

THE SCINDIA SCHOOL, FORT GWALIOR

# REVIEW-23



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## FORT NEWS

### Weather Report

On the day of Holi, 8th March, afternoon, suddenly thick dark clouds encamped in the sky. In no time, the Fort was surrounded. Strong winds began to blow, and rainfall lashed in the sky. This time there were fewer cold days as compared to last year. One could feel the heat in February. The residents of the Fort started using fans to cool down, but due to the change in the weather on wednesday, the weather got colder. The active Western Disturbance in Jammu and Kashmir has caused a cyclonic circulation in East Rajasthan, due to which the weather in Madhya Pradesh has changed.

Parrots and Mynas can be seen chirping on the Fort. Madhu Kamini flowers are in full bloom attracting bumblebees and honeybees. The beautiful Palaash trees have blossomed, a true feast for the eyes.

### National Science Day

On 28th February, the school celebrated National Science Day, the day on which Indian physicist, Dr. C.V. Raman discovered the Raman effect in the field



Students demonstrating Science experiments

of light scattering. It was celebrated by the students of classes VI, VII and VIII by making various projects on the scattering of light, Da Vinci bridge and the electroscope. The projects were displayed in the Assembly Hall for everyone. It was a day full of learning with fun for all the students.

### 'B' Group Inter House Cricket Tournament

'B group' Inter House Cricket Tournament was conducted, from 22nd February to 3rd March 2023. The teams were divided in pool-A & pool B. The format of the competition was league cum knockout. Two teams from each pool qualified for the semifinals. The hard-line match was played between Jeevaji and Shivaji in which Shivaji won. The final match was played between Ranoji and Mahadji. After a highscoring match, Ranoji emerged victorious.

*The best player of the tournament - Bhavesh Mittal - Mahadji.*

*The best batsman of the tournament - Saksham Agarwal - Shivaji*

*The best bowler of the tournament - Aarav Rungta - Ranoji.*



Cricket match at the Madhav field

The House positions for the 'B' Group Inter House Cricket Tournament are as follows-

|          |            |             |              |
|----------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| I Ranoji | II Mahadji | III Shivaji | IV Jeevaji   |
| V Madhav | VI Jayaji  | VII Daulat  | VIII Jayappa |

### Junior Group Inter House Cricket Tournament

Junior Group Inter House Cricket Tournament was organized from 22nd February to 3rd March 2023. The competition was conducted on league cum knockout basis in which two teams qualified for the finals. The final match was played between Kanerkhed and Dattaji in which Dattaji won.

*The most promising player of the tournament - Abhijay Pratap Singh - Dattaji.*

*The best batsman of the tournament - Pranet Pathak - Kanerkhed.*

*The best bowler of the tournament - Atishay Mongia - Dattaji.*

The House positions for the Junior Group Inter House Cricket Tournament are as follows –

|           |              |            |            |
|-----------|--------------|------------|------------|
| I Dattaji | II Kanerkhed | III Nimaji | IV Jankoji |
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### Junior Group Inter House Hockey Tournament

Junior Group Inter House Hockey Tournament was conducted, from 7th to 10th March. The tournament was conducted on league cum knockout basis. Nimaji and Kanerkhed qualified for the finals. The winner wasn't decided till the last whistle, so the match went into the penalty shootouts. Finally, Nimaji emerged victorious.

*The most promising player of the tournament - Pranet Pathak - Kanerkhed*

*The best player of the tournament - Khoirom Surjakanta Singh - Nimaji*

The House positions are as follows-

|          |              |             |            |
|----------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| I Nimaji | II Kanerkhed | III Dattaji | IV Jankoji |
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### 'B Group' Inter House Ramanujan Quiz

The preliminary round for the Ramanujan Quiz was held on 5th March 2023 in which 4 Houses qualified for the final round namely: Shivaji, with the highest points, Daulat, Jayaji, and Mahadji. 4 students from each House participated, 2 from class IX and 2 from class VIII. The quiz consisted of 6 rounds. These were: numerical ability, series and pattern, formulae, logical reasoning, mirror and water images, and rapid fire. Shivaji gained an amazing lead from the start and maintained it till the end. They won by a huge margin of 30 points from

Mahadji followed by Daulat and Jayaji.

The House positions are-

I Shivaji      II Mahadji      III Daulat      IV Jayaji

### Holi Celebration

On the evening of 7th March 2023, a cultural program, '*Aya Re Fagun*' was organized on the occasion of *Holika Dehen*. The students gathered in the



Holika puja

SMOAT at 6:30 pm for the '*puja*'. After which multiple cultural programs were organized. The show commenced with a dance performance by Abhijay Pratap Singh, Vidhaay Singhania, Prabhat Bajpai, and Akshaj Garg. This was followed by a '*Kavi Sammelan*' hosted by Mr Shiv Kumar Sharma. The poems really set the audience rolling. After this Anag, Agamy, Shirsay, and Ayush performed an amazing beatboxing show. In the end, the school choir performed a song on Holi. It was a wonderful evening that marked the beginning of the Holi celebrations.

The next morning, the students assembled at the Oval Field for celebrating the much awaited festival of colours, Holi. The students were provided with organic colours by the school. All the students and the teachers enjoyed this festival enthusiastically. Some teachers also went to the Junior Houses to celebrate the Holi with the young Scindians. The students were served '*Gujia*' and traditional '*Thandai*' after the celebration.

### Beatboxing Workshop

The Meet Brothers Music Academy in collaboration with the Music Department conducted a beatboxing workshop from 27th February to 4th March. The workshop helped the students to learn different kinds of beatboxing techniques



Students with Mr Vikas Choudhary

like trumpet sound, drum and base, breath control and beat composition. The children also got to know about the history of beatboxing. They were taught nuances of stage presence and performance. The workshop was conducted by Mr Vikas Choudhary. The students thoroughly enjoyed the workshop.

### A visit to Roop Singh Stadium

Sixteen boys along with Head of Sports, Mr Mandaar Sharma and three coaches went to witness the Irani Trophy on 1st March 2023. The match was played

between the winning team of last year, Madhya Pradesh, and the All-India team. The match was played in Captain Roop Singh Stadium, Gwalior. The students witnessed the first session of day 1. A special seating arrangement was done for the students. The students also had the privilege to have lunch with some of the International players such as Avesh Khan, Navdeep Saini, and Mayank Agarwal. The interaction of the students with the players inspired them to play cricket with more passion and sincerity.

### Admission of new students

On 12th February 2023, the prospective parents of new students came to visit the school along with their children. The students and parents enjoyed the flora and fauna of the Fort and enjoyed the appealing view. The students seeking admissions seemed enthusiastic and were brimming with energy. They were given a quick tour of the school and the activities in it. The parents also interacted with the Principal, Vice Principal, Faculty members and some of the students of the school. The parents and the students enjoyed their brief stay at the Fort.

## NETWORKING WORKSHOP AND CONCLAVE

The Scindia School Old Boy's Association, Delhi (SOBA-Delhi) hosted the Networking and Leadership Conclave at Silver Oak, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road in Delhi on 25th February and 26th February with the motto of transforming the future by enabling the leaders of tomorrow. On the first day of the event the Welcome Address was delivered by the eminent old boy Mr Venkatesh Agrawal (President, Delhi SOBA). Yuvraj Mahanaaryaman J Scindia (Member, Board of Governors) was invited as the Guest of Honour. Many informative sessions were conducted in the workshop such as :

Session I: Education, headed by - Mr Ajay Singh (Principal, The Scindia School)

Session II: Judiciary Panel, headed by - Mr Gaurav Kejriwal (Advocate, Supreme Court of India)

Session III: Spirituality, headed by - Mr Dipak Haksar (Former CEO, ITC Hotels)

Session IV: Music and Bollywood, headed by - Mr Ravikant Mittal (Consulting Editor, TV 9 Bharatvarsh)

Session V: Health, Wellness & Diet, headed by - Dr. Shantanu Mukherjee (Ophthalmologist/ Eye Surgeon)

Session VI: F G Pearce Symposium: International Relations - Defence and Diplomacy, India as An Emerging Global Power, headed by- Ms Ruchiraa Sharma (Anchor and Author, CNBC TV18 and Ex NDTV), and Mr Vikram Misri (IFS)

Session VII: Services, headed by - Mr Yashraj Nain (IRS)

Session VIII: Finance, headed by - Mr Amitabh Malhotra (MD and Head, Global Banking, HSBC)



H.H. Maharaja Jyotiraditya Scindia at the Conclave

Session IX: Corporate: Staying Relevant and Agile Post the Pandemic, headed by - Ms Ruchira Sharma (Anchor and Author, CNBC TV18 and Ex NDTV)

Session X: Business, headed by - Mr Vivek Gangwal (Founder SOBA Infosec)

Speeches were delivered by our eminent Old Boys and on the second day of the event, His Highness Maharaja Jyotiraditya Scindia (President, Board of Governors) was invited as the Guest of Honour. Mr Navodit Mehra (Senior Vice president, Star light Industries), Ms Vatsala Tyagi (Yoga Guru) and Ms Anushka

Laul (Celebrity Fashion Designer) were the Masters of Ceremonies. The event concluded with the Art Auction and Gala Dinner Entertainment and Cocktail Dinner.

The Conclave hosted by SOBA - Delhi was enlightening for every Scindian who is a part of this esteemed Institution. The sessions conducted by our notable Old Boys were very informative and inspiring which guided and inculcated a sense of generosity and leadership in the Scindians and help them transform to become better leaders.

## School Council Meeting

The meeting of the School Council was conducted on 4th march, 2023, at the computer lab 2 under the Principal, Mr Ajay Singh (Chairperson) and the Secretary Aditya Singh. The Vice Principal, Ms Smita Chaturvedi, the Bursar Rtd Lt Col D.K. Farashwal and Dean of Co-curricular Activities, Mr Dharendra Sharma along with other teacher and students representatives were also present there. Many important issues were raised in the meeting that aimed at the betterment of the school. The following were the highlights of the meeting:

### 1. Promoting participation and scheduling regular meetings of Hobbies and Societies

**Presenter: Kushal Agarwal**

The presenter Kushal Agrawal began the forum by stating that Scindian delegates are under-prepared for the Inter School events. He pointed out that there is a flaw in the scheduling of Hobbies and Societies. He proposed that there should be Hobby and Society meetings regularly and that these meetings should be taken into consideration while preparing the yearly schedule.

The school management suggested that students should take more initiatives.

Hobbies should be conducted directly after lunch and the society meetings directly after Asthachal.

It was proposed that the training for debate should be done in the Houses. A film appreciation society was also proposed.

### 2. The Usage of Technology in School

**Presenter: Chairperson**

Principal Sir talked about addiction and the excessive use of technology by the students. He mentioned how he noticed withdrawal symptoms in the students when their devices were confiscated. He began by talking about the advantages of using technology to make notes, research. He then stated the disadvantages of technology. He talked about the playing of games, access to unnecessary information, invasion of privacy, copying of assignments, the biological or health problems caused due to it. He emphasized the increasing cybercrime and cyber-bullying in society, and how machines are making people lazy.

It was decided that the netbooks / laptop would be given for limited timings only. A fixed time will be decided that would be followed by all the Houses.

## Interview with Dr. Sushil Shah (Ex. Je, 1964; Madhav Awardee) and Mr Mayur Shah (Ex. Mj, 1963)

**Aditya Singh: Sir, our first question to you is what differences do you see since your days here and now that you have come back after so many years? How is schooling now compared to the '50s?**

**Dr. Sushil Shah:** I think, in all aspects, it is better than before. Everything is better in terms of the layout, facilities, and improvements except for one aspect which is, earlier the school meant the entirety of the Fort as the area was much wider. Now, it has gotten restricted to smaller parameters of the gates because tourism has come up in a big way. And earlier, the entire population was the students of the school as the number of people visiting the Gurudwara was minuscule. So, that is the only part that I find a little discomfoting. The rest is much better.

**Aaradhy Shukla: So, what is the one thing that you cherish the most about the school? Like something you remember doing in the house or any relationship with any teacher.**

**Mr. Mayur Shah:** We had a remarkably close bond with the teachers, like with the House Master, Mr Pawar as one could just walk in there with any of their problems and he would give us guidance. In the Houses, we used to have some games like wrestling, pillow fighting and a lot many similar things. Things like those were enjoyable in a very innocent way and people would cheer up as if it were more like a sport. It was exceptionally good that we could learn all the sports at school, and it helped us develop a better personality.

**Dr. Sushil Shah:** The one thing I cherished the most about the school was the number of hobbies accessible to us. Nowhere in the world will you get a chance to learn so many things and what I appreciated most was the school's policy that you have one hobby that will continue through your whole career. I was here for 10 years and in 10 years I was exposed to 11 different hobbies. It was something that you would continue and have as your hobby for a lifetime.

I thought that was a big gain because I do not think anyone in life can survive without a digression from your day-to-day life. So, this hobby acts like a stress buster and it is a wonderful thing to have. The second, of course, are the sports because here you will learn all the games possible including Athletics, Kabaddi and so on. I would say again that these are the 2 major highlights which I appreciate the most.

**Aditya Singh: Sir, my next question to you is about Review. As you see, Review is like the history of the school, it contains all the major events that happen throughout the history of the school, and it has been there since 1941. It has seen several changes in this duration of time. So, I want to know how was Review back in your time compared to today because Review is that one constant which has remained since 1941.**

**Dr Sushil Shah:** It was good in our time since there used to be a two-page Review having one to four sides that were exceedingly small but again in that Review they had a part containing poetry in Hindi. We had a small Review as compared to that of today which is much more impressive than it used to be. A good part of it which I think is missing today is that in our times there used to be one of the editors of the magazine who used to describe each of the House games and they used to mention the outstanding players. Review should devote about three fourths of the page



for each match, which is about 4-5 lines. So ideally that gives all the players the motivation to play for a chance to be featured in Review. I think that I would say again instead of devoting too much time to literature we can implement that as well. So, I suppose if you just give one page to browse the different matches, there can be some mention of who was outstanding because it is important to motivate the students.

**Aditya Singh:** So, our last question would be about what is that one message that you would like to leave for the Scindians from your experience in the school and out of the school in the world?

**Dr. Sushil Shah:** Make the best of it when you are here in school. Yes, because this opportunity if lost will not come back. Whatever chances you are getting to learn please don't miss them because later on in life you will realize the

importance of it. So, all the opportunities here matter in life. Like debates and speeches, it teaches you public speaking, which is a great thing to be proficient at. When you go out in life, it is very important to know that they say that justice done is not justice done unless it is seen. It is important to make people perceive that. If the perception is not raised much, it becomes insignificant.

**Mr Mayur Shah:** So when you are out in life, I think it's very, very important that you get out of your shell and whatever you're doing should be projected right. This is what you have done and people should notice that you have done it. And let me tell you one thing that in this world there are no prizes for the 'second', prizes are always for the first. So, no point telling people that you were second or third. You have to be the best. Whatever you do in life, you have to be the best, irrespective of what you are doing. You have to be the best. I think that's about it.

## Conversation with Mr Rohit Jain (Ex. Mj, 1996) and Mr Yashvinder Pratap Singh (Ex. Sh, 1994).

"I've returned to where I came from, this feeling alone makes it pivotal to stay grounded! I regret not wearing my school blazer right now", back, where they belong, came two Old Boys now men of character and integrity.

While interacting with the Old Boys, one could feel how Scindia has transformed boys into mature citizens of this global community or as a matter of fact 'Men of Mettle'. Both of them exhibited such confidence in their choice of words that makes every Scindian proud, to be a part of this prestigious Institution. They shared their journey from class III to class XII, and how those 9 years led them to become successful. The march past and army camps inculcated the feeling of nationalism in them, making them empowered citizens of India. "A school is not just about academics, it is about evolving young boys into men through exposure, sports and communication." said Mr Rohit. He opened up about fun incidents which happened when they visited the Gwalior Mela. Mr Rohit shared about the paramourcy of social communication and how Scindia lets you communicate, connect and respond to people of all kinds. Mr Yashvinder said "Scindia prepares you for the real world, and to be honest, there are so many of us out there, that wherever you go it's tough not to find family. Scindia truly expands the word 'family'." Writing reports and posting them in order to get them published was something they very fondly remembered. He explained

that as opposed to today, when everything has evolved, letters have become messages and conversations have become calls. "Technology has taken over, but there was nothing like that in our time, so we had more social conversations" said Mr Yashvinder.

It was wonderful to see out Old Boys reliving their memories of the past. The joy and happiness on their faces conveyed how they really felt being back to their home.



Mr Yashvinder and Mr Rohit with the student editor

### Obituaries

It is with deep regret that we inform you Ranjit Singh Judev (Ex. Rn, 1962), the Maharaja of Samthar left for his heavenly abode on 8th March 2023. May his soul rest in peace.



It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that we inform you of the demise of Kr. Pushpendra Singh of Garrauli (Ex. Mj, 1961) who passed away on 20th February 2023. Our condolences with the family.



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