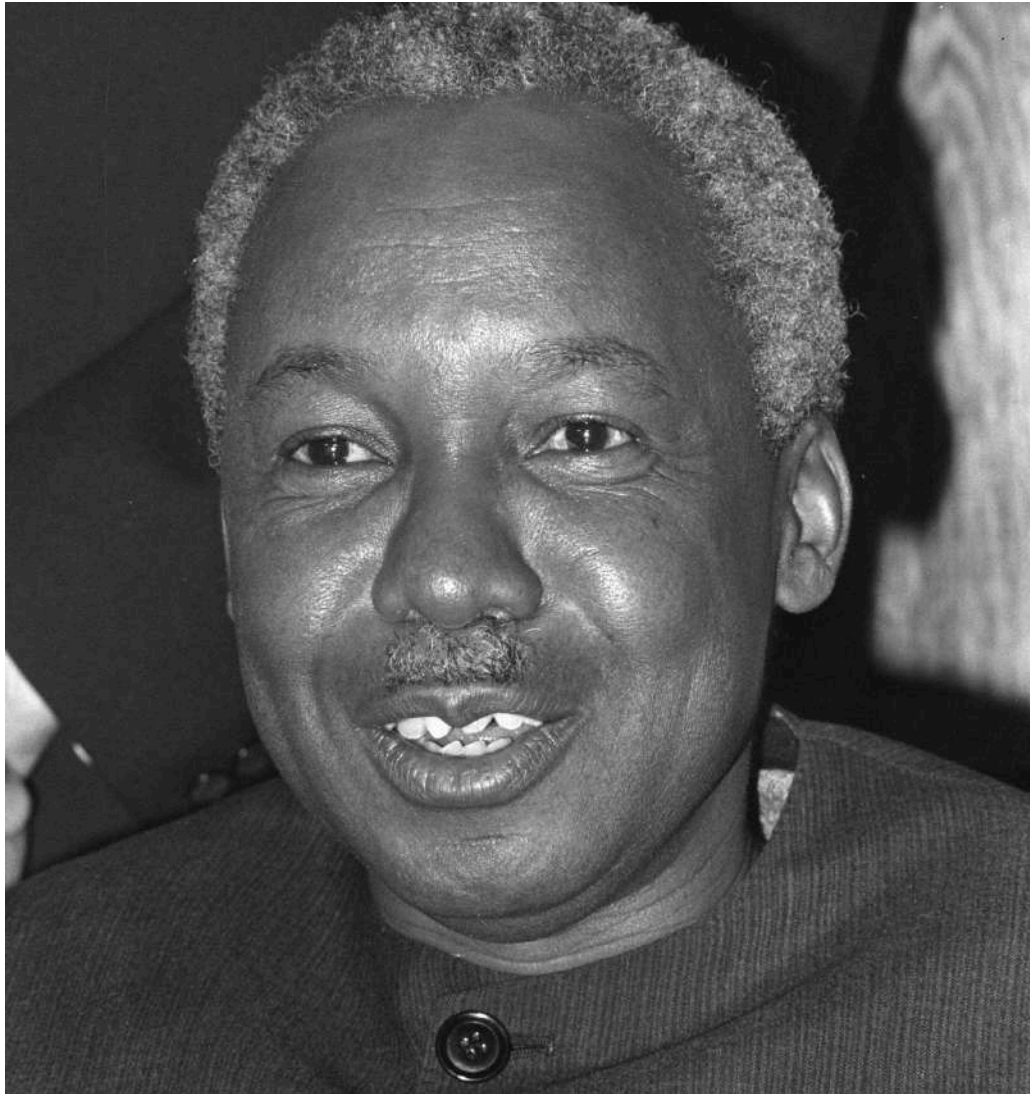
Mount St. Mary's, Delhi Cantt, held a Variety Show at the Kamani Theatre on Saturday, 20th October 73. The stage was a feast of colour when young students, attired as brides and bridegrooms from different parts of the country, went through the wedding ceremonies' characteristic of each region.

The rousing notes of the martial song, 'Kadam Barae Jao' set the pattern for the evening, followed by a humorous play, 'Pardah Uthao, Pardah Girao'. The lusty "ho ho" of the young pirates as they staged their action song was like a clear clarion call. 'The Puppet Play' an English operetta gave a touch of light hearted sophistication to the show.

"Delightful show by school children" reported the newspapers, the next morning.

The Variety Show at Kamani Theatre





On 28th January 1974, MSM welcomed Julius Nyerere, the President of Tanzania, as he was crossing the school on his way to the airport.

Leaders of today and Voices of tomorrow

On 23 January 1976, Junior School greeted Mr Chirac, the French Prime Minister.



On 10th March 1974, the Prime Minister of Afghanistan, Mohammad Daoud Khan, was welcomed at MSM as he was going to the airport.



Aero Modelling Club

Inter Patrician Contests and New Clubs at MSM

Elocution and Declamation served as a pleasant relief from continual study. The boys excelled in the field of sports and were enthusiastic participants in activities of their choice such as aero-modelling, art, scouting, science and music.



Electronics Club

The Centenary Celebrations at St. Patrick's Adyar, Madras

The 1975 Annual was dedicated to the memory of all those Irish Brothers, past and present, who worked unceasingly and with cheerful devotion for the past hundred years for the youth of India. The centenary celebrations were held at St. Patrick's Adyar, Madras. Representatives from various schools throughout the world attended that happy occasion.

MSM extended special gratitude to the three pioneer Brothers, Ignatius Price, Paul Hughes and Fintan Parkinson who took charge of the Catholic Male Orphan Asylum in 1875, and later bought the property that is now known as St. Patrick's Adyar High School.

“While thanking the Irish Patrician Brothers, who, with eagerness and zest have toiled throughout these years to establish many branch schools in India, we also thank them for the example they have set, which has drawn into their fold many of our own young men of India.”

“It is with pride we mention that Mt. St. Mary's will be celebrating the two golden jubilees of our own two Brothers Rev. Bro. I. W. O'Brien and Rev. Bro. C. J. Bergin in August, 1976. May St. Patrick's blessings extend both to his Irish and Indian sons'.”

Meeting the Prime Minister

“When our teacher told us that we were going to meet her, we were very excited. We went in our school minibus. We had to stand in a line, and when our turn came we went in. We sat on a lawn and Smt. Indira Gandhi came. She asked, “Which school is this?” My teacher told her that our school was Mount St. Marys School. Then our photo was taken with the Prime Minister. My teacher got the Prime Minister’s autograph. Then we went back to school.”

Leadership Training Service - 1975

The first project, the adult literacy programme, could not come off owing to certain difficulties. But this did not let this setback become an obstacle in the path of progress and achievements. The L.T.S. was further divided into three subunits, each with a unit leader. Each of these units had a project and the unit leader had to submit a report.

“All was not smooth sailing after this first meeting. it was almost three weeks later that the newly formed MSM L.T.S. unit had its first meeting. Soon, our group was functioning efficiently with a set of office bearers.”

On the Pitch: Football Action and Highlights

1975 was a very profitable year for M. S. M. Football, with both the Senior and Junior Teams emerging as winners in the Bal Bhavan and the Pentangular Football Tournaments respectively.

The success of the Senior Team rested largely upon Michael Brown, who scored all the goals in all the matches played in the Bal Bhavan.

“Credit must also be given to Anil Passi, Christopher Brown, Biswajit R. Chowdhury, and Sarabjit Sachdev who put on brilliant waves of attack against their opponents.”



On the Pitch: Football Action and Highlights

The Junior Team had a major setback in the opening phases of their game, having no good goal keeper. Finally, it was Stephen Brown who was selected them of an assortment and he proved that the choice was the best. Credit for a superb all-round fieldman goes to Kumi Kwazi.

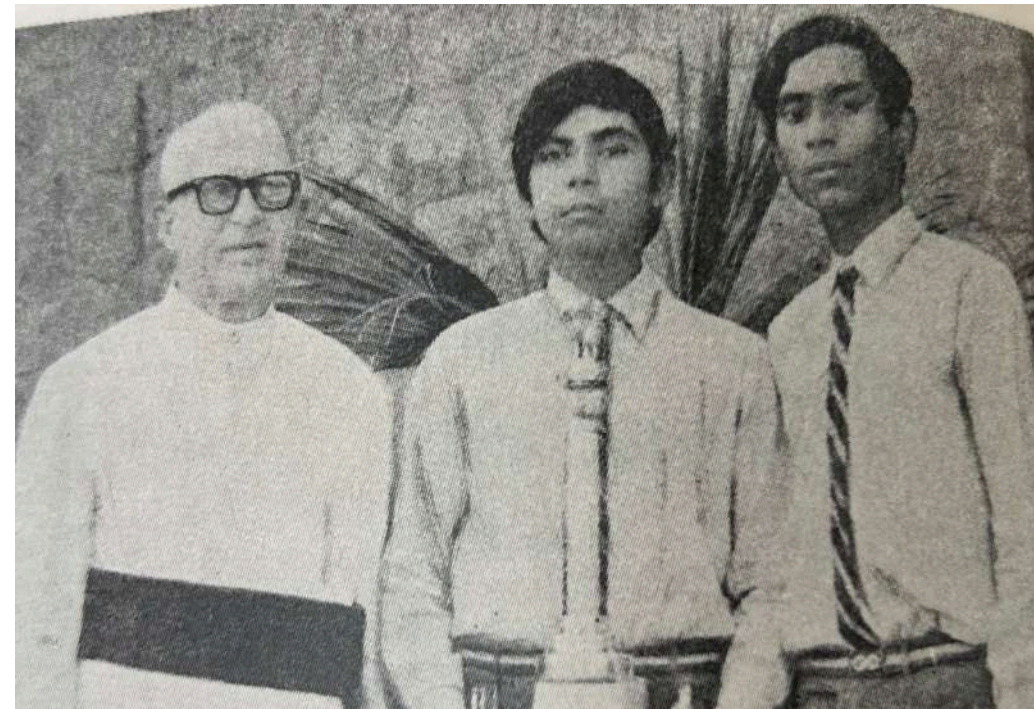
Sanjay Kalia was the youngest member of the team, but he played as well as some of the senior players. “Jude Brown and Satyajit Sarkar must also get a share of the glory, and we must not forget Arup Ranjan Roy.”

“The two victorious teams were treated to a marvellous lunch at Fujiya Restaurant and they put away a colossal amount of food. Mr. Kohli and Brother Carroll did not seem to be the least astonished. I suppose that was what they expected. Anyway, I wish the best of luck to the M. S. M. future teams and we all give cheers to our marvellous coaches Brother Carroll and Mr. H. L. Kohli.”



Taranjit Singh Suri won a prize of Rs. 100/- in the "On-The-Spot Essay Competition held at the Chitra-Kala-Sangam. The topic of the Essay was, 'The Contribution of Youth to the National Development of the Country'.

The Success Stories



On 30th September 1972, Benoy Behl XIB, Bhaskar Bhattacharji XIA, and Abhik Roy XIA were declared the runners up in the Inter Patrician Debate Competition.



On April 19th 1976 Mrs Nalini Dandass won an international award.

Connecting Lives: Transforming Communities

On the 3rd of March 1976 a sponsored walk was organized on our school grounds, to collect funds for the "Gandhi Eye Hospital" in Aligarh. Over 1,000 students of Mount St. Mary's participated. A total amount of Rs. 10,441 was collected from our school. This money enabled the hospital to add two new wards of fifty beds each for poor and aged patients needing eye surgery.

Pottery Section at MSM

The most important event of the year in the Senior Art Section was the opening of the Pottery Section as one of the subjects in the Work Experience Class.

Two new potter's wheels were made and installed in the Art Room and a second room was allotted to the Painting Section. The Eleventh and Tenth Class students took the opportunity to work on the potter's wheels.

The Art and Craft Stall at the School Fete

Junior, Middle and Senior school students' work was on sale. Work Experience students prepared collage paintings with clay in two dimensions. There were ceramic table lamp-stands made by the students of Class Seven. This was a group activity by the 'Earn While You Learn' Club. This club was formed by the boys taking clay modelling as a subject. The Art and Craft stall with Junior School batiks, flower arrangement drift wood and Senior School boy's work of painted clay models of piggy banks, ash trays, flower vases and toys was adjudged, as the most attractive stall.



Hobby Classes at MSM

A walk around the school on Saturday mornings used to reveal the keen interest the boys had in their activities. At the Physics Laboratory, Mr. Andrady supervised a group of electronic enthusiasts. The Biology and Chemistry laboratories held the First Aid and Photography Clubs. Outside in open spaces Mrs. Dhody and Mr. O. P. Sharma guided a team of young gardeners. The fruits of their labour had delighted many a palate. Perhaps the most popular hobbies were Dramatics and Journalism. The Dramatics clubs, both Hindi and English, had a highly successful term, as both of them produced fine plays.

The First Aid Club also started in the year 1976. Gardening Club created the Rock Garden. Aero modelling was also established as a club.

Reverend Brother Bernardine reshuffled and reorganised the hobby classes.



Lala ji's Canteen

Memories



Book Shop



Uniform Shop



19 boys of Art Club bagged prizes in the All India Camel Colour Contest 1978, Delhi Region. Three students were awarded H.M.T wristwatches and 8 were awarded alarm clocks. Arvind Pal of class 6C won silver medal at Shankar's in the on-the-spot Painting Competition.

The Victory Tales

“One of our most promising artists is Arvind Pal Singh of Class VI C. After winning a coveted prize in the Shankar's International Painting Competition, he added another feather to his cap by bagging the third prize for his painting 'Gandhi as I See Him' organised by the Gandhi Smriti.”



MSM participated in Cadbury's Athletic Meet finished in 4th position.

Cadbury Bournvita Quiz Contest

Mount St. Mary's team of three members — Sanjive Vohra, Anupam Goswami, Ajay Zutshi participated in the seventh series of the Bournvita Quiz Contest in 1978.

In a thrilling contest, " we beat Lady Irwin School 14--8. MSM entered the quarter-finals where in an engrossing and gruelling round, we beat Bal-Bharti School 19-17.

Mount St. Mary's entered the semifinals which proved to be our Waterloo, as we were crushed by St. Columba's School 9-19.

Extending a Hand: Spreading Hope

This year on the 19th of February 1978 Service Civil International organised an Inter School Talent Contest which was held at Lajpat Bhavan. This event was organised to collect funds for the Andhra Cyclone Relief Fund as this organisation undertakes various activities to improve the condition of the poor. Schools could participate in all the eight items or in any one.

Delhi Hit by Floods' were the headlines in the newspapers one morning. Panic and surprise seized citizen as Delhi hit by floods due to a breach in the Dhanra bandh. The students of MSM extended a helping hand and spread smiles.

Extending a Hand: Spreading Hope

“It didn’t take long for the ‘flood fever’ to reach Mount St. Mary’s. The boys had really large hearts, just telling them about the sad plight of the flood hit victims was enough to set off a spark of service and cooperation amongst them. Relief materials, including articles of food and clothing, medicines and other daily essentials began pouring in. In a week’s time there was enough to look after three hundred families”.

“One afternoon, as school got over the school minibus was loaded with relief materials, and a group of boys set off with Mrs. C. V. Kumar to lend a helping hand. Soon after they reached their destination, they were welcomed with open arms. The unfortunate people came forward to receive their share with beaming faces that showed gratitude towards the MSM boys”.

The Book Charade

In the year 1978, the Marians took part in the Dumb Charade inter-school competition held on the 7th March.

It was called the Book Charade as we had to act out the name of a book. Five schools were participated and five children from each school being chosen. The rules of this game were that the actors were supposed to act the title of a book without speaking. The actors were also not allowed to carry anything in their hands, and costume were optional.

The competition this year was held at the Loreto Convent Hall. It was a very well-arranged affair and the organizers were the Senior School of Loreto Convent. After the story was acted the audience tried to guess the title of the book. Children from all the schools were selected well before the competition and were trying their best to win for their schools.

MSM bagged, the first prize overall, as well as Audience Prize, was also given to MSM.

Science Project at National Science Fair

M.S.M. fared very well at the Science Fair in the year 1978 – 79. The theme of the fair was 'India and the Villages' and the accent was on rural technology for the farmer.

Rizwan A. Siddiqui and Manaswi Patnaik of Class XII–A entered their exhibit under the Agriculture Section. There was an investigative project on growth Regulations and Drought Resistance Testing. A method developed in 1974 in the USA to test Drought Resistance of crops was demonstrated. Growth regulators, or 'Plant Hormones', were isolated and their effects on plant growth studied. The application of this technology to the villages was stressed. The highlight of the project was a dark chamber where the hormones isolated by chromatography were detected by fluorescence under ultraviolet light.

They were declared first at the Zonal Science Fair and then they represented the zone in the Delhi State Science Fair held at Lajpat Nagar. The project was selected as one of Delhi's entries for the National Science Fair held at Teen Murti during the children's week celebrations.

The Year 1979: International Year of Child

“UNESCO declared 1979 – The Year of Child and acquired a special significance in Mount Saint Mary’s. Personality development was greatly emphasised by encouraging every child to participate in dramatics, role-plays, ‘show & tell’ declamation, elocution, singing and specially organised assemblies. Our boys did extremely well at the inter-school level as well. All this has been possible due to the dedicated and ceaseless efforts of our Junior School Head Mistress, Mrs H. Joshua.” – Mrs T. Bawa, in 1979 – 80”.

In the words of Provincial Rev. Bro V.P. Bernard, in 1979-80, “Mount St. Mary’s has passed its adolescence and crossed into manhood. The Principal, Brother Bernardine, re-shuffled and reorganised the system of hobby classes that were taking place on Saturdays. He introduced some rather fascinating subjects, and every boy was given the complete freedom to choose his hobby. Academics were integrated with activities – to give the child a better all-round education and to make the school a happy place for him.”

The Silver Jubilee Celebrations: MSM turned 25 Years Old

To commence the Silver Jubilee Celebrations, it was decided to hold a Thanksgiving Mass in the school auditorium on the 7th of February 1987, for which the theme was

"Praise Him, thank Him for His wonderful deeds"

The preparations began in November 1986 with selections for the choir. Mr. Pulinkala selected and practised with the staff and students. Mr. Santosh Kumar wrote and prepared the draft of the Mass and prayers with the principal and the brothers, and it was approved by the Bishop's secretary. Then preparations began in earnest.



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In January, the prayer booklets and invitation cards were printed by Mrs. Prema Sagar, an old student. Invitations were sent to the founding Principal Brother E.T. Dunne, to all the Principals of M.S.M. during the past 25 years, to all the Patrician Brothers in India and abroad, to all the priests who had been associated with M.S.M., and to General Bhagwati Singh who was instrumental in starting M.S.M. Unfortunately, he could not attend due to illness.



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“The Principal, Bro. Xavier Thonipara, welcomed the Archbishop and Mrs. Bajaj, who has been at M.S.M. since it started, presented a bouquet to him, a runner was sent to the auditorium to warn the ushers. The priests were dressed and ready for the service and an impressive procession walked into the auditorium to the strains of a hymn and haunting music, and an awed hush fell over the gathering. As the procession moved forward, the curtains opened to reveal the grand altar on the stage and the symbol of thanksgiving. Eighteen teachers, six brothers (The Provincial Bro. Alphonsus, Bro. Dunne, Bro. Aloysius, Bro. Carrol, Bro. Dominic and Bro. Xavier) and the Archbishop carried in the glass lamps to be placed at the front of the stage, one lamp for each year.”

Mrs. Krishnaswamy, the Sr. Headmistress, welcomed the congregation and the service began. Bro. Xavier and a student did the readings. The Prayers of Petition were read out by a student, a teacher, a parent, an old student, and a religious. The Bishop gave the homily. He lauded the work of the Patrician Brothers and the achievements of M.S.M.

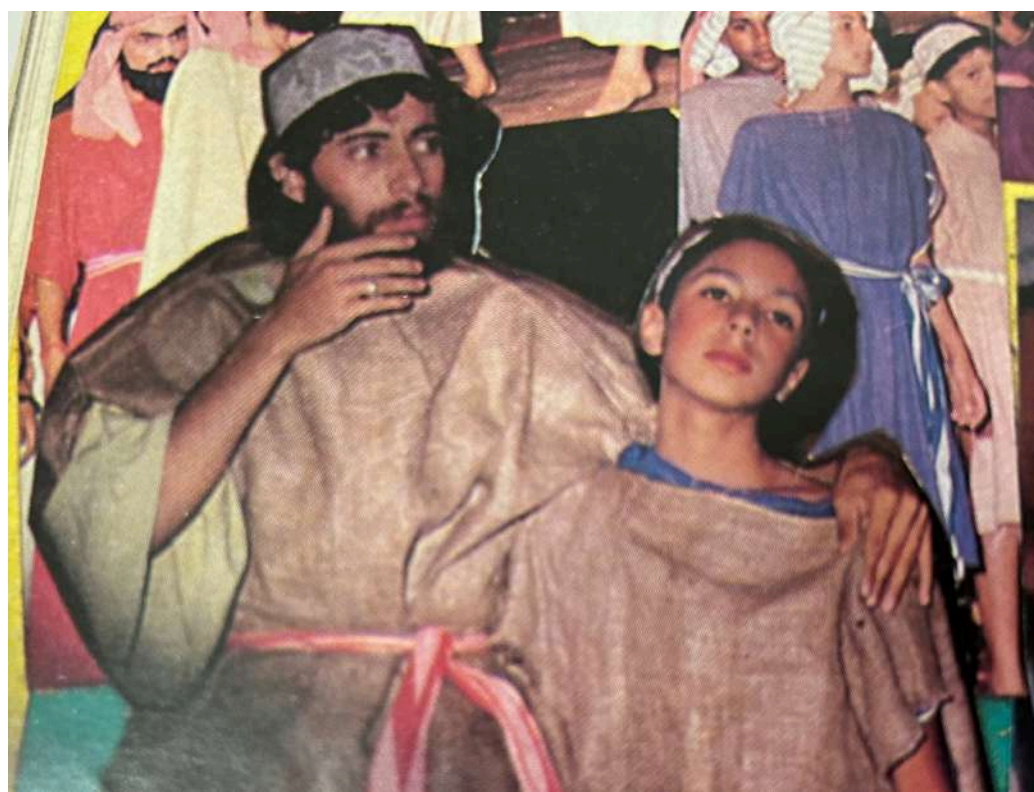


The Rock Opera

The Rock Opera - Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat

This was earlier done in 1978. There were a few changes from the previous format of 'Joseph' but a few of the cast were the same, viz. our very own Mike Brown as Joseph, and Mike Coelho as the Baker, Salil Sachdev as Pharaoh, Mr. Noel Soans, an M.S.M. parent, played Rueben, and Stephen Brown was Judah—though he could take over any role at a moment's notice! The choreography was by Mrs. Margot Chatterjee, and five German girls did some of the dances. There were girls of various schools of Delhi—Carmel, F.A.P.S., Modern, Holy Child Auxilium, C.J.M.—L.S.R. and J.M.C. Colleges, some teaching, some working, and Purnima Bajpai and Sharmila Roy, Junior School teachers of M.S.M. The boys were present students, past students and working men. Atul Ahuja, an ex-student, and Mrs. Madhulika Saran, a renowned singer, were the narrators.

“All the teachers and cast who had worked for the earlier "Joseph" missed Bro. Bernardine and the whole Albuquerque family —especially Mrs. Iris Albuquerque who formed such a vital part of it!”



“All in all, it was a stupendous effort, and proved again that M.S.M. is very much on top of the Rock musical scene of Delhi! We were covered by almost every local newspaper and magazine. The reviews were good, bad, balanced or superlative, but we have gained and learned from them all.”

Rocking Success: The Opera



This was staged at Kamini Auditorium from 4th October to 10th October, two shows per day.



On 19th October the whole troupe went to Dehradun to perform at St. Joseph's to inaugurate their new auditorium.

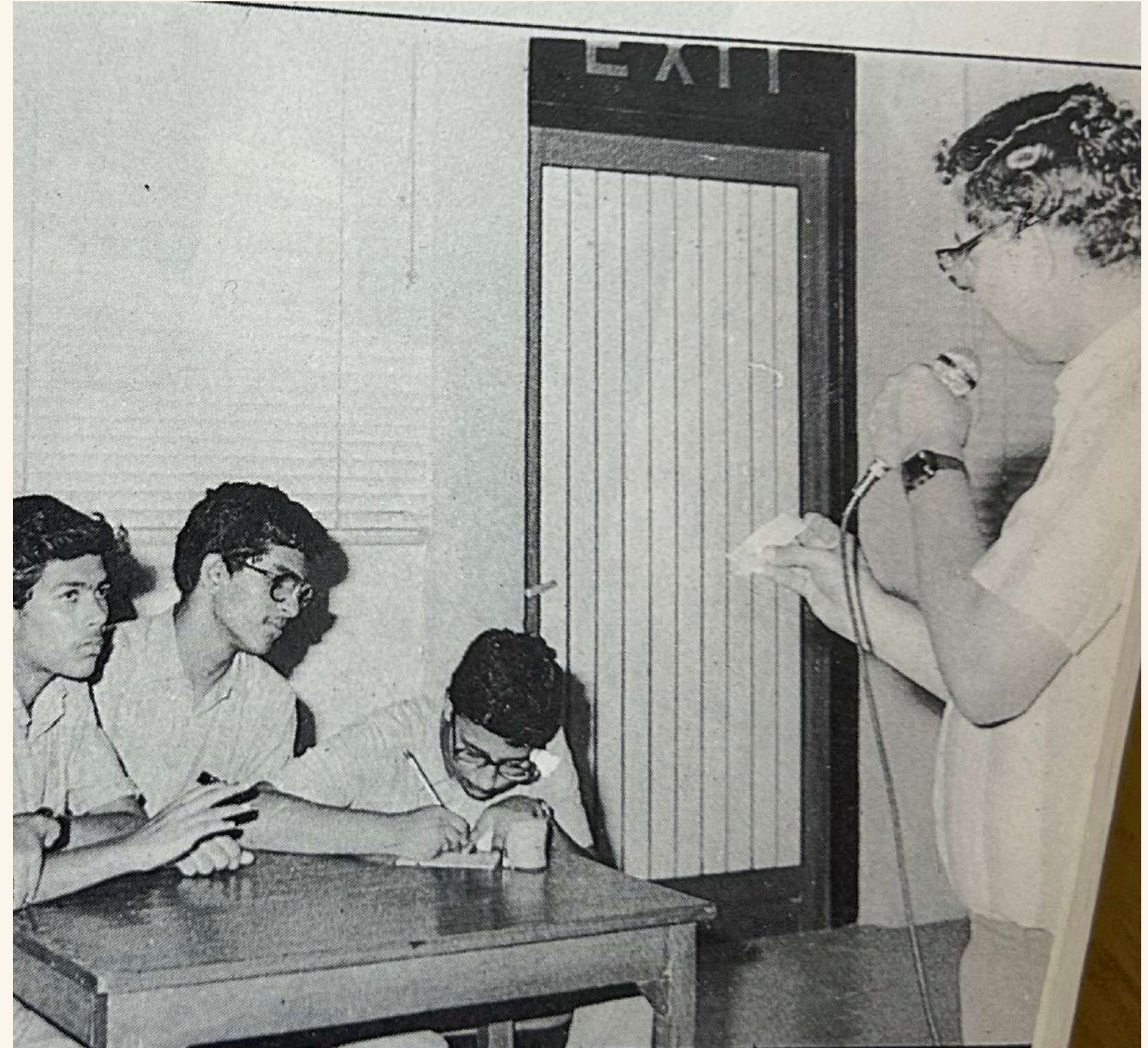
The Silver Jubilee Celebrations: The MOSA Quiz

To commemorate the Silver Jubilee of MSM, MOSA, the Marians Old Students' Association, came together and conducted a very interesting and exciting Inter-School Quiz. In all, 14 schools participated on the 22nd of August, 1987.

St. Columba's school walked away with the Rolling Trophy and the gift packs from BATA. The 1st runners-up were Air Force School while the 2nd runners-up were St. Anthony's, who also helped in the organisation of the Quiz.

The hard work put in by the MOSA Vice-President, Mrs. Renu Dayal and Mrs. Prema Sagar, an active member of the MOSA working committee, was appreciated by all.

The MOSA Quiz was presided over by Bro. Leo, while Mrs. Meenakshi Bana was the Quiz Coordinator.



Inauguration of New Wing and Felicitation Ceremony

As the part of Silver Jubilee Celebrations a new wing was inaugurated.

The members of the staff who completed 25 years of service were given gifts. Mrs. Bajaj and Mrs. Chadha were given silver bowls.

Tajjuddin, the gardener and Madhu, the ayah were given shawls. These gifts were presented by Bro. Dunne, the founder Principal. Bro Mohaney, from Ireland, garlanded the architect, Mr. Sharma, and the engineer, Mr. Divedi in appreciation of their work on the new wing and Mr. D'Cruz the contractor.

After the Mass, the guests proceeded to the new wing, where Fr. Victor D'Souza blessed the new place and Bro. Fitzpatrick cut the ribbon and inaugurated the wing. Other honoured guests were Bro. Thanicken, the Provincial; Bro. Vincent, Bro. Muldowney, Bro. Jerome, Bro. Christopher, Bro. Anthony, Bro. William, Mrs. Aria and Dr. Grover, members of P.T.A. and the Governing Body and Mr. Dyal, a parent from the Junior School.

All the guests were treated to a sumptuous tea after which there was a 'mini-fete' for the whole school, which lasted till 1 p.m. and everyone enjoyed it thoroughly.

Synergy in Learning: MSM Embraced Co-Education

Mount St. Mary's School marked a significant moment on 13th April 1981, as it transitioned into a co-educational institution, welcoming girls into Class XI. The school's leadership proudly appointed a diverse group of Flag Bearers, including the Head Boy, Vice Head Boy, and the newly introduced position of Head Prefect, along with girls who joined as Prefects for the Four Houses. In this landmark year, Davinder Mohan Sood of Class XIIIB made history by being sworn in as the first-ever Head Prefect.

“Reflecting on this transformative period, Tapas Sen from Class XIA noted, “God made Adam and Eve and left them in the Garden of Eden. He also told them not to eat the fruits of ‘the tree of knowledge,’ but Eve disobeyed. Since then, ‘woman’ has always been the source of all trouble on earth. MSM was no exception to the rule. 13th April 1981 – the girls arrived, and discipline in MSM faced its greatest challenge.”–Tapas Sen XIA

Synergy in Learning: MSM Embraced Co-Education

This move towards co-education not only diversified the student body but also brought new perspectives and contributions, enriching the Mount St. Mary's School community.

“In April 1981, when we sought admission to the school, our numbers totalled forty, but a few days in the chivalry and decency of the Marians and our numbers dwindled down to eighteen. But we were determined to stay, and stay we did!

We have stormed the fortress and discovered it to be beautiful from the inside. Yes, the boys at first were slightly supercilious and were all out to prove how 'macho' they were, but they've toned down.

They're used to us. But I won't say that we have really stormed the bastion until we have a mixed football team or an all-girls football team at the next Pentangular. Then we can say we are on equal footing with the guys.” – Pramada Menon XIIC

The Rage

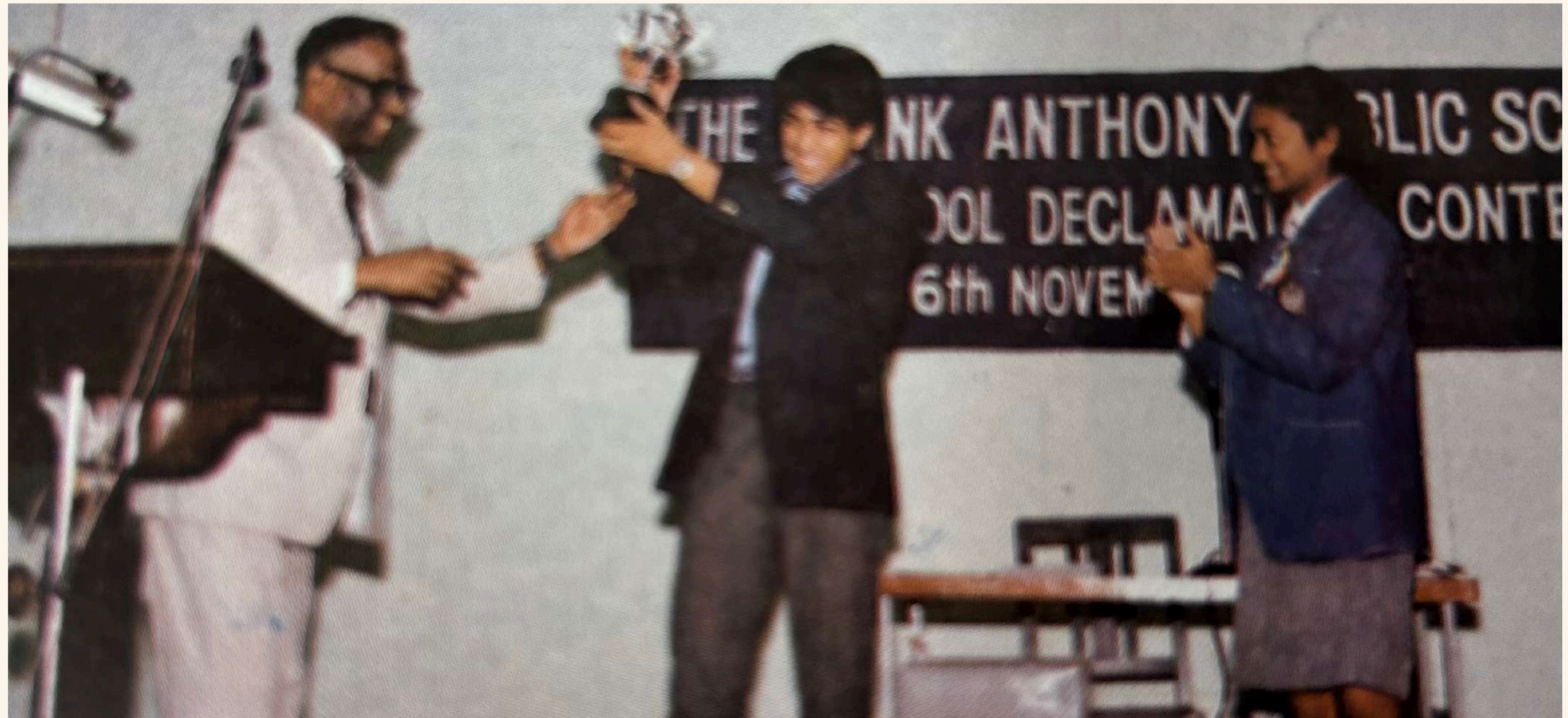
13th October 1987 was a long, exciting and a musical day for the eight best schools of Delhi. There was a competition called 'The Rage' which was being held for the first time by VICCAAS in the Siri Fort Auditorium.

The crowd at the auditorium signified the birth of a new music society, quite akin to that of the Bang Club. With M.S.M. being a force to reckon with in the field of music, one could notice the discomfiture of the other seven schools.

M.S.M. lived up to its reputation. The two memorable items featured a solo by Stephen Coelho and a foot-tapping hit by Shaking Stevens.

ACHIEVEMENT CHRONICLES

In 1990's Triumphs and Milestones in Excellence



The Marians' Success Stories

In the year 1990–91, the Royal Commonwealth Society, United Kingdom, organised Commonwealth Essay Competition in which the entries of Aniruddha Shankar, Arvind Ramachandran, Vijai Pillai, Hari Shankar Lakharaju were highly commended.

Abhishek Shankar was the second runner – up at the Father Agnel Extempore Contest as well as St. Columba's Run'93.

1992 was an exceptionally active year with exceptional success stories. On July 19th, the MSM Quiz Team made an indelible mark at The Limca Nationals, 1992. The talented lot included Ankur Malhotra, Sandipan Bhattacharya and Aniruddha Shankar.

In 1993, the School Quiz Team bagged the first position and were declared the Zonal Champions at the Limca Delhi City Finals held at the Airforce Auditorium. The quiz team members – Akshay Syal and M. Mahesh, Justin Murrick, Joe Christy Fernandes and Jacob Xavier brought laurels home.

The Marians' Success Stories

The competitions won by the school team in 1993 were the Nehru Planetarium, Limca Books of Records Delhi City Finals Contest, The Bang Club Inter School Festival Youth Quake, The British School Quiz, Bournvita Quiz Contest (Zonal) Rotoract Inter School Quiz Contest, Bournvita Quiz Contest' 93 and Annual NAA (Montfort School).

In 1995 – 96, the MSM Quiz Team won the Quarter Finals, Bournvita Quiz Contest and were briefed by Derek O' Brien in Bombay.

The Debate Club won many distinctions and won numerous Inter School Debate Competitions. Arunabha Gosh bagged the Best Speaker Award at the Bro. Ritchie Memorial Debate held in Meerut and also received recognition as the Second Best Speaker at the Bang Club Festival.

At the Shankar's International Painting Competition, Sameer Guha of Class VIIC was awarded by the Vice President of India, Mr. K. R. Narayanan, for winning the Shankar's Elocution Competition.

The Marians' Success Stories

Deepak Ranga and Kanish Ranga got scholarships from NIS.

Kunal Dhar represented India for the Lambard World Cup.

Avneet Singh was selected to represent India in the UK for the meeting in which 25 finalists from 69 countries were participating.

Rohit George was awarded a prize for his entry in the 1995 Shankar's International Children's Competition.

Akshay George became the youngest Gold Medallist in the Delhi State Taekwondo Championship.

YOUTH QUAKE

A Distant Dream Turned True



The Bang Club and Youthquake

“On 3rd September, Youthquake 1994 commenced at the Air Force Auditorium, Subroto Park. The preliminary rounds for Clue, Enigma, J-A-M, Indian Music Surprise Event, and Dramatics competitions were all conducted and sadly, the teams of MSM did not emerge victorious. “Dejection was evident on the faces of participants; we could feel the others were laughing at us ... the smirks on their faces were unbearable” – recalled Arunabha Ghosh.

4th September, the second day was crucial and the teams did fairly well. In Clue, Enigma and English Debate MSM was at 30 points where as D.P.S. R. K Puram was at 35 and A.F.B.B.S was at 45. On 5th September, the Western Music performance went very well, MSM bagged the first position in Choreography, and the Dramatics Shield was won by the school team. With a total of 83 points, MSM clinched the gleaming, pure silver rolling trophy – Youthquake’ 94.

“Thou shall not sleep till thy work is done
Thou shall not rest till thy mission is accomplished”

Reaching Out: Connecting Hearts, Changing Lives

On 5th February 2001, Mrs V. Mathur (the Junior School Coordinator), Mrs P. Singh and Mr Clifford, along with a few students, visited Prime Minister's Office to present a cheque of Rs 3,53,300 to the PM's Secretary. The MSM family generously donated money for the Prime Minister's Relief Fund in response to the appeal for the earthquake that hit Gujrat.

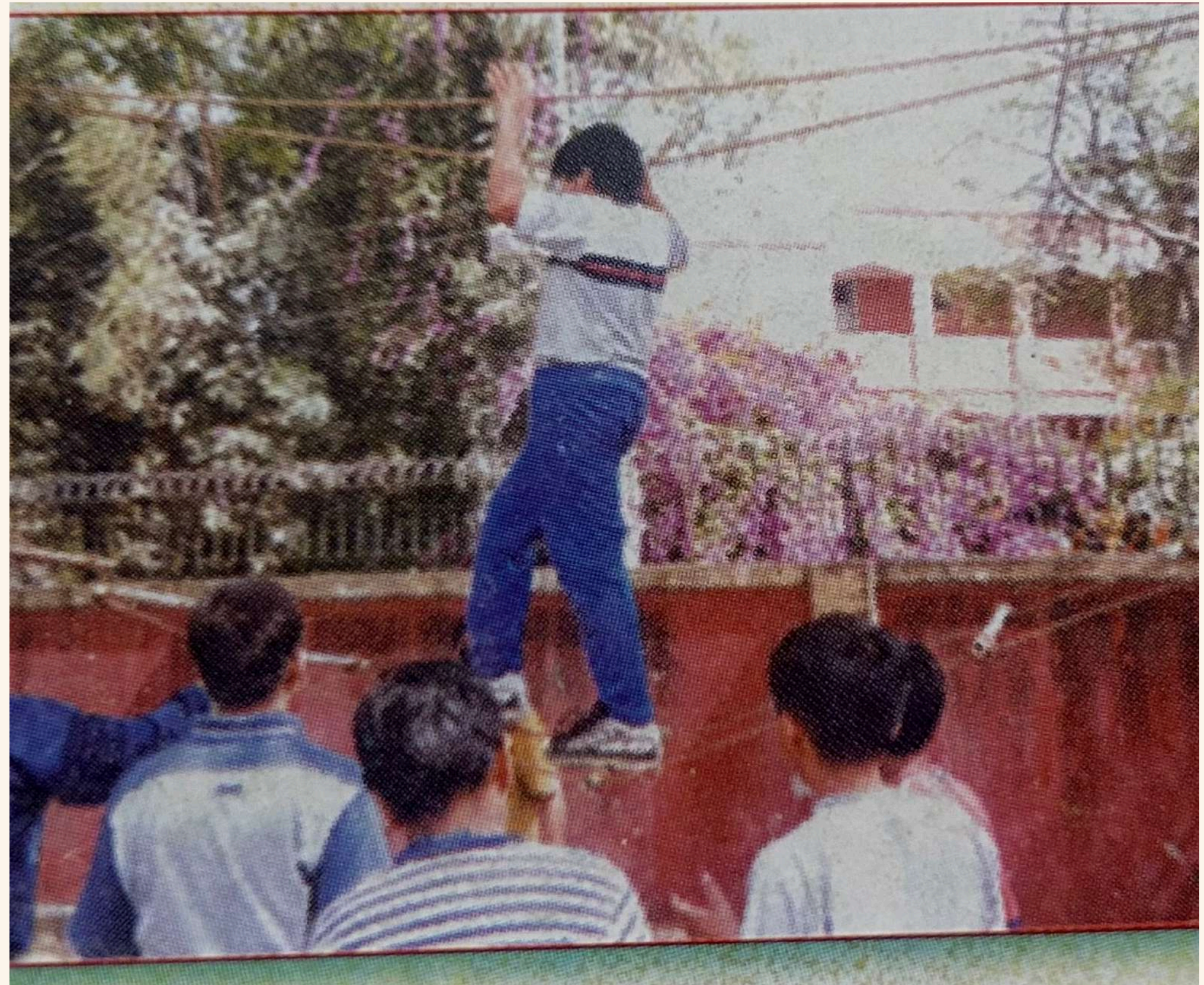
“We feel very good about having done something for the people of Gujarat and we hope and pray that this small gesture of ours helps the people of Gujarat in rebuilding their lives.

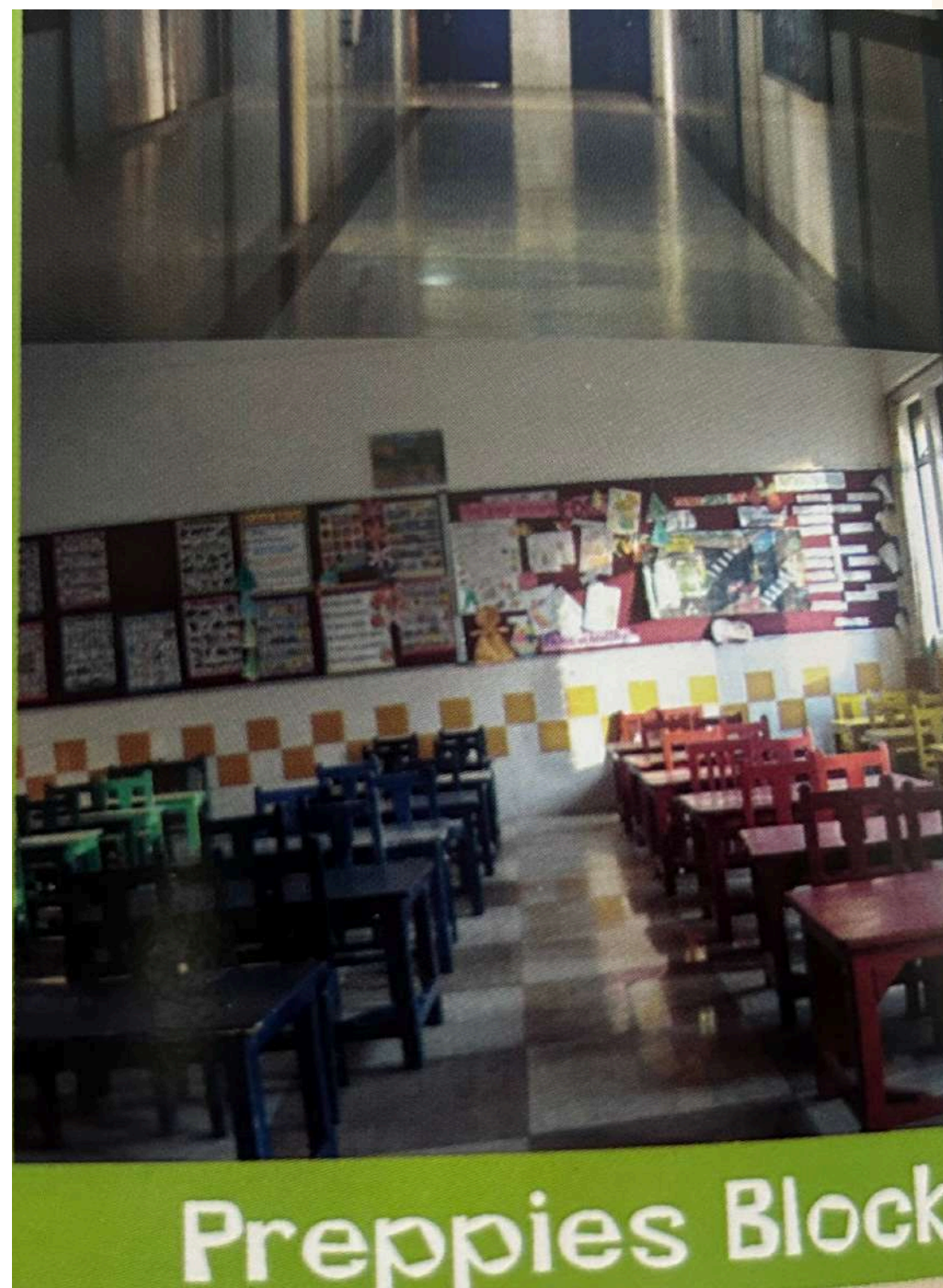
–Kartik Kalaan V–C

The Scat Camp at MSM

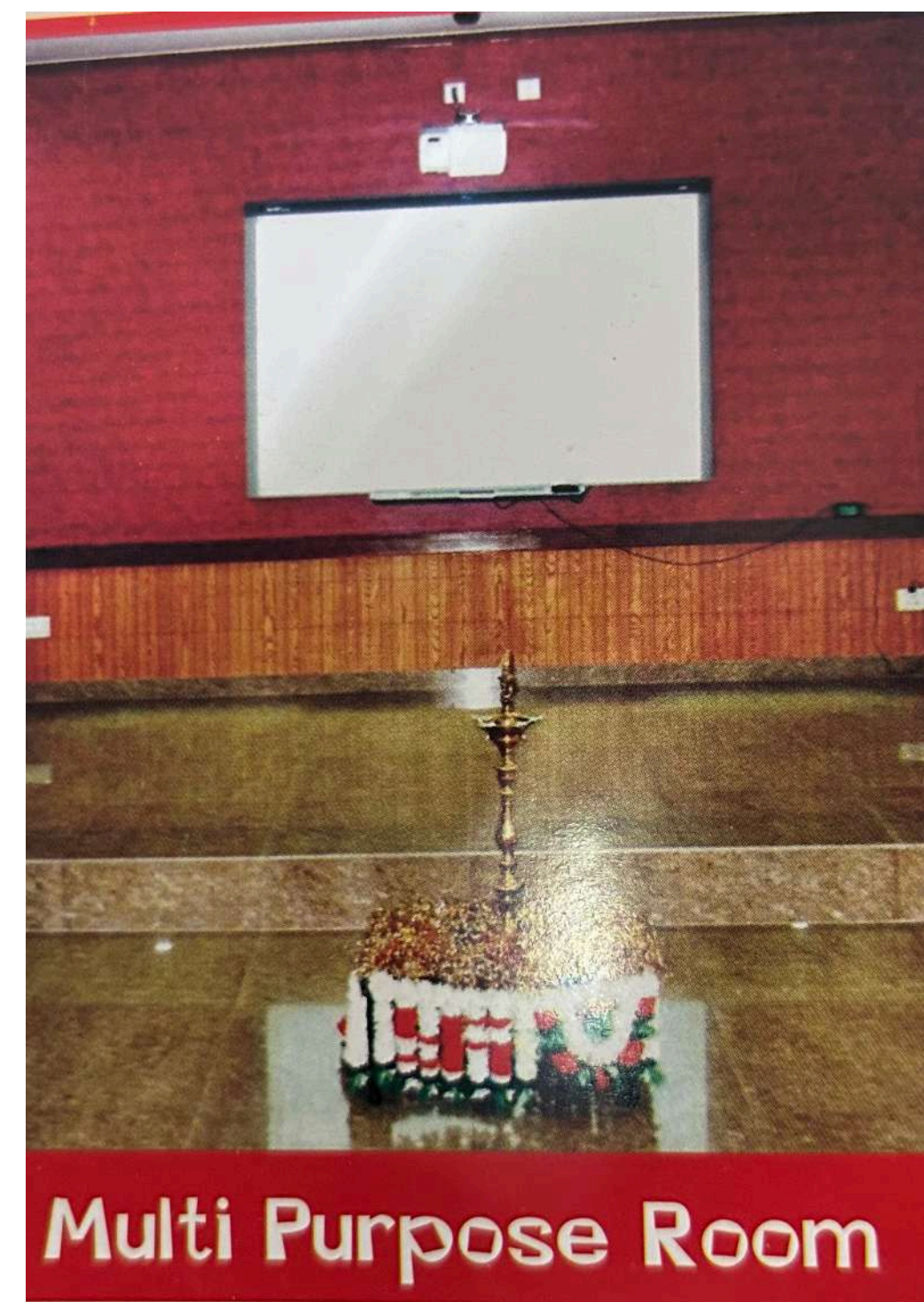
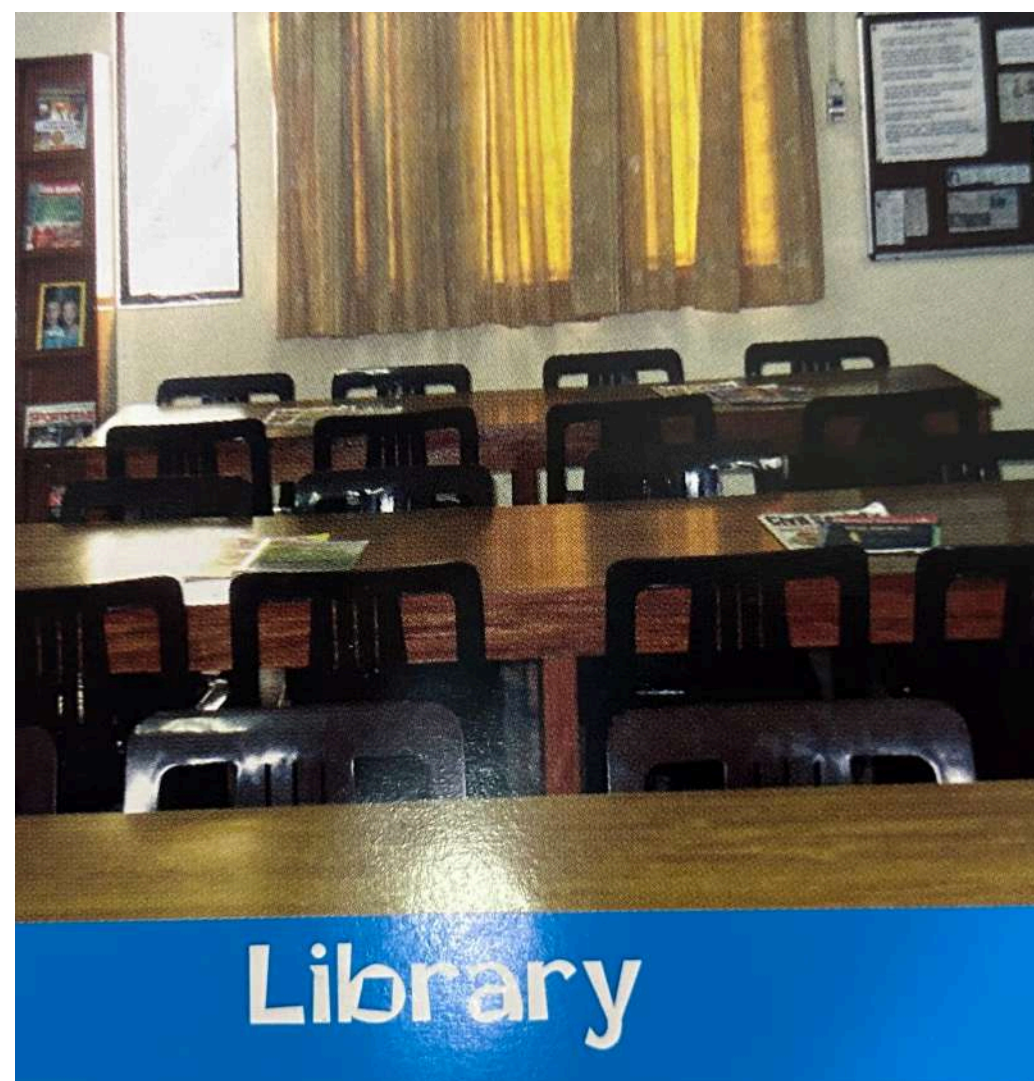
The two day Scat Camp for classes 4 and 5 proved to be a very enriching experience. A variety of activities were organised, ensuring the full exercise of both the body and mind.

A total of 138 enthusiastic students actively participated in this camp held on 25th and 26th, March 2002. The camp emphasised disciplined group activities.





MSM's New Chapter in Infrastructure Brilliance



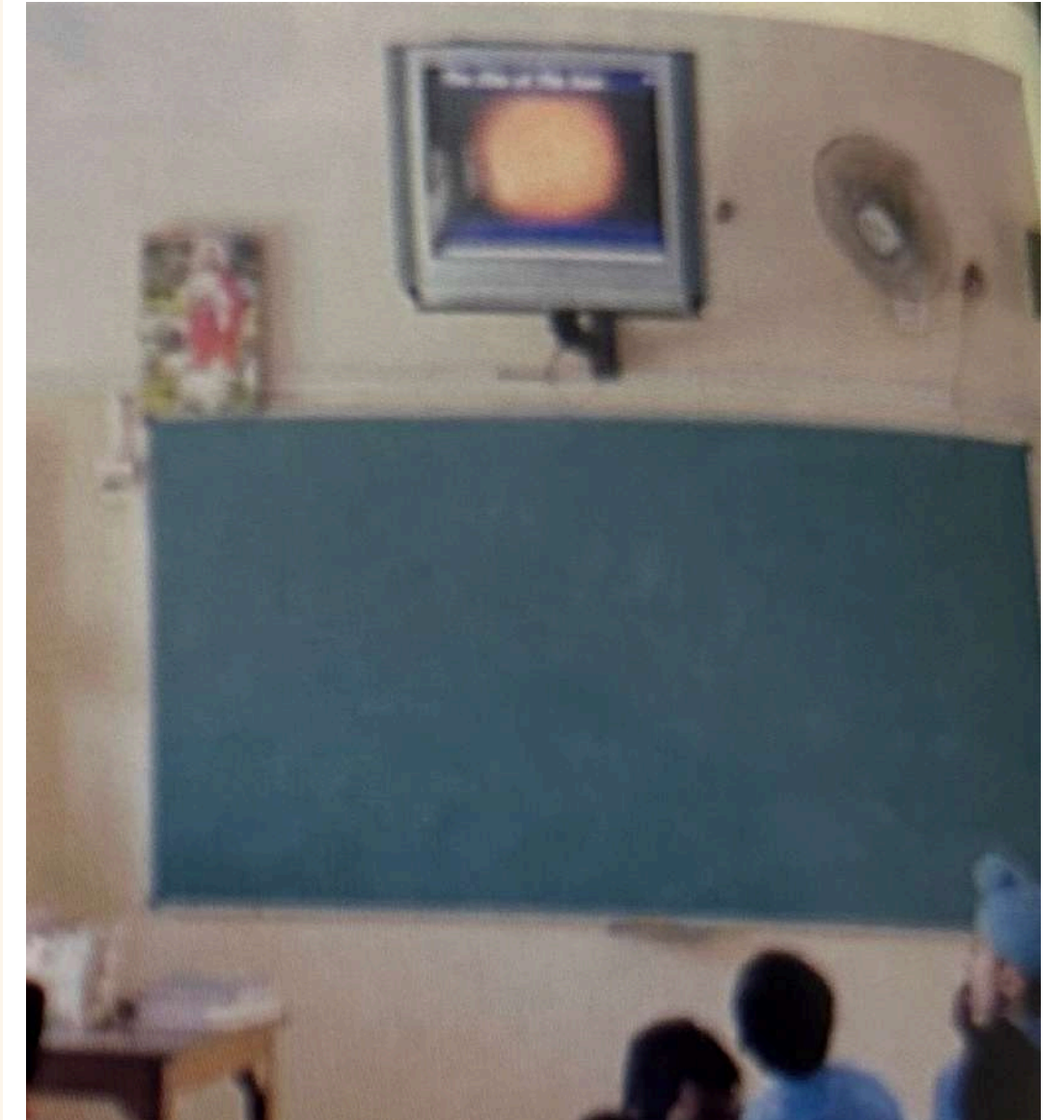


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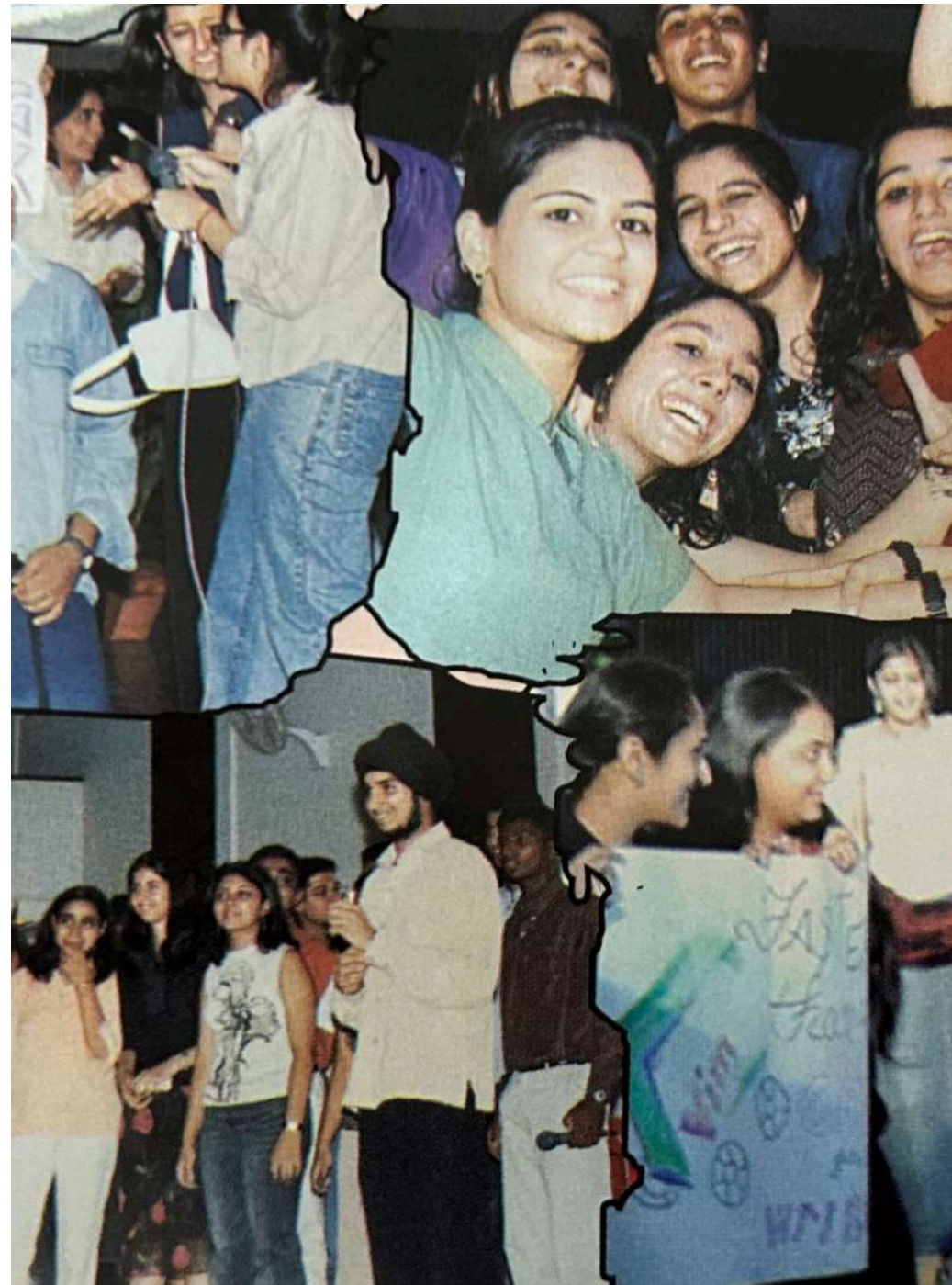
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Canteen Area



**Tech Savvy
Classrooms**



Socials at MSM

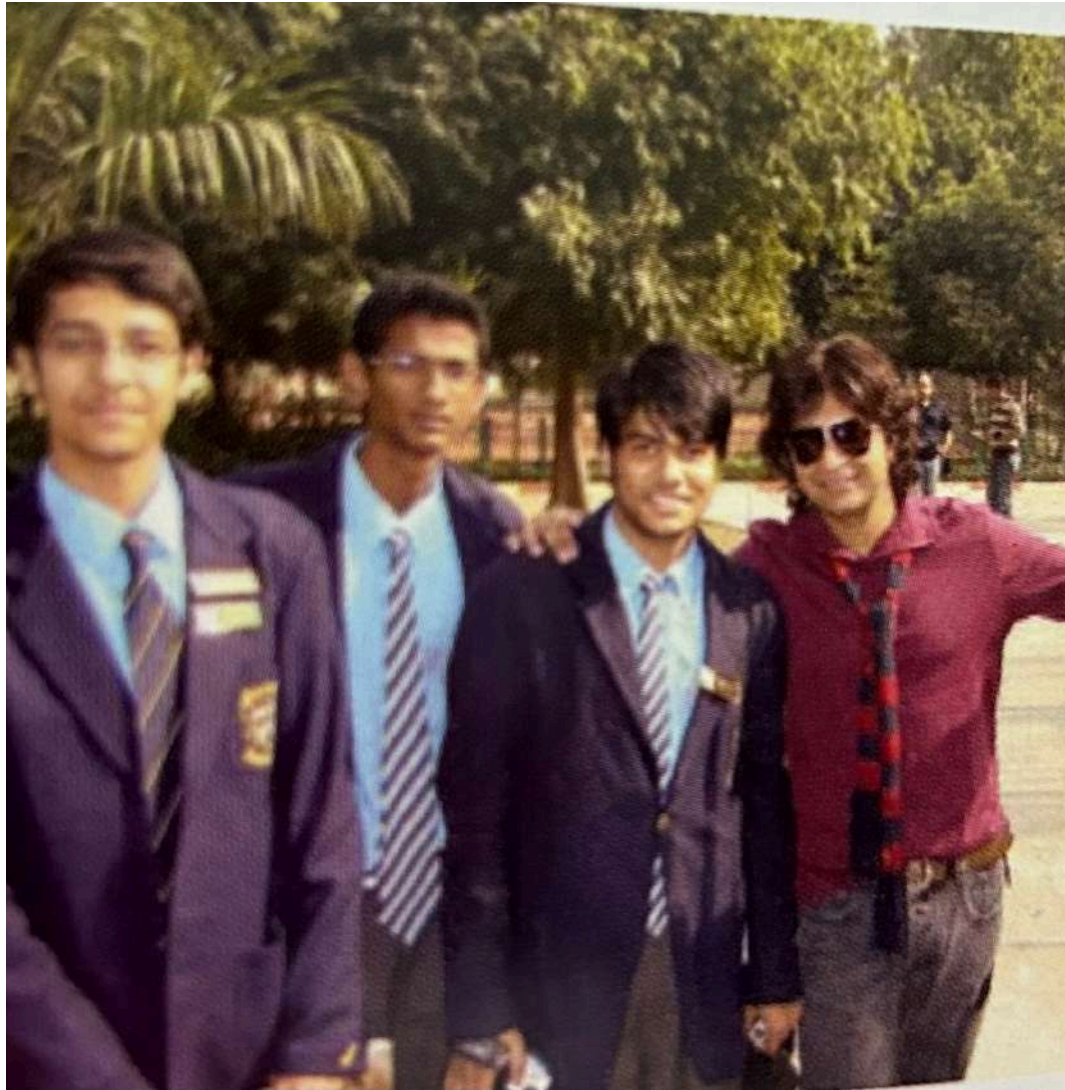




Bot Brilliance: Navigating the Future in the Robot Workshop

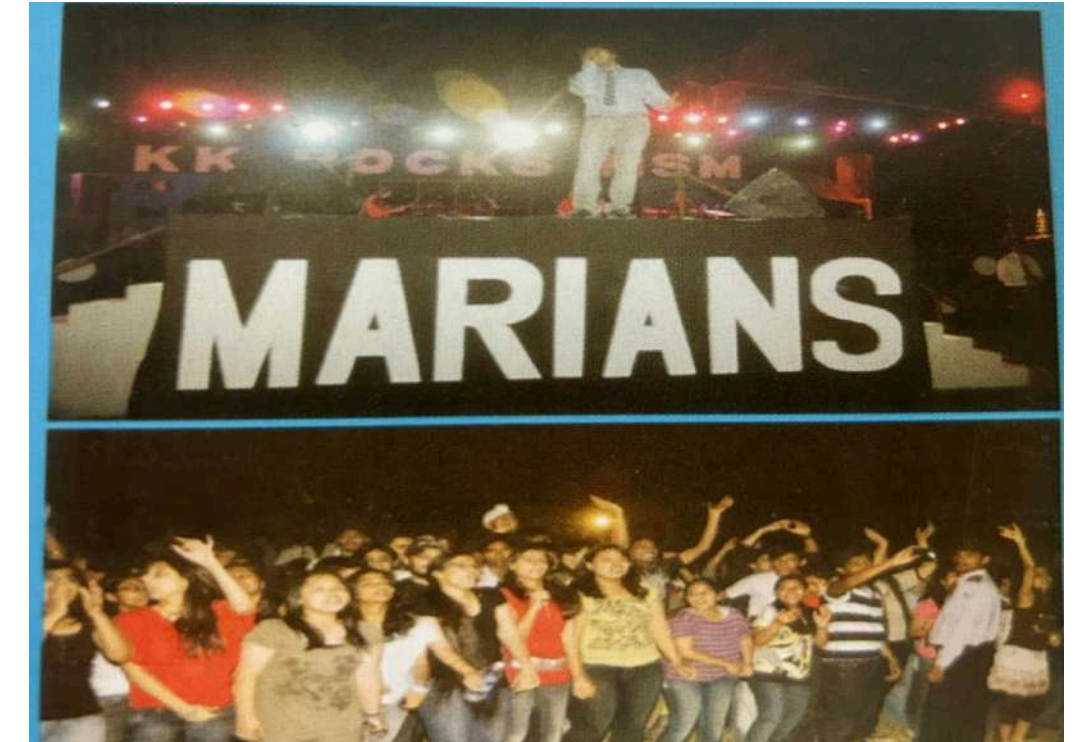
The robotics enthusiasts at MSM imbibed the prowess of technology through an exhilarating four-day robotics workshop, held in the Bro. Aloysius Multimedia Centre, the Senior School computer lab in October 2007.





On 12th February 2009, Krishnakumar Kunnath visited his alma mater.

Soulful Serenade: KK's Unforgettable Visit to MSM



KK Night at MSM

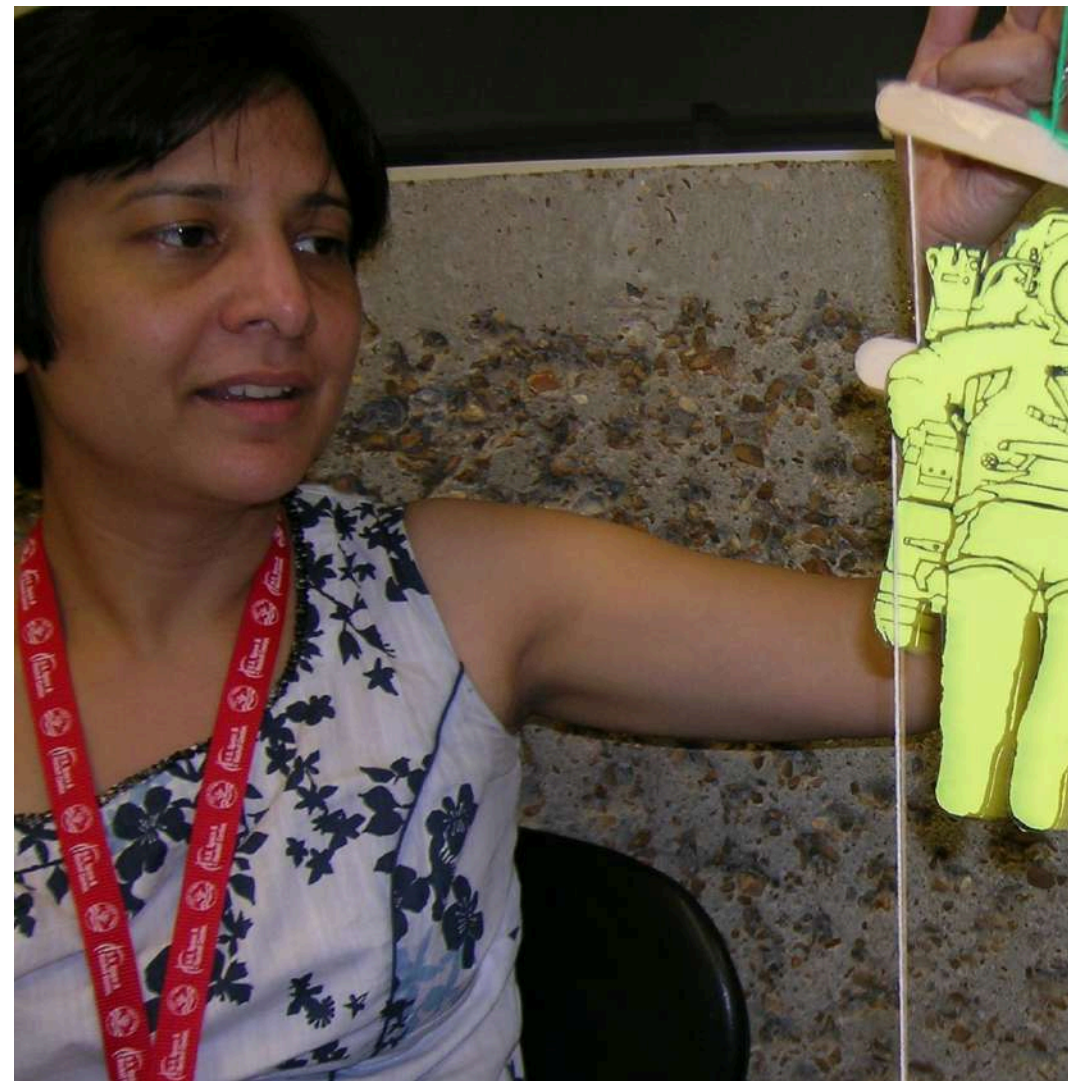
The singing sensation, the Late. Krishnakumar Kunnath, an ex-Marian from the batch of 1986, popularly known as KK performed in a live concert in his school on 25th April 2009 where he had discovered his wonderful talent for singing.

SAMPARK: The Outreach Programme in the Year 2009

“Make me a servant, humble and meek
Lord, let me lift those who are weak,
And may the prayer of my heart always be.....
To reach out and serve thee.....”

The concept of inculcating the spirit of serving the less fortunate took seed when the Principal Rev. Bro Dominic Jacob first mooted this dream during his Republic Day Speech and reiterated it in his Founder's Day speech. He had then stressed the "Need for change from self-centeredness to other-centeredness." He exhorted students to change their attitude from selfishness to selflessness. He wanted the students, who are the future citizens of the country, to be aware of the social and economic problems of the people in their immediate surroundings so that they can compare their own situation with that of others, which would enable them to appreciate all that they have at school and home.

The Space Academy Programme



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Ms Monica Jain attended a Space Academy for Educators programme from July 12–July to 16th July 2010 conducted at The U.S. Space & Rocket Centre in Huntsville, Alabama representing Mount St Mary's School .She was the only teacher from India in this programme. The international program with more than one million alumni is based on NASA astronaut training and focuses on teamwork and leadership skills.

The weeklong program included authentic astronaut training simulators and activities developed to promote learning in a classroom setting. The curriculum included NASA-inspired lesson plans and was correlated to the National Science Education Standards. This professional development program used the format of astronaut training to convey new ways of teaching science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) concepts to the world's future workforce. The hands-on learning activities were designed to be easily replicated in the classroom and aimed to excite students about STEM education. Activities were geared to span grade levels 4 –9. The days were packed with classes and adventures, missions and rocket launches.

One hundred teachers from all over the world worked together, sharing best practices to create exciting activities for the students. All experienced hands-on training, team-building exercises, and engaging educational activities.

The Space Academy Programme



They attained knowledge about technological developments in space-related subjects such as:

- International Space Station
- Living and working in microgravity
- Rocketry
- Propulsion
- Astronomy
- NASA's plans for traveling to the Moon and Mars



Croma Tech Grandmasters

Kanwar Pratap Singh and Rohan Gulati, students of Class 12, and great technology enthusiasts had the great opportunity to appear on Croma Tech Grandmasters, a technology quiz show, aired on NDTV Good Times. Immensely popular in the country, the show was hosted by Rajiv Makhni, Managing Editor at NDTV, and best known as the host of 'Gadget Guru'.

Croma Tech Grandmasters was widely acknowledged as one of the most challenging technology quizzers in Delhi. Our team from MSM was selected as one of the ten best school teams from around the country.

Special Mention - Mrs SuSan Pavamani

Silver Streaks – Mrs Susan Pavamani was bid farewell on 2nd April 2022. She worked in MSM for three decades and during this journey she instilled manners, discipline and love for learning in the students.



The Red Building of MSM has a heart of GOLD



Long Live MSM