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EDITORIAL

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Hello Readers!

The calendar turned a new leaf over on the 31st of December 2015. That evening, when the social networking sites were flooded with New Year messages and the mobile networks became too congested, I wondered if the hullabaloo regarding the celebration was really necessary. Anyway, let me also take this quiet moment, to wish you all a wonderful, happy, healthy and a prosperous New Year ahead, on behalf of the Review Editorial Board. Time has flown by, and I am amazed how quickly the year 2015 has passed. It was a year of great achievements and discoveries. From the discovery of water on Mars to some really awesome inventions and innovations in the tech world, it was quite a year indeed! I was thinking about New Year resolutions and the tendency of each one of us to make one every year. They survive for a few days, weeks or may be for a month or two, and are then conveniently forgotten. I often think, "Why wait for a new year to initiate something good"? Instead, our resolution this New Year should be – "next year, I will be perfect enough not to need a resolution".

Just after 15th December, when we printed our last issue of 2015, the school hosted the Round Square Service project in our adopted village – Nathon Ka Pura. It was a successful service project and we felt gratified on its completion, for we contributed in the lives of villagers in our own small ways.

The school after the winter vacations reopened on the 10th of January. Students returned with excitement and a strategic plan for their studies. At least Class 10th definitely did it! The 12th graders had to stay back in school for their Winter Study Camp during the winter vacations. They appeared for mock tests and attended classes while the school administration and teachers made all possible efforts to ensure good performance and comfort for each and every student.

It seems, each student will have a laptop to himself soon. It's great news. The plan, started almost a year ago, is ultimately nearing execution. The school has already installed Wi-Fi routers and access points all around the campus.

For the first time ever, a delegation of twenty one students and three teachers went to Mumbai to participate in the annual Mumbai Marathon, courtesy the Mumbai SOBA. Nine boys ran the marathon and twelve boys from the school's Brass Band played popular tunes for the marathoners and accompanying revellers, who danced and enjoyed the tunes thoroughly.

The Republic Day celebration in school saw proud patriotism oozing out of Scindians as they marched in the parade. Mr Sanjiv Kathpalia, an eminent Old Boy, was the Chief Guest who took the salute from the marching contingents. Simultaneously, the school's Brass Band made us proud once again by their impeccable marching at the Republic day parade at Rajpath. Students in the school ensured they didn't miss their peers on T.V. and sat glued in the common rooms waiting for the telecast.

Outside the Fort walls, Donald John Trump - the American business magnate, billionaire, investor, socialite, author, television personality and now a candidate for the United States presidential elections in 2016, has never failed to surprise us by his 'enlightened' views. I wonder if it is all politically motivated: Be controversial to be consequential.

The odd - even numbered vehicles are plying on alternate days in the city of Delhi since January 1st. Yes - it worked! It has reduced hourly particulate air pollution concentration. Delhiites and Delhi CM deserve the credit for it. Could this set an example of good governance for other politicians ?

New Year unfortunately started with dreadful news. The terror attack at Air Force Base in Pathankot killed five of our soldiers. The combing operation that lasted for 80 hours finally had six terrorists neutralised. Our tearful hearty thanks to five brave martyrs.

Fearful news came from the North-Eastern States of the country as well, when they were struck by an earthquake with a magnitude of 6.8 on the Richter scale. With hundreds injured and a few killed, the North - Eastern residents faced 25 aftershocks, but luckily, no major one. This is the fury of Nature. Can humans do anything about it?

Doesn't it compel us to think – "what is the purpose of our existence"? One thing is for sure - we must try and make a difference, building a better tomorrow. Happy reading!

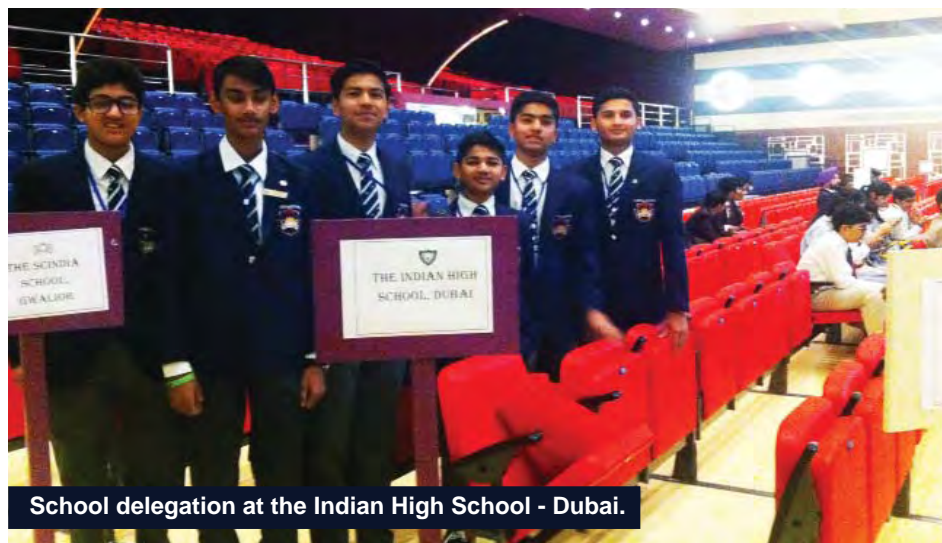




Round Square Conference at the Indian High School, Dubai

Ms R. Siriah

Six students namely, Archit Bhardwaj, Akshay Goel, Madhav Agarwal, Kushaagra Shrivastav, Keshav Sarawgi and Prasoon Nathani along with Ms Raksha Siriah went to the Indian High School, Dubai, to attend the International Round Square Conference held from the 20th – 23rd of December. The theme of the conference was 'Leadership and Adventure'. A total of 18 schools participated in this conference. Each day, a keynote speaker addressed the students and this was followed by Baraza sessions. Everyday post-lunch, outdoor activities were planned for the participants. They went for a 15 km long Desert Safari in Range Rovers, which was an exciting experience. Once they reached their camp in the midst of the desert, they were served a delicious dinner, along with Arabic music and a dance performance. A city tour too was organised which was much appreciated by all. The last outdoor activity was trekking, for which, they drove 150 km to reach a place named, FUJERA. Last day's keynote speaker was the CEO of Indian High School, Mr Ashok Kumar, who spoke on Leadership. At the closing ceremony, each school presented a cultural programme.



School delegation at the Indian High School - Dubai.

Germanic experiences on the Fort

Satyam Chaturvedi | XI A



Delegates of the German Youth Camp - 2016.

Vacations can be long and of course boring too, but what made my vacation a memorable one was the International German youth camp in which the participants from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Iran took part. On 3rd January around 5.30 in the evening, 71 participants arrived on the Fort. They were then escorted to the mess where they had some snacks followed by an ice breaking session. The ice breaking session had several interesting games to make us interact and know more about each other. The next day we woke up at 7 o'clock as we had a morning fitness program. In the morning fitness program we enlightened ourselves with some knowledge of football and played a friendly match against each other which polished our football skills. The whistle blew for full time and it was a draw. While returning from the field we were discussing the possible moves which we could have used to win the match but never mind it's all a part of the game. We then had breakfast and headed towards our classes. In the youth camp we had three different classes which were MINT, Comic and schülerzeitung.

In MINT we studied Mathematics and Physics in German and learned many new technical terms in German language. We also had a session as to how we can apply and study in Germany. There was also a special session where we had to construct a robot and make it perform various tasks; a difficult task indeed.

The Comic class focused on creating a comic titled "Around the world in 80 days" The comic had 4 characters Tom, Lisa, Anna and Robert. It was a really great learning for the students as it was introduced for the first time in the youth camp.

The students of schülerzeitung took Interviews, made charts, conducted group discussions and created a newspaper which looked like an official newspaper of Germany and will be published on the PASCH website. Throughout the camp we visited places like Gwalior fort, Jai Vilas Palace and the city mall. This camp not only made us proficient in the use of the German language but gave us many beautiful memories and many international friends.

Round Square Service Project at the Nathon ka Pura Village hosted by The Scindia School - A Report

Abhilash Datta | XI B

The Scindia School's commitment towards community service was given a concrete shape yet again under the aegis of the Round Square Service Project which was organised from 17th - 23rd of December 2015 at the nearby village of Nathon Ka Pura. A total of 39 students and 5 teachers from five schools, from across the country participated in this project. The participants were: The British School - Delhi, Singapore International School - Mumbai, Maharani Gayatri Devi Girl's School - Jaipur, Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya - Gwalior and The Scindia School. Gwalior.

The Scindia School has adopted this village for community service projects. It used to be a village of Snake Charmers, hence the name Nathon Ka Pura. After the Government put a ban on snake charming, particularly on the public display of snakes on the festival of Nag Panchami to protect the Pythons and Cobras and other wild-life, the men of the village lost their main source of income and the onus of day-to-day earning fell on women who now generally collect wood from the forest to sell it in the nearby market. It's a small, neglected, poverty stricken backward village with meagre educational facilities, *Kuccha* houses, no electricity, community hand pumps for water and no toilets!

The social work done during the five days of current project:

On 17th of December the delegates from various schools arrived on the Fort. The school student ambassadors acquainted them with the 118 year old institution and its ethos. In the evening there was an ice breaking session which had a variety of games especially designed to make delegates familiar with each other. The delegates then, had a sumptuous dinner and tucked in for the night.

Next day after the breakfast, the students boarded the buses for Nathon Ka Pura. There, after a short introduction and a prayer to God, the delegates were divided into 4 groups on the basis of the tasks to be undertaken- Construction, Survey, Painting and Women Empowerment.

The tasks decided for this year's project included mainly the construction of a room for the women of the village so that they have a separate space for their handicraft production. The survey group had to collect information on a survey sheet with about 30 questions and submit a report with their observations as well as suggestions. Another group had to paint the existing school building



'Lend a hand' in service.

and last but not the least; a group was detailed to deal with women's issues like sanitation and hygiene but most importantly to impart skills / techniques which would make them financially independent.

Everybody worked sincerely for the next four days to achieve the above mentioned objectives.

The delegates painted the school classrooms to give the school a fresh new look for the new term, after Christmas. One section of the school building was whitewashed. A room was constructed, plastered and whitewashed. The boundary wall of the school too was whitewashed. They talked to the village people, about their day-to-day problems as well as about their beliefs. An interesting myth was unearthed; that the life span reduces by having a bath!

Later during the project, students designed and prepared newsletters and presented reports of the achievements of the tasks that they were allotted at the beginning of the project. Four newsletters were prepared by each group respectively with specific names, which were: 'The Observer, Round Square Times, Women Daily and The Service Times. Each newsletter brought out the different aspects of the service project in wonderful ways with interesting slogans.



Participants at the Nathon Ka Pura construction site.

Village women who were assisted by the students' women empowerment group completed a number of items like cushion-covers, table-mats, napkins, tea cosy covers, and duppattas by the last day of the project. All the items were put on sale. The eyes of the women could be seen gleaming as their items were sold like hot cakes.

Children in the village were given hygiene lessons and taught how to bathe. The nursing staff talked to village children on matters of health and hygiene. Village girls were also taught some neat hair styles by our female participants. Clothes collected from the school were distributed to the village children. Stationery items, clothes and bed-sheets which were brought by participant schools along with a packet of biscuit each were also distributed to the village children by the participants of the project. A *Nukkad Natak* on Women Empowerment was enacted by the girls of MGD.

All in all, it was a successful and gratifying service project which accomplished its objectives.



Complexities of the human mind

Abhijeet Nagpal | XI B

“Eyes are windows to the soul.” I know this is a very clichéd line but my individual interpretation is not a hackneyed one. Nor am I talking of spirit science or metaphysics. May I ask a pertinent question “Windows to whose soul exactly?” According to me, eyes are not only the windows to the soul of the person we are looking at, in fact, they act as windows to a queer combination of all those, the individual has interacted with.

When you look into somebody’s eyes, you pick up traces of different personalities which reside within that individual. During the Round Square, I made an attempt to test the validity of this theory. I tried to look for traces of different people into the eyes of those with whom I interacted. I was pleasantly surprised to confirm my theory. Most of the people I met had inculcated and imbibed characteristics, behaviours and ideas from others. My corollary is that when you interact with a person, you do not interact with one person only. In fact you are interacting with a number of all those persons by whom he / she has been influenced or motivated. You can feel that he/she is a unique combination of different people: his / her parents, friends and even his / her adversaries.

This means that a person is not just a simple individual being but a complex configuration of many different individuals. Any idea that a person gets, is truly speaking a wonderful combination of his / her unique thinking, plus what he /she has, knowingly or unknowingly, absorbed or inculcated from his surroundings and from the people around. We can see traces of it in our everyday life if we sincerely and seriously analyze our own behavior. We would be able to find out soon which aspects of ourselves are the most akin to other people.

This thought unveils another fact of human psyche: How does the ‘attempt to reach out to other people’ actually function? We get to know the world through our own eyes and interpret every experience according to our own thought processes and subjective inclinations. Seeing the world from one’s own perspective has one big short coming- we do not see the world from the vantage point of another person. Moreover it is difficult to believe what the eyes see. What we see is often the facet of the personality which the person chooses to project, which naturally may be different to the one we perceive. Henri Bergson says, “The eye sees only what the mind is prepared to comprehend.”

One important question is that, do we really see others? Or we actually see our own reflection in the mirror of others. Some people show us what we can do, what we didn’t know or realize - prior to meeting or seeing them. We hadn’t thought that it was possible to be a dancer, or an artist, or a teacher. Somebody else makes us conscious of our own potentials. We may be doing the same to others.

Every time we get to know a bit more about a person, we get to know more about countless others without even knowing or seeing them. When we are talking to one person we are actually interacting with countless others who have influenced him/her. This means that, in the end, our own personality is affected, though not only by that one individual but by many others who may have influenced him/her.

The concept of looking at people through the windows of eyes was discussed a lot in my English Literature class (while I attended classes at the British Council), and it seems to me that it is a very complicated concept. Human mind is a big knot and eyes are deceptive. They unfold the deepest secrets. Each person’s perception is like an entire new universe. Getting to know a person is really discovering an unknown universe. Marcel Proust says, “The voyage of discovery is not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes.”

Round Square Conference at MGD Jaipur - A Report

Mr Naman Saraswat

Six students, namely, Shubham Agawal, Anant Rai, Pradyumn Mittal, Akshay Goel, Ruppenjot Singh, Akash Phogat and Rhythm Agarwala participated in the Round Square Conference, organised by the MGD School - Jaipur from 12th -15th December 2015. They were escorted by Mr Naman Saraswat.

The most fascinating aspect of conference was a powwow with world renowned wildlife cinematographer, Nalla Muthu. Nalla, is a freelance cinematographer, director and producer since 1987. In a thirty year long career he’s had the opportunity to shoot feature films, documentaries, news, corporate films and TV shows. He has had the pleasure and privilege of working with some of the industry’s best directors and networks including the BBC, Channel 4, and Discovery International. As a Hi-Definition and Hi-speed cinematographer from Indian space research organization (ISRO), he has travelled across the world and his work has received both national and international acclaim.

He disclosed the finer aspects of wildlife as well as of film making. He also discussed the challenges and realities related to wildlife. Participants enjoyed the privilege of watching his famous wildlife movie, ‘Tiger Dynasty & Tiger Revenge’.

The participants were taken to the Sariska Tiger Sanctuary, where they learned how to measure cloud density, test soil culture, gauge heights of trees and many more concepts of science from real life, in the midst of wildlife. This was a concrete example of practical, experimental and experiential learning for the participants.

The whole trip was action-packed and vibrant. Adventure is not just about great outdoors. These activities foster a spirit of adventure and allow students to discover that they are capable of more than they might have ever imagined.

Letter from the Principal

Dear Alumnus,

The process for receiving nominations for the prestigious Madhav Award for the year 2016 has started. I request you to nominate Old Boys of The Scindia School who have distinguished themselves in their professional fields and send your nominations to me by 31st March 2016. The nominations received will then be taken up by the Awards Committee for consideration. According to the procedure, the proposer needs to submit:

1. Brief particulars of the nominee mentioning his/her achievements and contribution on the basis of which the nomination is being made.
2. Nominee’s correct contact information.
3. Names and contact information of two Referees who have no link with the School in any manner.

I shall appreciate your kind cooperation in this important endeavour to honour our distinguished alumni.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Madhav Deo Saraswat
Principal

OLD BOYS' NEWS

An Alumni Cricket Bash 2015 was held on 17th – 18th December at Mayo College, Ajmer. It was based on a quadrangular pattern and saw the participation of Mayo College, Daly College, Doon School & The Scindia School. Mayo won the tournament, defeating Daly in the final. Doon and Scindia shared the third position.

Members of Indore SOBA donated 4 wheelchairs and 2 stretchers at the Airport and Railway Station under SOBA's 'Able the disabled' project programme on 26th January 2016. Present for the occasion were Scindians Harshwardhan Nimkhera, Vinod Jhaver, Ajay Chalukya, Bharat Kabra, Rakesh Dafaria, Ashu Khatri, and Ashok Malla.

The Pune Chapter of SOBA donated two wheelchairs to Pune Station under the 'Able the disabled' project on 22nd Dec 2015. The project was coordinated by Scn. Pradeep Arora & executed by Scn. Sudhir Garde.

The Agra SOBA recently elected a new body of office bearers to govern it. Following are the new appointments. Mr Manish Bansal – President, Mr Ashwani Kumar Jain - Vice-President, Mr Kapil Anand Arora - Vice-President, Mr Ankur Bhargava – Secretary, Mr Nitin Bhargava - Joint Secretary, Mr Bharat Bansal - Treasurer, Mr Krishan Arora - Patron to Agra SOBA.

The Scindian Nostalgia – Reunion of the Batch of 1983

One of the most important pillars of The Scindia School is its Alumni. The Scindia School family was exultant on the occasion of the Reunion of the Batch of 1983. 28 Old Boys were on the Fort for the same. They visited the school for three days from 24th – 26th of January. On the 24th and 25th, they played football and cricket matches with the students, visited their respective Houses and keenly saw through all the changes that the school has introduced, particularly in the school's infrastructure. They wholeheartedly appreciated the new look and feel of the school. On the 26th, the Batch of 1983 marched with the rest of the school, which was followed by a special Astachal. Two representatives from the Batch of 1983, namely, Mr Raman Tandon and Mr Rupen Chakravarty spoke to the entire community and shared some of their experiences and expressed their gratitude for the school. This was followed by a special breakfast at the Principal's residence where staff and Old Boys mingled freely and enjoyed light moments at leisure. After the breakfast, Old Boys, Mr G.S. Bakshi and the Principal, Dr M.D. Saraswat went to see the recently restored and renovated erstwhile Junior School Academic Block, which now has been converted into a residential area. The Old Boys appreciated the refined yet simple and well-appointed residential quarters.



Principal greeting the Batch of 1983.



Contingent of the Batch of 1983.

A meeting of the Central SOBA Executive Committee was held at Mumbai on Saturday, 16th Jan 2016. Among other office bearers from various chapters, it was attended by the following members of the executive committee.

- Scn. Gopal Bhargava : President
- Scn. Rahul Kulshreshtha : Vice President
- Scn. Banjul Badil : Vice President
- Scn. Sandeep Agrawal : Secretary
- Scn. Subhash Sharma : Jt. Secretary
- Scn. Praveen Bhargava : Treasurer
- Dr. Madhav Deo Saraswat : Principal
- Sri GS Bakshi : Director - Alumni Relationships

Several matters relating to SOBA activities e.g. Mobile App, Privilege Card, Scholarships, Able-the-Disabled Programme, Alumni Cricket Bash, School/Alumni website and Excursions were discussed. Future programmes at Agra, Kolkata, Kanpur and other chapters were also discussed. Details regarding the participation in the Mumbai Marathon 2016 were shared with all. The Principal, Dr M.D. Saraswat addressed the gathering and raised some pertinent issues relating to Scindian traits and attributes, infrastructure funding by Scindians, and the need for greater discipline, all of which were applauded by everyone present.

Two Scindians who made us Proud

The glitterati descended to celebrate the biggest Bollywood annual celebration of the year on Friday 15th January at the 61st Filmfare Awards. Manmeet Singh and Harmeet Singh (Ex – JA, 1995) won the award for the Best Music in the film 'Roy'. It has placed them at the highest pedestal of fame and appreciation, especially since the recognition came against the much acclaimed composers in the same category such as A.R Rehman, Pritam, and Amit Trivedi. The two Brothers have been musicians and entrepreneurs for almost two decades based in Mumbai. It was the success of 'Baby Doll' from 'Ragini MMS 2' in 2014 and 'Chittiyan Kaliyaan' in 2015 that brought them into the limelight. Meet Brothers are forever grateful to The Scindia School, with special gratitude for the two music teachers who gave them their first lesson in music – Mrs Ahilya Shinde and Mr B.N. Chatterjee.



Meet Brothers at the Award Ceremony.

Scindians Participate in the Standard Chartered Mumbai Marathon 2016, hosted by the Mumbai SOBA - A Report

Ms Priyanka Agarwal

A team of 21 students along with three faculty members, namely, Mr Vishesh Sahai, Mr Naman Saraswat, and Ms Priyanka Agarwal along with the Director Alumni Relationship - Mr G.S. Bakshi represented the school in the Standard Chartered Mumbai Marathon on 17th January 2016. It is the largest marathon in Asia as well as the largest mass participation sporting event in the continent. Nine students ran the 6 km 'Dream Run', clad in the school's navy blue t-shirts embedded with the school logo. Twelve band boys played tunes to encourage the enthusiastic runners grabbing the attention of thousands of amateur athletes, Bollywood celebrities, sports personalities and business tycoons. The presence of the Principal, Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat, and some very senior Old Boys motivated the Scindian delegation.



Brass Band performing at the Mumbai Marathon.

and feast on scrumptious snacks, while they built sand castles.

The Marathon was a lesson in self-motivation, competitiveness, sportsmanship and a test of endurance. The aim was to create awareness about the school and display the talents of our boys in a media-rich forum. The preparation began well in advance at Gwalior, and the boys got into the spirit of the marathon on reaching Mumbai. It was fantastic to meet the other participants and feel their vibrant energy. The Scindia School aspires to participate in the marathon next year too, and keep the spirit and gusto alive; and most importantly, to keep The Scindia School flag flying high!



Scindians at the Mumbai Marathon.

In the evening, the team was treated to an extravaganza of music, food and interesting video clippings about the institute at the famous D' Bell lounge. The evening was entitled, 'Astachal'. They met eminent alumni like Anurag Kashyap, Manmeet and Harmeet Singh popularly known as the Meet Brothers and others who are well placed in various walks of life and missed no opportunity in getting photographed with these personalities. It was an evening full of fun and frolic where ex-students got to meet, greet and share ideas with the Principal which could help in the growth of the school.

The school contingent was hosted by Mumbai SOBA. They took it as another way to celebrate their success keeping in mind the cause that brought them together - The Scindia School. They left no stone unturned in extending warmth and hospitality to the school delegation. They were accommodated at The Emerald Hotel, a stone's throw away from the famous Juhu beach in the city. This gave the boys an opportunity to enjoy an evening stroll by the beach



Meet Brothers performing at the 'Astachal' in Mumbai.



Scindians singing the School Song at the 'Astachal'.



Old Boys of the Mumbai Chapter taking the guests through the evening, entitled - 'Astachal'.

FORT NEWS

The cold-wave eventually arrived in the 3rd week of January, but now continues unabated. Persistent foggy conditions have kept the sky obscure, affecting the road and rail traffic. Mercury is definitely plunging down the single digit. Rains along with chilly northerly and northwesterly winds have aggravated the wind chill factor. Yet, we are excited to welcome the migratory birds like the Green Pigeon, Grey Hornbill and Rufous Treepie in large numbers. Wild Geese can be seen in plenty at the Suraj Kund. Monkeys are making the view of the Shivaji Parapet captivating and a pair of Grey *Langurs* has also been spotted, basking in the winter sun on the Fort wall.

Eleven students participated in Jr. National Equestrian Championship held at National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla recently. Out of the eleven participants, Manas Yadav won a Gold medal, Ayush Singh won a Silver medal and a Bronze medal and Abhinav Gautam won one Bronze medal in the prestigious championship organized by the NDA and National Equestrian Association.

The Scindia School participated in the French Olympiad 2015, conducted by the Embrassy of France, New Delhi. After the School level examination, 10 students qualified for the National Level Examination and won medals in different categories.

Elementary Level

Advait Jain	Gold Medal
Dhanbahadur Karki	Bronze Medal
Adhish Sharma	Bronze Medal

Advanced Level

Shreyansh Agarwal	Gold Medal
Kshitij Bajaj	Bronze Medal
Alok Sharma	Bronze Medal

Proficiency Level

Chetan Bansal	Gold Medal
Keshav Agarwal	Silver Medal
Yatharth Garg	Silver Medal

Mriganka Ghosh and Yohen Thounaojam were selected as Student Ambassadors of Microsoft from The Scindia School after having to go through several gruelling Skype sessions. They were eventually invited to the Microsoft Office in Gurgaon for the Annual Student Ambassadors meet from 17th - 18th December 2015. They were escorted by the Dean of ICT - Mr R.K. Kapoor. Duo got the opportunity to drive projects, collaborate with students from around the world and initiate activities to transform learning experiences for themselves and their peers. They learnt about coding, computer science, new tools and opportunities in the gaming sector. They now have to prepare a proposal for a project which will be assessed by Microsoft. This project, if



Yohen and Mriganka at the Microsoft workshop.

approved, will last for 3 - 4 months and other students with similar aptitude in school will also be a part of the project.

The CBSE organized a training programme on "Challenging areas in English - Core XII", which was hosted by the Mayoora school - Ajmer on the 16th & 17th of December 2015. Dr (Mrs) M. Bishnoi and Mrs Puja Pant attended the programme and returned enriched with the latest updates.

The Scindia School hosted the third 'Swarnotsav' in the loving memory of Swarn Sadana (Ex DI, 2012), a music prodigy we lost in an unfortunate accident in 2010. 'Swarnotsav' is an Inter-school Music and Dance Competition in his memory. The chief guest on this occasion was Ms Rajshree Sawant, Principal, Gwalior Glory School High School. The overall positions are as follows:



Nitesh Thakuri in his elements on stage.

- I The Scindia School
- II Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan
- III Gwalior Glory High School

Since the host school does not compete in this competition, the overall trophy for 'Swarnotsav' 2016 went to Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan. The prizes were given away by the distinguished Chief Guest, Ms Rajshree Sawant. In the end, the Bursar, Col Sanjiv Kaushal presented a token of affection and respect to the Chief Guest.

A group of 11 students, namely, Shashikiran Gonugunta, Akash Phogat, Chidgan Prabhu, Shubham Agarwal, Dhruv Periwal, Saideep Kukreja, Varun Kapoor, Jai Sharma, Yajur Anand, Divyam Anandani and Arya Ladha were escorted by Mr Manoj Mishra and Mr Kamlesh Singh to attend the Jaipur Literary Festival from 21st - 23rd January 2016. The students interacted with eminent writers and personalities like Ruskin Bond, Stephen Fry, Javed Akhtar, Shashi Tharoor, Karan Johar, Shobha De and Kajol. The whole experience was enriching and despite the hectic schedule each one of them enjoyed the literary bliss.

On Tuesday, 26th January, school celebrated the 67th Republic Day with great patriotic fervour. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Mr Sanjiv Kathpalia (Ex-JA, 1968). After graduating from The Scindia School, he did his engineering from IIT Delhi and completed an MBA from IIM Kolkata. An Industry professional turned Investment banker, Mr Kathpalia is currently the Senior Advisor to the Republic of Turkey - Prime Minister's Investment Support & Promotion Agency. He was given a ceremonial welcome, and was escorted by the school Horse Riding Team up to the Madhav Field. The highlight of this year's Republic Day Parade was the contingent of the Batch of 1983 which was on the Fort for a reunion. In his address, Mr Kathpalia appreciated the Houses for the wonderful display of the March Past. He inspired the boys and said that an



Mr Sanjiv Kathpalia addressing the school.



At the Astachal.

entire undiscovered world lay ahead beckoning them to explore the unknown. He said that while today the internet has all the information, the teacher's role of character formation of the younger generation will never become obsolete. It is the character development in the formative years that will always be a motivating factor in life, impacting destiny. In the end, he recited, 'The Road Not Taken' by Robert Frost and used the poem as a metaphor to convey to the boys, that they should follow their hearts. After this ceremony, the students, faculty and guests gathered at the Astachal where rich floral tributes were paid at Gandhiji's statue by the honourable guests and a patriotic song was presented by the students as a tribute to the freedom fighters.

Mr Raman Tandon and Mr Rupen Chakravarty, the representatives of the Class of 1983, addressed the gathering. They expressed their gratitude for the school and said that they felt extremely proud to be Scindians. They acknowledged that the school taught them to fight, sometimes may be even to fall but eventually to always rise. After observing a minute's silence, a group

photograph of the Batch of 1983 was taken at the Astachal. This was followed by a sumptuous breakfast at the Principal's residence where the Old Boys, faculty and the guests had light conversations at leisure and revelled in the hospitality of the first lady of the Fort, Mrs Kanan Saraswat.

Later, in the afternoon, the Social Service League organized a sports extravaganza for the Shramjeevis (support staff) of the school. Their strength and athleticism was remarkable and the spirit, infectious.



Mr Sanjiv Kathpalia speaking to the Old Boys.



Shramjeevis playing Kabaddi.

The results of Junior Group Inter House Hindi Elocution are as follows :

House positions :

I Dattaji II Kanerkhed II Nimaji III Jankoji

Individual positions :

Prose :

I Aditya Parashar II Aarush Rajesh

Poetry :

I Sadanand Dube II Aditi Joshi

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