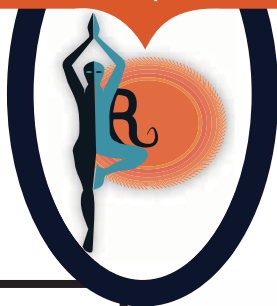


THE SCINDIA SCHOOL, FORT GWALIOR

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Message from the Principal

Dear Stakeholders,

I take pride in congratulating the entire Scindian fraternity for The Scindia School, Gwalior, has been ranked as India's #1 boys boarding school in the annual EducationWorld India School Rankings (EWISR) 2019-20 after being ranked second for the past two years. The #1 ranking of The Scindia School is the result of a massive countrywide field survey encapsulating the perception and opinions of carefully selected sample of stakeholders in primary-secondary education which included educators, principals and teachers from across the length and breadth of the country.

This #1 ranking authenticates all our endeavors which have come to fruition and it will not be an exaggeration if I may proudly say that we've accomplished our vision, which is to be the pre-eminent center of learning in the country, producing future leaders with a global perspective and an Indian ethos.

Broadly speaking, the areas where we focused our energies and grew by leaps and bounds in the last few years e.g. faculty competence, academic reputation, leadership, infrastructure, parental involvement, life skills education, internationalism, special needs education etc. have been instrumental in this recognition of ours.

On behalf of the school, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every member of the Scindian fraternity, for without your wholehearted engagement we wouldn't have been bestowed with this honour. We can't thank enough the extremely supportive and visionary Board of Governors; the students for their relentless pursuit of excellence in everything that the school has to offer; the staff for their commitment that goes much beyond the call of duty; the parents for their unwavering faith in our educational philosophy; and last but not the least, to the Old Boys who are the backbone of the school and are the living legacy of the education and morals dispensed at the school.

Receiving such an accolade from such a source comes with great responsibility. We at The Scindia School will work towards ensuring that we are able to sustain this appreciation. We hope to continue to do justice to the faith that the parents and society at large has reposed in us for more than one hundred and twenty one years!

Yours sincerely,

Dr M.D. Saraswat

Principal, The Scindia School



Afternoons are slightly warm and humid. Monsoon, it seems has finally gone. However, there have been a few light showers in the last fortnight. The Fort is lush green and the *taals* are quite full. Perhaps a few more heavy downpours would have filled them up to the brim. Beautiful yellow and white flowers all over the Fort and the heavy fragrance of *Parijaat* flowers make us realise that it is a heaven that we inhabit. An ever increasing number of giant bats too, were spotted on the *Peepal* tree to eat the figs which are now fully ripe.

Buddhi World Foundation conducted a workshop on the POCSO (2012) Act on 29th August 2019, in order to create awareness among the teachers, administrative staff and the non-teaching staff of the school. The resource persons were- Mr Manish Gupta, Ms Khushbu Kumari, and Ms Bela Gupta. Buddhi World Foundation, which started as an organisation conducting workshops on Emotional Intelligence, began its journey in the year 2011 and since then, has been working relentlessly on Emotional Intelligence and issues regarding Child Sexual Abuse. The foundation has worked with organisations like NCPCR and has reached out to thousands of students and teachers across the country. The workshop was about the recent amendments in the POCSO Act and the role that teachers play in addressing child sexual abuse. It started with a movie named Komal, which beautifully displayed various aspects of child sexual abuse, and generated awareness. The workshop extensively talked about the Child Line number 1098; the laws that are functional within POCSO; and child friendly procedures. Various case studies were used by the resource persons to talk about sections regarding reporting, false reporting, and the ways in which the child can be examined/ investigated. The Buddhi World team expressed their joy in conducting a workshop at *Scindia* and the entire fraternity expressed their contentment in being a part of the workshop and the members walked home learning a lot more about protecting and empowering children.

Illumany, a design thinking company, organised a series of workshops for the boys of Classes VI to VIII, in the school from 28th August to 29th August 2019. The workshops used 'out of the box' techniques of solving problems and designing models based on creative thinking and innovation. The objective of the workshops was to craft out prototype designs for various products, catering to the needs of the target clientele. The sessions helped in solidifying the students' creative abilities, self-assurance, and team spirit and enhanced the leadership skills and convincing power of students. The resource team comprised the Founder of Illumany, Ms Shubhangini Prasad and her dynamic, design thinking team.

Bhuvnesh Gonugunta, Prashasht Pandey, Garvit Thakur and Agrim Singh participated in the 29th Oliphant Memorial Inter School Debate held at Welham Boys' School, Dehradun, from 28th August to 1st September 2019.



A team of the three students, namely, Aditya Parashar, Keshav Dudhani and Utkarsh Gupta, participated in "The Mohinder Memorial Bilingual Turncoat Debate Competition" held at Pinegrove School, Himachal Pradesh, from 29th August to 31st August 2019. 16 schools from various parts of the country had participated in the prestigious event, which was conceived to promote cognitive competence via language. Aditya Parashar and Keshav Dudhani, made it to the final round where the topic under the hammer was "Abrogation of Article - 370 is justified". The witty and skilful presentation of views led the boys bag the overall runners-up trophy. Many Congratulations!

The Choreography Society of the school, Chorean Souls, organised the first Inter House Choreography Competition for the Senior Houses on the 31st August, 2019. The audience was thrilled by the spectacular performances delivered by every House. Each house presented their choreography based on



Choreography Competition

the themes assigned to them. The themes were- Mythology, Nature, Save the Planet, Diversity, Genesis, Gothic, Illusion, and War & Peace; the dance styles ranging from Indian and western contemporary to modern and freestyle. All performances were designed by the students of respective Houses. It was an exceptional showcase of dancing skills. The event was followed by special dinner for the boys.

The festival of Ganesh Chaturthi was celebrated on the Fort with great enthusiasm. The custom of *Ganesh Sthapna* was observed amidst the customary *puja*, *bhajans* and chanting of *shlokas*. The School compound reverberated with positivity, as the community sang the *aarti* in chorus. As customary, the next



Ganesh Visarjan

day the idol was taken to Suraj Kund for *visarjan*, where it was immersed in water with hearts full of gratitude for a fulfilling year and prayers on the lips inviting Ganpati, the God of good fortune to bless the community with his presence.

Anurag Buthra, Divyansh Bhandari, Vibhav Kundu, Saaransh Agarwal, Garv Sajani, Siddharth Sachdeva and Abhigyaan Ranjan participated in the Round Square Conference held at Sanskar Valley School, Bhopal, from 7th September to 10th September 2019.

Yanglem Arjun Singh participated in the Pi Quiz held at IIM Indore from 5th September to 8th September 2019.

Vanshraj Chahar, Fagun Agarwal, Aditya Prakash, Akash Kumar, Gautam Agarwal, Sukhyog Singh, Tarun Bansal, Namsang Limboo, Fathervir Singh, Aryan Yadav and Sarvagya Goel attended the MERAKI 2019- Visual Arts Competition, held at Daly College, Indore, from 6th September to 9th September 2019.

On 5th September, Teachers' Day Celebration was held with a lot of fervor and enthusiasm. The students put up a splendid Cultural Programme in the evening. The Assembly was taken by the Senior School Prefect, Aditya Parashar who welcomed the teachers. A splendid video presentation was also put up. In



Teachers' Day Celebration

the morning, they had kept individual gifts for the teachers which the teachers had to find and pick up. The teachers were overwhelmed by the gesture of students.

A Lyric

Smita Trivedi | Staff Editor

'We are made of such stuff
That dreams are made of'
True but a human has to explore
Nay, tear through the basic existence
To see beyond the face of life.
Truly, there is a screen
Of condemnation, guilt, anger and retribution,
Yet walking on the road of life
Yet discerning what is true from what looks like true
Life is many shadows
Life is many forms
A form stands against you
A form pats your back
All controlled by ambition
And acts of self preservation
You think it should not be,
But the mystery of their
Being together is the mystery
Of life that you care so much about
So brave heart do not weep
Neither be killed by arrows of condescension
Nor affection, for it is, and yet cannot be...
Weeping is for the heart
And not the soul
As the glorious sun beats the darkness
The light of truth shall shine
On the sinful and the innocent alike
Because ultimately- all are forms of life.

We Give What We Have

Mr Sandeep Agrawal (Ex-Sh, 1980)

A learned Guru was once strolling leisurely on a sidewalk, when a youth in his tearing hurry happened to bump into him. The Guru turned around, smiled at the youngster and said, "Bless you my child. I hope you have not hurt yourself." Without wasting a second, the teenaged fellow who had been texting on his cellphone all the time, and had seen it fall to the ground, blurted out, "What the hell !! Can't you see where you are going? Guys at your age should be sitting at home!"

What we see here is that though the action was the same for both the persons, their responses were diametrically opposite to each other. While the former conveyed a sense of concern and compassion, the latter displayed total disdain and disrespect.

We have all seen an ad having the catchline "Intel Inside". What it tries to convey is that irrespective of any external branding, it is the motherboard that will determine the performance of a product. We may add a multitude of shapes and colours to our exterior, but it is our true nature that gets exposed at unprepared moments. It is like the tea which spills out of an over-filled cup, when jolted. A raised voice would represent an anxious and dominating mind whereas a soft tone is an indicator to calmness within. Higher decibels do not always prove to be correct. On the contrary, silence could be one of the rarest virtues that we could imbibe. It is quite acceptable for some people to be abusive or retaliatory in distressing circumstances, as that is a normal animal instinct. What is difficult is to remain calm in all situations, especially

the adverse ones.

As Rudyard Kipling says,
 "If you can keep your head when all about you
 Are losing theirs and blaming it on you
 You'll be a man, my son!"

We call our race 'Homo Sapiens', which is the Latin term for a wise man. It is this power of rational thinking, our Viveka, which sets us apart from other animal species, and earns us this title. It is that which is deep inside each of us that matters. Not our worldly belongings, our lavish houses, flashy cars, or our fat wallets. Not even our attractive bodies and faces. All this can be taken away in a jiffy. What remains after removing all these, is the real 'I'.

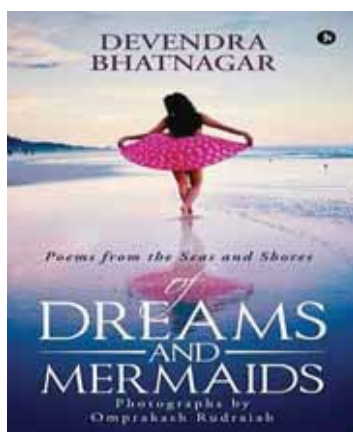
What we have within us is what we give to the world. A rich man would donate money, while a teacher gives out his knowledge. We derive our identity with what we give, and not necessarily by what we earn or possess. So, let us be careful in deciding what we want to give out and be known for. We always have that choice: To be a coke-vending machine or a flower emanating its sweet fragrance to all those who pass by.

Let our cup runneth over with all things bright and beautiful, so that whenever it is shaken or stirred, it spills joy and love for all of the Lord's creation.

Amen.

OLD BOYS' NEWS

Mr Devendra Bhatnagar (Ex- Ja, 1974) has penned a book of his poems. 'Of Dreams and Mermaids' is a meditative canvas of verses from the seas and shores. Without preaching, the poems gently guide you into realizing that the everyday is as precious and beautiful as the exotic and the adventurous. Some beautiful colour photography from around the world accompanies this very special book of verses. Of Dreams and Mermaids: Poems from the Seas and Shores-https://www.amazon.in/dp/1645872998/ref=cm_sw_r_wa_apa_i_fGlwDbC3A9K9G



SOBA Varanasi met on 7th September 2019. The members include Vinamara Agarwal, Ashwini Kr Rai, Amit Kr Rai, Gaurav Baral, Rajiv Jaipuria, Archit



SOBA Varanasi

Dhamawat, Dr Harshit Jain, Arpit Yadav, Manishi Pandey, Sandeep A Singh, Vaibhav Kr, Karan Modi, Anurag Dikshit amongst others.



SOBA Bengaluru

SOBA Bengaluru met on 8th September 2019 at the Century Club.

L-R : Yugam Bhimsaria(Ex- Mj, 2012), Ajay Saraf (Ex- Sh, 1982), Rajeev Waghre (Ex-Md, 1973), Honore Prasad (Ex- Ja, 1979), Rajiv Bansal (Ex- Mj, 1974), Kirit Morzaria (Ex- Md, 1972), Sandeep Bharadwaj (Ex- Mj, 1988), Rishi Pal Singh (Ex- Md, 1988), Manoj Basu (Ex- Sh, 1981), Arpit Rungta (Ex- Rn, 2008), Sumanyu Seth (Ex- Ja, 2007), Rishabh Raj (Ex-Sh, 2007), P. Shivanand (Ex- Ja, 1968), Sandeep Agrawal (Ex- Sh, 1980)

Mr Ankan Banerjee, IFS (Ex- Ja, 1991) is presently posted as Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of India in Paris. In the photograph, he is seen receiving Prime Minister Narendra Modi as he arrives in Biarritz, France for the 45th G7 Summit.



Mr Ankan Banerjee

हमारी समस्याएँ और समाधान

अक्षय सुमन | 8 ए

इस आधुनिक दुनिया में हर एक देश कुछ अच्छा बनना चाहता है। हर एक क्षेत्र में देशों के बीच कड़ा मुकाबला है, चाहे वो विज्ञान का क्षेत्र हो या फिर संविधान। हर एक देश से दूसरे देश को समस्याएँ मिलती हैं। हमारा देश एक विकासशील देश है जिसमें समस्याएँ आम बात हैं। हर एक क्षेत्र में समस्याएँ आती हैं, उनमें से कुछ प्रमुख समस्याएँ हमारे भारत के विकास में बाधाएँ उत्पन्न कर रही हैं।

गंदगी – इसका अर्थ है प्रदूषण और कचरा। कचरा तो हर देश में है मगर उनके पास नष्ट करने का तरीका है चाहे तो हम भी उसे पा सकते हैं मगर किसी भी व्यक्ति को ध्यान ही नहीं रहता कि हम कितना कचरा फैला रहे हैं। गंगा का जल जो पहले पवित्र माना जाता था, अब गंदा हो गया है। इन सभी का कारण हम लोग हैं जो सोचते हैं कि सिर्फ हमारे गंदगी फैलाने से क्या होगा। मगर वे इन बातों पर ध्यान नहीं देते कि बूँद-बूँद से सागर भरता है। इन दिनों भारत में चलाए गए स्वच्छता अभियानों से कुछ फायदा हुआ है, प्रदूषण का स्तर गिर गया है। इसी तरह हमारा देश साफ हो जाएगा, हम ऐसी आशा करते हैं।

भ्रष्टाचार – यह भारत की सबसे प्रमुख समस्या है। इसके कारण ही भारत में बेरोज़गारी और गरीबी जैसी समस्याएँ हैं। यह सिर्फ एक कारण है कि अमीर-गरीब में बहुत बड़ा अंतर है। भ्रष्टाचार के कारण हमारे विकास की गति धीमी पड़ गई है, लोगों में आपसी विश्वास कम हो गया है। लोगों के कार्य करने का तरीका बदल गया है, जीवन के हर क्षेत्र में यह फैला हुआ है और पूरे समाज को खोखला बना रहा है। हम सबको इसके प्रति सजग होना होगा। रिश्त लेने और देने को रोकना होगा, तभी हम आगे बढ़ पाएँगे।

बेरोज़गारी – मशीनों के आने के बाद से यह एक बहुत बड़ी समस्या बन गई है। जो कार्य पहले इंसान किया करते थे वे अब मशीनें करती हैं, अगर हम चाहें तो इस समस्या को बिना किसी अभियान की मदद से भी ठीक कर सकते हैं। अगर लोग मशीनों का सहारा कम लेकर बेरोज़गारों को रोजगार दें तो इस समस्या को कम कर सकते हैं। हमें नए तरह के उपाय सोचने होंगे ताकि सभी की रोज़ी-रोटी चल सके।

अंत में हमें यह पता चला कि भारत की समस्याएँ तो बहुत सारी हैं मगर सभी लोग मदद करें तो इन समस्याओं से आराम से निपटा जा सकता है। अगर जनता सरकार की सहायता नहीं करेगी तो ये छोटी-छोटी समस्याएँ बहुत बड़ा रूप धारण कर सकती हैं। अगर हम मिलें तो समस्याएँ खत्म और अगर अलग हुए तो हम खत्म।

अध्यापक

प्रिंस कुमार | 12 ए

अध्यापक ! इस ओहदे में एक-अलग ही गुरुर है,
बस ये ही दस्तूर है,
इनके सिर पर सवार रहता एक अजब फितूर है,
ना जाने इस निस्स्वार्थता में मिलता क्या सुरुर है,
हम कोयलों को बनाते ये कोहिनूर हैं।

इस स्कूल की अजीब ही कहानी है,
चलो मान लिया हम बच्चे अभिमानी हैं,
हर एक की नाक में दम करने की ठानी है,
और दिमाग भी बड़ा खुराफाती है,
पर दिल ने हमेशा आपकी बात मानी है,
आलम ये है कि हम नालायक भी मशहूर हैं,
हम कोयलों को बनाते ये कोहिनूर हैं।

स्कूल में किसी ने बनाया बड़े बालों का बवाल है,
आज तक समझ नहीं आया, छोटे बाल करते क्या कमाल हैं,
इनकी डाँट ने उतारा, बहुतों का घमंड है,
अच्छा बन जाएगा वह, जो आज उदंड है।
जानते हैं, इस में छुपा आपका प्यार है,
पर हम नासमझ विरोध करने को मजबूर हैं,
हम कोयलों को बनाते ये कोहिनूर हैं।

वो सुबह-सुबह लम्बे भाषण,
जिनसे उभर आते हममें नींद के लक्षण,
माफ करना ! न समझ पाया, हमारा नादान मन
कि दिया जाता है हमें अनुभवी धन,
है हमारी बाल-बुद्धि, ना आपका कोई कसूर है,
हम कोयलों को बनाते ये कोहिनूर हैं।

हाँ, दोस्तों माना, हर छोटी गलती पर मिलती है सज़ा,
पर देखना, हमारी हर कामयाबी पर,
हम से ज्यादा, आएगा इन्हें मज़ा।
कैसे चुकाएँगे इन निःस्वार्थ देवों का कर्ज़ा
जिन्हें मिला है माँ-बाप का दर्ज़ा।
आपके होने से ही हमारी दुनियाँ में नूर है,
हम कोयलों को बनाते ये कोहिनूर हैं।

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