

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



YEAR

2019-2020

The year's overview

THE STELLAR RESULTS....



Honourable Chief Guest Dr Krishnaswamy Kasturirangan, President Board of Governors HH Maharaja Jyotiraditya M Scindia, Members of the Board of Governors, Madhav Awardees, distinguished guests, parents, Old Boys, my colleagues, dear students and ladies and gentlemen, it is my privilege to welcome each one of you to the 123rd Founder's Day of this wonderful school.

It is my utmost honour to welcome our Chief Guest, Dr K. Kasturirangan, the chief architect of the NEP and a recipient of the three major civilian awards from the Government of India: the Padma Shri (1982), Padma Bhushan (1992) and Padma Vibhushan (2000). It is our privilege to welcome such an exceptional person today. Thank you, Sir for gracing us with your presence.

Sir, with your permission, I would like to share the highlights of the year gone by.

The report covers all areas of academic and co-curricular engagements as well as those aspects of real education which is empowering the leaders of tomorrow to become the catalysts of a vibrant social change. As we stand in the middle of the pandemic not sure of

what each day ahead might bring for us, we are committed to working tirelessly towards the holistic development of our children. At Scindia we firmly believe in re-inventing ourselves and owing to this spirit of the school, we have remained relevant for the last 122 years.

Academics:

With academics being the prime focus of our endeavors, our efforts culminated in the record-breaking feats of success of our students.

In class XII, with a total of 69 students, the aggregate result shot up to 92% with 41 students scoring 95% and above. 22 students scored 100% marks in their respective subjects.

In class X, with a total of 90 students the average percentage went up to 88% with 44 students scoring 90% and above. These were considerably good results which, I might humbly say, has put us in the forefront of academic results with reference to the cohort of premium Boarding Schools.

The pandemic has necessitated the emphasis on mental and emotional wellbeing of students, and we have put the primary focus on it. The Career Cell addressed the anxiety of the students, preparing and re-looking at the plans individually.

MOU with NYIF and Arizona University:

It is my privilege to share with you that the school has signed an MOU with New York Institute of Finance whereby NYIF will annually allocate two full scholarships of 100% tuition fee waiver for G 2020 and Young Finance Scholar Programs. The school has also signed an MOU with the Arizona University wherein the course fee has been brought down drastically, exclusively for the students of The Scindia School.

Imparting emotional stability:

In order to provide the much needed emotional stability to the students, ASTACHAL, the spiritual water hole of The Scindia School, is being conducted on 3 days per week with Guided meditation on one day of week with the other two days for the usual ASTACHAL taken by the Housemaster. Special meeting of Class Teachers with students is also being organised every week.

Sports:

Sports teaches us the skill of self-guided development. It helps us learn invaluable skills such as resilience, leadership, accountability, respect, and patience. Thus, our motive has always been to expose all students of the school to all sporting arenas and specialisation in one Sport. Even during lockdown, the Sports Department of the school has been running Yoga and Fitness Classes since the 18th of May which continue till date. To celebrate the success of our sportsmen, the 25th Annual Sports Banquet 2019-20, was attended by 53 students. Mr Rajinder Pal Devgan, a distinguished educationist and an avid sportsperson was the Chief Guest. In the Kishangarh Hockey Shield 2019 -20, Sher Bahadur Dahal was the Best Player from The Scindia School. The Overall Trophy was won by Daly College, Indore. 31st October 2019 was celebrated as the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas and the Sports event - Run for Unity and an interactive talk session was organised in the school in which the entire school participated.

In the Inter-house Cross Country Race-2019, Dhan Bahadur Karki of Jayappa House broke the previous record of the year 1978-79 by Mukesh Agarwal of Jayappa House, with a new record timing of 10: 48: 59. Congratulations!

The 80th Inter-house Athletics Meet 2019-20 was held from 12th November to 19th November 2019. Our school also hosted the CBSE Sahodaya Inter School U-19 Cricket Tournament from 21st to 23rd of November 2019. The Scindia School won the final match by 103 runs and we became the Winners. Vihaan Gupta was adjudged the Man of the Match.





Leadership Programme



'Harmony' on canvas

Extra-curriculars:

The extracurricular activities not only help our students to learn how to keep commitments and manage time, but they also encourage our students to step outside their comfort zones, in turn expanding their skill set even further. It furnishes them with a sense of challenge and recognition both.

Ishan Agarwal, Kushal Agarwal, Shubham Agarwal, Inesh Agarwal and Muhstasim represented The Scindia School in a leadership training programme held in The Doon School.

Satyam Raj, Ayush Goyal and Atherva Karwa participated in the Kamla Jeevan Hindi debate held at The Doon School in which Ayush Goyal was adjudged the best speaker in the second round.

The Scindia School Model United Nations Conference 2019 was hosted by the school from 8th November to 10th November 2019.

8 schools participated in the event. Welham Boys' School became the Winners of SCIMUN and The Scindia School bagged the Runner up trophy.

The 4th Scindia Literary Fest was held in school from 16th November to 18th November 2019. Nine reputed authors visited the Fort and coloured the environs of the school in literature, art and expression.

The contingent of the Brass Band received NCC certificates and Band Major, Yash Jain and Aryan Samil were honoured with the rank of Senior Under Officer by NCC. Yash Jain received the commendation card from the Chief of the Army Staff.

In the 'Ultimate Mathematics with BITS' held at Bits Pilani, Chirag Rathi, Akshat Karwa and Shivansh Bansal were declared winners in the "Bulb Your Ideas" category.



Mr Stephen Alter



Award Winners



The Brass Band



Inter House IT Week

Sameep Modi qualified for the final round of the State Level Astronomy Quiz and visited ISRO, Sriharikota and Kodaikanal.

59 students qualified for the Green Olympiad conducted by The Energy and Resource Institute at the national level. Krish Gupta received distinction and, Certificate of Merit was received by: Karma Bhutia, Neev Agarwal, Keshav Jhunjhunwala, Yuvraj Singh, Manjot Singh Sethi, Prashant Agarwal, Siddharth Chandel, Dhan Bahadur Karki, Yash Gupta and Saarang Agarwal.

In the National Level 'Innoventure (Intelligence plus) 2020', held at Pune, The Scindia School won the Best Enterprising School award.

Aarush Prabhu, and Vibhav Kundu, participated in the show 'EPIC IQ Challenge'.

Since we understood the importance of those learning activities that happen outside the context of a formal classroom we ensured that our Music Society, Art Society, Dramatics both in English and Hindi, Debating both in English and Hindi and Public Speaking Society lead the students out of the classroom to nurture and satisfy their creativity and unleash the creative talents in them.

Bhuvnesh Gonugunta participated in the 'Virtual Qriosity' National level Quiz organised by History Diaries and secured the third prize in Madhya Pradesh.

The 10th Vasant Valley School's Aaj Tak Hindi 'Vad Vivad Pratiyogita' was held from 10th - 14th August 2020. Satyam Raj was declared the Best Speaker in the preliminary round of the Debate.

The school also organized a series of literary, social, public speaking and cultural events to give an opportunity to the students to discover their unique potential. With the need for social distancing, many of the events are being taken up virtually but with profound enthusiasm. The 47th Platinum Jubilee All India Inter School English Debates, and the H. H. Madhav Rao Scindia Inter School Hindi Debates, were successfully organized Live on the Virtual Platform and were profusely admired. The Scindia School became the Winner of the Hindi Debate. Inter House English and Hindi Debates and Elocution are being conducted on the virtual platform and many more events are planned in the days to come.

Investiture:

11 students were sworn in as prefects in the Investiture Ceremony held virtually on 29th September 2020. Chirag Rathi, Aditi Joshi, Shishir Pandey, Kartikeya Kulshrestha, Aditya Tibrewala, Shivansh Bansal, Ajay Chettri, Fatehvir Singh, Arya Adhikari, Irish Rohra, and Yash Jain became School Prefects. Akshat Karwa and Hriday Soni were given the responsibility of Deputy Senior School Prefect. Angad Sahni became the Senior School Prefect. All the best to the new prefectorial team!

Celebration:

During the Republic Day, Mr Vishnu Agarwal (Ex-Rn, 1961), was the Chief Guest. The Senior House Reports, Valedictory Assembly, Makar Sankranti, Holi, Ganesh Chaturthi were some of the many occasions of celebration on the Fort, some before the pandemic and some this side of the year with adequate distancing norms.



Kite Flying



At Astachal



Mr Vishnu Agarwal with the Review Team

Adventure:

A group of 63 students along with 4 teachers- Mr Manoj Mishra, Mr Kamlesh Singh, Mr Chandan Baitha and Mr Dharmendra Mourya went for Kedarkantha trek at the beginning of the year.

Exchanges:

James Foley from St Philips College Australia was on cultural exchange to the school.

Ms Suzanne Stampa from Harald School, Norway, also visited the school on a teacher exchange programme.

Harsh Bansal participated in the virtual International German Youth Camp.

Lalit Kumar participated in the online Youth Camp organized by In-DaF, an organisation of German teachers from all over the country.

Service:

Before the pandemic, service was done House- wise and collectively 800 hours were devoted to this noble cause. On 26th January we organized Shramjeevi Diwas, wherein a sports extravaganza for the entire service staff and their families was organized in the school campus. 160 saplings were planted both inside and outside the campus to make the Fort greener. Drip Irrigation installation was put in process and cleaning of channels for water harvesting in Taals was taken up. Digging pits for tree plantation; installing tree guards to protect saplings; Kitchen Garden- Organic Farming was done behind the Biology Laboratory. As a part of their curriculum, students observed the germination, flowering, and 'fruiting' process of the plants.

Students visited the Prayass Bilingual School for Dumb and Deaf, Sharda Bal Gram (an Orphanage) and undertook activities in our adopted village of SONSA.

In these unprecedented times of the pandemic, the students are taking up the spirit of social service in their own cities becoming the flag bearers of the Scindian ethos.

Shivansh Bansal ran a social service programme with 10 other members, which included sanitizing and cleaning different areas and colonies of the city, under the Corona Fighter's initiative started by the Mayor.

Chirag Rathi worked on rescuing abandoned and stray Animals, both individually and in an official collaboration with an NGO (Sanjay Gandhi Animal Care Center).

Shivang Kumar and Vishnudeep Tyagi have founded an NGO named Hotdogs which specifically aims at providing food and medical support to the stray animals and mainly to the dogs. They have also initiated a fundraiser campaign for the same and are hoping to extend their reach through different states for this humanitarian deed, in the near future.



The avid cyclists



Mr Dhirendra Sharma & Mr Jitendra Jawale at the Closing Ceremony on Sonsa Day



Green Initiative

SOBA House:

Old Boys, Board members, Principal, Vice Principal, staff, retired teachers, and well-wishers gathered to take part in the celebration of the inauguration of the SOBA House. Mr Vinay Modi along with Mr RS Pawar inaugurated the new block by unveiling a plaque and lighting the lamp.

Workshops and Visits:

Several eminent people visited us in the earlier part of the year. Thereafter, we met several accomplished people virtually.

Mr Apar Mehra, a young student of Class XII who had suffered from the Tourette Syndrome, interacted with the students of Classes VI to VIII on 23rd February 2020.

On 30th November 2019, Mr Akhil Bansal, Deputy CEO of KMPG (an international audit firm) interacted with the students in the Assembly Hall. Students of classes VI to IX went to the Morar Cantonment Army Service Corps Ground on 20th January 2020, for witnessing the Army exhibition. The Principal, Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat attended a Round Square RS Heads' Symposium between 10th - 11th January 2020. This conference brought delegates together to learn, share and celebrate the IDEALS of Round Square.

Ms Sangeeta Jain, Dr Smita Trivedi and Mr Pawan Mali participated in HUBs of Learning workshop at Delhi Public School, Rairu.

50 teachers attended a workshop on CBSE Spot Evaluation in MCR-1 conducted by Mr RK Kapoor. Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat, Principal, The Scindia School was a part of an enriching panel discussion organised by BW Education on Wednesday, the 19th of February 2020 in Delhi.

Mr Pawan Gupta (Ex-Rn, 1970), a US based communications expert was on campus from 1st to 4th November 2019. He was here under the Scindia Old Boys in Residence Programme (SOBiR).

Ever since the onset of the pandemic, the training programs for the faculty members were arranged in phases. The School arranged a series of webinars for the teachers to get accustomed with the various techniques and tools of online teachings; The IT Dept. of School organized a training session for teachers on the use of MS Teams under the leadership of the IT Dean Mr R K Kapoor during the first week of April; Selected teachers from different departments attended a webinar on "Compassionate Education" (ETST International conference for creating compassionate world together- 4th to 7th May). Faculty members attended a training session,



Inauguration Ceremony



Workshop on Communication Skills





Panel Discussion



Dr Sudhir Bloeria

Fireside Chat :
How Scindia School is overcoming the challenges posed by Covid19

Conversation with the doyens of Education

Dr. Madhav Deo Saraswat
 (Principal, The Scindia School)

Mr. Rajendra S. Pawar
 (Founder & Chairman - NIIT Group and Founder NIIT University)

45-min Dialogue | 15 min Q&A | 19th September | 4 - 5 pm

Moderated by **Ms Sujata Kulshreshtha**
 (Founder, Wide Angle Films & former member of the Board of Governors of The Scindia School)

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Dr. Madhav Deo Saraswat
 Principal, The Scindia Boys School, (India)

Esteemed Speaker

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ने शिक्षण क्षेत्रात में उत्कृष्टतापूर्ण प्रदर्शन किया है, एवं इसकी साक्षरता पर प्रतिस्पर्धा - 2020 में शिक्षण प्रतिस्पर्धा (प्रवेशी), कक्षा 11 व 12 वर्ग, में अग्रिम राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर रैंक 11 - 500, में स्थान प्राप्त किया है।

has displayed appreciable performance in Essay Writing and ranked amongst Top 11 - 500, at All India level in Essay Competition (English), Class 11 & 12 category, of ISRO Cyberspace Competitions - 2020.

"Virtual Teacher Workshop" by Mr Madhukar Dhiman, the Director of Rosemount Institute on various aspects of online teaching.

Faculty members also attended a live session by Microsoft on the features and use of MS Teams (27th May). Additionally, all the faculty members attended two sessions of training by NIIT- "Training on Innovative Teaching using ICT" and "Training on Online Assessment" on 8th, 16th June and 3rd July respectively. All the teachers further attended a webinar on "Pedagogy and Motivation" by Mr Arun Kapur on 22nd June. Several teachers on the Fort participated in the Five Webinars conducted by the Pallavan Learning Systems.

New Initiatives:

The first ever Legacy Schools' Webinar was hosted by The Scindia School, Fort, Gwalior, on 27th July 2020. The panellists included educators from eight legacy schools of India. The topic of the webinar was: 'Sharing one Best Practice'. The eight participant schools in the webinar were: Mayo College, Ajmer; The Doon School, Dehradun; Lawrence School, Sanawar; Hyderabad Public School, Hyderabad; Daly College, Indore; Lawrence School, Lovedale; Modern School, Delhi; and The Scindia School, Gwalior. The purpose of this alliance is to imbibe the best practices of each other so that collectively we can command a more prominent place in the school education space in the country.

A 'Fireside chat: How Scindia School is overcoming the challenges posed by Covid 19' was organized in a webinar format in which Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat, Principal, The Scindia School and IT industry giant Mr Rajendra Singh Pawar, (Padma Bhushan) Founder & Chairman NIIT Group and Founder NIIT University, were the panellists. It was held on 19th September 2020.

Achievement:

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is with an extraordinary sense of pride that I share with you that Chirag Rathi of Class XII, displayed appreciable performance in the essay writing and was ranked amongst the top at the All India Level in the Essay Competition of ISRO, Cyberspace Competitions 2020.

Gratitude:

We hereby humbly acknowledge the generous donation of Rs 1 Cr by Mr Vijay Bhargava (Ex- Ranoji, 1953 - 1957) towards the SOBA House.

Old Boys:

Old Boys from the Batch of 1969-70 visited the school on 25th and 26th January 2020 to celebrate their Golden Jubilee Reunion. Mr Atul Gupta, Mr Vineet Bakshi, Mr Dilip Trivedi, Justice Sanjay Mishra, and Mr Rajiv Dhar addressed the gathering and expressed that they were overwhelmed by nostalgia and pride.

The second and third edition of the much-awaited FG Pearce Symposium- A Confluence of thought was held on 3rd February 2020 and 17th May 2020, respectively.

On the 60th Anniversary of SOBA, The Scindia School Old Boys' Association instituted a trophy for the Inter House Quiz Competition -The 'U C Bharadwaj INQUIZITIVE Trophy' for the senior school and the 'Khurshid Lakdawala INQUIZITIVE Trophy' for the junior school.

New Staff:

We welcomed some new staff members this year. Mr Akhil Lakshmanan, Dr Ankur Jaiswal, Mr Santosh Udenia, Mr Ashish Mishra, and Mr Suvir Vij joined as the Faculty of Computer Science, Faculty in English, Head Of Department of Sports, Faculty of Social Studies and as an Administrative Manager, respectively. We wish them a fruitful tenure in the school!

Adieu:

We also bid adieu to some of our staff members-the Bursar Wg. Cdr. (Retd.) Vivek Saxena, Ms Nandita Saxena, Faculty of English; Mr. Ramesh Sharma, Housemaster Daulat House & Teacher I/C Band; and Mr Naman Saraswat, Director - Sports. We wish them very best for the future!

Award and Honour:

With utmost humility I inform you that I have been recognised as a "Great People Manager" by Forbes India in their October 2020 list of Top 100 Great People Managers- GMP. This award is a culmination of the unwavering support and encouragement that I have received from the entire community including the Old Boys, Teachers, Parents and Students.

Sincere thanks:

In the end, I would like to express my deep gratitude to the President and members of the Board of Governors for their support and guidance. I would like to put on record my appreciation for my colleagues from the academic, administrative, and service wings for their tireless efforts for the welfare of the students. My personal gratitude to Ms Smita Chaturvedi, Mr Dhirendra Sharma and Mr Raj Kumar Kapoor for their constant support.

I am also grateful to the government and civil administration, police, army, air force authorities and media for their constant support. My thanks are due to all the parents and Old Boys for their continued support, trust and affection. I must inform you that we're fully prepared in every possible way to welcome our students back on campus. Your trust puts a higher degree of responsibility on our shoulders and I assure you that our effort is always to further strengthen it.

May God bless us all! Looking forward to seeing you on the other side sooner than later.

Thank you.



Old Boys



Inter House Quiz



Book Release

