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SENIOR 'COCK - HOUSE' — PRASAD

PRASAD HOUSE (SENIORS)

<i>House Master</i>	:	Mr. T. P. Ramachandran
<i>Attached Masters</i>	:	Mr. K. Madhavan Nair Mr. E. Elliot Raj
<i>House Captain</i>	:	V.V. Chandran
<i>Prefects</i>	:	Ravi Balraj Mathew Dominic

For the third year running the Prasad House managed to retain the Cook House Trophy, and perform the 'Hat trick'. It is interesting to recall the travail that the House underwent this year before the issue was finally clinched.

The rungs that took them to the dizzy Cook House heights were the trophy for Games, the Cross country Championship, the P. T. competition and of course the much-prized trophy for Academics.

In the various games, Thomson David, B. Nandakumar and Mathew P. Koshy played pivotal roles and it was not surprising when it was heard that they were selected to the State Schools Hockey, Cricket and Football teams respectively. Mathew. P. Koshy was there in the State Schools Hockey team also while Thomson David had the honour of captaining the Kerala Schools Hockey team.

In the co-curricular competitions K. Nandakumar's essay was adjudged the best effort in English. Later he with Naushad, Seshadri and Chandran teamed to win the Inter House Quiz Competition. P. K. Seshadri and Bijoy Oommen stood first in their respective classes and thereby helped the House to lift the coveted trophy for Academics. And while talking of academics it must be proudly mentioned here that 8 of the Prasad House boys joined the N. D. A. this year out of the Schools record contribution of 31 boys- a fact that speaks of our many pronged assault towards reaching the Elysian heights.

SHIVAJI HOUSE (SENIORS)

<i>House Master</i>	:	Mr. P. Premachandran Nair
<i>Attached Masters</i>	:	Mr. A. George Joseph Mr. C. V. Sankaranarayanan
<i>House Captain</i>	:	Jaison Jose
<i>Prefects</i>	:	B. Shyam Kumar K. Shajilal

The Shivaji House once again managed to dig in their heels and remain exactly where they were last year - that is second in the over all race for the Cock House Trophy.

The House, albeit second in the overall reckoning, have reasons enough to be satisfied with their performance as they have made quite a few inroads into areas that were traditionally the domain of other Houses. Apart from defeating the Prasad House in a memorable Volleyball final, the House managed to wrest from the former, the Boxing Championship, the Annual Athletic Championship and the trophy for the Obstacle Course. The Shivajians who helped to bring these spoils to their niches were Mani P. Mathews (the best boxer of the year), A Venugopal, Sabu Kurien, Pradeep Kumar, Jasion Jose and K. Shajilal.

When it came to academics Jayashanker and C. P. Manoj kept the House flag flying high by being the School first and third respectively in the AISSC examination.

In the co-curricular competitions however they were not as sure about themselves as they were elsewhere. Ashokan and Jose Kattoor won the Declamation contests and a few of the other competitions, including the sharing of the trophy for Debates. The only other ray of light in this sphere emanates from the fact that they clinched the trophy for sending in the maximum number of boys to the N. D. A. - which of course was more than a consolation judging from the importance of the School itself.

ASHOKA HOUSE (SENIORS)

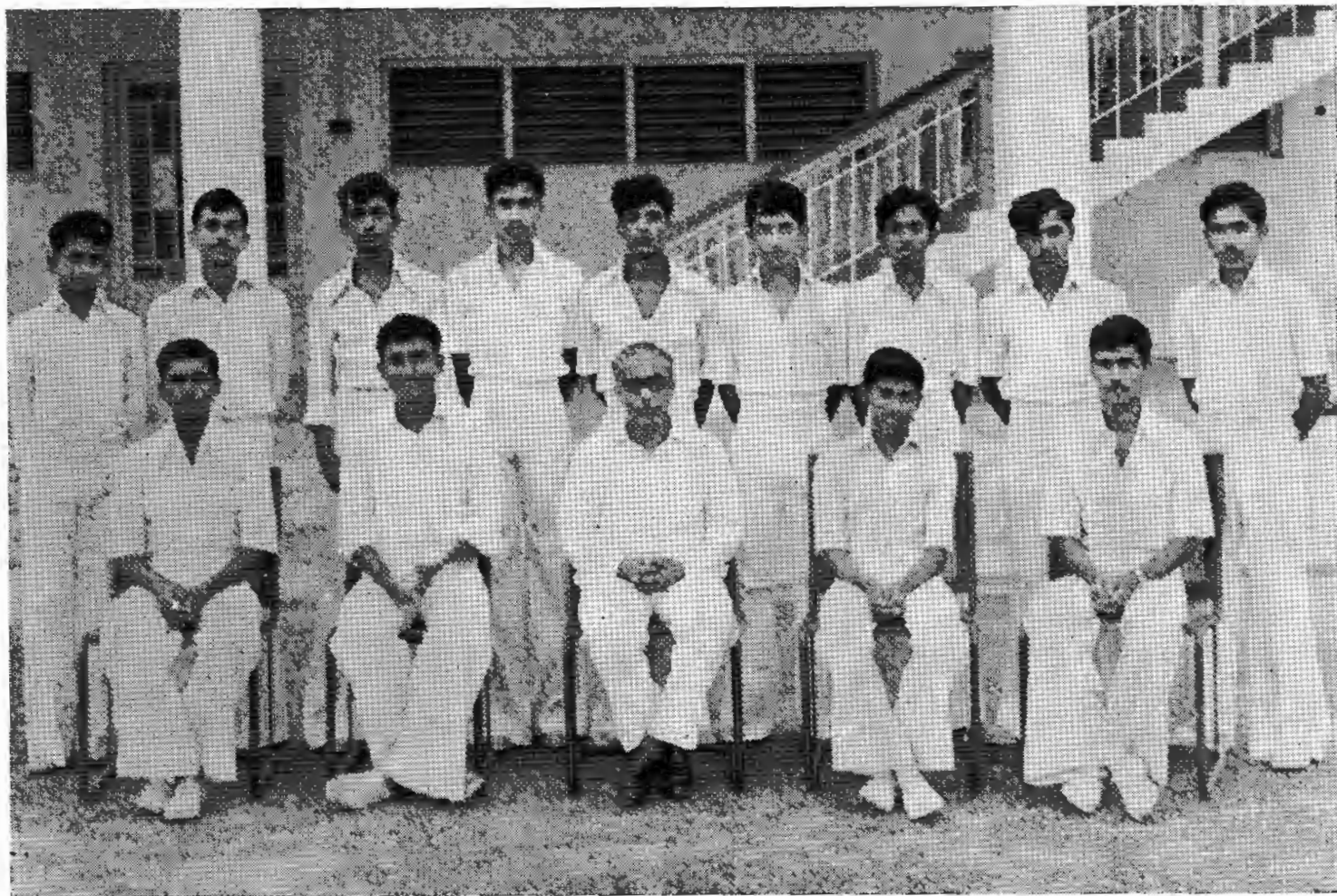
<i>House Master</i>	:	Mr. K. K. Viswanathan
<i>Attached Masters</i>	:	Mr. N. G. Thomas Mr. J. S. Iyer
<i>House Captain</i>	:	Thomas Joseph
<i>Prefects</i>	:	K. Prasannan Mathan Varkey.

The Ashoka House had a fairly satisfying year in that their overall performance was a shade better than what it was in the previous year. While our contribution to the N. D. A totalled 9, our over all performance in academics was far below expectations and this is a point which is going to be given the utmost importance in the coming year.

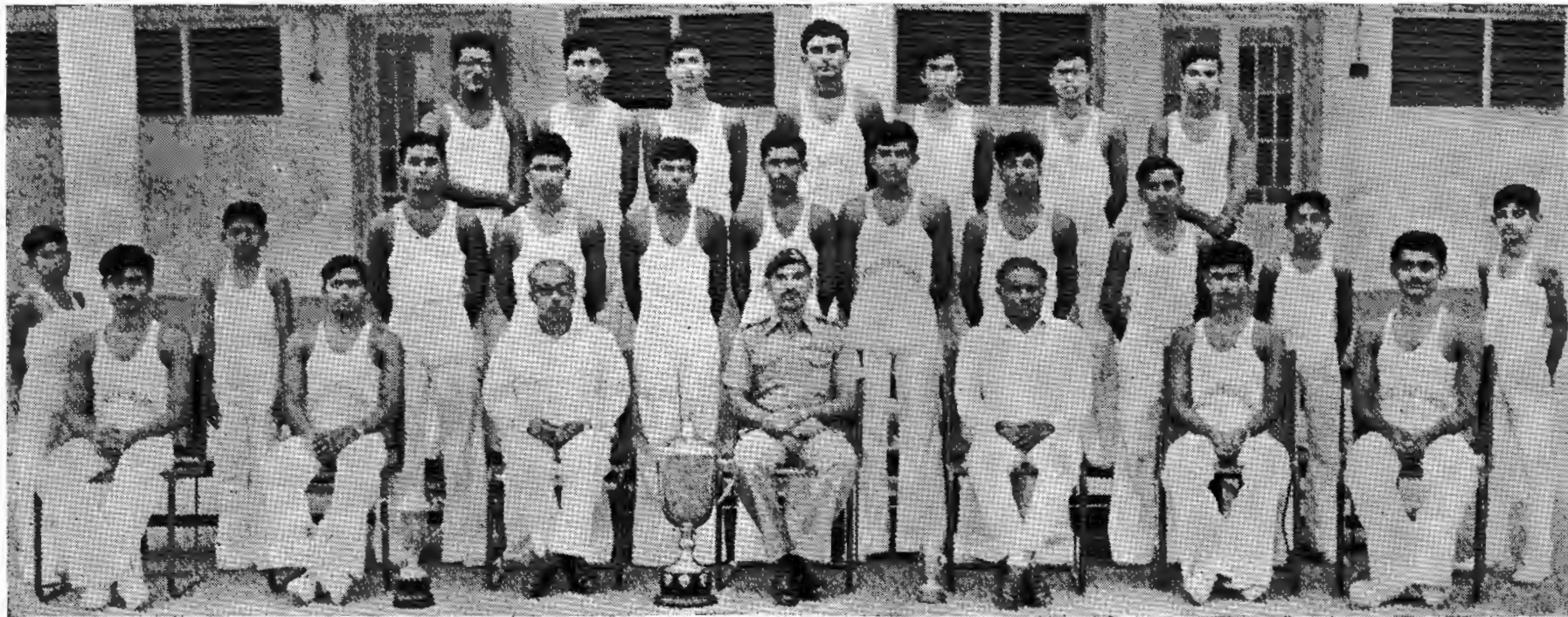
We acquitted ourselves very well in the Debates - sharing the trophy with two other Houses. Mathan Varkey of our House had the unique honour of representing the School in the Inter Public School Declamation contest held at Savan Public School, Delhi during September. With creditable performances in the Quiz competition, the English/Malayalam language Essay writing competition and in the Declamation contest, we managed to lift the trophy for co-curricular activities.

In the games field, Kunjumon Varghese and Ananthakumar played very important roles. Kunjumon's performance needs special mention as he was the back bone of almost every representative team both at the House level and at the School level. In the Athletic Meet, he won the Individual Championship in the Senior group after having bettered the records in the High Jump and in the Javelin Throw. In the latter event he even struck Gold in the District Inter School Meet. Crowning all these individual performances on the field was the singular fact of our bagging the trophy for the Inter House Drill Competition.

The Ashokians feel that they are on the right track and in the year to come they hope to maintain the same sense of discipline and esprit-de-corps to achieve even better results.



THE SCHOOL CRICKET TEAM — WINNERS OF THE TRIVANDRUM DISTRICT
SCHOOLS LEAGUE TOURNAMENT



.. THE SCHOOL ATHLETIC TEAM — Winners of the Championships in the District Inter Schools Athletic Meet.

NEHRU HOUSE (SENIORS)

<i>House Master</i>	:	Mr. Thomas Mathew
<i>Attached Masters</i>	:	Mr. N. B. Nair
	:	Mr. S. Krishnankutty Nair
<i>House Captain</i>	:	Wilson Varghese
<i>Prefects</i>	:	C. Ravindranathan
		C. P. Sivasankaran

This year found the inmates of the Nehru House full of juvenile fervour, determined to overcome the shortcomings of the previous years and to develop a new trend; to a great extent, it must be admitted that the House did succeed in this endeavour.

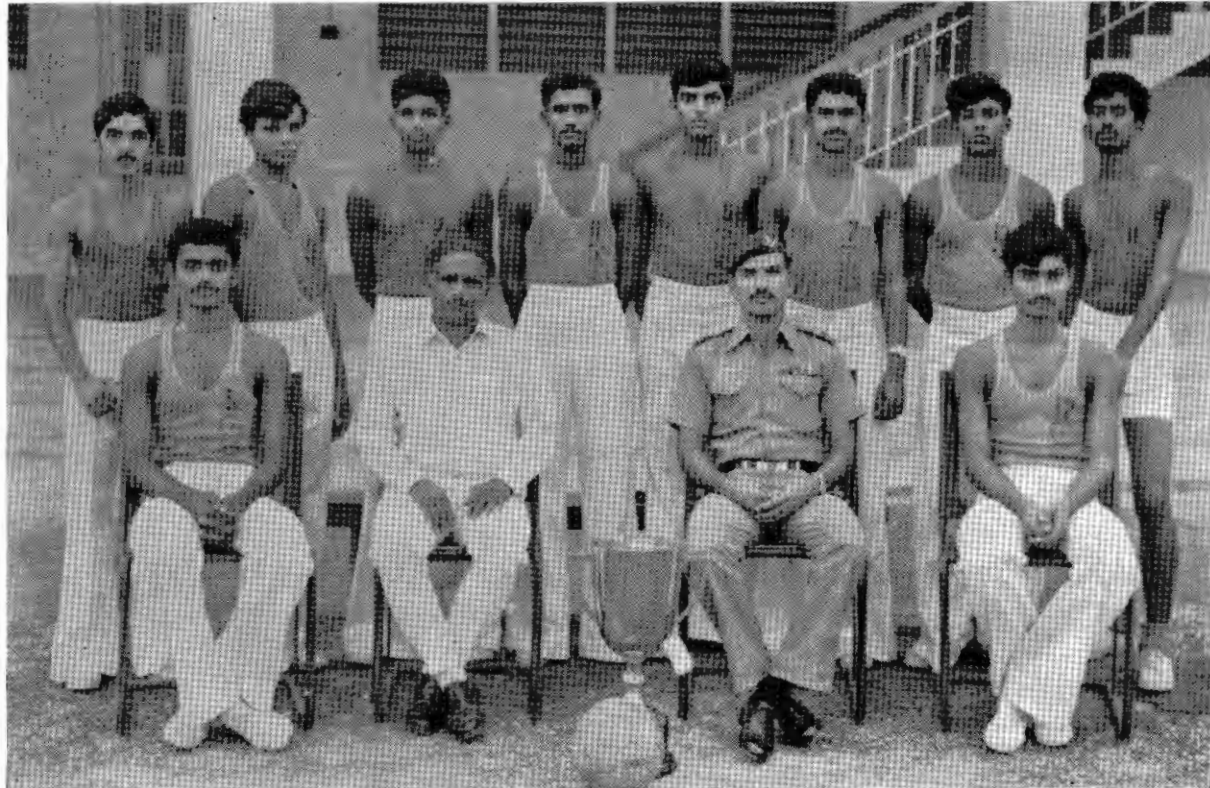
In the field of academics, Nehru House was rated as second, thanks largely to the performance of boys like D. Reghu and G. Prakashan. The former also walked away with the first prize in the essay competition conducted by the Kerala State Forest Department on the occasion of the celebration of the Vana Mahotsava week.

Nehru House's contribution to the N. D. A. this year was six and of these Sanjeev Sehgal was placed seventh in the All India Merit List, a performance that qualified him for receiving the Kerala Chief Ministers Trophy.

In the games field, Nehru's performance was a real success story. Almost as certain underdogs, they fought in every encounter, and managed to acquit themselves creditably - winning finally the trophy for the Inter House Cricket tournament. The School Hockey team had Ravindranathan, Jayakumar and Sreekumar Kartha and the team won the Inter School State Championships. The School Cricket team had in it Ravindranathan, Wilson Varghese, Sanjeev Sehgal, Sreekumar Kartha and Joe Jose. In the Inter House Boxing contests Stanley Kurien was adjudged the Best Loser.

Apart from all this, the Nehru House was also adjudged the 'Cleanest House' for the year 1978-79 and were awarded a trophy for this conspicuous show of cleanliness, which people would have us believe is next to godliness.

All told, it was a memorable year, and only keen 'Nehru Watchers' would realise what a long way they have come since their lack-lustre performances of the previous years. It is hoped that they would make use of the vast experience gained this year to further improve their performance next year.



THE SCHOOL VOLLEY BALL TEAM

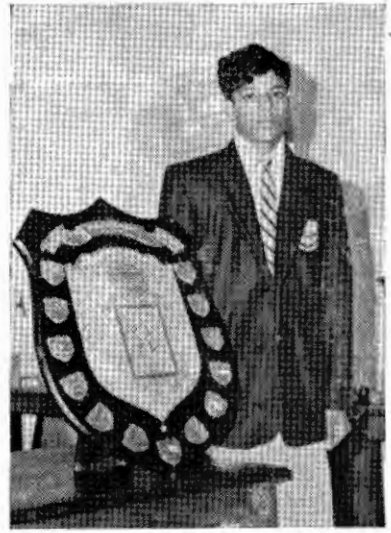


THE SCHOOL BASKET BALL TEAM

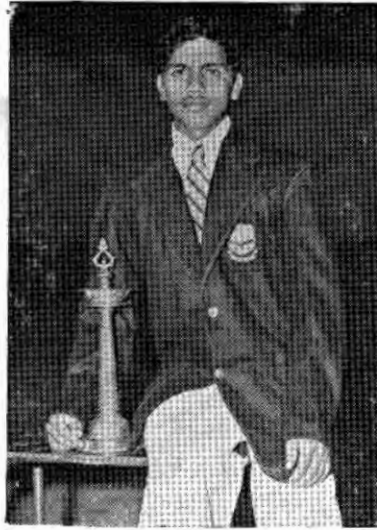


SABU N JOHN
Best All Round Student

**BEST
INDIVIDUAL
ACHIEVEMENTS**



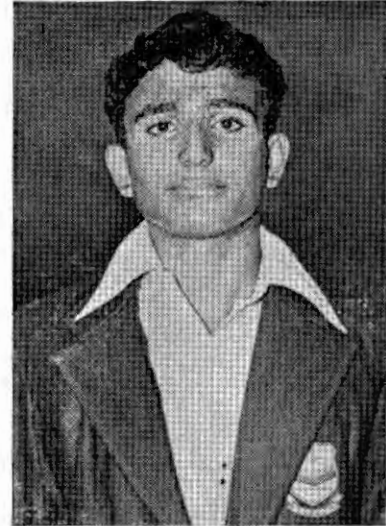
KUNJUMON VARGHESE
Best All Round Sportsman



THOMAS DAVID
Captained the State Schools
Hockey Team



MATHEW P KOSHY
Played for the State Schools
Hockey XI



B NANDAKUMAR
Played for the State Schools
Cricket XI



WELCOME TO Mrs. SARDANA



JYOTHISH KUMAR receiving the Kerala State Govt Trophy for the Highest entrant to the N. D. A.



RAMESH BABU receiving the Naresh Memorial Trophy for the Best House Captain

THE OLD BOYS DAY



JAYASHANKER receiving the Krishnakumar Trophy for topping the list in the A. I. S. S. Examination from the School.



HOMSON DAVID receiving the Gopakumar Memorial Trophy for the best All Round Cadet of the year

Farewell Alma Mater

G. Satheesh

Class XII

Age 17 Yrs

Eight years have passed
Since I first saw you
Rising amidst the floating forms
To beckon me to your open arms.]

Through your open arbours high
I have tip toed by,
Drinking deep from the Elysian well
Opened to me at the sound of a bell.

Each step has been to launch myself
About your vistas near and far
Each halt has been to fix my gaze
On the chequered pattern of mine own face.

Now its time my alma mater
To wrench myself from your cage
And toddle out into the open world
To begin afresh a pilgrimage.

A Modern Nursery Rhyme

C. V. Shylesh Kumar

Class VII

Age 12 yrs

Ram and Mary went 'hind the School,
To play adipping in the garden pool-
Ram was caught and taken to task
And Mary smiled happily after.

Eve and Her Un even Ways

D. Reghu

Class: XII, Age: 17 yr^s

Poor God Almighty! One never thinks of Him as a sly creature. But times mould circumstances and circumstances mould people (sorry, God). And He may also be subject to the ways of the world. So He too fell prey to...and committed a great blunder, a grievous fault. He 'robbed' Adam of his most precious bone, his 'Rib'. But God never in His wildest dreams dreamt that he would be creating such a creature with just one rib of Adam. And in the days to come Adam's innocent rib turned out to be man's "better half" and set out to create pandemonium in the world.

Woman, whom the great poets and thinkers describe as the most enchanting of creations, seems so very cherubic and winsome from her phenotype that one indeed is reminded of the old dictum "Don't judge a book by its cover". Her character thought and deeds have long been topics for the historians to write about.

But it is the world after all, that alters the basis of all proceedings. And in days to come man's better half soon proved herself to be his (unfortunately) bitter half, infact bitter beyond conception. This bettering of better to bitter was effected so very effectively that 'woman' the five letter word soon assumed a six letter character wo (e) man.

From time immemorial women have asserted their wo (e) manly character. God's greatest blunder (Eve) was a case of constant worry to her unfortunate half. And soon his worry was indicated when he was coaxed by her to ascend the tree of Life, to bring down the fruit (that too the forbidden fruit), one gathers clear idea of her petty, needless bickerings (when there were hundreds of unforbidden apples in the Garden of Eden). This notorious fifth columnist attitude of the woman was again noticeable when Delilah seduced Mr. Israel Samson to submit his secret of power. She should not have been so mean to depend on her husband's hair for her bairpiece when there were certainly other hair pieces available in Zion. And unfortunately the conspirators found Samson's secret of success in a packet of Glucose D camouflaged in his lock of hair. This clearly points to the fact that behind her perfume and colour there is camouflaged a real Mrs. Frankenstein.

The ohnoxious characteristics of these humans are there from their origin itself.

But these are the stark realities of life and we must face them boldly. This obnoxious nature of wo (e) man is the one which entitles her to be the cynosure of all the eyes on any occasion and she resorts to any drastic method to attain this distinction. This attracts attention particularly from the 'unfair' sex, creates eternal triangles, quadrilaterals and at length eternal polygons with the grand dame at the apex. "She" leads to duels between duals, encounters, empty offers and wealth. The rustle of her clothes and auburn hair leads to insomnia, wool gathering days, loss of weight and many health hazards which all give her the name "human of million stares". These indirectly tell the people plainly that life is quite hollow and unworthy of living.

A serious hazard and challenge to human existence are the road accidents caused by the female species of the human race. She posts herself at provocative corners in even more provocative dresses and provokes the driver of the automobiles to project his eyes in this provocative direction. This leads to careless driving, head on collision and a general rush to the general hospital. So one needn't be taken aback if one sees in days to come road signs reading "Dame density 300/m³. Drive slow" and more so if there be legislations brought about enforcing blinkers for autodrivers like the oat-eating horses.

The greatest victim of this hazard is the bike rider with a dame on the pillion.

The distraction caused by such a ride can be all the more drastic and may lead to serious consequences. At this moment I am reminded of a friend of mine who fell victim to this "dame hazard" and drove through two head lights of a car thinking it to be two two wheelers and later shouted in the hospital, "Who's that man who drove without his head lights?"

More than the accidents are the health hazards caused by her. She, the human of million stares positions herself at street corners to attract the stares of passers by, which renders the unfortunate passer by 'squint-eyed'. The only person supporting this valiant stand of hers would just be some puny ophthalmologist who would have to use his lancet at this squint. The same fate would meet the people who grow their hair or wear sunglasses to peep at her 'lowly' countenance. Her pretentious (?) charm leads to sunstroke among her admirers who await the romantic rendezvous at bus stops, junctions or street corners.

She is never thwarted by the needs of the time and never by the need for punctuality. This reminds me of Phyllis Mac Ginley who very frankly agreed that one needn't be surprised if after the Armageddon at the end of the world, when General God calls on all humans for court martial, one finds her clamouring for her hair dressers appointment and putting a last dab of perfume at the eleventh hour. And it is the same unpunctual nature which

provoked David Ben Gurion to caution the women of Israeli Army not to take their VIP make up case to the battle field, for he knew that they, the cream of creation wouldn't hesitate to waste a couple of seconds to put a new swab of Eu-de-Cologne to make the cream of creation even more creamy amidst sporadic Arab gun fire. This may result in late return fire and a lost war.

But variety is the spice of life and one must learn to put up with all odds. It is not that her perversity and impertinence has no panacea. There is infact a most effective antidote. A high level genetic surgery to obliterate the (e) gene in the wo (e) men would do a lot of good. This would restore the woeman to woman and bitter half to a better half without much trouble. After all, she's only Adam's Rib:



The umbilicus and the Spinal Column are now one—the belt cannot be any tighter!

अचानक एक दिन

एस्. शिवम्बरम,

कक्षा XII, उम्र 17

उन दिनों बाहर घूमने जाना मेरा बहुत बड़ा शौक था। मैं रोज स्कूल से लौटकर शाम को कहीं चला जाता, और अगर छुट्टी का दिन है तो मैं दोपहर के खाने के बाद बाहर निकल जाता था। उस दिन की इस घटना के बाद मैं आज तक अकेले और शाम को कभी बाहर नहीं गया हूँ।

वह छुट्टी का दिन था। सबेरे कुछ काम था। काम करने के बाद सोचा कि आज बरसात नहीं होगी। आज कहीं बाहर चला जाऊँ। नन्दीक में एक पहाड़ था। कुछ दिन से मैं सोच रहा था कि एक दिन इस पहाड़ी की सैर करूँ। कुछ शाम तक वहाँ बैठकर घर लौट जाऊँ। मन में लगा कि आज उस पहाड़ी पर चला जाऊँ।

माँ से कहा कि मैं घूमने जा रहा हूँ।
“किब्र भी जा, लेकिन जल्दी लौट आना।”
माँ ने कहा।

खाने के बाद निकल पड़ा। आधे घण्टे में उस, पहाड़ के ऊपर पहुँचा। उधर से मैं धीरे धीरे ऊपर जाने लगा। जाते समय मैं

रास्ता भी याद किया जाता था क्यों कि वापस लौटना था।

जाते जाते बहुत दूर निकल गया। एक जगह पहुँचा जिधर एक बड़े चट्टान से पानी नीचे तेजी से गिर रहा था। कितना सुन्दर है, मैं ने सोचा। वहाँ कुछ देर आराम करने के लिए मैं नीचे बैठा। मुझे पता नहीं था कि कब नीन्द आयी? झटके उठा तो मैं ने देखा सूर्य का अस्तमय हो चुका था। मैं नीचे उतरने लगा। आसमान बादलों से भर रहा था। कुछ देर में बरसात भी शुरू हुई। कुछ ही समय में मैं रास्ता भी भूल गया। मैं बहुत घबड़ा गया। अन्धकार में मैं ने एक पेड़ के नीचे छुपे होकर सोचा कि भगवान ने मुझे कल का सूर्य देखने का अवसर दिया तो मैं कभी अकेले बाहर नहीं जाऊँगा।

अभी मैं ने उसको देखा। एक पुराना हिन्दी गीत गाते हुए वह आ रहा था। नक्षत्रों के प्रकाश से मैं ने उसे देख लिया। एक मेरे साल का लड़का था, उस से मैं ने बातचीत करना शुरू किया, उस ने बताया कि वह इस पहाड़ को अपने घर से भी अच्छा जानता है।

मुझे बड़ा आश्वास का अनुभव हुआ, हम सबके बारे में बात करने लगे। बातचीत करते करते हम नीचे ही पहुँच गये, तब मैंने उसको अच्छी तरह देख लिया। सिर पर एक चोट का निशान था। बातचीत करते समय वह कभी आज के बारे में नहीं कहता था, पाँच साल पहले की बात बताता था।

मैं ने उस देवता को प्रणाम करके अपना रास्ता पकड़ा। मैं उसको देवता मानना चाहता था क्योंकि मुझको वह इतना अच्छा लगा और उसीने मुझे ऐसे एक दुर्घटना से बचाया है।

घर लौटते समय नी बज गया था। माँ

बेचारी घबरा गई थी। मुझे देखते ही वह बहुत खुश हुई। मैं ने उसको आज की सँर के बारे में बताया, उस लडके के बारे में भी बताया, माँ सब सुनती रही। मैं ने अन्त में उससे पूछा।

“क्या माँ, आप उसको जानती हैं?”

“हाँ बेटा एक अच्छा लडका था, मैं उसको अपने बेटे की तरह समझती थी, पास के घर में रहता था। एक दिन पहाड़ी पर घूमते समय एक चट्टान से गिरकर उसकी मृत्यु हो गयी थी। सिर पर चोट आ गयी थी।

अरे हाँ.....आज, उसका पाँचवाँ चरम

वार्षिक है।



राजाजी

सतीसकुमारः,
सप्तदशवर्षीयः, द्वादशकक्षा

चक्रवर्ती राजगोपालाचारी 'राजाजी' इति लोकप्रियनाम्ना विख्यातः । तस्य जन्म-शताब्दिः अस्मिन् वर्षे संपत्स्यते । सः दिसंबर-मासस्य दशमदिनांके 1878 इति वर्षे अजायत । तस्य शिक्षणं बंगलूरसेंट्रलमहाविद्यालये संपन्नम् । मद्रास-विधि-महाविद्यालयात् विधि-शिक्षा समाप्य सः अधिवक्तरूपेण सेलमनगरे जीवनं प्रारभत ।

1919 इति वर्षे स विधि-गतिविधि विहाय रोलट-विधि-विरोधिनि सत्यगृहे भागं अगृह्णात् । सः महात्मनः गांधिनः 'यंग इंडिया' इति पत्रस्य संपादकः अपि अभवत् । 1911 इति वर्षतः 1922 इति वर्षंपर्यन्तं स कांग्रेसदलस्य मुख्य-सचिवः आसीत् । कांग्रेस-कार्य-समितेः सदस्यतां अपि स समलं करोत् ।

तमिलनाडु-प्रदेश कांग्रेस-समितेः अध्यक्षपदं अपि स अवहत् । 1937-1939 इति कालावधौ

राजाजी मद्रास-प्रान्तस्य मुख्यमंत्री आसीत् । 1942 इति वर्षे मतवैभिन्यकारणात् स कांग्रेस-दलं अत्यजत्, किन्तु त्रिभिवर्षानन्तरं पुनरपि तं दलं अमिलत् । स पश्चिमवंगप्रदेशस्य राज्यपालस्य पदभारनपि अवहत् । 1948-1950 इति कालावधौ राजाजी भारतस्य राष्ट्रपालः अभवत् । 1955 इति वर्षे सः 'भारत-रत्न' इति विरुदेन भारत-शासनेन सभाजितः । तदनन्तरं तेन 'स्वतन्त्र-दलं' स्थापितम् ।

राजाजी-महाभागेन आंग्ल-तमिलभाषयोः अनेकानि पुस्तकानि विरचितानि । तस्य रामायण-महाभारत इति पुस्तके अतिजनप्रिये स्तः । स्वतन्त्रता-सेनानी, लेखकः, पत्रकारः, वक्ता च इति अनेकरूपेषु राजाजी विभूषते । तस्य जन्मशताब्दि-प्रसंगे तस्य स्मृती मम आदरांजलिः समर्पिता ।