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One's school life is something which stays for life. No matter how old we grow, the moment we think of our childhood and school and take a trip down the memory lane we recollect so much- the fun we had, the joys we shared.

When I think of my Alma matter Birla Balika Vidyapeeth, the first thing that comes to my mind is playing games in the junior school garden. We used to play a kind of musical chair which was without any kind of music. It was so very exciting.

Then there were those rows of *jamun* trees. We used to fill our tiffin with *jamuns*. We ate some and carried the rest home.

Another memory I have is of cycling to school and getting drenched on a rainy day. This is something I still miss today.

When I grew up another important event became a part of my school life and that was Party Drama. This cultural programme was held every year at the beginning of the session. The event included skits, group dance and solo dance. It also had '*Saraswati Vandana*' or invocation to God. We used to rush in the afternoons to reserve our seats for this programme.

The craze of going to the tuck shop at the beginning of the session was an altogether different experience.

Above all, after all these years, what I miss most about Vidyapeeth is the love and affection showered by our teachers. Their devotion and dedication was something which can never be described in words. I miss that world of care which we got and rarely seen now in today's world.