



## STUDENTS' PERSPECTIVE

### Q. Should the pupils of class 6 and 7 be allowed to attend the College socials?

1. No, as it may lead to distractions which is practically unaffordable at such a crucial time of our life.

-Shubh Tangri 7-E



2. Yes, as it will lead to interaction with new people.

-Naman Agarwal 7-F

3. Yes, because we have won a prize so we deserve it and with it comes the idea of meeting new people.

-Garv Bansal 7-B

4. No, as we are not grownups and our ideology is different so it may seem kinda odd.

-Aviral Singh 7-D

5. No, as interaction with new people will lead to interaction with them on Social Networking sites and it will result in a cause of distraction for us and so we wouldn't be able to cope up with our studies.

-Siddharth Mishra 7-C

6. Yes, as it will surely be interesting and exciting to get the chance to meet new people.

-Akshat Grover 6-A

7. No, because we are young right now and we should not be involved in these kinds of things.

-Aarav Pahwa 6-C

8. No, they should be after class 8 because of distraction and stuff.

-Devansh Rastogi 6-D

9. Yes, as it will be quite entertaining and we will enjoy ourselves.

-Anikesh Agarwal 6-E

10. Yes, as we will get a chance to meet new people.

-Dev Chhabra 6-E

### GST: A BOON OR A BANE

At the stroke of midnight on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, the Narendra Modi government came up with one of the biggest tax reforms in the history of India, under the name of GST (Goods and Services Tax). The GST which would be implemented from July 1, itself is a kind of tax imposed on sale, manufacturing and usage of goods and services with the aim of achieving an overall economic growth.

Well there certainly has been an unending debate with people still discussing the pros and cons of GST and whether its validity might really benefit the economic growth of India or would it go down in History as a failed venture being brought up by the Central government. The prime advantage of GST is that it is a federal law that has prevented the states from coming up with rights or to formulate new laws on taxation towards goods and services which has certainly made it easier for the people to understand (considering the fact that our nation is fighting the problem of illiteracy), as well as cheaper to implement at various levels which provides the government with additional funds and will help them to increase the revenue considerably. Even the current supply and distribution chain might undergo a change because of the elimination of multiple taxes and the tax cascade. The biggest demerit of GST is that it would certainly negatively impact the real estate market. Furthermore, small businesses in the manufacturing sector will not have it easy in the GST regime, making it quite tough for the tax professionals to



maintain their credibility in the market.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of June itself, our honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi clearly stated that "India will take time to adapt to the system of GST" so whether GST gives us fruit or not, and whether it is a boon or a bane that only time will tell.

ARYAMAN KOHLI 12-C

### IN THE MEMORY OF MRS SHEILA SIMLAI

(Erstwhile Headmistress, LMC, Lucknow)

"Your life was a blessing, Your memory a treasure  
 You are loved beyond words, And missed beyond measure"

My hand feels shaky as I put my pen to the paper, having been asked to write about a person who is no longer amidst us. Mrs Sheila Simlai... It is indeed disheartening to realize our dear Ma'am Simlai would no longer be seen as a part of all our important events and gatherings... physically...but memories of her long association with many of us, here at La Martiniere shall forever remain in our hearts.

Reminiscing the days I spent under her guidance is perhaps easy as compared to putting together a tumult of emotions, memories, experiences for a long span of time that I spent with her. I consider myself to be fortunate as I began my teaching career under her training at the Junior School. She was a lady who had nurtured the little boys of the Junior School and brought it up to the level that much to the envy of many, our Junior School was always referred to as the 'Jewel in the Crown' of our College.

Her dedication towards the College was exemplary. As I look back on the years spent with her I just can't forget how particular she was at all times with regard to the conduct of our little boys; So much so that each of them behaved like a little gentleman and there's not an iota of exaggeration in this statement... Her prime concern for the children was that they are happy and look forward to coming to school, the next day which most of them surely did and I am sure even now do. Ma'am Simlai was truly a thorough disciplinarian and made a constant effort to inculcate the value of self-discipline in students and staff. She was remarkably particular about the hand-writing and spelling of the boys and at times even checked us, teachers, if we were to miss out on the basic essentials of our prescribed form of writing in those days.

I still remember how she took time out from her busy schedule to personally monitor and even teach Geography to one of the sections of class 4 in which I was the Class teacher. I vividly remember her attention to detail in almost every aspect of children at school, more so, in their formative years. There are so many times one could write about her... but it isn't that easy to sum it all up... however all I can say is she was undoubtedly a dignified lady who besides being strict was compassionate and very fair in her dealings and never nursed a grudge against anyone. In times of need, she would always go that extra mile for all of us... She had faith in us and we truly felt so safe and protected with her around.

My heart is filled with gratitude for Ma'am Simlai as I feel indebted to her that I could learn from her; patience, endurance and above all she taught us all to believe in God, in ourselves and to take it one day at a time... It was she who made us realize the importance of solidarity, more so in trying and troubled times.

I salute your indomitable spirit, dear Ma'am and we would uphold the values you have taught us. May God keep you in His eternal care!

Vive La Martiniere!

-MRS K. SINGH



### THE BATTLE OF THE BANDS

The Battle of The Bands was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July, in the Activity Hall of our College. There were two categories- Instrumentals and Vocals. The event was hosted by Mr. Kerr and the judges included Ms A. Michael, Mr V. Egbert and Mr W. Joseph. The event included boys of classes 8, 9 and 10. There were several songs such as 'Shape of You', '21 Guns', 'Story of my Life', 'Closer' and 'Holiday' from 'Rock', 'Pop' and 'Hip-hop' categories. The instruments used were Drums, Guitars and Synthesizers. The boys played amazingly well and special applause was earned by 'Fallen Policy', who placed first. There was also a special performance by the beat-boxers, Raheel Midhat and Ubaid Khan, which was extraordinary and garnered immense applause. They even encouraged the audience to try beat-boxing and taught three beats. The results were announced and the band- 'Fallen Policy' won the first prize with the band- 'Always Ahead' and the band- 'D' Outlaws' placing second and third respectively. All in all, the competition was very close and the audience enjoyed itself thoroughly.



AVIRAL SAXENA 12-C

## RENDEZVOUS WITH MRS S. SIDDIQUI

We are welcomed to the C.C.A. room to the sight of the elegant Mrs S. Siddiqui at her desk, beautiful paintings adorning the walls and a microwave on the side desk. "I got this from home", she says in her demure fashion. The Post talked to the seemingly strict teacher about her early life right up to her time in La Martiniere College.



Q. Ma'am, how long have you been teaching here?

A. This is my eighteenth year in this school and I have loved every moment of my time here.

Q. What is your greater motivation to teach at La Martiniere?

A. I used to teach at St. Dominic Savio College and was sent here as an external invigilator. I was in awe of the ambience here and fell in love with this school. The icing on the cake was that my children were already studying here.

Q. Tell us about your school days. What were your favourite subjects in school?

A. I did my schooling from St. Teresa's Convent and Loreto Convent in Kolkata. I've always been more sports oriented. I used to play Basketball and Table Tennis. I was never studious, always the 'last minute' type. My favourite subject was English.

Q. What is the one thing that you love about La Martiniere that no other school has? Which House is your favorite?

A. I love the work culture here, the freedom given to the teachers as well as the children. There is no comparison between La Martiniere and other schools. Although I was in Martin House for some time, I was the Housemistress for Hodson House so I would say Hodson.

Q. Tell us about the extra-curricular activities you handle?

A. Actually, I've lost count (laughs). There's Constantia, Pegasus, all the Inter-School events, the Founder's Day program and the Christmas Play; I'm involved in everything.

Q. So, are there any new activities or events that we could see coming up in the future?

A. (Surprised) Aren't there already enough!

Q. How has your experience been like in this room, being the C.C.A. in charge?

A. I love my work here. The first three months here were a complete disaster, but gradually everything started falling in place and once I brought my microwave here, things started turning out nice and warm (laughs).

Q. Given a chance to participate in one of the competitions held in 'Constantia', in which event would you win the first prize?

A. I think I would ace anything to do with dramatics. I was heavily involved in dramatics even during school days.

Q. Given a choice, which one would you prefer and why?

1) La Martiniere Boys or La Martiniere Girls College  
 A. Boys, any day. Mrs Dass would kill me but my daughter has passed out of the school so... (laughs).

2) Junior School or Senior School

A. (Facepalm) I'm not going to answer that. Junior School is very close to my heart and I've spent twelve years there so...

Q. What kind of bond do you share with the students you teach?

A. (Laughs) you might as well ask the students; I would say a strict but loving bond.

Q. What advice would you like to give to your students for their studies?

A. I only want to say that studies are not the ultimate thing in life. Whichever field you take up, work hard and excel in it.

Q. So how would you sum up your connection with La Martiniere College?

A. La Martiniere is very close to my heart now that I have been teaching here for seventeen years. It's got into my system. It's a part of my life, my routine. I don't know what I'll do after retirement!

AVIRAL SAXENA 12-C

## DID YOU KNOW?

In 1995, La Martiniere College celebrated its sesquicentennial anniversary and the then President of India, Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma, released a postage stamp to recognize the contribution of the school.

## ROBOTICS NEWS

It has been an amazing year for the Robotics Lab so far. In the beginning of the year, two groups of boys unveiled their quad copters. These quad copters were made from scratch. The first group comprised of Nilay Roy Choudhary, Chandrashish Kukrety, Anshuman Singh Chauhan, Taranjai Singh Ajmani and the second group comprised of Shivansh Jaiswal and Aditya Mishra. Their body was built using the 3-D printer of our College. These drones were



displayed in 'Innogen' which was organized by the pupils of the Middle school.

Later this year, a group of boys participated in an international robotics competition 'Technoxion' and did us proud. Prakhar Saxena won a \$50000 startup fund from an international sponsor. Shivansh Jaiswal, Dhruv Sharma, Faizaan Siddiqui and Aditya Mishra were the second runners up in an 'Innovative Challenge' competition in which they exhibited a model showing 'Thermo Electric Conversions'. They also participated in 'Quad-copter championship' and 'Roborace'. There are many ongoing projects in the Robotics Lab. They include an RC car capable of reaching a top speed of 60 km/hour, a gesture controlled robot and a CNC machine.

THE ROBOTICS TEAM

## BECOME A "SMARTINIAN" !

Being a student at La Martiniere, I've always been observing the variety of students studying here. I've seen how they uphold the college motto with pride, how they exalt the Martinian spirit and how they pay homage to their fatherly abode. I, on my own part deeply respect all of the above and indulge in it myself. However it is of much more importance to pragmatically practice being a Martinian than upholding the sense of the same. Out of the contrary practices, here the subject will be littering. Students often get bored by this 'grave' topic, and the reaction is mostly a collective desire to stop the 'lecture'. However, this is rather imperative. I've seen a multitude of students put up a superficial sense of righteousness and even debate over the ills of littering and then throw ice cream wrappers around the school without a mere second thought. This is disastrously wrong and is equivalent to the corruption of the whole Martinian method itself. Don't let this happen. All you have to do is legitimately understand the wrongs of littering, how it contributes to pollution and how high it is on the list of the uncivilized. Put in some effort everyday and reach a step ahead towards becoming a thoughtful Martinian.

DEV RASTOGI 12-D

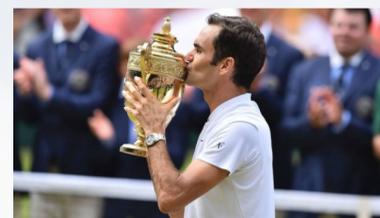
## SPIRITUALISM IN INDIA

India, as we know has, after independence evolved in the field of science and evolved to such an extent that for everything that is happening around us, there is a reason behind it. Science has widened our outlook towards life, now people rely more on scientific reasons than on superstitions and other spiritual reasons. In the modern world people are filled with a spirit of enquiry and curiosity and they do not accept things blindly. But again it will be inept to say this, as half of the population of India is guided by spiritual reasons and not only India but the whole world is engulfed by the evils of spiritualism. In our modern world where we have scientific reason behind everything, spiritualism is not appreciated. Our birth, death, growth is science which tells us that we die, not because our soul escapes from our body but because our heart stops pumping blood. Technically speaking spiritualism is a major cause of the setback of various countries including India. It is believed that a person is infallible because his soul is granted heaven by God, but biologically speaking a person (good or bad) has only one destination and that is the graveyard. Now if we die because of our spirits escaping from our body then what is the function of the spirit? What does it do? Blood is pumped by the heart, we breathe in oxygen with our lungs, we walk with our limbs and so on. I would say spiritualism is still prevalent in India and I would say it rather vehemently. I am completely against spiritualism and I think that it is one of the most important factors for India's setback.



ARBAB BADAR KHAN 10-C

## SPORTS NEWS



The last couple of months have been a treat for sports fans around the world. As most sports reached the ends of their respective seasons, the months of May and June were lit with finals throughout.

Starting with Football, we witnessed the finals of the national leagues as well as the most coveted tournament in club Football, the UEFA Champions League. The prominent champions included: Chelsea as the champions of England, Real Madrid as the champions of Spain, Juventus and Bayern Munich as champions of Italy and Germany respectively, and Real Madrid became the first team to successfully defend the UCL title in the modern era, thrashing Juventus 4-1 in the finals.

Fans of Cricket in India were in for a treat as the team led by Virat Kohli tried to defend their Champions Trophy title but lost to Pakistan in the finals. However, the loss was bittersweet as the Women's team picked up the Men's team slack by beating Pakistan women's team by a greater margin. However, the biggest treat was for Tennis fans as Roger Federer continued his fairytale run by winning his 8<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon singles title (19<sup>th</sup> overall and 2<sup>nd</sup> out of the 2 he has competed in this year) becoming the first person to win 8 titles at the SW19 in the Open Era, Federer didn't even drop a set in the entire tournament, giving us glimpses of his former self. With Federer back to his best, the coming tournaments will be entertaining to watch.

Kidambi Srikanth made the country proud by winning consecutive Grand Prix tournaments and thus solidifying his position as one of the best players in the world. With the start of the new seasons, we have a lot to look out for in the coming months.

SAMAR ABBAS NAQVI 12-F

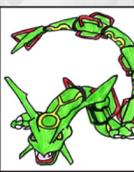
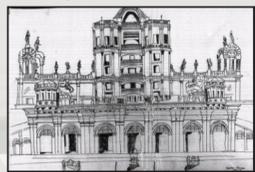
## WORLD ORDER



The current scenario of international politics and foreign relations of the major countries has taken an acute turn. Conflicts/ tensions of Israel and Palestine on the Gaza Strip and the Western bank have increased significantly. Although a cease-fire has been called for, in Syria as per mutual agreement, this peace time does not seem to last long enough. Leaders of China and Pakistan meet diplomatically after the offending message conveyed by Chinese press and the high tensions on borders like LAC. Russia and the United States seem to perform back door diplomacy and come on a mutual agreement for economic interest in the Middle East. India is building better and stronger relations with Israel along with its constant retaliation on cease-fire violation of Pakistan, display a policy of no tolerance towards the policy on Kashmir and territorial defense. Just to make things more interesting for the Dragons, USA, Japan and India have announced a joint naval exercise in the South- China Sea in the upcoming days. The announcement was strongly condemned by China.

In all, we can see that tensions have shifted from the Koreans and have distributed all over the world unequally. Predictions won't be a possibility as the situation is uncertain.

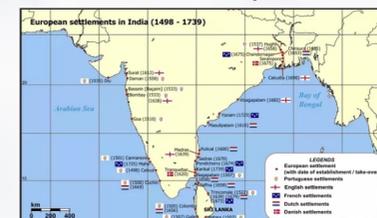
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## ETABLISSEMENT FRANÇAIS EN INDE



L'Inde française regroupe différentes possessions coloniales françaises côtières en Inde entre 1668 et 1954. A partir de 1816, elles portent le nom d'**Établissement français dans l'Inde** et incluent Pondichéry, Karikal, et Yanaon sur la côte de Coromandel, Mahé sur la côte de Malabar et Chandernagor au Bengale. Le premier comptoir est installé à Surat en 1668 par la **Compagnie française des Indes Orientales**, puis c'est le tour de Pondichéry en 1673, de Chandernagor en 1686, de Mahé en 1721, de Yanaon en 1725 et de Karikal en 1739.

## FRENCH ESTABLISHMENTS IN INDIA

French India, formally the Etablissement français dans l'Inde (French establishments in India), was a French colony comprising geographically separate enclaves on the Indian subcontinent between 1668 and 1954. From 1816 onwards, these French colonies acquired the name as Etablissement français dans l'Inde that included several places such as Pondicherry, Karikal and Yanaon on the coast of Coromandel, Mahé and the coast of Malabar and Chandernagore in Bengal. A trading post was installed at Surat in the year 1668 by the East India Company, and then came the turn of Pondicherry in 1673, Chandernagore in 1686, Mahé in 1721, Yanaon in 1725 and Karikal in 1739.

## J'AIME CUIRE

Seigneur, vous savez que j'aime cuire, Ce gâteau au chocolat riche et velouté, Recouvert de glaçage, je n'arrête jamais Jusqu'à ce que les boucles de chocolat ornent le sommet.

Seigneur, vous savez que j'aime cuire, Les tranches de crème et les biscuits font Avec des fruits, des noisettes et de pépite de chocolat Bien qu'ils restent tous sur mes hanches.

Seigneur, vous savez que j'aime cuire, (Je dis que c'est l'amour pour ma famille) Tartes aux pommes et cheesecake aussi Et des boulettes dans le ragout irlandais.

Seigneur, vous savez que j'aime cuire Mais j'ai besoin de réduire mon apport Pavlova, un délicieux peluches sucré Je ne semble jamais avoir assez.

Seigneur, vous savez que j'aime cuire Mais les pilules de cholestérol, je prends maintenant Ces mots je ne dois jamais prononcer "S'il vous plaît, passe-moi la crème et le beurre".

Seigneur, une faveur spéciale, je demanderai Ce ne serait qu'une tâche simple, Vous qui avez changé l'eau en vin, Dissolvez ces calories quand je dine.

## I LIKE TO BAKE



Lord, you know I like to bake, That velvety rich chocolate cake, Covered with icing, I never stop Until chocolate curls adorn the top.

Lord, you know I like to bake, Custard slices and biscuits make, With fruit, nuts and choc. chips, Though they all linger on my hips

Lord, you know I like to bake, (I say it's for my family's sake) Apple pies and cheesecake too, And dumplings in the Irish stew.

Lord, you know I like to bake, But I need to curb my intake, Pavlova, a delicious sugary fluff, I never seem to have enough.

Lord, you know I like to bake, But cholesterol pills I now take, These words I must never utter, "Please pass me the cream and butter"

Lord, a special favour I shall ask, It would only be a simple task, You who changed water into wine, Dissolve those calories when I dine!

-DR A. MUKHERJEE

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