

REVIEW-23

THE SCINDIA SCHOOL, FORT GWALIOR



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FORT NEWS

Weather Report

The north wind has calmed down due to the active Western Disturbance in Jammu and Kashmir. Due to this, day and night temperatures are increasing. The maximum temperature has reached 32.3 degrees Celsius this week. It was 6.6 degrees Celsius above normal. This has increased the sting of the sun during the day. It felt hot. This time in February, the temperature is moving towards breaking the records.

If it is hot during the day and night, the production of wheat, vegetables, and other crops will decrease. The Meteorological Department has predicted a rise in the temperature. The Western Disturbance brings the warmth of Rajasthan with it, due to which the weather of the region, including Gwalior city, has changed. February has become warmer than 2022. There has been an increase in day and night temperatures as compared to the previous day.

An Evening of Fun

This year 'Children's Day' was celebrated not once but twice by the members of the faculty. Part one was an amazing 'Kavi Sammelan' and the second half was organised on 21st December 2023. The teachers showcased several performances for the students. The theme of the show revolved around a school, where a few ghosts wandered around the Houses scaring students. The role of the students was played by Mr Pankaj Mishra, Mr Shiv Sharma and Mr Chetan Bhatia. The responsibility of catching the ghosts was given to the daring Housemasters, Mr Anil Pathania and Mr Jagdish Joshi. Amidst all that mystery came up the first performance which was a group song sung by the teachers. While the search for ghosts was on, the teachers put up a play



Teachers' fashion show

which was titled 'Jonk' written by Mr Upendranath Ashk. It was a humorous play which revolved around an uncalled guest and the trouble that he brought along. The lead roles were played by Mr Srijith Pillai, Mr Ritendra Dwivedi, Dr Smita Trivedi and Mr Ganpat S Pathak. The students enjoyed every character of the play be it 'Kamla' or 'Banwarilal'. Then there were multiple musical performances, one of them was by Mr Kamlesh Singh who played harmonica. Ms Mrinal Bhat also sang in her melodious voice. Then came Mr Yogesh Sharma who astonished the students and teachers with his mimicry of Bollywood actors and school prefects.

As the show was nearing an end two surprise performances added magic to the show. First one was the tune of 'Zindagi ek safar hai suahana' that was played on the keyboard by the Vice Principal and second was the song that

was sung by the Principal. A round of thunderous applause followed both these performances. By the end of show, the ghosts were finally caught and they turned out to be Ms Manisha Singh Chauhan, Mr Vikas Soni and Mr Dhruv Sharma. Finally, there was a fashion show presented by the teachers which also included the students of class XII. The fashion show marked the end of the remarkable evening. The audience gave a standing ovation to the teachers and their amazing efforts. The students were heard saying that it was the best show that they had ever seen.

Republic Day

Republic Day was celebrated in the school with joy and fervour. The march past was led by the batch of 1973 who came for their Golden Jubilee Reunion. They were followed by the batch of 1982, Junior School and the Senior Houses. The sequence was Madhav, Jayaji, Daulat, Jayappa, then stood the School Brass Band. Standing after them were Ranoji, Mahadji, Jeevaji, and Shivaji. The Houses performed without a flaw. The band filled the air with its



Unfurling of the National Flag

upbeat tunes. The chief guest for the occasion was Mr Anand Rao Pawar, (Ex-Sh, 1964; Madhav Awardee). He retired as Director General of Police, Madhya Pradesh in 2008. He still writes prolifically about the police and diverse social issues for many publications. After the march past, the dignitaries and the students went to the Astachal to pay homage to the father of our nation and solidify our sentimentality with a musical performance. It was then, time for the batch of 1973 to hand over the baton of the Golden Jubilee Reunion to the representatives of the next batch. The silence observed thereafter, was an opportunity to speak with oneself and contemplate the true meaning of 'Freedom' and 'Independence'.

Greevolothon-"Mission Climate Change"

Greevolothon, an initiative of Greevolve India commenced from the Fort on 28th January 2023. It is a movement led by Mr Sachin Deva (Ex-Jyotiba, 2000). The aim of it is to spread the message of making our environment safe and breathable by adopting the cycling culture and to teach the children the importance of tree plantation. Around 700 students from 12 schools, including our school, participated in this noble green venture.



It all started off with students warming up by performing the Zumba dance on an upbeat music. Right after which an oath ceremony took place in which all the children swore to be the 'agents of the climate change' and bring about a breathable environment with afforestation and usage of cycles.

The team of Greevolve India, then conducted cycling for all the students on the Fort to spread the awareness about 'Clear Air & Climate Change'.



Get, Set, Go @ Greevolothon

Ms Adya Dixit, Brand Ambassador of the MP Government's mission to save and educate the girl child, flagged off the event. The cyclists were led by Mr Sachin Deva. There was also a cycle race for the disabled children. Their friends supported them and pushed their wheelchairs to aid them to reach the finishing line! The children cycled along the Fort wall to generate awareness.

The Principal, Mr Ajay Singh urged the students to come together to keep the air healthy. In the end every student received medals and saplings. The students planted those in the school at their respective Houses.

Stress and Time Management

On 30th January 2023, the student body assembled for a workshop on stress and time management conducted by the CEO of Twin Win India, Mr Vaibhav Pande and his colleague Mr Anshul Vashisht. The workshop started on the very



Stress management session

question "Why do we need to manage time and stress?" and the clear answer to this is, because managing time leads to success. Further, he talked about the suitability of the quote, "Stop crying over spilt milk" and advised the students to not put labels on themselves! Mr Pande told the students to follow the 80:20 principle which teaches the best utilisation of time without being stressed. Mr Vashisht briefed the gathering about 'eustress', which basically means, stress but in beneficial way. Students enjoyed the session thoroughly and did not miss any opportunity to interact. Mr Pande, in his humorous ways touched upon some vital topics such as the Life Control Sphere and the Pomodoro Technique. The session was indeed an informative one.

Martyr's Day

On 30th January 2023 Martyr's Day was observed in the school. The students observed a silence of two minutes at 11 am as a homage to the Mahatma. In the evening a special Astachal was conducted in the Assembly hall (as it was a cloudy day). The school strongly believes in the Gandhian way of life of non-violence, truth, non-possession and living a life moderated by self-control. The song sung by the school choir filled the Assembly hall with tranquillity and Self-introspection.

Studying the Gopachal Hill

On 1st February 2023, the students of class XI surveyed and analysed the Gopachal Hill (on which the Gwalior Fort is built) and its surroundings. This was conducted as a part of the ongoing project "An integrated slope analysis of the Gopachal hill—Gwalior Fort." The students along with the Geography teacher, Mr Anoop V surveyed the area closely and were successfully able to crosscheck slope with the contour data from the toposheet. The students were able to analyse the relationship between slope, natural vegetation, soil fertility and soil profile. They studied different features like bedding planes, soil profiles and ripple marks on the sedimentary rocks. They were able to identify various geographical phenomenon such as weathering, soil erosion and deposition near the fort. They also studied the effects of human activities on the changing landscape. Students collected differing rock samples for further analysis. Students thoroughly enjoyed this learning expedition and were charged up for further endeavours.

Bid Adieu

Ms Kirti Srivastava

Ms Kirti Srivastava joined The Scindia School in the year 2017 as an English teacher. She served as the Resident Tutor and then the House Master of Dattaji. During her tenure the students thoroughly enjoyed her company and loved her graceful presence. She has taken up an administrative role in her next venture. We wish her a bright future. The students of the school will miss her loving nature and pleasant smile.

Mr Anubhav Sarkar

An alumnus of the school, Mr Anubhav Sarkar (Ex-Md, 2012) joined the school in the year 2019 as a faculty in the Humanities department. His energetic nature always attracted children. He served as the Incharge of the school photography club and later played a vital role in the Ecology initiative by the school. He was a passionate debater, elocutionist and had shared his talent with the students. The school wishes him a loving and successful future.

Mr Shailesh Agarwal

The farewell party for Mr Shailesh Agarwal was conducted on 30th January in Shivaji by the students and on 1st February in the school. The students called him 'the best accountancy teacher the school has ever seen'. He joined the school in 2018 as a faculty of commerce and went to become the Housemaster of Shivaji. During his long and successful career on the Fort, he played many vital roles. One of which was the part of school Covid Management Committee. He was looked up to by his colleagues for advice both financial and personal. Mr Shailesh has now taken up the role of Head of institution in a leading school of the country. The school wishes him all the luck and success in his future endeavours.

Meeting of the Mess Committee

On 31st January 2023 a meeting was held with the mess manager and the authorities of the school to further improve the quality and finalize the menu for the mess. Two boys from each house represented their houses in the meeting. Everyone had their own points and suggestions for the improvement of the food served. After a lot of discussion, the committee concluded that the school menu will commence on a weekly basis from now. The committee also discussed upon the cafeteria on Sundays. The school has great plans to improve the quality of food provided to the boys and has started to implement them. This time in the meeting the cook of our school was also invited. In the end all the Housemasters were given a menu customised by the mess manager to add their suggestions to it. With this we came to an end of the meeting.

The Valedictory Assembly

The Valedictory Assembly took place in the Shukla Memorial Open-Air Theatre on 10th February 2023 at 6 pm. The Assembly began with a prayer followed by the School song. After that the Principal, Mr Ajay Singh delivered a speech in which he wished good luck to all the students for their future. This was followed by the speech of Senior School Prefect Mayank Chaudhry. At the end candles were lit and the batch took to the exit, holding onto the lighting lights as the tunes of the band filled the air with pride. We bade farewell to our senior most class, only partly that is. We had the farewell ceremony, to personally wish them the best for the years ahead. This ceremony was followed by dinner of staff and students of Class XII at Principal's residence. Overthere the 'Psyx' band dedicated two songs to Class XII. At the end a memento was presented to the batch of 2023.



Class XII singing the School song

The Parents Teachers Meeting

The Parents Teachers Meeting was conducted on 4th February 2023. It was conducted remotely on Microsoft Teams to ensure maximum participation of the parents. The meeting was successful as many parents were able to interact with the school fraternity.

Sonsa day

The Social Service League went to the Sonsa village to celebrate the Sonsa day. A team of five people Daksh Bajaj, Laksh Mamodia, Anuj Pratap Singh Rajpoot, Vidhan Khandelwal, and Sagnik Chanda accompanied by Mr Gopal Chaturvedi, Mr Veerendra Nagvanshi and Mr Jitendra Jawale went to the Sonsa village. On arrival they were warmly welcomed by the villagers. Many members of the faculty joined for celebrating the occasion as well. After all the people had arrived the sports events started. First was the shot putt competition. The people were given three chances to throw the shot putt. The shot putt weighed a whopping seven kilograms. The competition began with a burst of enthusiasm. After that, a team of judges went to the Sonsa school to see the exhibition. While on the sports field various sporting events like the three-legged race, kabaddi and tug of war were conducted. The highlights of the day were the slow cycling race and the 100 meter race of the senior citizens. Then the villagers organised a gymnastics show. It was truly amazing. At the end they honoured The Scindia School by making a human pyramid and chanting the slogans. Then the Vice Principal gave her motivating speech followed by the speech of Chief Guest Mr Ishrat Ali Zaidi, District Education Officer, Gwalior. The winners were awarded with various prizes by the dignitaries.

Thus the memorable day came to an end with the return of the social service team to the Fort with the faculty. It truly was a memorable experience. The students were motivated to see the people of Sonsa, Jarga, Bhadouli and Nathon ka Pura trying their level best with so limited resources. It was really a well conducted event.



Enthusiastic young runners

कौन बनेगा सिरमौर ?

हिन्दी प्रश्नमंच: कौन बनेगा सिरमौर एक ऐसी अनूठी स्पर्धा है, जिसमें छात्रों को व्यक्तिगत और सामूहिक दोनों तरह से प्रतियोगिता करने का अवसर मिलता है। यह प्रतियोगिता दो चरणों में संपन्न हुई। यह प्रतियोगिता कनिष्ठ वर्ग के लिए श्रीमती सुमन गुप्ता समृति चलवैजयंती के अंतर्गत आयोजित की जाती है। इसके अतिरिक्त कनिष्ठ वर्ग वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता, वाक्-पटुता प्रतियोगिता व रचनात्मक लेखन प्रतियोगिता भी इसी के अंतर्गत आयोजित की जाती है।

प्रथम चरण, विगत 16 जनवरी को शाम 5.45 बजे से 6.15 बजे के मध्य हर एक सदन के सभागार में आयोजित किया गया। सभी छात्रों को सदनवार प्रश्नपत्र वितरित किये गये। सिर्फ 30 मिनट में कुल 20 बहुवैकल्पिक प्रश्नों के उत्तर देना था। कई होनहार विद्यार्थी इस कठिन परीक्षा को पार नहीं कर पाये। कुल 12 विद्यार्थियों ने दूसरे चरण में प्रवेश किया।

द्वितीय चरण, 9 फरवरी 2023 को सायं 5 बजकर 50 मिनट से प्रार्थना सभागार में हुआ। हिन्दीभाषा से जुड़े पहले पायदान में दत्ताजी सदन के अलावा कोई सही उत्तर न दे पाया। पहले पायदान से ही जुड़ा था व्यक्तिगत मुकाबला आमना-सामना, जिसमें कक्षा छठवीं के हर छात्र को एक-एक करके विद्यालय से जुड़े सवालों के उत्तर देने थे। इसमें केवल दो विद्यार्थी निखिल दुआ और अयांश मिश्रा ही सही उत्तर दे सके। उन्होंने कौन बनेगा सिरमौर के लिए पात्रता अर्जित भी कर ली और 6-6 अंक अपने सदन के लिए अर्जित किये। फिर, दूसरे पायदान में हर सदन से अर्थ और आशय से जुड़े सवाल पूछे गए। इसमें नीमाजी को छोड़कर हर सदन के छात्रों ने बुद्धिमानी और ज्ञान का प्रदर्शन करते हुए सभी प्रश्नों के उत्तर सही दिए और 2-2 अंक प्राप्त किये। कक्षा सातवीं के व्यक्तिगत मुकाबले आमना-सामना में, हिन्दी-अंग्रेजी से सम्बंधित प्रश्न का उत्तर देते हुए नीमाजी सदन के कुमार अभीक्षित नारायण कौबसि मुकाबले के लिए चुन लिये गये और अपने सदन के खाते में 7 अंक जोड़ लिये। प्रतियोगिता हर पायदान पर रोचक होती जा रही थी। तीसरे पायदान में भी छात्रों का प्रदर्शन बहुत बढ़िया हुआ और कनेरखेड़ को छोड़कर हर सदन ने 3-3 अंक प्राप्त किये। कक्षा आठवीं के व्यक्तिगत आमना-सामना मुकाबले में गर्वित बाँगड़ और हार्दिक सिंह यादव ने सही-सही उत्तर दिये और अपने-अपने सदन के लिये 8-8 अंक जुटाये। इस तरह कौन बनेगा सिरमौर के लिए 12 में से 5 विद्यार्थी चुने गये।

सिरमौर का निर्णय करने के लिए एक पहली को बूझना इसकी कसौटी है। जूता क्यों न पहना? समोसा क्यों न खाया? जब ये पहली प्रतिभागियों के सामने रखी गई तो सभागार में सन्नटा खिंच गया। आखिरकार सभाध्यक्ष के प्रस्ताव पर एक दूसरी पहली पूछी गई। दूसरी पहली भी बूझती न बनी तब तीसरी पहली पूछी- रोटी जली क्यों? पान सड़ा क्यों? घोड़ा अड़ा क्यों? कुछ छात्रों ने उत्तर गलत बताया, मगर कनेरखेड़ सदन से, कक्षा आठवीं के हार्दिक सिंह यादव ने पहली को बूझ कर हिन्दी प्रश्नमंच का सिरमौर बनने का गौरव प्राप्त किया! प्राचार्य श्री अजय सिंह ने मुकुट और उत्तरीय पहनाकर हार्दिक सिंह यादव को सिरमौर बनाया। अपने भाषण में श्री सिंह ने सभी प्रतिभागियों की भूरि-भूरि प्रशंसा की और प्रतिभागियों को एक हिन्दी पत्रिका देकर उनके उत्तम प्रयासों के लिए बधाई दी। हिन्दी विभागाध्यक्ष श्री मनोज कुमार मिश्रा ने इस प्रश्नमंच प्रतियोगिता में सभाध्यक्ष की भूमिका निर्वाह की। प्रतियोगिता के पर्यवेक्षक श्री जगदीश जोशी थे। इस अवसर पर वरिष्ठ हिन्दी अध्यापिका श्रीमती रक्षा सीरिया विशेष रूप से उपस्थित रहीं। संगणक थे कक्षा 10 के छात्र विनायक कपूर। प्रस्तुति सहायक थे- कक्षा 11वीं के रेहान अग्रवाल और अथर्व मंडलोई।



Winners of Koun Banega Sirmour-5

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The Road to Kartavyapath

Keshav Vallabh Bhagat | XI C

It all started on 19th July 2022 with 104 boys who joined the band dreaming to march on the Kartavyapath, out of which 45 boys were selected to perform in the Republic Day Camp RDC. All the 45 boys of the band practiced daily for two to three hours managing their academics alongside. There were 12 bands who competed to reach the RD Camp but only four bands could make it, including our school's band. The boys worked hard for 6 months and on 31st December

reached the NCC Camp Delhi for the RD Camp 2023. On the 1st January 2023 a display was held as a competition between the four bands to make it to the Kartavyapath judged by the



Senior Under Officer Band Major Abhishek Chauhan

Director General of NCC - Lieutenant General Gurbirpal Singh. The boys had to deal with the freezing cold of Delhi waking up at 4:30 in the morning to practice. On 11th January, we got to know that the hard work of our boys had paid off and the Scindia School brass band had been selected to proudly march on the Kartavyapath combined with Birla Balika Vidyapeeth Pilani Band. The Scindia School Brass Band was led by Senior Under Officer Band Major Abhishek Chauhan. The boys had to wake up at 2 in the morning to practice for Kartavyapath on some days. Besides marching on the Kartavyapath the Scindia School band also performed on the National War Memorial on 6th January and performed a Guard of Honour for the Chief Minister of Delhi - Arvind Kejriwal on 8th January. Our band was invited for Tea with Chief of Army Staff of India - General Manoj Pande at his residence on 12th January 2023. The boys of the Scindia school brass band have developed overall in terms of discipline and becoming mentally and physically fit. Eight different newspapers featured The Scindia School band in their newspaper including Dainik Jagran, Dainik Bhaskar and many more - "The Scindia School brass band further consolidates its enviable legacy with every stride at the 74th Republic Day parade".

event. The programme aimed at reaching out to parents and giving them a glimpse of the 125 year old rich culture and traditions that are practiced in the Scindia School. During the interactive session the Principal, Mr Ajay Singh shared vision of the school and the mission it carries of 'Transforming education for life'. The parents were thrilled to know the opportunities that the school provides both in academics and co-curricular. The Scindia Old Boy's Association, Patna also provided their immense support in conducting the event smoothly. The parents and their wards enjoyed the session.

OLD BOYS' NEWS

Mumbai SOBA

The Mumbai SOBA got a new team in place. The names of the new members are :

Mr Mayukh Mathur - President, Mr Umang Garg - Vice President, Mr Vivek Gangwal -Treasury, Mr Anoop Agarwal- Secretary, Mr Himanshu Khanna- Joint Secretary

Lunch by SOBA Gwalior

SOBA Gwalior organised a lunch at Imperial Golf Resort on 22nd January 2023. More than sixty members enjoyed the lovely afternoon.

OBITUARY

SHOCKED to learn about passing away of Shri Lalendra Singh ji. As I recovered from the numbing moment, the news took me to a long walk down the memory lane.

I had the privilege of him being my Housemaster from year 1996 to 1999. The first thing which flashed before me, was a man who instilled a sense of security in us. We always felt an immense support and encouragement for everything as 'kids' under him. His impartial approach was laudable. A strict disciplinarian with a caring heart. He was indeed a unique combination. He was never afraid to call a spade a spade. There have been so many instances where he demonstrated his astute authority as the Housemaster of Jeevaji and no one could cross him such was the righteousness in his dauntless stands.

His clarity and precise articulation as a taskmaster were great. During my time under him, I learnt so many things from him about the ways of life. As much as he was a fantastic Maths Teacher, the learning with him truly went beyond any books for me. The biggest thing he taught us was to "Live with Confidence and through Hard work". And he led by example. He personified the concept of "commanding respect" amongst the students, his peers and senior staff members alike. Now that he has departed this world to meet his maker, I offer my sincere condolences to the bereaved family. May the almighty give strength, to all the lives that Shri Lalendra Singh ji touched, to bear this loss which feels nothing else but personal.

Regards

Pratik Pramod Kumar Munot (Nahar)
(Ex-Je, 2002)

Outreach Programme - Patna

On 4th February 2023 the Scindia School invited parents to an Outreach programme in Patna, Bihar. Many parents along with their wards joined the



Parents interacting at the Outreach Programme

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