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## EDITORIAL

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Dear Readers,

We wish you a very happy 71st Independence Day!

The cards have turned, as the new Editorial Board has been formed. First of all, I would like to congratulate the former Editorial Board for their innumerable contributions to The Review. I'm humbled to take over as the Editor-in-Chief for this academic year. We are privileged to be a part of the 'REVIEW' which is one of the long lasting legacies of excellence of The Scindia School. We plan to include more thought-provoking writings and random opinions on thought-provoking topics from both teachers and students. We have planned to make The Review more intense, interesting and appealing as we cater to a wide reading circle.

Everyone enjoyed the energetic Soccer Season as the Inter-House Soccer matches concluded. Students have returned from the Raksha Bandhan break, all fresh and excited for the eventful month, which has been scheduled with a lot of activities. The Science Fest was a great learning experience for us as we worked together and understood the concept of 'Save and Sustain' – the key note in the Fest. Everyone is relentlessly working for their respective activity and event to have a novel learning experience. The community has collectively decided to make the Morning Assembly more meaningful and hence, we have decided to invite both teachers and students to the podium to share their

suggestions, and involve everyone in the process of revivification.

Patriotic feelings are soaring in me for the Independence Day is on the 15th. It gives me a profound feeling of being the descendants of a race of chivalrous people who courageously fought for rights and integrity; the fact that they never did it for themselves but the multitudinous posterity which was to follow. Our history has a lot to offer us, in the way of spiritual learning, valour, and life skills. One should inculcate the rare values put forward by great thinkers of our nation. However, I must add that it gives me a sense of 'looking within' by every individual who is a part of this land, to look into oneself and decide whether we are moving towards the India of our dreams.

To conclude, I quote the lines of Martin Luther King, Jr. -

"We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies."

Thank you !

Jai Hind



## Welcome Aboard

Dr Anuja Verma (Ex Major, Army Medical Corps), has recently joined us as the Resident Medical Officer. Dr Anuja Verma is an MBBS from the Armed Forces Medical College, Pune, and has a total experience of around 25 years. Her last assignment was with Tata Motors Hospital, Jamshedpur as the Registrar, Medicine. Email ID: doctor@scindia.edu, Mobile - 9431110595, 9304015049.

Mr Sunil Malhan has joined us as Maintenance Manager. He has a degree in Electrical Engineering and has a rich experience of around 25 years in Administration and Infrastructure Management. His last assignment was with DLF Homes Limited as the Head of Maintenance.

Mr Luv Swami has joined us as Site Engineer. He is an Old Boy of the School and has a degree in Civil Engineering.

Mr Shailendra Singh and Mr Prabal Pratap Singh have joined us as Resident Coaches. Mr Shailendra Singh is a Post Graduate in Physical Education from LNIPE Gwalior with expertise in Basketball. Mr Prabal Singh is a Post Graduate in Physical Education from LNIPE Gwalior with expertise in Basketball.

We wish that they have a fruitful tenure in the School.

# FORT NEWS

After a typically dry season with few showers of rain in between; the month of August saw itself drenched in rain, for quite a few times. The lush green grass that covers many places on the Fort, decked with wild flowers, attracts the eye. The incessant chirping of birds can be heard from the morning to long after twilight.

The House Positions for the Inter-House Group A Soccer Tournament 2017-18, played from 15th July 2017 to 26th July 2017 are as follows:

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

The House Positions for the Inter-House B Group Soccer Tournament are as follows:

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



Ranoji House receiving the Trophy.

The Overall Results of the Inter House Soccer Tournament 2017-18 are as follows:

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

Project Aawaaz and Debater's Diary organised India's first Indian National Debate Championship in association with the Ministry of Human Resource Development and Debating Society of India. The debate was held from 20th to 22nd Of July 2017. Saksham Goel, Shubhmanyu Lahiri, Shubham Agarwal and Utkarsh participated in the same. They were escorted by Ms Kirti Srivastava.

'I Can Conference', a co-curricular activity aimed at the development of life skills and soft skills was held in the School on the 29th and 30th July 2017. A brief report on the same is attached for you to read.

The result of the Dr Tarachand Memorial Hindi Essay Writing Contest is as follows:

*Middle Group:*

I Shivansh Bansal (class 9)  
II Aditya Parashar (class 10),  
III Aditi Joshi (class 9),

*Junior Group:*

I Pratik Garg (class 8)  
II Gaurav Mehra (class 7),  
III Jayant Gupta (class 7)

Arya Laddha, Shivansh Bansal and Hriday Soni participated in the Neerja Modi Debate, Jaipur, from the 2nd to 5th August 2017. They were escorted by Ms Priyanka Sharma.

Aryan Nagpal, Shubhamanyu Lahiri and Ananya Srivastava participated in the Debate Competition while Eeshan Agarwal, Shishir Pandey and Chirag Rathi participated in the Quiz programme at the "Landmark Knowledge Conclave" organised by the Genesis Global School, Noida. The event consisted of two categories- a Debate Competition and a Quiz Competition. The event was conducted on 3rd and 4th August 2017. The school team members were escorted by Mr Somarajan K.S.

The Final round of the Senior Group Inter- House English debate was held on



Into eloquent expression.

5th of August 2017. The House Positions are as follows:

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

*Best speaker* – Yohen Thounajaom *Second Best Speaker*- Pavan Jaini

Pavan Jaini, Mani Maloo and Jai Chahar participated in the IPSC Squash Championship held at Mayo College, Ajmer from the 8th August 2017 to 11th August 2017. They were escorted by Mr Chandan Baitha.

Gatik Bhonwal, Irish Rohra, Arnav Gupta, Sundaram Malik, Pulkit Kumar, Anant Narayan Rai, Yajur Bharadwaj, Kushagra Patwari and Diwakar Chaudhary participated in the Gwalior District Tennis Tournament 2017- 18 from the 9th of August to 11th of August at GDCA, Gwalior. They were escorted by Mr Jitendra Chauhan.

Shlok Sonthalia, Abhey Khanna, Vansh Parswani, Parth Bansal, Ansh Gupta, Krishnam Purwar, Hardik Sankhla, Darpan Agarwal, Gaurang Mahendru, Prateek Parihar, Yash Makhija and Samarth Kalra participated in the IPSC Table Tennis Tournament held at Pestle Weed College, Dehradun from the 10th August to 13th August 2017. They were escorted by Mr Sarang Tomar.

In order to improve the quality of life of faculty and staff on the campus three unprecedented measures have been taken up. First, the School Fitness Centre will remain open for faculty, staff and their family members after the regular Sports hours of the students, from 05:45 -06:45 p.m. from Mondays

to Saturdays w.e.f. 8th August 2017. An expert trainer/Coach will also be available in the gymnasium for guidance and to plan for health and fitness work out of the staff. As the second measure, the School Library witnessed a fresh arrival of books for the professional development of the teachers on the Fort. As the third welfare measure, the School Management announced the opening of a Convenience Store on 4th August 2017. This new venture shall provide the much-needed help, to the faculty and staff. The store shall initially be offering grocery and vegetables, and shall be taken to the next level after seeing the response and feedback from the residents. The venue for the same is the Administration Line (Behind Teli Mandir). The timing will be – 6 to 7 in the morning, and further 4 to 7 in the evening.

Mr Rajendra Sharma escorted the School team for the 24th All India Inter Public Schools' Cultural Festival of Art, Music, Dance and Literary Skills at the Jindal Art Festival "ABHIVYAKTI" at Vidya Devi Jindal School, Hissar, which was held from 7th August 2017 to 8th August 2017. The following students participated in the fest - Harshil Ashok, Kaldenla Bhutia, Abhinav Gautam, Sonam Bhutia, Chidghan Prabhu, Eeshan Sarda, Satya Prakash, Rohan Jain, Yash Yadav, Kushal Konsam, Ishan Gangwani, Yuvraj Singh Solanki, Aditya Rathore, Sunil Kumar, and Chleopus Limboo. The following students received awards in the respective events – Chleopus Limboo- I in Wood Carving, Chidghan Prabhu- I in Hindi Essay Writing, Sunil kumar and Aditya Rathore - II in Clay Modelling, Rohan Jain- II in Card Making, Harshil Ashok –II in Sitar Performance.

The 55th Madhya Pradesh State Senior Open Chess Championship 2017 was held at Sarojini Naidu Girls' School, Bhopal from 2nd August 2017 to 5th August 2017. Prashant Agarwal, Vansh Sethi, Harsh Bansal, Mohit Umraiya, Daksh Gupta, Yash Singh, Utsav Jain, Arya Adhikari, Pratham Gupta and Prateek Parihar participated in the same. They were escorted by Mr Sachin Kumar.

## A Memorabilia from the pages of the The Scindia School Review August 15, 1986

*From the pen of an adventure enthusiast pure passion speaks.....*

### A 'Pindaric' Experience

Late Mr Anirudh Sharma

The October Mid –term breaks have always been enjoyable and adventurous, with most of the groups of boys moving in to the mountains of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award treks. But a welcome change was this summer's trek to Pindari Glacier. Most glaciated valleys were beautiful in their own icy way, but none can have a more beautiful approach than the Pindari valley- not just from the mountains within- but from the plains itself, which are hot and arid during the summer months. The expedition for us began from the city of the Taj, Agra, on the 1st of May, 1986.

Most journeys, whether by train or bus, are rather uncomfortable in an overcrowded bus groaning and snaking its way into the mountains, with your stomach churning, as is the case with most first timers, which majority of the group was, one is glad when the ordeal is over. Having moved through some of the most beautiful hill towns like Almora, where we had a night halt, Kausani, Bageshwar we finally reached Kapkote (Bharari) but then no hill station ever had the charms that the treks into the interior of the Himalayas have. No hill station with all its "malls" can ever over-shadow the beauty of the interior villages with their bridal paths.

Bharari is a small township at the banks of the river Sarju. The people are kind, simple and generous although in the past decades their migration to other parts of the country has made them less simple. Owing to their magnanimity the ancients called them 'Danpuris'.

The trek from Bharari to 'Song' (14 km) was a good warm-up for the final three-kilometre climb to Loharkhet. There is a bus service now from Bharari to Song. This is the only stretch which is boring and lacking in splendor owing to

Shubham Agarwal, Kushagra Patwari, Shashikiran, Lav Asrani, Vedant Bansal, Rhythm Kukreja, Sonam Lepcha, and Rishikant Yadav participated in Commemorative Programmes held at Welham Girls' School, Dehradun from the 2nd August to 6th August 2017. They were escorted by Mr Jagdish Joshi.

Yohen Thounajaom, Keshav Sarawgi, Madhav Agarwal and Aadya Mishra along with Ms Puja Pant attended the Young Leaders' Conclave at Modern School, Vasant Vihar from the 7th August 2017 to 12th August 2017.

The School hosted the Science Fest from the 10th to 12th of August 2017. A brief report on the same is attached for you to read.

The School's Under -14 Soccer team participated in IPSC Soccer Tournament organised by Miles Bronson School Guwahati from 17th to 21st July. Adhish Sharma, Prashant Singh and Brijraj Pratap Singh have been selected for SGFI Nationals. Adhish Sharma won the Best Goalkeeper Award in the same.

Divij Agarwal, Vivek Pratap Singh Mavai, Varun Kapoor, Gaurav Agrawal and Abhinav Yadav participated in SGFI National Archery Competition held in Emerald Heights School, Indore in April.

Three students of our school participated in Open National Martial Art Competition held in Shimla and won medals: Akash Phogat won the silver medal; Sunil Kumar won the silver medal and Adarsh Tulsian won the bronze medal.

Representatives of the following U.K. Universities visited the School on the 11th of August 2017 and interacted with the boys of Class XI and XII. The Universities are-Queen's Mary University of London, University of Sheffield, Middlesex University, Anglia Ruskin University and Teesside University.

the obvious interference by man. River Sarju with its lulling cadence provides company before the climb to Loharkhet starts. Most of the boys were green horns as far trekking was concerned, barring Rajiv Mehrotra, who had already been on the Dod Tali trek with me and proved to be a strong trekker. Their speed for the first day wasn't surprising: most first timers are rather quick on the move, especially when it is a level stretch. I was only waiting for 'Song' from where it is a steady climb for 3 kilometers. As I had believed, it did not take the wind out of them. One lesson the climb to Loharkhet did give them; besides sores and muscle pulls, was the knowledge that level stretches did not last long in the mountains, only level-headed trekkers do.

Loharkhet was a very enjoyable halt and towards the evening we moved around a bit to sit near a purling stream and took in the pleasures of a first night out in the wilds. The morrow saw us after a good night's rest, on our way to the Dhakuri, a stretch of 11 kilometers, the toughest in my opinion. The trek would go on till eternity before one gets a glimpse of the rest house meadow called Dhakuri. It is also one of the most beautiful stretches with the mountainside truly wrapped in greenery and the ridges flanked by pink, mauve and red rhododendrons. But the most fascinating sight still awaits the trekkers, provided it is not a cloudy day: the sighting of the complete mountain range which stretches from left to right to the Pindari Valley and is viewable only from the pass above Dhakuri. All along the eleven kilometers to Dhakuri there is a dense forest. With its streams and rivulets it is a stretch which cannot be covered or should not be covered without stopping as many times as one would wish. Ultimately, all this is forgotten to get a look at the elusive Dhakuri. Dhakuri can be seen from the same pass from where one beholds the mountain ranges on a clear day, but at the pass lies the irony: now it is not Dhakuri which you are looking down at, but right across and over it the range of mountains I spoke of earlier. We were lucky to get a clear look at the range due to favorable weather conditions and spent almost an hour at the pass, no longer eager to go to Dhakuri.

It is not surprising why the ancients held nature in awe, symbolized and associated every phenomenon with the Gods who were supposed to have their homes on those lofty peaks, shielded by a cloudy veil. It is only after the scientific development and knowledge in the recent centuries, that man has overcome this fear and been attracted by the mountains. In countries like England and other European nations it took poets like Wordsworth, Burns

and many others, to bring Nature closer to man. Even our own Vedic literature has hymns glorifying Nature, but the strain is of respect and awe. The locals, the rustics even to this day associate the peaks and river valleys with gods, goddesses and other supernatural beings. The essence of trekking lies in not only just looking but 'seeing'; if you just look then you will miss what you should have actually seen.

The Trek beyond Khat, a wonderful hamlet on the banks of the river Pindari which has its source in the Pindari Valley, is far more beautiful than one can imagine. As we walk above the roaring of the Pindari river, interspersed with bird calls amidst thick vegetation, the eagerness to get to Dwali, the last stop before moving into the Pindari Valley may make one averse to the actual beauty of the trek. Although the very sight of the Pindar flowing parallel to your path, after a certain point, is enough to make people stop and vault over huge, slippery boulders to sit in the middle of the river and spend some moments there to get the feel of the fresh icy breeze and the sting of the spraying water.

Dwali was a refreshing halt, with the peaks of the Kafni Glacier in sight on the right and the path leading to the Pindari Valley on the left. It was also time for us to finalize our plans for the final stretch. We were to encounter a few avalanches outside Dwali and the groups that had already been unsuccessful were firm in maintaining that it would be impossible to go beyond Phurkia; the zero point lay far beyond. The weather this summer had been rather inclement with numerous rain and hail storms which had not allowed the snow to melt; in fact it had become firm and hard, which meant proper mountaineering shoes and equipment. However the spirit of adventure gives birth to courage and shuns fear and overcomes indecision; no wonder the foremost mountaineering institution in our country has its motto "Success lies in courage".

We went across seven avalanches of various sizes with considerable ease and reach for Phurkiya. So far so good; boys had shown great determination throughout the traverse over the avalanches. As we stood at the edge of the vast spread of hard white, undecided whether to break the ice of that untrodden obstacle or to the turn around. We had already been on the road for three hours since five-thirty in the morning, so we decided to give it a try. Footholds were cut into the hard snow and with short, measured and ponderous strides we inched our way across, in single file. The end was pure heaven and ecstasy. The walk was now a long romance with the snow; it was no longer an obstacle or adversary, no longer cold, hard and firm but warmer and softer than an eider-down in a wintry bed.

Thenceforth, it was steady advance into the heart of the Pindari valley, a virtual cul-de-sac, with towering ridges on either side, like the walls of Illium and the Citadels of peaks like the Nanda Kot, Nanda Devi east, Baljuri in front. The valley with all its snow was the most beautiful that all of us had ever seen and it was no great task reaching 'zero point' officially regarded as last point of the trek. A prayer on an engraved stone embedded in the ground read "Jai Jai Janani Jai Jai Maa Pranam". Sitting at this point it was difficult restraining ones impulse to finish off as many roles of snapshots as possible. The feeling of elation was so profound that it defies description, a feeling too personal and too spiritual to be penned.

The walk back to Dwali was something like walking back from the school building to the dining hall after classes. No longer was there the fear of the avalanches. The trek finally came to an end at Bharari, but the worst was still ahead of us, the journey back home.

At this point it is not only right to congratulate the boys for having showed such courage, enthusiasm and determination. Amit Kumar, Sandeep Rateja, Lokesh Agarwal, Rajiv Mehrotra, my not get another opportunity to be together like this again; for Rajeev Bhalla and Sandeep Kapoor, the flower collecting exercise with me may not fall in their lap again; for Sourabh Swaroop, I pray for better company on the road other than a lonely winding path and the sounds of insects in the dense undergrowth. Nevertheless I surely do not want to miss this uncomplaining boy who besides his own weight had to carry a loaded rucksack and it was his ability to make people laugh in the worst moments which made this trek even more enjoyable and successful. Thanks fellows for a lovely summer!



Late Mr Anirudh Sharma (First from the left).

*"yad yad acarati sresthas  
tat tad evetaro janah  
sa yat pramanam kurute  
lokas tad anuvartate"*

*Whatever action is performed by a great man, common men follow in his footsteps. And whatever standards he sets by exemplary acts, all the world pursues.*

*(Bhagvad Gita Chapter 3: Karma-yoga TEXT 21)*

*Dear Readers*

*I know that I should have put this block of writing in the start, but I wanted you to take an unguided plunge into the written piece and know the man as he was, through his words. As the Executive Editor of the Review, I decided to take a peek into what holds this hallowed institution together and who were those who cast their imprints on the sands of time; what were they made of; those who left such stark impressions that they have resonated in the hearts of the students and colleagues alike, a perennial flow of emotions not changed by the haze of time. It was divine intervention, perhaps, that I thought I would republish his article, and later I found out that Mr Anirudh Sharma passed away in 2007. I was trying to write on him nearly ten years after he bid us goodbye for his journey into eternity. Mr A.N. Dar, Former Principal of the School writes for him, "He was a graceful swimmer, like an attractive fish. We have lost a school master of high potential. But for him, I would have never been able to introduce rafting in Scindia." Mr U.C. Bharadwaj, HOD English and Former Housemaster of Jayaji House writes, "Andy was a good teacher, a lovable friend and a great sportsman. He was fond of reading, trekking, mountaineering, rafting, gardening, football and squash." "In addition to his hair raising adventures with cobras and pythons, he was an indomitable personality", to quote Mr Alok Virmani, Former Housemaster of Jayaji House. Such was the footprint of a great Scindian who called himself a Mayonite but whose love for Scindia was unconditional. The School instituted an award in memory of the Late Mr Anirudh Sharma for excellence in Adventure Sports in April, 2011. The award is conferred on the student who participates in the maximum number of adventure activities during his stay in School.*



Late Mr Anirudh Sharma (Third from the left).

## A Report on Science Fest 2017

Review Correspondent

The Scindia School hosted the Science Fest 2017 from the 10th of August to 12th August 2017. The Opening Ceremony for the same was held in the Assembly Hall of the School on the 10th of August 2017. The Senior School Prefect, Snehil Tripathi welcomed the gathering and explained that the purpose of the Fest was “to take science out of the Labs into the corridors”. The Fest will give an immense opportunity to students to explore the field of Science and encourage young people to study science, enhance the awareness and understand the impact that science has on our lives in terms of economics and environmental disasters. 11 schools are participating in the Fest. The lighting of the lamp was done by the Principal, Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat, Bursar (Retd.) Wing Commander Vivek Saxena, Dean of Discipline and Welfare, Dr B.S. Bhakuni and the Director of Sports, Mr Naman Saraswat. The Principal addressed the gathering and formally welcomed them and declared the Fest open with a hope that all schools will have a comfortable stay in the school campus and leave it with success and indelible memories along with new friends that they make during the Fest. “Safety and sustainability” are the key thoughts underlining the Fest. Sensitivity towards nature doesn't need any formal education but it does determine the quality of life that mankind leads thenceforth. After the speech, a beautiful orchestra presentation was presented by the boys. The opening ceremony was followed by the ‘Just A Minute Session’ in which all participants were given a topic. In ‘Actinium’ the students had to prepare an enactment on an advertisement. Ms Niharika Kulshrestha, Faculty of Science gave presentation on ‘Physics at CERN’. With all



The Judges inspecting the Exhibition.

these engaging activities the first day of the Science Fest came to a close with the participants eagerly waiting for events of the next day.

On the Second Day of the Science Fest, a ‘Hands on Activity’ was held in the Science Block of the School. The students of the participating teams had to make the biggest trophy which could hold a ball on top of it. The second event of the day was a Quiz that was conducted in the Assembly Hall, on topics related to the field of Science. The quiz was conducted through “Kahoot’ by Mr Achanta Trimurthulu, a Faculty in Physics. The third event of the day was the putting up of exhibitions by the participating Schools. The judges took a round of the Exhibition and selected the winners. The ‘Special Dinner’ in the late evening of the day became a great place for forming new bonds and friendships that would last forever.

The third and the final day of the Fest was accompanied with much fervor and gusto as the first event of the day started with the Panel Discussion on the topic “Under Representation of Women in STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) in Higher Education. The Panel Discussion was moderated by Mr Vishesh Sahai, a Faculty in Economics. The Closing Ceremony of the Fest was held in the Assembly Hall. Prof. (Dr) M.P. Kaushik, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Amity University, Gwalior; Former Director, DRDE (DRDO) Gujarat was the Chief Guest on the occasion. The Chief Guest was warmly welcomed by the Principal, Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat. The events of the three days were



An engaging learning experience.

captured in a panoptic overview through the power point presentation which was displayed in the Assembly Hall. The Chief Guest addressed the gathering and exhorted the students to pursue the field of Science and use it for the development of mankind. The prize distribution ceremony was held and awards and accolades were given to the participants. The names and details are as hereunder:

### Event- Just A Minute

- I Dhawal Mittal (Jaishree Periwal High School, Jaipur)
- II Aviral Agarwal (Jaishree Periwal High School, Jaipur)
- III Snehil Tripathi (The Scindia School)

### Event- Actinium (Advertisement)

- I Jaishree Periwal High School, Jaipur
- II The Scindia School
- III Little Angels High School, Gwalior

### Event- Online Quiz

- I Janmejay Paragaien (The Scindia School, Gwalior)
- II Astha Singh (Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Gwalior)
- III Dhawal Mittal ( Jaishree Periwal High School, Jaipur)

### Event- Hands on Activity

- I Jaishree Periwal High School, Jaipur
- II The Scindia School, Gwalior
- III Cambridge School, Phagwara

### Top Achievers (Overall)

- I Snehil Tripathi and Suryansh Goel (The Scindia School, Gwalior)
- II Kamayani Solanki and Laveena Jirati (Mody School, Laxmangarh)
- III Yashika Chaudhary and Nandini Agarwal (Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Gwalior)

### Overall Positions:

The trophy for the Science Fest was bagged by Jaishree Periwal High School, Jaipur.

The Scindia School, Gwalior was at the second position.



The participants from Jaishree Periwal High School.



## A Report on the 'I Can. Conference'

Review Correspondent

'I Can Conference' is a co-curricular activity aimed at the development of life skills and soft skills and modelled as a simulation of real world corporate, media and political affairs.

This two-day simulation was focused at allowing 13 – 19 year olds to explore possible career options, judging their present levels in skills relevant to their chosen simulated career, identifying key areas in which they can improve their skills, and offering them avenues to continually develop those skills. This continual development takes place through the annual 'I Can' Conferences that get progressively more detailed and complex, by connecting participants with a brilliant team of young professionals and with real-world entrepreneurs who can mentor them individually, and through masterclasses in various specialised skills that are not normally available in a generic curriculum. The Conference placed a distinctive emphasis on honing analytical ability in participants, furthering their public speaking skills and confidence, and, through a series of experiential learning methods, making them more suitable leaders as they move forward into their chosen careers.

During the simulation, each participant dons a key role in a virtual replica of the world, spread across three key areas: Corporates, Media and Politics. A usual 'I Can Conference' sees 300-400 students from one or more schools participating in some or all of these capacities, each playing one or more of these roles.

Activities for each role have been devised to most accurately take the role-player through the typical work days of the role, with a particular focus on the life skills, soft skills and specialised skills that the role requires. These skills are imparted in an activity-based learning setup which prioritises practical and out-of-classroom teaching techniques developed through modern scientific pedagogy and more than four years of refinement. This makes an 'I Can' simulation something absolutely unique, with feedback from educationists and participants alike, being much more positive than any similar co-curricular activity, especially in its diversity of appeal, depth of learning, and in the very apparent progress of individuals.

This year's Conference at The Scindia School saw participation from over 400 boys from Classes VIII through to Class XI from the School, and 50 girls from Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya.



A still from the Conference.

## पर्यावरण और हम

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पर्यावरण शब्द शायद हम सभी ने सुना होगा और शायद सभी जानते होंगे कि पर्यावरण हम सभी के लिए कितना महत्वपूर्ण है। पर्यावरण का मतलब होता है हमारे आस-पास का आवरण अथवा जो हम अपने आस-पास देख सकते हैं या महसूस कर सकते हैं उसे हम पर्यावरण कहते हैं। पर्यावरण में मनुष्य, जानवर, पेड़-पौधे सभी आते हैं। यदि पर्यावरण हमारे जीवन में न होता तो हमारा जीवन बिना पानी के मछली की तरह होता।

पर्यावरण हमारे जीवन को प्रभावित कर रहा है। पर्यावरण में ही हमारे जीवन पर प्रभाव डालने वाली सभी प्रकार की वस्तुएँ मिलती हैं। उनमें से कुछ अच्छी होती हैं और कुछ बुरी। सीधी बात यह है कि हम पर्यावरण का बचाव करेंगे तो पर्यावरण हमारा बचाव करेगा। पर्यावरण का संतुलन बना रहेगा तो पृथ्वी का संतुलन बना रहेगा। पर्यावरण में हमें जीवन देने वाली सभी वस्तुएँ आती हैं जैसे कि जल, हवा, भोजन, भूमि आदि। पर्यावरण का संतुलन बिगड़ने से कई प्राकृतिक आपदाएँ आती हैं जैसे कि बाढ़, भूकंप, तूफान और कई सारी प्राकृतिक आपदाएँ जिनसे जान व माल दोनों का बहुत नुकसान होता है। जब पर्यावरण ठीक रहता है तो मनुष्य व अन्य प्राणी दोनों ही खुश रहते हैं। पर्यावरण में जल और हवा दोनों ही आते हैं और यह दोनों ही हमारे लिए बहुत महत्वपूर्ण हैं शायद ये दोनों हमारे लिए जीवन-रेखा का काम करती हैं। पर्यावरण का जीवन पर बहुत प्रभाव पड़ता है।

पर्यावरण और हमारे बीच संबंध कुछ सालों से अच्छे नहीं चल रहे हैं। मानव एक के बाद एक वे सभी चीजें नष्ट कर रहा है जिससे पर्यावरण का संतुलन बना रहता था। हवा हमने प्रदूषित कर दी, पेड़ हमने काट दिए, पानी हमने दूषित कर दिया और ज़मीन हमने बंजर बना दी। यानि मानव ने ऐसा कोई भी काम नहीं बचाया जिससे पर्यावरण का संतुलन बना रहे। मानव हर समय पर्यावरण को प्रदूषित करने में लगा हुआ है, यह जानते हुए भी कि उसमें इसका ही नुकसान है तो भी अव्यवहारिक संतुष्टि के लिए वह पर्यावरण को प्रदूषित कर रहा है। पर्यावरण ने भी उसे बहुत समझाया कि ऐसा मत करो। इसमें तुम्हारा ही नुकसान है। हम हर रोज़ सुनते हैं कि कहीं बाढ़ और कहीं भूकंप आ गया। अब मानव को जागना होगा उसे पूरी कोशिश करनी होगी कि पर्यावरण का सबसे कम नुकसान हो। मानव ऐसे ही कोशिश करता रहे तो पर्यावरण का संतुलन बना रहेगा।

इस तरह हमने देखा कि पर्यावरण हमारे लिए जीवन-रेखा की तरह काम करता है इसलिए अगर पर्यावरण है तो हम हैं, अगर पर्यावरण नहीं है तो हम भी नहीं हैं। अभी भारत सरकार ने कई सारी योजनाएँ चलाई हैं। हम सभी को पर्यावरण बचाना चाहिए, ज़्यादा से ज़्यादा पेड़ लगाने चाहिए। कूड़ा-कचरा अथवा किसी भी प्रकार का प्रदूषण नहीं फैलाना चाहिए। हम सभी को पर्यावरण के प्रति जागरूक होना चाहिए।

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