

# REVIEW-17



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## FORT NEWS

The astronomical phenomena of the equinox is bearing down on us with soaring temperatures. This happens when the sun is directly above the earth's equator. Notwithstanding, the boys are keeping their nose on the grindstone and labouring hard towards a successful finish line, while teachers are busy correcting answer sheets of the examinees.

The activities on the school front continue and mark a fruitful ending to the academic year.

The result of the Inter-House March Past held on 26th January 2017 is as follows:

I Madhav	II Jayaji, Daulat & Shivaji	V Jayappa
VI Ranoji	VII Jeevaji	VIII Mahadji

16 boys participated in '21st Excellencia Horse Show' which was held from 25th-26th February 2017 at the Excellencia Equestrian Centre, New Delhi. The following boys bagged medals in the different categories mentioned below:-

- Yash Saharan won 2 Gold medals in Open Hacks & Show Jumping.
- Ayush Singh won a Gold medal in Show Jumping, a Silver medal in Show Jumping & Open Hacks.
- Abhinav Gautam won a Bronze medal in Junior Rider's Dressage and a Mini Bronze in Show Jumping.
- Somansh Girdhar won a Silver medal in Open Hacks.
- Yuvraj Bhatia won a Silver medal in Junior Rider's Dressage.
- Kritiya Mehra won a Silver medal in Beginner's Hacks.
- Jazbi Bazmi Yunus won a Silver medal in Beginner's Hacks (Cat-2).
- Aspandan Sharma won a Silver medal in Pole Bending & Bronze medal in Boot & Hacks.
- Aakash Kumar won a Bronze medal in Beginner's Hacks.
- Hiteshwar Sagar won a Mini Bronze medal in Equitation Class.

The Inter-House Table Tennis B Group Championship was held from 7th-9th March 2017. The results are as follows:

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

Best Player - Darpan Agarwal

Most Promising Players - Ansh Gupta and Hardik Sankhla

The Inter House Junior School Cricket Tournament 2016-17 was held from 7th-14th March 2017. The results are as follows:

I Kanerkhed	II Nimaji	III Jankoji	IV Dattaji
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Best Player of the tournament - Ravi Adiwasi

School celebrated *Holika Dahan* on 12th March 2017. A wonderful musical programme followed the Pooja. The spring festival ushered in joy and excitement with a myriad colours that Holi represents. The next morning, i.e. on 13th March 2017 students and faculty congregated at the Oval Field with good wishes and touches of *gulaal*. Our guests, Mr and Mrs Graham, Mr Josephine and Mr Sebastine from the U.K. joined the festivities with much gusto. The faculty then proceeded to Principal's residence and feasted on a delicious spread of delicacies.



Cultural celebration.

The 22nd Annual Sports Banquet was held on 16th March 2017 to recognize and motivate the students for their sporting excellence and achievements in the year 2016-17. 78 students who were awarded colours along with the Captains attended the banquet. Prof. Vivek Pandey, IC Registrar, Department of Exercise, Physiology at LNIPE Gwalior graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.



Sports Banquet.

He gave an inspiring and educative speech to students with regard to the importance of sports and games in our lives and congratulated the students on their achievements. Prof. Pandey also appreciated the futuristic infrastructure and opportunities given to students to excel in sports. The school Brass Band gave a spectacular performance before the guest.

'Shri P.M. Khar Prize' is awarded to the Best Science student of Class XII every year. The award is given to a student who excels in Academics and co-curricular activities related to Science throughout his tenure in school. Pulkit Sharma received the prize for this year.



## The Line of Action

*The International Women's Day has just rushed through and the state of the world has been marked by busyness with everyone talking about equal treatment for women. All said and done, we must first decide upon a line of action...*

*Women empowerment started in the west long before it came into our country, but historical circumstances and values in India have caused us to develop a sense of an empowered woman that completely differs from its western counterpart. Truly, the very idea of women as "powerful" is accommodated into our patriarchal culture, mostly through religion and that has provided women with traditional "personal-cultural spaces" in India. But the traditions and ways of Indian life put the male member of the family before the female, in terms of rights and powers. This line of thinking has been handed over from one generation to the next, in such a way that an Indian woman accepts the system effortlessly without even thinking about her rights as an individual. But how is the balance changing in between the patriarchy that we have witnessed for centuries and the demands of the Indian society today, in which girls are no longer limited to the four walls of the house? In our country which places more emphasis on the larger collective good and which often promotes the attitude of self denial for the common good, how do we decide the 'golden mean' that helps us to retain the good strands of patriarchy but which also allows breathing space for women in India? How can the age old system of patriarchal hierarchy be friends with women empowerment and take the country forward? We have ventured to explore the issue and many of our young students have shared their thoughts with us.*



Gender Equality is a term often confused with gender war. Gender war is an increasingly growing conflict among the two halves of a society. Even though men have dominated women for the past three centuries in India, it seems that in the past decade the women as a collective force and playing a variety of roles as a mother, sister or wife have started retaliating against the tenets of a patriarchal society, resulting in the birth of a movement for equality. Even then, we have to go a long way. People in today's times must understand that Gender Equality in its simplest terms is giving equal opportunities to people regardless of their gender. It has to be administered by the custodians of the society without making the women feel that it is a favour to them, so to speak because they can't fight for themselves and the men are doing it for them, in the name of Women Empowerment. There is a very fine line between equality and favoritism, which we need to maintain, especially in male dominant countries like India. The population must realize that all tasks can be done by all people, regardless of their gender, and that the same effort is required to be put in, by a man and a woman to fulfill the same task.

- Kabir Saund, XII A

Women, as we all know have been suppressed in many societies and geographical boundaries during the past centuries. There have been huge efforts made to change and alter the way women are perceived by the society and to change the stereotyped roles they have played. From the abolition of Sati to the ban on Child Marriage, from Reservations in government jobs to promotion of the Girl Child, all such practices have had a great and powerful impact on the Indian culture and society. While huge efforts like these and many more are made, there are still shameless incidents that prove and showcase the unclean and perverted mentality of a few fellow citizens. Such heinous actions make all the good efforts go down the drain. Yes, we have made amazingly huge efforts through hardships and struggles but looking back at what happens every day in our nation, they never seem to be enough. We need to do a lot more and have a long way to travel.

- Yohen Thouanojam, XII-A

In the current state of patriarchy, the now modern and so called "forward-thinking" society of today has still been unable to establish a gender equal society. A world where both men and women can perform whatever roles they want to and be given the same amount of respect they deserve. Unfortunately, this concept of gender equality is still quite a utopia, as female suppression is still practiced at large. The world in general is yet to understand that the only difference between a man and a woman is biological difference; apart from that the tasks performed by each can be interchangeable. Although the campaign for equality to women has picked up pace over the past years, it still needs all the support it can get, both morally and physically.

- Pavan Jaini XII-B

In this society, men go to work, earn their living, and are the head of the family, and women cook so it is emphasised that they are made for the hearth. Our society is consumed in this dogmatic belief. This society, which talks of equality-gender equality, is yet too far from achieving its goals. There are still women in the kitchen and men in their offices. To materialize this dream of building a gender equal society, we must first of all bring about a change in our thinking. Only then we can change the way the others think. Women are as capable of doing things as well as men are capable of, and as a young, male member of the society; I can safely and honestly say, maybe more. They just have to stand up and try for themselves. It's the belief, not only of the society towards them, but also their own beliefs about themselves and the other women around them, which hampers the progress of their effort.

- Eshaan Sarda X-A

The effect of Women Empowerment, is the most powerful shift in thought that we have ever brought our minds to understand- an understanding that all humans are equal, regardless of their gender; has created a sense of togetherness and equality among women. But the focus only on the woman going out of her home to support the family monetarily, has led to material advancement only. A certain kind of transformation in the ways of thinking is yet to be witnessed. It has been obvious and history has proved that empowering women has never been bad for the society but has changed the way it functions, turning every change into a step towards a more humane world.

- Shubham Agarwal X-D

My take on this issue is different. As there are two faces of a coin, similarly, there can be various arguments and reasoning within two broad sections. The patriarchal system definitely stands challenged in the modern, globalised world over the last two decades. Why? What happened that changed everybody's mind set and that too not only of men but also of women. Unlike everyone, my opinion states that it's the women who will have to walk an extra mile and struggle more to fulfill their vision and not asking men and the society to dilute their rules and stereotype their mind-set. Women have to prove their presence and justify their role. Patriarchy can prove to be either of the two, a curse or a boon according to its implementation and the struggle of women to gain equal leadership and status. So, I conclude with the submission to all that over the years, women have been more or less neglected and undermined but they fought back and faced the society and defended themselves. It's the same thing that the present day women have to follow. That I think would indirectly lead to enhance their status and respect at large.

- Dhruv Periwal, X A

## An Interview with Mr Shailesh Agarwal

Faculty - Commerce and Accountancy

*"The Teacher isn't a source of mere knowledge;  
 Neither is he a passive transmitter;  
 He frees the creative bird from the hedge,  
 And makes his students face their lives fitter."*

*(A Teacher: Dr A. Celestine Raj Manohar M.D.)*

Truly, a teacher makes life so easy to walk through. But the teacher himself is a product of the social and cultural milieu that surrounds him. When a young teacher walks into the world as a teacher, he makes some promises to himself and these agreements that he has with himself shape the line of action that he works at, for his students. Mr Shailesh Agarwal is one such teacher who has always looked forward towards his students with a vision in his heart. He has been a teacher for the past 18 years. In the Scindia School he has spent six eventful years of his teaching journey. At School, he has been a part of the Faculty of Commerce. He has been the House Master of Shivaji House since the year of 2016. Born and brought up in a humble background, Mr Agarwal was always focused on what he wanted to achieve in life. His early struggles in life moulded him into a humble human being and a good teacher. He is very well-connected with his students - former and present - and even the first batch of his students fondly remembers him. They keep contacting him for his advice and wisdom even after many years of his leaving the school. Students describe him as a teacher who is concentrated towards effective teaching to achieve results. He is down to earth and has strong convictions and beliefs. He feels that external attraction is ephemeral and therefore cannot influence his opinion. He is devoted towards his family and makes it sure to spend some quality time with them. His miraculous ability of being able to reach out to his students gives him the confidence of being a successful teacher. Mr Agarwal is taking a career turn and is going to join a new school in Dehradun as the HOD of Commerce Department. We wish him success and happiness in his forthcoming endeavour!

Mr Agarwal has shared his views during an interview with the Review Correspondent.

**• Greatest pleasure in life?**

Spending quality time with my family.

**• What would you never go without?**

A Wallet.

**• Last thing you do before going to sleep?**

Thanking God for the day.

**• First thing you do after getting up?**

Drinking a glass of lukewarm water.

**• Craziest thing you have ever done?**

I went to watch a movie when I was in Class XI without informing my parent.

**• One thing you always have with you?**

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**• Your life long desire/wish?**

To be recognised as a good teacher.

**• Your favourite student/any batch that you may have been particularly fond of?**

I have no favourite student or batches. All are students are equal for me.

**• Your favourite place on the Fort? Why?**

The Teachers' Resource Centre or what is commonly called by us as the TRC. It is a place to relax the mind and also talk with other teachers regarding various issues.

**• What is your dream destination?**

Kailash Mansarovar.

**• Your biggest learning from school.**

My take away from the school is that education should have an all-round development as its goal and not aim at shaping academic leanings only.

**• Who according to you is the most dashing teacher?**

A teacher who is able to figure out the correct level on which his students are at a given point of time and then connect with them accordingly, in order to raise their level of understanding.

**• Any personal achievement that you are very proud of?**

Qualified the State Lecturer's Eligibility Test.

**• Something that very few people know about you.**

I was a successful businessman before I entered the teaching profession. I still have inclination towards business and it helps me during my teaching when I furnish practical examples to the students.

**• One thing that you wish to change in school.**

I wish that students cultivate the habit of becoming active listeners and critical thinkers in the class rather than passive receivers of information supplied by the teacher.

**• Your motto in life.**

Be yourself. Do not change yourself blindly to follow someone.

**• What nick name have the students kept for you? What is the origin of this name?**

*Maneki*, which in English means "Let us assume..." I use this word frequently in my conversation because of my Bengali background.

**• Is there any proverb that defines your personality?**

There is no gain without pain.

**• What was that one thing that you did which you should not have done as a teacher of the Scindia School?**

Nothing to the best of my knowledge.

**• What is your idea of an ideal student?**

One who knows how to utilize his/her time efficiently.

**• Have you ever been partial to a student?**

I have never been partial to any student to the best of my knowledge.

**• What is that one trait that you think is unique in Scindian students?**

The amount of hard work they can put in for the preparation of the exam.

**• How do you think the batch of students have changed with time during your stay in Scindia?**

The focus of students has changed.

**• What sport do you enjoy playing/witnessing the most?**

I enjoy watching a cricket match but I don't know all the rules of the game.

**• Which is the best time of the academic year for you?**

Beginning of the academic year - July to December

**• Close your eyes. Which place of the campus or fort do you see first? What significance does this place have for you?**

My first residence was near the old Daulat House. It is significant for me because I arrived on the Fort on the night of December 1st and it was dark and cold. That night I thought I would run away the next morning, but the natural beauty of the Fort captivated me and I stayed on.



Mr Shailesh Agarwal.

## परोपकार

राजेश जनार्दन कमाने | पूर्व छात्र, 1986

(एक सत्य घटना पर आधारित)

एक सज्जन एक दिन सूटकेस सुधरवाने बाज़ार में पैदल जा रहे थे। वो अपनी धुन में थे, विचारों में मग्न। सूटकेस की दुकान के पास पहुँच कर वे अंदर प्रवेश करने ही वाले थे कि अचानक उन्हें दूर कहीं से, किसी माँगने वाले की करुण आवाज़ सुनाई दी। उसे सुनते ही उनके पाँव अनायास वहीं ठिठक गए। वे कुछ देने की इच्छा से, उस माँगने वाले के निकट आने का इंतज़ार करने लगे। जब वह माँगने वाला पास आया तो उन्होंने जब में से 10 रुपये का नोट निकाल कर उसकी ओर बढ़ा दिया। माँगने वाला, भगवान तेरा भला करे कहते हुए और उन्हें आशीर्वाद देकर चला गया। यह सारा वाक्या सूटकेस दुकानदार ने अपने काऊन्टर से देखा।

वो सज्जन जब दुकान के अंदर गए तो दुकानदार ने उनसे सहज ही पूछ लिया कि आपने उस माँगने वाले को 10 रुपये का नोट क्यों दिया? इस पर वो सज्जन बोले मालिक का रहम है और अपना करम है। उनका यह जवाब सुनते ही दुकानदार बोला, भाई साहब बैठिए, आपका परोपकार देख कर मुझे एक पुरानी घटना याद आ गई है। फिर दुकानदार उन्हें बताने लगा कि बहुत समय पहले एक फकीर ऐसे ही माँगते-माँगते उनकी दुकान पर आया था और उन्होंने उसे 5 रुपये का नोट दिया था। फकीर ने उन्हें दुआएँ दी और मिले हुए पैसे अपनी झोली में रख ही रहा था इतने में उसने देखा कि पीछे से एक अपाहिज लंगड़ा माँगता हुआ चला आ रहा है। दुकानदार ने आगे बताया कि उस फकीर ने वो 5 रुपये तो अपनी झोली में रख लिए और झोली में से 10 रुपये का

## OLD BOYS' NEWS

The legendary radio announcer Mr Ameen Sayani (Ex - Ja, 1950) was interviewed at the AIR Nagpur's Vividh Bharti Kendra on 20/03/2017 in the 'Good Morning Nagpur' programme. He shared interesting anecdotes and life-changing experiences from his early life with the people of Nagpur. Mr A Sayani received the Madhav Award in 1985 and was conferred the Padmashree Award in 2009.

Mr Ajay Poonia (Ex-Sh, 2006) the Quizmaster for our Platinum Jubilee Memorial Quiz since 2009 is hosting the CBSE Heritage India Quiz. It is a national level Inter-School quiz in its 16th year with participation from all across the country. The show is telecast every Saturday at 4.30 p.m. and is repeated on Sunday at 10.30 a.m. on History TV 18. He also has a widely popular quiz app on play store and app store called QuizDesi. You may please download it from www.quizdesi.in

नोट निकाल कर उस अपाहिज लंगड़े को दे दिया। मैं अवाक रह गया और एकटक उस फकीर को देखने लगा। हिम्मत जुटाते हुए मैंने उससे पूछा- ए फकीर! तुम भी माँग कर गुजारा कर रहे हो और मैंने तो तुम्हें केवल 5 रुपये ही दिए और तुमने उस लंगड़े को 10 रुपये दे दिए। वह बोला, मेरे पास मालिक का दिया सब कुछ है। अल्लाह ने मुझे दो हाथ, दो पैर और दो आँखें दी हैं और उनकी बरकत से ये सभी सलामत हैं। मैं तो दो पैसे ज्यादा कमा सकता हूँ पर वह बेचारा तो अपाहिज और लंगड़ा है। इतना कह कर वो फकीर अपने रास्ते चल पड़ा। उस फकीर की परोपकार भावना देख मैं आश्चर्यचकित रह गया और निरुत्तर उसे जाता हुआ देखता रहा। यह घटना सुना कर दुकानदार ने उस सज्जन से कहा, आज आपके वाक्य ने फिर उस परोपकारी फकीर की याद दिला दी और इतना कह कर, दुकानदार आँखों से चश्मा हटा कर रूमाल से अपने आँसू पोछने लगा....।

## सिलसिला

विश्वजीत सिंह | कक्षा 10 डी

ना है यह सिलसिला भूख का,  
ना है यह सिलसिला प्यास का,  
यह सिलसिला किसी और का नहीं,  
यह सिलसिला है मुट्ठी भर अनाज़ का।

भीषण गर्मी में,  
तपती धरती पर,  
इंतजार कर रहा था आपका,  
मेरी हालत देख कर,  
कोई मेरी मदद नहीं करेगा,  
ऊपर वाला भी यह था जानता।

यह सिलसिला किसी और चीज़ का नहीं,  
यह सिलसिला है मुट्ठी भर अनाज़ का।

लोगों की ऐसी मानसिकता पर भी  
अफसोस था,  
एक लाचार, भिखारी की नहीं,  
अपने पालतू जानवर को भरपेट खाना  
खिलाना रोज़ था,  
एक बेसहारा आदमी को नहीं,  
मंदिर के एक पुतले पर अन्न का  
भोग चढ़ाना भी रोज़ था।

ऐसा व्यक्ति जो नसीब से लाचार था,  
वो तो बस! दुनिया पर एक बोझ था।

यह सिलसिला किसी और चीज़ का नहीं,  
यह सिलसिला है मुट्ठी भर अनाज़ का।

अपने परिवार को खुश रखना,  
उनकी छोटी-बड़ी जरूरतें पूरी करना।

अब तो बस वह एक ख़्वाब था,  
एक हादसे ने सब कुछ छीन लिया,  
पर ये तो खुदा का एक तरीका नायाब था।

दूर एक व्यक्ति चल कर आ रहा,  
देखने में तो वह नवाब था।

मदद की माँग ना करने पर उसे लगा,  
ये ज़िदगी का खेल नहीं बस एक मज़ाक था।

शायद भगवान ने दिया था मुझे,  
मेरे पहले जन्म के दुष्कर्मों का जवाब था।

यह सिलसिला किसी और चीज़ का नहीं  
यह सिलसिला है मुट्ठी भर अनाज़ का।

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