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Today I got homework again after a very long time. It is an article on "Memoirs of My School Days". Like a meticulous student as I ever was, I waste no time to turn over the pages hidden in my memory and take a walk down the memory lane. I strain my nerves to remember the dates and as they come by I start feeling older. Really, it has been a long time.



It was in the summers of 1988, that I joined Shiv-Vani Model School in Class VI. I purposefully omitted the 'Senior Secondary' word here as we were to be part of the school's transformation from a middle to secondary and later on to a senior secondary school. When I came with my father for the admission, it was Mahesh (the all-in-one peon) who opened the main gate and near the gate was the office where I met Mrs Bhatia and Mrs Narula. They would be there always behind the scene planning all our activities and silently observing the progress we made. The admission was completed with a simple procedure. Thereafter, began the most important, educative (of course) and happiest, seven years of my life. It is rightly said that the school friends and school memories are lifelong.

I was a mediocre student from a humble background. I had certain values drilled into me, to name a few- Punctuality, Sincerity and Hard Work. I can vouch that these values have always carried me through tough times. One of the first memories I have is that of Mrs Kalpana Chatterjee, when she asked in the class about an unknown student who happened to score good marks. There was a muted appreciation of the performance and that appreciation was for me. If I am able to write or speak in English today, I credit it to her. I loved her handwriting so much that I would try and emulate her style of bold, curvy letters with circular punctuations instead of a dot. I still carry that influence in my hand writing. I don't "plagiarize" and give due credits to her whenever I receive compliments for my hand-writing. She has been my favourite teacher till date.

I never worked really hard until one fine day we had a good old argument in the class among girls and boys as to who is better in studies. Smitten by some personally taken sharp words, I took it to heart. The fate of the 1994 batch changed after that. It was to be a boy who would lead then onwards. This incident which happened in the beginning of Class IX, changed my life forever. Wherever I have been ever since, I have yearned to lead and excel. I am not sure if my teachers noticed this phenomenon.

I remember participating in *Bhartiyam* program in 1989 to commemorate birth centenary of Pt Jawahar Lal Nehru. We would go every day morning to the Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium and return by evening. It meant lots of loss of studies. Boy... Was I happy to skip studies! My parents were quite concerned but all went off well finally.

It was here that I have some very fond memories of Ms Bala, our Hindi teacher. Somehow, she had an image of "terror". She was very strict primarily by the tone of voice. But she was very soft at heart. I was there throughout with her in Pratap House (as House Vice-Captain, Captain). Mrs Kalpana was in-charge of Nehru house that time. I also recollect some memories of Mrs Manju Sharma who was our Drawing teacher. I liked her but disliked her classes simply because my drawing was terrible. Mrs Joseph was our Social Studies teacher. I was overwhelmed by some of her teachings from daily life. I remember her telling us one day that she would even thank a rickshaw puller and we all must do. We pay money for the service but he was there to provide comfort to us. I have remembered to thank anyone and everyone I can thereafter. I wonder how some people can be so down-to-earth about life. I would always be grateful to her and so would be my generations whom I would pass on these words.

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I opted for the Science Stream with Engineering Drawing, simply to avoid Biology. I always had an opinion that it necessitated learning by rote. Not my cup of tea till date. I preferred logical subjects like Math and Physics. I have always regretted throughout my life for missing the cent-percent score in Math both in Class X and XII by a narrow margin.

There were teachers hired from outside to supplement the studies for the Senior Secondary classes. There was a lot of support from the School administration. I was conferred with the appointment of School Captain in Class XII. Probably the first one of the school as I am not sure if there was any in the first batch. Those were the golden years and flew by quickly. My heart was very heavy during the farewell at the prospect of leaving the school. But everything which starts has an end. It was a happy end, as I passed the National Defence Academy exam even before Class XII result was declared. The interaction with the school was snapped as I moved from one alma mater to another in July 1994.

School memories are incomplete without recollecting acts of mischief. I had my chunk of share too, that too a huge one. They better rest in my memories and in the memories of my teachers who had to go through the agony, sometimes even not knowing who was working behind them. Having served for two years as instructor, I got a glimpse of the life on the other side of the fence. It is neither as rosy nor as greener as it may appear.

Somehow, I was very popular in the school across the various classes, it holds true for any new place I go now. I had a very large circle of friends that time. I am still in touch with a smaller circle out of the larger one. As I have walked through this memory lane, I have resolved to visit the School as soon as possible. Amen!

*In teaching you cannot see the fruit of a day's work. It is invisible and remains so, maybe for twenty years.*

**Jacques Barzun**

I never thought that I'll be given an opportunity to write about my school days for my school magazine, "Trinetra".

Today, when I got this opportunity to share my experiences, I just want all of you to know that you are studying in one of the best educational institutions. At this point of time you might not agree with me but someday, somewhere in your life, you will agree with my statement. From the start of my day till the end, be it the assembly ground, classroom, library or playground every day, every moment was an unforgettable journey. Not to forget my teachers who are commendable in all ways. Let me tell you, I had the best teachers who showed me the path to success.

Here, I am running short of words to explain those years that I spend in my school. I can't go away before I thank all of you.

My message to all of you is- 'Study hard, obey your teachers and don't forget to play!' Wishing you all the very best for your bright future.

Best Regards

*Sudesh Singh*

*Event Manager*

*Wizcraft India Pvt.*

*{2007 Commerce Batch}*

My journey began when I entered II C with a few books and a pair of eyes filled with tension. The moment I stepped in, I felt comfortable seeing smiling faces all around me.

I was asked to sit on the first bench of the last row. Mischievous smiles and friendly glances welcomed me. Days passed by. Little did I know that a mathematics' unit test was about to change my life here. A score of 18 out of 20 put my life into a high gear. My teacher announced that this girl was one of the highest scorers in the test and the whole class clapped for my achievement. A sense of joy and belonging ran through my nerves. I was entrusted with class responsibilities soon after. And as they say, there was no looking back.

My journey at Shiv Vani has been an enriching experience throughout. My school always pushed me beyond boundaries. I still remember that gentle whisper in my ear, "You should participate in debates, and you can speak fluently." I remember the rapid fire round with my teacher on oil refineries in India. Another fine day, she encouraged me and said "You will do something good in your life." These words of encouragement have drastically changed my life.

I really miss my teachers' affable feedbacks, chides, silent cheers, care and motherly affection. This piece has made me revisit the good old days, the ones that were never forgotten. I would like to thank my teachers and Principal Sir for the trust that they showed in me. The trust stays with me, till date.

Thank you so much for everything, Shiv Vani.

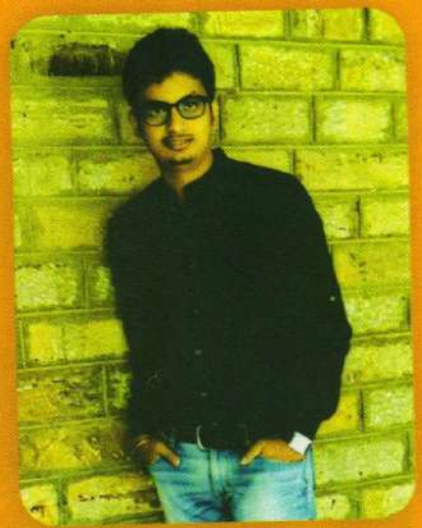
*Priyanka Swami*

*Feature Writer – Plan Your Wedding*

*Bachelors in Journalism and Mass Communication (JIMS)*

*(Gold Medalist)*

*(2009, Science Batch)*





**Sahinoor Rahman, (2004 Commerce batch) Senior Business Analyst, Dell India.**

### **Greetings!**

It has been over 8 years passing out from school but I still feel as if I am an integral part of it. I am privileged to be an alumnus of this esteemed institution – **Shiv Vani Model Senior Secondary School**. I have learnt a lot from everyone in the school, from **Mahesh Bhaiya** to **Sneh Narula Mam** and **Prashant Sir**. I joined in class II somewhere in the middle of 1993 and passed out in 2004. My class teacher was **Ms. Poonam Sharma**. She was also my Economics subject teacher who I think is a wonderful person and an amazing teacher. **Ms. Sujata Taneja** was my Accountancy & Business Studies teacher and I have learnt in-depth the concept of Journal entries/Book keeping & Cost Accounting from her. I am an avid admirer of

her knowledge and her conviction towards work. **Mr. Raj Kumar Solanki** used to be our PTI teacher and I had a great time with him while serving in NCC 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion (15<sup>th</sup> August 1999 Flag Hoisting Ceremony/PM Rallies) and he was also my Physical Education teacher. He has an impactful persona and he is a real gentleman.

My school has state of the art computer lab from where I got my first chance to touch those computer machines and had good hands on experience on them. My computer teachers imparted in me the initial basic education and that motivated me to take up Computer & Technology as my career. Today I am a **Senior Business Analyst (Technical Hardware, Research & Development)** in **Dell Inc**. The computer education in my school was powered by **NIIT** and I can't stop thanking the school management for affiliating with them within the school.

Though I have learnt from all my teachers & seniors however I am highly influenced by one of my idols in life – **Mr. Prashant Narula**. Whenever he came on the stage to address us, he never said much but whatever he said, left a positive impact in each of our minds. He is a true leader and under his leadership, I am sure my school has a super bright future ahead. I wish him and my school all the success in future endeavors.



**Jagriti Varshney, (2010 Science Batch) Theerthankar Mahaveer Medical College & Research Center, Moradabad**

*L*ife is all about learning. School life is but a preparation to face the challenges that the bigger school called 'the world' will offer us. To me, my school life shaped my character, moulded my mental outlook and fashioned the basic principles of life. It has been almost two years since my farewell, but memories are still afresh in my mind. When I sat to write for my school magazine, there was "a spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings" and of course they "took its origin from the emotions recollected in tranquility" and I felt the entire magazine would not be enough to comprehend the memories.

But one among those umpteen memories that came afloat are the faces of my teachers who helped me to find the right from wrong and white from black with their little acts of kindness and love. Right now I am living my dream of becoming a doctor. This profession of mine which I have chosen needs extra devotion, dedication and hard work. The world in which I am living today is really very tough but a thing that gladdens me is that I am doing really very well. And all this is because the way I was brought up by my teachers. I really could see the qualities inculcated in me by my school which are now helping me. The dream of **Deepa ma'am** and **Prashant Sir** to see the Shiv Vanians as global citizens is really on its way. I believe that a great teacher is a great artist and teaching might be the greatest of all arts since the medium is a human mind and spirit. I want to thank every teacher of Shiv Vani for teaching me, guiding me, helping my mind to grow strong and for being there always whenever I needed them. The memory of each and every teacher who taught me will always be there with me. I

would like to mention the names of a few special teachers: Mrs. Neena Bhatia, Ms. Sunita Sharma, Ms. Mishra, Ms. Paul, Ms. Sindhu, Ms. Arul, Ms. Seema Dua, Ms. Anita Sharma, Ms. Sheela Borrison and the last but always the best, Ms. Gurjeet. I just want to say that these teachers have always been in everything I did and I hope they are proud of me as I am proud of them. Good luck to all my juniors and a warm thanks to all my teachers and mentors.



**Jeet Singh Raghav (SVMS - 1994-2000, class VII to XII) Feature Advertising Co-ordinator, The Southland Times, Southern New Zealand.**

More than twelve years ago and more than twelve thousand kilometres away, it's an astonishing fact that my school thought about me. It's something that I still cannot believe. I would have taken this in its right spirit if I were a CEO of a multinational company, a Nobel Laureate, the President of the country or even a sports or a film star. So what I soulfully accepted today is that every child is special to the school, whether he becomes a successful person or not. And I can say this beyond any doubts that my education and upbringing together have everything to

do with what I am today.

I'll be honest. I do not think about my school life very often now-a-days, however, whenever I do, I reflect back and cherish those 'much-much simpler' years of my life. For me, my school used to be a disciplined environment where I learnt how to have fun and grow as a confident person at the same time without breaking any rules. This is it. I think I said it. This is the biggest learning I imbibed from my school life apart from all those certificates, mark sheets and awards.

Today, I manage the advertising team for a provincial newspaper, the Southland Times (Fairfax Media), here in southern NZ. . Even today, my goal is to understand my environment, my role in that environment and contribute positively to it. My current position is that of Feature Advertising Co-ordinator for the entire southern region. This includes coordinating, advertising calendar for all the community newspapers in southern region as well as I have a team of my own feature advertising representatives to manage. After class 12th, I did BA honors in Economics from Ramjas College, New Delhi. Those were real tough 3 years of study. But I came out alright. After which I started working in a call centre as financial situation forced me to take up a job. While working I completed Post Graduation in Business Administration (specialized in Advertising & Marketing).

Within 4 years I was working as an Operations Manager with Citibank, in Gurgaon, with more than 100 reps and 7 team leaders to manage. Then suddenly I felt like I haven't studied enough, plus I always wanted to start my own business. So I decided to study for another Post Graduate degree in Small Business and Enterprises, here in New Zealand. I have been working here since 2010 and plan to start my own business very soon.

If I remember correctly, I used to be polite, humble, disciplined as well as playful in my school. I also took initiatives; competed in sports and even pc games during computer classes. One instance I can never forget was when Mrs Poonam Sharma twisted my ear because I was teasing a couple of girls in my class. Believe me, they started it. One of them complained to Mrs Sharma, our class teacher at that time. Mrs Sharma walked in, grabbed my right ear and said, "Jeet, I didn't believe when these girls complained about you. I didn't expect this from you". That's when I realised having fun, being within rules is important. People expect responsible behaviour from me whether I am aware or not. That has been true for me all this while.

I can remember almost all my teachers today; English – Mrs Arul, Economics – Mrs Poonam Sharma, Business – Mrs Bindu Narula, and our then Principal – Mrs. Sneha Narula and many others. I can mainly recall the fun part being around them. I realised all I had to do was to be attentive in class, meet my deadlines, score well if not the highest. Once all this was under control, school life was all about fun. I participated in almost every possible inter house competition. It might be different today, but then, I was in Shivalik House. I played volleyball, badminton, basketball, table tennis and even singing-something that only my school knows about.

I'm sure every school wishes to see their students doing well in their career. I take this opportunity to thank SVMS and my teachers to help me reach where I am today. All I can say is those years at Shiv Vani Model Sr Sec School have been most crucial in my day to day life ever since.

# Alumni Corner

*"Dear Shiv Vani, So much of me is made from what I learned from you,  
you'll be with me like handprint on my heart".*

School days, indeed, are the best part of one's life. From walking in to my classroom every morning with a cheerful face to giving a speech on a stage - every single moment is afresh in my mind. I started my journey in Shiv Vani in the year 2007 and it's been almost 3 years since I graduated from the school. Trust me friends, each and every lesson taught by my teachers are helping me in every single day of my life. Journalism was never in my cards but it was my teachers at Shiv Vani who brought out my potential as an MC and my talent in writing.

It's my greatest pleasure to express my gratitude towards Ms. Sarina Kathuria, who was always there to listen to my childish thoughts. She not only helped me to grow as a responsible citizen but taught me some valuable lessons for life. I thank Poonam Sharma Ma'am for her encouragement, Arul Ma'am for her interesting English lessons, Lipi Ma'am for showing me the right path, Mridula Ma'am for treating me as her own child, Sakshi Saxena Ma'am for motivating me, Manmeet Ma'am for encouraging me to do better in Mathematics and Priya Benoy Ma'am for polishing my oratory skills and changing me into a confident child.

Shiv Vani provided opportunities galore for all of us. I thank Prashant Sir and Deepa Ma'am for giving us the best of infrastructure and always listening to and taking care of our requirements. They were always there to encourage and gently push us a step ahead with love and care.

I have always felt proud to be a 'Shiv Vanian' and it will always remain so.

Shruti Mehta  
2011 batch  
Journalism(Hons.) Kalindi College,  
University of Delhi

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I am Prashant Meena of 2012 batch. It has been around 3 years since I have graduated from Shiv Vani. My dream was to become a doctor and now I am living my dream because of my school and my teachers. The entire credit goes to my mentors at Shiv Vani who advised me not to let go of my dreams. A special thanks to my English teacher who always supported me. Thank you Mam.

Prashant Meena  
2012 batch

Vardhman Mahavir Medical College & Safdarjung Hospital



*Alumni- A word that gathers all the memories of one's school days and gives a chance to relive those.*

Today I feel fortunate enough that I have got this opportunity to thank my school for what it gave me and made me what I am today. Shiv Vani was not only a school, it was a family, and probably that is the reason why we share a long-lasting relationship with it. I joined the school as a small child in 1999 and appeared for final boards in 2008 as a young boy. In these 9 years I saw tremendous change not just in me, but in our school as well. The one milestone that I can recall is the time when the school got the ISO certification. I guess ours was the one of the few schools in NCR that adopted e-learning in the curriculum, and the only school in the locality with this level of quality education.

I am thankful to all the teachers for inculcating the qualities that helped me to develop into a good citizen. Every teacher has a special place and a big role in laying the foundation for a bright future. I remember how Ms. Charu Sharma reserved the first seat in front of her desk for me. Being the most talkative person, what more could I have expected? Also I hope I have not disappointed Ms. Arul who would always stress on effective writing. I would like to thank Mr. Rakesh Sharma for making me punctual, a quality that is really helping me today. And how can I forget our Hindi classes by Ms. Kiran Bala who always used to be very particular about discipline.

I feel short of words while expressing my gratitude to this temple and to all those who made my childhood colorful and worth remembering. Today I am working as an Assistant System Engineer in Tata Consultancy services and the credit goes to the school for embedding such good values in me and making me the person I am.

**Akash Aggarwal**  
**Assistant System Engineer**  
**Tata Consultancy services**



When I got an opportunity to write about my school days, all those memories started to flock back to me – memories of teachers, celebrations and functions, tension of exams, fun with friends, basketball games, dance practices et al. I stepped into Shiv Vani in the year 2005 and slowly I got adjusted with the new surroundings. Shiv Vani was so tightly woven into my life that I could never distinguish between my home and school. I was selected as the best dancer of the school that year and this boosted my confidence so much.

I remember all my teachers who wonderfully took care of me and taught me a thousand things. I will never forget my English teachers who inspired me to read and who helped me to speak and write well: Mrs. Abanti Dey encouraged me to pursue dancing, Mrs. Lipi Nanda used to appreciate my enthusiasm and energy, all my Maths teachers for instilling in me a love towards Maths and above all Prashant Sir who shared with us umpteen lessons on moral values and taught us how to remain positive and confident in every challenge. These valuable and practical lessons helped me to grow as a leader and I got a chance to become the Head Girl of the school.

Every part of the school brings back memories. So many I cannot name. The school always had a tension free environment and we all felt that as we left our home and entered another home. The fun and enjoyment we had at Shiv Vani was more than what I could ever expect.

That is why I am back to my school again, this time not as a student but as a Trainee teacher.

**Ms. Amrita Nandi (2005 Science batch)**  
**Teacher Trainee (Nur&Prep)**

# My beloved Alma Mater

The year 2004 still remains fresh in my mind - the year when I bid goodbye to my second home, my school, my dear Shiv Vani. I was unhappy to say bye to my teachers, friends, the red walls, the classrooms that witnessed thousand happenings, and the lovely long corridors. But on the other hand, I was happy that this school made me confident enough to face the challenges that were waiting for me in the outside world. My school has given me countless blessings which enhanced my knowledge and developed in me all required skills to compete in this new era of technology. The education which Shiv Vani gave me is unparalleled. Never in my life can I forget the contributions my teachers made in my life. They helped me attain my goals at an international level. The extra curricular activities of the school helped me to develop physical and mental strength. I still remember that day when I was in the P.M.'s Rally, on the occasion of Republic Day Parade in the year 2000. That was a brilliant beginning for me. It motivated me to use every single opportunity that the school threw open before us. I was one of the participants for Gandhi Quiz Competition at the national level. I and my friends were the lucky few who got a chance to visit Kerala for this. I cannot explain in words how this event boosted my confidence.



My joy knew no bounds when I was asked to write about my school days for the magazine. I want to take this opportunity to thank my teachers for remembering me even after so many years. I also thank my school for giving me a thousand opportunities because without school's support, I wouldn't have enhanced my career in a company like Hilton in London. On this occasion, I thank Mrs. Sneh Narula for managing this great institution brilliantly for the last 30 years. I send lots of love and respect to her and also to all my teachers back there.

With Regards

**Omveer Sehrawat** (2004 Batch)  
Conference Floor Manager  
Hilton Group of Hotels  
UK and Ireland



## Unforgettable Recollections

Today I feel proud to say that I have been a part of this school for 10 years. Whatever I am today is because of the education imparted to me by my dear teachers. I cannot forget those beautiful moments I spent as a student in this great institution. They are still fresh in my mind as if those days ended yesterday. I remember the face of each and every teacher of mine and not a single day passes without me remembering them. I am related in every way to this school as the values inculcated in me will stay along with me as long as I live. I feel lucky that my mother is still a part of this school as a teacher. Whenever I hear about the new developments and the big leaps that the school accomplishes, I feel that there is some kind of development happening in my life too and I am thrilled about it. I am looking forward to that day when my daughter, Snigdha will make her first trip to the school where I spent my days as a student. I want her to be part of Shiv Vani's family, so that she gets the same kind of quality education and moral values that were imparted to me.

I pay my gratitude to my alma mater through this column.

I wish all the best to this edition of 'Trinetra'.

**Prashant Verma**  
Ex-student (1998 Batch)





## Alumni reminisce about their school days

My educational journey at Shiv Vani started in 1988 and I passed out in 2001 from the Commerce stream. My time in the school was inspiring and motivating and led to a marvelous passage of my life. The school provided me with the best of learning, both formal and informal, throughout my academic term and also equipped me with the greatest leadership skills by appointing me as the school Head Boy.

Today, I hold a **Doctorate in Business Administration** with specialization in Hospitality Management, Tourism Administration & Management, Service Marketing, Relationship Marketing and Online Marketing. I am the recipient of the “**Young Teacher Welcome Award**” in 2016 and the “**Aspiring Researcher Award**” in 2017 by the Indian Hospitality Congress. Also, I received Global Education & the **Corporate Leadership Award for “Best Young Researcher”** in 2018 and my doctoral work has been awarded the “**Best PhD Thesis**” in the 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Digital Strategies for Organizational Success. I am also serving **ART&TUR International Tourism Film Festival**, Portugal with the capacity of Jury Member since 2016. I am a Joint Editor of “Indian Journal of Applied Hospitality and Tourism Research”.

I want to give all credits to my school for my successful professional voyage and sincerely thank all my great teachers, lovely staff members and very professional school management for their help and support during my schooling. I left my school with so many fond memories and would love to visit it one day.

I wish my school a great success and happy learning to dear students.

**Assistant Professor,  
BCIHMCT, GGSIP University,  
New Delhi.**



**Dr. Arvind Kumar  
Saraswati**

Words are not enough to describe my experience at Shiv Vani School. It was the best experience of my life that helped me to enhance my skills and helped me to stand confidently in today's competitive world. My days at Shiv Vani helped me develop my overall personality as the school threw open vast and varied opportunities for students in extracurricular activities. I got a chance to participate in the Republic Day Parade of 2000 and I was also an NCC Cadet. There were various state level quiz competitions that I and my friends participated.

Currently I am working as **Event Planning Manager in Marriott London**. My Shiv Vani days inspired me to participate in community service which I still continue to do here.

I owe my sincere gratitude to my teachers for their inspiring guidance and valuable suggestions at every stage of my student life.

Kind regards

**(Batch 2004)**

**Event Planning Manager  
Marriott, London**



**Omveer Sehrawat**

It is from Shiv Vani that I learnt to overcome my fears and face challenges with a smile. I cherish some of the best memories of my student life here and had the privilege of being trained under the mentorship of wonderful teachers who would always encourage you to bring the best out of yourself. I enjoyed the creative hands-on projects, taking up the responsibility of organizing class functions and participating in numerous competitions. Our school motivated us to take part in extra-curricular activities and also encouraged us to excel in academics.

Even after seventeen long years, I can still remember vividly each day spent in my school with my friends and teachers, the homework we forgot to do, the punishments and rewards that we happily received, the holidays that we eagerly awaited and above all the love and support of our teachers.

**Batch of 2002**



**Shilpa Narula**

## A Tribute to our Alma Mater Shiv Vani

As I sit down to write about my school days, after a long day at office, I feel nostalgic as so many scenes flash before my eyes. From 1985 to 1999, I spent 14 precious years of my life doing the entire schooling from KG to Class 12 at Shiv Vani.

Some of the activities which we enjoyed as students were bringing candles to decorate our school on the occasion of Diwali, participating in Inter house competitions, preparing for special assemblies, organizing a programme on Teacher's Day and reading newspapers during the morning assembly. Games and library period were the most awaited and celebrated times of the day. Competition with friends for getting the maximum remarks of 'fair', 'good', 'very good', 'and 'excellent' from teachers on our note books was a regular feature of our school days.

My teachers made an everlasting impression on me. One incident that I still remember was that some of my school mates were making fun of me as I used to write on the blank sides of pamphlets (which I used to collect from newspapers) to write notes as I wanted to save trees. My class teacher, Ms Poonam Sharma sensed out the awkwardness of the situation and she stepped in and was all praise for my small step towards saving the environment. During lunch break, those who were making fun of me were praising me! I learnt a very important lesson that day which I still apply at my work place. Always encourage someone who is doing something positive as even small acts performed consistently over a period of time brings great changes!

The memories of school days -all day fun, late night studies, admonishments and encouragement from teachers and parents- are like a treasure trove which I cherish all my life.

**Batch 1999**  
**Senior Practice Lead**  
**Finance & Accounting**  
**Infosys BPM Limited**



**Hemant Joshi**

School life shapes our character and fashions the basic principles of life. For many of us the days spent in school are the happiest and the best days of our life. The very memory of school days fills my mind with nostalgia of happy days of yester years. I spent 14 long years in Shiv Vani. I met some wonderful people here. My class teacher was **Ms.K.Bala**. I remember with warmth other teachers like **Ms.Chauhan, Ms.Poonam Sharma** and **Ms.Arul**. We had a good relation with them. They helped me in every difficult situation. The words of my teachers gave me the strength to overcome all the stumbling blocks on my career path. I completed my graduation with flying colours as well as I completed IPCC. Now I am a successful accountant. I never forget the words of Poonam Ma'am. She said on one Children's day, "One day you all will miss your school days and you wish to come back here again". That is what I feel today.

**Batch 2004**



**Githu.**

Being a student of Shiv Vani makes me feel proud to be a part of such an illustrious institution. My school Days are unforgettable as they were the happiest and most fruitful days of my life. I cherish every moment of my school days. I am proud to be a part of such a wonderful school. I got infinite love and lessons from my teachers and school who made me what I am today. I hold a Bachelor in Computer Application and an MBA degree in International Business from Thames Valley University, UK

**Batch 2002**  
**Head Business Development**



**Bhupesh Khanna**

I joined Shiv Vani in 1997. Till that time I was studying at a nearby school. Soon I understood that Shiv Vani is the best school with the most compassionate teachers who are a perfect amalgamation of strictness and empathy. We were always encouraged to run around and play. House activities, sports and cultural events and competitions would offer great opportunities for enjoyment to prove one's talent.

I had the honour to study under some of the best teachers. To name a few - Arul Ma'am, Kalpana Ma'am, Poonam Ma'am, Chauhan Ma'am, Jayashree Ma'am, Bala Ma'am, Rekha Ma'am, Sunita ma'am, Bhatnagar Ma'am, Sangita Bhardwaj Ma'am and Anu Mam. I appreciate all my English teachers for inculcating in me an aptitude for the language at a very young age. My music teacher Seema Ma'am and P.E teacher Rakesh Sir and Art teacher Chanchal Ma'am took us for many interschool and zonal basketball competitions. I was given a lot of opportunities to host and represent my school numerous times thus generating confidence and overcoming the fear of public speaking. My current job involves writing curriculums for allied health people and I always thank my teachers for inculcating the habit of working hard.

Sneh Narula Mam, our founder and former Principal and BD Narula Sir the Chairman Sir were always kind to us. Prashant Sir is a very compassionate Principal. He has been kind enough to help me out in critical situations. I wish I could have dragged my school time a little further because I think that my school days passed too quickly. Shiv Vani is more like a home to many students like me. My elder brother has also been a student of this school. I am still attached to the school and keep abreast of the latest news pertaining to the school. I am still connected to most of my former teachers and will continue to do so.

**Almas Khan**



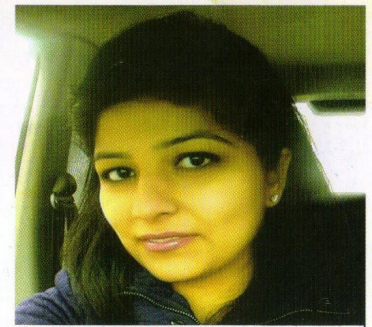
Almas Khan ( Batch 2009)  
Curriculum Writer  
Health Care Sector,  
Ministry of Skill Development  
& Entrepreneurship

Have you ever wondered what the most memorable moments of your life are? The answer will always zero in on one's SCHOOL LIFE! Usually, kids hate school. They get all sorts of illnesses and twinges on Mondays when they have to go back to school after the weekend. But I was different. I hated holidays and could not wait to go back to my dear school, SHIV VANI. It was like my second home! It has been almost 10 years since I left the safe confines of my school and entered this competitive world.

It is quite strange that years go by, but our memories stay strong. High school is a unique experience for everyone. There are common but meaningful moments of joy and laughter that we can all relate to when thinking back on our transformation years from teens to young adults.

It is rightly said that a great teacher can change a student's life. There are many stories that attest to the benefits of a strong relationship between a teacher and a student. How can I forget my beloved teachers of Shiv Vani who made learning fun for us. Teachers who played a crucial role in my journey were Poonam Sharma Ma'am, Vinita Ma'am, Kalpana Ma'am, Dalia Haldar Ma'am, Bala Ma'am, Chauhan Ma'am, ... but the list is endless! I am highly obliged to all my teachers for making me who I am today. They have contributed immensely to my success. Today, I am working as a Paralegal Manager with a legal firm and give all the credit for my success to the pillars of my life - my teachers and my parents. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the effort you all have put in for giving me the strength to fight in this competitive world and make my mark in the corporate world.

**Richa Kaur**



Batch: 2007  
Paralegal Manager,  
Draft n Craft Legal Outsourcing

**Siby George (Batch 2004-2005), Retail  
Manager  
Chemist Warehouse Group  
Victoria  
Australia**



***"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world"- Nelson Mandela***

My journey at Shiv Vani was great and gave me one of the most cherished memories of life and the credit certainly goes to my amazing teachers. Not only is the standard of education high, all our teachers motivated us to pursue excellence. My school prepared me to achieve my goals and face challenges in a positive manner.

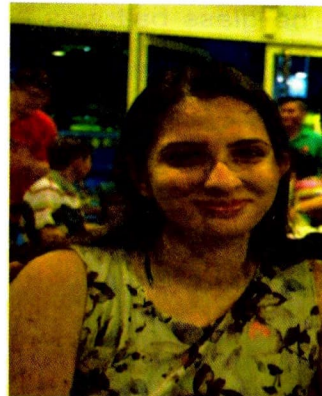
I always looked forward to visit my school as I feel it is my second home. The environment was conducive for learning; we were also encouraged to participate in sports and other extracurricular activities. I learned a lot from the school and my teachers and looking back I feel great that I could attend such a prestigious institution.

I often think about school and the days of glory I spent there. No doubt that I miss those days. I appreciate what the school has done for me and would like to thank the Principal and my teachers from the bottom of my heart.

Regards,  
**Siby**

**Sneha Bedi Taggar  
Claim Specialist  
1 Care Global Services  
Singapore**

Shiv Vani has changed my whole perspective of learning. I wouldn't be where I am today without my teachers' support. Their encouragement and persistence helped me to bring out the star in me. I take this opportunity to thank all my teachers for inspiring, engaging and empowering me. A special thanks to Ms.Poonam Sharma, Ms.Kalpna and Ms.Sujata. Thanks for your time and patience. I wish I had a chance to express my gratitude to you all in person for being such fantastic teachers.



Thank You Shiv Vani for giving me the best years of my life.

Regards,

**Sneha**

**Dr Sanjeev Singh (1994 Batch)**  
**MBBS,MS.M.Ch (CTVS)**  
**Associate Consultant, Cardiac Surgery**  
**Fortis Hospital,Vasant Kunj**



My dear friends,

It is my great privilege to talk to you all through our school magazine and share memories of my school days.

I am from the second batch of Senior Secondary students that passed from this school. Everyone was under pressure as the teachers wished for a better result than the first batch. At that time our Principal, honorable Sneha Narula madam arranged teachers for extra classes for us after school hours to boost our confidence. It was an era of reference books and visits to libraries as we had no computers, internet connections or mobile phones. It was the wonderful team work of all my teachers under the inspirational leadership of Sneh Narula Madam that we passed our board examinations with flying colors.

I must mention about my two teachers here, one was my English teacher and class teacher Mrs Kalpana Chatterjee who always gave her best efforts to motivate us. Once when I met her after my completion of MBBS, she said "you are ahead of me now!". This was a wonderful compliment as students we always stand behind our teachers, no matter how far we progress in life.

The second teacher was Mr.Roy who used to take extra classes of chemistry for us. I still remember his motivating words to us before our board exams. His words prepared and made me mentally strong to achieve the goal of being a Cardio Thoracic and Vascular surgeon, which was a very tough task at that time. He said "Your life is your own battle. Teachers, parents, siblings and friends can guide you but ultimately you become a hero by your own efforts and dedication".

So friends, if you want to prove yourself successful in life and wish to be a source of pride and happiness to your parents and teachers, promise yourself that you will not waste your precious time as it cannot be brought back. We all have twenty four hours in our day. Everything depends on how well we utilize it. Always keep fires burning inside you regarding goals of life, you may face adverse conditions and circumstances but believe me, they are transient and can't stop you from fulfilling your dreams until or unless you accept defeat yourself.

I used to keep a smile on my face while entering the gate of my school, I still do. So friends, keep smiling and best wishes to all of you and always remember your school and teachers as I do.

Regards,  
**Dr. Sanjeev**

I graduated from Shiv Vani, a wonderful and beautiful school in the year 2002. My teachers showed me the right path in my life. I did my graduation from Guru Nanak Dev University and then went to London, UK for my MBA (International Business) from Kings College. I thank my School for giving me a strong foundation and polishing my skills to make me achieve my goals in life. Shiv Vani School has pushed me ahead academically, with teachers who care for their students. I enjoyed every single day as a student here.

**Bhupesh Khanna**  
2002 batch  
Co-Founder & Director, Keencentric Ltd.  
Birmingham, United Kingdom

The days that I spent in Shiv Vani are always remembered with warmth. I am proud to be an alumnus of this great institution. Besides giving me the best of all facilities and teachers, it also taught me moral values of life. I still remember my first class teacher and later a number of teachers who had taught me different subjects. All my teachers were very different from one another and yet special and unique in their own way. If it were not for them, I would never have been the individual that I am today. After my graduation from Maitreyi College (DU), I did my LLB from Faculty of Law Delhi University). Currently I am serving as a DYSP in CRPF Ajmer.

**Neha Yadav**  
2005 Batch  
DYSP, CRPF, Ajmer

School is a place where the little children are shaped and groomed, as the potter shapes the wet mud to make beautiful pots.

It is a place where we get our first experiences of everything, the first star, first friend, first bag..... This is also a place where we get to keep a record of our memories - memory of friends, teachers, achievements, failures, etc.

School days are the most special ones, because this is the period when we discover ourselves. Most importantly these are the only days when you are free, free from all worldly affairs, tensions and can enjoy to your fullest under the guidance of your teachers and parents. It is the only place where you can make lots of mistakes and learn a lot from them.

I really miss Shiv Vani as whoever I am today is because of my school. TUSC activity which we used to enjoy doing is now bearing fruits as now when I don't feel shy during class presentations and hence stand out of the crowd. It really makes me feel great. This really reminds me of all my teachers who were always there to help me and made me feel confident.

I am thankful to my teachers for their guidance, appreciations and support. I thank Prashant Sir for giving us ample opportunities to show our talents and encouraging us in all our endeavors.

**Akanksha Mankar**  
2011 Batch

## Alumni reminisce about their school days

A couple of days back; I visited my school (after approx. 25 years) and met my teachers. I cannot express what I felt in words. I was a little teary eyed seeing my school where I met some of the wonderful people who influenced me in my life. Time flies like an arrow. The days I spent at Shiv Vani School reminded me of this saying. Achievements, applauds, opportunities, values - these are what I gained from my school. Shiv Vani is not a school, it is a brand and it stands for 'a culture of excellence, empowerment, and enrichment'. Being a part of Shiv Vani School, I feel blessed. My school gave me a platform that I will cherish always. I still remember the inspiring words of our Principal Ma'am and the sweet scolding and punishments of our beloved teachers. I got lots of love and support from my teachers & friends and it made my school life unforgettable.

**Dr. Sanjay Ramavat**  
**Operations Director**



**"A good start is imperative for a remarkable ending"** - And I am blissful that I got this start from my own school Shiv Vani and I am sure that I will reach the pinnacle with what I have learnt from my respected teachers.

My teachers have been an important part of my school journey. All the praises that I have received in my professional life, be it as a CA or a speaker, is all due to the various activities that I took part in the school. During my internship, I was entrusted with tasks that were given to 3rd year interns, because my principal was impressed with my writing skills, and undoubtedly all that credit goes to my teachers. My teachers have found and nourished the talent inside me. They helped me shaping my personality and whatever I'm today, I owe it to my teachers & school. I would specially like to show my gratitude towards Priya G ma'am & Arul Ma'am for enriching my English writing skills and giving me ample opportunities to showcase my talent. I thank Poonam ma'am for encouraging me, Bala ma'am for being the best Hindi teacher and Mehak ma'am for showing me the right path in my life.



Our principal Sir is a truly inspiring and supportive role model for the students. I still remember those beautiful days when Prashant Sir used to acknowledge me at the award ceremony.

I feel privileged to be a part of this school and will cherish my school days for were the best of my life.

**Nikita Aggarwal**  
**2014 Batch, CA Final Year**  
**Working at Shiv & Associates (CP)**