



**Bal Bharati**  
**PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
ROHINI

# An Ode to the Kindred

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## **THE POEM OF LIFE**

Life is but a stopping place,  
A pause in what's to be,  
A resting place along the road,  
To sweet eternity.

We all have different journeys,  
Different paths along the way, We  
all were meant to learn some things,  
But never meant to stay...  
Our destination is a place,  
Far greater than we know.  
For some the journey's quicker,  
For some the journey's slow.  
And when the journey finally ends,  
We'll claim a great reward,  
And find an everlasting peace,  
Together with the Lord.



## *A Eulogy...*

*Our memories are gifts. That show us life even through the toughest times is worth living. -Chrissie Pinney*

Dear Readers,

We are living through the darkest times where the pandemic has brought the mankind to its knees. As the world reels under the devastating waves of Corona Virus, we have also paradoxically seen the gift of vaccine that promises hope over despair. As the head of the Institution, I observed how it rendered our physical spaces inoperative and

confined us all to four walls of our houses. I could, like all the other HOS, connect and get teaching learning process on the way- thanks to Technology. However, the pain that this pandemic has inflicted on families who lost their near and dear ones, those inflicted with great physical and emotional pain and suffering can never be mitigated or lessened. At the juncture can never be mitigated or lessened. At this juncture, I, on behalf of my entire unit, would want all those who suffered and are suffering to know that you aren't alone. We stand together as a community in these challenging times.

The Child Education Society (CES) and Bal Bharati parivar also suffered a great misfortune when we lost our visionary President (CES), Shri L. R. Channa. The man behind the glories of Bal Bharati schools, our initiatives and achievements, was taken away by the cruel hands of destiny. As we remember him everyday and desire for his presence and guidance, I am reminded of these consoling words *"Those who are close to our hearts never die, they walk besides us always."* We are always guided in our actions by their wisdom and direction.

The best tribute is to move on strongly on the path they showed us with the same zeal, doing what they would have expected us to do.

Bal Bharati Rohini family also lost three staff members namely, Ms. Nalini Bhalla TGT (Social Science), Ms. Priya Gurha (PRT) and Mr. Devraj TGT (Instrumental Music). Each one will be remembered fondly for their invaluable contribution to the institution. They brought in such unique gifts to school and impacted the lives of many children. When the school will reopen, their presence in the corridors, classrooms and staffrooms will be missed. This e-newsletter is just a humble effort to remember these precious souls and pray for restoration of normalcy.

**Geeta Gangwani**  
**Principal**

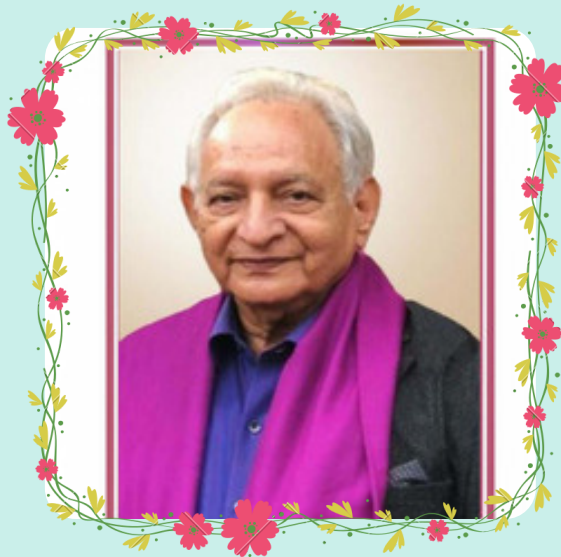
IN THE LOVING MEMORY OF  
*Shri L.R. Channa*  
(January 20, 1931- May 14, 2021)



The death of our visionary Shri L. R. Channa, President, Child Education Society has left us all bereaved and in deep sorrow. As we tide through emotions of loss and grief, we, the members of Bal Bharati Public School, Rohini express our deepest and sincerest condolence. He was the patriarch and guiding light of the entire fraternity. He was the energy behind our enterprises. His were the hands at the helm that guided us through our journey to excellence, our kind and gentle Patron who helped us nurture our dreams and turn them into reality. He was the harbinger of change whose support and faith encouraged us to become what we aspired to be. An enthused sports lover, believer in collaboration and sharing, he empowered us with all that was best in the field. He always welcomed novel educational endeavours with warm embrace and encouraged us to reform Better & Better.

To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die and Shri Channa will live with us in our hearts and our memories. A befitting farewell to him would be our pledge to the cause of Education, the cause that he was passionate about. Sir is no longer amidst us , but , his legacy will continue through his great deeds that will be the living testimony for posterity. Each member of the Bal Bharati fraternity will always cherish and treasure the memories made while working with him. He was an upright leader, the one who created many more leaders and instilled the right skills & confidence in all aspiring future leaders.

**Geeta Gangwani**  
**Principal**



### ***A Humble Tribute to Shri L.R. Channa***

Shri L.R. Channa is a temperament very difficult to express in words. His angelic persona exhumed a serenity that extracted good out of every soul he touched. His sharp acumen with his calmness made him a mentor to many of my likes. His par excellence administrative abilities were recognized far and wide and so was his love for sports. As a passionate sportsman, he ensured that all students across all units of Bal Bharati Schools received the best sporting environments and nurtured them into honourable characters on and off the field. He always aimed at erasing the lines between sports in class and learning in the field. He had an eye for aesthetics, ranging from the furniture of the classrooms to the red brick buildings that we all identify ourselves with. It is his incessant strive for excellence that has brought us recognition across the international borders of Europe, especially in the U.K. His belief in technology and the desire to make it available to every student helped us gain an upper hand with the latest ICT tools incorporated in our daily classes. His technological far sight guided our transit, smoothly, from the traditional offline to the need of the hour, online classes.

We pray to God to take him under his wings and instill us with his moral fiber to let us walk ahead with our heads held high on the path of true Education.

**Bandhana Sharma**  
**Vice Principal**



# भावभीनी श्रद्धांजलि

भारती कुटुम्ब के अग्रणी प्रेय  
दिग्दर्शन जिनका था परम् ध्येय  
बुझ गया आज वह तेज पुंज,  
जगमग जिससे था भारती कुंज!

था जगत का प्यारा सर्वप्रिय,  
करुणाभर ओतप्रोत हिय,  
स्मित से अपनी प्रेरित करके  
नित सब के हित में सोच लिए

करबद्ध खड़े सब मौन हुए  
नयनों में अश्रुबिंदु लिए।।  
हो मोक्ष प्राप्ति आत्मा को  
करते वंदन सब झुके हुए।

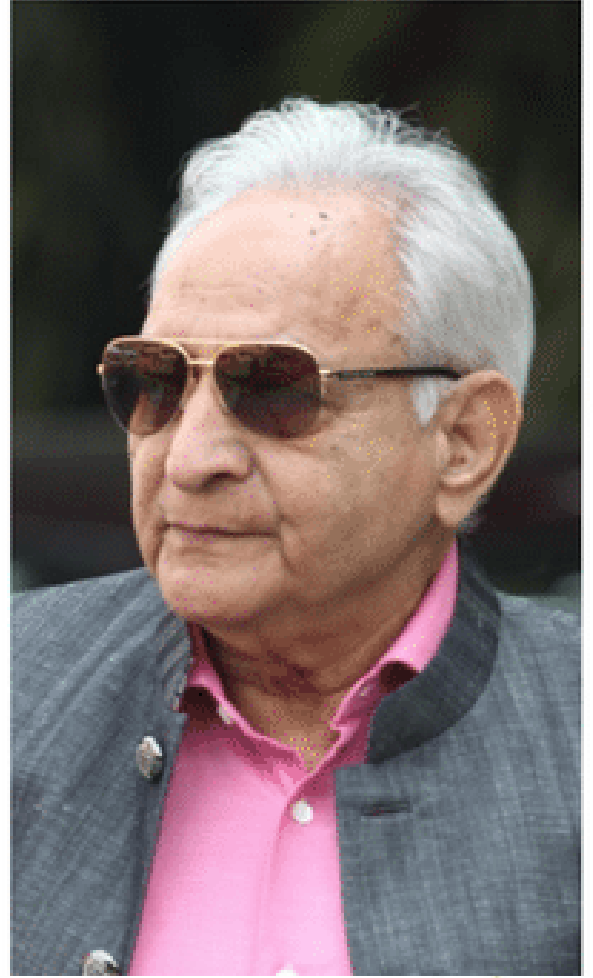
किन्तु मन में लेकर यह प्रण,  
हम भी न कभी छोड़ेंगे रण!  
जो स्वप्न तेरे नयनों में था,  
हम करते हैं मन में धारण!

जब जनक छोड़ जग जाता है  
सुत उत्तरदायित्व निभाता है!  
हे तात! हमें प्रेरित करना,  
पथ सदा यूँही दर्शित करना!!

चाहे दिखो न अब तुम समक्ष,  
विद्यमान तथापि तुम प्रत्यक्ष।  
यूँ मार्गदर्शक सबके बनना,  
हो जाएं कहीं हम सब विलक्ष!

तेरे नयन बसा तेरा सपना,  
हम सबका अब सरमाया है,  
चुनना है हमें अब मार्ग वही,  
पथ तुमने जो दिखलाया है।।

-सीमा चट्टा  
टीजीटी हिंदी



एक बीज को वृक्ष में बदलते देखा है  
एक स्वप्न को हकीकत में होते देखा है  
आप हैं परिवार के मील के पत्थर  
तभी हैं हम प्रगति की राह पर  
आप हैं प्रेरणा स्रोत हमारे  
आप के पद चिन्हों पर चलेंगे हम सारे

- नीरू त्रिखा  
टीजीटी हिंदी



**A Harbinger of Cultural Values**



**A Visionary and Stellar Leader**



**A Renowned Educationist**



**A Man of all Occasions**



**A Dynamic Doyen**



**"Gone from our sight, but never from our hearts."**





***Sports endeavors under the unparalleled leadership of Sh L.R. Channa, Chairperson Sports Council- CES***











वो जो सहर्ष समर्पित रहे 'ज्ञानप्रकाश'  
के निरन्तर प्रसार में आजीवन,  
जिनकी थी हर श्वास, सभी स्वप्न, संपूर्ण  
सोच ज्ञानमंदिर को अर्पण,  
॥शख्सियत-ए-मुकम्मल॥॥पुण्यात्मा॥  
श्री एल आर चानना महोदय को अर्पित  
हैं ये श्रद्धा-सुमन.....  
जनकतुल्य संरक्षक,  
भास्कर से प्रकाशक।  
सितारों में सूर्य-सम,  
करोड़ों में अद्वितीयम्॥  
जीवन-संघर्षों में विजेता से...  
उलझते सवालों में जवाब से...  
अनजाने ख्वाबों में हकीकत से...  
अगण्य अवरोधों में पर्वत से...  
अडिग, अदम्य, अविस्मरणीय,  
युगपुरुषतुल्य।  
॥ न भूतो न भविष्यति ॥  
पवित्रात्मा को करबद्ध नमन,  
अर्पित हैं ये श्रद्धा-सुमन...

- मंजू महारा  
टीजीटी संस्कृत

### By his Creed We Shall Live Forever...

Some men walk the humble earth,  
To leave imprints of kindness & godliness.  
To emboss footprints of greatness &  
grandeur,  
To smear countless blessings on all.

One such man walked the aisle of our  
school,  
And proud corridors of fraternity schools.  
A walking institution of deep knowledge,  
An epitome of ideas of growth and  
change.

His walked with a panache in style,  
His name each one took with reverence.  
His kind face glowed with pride to see,  
All Schools touching heights, weaving  
glories.

Years went by like changing seasons,  
Each day fragrant of his presence.  
Vestiges of numerous benevolent acts  
And countless gifts left behind.

He is no longer seen around, nor heard,  
But felt, deeply and soulfully.  
And from the myriad heavens hanging  
there,  
Our gentle care giver looks upon us and  
smiles.

We, from this time to posterity  
Promise to live by his teachings  
To tread upon the paths he has shown,  
And by his Creed we shall live Forever...

- Purti Khanna  
PRT English

IN THE LOVING MEMORY OF

*Nalini Bhalla*

(September 6, 1962 - April 21, 2021)



I still remember the first day of Nalini at school. Her charismatic personality combined with beaming smile were magnetic. Nalini was a teacher, colleague, and friend. She was determined, focused and a caring person who loved life and all that it offered. She had a gift of innovative thinking and a bold spirit. Her enthusiasm was a motivation for her faculty members.

Although much too short, hers was a life well-lived!

"Those we love don't go away,  
They walk beside us every day.  
Unseen, unheard but always near."

She will always be missed.

**Meera Wadhwa**  
Headmistress (Middle Department)

इक रोज़ अचानक 'दमक' से ऊर्जा-  
स्रोत सी...

आ गई वो बालभारती की कर्मभूमि  
में, फिर, खिलने लगीं 'चमक' के  
रोशन धूप सी...

यहाँ-वहाँ, इधर-उधर, अपनी इस  
ज़मीं पे।

तभी, इक रोज़ अचानक 'तपक' के  
चुपके से खो गई वो मानो घनेरों में  
परछाई सी...

हर ज़बान हुई खामोश  
माने आवाज़ हो कहीं खोई,  
सब छोड़कर मुँह मोड़कर,  
भला इस तरह भी जाता है कोई ।

-मंजू महारा  
टीजीटी संस्कृत





**Active participation in International Teacher Exchange Programmes**



**A relentless support at all school events , here, Tedx Youth Event**



**An innovative teacher who blended multiple pedagogical approach to make learning fun**



**An associate with Media and Journalism giants like T Series & Zee Media, encouraging students to explore this uncharted & innovative territory of Media**





Making a stentorian fashion statement as persona curator



In Spotlight with Ms. Asia Earth & Ms. India International



Convener Dog Shows

**A trendsetter of contemporary elan in Cultural Extravaganza at School Carnival, bringing in National & International Beauty Pageant Winners, Socialites and Celebrities. She also dabbled in organizing unique events like dog shows.**



IN THE LOVING MEMORY OF

*Priya Gurha*

(June 15, 1978 - April 29, 2021)



Sorrow fills our hearts this sad moment, a sorrow that is deep and personal. Priya Gurha has silently closed the door of life and departed from us. A sweet, amazingly hardworking, loving and caring person, she was an epitome of support and strength. She was an integral part of the Bal Bharati family and we are extremely saddened by her loss.

Our lives will be dull in the areas that she had brightened for us but also paradoxically, the flame kindled by her will remain forever aglow.

May my condolences bring the humble soul comfort and may my prayers ease the pain of this loss.

May God give strength to her family to bear this loss. Rest in peace dear Priya. You'll be forever missed and remembered.

**- Ms. Alka Tandon Chadha**  
**Headmistress (Primary Department)**

You were so kind and docile,  
Always wearing a pleasant smile.  
You worked hard with utmost devotion,  
Sincerity and dedication.  
An excellent teacher and amiable person,  
You left no stone unturned to help  
everyone.

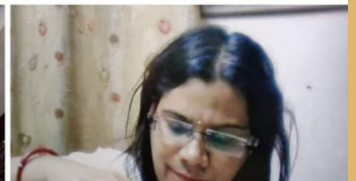
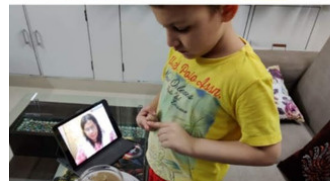
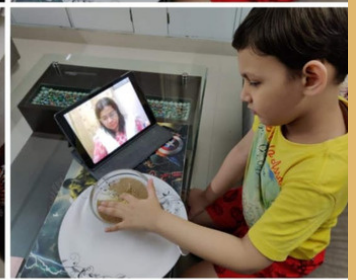
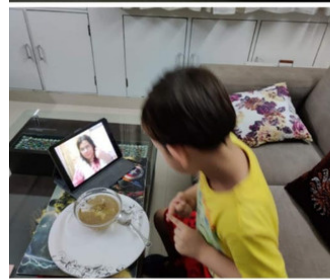
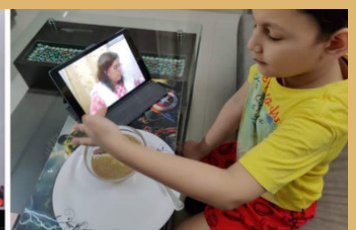
Your enthusiasm and zeal were  
commendable.

Your qualities were remarkable.  
A caring and amazing personality,  
Never complaining or cribbing.

You left us suddenly,  
Quietly ! Silently !  
Without a word !

Leaving everyone speechless and stunned,  
Priya Gurha, you will always be missed.

**-Ms Deepali Sharma**  
**PRT English**





IN THE LOVING MEMORY OF

# Devraj Mukherjee

(October 16, 1971 - May 27, 2021)



I wish to express my deepest condolences on the sudden demise of Mr. Devraj Mukherjee. He was truly very caring, loving, pious and a humble soul. A noble man of strong ethics, he was a teacher par excellence and a person with an innocent and pure heart. While his talent spoke for itself, it was his selfless nature, dedication for his work, love for music and his students that always impressed me the most. He was indeed a gem of a person, a supportive colleague and a good friend. Bal Bharati Parivaar will surely miss him. May God bestow peace to the departed soul and strength to his family to bear this irreparable loss.

- Ms. Anjana  
Headmistress (Pre-Primary Department)

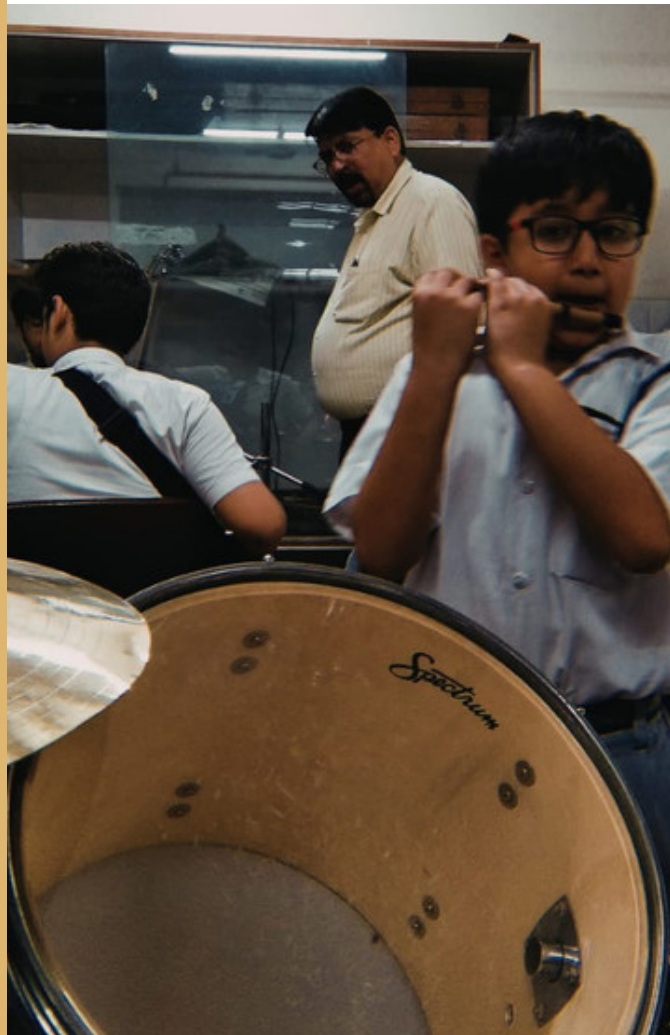
Another heartfelt tribute  
With a sincere prayer to God  
to let this be the last.  
We are left with no choice but to save  
your fond memories in our hearts.  
Your soft spoken and polite demeanor,  
the respect for all in your eyes is  
something we can never forget.  
The percussionist in you created  
mesmerizing tunes with deft hands.  
And these shall echo in our ears and  
hearts forever.  
The love that your students have for you  
in their hearts will never cease.  
You will always be missed.  
May God Almighty give us all the  
strength to bear this huge loss to our  
fraternity.  
May your soul rest in peace.

- Shabnam Ajmani  
PGT English



आज जब मैं बैठी थी  
अंतिम प्रार्थना सभा में तुम्हारी  
आँखें थी नम मेरी, दिल था बहुत भारी  
बहुत याद आई मुझे देवराज तुम्हारी  
हर चित्र तुम्हारा मानो कह रह था  
मुझको कोई तुम्हारी कहानी पुरानी  
चल रही थी सब स्मृतियाँ चलचित्र -सी सारी  
बहुत याद आई मुझे देवराज तुम्हारी  
साजों को कसते हुए शिष्यों से घिरे रहना  
मीठी झिड़कियों से उनकी कमियां दूर करना  
आदत थी सिखाने की तुम्हारी खूब न्यारी  
बहुत याद आई मुझे देवराज तुम्हारी  
छोटा हो बड़ा हो नर हो या नारी  
सभी को मान देने की तुम्हारी  
अदा थी हर दिल अजीज और प्यारी  
बहुत याद आई मुझे देवराज तुम्हारी  
सरस्वती के उपासक ,स्वयं सिद्ध साधक  
गुरु- शिष्य परंपरा सच्चे प्रचारक  
संगीत कला के थे तुम अनुशासित पुजारी  
बहुत याद आई देवराज तुम्हारी  
हर वर्ष अनुएल डे पर कम्पेरिंग की गुफ्तगू  
छोटे -बड़े नुक्तों को ठीक लिखने की जुस्तजू  
'जी मैम' कह बात मनवाने की वो आदत प्यारी  
बहुत याद आई देवराज तुम्हारी

-माया रानी कौशिक  
टीजीटी हिंदी





# ***Tribute From Alumni***

More than a school teacher, Devraj Sir was the "Guru" in "Guru Shishya Parampara" who raised me with selfless love and patience. Music is simply a facade of deep knowledge, selfless love, and humble character he had. With great toil, he had carved uncountable musicians and more so humble humans. Today, when I look back I realise that he taught me how to live with humility, respect, and courage. Speaking of courage from a music teacher? Yes! this lesson he seeded in me way back in 2011, which I realised just yesterday with his reminiscent nostalgic memories. He put me up on the School's Annual Day centre stage, in the spotlight, with dedicated-microphone, solo, and LIVE!!! Being the abysmal musician of the lot I am, I was anxious to play the very piece which would commence the whole event, Aalap on Flute, in front of the venerable audience – trustees, guests, teachers, parents, students ... EVERYBODY! That was the day when he set my sail on a journey which made me a decent orator, to anchor a few national & international events. Spending mere minutes with him would leave a lasting impression on one's soul. Even during his last moments he deeply touched the life of his hospital attendant. All sir needed was an empty box, and then his hands whirled on it like God, resonating the lifeless box with music, brimming with life... touching hearts of everybody in the room. He was full of enthusiasm, courage, love, and MUSIC... all through the end! Love you my Guruji, Devraj Mukherjee.

**Bhavesh Diwan**

**Batch 2010-11**

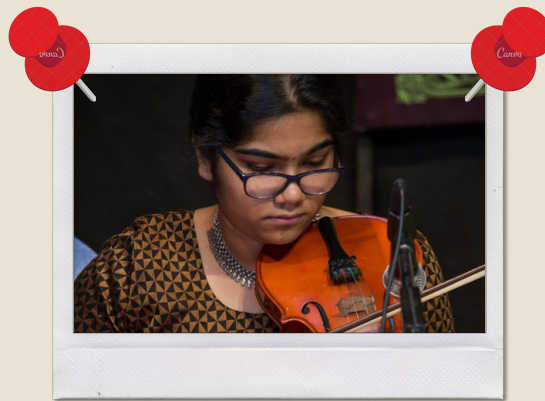


"What emptiness do you gaze upon? Do you not feel a thrill passing through the air with the notes of the faraway song floating from the other shore?"

I was eight or nine years old when I joined the school orchestra under Devraj Sir. Instrumental room was full of senior students holding their fancy guitars and I entered this room with my small violin in one hand and bow in other trying to make space for myself. Devraj Sir gave me my notations and asked me to play something for him- I wasn't quite good but he told me he was mesmerized by how well I played. That was the beginning for me as a student of Devraj Sir. I was the youngest in this crowd but Sir helped me feel that I belonged in that senior orchestra. He guided me like a father and a mentor throughout my school life. He taught me so much more than musical compositions – discipline and stage presence.

His dream was to reach at least state level instrumental with me and I am so glad that I was able to fulfill it in my last year at school, winning the third prize at state level. He was so proud of me that day. Devraj Sir made me a better human and a genuine music lover. I love him and I miss him.

**Kaveri**  
**Batch of 2019-2020**

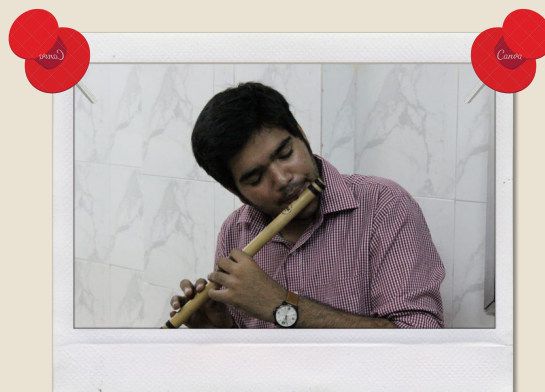


"ALL GURUS ARE TEACHERS BUT NOT ALL TEACHERS ARE GURUS."

There once lived a man who carved humans out of children, who injected soul into their being and who was, for many, God reincarnated.

Many companies, bands, musicians, doctors, engineers, professionals --- humans wouldn't have existed if it weren't for this super talented, honest man carrying out his duty with true diligence and with a sense of devotion towards his pupils, even after duty hours. He was indeed an institution in himself. He will always be missed.

**Kartikeya Issar**  
**Batch 2011-12**





# Words of Adieu

Extremely sad to hear so unfortunate happenings all around , that too so close in our Bal Bharati family .

Devraj sir , your 'Ji ma'am' will be missed forever.

- Monika Sindhwani

PGT Physics

A pious and humble soul. When we'll be back, the pariwaar will never be the same again, without your humming songs and smile. We will miss you forever, Sir! You brought music to our lives. I am sure you will spread happiness wherever you are.

- Mridu Marwah

TGT Biology

Priya dear, you and your smile will be missed down the corridor. The gentle one, the forthcoming one. We love you dear.

Heart goes out to her kids and family. May she rest in peace.

- Namrata Markan

PGT English

Ever smiling person with great will power, may Nalini ma'am's soul rest in peace. May her family be able to bear this unbearable loss.

- Praveen Kapoor

PGT Physics

No words to express grief and sorrow. Priya was truly very loving, caring, helping & gentle. She was indeed a gem of a person. Very difficult to accept the fact, that she is no more.

- Anju Mishra

PRT

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