

REVIEW-23

THE SCINDIA SCHOOL, FORT GWALIOR



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FORT NEWS

Weather Report

The flora and fauna on the Fort appeared happier, greener and seemed to glisten under the sunlight that was followed by the rain. The Fort scented with the earthy and pleasant smell of petrichor. The sound of Peacock, Mynas and Robins filled the atmosphere with serenity. One could feel the sense of happiness and freshness on the Fort. Cape Jasmine and Bougainvillea have bloomed on the Fort which adds to its over all beauty.

Junior House Reports for the year 2022-23

Keeping the Scindian Spirit alive, boys of Junior Houses presented the House Reports on 23rd April 2023 to embark on and congratulate the budding Scindians for their resounding success for the year 2022-23.

Aadi Dev Goel, Yash Nitharwal, Advik Garg, and Sparsh Tulsian read the reports of Kanerkhed, Jankoji, Dattaji and Nimaji respectively, the awards in the vertical of Pastoral Care are as follows:

- Kanerkhed - House master's Cup: **Rishit Sharma**
Best in Sports: **Sanahal Meetei**
Best in Studies: **Atharv Agarwal, Aadi Dev Goel and Rudraksh Bansal**
Best in Discipline: **Hardik Singh Yadav**
- Nimaji - Housemaster's Cup: **Kumar Abhikshit Narayan**
Best in Sports: **Kovid Kashyap, Khoirom Surjakanta Singh and Hansiddh Kothari**
Best in Discipline: **Swaraj Santosh Mahadik**
- Dattaji - Housemaster's Cup: **Riyansh Oswal**
Best in Sports: **Aryaneel Majumder, Abhigyan Singh Rathaur and Abhijay Pratap Singh**
Best in Studies: **Ayaansh Mishra, Nikunj Jalan and Lakshya Tulsian**
Best in Discipline: **Naman Jain**
- Jankoji - Housemaster's Cup: **Aaransh Agarwal**
Best in Sports: **Anaggh Naduvath**
Best in Studies: **Avirat Choudhary and Aaditya Kishnani**
Best in Discipline: **Aarya Mittal**

Annual English Play

On 20th April 2023, a story of retaliation, power, love, forgiveness, and redemption was brought to life for us by the English department and the students. The students performed 'The Tempest' by William Shakespeare with exceptional grace. The Tempest revolves around the theme of freedom, empathy and forgiveness. It is the story of the exiled Duke of Milan, Prospero and his daughter Miranda, who falls in love with Ferdinand, son of Alonso the King of Naples. It was evident that the students had put in their sweat and days



Annual English Play

of arduous work to entertain us. The most remarkable thing was that even after many challenges, the teachers did not give up and came up with a spectacular show. In the end, it was a flawless performance. The main cast of actors were **Shivam Agarwal, Krrishn Leelotpal Divyaa, Vidhan Khandelwal and Fravash Vikamsey**. The props, costumes, and the total ambience created in the Shukla Memorial Open-Air Theatre, where the play was staged were one of splendor incarnate. With students on and off stage, the crew consisted of fifty students supported by a team of teachers. The play was profusely appreciated by the Principal, faculty and students. It was evident from the thunderous round of applause which was received by the actors from the audience.

वार्षिक हिंदी नाटक

सिंधिया स्कूल की हिन्दी साहित्यसभा की वार्षिक नाट्य-प्रस्तुति के अंतर्गत 21 अप्रैल 2023 कवि बोधायन कृत संस्कृत नाटक भगवदञ्जुकम् का श्री शुकला स्मृति मुक्ताकाशी रंगमंच में मंचन किया गया।

'भगवदञ्जुकम् नाटक' कवि बोधायन ने सातवीं शताब्दी में लिखा था। मूल रूप में ये नाटक संस्कृत भाषा में है। पहले इसकी प्रस्तुति कूडियट्टम में होती थी। कूडियट्टम के माध्यम से इस नाटक के बारे में लोगों को पता चला। आरंभ में, प्रस्तुतियाँ संस्कृत में ही होती रहीं, मगर लोकप्रिय होने के बाद, अनेक भाषाओं में इसका अनुवाद हुआ। वैसे तो ये एक प्रहसन है यानी हास्यरस से भरपूर; मगर कवि बोधायन ने बड़ी ही चतुराई से शिक्षक और छात्र के संबंधों के बारे में बहुत बातें कह दी हैं। शिक्षक आत्मिक ज्ञान से परिपूर्ण है और स्वयं को संसार से सदा बचाए रखता है, किन्तु छात्र बाहरी संसार में रमा रहता है। छात्र शिक्षक के बारे में जो सोचता है, वह बात शिक्षक को मालूम रहती है, फिर भी अनजान बनकर छात्र को निरंतर आत्मिक ज्ञान की ओर ले जाने का प्रयत्न



Receiving the Housemaster's Cup



Annual Hindi Play

करता रहता है। कभी बनावटी क्रोध दिखाकर, कभी छड़ी दिखाकर। छात्र के मन में यह प्रश्न कभी नहीं मिटता कि शिक्षक आखिर मुझसे चाहता क्या है? यदि शिक्षक आत्मा है तो छात्र शरीर। दोनों का एकाकार होना बहुत आवश्यक है, इसी में इस विश्व का कल्याण निहित है!

नाटक के अंतिम दृश्य के साथ ही प्राचार्य श्री अजय सिंह, उप प्राचार्या सुश्री स्मिता चतुर्वेदी, गतिविधि अधिष्ठाता श्री धीरेन्द्र शर्मा, बरसर कर्नल डी के फरशवाल आदि ने प्रतिभागी छात्रों के साथ छायाचित्र खिंचवाया और प्रत्येक छात्र से मिलकर उनके कार्य की प्रशंसा की। अपने उद्बोधन में प्राचार्य महोदय ने कहा कि छात्रों ने भाषा को बहुत कुशलता के साथ अपनाया और अपने अभिनय से सभी को मंत्रमुग्ध कर दिया।

Seminar on Global Politics

The Scindia School's Humanities Department celebrated the school's 125th year of the school's existence by starting with a new initiative - the Scholar Programme. This initiative aims at creating leader for tomorrow and the need for leaders who are aware and mindful of the history and current affairs happening in the world is a significant attribute to create intellectual leaders. The Principal, Mr Ajay Singh, who is a voracious reader, and a keen observer of global affairs, initiated the series with his talk on 'Elements of Global Politics and International Relations.' In his lecture he spoke at length on the evolution of global politics after 1914, the Cold War era, and the emergence of a new world order. The audience composed of young enthusiasts was more than happy to answer his thought-provoking questions and had raised questions at him. He also related the Indian concept of '*vasudhaiva kutumbakam*' with the new globalism. The school appreciated and supported the Scholar Programme's efforts to create knowledgeable and enlightened leaders for a better future.

MCGS MUN 2023

The MCGS MUN'23 was an exhilarating experience for seven students namely **Harshvardhan Wadher, Aditya Jain, Rohil Sharma, Keshav Jhunjunwala, Devansh Agrawal, Sweejeet Taparia, and Aaradhy Shukla**. They embarked on this journey of diplomacy and global affairs, ready to engage in intense debates and negotiations. The conference took place from 20th April to 22nd April, spanning three days filled with intellectual discussions, camaraderie, and the opportunity to develop critical skills such as diplomacy, negotiation, and public speaking. The students had prepared for months, researching their assigned countries' policies, and familiarizing themselves with the pressing issues that were to be discussed at the conference.

They had the opportunity to interact with delegates from various countries, exchanging ideas and forging alliances. The students displayed their oratory skills and diplomacy as they presented their country's positions and negotiated resolutions.

As the conference ended, the students felt a mix of pride and accomplishment. The seven students returned to the school with a newfound passion for global affairs and a sense of responsibility to make a positive impact in the world. The MCGS MUN'23 had not only enhanced their knowledge but had also instilled in them the importance of diplomacy, cooperation, and empathy in addressing the pressing issues facing our world today.

Welham English Debate

On 12th and 13th of April, the school participated in Smarika '23 organized by Welham Girls School. On 12th, the event began at 5:00 pm where the preliminary round for the science quiz took place, our Team qualified for this round with excellence and was amongst the finalists. We grabbed the 5th position in the science quiz. That evening motions for both Hindi and English debates were announced, after which students were escorted to the E- Resource center to research for the next day's event. The students and escorts were invited for dinner with the Principal, Ms Vibha Kapoor, the students made the most of this opportunity to make new friends and socialize. The preliminary rounds for both the debates took place right after breakfast. The English debating team qualified the first round through their impactful debate and were a part of the top four finalists. The Hindi debating team unfortunately could not qualify but what matters is that they took back with them their share of learnings. The motion for the final round of the English debate was given to students 2 hours prior to their debate, they were debating on the motion "This house believes that these are the best of times". The team stood third in the English debate tournament. Next lined up was the moment all of us were waiting for, The Prize Distribution Ceremony. **Ayaan Shah** was adjudged the Best Interlocuter and Best Speaker for the preliminary and final rounds, respectively. The student returned to the fort safely the next day.

Adventure trip to Nehru Institute of Mountaineering, Uttarkashi

Nineteen students from the Scindia School namely **Swarit Varshney, Shreyansh Jain, Harshit Singh, Shaunak Kumar Agrahari, Vaibhav Agrawal, Atharv Tiwari, Advait Khemka, Khus Todi, Harshil Gupta, Jayant Agrawal, Sagnik Chanda, Navit Jain, Neev Agarwal, Rudraksh Tapadiya, Jayant Rathi, Uday Ahuja, Keshav Jhunjunwala, Hardik Bhatia and Kush Surana** participated in the adventure course organized by the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering from the 11th of June. The course spanned a duration of fifteen days, concluding on the 25th of June. The initial days primarily focused on practicing activities like obstacle races and attending informative lectures on various aspects of adventuring. They covered topics ranging from route mapping and packing techniques to mountain etiquette and ethics, receiving comprehensive training. For many participants, it was their first experience trekking in the wilderness, each carrying a ten kilogram rucksack. Upon reaching their destinations, they learned to pitch their own tents, applying the knowledge acquired during prior lectures. After returning to the institute, the following day featured the obstacle race competition and sports climbing competition, both of which fueled their competitive spirits. Additionally, a lecture competition took place, in which **Atharv Tiwari** from class IX secured the second prize. The course's concluding segment, rock climbing, took place at the Tekhla rock climbing area of the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering. Participants received demonstrations on bouldering, climbing, and rappelling before engaging in these activities themselves—an immensely thrilling experience. The adventure course culminated with a graduation ceremony and a tea session with the Principal of NIM, leaving the participants equipped with essential survival skills and, more importantly, cherished memories and lifelong bonds.

German Mint Exchange Programme

A team of nine students namely, **Fravash Vikamsey, Mahiman Vikamsey, Rohil Sharma, Rudransh Agarwal, Rohan Asrani, Sarvagya Singhal, Prithvee Rajswarup Pathak, Manan Gupta and Armaan Ahoiba Simancha** escorted by two teachers - Ms Sangeeta Jain and Mr Gopal Chaturvedi went



The German Exchange Team

to an exchange programme in Germany from 13 May 2023 to 2 June 2023. The legacy of the school was well maintained and continued by the team. The team took off from Delhi Airport to Frankfurt. The exchange started with visiting a circular structure called, "Erlebnisholzkugel." Students were then introduced to the students of 'Gymnasium Neustadt An der Waldnaab'. The students visited castles, museums, and churches. The next few days consisted of visiting markets, discovering food, and roaming in Weiden. The students made insect hotels and understood German elections by visiting political institutions. The team went on to celebrate a National Holiday. 'Ascension Day' with the locals. Students were exposed to German history by visiting ancient German architects. The next day, students went on to explore parts of Germany by visiting lakes, and hills and even watched a football between FC Bayern and RB Leipzig. The exchange was filled with hiking and exposing German culture. The students made souvenirs for themselves in school. Everybody on the team had the experience of a lifetime. The students had the most exciting visits to Museums, The Alps, restaurants, and the school. The exchange Programme was indescribable, and the team got to experience new activities, cultures, and traditions.

The Ladakh Service Project and Trekking Expedition

Twenty two students from five different schools throughout India participated in the fifth iteration of the Ladakh Service Project and Trekking Expedition, which was organized by The Scindia School. The team of The Scindia School consisted of nine members namely **Shlok Maurya, Satkrit Poddar, Aditya Nandan, Akhil Sharma, Arjit Bansal, Inesh Agarwal, Kushal Agarwal, Dharmendra Singh Monga** and **Yash Jain**. Ms Raksha Siriah and Mr Chetan Bhatia were the teacher escorts. All the participants reached Ladakh on 26 June



Successful completion of the library

and visited the Leh Palace, Shanti Stupa and Tsemo Castle in the local vicinity. After acclimatizing for two days, we traveled to the Lamdon School in Shey Village. We were warmly welcomed by the Principal, staff, and the students of the school. The library of the Lamdon School was built with the enthusiastic help of all the students and teacher guides. The project required them to step outside of their comfort zones. Everyone carried local clay bricks to the sight of the building by making a chain. The students were also told how much gravel and water to mix to create the perfect mixture to build the library. Everyone worked together as one team, whether it was passing the bricks or carrying an entire log of Poplar tree for building a roof. The students were amazed to see that a mixture of clay and mud was used instead of cement to build the houses in Ladakh. It was done as the mixture kept the insides of the house warm in the freezing temperature. Additionally, we had the incredible chance to instruct

The European Rhapsody- Educational Tour to Europe

Dr Smita Trivedi, Faculty and Rehan Agrawal | XII A

21 students of The Scindia School namely **Ryan Batra, Yuvraj Singh, Ayush Kumar Gard, Rehan Agrawal, Aditya Vikram Khatiwara, Pranshu Chaudhary, Shaurya Pankaj Veer, Shrey Shukla, Harsh Daruka, Arjit Bansal, Laksh Mamodia, Shaurya Prakash, Nityam Jain, Abhiraj Singh Parmar, Ankesh Bihari, Daksh Sethi, Parth Agarwal, Sameep Mody, Shayn Rohra, Omitya Singh** and **Arrtham Jalan** explored the cultural fabric of Europe along with their two teacher escorts, Dr Smita Trivedi and Ms Manisha Singh. The group landed in France on 13th June and started with their learning of the motley group of the many nationalities that make the said country. On

Lamdon School pupils. We traveled to the highest saltwater lake in the world, Pangong Tso on 2 July, after five days of arduous labour. The tranquil view of the breath taking vistas soothed our anxiety and fatigue. The students also visited Druk Padma Karpo School also known as Rancho School (from 3 Idiots) which was very entertaining. Together with us, the Lamdon School students arranged a cultural event on the final day of the service project. We left Lamdon School the following day with tears in our eyes. We were bid goodbye by the pupils, which was really moving. After that, we arrived at Rumbak village, from where we had to begin our walk to several passes of Ladakh. We assisted in erecting our tents on the first day and went on a practice stroll through the hamlet. The following day, we conquered the 15000-foot-high Stok La pass. Unexpectedly, 12 individuals managed to accomplish this difficult expedition that took 8 hours to finish in total. The next day, we set out for Yurutse village that was 13000 feet above sea level. As we descended, it began to rain, adding to our challenges. But that wasn't all—it rained for the next twenty four hours. Sadly we had to miss our trek to Ganda La pass which was 17000 feet. It was a harrowing event for all of us when we experienced severe rain and landslides on the way back from Rumbak Base Camp. The arid mountains around Leh were exhibiting the effects of global warming. We arrived at our accommodation in Leh safely after overcoming all obstacles. Nevertheless, because our luggage was caught in a landslide, it arrived after twenty-four hours. On the 11th of June when the sky cleared and the airline services resumed, we boarded our flight to New Delhi.

The Scindia Tour to South Africa

The Under 15 Cricket team of our school toured South Africa from May 18 to 1 June. The team members were **Yash Pathak, Umar Sadik Khan, Shivansh Sahu, Jeh Neville Hilluwala, Shourya Agrawal, Pranet Pathak, Aarav Gupta, Parakaram Dudi, Atishay Mongia, Abhijay Pratap Singh, Aarav Dhingra, Anuj Shukla, Saransh Singhal, Shresth Agarwal, Prakshal Agrawal, Archit Chaudhary** and **Mani Kantawattam**. They boarded a flight from the Indra Gandhi International Airport. While on tour they visited some beautiful stadiums across the country like Durban, Johannesburg and Pretoria. The team played a total of 7 matches out of which they won 4 and lost 3, winning the overall series. The team also visited Lions Park, Johannesburg. They were also invited for dinner with Indian Consulate General, Dr. Thelma John David, at her Durban Office. The students along with the Head of Sports, Mr Mandaar Sharma and other coaches went on a guided tour to Kingsmead Cricket Stadium, Moses Mabhida Soccer Stadium, Ushaka Marine and shopping at Gateway and Pavillion shopping mall. It was an overall amazing and wonderful experience for the young cricketing stars of tomorrow.



The Scindia Under 15 Cricket Team

14th June, with a scrumptious breakfast of the famous croissant, and other foods, the group left for the Louvre Museum. As the bus navigated its way through the avenues of the city of Paris and history alike, the interludes of history unfolded before us. The rendezvous with Monalisa, 'tournesols', and 'fall of angels' enchanted us. We glided on the waters of the Siene River and were mesmerised by the intricate inlays of the bridges and the grandiose monuments on the either side. Students went up the Eiffel Tower and their eyes fed upon the most breathtaking view of the 'land of lights' or the 'Princess of Europe' alias Paris. We captured the memorable moments in our cameras and forged friendships. We had lots of questions too and satiated our curiosity by asking questions to the instructor and the accompanying educators. After dinner at Burger King the group retired for the day.

On the second day of our memorable trip, not only the students, but also the accompanying educators relived their early childhood at the 'mise en scene'



of the spectacular Disneyland. The pointed blue tops with the golden inlays bespoke of some fun storybook style architecture, often referred to as the Disneyesque style. The train stations, the arcades, the amusement corners, and eateries in the Gothic and flamboyant style bewitched the students. Interestingly, not only the place but also the visitors were so dressed in the attire of their favourite characters. You could easily spot a little Spiderman, a Jasmine, a Cinderella, and many more. There was so much to capture into the phone cameras that its batteries could survive only on powerbanks. Students shopped for small souvenirs but in all, the excitement took the centre stage as the group members screamed through the fantabulous rides. Students encouraged the teacher escorts to accompany them on rides and the teachers became the taught. The enthusiasm reached its zenith with the Disney characters parading the aisles in all their accoutrements. We all became then, the crowd characters of a fairytale. Those eight hours seemed so unearthly yet so real and assuredly have stamped our lives forever.

On 16th June, the group visited the architectural beacon, the Mercedes Benz Museum and clicked a slew of photographs which encapsulated the journey of automobiles. The official guide of the museum rode us through the facades of history wherein in 1901 the Benz patent motor wagon was introduced to the public under Daimler Motors Corporation to the present. Students were amazed at the architectural marvel which resembles a double helix just like the human DNA.

The icing on the cake were the Rhine Falls. The cascading waterfall almost milky white above, flowing into an aqua below from two small headways in the Alps, is a sight which eludes any possible description. Students tested various camera angles to click photos. Videos were also recorded with the roaring waterfall at the backdrop spraying our backs as we went closer. The day ended with a hearty meal at Burger King.

17th June 2023 is etched in our memories forever. The group boarded the bus to travel to Mount Titlis and on the way gasped at the most breathtakingly beautiful mountain scene. It felt a heavenly abode, so serene and enchanting that we lost the sense of time and space. The instructor drilled the necessary into us because we had to take cable cars and the humongous Rotair at different points. The Scindian affection for heights demonstrated itself as most of us reached the highest level and shot photographs capturing the silvery white landscape and frozen lakes in the background. Our hearts swelled with pride as we entered the biggest restaurant on the spot, which is Indian. Who could have imagined such a potpourri of elements! We also clicked photographs with the poster of Kajol and Shahrukh Khan from DDLJ, erected at the top, as a memoir to the film.

The Chocolate factory next, brought us all into childhood as we listened to the story of Calliere, passing through a labyrinth of doors, hearing the prerecorded handsets which were given to us. We came to know how a sinful drink came to be loved by people 'en masse'. Our bliss came right at the end as we tossed chocolates in our mouth and that too for free! Coming out into the shopping area, we splurged on chocolates. Thereafter we boarded the bus to grab a meal at Burger King.

On 18th June we rode to Geneva in the morning. Our first destination was the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Museum which posed the most poignant question to us- How does humanitarian action affect us all, here and now? It welcomed us in an open, agile and warm manner, as a place of memory, creation and debate. The hall containing testimonies of prisoners of war and the pictures of those who have lost their families to the most brutal acts in the history of mankind, became tears in our eyes as we heard and went through all of them. To quote from the museum wall: "Human beings are social beings who are defined by their links with others. When those links are broken, they lose part of their identity and bearings." We all felt the pain shooting through us as we stood in each part, rendered utterly silent by the crass cacophony that unhumanitarian human acts have created. The 'Broken Chair' further pulled us into deep reflection. A symbol of both fragility and strength, precariousness, and stability, it reminded us to denounce what is unacceptable and to stand up for the rights of individuals and communities. We also saw the building of the United Nations and immediately spotted the Indian Tricolour flying in all its glory. We visited the Basilica of Notre Dame of Geneva next. It is a Roman Catholic church located in Geneva, Switzerland, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin

Mary. Our guide, Ms Marianne explained the neo gothic style of the church which houses relics from before the Protestant Reformation. The stained-glass windows which heralded the evolution of the art of stained glass during the twentieth century, dominantly seen in the basilica, were particularly remarkable.

19th June found us visiting CERN as our first destination for the day. An international conglomeration of scientists across the world, it helps to uncover what the universe is made of and how it works. We could just visit the outer area because the building was under renovation. Thereafter we took to Piazza dei Miracoli or the Square of Miracles which is dominated by four great religious edifices: the Pisa Cathedral, the Pisa Baptistry, the Campanile, and the Camposanto Monumentale. The most prominently known among these is the Leaning Tower of Pisa. We came to know that in May 2008, engineers announced that the tower had been stabilized such that it had stopped moving for the first time in its history. They stated that it would be stable for at least 200 years!

Upon arrival in Rome on 20th June, we wasted no time in visiting the mighty Colosseum, an architectural masterpiece that stands as a testament to the grandeur of ancient Rome. Stepping into the amphitheatre, we could almost hear the echoes of gladiator battles and roaring crowds. Exploring the intricate corridors, we marvelled at the engineering marvels and rich history contained within its walls.

Adjacent to the Colosseum, we ascended Palatine Hill, one of the seven hills of Rome. From the top, we enjoyed the breathtaking and panoramic views of the city, while imagining the opulent palaces and gardens that once graced this imperial residence. Continuing our journey, we wandered through the Roman Forum, the ancient centre of political, religious, and commercial life. The well-preserved ruins and majestic columns transported us back in time, revealing glimpses of the vibrant civilization that thrived in this remarkable site.

No visit to Rome is complete without exploring the spiritual haven of Vatican City. As we entered St. Peter's Square, the grandeur of the place was awe-inspiring. The magnificent basilica stood majestically, its dome reaching towards the heavens. We marvelled at the intricate artistry and sacred beauty of St. Peter's Basilica, home to masterpieces such as Michelangelo's Pietà.

Within Vatican City, we also visited the Vatican Museums, where we were immersed in a treasure trove of artistic masterpieces and historical artifacts. The Sistine Chapel, with its famous ceiling painted by Michelangelo, left us in awe of its beauty and spiritual significance. To satisfy our appetite, we indulged in the flavours of the authentic Italian cuisine. From mouthwatering pasta dishes and wood-fired pizzas to creamy gelato and rich espresso, every bite was a celebration of Italy's culinary prowess. We explored local trattorias and charming cafes, allowing ourselves to be immersed in the warmth and hospitality of the Italian dining experience.

On 21st we drove to Florence, with our eyes feeding upon the beauty of the orchards and fields of Italy. After lunch, we took a guided tour around Florence, stopping at Palazzo Vecchio and learning about the legends behind the famous Greek sculptures and statues of the Roman and Greek Gods. Thereafter we drove to Milan. On 22nd we were in for our last day of the trip. We stopped at Duomo Di Milano, Italy's largest church and the centrepiece of the entire city and Palazzo Reale, the Royal Palace of Milan and one of the city's most visited exhibition spaces. We also shopped at the Mall- IL Centro, Milano. Thus ended the European rhapsody which brought us together.



At the Basilica of Notre-Dame, Geneva

Bidding adieu

Bidding adieu to the teachers who brought a difference to the lives of students!

On 22nd April 2023, the school organized a farewell tribute at the S.M.O.A.T to honor the immense contribution of three venerated teachers who have left their footprints on the fort and impressions on the lives of their colleagues and students.

The event began with a musical performance for the teachers by the students after which our Principal expressed gratitude for their dedication over the years. The teachers also expressed their appreciation towards the school for embracing their efforts and providing an opportunity for them to develop and learn over the years. After the event ended, the faculty and administration staff went for dinner at the pool side, where teachers bid them farewell in their own way. The teachers are:

Mrs Ahilya Shinde (July 1985-April 2022)

Mrs Ahilya Shinde was a teacher, a mentor, a leader who believed in nurturing talent and was ever ready to appreciate her students or colleagues. Mrs Shinde joined the school as a Hindi teacher in July 1985. Her interest in music soon led her to the Music department in the coming years. A trained vocalist with a lot of enthusiasm to teach, she was instrumental in creating and infusing interest



Mrs Ahilya Shinde

in Music for many students. Her renowned students have publicly expressed their gratitude on many occasions. Under her guidance Junior students enjoyed daily assembly, Krishna Janmashtami, Ganpati Celebrations, Freshers Play, Junior House Evenings and many more celebrations. She directed plays, skits, and prepared students for elocutions with equal ease. She remained with Junior school for 15 years as a Hindi and Music teacher. She was the first House master of the then newly created House- Nimaji. As a Housemaster she was a strict disciplinarian with a lot of warmth. In 2000, she moved to the Senior School. She is best remembered for her contribution to Founder's Day and Annual plays with her team. She rose to become the Dean of Activities after her term as a Housemaster was over. She had also organized interaction with the differently abled school students, also enthusiastically participated in community service programs. The school witnessed Musical Ballet and Musical drama during her tenure. A relentless perfectionist, learner, graceful, sincere, and persuasive leader with infectious laughter, that is how school will always remember her.

Mr Ramesh Sharma (July 1996-April 2020)

The brass band of the Scindia School is synonymous with Mr Ramesh Sharma. Mr Ramesh Sharma joined the school in 1996 as a Brass Band Instructor. Those were the days The Scindia School had a Pipe Band. Within three months he was able to display a show of Brass Band on Founder's Day. He ensured that not only students worked hard but also that the Band remained an attractive proposition for boys. He got School Brass Band on then Rajpath with such aplomb that the school was invited for uninterrupted nine years as a unit to perform. During his tenure, the School Band won The IPSC Band Competition with great comfort. Under his guidance, in October 2018 the school very



Mr Ramesh Sharma

successfully organized the IPSC band Competition.

Simultaneously, Mr Sharma was involved with the labor camp and community service around the Fort. He successfully led the Labour Camps for many years and earned high praise from local authorities. After remarkable success with Brass Band, Mr Sharma's help was sought in the Water Harvesting Project of the school. Mr Sharma also served as the Housemaster of Daulat House. For a brief period, Mr Ramesh Sharma also looked after the Games Department. No doubt the kind of discipline he could infuse was remarkable. Mr Ramesh Sharma will be remembered as a man with the MIDAS touch. Whatever responsibilities came along his way he took it to a higher level.

Mr Raja Banerjee (July 1996-April 2023)

Mr Raja Banerjee joined the school as a successor to Mr Chatterjee, an established and an experienced Music Teacher at school. Establishing himself and his style of music was a task which he successfully achieved within a brief period. Though basically vocalist, Mr Banerjee also has expertise in composing orchestras. During Centenary celebrations he displayed his remarkable musical skills. He prepared an Orchestra for Founder's Day every year based on a different raga. He gave an opportunity to 100 students in the Orchestra. For many years under his guidance students got a chance to perform at Astachal. He also used regular morning assemblies as an opportunity for his students. Mr Banerjee continued organizing Basant Panchami and helped students during the Inter-House competitions and various musical evenings. To create a larger awareness, he helped in the organization of SPIC MACAY programs, thereby giving the entire school community, an opportunity to witness the performances of renowned maestros. He took the initiative to provide international exposure through cultural exchanges to Canada and Turkey. The school will miss Mr Banerjee's beautiful renditions in the morning assembly and his graceful presence in various programs.



Mr Raja Banerjee



In Memoriam - Dr. Tej Singh Ingle

Mr A.N. Dar | Ex-Rn, 1958 : Former Principal : Madhav Awardee

Popularly known as Dr. Ingle or Ingle Sahib, he passed away in Vadodara on June 28 at 05:38 am at the age of 83 leaving behind his wife, and children Uday, Abhay and Radhika and their families.

Scindia was lucky that we had Dr. Ingle as a Chemistry teacher, Head of Chemistry, Housemaster Jyotiba House and ultimately even the Bursar there. Coming from a well known family of aristocrats of Gwalior, he was first offered a job in a local college but HH Jiwaji Rao advised him to join The Scindia School. Scindia was lucky that we had Dr Ingle, his wife and all three children growing there for his full length of service. The family, led by Dr Ingle, added much to the life there in every way.

When I arrived in the school as its Designate Head on April 15, 1994, Dr Ingle, as the Bursar was very much there to receive us with all his characteristic warmth and courtesy. My wife and I were struck by his simplicity and naturalness and humility.

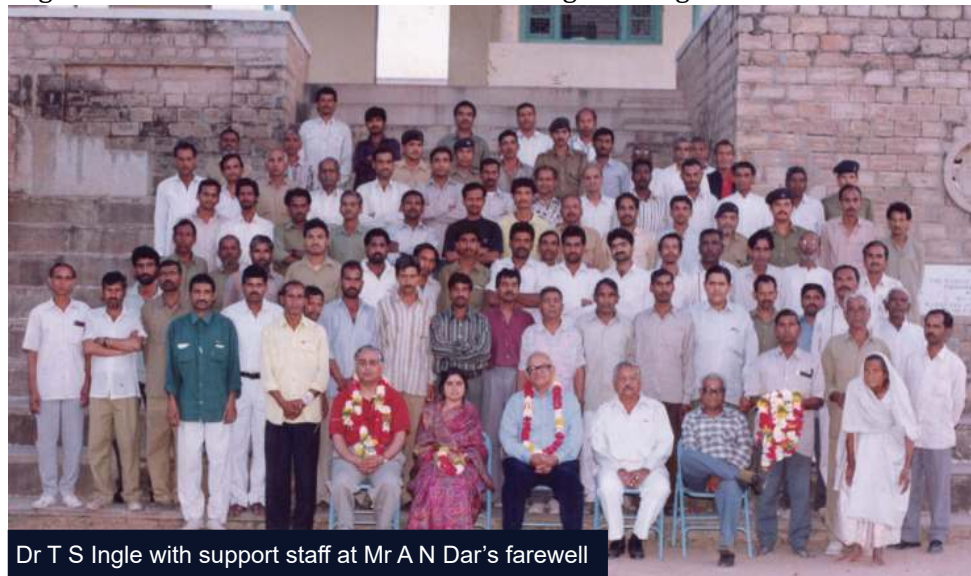
Later on, one day, when relaxed he said to me, "We met first in Kanpur for the Conclave and we had known that you were coming as the successor to Dr Singh so I tried to shake hands with you as we got off the bus in front of the hotel." Interesting!

With time I got to know Dr Ingle and his family slowly and closely. It is this connectivity, both personal-family and professional that was for me the strength of the Scindia School – the human base – and not its concrete and mortar. I always found him cheerful and smiling and kind to all. He was never grumbling nor complaining about anyone. He also had his quiet clean sense of humour without trying to hurt anyone or hitting below anyone's belt any time. During our professional association, I found that the school community as also the Old Boys and the city people trusted him and respected him. I was amused by his friendship with Mr R S Garg. They were not just neighbours in the quarters opposite the Basketball Courts but could be often seen together. After Mr Garg had planted all those trees to make an avenue along the road past the Sick-Room and, under the advice and help of Dr Ingle and Mr Garg we had also bought a tractor and trolley from the city, I often saw both of them ensuring that the trees were being watered regularly.

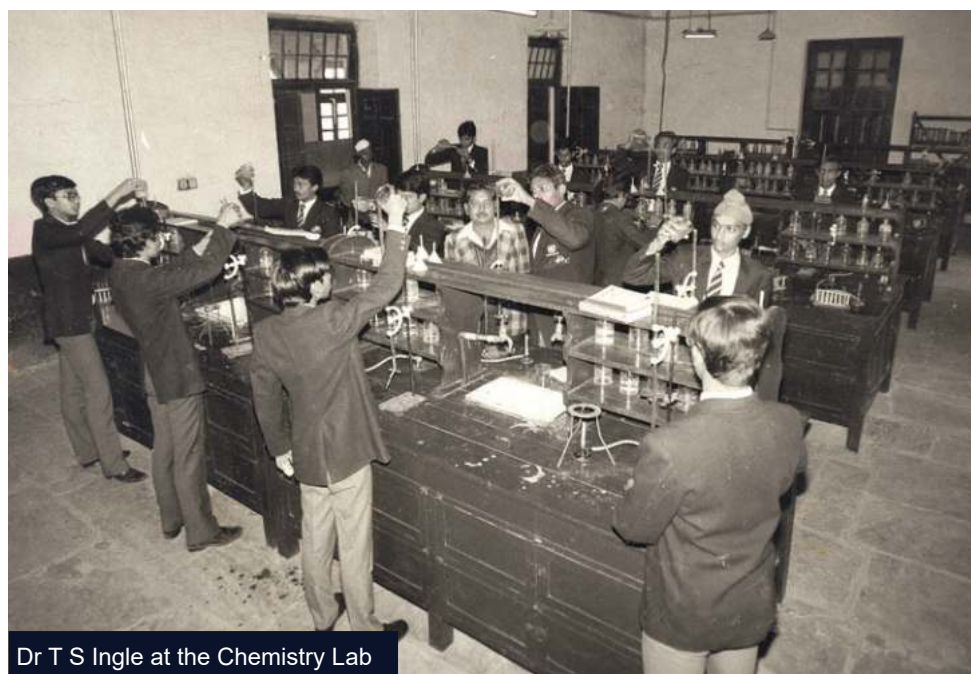
Of course, I was not too happy that when I took over the school, I had to 'battle' with the hangover of the 'Unionbazi' and court cases against the school. However, Dr Ingle, Mr Garg and Mr RK Tewari (VP), Mr ON Dikshit and Mr NK Tewari never made any references to these activities.

Moreover, Dr Ingle even once said to me, "Sir, you will have to go to the Provident Fund Office and sort out the details of the PF linked Life Insurance with the clerks there."

So, one day, he and I left for Indore via Bhopal. Interesting! The job was done. NK Tewari had done the paper work and Dr Ingle had helped me with the negotiations in the Indore office – and strange that I got all the credit for the



Dr T S Ingle with support staff at Mr A N Dar's farewell



Dr T S Ingle at the Chemistry Lab

success of this plan. People forget that it was plain simple collaboration. No one took the credit or thumped his chest and we all thanked God that justice had been done. Yes, the simplicity, honesty and directness of Dr Ingle helped us all.

In the course of our conversation, now and then, I heard from him that one of his ancestors, Ambuji Ingle ruled over Kota and his family even had their haveli next to our Suraj Kund. His father, too, had perhaps studied in our good old Sardar School. Of course Ingles have their property in the city. Neither he nor his wife ever boasted about this side of their family. They remained a plain simple and honest family of a schoolmaster.

Late one night, I went to Jyotiba House looking for a boy there. Dr Ingle said, "The boy is not here but must be in Jayappa House."

I went to Jayappa House but the boy was not there. As I got back to Dr Ingle, he said that that the boy had broken bounds to see a film but has got back and has gone up to the roof of the House via the circular stair case. He advised me to go back because if the boy were to see me, he might jump down. I accepted his advice as I knew that he ran his house quietly without using a cricket bat or a hockey stick or by slaps or shouting. He extended quiet paternal care.

He extended a similar care to the admin staff and Class IV under his care. No wonder, they all trusted him and loved him. I cannot remember him playing any games in my time, but I always found him sporting in his ways at all times with everyone.

He went on to explain to me once that he cannot sit with 'Maharaj' on the same sofa as him like some other teachers do because of his respect for 'Maharaj'. The same way, he would not quite smoke or drink before me: How could he ever blow smoke into my face? Once only, when Garg and he came to my residence after procuring rice from Gohad did they both say, "We are really tired. We can have a drink, if you permit."

Actually, every time Dr Ingle and Mr Garg came to my place, I got them to use my phone to speak to Dr S D Singh in Dehra Dun as I knew that the families were close to each other and they were not the days of mobile phones. Yet, they never tried to impress me with this proximity or go out of their way to impress upon me their closeness.

His wife, Shailja, proved to be a gem of an individual during our stay of six years on the Fort. For Rohini and me, going to their home, next to the sickroom was such a joy. They had brought up a small homely garden and a lawn and always served us our happy cup of tea. Mrs Ingle's contribution to the Ladies' Club was remarkable and we never heard about her work from her but read of it from Book of Minutes of the Ladies' Club.

Indeed a remarkable family of a remarkable clan led by Tej Singh Ingle in our time. May God give him divine peace to next to Him! Dr Ingle has left behind such happy memories with us all.

In Memoriam - Dr. S.D. Singh

Mr A.N. Dar | Ex-Rn, 1958 : Former Principal : Madhav Awardee

I must confess that among the most interesting happenings of my life – I am 83 now – has been my association with Dr. Singh and family who I was privileged to know from the day I joined the staff of The Doon School in 1962 March.

We were both attached to Tata house as tutors with Mr Sahi as our Housemaster. We were both part of the English faculty as teachers and Mr Sahi as our Head of Department. With time, Mr Sahi left for Scindia to head the school. Naturally, Dr. Singh took over the department and had shifted to Hyderabad House, and after a little time, I, too, shifted to Hyderabad House. Interesting isn't it? With the departure of Mr. Sahi, the Doon School Weekly, in existence from 1935, fell into the hands of Dr. Singh.

With time Mr Sahi retired from Scindia to hand over the reins to Dr. Singh. I was delighted because Scindia is not only my alma mater but where I also took birth. I was naturally happy that Scindia was in safe hands. Lo and behold! After a few years, my elder sister, Rama Handoo, herself a former Scindian had been invited by Dr. Singh to be the Matron of Dattaji House.

Anyone can see that Dr Singh and family and I, both professionally and at personal level have had long and happy relationship. My parents, too, respected Dr. Singh and Mrs Singh though they had never worked together. My father was not at all surprised to find Dr. Singh succeed Mr Sahi whom my father had known personally as they both had worked together in Vidya Bhavan and Scindia, and my father thought that Madhavrao had made the right choice in selecting Dr. Singh as Mr Sahi's successor.

For this selection there was a long list of distinguished candidates and quite a few from the school itself. When a candidate was put the question, "How will you deal with your senior colleagues?"

The candidate answered, "Leave them to me!"

When the same question was put to Dr. Singh, he answered, "I will use my tact and trust!" For me, the word 'trust' is a real mantra of running a school as a human endeavour.

Naturally, Dr. Singh was chosen. He ran the school for over a decade and a half, adding new dimension to the place in many ways. Facilities and programmes grew as also its position in the educational world. After all, Dr. Singh had also spent a year in England to study the teaching of English in an Indian school through the British Council.

During his days in Scindia, Singhs and my family continued to interact in Doon when they came for their holidays. It was fun meeting them.

What a surprise? When Dr. Singh retired after a most distinguished innings, I got selected to lead The Scindia School, arrange the farewell of Dr. Singh, my predecessor and even take it through its Centenary. It was our privilege to host Dr. and Mrs Singh at our place.

When I took over Scindia from Dr. Singh, he gave me a sound advice: Please keep



At the farewell of Dr S D Singh

the Admission Test Marks close to your chest; Invite the Madhav Awardees to the Founder's day first and make sure to give place to Lokendra Singh in the Guest House. He also took the trouble to take me round the city to meet the senior bureaucrats.

My wife and I were regular guests at Dr. Singh's residence, which, too, I went on to occupy before I left Doon. During our visits we enjoyed tasting Leechi Squash for the first time as their residence had two Leechi trees. I had learnt the value of courtesy and planning and socialising from him.

In the process, Rohini and I had greatly enjoyed getting to know both their children Madhu and Praveen very well.

Frankly, during my six years as the head of Scindia, I had never heard any negative comments on him. People talked about his graces and energy and of course his charming smile and the trust that Madhavrao had in him.

We are born and we will go is the truth of life but the real thing is that we leave behind happy memories of us with people. Dr. Sing has left behind many memories with so many of us.

May God give him peace in heaven next to Him!

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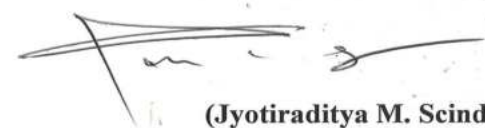
MESSAGE

As we all come together today to celebrate the life and teachings of Late Dr. S D Singh, Former Principal, The Scindia School and House Master, The Doon School, we must remember his infectious dynamism, his love for innovative ideas and his ability to bring out the best in his students. As one of the most respected and loved principals, his unforgettable wisdom and immortal words will continue to inspire generations of The Scindia School.

It was his clear determination and zeal that helped The Scindia School in holding its fort as the leader in the Indian education sector and also helped in all-round development of the School as well as the students. Besides, my father and Dr Singh shared a warm relationship.

We meet only a few like Dr. Singh in the entirety of our lifetime. He will be remembered as someone who left a deep impact on many lives.

I extend my deepest condolences. May God comfort his family members at this time of great loss.


 (Jyotiraditya M. Scindia)



Dr S D Singh with dignitaries at the School function

CBSE RESULTS**CLASS X, OVERVIEW OF 2023****School Result (English + Best 4) : Average Percentage = 83%**

No. of Students : 101 90% & Above : 21 85% – 90% : 26 80% – 85% : 27 75% – 80% : 11 60% – 75% : 15 Below 60% : 1

TOPPERS LIST (English + Best 4) – 85% AND ABOVE

Name of the Student	Percentage	Name of the Student	Percentage	Name of the Student	Percentage	Name of the Student	Percentage
Ekagra Singh	97.4	Keshav Jhunjhunwala	97	Saksham Agrawal	95.4	Pulak Bagaria	94.4
Rohan Asrani	95.2	Garv Harkut	95.2	Tanish Agrawal	94.2	Neev Agarwal	93.8
Sameep Mody	93.8	Ayush	93.6	Paawan Agarwal	93.4	Devansh Garg	93.2
Ahana Bhattacharya	93.2	Paarth Sundrani	92.8	Kavish Patwari	92	Saksham Sameer Kubde	91.8
Simarjot Singh Malhi	91.4	Uday Ahuja	91.4	Aditya Singh	90.6	Armaan Athoiba Sinamcha	90.4
Yugraj Singh	90.2	Prataksh Sharma	90.2	Arav Akhilesh Verma	89.4	Devansh Agarwal	89.4
Shreyansh Singh	89.2	Ujjwal Gupta	89.2	Sarvagya Singhal	89.2	Lakshya Arora	89
Sargun Singh	88.8	Yash Agarwal	88.6	Vivek Singh	88.4	Harshvardhan H. Wadher	88.2
Brahm Motwani	88.2	Rudra Pratap Tyagi	88.2	Harsh Jain	88.2	Rohil Sharma	87.8
Ayush Kumar Garg	87.6	Aryavardhan Singh	87.4	Sidhant Singh	87.2	Utsav	86.8
Vaibhav Agrawal	86.6	Medhansh Trivedi	85.8	Navit Jain	85.2	Bhavya Nevatia	85
Vedant Agrawal	85	Rohan Arora	85	Rushil Rajan	84.8	Amogh Bhargava	84.6

100% in Artificial Intelligence - Ekagra Singh, Keshav Jhunjhunwala, Garv Harkut, Ayush, Rohan Asrani, Ahana Bhattacharya, Saksham Sameer Kubde, Uday Ahuja, Devansh Agarwal, Sarvagya Singhal, Vedant Agrawal, Neev Agarwal**CLASS XII, OVERVIEW OF 2023****School Result (Best 4) : Average Percentage = 87%****School Result (English + Best 4) : Average Percentage = 84%****Stream Toppers (Best 4 Aggregates)** Science : Mayank Choudhary (97.75%), Humanities : Gourav Mehra & Jayesh Nitharwal (98.50%),
Commerce : Bhavya Dhamija & Tejas Bhalotia (95.25%)

No. of Students : 70 95% and above : 16 85% – 94% : 30 75% – 84% : 17 65% – 74% : 07 55% – 64% : 0 Below 55% : 0

School Topper (English + Best 4) : Gourav Mehra & Jayesh Nitharwal (97.60%)**TOPPERS LIST (BEST 4) – 85% AND ABOVE**

Name of the Student	Percentage	Name of the Student	Percentage	Name of the Student	Percentage	Name of the Student	Percentage
Gourav Mehra	98.5	Jayesh Nitharwal	98.5	Mayank Choudhary	97.75	Satyam Raj	97.5
Lalit Kumar	97.5	Ashutosh Khemka	97.25	Aditya Kumar	97.25	Vidit Gupta	96.75
Parikshita Singh	96.5	Aryan Agrawal	95.75	Prashast Pandey	95.5	Tushar Saini	95.5
Bhavya Dhamija	95.25	Tejas Bhalotia	95.25	Rohit Mahor	94.75	Anubhav Sachan	94.5
Jai Goyal	94.25	Aayushmaan Thakur	93.75	Sumedh Potdar	93.25	Divyansh Mittal	93.25
Shirish Mehra	93.00	Sarthak Narwaria	93.00	Reshav Sarawgi	92.25	Parv Rajesh Agrawal	91.5
Sanyam Agarwal	91.5	Utkarsh Gupta	90.75	Devansh Roy	90.5	Manan Jain	90.25
Rohan Agarwal	90.25	Siddharth Gupta	89	Vansh Goel	89	Prakhar Yadav	88.75
Yash Vardhan Nevatia	88.75	Yashodhan Jagnani	88.75	Kushagra Verma	87.5	Prabhat Singh	87.25
Bharat Jain	87.25	Prem Kumar Luniya	86.5	Aditya Agrawal	86.25	Jeh Neville Hilluwala	86
Uzair Khan	86	Arjun Bhat	85.75	Pratham Kapoor	85.75	Ayush Verma	85.25
Govind Mittal	85	Ayushman Rai	84.5				

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