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FORT NEWS

Weather Report

The weather took a pleasant turn (as mentioned in the previous edition) and the Fort received the much-awaited rain from 5th September. Nature seems to have come back to life with flowers of Parijaat and Mousari blooming. Beautiful sights of Peacocks, Gray Francolin and Painted Spurfowl were seen on the Fort. The dark clouds promise more showers in days to come.

M.P. State Shooting Championship

Eight students from our school participated in 26th Madhya Pradesh State Shooting Championship and 19th Madhya Pradesh State Inter School Shooting Championship held at Army Marksmanship Unit, Indore from 2nd to 8th July. 5 students qualified for pre-nationals namely **Jatin Singh, Shaurya Agarwal, Saksham Sameer Kubde, Keshav Jhunjunwala** and **Varad Agarwal**. **Saksham Kubde** won the bronze medal in rifle 10m men. The school team bagged the 2nd position in the Inter School State Championship. The members of the team were **Shaurya Prakash, Saksham Sameer Kubde** and **Keshav Jhunjunwala**.

The 10th West Zone Shooting Championship (Pre-National level) was held at Ahmedabad from 17th to 28th August. 3 students qualified for the Nationals, to be held in November **Shaurya Agarwal, Saksham Sameer Kubde** and **Keshav Jhunjunwala**.

Visit to Man Singh Palace

On 14th August 2023, the students of the Junior Houses visited the Man Singh Palace for creating awareness about voting. The students worked with other schools to create voting-themed banners and boards. The activity emphasized the importance of voting in a democracy. The students spread awareness



Young Scindians creating awareness about voting

about voting being both a right and a responsibility. This practical exercise aimed to educate students about their role in democracy and encourage active participation in the electoral process.

The Inter-House Squash Open Tournament 'A' Group

The Inter-House Squash Open Tournament for the 'A' group was conducted on 16th August 2023 on a knockout basis. The final match was played between **Tanush Somani** of Jayaji and **Shivam Agarwal** of Madhav.

The individual results are as follows:

I **Shivam Agarwal** II **Tanush Somani** III **Yash Agarwal**

The Inter-House Table-Tennis Tournament Junior Group

The Inter-House Table-Tennis Tournament for the Junior Group was conducted from 22nd to 24th August 2023.

Abhyoday Sharma from Nimaji secured the second position in the individual event, while **Neil Agarwal** from Kanerkhed emerged as the winner for the same.

In the team event, the individual accolades are as follows:

'The Upcoming player' of the tournament was awarded to **Kovid Kashyap**.

'The Best player' of the tournament was awarded to **Neil Agarwal**.

The final match was played between Jankoji and Nimaji. The overall House positions are as follows:

I Nimaji II Jankoji III Kanerkhed IV Dattaji

Mayo Football Tournament

A team of eighteen boys namely **Ritik Sachdeva, Dev Pratap Bansal, Pranshu Chaudhary, Aradhya Agarwal, Kushagra Singh, Anuj Pratap Singh, Akhil**



The School Football Team at Mayo

Sharma, Vishith Venkatesh, Kavish Patwari, Siddhanth Kaul, Fravash Vikamsey, Deepak, Vinod, Aryan Bhagat, Jahaan Nagpal, Vaansh Mehra, Leitanthem Sanahal Meetei and **Aarush Sharma** went to the prestigious Mayo Football Tournament organised from 23rd to 27th August 2023 at Mayo College, Ajmer. The team played well and qualified for the quarter-finals.

Volleyball Tournament

Shivaji House hosted an exhilarating Volleyball Tournament on the 25th and 26th August. The competition followed a league-cum-knockout format,



Ms Anamika Singh inaugurating the Volleyball Tournament



featuring an array of dedicated teams including the administration staff, teacher's team A, teacher's team B, class XI and class XII. The chief guest for the two-day event was Ms Anamika Singh, wife of the Principal. Students from all Houses flocked to Shivaji House to witness the intense volleyball showdown. In a hard-fought battle, the teacher's team B emerged victorious. Team A of teachers displayed commendable skills and sportsmanship, earning them the runner-up position in this highly competitive event. The rankings for the remaining teams are as follows: class XII team secured the third position, while class XI team took the fourth spot. The administration staff secured fifth place. This tournament was more of an opportunity to get together and spend quality time as a family, than a competition. The students of Shivaji House did a commendable job as a host by serving refreshments to all present there. The Scindian family will remember those two nights where they rushed back early after dinner, changed into sports uniform, and witnessed the tournament, with all their pride.

Raksha Bandhan Outing

On the auspicious occasion of Raksha Bandhan, some students left the school for a night out on the 29th August, while others, whose parents could not make it, stayed back. The students who stayed back were treated to a surprise pizza party by the school. The next morning, after a special breakfast, the students went to watch a movie in the DB City Mall. During the movie, students were served popcorn, 'samosa', waffles, and cold drinks. On their way back, they were once again treated to pizzas. When they returned to school, they were surprised to find that lunch was being catered for by the famous Kwality restaurant. All the students thoroughly enjoyed their meal. The rest of the students returned to the school on 31st August, feeling refreshed and happy. They were grateful to the school for making Raksha Bandhan a special day for them.

Inter House Solo Singing Competition

On 31st August, the music department organized an exciting Inter-House Solo Singing competition for the Senior Houses. One participant from each



Participants of Inter House Solo Singing

House participated and sang enchanting melodies, these young singers were: **Prrithvee Raj Swarup Pathak, Shaurya Krishna, Akshat Agarwal, Aanya Pillai, Shivam Agarwal, Priyansh Agarwal, Lakshya Sharma and Dhairya Goyal.** The competition centered on the captivating theme of 'life', featuring a collection of profoundly meaningful Bollywood songs from the illustrious decades of the 80s and 90s. The top three positions are as follows:

I **Lakshya Sharma** II **Aanya Pillai** III **Priyansh Agarwal**

Junior School: English Debating Workshop

On 31st August 2023, a workshop on English debate was conducted in the Junior School by **Lakshya Arora** and **Ayaan Shah**. During this session,



Inhouse debating workshop

students were instructed about the Special Scindia Format 2.0. The workshop encompassed various aspects of effective debating, such as brainstorming, structuring their arguments, persuasive techniques, and voice modulation. Students were introduced to strategic concepts like SPLEEM and the rhetorical appeals of Pathos, Ethos, and Logos. The young Scindians displayed tremendous enthusiasm and actively engaged in the workshop. The students were also informed about the critical components of Matter, Method, and Manner in debate. The primary objective of this workshop was to equip the students for their upcoming Junior Group Inter-House English Debate which was surely met.

IPSC Online GK Quiz- The Mann School

The IPSC Online GK Quiz was conducted from 21st to 26th August 2023 by The Mann School. All the students from classes VI to XII participated in the competition with enthusiasm. The quiz had questions from diverse topics and tested the students' general knowledge. It was mentioned that all students who score more than 40 will be given an online certificate while students who get more than 60 will receive physical certificates which will be sent to their respective schools. This was an interesting competition and really churned the minds of the students.

The Vasant Valley Tech viz

The Vasant Valley Tech viz 2023 was conducted from 31st August to 1st September. Ten students from our school participated in this event namely **Rohan Asrani, Ayush Garg, Tanish Agarwal, Rehan Mansuri, Rudraksh Taparia, Harshvardhan Wadher, Neev Agarwal, Chingkheingamba Rajkumar, Arsh Agarwal and Fravash Vikamsey.** Our school achieved 3rd place out of 23 schools in the multimedia event.

Antardhwani: Psychology Fair by SKV

On 1st September, seven students, **Lakshya Arora, Shaurya Prakash, Rohil Sharma, Krrishn Leelotpal Divyaa, Simarjot Singh Malhi, Devansh Agarwal**



Scindians at Antardhwani

and **Shreekar Erukapaty** went to Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya to participate in a Psychology Fair, 'Antardhwani: The Beat of the Emotions.' The psychology fair included events such as an 'Open Mic', 'Picture Perception' and 'Poetry Writing', 'Simulation of a Counseling Session', and 'a Case Study'. The students enjoyed every moment of their time there. Their hard work paid off as, **Lakshya Arora** and **Shaurya Prakash** won the Outstanding Performance award for the event 'Picture Perception' and 'Poetry Writing.' **Simarjot Singh Malhi** and **Krrishn Leelotpal Divyaa** won the Outstanding Performance award for 'Simulation of a Counseling Session.' The event turned out to be a great learning experience for the students.

The First Invitational Mayo English Debate

Three students from our school, **Prataksh Sharma, Lokesh Awasthi** and **Kavin Singh Chhatwal** recently displayed their debating skills at The First Invitational Mayo English Debate. This event took place at Mayo School, Ajmer from 1st to 2nd September. Sixteen renowned schools across the country participated in the event. Before reaching the final round, the students had to win five debates. The boys secured the First Runner-Up trophy, with **Kavin Singh Chhatwal** being recognized as the unrivaled Best Speaker across all four challenging rounds.

Teachers' Day Celebration

On 5th September, teachers' day was celebrated at the Fort. The preparations for it had started a month in advance. The night before, the students even



Musical performance at Teachers' day

decorated the Faculty Research Centre. The nights were spent drawing life-sized portraits of the teachers on the bed sheets and finally came the main day. Students of class XII took charge of the classes till Nihari giving teachers some rest and happiness in their own way. After Nihari, the students of class XII organized an interesting treasure hunt for the teachers. The teachers were seen running around (a rare sight) deciphering the riddles. Who won is still debatable. This was followed by a splendid event for the teachers. They sang, danced, and distributed various symbolic 'awards' to their batch mates in a hilarious manner. The students' video presentation, highlighting the teachers' lives from their perspective, was the standout moment of the show. Later in the evening, a "Kavi Sammelan" was organized by the school for some dignitaries, members of staff and the students.

महाराजा माधवराव सिंधिया स्मृति हिंदी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता-2023

प्रत्येक वर्ष की भाँति इस वर्ष भी स्वर्गीय महाराजा माधवराव सिंधिया जी की पुण्य स्मृति में सिंधिया स्कूल, दुर्ग ग्वालियर में महाराजा माधवराव सिंधिया स्मृति अंतर्विद्यालयीय हिंदी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया। गत 22 वर्षों से लगातार आयोजित किए जाने वाले इस कार्यक्रम में भारत के 10 प्रतिष्ठित विद्यालयों ने भाग लिया जिनके नाम कुछ इस प्रकार से हैं- वसंत वैली स्कूल, नई दिल्ली, द हेरिटेज स्कूल, वसंत कुंज, नई दिल्ली, मेयो कॉलेज, अजमेर, मेयो कॉलेज गर्ल्स स्कूल, अजमेर, वेल्हम गर्ल्स स्कूल, देहरादून, जेनेसिस ग्लोबल स्कूल, नोएडा, विद्या देवी जिंदल स्कूल, हिसार, साइना इंटरनेशनल स्कूल, कटनी, सिंधिया कन्या विद्यालय, ग्वालियर, सिंधिया स्कूल, ग्वालियर। प्रत्येक विद्यालय से तीन प्रतिभागियों ने इस वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता में हिस्सा लिया। वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता का प्रथम चक्र ऑक्सफोर्ड पद्धति पर आधारित था जबकि द्वितीय चक्र टर्न-कोर्ट पद्धति पर और तृतीय चक्र कैंब्रिज पद्धति पर आधारित था।

प्रथम चक्र में सभी 10 विद्यालयों ने भाग लिया, जिसमें से सभी विद्यालय द्वितीय चक्र में पहुँचे और अंकों के आधार पर 4 विद्यालयों ने इस वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता के अंतिम चक्र में भाग लिया। जिसके तीन विषय थे- 'सरकारों द्वारा मुफ्त वितरण समाज को खोखला कर रहा है।' 'इतिहास के साथ छेड़छाड़ उचित नहीं है।' 'एक देश एक चुनाव देश के विकास के लिए आवश्यक है।'

इस वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता के निर्णायकों में दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय के हिंदी विभाग के सहायक प्राध्यापक डॉ. दीपक कुमार जायसवाल, दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय के सत्यवती महाविद्यालय में अध्यापिका सुश्री श्रुति गौतम, दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय के श्यामा प्रसाद मुखर्जी महिला महाविद्यालय में प्राध्यापक श्री अनुराग सिंह थे। सभी ने छात्रों को वाद-विवाद और विषय की बारीकियों से परिचित करवाया। सभी निर्णायकों ने बच्चों को स्वर्गीय महाराजा माधवराव सिंधिया के व्यक्तित्व को याद करते हुए



वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता के विजेता

उनके दिखाए रास्ते पर चलने का आग्रह किया। प्रतियोगिता में वसंत वैली स्कूल, नई दिल्ली ने प्रथम स्थान प्राप्त किया दूसरे स्थान पर रही सिंधिया स्कूल और तीसरे स्थान पर रही सिंधिया कन्या विद्यालय। अंतिम चक्र में सर्वश्रेष्ठ वक्ता रहे सिंधिया स्कूल के राघव शर्मा। इस अवसर पर मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में श्रीमती अनामिका सिंह ने बच्चों को आशीर्वाचन दिए।

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5 सितंबर 2023 को हमारे विद्यालय में राष्ट्रीय शिक्षक दिवस के शुभ अवसर पर एक महाकवि सम्मेलन का आयोजन किया गया। इसमें भारत के सर्वश्रेष्ठ कवि आए जिनकी प्रस्तुति शब्दों में बयों नहीं की जा सकती। इन्हें हमारे प्राचार्य महोदय ने पंचरत्न कहकर संबोधित किया था। इन पाँचों महाकवियों की पहचान कुछ इस प्रकार है- सर्वप्रथम श्री विष्णु सक्सेना जी, प्रेम और भावनाओं के गायक हैं साथ ही ये मानवीय भावों को शब्दों में प्रकट करने में कुशल है। ये पिछले 40 वर्षों से मंच पर कार्यक्रम करते चले आ रहे हैं। ये कई बार टेलीविजन पर भी अपनी प्रस्तुति दे चुके हैं। उन्होंने लाल किले पर भी अनेकों बार अपना काव्य पाठ किया है। दूसरे श्री विनीत चौहान जी, ये वीर रस के महान कवि हैं। इनका काव्य पाठ ऊर्जा से भरपूर होता है, जैसे हम किसी अग्नि की लपटों को बढ़ता हुआ देखते हैं वैसे ही इनकी वाणी में दिखाई पड़ता है। सर्वप्रथम इन्होंने पूरी सभा को जोश से भर दिया। परंतु मणिपुर की घटना के बारे में कहते हुए अंत में इस प्रश्न के साथ छोड़ दिया कि क्या हमारे देश के पुरुष सचमुच उन्नति की राह पर हैं? क्या हमारा देश वास्तविकता में स्वयं को काम विजेता कह पाएगा? जब हमारे ही देश में बेटियाँ सुरक्षित नहीं हैं? तीसरे महाकवि जो हमारे समक्ष प्रस्तुत थे, श्री राज कौशिक जी, जिन्होंने 11 वर्षों से देश और विदेशों में कई मंचों पर अपनी कविताएँ प्रस्तुत की हैं। इनकी कविताओं में आमतौर पर हमें सामाजिक और पारिवारिक रिश्तों का भाव दिखता है। दैनिक जागरण जैसे अखबारों में उनके दो शेर प्रतिदिन छपते हैं। उन्होंने पहले के कुछ शेर अध्यापकों को समर्पित किए। फिर उन्होंने श्री दिनेश रघुवंशी जी का जिक्र करते हुए अपनी अगली पंक्तियाँ समर्पित कीं। चौथे महाकवि थे हमारे अपने ग्वालियर के ही श्री तेज नारायण शर्मा जी, जो हास्य रस के अत्यंत कुशल कवि हैं और व्यंग्य में स्व. श्री शरद जोशी जी की परंपरा को आगे बढ़ाते हैं। इन्हें देशभर के कवि सम्मेलनों में आमंत्रित किया जाता है। अंत में हमारे पाँचवें कवि श्री रोहित शर्मा जी थे, जिन्होंने इंजीनियरिंग करने के बाद कविता को ही अपना साथी चुना और हास्य रस के कवि बन गए। इन्होंने पिछले कई वर्षों से अपनी जनता का मनोरंजन करने का शुभ कार्य किया है। इन्होंने देश के प्रमुख कवियों के साथ मंच साझा किया है। बीच में हमारे प्रिय अध्यापक श्री मनोज मिश्रा जी ने भी एक स्वरचित कविता को प्रस्तुत किया जो बहुत खूबसूरत भी थी और फिर हमें सुंदर वंदना सुनने को मिली, जैसी हमें शायद ही कभी सुनने को मिलेगी। यह आयोजन हमारे विद्यालय की भावना है जो मेरे हृदय के बहुत करीब है क्योंकि हमें हमारी भाषा, भाव और हमारी संस्कृति के बारे में बहुत कुछ बता जाती है। जैसे कि कवि विनीत चौहान जी की कविता ने हमें बताया कि हमारी नारी देवी होती है और उनके वीर-भाव की कविताओं ने तो हमारा सिर गर्व से ऊपर कर दिया और अगर हम महान प्रस्तुति की बात ही कर रहे हैं तो हम रोहित शर्मा जी के चुटकुले तो भूल ही नहीं सकते हैं जिन्होंने हमें गुदगुदा दिया। हमें इस आयोजन से बहुत कुछ सीखने को भी मिला। उनके बोलने की शैली और अपनी बातों को कविता के रूप में रखने के तरीके सचमुच बहुत प्रभावशाली थे। इस कार्यक्रम में कुछ अभिभावक और पूर्व छात्र व 'सोबा' के पूर्व प्रमुख श्री राहुल कुलश्रेष्ठ जी भी उपस्थित थे। वास्तव में इस कार्यक्रम ने हम सबको बहुत कुछ सिखाया।



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The Royals vs The Tigers : A game of Basketball

Aryan H. Bhagat | IX C

It was a warm Monday afternoon when both the finalists of the Inter House Basketball Group B were geared for the final match! The two Houses were Shivaji and Mahadji, both were highly motivated and equally nervous for the upcoming game. Let us talk about their path to the finals! Starting with Shivaji House from the first pool who started their campaign with a promising victory against Ranoji House by 29-22. Following that, they had two great outings against Jeevaji House and Madhav House. Shivaji House topped the table followed by Ranoji House. Now something unbelievable which might be hard to believe! Mahadji House, an extraordinary team and what a journey it had been for them, their tournament began with a comfortable 70-4 victory against Jayaji House and then Daulat House by a margin of more than 50 points. They did not let the opposition open their account! Lastly it was Jayappa House whom they again defeated by a huge margin. They topped in the second pool comfortably, followed by Jayappa House who had two victories and one loss. Now the Semi Final was played between Ranoji House and Mahadji House and the second Semi Final was played between Shivaji House and Jayappa House. Mahadji House again comfortably won their game and their dream campaign was going smooth as they reached the Finals. In the second Semis Shivaji House defeated Jayappa House by 48-20. The day was set on the 28th August, when the final game between Mahadji House and Shivaji House was to take place. The hardline match was to be played between Ranoji and Jayappa.

The day began with the hardline match at 4 pm between Ranoji and Jayappa. Ranoji won comfortably without any struggle and defeated Jayappa by 11-2 and achieved the third position. Then at 5 pm was the finals where the Principal, Teachers and all the students reached for the game and the court was surrounded by an exciting audience. It was the time for the photos and players' introduction to the guest. Both the Houses with their full squad lined up and the respected guest, Ms Raksha Siriah greeted the players. The game started with her blessings. The anticipated winners for the finals was Mahadji House as they were the favourites since the beginning of the tournament and their high margin victories and powerful squad was the reason for the same. They had set so much fear, that while greeting Raksha ma'am told the Shivajians, "give Mahadji a good fight." Isn't that amazing and shocking, these two had been the finalists during the Football Inter House also where Mahadji defeated Shivaji by a whopping 5-0. Shivaji was motivated and was full of revenge, they believed! This was surely going to be a proper rivalry.

The playing 5 for the Shivaji House was the captain Parakram Dudi, Kunwar Pratap Singh, Harsh Ahuja, Prabhat Bajpai and Nikunj Jalan. Their substitutes were Pranet Pathak and Adhyan Pratap Singh. The 5 players of the mighty Mahadji were the captain Shaurya Veer, Adwait Khemka, Yuvraj Singh, Sanahal Meethei and Prem. As the game started Mahadji was not far away from scoring the first basket. Shaurya Veer, scored the first basket for Mahadji. By the half of the first quarter, Shivaji opened their account. The score at the end of the first quarter was Mahadji - 6 and Shivaji - 2. The defence of Shivaji had done well to keep Mahadji in control. However, they were trailing by 2 baskets. In the second quarter Shivaji started feeling the heat and the pressure. The crowd was fully supporting their favourite House with different chants and keeping in mind the decorum of the game. The second quarter started with Shivaji scoring a basket. In return, Shaurya Veer scored 2 excellent baskets to increase the lead. At the end of the second quarter Shivaji House tried to close the gap with one basket by Parakram. The score was standing 10-6 at the half time. It was turning out to be a perfect and expected final. The crowd and teachers were enjoying the game. However, the Housemasters of the teams and the substitutes were stressed and the seniors of both the Houses were providing constant support and tips to their players. Gradually, the attackers of Shivaji were gearing up and getting their form. The third quarter began with a free shot for Shivaji where they scored one point. In a few minutes, two quick baskets were scored by Kunwar and the duo of Harsh and Prabhat. As we saw the scoreboard Shivaji was leading by 11-10 and Mahadji players and audience were stunned and silent. They started becoming impatient and were not able to convert their starts to baskets, thanks to Nikunj Jalan with some excellent defending for his House. On the other hand, emotions were running high for

Shivaji House as they were fully exhilarated for their players. However, things change soon, especially in sports. Within 2 minutes Adwait Khemka and Prem each scored one basket taking the lead to 14-11. The third quarter ended, and we saw that Shivaji House had an equal chance of winning. The third quarter was an important aspect for the result of the game, it had everything! Proper attack, defense and even pressure!

The last quarter was crucial as both the teams geared up. Although, their energy gradually fading! Shivaji House again got a free shot at the start and got 1 point covering the gap to 14-12. Prem who was unstoppable and was controlling the ball exceptionally, scored two baskets but both were not accepted as they were fouls. It might have been a worrisome moment for Shivaji but they were still in the game. Then, Shivaji started playing in long passes and Parakram got some good re-bounds, but could not score due to the good defense of Mahadji. Yuvraj and Sanahal also received the ball in Shivaji's court several times but missed the shots. There was clear pressure on both the teams which is obvious in such a state. As the ball reached the basket the heartbeat of the audience increased. The jinx was broken by Yuvraj who scored a basket and the score read 16-12. However, within a minute, something unbelievable happened. Nikunj Jalan scored a three pointer making the crowd stand and applaud. The score now became 16-15, half of the final quarter remaining. Now it was time for time out. Teams were relaxing and thinking about the strategy for the last 5 minutes which will determine the result. They needed to play their best, because life does not always give us opportunities and we can not bring back time. Unfortunately, Prem gifted a free shot to Shivaji and Shivaji scored 1 point making the score equal to 16 all. In a few minutes Shivaji turned the score into lead with an excellent layup by Kunwar. The score was now 18-16. There were hardly three minutes left for the game. However, Mahadji tackled the pressure and tied the score to 18 all. Two minutes were left and both the teams were attacking each other but none could score a basket. It was the last basket, where Shaurya Veer and Yuvraj with excellent passing scored the basket and the score read 20-18. Shivaji House took a timeout. 40 seconds were left for the match, only 40 seconds! Shivaji House was totally in a rush to score, but Mahadji got the control of the ball and started wasting time by passing and dribbling within their court. Unfortunately, Shivaji could not score, although they got hold of the ball twice. Mahadji House won the finals, and the players took a sigh of relief.

It was a game of proper attention, hard-work, dedication and teamwork. The Shivajians were in shock, it was a nightmare for them and their audience too. They were so close yet so far from the trophy. Despite all the hard work and difficult sessions they could not win. However, there is always a winner and one loser in the finals, one has to accept and take learnings. Mandaar Sir, Head of Sports, gave a motivational speech to the players to boost their morale. "Come on Shivajians, keep your heads high, you have given an unbelievable and unexpected fight." These were his words and congratulations to the Royal Mahadji. They had been outstanding throughout the tournament, right from the start to the finish in the finals. This time they deserved to win and similarly got it. Well done to all the Houses who participated and gave their all!



The final match between Shivaji and Mahadji

All India Open Chess Tournament

Kehev Vallabh Bhagat | XII C

A group of 20 students, under the guidance of Mr Manas Mukhoti, competed in the All-India Open Chess Tournament organized in Gwalior on 29th and 30th July 2023. 242 students from all over India participated in the competition. The participants were divided into 4 categories: under 13, under 15, under 17, and under 19. The 26 students, who were FIDE (Federation Internationale des Echecs a.k.a the World Chess Federation) rated, posed a good challenge for the Scindians. Nevertheless, the students performed exceptionally well. The results of the competition are as follows: In the under 13 category, Avirat Chaudhary was in the top 10 students for which he received a medal.



Participants of Open Chess Tournament

In the under 15 category, Mehul Jain, stood 3rd in the category for which he received a trophy, a medal and a cash prize of Rs. 300. Yuvraj Sethia, stood 4th in the category and received a medal for his achievement. In the under 17 category, Keshav Bhagat clinched 2nd place, he was awarded a trophy, a medal and a cash prize of Rs. 500. Saksham Kubde, stood 3rd and was awarded a trophy, a medal and a cash prize of Rs. 300. Harshit Garg stood 5th and received a medal for his achievement. Keshav Jhunjhunwala, Devansh Agarwal, Sreekar Erukulapati, Nimit Agarwal and Rudransh Agarwal made it to the top 10 and received a medal.

In the under 19 category, Aditya Wardhan Jain scored 3rd rank. He received a trophy, a medal and a cash prize of Rs. 300 for his performance.

The other students who participated also did well. Their names are as follows: Akshaj Agarwal - 64th rank, Prataksh Sharma - 73rd rank, Aaransh Agarwal - 78th rank, Madhav Agarwal - 87th rank, Saksham Agarwal - 94th rank, Vivaan Agarwal - 102nd rank, Ishan Modi - 114th rank and Rohan Asrani - 168th rank. Our school gave a remarkable performance. The collective effort of all participating students resulted in our school achieving the third position overall for 'The Best School' in the tournament.

वो पुराने दिन

युवराज सेठिया | कक्षा 10 बी

पुराने दिनों की बात ही कुछ और थी,
स्मृतियों में बसी बहुत सुंदर बात थी।
चाँदनी रातों में खिले थे चाँद सितारे
दिल की धड़कनों में बसी खुशियों की बारात थी।
प्रेम की बातों से भरे थे हर छोटे-छोटे पल,
दोस्तों के साथ बिताए गए वह पल
हमारे लिए बन गई थी सच्ची कहानी,
जो कभी न होगी पुरानी।
पुराने दिनों की बात ही कुछ और थी,
जीवन के रंग थे वह सबसे प्यारे,
धूप में सिकीं बादलों की चादर-सी,
खुशियों से भरी हर एक बात थी प्यारी।
बचपन की छाँव में खेलते थे हम,
पता नहीं न जाने कहाँ खो जाते थे हम,

गलियों में दौड़ते थे मिलते थे हम,
हँसी और खुशियों को जगाते थे हम।
पुराने गानों की मिठास थी पास,
जिसे सुनते थे हर शनिवार एक साथ,
न जाने कहाँ गए वे दिन,
जो अब रह गए हैं बस सपनों में हमारे साथ,
प्यार भरे दिन थे बेहद खास,
यादें जुड़ी हैं उन दिनों से आज,
जो बीत गए समय के संग,
अब न जाने कहाँ गए वे दिन,
कहाँ गए वे ढंग।
पुराने दिनों के गीत अभी भी सजाते हैं,
वो यादें हमेशा दिल के पास रह जाते हैं।
जीवन के दौड़ में भी वह हमें हँसाते हैं।
न जाने वो दिन कहाँ चले जाते हैं?

The Pillars to Our Success!

Shaurya Veer | IX D

There are individuals in our society who possess a self-centered nature, solely concerned with their own interests. It is crucial to recognize the many individuals who genuinely care about others and strive to create a positive influence on both society and people's mindset. It is none other than our beloved teachers whom I am referring to. One who plays a silent role in our development. The guidance and influence of the teacher makes an individual learn beyond his boundaries and overcome its challenges in every way possible. Teachers take out their valuable time and put their tremendous efforts into taking out the best from the student. Teachers are indeed the ones who help us achieve success. A teacher can be considered as a builder of a good nation. They play a significant role in making us Self-Independent and responsible for our duties. A good teacher is always happy with the success of their students. They put their greatest efforts into making an individual successful in life. A teacher is the building block on which a society is built. They help us to develop the confidence to face any challenge boldly. They take care of us in every aspect possible and always think about the best for us. San Kawasaki once said, "If You Want to Put Someone on a Pedestal, Let It Be the Teachers". We should all be thankful to all these heroes who bring a positive change in our lives.

India's First Solar Mission : Aditya L1

Aditya Agarwal | IX A

The launch of "Aditya L1" by PSLV-C57 was accomplished successfully on 2nd September 2023 from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Shriharikota. Aditya L1 is a satellite devoted to conducting an extensive investigation of the sun. We have successfully created a total of seven distinct payloads, all of which have been developed entirely in our own country. Aditya L1 remains in Earth's orbit for about two and a half weeks, which is 16 days (about 2 and a half weeks). During this period, it undertakes a series of five maneuvers to acquire the required velocity for its upcoming expedition.

Following that, Aditya L1 embarks on an impressive Trans-Lagrange 1 insertion maneuver, marking the start of its enthralling 110-day expedition (spanning three and a half months) towards its destination close to the L1 point. Upon arrival at the L1 point, another maneuver binds Aditya L1 to an orbit around L1 point, a balanced gravitational location between Earth and Sun. The L1 point is 1.5 million KM from the Earth.

The Aditya L1 mission is expected to operate for five years, during which it will collect vital data that will enhance our understanding of various phenomena such as coronal heating, coronal mass ejections, pre-flares and flare activities, space weather dynamics, as well as the propagation of particles and fields.

India embarks on yet another groundbreaking space endeavor with the Aditya L1 launch, just ten days after the successful mission of Chandrayan-3. This pioneering venture, achieved through years of dedicated work and a modest budget of approximately 400 crores, takes India's space journey to new heights. These missions demonstrate India's remarkable progress in space exploration and deepen our comprehension of the universe.

It will be okay, look at the sky!

Lakshya Arora | XI B

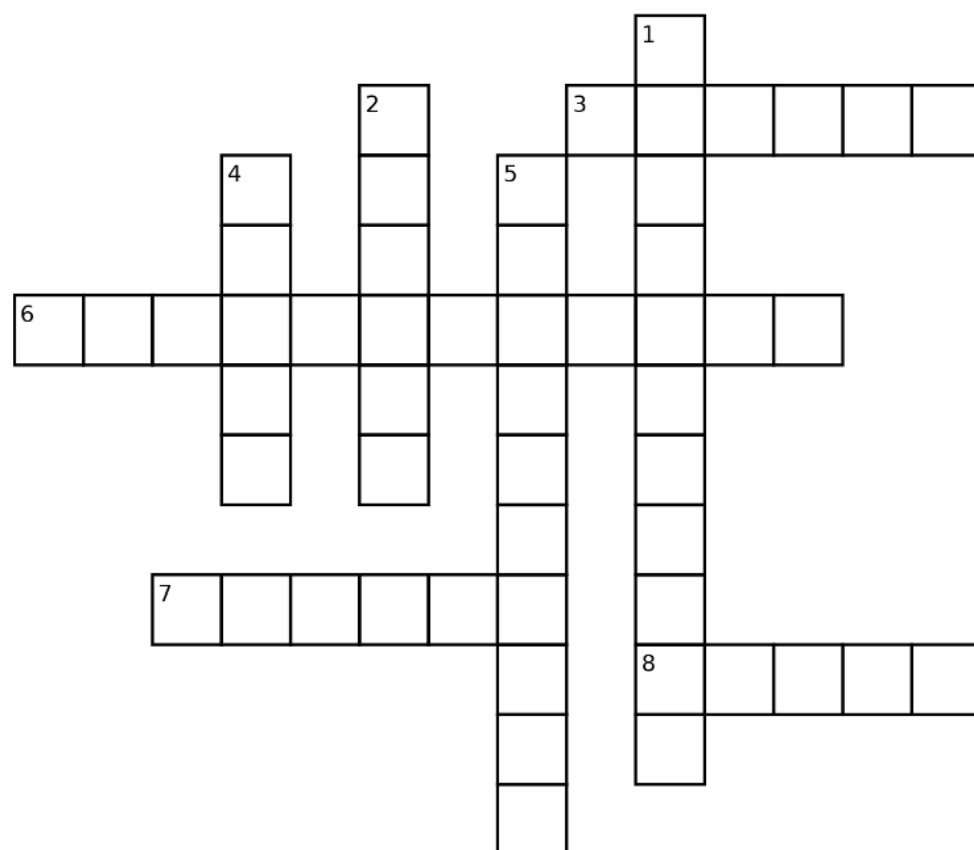
Insecurities, like shadows, all around they play,
It's not just you!
Sometimes, even the night sky can feel a bit gray,
But learn to be like the moon's gentle sway,
Shining through darkness, comes what may.
brightens the night within your soul,
A beacon of hope, making you whole,
Embrace life's pretty insecurities, let the storms brew,
With your heart, with you, you'll make it through,
darkness may visit, but here's a clue,
Even in the pretty skies, rains often visit
But for once, it isn't always a cry!

The Scindian Scoop : Humor, Puzzles and Facts!

Laugh Out Loud:

- 1: How do you organize a space party? You "planet"!
- 2: What do you call a bear with no teeth? A gummy bear.
- 3: What did one ocean say to the other ocean? Nothing, they just waved.
- 4: Why did the bicycle fall over? Because it was two-tired!

Scratch Your Heads: Review Crossword



Down:

1. The Harappan city which had the 'Great Bath'
2. is the highest-grossing film in the world
4. hottest planet in the solar system
5. antonym of associate

Across:

3. Protagonist of "The Jungle Book"
6. Defence Minister of India
7. capital of Goa
8. also known as the Empire spread across

The More You Know!

- 1: Honey never spoils. Archaeologists have even found pots of honey in ancient Egyptian tombs that are over 3,000 years old and still perfectly edible. Honey's natural composition and low moisture content make it resistant to bacteria and spoilage. So, if you ever find ancient honey, it's like a sweet time capsule!
- 2: Bananas are berries, but strawberries are not. In botanical terms, a berry is a fruit produced from the ovary of a single flower with seeds embedded

in the flesh. Bananas fit this definition because they develop from a single flower with multiple ovaries and contain seeds (though they are usually too small to notice). On the other hand, strawberries are not considered true berries because their seeds are on the outside, not inside the flesh of the fruit. It's a bit of a botanical surprise!

- 3: The world's largest desert is not the Sahara, but Antarctica. While most people associate deserts with hot, arid landscapes, a desert is technically defined by its low precipitation levels. Antarctica receives extraordinarily little precipitation, with an average annual precipitation of about 2 inches (50 millimeters). So, despite its icy appearance, Antarctica is the largest desert on Earth!



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