



# Soigné

(well-groomed)

T H E S H I V A J I H O U S E

## HOUSE NEWS

- **Nishant Rana** was appointed the school prefect for the year 2009-10.
- **Karan Khanna** was appointed the school swimming captain.
- **Following boys from our house got colours:-**
  - ▷ **Vaibhav Rusia**  
– Full Colour in T.T.
  - ▷ **Karan Khanna & Asad Khan-**  
Half Colour in Swimming.
  - ▷ **Shivam Mehan**  
– Half Colour in Basket ball.
- **Naman Mittal, Neelav Agarwala, Karan Kapoor, Yash Gupta and Mohit Mandeliya** were in the club of 90's and attended the VP's breakfast.
- **Naman Mittal, Neelav Agarwala, Karan Kapoor, Yash Gupta, Mohit Mandeliya and Utkarsh Agarwal** were invited the scholar's banquet.

## From the desk of the House Master



Dear Readers,

Dynamics of the society are changing much faster than ever. There is so much happenings and all of it is very instant. Life is almost today like Twenty20, being in school we too are going through the same. Many a times I have felt school to be a true reflection of changing times.

Change is a constant process and it has lead to things better than before. Change has a unique feature. Only the good survive, rest get wiped away with time. We are continuously aware and it is my endeavor to prepare our children for the same.

The arrival of a new year brings with it the arrival of new resolutions and new innovations. So the Shivajians have taken the initiative of taking out the newsletter of Shivaji house 'Soigné', I wish that we continue with the good work and create a house where boys become conscious of sense and sensitivity to the surroundings.

**Atul Bhatt**

## From the desk of the Editor-in-Chief

Greetings to all readers,

I would like to present the new newsletter of Shivaji House 'Soigné'. The word 'Soigné' signifies the boys of the Shivaji House. I firmly believe that the house is nothing without the boys or the other way round, the house without its boys is like the sun without its rays. This session, the Shivaji House has taken out a new newsletter. This is a matter of pride for me and my team . If there are any queries, suggestions or even compliments-please mail it to

[nishantr@scindia.edu](mailto:nishantr@scindia.edu).

**Nishant Rana**

## DAILY LIFE

### Believing in yourself

Do you believe in yourself? It's one of the most important questions one would ask to himself. Believing in yourself is very important because it helps in your life to do work with full consciousness, to build friendship with others and to make strong decisions that can change one's life. A person's confidence comes from believing in himself and his capabilities. If a person doesn't believe in himself he won't know where he stands. He will be afraid of taking any decision in future and will always think about its alternatives. It will also affect the people around him as his trust and faith in them will decrease. He will not have the courage to face anything in the world. So always believe in yourself, what is correct and what is wrong can be seen easily by you.

### Justice Over Revenge

Revenge is a negative thought which one acquires when he experience such a situation in which his sentiments are hurt due to betrayal or ignorance to someone's hard work. This thought actually brings about feelings to reply back with the same negative intentions to get the other person through the same sequence of actions that he suffered due to his or her carelessness. Never mistake revenge with justice because they are the complete opposite sides of the same coin. Justice is done when revenge is taken in the form non violence while revenge violates the law. Revenge leads to misfortune and corruption of human life. These are the basic reasons why Justice is for all while revenge is for none!!

By: - Jayjeet.G.Baruah

#### HOUSE NEWS

- The annual house awards  
Senior group:  
 Best in studies – **Vaibhav Agarwal.**  
 Best in games – **Vaibhav Rusia.**  
 House Master's Cup – **Palaash Agarwal.**  
  
Middle group:  
 Best in studies – **Mohit Mandeliya**  
 Best in games – **Pranjal Kavju.**
- **Mohit Mandeliya** stood third in IX A and Yash Gupta stood third in VIII A
- **Pratik Soman** played the H.H. Cricket Tournament and also went to Y.P.S. Patiala for cricket tournament.
- **Karan Khanna** went for debate to Welham Girl's School, Dehradun.
- **Shivam Mehan, Saumitra Jaiswal** and **Anmol deep Singh** went to Doon School, Dehradun for Basket ball tournament.
- Four boys participated in the Annual Hindi Play.
- 10 boys from 9<sup>th</sup> class and 1 from 10<sup>th</sup> class participated in the Annual English Play

What 's In!	What 's Out!
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· 100 marks matrix for selection of prefects</li> <li>· House assembly (twice a week ).</li> <li>· Thumb print system</li> <li>· Summer study camp!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Form system</li> <li>· Principal 's assembly (twice a week ).</li> <li>· Smart card system</li> <li>· Winter study camp!</li> </ul>

# LITERATURE RIDE

## Book Review

### Temple-

*Written by Mathew Reilly*

A mystery packed book with a lot of action and a philosophy that binds the past with the present. The story begins with a mysterious army officer arriving at William Race's University to get his help to translate a 400 year old manuscript as he was an ancient language specialist. Soon this manuscript reveals the mysterious idol carved by the ancient Incans (a native tribe by a meteorite that crashed around 400 years earlier). This meteorite contained Thyrium, an element used to power the supernova. This supernova is the only weapon created by humans that could destroy the planet. Now the story unfolds as they travel through the same sequence to find the idol that could have been hidden somewhere in Peru. As William Race reads the manuscript he traces the way for the army officials to get to the idol only unknown to the fact that many others wanted this Thyrium to destroy the planet. He somehow manages to stop one supernova and gets to know that another supernova did exist. His journey takes him to the deepest jungles of Peru to a temple. As they opened the temple they saw rapas ( a mythological creature about whom no one knew of their existence). These Rapas create havoc all around them. How will he take the Rapas back to the temple? Read this book which is wonderful and full of surprises to know its secret.

By -  
Madhav Kharwar

## The Library

The place that is considered as a temple,  
It is beneficial for all as an apple.

Before entering it we should pray,  
As it spreads  
knowledge's ray

It is a source of large information,  
Steps lead to great passion

If you have that passion in you,  
You won't look back, would you?

Neither the less you can still learn,  
Your life will take a tremendous turn.

So the library is a place for all,  
And you can have it all.

**Siddhartha Rastogi**

## THE NIGHT

I still remember the night,  
When the bulb was out of its light.

I was walking down the shadow of my own,  
Though the shadow could not be shown,  
Still wondered where could I've gone.

I walked as if I was blind,  
With my hands searching for a shine (torch).

Suddenly, my hand hit something,  
I thought, I've got the right thing.

I tried to enclose it in my hand,  
But it was smooth, so it just ran out of my hand.  
I took two more steps,  
And held it again,  
I felt as if I touched a woman's hand.  
Suddenly, the light shone,  
I was amazed as it was neither woman's hand  
Nor a leather band.  
It was a ssssnake!!

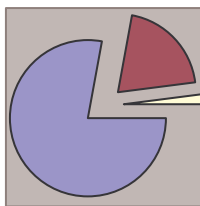
The utter silence broke,  
Everyone came around  
And the snake left without a sound.

I still remember the night,  
When I was out of my sight!!

By-  
Nishant Rana

## HOUSE POLL

Q - DOES THE HOUSES  
NEED RENOVATION ?



78 %  Yes  
20 %  No  
2 %  Can't say

PARTICIPANTS = 50

## OLD BOYS ARTICLES

**Combine a number of security measures-**

Wireless fidelity, a plug-n-play, easy to install, open networking system has become widely common in homes and small businesses. However, due to ignorance, users do not adequately secure these, leaving them vulnerable to unauthorized access. Some of the recent terror attacks have leveraged 'insecure Wi-Fi networks' to initiate terror emails and other cyber crimes.

An insecure Wi-Fi network with no password protection is like a house with its door ajar. Unlike a wired network where a hacker has to first physically access the network and then pass through a series of online defense layers like firewall, proxy, etc, in a typical insecure Wi-Fi network, access is easy from a Wi-Fi enabled PDA or laptop within a radius of 80 to 100 feet of the Wi-Fi internet router or the access point.

According to estimates, more than 85-90% of home and small business enterprise-based Wi-Fi networks are either totally insecure or have inadequate security. In India, almost half of the four million broadband subscribers are on Wi-Fi and a significant proportion is vulnerable to malicious attacks.

The best strategy for securing Wi-Fi networks is to combine a number of security measures and ensure that users are aware of security requirements. The wireless access points or routers are at the core of the Wi-Fi networks and come with manufacturer-provided webpages to allow administrators or owners to enter the network addresses and setup security. These WebPages are protected by default user name and password, which most owners typically leave unchanged. As a first step, the owners should change these settings immediately.

The second step is to ensure encryption or scrambling of messages sent over the Wi-Fi networks by enabling either wired encryption protocol (WEP) or Wi-Fi protected access (WPA). It is recommended to choose the WPA which is stronger of the two; although, some older network devices may not support this.

For most households and SMEs, WPA security at the Wi-Fi access point is sufficient. This provides a good foundation at no additional cost. However, for households and enterprises situated in crowded residential or office complexes where there could be several Wi-Fi devices, reinforcement by enabling the MAC ID filtering is recommended. This permits access only to computers/devices that contain certain specific MAC IDs or unique physical IDs. MAC IDs could also be faked over a network by sophisticated intruders. Further, enabling Static IP addressing and setting up a fixed IP range at the access point and then configuring authorized devices to match that IP range could greatly reduce the risk of casual intrusion.

Every Wi-Fi access point and router comes with a default SSID (or name), which is broadcasted over the Wi-Fi network to facilitate roaming. For added security, the default SSID should be changed. In case roaming is not required, it should be disabled. Today, most of the new access points and routers come bundled with a firewall option, which should remain enabled. Also, it is a good idea to install and run a personal firewall on each computer connecting to the access point.

Lastly, access points and routers have the option to log various activities of the computers that request for access. These could provide critical data about a Wi-Fi network, prove vital in tracking security breach and hence should be monitored regularly.

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) has now asked the department of telecom to instruct all internet service providers to educate their customers to take 'proper authentication measures,' while using Wi-Fi. Also, the Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-in) is in the process of formulating guidelines to secure Wi-Fi networks in the government departments.

By-

**-Praneet Agarwal**  
**(Batch of 2005)**



## FACTS ABOUT CHHATRAPATI SHIVAJI

Shivaji Bhosle	
<u>Chhatrapati</u>	
<b>Reign</b>	1664 - 1680
<b>Coronation</b>	June 6, 1674
<b>Full name</b>	Shivaji Shahaji Bhosle
<b>Titles</b>	Kshatriya Kulavantas, GoBramhan Pratipalاک
<b>Born</b>	February 19, 1630
<b>Birthplace</b>	Shivneri Fort, near Pune, India
<b>Died</b>	April 3, 1680 ( aged 50 )
<b>Place of death</b>	Raigad Fort
<b>Successor</b>	Sambhaji
<b>Wives</b>	Sai bai Soyarabai Putalabai Kashibai Sagunabai Manjulabai Sakavaarbai Gunvantibai
<b>Offspring</b>	Sambhaji, Rajaram, and six daughters
<b>Father</b>	Shahaji
<b>Mother</b>	Jijabai
<b>Religious beliefs</b>	Hinduism



**Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj** (Marathi: छत्रपती शिवाजीराजे भोसले) laid the foundations of the Maratha Empire. Shivaji was younger of the two sons of Shahaji Bhosle and Jijabai. His father, Shahaji was a Maratha general who rendered military services at various times to the Bijapur Sultanate, Deccan sultanates and the Mughals. Shivaji espoused ideology of Hindavi Swaraj (freedom for Hindustan), he took solemn oath in a Hindu temple with his friends and soldiers to directly challenge the foreign rule of Bijapur Sultanate and ultimately the mighty Mughal empire. Shivaji succeeded in establishing control of a well defended segment of the present state of Maharashtra in western India, during his lifetime. Shivaji established and set up a competent civil rule with the help of well regulated and disciplined military and well structured administrative organizations. The then prevalent practices of treating women as war booty, destruction of religious monuments, slavery and forceful religious conversions were firmly opposed under his administration. Shivaji himself was a religious, devout and tolerant Hindu who worshipped with deep faith.

Shivaji's innovated rules of military engagement of that era. He pioneered Ganimi Kava, guerrilla tactics, which leveraged various factors like demographics, speed, surprise and focused attack. In comparison to his enemies, Shivaji had smaller army and thereby was obliged to wage guriella warfare to help overcome this great imbalance.

A large portion of his kingdom was a coastline and he secured it with a strong navy under his commander Angre. He was very successful in keeping foreign naval ships, particularly Portugese and British, under check. For his foresight of establishing of one of the first large scale naval presence he is referred to as the "Father of Indian Navy". Building and securing seaside and land based forts played an important role in Shivaji's military history. He conquered, constructed and renovated many strategically located forts to defend and secure his kingdom.

## SPIRITUAL CORNER

### A PICTURE THAT CAN SPEAK THOUSAND WORDS



### “ THE ASTACHAL SPEAKS!! ”

“It is always nice to be alone and much nicer, if I am accompanied by the aliens (though I am very much familiar to them now.) in white kurta-pyjamas. I’ve been noticing one thing about them that they have created an inner sense of peace which is actually the need of hour today. This cannot be measured in monetary terms. So peace and love are more important than anything else.”

### A THOUGHT TO BE THOUGHT

**"A candle loses nothing of its light  
by lighting another candle."**

### I am thankful.....

By-

**Anonymous**

I wrote this prayer when I was in class IX.

I am thankful to my seniors who make me come into roll  
call on time  
against our will  
because it means that they want to teach us discipline.

I am thankful to my seniors who beat us sometimes  
Because it means that  
They care for us.

I am thankful to my seniors who give us work sometimes  
Because it means that  
They think that we are responsible enough.

I am thankful to my seniors who sometimes tell us to mop  
the floor and  
Clean the windows  
Because it means that  
'we have a house!'

I am thankful to my seniors who scold us sometimes  
Because it means that  
We can hear.

I am thankful to my seniors who tell us sometimes to  
make food in houses  
Because it means that they think  
We are good cooks.

I am thankful to my seniors who sometimes punishes the  
whole batch  
Just because of one person's mistake  
Because it means that  
They want to teach us  
'Team Work'.

By this I want to convey a message that  
That whatever they did  
Was only for our betterment  
And  
Same for you!!!

### Q - WHERE DOES THE WORLD ENDS ?

Ans.- World can be as big as never ending or it  
can be as small as it ends before it starts.  
The world here I referred is not the illusionary world  
that we see in our everyday life but a world which is  
'real' which exists in our thoughts and in our karmas.  
So you know where your world ends!

# HOUSE GALLERY



The Rollcall



The XII Batch



House Assembly



Shivaji House  
volleyball court



The astachal time



The corridor cricket  
tournament of the Shivaji House.

## MY DAYS IN SHIVAJI

(Former class 8<sup>th</sup>)

This house has given me a lot and taken a lot away from me. It gave me self-confidence and took away all my fear of defeat! In whatever field I showed interest on my seniors and house master were always there to support me.

**-Ronit Borpujari**

I excelled in a lot of things after coming to this house. Believe me after coming here I learnt the moral values of life. I'd like to thank all my seniors who helped me out during these days especially Karan Khanna who always corrected me when I was wrong.

**-Neelav Agarwala**

They used to say that you're never going to do any good in Shivaji House. But after I came here for the first time in my life I actually came first in an inter house debate. I would always be thankful for the days I spent here at Shivaji.

**-Karan Kapoor**

Shivaji has its own ups and downs and twists and turns and if you go through each of them, you will end up being the person you always wanted to be.

**-Yash Gupta**

The opportunities that this house offers are tremendous! If I grab hold of every opportunity that Shivaji has to offer, I'll consider myself to be the luckiest person alive!

**-Pranav Agarwal**

I enjoyed myself so much though it has been just a year! I am now looking forward to a whole lot of excitement coming my way through Shivaji House.

**-Rishav Raj**

I wish I could've made the most of the opportunities in Shivaji house. Even then I will excel and try my best for the opportunities that are yet to come. You can never stop learning at Shivaji!

**-Harshit Raj**

I learnt so much here, especially from my seniors. I may not be able to pay them back.

**-Naman Mittal**

if you put your full interest in achieving something, Shivaji House will help you to achieve it.

**-Parth Mavai**

I know that I am very lucky to get a house like Shivaji because here all you have to do is show your passion for something and no one will ever say no!

**-Anmol D. Singh**

The days I spent here were really amazing it went away as if I blinked my eyes.

**-Aditya Pande**

Many of us don't realize that whatever is happening to us is good or bad...but I'd like to say that a Shivajian makes a perfect gentleman.

**-Kunwar M.P.S. Katoch**

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