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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Mr Raja Banerjee being felicitated by the Principal



The Economic Times Award was presented to The Scindia School

Dear Readers,

Yet another edition of Qila Quotes reaches its completion and so does an academic year in the history of the school. To me as a new incumbent of the office of the Principal of this renowned school, the journey during the last year has been remarkable. It has offered me a great sense of learning into a myriad other aspects of the boarding school life which as a Principal I was yet to tread upon. I can say with firm conviction that collaboration and camaraderie are the key elements in acquisition of knowledge and its application; for no knowledge that defies practicality is knowledge at all. *Khalil Gibran* says that children's "souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams. You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you. For life goes not backward nor carries with yesterday." Thus education is not the preparedness for life but life itself. The goal of true education is to cull out and fashion leaders of tomorrow, those who can give back to the world. In this world of rampant artificial intelligence, emotional and social intelligence balance the disproportion. Real education also imparts adaptability and resilience, both needed to chisel the best version of oneself. These skills come naturally to students at Scindia. The Fort Biosphere echoes the vision of being in communion with nature and the Scindian spirit that delves in adventure and social service sees the observance of the most elementary yet most imperative of human ethos.

After a long summer break, the Fort echoes with the footfalls of students. A beneficent shower of rain greeted the students as they arrived. The new students have joined the Fort which will become a foundation stone of their learning. They have become the proud members of a community which goes back to 125 years and stands in all its glory to welcome its new members just as a tree grows new shoots while firmly holding onto its roots.

As we move on from the 125th year to the 126th year, I extend my gratitude to all the stakeholders for the trust they have reposed with the institution. I invite you all to participate in this journey of taking the school from strength to strength.

Ajay Singh
Principal

EDITORIAL

The Scindia School has been bestowed with the prestigious 'Best Education Brand' award by the Economic Times for consecutive two years in a row. Lt Col (Retd.) D K Farashwal, Bursar, The Scindia School received the award on the behalf of the Principal. Mr Temjen Imna Along, Tourism and Higher Education Minister, Nagaland presented the prize in a ceremony. This recognition serves as a testimony to the relentless commitment of the school to provide an exceptional academic and extracurricular environment to the students.

Educational Camps

The School organized the Annual Camps for students of classes VI to XI from 22nd March to 29th March 2023. A regular feature of the school's curriculum- the educational camps, normally held in October were organized in March this year. The camps prepare the students for the 'International Award for Young People' earlier known as the 'Duke of Edinburgh Awards'. The details are hereunder-

On 22nd March 2023, 22 students of class XI along with two teachers left for the Gaj pass trek near Dharamshala. The group encountered heavy rain and storm but the villagers housed the Scindians thereby making their stay safe and memorable. The group visited Dharmshala and McLeod Ganj as well, to see the War memorial, Bhagsu Nag Temple and the waterfall, Buddha Monastery and Norbu Linga Institute, which has kept centuries old Tibetan Culture alive by imparting skills to nearby residents.

A group of 24 students of Class VI with four teacher escorts participated in the Pachmarhi Community Service Camp from 22nd March to 28th March 2023. Along with trekking to Rajendra Giri Garden, Bee Falls, Jatashankar Mahadev, Gupt Mahadev, Priyadarshini Point, Pandava Caves, they visited many other places like Bison Lodge, Handi Kho etc. They participated in activities like Zip Line, Sky Cycling, Rappelling, Obstacle activities, Rifle shooting, Horse Riding, Archery, and Boating. They also had a unique experience of utensil less cooking.

On 22nd March 2023, 24 boys of classes XI A and XI B left for an educational trip to Ooty with two teacher-incharges. The students explored the highest peak of Nilgiris- the Doddabetta peak which is about 8600 ft from the sea level. They also visited the Madras Regimental Museum, and Tata Research Centre.

From 22nd to 29th March 2023, students of Class VIII went to the Tadoba National Park for their educational camps. The students went for a jungle safari and explored two different parts of the 623 square km area of the 'Tadoba-Andhari National Park'. They also went to Hemalkasa, a tribal hospital, a school and an animal orphanage which was started by the famous Padma Shri Baba Amte in 1973. Here the students also got to meet Shri Prakash Amte. He personally showed the students the animal orphanage.

On 22nd March 2023, 46 students of class X along with 5 teachers left for Goa. Jungle Walk, Scuba Diving, demonstration on a Terrarium and the visit to famous beaches were the prime attractions.

Students of class VII went on a trip to Kanha National Park. A total of 5 teachers escorted 58 students. The visit to-Dhuandhar Waterfalls, a boat ride at Bhedaghat, spotting the Barking Deer, Barah Singha, Langurs, Indian Bisons, etc., a bamboo handicraft workshop by a local artisan, were the attractions that mesmerized the students. They also visited a museum in the resort that illustrated the life of the Gonds and Baiga tribes.

Extracurriculars

A total of 17 students participated in the 8th National Youth Parliament organized by IMS Unison University, Dehradun on 5th April 2023. The Scindian Delegation brought home the 'Best Delegation Award'. Aarni Sharma of X class received the "Rising Journalist" in 'All India Press Committee' and Prithvee Rajswarup Pathak of class X received the 'Honorable Mention' in 'Lok Sabha'.

On 1st April 2023, 23 students of Class XII were shortlisted to attend the leadership workshop at the SOBA House. The workshop was conducted by Mr Sarabjit S. Wallia founder of 'Entendido', along with Ms Kamakshi and Ms Pranvi. The workshop lasted for two days, and each day was full of several exciting activities.

The Suryodaya IT Fest'23, a competitive event aimed at encouraging students' abilities in a variety of IT-related competitions, was held at The Scindia School on 6th and 7th April 2023.

On 20th April 2023, the annual English play- The Tempest was staged. With a cast and crew of around a fifty students on and off stage, the play was a feast to the eyes as well as mellifluous to the ears. The character of Prospero in the play, is a homily on the moral truth that it is far nobler to forgive than to take revenge.

On 21st April, the annual Hindi play- 'Bhagavadajjukam' was staged. It is a Sanskrit farce composed in the 7th century CE attributed to Bodhayana. Featuring witty exchanges, and an episode about the transmigration of souls and a discussion on dharma the play engaged the audience. Students were profusely appreciated for their exquisite command on the Hindi language.



A still from the English Play



A still from the Hindi Play



Attendees of the Scholars' Banquet



Ms Ahilya Shinde at the Staff Farewell

The Scindia School's Humanities Department brought in a new initiative - the Scholar Programme. This initiative aims at creating leaders of tomorrow who are aware and mindful of the history and current affairs happening in the world. A seminar entitled 'Elements of Global Politics and International Relations' was held in the Assembly Hall in which the Principal, **Mr Ajay Singh** was the keynote speaker.

8 students participated in the Mayo College Girls' School Model United Nations Conference from 20th to 22nd April 2023. It was an enriching experience for the boys.

On 12th and 13th of April, the school participated in Smarika '23 organized by Welham Girls' School. **Ayaan Shah** was adjudged the 'Best Interlocutor' and 'Best Speaker' for the preliminary and final rounds, respectively.

Adventure Sports

19 students from The Scindia School namely **Swarit Varshney, Shreyansh Jain, Harshit Singh, Shaunak Kumar Agrahari, Vaibhav Agrawal, Atharv Tiwari, Advait Khemka, Khush Todi, Harshil Gupta, Jayant Agrawal, Sagnik Chanda, Navit Jain, Neev Agarwal, Rudraksh Tapadiya, Jayant Rathi, Uday Ahuja, Keshav Jhunjhunwala, Hardik Bhatia** and **Kush Surana** participated in the adventure course organized by the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering from 11th June to 25th June 2023. Additionally, a lecturette competition took place, in which **Atharv Tiwari** from class IX secured the second prize. The concluding segment of the course was rock climbing, which took place at the Tekhla rock climbing area of the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering. The participants received demonstrations on bouldering, climbing, and rappelling.

Service Projects

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

International Educational Tours

The Under 15 Cricket team of our school toured South Africa from 18 May to 1 June. The team members were **Yash Pathak, Umar Sadiq 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 **Manikanta Wattam**. While on the tour, they visited some beautiful stadiums across the country like Durban, Johannesburg and Pretoria. The team played a total of seven matches out of which they won four and lost three, winning the overall series. The team also visited Lions Park, Johannesburg. They were invited for dinner with the Indian Consulate General, **Dr Thelma John David**. The students along with the escorts, **Mr Mandaar Sharma** and the other Sports coaches went on a guided tour to Kingsmead Cricket

Stadium, Moses Mabhida Soccer Stadium, Ushaka Marine and for shopping at Gateway and Pavillion shopping mall.

21 students of The Scindia School namely **Ryan Batra, Yuvraj Singh, Ayush Kumar Garg, Rehan Agrawal, Aditya Vikram Khatiwara, Pranshu Chaudhary, Shaurya Pankaj Veer, Shrey Shukla, Harsh Daruka, Arijt Bansal, Laksh Mamodia, Shaurya Prakash, Nityam Jain, Abhiraj Singh Parmar, Ankesh Bihari, Daksh Sethi, Parth Agarwal, Sameep Mody, Shayn Rohra, Omitya Singh** and **Arrthham Jalan** explored the cultural fabric of Europe alongwith their two teacher escorts, **Dr Smita Trivedi** and **Ms Manisha Singh**. On the 11 days' trip they went to Paris, Stuttgart, Italy, Rome, Florence, Switzerland, Geneva and Vatican City.

Induction Programme

New students of classes VI to VIII participated in the Orchha off-site Induction programme. The children had a wonderful opportunity to forge friendships. The group of 112 students along with their respective pastoral team and a few other faculty members participated in the programme. The children participated in various activities, such as dramatics, dancing, pool games etc. The children also participated in team building exercises; letter writing and many of them displayed their cool dance routines during the DJ sessions.

Awards and Celebration

The Junior House Reports were read out on 23rd April 2023 to celebrate the achievements of the students in Junior School.

The XXIV Scholars' Banquet for the academic year 2022-23 was held on 22 July 2023 at 8.30 pm in the School Dining Hall. 61 distinguished students graced the Scholars' Banquet. The Chief Guest for the same was **Mr Pramod Sharma**, Vice President of Genesis Global School, Noida. **Mr Sharma**, who presently also serves as the President of IPSC Trust and a Member of the Board of NABET is one of the country's eminent educationists. In his speech, the Chief Guest congratulated the student fraternity on their exemplary academic feat and said that every achievement reaches its completion and must give rise to a new goal and a new sense of achievement. He urged the students to work hard with diligence and remember that it is just the beginning. He also talked about developing a new skill that would give them additional confidence. A delectable full-course meal was served at the Banquet.

Workshops and Visits

In honour of Pi Day on 14th March, a Math workshop was organized for classes VI and VII on 14th and 15th March 2023. **Mr Abhijeet Das** and **Mr Tapas Hira** of CCL - IIT Gandhinagar were the resource persons for the same.

Counsellors from Mindler visited the Fort on 4th and 5th April to conduct a one-on-one counselling session with the students of new class XII.

Dr Jaideep Chatterjee (Ex Rn, 1988), presently, Dean of Jindal School of Art and Architecture, visited the school on 7th April and interacted with students of classes X to XII.

The workshop entitled 'Mentoring and Nuturing a 21st Century

School Teacher' was attended by the entire faculty from 3 to 4 July 2023. A renowned educationist, **Mr Vinay Pande** was the key note speaker and resource person for the workshop. **Mr Manish Gupta** and **Ms Bela Gupta** conducted the workshop for the faculty of The Scindia School on 6th July 2023.

A workshop and tutoring session on using the 'Sense Board' was held in multiple sessions for teachers of respective departments. The school has installed Sense Boards in the Academic and Science Block. It is being proficiently used by the faculty members, thereby bringing viable technology into education and strengthening the teaching-learning process.

Dr Anand Bhojan, Director of Metaverse Foundry at NUS, Singapore and the founder of Globalcert Private Limited – **Mr Aditya Ranjan** visited the campus on 26 July 2023 and interacted with the students of class XI.

Mr Gopal Chaturvedi attended the German workshop at Hyatt Regency Delhi and the workshop at Max Muller Bhavan. The theme of the workshop was 'soft skills'. It was organised by Goethe Institute and German Teachers' Association from 28th to 30th July 2023.

Welcome and Adieu

Mr Brijesh Kumar and **Mr Chirag Ambvani** have joined the Department of Commerce, **Ms Pratiksha Chettri** has joined the Department of English, **Mr Amit Kumar** has joined as a faculty in Sanskrit and **Mr Deepanshu Sharma** has joined the Department of Music. **Dr Priyanka Sharma** has joined us as the House Mother of Nimaji House. We wish them a fruitful stay in Scindia.

On 22nd April 2023, the school organized a farewell tribute at the Shukla Memorial Open Air Theatre to honour 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 by the students after which the Principal expressed his gratitude for their dedication over the years. The teachers also expressed their appreciation towards the school for embracing their efforts and providing an opportunity to them to develop and learn over the years. After the event ended, the faculty and administration staff went for dinner at the pool side. The teachers are: **Mrs Ahilya Shinde** (July 1985-April 2022); **Mr Ramesh Sharma** (July 1996-April 2020) and **Mr Raja Banerjee** (July 1996-April 2023).

Congratulations

Vishith Venkatesh, **Abdul Hadi**, **Naksha Mandhyani**, **Shiv Sah**, **Suyash Jain**, **Shaurya Prakash** and **Fravash Vikamsey** have become published authors with their stories published in an anthology 'Blazing Dreams'. They also participated in the e-launch of the book on 14th July 2023.

Srimati Suman Gupta Language Proficiency Trophy 2023 for the Best House in 'Public Speaking' was awarded to Nimaji and Jankoji House as joint winners.

International Exchange Programmes

Richard Okyere from the Africa International Community School, Ghana, stayed on the Fort under the Student Exchange Programme.

9 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 to an exchange programme in Germany from 13 May to 2 June 2023.



Mr Gopal Chaturvedi at the German Workshop

शून्य से शून्य तक

शून्य और ग्वालियर के किले का बड़ा गहरा संबंध है यहाँ स्थित चतुर्भुज मंदिर में क्षेत्र के सबसे पुराने शून्य का लिखित प्रमाण विद्यमान है। यह एक शिलालेख के रूप में आज भी वहीं है। यह मंदिर भगवान विष्णु को समर्पित है। गणित का विद्यार्थी (अध्यापक) होने के नाते उसे देखने की इच्छा हुई और साथ ही इस बात पर ध्यान गया कि शून्य का लिखा होना या न लिखे होने पर क्या प्रभाव पड़ता है? साथ ही कुछ अन्य विचारों ने भी जन्म लिया, तो यहाँ पर एक "विशेष स्थान" ने मुझे सोचने-विचारने पर मजबूर कर दिया।

शून्य अर्थात् कुछ भी नहीं, जिसका कोई अस्तित्व ही नहीं। परंतु शून्य अपना प्रभाव दिखाता है, जब वह अशून्य के साथ मिलता है। अशून्य शून्य को दृश्य बनाता है, उसका महत्व बतलाता है। शून्य अजन्मा है और अमर भी। वह अपनी खोज से पहले भी था और रहेगा। यह "दृश्य" है परंतु सर्वव्याप्त, जहाँ कुछ भी नहीं वहाँ शून्य है।

शून्य ईश्वर है या ईश्वर शून्य है या ये एक-दूसरे के पर्याय है। जिस प्रकार शून्य दिखाई नहीं देता, ईश्वर भी दिखाई नहीं देता। ईश्वर को लोगों ने अपनी-अपनी सुविधानुसार कुछ न कुछ मूर्त रूप दिया है उसी प्रकार शून्य को भी मूर्त रूप दिया गया है ईश्वर का अस्तित्व उसको मानने वालों से होता है उसी प्रकार शून्य का अंकों से। दोनों ही निराकार हैं, पता नहीं कितना बड़ा या छोटा। मानो तो कण-कण में है शून्य और ईश्वर। अणु-परमाणु से लेकर 'ब्लैक होल' में भी शून्य ही है। इसकी तुलना की जा सकती है मृत्यु से। हाँ, मृत्यु के बाद जीव 'श्वास-शून्य' हो जाता है। शून्य को मैं जीवन का आरंभकर्ता भी मानता हूँ क्योंकि जब जीवन नहीं था तो विद्यमान था शून्य, तो यह अंत भी है और आरंभ भी।

शून्य 'बिंदु' है, जी हाँ! सही समझे, गणित में आने वाला बिंदु। बिंदु की परिभाषा है- "वह ज्यामितीय आकृति जिसकी कोई ऊँचाई, लंबाई, चौड़ाई न हो।" तो यह शून्य ही तो हुआ। जिस प्रकार परमाणु से समस्त चराचर का निर्माण



चतुर्भुज मंदिर में सिंधिया स्कूल के छात्र

होता है उसी प्रकार बिंदु से बिंदु मिलाने पर निर्माण होता है सभी ज्यामितीय रचनाओं का। परंतु जिसका कोई आकार ही नहीं वह अन्य का निर्माण कैसे कर पाता है? तो शून्य हुआ न गणित का भगवान, जो दिखाता नहीं लेकिन सब कुछ बना देता है। कैसी है यह पहली मुझे कुछ ज्ञात भी नहीं, परंतु अज्ञात भी नहीं। शून्य, ईश्वर, बिंदु सब एक दूसरे के पर्याय ही प्रतीत होते हैं मुझे तो।

जितने शून्य उतनी बड़ी संख्या। सोचता हूँ स्वयं को शून्य कर दूँ, अपनी इच्छाओं को, ईर्ष्या, द्वेष, रोग-ताप, लोभ-मोह सब शून्य कर दूँ क्योंकि जितने शून्य उतना ही बड़ा व्यक्तित्व। वह भी तो शून्य है- ईश्वर, कुछ नहीं पर सब कुछ है, पर क्या सच में संभव है छोड़ पाना इन सब सांसारिक चीजों को? नहीं, बिल्कुल भी नहीं! क्योंकि यही तो संबंध या बंधन हैं

जो एक को दूसरे से मिलने को या दूर जाने को मजबूर करते हैं। ये ही तो अदृश्य बल है जो संसार के लोगों को संसार से बाँधे हुए है। हम सब एक दूसरे से बाँधे हुए हैं। पृथ्वी, सूर्य, आकाशगंगाएँ और पता नहीं क्या-क्या, तो बंधन जरूरी है। हाँ, तो बात हो रही थी शून्य की। आप विचार कर रहे होंगे कि मैं भगवान बनने चला हूँ। नहीं, बस एक विचार है कि अपने दुर्गुणों को कम कर दूँ, बस इतना ही।

एक सवाल आपके लिए-कौन चलाता है आपके शरीर को ?, आपके मस्तिष्क आपके हृदय को? आप विज्ञान को मानते हैं तो आपके उत्तर कुछ अलग होंगे। आप भगवान को मानने वाले हैं तो आपके विचार कुछ अलग हो सकते हैं। गाड़ी को चलाने के लिए ईंधन की आवश्यकता है परंतु सबसे पहले चाबी लगाकर उसको एक चिंगारी तो देनी ही पड़ती है तो उसी प्रकार से शरीर को चलाने के लिए एक ऐसा कुछ तो होगा जिसे हम आत्मा कह सकते हैं। जी हाँ, उसको तो किसी ने देखा ही नहीं... फिर वही चक्र चल पड़ेगा विचारों का और अंत में रुकेगा शून्य पर। आत्मा शून्य है, अदृश्य निराकार। शून्य रूपी आत्मा जब मिलती है शरीर से जो कि अशून्य है, तो बनता है-जीवन। बिना आत्मा के शरीर और बिना शरीर के आत्मा कुछ भी नहीं है।

शून्य शांति है विश्व के शोर में और यह युद्ध और प्रलय के बाद का सन्नाटा भी है। दिन भर की थकान के बाद रात की नींद है शून्य, प्रकाश के बाद का अंधकार है शून्य।

एक विद्यार्थी के लिए शून्य का एक बड़ा संदेश है कि उसको हो जाना चाहिए ज्ञान-शून्य एक गुरु के समक्ष अर्थात् एक गुरु को लगे कि विद्यार्थी नए ज्ञान को प्राप्त करने के लिए आतुर है। विद्यार्थी को अहंकार न हो अपने पूर्व ज्ञान का। इसके विपरीत विद्यार्थी को होना चाहिए जिज्ञासु, प्रश्न पूछने वाला 'ज्ञान-शून्य'। अगर भिक्षुक अपनी झोली को भर कर भिक्षा माँगने जाएगा तो वह क्या पाएगा? वह लोगों से तभी कुछ ले पाएगा जब अपनी झोली खाली लेकर जाएगा। यहाँ देने वाला गुरु और पाने वाला शिष्य। गुरु अपने ज्ञान के द्वार आपके समक्ष खोल देगा अगर वह आपको शून्य पाएगा क्योंकि एक खाली बर्तन के पास ही धारण करने की क्षमता होती है। इसलिए शून्य से शून्य तक की यात्रा करिए और आनंदमय बने रहिए।

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ग्वालियर किले पर शून्य का सबसे पुराना शिलालेख

ग्वालियर किला गीत

मंगल धरा है सुंदर किला है ऊँचा दुर्ग है ये महान,
गालव ऋषि की पुण्य धरा को शत-शत करते हैं प्रणाम।
तानसेन की तपोभूमि पर खड़ा हिमालय जैसा पर्वत,
लाल बलुए पत्थर से निर्मित अद्भुत है गोपाचल पर्वत,
नीले-नीले पत्थर से सज्जित, विशाल है इस किले की काया,
मानो सुंदरता से नीले अंबर का प्रतिबिंब बनाया।
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कई वर्षों तक राजाओं ने ग्वालियर किले पर राज किया।
राजपूत, फिर पाल वंश, प्रतिहार वंश ने राज किया,
मोहम्मद गजनी, कुतुबुद्दीन, फिर गुलाम वंश ने राज किया,
तोमर वंश के राजा मानसिंह ने अपना अधिकार किया,
फिर बाबर ने प्रहार कर इस पर अपना वर्चस्व किया,
शेरशाह सूरी ने इसे फतहकर, सूरी वंश के अधीन किया,
राजा हेमचंद्र विक्रमादित्य ने विद्रोहियों का दमन किया,
मुगल वंश ने आक्रमण कर कारागार में तब्दील किया,
मुगलों के बाद राणा, जाटों, मराठाओं का राज रहा।
अनेक लड़ाईयों के पश्चात यह सिंधिया कुल के पास रहा।
ऐतिहासिक स्मारकों से भव्य किले की है ये शान।
जनमानस का ज्ञान बढ़ाती उच्च विरासत है पहचान,
अद्भुत वास्तुकला का चित्रण मान और तेली का मंदिर
पावन जल का सूरजकुंड, शौर्यता का जौहर कुंड,
सत्य, कर्म, सेवा, अनुशासन, सद्भावों का प्रतीक-आलय,
देश-विदेश में मान बढ़ाता है सिंधिया विद्यालय।
सहस्त्रबाहु, जैन- बुद्ध मंदिर, गुरुद्वारे से चहल-पहल,
भीम सिंह की छतरी, रानी मृगनैनी का गुजरी महल,
मंगल धरा है सुंदर किला है ऊँचा दुर्ग है ये महान,
गालव ऋषि की पुण्य धरा को शत-शत करते हैं प्रणाम।

श्री योगेश शर्मा
विभागाध्यक्ष, संगीत विभाग

Blossoming Beyond Doubt

Stepping stones to heights unknown,
Am I truly rising, or just alone?
Overthinking spoils my mind,
Will contentment ever I find?
For myself, for you, I seek the way,
Questioning, lingering day by day.
Can I break free from this endless loop?
Seeking answers, hoping for a scoop.
Challenges dance, a puzzling race,
Secret answers, a mystic embrace.
"You look nice today" you say with glee,
Yet, doubt creeps in, is that just mockery?
Trust shatters like glass on the floor,
You made me question, forevermore.
Trembling, shaking, I stand before you,
Am I the problem, or is this just you?
Still, in this turmoil, I strive to see,
A path to peace, to set my mind free.
Stop overthinking, silence the strife,
Embrace the serenity that comes to life.

Lakshya Arora
XI B



Students participating in team building activities during the induction programme

STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS

The CBSE Board examinations were held early this year in comparison to the previous years. Several students scored a perfect 100 in Class XII in the subjects of Computer Science, Geography and History. In Class X several students scored a perfect 100 in Artificial Intelligence. The school result reached an average of 87% in Class XII (Best 4) and 83% in Class X (English and Best 4). The detailed summary is provided hereunder.

OVERVIEW OF 2023

CLASS XII RESULTS

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

66% of students scored more than 85%

School Topper (English + Best 4) :

Gourav Mehra & Jayesh Nitharwal (97.60%)

100% in Computer Science - Satyam Raj

100% in Geography - Gourav Mehra and Lalit Kumar

100% in History - Gourav Mehra, Jayesh Nitharwal and Vidit Gupta

OVERVIEW OF 2023

CLASS X RESULTS

School Result (English + Best 4) : Average Percentage = 83%

No. of Students : 101

47% of students scored more than 85%

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



Scindians trekking in the mountains



With Shri Prakash Amte, Tadoba National Park

OF CUES & QUEUES

It would have been a normal check-in for me the other day, except for the occurrence of a rare incident at the security check-in, this time. It so happened that a young lad of about twelve years of age was standing just ahead of me, with his mother in the queue adjacent to ours. We will refer to them as Maasoom & Shreya for ease of understanding. As we waited, I saw another boy, who would have been a little older than Shreya, approach us from the other side. Both of them waved out to each other, so I assume that they must have been siblings. Let's call this elder one Ekam, for the same reasons.

It's always nice for a family to be together, even if for those brief moments, while awaiting their turn, so I naturally stepped back a little, and allowed him to take his place beside his affectionate younger brother. There was still some time left for boarding, and I was in no tearing hurry to reach the departure gate. I therefore felt quite smug at having done a good deed so early in the morning. It would surely contribute to my positivity during the day. Both of them smiled at me, and clasped each other's hands, as if meeting after a long semester overseas.

And then, my gaze fell upon Maasoom, the young mother, who was also observing these actions of her little ones. Without moving an inch, she just waved out to Ekam, and requested him to leave his brother's side, and take his rightful place behind me.

"Don't jump the queue, Beta."

The words were simple, and Ekam's reaction was an expected one; that of a feeble resistance. But a firm look from Maasoom was enough to tell him that she meant business, and that they jolly well agree to toe her line, and adapt to the societal norms that would make fine gentlemen of them in the years to come.

There was a twinge of slight despair on both their faces, but the action was swift. Ekam had no choice to obey his mother's directive, as it was clear that she practised what she preached. It was the look of someone who had always walked her talk, and spoke with the authority of truly knowing the right from the wrong, even if it were for such a seemingly trivial incident.

I am also not sure if any of the other co-passengers even noticed what had occurred, for this episode was over in less than half a minute. In any case, many persons today, are quite content in looking at their phones, or speaking on them, to ever observe random physicalities of other people, unless of course, it is a cause of concern, or disturbance to them.

But, it was a gesture that moved me quite a bit. It was a rare display of parenting of the highest order. One, which brought about both a

tear and a smile of approval on my face, with a firm belief that there is still loads of hope for humanity, while we have people like these around, to take our next generation forward in the right direction.

"A rare quality in these days, dear Maasoom. May your tribe increase."

Amen.

Mr Sandeep Agrawal
(Ex-Sh, 1980)



Gliding on the serene waters during the Educational Camps



Satpura- Pachmarhi Community Service Camp

OLD BOYS' NEWS

SOBA Aligarh hosted the event, Nizami Bandhu- Live in Concert on 1st July, 7:30pm at Aligarh.

SOBA Bangalore members met at Bangalore Club on 15 July 2023. Members present included Scindians from SKV, and The Scindia School, along with their spouses. It was also attended by Central Soba Treasurer, Mr Sandeep Agrawal from Nagpur, and Kanpur SOBA President, Mr Vineet Awasthi. The meeting started with formal hand-over of the SOBA Cup, which was awarded to Bangalore Chapter at the last Founder's Day. All the members present, enthusiastically received the Cup.

SOBA Mumbai has put together two days of fun, networking, and reconnecting with Scindian brothers, in the monsoon magic destination of Lonavala. They are hosting this event, inviting all Scindians from all over the Globe. Dates are 8th and 9th September 23 and the location is Fariyas Resort, Lonavala.



Mr Sashikant Shukla receiving the President's Medal

Mr Sashikant Shukla, DIG/Director FSL received the President's Medal for Meritorious Service from Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan, Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh. Congratulations!



Mr Ankan Banerjee with Dr S Jaishankar



Mr Ankan Banerjee hosted Dr S Jaishankar, Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs in Mozambique on 16th April 2023. Mr Ankan Banerjee is presently High Commissioner of India to Mozambique.

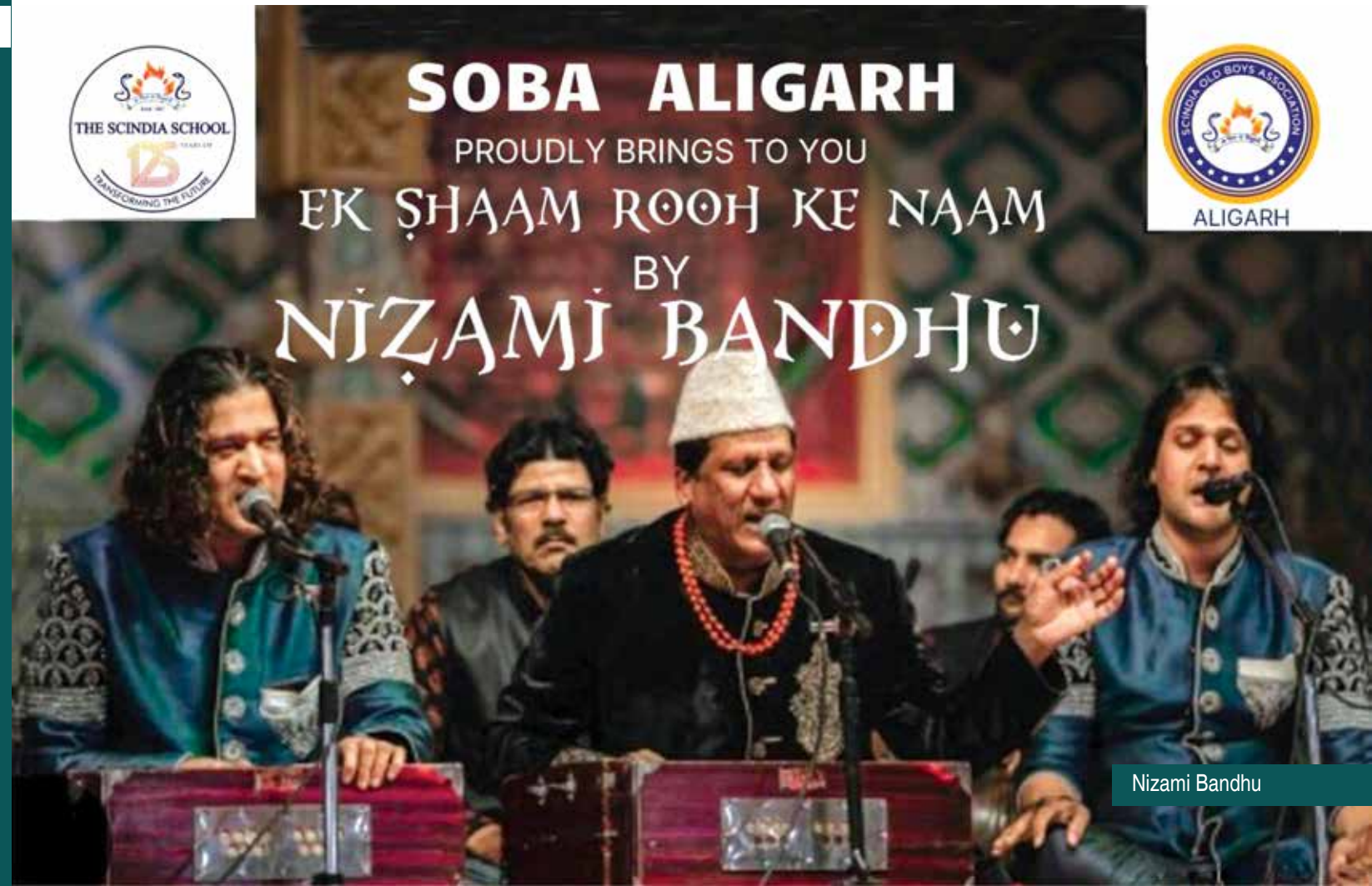
The Alumni League-Cricket Tournament 2023 was held in May with alumni drawn from Welham, Mayo, Sanawar and Scindia.



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EK SHAAM ROOH KE NAAM
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THE VINTAGE CITY – POKHARA

Summer Breaks are welcome for they carry you to a different country, a different climate and most importantly they furnish that rare opportunity to try your hands at something that you have never previously explored.

This time, summer vacation added a lot of value to the paradigm of my experiences. I love to explore new and exotic places, especially those which are so pristine and untouched by the human hand. This time I visited Nepal and to be exact- the city of Pokhara.

The calm and tranquil beauty of the place has inspired many. Its pristine air, spectacular backdrop of snowy peaks, blue lakes and surrounding greenery make it 'the jewel in the Himalaya', a place of remarkable natural disposition. The magnificent Annapurna ranges form the backdrop and the three major lakes - Phewa, Rupa and Begnas add to the spectacle.

Pokhara is mainly known for its temples, caves, rivers, etc. But they possess some very strange divinity in them. The atmosphere of the caves contrasted with the weather outside. Entering those caves feels like travelling to an unknown world, a spell which feels so good, but you have no idea what's in store for you. The way to reach these caves is a little difficult but once you go into them, you will feel that all your trouble was worth it. It's cold, sweet smell of wet mud that enters your nostrils, sometimes feels spooky as well. As your eyes adjust to the light within, you notice a group of bats hanging at the ceiling.

Lakes are abundant in Pokhara- Phewa Lake, Rupa Lake, and Begnas Lake—all three are Pokhara's notable lakes. Phewa Lake is unquestionably the most stunning of all these lakes. The Barahi Temple is tucked away on a tiny island in the Phewa Lake. You can take a boat ride on this lake for a nominal fee. The mountains, mirrored in the clear waters of the lake seem to smile at us as the sunshine glitters and reflects off them. It's amazing to take a stroll along the lake's edge while taking in the scenery and the best part is most of the hotels and places to stay are available near the lake. Hence taking late-night walks in the midst of nature, gives you the most soothing respite. You are grateful for this unforgettable experience while you get moments to cherish for a life time.

Coming to temples- their beauty cannot be explained in words. You find every sculpture is not just stone or wood but an exquisite emotion. Every single carving speaks about the history of Hinduism and Buddhism. The Gupteshwar Mahadev Temple is a Lord Shiva cave shrine that is close to where the Seti River emerges from the underground. In the 16th century, a self-emerging Shiva Lingam was discovered in the three kilometer long cave. No matter what religion you follow or even if you are an atheist, you will be irresistibly drawn to it. The people of the place are very sweet and good natured. They welcome every visitor with open hearts. And food is never an issue. The food in Nepal conforms to every palate.

Pokhara is also ideally placed for adventure sports such as: rafting, paragliding, sky diving and ultra-light flights. The relaxed atmosphere on the shores of Phewa Lake gives a trekker a much needed respite from days of hiking up and down the hills and mountains on one of the popular Annapurna treks.

Lokesh Awasthy, XI B



VIGNETTES FROM THE PAST

The following articles have been lifted from the pages of the Review of 1972. Humour is the mark of the writings, and that too humour in its purest form without any farce. These are also the kind of articles that every student would relate to. So without further ado, presenting to you from the 'Archives Section' of The Scindia School....

In Defence of Late Risers

'Early to bed, early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.' I believe this is a very wise and wonderful proverb and all admire it. But admiring is different from following it. How many people in the world follow this rule? I ask you, I would say for a rough guess, a minority. As the case is, I belong to the majority.

There are some people who are born with a gift for early rising. They are fortunate and prove lucky and successful in life. I envy their lot. But I am born with a genius for late rising. Oh, the joys of late rising! The more gamesome of my friends will say, 'Lazybones, Late Lateef', & other nicknames in this order. Unfortunately I accept them all without any shame. Humility is the badge of our tribe. We are not proud of lying in bed: we are ashamed- and happy.

Of course we pay the penalty. It is a well known fact that the early bird catches the worm. But in my case I think it would be more fitting if, the late bird gets the leftovers. Take an example of a typical day of mine. "Let go". Why can't these early heathens let me sleep? Any ways I manage to pull on my shoes and run desperately towards the field for morning P. T. This is only the first bell and there is still some time. Oh no! the second bell has already rung and I am late. I hear a harsh voice bellow at me, "You there, take two rounds of the field". This jolts me into wakefulness.

After P. T. I have a reunion with my bed and the result is I have to make a dash for the prep. There an angry voice informs me, "See me at inspection". Inspection finds me slogging another two rounds. My sensitive ears at that moment pick up the ringing of the breakfast bell.

I have a breakfast without jam and butter, others have finished it. Anyway this makes me understand Chemistry better. I now understand chain reactions. The rest of the day drags by and common room time finds me in bed. Frankly speaking I am a fifty percent adherent of that wonderful proverb; I do follow the first part of it. I go to bed early. As for the rest of it, well

Mr R Kathpalia (Ex-Ja, 1974)

The Bunking Society (registered)

"Blast it, I have not again done my physics homework, I am surely going to get a note today for my housemaster". "Why don't you bunk the Physics class today? I'm sure the teacher won't notice you're missing his class, and even if he does, we can say that you have been admitted to the sick room. Say! Why don't you come and doze off in the house? Nothing like it. I will also be there."

This is how the Bunking Society was perhaps first organized, but now it is a flourishing one in the school, with a membership of nearly fifty boys. It is one of the major certified, registered societies of the Fort. The membership fee is a nominal two wafer packets and one orange squash bottle per term from your pocket money. Qualification to join the society requires that you must at least miss six periods a week or you will lose membership. Rules and regulations are few, the most important being that a member should never betray a fellow member or the hideouts of the society. The society has its own court to deal with deserters.

The members keep collecting at all times after the first period, and keep leaving classes. Sometimes they are only two at a time and sometime more than twenty at a time. At the meeting place the members relax and sleep like the lotus eaters, sipping lemon, squash, gossiping, reading comics and sleeping. Active members may bunk as many as three periods each day. These members are usually very popular fellows, and so their classmates see to it that they do not get into trouble. Ordinary members just join to save themselves from a note as the society has ways and means to save members from trouble.

Those who are very keen on becoming members have to undergo vigorous training for willpower, confidence and brave hearts. The first phase of the training consists of bunking classes with the help of a 'going to doctor' chit. Such recruits are given lectures by experts in the library during these periods on the tactics to be employed in bunking classes efficiently.

Among other factors which make boys join the society are lack of sleep, boring lessons with no encouragement given to questions and discussion, and mounting homework. Some boys become members because they are constitutionally lazy and can't just stand attending seven periods a day. Indeed, cutting classes may not be a hobby, but it is sure enough a pastime.

Mr Rajiv Kak (Ex- Rn, 1973)

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