

DOWN MEMORY LANE

Conceived in the year 2006-2007 INFO-BAZAAR is a 'Computer Awareness Event' organized by the Computer department of Cathedral Senior Secondary School. This idea plumed flight under the support of **Father Paul Rodrigues**, and was proficiently succeeded in the Year 2008-2009 under **Father Ronald D' Souza**.

In the year 2006-2007 it commenced on a small scale with a participation of 5 schools with about 70 students. A gigantic expansion was experienced with every layered year, qualitatively as well as quantitatively. In the year 2008-2009 it grabbed participation of 18 best schools of the city with over 350 participants. Our Sponsor having been, **Country Inn, Anant Marketing, HDFC Bank**.

The prime objective of the venture was computer awareness and succor to budding talent. Different age groups were catered with challenges meeting their aptitude. Year 2008-2009 included participation of students from 3rd Standard, in games like **crosswords, puzzles and riddles**. Seminars bringing mass speech eloquence, **C++ programming** bringing in the logical best in academic excellence, **PowerPoint Presentation** whetting graphical and animated creativity, **Ad Mad Word** honing Presentation and Dramatic ability, **Quiz** to feed the 'hunger to know more' are some events with diversified character to bring out a student's preeminent.

The Diamond Jubilee year (2010) of the school saw the event grow big in stature with 32 schools and as many as 700 participants participating in 14 different events and the year **2011** witnessed no of events increased to 16 organized in three days. By **2013** we were catering around 900 plus students from **40 top schools** from in and around Lucknow, Kanpur, Barabanki.

True legacy is measured by resilience. Following a decade-long hiatus, INFO-BAZAAR made a triumphant return three years ago, revitalized under the able guidance and progressive leadership of **Reverend Father Paul Correa**. This renaissance seamlessly blended our founding values with modern tech paradigms. Continuing this rapid trajectory, this year's edition marks a historic milestone, escalating to a sprawling lineup of 24 distinct events.

None of this would be possible without steadfast encouragement and structural support. We extend our profound gratitude to the school management for their progressive vision, continuous backing, and dedication to fostering innovation, which has allowed INFO-BAZAAR to reach these unprecedented heights.

In modern discourse, 'computer literate' often connotes little more than the ability to use several very specific applications. Real problems can arise when such a 'computer literate' person encounters a new program for the first time. The necessity of teaching computer literacy is paramount in education. At INFO-BAZAAR, we challenge that status quo. We believe true literacy is the capacity to adapt, problem-solve, and innovate within unfamiliar digital landscapes. Our mission is to prepare you for industries and technological complexities that do not yet exist.

Teachers are preparing today's students for occupations and problems that do not yet exist in the world. An array of industries depend on employees who are computer literate as those industries depend on technology more and more each day. And **'This'** is **'Our'** step ahead...

Dipinti Kapoor
Ex-Student (2007-2008)



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