

THE SCINDIA SCHOOL, FORT GWALIOR

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FORT NEWS

Halfway through December the winter season has set foot on the Fort. The mornings are a little foggy and the warm sun though out for shorter durations is cherished. The evenings are cooler and a little windy. Nature seems to sleep early now on the Fort.

Inter House Junior Group G.K. Quiz

The Inter House Junior Group General Knowledge Quiz was organised on 26th November 2022. After an extremely disheartening two years break due to COVID, the students were highly keen to participate. The fluency with which the answers were given was remarkable. The audience thoroughly enjoyed this battle of brains by applauding and cheering for their respective Houses. All the Houses tried their level best. Kanerkhed won by a whopping score of 85 points. It was a very informative and enthralling event.

Inter House Middle Group G.K. Quiz

Mr Kamlesh Singh and Mr Shiv Kumar Sharma conducted the G.K. Quiz for the Middle Group on 27th November 2022. The Quiz was conducted in various rounds based on topics like sports, literature, mythology, and technology. The most stimulating round was the 'Double Trouble' round in which the teams had an opportunity to score double the amount of points if they gave the right answer else losing twice the normal points. The teams which were in the final round of the quiz were: Madhav, Mahadji, Shivaji and Daulat. The four Houses were neck and neck with each other. In the end, Ayaan Shah and Rudransh Agrawal of Madhav emerged victorious. All in all, the quiz served its purpose of educating all of us and re-kindling our interests in the general awareness.

Seminar on Cyber Crime

On 9th December 2022 the school conducted a seminar regarding Awareness on Cyber Crime. The esteemed speaker was Mr Rajesh Dandotiya, Additional Superintendent of Police, Gwalior. An effective and articulate speaker, he enthralled us with true stories of cyber frauds in his career and how we can avoid such naïve mistakes which have devastating consequences. An important message throughout his speech was the challenges of solving cyber-crimes and how the best step forward is prevention through awareness. He then motivated students to work hard and do well in life. It was an extremely fruitful session which the students and faculty appreciated.



Seminar on Cyber Crime

Visit to DRDE

On 1st December 2022, the students of class XI went to visit the Defence Research and Development Establishment (DRDE), Gwalior with Mr Akash Sharma. It is one of the most prestigious research laboratories in India. Defence Research and Development Establishment (DRDE) is involved in the Research and Development of defence against hazardous chemical and biological agents as well as associated toxicological problems. They also extensively research



Visit to DRDE

in the fields of toxicology, microbiology, biochemistry, biotechnology, and electron microscopy amongst many others. The students were delighted to meet eminent scientists like Dr Shiv Prakash, Dr Acharya, and Dr Vinod at DRDE and learned about the functioning of the Indian Defence lab. The students were made aware of the facts about Chemical and Biological warfare. It was an educational excursion to DRDE and a wonderful learning experience for all. The students were highly motivated to serve the country after the visit.

Movie Outing

On 4th December 2022, the school organized a movie outing for all the students. The event provided a much-needed change of pace from rigorous exam preparations. The Junior Group watched "Bhediya" a science fiction film, that enthralled our students and the Senior Group watched "Uchai" which taught us the paramountcy of friendship and proved that age can never be a judge of your abilities. During the movie students were provided with hot-buttery popcorn and cold drink as refreshment which further enriched the experience of watching the movie. Both the movies were a pleasure to watch. The students had a great time and relished every minute of it. It was a well spent Sunday.

Jayappa Website

On 4th October 2022, Jayappa House launched their official House Website. A proud initiative by two students of class X, Aryavardhan Singh Somvanshi and Simarjot Singh Malhi. Its launch in the morning assembly was an inspiration for all the other students. They received many positive responses from teachers and fellow Scindians.

The link for the website:

jayappa.wixsite.com/jayappa

The Scindia Cyber Information Technology Week

The Scindia Cyber Information Technology (IT) Week took place from 21st November to 25th November 2022. The students were divided into two groups, senior and junior. A student was only allowed to participate in one event. The



Engrossed in the competition

senior group consisted of nine events while the junior had five events. Events such as IT quizzes, poster making, video and photo editing and even creating multi-media presentations took place to celebrate the numerous facets of Information Technology. The students thoroughly enjoyed the exposure to new software and skills that this event inspired them to learn. Detailed results are attached in the same edition.

Inter House Senior Group English Elocution

On 5th November 2022, Senior Group English elocution was held in The Shukla Memorial Open-Air Theatre. The slanting rays of the setting sun gave a warm orange tinge to the sky. The stage was decorated wonderfully with beautiful lights, making the environment serene. The competition was divided into two segments, Prose (Stand Up Comedy) and Poetry. Eight speakers from various Houses tried their skills in making the audience laugh, but only a few could get the ball rolling. Then came the turn of the poets who weaved words into imaginative poems and took the audience on a fascinating journey. Every speaker spoke a wonderful piece for about four minutes to showcase their talent. All the participants tried their best to put up a great show and their efforts were awarded with thunderous applause by the audience and the judges. Principal sir then enlightened the audience and the participants on the skill of stand-up comedy by saying that comedy should be witty and shouldn't harm any person's sentiments. He also appreciated the poets for putting up a great show. The results were as follows :

Poetry :

Best Speaker - Jeh Neville Hilluwala, Shivaji

2nd Best speaker- Prataksh Sharma, Jayaji

Prose :

Best Speaker - Lokesh Awasthi, Jayaji

2nd Best Speaker - Vedhan Khandelwal, Madhav

Scholars' Banquet

26th November 2022 marked the XXIII scholars' banquet for the academic year 2021-2022. It was a remarkable event graced by the presence of the chief guest,



The Scholar's Banquet

Lt. Gen (Retd) V.K. Sharma, Vice Chancellor-Amity University, an alumnus of the erstwhile King George's School and has served in the Indian Army for more than 40 years. He was welcomed by The Scindia School brass band royally. 119 scholars along with 16 members of faculty and guests, attended the banquet as a mark of celebrating the academic excellence of the students. The exquisite menu, accompanied by the tranquillity of the evening, was something to be admired. The Principal, Mr Ajay Singh, raised the first toast in honour of Lt. Gen (Retd) V.K. Sharma, and the second toast was raised by the Senior School Prefect, Mayank Chaudhary for the happiness of the school. In the end, the chief guest congratulated the students for their academic achievements and wished them good luck in their future endeavours. The guests, faculty members and students left with smiles on their faces and a beautiful memory in their minds.

Mr Vishesh Sahai's Farewell

Mr Vishesh joined the Scindia School in 2001 as an economics teacher. He worked as a staff editor for various school publications including Review and Qila Quotes. While teaching he inspired enthusiasm in his students with his out-of-classroom interests in cycling, music, and adventurous activities. He



Farewell to Mr Sahai

groomed several generations of learners and helped them to always strive for the best. While working for the school, he interviewed renowned chief guests including Mr Ratan Tata and Ms Mithali Raj. Mr Sahai was a charismatic and energetic teacher who inspired the students to think critically, and explore diverse schools of thoughts, as well as, encouraging them to fly towards their own dreams. With him, the sky was the limit. He was the IPSC coordinator for more than seven years during which, he helped us achieve great laurels. Mr Vishesh Sahai is synonymous with the Scindian ethos, and his impact will never fade away.

German Exchange Programme

On 30th October 2022, the boys of the Scindia School ventured off for the German MINT camp to Goa. Eight schools from India and Germany participated. Each Indian school was partnered with a German school. The Scindia School was partnered with the Gymnasium Neu Stadt. Gymnasium Neu Stadt is located near the city of Weiden. The School was represented by ten German language students and two teachers, Ms Sneha Bhagat and Mr Gopal Chaturvedi and the school from Germany had ten students who were escorted by two teachers, Mr Stefan and Ms Christine.



German Exchange Programme

Our team boarded a flight from Delhi to Goa, and on reaching were escorted to our island resort Mercure Devaaya. Weary from travel yet full of excitement. Our German friends and we spent the remainder of our day interacting with each other. The camp was a flurry of activities, each one percolating to a final goal – the STEM project. This activity consisted of a presentation on the topic ‘How can Scindia help in the conservation of nature with our partner school?’ In every activity we engaged with the topic and slowly formulated ideas which we would present on the last day. At first, it was not easy to interact, to help with this, the teachers divided us into pairs then slowly clubbed more and more groups together till we were completely familiarised with each other. Our routine consisted of interesting morning fitness sessions, a picturesque poolside breakfast, working on the project and finally, sight-seeing. We explored Old Goa and feasted our eyes on the magnificent colonial architecture. We also visited some lovely beaches and went for a magical boat ride for two hours. The nights were also alive with extreme excitement, the ‘bad taste’ party where everybody was expected to dress in hysterical and unconventional clothes and a legendary karaoke session that filled the air with melodies. Needless to say, every moment was time well spent. Finally, as the trip came to an end, the STEM projects were presented, a culmination of hard work and research was beautifully displayed in effective presentations. But as all good things do the Goa MINT Camp had finally come to an end. Both our partner school and we were besides ourselves as we said goodbye to our newfound friends. The air was thick with promises to keep in touch. Yet a spark of excitement remained at the thought of Scindia’s visit to Germany the coming summer.

Cross Country Race

Cross Country race is a much-awaited annual event of the Sports Calendar. This year it was conducted on 2nd December 2022. The race was conducted at three levels: Junior Houses, Senior Houses: Group A (Classes X-XII) and Group B (Classes VIII & IX). The students practiced for almost a month to prepare their minds and bodies for the arduous race.



The young enthusiastic runners

Different groups had different tracks to cover divided on the basis of their age. ‘C’ Group covered 1.2 km, Anaggh Naduvath of Jankoji was the first one to finish the route. He came in the second block.

‘B’ Group ran 2.4 km, Yuvraj Singh of Mahadji was the first one to finish the route. He came in the first block and broke a long set record by finishing the race in 5.51 minutes.

‘A’ Group had a route of 4.2 km, Mayank Choudhary of Shivaji became the first one to complete the route. He finished in the second block.

The Oval Field was flushed with young athletes brimming with excitement. The race tested the strength and endurance of the participants and taught them to push their limits to achieve the set goal. The sight of the runners racing through the track and the teachers encouraging them to speed up was truly a sight to behold. The event ended with smile and contentment on the faces of the children and the teachers.

Scindia Green Run

On 4th December 2022, the sports department headed by Mr Mandaar Sharma combined with the members of the Fort Biosphere committee, organized an

innovative event called the ‘The Scindia Green Run’ to spread the message of creating a healthy, green, and clean environment. Six athletes from our school along with six athletes from the Madhya Pradesh police participated in one of a kind relay race. The participants carried a blazing torch, vibrant banners,



Scindia Green Run

and saplings to celebrate a sustainable and eco-friendly future. Mr Rajesh Dandotiya, Additional Superintendent of Police, Gwalior, was invited to honour the event.

To spread the notion of creating an eco-friendly environment, our Principal, Mr Ajay Singh, Vice Principal, Ms Smita Chaturvedi, along with Mrs Sangeeta Jain, Head of the Fort Biosphere and Head of Department (Sports), Mr Mandaar Sharma handed over saplings to the athletes, which were planted in Maharani Laxmi Bai Samadhi Sthal.

In the offing

Harvard International Review Writing Contest

Class 9-12, January 2, 2023

Participants are invited to submit a short-form article on a topic in international affairs. Submitted articles should be between 800 to 1200 words in length. All submissions will receive a letter grade from the Harvard International Review. A number of contestants will be selected as finalists and will be invited to participate in a virtual HIR Defense Day. Finalists will be eligible for medals and winners will receive a digital and print subscription of the magazine.

Suggested Resources :

Harvard’s Guide to Essay Writing: bit.ly/essaywritingguide

NYT’s Argumentation Guide: bit.ly/argumentationguide

bit.ly/harvardreviewwritingcontest

Sony World Youth Photography Awards

Below 19 Years, January 6, 2023

Participants are invited to submit images that communicate a visual narrative and portray excellent technical and creative skills. Participants are invited to submit pictures of up to 3 images that depict various aspects of everyday life. Winners will receive Sony’s digital equipment and along with fully paid travel and accommodation to the awards ceremony in London.

Suggested Resources :

TIME’s Guide to Photography: bit.ly/timephotographyguide

Brief Guide to Photography: bit.ly/photographyguidebook

bit.ly/sonyyouthphotoawards

Water Conservation Poem Writing Contest

8-16 Years, December 31, 2022

Organized by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India, the contest invites students to submit a poem on the theme of Water Conservation. Submitted poems should contain a minimum of 10 lines and can be written in both Hindi or English languages. Selected winners will be awarded e-certificates by National Water Mission, Ministry of Jal Shakti.

Suggested Resources :

Brief Guide to Writing Poetry: bit.ly/poemguidebook

Brief Guide to Water Conservation: bit.ly/unwaterconservationguide

bit.ly/waterconservationpoemcontest

Cyber Scindia Inter House IT Week 2022-23

Individual positions are as follows for Junior Group:

Position	Name of Student	House
IT Quiz		
I	Aadi Dev Goel	Kanerkhed
II	Abhigyan Singh Rathaur	Dattaji
III	Daksh Madhyani	Jankoji
Poster Designing		
I	Krish Agarwal	Nimaji
II	Nikunj Jalan	Dattaji
III	Vanshvardhan Panday	Kanerkhed
Website Designing		
I	Aviral Ankit Dalmia Aditya Jathar	Kanerkhed
II	Vinayak Agarwal Aarav Gupta	Dattaji
III	Sparsh Tulsyan Kumar Abhikshit Narayan	Nimaji
Photo Editing		
I	Mayank Jindal	Nimaji
II	Kartik Dulhani	Jankoji
III	Prabhat Bajpai	Dattaji
Multimedia		
I	Anirudh Lohia	Nimaji
II	Atharv Agarwal	Kanerkhed
III	Lakshya Tulsian	Dattaji
For Senior Group Individual Positions are as follows:		
IT Quiz		
I	Aditya Jain Shourya Prakash	Mahadji Madhav
II	Sameep Mody	Shivaji
III	Harsh Daruka	Ranoji
Whiz Kid Python Programming		
I	Pulak Bagaria	Mahadji
II	Parv Rajesh Agrawal	Ranoji
III	Manan Jain	Jayaji
Brochure Designing		
I	Keshav Jhunjunwala	Jayaji
II	Uday Ahuja	Daulat
III	Shourya Agarwal	Shivaji

Position	Name of Student	House
Video Editing		
I	Priyansh Agarwal	Shivaji
II	Sarthak Chaachra Rohan Asrani	Jayappa Ranoji
III	Parth Sundarani	Jayaji
Sound Editing		
I	Harshvardhan Himanshu Wadher	Shivaji
II	Hardik Gupta	Mahadji
III	Ojas Agarwal	Jayappa
Photo Editing		
I	Nikunj Agrawal	Ranoji
II	Ashutosh Khemka	Daulat
III	Rudraksh Tapadiya	Jayaji
Website Designing		
I	Tanish Agrawal	Daulat
II	Prataksh Sharma, Mohammad Rehan Mansuri	Jayaji
III	Shreyansh Jain, Hardik Bhatia	Ranoji
Multimedia		
I	Davansh Garg	Shivaji
II	Arnav Joshi Vidit Gupta	Mahadji Jeevaji
III	Shubhkumar Shah	Ranoji
Cartoon Making		
I	Shivansh Sahu	Mahadji
II	Aryavardhan Singh Somavanshi	Jayappa
III	Navit Jain	Daulat

House Wise Positions

Senior Group

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

Junior Group

I Dattaji	II Nimaji	III Kanerkhed	IV Jankoji
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किसी के जाने पर ...

अयान राज | कक्षा 8 ए

इन आँसुओं को तुम दबाना नहीं,
इन यादों को तुम बसाना नहीं,
इन चीजों से तुम डरना नहीं,
इन चीजों से तुम घबराना नहीं,
अच्छे लम्हों को याद करना,
अच्छी यादों को ताज़ा करना
क्योंकि—
यह तो जीवन के खेल का एक नियम है,
इस नियम से तुम डरना नहीं,
इस नियम से तुम रुकना नहीं,
रोना गलत नहीं है,
न गलत है दुखी होना,
गलत है तो बस इतना है
कि इसे काबू में न रखना।
इन भावनाओं को तुम छुपाना नहीं,
किसी सच को खुल कर बताना ही सही,
मन भारी रखने से क्या फायदा,

मन हल्का रखना ही सही इरादा,
सच है, वही है सही इरादा,
मन हल्का रखना ही सही,
यही बात बड़ों ने भी कही,
यह तो जीवन में होता ही रहता है,
कल नहीं तो आज होना ही होना है,
इस कठिनाई से तुम रुकना नहीं,
इन कठिनाइयों से तुम हारना नहीं,
कभी भी तुम हारना नहीं।
जीत नहीं तो कोशिश सही,
कोशिश नहीं तो सिर्फ हार ही मिली,
कम से कम तुमने कोशिश की,
वही सही, हाँ वही सही।
किसी के जाने से नहीं रुकती दुनिया,
यह बात हमें बड़ों ने ही कही।

OLD BOYS' NEWS

Mr Gagan Khosla (Ex-Je, 1974) is cycling 6000 km for the cause of education of children. This month-long cycling journey started on 22nd November and is now approaching its final phase. We salute the spirit of Scn. Gagan Khosla and his classmate, Mr Anurag Sachdeva (Ex-Sh, 1974). We wish them all the luck and strength for their noble cause.



OBITUARY

Gone from our sight, but never from our hearts.

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform that Mr Rajnish Rai Kumar, (Ex-Md, 1982) left for his heavenly abode on 11th December 2022.

Our prayers for him to rest with the almighty and for strength to entire family at this difficult time.

A great loss to our Scindian Family. May his soul Rest In Peace.



Visit to Madhav National Park

Mr Gopal Chaturvedi, Ms Sangeeta Jain, and Mr Jitendra Jawale, together with 9 boys, travelled to Madhav National Park on 18th November to 20th November 2022, in Shivpuri for seed collection, where we met two of our resource people, Mr Pradeep Krishen and Mr Fazal Rashid. Our honourable member of Board of Governors, Mr Harpal Singh accompanied the core committee of the Fort Biosphere Project. This motivated the students.

Ekaaksh Mohan's parents invited us to their factory, where we learned about how peanut seeds are treated before being packaged. After arriving in Shivpuri at night, we had an introduction session with Mr Pradeep Krishen during which the students took part in some fun activities and were briefed on the agenda for our visit to Madhav National Park.

DAY 2

At 6:30 in the morning, the students began their toil and were very curious to know more about the environment. Then we headed towards our goal to collect seeds that are native to our landscape and can easily adapt to the climatic conditions of our fort. We went to the sailing club (originally built by the Scindias) where we had our packed breakfast and were also introduced to a book "The Jungle Trees of Northern India" which is very beautifully written by one of our resource persons Mr Pradeep Krishen, which helped us to identify the trees by the game of bark attack and the Leaf attack. The book helped us to identify the trees by identifying the type of leaf and bark from the pictures given in the book. It was an interesting as well as very informative game for us.

We came back to our hotel had our lunch and again went to the national park to know more about the kind of flora found in the region. Some of the trees that we were able to identify were Kardhai, Anjan, Kulu, Gunja, Rohan, Makor,



Mr Harpal Singh, Mr Pradeep Krishen and Mr Fazal Rashid with the students

Binnas, Kasai, etc. In the evening, we were delighted to be invited by the parents of Yash Jain for dinner at their farmhouse.

DAY 3

Again, this morning we gathered in the lobby area and headed toward "Madikheda Dam" and then decided to go for off road trekking, where we were sort of tested upon, what we have learned in this 2-day visit. This concluded our tour, following which we returned to the hotel, ate lunch, and departed from Shivpuri to return to the school.

82nd Annual Athletics Meet

82nd Annual Athletics Meet commenced on 24th November 2022 and ended on 29th November 2022 with the closing ceremony. It was inaugurated by the chief guest, ADGP D. Sreenivasa Verma, Inspector General of Gwalior. He was escorted by the school's horse-riding team.

The opening ceremony was a grand event in which the prefects led the march past carrying the school flag. Followed by the Junior school and then the Senior Houses led by their respective House Prefects carrying their prestigious House flags. The eminent school band added flavor of enthusiasm in the audience and in the diligent athletes who were determined to win in their respective events. The Oath Ceremony took place in which the athletics captain, Anoop Korku took the oath and marked the beginning of the Athletics meet.

After the march past, the torch-bearing ceremony took place in which Vinay Gound, the cricket captain took the torch and passed it to the other Sports Captains. At last the torch was handed over to the Basketball captain, Mayank Choudhary who lit up the ceremonial fire.

The school flag was hoisted by the Chief Guest, Mr D. Sreenivasa Verma, our Principal, Mr Ajay Singh and Bursar, Lt. Col. D K Farashwal.

There were various track and field events which took place such as the 800m, 1500m and 3000m for group A and B. 100m, 200m, 400m, 4x100m, 4x400m, for all group A, B and C. Other events such as high jump, long jump, shot put, 110m hurdle race were also part of this year's athletics meet.

The closing ceremony was held on 29th November 2022. The chief guest of the ceremony was Ms Neety Mathur (I.A.S) who is the CEO of smart city, Gwalior. The Head of Sports, Mr Mandaar Sharma gave a speech in which he announced the athletics records that were broken by the students in the athletics meet 2022-23. The record of 110m hurdles was broken by Rohit Gound. The timing of the previous record was-15:30 seconds, which was made by Mr Visheshwar Singh of Mahadji, in the year 1958-59. Rohit has set new record of 15:13 seconds which is truly astonishing.

The Senior B Group record of high jump was 1.51 meters, which was made

in the year 1991 by Mr Ujjawal Dhoot of Jyotiba, which was matched by Mr Kumar Ritesh of Jyotiba in the year 2001. This record was broken by Aditya Raj Pandey of Jayaji, by setting up a new record of 1.55 meters.

In the Junior B Group, high jump Aryaneel Majumdaar and Samarvaya Gupta both of Dattaji broke the record of 1.18 meters made by Mr Sachindra in the year 2011. They set up a new record of 1.31 meters.

Record of Junior B Group, 200 meters made by Mr Sachin Bhagat of Dattaji in the year of 2012 of 30:19 seconds was broken by four young athletes namely Anaggh Naduvath of Jankoji, Kanchit Krishna of Jankoji, Leitanthem Sanahal Meethei of Kanerkhed and Abhijay Pratap Singh of Dattaji. The new record of 28.18 seconds was set by Leitanthem Sanahal Meethei of Kanerkhed.

Abhigyan Singh Rathaur of Dattaji made a new record of 1:03:22 seconds in 400 meters breaking the previous record of 1:05:56 seconds made by Mr Vivek Singh in the year 2010.

The meet was declared closed by the Chief Guest, Ms Neety Mathur.



Hurdle Race

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बहुत पहले की बात है एक गाँव में दो बच्चे अपनी माँ नैना के साथ रहते थे परंतु उनके पिता उन्हें छोड़कर चले गए थे क्योंकि उन्हें अमीर बनने का शौक था और अमीरी के लालच में उन्होंने अपना घर-बार छोड़ दिया। उन दो बच्चों का नाम था- कृष्ण लाल और स्वदेशी लाल। अपने इन दोनों बच्चों को पालने में माँ को काफी तकलीफें उठानी पड़ रही थीं क्योंकि कहीं कोई काम नहीं मिल रहा था, वे कई-कई दिन भूखे रहते थे।

सब दिन एक समान नहीं होता, कुछ समय बाद ही उनकी माँ को एक काम मिला जिससे वह थोड़ा बहुत पैसे कमा सके परंतु इस काम में कठिनाई थी, उसे अपने घर को छोड़कर एक रेस्टोरेंट में रहना पड़ता, लेकिन वह बेचारी करती भी क्या? उसे अपनी नौकरी के लिए हाँ कहना पड़ा क्योंकि उसके बच्चे बड़े हो चुके थे और उन्हें पालने के लिए और भी पैसे की जरूरत थी। यह नौकरी एक वेट्रेस की थी। उसने मालिक को अपने घर से आने-जाने के लिए मना लिया था। उसे इस नौकरी के लिए इसलिए चुना गया था क्योंकि उनकी माँ देखने में बहुत सुंदर थी और बोलचाल में भी अच्छी थी। फिर हर दिन वह नौकरी पर जाती थी और अपना काम बहुत लगन से करती थी। रेस्टोरेंट के सभी लोग उसे बहुत इज्जत देते थे। उसे इस रेस्टोरेंट में काम करते-करते कई वर्ष बीत गए। एक दिन रात को जब रेस्टोरेंट बंद होने वाला था तभी वहाँ फिल्म का एक डायरेक्टर आया और उसने पूछा कि क्या यहाँ पर खाना मिलेगा? सबने मना कर दिया और कहा कि अब रेस्टोरेंट बंद हो रहा है अब खाना नहीं मिल पाएगा। किसी की आवाज सुनकर नैना बाहर आई और जब उसे पता चला कि यह व्यक्ति भूखा है और खाने की माँग कर रहा है तो उसने डायरेक्टर से पूछा - जी सर! आप क्या लेंगे? मैं आपसे माफी माँगना चाहूँगी क्योंकि आपको इंतजार करना पड़ा। उसने अपने खाने की फरमाइश की और नैना तुरंत हाँ बोल कर अंदर खाना बनवाने चली गई। तभी उस डायरेक्टर ने अपने मन में सोचा - अरे, इतनी सुंदर लड़की इस रेस्टोरेंट में क्या काम कर रही है? इसे तो फिल्मी दुनिया में होना चाहिए। ठीक है अभी आती है तो पूछता हूँ। कुछ समय बाद नैना ने आकर खाना रखा और पूछा कि क्या आपको कुछ और चाहिए? तो डायरेक्टर ने पूछा कि आपको यहाँ नौकरी क्यों करनी पड़ रही है? तो नैना ने कहा कि साहब, मैं गरीब हूँ और मुझे अपने दोनों बेटों को पाल-पोस कर बड़ा करना है। डायरेक्टर ने कहा- क्या आप फिल्मों में काम करना पसंद करेंगी तो चलिए मैं आपको फिल्म इंडस्ट्री ले चलता हूँ। और जल्दी ही मैं आपसे मिलूँगा।

दूसरे दिन घर जाकर नैना ने अपने बेटों को यह खुशखबरी सुनाई। बेटे अब इतने बड़े हो गए थे कि अपनी देखभाल खुद कर सकते थे। सुबह के करीब आठ बज रहे थे। डायरेक्टर नैना के घर के बाहर इंतजार कर रहे थे। नैना जैसे ही अपना दरवाजा खोलकर निकली, डायरेक्टर चकित हो गया और मन में बोला- अरे राम ! यह लड़की तो साड़ी में बहुत खूबसूरत दिख रही है। नैना हिचकिचाते हुए डायरेक्टर की गाड़ी में बैठी। वे करीब एक घंटे तक बातचीत करते हुए फिल्म इंडस्ट्री पहुँच गए और वहाँ पर खूब सारे अभिनेता और अभिनेत्रियों से मिले। वे लोग भी नैना को देखकर चकित रह गए थे। उसी समय डायरेक्टर बोले - मैं तुम्हें यहाँ इसलिए लाया हूँ कि तुम मेरे एक फिल्म में काम करोगी। मैं बहुत दिनों से एक हीरोइन ढूँढ रहा था। यह फिल्म अभी

तक की सबसे महँगी फिल्म होगी। इस फिल्म में काम करने के लिए तुम्हें अच्छी रकम मिलेगी तो बताओ क्या तुम इस फिल्म में काम करना चाहोगी? नैना के मन में गुब्बारे फूट रहे थे वह सोच रही थी कि इतने पैसे ! और इस तरह वह मुस्कुरा कर बोली- हाँ साहब ! मैं फिल्म में बिल्कुल काम करना चाहूँगी। डायरेक्टर बोला - तो चलो कल से ही काम शुरू करते हैं, कल सुबह एक गाड़ी तुम्हारे घर के बाहर होगी। सुबह उठकर तैयार होकर तुम आ जाना। नैना घर लौटी और उसने अपने बच्चों को आज घटित होने वाली सारी घटनाएँ बताईं।

दिन बीतते गए, वह रोज जाती और रात को लौट आती। करीब छह महीने बीत चुके थे और अभी फिल्म भी बन चुकी थी। छह महीने के बाद इस फिल्म को लॉन्च होना था। इस फिल्म के बारे में काफी चर्चा चली थी तो बहुत सारे लोगों ने इस फिल्म की बुकिंग पहले ही करवा ली थी। नैना बहुत डरी हुई थी कि फिल्म अच्छी होगी या कैसी होगी? परंतु सोचने लगी कि इस प्रश्न का जवाब तो कल ही पता चलेगा।

फिल्म रिलीज हो चुकी थी। जैसे ही मूवी का पहला शो हुआ, पूरे हिंदुस्तान से अच्छी खबरें आने लगी, अच्छे 'रिव्यू' आने लगे। करीबन एक महीने में यह फिल्म हिट हो गई। इस फिल्म के कारण नैना के बहुत सारे फैन बन गए। अपने अच्छे अभिनय से नैना ने सभी का दिल जीत लिया था। दो-चार हिट फिल्म देने के बाद तो लोग उससे मिलने के लिए तरसने लगे। अब वह एक बड़ी अभिनेत्री बन चुकी थी।

जैसे-जैसे नैना अमीर हो रही थी, उसका नाम हो रहा था, वैसे ही वैसे उसके पति का धन घट रहा था। उसकी तबीयत बहुत खराब रहती थी और वह अस्पताल में भर्ती था। उसे देखने वाला कोई नहीं था। दिनों दिन उसके पैसे कम हो रहे थे। दो साल बीत चुके थे। नैना के पति को भीख माँगने की नौबत आ गई थी। एक दिन जब वह अपनी गाड़ी से घर जा रही थी और गाड़ी लालबत्ती पर रुकी हुई थी तो एक गरीब पैसा माँगने आया, नैना उसे देखकर चकित हो गई। नैना का पति उसे पहचान नहीं पाया था परंतु नैना ने उसे पहचान लिया था। पहले तो वह अपना पहचान नहीं बताना चाह रही थी लेकिन आखिर वह उसका पति था। नैना ने कहा - आरव, तुम्हारी यह हालत कैसे हुई ? आओ गाड़ी में बैठो। आरव गाड़ी में बैठ गया और जैसे ही गाड़ी का दरवाजा बंद हुआ, नैना बोली- इतने साल कहाँ थे तुम ? मैंने तुम्हें कितना ढूँढा पर तुम नहीं मिले। आरव बोला- मुझे माफ कर दो, मुझे घर ले चलो, मैंने बहुत पाप किया है, मैं अपने बच्चों से मिलना चाहता हूँ। मैंने भी तुम्हें बहुत ढूँढा पर किसी ने तुम्हारा पता नहीं बताया। नैना बोली- मैं तुम्हें अपने घर में रखूँ या न रखूँ इस पर मैं बाद में विचार करूँगी। फिलहाल तुम मेरे घर चल सकते हो। अब नैना अपने घर पहुँची और उसने अपने पिता को सारी घटना बताईं। नैना के पापा ने उससे कहा कि जिसने माफी माँग ली और अपनी गलती पहचान ली तो मुझे लगता है तुम्हें उसे एक मौका और देना चाहिए। नैना ने अपने पिता की हाँ में हाँ मिलाते हुए कहा- ठीक है। और फिर नैना ने अपने पति को माफ कर दिया। आरव बोला कि आज के बाद मैं कभी ऐसी भूल नहीं करूँगा। धीरे-धीरे कुछ समय बाद सब सही सलामत हो गया। उसी दिन से वह परिवार खुशी-खुशी रहने लगा।

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