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*“If Astachal is the soul of the school,
then the Review is the mind of the school”*

- Mr A.N. Dar

(Former Principal : Madhav Awardee)

The Founder's Day - 21st October 2023



The Scindia School's grand celebration of its 125th Anniversary of the Founder's Day was a testament to the rich history and enduring legacy of this venerable institution.

The historic day began with the traditional morning assembly. To commemorate this momentous occasion, five long bells were rung, each bell represented twenty-five magnificent years of this hallowed institution.

The first bell chimed for the first 25 glorious years of this school which meditated to the golden orb of the setting sun and reflected upon the days gone by.

The second bell chimed celebrating 50 years of the school which were dedicated to the spirit of selfless service and giving back to the society.

The third bell chimed celebrating the 75 years of the school which have produced young men of mettle, the leaders of tomorrow.

The fourth bell chimed celebrating the glorious landmark of a 100 years, the Fort Biosphere, consequent to the emotion of preserving nature in its pristine splendor welcomes the guests in all its glory.

The fifth bell chimed celebrating the spirit of resilience and camaraderie; traits which The Scindia School cultivates in every Scindian.

To commemorate this significant milestone, Members of the Board of Governors, former Principals, teachers, the Silver Jubilee Batch of 1998, other esteemed Old Boys and current students were present for the assembly. The batch



representative of the class of 1998, Mr Ranvijay Pratap Singh (Ex-Jp) unfurled the school flag.



Mr Ranvijay Pratap Singh, and the Principal, Mr Ajay Singh released the gas balloons as a symbolic start of the grand celebration.

The school assembly commenced and the Principal, Mr Ajay Singh gave his welcome note followed by a speech from Mr Ranvijay Pratap Singh.

Then the Scholar's Blazer was awarded to Swejeet Taparia of Mahadji House for his extraordinary academic accomplishment.



Next, took place the customary release of publications:

Mr A.N. Dar (Ex-Rn, 1958 : Former Principal : Madhav Awardee) released the oldest publication of the school, **the Review**, a fortnightly publication of the school established in 1941. The Review number released was Number



1117. Mr A.N. Dar took over the mic and proclaimed "If Astachal is the soul of the school, Review is the mind of the school!"

Mr Samik Ghosh (Former Principal) released the publication, **Qila Quotes**, a premier tri-annual publication of the school. It was first published in 2008, and the edition released was Number 49.



Principal, Mr Ajay Singh released the publication, **Zeitgeist**. The German magazine of the school which means



'Spirit of Time' in German, first published in the year 2004. The edition released was Number 37.

Mr Ranvijay Pratap Singh of the class of 1998 released the publication, **Nucleus**, the Science Magazine of the school. It



annually publishes news, opinions and reports about science, covering all the competitions of the department. The edition released was Number 16.

Mr Dipak Haksar, Member of the Board of Governors, released the publication, **Yearbook**, an annual chronicle of students' achievements, House reports and activities. The magazine keeps a record, highlights and commemorates the past year of the school. It also covers all the department reports and the competitions.



Vice Principal, Ms Smita Chaturvedi released the publication, **Uplabdh**, the Hindi literary magazine of the school. It covers the department news, articles and



poems in Hindi. It was first published in the year 2000. The edition released was Number 23.

Ms Supreet Bakshi, Officiating Principal of Mayo College Girls' School released the publication **La'ube**. The French magazine of the school. It was first published in 2009. This year they released the 12th edition which



acquaints the reader with a part of the French culture and civilization through world renowned monuments like Eiffel tower, L'Arc De triomphe, along with some interactive activities for inquisitive minds.

Mr Joginder Singh Yadav (Ex-Sh), School Prefect of the batch of 1998 released the publication, **Venture Capitals**. The magazine of the Business Bee society. It comprises articles and stories about the changing scenario of



business models, startups, challenges etc. This was the first edition of this magazine.

Mr Sandeep Agrawal (Ex-Sh, 1978), released **Nagma**. A music magazine that includes chronicles from the musical



world and glimpses of the Old Boys who have taken music as a career.

Mr Dinesh Madhwal, Faculty of Geography, released the photography



magazine of the school **Scilens**. This magazine features photographs clicked by the teachers and students of the school.

After the release of publications everyone sang the school song that made everyone nostalgic. With this the assembly came to an end.

After the assembly, Yuvraj Mahanaaryaman J Scindia, the Principal, Vice Principal, the Senior School Prefect, Aditya Singh along with his parents, Mr Arjun Singh and Ms Babita Singh and grandparents, Mr Sakal Deo

and Ms Malti Devi, inaugurated the exhibitions. They were the Chief Guests of the morning session. The dignitaries, parents, Old Boys and students cherished the creativity exhibited by the boys of the school. The campus came alive with exhibitions like The Scindia School



the school 'Aikyam'. The Aikyam is the result of the hardwork and vision of Padma Bhushan Mr Rajendra Pawar, Vice President of the Board of Governors. There they unveiled the foundation stone of the Multipurpose Sports Complex.

Museum, Publications Exhibition, Art Exhibitions and the Fort Biosphere Exhibition.

Parents started taking their seats in the audience from 3:00 pm onwards in the Madhav Field, where the stage was set. The evening of 21st October 2023 marked a historic moment as for the first time in history, the sitting Prime Minister was a part of a school's event. The Scindia School had the distinct privilege to welcome the Honourable Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, to the Founder's Day event.

At around 5:30, landed the helicopter in which the Honourable Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi arrived on the Fort. He was then escorted by the school's equestrian team, headed by the Horse Riding captain Fravash Vikamsey.

The Prime Minister was introduced to the Board of Governors, Principal, Vice Principal, Deans and the Prefectorial Body. The Scindia School Band, welcomed the Honourable Chief Guest for the Founder's Day, Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India and esteemed guests H H Jyotiraditya M Scindia, Union Minister for Civil Aviation and Steel, Mr Mangubhai C. Patel, Governor of Madhya Pradesh, Mr Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Mr Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Ind. Charge) Science and Tech, with its energetic and electrifying tunes.

The dignitaries then proceeded to the newly constructed open space of

The Prefectorial Body introduced



the guests to the school's history and ethos. From the first foreign trip to the Astachal, the guests were told about the school's inspiring journey of 125 years.

A sapling was planted by the Honourable Prime Minister which echoed the school's responsibility towards the environment and sustainability.

The dignitaries took their seats in the audience. The School Song and a thematic orchestra with the newly crafted Celebratory song 'Hum hai Scindian' mesmerized the audience, including the dignitaries present. This song was written by the Head of the Music Department, Mr Yogesh Sharma.

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi had crafted a captivating Garba song



titled 'Maadi,' which was brought to life by the magical musical duo of Meet Brothers, Mr Manmeet Singh (Ex-Ja, 1994), and Mr Harmeet Singh (Ex-Ja, 1995), who are eminent Old Boys, of The Scindia School.

H H Jyotiraditya M Scindia, Minister of Civil Aviation and Steel, President, Board of Governors, The Scindia School, delivered a welcome address.

Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, shared his insights and perspectives.

Later, the 125th year stamp was released by the Prime Minister.

Next took place, the presentation of the Annual Awards and the Prestigious Madhav Award. The Madhav Award was awarded to Mr Ranjan Tandon (Ex-Je, 1967)

In a poignant and symbolic gesture, the Madhav Awardee passed down the core values of the school to the youngest student, Raghuvveer Kochar, embodying the legacy of mentorship and tradition.

Next, the Chief Guest, Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed the gathering. The audience stood up and gave a huge round of applause. Everyone in the audience was inspired by his speech on the critical role of education in nation-building, commending The Scindia School which has been a guiding light for young achievers for over a century.

Soon after, the Chief Guest exited the campus and Astachal- The Musical commenced.

Astachal- The Musical, talked about the importance of meditation and mindfulness and the school's dedication towards it. In the play, the first Principal of the school, Mr F G Pearce, along with then Vice Principal Mr K C Shukla and Mr N G Thakkar, Teacher of the Arts Department, brought to life the idea of 'Astachal,' a place where students can



introspect and find answers to their questions. The show talked about Marathi human desires and frustration, that can be defeated only by the power of stillness. Scriptwriter, Mr Sumeet Nagdev, beautifully portrayed this through the character of Buddha. The Musical included five dances and aeri performances as well.

The dignitaries couldn't help but come up on the stage and dance with the performers. Scindians truly exceeded all expectations.



Everyone proceeded for the Principal's dinner, in the Oval Field after the event.

The day was filled with remarkable milestones, symbolizing the school's commitment to nurturing young minds, fostering leadership and being a beacon of education.

OLD BOYS' DAY

Old Boys' day was celebrated on 22nd October 2023. The day started with a special morning assembly of the Old Boys. Mr Ranjan Tandon and Mr Ankan Banerjee (Ex-Ja, 1991) hoisted the



school flag followed by the speeches of the Old Boys. After the assembly, the students witnessed a football match between the old boys and the current class XII. In the evening, a lively and enjoyable interactive session was held for all the alumni in the front lawn of Jayaji. This session featured engaging activities, including a treasure hunt and other exciting games. The Old Boys prepared a special surprise package 'Guru Dakshina' which consisted of customised goods that the Old Boys had put together from their individual businesses. The program also included musical performances by current students of the school. Our Principal, Mr Ajay Singh, shared his insightful thoughts about the esteemed alumni of the school.

After this engaging session, 'The Scindian Icon Award Night' commenced. The SOBA evening was graced by dignitaries like Maharani Priyadarshini Raje Scindia, Mr Ranjan Tandon, the



Madhav Awardee and the Scindian fraternity. They had all gathered to honour the Scindian luminaries.

The Madhav Awardee, Mr Ranjan Tandon addressed the gathering with his inspiring words. As the owner and President of Libra Advisors LLC, a multi-billion-dollar hedge fund in New York, he shared his gratitude for the solid education and lifelong friendships the school provided. Notably, he was also honored with the M.P. Governor's Medal for the Best Scholar of the Year 1966-67, a testament to his outstanding achievements. Mr Sachin Deva (Ex-Jb, 2000), Secretary - SOBA read out the annual SOBA report.

In the end, all the Old Boys danced their hearts on various bollywood songs. It was amazing to see such z energetic and cheerful ambience.

SOBA ICON AWARDS NIGHT 2023



श्रीमंत ज्योतिरादित्य सिंधिया द्वारा स्वागत अभिभाषण

(अध्यक्ष, सिंधिया स्कूल, प्रशासकीय मण्डल और केन्द्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन एवं इस्पात मंत्री, भारत सरकार।)



हमारे इस मंच को सुशोभित करते हुए भारत के प्रधानमंत्री आदरणीय श्री नरेंद्र मोदी जी! मंच पर आसीन, मध्यप्रदेश के राज्यपाल, आदरणीय मंगूभाई पटेल साहेब! मध्यप्रदेश के हमारे मुख्यमंत्री महोदय, आदरणीय शिवराज सिंह चौहान जी! भारत सरकार के कृषि एवं कल्याण मंत्री आदरणीय नरेंद्र सिंह तोमर जी!

भारत सरकार के विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी राज्यमंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार), आदरणीय जितेंद्र सिंह जी! हमारे शासक-मंडल के सदस्यगण! हमारे प्राचार्य अजय सिंह जी! हमारे अध्यापकगण! हमारे स्कूल के समस्त छात्र! जो इस कार्यक्रम में उपस्थित हैं, हमारे अभिभावकगण! एवं पूर्व छात्रगण-जो बड़ी तादाद में, विश्वभर से, आज के कार्यक्रम में उपस्थित हैं!

इतिहास बनाने के लिए दशकों की आवश्यकता नहीं होती! कभी-कभी एक ही क्षण में इतिहास बन जाता है। और आज विश्व के सबसे लोकप्रिय नेतृत्वकर्ता हमारे भारत के प्रधानमंत्री आदरणीय श्री नरेंद्र मोदी जी की, सिंधिया स्कूल की 125वीं वर्ष की जयंती के अवसर पर उपस्थिति, हमारी संस्था के नए अध्याय की शुरुआत करती है और यह अतिशयोक्ति नहीं होगी,

अगर मैं कहूँ कि सिंधिया स्कूल के 125 वर्ष के सफर में, शायद यह हमारी संस्था के लिए, सबसे महत्वपूर्ण क्षण, आज के समय में उपस्थित हो रहा है; मेरे भाइयो! और बहनो! प्रधानमंत्री जी! सिंधिया स्कूल के समस्त परिवारजनों की तरफ से, हमारी 125वीं जयंती के अवसर पर, हम हृदय से कृतज्ञ हैं और अपने हृदय से, हम आपका स्वागत करते हैं!! तालियों की गड़गड़ाहट से, हम अपने प्रधानमंत्री जी का, सिंधिया स्कूल के परिसर में स्वागत करें!

आज जो हमारे मन में भाव है, उसका बखान करने के लिए हमारे पास शब्द नहीं! लेकिन मैं विश्वास से कह सकता हूँ, प्रधानमंत्री जी! आपकी उपस्थिति में, आज स्कूल का एक-एक सदस्य, खुशी और गर्व से, तन और मन और दिल से परिपूर्ण है।

कहा जाता है कि शिक्षा केवल एक इंसान नहीं बल्कि एक देश के भाग्य को बदलने का यंत्र है और उसी सोच और विचारधारा के साथ हमारे संस्थापक माधौ महाराज प्रथम ने, सिंधिया स्कूल की आधारशिला रखी थी। केवल सिंधिया स्कूल की आधारशिला नहीं; लेकिन ग्वालियर में आधुनिकता की जोत जलाई थी और इसलिए उन्हें नवीन ग्वालियर

के निर्माता के रूप में, पूरे क्षेत्र में जाना जाता है। उनकी सोच और विचारधारा थी कि क्षेत्र के लिए, हमारे क्षेत्र के शासकीय अफसरों के लिए, जनसेवकों के लिए, अच्छी शिक्षा और अच्छा नेतृत्व तैयार करने की एक संस्था होनी चाहिए और इसलिए शुरुआत से, आज तक, हमारी संस्था- भारतमाता के संस्कार और भारतमाता की संस्कृति! को लेकर आधुनिकता के रास्ते पर चलकर, विश्वस्तरीय नेतृत्व पैदा करने के लिए, सिंधिया स्कूल की संस्था सदैव संकल्पित रही है।

हमारी सोच और विचारधारा, कि जैसे-जैसे सदियाँ बदलती हैं; विश्व में एक नई चुनौती या क्रांति आती है! सिंधिया स्कूल सदैव अग्रिम पंक्ति में रही है- उस चुनौती का सामना करने के लिए या उस क्रांति का भाग बनने के लिए। उदाहरण के तौर पर, सन् 1983 में, जब पहली बार 'सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी' पाठ्यक्रम में शामिल हो रहा था, विश्व भर में उस समय सिंधिया स्कूल पूरे भारतवर्ष में पहला विद्यालय था, जहाँ 'आईटी' को पाठ्यक्रम में शामिल किया गया। और हम कल्पना करें- छठवीं सदी का ये दुर्ग है और, छठवीं सदी के इस दुर्ग में कंप्यूटर के प्रोसेसर की आवाज उन दीवारों तक गूँज-गूँजकर पहुँची और हमारे एक-एक विद्यार्थी के मस्तिष्क और दिल में पूर्ण रूप से स्थापित हुई और वैसे ही आज, जब विश्वभर में जलवायु-परिवर्तन की चुनौती है तो फोर्ट बायोस्फीयर प्रोजेक्ट के आधार पर इसका सामना करने के लिए, हम अपने नौजवानों में, पूर्ण क्षमता तैयार करने की कोशिश कर रहे हैं, हमारी सदैव यह कोशिश रही है कि एक अच्छा मस्तिष्क होने से ज्यादा अच्छा चरित्र हो। हमारी कोशिश रही है कि एक क्यूरियस-माइंडसेट के साथ-साथ एक केयरिंग-माइंडसेट, एक-एक बच्चे में पनपाया जाए।



आज हमें गर्व है कि सिंधिया स्कूल के इस विशेष एवं शुभ अवसर को, चिरस्थायी और अलौकिक बनाने के लिए, हमारे देश के लोकप्रिय प्रधानमंत्री, आदरणीय नरेंद्र मोदी जी हम सबके साथ में आज उपस्थित हैं। यहाँ बैठी हुई अमृत पीढी के लिए, ये सौभाग्य की बात है कि इस अमृत पीढी के एक रोल मॉडल के रूप में, हमारे प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी जी, आज हमारे समक्ष उपस्थित हैं।

चाहे, हम देखें नेतृत्व, कार्य करने की क्षमता, तौर-तरीके- इन सभी में, एक केस स्टडी के रूप में, हमारे प्रधानमंत्री हम सब देशवासियों के समक्ष हैं। मैंने स्वयं तीन सालों में, अपने प्रधानमंत्री जी से बहुत सीखा है। हमारे देश, माँ भारती के प्रति, पूर्ण समर्पण भाव के साथ कैसे कार्य करना? डिलीवरी पर फोकस कैसे करना? टाइमलाइंस का महत्व समझना और नेतृत्व- जहाँ एक तरफ संवेदनशील भी हो और नेतृत्व में ह्यूमन-टच भी हो। यह हमें प्रधानमंत्री के उदाहरण से, अपने जीवन में अपनाने का अवसर मिला है।

सिंधिया स्कूल के हमारे सभी विद्यार्थी, भाग्यशाली हैं कि आज आप उस कालखंड में जी रहे हो, जब प्रधानमंत्री जी के नेतृत्व में, भारत विश्व में अपना परचम, 18वीं शताब्दी के बाद, दोबारा लहराने के लिए अग्रसर हो चुका है।

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी जी सदैव कहते हैं कि भारत के लिए यही समय है, सही समय है। और आज मैं अपने स्कूल के बच्चों से कहना चाहता हूँ कि प्रधानमंत्री जी के नेतृत्व ने, वह अवसर खोले हैं कि जब आप बड़े होकर, विश्व में, जहाँ भी जाओगे, आपके भारतीय होने के पहचान के आधार पर, आपके लिए नए अवसर और नई सफलताओं के द्वार खोले जाएँगे। हमारे प्रधानमंत्रीजी की सोच और विचारधारा के आधार पर, आज भारत



ने अपना तिरंगा, विश्वस्तर पर ही केवल नहीं लहराया है; लेकिन भारत ने अपना तिरंगा चाँद पर भी लहरा दिया है। प्रधानमंत्रीजी के नेतृत्व में; 'जी-20' की भारत की अध्यक्षता ने सिद्ध कर दिया है पूरे विश्व को, कि व्हेन इंडिया ग्राज़, द वर्ल्ड ग्राज़! व्हेन, इण्डिया रिफॉर्म्स, द वर्ल्ड ट्रांसफॉर्म्स! और

आज प्रधानमंत्रीजी के नेतृत्व में, जब भारत आत्मनिर्भर बनने के लिए अग्रसर हो रहा है, कल विश्व हमारे ही भारत पर निर्भर होगा। आज, भारत पाँचवीं सबसे बड़ी आर्थिक-शक्ति बन चुका है, नौ वर्ष में, ग्यारह नंबर से। और अगले चार सालों में, प्रधानमंत्रीजी के नेतृत्व में, भारत तीसरी बड़ी अर्थव्यवस्था के रूप में, पूरे विश्व में उभरेगी।

लेकिन उसके पहले, हमें बहुत कुछ सीखना बाकी है। गीता में भगवान कृष्ण जी ने कहा था कि भविष्य का दूसरा नाम संघर्ष है। प्रधानमंत्री जी ने, स्वयं अपने जीवन में, बहुत संघर्ष किया और संघर्ष को अपना सबसे करीबी मित्र बनाया है। आज आपके समक्ष हम संकल्प लेते हैं प्रधानमंत्री जी! यह हमारा निरंतर प्रयास रहेगा कि आपसे और आपकी कार्यशैली से हम सीखते रहें और सही दिशा में, अपने देश के निर्माण में, एक-एक व्यक्ति, हम लोग सब, अपना योगदान देते रहें। सिंधिया स्कूल के 125वीं जयंती पर, मेरी तरफ से, आप सब लोगों को बहुत-बहुत बधाई।

और अंत में, हृदय की गहराइयों से,

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी जी को हम धन्यवाद अर्पित करते हैं, हम कृतज्ञ हैं, सौभाग्यशाली हैं कि अपने व्यस्ततम समय में से समय निकालकर, हम सबको आशीर्वाद देने के लिए, आप उपस्थित हुए!

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विशेष अतिथि, श्री शिवराज सिंह चौहान, मुख्यमंत्री, मध्यप्रदेश का सम्बोधन



भारत लोकतंत्र की जननी है और दुनिया का सबसे बड़ा लोकतंत्र, और उसके मुखिया आदरणीय श्रीमान नरेंद्र मोदी जी, हमारे राज्यपाल श्रीमान मंगूभाई पटेलजी, आदरणीय सिंधिया जी, आदरणीय तोमर जी, जितेंद्र सिंह जी, आदरणीय प्राचार्य महोदय अजयजी, यहाँ उपस्थित हमारे प्रिय साथियों और प्रसन्नता की बात है कि छात्रों के साथ-साथ पूर्व-छात्र भी, केवल देश नहीं, देश के बाहर से यहाँ पधारे।

आज सबसे पहले, गालव ऋषि की तपोभूमि ग्वालियर की इस पवित्र धरा पर, मैं अपने प्रधानमंत्री जी का, हृदय से स्वागत करता हूँ, अभिनंदन करता हूँ।

आदिगुरु शंकराचार्य जी महाराज कहते थे- सा विद्या या विमुक्तये; शिक्षा वह है, जो मुक्ति दिलाए। इहलोक में और परलोक में। मतलब मनुष्य एक सफल और सार्थक जीवन जीते हुए अपने अंतिम लक्ष्य को प्राप्त करे। स्वामी विवेकानंद जी कहते थे- शिक्षा वह है जो मनुष्य को, मनुष्य बना दे। भारत ने हमेशा कहा है- शिक्षा के तीन उद्देश्य होते हैं। एक, ज्ञान देना; दूसरा, कौशल देना और तीसरा, नागरिकता के संस्कार देना।

पीढ़ियों द्वारा संचित ज्ञान को, इस पीढ़ी तक और जोड़ के पहुँचा देना; यह ज्ञान देना

है। मनुष्य को, विद्यार्थी को, अपने भावी जीवन में, आजीविका प्राप्त करने के लायक बना सकें, यह कौशल देना है और देशभक्त, चरित्रवान, ईमानदार, परिश्रमी, परोपकारी नागरिक तैयार करना; यह शिक्षा का तीसरा उद्देश्य है।

और मुझे यह कहते हुए प्रसन्नता है कि सिंधिया स्कूल ने, अपने स्थापना-काल से ही, इन तीनों लक्ष्यों की पूर्ति पर ध्यान देने का प्रयत्न किया है। इसके लिए मैं पूरे स्कूल के प्रबंधन को बधाई देता हूँ। मुझे आज अत्यंत प्रसन्नता है, यह कहते हुए कि भारत में कई वर्षों से चर्चा होती रही शिक्षा पद्धति को बदलने की, मैकाले की शिक्षा पद्धति कैसे बदलें? अनेकों कमीशन बने। मुदालियर आयोग, कोठारी कमीशन। पता नहीं कितने अलग-अलग कमीशन बने। लेकिन शिक्षा-नीति वहीं की वहीं रही। हम सबके लिए गर्व का विषय है कि प्रधानमंत्री के रूप में, जब श्रीमान नरेंद्र मोदी जी आए, तो नई शिक्षा नीति, जो बहुत सार्थक है और जिसका पूरे देश में हृदय से स्वागत किया है; बनाकर लागू कर दी गई है।

अब सरकारी स्कूलों में भी, आदर्श शिक्षा की व्यवस्था और शिक्षा के तीन उद्देश्य जो मैंने बताए थे; उनकी पूर्ति की व्यवस्था

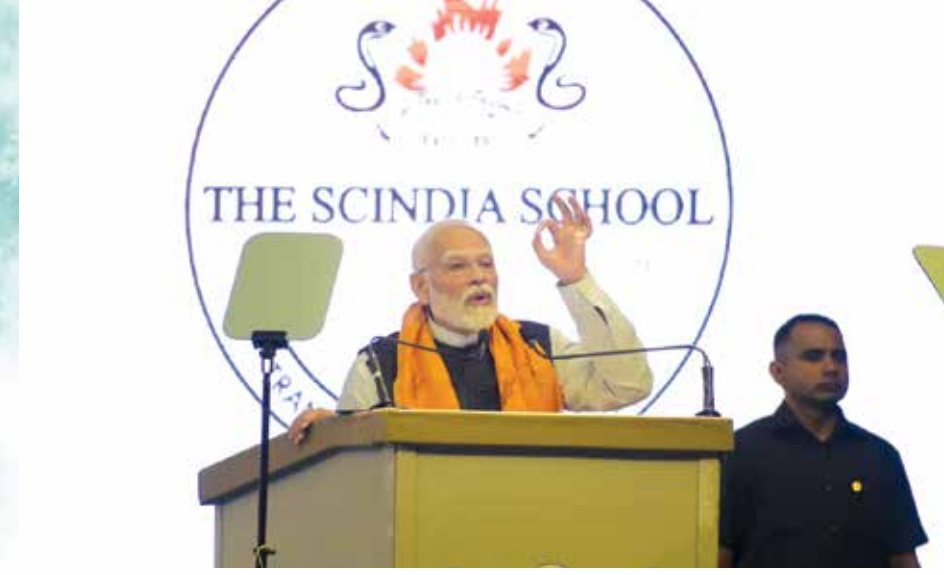
की गई है। ये प्रधानमंत्री जी का नेतृत्व है, जिन्होंने अमूल्य शिक्षा-नीति भारत को दी है। पीएमश्री स्कूल, समाज के उन परिवारों के, जिनके बच्चे विपन्नता में जन्म लेते हैं; उनको बेहतर शिक्षा देने का बहुत सार्थक प्रयास है और मध्यप्रदेश में भी सीएम-राइज जैसे स्कूल बनाकर, हम शिक्षा को न केवल भारतीय संस्कारों से जोड़ कर रख रहे हैं, बल्कि हम उसको आधुनिक बनाने का भी प्रयत्न कर रहे हैं।

मित्रों, आज हम सब अपने प्रधानमंत्री जी को सुनना चाहते हैं। मुझे यह कहते हुए गर्व है और मैं धन्यवाद भी देता हूँ अपने प्रधानमंत्री जी को कि उन्हीं का आशीर्वाद, मार्गदर्शन और सहयोग है कि मध्यप्रदेश, जो कभी पिछड़ा और बीमारू राज्य कहलाता था; आज विकसित प्रांतों की पाँत में आकर खड़ा हो गया है। उसके लिए प्रधानमंत्री जी का स्नेहपूर्ण आशीर्वाद सदैव हमें मिला। उनका कल्पनाशील मस्तिष्क, प्रखर नेतृत्व, उनकी उत्कट देशभक्ति; हम सबको बहुत कुछ करने और सीखने का अवसर देती है और इसलिए विद्यार्थियों से, बच्चों से केवल इतना ही कहूँगा, प्रधानमंत्री जी को आप सुनें, लेकिन प्रधानमंत्री जी जैसा जीवन जीने की भी कोशिश करें! तो आपका जीवन सचमुच में अमूल्य होगा, सफल होगा, सार्थक होगा। एक बार फिर प्रधानमंत्री जी का हृदय से स्वागत करते हुए और इतने अच्छे विद्यालय के लिए, विद्यालय की टीम को, जिन्होंने स्थापना की- श्रद्धेय माधवराव 'प्रथम' जी को और उसके बाद ज्योतिरादित्य सिंधिया जी तक जो पूरी श्रृंखला चली है; उनको मैं धन्यवाद देता हूँ।

बहुत-बहुत धन्यवाद! प्रणाम!

नमस्कार!

मुख्य अतिथि, श्री नरेंद्र मोदी, प्रधानमंत्री, भारत का सम्बोधन



मध्यप्रदेश के राज्यपाल, श्रीमान मंगूभाई पटेल, यहाँ के लोकप्रिय मुख्यमंत्री शिवराज सिंह चौहान, सिंधिया स्कूल के निदेशक मंडल के अध्यक्ष और कैबिनेट में मेरे सहयोगी श्री ज्योतिरादित्य सिंधियाजी, श्री नरेंद्र सिंह तोमर, डॉक्टर जितेंद्र सिंह, स्कूल मैनेजमेंट के साथी और सभी कर्मचारी, अध्यापक और अभिभावकगण और मेरे प्यारे युवा साथियों; सिंधिया स्कूल के 125 वर्ष होने पर, आप सभी को बहुत-बहुत बधाई। आज आजाद हिंद सरकार का स्थापना-दिवस भी है। मैं सभी देशवासियों को इसकी भी बधाई देता हूँ।

मैं आप सभी का आभार व्यक्त करता हूँ कि आपने मुझे, यहाँ इस गौरवमयी इतिहास से जुड़ने का अवसर दिया। ये इतिहास सिंधिया स्कूल का भी है और इस ऐतिहासिक ग्वालियर शहर का भी है। ऋषि गालव, संगीत सम्राट तानसेन, श्रीमान महादजी सिंधिया जी, राजमाता विजयाराजे, अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी जी और उस्ताद अमजद अली खान तक ग्वालियर की यह धरती पीढ़ियों को प्रेरित करने वालों का निर्माण करती रही है। ये धरती नारी-शक्ति और वीरांगनाओं की तपोभूमि भी है। महारानी गंगाबाई ने इसी धरा पर अपने गहने बेचकर स्वराज-युद्ध की

सेना तैयार कराई। इसलिए ग्वालियर आना अपने आप में बहुत सुखद होता है। और दो वजहों से मेरा विशेष नाता भी है। एक तो, मैं काशी का सांसद हूँ और काशी की सेवा करने में, हमारी संस्कृति के संरक्षण में, सिंधिया परिवार की बहुत बड़ी भूमिका रही है। सिंधिया परिवार ने गंगा किनारे कितने ही घाट बनवाये हैं। बीएचयू की स्थापना के लिए आर्थिक मदद की है। आज जिस प्रकार काशी का विकास हो रहा है, उसको देखकर महारानी बैजाबाई और महाराज माधवराव जी को, उनकी आत्मा जहाँ भी होगी, कितनी प्रसन्नता होती होगी, इसकी हम कल्पना भी नहीं कर सकते।

अब जैसा कि मैंने कहा दो वजहें हैं- दूसरी वजह भी बता देता हूँ। ग्वालियर के साथ मेरा एक दूसरा कनेक्ट भी है। हमारे ज्योतिरादित्य जी गुजरात के दामाद हैं। इस नाते भी ग्वालियर से मेरी रिश्तेदारी है। एक और भी नाता है। मेरा गाँव गायकवाड़ स्टेट का गाँव है और मेरे गाँव में जो सबसे पहले प्राथमिक स्कूल बनी; गायकवाड़ परिवार ने बनाई। और मेरा सद्भाग्य है कि मैं उसमें मुफ्त में प्राथमिक शिक्षा लेता था।

साथियों, हमारे यहाँ कहा गया है- मनस्येकं

वचस्येकं कर्मण्येकं महात्मनाम्। मन्यस्यन्यत् वचस्यन्यत् कर्मण्यन्यत् दुरात्मनाम्। अर्थात् सज्जन व्यक्ति जैसा मन में सोचते हैं, वैसा ही कहते भी है, और करते भी हैं। यही एक कर्तव्यपरायण व्यक्तित्व की पहचान होती है। कर्तव्यनिष्ठ व्यक्ति तात्कालिक लाभ के लिए नहीं बल्कि आनेवाली पीढ़ियों के भविष्य को उज्ज्वल बनाने के लिए काम करते हैं।

एक पुरानी कहावत भी है- अगर एक साल का सोच रहे हैं, तो अनाज बोइये। अगर एक दशक का सोच रहे हैं, तो फलवाले पेड़ लगाइए और अगर एक शताब्दी का सोच रहे हैं तो शिक्षा से जुड़ी संस्थाएँ बनाइये। महाराज माधवराव सिंधिया (प्रथम) जी की उनकी यही सोच तत्कालीन लाभ के लिए नहीं बल्कि आने वाली पीढ़ियों के भविष्य को उज्ज्वल बनाने की थी। सिंधिया स्कूल उनकी इस दूरगामी सोच का परिणाम था। वह जानते थे कि 'ह्यूमन रिसोर्स' की ताकत क्या होती है। बहुत कम लोगों को पता होगा कि माधवराव जी ने जिस भारतीय परिवहन कंपनी की स्थापना की थी, वह आज भी दिल्ली में डीटीसी के रूप में चल रही है।

आने वाली पीढ़ी के लिए भी जल-संरक्षण के लिए उनका उतना ही ध्यान था। उन्होंने उस कालखंड में, पानी के लिए, सिंचाई के लिए, एक बहुत बड़ी व्यवस्था बनाई थी। जो हरसी डैम है, वह 150 वर्ष बाद भी एशिया का सबसे विशाल मिट्टी का बाँध है। यह डैम आज भी लोगों के काम आ रहा है। माधवराव जी के व्यक्तित्व से, हम सभी के लिए ये दूरदृष्टि सीखने योग्य है। एजुकेशन हो, करियर हो, जीवन हो या फिर पॉलिटिक्स; शॉर्टकट आपको भले तात्कालिक लाभ पहुँचा दे, लेकिन आपको 'लॉग टर्म' सोच के ही काम करना चाहिए। जो भी व्यक्ति समाज में या सियासत में तात्कालिक लाभ के लिए काम करता है उससे समाज का, राष्ट्र का, नुकसान ही होता है।

साथियों, साल 2014 में, जब देश ने मुझे ये प्रधानसेवक का दायित्व दिया तो मेरे सामने भी दो ऑप्शन थे। या तो सिर्फ तात्कालिक लाभ के लिए काम करें या लॉग टर्म वाली सोच को अपनाएँ। हमने तय किया कि हम दो साल, पाँच साल, आठ साल, दस साल, पंद्रह साल, बीस साल ऐसे अलग-अलग टाइम-बाउंड रखकर, इनके लिए काम करेंगे। आज आप कह सकते हैं कि हमारी सरकार को तो 10 साल हो रहे हैं। इन दस वर्षों में, देश ने लॉग टर्म प्लानिंग के रूप में जो फैसले लिए वो अभूतपूर्व हैं। हमने देश को कितने ही पेंडिंग फैसलों के बोझ से मुक्त किया।

साठ साल से डिमाण्ड हो रही थी कि जम्मू-कश्मीर से आर्टिकल 370 को हटाया जाए। यह काम हमारी सरकार ने किया। 40 साल से डिमांड हो रही थी कि पूर्व फौजियों को वन रैंक वन पेंशन दी जाए। यह काम हमारी सरकार ने किया। 40 साल से डिमांड हो रही थी कि जीएसटी को लागू करना। यह काम भी हमारी सरकार ने ही किया। दशकों से मुस्लिम महिलाएँ तीन तलाक के खिलाफ कानून बनाने की डिमांड कर रही थीं। तीन तलाक के खिलाफ कानून भी हमारी सरकार के दौरान ही बना। आपने देखा होगा, अभी कुछ सप्ताह पहले ही लोकसभा और विधानसभा में महिलाओं को रिजर्वेशन का कानून बनाया गया। यह काम भी दशकों से पेंडिंग था। नारी-शक्ति-वंदन अधिनियम भी हमारी ही सरकार ने बनाया। मेरे पास कामों की इतनी लंबी लिस्ट है कि पूरी रात बीत जाएगी। ये कुछ बड़े फैसले थे, इसलिए बता रहा हूँ। क्योंकि अगर हमारी सरकार ये फैसले नहीं लेती तो इसका बोझ किस पर ट्रांसफर होता? अगर हम ये नहीं करते तो कैरी फॉरवर्ड कहाँ होता? आपकी जेनरेशन पर होता। तो मैंने आपकी जेनरेशन का कुछ बोझ हल्का कर दिया और मेरी कोशिश यही है कि आज की यंग जनरेशन के लिए, देश में एक बहुत ही पॉजिटिव माहौल क्रिएट हो। एक ऐसा माहौल जिसमें आपकी जेनरेशन के पास अपॉर्चुनिटी की कोई कमी न हो।

एक ऐसा माहौल हो, जिसमें भारत का युवा बड़े सपने देखें और उसे प्राप्त भी करें। ड्रीम बिग! एण्ड एचीव इट! और ये बात मैं आपसे इसलिए कह रहा हूँ कि जब सिंधिया स्कूल अपने डेढ़ सौ साल पूरे करेगा- तब एक अहम माइलस्टोन पर होगा! यह माइलस्टोन होगा- भारत की आजादी के 100 साल!

आज हमने संकल्प लिया है कि अगले 25 सालों में देश को विकसित बनाकर दिखाएँगे और यह आपको करना है! भारत की यंग जनरेशन को! मेरा विश्वास है! आप युवाओं पर मेरा विश्वास है! आप युवाओं के सामर्थ्य पर मेरा विश्वास है! मैं आशा करता हूँ कि आप सपनों को सँजो करके काम करेंगे, सपने संकल्प में बदलेंगे और संकल्प की सिद्धि प्राप्त करने तक, रुकेंगे नहीं। अगले 25 साल आपकी लाइफ के लिए जितने जरूरी हैं, उतने ही भारत के लिए भी जरूरी है। सिंधिया स्कूल के हर स्टूडेंट का यह संकल्प होना चाहिए कि मैं बनाऊँगा विकसित भारत। साथियों! करोगे न! करोगे न! मैं नेशन फर्स्ट की सोच के साथ हर काम करूँगा! मैं इनोवेट करूँगा! मैं रिसर्च करूँगा! मैं प्रोफेशनल वर्ल्ड में रहूँ या फिर किसी भी प्लेस में; मैं भारत को विकसित बनाकर ही रहूँगा।

और साथियों! जानते हो? मेरा इतना विश्वास सिंधिया स्कूल पर क्यों है? क्योंकि आपके स्कूल के कुछ एल्यूमिनाई को मैं भी बहुत करीब से जानता हूँ। पीएमओ में राज्यमंत्री भाई जितेंद्र सिंह जी मंच पर बैठे हैं, वह आपके स्कूल के पढ़े हैं। रेडियो पर जिनकी आवाज सुनकर हम मंत्रमुग्ध हो जाते थे, अमीन सयानी जी। लेफ्टिनेंट जनरल मोती दर जी। अभी जिन्होंने यहाँ शानदार प्रस्तुति दी, मीत ब्रदर्स और हुड-हुड दबंग सलमान खान! और मेरे मित्र नितिन मुकेश जी यहाँ बैठे हैं। सिंधिया स्कूल के स्टूडेंट का कैनवस इतना बड़ा है कि उसमें हमें हर तरह के रंग दिख जाते हैं।

मेरे युवा साथियों! विष्णु पुराण में लिखा है-

गायन्ति देवाः किल गीतकानि! धन्यास्तु ते भारत भूमिभागे। अर्थात् देवता भी यही गान करते हैं, कि जिसने भी भारतभूमि में जन्म लिया है, वह मनुष्य देवताओं से भी अधिक सौभाग्यशाली है।

आज भारत सफलता की जिस ऊँचाई पर है, वह अभूतपूर्व है। पूरे विश्व में भारत की धाक! . . . धाक! . . धाक जमी हुई है। तेइस अगस्त को भारत चंद्रमा पर वहाँ पहुँचा, जहाँ अब तक कोई देश नहीं पहुँचा था। अभी 'जी-20' में आपने देखा, कैसे भारत का परचम लहराया! आज भारत दुनिया की 'फास्टस्टे ग्रोइंग लार्ज इकोनामी' है। आज भारत 'ग्लोबल फिनटेक एडॉप्शन रेट' में नंबर वन है। आज भारत 'रियल टाइम डिजिटल ट्रांजेक्शन' करने में दुनिया में नंबर वन है। आज भारत 'स्मार्टफोन डेटा कंज्यूमर' के मामले में नंबर वन है। आज भारत 'इंटरनेट यूजर्स' की संख्या के मामले में दुनिया में नंबर दो पर है। आज भारत दुनिया का दूसरा सबसे बड़ा 'मोबाइल मैन्युफैक्चरर' है। आज भारत में दुनिया का तीसरा सबसे बड़ा 'स्टार्टअप इकोसिस्टम' है। आज भारत दुनिया का तीसरा सबसे बड़ा 'एनर्जी कंज्यूमर' है। आज भारत अंतरिक्ष में अपना 'स्पेस स्टेशन' स्थापित करने की तैयारी कर रहा है।

आज सुबह ही आपने देखा है कि गगनयान की टेस्ट फ्लाइट और क्रू-स्टैप सिस्टम का कैसे सफल परीक्षण किया गया है। ग्वालियर में तो एयरफोर्स का इतना बड़ा बेस है, कि आपने आसमान में तेजस की उड़ान देखी है। आपने समंदर में आईएनएस विक्रांत की हुंकार देखी है। आज भारत के लिए कुछ भी असंभव नहीं है। भारत का बढ़ता हुआ सामर्थ्य हर सेक्टर में आपके लिए नई पॉसिबिलिटीज़ बना रहा है। आप सोचिए! साल 2014 से पहले हमारे यहाँ कुछ सौ स्टार्टअप हुआ करते थे। आज भारत में स्टार्टअप्स का आँकड़ा एक लाख के आसपास पहुँच रहा है। बीते कुछ सालों में, भारत में, सौ से ज़्यादा यूनिर्कॉर्न बने। आप लोग भी जानते हैं एक यूनिर्कॉर्न

मतलब कम से कम आठ हजार करोड़ रुपये का कारोबार। सिंधिया स्कूल के विद्यार्थियों को भी यहाँ से जाने के बाद यूनिर्कॉर्न बनाने हैं। अपने स्कूल और देश का नाम रोशन करना है।

द वर्ल्ड इज योर ओयस्टर! और सरकार के तौर पर, हमने भी आपके लिए नए-नए सेक्टर्स ओपन कर दिए हैं। पहले सैटेलाइट सिर्फ सरकार बनाती थी या विदेश से मँगाती थी। हमने स्पेस सेक्टर को आप जैसे युवाओं के लिए, भी ओपन कर दिया। पहले डिफेंस इन्फ्रामेंट भी या तो सरकार बनाती थी या विदेश से मँगाती थी। हमने डिफेंस सेक्टर को भी आप जैसे युवाओं के लिए ओपन कर दिया है। ऐसे कितने ही सेक्टर हैं जो अब आपके लिए ही बन रहे हैं।

आपको 'मेक इन इंडिया' के संकल्प को आगे बढ़ाना है। आपको भारत के 'आत्मनिर्भर भारत' के संकल्प को आगे बढ़ाना है। मेरा एक और मंत्र याद रखिएगा- हमेशा आउट ऑफ द बॉक्स सोचिये! जैसे ज्योतिरादित्य जी के पिताजी! हमारे माधवराव सिंधिया जी जब रेलमंत्री थे तो उन्होंने शताब्दी ट्रेन शुरू करवायी थी। इसके तीन दशक बाद तक भारत में फिर ऐसी आधुनिक ट्रेनें शुरू नहीं हो पाईं। अब देश में वंदे भारत का भी जलवा है और कल ही नमो भारत की रफ्तार भी आपने देख ली।

साथियों! यहाँ आने से पहले मैं सिंधिया स्कूल के अलग-अलग हाउसों के नाम देख रहा था और ज्योतिरादित्य जी मुझे समझा रहे थे। स्वराज के संकल्प से जुड़े वह नाम ही कितनी बड़ी प्रेरणा हैं आपके लिए! शिवाजी हाउस, महादजी हाउस, राणोजी हाउस, दत्ताजी हाउस, कनेरखेड़ हाउस, नीमाजी हाउस, माधव हाउस, एक तरह से सप्त-ऋषियों की ताकत है आपके पास और मैं सोच रहा हूँ कि नवरात्रि के इस पावन अवसर पर मैं आप सभी को, नौ टास्क भी दूँ क्योंकि स्कूल का कार्यक्रम हो और आप होमवर्क न दें तो पूरा नहीं होता है। तो मैं आज आपको नौ टास्क देना चाहता हूँ-याद

रखोगे? (छात्रों की उत्साहजनक हाँ) उसको संकल्प बनाओगे? (छात्रों की उत्साहजनक हाँ) जीवनभर उसको पूरा करने के लिए काम करोगे? (छात्रों की उत्साहजनक हाँ)

पहला, आप लोग यहाँ जल-संरक्षण का इतना काम करते हैं। 'वाटर सिन्थोरिटी' 21वीं सदी की बहुत बड़ी चुनौती है। इसके लिए आप लोगों को जागरूक करने का अभियान चलाइए।

दूसरा, सिंधिया स्कूल में, गाँवों को गोद लेने की परम्परा रही है। आप लोग और भी गाँवों में जाइए। वहाँ डिजिटल लेन-देन के प्रति लोगों को इन्फॉर्म करिए!

तीसरा, स्वच्छता का मिशन! मध्यप्रदेश का इंदौर सफाई में नंबर वन हो; अगर वह यह सिद्धि प्राप्त कर सकता है तो मेरा ग्वालियर क्यों नहीं हो सकता? आप अपने शहर को स्वच्छता में नंबर वन बनाने का भी बीड़ा उठाइए।

चौथा, वोकल फॉर लोकल! जितना हो सके आप लोकल को, स्थानीय प्रोडक्ट्स को प्रमोट कीजिए। 'मेड इन इंडिया' प्रॉडक्ट्स का ही इस्तेमाल करिए।

पाँचवा, ट्रैवल इन इंडिया फर्स्ट। जितना हो, सके पहले अपना देश देखिए। अपने देश में घूमिए, फिर विदेशों का रुख कीजिए।

छठा, 'नेचुरल फार्मिंग' के प्रति किसानों को ज्यादा से ज्यादा जागरूक करें। यह धरती माँ को बचाने के लिए बहुत जरूरी अभियान है।

सातवाँ, मिलेट्स को, श्रीअन्न को, अपने जीवन में शामिल करिए। इसका खूब प्रचार-प्रसार करिए। आप जानते हैं न यह सुपर फूड होता है।

आठवाँ, फिटनेस! योग हो, स्पोर्ट्स हो, उसे भी अपने जीवन का अभिन्न हिस्सा बनाइए। आज ही यहाँ मल्टीपर्सन स्पोर्ट्स कॉम्प्लेक्स का शिलान्यास भी हुआ है। इसका भी आप खूब लाभ उठाइए।

और नवाँ, कम-से-कम एक गरीब परिवार की हैण्ड-होल्डिंग जरूर करिए। जब तक

देश में एक भी गरीब ऐसा है- जिसके पास गैस कनेक्शन नहीं, बैंक अकाउंट नहीं, पक्का घर नहीं, आयुष्मान कार्ड नहीं है, हम चैन से नहीं बैठेंगे। भारत से गरीबी दूर करने के लिए यह बहुत जरूरी है। इसी रास्ते पर चलकर पाँच सालों में ही साढ़े तेरह करोड़ लोग गरीबी से बाहर आए हैं। इसी रास्ते पर चलते हुए, भारत गरीबी दूर करेगा और विकसित भी बनेगा!

साथियों! आज का भारत जो भी कर रहा है, वो मेगा स्केल पर कर रहा है इसलिए आपको भी अपने फ्यूचर को लेकर, छोटा नहीं सोचना चाहिए। आपके सपने और संकल्प दोनों बड़े होने चाहिए। और, मैं आपको ये भी बता दूँ, आपका सपना ही मेरा सपना है!!! आप अपने थॉट्स, अपने आइडियाज़, नमो ऐप पर भी, मेरे साथ शेयर कर सकते हैं। और मैं व्हाट्सप्प पर भी हूँ। मैं वहाँ भी आपसे कनेक्ट हो सकता हूँ। आप चाहें, तो अपने सीक्रेट भी शेयर कर सकते हैं। मैं आपको वादा करता हूँ, मैं किसी को नहीं बताऊँगा।

साथियों! जीवन ऐसे ही हँसी-मजाक में चलते रहना चाहिए। आप खुश रहिए! स्वस्थ रहिए!! मुझे आप सभी पर पूरा भरोसा है! आपको याद रखना है- सिंधिया स्कूल सिर्फ एक संस्थान भर नहीं है, बल्कि एक विरासत है। महाराजा माधवराव जी के संकल्पों को स्कूल ने आजादी के पहले और आजादी के बाद भी निरंतर आगे बढ़ाया है। अब इसकी ध्वजा आपके पास है।

थोड़ी देर पहले जिन युवा साथियों को पुरस्कृत किया गया है; मैं उन्हें फिर से बधाई देता हूँ! एक बार फिर सिंधिया स्कूल को और सभी युवा साथियों को बेहतर भविष्य के लिए बहुत-बहुत शुभकामनाएँ!!

आप सभी का बहुत-बहुत धन्यवाद! नमस्कार!

प्रशस्ति-पत्र, माधव पुरस्कार विजेता श्री रंजन टंडन

(पूर्व-छात्र, जीवाजी सदन, 1967)



श्री टंडन ने भारत में 'डी.सी.एम.' और यूरोप में 'हॉलिबर्टन' में उत्पादन और प्रबंधन के कई पदों पर कार्य किया है। आप 'इंटरमरीन इनकॉर्पोरेट' के मुख्य वित्तीय अधिकारी और मेरिल लिंच एंड कंपनी के वित्तीय प्रबंधक बनने के बाद इसके उपाध्यक्ष भी रहे हैं। 'कृष्णमूर्ति टंडन फाउंडेशन बोर्ड' के सदस्य श्री रंजन टंडन ने हार्वर्ड बिजनेस स्कूल और येल विश्वविद्यालय में उच्च पदों पर अपनी सेवाएँ दी हैं।

सिंधिया स्कूल में रहते हुए आपको विशिष्ट हाउसमास्टर आदरणीय श्री जी.के. कपूर और असाधारण प्राचार्य श्री जिया लाल दर जैसे अनुभवी परामर्शदाताओं का आशीर्वाद प्राप्त हुआ। स्कूल में शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में एक विशिष्ट छात्र के रूप में सन् 1966-67 में आपको मध्यप्रदेश के 'गवर्नर मेडल' से सम्मानित किया गया। इसके बाद भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, कानपुर में प्रवेश लेकर आप वहाँ की 'इंजीनियरिंग सोसायटी' के अध्यक्ष बने और कप्तान के रूप में टेनिस टीम का भी नेतृत्व किया। आपने सन् 1977 में 'हार्वर्ड बिजनेस स्कूल, बोस्टन' से एम.बी.ए. की उपाधि प्राप्त की। भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, कानपुर ने शैक्षणिक और सह-शैक्षणिक दोनों क्षेत्रों में आपके सेवा-कार्यों के लिए आपको 'प्रतिष्ठित पूर्व



छात्र' पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया।

श्री रंजन का विवाह एक कुशल संगीतकार और ग्रैमी पुरस्कार के लिए नामित सुश्री चंद्रिका से हुआ है।

आपके द्वारा स्थापित कृष्णमूर्ति टंडन फाउंडेशन, शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में उत्कृष्टता को बढ़ावा देने के साथ-साथ नवीनता और उद्यमशीलता को प्रोत्साहित करने में 'न्यूयॉर्क यूनिवर्सिटी स्कूल ऑफ इंजीनियरिंग' को सक्रिय रूप से सहायता करता है। आपकी उदारता के प्रति सम्मान स्वरूप इस संस्था का नाम बदलकर 'एन.वाई.यू. टंडन स्कूल ऑफ इंजीनियरिंग' कर दिया गया है। आपके फाउंडेशन ने 'लिकन सेंटर' और 'बर्कले स्कूल ऑफ म्यूज़िक' जैसे अन्य संस्थानों को भी सक्रिय समर्थन दिया है एवं हार्वर्ड और येल विश्वविद्यालयों में प्राध्यापक का पद भी प्रदान किया है। आधुनिक सृजनात्मकता के उथल-पुथल के दौर में अभ्यर्थियों की शैक्षणिक और सांगीतिक प्रतिभा का पता लगाने वाली संस्था कृष्णमूर्ति टंडन फाउंडेशन और विश्व के एक अग्रणी व्यवसायी के रूप में आपके सराहनीय योगदान एवं उत्कृष्ट कार्य हेतु सिंधिया स्कूल वर्ष 2023 के लिए श्री रंजन टंडन को एक प्रतिष्ठित पूर्व-छात्र के रूप में 'माधव पुरस्कार' से सम्मानित करती है।

शिक्षा, संगीत और समाज-सेवा के क्षेत्र में अपनी उज्ज्वल कीर्ति को प्रसारित करने वाले सिंधिया स्कूल के पूर्व-छात्र का सम्मान करते हुए आज हमें अत्यंत प्रसन्नता हो रही है। ईमानदारी और सदाचार के प्रतीक श्री रंजन टंडन एक सच्चे 'सिंधियन' के सर्वोत्तम प्रतीक हैं। सन् 1963-67 के अपने छात्र-जीवन में सिंधिया स्कूल से प्राप्त नैतिक मूल्यों को अपनाते हुए, आप 'लिब्रा एडवाइजर्स' के स्वामी और अध्यक्ष बन गए, जो अरबों डॉलर का एक 'हेज फंड' है और जिसे 'वॉल स्ट्रीट जर्नल' के सहयोगी प्रकाशन 'बैसन' द्वारा लगातार शीर्ष 'हेज फंड' में स्थान दिया गया है।

Awards and Recognitions 2022-23

Awards	Awardees	House
1. Umang Mathur Memorial Trophy (for the best Class XI Scholar)	Kushal Agarwal	(Shivaji House)
2. Mahendra Mishra Memorial Trophy (for the best Class XI Sportsman)	Dharmender Singh	(Jayaji House)
3. Maharaja Madhavrao Scindia II Medal (for All Round Proficiency)	Dev Pratap Bansal	(Jayappa House)
4. Sam Pitroda Award (for the Best Innovative Project- 'Vehicle Management System for the Fort) on road in the range of 1.5 kms')	Tanish Agrawal	(Daulat House)
5. The R. B. Pawar Medal (for scoring the highest percentage of marks in Mathematics in Class XII)	Tushar Saini	(Daulat House)
6. Governor's Medal (for scoring Highest Percentage in Class XII)	Gourav Mehra Jayesh Nitharwal	(Jayappa House) (Jayaji House)
7. Field Marshal Cariappa Shield (for the Best Sportsman)	Mayank Choudhary	(Shivaji House)
8. Maharaja Jeevajirao Scindia Medal (for All Round Proficiency in Class XII)	Mayank Choudhary	(Shivaji House)
9. The Khurshid Lakdawala, Jr. House Efficiency Shield	-	Dattaji House
10. Guru Hargovind Singh (Gurdwara) Trophy (for the Best House in Academics)	-	Daulat House
11. Nepal Trophy (for the Best House in Games)	-	Ranoji House
12. The Scindia School, Inter House General Efficiency Shield	-	Mahadji House and Ranoji House
13. Madhav Award	Mr Ranjan Tandon (Ex-Jeevaji, 1967)	





Vote of Thanks by Senior School Prefect : Aditya Singh



and for helping us understand the true meaning and value of traditions.

I'm sure you must have observed that the more the things have changed, the more they have remained the same. You, as the alumni of this institution have been the flag bearers of our ethos and are a living testimony to the kind of character built here and the value-system inherited. I also extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mr Sumeet Nagdev and the entire team from Sumeet Nagdev Dance Arts who have put their sweat and blood into this programme and helped make this show the grand success that it is.

This evening, please also allow me thank the people who are always willing to put in more than what is necessary and the only people on this planet who have the power of molding and creating a Scindian out of us ordinary boys; our teachers. Sirs and madams, thank you so much for grooming us in every way possible, be it academic in nature, be it moral or be it spiritual.

My thanks our due to all the parents and guests who set aside time to grace this occasion with their presence. I would also like to thank my parents for everything they've done for me, for blessing me with this life and for always putting my needs above their own.

I extend my gratitude towards the entire school management whose tireless efforts, support and expertise in technical matters has tremendously contributed to the success of this event.

Now, I take this opportunity to thank those comrades whose camaraderie is my most cherished reward of this school, my batch mates. The ones who have been with me through this entire roller-coaster ride but never let go of my hand, the ones with whom I have seen the best of times and endured the worst of days, and the ones without whom I would not be who I am today. Thank you class of 2024 for all those fabulous memories that I am going to carry for a lifetime.

The culmination of 125 years of our school deserved an event of this

Peter Strople once said and I quote, "Legacy is not leaving something for people. It's leaving something in people." I unquote. It is the kind of legacy that has lived on in each of us and continues to live on even after 125 years of this institution standing proud and tall in all its glory through the haze of times. Esteemed members of the board of governors; Madhav Awardee, Mr. Ranjan Tandon; Principal, Mr. Ajay Singh, eminent guests, former Principals, former faculty members, old boys, parents, teachers, and my fellow Scindians. It is my proud privilege to propose a vote of thanks on this momentous occasion wherein we are celebrating the culmination of 125 years of not just a revered legacy but a phenomenon, of not just rich history but a paradigm of modern education, and of not just traditions but a strong ethos. With this, I wish a very warm evening to one and all.

This evening has had the honor of witnessing the presence of such a personality whose service towards the motherland is an accomplishment in itself. Ladies and Gentlemen, our chief guest today is a visionary whose thoughts and actions have been helping us reach greater heights as a nation since the past decade. To quote our chief guest, honorable Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi himself, "Hard work never brings fatigue, it brings

satisfaction." I unquote; such is his commitment towards shaping a brighter future for our country. Hence, on this occasion, on the behalf of The Scindia School fraternity, I extend our profound and heartfelt gratitude to our chief guest, hon'ble Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi for taking out time to be with us today. We thank him for his presence which has been truly encouraging.

I take this opportunity to thank the Madhav Awardee for this year Mr. Ranjan Tondon. Your entrepreneurial vision, professional accomplishments and philanthropic devotion are truly an inspiration. Thank you for being the embodiment of Scindian ethos.

I also take this opportunity to wholeheartedly express my gratitude to the honorable President, Board of Governors and members of the Board of Governors for always guiding and supporting us, and helping us get holistically educated in the most enriching way conceivable. Thank you for always governing the sanctity and spirit of this institution.

I thank all the former teachers who have been a link between generations of Scindians. We thank you for your presence tonight. I am thankful to our old boys, especially the batches of 1998 and 2013 who have come from far and near. Thank you for adding to the regal legacy that we now carry forward

magnitude and it wouldn't have been nearly as splendid if it wasn't for the prodigious amount of hard work put in by the student body. Hence, I congratulate and thank the entire student body who worked day in and day out to put up such a fabulous show.

I would fail in my duties if I do not thank the support staff who have taken care of everything and ensured the smooth conduction of all practices. From waiting for us to return from practices at night to waking us up on time the next day, from ensuring nourishing meals for us to taking care of our health and from assembling everything in place to disassembling everything after the practices each and every day, these people have truly been at the back supporting us at every step of the way.

Ladies and Gentlemen, tonight as I stand before all of you and look back with reverence to when I joined this institution in grade VIII completely unaware of the opportunities and challenges that awaited me here, all I can see is the journey of a young timid boy, trust the process and build his character, build himself through the portals of this hallowed institution.

When I stepped into this institution, I stepped into a territory which was uncharted for me. I stepped in with a mind full of questions and a heart full of insecurities. But little did I know that I too, like others around me, was like a piece of clay in the hands of the perfect

sculptor wondering what I would be molded into. Here, I was put into the most trying of situations; here, I was forced out of my comfort zone and here, I was pushed to face challenges head-on. But again, little did I know that this was only the kiln in which I was being fired so that the sculpture that I was being molded into becomes as strong as necessary. Growing from not being able to murmur words on a stage to being able to address such a vast assemblage, that is what the Scindian effect does. Every inch here has contributed to the holistic development of us Scindians.

Swami Vivekanand once said and I quote, "Education is the manifestation of the perfection already in man." I unquote. The Scindia School has ensured to manifest the best in each one of us. Be it our academic prowess, or be it our performance in sports. Be it our calibre to voice ourselves in front of the world or be it our ability to introspect and reflect within ourselves through the practice of Astachal. But by far, the most important thing that we learn here is the ability to adapt to change and face life's challenges courageously with a smile on our face.

Ladies and Gentlemen, 4 years ago as I sat in the audience as that same timid little boy and watched someone else deliver this same address, I was left inspired. I was left with a dream in my mind; a dream to not only become deserving enough to be able to deliver the same address but also to leave someone else

inspired. Ladies and gentlemen, men of strong character have stood here before and inspired others like me. And I wish to do the same, I wish to inspire people. That is our tradition, that is our culture and that is our legacy, of becoming good enough to inspire one another, and that is what we have been carrying forward in our lineage. This is why we say, 'What fire was to the stone-age, Scindia is to our character.'

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is that Scindian effect which turns us ordinary boys into extraordinary men of character and integrity. Everything here ranging from the value-system that we inherit to the real-world situations we are put into, from the plethora of skills that we learn to the extent of activities that we participate in, from the pain of discipline to the luxury of the beauty of this fort, is something that has helped shape us and is something that we are eternally grateful for.

Therefore, I extend my sincerest gratitude to this institution, The Scindia School for making us who we are, for transforming our lives and for letting us know that 'Sa Vidya Ya Vimuktay', which means knowledge is that which liberates. In the end, I thank you all once again for being a part of this delightful evening and making it ever more momentous by your gracious presence. Thank you and Good Night. Long live Scindia.

Jai Hind. Jai Bharat.



FORT NEWS

Padma Bhushan Mr Rajendra S Pawar, Vice President, the Board of Governors and Mr Harpal Singh, Member of the



Board of Governors in the presence of our Principal Mr Ajay Singh and the Vice Principal Ms Smita Chaturvedi inaugurated the Junior School Astachal, Nanhi Chhaan Environment Centre and four new bungalows, which have been constructed for the teaching faculty of the Scindia School, on 20th October 2023.

The Madhav Awardee, Mr Ranjan Tandon and his wife Ms Chandrika Krishnamurthy Tandon inaugurated the newly constructed swimming pool on same morning.

Gwalior to Ajmer- Cycling Expedition

A group of nine boys, comprising Lakshya Arora, Prataksh Sharma, Harshwardhan Wadher, Kavish Patwari, Saksham Agrawal (Ja), Saksham Agarwal (Jp), Yash Agarwal, Rohan Asrani, and Dhanraj Jhajodia, embarked on a remarkable 480-kilometer cycling expedition from Gwalior to Ajmer. They were accompanied by four teachers Ms Raksha Siriah, Mr Anil Pathania, Ms Divya Verma, and Mr Amit Kumar. Former Principal, Mr A N Dar and the current Principal, Mr Ajay Singh flagged off this journey at 5:45 am. Along the way, they savored delicious kachoris and jalebis. After covering a distance of 68 kilometers, they reached their first destination, Hotel Heritage View in Dholpur, where the accommodation was generously provided by an alumnus, Mr Subodh Agarwal. In Dholpur, they also visited a renowned temple and had an encounter with another alumnus, Mr Rohil Sarin, from the batch of 1994. The following day, they departed for Bharatpur, covering an additional 95



kilometers. They stayed at the Circuit Houses in Bharatpur, enjoying a hearty lunch and later dining at another alumnus' house. Next, they headed to Mehendipur, cycling 82 kilometers, and stayed at Hotel Vedanta Sara, near the famous Shri Balaji Mehandipur Mandir. There, they visited the temple in the evening, followed by dinner. The next day as they set off for Dausa, covering 58 kilometers. In the evening, the students explored Chand Baori, one of India's deepest and largest stepwells, learning about its historical significance before returning to the hotel for dinner. On the following morning, the team departed for Jaipur, where they cycled 62 kilometers along the Aravali hills. In Jaipur, the students visited the City Palace and Purana Bazaar for shopping and enjoyed Kachori and Lassi at an alumnus' place. The students had additional leisure time visiting a mall for bowling and a Haunted House experience before concluding the day. The next day, they continued to Dudu, covering 68 kilometers. The students then set off for their final destination, Ajmer, after cycling 74 kilometers. They made a stop at Sofia School, where they were joined by the girls from Mayo College Girls' School. The girls

escorted them to their school, where the expedition concluded. Ms Supreet Bakshi, the officiating Principal of Mayo College Girls' School, Mr Sumeet Nagdev, Director of Sumeet Nagdev Dance and Arts, and the Principal of our school, Mr Ajay Singh congratulated all the students and teachers for completing the expedition. The students were given bouquets and mugs as gifts. They stayed at MCGS and visited the city of Pushkar. The students attended an *aarti* at the Brahma Temple dedicated to Lord Brahma. The next morning, the students traveled back to the campus by bus and returned on the evening of 30th October. This epic cycling expedition was an incredible journey filled with adventure, camaraderie, and memories that will last a lifetime.

Pachmarhi : Solace Amidst Natural Beauty

The students from classes VI and VIII recently embarked on a journey to the National Adventure Institute in Pachmarhi, Madhya Pradesh.

The journey began with treks that took our students through some of the most enchanting landscapes in Pachmarhi. They undertook the challenging 18 km



trek to Mahadev Temple in Choragargh, where a rare encounter with a majestic tiger left everyone in awe. The 8 km trek to Bee Falls and the 4 km trek to Rajendragiri offered breathtaking views, creating a profound connection with the natural world.

One of the highlights of this adventure was the opportunity for our students to learn new skills and challenge themselves in various ways. They acquired skills in rock climbing, rappelling, and boating at Pachmarhi Lake. These activities not only pumped adrenaline but also taught valuable lessons in safety and personal growth.

At the National Adventure Institute, the students engaged in thrilling activities such as sky cycling, monkey climbing, and ziplining. These experiences pushed their limits and helped them conquer their fears, fostering self-confidence. What made this journey even more memorable was the camaraderie among the students.

The adventure trip to Pachmarhi was an extraordinary experience for our classes VI and VIII students. It was a perfect blend of education and adventure, allowing them to connect with nature, push their boundaries, and forge lasting friendships. The trip instilled a sense of achievement and appreciation for the natural world, making it a resounding success.

An Eye-Opening Experience : Tadoba

Class VII in their camps to Tadoba National Park recounted an eye-opening experience that revealed the challenging realities faced by tribal communities. The first-hand encounter illustrated the arduous nature of their lives, shedding light on the hardships that often go



unnoticed.

Following this enlightening revelation, the host guided the group to an animal park where a diverse range of creatures, including hyenas, snakes, cheetahs and tigers, were nurtured as if they were family. This unconventional sanctuary showcased a deep connection between the caretaker and the animals, emphasizing a unique approach to conservation.

Subsequently, the group embarked on a bus journey to a nearby resort, where they indulged in a hearty dinner. This marked the culmination of their exploration in Maharashtra, concluding the day with a restful night's stay.

The expedition had not only provided insights into the challenges faced by tribal communities but also offered a unique glimpse into the bond between humans and wildlife, leaving an enduring impact on all participants.

Labour Camp at Snehalaya

Class IX embarked on a labour camp journey to Snehalaya on the morning of 23rd October 2023. Following an incredible journey lasting over 18 hours, they arrived in Ahmednagar before sunrise. Upon reaching Snehalaya, they had the privilege of meeting their fellow alumnus, Mr Rajeev Kumar (Ex-....., who serves as a member of the board of trustees at Snehalaya and played a pivotal role in organizing their camp. They also had the opportunity to connect with numerous volunteers, some of whom had come from abroad. Once they had familiarized themselves with the surroundings and learned about Snehalaya's various projects during a campus tour, they ventured into the warehouse to volunteer for sorting clothes, books and other

essential materials. The following day, some students headed to the library to categorize books, while others continued their work in the warehouse. A few of them dedicated their efforts to decorating the art room. In the latter part of the day, they visited a construction project, where they worked diligently until evening. On the subsequent day, they returned to the same project site and worked until late afternoon. In the evening, they enjoyed a friendly cricket match, 'Snehalaya IX vs. Scindia IX.' They were also honoured to meet Mr Popatrao Baguji Pawar, a recipient of the Padma Shri Award, who shared his initiatives in environmental preservation.

On the fourth day, they departed for Pune, beginning their day with a visit to the 'Force Motors' Chakan Plant. Later, they explored the Gandhi Museum at Aga Khan Place. The fifth and final day took them to Himmatgram, where they formed groups to plant trees and assist in uprooting unwanted plants in the fields. Following this, they visited the 'Cavalry Tank Museum,' the first and only tank museum in Asia, housing approximately 50 exhibits of vintage armored fighting vehicles. They also explored Farah Bagh, a 16th-century palace, and visited the historic 'Ahmednagar Fort.' Their last stop was Snehalaya's adoption center, where they encountered children of all age groups and heard poignant stories that left a lasting impact on their hearts. On the final evening of their camp, a cultural event was organized by Scindians and other children at Snehalaya. This event featured dance performances, drama and a melodious band.

On the morning of 29th October, it was time to bid farewell to the beautiful place of Snehalaya and the historic city of Ahmednagar. They safely returned to their school. Snehalaya, which translates to 'Home of Love,' was founded in 1989 with a mission to provide support to women, children, and LGBTQIA+ communities affected by HIV and AIDS, trafficking, sexual violence, and poverty. Their visit served as a profound eye-opener, allowing them to witness the unwavering dedication of the organization and its tireless efforts to bring positive change to marginalized communities. The impact Snehalaya has on the lives of those in need was



truly remarkable. This experience not only instilled in them the importance of compassion and empathy but also inspired them to continue giving back to society.

Indrahar Trek Report

50 students of class XI along with 4 teacher escorts went for a trekking expedition to Indarhar Pass at Mcleodganj, Dharamshala.

The boys started their journey on the evening of 23rd October, by boarding the Malwa express train at 10:45 pm.

They arrived at the Pathankot railway station after which they embarked on a 3-to-4-hour bus journey to reach

the hotel at 5:30 pm. After dinner the students celebrated the birthday of Mr Jagdish Joshi and one of the batchmates.

On the third day, the students started their journey early in the morning towards the base camp, 'Himalayan quest'. The boys enjoyed lunch at Triund after a 4.5 km steep ascent, which in itself was a beautiful place, and they were more than exhausted. However, they had to go to base camp that was further ahead. Mr Brijesh Kumar stayed back with six students due to safety reasons.

After bidding them adieu and the students moved on. With every passing minute they lost daylight and the temperature started falling, reaching 2-3



degrees, which made the ascent tougher, but the Scindians never backed down. At around 8:30pm, 44 students and three teachers successfully reached the base camp.

The next day was dedicated to acclimatization. After breakfast they trekked for 4 to 5 hours to acclimatize.

On day 5, after breakfast at around 8:00 am, the boys began their challenging trek towards the Indrahar pass, on the way they came across stony terrains and had to find their own path most of the time. But after 4 hours of trekking 35 students and two teachers finally reached the Indrahar pass. It was a beautiful scenery covered in pristine white snow. The boys cherished each and every moment of it. They were told that this was the same route once taken by Pandavas on their journey to heaven.

Sadly 9 more boys weren't able to complete the Trek due to safety reasons Mr Chirag Ambwani stayed with the boys. While trekking down the boys also helped fellow trekkers from Australia. This kindness of The Scindians was well received and they thanked the school for instilling us with such values. On day 6 they left the base camp at around 8:15 am and headed back to the hotel covering a 7 to 8 hours trek which was quite demanding, but they reached the hotel at around 4:30 pm and had lunch.

The final day the boys boarded the train and reached the school exhausted but safe. This trek was an amazing experience for all of them and it helped them discover themselves.

IPSC Band

The Scindia School hosted the prestigious IPSC Brass and Pipe Band competition from 27th to 28th October 2023, where four schools showcased their talents. The teams were judged for their band display, discipline and uniforms by three esteemed judges who belonged to the armed forces or police. Principal, Mr Ajay Singh officially inaugurated the competition, extending a warm welcome to all participating schools. The closing ceremony was graced by Ms Krishnaveni Desavatu, DIG Gwalior, who not only felicitated the winners but also delivered an inspiring speech. In her address, she emphasized the virtues of teamwork,



discipline and the significance of adopting a healthy lifestyle. The Best Brass Band title was claimed by The Scindia School, with Sainik School, Kapurthala, securing the Runner-Up position. The accolade for Best Pipe Band went to Rajkumar College, Rajkot and Motilal Nehru School of Sports, Rai, was the Runner-Up. The trophy for Best Drill and Band Major was jointly bestowed upon Vansh Pratap Singh of The Scindia School, Gwalior, and Tej Pal Singh of Sainik School, Kapurthala. As the host school, The Scindia School gracefully passed the trophy to the Runner-Up Brass Band, Sainik School, Kapurthala.

Adieu- Ms Shikha Chaturvedi

We extend our heartfelt adieu to Ms Shikha Chaturvedi, the Housemother of Jankoji House. Her dedicated service since 2019 has left an indelible mark. Besides her role as a Housemother, she also taught junior students Social Studies. We will forever cherish the kindness, wisdom and guidance she shared. Wishing her the best on her new journey. We will miss her!

Young CEO Orientation Programme

Mr Samaresh Shah, founder Director White Canvas India, visited The Scindia School, for an orientation programme on 2nd November 2023, for the upcoming Young CEO conference, that is being organised in the school. Mr Shah introduced the students to the boot camp and told about the perks of being a part of this programme. Many students later registered for the Boot Camp.

Campus France Workshop

Ms Divya Saxena, Head of Bhopal Campus of 'Canvas France,' visited the school, for an orientation session for students of class XI about the French

Universities and Courses. She discussed about the various Scholarships that Canvas France provides; she discussed the criteria for the same as well. Ms Saxena told the students about 'Cultural Emissions' that are annually organised by Campus France. Students were introduced to Indo-French academic cooperation with the Attaché of Scientific and Academic Cooperation. The session was indeed an interactive one that opened various doors for scindians.

18th IPSC Boys Shooting Championship

18th IPSC Boys Shooting Championship was held at Emerald Heights International School from 30th October to 2nd November. A team of 14 students represented the school. Shourya Agarwal displayed remarkable talent and dedication in the Under 19 Pistol category. His exceptional performance led to him winning a silver medal which gives him the ticket to play SGFI Nationals, a commendable achievement.

National Teachers Conference on Guidance and Counselling

Ms Sangeetha P. and Ms Divya Verma participated in the National Teachers Conference on Guidance and Counselling in Guwahati, Assam.

Adieu Ben!

Beniamino Ravera, an exchange student from Milan, Italy, bid farewell to our school campus on the 30th October 2023. The school extends its warmest wishes for Ben's bright future!

The following is what Ben said in the assembly of his penultimate day:

The darkness that came from the Mediterranean Sea covered the city hated by the procurator. The hanging bridges connecting the temple with the dread Antonia Tower disappeared: Yerushalaim vanished as if it had never existed...

"It is when we go not when we come, not when we arrive but when we leave, that our judgement is to be put forward."

Thus I concluded my presentation

article on the 1st of August edition of the review (issue no. 1112), thus I opened



my farewell address, given on the 31st of October to an assembly of gurus, companions and friends, and thus (right after the due quote to one of the great masterworks of XX century literature) I commence my farewell article on the 1st December 2023 edition of the Review (issue no. 1118), hoping to add to the image I left that morning, an image that portrays not me but us, an image so lacking that even more inadequate scholium to that speech had to be sent where due.

Now, let me assure you once again that I in no way regret having embarked on this journey we have all been a part of and that, if some regret has to be there, it is the unavoidable regret of leaving this great Bharatmata of yours and, in some ways, of ours, to which I express my most profound gratitude for this opportunity to experience a culture as ancient as humanity itself, to see and to do things I had never thought of, to encounter, amongst an ocean of selfish and blind individuals, a number of truly human beings, ultimately to grow myself as rooted human being.

And to whom do I actually address this gratitude? It would still be impossible to put on paper a truly just name list, hence no name shall be written by me, who will instead address you unforgivably generically, in the belief that: A) those who most deserve a vote of thanks are conscious of their high merits and of my sincere gratitude, B) every Scindian is somewhat in the position of deserving a shout out. And therefore here I am, once again saying an honest "thank you" to all the members of this school, whatever their seniority or their occupation, from

the Principal to the last janitor, from the junior most boys to the senior most school prefects, passing by every student and teacher, trusting that them all have absolved one of the aforementioned roles, of guru, companion or friend.

We all know I cannot call myself a 100% Scindian, nor can I veritably set this number at 50%, but after all that has happened I state with sincere firmness that I will carry a 12.5% Scindianness wherever this life will lead me: this is but a number, but behind it lies the pride for a legacy I gladly celebrated, the nostalgia for the life we shared and a profound memory of every sunset admired with the powerful presence of Gandhiji next to us.

Thank you, Scindia School! Thank you for opening me a way of truthful introspection and, through that, of expansion and growth. And thank you Bharat! Thank you for blessing me with a glimpse of your greatness, a greatness regarding which I can do nothing but to bow once again.

The Scindia School's 1st International Chess Tournament

The Scindia School hosted its inaugural International FIDE Rated Rapid Open Chess Tournament on 5th and 6th November. In collaboration with the MP Chess AD-HOC Committee, the event unfolded at the Oval Field, drawing in 500 participants for 250 simultaneous matches. Aditya Wardhan



Jain and Keshav Bhagat represented the school, with Keshav Bhagat impressively winning against two FIDE rated players and improving his rating. The tournament featured top players, including one Grand Master, three International Masters (IM), and five FIDE Masters (FM). A total prize fund of 3,50,000 was distributed across 72 cash

prizes, 80 trophies, and medals, along with certificates for all participants.

Sports Captains

3 sports captains were announced later this month. The following are the students who are exceedingly good at their sport and were chosen, based on skills, stamina and the fitness test.



Shayn Rohra- Lawn Tennis Captain



Fravash R Vikamsey- Horse Riding Captain



Umar Sadik- Cricket Captain

A goodbye to our German Friends!

A German delegation of 10 students and 3 teachers, who were here in the campus for 3 weeks, left the campus, and returned to Germany. Their stay here was not only enriching for them but also equally enlightening for us. Interacting with each other and learning about our cultures was indeed an experience of a lifetime. We wish everyone who participated a good life, filled with success.

Visit of Lok Biradari Prakash School students

27 students and 2 teachers, Mr K S Paware and Mr S D Guttewar, from Lok Biradari Prakash School visited the school from 5th to 9th November 2023. The students from LBP impressed everyone with their self-discipline and fitness. These students enthusiastically participated in all the activities of the school and on the penultimate day of their stay, gave a captivating display of Mallakhamb, a traditional sport, originating from the



Indian subcontinent. Their remarkable performance of Mallakhamb showed the agility and endurance of these students and gained effusive admiration and applause from the audience.

Sahodaya Schools meeting

The meeting of the Sahodaya Samiti, Gwalior was held in the library of the school on the afternoon of 7th November 2023. We are proud to announce that Mr Ajay Singh, Principal of The Scindia School was elected as the Chairman of the Sahodaya Samiti unanimously. During the meeting, a wide range of topics that held mutual interest for the participating schools, such as academics, sports, games, and extracurricular activities, were discussed in depth.



Afterwards, the Principals witnessed a captivating display of Mallakhamb by visiting students from Lok Biradari Prakash, Hemalkasa, at the Madhav Pavillion.

IDP Education Worldshops

On 22nd November 2023, an IELTS Masterclass was conducted for students of Class XI, interested students of Class XII and some interested students from Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya. The session was led by an experienced trainer from IDP who provided expert guidance on how to excel in the IELTS examination.

On 22nd November 2023, IDP Education hosted a workshop for Class XI and interested students of Class XII on selecting a suitable international university. The session was led by experienced international education specialists who provided insights into the various factors to consider when choosing an overseas institution.

A total of 156 students from Sanskriti School, Delhi visited The Scindia School campus, for a school tour. The students attended the spiritual watering whole of the school, the Astachal. Later, they took a tour of the school's ecology park and were told about the Fort Biosphere. They appreciated the atmosphere and infrastructure of the school.

The 6th Scindia Literary Fest

The 6th Scindia School Literature Festival was inaugurated on 19th



November. Ms Rupa Pai, the chief guest of the program, inaugurated the program by lighting the lamp. Addressing the children, Ms Rupa Pai said that reading is very important, it develops our thinking, helps us see things from different perspectives and develops our thinking ability.

The first speaker was Ms Aditi Krishna Kumar. The session started with Sameep Mody introducing the author. Ms Aditi took the stage and asked the question "Where do ideas come from?". Her explanation of that question was that every idea comes from reading and imagination. The session proceeded as she elaborated on the topic. She also



emphasized that writing a book requires a lot of hard work and time. It was a very interactive session. At the beginning of the session, she expressed her detailed views and emphasized on why we should study. Unlike others, she said that we should read because it is something we should enjoy and not something we should be forced into because it is good for us. Thus ended the rich and wonderful session. Mr Somarajan K., Head of the Department of Humanities falicitated the author.

The second session was of Ms Shabnam Meenawala in which she shared her views with the children on her famous novel 'Zen'. When the children asked her whether she has kept any character like herself in her novel, she said that in writing a lot depends on ones vision and thinking which is inspired from day-to-day incidents.

The third session was of Delhi's famous cartoonist Mr Anupam Arunachalam,



in which he made all the children make different types of cartoons and he said that art is hidden somewhere in all of them and they should try to uncover it.

The fourth session was of Sahitya Academy Award winner, Ms Paro



Anand, who has written more than 35 books for children, in which she presented her views about the process of writing her book 'Being Gandhi'. Speaking on this book, she said that when she was asked to write on Gandhi, she said no, she could not write on Gandhi because a lot has been written on him. Then she realised that she could see Gandhi from the children's perspective. She enthralled the children with her dramatic introduction to the book.

On the second day first speaker was Ms Rupa Pai who informed the students



about her book 'The Yoga Sutra'. She asked, what is religion? Or what is Indian philosophy? What can we do to calm our mind and body? She said that Yoga Sutras help us in being calm and bring us peace. The writer was honored by Vice Principal, Ms Smita Chaturvedi.

The second session was by author Ms Megha Gupta who had worked in Indian children's publishing for over a decade. She heads the youth program at the Green Literature Festival and conducts a course on nature writing for



new writers at Azim Premji University. In her informative session the students saw independent India in a new light. Ms Megha Gupta said that her new book 'After Midnight' talks about what happened to India after independence. The author was honoured by Mr Sumit Chakraborty, teacher, Department of Commerce.

Ms Paro Anand took the third session

with the boys of senior classes for her book 'The Other'. She was falicitated by Ms Niharika Kulshrestha.

The fourth session was of famous writer and social reformer Mr S. Hariharan.



Who expressed his views on his book 'Runaway Children'. He told how he once got angry and ran away from home and when he saw the condition of the children who ran away from home, he decided that some solution would be found to solve their problem and then he started working with an NGO doing social work. The writer was honored by Mr Manoj Mishra, Head of Hindi Department.

On third and final day the first speaker was Mr Sanjeev Sanyal, a member of the Economic Advisory Council to the



Prime Minister (EAC-PM). Mr Sanyal is the author of several best-selling books, including Revolutionaries, Land of the Seven Rivers, The Ocean of Churn, India in the Age of Ideas and The Indian Renaissance. He has also published more than two hundred articles and columns in leading national and international publications.

While addressing the students, Mr Sanyal told how in ancient times there was trade from India to foreign countries and due to that trade, how Indian culture spread especially in South East Asia and even to Korea and Japan. He told that the Sinhalese living in Sri Lanka are actually traders from Bengal and Orissa who settled there. He described the geographical location of Gujarat as

very suitable for maritime trade. The author was honored by the Principal Mr Ajay Singh.

The second session was of writer Mr Saksham Garg. He believed that young writers should think broadly, freely, live fully and travel adventurously. They do not narrow their path of life. He said



that the seven years he had spent in a boarding school in Mussoorie inspired him to start writing his record-breaking national best seller - 'Samsar'. It took him 10 years to finish this extraordinary book, which he started writing while still in school. When he broke the news that his book would soon be turned into a series of films by one of Hollywood's producers, the students greeted him with applause. The author was honored by Mr Kamlesh Singh, teacher of Psychology.

The third session was by Ms Nidhi Sharma, journalist, writer and political analyst working with the Political



Bureau of The Economic Times. She shared her views on the book 'She, the Leader : Women in Politics'. She said that we talk about women empowerment but no work is done on the ground. Even after so many years of independence, women have not been able to get a place. In her book, she has mentioned nine very powerful Indian women leaders who made important contributions in taking the society and country forward. The writer was honored by the Vice Principal, Ms Smita Chaturvedi.

The fourth session was of the famous writer and our very own old boy, Mr Viveck Rai Marwah, who expressed his



views on his book 'The Mind Traveller-Warrior of Shaka'. It tells the story of a little boy living in Tibet who was a Buddhist monk and how he became a warrior. It is a story of courage, betrayal and destiny. The author was honoured by the Dean of Co-Curricular activities Mr Dharendra Sharma.

A book exhibition was also organized in the 6th Scindia School Literature Festival where children got the autographs of the books of these authors and received their blessings.

The 50th Platinum Jubilee Memorial Inter-School English Debate

The 50th Platinum Jubilee Memorial Inter-School English Debate was declared open by the Principal, Mr Ajay Singh. This longstanding tradition, initiated in the year 1973, has become a legacy for the school. Participating



schools included Mayo College Girls' School, Ajmer, Emerald Heights, Indore, Vasant Valley School, Delhi, The Mayo School, Ajmer, The Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Gwalior, and The Scindia School, Fort, Gwalior. The draw of lots for the motion of the preliminary round took place just after the assembly on 24 November 2023, with no eliminations occurring in this round. The first debate pitted Emerald Heights against Mayo College Girls' School, debating on the motion 'This House opposes internet gurus selling their own products and services.' Emerald Heights argued against the motion, while Mayo College Girls School supported it. The



second debate took place between The Scindia School and The Vasant Valley School, on the motion 'This House believes that the juvenile court should be discontinued.' The Scindia School supported the motion, while The Vasant Valley School opposed it. The last debate of the preliminary round was between The Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya and The Mayo College Girls' School, debating on the motion 'This House believes that choice overload is a myth.' The second debate was between The Scindia School and The Mayo College Girls' School, debating on the motion 'This House believes that developing countries should drop local languages in favour of a world language as the primary medium of instruction in schools.' The final debate of the semi-final round occurred between Emerald Heights and Vasant Valley School, discussing the motion 'This House believes that billionaires should be taxed more than normal citizens.'

The next day, the results were declared four teams namely Vasant Valley, Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Mayo College Girls' School and The Scindia School qualified for the final round. The motion for the final round was 'This House believes that Cricket is no longer a gentleman's game.' All 4 finalist teams debated in the British Parliamentary format. The chairperson and the chief guest for the event was Dr Rakesh Alferd. The following were the results of the tournament:

Best Speaker Proposition - Veda Kalra-Vasant Valley School

Best Speaker Opposition - Lavanya Singh - Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya

Most Promising Speaker - Ayaan Shah-The Scindia School

The Runner Up school of the 50th Platinum Jubilee Memorial Inter School English Debate Competition was the Scindia School.

The Winners of the 50th Platinum Jubilee Memorial Inter-School English Debate Competition was Vasant Valley School

'The Platinum Jubilee Memorial Inter School Quiz Competition' was held on 26th November in the assembly hall. In a fiercely contested battle of minds, conducted by Mr Ajay Poonia, Vasant Valley School emerged the winner. The Emerald Heights team was declared the runner ups.

A journey to Oxford

Thirteen students, namely Arrthham Jalan, Fravash Vikamsey, Ayaan Agarwal, Vardhan Srivastava, Tejas



Sharma, Devansh Harlarka, Vivek Singh, Saksham Kupde, Harshil Gupta, Arjit Bansal, Shaurya Prakash, Siddhanth Agarwal, and Yuvraj Sethia, along with a faculty member, participated in the Oxford Model United Nations (MUN) conducted by the University of Oxford, UK. Additionally, one hundred students from various schools joined the 10th edition of the Oxford University MUN. The journey commenced on 30th October and initially, we spent a few days exploring London. Despite the damp weather, the students' spirits remained high, providing them with excellent exposure to the rich cultural heritage of the United Kingdom. While in London, the boys visited several iconic places, including the London Dungeons, the London Eye, the London Tower, the British Museum, Windsor

Castle and Madame Tussaud. These locations showcased the profound cultural heritage of the region. On 3rd November, after breakfast, we proceeded to Oxford University. The city, boasting over a thousand years of history, treated us to a visual spectacle. The MUN kicked off with a keynote address by Natalie Samarasinghe, the Global Director of Open Society and former CEO of the United Nations Association, UK. The focus of the address was on gender equality and equal opportunities for all. The MUN sessions were hosted in the Examination School, a heritage building, featuring 13 committees. Our students had the chance to interact with peers from 22 countries, making the event not only competitive but also a collaborative endeavor. The Oxford MUN not only provided a platform for learning but also emphasized the importance of getting along with others and accepting differences. The committees, spanning topics such as the Security Council, Human Rights Commission, WHO, World Economic Crisis, Immigration, and Rehabilitation, underscored the significance of listening to others and negotiating mutually beneficial solutions for every problem.

The students learnt to appreciate the beauty of diversity and how differences should never be a reason for isolation or mistreatment. The workshop concluded on an emotional note with the screening of a powerful 3-minute kindness video. As the students left the Assembly Hall, they carried with them a renewed determination to treat each other with respect, empathy, and care.

The Sahodaya Inter School Heritage Quiz

The Sahodaya Inter School Heritage Quiz was conducted at the school on 1st December 2023 in the Assembly Hall. Schools from Gwalior, namely Doon Public School, Miss Hill Higher Secondary School, Vidya Bhavan



Public School, Gwalior Glory High School, Amity International School, G D Goenka School, Delhi Public School, Sanskar Public School, St. John, ITM Global, AMI Shishu Mandir along with the host school participated in it. The Quiz was conducted by the renowned Quizmaster, Mr Ajay Poonia. The Scindia School stood first in the quiz and Gwalior Glory High School stood on the second position. The Principal, Mr Ajay Singh addressed the audience and spoke about knowing the cultural heritage of our nation as mentioned by the Prime Minister in his address to students during his visit to the school on its 125th Anniversary of the Founder's Day.

75th NCC Day Celebration

The Scindia School Brass Band has made us proud once again by performing at the 75th NCC Day Celebration of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh directorate from 25th to 26th November 2023. SOBA Bhopal chapter organized a dinner to honour the achievements of the boys of our brass band.

MOU with IDP Education India

The Scindia School has signed a MOU with IDP Education India, a global education leader. This partnership unlocks opportunities for our students access to top overseas universities, renowned scholars & IELTS training.

The first edition of the Quasquicentennial Entrepreneurship Summit

The first edition of the Quasquicentennial Entrepreneurship Summit was organized by The Scindia School from 27th to 28th November 2023. The fest included various events such as business quizzes,



product pitching contests, exhibitions showcasing innovative products and



services, making of advertisement videos and simulated stock market investments. The day commenced with everyone participating in 'Brainy Bucks' Business Quiz, which was won by The Scindia School. This was followed by 'Stock Xcelerator', which gave the young participants a taste of what it was like to be a Stock Broker in the 1970s. It was won by Genesis Global School. After lunch, 'Ad-Quest' took place. The students had to market all the products they had bought in the auction round and everyone channeled their inner Jordan Belfort, following the classic "Sell me the pen!" The event was won by The Sanskar Valley School. Thereafter, 'The Commerce Carnival' was held. It was a fair in which the participants had to display an item from the auction or of their choice and had to convince everyone to invest in their product in the form of cheques. The



team with the greatest sum in cheques was adjudged as the winner.

A distinguished panel of judges, comprising Ms Sneha Rajput, Dr. Tarika Singh Sikarwar, and Mr Vikrant Bansal, meticulously evaluated all the events and wholeheartedly praised the commendable efforts of each participant. The closing ceremony took place in the assembly hall in the presence of our esteemed Chief Guest Mr Dipak Haksar, Member of the Board of Governors. In his address to the students, Mr Haksar spoke at length about what true entrepreneurship entails- continuous improvement, adapting to the changing world, being empathetic and taking cognizance of the fact that every decision you make will

contribute to the narrative of your story. The Scindia School claimed the overall trophy; however being the host school, it was passed on to the Runners-up team of Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya.

Nanhi Chhaan Top 30 at NU

Ayaan Shah and Lakshya Arora were invited to NIIT University, by



Nanhi Chhaan Foundation. Both of their essays were amongst the top 30 essays out of 35,000 essays. The boys attended various lectures on Geometrics, Economics, Kinesics, Electronix and Bio-technology. The four-day personality development course also included sports activities, aerobics, trekking and interactions with Mr Harpal Singh, founder of Nanhi Chhan Foundation and Mr Rajendra S Pawar, founder of NU. It's paramount to mention that both these dignitaries are Members of the Board of Governors of The Scindia School as well. This programme brought together creative minds, from all over India. Students returned safely to the Fort on 1st December 2023.

Under 15 Girls Limited Overs Tournament

Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) in accordance with Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association



organised Under 15 Girls limited overs tournament. Teams from all over India like Hyderabad, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Mizoram, Gujarat and Mumbai played on the Madhav Field. The boys really enjoyed the high quality thrilling matches between the teams.

Inter House 'B' Group Cricket Tournament

Inter House 'B' Group Cricket Tournament was organised from 6th to 19th November 2023 (due to diwali break). The tournament was conducted in League cum Knockout basis. The teams were divided in two pools. Two teams qualified from each Pool for the Semi-final. The final match was played between Jeevaji House and Ranoji House.



Following players showcased their outstanding skills:

Best Batter - Pranit Pathak

Best Bowler - Aditya Agarwal.

Best Fielder - Pranit Pathak and Krishiv Agarwal

The results were as follows:

I Ranoji II Jeevaji

III Shivaji IV Mahadji

V Jayaji VI Daulat

VII Madhav VIII Jayappa

Inter House Junior Group Basketball Tournament 2023-24

Inter House Junior Group Basketball Tournament was conducted from 21st to 29th November 2023. The competition was played in league cum knockout basis.



Following players showcased their outstanding skill:

Most Valuable Player - Manan Goyal

Defensive Player - Ranvijay Singh Yadav

Rookie of the Year - Ishaan Gupta

The results of Inter House Junior Group Basketball Tournament are as follows:

I Dattaji II Nimaji

III Kanerkhed IV Jankoji

Empathy and Appreciating Differences Workshop

To help the kids eliminate stereotyping and recognize the uniqueness of everyone, a Life Skills workshop was conducted in the assembly hall for the students of classes 6th to 8th. The children were shown a presentation on



Empathy and Appreciating Differences. The key message was to imagine themselves in the 'shoes' of others. A small video clip on how we easily typecast people was shown. The 'potato activity' was done to get the message home in a fun way, to recognize that if we knew what the other person is going through, we would be more careful in our actions.

The kids were asked to close their eyes for 30 seconds and imagine themselves to be in the 'shoes' of a stray dog, a poor child, a girl, teachers, etc. and describe the feeling. Some students shared how they are teased and in spite of that, what they are makes them unique.

The students learnt to appreciate the beauty of diversity and how differences should never be a reason for isolation or mistreatment. The workshop concluded on an emotional note with the screening of a powerful 3-minute kindness video. As the students left the Assembly Hall, they carried with them a renewed determination to treat each other with respect, empathy, and care.

Inter House Senior Group Hindi Elocution

Inter House Senior Group Hindi Elocution took place on 1st December



2023 in the assembly hall. The participant narrated a prose and recited a poem each. The following students were judged as Best Speakers:

In Prose:

I Lokesh Awasthi

II Abhay Kumar

In Poem:

I Prithvi Raj Swaroop Pathak

II Mehul Jain

The overall House positions were as follows:

I Daulat II Jayappa

III Jayaji IV Shivaji

V Ranoji VI Madhav

VII Jeevaji VIII Mahadji

Inter House Orchestra Competition



Inter House Orchestra Competition was organised on 2nd December 2023 in the assembly hall. Mr Mohsin Khan, Music Teacher of Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya and Mr Manish Karwade, Head of Department Percussion of Raja Mansingh Tomar Music and Arts University were the Judges of the event. The result of the competition was as follows:

I Jayppa II Madhav III Jeevaji

From the Pen of Former Editor in Chief



"Wake up and get ready to study, fuel your body with nutritious food, get enough restful sleep, and give your best to tackle the tasks at The Review!"

The Review had become a crucial element of my life. My goal for each edition was to curate articles, have correspondents write the reports, and ensure that our best work was displayed in every edition.

I owe my first opportunity in The Review to the publication of my essay for Nanhi Chhaan, which led to my involvement as a correspondent under the mentorship of the esteemed staff editor Mr Chetan Bhatia. I'm grateful that he recognized

my passion and commitment, paving the way to me becoming Editor-in-Chief.

The Review is a platform for students to exercise their freedom of expression and thought, as well as harness the power of the press to share their views on current school events. This allows for the recognition of student body demands, as demonstrated in the Old Reviews.

In my tenure as the Editor in Chief of this esteemed publication, I prioritized the publication of articles from my aspiring journalists, refraining from publishing a substantial amount of my own works. During my journey in The Review, I developed skills in leadership, management, and writing. However, the most important thing I learned was the courage to express my thoughts freely, without any barriers. I am grateful to my House Correspondents, student editors Lakshya Arora and Prataksh Sharma, Staff editor Mr Chetan Bhatia, and especially the unsung hero of the Review, Mr Jitendra Jawale, who dedicated his late nights to ensure the timely publication of The Review!

It truly saddens me to part ways with this publication that has provided me with lifetime lessons/priceless wisdom that I couldn't gain from my daily experiences.

Time spent working with The Review was worth all the challenges and troubles of life!



I am now passing on my duties to Lakshya Arora, the next Editor-in-Chief. He has devoted all his efforts to The Review and is truly deserving of this honorable post. I wish him the best of luck!

Signing off
Krrishn Leelotpal Divyaa

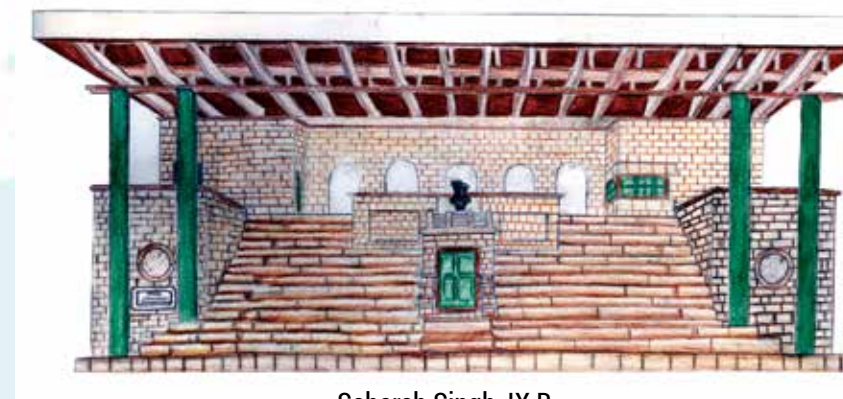
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Wishing you a joyous Christmas filled with love, laughter, and cherished moments. May the New Year bring you prosperity, good health and an abundance of happiness. Thank you for being an essential part of The Scindia School family. Here's to a wonderful holiday season and a bright, successful New Year ahead!

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