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FORT NEWS

The Rain Gods have risen from the slumber that had enveloped their gaze. Once again they look over the ancient citadel with love and warmth. As a result, the Fort has received a copious amount of rain in the days that encircled the Independence Day and, still after a brief spell that intervened between the Independence Day and the finish of the month of August.

The Scindia School takes pride in announcing that Sachin Chaudhary of Class X participated in Commonwealth Crossbow Shooting Championship. The event was organised by IFWC - International Federation of World Crossbow, in Koh-Chang Thailand. Sachin Chaudhary secured two Gold medals, one for his individual performance in U - 17 category and the other one in the senior team category. Many congratulations!



Sachin Chaudhary

The ScooNews Global Education Awards recognise outstanding contributions made by individuals and organisations involved directly or indirectly in



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education. Featuring education's best and the brightest, the annual recognition shines a spotlight on the best solutions, innovations, inspiring leaders, and innovative trendsetters. The Scindia School has been recognised as the 'Green School of the Year' and the Principal, Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat as the 'Education Icon of the Year' by ScooNews in an Award Ceremony on 10th August 2019 in the salubrious surroundings of the city of palaces, Udaipur. The 3rd edition of ScooNews Global Educators Fest also organised a conference in which Dr Saraswat was invited as a panelist to share his thoughts on the theme "Education for Sustainability: Moving on from Conformity to Creativity". The platform brought together the brightest minds to ponder on how to leverage on our illustrious legacy and move towards a sustainable education that prioritises creativity over conformity.

Adobe under its India flagship organised 'Adobe School Leaders Summit & Awards 2019' on 11th July 2019 at the Adobe India Campus, Greater Noida. The summit provided a platform for school leaders and policy makers to share best practices and challenges to foster skills for sustainable development. The event also recognised the efforts of organisations and educators working tirelessly to enhance creativity in the classroom. The Scindia School was felicitated at the award ceremony for stimulating an environment of creativity in the classroom. Mr Ashish Arora received the award on the behalf of the Principal.

12 students participated in the 7th session of I-Parliament from 8th August 2019 to 11th August 2019 at Jawahar Bhawan, New Delhi. There were five categories of awards of the Parliamentarians and Suprabha Adhikari was awarded the title of 'The Best Chief Whip' for the session. The Opening Ceremony, was chaired by the founders of I-Parliament and Mr Pawan Bansal, former Rail Minister, as the Chief Guest.

Ms Saloni Khanna, a prolific debater cum trainer, took up a debating workshop for the students of Hindi and English Literary Societies, from 10th to 12th August 2019. It included the three phase training in technique and methodology; substance and presentation; and language.

The play - 'Kaise Kareng' was staged on 12th August 2019. The cast of the play included Mr Darsheel Safary (from the National Award Winning Film 'Taare Zameen Par'), Mr Abhishek Pattnaik, Mr Prakhar Singh and Ms



A still from the play

Gaurangi Dang. "When life throws lemons at you... just make lemonade out of it." This is the philosophy that 21-year-old character-Saurav Parasrampururia follows, in the play. Saurav has had one dream since his childhood, to go to Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Just when he is about to leave for his MIT interview, he is faced with a crisis - his brother, 27-years-old Kapil Parasrampururia develops a Multiple Personality Disorder. Faced with the dilemma of choosing between his career and his brother, he chooses his brother. The play was profusely admired by the audience.



Mr Dhiraj Malik attended the French Teachers' Training Programme in Agra from 10th August to 12th August 2019. The session undertaken was programmed to present the students with games and questions which required them to use vocabulary and think of several ways to answer rather than a simple yes or no. The sessions of the second day aimed to enhance the spoken skills of the students by the usage of designed questions, class games, interviews and group activities. Another session based on inter-culture was presented to the participants in the form of a discussion. The objective was to inculcate a value of awareness to exchange the knowledge of social values, myths, difference and similarities amongst various cultures. They discussed in detail, the stereotypes and prejudices regarding different countries.

The 73rd Independence Day of our great nation was celebrated with fervour and gaiety at the Fort. It was yet again an exhibition of the unmatched spirit of *Scindians* and their 'never say die' attitude. The celebrations started with the arrival of the Chief Guest, Captain Devendra Bhatnagar (Ex- Ja, 1974) who, amidst a light drizzle was escorted by the smartly turned out boys, on



The Chief Guest inspecting the contingents

horseback. He was received by the Principal, Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat and the other members of the senior management. The intensity of emotions for the motherland and the showers grew together. However, nothing could deter the commitment of the parade that marched through the dais saluting the Tricolour and the Chief Guest. Thereafter, the Principal, Dr Saraswat welcomed the Chief Guest, dignitaries, Old Boys and parents. He congratulated the contingent for their flawless performance including the much decorated Brass Band of the School, which is one of the finest in the country. Dr Saraswat was immensely appreciative of the effort of the boys and reminded them that it is a manifestation of their perseverance, which must spill over in all aspects of life. While addressing the gathering, Capt. Bhatnagar expressed his gratitude for being a part of the momentous occasion. He mentioned an anecdote reminiscing the time when he marched to the tunes of the Band as a young *Scindian*. He encouraged the boys to be a dreamer; if it was not for the ones who dreamt of a free India, we would not have attained freedom. After the inspiring words of the Chief Guest, the Scindian fraternity left for *Astachal*, the spiritual centre of the School, where Aditya Parashar, the Senior School Prefect, welcomed the gathering, especially the Old Boys and their families. Floral tributes were paid to the statue of Mahatma Gandhi, which was followed by some thought provoking pieces and soulful singing. The silence at *Astachal* provided space for some soul searching and to gather the internal strength to persevere for being better, individually and as a community. Representatives of the Batch of 1974 and 2004 came up and shared their feelings on being back to where it all started. Thereafter, the Principal presented a token of affection to Capt. Bhatnagar and Mrs Bhatnagar, and also released a compilation of poems by Capt. Bhatnagar titled -'Of Dreams and Mermaids'.

The department of Science organized a talk on Chandrayaan II, India's recent progress in the field of Astrophysics on 17th August 2019. Dr Mathur, former Scientist, ISRO; an expert in the field of Astronomy and Astrophysics was invited as the Chief Speaker. The session revolved around the launch of Chandrayaan II and the Mars Orbiter Mission. Dr Mathur started the talk

with the basic dynamics of the earth's existence and the space and led an interesting session for the students and teachers. The veteran also explained the success of Chandrayaan II, quoting the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle phenomenon, in spite of it not landing on the moon. The interaction ended with a question and answer session, letting the curiosity of the children come out with a variety of interrogations. Mr Dharendra Sharma, the Dean of Co-Curricular Activities, presented a token of love and heartfelt gratitude to Dr Mathur.

Abaan Khan and Yash Arya participated in the National Psychology Quiz held at the Fortis Hospital, Jaipur, from 18th August to 20th August 2019. We stood the Zonal Finalists among 4000 schools. Congratulations!

Pranay Agarwal, Keshav Dudhani, Atherva Karwa, Garv Sajani, Sujal Jariha, Saaransh Agarwal, Anurag Buthra, Ayush Goyal, Abhey Khanna, Prashant Agarwal, Shlok Sonthalia, Gatik Bhonwal and Aryan Girdhar participated in the Shri JK Kate Memorial All India Inter School Knowledge Conclave held at The Punjab Public School, Nabha from 18th August to 20th August 2019.

Amity University along with Future 50 Schools Shaping Success in India, recognised the tallest leaders behind India's finest Schools at Amity Leadership Summit on 19th August 2019, in Jaipur. The Principal, Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat was felicitated as a 'Future 50 Leader Shaping Success' in a grand award ceremony. It is an honour bestowed upon individual leaders who have played an instrumental role in the growth of the institutions, to which they are providing leadership. Mr Ajay Singh Shekhawat, President, SOBA Jaipur, received the award on behalf of the Principal.

Chaitanya Mishra, Aryan Nagpal, Yashovardhan Dixit and Arya Adikari participated in the Multimedia Contest 2019 held at the Vasant Valley School, New Delhi, from 21st August to 23rd August 2019.

Aditi Joshi, Suyash Bansal, Ranjan Nagpal, Pratham Srivastava, Nishay Agarwal, Shivansh Bansal and Ujjwal Mehrotra participated in the Annual Inter School



The Scindia School lifting the trophy

Business Quiz and Business Venture held at The Vivek High School, Chandigarh from 22nd August to 23rd August 2019. Our school delivered an outstanding performance in the event. Out of the 18 participating schools, The Scindia School bagged the Overall Running Trophy of the event. Many congratulations!

Aryan Yadav, Veer Arora, Utkarsh Gupta, Umang Rungta, Nikunj Goyal, Lakshya Madhav Goyal, Aarush Atul Prabhu, and Shirish Mehra participated in the Genesis- Model United Nations held at the Genesis Global School, Noida, from 22nd August to 25th August 2019.

Aditya Parashar, Keshav Dudhani and Utkarsh Goyal went to The Pinegrove School, Dharampur, Himachal Pradesh, for participating in The Mohinder Bilingual Debate from 29th to 31st August 2019.

Schiller Gesellschaft conducted a Word Picture "Wortbilder" Competition. Students from classes VI to X participated in the competition and their entries will be published in German magazine "Zeitgeist".

The results are as follows:

Class VI		
I Arnav Joshi	II Utkarsh Choudhary	III Prithvi Raj S. Pathak
Class VII		
I Ekagra	II Arsh Agarwal	III Hiya Chaturvedi
Class VIII		
I Vasant S. Bhat	II Yuvraj Jain	III Akhil Sharma Sumit Maheswari
Class IX		
I Aryan Agarwal	II Parikshita Singh	III Sarthak Chachra
Class X		
I Yash Gupta	II Arnav Gupta	III Pratik Garg Lakshit Harlalka

The Shanti Devi Memorial English Skit Competition was held on 24th August and 25th August 2019. On 24th August, four Houses staged their plays- Rappacini's Daughter from Daulat House, The Tenth Clew by Jeevaji House, As Simple as A B C by Madhav House and After Twenty Years by Ranoji House. On 25th August, the next four Houses performed the plays- Silver Blaze by



A still from the play - Rappacini's Daughter

Shivaji House, The Seven Cream Jugs by Mahadji House, The Purloined Letter by Jayaji House and lastly, The Ethics of Pig by Jayappa House. All the plays were filled with mystery and wonder and enthralled the audience. The prop and the costumes of each play were very well thought of and thus created the eerie atmosphere quintessential for such plays. The set arranged by Ranoji and Jayaji House was profusely admired by the judges. The judges of the competition were- Ms Niharika Kulshrestha, Mr Parash Moni Dutta and Mr Anubhav Sarkar. It was an excellent display of team work and camaraderie.

GAMES CAPTAINS 2019-20

School Games Captain - Uttam Rai	
Game	Name of the Captain
Football	Jai Sharma
Cricket	Vrushank Malhotra
Shooting	Angad Sahni
Squash	Ujjwal Mehrotra
Swimming	Nitya Mehra
Tennis	Sundaram Malik
Basketball	Anirudh Tyagi
Table Tennis	Krishnam Purwar
Horse Riding	Akash Kumar
Archery	Sachin Chaudhary
Hockey	Yuvraj Tomar
Athletics	Karma Lepcha
Cross-Country	Samarjith Lakshman Nalvade

You were my inspiration and I your Shishya

Mr Suman Verma | (Ex-Ravindra, 1984)



Mrs Sushma Singh

(A tribute to Late Smt. Sushma Singh, former teacher and House Mistress- Siddharth House)

It came as a real shock to me when I heard the news –“Madam Sushma Singh is no more”.Memories started rolling down my cheeks.. taking me to the late 70s... ‘वृन्दावन कुञ्ज धाम नाचत गिरिधारी रे’ ...one of the bhajans that she taught me and I stood first on singing that *bhajan*, based on *Raag Bhairavi*. Memories of that event are still alive- Sanjay Dhanda accompanying me on the harmonium, and Anupam Chatterjee on the tabla. It was my first solo performance on the stage of Senior School, and I came out as a winner with the Late Smt Dr S D Singh giving me the coveted award.

I can't think of a more dedicated, devoted and disciplined teacher and a perfectionist to the core. “सुषमाजी संगीत शिक्षिका, नाम सरीखा गुण है, कच्चे से कतराती पक्के गाने की बस धुन है” ... My father, wrote in a poem that I had once recited for the Junior School teachers. Though she held multiple roles at school – whether it was as the House Master of Siddhartha House or as a Hindi and Sanskrit teacher, her musical prowess, made her stand apart. Her upright posture, projecting confidence, holding a *tanpura* in one hand , taking a deep *aalaap*, are still fresh in my memories .

I was privileged to sing many of her other *bhajans* on stage at various occasions – “नाम जपन क्यों छोड़ दिया, मंगल मंदिर खोलो दयामय” is the one that I fondly remember.

She was very proud of her students and once I remember, she took me to *Peetambra Peeth* at *Datia* (where my father - Late Shri Devendra Narayan Verma was also a devotee) and I performed in front of The ‘Guru Maharaj, Datia’. Incidentally, HH Late Shrimant Rajmata Scindia was also present on the occasion. Madam introduced me to her with her eyes glowing, and proudly said “यह मेरा शिष्य है।” Rajmata later praised me after the *bhajan* was over, with a pat on the back.

A master in Classical Music and an acclaimed All India Radio artist, her zest for perfection was so high that sometimes it was too taxing for us to get the right notes and ‘Riyaaz’ was even tougher. Moreover, we had to miss the games period to make up for the music practices at Madam's house. But now, those days appear to be as the biggest treasure of my life and I really cannot forget that time, those precious moments, which I spent, learning from her.

Teachers like Sushma Madam created the *gurukul* culture, where the teacher and the taught had a special bond and as someone has rightly said "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops" which is very true of our School, my alma mater –The Scindia School.

‘शत्-शत् नमन’ to a great soul and a great human being – my favourite teacher –Madam Sushma Singh!

Life

Manjot Singh Sethi | IX D

Sitting idle is a crime,
As you are wasting your time.
Study! Study! Study, is not all you should do.
Do something which will cause a revolution.

Commerce, Humanities and Science is just a way of life,
Choose a car which you wanna drive!
Life may seem like a pressure,
Make the atmospheric pressure low,
And fly above the clouds in the sky.

Doctor, CA and IAS are the ways to live a life,
What makes you a warrior is,
What you make of life.

Suddenly, I saw someone hiding!
Was that a soul?
It was shining like a diamond,
Beautiful like a marigold.

Can that be my mind?
With more than 100 neurons,
That idea of mine!
Can that be a ghost?
Oh Buddy! It was me, the host.

Getting sad is not a solution,
Enjoy life with enthusiasm,
is a New Year's resolution.
So live life to the fullest,
And feel you are standing under an AC,
To be the coolest!
As life itself means
L- Live Life
I- in
F- Full
E- Energy, Enthusiasm and Enjoyment!!!!

बरखा आई

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बरखा आई, बरखा आई, सभी को बरखा बड़ी सुहाई,
सावन का महीना ले आई ! मोर की खुशियाँ वापस लाई !
गर्मी इसने दूर भगाई, बच्चों को सुन्दर तोहफे लाई,
ऊपर से पानी ले आई ! साथ में सुन्दर राखी लाई !
हरी-हरी हरियाली छाई, मेढक की जब बजी शहनाई,
मौसम में परिवर्तन लाई ! बरखा आई, बरखा आई !

Solitary

Keshav Dudhani | X D

Am I the only one who feels lonely
Sitting under a tree
Waiting for a cool breeze to touch me
And let my mind to be absolutely free
Because living in an ostracized world all I see
Is a bubble trapped in misery?

Am I the only one who feels lonely
When they get themselves into a mess
There is just a hope of light in their darkness
In a world of lies
There aren't people who confess
They let the true man beneath them die?

Am I the only one who feels lonely
And wait for the sun to dawn slowly
Because during the day time
People act fake
As nights are responsible for crime
Woven stories they make?

Am I the only one who feels lonely
As everyone is a shadow
Blur, hazy and confide
Because they've lied
Though shadows stay with you
But they do not?

Am I the only one who feels lonely
Wandering here and there
Loitering around everywhere
I see them
Flourish their desire
Nourish a fire
That burns and makes everyone perish?

Am I the only one who feels lonely
Giving love and receiving hate
Alas! This has become a human's fate
But I wish to make it right
But it's too late?

Why do I have to feel lonely
So left out and solitary
When I am free?
Why am I scared ?
Because they make my life hard
Oh wait, it's just a façade
Because they don't find peace
And make a blunder
To let the devil inside them unleash?

समय

शौर्य अग्रवाल | 8 ए

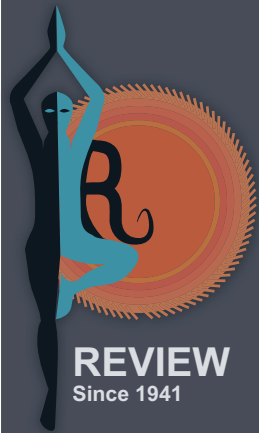
समय है अनमोल,
न गँवाओ उसे,
समय पर चलने वाले लोग कहलाते परिश्रमी ।
मिला है समय अभी,
कर दिखाओ जो करना अभी,
कर दिखाओ जो करना अभी,
करना जो करलो अभी फिर कभी न कर पाओगे ।
खोया धन वापस आ सकता है,
घड़ी घूमना बन्द कर सकती है ।
लेकिन समय कभी नहीं रुक सकता ।
समय रहते जो करना है वो कर लो,
समय जाते ही खाली हाथ बैठे रहोगे,
फिर कहोगे काश समय पर कर लेते तो अच्छा होता।
समय है अनमोल
जिसका कोई न कोई मोल,
जो जल्दी जाए,
और कभी न वापस आए ।

ये भी ज़रूरी नहीं!

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आज़ाद जहाँ में आज़ादी मयस्सर हो,
ये भी ज़रूरी नहीं ।
खुली हवा में, चैन की साँस मिले,
ये भी ज़रूरी नहीं ।
वैसे तो मेला लगता है, हर किसी मुकाम पे ।
तुम्हारे दिल में पड़ाव हो, ये भी ज़रूरी नहीं ।
यूँ तो चिराग होते हैं रोशन, रोशनी के लिए ।
दिन का अँधेरा दूर करें, ये भी ज़रूरी नहीं ।
आजकल फ़िज़ाओं का, चलन ही कुछ और है ।
तुम्हारे आसपास हुआ करें, ये भी ज़रूरी नहीं ।
हर अर्ज़ में मैंने खुदा से, उनका ज़िक्र किया ।
क़बूल हो तेरी मन्नत, ये भी ज़रूरी नहीं ।

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