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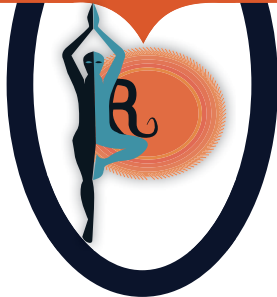
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EDITORIAL

Akash Jaini | Class of 2016



Hey guys it's going to be a long chat here on editorial after quite a while and if you don't enjoy this piece, forgive me for being a little rusty.

I suggest you take everything I say today with a pinch of salt considering it is April Fool's day. Make sure you keep this in mind throughout to avoid any unsuspecting pranks which you may fall victim to. Do make sure you plan every practical joke very meticulously, as everyone is prone to be subjected to something fishy today. Consider yourselves warned!

Moving on, we are recovering from the hangover of another enthusiastically celebrated event in school – Holi. The outgoing batch plays Holi with much fervour; a tradition wherein seniors leave behind a mark on everyone – both physical and an emotional one.

The joy of this colourful holiday however is somewhat dampened due to the most dreaded time of the academic year for a student - Exam time. While the junior classes wrapped up their exams around Holi, they are now eagerly awaiting their results in CGPA format whilst the 12th grade Board exams seem to stretch on forever. To add insult to injury, Warner Brothers have just released their comic book blockbuster movie – 'Batman vs Superman- the Dawn of Justice' on the 25th of March and try as much as we may, the thought of the 'Dark Knight' going head to head with the 'Man of Steel' seems to involuntarily take priority over academics in our subconscious.

Since we're talking about super heroes, the new Prefectorial team has been announced with Mriganka Ghosh of Review fame being appointed the Senior School Prefect for the year 2016 -17. I congratulate the entire team and wish them all the very best for the upcoming year.

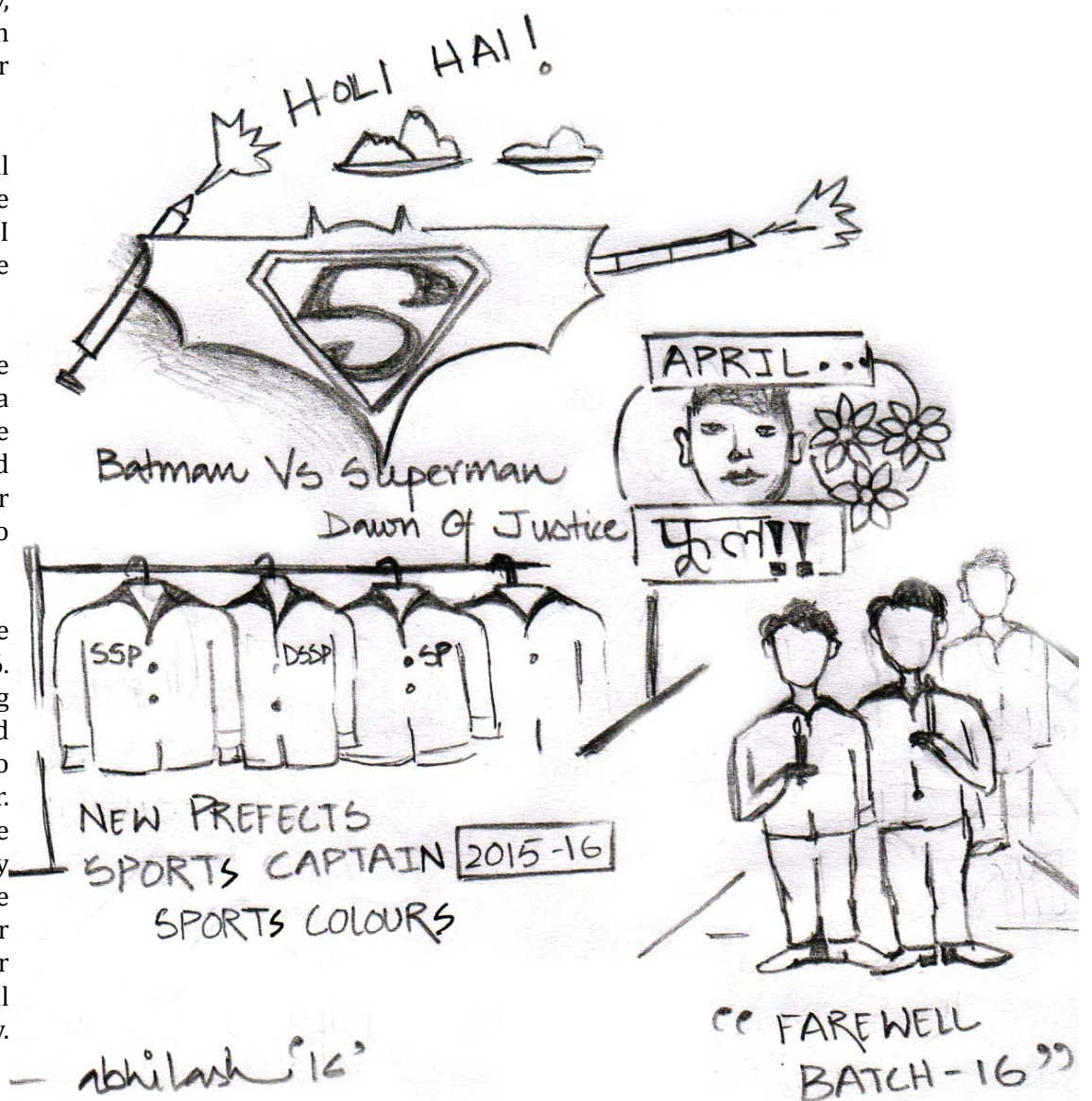
Moving on, I was recently (albeit a little late) appointed as the School Games Captain for the year 2015-16, which came as a surprise to everyone, including me. But I am glad that excellence and achievements in individual sports is now being recognized in school and the classification of sports as either major or minor sports is finally coming to an end in ways more than one. Thanks to the new Director of sports, Mr Naman Saraswat.

Now that I have covered everything else, I feel like it's finally time to address the elephant in the room - the graduating Batch of 2016. The other day Shantanu (Ex-Senior Editor) and I were discussing the former's peculiar habits whilst on a train, which I had noticed while travelling with him often; which he had reluctantly agreed to rectify and refrain from, the next time we travel on a train together. It hit us pretty hard that we may never travel together again. We will no longer go on a school Review outing or the Jaipur Literary Fest together. We will no longer prepare for an Inter-School debate together and we will no longer participate in school plays together etc. I will also never be able to play an IPSC squash tournament or work with a Scindia MUN committee. But most importantly, I will not get another opportunity to write an editorial for the Review. That is why I am trying to give this editorial my all.

I distinctly remember the first article of mine which was published in the Review. It was the same piece that I had written as a test for induction into the most powerful and influential media group on the Fort - 'The Scindia School Review'. The article was about the scientific possibility and pros and cons of cloning, which may not have been particularly enlightening, but was entertaining enough. And the Review, led by Ms Puja Pant then, took me under its wing. Much later when I became the Editor-in-Chief of the Review, I followed a very strict strategy of Shantanu polishing my work and I took all the credit! Regardless of how luxurious was the deadline given to me, I always began writing my articles a day before the submission date and this editorial is probably the only one that I have actually submitted in advance.

Anyway, I guess this reminiscent rant of mine will never end and I can imagine your impatience at attempting to go through all this. Hence, I would just like to conclude this editorial and with it my time here at Scindia by thanking the entire faculty and all the students and wishing them all the very best for the future.

I give all my best wishes to the Review and now I ask all my readers, for one last last time ever – 'Please read on...'





Career Guidance July 2015 - April 2016 (A chronological account)

Ms Divya Verma

School's robust Career Cell has taken several initiatives to provide the best possible career guidance to our students throughout the year. We present before you a list of the same.

July 3rd, 2015 (Career Fair): Representatives from Anglia Ruskin University, Queen's University, Northumbria University, Istituto Marangoni and University of Exeter visited the campus.

July 26th, 2015: A rep from NYU – AD, Ms Meenakshi Sharma who is the Regional Programme Manager - South Asia interacted with class XII students and guided them about the application procedure at NYU-AD.

August 24th, 2015: A rep from University of Westminster, Ms Anju Singh, Regional Advisor (South Asia) discussed SOP writing and other important aspects regarding foreign education.

October 4th, 2015: A rep from King's College London, Ms Shweta Jain who is the International Officer - India visited the campus. She discussed courses and scholarships offered by the University. Possibility of future collaborations was also explored.

October 8th, 2015: A rep from Ashoka University, Mr Narain visited the school and shared information regarding the liberal arts courses, scholarships and details regarding admission procedure.

October 9th, 2015: Reps from Swiss School for Hotel Management interacted with Class XII students and shared information regarding courses and scholarships offered by the University.

October 19th, 2015: Ms Priyal from S. P. Jain School of Global Management, Mumbai was on campus to share the details about their 4 year under graduate programme.

November 19th, 2015: Mriganka Ghosh, Prabhav Pachauri and Yashvardhan Bansal along with Ms Divya Verma attended the UK University education fair organized by SIUK in New Delhi.

December 3rd, 6th 2015: NYU AD Candidate Weekend was held at Abu Dhabi. Two students Sukanya Shukla and Akash Jaini were invited to attend the event. On December 16th - Akash got admission in NYU Abu Dhabi with full financial aid.

December 4th, 2015: A short session on the importance of 'Image Building' and its impact on the overall personality of a professional was conducted by Mrs Hanita Kaushal for class XII students.

December 10th, 2015: Reps from the NIIT University interacted with the Class XII students. They gave a presentation on courses, scholarships and placements.

December 15th, 2015: Engineering students from Atal Bihari Vajpayee

IITM College visited the campus and interacted with Class X students regarding the curriculum which an engineering student has to study and how one should prepare for it.

December 16th, 2015: SP Jain School of Global Management conducted its entrance and scholarship test on campus for their Undergraduate Business Programme. Later in the month of January skype interviews of interested class XII students were conducted.

December 19th, 2015: As part of the career guidance programme for Class X students, an Aptitude Test was conducted to help them make their subject choices / streams for the next academic year. This was followed by a one on one interview session in the month of February.

January 11th, 2016: Mr Prashant Dambhale of Queen's University - Belfast interacted with Class XII students. He talked about his University's scholarship scheme and application procedure.

February 11th, 2016: Dr Swarup Sinha, Principal ITC Hospitality Management Institute and Mr Vivek Khanna, Project Manager ITC Hospitality Management Institute was scheduled on February 11th. They interacted with Class XI and XII students and shared interesting details about the various programmes that they are running at their institute.

February 8th, 2016: Leadership Assessment Programme by Cogito Ventures. Class 11th students were administered the Birkman's test so that they can understand themselves better. The test reveals one's belief regarding authority, team work etc.

February 11th, 2016: Prof (Dr) C. Raj Kumar, Vice-chancellor O.P. Jindal Global University along with his team visited the campus. They interacted with students and shared details about the programmes offered by their University and announced five exclusive scholarships for Scindia students.

February 12/13, 2016: Visit of Cogito Ventures. Cogito partners with schools for their overall strategy, students' self-discovery, career orientation, teacher development and curriculum development. Cogito conducted diagnostic tests for Class X students and Focus Group discussions and one on one interaction with the faculty and the HODs of various departments.

February 18th – 21st : NYU AD visit. The NYU AD invited counsellors from all over the world to attend their candidate weekend. The visit gave an opportunity to understand the admission procedure and criteria of the University. The visit also helped in understanding the environment of the University and their expectations from the schools. School's counsellor, Ms Divya Verma attended the three day event.

March 12th, 2016 : First session of SAT training started. Students from classes IX to XII participated in the training.

OLD BOYS' NEWS

Dr Ranjit Chaudhary (Ex – MD, 1994), a practicing urologist from Bhopal, has proudly registered his name in the Limca Book of Records for laproscopically removing an 11x15 cm adrenal tumour from a patient. We congratulate him on this wonderful recognition.

Members of the SOBA Delhi Chapter met on 16th March 2016 at Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station and distributed three Wheelchairs to the station authorities as part of the ongoing 'Able the Disabled' initiative. Scindians Saumitro Sen, Nalin Mehta, Sanjay Bakaya, Anil Ghai and Rajnish R Kumar were among those present for the distribution.

In the second SOBIR programme, Mr Harvinder Singh Sodhi (Ex-RN, 1989) who once played for India – A team and is currently the coach of M.P. Ranji team spent time on the Fort sharing his expertise and experience with the boys from 23rd – 27th of March 2015. He worked particularly on developing basic cricketing skills, physical fitness and match-temperament of the players. An immediate result of his tutoring was a fantastic win against the visiting team from Bishops College – South Africa.



The finishing touches by Mr H.S. Sodhi.

Changing mores of Indian Women

Ms Priyanka Agarwal

On the occasion of International Women's day, I was inspired to pen my thoughts on 'The Changing mores of Indian Women'. Having been raised in a typical Indian patriarchal society, with my roots in Meghalaya – a state which follows a matriarchal lineage, I take pride in the fact that I have had a rather liberal upbringing having keenly observed the best and diverse nature of both the worlds. I have seen my grandmothers and mother leave their childhood home and make home and hearth in unfamiliar territories and situations, playing significant roles in decision making and becoming rightful beneficiaries of inheritance. Also, they have been peace makers and have ensured amicability in the household. Such women are undoubtedly an embodiment of selfless dedication and unflinching devotion - being devoted towards in-laws even after the demise of their spouses. On many occasions they suppressed their desires and remained silent in the face of adversity. They did not dare to reason, reject or deny what may have come their way. I have utmost respect for them for all that they did to hold the family together and am sure their parents were extremely proud of their daughters' achievements - that in the face of trying times and challenges, their girls nonetheless succeeded most often to be that ideal Daughter-in-law of India.

With the passing of time, the empowerment through education and increased awareness there has been a huge change in the mind-set of women today. This is reflected in the varied roles that a woman plays today. The modern woman has gathered courage to follow her dreams. She shows as much interest in

cooking, knitting, art and craft as in driving, hiking, skiing, sports and games. She loves to explore the world on her own; she travels the road less taken and is not afraid to accept new challenges. She no longer succumbs to impositions and superstitious beliefs of society without understanding or reasoning. She no longer chooses to marry a man without knowing him. The modern woman walks shoulder-to-shoulder with men at work and is juggling between homemaking and a career. So basically she has to multitask and wear different hats to suit every purpose and occasion. Thanks to science and technology, for giving her the opportunity of conveniently doing so.

There has been a paradigm shift on the roles of a woman. However, female infanticide, eve-teasing and ghastly crimes towards women are still prevalent and in the workplace, a woman's personal life is still pried on. It is time we collectively strive towards ensuring, that women are 'liberated' and 'empowered' in the true sense of the terms. She should be able to freely walk on the streets without any fear, freely choose not only her career but also her relationships, pursue her dreams without being burdened about fulfilling societal expectations and should be able to share platonic friendship with a man without being judged and scrutinised.

As women, let us seek inspiration from the first ever Indian batch of female fighter pilots; entrepreneurs like Indra Nooyi, sports women like Mary Kom and Saina Nehwal who have proved their mettle and exemplified the changing role of women.

I conclude with the words of the renowned American philanthropist, Oprah Winfrey whose TV shows have been a source of motivation, "The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate".

Annual House and Valedictory Assembly Report

Prabhav Pachauri | XII B

The Annual House Report Ceremony of the Senior Houses was held on Monday, 15th March at the SMOAT. The ceremony which is always held at the end of the term marks the sharing of the accomplishments of each House with the entire school community. One representative from each of the eight Houses read out the achievements of the individuals and teams that were accumulated through the course of the year. Prizes were awarded to outstanding scholars and sportsmen of each House.

This was followed by the Valedictory Assembly for the Batch of 2016. The assembly began with the Sanskrit and English prayer. Principal Dr MD Saraswat began the proceedings with the announcement of the new Prefectorial Board.

New Appointments

Senior School Prefect: Mriganka Ghosh
 Deputy Senior School Prefect: Aditya Banka and Mahendra Chhetri
 School Prefect- Jayaji: Satyam Malik
 School Prefect- Ranoji: Lakshit Sachdeva
 School Prefect- Jayappa: Arbin Das
 School Prefect- Daulat: Ayush Jain
 School Prefect- Madhav: Shashwat Puri
 School Prefect- Shivaji: Govind Kela
 School Prefect-Jeevaji: Suman Kr Singh
 School Prefect- Mahadji: Shivam

The new appointments will be on probation for a month and will be confirmed thereafter.

In his heartwarming farewell speech Dr M.D. Saraswat shared his warm and sometimes intense interactions with the outgoing Batch. He wished them luck and success in life and extended a welcome to them to visit the school as Old Boys. The OAT reverberated with the joyous tunes by the School Band as the Class XII students walked out with lighted candles. This is a ceremony symbolizing the carrying forth of the light of knowledge from within the portals of the school to the world outside. This was followed by a dinner at the Principal's residence for the students of the Batch of 2016, the newly



Carrying the light out of school to the world.

appointed prefects and the faculty. The students mingled freely with the teachers, clicking pictures and sharing several beautiful memories of their association. Just before the beautiful evening came to an end; Principal – Dr M.D. Saraswat and his wife Mrs Kanan Saraswat presented mementos to each student of the outgoing batch.

Long live Scindia! Long Live the Batch of 2016!



Dr and Mrs Saraswat presenting mementos to the Class of 2016.

FORT NEWS

Fort is full of colours these days, indicating that Holi continues endlessly. The Yellow colour of leaves fallen from the trees, reddish colour of new leaves, colourful flowers of bougainvillea, hibiscus, lantana, *semul*, *palaash*, *bela*, red and yellow *sirish* and few others are making the Fort colourful. Barbet, Babble, Drongo, Greater Coucal and Woodpecker can be spotted very easily on the fort.

EMPATHY BUILDING EXERCISE WITH JUNIOR SCHOOL

On 18th March 2016, A Life Skills workshop was conducted in the assembly hall for the students of Junior School by Ms Niharika Kulshreshtha. It started with giving handouts to the students on learning about empathy. The kids were asked to close their eyes for 2 minutes and imagine themselves to be in the 'shoes' of a stray dog, a river, a mountain, a poor child etc. and describe the feeling. Responses were elicited on a worksheet about how they could help. This was followed by screening of the movie, 'Front of the Class'. The movie is based on the true story of Brad Cohen played in the movie by James Wolk who after being challenged by Tourette's syndrome from a very young age, defies all odds to become a gifted teacher. Despite suffering from Tourette's syndrome, Brad Cohen (James Wolk) fulfills his lifelong dream of becoming a teacher in this touching production based on a true story that highlights this often misunderstood disorder. As Cohen grows up, he must face friends and classmates who don't realize that he sometimes cannot control his outbursts, and a father who seems unwilling to accept his son's condition. The movie kept the young kids spell-bound for 90 minutes.

School celebrated '*Holika Dahan*' on the 23rd of March. A wonderful musical programme followed the *Pooja*. There was a riot of colours the next morning i.e. on the 24th of March. Staff and students enjoyed playing Holi together along with sweets and *thandai*. Bright colours of eco-friendly *gulaal* filled the air at the Oval Field.

An Allahabad based educational firm, 'Logophilia' has been roped in to improve the standards of English language in the school. Logophilia conducts powerful English Vocabulary programmes, based on Etymology, to help learners see how words are made, and how they connect to each other. The programme was from 28th March to 1st April 2016.

Result of the Junior Inter-House Basketball tournament is as follows:

I Kanerkhed II Jankoji III Nimaji IV Dattaji

Best Player of the tournament: Aniruddh Tyagi

Result of Ramanujan Inter-House Competition for senior group is as follows. The competition saw students compete in several mathematic related activities.

These points are the combined score of all rounds.

Overall Senior House position :

I Madhav II Ranoji III Mahadji IV Jayappa
V Jeevaji VI Daulat VII Shivaji VIII Jayaji

Overall Junior House position :

I Dattaji II Jankoji III Kanerkhed IV Nimaji

On 25th March 2016, the Cricket team of Bishops College, South Africa visited the Fort and played an exciting match against The Scindia School. Scindia won the match by successfully chasing the target of 245 runs in 35 overs. A good start by Siddharth Raj who scored 53 runs off 28 balls, Akshay Bhargava's well-paced 50 runs, initial breakthrough by Arbin Das, all round performance of Ayush Agrawal and a wonderful last wicket partnership between Sourav Dinkar and Arbin Das led to our victory.



The two teams at the Madhav field.

The 21st Annual Sports Banquet was held on the 26th of March 2016 to recognize and motivate the students for their sporting excellence and achievements in the year 2015-16. Prof. Dilip Kumar Dureha, the Vice- Chancellor of LNIPE Gwalior graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

In his address to the students he spoke about the privileges and opportunities available to youngsters today and stressed on the need for discipline. He inspired the boys to dream big and have the courage to chase them. He also gave an open invitation to our boys to attend some of the best short-run sporting programmes which the University offers.



Prof. D.K. Dureha greeting sportsmen of the school.

OBITUARY

Scn. Sardar Sadashivrao Mahadik, Class of 1954 passed away on 22nd March 2016 at Gwalior. We pray to God that he gives strength to the bereaved family and friends to bear the loss.

Condolences may be sent to his son, Scn. Yashwant Mahadik.

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