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EDITORIAL

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Bonjour!

People say the hardest and the busiest time for the school is over, as soon as the Founder's Day is over. However, in my opinion, even after the Founder's Day celebrations, boys have been very busy with a number of activities going on. The Founder's Day was followed by Educational camps which were great fun and learning. The Inter - House Cross Country took place on the 8th of November, where we saw the athletes competing hard to get into the higher blocks for their Houses. This was followed by a Diwali break.

When the boys returned after Diwali vacations, they were rather unsettled to see their luggage being checked at the school gate by the security guards, supervised by a few teachers. Money, phones and tuck that are not allowed as per school norms, were either voluntarily submitted by the boys or were confiscated by the guards. This has sent a very clear message not only to those students who do not heed to the school rules, but to those parents as well who succumb to their children's unreasonable demands.

We also saw a few changes in the school schedule which includes a central games roll-call at 3 pm and the Astachal which now starts at 5:15 pm. After the Astachal, the boys now go to the school building for Prep, where the teachers have been assigned a class each to supervise. There are both, negative and positive aspects to this particular change. Students now easily take help from each other and their teachers in the school prep, but feel a sudden uselessness of the prep rooms and the prep desks which are there in the Houses. To be fair, the quality of the prep has definitely improved with all the supervision and support of the teachers and also because it is a solid 90 minute self-study at a stretch. Furthermore, the school has taken away the access to the common room from Monday to Friday. Students now access the common room only on Saturday and Sunday. It is taking the students a while to adapt to the changes, but I feel they are doing a great job keeping in mind that the school has made so many changes, all at once.

The school successfully hosted its second MUN -

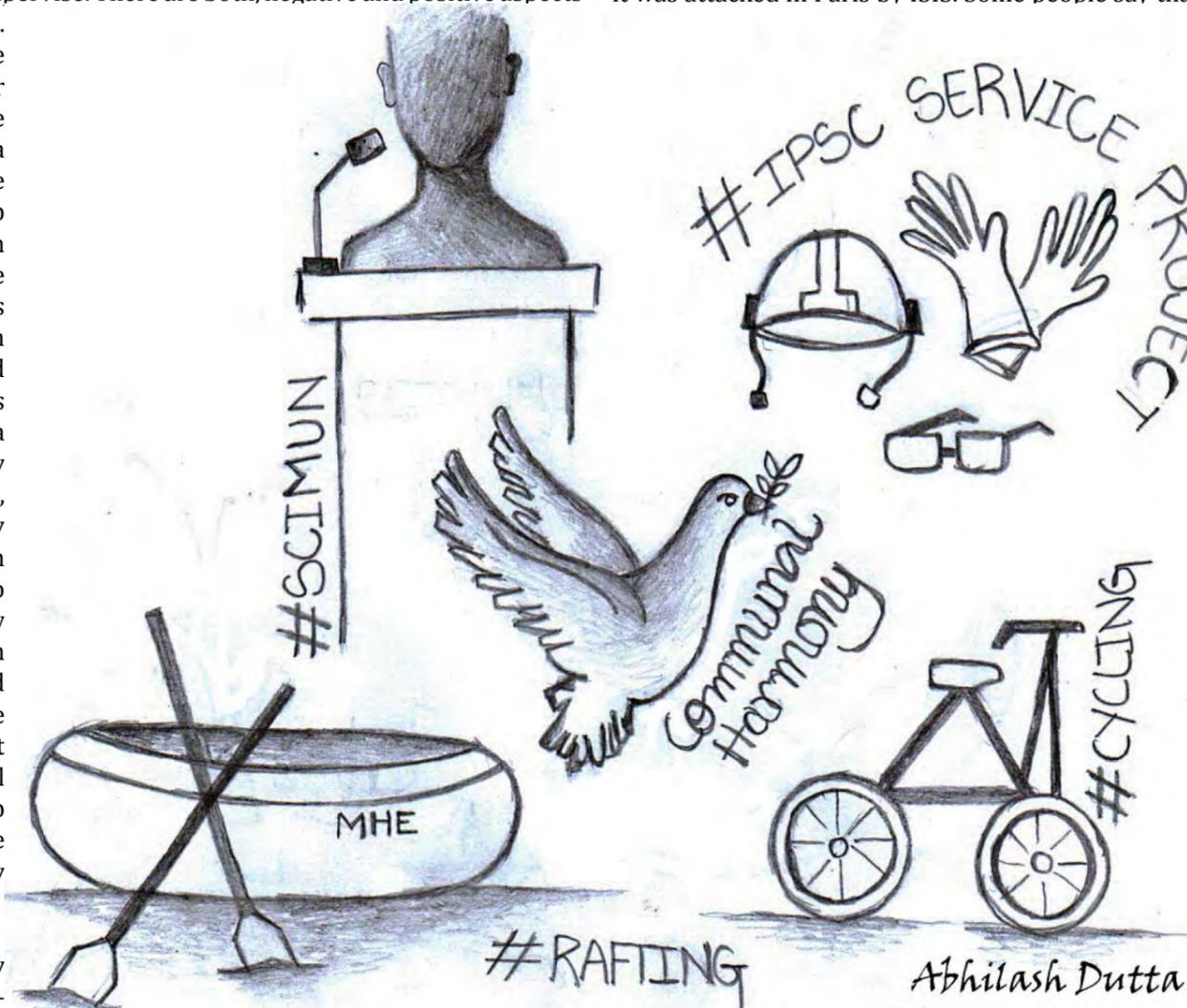
SCIMUN 2015. 12 outstation schools participated and they formed a delegation of more than 100 students. Soon after the MUN, was the Communal Harmony Week observed by the school. Several activities were organized in the school, including an interesting Panel Discussion and an E-Poster making competition.

You might have guessed the reason of my greeting in French this fortnight. We all know about the attacks in Paris and also that this is not new for people on earth. There are hundreds of stories out there from innumerable places on terrorism. Paris was targeted in a series of extremely well planned terror attacks across the city. At least 132 people have been killed, and French president François Hollande has officially declared a state of emergency. The attackers were Islamic State militants. After the attacks, ISIS released a statement claiming responsibility. The group sent in eight fighters with suicide bombing belts and machine guns to let France and all nations following its path know, that these countries will continue to be at the top of the target list for the Islamic State and that the smell of death will not leave their nostrils as long as they partake in the crusader campaign. New updates and stories are coming up every day, making it hard for people to keep up with what's happening.

News reports also tell us that France bombed ISIS territories in Syria before it was attacked in Paris by ISIS. Some people say that we have blindly ignored

these attacks in places like Syria, where more people have died than any other place. Different people may have different views on this unfortunate incident, but what we must realize is that perhaps everyone is at fault, in one way or the other.

We now need to learn from such incidents and ensure as humans, that such a thing never takes place - ever again. We should not only pray for Paris or Syria for that matter, but also pray for the future of our planet and its people who are in danger due to selfish and brainless acts. May god bless humans with thinking brains or should I perhaps say spiritual hearts...



Abhilash Dutta



Educational tour to Rajasthan

Aditi Joshi | VII B

The most keenly awaited educational camps finally arrived. The junior school was all set and full of excitement for the camps post Founders. Junior school was divided into 2 groups for this year's camps. Jankoji and Dattaji were one group and Nimaji and Kanerkhed formed the other one. We started collectively from Gwalior and were divided only after reaching Jaipur. We arrived in Jaipur at around 11:30pm. We were received by the tour operator and taken to hotel Sarover Nirwana Hometel in comfortable buses. We were well settled in our rooms soon. On the first day, after lunch, we visited a few famous places which are frequented by tourists. We visited the Jantar Mantar and the City Palace. In Jantar Mantar we saw several different types of clocks, some of them very precise astronomical instruments of their time. We were simply amazed to know the level and precision of scientific knowledge our ancestors had. The history of the monument itself was equally interesting. It was worth seeing and I would highly recommend it to all readers.

In the next few days we visited a number of places. Amber fort was really the most majestic although Jaigarh fort too was spectacular, as we could see almost half of Jaipur from there. We visited traditional Rajasthani Dining place popularly known as 'Chokhi Dhani. It was an artificially built Rajasthani village. We visited a small village called Bagru, located at a distance of 32 km from Jaipur, on Jaipur-Ajmer Road. People of Bagru are known for their expertise in natural dyes and printing. After this, we visited Albert Hall Museum which is also known as the Government Central Museum. We also saw the Birla temple, popularly known as the Lakshmi Narayan temple built in 1988 which is an architectural wonder.

Our next destination was Ranthambore. We reached there at around 2.00 pm and checked in hotel Ankur Resort. In the evening we watched a small presentation on tigers and temples. During dinner we all enjoyed Rajasthani folk dance. The chief attractions of Ranthambore were 'Ranthambore National Park', Ranthambore Fort, Famous Lord Ganesha temple etc. It was a treat to visit all these places.

Early morning we proceeded to Ranthambore National Park to have a look at the king of jungle. Unfortunately our allotted zone was No 6, from where we could not see the big cat. That was a big and real disappointment. We could never imagine how time passes so quickly. The last day of our fun and excitement arrived so soon. After the breakfast, we checked out at around 8 am and our return journey started. We visited Fatehpur Sikri, a famous historical place on our way to Agra, where we reached at around 7.00pm and checked in the hotel - Clarks Inn. We visited Agra Fort and Mehtab garden. At around 2 pm we were on our way back and reached the school campus at around 7.15 pm.

Our unforgettable trip concluded. We learnt a lot at all levels, be it personal, social, historical or cultural. The 'Camp Class Room' was a real and enjoyable learning place. Camps forged new friendships amongst students and we reconnected with Nature. We will remember and keep these memories safe with us for a very long time.



Students and teachers exploring together.

Educational tour to Pachmarhi

Kshitij Bajaj | VIII A

Our School enthusiastically participated in the special adventure camps organised by The Bharat Scouts and Guides, Pachmarhi, which is a part of the National Adventure Institute. The Bharat Scouts and Guides is a great institute which is internationally recognized too.

People from all over the country come here to learn about adventure and to get adventurous experiences. In total, we were 79 students along with 8 escorts. With us, there was another school from Ahmedabad. We also had a group from the Northern Railways and South-East Central Railways who had come to be a part of the special adventure camps.

Pachmarhi is the only hill station of Madhya Pradesh. It is populated with monkeys more than the humans. It was quite cold and it often rained. The rain decreased the temperature to such a point that we felt, as if we will freeze. We slept in tents and I think most of us, if not all, were living in tents for the first time. So no one knew how to tie and waterproof it to prevent rain water from coming inside. This was the reason that one night when it rained heavily all the tents were full with water. Many of the students weren't able to sleep for the whole night because they kept getting wet, but I don't remember them cribbing too much the next morning!

Coming on to our main topic, the adventure, I would like to say that it was fabulous; although there were several activities which most of us had already experienced e.g. Shooting, Archery, Horse-riding, etc.

We also did boating after a long trek which ended at the lake. Just after our boating finished, it started raining heavily. We visited a 'dhaba' close by where our bellies enjoyed a lot.

One of the best activities was cooking. We were given some raw material and we made something out of it which was mind-blowing. We did not even get a plate, pan, or any gas stove. We made our own fire and cooked on it.

Obstacle crossing was the next best activity we had. There were many obstacles that we never saw before but we did all of them without much problem.

We also did rock climbing, valley crossing, and rappelling and went for several treks. The toughest was the trek to Choragarh, for which we walked 9 km, then climbed 1500 stairs and then walked back 9 km to reach the camp site. Believe you me, it was quite a trek.

We also had a trek to Jata Shankar and to bee-fall too. The bee fall was beautiful and we swam in the cold water which was refreshing.

At the camp-site, we were supposed to wash our own plates and generally live a spartan life. This was to make us appreciate the difference between what we need and what we want. And to our utter surprise we found out, it is very little that we really need to live happily!



Learning survival skills.

The Adventure Camp at Shivpuri

Moksh Jaswal | IX B



Teachers and students at the camp site.

The third week of October was a real hectic one - numerous rehearsals, back-breaking miscellaneous activities, culminating into a magnificent Founder's Day celebration. We were not only tired but feeling some sort of vacuum in our daily lives. Call for camps, was thus a real coveted one. We were to go to Beas for Rafting. We boarded Shatabdi and reached Delhi in about 5 hours. Then we boarded our deluxe AC buses for our journey for Beas. We seldom get a chance to travel by bus and that too for 8 hours; hence initially we were excited and chatty but soon fell fast asleep. Morning was a complete surprise for us. It was all thick green forests on both the sides, hilly serpentine roads and shining silvery mountain tops visible from the distance. It was so different from the skyscrapers of Delhi! We reached our camp site at about 8:30 am. Soon we were allotted our tents and were accommodated in groups of four. After about half an hour's rest, we were given an overview of the entire plan of the camps by our escorts and guides, who were from the Himalayan Outward bound. The plan was thrilling. Soon the execution of the plan started. 90 of us were divided in 2 groups - named "Himalayan Creditors" and "The Fantastic 46". We made flags and slogans for our respective teams. Night was unexpectedly chilly. Next day was the beginning of adventure. We all got ready very early. After breakfast we were all taken for a swim in the river. We walked for about 2kms and reached the river. After some important survival tips, one by one, we were thrown in the icy water of Ganges (of course with the life jackets). How much fun we had is inexplicable in words. We were so unwilling to come out of water, but it was time to go back to our base camp. After reaching our camp we played volleyball. We were tired and went to bed early. On the next day, one of the two groups got up early and went for a two day trek. The other group started the day lazily. They took a few lessons regarding pitching of tents and trekking. After lunch we took a round of a nearby village, and sunk in the tranquil surroundings. We came back late and started preparations for the evening bonfire. After the sumptuous dinner, everyone went to their tents to sleep early to prepare for the next day's trek. The next day we had to trek for 15kms. During this long and tiring trek we had a number of stops for rest. Finally, after about 7hrs of trekking we were totally exhausted. The tents were already pitched by the previous group so we had our dinner and just dosed off. The next day we packed our tents and started heading towards our camp. The journey downhill was much easier than the uphill one. We reached the base camp in the afternoon while the other group was just coming back after swimming. Again it was an exhausting day and everyone went off to sleep whenever and wherever he got a chance. The next day was a very exciting one, as we went rafting. We went to Shivpuri from where we started our rafting after putting on the life jackets and carefully listening to the detailed instructions. The words cannot express fully the amount of thrill we experienced. Rapids were amazing and so were the rafts. The next day was again a rafting day. Both the groups followed different routes. What a great fun it was to negotiate the rapids which had very interesting names like Roller coaster and the three blind mice. Last day, there was nothing much to do as such. So we played football and volleyball and after lunch we left for Rishikesh. There, we had a short outing. It was so disappointing to know that our return journey had started. We reached Delhi station by our deluxe buses in about 7 to 8 hours. We boarded the train to Gwalior and came back to the Fort. It was a camp with profound positive effects. It was a camp of Action. It helped us conquer our fears. We experienced challenges and successes at every step. Each day's accomplishments made us more confident and added to our self-esteem. Unplugged from technology, we were engaged in the real world, real people, real activities and real emotions. In short it was a very memorable experience.

Labour Camp at Dodanpura

Snehil Tripathi | X C



Boys at the construction site.

The students of Class X visited the Dodanpura village for our Labour Camp from 23rd - 30th October. We were 114 students escorted by 5 teachers, namely, Mr Ramesh Sharma, Mr Anil Pathania, Mr Raja Banerjee, Mr Navneet Kaushal and Ms Vidya.

Our trip began from the Fort as we set off for Bhind where we were being hosted at the Chaudhary Dilip Singh College. The journey from here to the college took only 3 hours and before we knew, we were there. The essence of Bhind, as most of us did not anticipate, was quite similar to that of Gwalior. The crowds, shops and 'chaatwalas' were all like those of a normal city unlike the stereotyped Bhind we had heard of earlier.

Dodanpura, was a small village about 28-30 Km from the campus where we were staying at. It came under the 'Patlokhandi' panchayat and had a small population of approximately 200. The task allotted to us for this year was to construct a brick wall of dimensions 4X100 ft. around the only school in the village and thus form a boundary wall around it. We started our work on the 24th under the guidance of Mr Ramesh Sharma.

The work then began in its full spirit as all the Houses put in rigorous effort into it and tried to stand out from the rest (obviously for the Narmada Trophy), each doing different tasks allotted to them. In the span of the next three days, we had successfully constructed a 4X140 ft. wall.

After the construction was done, we also organized a feast for all the villagers. It was very delightful to see the smiles on their faces as we served them and also, the satisfaction we derived was beyond description.

Meanwhile, we also got the opportunity to visit the villagers and talk to them about the various problems they were facing. These included lack of water resources, educational facilities, electricity shortages and numerous other issues. We then suggested them with all the possible solutions we could think of to help them tackle these problems. It was indeed surprising for us to see how they all had smiles on their faces all the time despite these important problems they were suffering from.

After our time at Dodanpura, we visited the Rawatpura Sarkar temple in Lahar- a town near Bhind. The fascinating thing about this temple was that it had sculptures and statues of Gods and deities of not just one but all major religions one could possibly think.

We organised and presented a cultural evening on our last night in the camp, where many students from all the Houses presented skits and musical performances. This event was witnessed by the Collector of Bhind district and senior management from our school.

On our last day in the camp, we went to Bhind and cleaned a few roads as an activity to contribute the Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan and also to dignify menial jobs.

And that's how our educational camp ended, bringing in the values of teamwork, hard-work, unity, discipline and most importantly - service. Thus, we came back to the school taking all of these cherished memories with us, hoping for another adventure next year.



Against the Waves

Mriganka Ghosh | XI A

This was our reward for our successful Founder's Day contribution. The adventure started with a long bus ride from Delhi to Rishikesh. We settled in Bull's Resort for the day, eagerly waiting and preparing ourselves for the thrill that lay ahead.

We reached our first camp site, Baagwan. As the sun rose and the new day arrived, we were taken to the point, where our expedition was to begin. Preparations were done in the form of practice sessions on the raft. Last drill was the most unexpected one and we had to practise drowning. So, with a sturdy mind and pumping hearts we took up the 'Flip Drill' with an uncanny excitement, and we all passed with flying water colours!

And of course we had our own war cry, which was "Shandaar, Zabardast, Zindabaad" and we went by the name of 'Special 36'.

The next day we started with six rafts on Alaknanda, rowing and paddling through the holy land of Doab. Beautiful waves came along our way and the rise and fall of our rafts became part of our journey, a kind of a metaphor of how life is. After paddling fifteen kilometres, we finally reached a place to halt, known as the Byaas Ghat. Now came the difficult part. We were on our own, on a lonely beach with nothing but sand. From digging toilet pits to cutting vegetables and lighting big fires, it was all on us. Everything was done by us with only two tools; our two hands. And as kids require some amount of entertainment and physical activity, living without sports was not an option. So we created make-shift Volley Ball and Football grounds. On the other hand our food was well above our expectations and completely overwhelmed our taste buds. The day ended and we snuggled in our sleeping bags a bit early than usual only to get recharged for the adventure ahead.

The next day was full of hard work and less of fun since we had to go long distances paddling constantly; although we took a couple of breaks and dived in the freezing cold waters and also enjoyed under a waterfall. It was a usual rafting day until two people appeared from nowhere. Coincidentally both were members from our Review team; Abhijeet Nagpal and Prabhav Pachuari, making us 'Special 38'.

The next day, we were full of anxiety as this was probably our biggest challenge of the expedition, which was to overcome 'The Wall', arguably one of the biggest rapids on the Ganges. Surprisingly three rafts made it safely to the other side and one raft which overturned and was full of non-swimmers, yet they came back without a scratch. This was a very thrilling experience for all until we had settled in our camp. Only then, we realized that we had set up the camp in a National Tiger Reserve. Well, we had to spend the night there since we had no choice and thankfully we now live to tell the tale.

This was our last day and we were already getting nostalgic. Yet there were a lot of exciting things that were planned ahead for us. We crossed three major rapids which were the 'The Golf Course', 'Three Blind Mice' and the 'Roller Coaster'. They were all equally entertaining. The thrill was not over yet; and we jumped from a cliff which was 25 ft. high and went straight into the deep waters.

We collected some amazing memories, found new friends and returned rejuvenated for the times ahead...



Taking on the challenge.

Cycling Expedition

Aditya Banka | XI C

Whenever a Scindian steps into grade XI he has to make quite a few crucial choices, most of them regarding his subjects, career path etc. But there is another major decision, albeit of an entirely different kind, which consumes a lot of time and thought of the Scindian XIthies. This is regarding the adventure camps, when, they have to choose between rafting and cycling. This question always puts many students in a dilemma as both have unique experiences to offer. I was no different and after giving both due consideration, I chose cycling. I would be sharing with you my personal experiences of this trip.

14 students and 5 teachers decided to come together for this momentous journey and that too on traditional bicycles which though were not updated in terms of technology, yet proved to be very sturdy and roadworthy. Our expedition was from Gwalior to Jodhpur a formidable distance of 700 km (approx) to be covered over a period of 8 days. We started our journey on the 22nd of October after a warm, ceremonial flag off by our Principal, Dr M.D. Saraswat.

The first feeling that I got as we started our journey, was the feeling of freedom. As the breeze touched my face I felt free; free from all the worries and qualms like marks and exams. My mind was filled with thoughts of cycling and achieving the target. The pre-decided halt for the first day was at Dholpur which wasn't a long distance but became somewhat arduous because of potholed roads and the scorching hot sun.

However none of these impediments came in the way of our reaching there on time. Perhaps it was because of the rules, which we properly followed. The rules were very simple and efficient - like moving in a single line, not to overtake during traffic and maintaining a steady speed. Following the rules ensured a safe and fast ride. En route our journey we met several scindians who were returning to their homes after the Founder's Day celebrations. They all stopped to meet us, greet us and wished us success. We were also the centre of attraction on the highway as most of the passers-by would ask us about our journey. I think it was quite natural, as it is not often that one sees so many people covering such long distances on a bicycle.

There are some very interesting and memorable moments from the trip. Like how we all had a quick nap whenever we stopped, the frequent halts at Dhabas for food and tea. One of the funniest moments was when one of our teammates crashed into a police officer. It was hilarious how our fellow scindian lost control over his bicycle due to an uninvited hiccup and he crashed into the policeman who was standing at a side of the road! Though no serious injuries took place but we got a scolding from the policeman as things could have been worse.

Each day, brought with it, its share of unique experiences. While some days went exactly as per plan, some days brought major upsets. For example, the day we were going to Jaipur was a really disappointing one because we all had made plans that we will reach by 4:30 PM and then go watch a movie but the saying "Man proposes but God disposes" proved to be true. I guess fate had other plans of its own. We had 3 punctures and 3 of our teammates fell ill. This caused a huge delay in our time of arrival to Jaipur and we reached at 8:30 PM. We couldn't see the movie. However the ordeal wasn't over yet. The next day was even worse, as we could only cover 60 KM instead of the planned 90 KM and had to make an unplanned halt. As they say, nothing lasts forever, so was the case with these 'bad days'. The next day we were able to complete a whopping 120 KM with ease. The next few days were even better, as by now, we had got into the groove and the entire squad started cycling much better than before. Even luck was on our side and we encountered fewer problems. We had some really beautiful views en route especially on NH 14, where we found a huge rock or rather a cliff which we all climbed to take a view. The view was truly majestic.

I guess I was on a path of self-discovery, and I can also say that this expedition transformed me in many ways. I related the ride up those unending flyovers as indicative of tough times and the ride down the flyovers as good times that one can enjoy after working hard for it. Ironically, good times too have to be

enjoyed responsibly; otherwise you may lose control of your life, in this case your bicycle. I realized how our biggest hindrance is our own inertia and a lack of will to change. No matter how many people you defeat, you always will have yourself as a challenge.

Finally, after cycling for several days, enriched with so many experiences we finally made it to Jodhpur on time. The sense of accomplishment and the feeling of doing something worthwhile when we reached there is indescribable and something that can only be experienced.

In the end, I would just like to tell all my friends that wherever you go, be it cycling or rafting, just enjoy, explore, and learn. Make your trip worthwhile, it might be a life changing experience or a moment you will cherish all your life. So seize it, and let it seize you.

Dream. Depart. Discover



IPSC Service Project at the Nathon-ka-Pura Village - A report

Aayush Jain | XI A

The Scindia School, Fort, Gwalior, (founded in 1897) has a long standing commitment towards service to society. In continuance with our obligation towards the less privileged members of the society the social service project under the aegis of IPSC, was organised at Nathon Ka Pura, for the fourth year in succession. Through our involvement over the past three years we have been instrumental in bringing about a considerable positive change in Nathon ka pura.

The duration of the IPSC Social Service Project was 24th October to 29th Oct 2015. The participating schools were Maharani Gayatri Devi (Jaipur), Scindia Kanya Vidyalya (Gwalior), The Doon school (Dehradun), Raj Kumar College (Rajkot), Daly College (Indore), The Lawrence School (Sanawar), Vidya Devi Jindal School (Hisar), Punjab Public School (Nabha), Delhi Public School RK Puram (New Delhi) and the host school. The total student participants were 38 girls and 25 boys. 17 teachers were also a part of this project. The enthusiastic team of students and teachers did commendable work in the village over six days.

In our previous three efforts we had built toilet facilities for women, developed the village school and provided facilities for drinking water. The villagers, whose lives have been touched so beautifully, by us, extended a warm welcome to the IPSC Team this year. A marked improvement was noticed in terms of cleanliness and attendance at school over these three years since the first project.

This year the target was to construct approximately 35 meters of concrete path outside the village and 50 meters of brick and cement path inside the village. Also, the floors of two classrooms were plastered. The students, teacher escorts and the workers joined hands and worked with loads of enthusiasm and finished the work of construction in two days.

On the third day the teachers and students painted the walls of the houses and taught them about cleanliness. They also wrote several slogans on social issues on the walls of school and the houses. After lunch all the groups presented skits which they had prepared for the villagers. Group 1- The Tagore Group, prepared a skit for encouraging Women Empowerment; Group 2, The Lokendra Group prepared the skit on Anti-Alcoholism; Group 3, The Gandhi Group prepared a skit on 'The need of Education'. Group 4, The Teresa Group prepared their skit on 'Health and Hygiene'. The close observations and the sincerity of feelings of the students were evident in the presentation of the skits. All the skits were presented in the Nukkad Natak style. Apart from this, the closing ceremony consisted of the distribution of money to the girls of Nathon Ka Pura village who were part of the Kamna project that was recently initiated by the Principal, Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat. Certificates too were given away to the participating students and teachers, and the honourable Chief Guest Mr Tony Hyde addressed the gathering. The ceremony ended with a musical performance by Aayush Jain of The Scindia School, which was appreciated by all.

The delegates returned with a sense of accomplishment. Most importantly, they felt that it was a great learning experience which made them more sensitive towards their less fortunate brethren and instilled in them a feeling of responsibility towards the society. Every evening the delegates would return to the host school, tired but contented, and discussing about the village and its people, only to get up in the morning with eagerness to return to the village with renewed enthusiasm. The entire project was conducted under the guidance of Dr B. S. Bhakuni, Dean of Discipline and Head of the Middle School.

The Scindia School is determined to continue to work at Nathon ka pura and try to address issues such as improvement of the village school, regular health check-ups, awareness about education and hygiene, construction of community hall and imparting vocational training to villagers.





The Scindia School Model United Nations Conference 2015 - A report

Aadya Mishra | X D

The Scindia School Model United Nations conference (SCIMUN) was hosted by The Scindia School from 15th - 17th November 2015. Thirteen schools including the Scindia School participated in this conference. The participating schools were:

1. Maharani Gayatri Devi School - Jaipur
2. Mayoora Public School - Ajmer
3. Jayshree Periwal High School - Jaipur
4. Pathways World School - Aravali
5. Modern School, Vasant Vihar - Delhi
6. Genesis Global School - Noida
7. Emeralds heights international School - Indore
8. Daly College - Indore
9. RKK Girls Public School - Jodhpur
10. The Scindia School - Gwalior
11. Little Angels High School - Gwalior
12. Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya - Gwalior
13. Delhi Public School - Gwalior

The Teams started arriving in the city by the morning of 14th November. The Executive Board also arrived on the fort by the morning of the same day. The teams were accommodated in the Central Park and Prabha International hotels and in the school campus

The SCIMUN - 15 was inaugurated in an environment filled with exuberant delegates from schools across the country, representing different countries. At the Opening Ceremony, the Principal, Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat enlightened the gathering by giving insights about the formation of the United Nations and its aims, which are to maintain world peace, prosperity and harmony. He talked about how a debate shouldn't be a simple play of words but that it should carry conviction. The Chief Guest for the Conference was Mr Shashank Vira who is a renowned educator, investment banker, entrepreneur and an advisor to various prestigious institutions across the globe. He urged the delegates to use their MUN experience to reflect on life for a richer takeaway. Shantanu Kulshrestha, the Secretary General of the conference deliberated on the importance of Model United Nations for development of young leaders.

This year the conference consisted of a simulation of 6 committees; United Nations Security Council, the Human Rights Council, Lok Sabha, the Press Corps, Joint Crisis Committee: Iraq Cabinet, and Joint Crisis Committee: ISIS Politburo. The Chairs of the different committees addressed the gathering and talked about matters from across the world and their agendas. The agendas of various committees were as follows-

- Historic Security council- "Situation in the Middle East:1967"
Chair- Keshav Gupta, Vice Chair- Abhay Lal, Rapporteur-Pavan Jaini
- United Nations Human Right Council- "Human Rights violation committed by ISIS"
Chair- Ravish Rana, Vice Chair- Abhijeet Nagpal
- Lok Sabha- "Analyzing the Agrarian situation in the country" and "Reviewing Capital Punishment"
Chair- Vansh Saluja, Vice Chair- Aarushi Mehta, Rapporteur- Urdes Thakur
- Joint committee crisis- ISIS politburo
Chair- Agastya Sharma Sen, Vice Chair- Snehil Tripathi
- Joint Committee crisis- Iraqi Cabinet
Chair- Devesh Gupta, Vice Chair- Moksh Suri
- International press
Editor-in-chief- Kanika Sahijwani

The press also worked hard to give the reports by the deadlines and published a daily newsletter - 'MUNDane'.

After a nervous first day, the second day of the conference was more exciting as all the delegates were familiar with what they had to do. The committees started working by 10 am and continued with short breaks till the evening. All

the committees moved according to their agendas and the discussed general and specific topics based on the agenda. In the Lok Sabha the delegates were shown presentations and videos on farmers' suicide, apart from the discussions on the issue. The UNHRC discussed about the sexual and physical crimes committed by ISIS. They also discussed the ways ISIS can be eliminated from the Middle East.

The third and the last day of the conference was hectic and heated. The committees had their working papers ready and resolutions had to be approved. All the committees started discussing their agendas and working on the paper for the last time. The sessions continued till 1 a.m. followed by the Closing Ceremony. The Chief Guest for the closing ceremony was Dr Sudhir Bloeria (Ex - MJ, 1962) an eminent Old Boy of the school.

The following awards were given away at the Closing Ceremony.

Best Delegation - Little Angels High School, Gwalior

Secretary General's Best delegate - Sushma Swaraj

(Emerald Heights International School - Indore)

HSC

- Best Delegate - Israel, Emerald Heights International School Indore
- High Commendation - China, LAHS
- Special Mention - UK, Daly College

UNHRC

- Best Delegate - Saudi Arabia, Emerald Heights International School Indore
- High commendation - UK, Little Angels High School
- High commendation - Russia, Daly College
- Special Mention - Nigeria, PWS
- Special Mention - Japan,

Lok Sabha

- Best Delegate - Maneka Gandhi, Little Angels High School
- High commendation - Kamal Nath, Mayoora Public School, Ajmer
- Special Mention - Narendra Modi, Delhi Public School
- Special Mention - Jyotiraditya Scindia, SKV

JCC- ISIS

- Best Delegate - Representative of Military council, Little Angels High School
- Special Mention - ISIL Chief of Sinai, Little Angels High School
- Special Mention- Official Spokesperson, JPHS

JCC - Iraqi Cabinet

- Best Delegate - Defence Minister, Emerald Heights International School Indore
- Special Mention - Chief of Armed Forces, The Scindia School
- Special Mention- Foreign Minister, Mayoora Public School, Ajmer

International Press

- Best Reporter- Yohen Thounaojam, The Scindia School



All smiles at the Closing Ceremony.

Inter-House I.T. Week 2015-16

The school hosted the Inter-House I.T. Week for the Senior as well as the Junior Houses. After displaying their amazing skills, the participants were awarded with recognitions in multiple spheres of IT. The winners are as follows:-

Website Designing – Senior Houses

The topic for this event was - **Online Marketplace.**

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| I | Ranoji House | Prasoon Naithani and Hardik Jain |
| II | Madhav House | Saksham Kalra and Mayank Kumar Jha |

Digital Cartoon Making – Senior Houses

The topic for this event was - **Co-Founder Needed : Toons Need Not Apply.**

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| I | Ranoji House | Priyanshu Agarwal |
| II | Jeevaji House | Drishan Dutt |

Multimedia Presentation – Senior Houses

The topic for this event was - **Entrepreneurship Development Using Technology.**

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| I | Jayaji House | Yohen Thounaojam |
| II | Madhav House | Snehil Tripathi |

Brochure Making – Senior Houses

A two-fold or three-fold brochure was supposed to be designed on the topic- **Turn your talent into a business : The Reality.**

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| I | Jayaji House | Mriganka Ghosh |
| II | Shivaji House | Devansh Maheshvari |

Composite Video Editing - Senior Houses

The topic given to the participants was - **Technology is a boon for innovative business.**

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| I | Jayaji House | Mriganka Ghosh and Kabir Saund |
| II | Madhav House | Amrit Khanna and Saksham Kalra |

Photo-Editing – Senior Houses

The topic for this event was - **Innovation & Work Ethics.**

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| I | Madhav House | Snehil Tripathi |
| II | Daulat House | Avi Tyagi |

Whiz-Kid Programming – Senior Houses

Participants were given two problems to solve. They were allowed to use any programming language from C++, Java and Python to write the codes.

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| I | Daulat House | Harsh Dev Prakash Gupta |
| II | Jeevaji House | Mayank Girdhar |

Website Designing – Junior Houses

The topic for this event was - **Online Marketplace.**

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|----|---------------|------------------------------------|
| I | Nimaji House | Arya Adhikari and Vishnudeep Tyagi |
| II | Dattaji House | Irish Rohra and Ajay Chettri |

Digital Poster Making – Junior Houses

The topic for this event was - **Entrepreneurship and Innovation.**

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| I | Kanerkhed House | Mridul Singhi |
| II | Dattaji House | Namsang Limboo |

Powerpoint Presentation – Junior Houses

The topic for this event was - **Technology is a boon for innovative business.**

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| I | Jankoji House | Alankrit Awasthi |
| II | Dattaji House | Aditi Joshi |

Photo Editing - Junior Houses

The topic for this event was - **Innovation & Work Ethics.**

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| I | Kanerkhed House | Anirudh Tyagi |
| II | Jankoji House | Parth Sarawgi |

IT Quiz – Junior Houses

Questions related to **Hardware, Software** and from recent development in the **IT World** were asked.

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| I | Kanerkhed House | Shubhamanyu Lahiri |
| II | Jankoji House | Vedanga Nag |

The Overall Senior House positions are as follows:-

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|-----|---------------|------|---------------|
| I | Madhav House | II | Jayaji House |
| III | Ranoji House | IV | Daulat House |
| V | Jeevaji House | VI | Shivaji House |
| VII | Jayappa House | VIII | Mahadji House |

The Overall Junior House positions are as follows:-

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|-----|-----------------|----|---------------|
| I | Kanerkhed House | II | Dattaji House |
| III | Jankoji House | IV | Nimaji House |

OLD BOYS' NEWS

Yuvraj Gupta (Ex - JA, 2011) has authored a book titled 'Kibana Essentials' which is aimed at beginners who wish to learn about Kibana and its functionality. It is being published by PacktPub, a world leader in publishing technical books. Kibana is a data visualization tool which is part of ELK Stack. The Review team on behalf of The Scindia School heartily congratulates Yuvraj on this achievement at such a young age.

Dr Sudhir S. Bloeria (Madhav Awardee, Ex - MJ, 1962) was on the Fort from 16th - 22nd November. During his stay, he shared his views, experiences and beliefs with the boys and the teachers at length, and spent his spare time reading in the library. We are grateful to him for having guided the senior management during transitions through his erudition and deep insight on The Scindia School, particularly in the past ten years that he has graced the school.

Mr U.C. Bharadwaj (Ex HM - JA) was in the US recently. True to the spirit of the Scindian hospitality, several Old Boys, as soon as they got to know about his arrival, made it a point to meet him. Sandeep Kapoor, Shailendra Malani, Partho Sanyal, Prashant Patankar, Sushiel Keswani and Jitendra Muchhal

welcomed him in the traditional *guru-shishya parampara* that has been the ethos of The Scindia School since time immemorial.



Old Boys with Mr U.C. Bharadwaj.

FORT NEWS

The temperature is decreasing with each passing day, and days are becoming shorter; a precursor to the winter that is fast approaching. Unfortunately, due to a bleak rainy season the air is dry. Students are suggested to wear warm clothes during morning fitness and after Astachal. Migratory birds have been spotted flying over the Fort, particularly during evenings. The heady fragrances of *Raat Ki rani*, *Kamini* and *Parijat* wafts through the air, especially in the late evenings. Those who go for a post-dinner walk get intoxicated by the same.

All India IPSC U-14 Cricket Tournament was organized by The Scindia School from Saturday, 24th to Wednesday, 28th October. 16 teams from across the country participated in the tournament. Semi-finals were played between Modern School - New Delhi and DPS - Mathura Road, in which Modern school defeated DPS Mathura Road and in the second semi-final YPS Mohali won over MNSS Rai School. In the Final Match, Modern School - Delhi defeated YPS - Mohali by 43 Runs.

The School Shooting team participated in the IPSC Shooting Championship - 2015 held at the Daly College - Indore from Tuesday, 10th to Saturday, 14th November. The team was represented by 12 students. The scindian shooters bagged 5 medals in various categories. Aditi Joshi and Shashank Kumar have been selected for the SGFI National Games 2015-16. The team was escorted by Mr Megender Tomar. The overall results are given hereunder.

.177 Air Pistol U-14 Girls - Gold - Aditi Joshi
.177 Air Pistol U-14 Boys - Gold - Shashank Kumar
.177 Air Pistol U-14 Boys Team Bronze - Shashank Kumar, Fatehveer Singh, Rudraksh Rishi

The school observed Communal Harmony Week from Thursday, 19th to Wednesday, 25th November. Many activities were held to sensitize the students on communal harmony. Special poems were recited and a *Bhajan* was sung in the morning assembly during the week. Students made digital posters, paintings and wrote slogans on the said theme. A Panel Discussion on "Analyzing factors behind communal riots and why communal harmony is essential for development" was organized, where Mr Yash Gandhi, an Oxford University alumnus was the guest speaker. Lastly, a PPT showing ten common teachings from various religions was shown in the morning assembly.

INTER HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY 2015-16 RESULTS

SENIOR HOUSES

'A' Group		'B' Group		Overall	
Position	House	Position	House	Position	House
I	Shivaji	I	Jayappa	I	Jayappa
II	Jayappa	II	Ranoji	II	Shivaji
III	Daulat	III	Madhav	III	Ranoji
IV	Mahadji	IV	Jeevaji	IV	Madhav

V	Jayaji	V	Jayaji	V	Jeevaji
VI	Jeevaji	VI	Mahadji	VI	Mahadji
VII	Madhav	VII	Daulat	VII	Daulat
VIII	Ranoji	VIII	Shivaji	VIII	Jayaji

Individual Position 'A' Group :

11:20.34 Sec	Mahendra Chettri (MJ)
11:34.65 Sec	Gaurav Jeronia (SH)
11:35.01 Sec	Arvin Dass (JP)

Individual Position 'B' Group :

6:57.31 Sec	Zigme Gurung (JP)
6:58.22 Sec	Philip Rai (RN)
7:01.53 Sec	Karma Lepcha (JP)

Junior Houses positions :

I Dattaji	II Kanerkhed	III Jankoji	IV Nimaji
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Individual Position Junior Houses:

5:31.96 Sec	Kartar Singh (KD)
5:40.00 Sec	Kinchey Lepcha (NM)
5:41.09 Sec	Kartikeya Kulshreshtha (NM)

Junior House Cross Country Trophy – Dattaji House

'B' Group Houses Cross Country – Jayappa House

'A' Group Houses Cross Country - Shivaji House

Smt Parkash Kaur Bakshi Over All Cross Country Trophy – Jayappa House



Principal flagging off the Inter House Cross Country.

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