



ST. FRANCIS' HOUSE

Play with Heart, Compete with Honour

"Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning."

Benjamin Franklin

The Academic year 2024-25 was an exhilarating year for the Gold House, which saw a tough competition and participation against the other three houses. With minds set on the ultimate target of becoming the Winners of the Cock House Shield, the students geared up and offered their best on display.

Volleyball: We stepped in the competitive mode on 23rd April 2024 for the first Inter-house Competition for the year, the Inter-House Volleyball Competition. In our first and second matches, we defeated the Blue and the Green Houses by clean wins of 2-0 securing the **2nd position** through the efforts of **Shreyash Gupta, Lakshya Agarwal, Mayank Singh, Abhigyan, Rudra Dutt Dubey, and Arishh Abraaham Aalam**. It was a nail-biting finish but it set our minds for what was about to come next.

Aquatics: In the Inter-House Aquatics Competition, we offered a tough competition and bagged the **3rd position**. I congratulate **Harsh Gulati** for his sincere contributions to the House and also for qualifying for the **CISCE U-17 Regional Swimming Competition**.

Bulletin Board: In the next event which was the Independence Day Bulletin Board Competition, we secured the **1st position** with a phenomenal and clean score of 100 points. Special thanks go to **Mridul Prasad, Aryan Dwivedi, Rudransh and Aadi Sameer Joseph** for their dedication towards arranging the board and to **Arnav Pandey and Arishh Abraaham Aalam** for meticulously explaining the theme to the judges about our bulletin board.

Football: In one of the most popular sports of the world, we bagged the **First and the Second places** in the Inter-House Football Competition in the senior and junior categories respectively. **Rudra Dutt Dubey**, the Football Captain and the Goal Keeper of the Gold House led from the front by not only motivating the entire team but also making some excellent saves which led to some thumping victories over other houses. **Aadi Sameer Joseph and Abhigyan Tripathi**,





the two best defenders of the house stood there on the field as a wall not allowing the opposition team to attack. **Lakshya Agarwal**, the striker showed some ninja style football skills which allowed **Mayank Singh** to score 2 excellent goals against the Red House. Kudos to **Amber Vishal** for also scoring 2 goals in the Junior Category.

Kabbadi: Following the Football Competition was the Inter-House Kabbadi, in which we secured the **2nd position** in both Senior and Junior categories.

Yoga: Yoga is an art where the mind, body and soul is in equilibrium and you display the discipline and coordination of your body and mind. In the Inter-House Yoga Competition, we secured the **1st Position** in **both Senior and Sub-Junior categories** and the **2nd Position** in the Junior Category. Commendable performances were displayed by **Mohd. Aibad, Shreyash Gupta, Arishh Abraaham Aalam, Ojas Mishra and Ark Ekansh**.

Basketball: The Basketball Competition saw a tough competition, but in the end, we stood at the top, securing the **1st position** in the Senior Category after a **clean hattrick of three consecutive victories** through the top-notch performances of **Mayank Singh** and **Nitin Kumar** who were the top scorers of the team.

Speech: The next event was the Inter-House Office Bearers Speech Competition organised by the curriculum sent by the **Government of India** in which we stood **First** thanks to the awesome speeches and the perfect delivery by **Arishh Abraaham Aalam** and **Sarthak Singh** who were also adjudged the best speakers of the event.

Chess: In the game of minds, we secured the **2nd position** in the Senior Category and the **3rd position** in the Junior and the Sub-Junior Category. It was all due to **Vaibhav** and **Piyush** who contributed significantly in most of the victories of the House.

Cricket: In the Gentleman's sport, our boys stood

First in the Junior Category, thanks due to the valuable contributions of **Mohammad Hammad**, who was the best player of the team, and Fourth in the Senior Category.

Dance: We also secured the **2nd position** in the Inter-House Dance Competition in the Sub-Junior Category.

Annual Athletic Meet: In the Post Centenary Ruby Jubilee Annual Athletic Meet and P.T. Display, the students of Gold House put forward an awesome display of their hard work and dedication. **Mayank Singh** was honoured with the **Best Sportsman Award Senior** and the **Leslie Gordon Carver Memorial Individual Championship Award** in the O Division. He also **broke the records** in the 200-meter race, triple jump, and long jump, securing the **1st place** in all of them. **Mayank Singh** has also qualified for the **SGFI National Athletics Championship** for the second time in Ranchi.

Another budding talent is **Amber Vishal** who was also awarded the **Best Sportsman Award Junior** and the **Leslie Gordon Carver Memorial Individual Championship Award** in the B Division. He secured the **1st position** in the Annual Cross Country Race in the Junior Category and has also qualified for the **SGFI National Football Championship**.

The Gold House also secured the **1st position** in the 4x100 meter relay race in the O Division, **breaking** the previous record. This feat was only possible due to the lightning speed of the four athletes, **Shreyash Gupta, Mayank Singh, Yuvraj Gupta and Ojas Mishra**.

Yuvraj Gupta also won the **Achyut-Ashok All Rounder Award** and qualified for the CISCE National Athletic Championship, Hyderabad.

In the Fast cycle race, **Lakshya Agarwal** maintained his dominance, securing the **1st place** followed by **Aadi Sameer Joseph** bagging the **3rd place**. **Aadi Sameer Joseph** also secured the **1st place** in the Walk



Race and the **2nd position** in the Cross-Country Race (Senior).

STANDING tall, the Gold House **WON** the **Tug-O-War Shield** after **18 years**, defeating Blue House in the finals and remaining **UNDEFEATED** throughout the competition. This feat was possible only due to the incredible support and amazing guidance of the unflagging zeal of **Mr. Yadav Santosh Kumar and Mr. Ankur Arora** and my comrades- **Lakshya Agarwal, Mayank Singh, Anadi Kirti, Ameerul, Srijan, Utkarsh Singh, Ojas Mishra, Shayan Abbas, Harsh Gulati and Srithik Singh** under the captaincy of **Shreyash Gupta**.

Apart from this, we also bagged the **MARCHING SHIELD** and the **DISCIPLINE SHIELD** by the joint effort of the well-coordinated and disciplined students of the Gold House. Special thanks go to **Vimarsh Nirala, Yashashvi, Aadi Sameer Joseph, Aryan Dwivedi, Utkarsh, Shashwat Singh, and Ark Ekansh**.

After all these stupendous efforts, and countless hours of practice and dedication, we came **SECOND** in both **COCK HOUSE** and the **ATHLETIC SHIELD**.

Special thanks to all our Gold House Office Bearers for the year 2024-25:

Captain :	Shreyash Gupta
Vice-Captain :	Harsh Gulati
C-Squad Leader :	Vimarsh Nirala

None of this would have been possible without the constant and relentless dedication of our **House Moderator, Mr. Yadav Santosh Kumar**, a man of action, determination, faith and sustained efforts, guided us in each step and in his second year itself, carried the **St. Francis' House** to glory. His vision and strategic instincts helped every student of the house to realise his true potential and strive for excellence.

My heartfelt gratitude to our Assistant **House Moderator, Ms. Ericka John** whose necessary impetus at the right moment gave us the zeal to perform par excellence. My sincere gratitude to **Mrs. Purnima Dwivedi**, the **Junior House Mistress** who guided the young members of our house, supporting and nurturing them to bring out their best. I would also like to extend a warm thanks to our former **Assistant House Moderator, Mrs. Sumona Banerjee, Mr. Ankur Arora, Mr. Pratik Mehrotra, Ms. Akanksha T. Joseph, Mrs. Shweta Arora, Mrs. Anjana Srivastava, Dr. Manoj Singh, Mr. Ankit Tandon, Mr. Jubin Joseph, Mrs. Anamika Frederik, Mrs. Anita Joseph, Mrs. Shabih Fatima, Mrs. Kavita Sakpal, Mr. Amb Rishi Dixit, and Mrs. Veronica Paul**.

I also thank the members of my House who have always supported me and worked for the betterment of the Gold House; **Vimarsh Nirala, the C-Squad Leader, Harsh Gulati, the Vice-Captain, and Mayank Singh, Lakshya Agarwal, Aadi Sameer Joseph, Rudra Dutt Dubey, Abhigyan, Tejas Verma, Aarav, Arnav Pandey, Arush Singh, Srijan, Anadi, Ameerul, Mridul, Arishh Abraaham, Ojas Mishra, Yuvraj Gupta, Utkarsh Singh, Amber Vishal, Anas Umar, Mohd. Aibad, Utkarsh, Aryan Dwivedi, Shashwat Singh, Hussain, Nitin Kumar, and all others**. Many thanks to **Arishh Abraaham Aalam** for his dedicated help and support.

In conclusion, I thank every person who helped me in these 13 years. I thank all my teachers, juniors and batchmates who have walked with me in this splendid journey. May the flag of our St. Francis' House keep flying high in the sky and shine as bright as the Sun above as our motto of the House is, **"You Fight for Gold, We are Gold"**.

Semper Sursum
Always Aim High

Shreyash Gupta
Gold House Captain