

THE SCINDIA SCHOOL, FORT GWALIOR

REVIEW-20



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FORT NEWS

The Fort still stands decked in the glory and charm of the late winters. The moon is hazy and looks dreamily down the sky, spreading light upon the earthy. Some days have been sunny but bouts of cold air did startle the dwellers. 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 the next few days, the rising temperatures gave us the feel of winter bidding an early adieu; but the days further, proved that it was not over yet.

The Energy and Resource Institute (TERI) conducted the Green Olympiad in the month of October 2019. A group of 59 students were shortlisted and they appeared for the final test.

The recognitions are listed below:

Certificate of Distinction: Krish Gupta

Certificate of Merit: Karma Bhutia, Neev Agarwal, Keshav Jhunjhunwala, Yuvraj Singh, Manjot Singh Sethi, Prashant Agarwal, Siddharth Chandel, Dhan Bahadur Karki, Yash Gupta and Saaransh Agarwal.

Parent-Teacher Meeting was held on 1st February 2020. Teachers shared their feedback on each student with the parent thus preparing the ground for remediation measures.

The following students were selected for the Final Round of the Junior Inter House English Language Quiz:

Kanerkhed - Adhiraj Singh, Kunal Gupta, Aditya Singh

Nimaji - Prithvee Pathak, Ayaan Alam, Advik Garg

Dattaji - Arnav Joshi, Uday Ahuja, Rishith Mehrotra

Jankoji - Swarit Varshney, Arsh Agarwal, Hrishikesh Ghosh

The Final Round of the Quiz Competition was held on 7th February 2020, in the Assembly Hall. The Quiz comprised five rounds and a Rapid fire round which marked an end to the event. The final result is as follows:

I - Dattaji

II - Kanerkhed

III - Nimaji

IV - Jankoji

The teachers teaching class X and XII, attended a workshop on CBSE Spot Evaluation on 7th February 2020 in MCR-1, Modi Science Block at 3 pm. The Resource Person for the same was Mr RK Kapoor, the Dean of ICT. 29 teachers attended the workshop.

The Central Library, Delhi (A Government of India set up) had put up a Book Fair in the Library Corridor from 8th to 9th February 2020. Students were allowed to purchase Books worth Rs 2000. The purpose of the Book Fair was to collect funds for tribal welfare.

A series of Debate workshops were conducted for the Junior Houses during the fortnight. The workshops were conducted, keeping in mind the upcoming Debate Competition in the Junior School. The workshops were taken by Ms Mubashir Ahmed.

In the preliminary round of National Level Innoventure (Intelligence plus) 2020, 114 students of Classes VI to VIII participated. 38 students qualified for the second round, which was the Telephonic Interview Round. Out of these 38 students, 7 students of classes VI and VII qualified for the final round of

'Innoventure' held at Pune on 18th and 19th January 2020. The Scindia School won the Best Enterprising School award at National level for the year 2020. Way to go Scindia!

Kishangarh Hockey Shield 2019 -20, the last leg of the triangular series between Mayo College, Ajmer; Daly College, Indore; and The Scindia School, Gwalior, was held from 8th February to 9th February 2020. In total, 48 students participated in the event in which 15 participants were from The



Daly College

Scindia School and the rest of the 33 participants came from the other two schools. The Opening Ceremony for the same was held on 8th February 2020. Morning Assembly was held with the customary Sanskrit and English prayers being read out. The Principal, Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat formally welcomed all the teams and said that the series is one of the oldest, and respected triangular series among the three participating schools. The participants lined up in the Madhav Field and the Principal shook hands with them. In the two days' event, Mayo College won the final match by 3-2. Sher Bahadur Dahal was the Best Player (The Scindia School) and the Hockey Shield went to Mayo College, Ajmer. The Overall Trophy comprising the series in the three sports of cricket, football and hockey was won by Daly College, Indore.

Martyrs' Day was held on 30th February 2020. The poems in Hindi and English focusing on the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi were recited. The song 'Yadi teri awaz pe koi na aaye toh tu chal akela re' inspired the school community. The customary silence gave us the opportunity to delve in the depths of our consciousness.

Basant Panchami celebration was held on the Fort with a lot of enthusiasm. Shantanu Yadav talked about the festival of Basant Panchami. A poem 'Dekho Basant Aaya' and the Saraswati Vandana soothed us with the melody- 'Var Dey Veena Vadini Var Dey'.

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, 9th



The avid cyclists

February 2020. 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 kabaddi,

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 Bharat Singh Kushwaha, MLA, Gwalior Rural. 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 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 and literature work. 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 Pal 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.

How to Create Harmony

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Harmony is a precondition to peace, and peace opens the door to joy. All of us know this from our own experience. In matters of health or study, work or worship, harmony is what we strive to achieve. When harmony is lost, the result is stress and anxiety, pain and sorrow.

Religions of the world seem to have contributed to the loss of social harmony, often because there are simply so many of them and they seem to be at variance with one another. The distrust and conflict between religions is sad and strange. Considering the fact that all religions deal with the same basic human problems, we would expect the world's religions to be in the forefront of promoting harmony—not only among themselves but also at every level of the society. Sometimes religions do work together to promote harmony, but the harmony that is achieved is too fragile to withstand disruptive social forces.

So, what needs to be urgently done is to create conditions for pro-active pluralistic interpretations from different religions. An ongoing network of religious leaders and theologians from all over the country need to come together to renew the different religions from the perspectives of pluralism, social justice and environmental actions.

There are thousands of development organizations in the country doing a lot of good work on structural and charitable issues. While most of them are ideologically in support of communal harmony and an inclusive secularism, the approach to secularism which combines secular values and religious conviction (unlike exclusive secularism, which is anti-religious) they are still not programmatically combating fundamentalism and promoting pluralism.

The media has by and large played a positive role in fighting fundamentalism. But there is a tendency to put the issue on the backburner when there is no overt fundamentalist conflict disrupting society. Much of the focus on newspapers these days is on entertainment, fashion, commercial films, consumer culture, and sports. Even politics gets less coverage than any of these issues.

A creative campaign among publishers and editors of national and local newspapers and television channels can keep the enthusiasm upbeat by publishing stories where Hindus have helped Muslims in times of dire need or vice-versa, or cases where Christians have helped Muslims and Hindus. There can be more coverage of inter-religious events. Stories can be done on the problems of implementing anti-fundamentalist legislation that is now being proposed, or issues concerning the formulation of an inter-religious syllabus for schools and colleges.

The harmonious approach respects religious diversity. It appreciates the special identity of every religion and finds a way through which all religions can join hands to celebrate the diversity while, simultaneously, recognizing the unity that brings them together. The harmonious approach thus has the potential to produce not only collective peace but also individual growth and maturity.

Saying that all religions are equally true and authentic does not, of course, mean that "all religions are the same" or that "differences are merely superficial." Every religion has a bent, a characteristic feature, a unique trait. For instance, the dominant characteristic of Islam is its spirit of equality and brotherhood; of Judaism—its emphasis on tradition and the importance of family; of Christianity—the love and sacrifice exemplified by Christ; of Buddhism—its stress on renunciation, compassion, and rationality; of Hinduism—its principle of the basic unity of the universe in consciousness, its insistence on the need for direct mystical experience, and its spirit of acceptance of views different from its own.

At the same time, saying that every religion has its own uniqueness does not mean that religions have nothing to share with one another. There are a great many things to share and learn, and if we really put our minds to this, we shall find that the religions of the world have a lot more in common than we suspect. In spite of the diversity and the differences, no one can deny that religions do share certain common characteristics such as concern for the existential problems of humanity, transcendence, ultimacy, holiness, fellowship, and the symbolic expression of inner experience. The harmonious approach consists in recognizing this common ground and enriching our own spiritual life by absorbing the best elements of other religions while remaining steadfast in our own.

The harmonious approach teaches us that "my religion" doesn't become greater if it is accompanied by hatred for all others. When true love awakens in the heart, it doesn't leave any room for hatred. The two can never stay together. It is possible for us all to live together in the global family of religions with mutual sharing, love and cooperation.

At some point we may all come to realize that the different religious traditions—or "labels" such as Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Buddhism and Hinduism—are really walls dividing the total religious consciousness of humanity. These walls are necessary, for they do have their utility. Religious traditions protect a person from negative influences. Soon, however, the person must evolve and outgrow the necessity of this confinement.

(The views expressed in the above article are those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the editors.)

A Dialogue with The Scindian

The Republic Day Celebration is the celebration of the human spirit of freedom. In addition to this, it entails the revelation of the 'right references' which make a *Scindian* stand tall inspite of all the odds. The Review Editors present to you the musings of one such true *Scindian*....

Suyash Bansal- Sir, I am Suyash Bansal of Jayaji House, Class X...

Memoy:and I am Memoy Mishra, Class X, Daulat House.

Mr Vishnu Agarwal: Oh ! both of you are from Class X.

Suyash Bansal: Sir being an Old Boy, the first question has to be about the school and your experience, so let us say, you could turn back time what would be the memory that you would want to live?

Mr Vishnu Agarwal: Oh there are so many memories...the good times that one spent here and what all one learnt. May be at that point of time, only I have one thing to say...at that point of time, you don't relish everything that is done... the discipline the regimentation, you are being asked to excel in every field, whichever field it is, you don't relish that at that point of time, but then later on you realize how important it was and if they have instilled in you, even a little bit of that effort to excel in life, I think the school had done its job.

Suyash Bansal: Sir, you are talking about skills; which skill do you believe has helped you the most in the journey of your life that you learnt from the school?

Mr Vishnu Agarwal: I think just your basic sense to understand what is right and what is wrong. If you can understand what is wrong then, howsoever the pressure may be, somewhere in your inner psyche something will tell you that "This is wrong, let me not do it". If the school has taught you that, it's taught you everything beyond Physics, Chemistry and Social Sciences etc.

Memoy Mishra: Sir, there is a notion in some of the students that for preparing for the exams like JEE, NEET etc. one has to drop the regular school and take up coaching. However you are from *Scindia* and you cracked the IIT exams, so what would be your message to such students?

Mr Vishnu Agarwal: The first message is IIT, JEE must have been very simple that I have been able to get through. ... No more, things are becoming tougher each day. I totally agree with you and the other students that here, the emphasis is not only on education but it is on all round development of the child. So probably, in a fixed format, where the other schools are teaching 24/7, from Class VII, VIII onwards, with a target for IIT, a *Scindian* would find it difficult. But having the determination, you can achieve it and let me say one more thing- IIT, JEE is not the 'be-all' and 'end- all' of all things. There is so much more to do. I have known people; it is more than 50 years that I graduated from IIT, I have known people who inspite of having studied in IIT have not done very well, neither academically, nor in life, niether financially or whatever... There are others who probably studied in some regional college of engineering and they have done excellently. So how you take life's journey, it is just one stop amongst many stops that you have in life. Just like there are a lot of people... none of these is a passport for your success in life, neither *Scindia* nor IIT. They are just one more thing. It helps you a little more. And okay, if you are not able to get through, don't get worried...this is one of the last things in life. You will still do well in life.

Suyash Bansal: Being an entrepreneur most of your life, do you believe that the youth should be more considerate about entrepreneurship?

Mr Vishnu Agarwal: Sure, why not. Infact, in this my message is especially for *Scindians* because all of you come from financially strong backgrounds. If that wasn't so your parents would not have been able to make you study here. The biggest problem with the youth today, in going for the field of entrepreneurship is that if they are not sure about its success, they feel that they have to support their families back home. They think that they have taken a loan from the bank... They have to repay it. Who would do it? A job which gets them steady



Mr Vishnu Agarwal with the Review team

income is thus preferred by them. But those problems, those considerations are not for a *Scindian*. You have a fairly comfortable financial background. So what is it? Just one or two years in life.. you should see....to make good...you could be the next Narayan Murthy. The sky is the limit and with so much of the technology moving forward: It used to take fifty years in our times. Later on it was changing in 25 years. Now, it changes in five years. So, you are the people who can change the world, the way the world is today.

Suyash Bansal: Sir, also taking into account the risk factor involved, how many people fail when they take entrepreneurship in life leading them to face a lot of problems, what do you believe is the best success mantra for them?

Mr Vishnu Agarwal: You should have the right lines on your palm ! Really, you cannot sum up all that! There are many colleges which teach entrepreneurship; really can't give you a mantra for success. It changes from person to person. Experience, choosing the right product, choosing the right line, being there; see we make a lot of noise or we feel so happy when somebody succeeds. See where is Narayan Murthy! Where he is today! The whole world knows him. But there are so many of his friends who didn't succeed that way and they are not known. The society doesn't appreciate them. But so what? That's a part of the game. Keep on watching people. There are also people who do not succeed in the first time but they tried to succeed the second time and third time...and eventually succeed.

Suyash Bansal and Memoy Mishra: Thank you so much Sir!

Mr Vishnu Agarwal: Thank you!



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खौफनाक है खबर आजकल के अखबार में,
धधक उठा दिल मेरा जीकर इस संसार में ।
माँ-बेटी की रक्षा का जो लगा देश पर चूना है,
खत्म करो इन हत्यारों को जो फैलाते दरिंदगी का नमूना है ।
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ये वो जानवर हैं,
जिनको रहती जिस्म की भूख है,
गंदगी नसों में भरी, खोखली इनकी रूह है ।
इंसान नहीं कहेंगे, जिनके कर्म हैं इतने खूँखार,
जड़ से सफाया कर, करो दुनिया पर एक परोपकार ।
समाज के ये वो दीमक हैं जो आगे न बढ़ने देंगे,
नारियों को बहत्तर साल के बाद भी, आज़ादी से न जीने देंगे ।
इनका कोई अस्तित्व नहीं, जो रोज़ करते हैं शोषण
और हम बस बैठे क्या ? सत्ता पर लगाते दोषारोपण ।
पूछा है कभी, क्यों होते हैं ये बलात्कार ?
क्यों माता-पिता की परवरिश, दे ना पाई सोच को एक सही आकार ।
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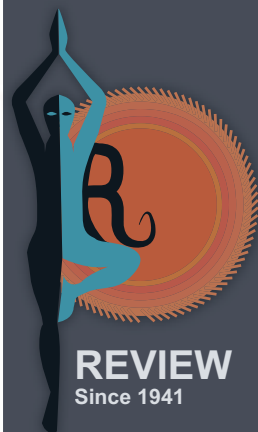
We are sorry to inform you about the sad demise of Mrs Renu Saxena W/o Dr Rakesh Saxena (Ex- House Master, Shivaji 1998-2007 & Principal RNS World School, Jhansi). We pray that her kind soul rests in everlasting peace. Condolences may be sent to Dr Saxena on +917309036421

We are sad to inform you of the demise of Mr Nitin Prakash (Ex- Md, 1994) who passed away in Jabalpur due to a heart attack. May his kind soul rest in everlasting peace.

Mr Anant Narayan Bhanjadeo (Ex- Je, 1968) passed away on 1st December 2019 in Cuttack. Condolences may be sent to his son on +91 99372 60533.

We are sorry to inform you about the passing away of Col. Atul Tandon (Ex- Vivekanand, 1982). May his kind soul rest in everlasting peace. He is survived by his wife and two daughters. Condolences may be sent on +91 94166 51811.

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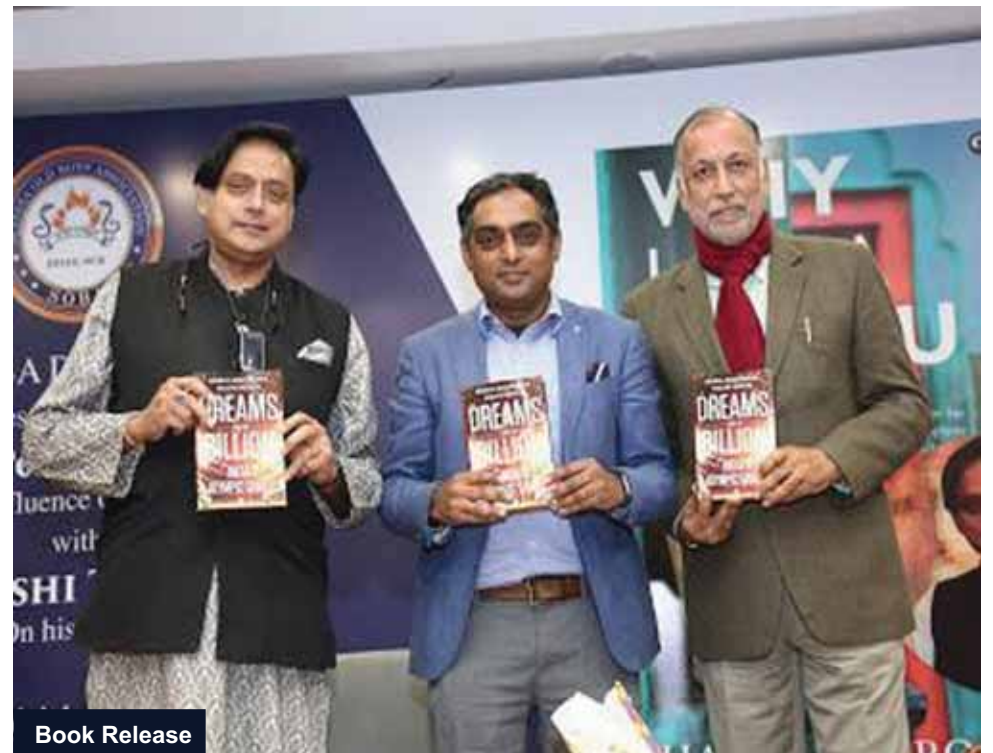
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OLD BOYS' NEWS

The second edition of the much awaited FG Pearce Symposium was held at New Delhi on 3rd February 2020. The programme commenced with a presentation by Mr Saumitro Sen, on the life of Late Mr FG Pearce, who ably led The Scindia School from 1929 to 1943, as its first Principal. We were honoured to have with us, the Vice President of The Scindia School's governing body, Padmashree Awardee, Mr Rajendra Pawar, who gave an insight about our school and also introduced the Chief Guest, Dr Shashi Tharoor who is a recipient of the coveted Sahitya Academy Award for the year 2019. Ms Ruchira Sharma interacted with our acclaimed columnist, Mr Nalin Mehta, who in turn, followed it with his interview of Dr Tharoor. This was followed by the launch of 'Dreams of a Billion: India and the Olympics Games', authored by Mr Nalin Mehta. This book,



Book Release

available on Amazon, gives the reader a comprehensive view of what goes on backstage in the world of Indian Olympics, and is a must-read for all sporting fans. The highlight of the evening was a talk by the Chief Guest, followed by the signing of his critically acclaimed book, "Why I am a Hindu". Many members from the august audience including the school's governing body, present teachers, philanthropists, professionals, and illustrious alumni of The Scindia School & Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, carried back this invaluable memento with them. Mr Amitabh Vartak spoke about his new start-up, <https://seekblessings.com/> which is committed to delivering Prasad to devotees' doorsteps across the world, from major temples in India. We wish him all success in this venture! The programme concluded with the Vote of Thanks to the sponsors, speakers, and all present, by the Vice President, Mr Banjul Badil. The symposium was organised by SOBA Delhi NCR, and was held at India International Centre, attended by about 235 delegates. For further details, and participation in such future events, please contact : E : sobadelhincr@gmail.com M : +91 72900 69720 M : +91 98114 01421