

# REVIEW-19

THE SCINDIA SCHOOL, FORT GWALIOR



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## FORT NEWS

The weather on the Fort played 'hide and seek' during the last fortnight as the days ranged from sunny to partly sunny and many a times, wintry. For a few days, the rising temperatures gave us the feel of winter bidding an early adieu; but the next few days proved that it was not over yet. On 7th February, fog struck us a second time and a long day of rain, a little after, caught us unawares. The rain refreshed the trees, but the gale seemed to be restless as if on tenterhooks.

Pranav Wadhwa, Memoy Mishra, Toshan Agarwal, Pratik Garg, Karnik Kanojia, Harsh Jadon and Lav Asrani participated in the Film Making Workshop, held at Mahatma Gandhi College of Law, Gwalior from 18th to 20th January 2019.

The result of the Shrimati Shanti Devi Saxena Memorial Inter House Skit Competition held on 23rd January 2019 is as follows:



Inter House Skit Competition

House Positions:

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

The Golden Jubilee Reunion of the Batch of 1968-69 was held on 25th January 2019. As the Old Boys passed the School gate, the faculty and the Principal, Vice Principal, and Deans received them with a lot of warmth. The Old Boys sang



Old Boys singing the School Song

the School song. Thereafter, the School orchestra presented a classical music composition. Next, came a dance sequence based on the sense of belongingness which we harbour in our hearts for our nation. Three boys of the dancing team were dressed in tricolours. The Principal, Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat greeted the Old Boys and expressed that they are 'loyal custodians of legacy'. The Old Boys expressed that those who are studying in this School are very fortunate-punctuality, adaptability, flexibility and the quality to plan for what is coming ahead- are all taught at The Scindia School. Mr Anil Ghai delivered the Vote of Thanks and thus ended the afternoon of jollification, that united the past and the present and ensured a smooth transition of values by exposing the students to right references. A Special *Astachal* was celebrated on the same day, in the evening. The Jain *Mantra* set the tone for the evening- a sense of quietude as the melodious voice of Dhruv Jain and Ayush Jain recited them. Rhythm Kukreja welcomed the Old Boys to the spiritual fountainhead of the School- the *Astachal*. The English prose piece by Aryan Samil on the 'Prison of fear' and the Hindi poem recited by Ayush Yadav, touched the spiritual cords of every heart. The Sitar and Tabla Jugalbandi soothed the nerves of the audience, sending them back in time. The customary silence was observed, giving the observers a dip into rejuvenating silence.

An eminent Old Boy, Dr Subhash Pawar (Ex-Mj, 1968 -69, Bhartiya Arogyanidhi Hospital, Mumbai) conducted a health check up in the School on 25th January 2019 from 3.40pm to 4.40pm. The check was to assess risk of a developing heart disease, stroke, kidney disease or diabetes.

The 70th Republic Day of our great nation was celebrated at the Fort with a lot of enthusiasm on 26th January 2019. On arrival, the Chief Guest, Dr Timir Banerjee (Ex-Ja, 1959), Clinical Professor of Neurosurgery at University of Louisville and ICC Doctor, unfurled the tricolour and inspected the parade; after which, the smartly turned out marching contingent, marched to the tunes of *Kadam kadam badaye ja*. The contingent was led by the Old Boys of the batch of 1969. The Principal, Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat congratulated the young *Scindians* for the flawless marching. He strongly recommended the student fraternity of the School to make the most of the experiences provided to them at School, as they are the future leaders of growing India. After the Chief Guest's address everybody moved to *Astachal*. Floral Tributes were



Dr Timir Banerjee

paid to the Father of the Nation- Mahatma Gandhi. The recitation of the *Om mantra* by Yuvraj Maheshwari and Sanskrit *shlokas* recited by Dhruv Jain and Akshat Karwa set the tone for the occasion. *Dohas* were also chanted by Palzang Lepcha and Krishnam Purwar. A patriotic song- 'azadi takdir hain apni' was sung by the School choir. After observing of the customary silence, the ceremony of the handing over of the baton by the representative of the 1968-69 batch to the representative of the next year's Golden Jubilee Batch of 1969-70 was performed. In the afternoon the Social Service League of the Scindia School organised *Shramjivi Sports* for the Support staff in the Oval



field. It was a wonderful sight to watch the students and the family members cheer the participants.

Martyrs Day was observed on 30th January 2019. Floral Tributes were paid to the Father of the Nation- Mahatma Gandhi. Suprabha Adhikari read a piece about the life of Mahatma Gandhi talking about his interest in the game of football. Ayush Yadav came next and read the piece entitled- 'Sacchi Shiksha' The School choir sang the *bhajans- raghupati raghav* and *vaishnav jan to*, after which silence was observed.

Two eminent Old Boys – Mr Ashok Desai (Ex-Sh, 1977) and Mr Asim Handa (Ex- Sh, 1977) visited the School on 7th February 2019.

Gwalior Traffic Police celebrated Awareness Week. In its initiative to reach out young students, the Traffic Personnel visited the Fort on 8th February 2019. The Superintendent of Police, Gwalior, Mr Navneet Bhasin and the Additional Superintendent of Police, Gwalior, Mr Pankaj Pandey, interacted with the students of Classes VI to IX and XI, in the Assembly Hall for about an hour. During the session several informative short clips were shown to the students which were full of practical details about safe driving. Mr Pankaj Pandey asked several questions from the students and applauded them for their correct answers, general awareness and good listening skills.

The result of the Inter House Football 'A' group 2018-19 is as follows:

*House Positions:*

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

*Best player of the tournament* – Pravesh Khati (Mj, XII)

The result of the Inter House Football 'B' group 2018-19 is as follows:

*House Positions:*

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

*Best player of the tournament* – Dup Tshering Bhutia (DI, IX)

The Overall result of Inter House Football 2018-19 is as follows:

*House Positions:*

I Mahadji & Daulat III Madhav & Jayappa V Jayaji  
VI Ranoji & Jeevaji VIII Shivaji

The result of the Junior Group Inter House Football is as follows:

I Dattaji II Kanerkhed III Nimaji IV Jankoji

*Best player of the tournament*- Divyaraj Gurjar (Da, VII)

The result of the Cross Country Race, 2018-19 is as follows:

*House Positions:*

	'A' Group	'B' Group	Overall Positions	Junior Group
I	Madhav	Jayaji	Jayappa	Dattaji
II	Daulat	Jayappa	Jayaji	Kanerkhed
III	Jeevaji	Daulat	Daulat	Jankoji
IV	Jayappa	Madhav	Madhav	Nimaji
V	Ranoji	Ranoji	Ranoji	
VI	Mahadji	Jeevaji	Jeevaji	
VII	Jayaji	Shivaji	Mahadji	
VIII	Shivaji	Mahadji	Shivaji	



**Cross Country Race**

*Individual Positions:*

	A Group	B Group	Junior House
I	Karma Lepcha	Dhan Bahadur	Sozim Lepcha
II	Adwait Sharma	Aryan Girdhar	Divyaraj Singh Gurjar
III	Sher Bahadur	Brijraj Pratap Singh	Dev Pratap Bansal

'Campus Run for Health' was organised on 28th January 2019 for the students of 'B' group. 76 students participated in the run. The top ten winners are:

I	Shivraj Pratap Singh	II	Brijraj Pratap Singh
III	Chewang Palzer Bhutia	IV	Gurmeem Bhutia
V	Ujjwal Malhotra	VI	Prashast Pandey
VII	Vansh Sethi	VIII	Prateek Garg
IX	Swastik Arora	X	Herein Chaudhary

'Campus Run for Health' was organised on 28th January 2019 for the students of the Junior House. 55 students participated in the run. The top ten winners are:

I	Kushagra Jaiswal	II	Gurash Johar
III	Vinod Banjara	IV	Karma Bhutia
V	Yatish Srivastava	VI	Uday Ahuja
VII	Dharmendra Singh	VIII	Rohan Arora
IX	Amogh Bhargava	X	Ritik Sachdeva

In order to revive our deep-connect with *Sonsa* Villagers, every year the second Sunday of February is celebrated as the *Sonsa* Day. This year also with a lot of enthusiasm and zeal, the members of the Social Service League of the School, alongwith the other faculty members, went on a visit to *Sonsa* on Sunday, 10th February 2019. The representatives of The Scindia School included 25 faculty members and 64 senior students. The day was celebrated as the 'Sports Day' in which the village boys and girls competed in various sports like kabbadi, 100 meter dash, 3 legged race, sack race, balancing the pitcher on the head, balancing the lemon in the spoon and peacock race. The major attraction was the fast cycling race, 2 kilometers' race and the avid gymnasts. Students of three schools namely, Jarga Junior High School (near *Sonsa* Village), Junior High School (Badhuanli), and High School (*Sonsa*) participated in it. The Chief Guest of the event was, Mr Munna Lal Goyal, MLA, Gwalior East. Mr Khem Singh, a resident of the *Sonsa* Village who has been an important link between the faculty members and the villagers, received the Chief Guest, our faculty and



Ms Versha Nath of Nathon-ka-pura receiving the certificate

the boys. Thereafter, the students of the Social Service League were escorted by the teachers and children of *Sonsa* to see the various exhibits put up in the premises of the *Sonsa* High School - Art work, pottery items, rangoli, literature (in the form of beautifully written essays in English and Hindi, were put up for display), working models on scientific phenomena, all done by the students.

## Visit to a Magical Land

Vedansh Balasuria | VII A

It was night. Yes..and what a night it turned out to be! I was in my room watching television. From time to time, I fiddled with my tennis ball. Suddenly, it slipped out of my hand and went out from the open door into the attic. I reached the door of the attic. It was a narrow, small and rusty door that I stood facing towards. I switched on the lights of the attic but there was definitely something wrong. The lights were not being switched on. So, I took a torch and went down the staircase. It was a narrow, squeaky, winding stair that led down. But after sometime of walking on it, I noticed that the steps were getting steeper and it was taking more time than usual. Also, a misty fog was forming on the steps. And ahead I could see a bright light shining. As I was approaching the end, I was wondering why these weird things were happening. Thinking about this I approached the bright light and stepped into it closing my eyes not knowing what I was to observe that evening.

When I opened my eyes, I had been transported into another land. In the sky, which had a pinkish red colour, were the weirdest of the birds, flying into the air. I looked into my unfamiliar surroundings. I had no idea as to where I was. Then I went through the nearby forest. But while I was walking there, I fell into a deep pit. When I looked up, I saw some masked people. They tied me with a rope and pulled me up. They tied my hands. They were taking me to their palace. During the journey I noticed that they were not exactly human but were some kind of organisms. Once in the palace, I was taken to the courtroom of the king. As soon as I entered the court I noticed that His Majesty was already on the throne. I bowed low and I said, "Your Majesty! Let me go home. I don't know where I am". The King said, "Welcome to the Land of Droon. You may stay here but if you want to go home, you will have to answer a question." "Yes, yes, my lord. Please ask." I replied. "Imagine that you are in a desert and you are thirsty. You have a few drops of water left in your flask...but there is a plant nearby and is withering away for want of water; what will you do?" The King looked at me anxiously for my word. "It is simple my lord." "I will pour the few drops of water left into the roots of the plant." I answered. "You are kind hearted. Take this ring and wear it and think of your home and your parents. Do visit us next time. We would love to hear from you. You are always welcome here", the king said. And so I took His Majesty's ring and wore it thinking of home that is sweeter than all honey to me. And lo and behold! I was home.

"Was it a dream? A mirage? A hoax of my mind?" I asked myself. Yet I had the ring in my hand and I kept it safely in my pocket.

These were judged and the students were awarded later. Students enjoyed a sumptuous lunch and played some games as well. It was a delight to watch the skills of the villagers as they played with our students during the various games. The gymnasts of the village, left us spell bound as they displayed breathtaking talent. The Sports Day concluded with the Prize Distribution Ceremony. The Vitthal Govind Gadgil Memorial Award was awarded to Ms Versha Nath of *Nathon-ka-pura* and Ms Kajal Yadav of *Sonsa* Village. The villagers expressed their thankfulness and appreciation towards the school. The event brought smiles to many faces. It was an ennobling experience for our students as well. The Vice Principal, Ms Smita Chaturvedi and Dean of Co-curricular Activities, Mr Dharendra Sharma graced the occasion and boosted the morale of the students.

Basant Panchami was celebrated in the School on 11th February 2019. Lav Asrani anchored the programme. After the Sanskrit, Hindi and English Prayer, Sonam Bhutia sang in *raag jaunpuri* accompanied by Chirag Thirani on the tabla. Thereafter, Yuvraj Maheshwari sang in *raag bageshri* accompanied by Chirag Thirani on the tabla. The singers weaved magic and regaled the audience with their mellifluous voice.

## Enjoy the Journey

Mr Sandeep Agrawal | (Ex-Sh-1980)

The train stops at an unscheduled, obscure station. Most of the passengers have not heard the name of this place before. Being an unanticipated stop, there is hardly anybody on the platform, except the basic rail staff. It's sunset time, and we can hear the sweet sounds of some folk music in the background; perhaps a village Mela or some other happy occasion. I visualize the lovely girls dancing to the tunes, alongside a young brat tugging at his mother's saree for a sweet.

As the sun nears the horizon, the sky keeps metamorphosing into a canvas of myriad colours, changing every minute. The hues are divine and hitherto unseen by most of us used to the hustle of the city lights. Every now and then, a flock of birds pass by in perfect formations. They could be flying towards their nests, to snuggle with their young ones anxiously waiting for them.

Amongst all this, I see an impatient co-passenger constantly pacing the length of our coach. Oblivious to the bounty of nature surrounding him, he goes to the Station Master's cabin and demands an explanation for the delay. He wants the train to be cleared at the earliest as he has an important meeting to attend. However, as some workers are repairing a portion of a damaged track some distance ahead, it would take some time for an oncoming goods train to pass us, thereby allowing us the use of the other track.

We face such situations so many times during each day, when things do not go as per our wishes. Life goes on as usual for everyone, while we are left with unpleasant memories of the moments that could have been made delightful, if only we had chosen to make them so. Having our sights only on the destination makes us lose the pleasure of enjoying the journey. Try to take a walk along one of the routes where you regularly drive past. You may not reach on time, but you would see so many new things on the way that have remained totally unnoticed over the years.

As man progressed, walking got replaced with bullock carts, moving on to cycles, motorized vehicles and airborne travel. Speed seems to be synonymous with progress. Do we really know where we are headed? Or, do we just keep oscillating between places in our quest to reach somewhere. In all our hurry, we somehow ignore the kaleidoscopic colours of the rainbow, and thirst only to find that mythical pot of gold at its end.

To and fro we travel	Our goal is in sight
While time whizzes past	Move we must
Move we must	But, back and fore
With rising speeds	There and here
No eyes to the left	Here and there
Nor on the right	On this road to Nowhere
Viewing ahead	

## सबकी रातें आराम को है ?

शौर्य अग्रवाल | 7 बी

माँ आज भी घर से बाहर है,  
पापा गहरी नींद में हैं ।  
कुत्ते की पहरेदारी है,  
बिल्ली यूँ झपकी लेती है  
कि जैसे नींद की मारी है ।  
दरवाजे खुलकर झूल गए,  
पापा बन्द करना भूल गए  
.... पर मेरे लिए वे बंद ही हैं ।  
जैसे दिन में उजाले खुले-खुले  
और रात में एक कैद में हैं ।  
ये रात ही है ? कोई जेल नहीं,  
यहाँ मेरे लिए कोई खेल नहीं ।  
चमगादड़ खेल खेलते हैं

और उल्लू हूक लगाते हैं,  
पक्षी नज़र नहीं आते हैं ।  
पतंगे उड़ते आते हैं  
आते हैं कि मरते जाते हैं ।  
ट्रक हाँफते-हाँफते आते हैं,  
इसी बस्ती में सुस्ताते हैं ।  
न दोस्त कोई होता है,  
न खेल ही कोई होता है  
पर ये सवाल भी होते हैं ।  
क्या दिन बस दिन के काम को है ?  
क्या सबकी रातें आराम को है ?

## रेल यात्रा – एक विकास यात्रा

सारांश अग्रवाल | 9 सी

पहली रेल दादर से मुंबई तक अंग्रेजों ने चलवाई, उनका मुख्य उद्देश्य था अपने व्यापार को विकसित करना और इसमें रेलों का महत्वपूर्ण योगदान है । ज़्यादातर लोग दूर स्थित जगह पर जाने के लिए रेल का प्रयोग करते हैं । भारत में हर दिन हजारों रेल गाड़ियाँ चलती हैं । यह एक सस्ता एवं तेज़ तरीका है । भारत में यात्रा के लिए रेल एक बहुत अच्छा माध्यम है । रेल से न जाने कितने लोग जुड़े हैं, रेलगाड़ी चालक से लेकर नुक्कड़ पर चाय वाले तक । रेल ने भारत के विकास में बहुत योगदान दिया है । रेल से सामानों को एक जगह से दूसरी जगह ले जाया जाता है और इससे हजारों लोगों को जीविका मिलती है ।

भारत की आर्थिक स्थिति में रेल का एक महत्वपूर्ण योगदान रहा है । परिवार में शादी हो या कोई और उत्सव बस रेल में सीट बुक करो और अपने स्थल पर पहुँच जाओ । यात्रा के और माध्यमों को देखते हुए रेल यात्रा का किराया काफी सस्ता भी है ।

रेल के आर्थिक लाभ तो हैं ही साथ ही सांस्कृतिक लाभ भी हैं । रेल के द्वारा एक स्थान पर मिलने वाली सामग्री दूसरे स्थान पर पहुँच जाती है । इससे दूसरे स्थान के लोग अलग-अलग क्षेत्रों में मिलने वाली भोजन सामग्री या उनकी वेश-भूषा से परिचित होते हैं । जब हम कहीं घूमने जाते हैं और हम एक लम्बी यात्रा करते हैं तो इस दौरान हम बहुत से लोगों के संपर्क में आते हैं जिससे हमें उनके विषय में पता चलता है कभी-कभी तो हमारे नए दोस्त भी बन जाते हैं । रेल यात्रा के दौरान लोगों से विभिन्न विषयों पर चर्चा होती है जिससे हमें लोगों की सोच के विषय में पता

## तुम ऐसे ही

गणपत स्वरूप पाठक, अध्यापक हिंदी विभाग

तुम ऐसे ही  
भड़काते रहो मंच से,  
केसरिया और सफ़ेद का द्वंद्व  
और छोड़ दो सौहार्द-प्रेम  
हमारे मोहल्ले पर!

हम हिलमिलकर रहते हैं  
चाय-उत्सवों में  
जी खोलकर हँसते हैं,  
रुपये-पैसे कभी ऊँच-नीच पर  
खूब लड़ते हैं जी खोलकर!

नहीं सोचते दिलों में  
पाकिस्तान-बंगलादेश  
मस्जिद और मंदिर  
सिर्फ और सिर्फ दिखता है  
अब्दुल या रहमान  
चार्ल्स या अब्राहम  
तोलाराम या दौलत!

तुम मंच पर यूँ ही  
पूरी अंतरात्मा से

सौहार्द का नाटक करते रहो ।  
सेक्यूलर का कवच सामने कर  
बचते, बचाते रहो ।  
निकम्पेपन और मक्कारी भरे  
अत्याचारों-कुकर्मों को  
और हित साधते चलो तुम अपना  
व्यापार यूँ ही चलाते रहो!

हमें कोई फ़र्क नहीं  
वैसे भी बहुत काम हैं, दिनभर  
चुटकुला समझकर चुनाव को  
हम हँस लेते हैं और  
कर्तव्य समझकर वोट दे देते हैं!

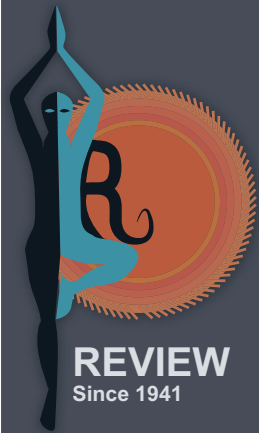
हमें मालूम है  
देश का भार हम पर है  
सो, लगे रहते हैं खेतों-दुकानों  
ट्रकों, बाज़ारों, ठेले, किनारों पर  
पत्थर तोड़ते,  
तुम्हारे इरादे तोड़ते रहते हैं  
और गढ़ते रहते हैं  
देश की तस्वीर!

चलता है । राजनीति, खेल, मौसम, प्रदूषण, धर्म आदि पर चर्चा करना वहाँ एक आम बात है । ये ऐसे विषय हैं जिन पर हम चर्चा करके अपनी सोच को आगे बढ़ाते हैं ।

रेल यात्रा सिर्फ दूसरे से शिक्षा प्राप्त करने का मौका ही नहीं बल्कि खुद जानने का मौका भी देती है । इंसान को उससे बेहतर कोई नहीं जानता । तो जब आप यात्रा के दौरान परेशान हो रहे होते हैं और सोचते हैं कि कब यह यात्रा खत्म होगी तो आँखें बंद कर लें और अपनी अंतर आत्मा को देखें और अपने लिए लक्ष्य बनाएँ । अपने आने वाली चुनौतियों को देखें । यह सब अगर आप घर पर बैठकर करना चाहे तो संभव नहीं है ।

इस प्रकार रेल यात्राएँ हमें समाज को जानने का मौका भी देती हैं । जब हम बाहर निकलते हैं और नए लोगों से बातचीत करते हैं तो दूसरों की सोच के बारे में मालूम पड़ता है । यह सब बातें छोटी परन्तु विशाल हैं । यह उदाहरण बताते हैं कि रेल यात्रा हमारे जीवन में कितनी जरूरी है ।

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