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FORT NEWS

Weather on the Fort is akin to that on a hill station. Often the mornings are misty with low hanging clouds. Breezy days and heavy rains have marked the last fortnight. Pigeons and parakeets could be seen bathing in the water-logged school grounds which was a sight to behold.

Journalists from Patrika, a Hindi daily were on the Fort on the 13th August, 2016. They attended a special morning assembly which was marked by an *Aayat* being read from Quran and a devotional song *Mo Pe Kripa Karo Maharaj Moinuddin*. The entire community took an oath to respect the Preamble of the constitution of India. The assembly highlighted the secular ideals of the school and the country.

Four students, namely, Aditya Banka, Satyam Malik, Shivam Mittal and Arbin Das along with Ms Puja Pant attended the fourth edition of the Young Leaders' Conclave hosted by Modern School, Vasant Vihar- New Delhi. The five day conclave, which annually invites student leaders of schools from across the country, was held from Monday, 8th August to Friday, 12th August. Through talks, field trips, panel discussions and thought provoking question-answer sessions the participants got to reflect on their ideas of leadership and redefine some of those. The Conclave was facilitated by experienced and renowned resource personnel like Media Analyst Mr. Parnab Mukherjee and Research Associate with the Centre for Equity Studies Ms. Agrima Bhasin, who is also a well-known Public Policy Analyst. Other eminent speakers were noted journalist Mr Sudhir Gupta, Ramon Magsaysay Awardee, Mr Anshu Gupta, Founder Director Goonj, Mr Rocky Singh and Mr Mayur Sharma, hosts of NDTV Good Times' popular show 'Highway on a Plate'. Each of the speakers provided the participants varied experiences through simulated exploration of leadership possibilities within the context of contemporary and probable social, economic and political scenarios. The students also visited the Safdarjung hospital, Government Girls' school, Rajghat and Gandhi Smarak to understand Public healthcare and education and to understand the evolution of Gandhi as a mass leader. The delegation also attended the Independence Day celebration of the School and enjoyed the formal dinner and dance party on the penultimate day of the Conclave. The boys have returned with more evolved views on leadership and with a keen desire to be positive changemakers in their domain.

The ladies celebrated the joyousness of *saavan* by congregating for a '*Jhoola party*' on Wednesday, 24th August, under the auspices of the **Ladies' Club**. There was palpable excitement as this was the first special event organized after the revival of the Club. Dressed in their finery the ladies came in large numbers and enjoyed the



Posing for the shutterbug.

swing on the beautifully decorated *Jhoola*. A group photograph froze the moment for the times to come. A number of games and activities had been planned to keep the evening exciting and memorable. Melodious songs by Mrs Shampa Banerjee and Mrs Majumdar set the tone for the fun that awaited all. Mrs Anita Pandey who looked charming and radiant was crowned the '*Saavan queen*' amidst much applause. Antakshri, tambola and a memory game had everyone participate with great enthusiasm. Mrs Shinde was felicitated for penning down the best slogan on *Saavan*. Mrs Hanita Kaushal anchored the programme with great finesse ensuring participation from all the members. The evening winded up with prize distribution to the winners and mouthwatering snacks which were relished by all. Everyone went back with high words of appreciation for the meticulous planning by Mrs Hanita Kaushal, Mrs Sudha Sharma, Mrs Babita Mishra and Mrs Naushaba Khan Chowdhary, all in the guidance of the first lady, Mrs Kanan Saraswat. The members are already excited for the next meet!

A delegation of nine students, namely, Nimit Vikamsey, Shubham Agarwal, Rhythm Agarwal, Saksham Goel, Priyanshu Agarwal, Akash Phogat, Aryan Singh, Dhruv Periwal and Saksham Agarwal went to the Wellington College, Berkshire, U.K. They were escorted by Mr R.K. Kapoor to attend a Global Social Leadership programme held from 8th-19th August, 2016. The programme was organized under the aegis of the 'Future Foundations' which promotes several ideals, few



The participants of the Global Social Leadership programme at Oxford University campus.

of which are - kindness, respect, integrity and authenticity. Following were the highlights of the programme: The students learned to set personal goals and create a vision for the world keeping the needs of the modern society in mind. They were exposed to different styles of leadership and followership depending on the situations and circumstances prevailing at that point of time. Two activities, namely the 'Trust-Fall' where they had to blindly jump in their teammates' hands from a height and the 'Johari window' which is a technique used to help people better understand their relationship with themselves and others captivated each participant. They also played football, sang songs, danced and watched movies during their free time. They also participated in skits on topics like 'courageous-athletics' and 'friendly-gymnastics' which was fun. Dhruv Periwal gave a talk on the 'Law of *Karma*' and Shubham Agarwal on 'purifying contaminated water'. Both the talks were fascinating and received applause. The programme ended with a formal dinner and an amazing disco night which was followed by emotional good-byes. They also went on a trip to London and Oxford. The trip to London was a memorable one because they met Old Boys who also hosted a sumptuous lunch for them.



Our anti-bullying drive got a major thrust when Mrs Niharika Kulshrestha, HM Jankoji conducted a workshop on the same for Junior Houses on 13th August 2016 in the Assembly Hall. The interactive workshop touched upon some very serious and sensitive issues with regard to the said theme. During the interactive session, strategies to avoid bullying and reporting were discussed. The discussion sensitized the students on the irreversible effects of bullying on the victim. The students learnt to appreciate that everybody is different and the world would have been drab if everybody and everything looked the same. They learnt that it is inhuman to isolate or 'pick on' somebody because he/she is different. A few students came up on the podium and requested their schoolmates not to call them by their 'nicknames'. The session ended with the students cheerfully waving 'goodbye' to bullying.

The 16th Scholars' Banquet was held on Sunday, 14th August with traditional regalia. It was a day of felicitation of the academic high achievers. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Justice Sanjay Mishra (Ex-Ch, 1969), Lokayukta of U.P. Principal, Dr Saraswat extended a warm welcome to Mr Mishra extolling his erudition, simplicity and qualities of head and heart. He also urged the young Scindians to seek inspiration from the life and work of people like Justice Mishra. Later, the honourable Chief Guest spoke about some of the abiding influences



SSP Mriganka Ghosh welcomes the Chief Guest.

from his school days which had a lasting impact on his personality and helped him contribute meaningfully to whatever he undertook. He spoke about the strong culture and ethos of the school which stays with a person much after leaving school and helps a Scindian to achieve success in all his endeavours. He appealed to the students to value work and not depend on luck. Principal, Dr M.D. Saraswat handed over a memento to Justice S. Mishra as a token of our love and appreciation. The scholars enjoyed an evening of inspirational talk and of course, a sumptuous meal!

The school celebrated the 70th year of Independence on 15th August, 2016, reminding every Scindian of the 'Tryst with destiny' that happened in 1947. Justice Sanjay Mishra (Ex-Ch, 1969) was the Chief Guest for the same. He took the salute from the marching contingents of all the Houses. Justice S. Mishra retired as a Judge of the Allahabad High Court and is currently the Lokayukta of U.P. In his address to the school community, he elaborated on the importance of the Preamble of India's Constitution and why it is truly sacred and modern. He also expressed his gratitude for the school and the teachers of his era who taught him the importance of discipline and compassion. After the March-Past, the entire community gathered at the Astachal to pay homage to the late Mahatma.



Marching with pride.

Young Scindians enthusiastically sang a patriotic song which was followed by a short address by the Principal. He requested the community to inculcate the habit of introspection which will help us evolve spiritually. Principal welcomed Mr Ramchandra Mukund Muchrikar who is now in his 104th year. Mr Muchrikar joined the school in 1937 when Mr F.G. Pearce was the Principal. He served the school for 38 years as a Chief Accountant. Principal also welcomed Mr Shitole and Mr Dwivedi both of whom retired after a long and fruitful association with the school.

Akshay Bhargava, a student of class XI in our school was the highest run scorer in the MPCA State Cricket Tournament. He scored six half centuries in 8 innings and has been selected for MPCA U-16 cricket training camp under the expert guidance of former India cricket team player - Mr. Amay Khurasia, who is the chief coach of Madhay Pradesh Cricket Association Cricket Academy.

On 25th August 2016, a special assembly was organized to mark the festival of *Janmashtami*. Three Bhajans were sung by the students of the Junior Houses and one solo by Arbin Das. The beautiful morning assembly set the tone for the auspicious day.

On 18th of August, *Rakshabandhan* was celebrated in school. Sisters from Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya came up on the Fort to tie the thread of love on the wrists of their brothers.

Football result of the Junior Inter-House soccer tournament, 2016-17 are as follows.

House Position : I Nimaji II Kanerkhed III Jankoji IV Dattaji

13 boys participated in Gwalior Division swimming competition held on 6th August, 2016 at Bhartiya Vidya Niketan, Gwalior. Seven boys, namely, Alankrit Awasthi, Aadarsh Gupta, Shreyash Dubey, Vedant Choudhary, Harshit Bhargava, Ganpati Puri and Nitya Mehra were selected for SGFI state swimming championship which was held at Mandsoor from 20th - 24th August 2016. In this championship, Shreyash Dubey won a Bronze medal in 200m butterfly stroke. Rest of the boys qualified for the finals and made it into the Gwalior water polo team.

15 students of our school participated in M.P. State Inter School and M.P. State Open Shooting championship for 2016-17 at the Daly College. The event was held from 11th - 14th August 2016. Following students won medals in the said competition.

M.P. State Inter School :

Rachit Agarwal (Bronze) Aditi Joshi (Silver)

In M.P. State open :

Rachit Agarwal (Silver) Toshit Goyal (Silver)
Shashank Kumar (Bronze) Aditi Joshi (Bronze)

Mr Kamlesh Singh and Ms Sudha Sharma attended a workshop on 'Inclusive Education' organized by the CBSE at Army Public School, Morar, from 25th - 26th August, 2016. The workshop highlighted the teaching-learning practices which can be uniformly applied on all students including those with learning difficulties.

Inter House Swimming Competition results :

House positions :

	A' Group	B' Group	Overall
I	Madhav	Jayaji	Jayaji
II	Jayappa	Madhav	Madhav
III	Jayaji	Daulat	Daulat
IV	Daulat	Shivaji	Jayappa
V	Jeevaji	Ranoji	Ranoji
VI	Ranoji	Jayappa	Shivaji
VII	Shivaji	Jeevaji	Jeevaji
VIII	Mahadji	Mahadji	Mahadji

House Position Junior Group :
I Kanerkhed
II Jankoji
III Nimaji
IV Dattaji
Junior Group Individual Champion : Rakshit Malhotra, Akshat Karwa.

Individual positions :

A' Group Individual Champion - Shreyash Dubey

B' Group Individual Champion - Alankrit Awasthi, Nitya Mehra

OBITUARIES

Mr S.G. Chatterji passed away on 22nd August, 2016. He served The Scindia School for 19 years as a History teacher and was the Housemaster of Jankoji House. After leaving The Scindia School he successfully headed a few schools.

Madan Sethi (Ex Md, 1957) passed away due to a massive heart attack on 27th August, 2016, in Delhi. Condolences can be sent to his brother Mr Anand Sethi at 9811104672.

May they rest in eternal salvation. We express our sorrow and condolences to the bereaved family and friends.

Values instilled in School have helped me all throughout my career

Tête-à-tête with Justice Sanjay Mishra (Ex-Ch, 1969)

(Justice Sanjay Mishra (Ex-Ch, 1969) is an eminent Old Boy of the Scindia School. A retired Allahabad High Court Judge, he is currently the Lokayukta of U.P. He was recently on the Fort with his family and graced the Scholars' Banquet and the Independence Day celebrations as a Chief Guest. Correspondents – Pranav Wadhwa and Eeshan Sarda had a short meeting with him in the school's Guest House just before he returned to Lucknow. We present before you the highlights of their conversation with Justice S. Mishra.)

Please tell us something about your initiation in judiciary?

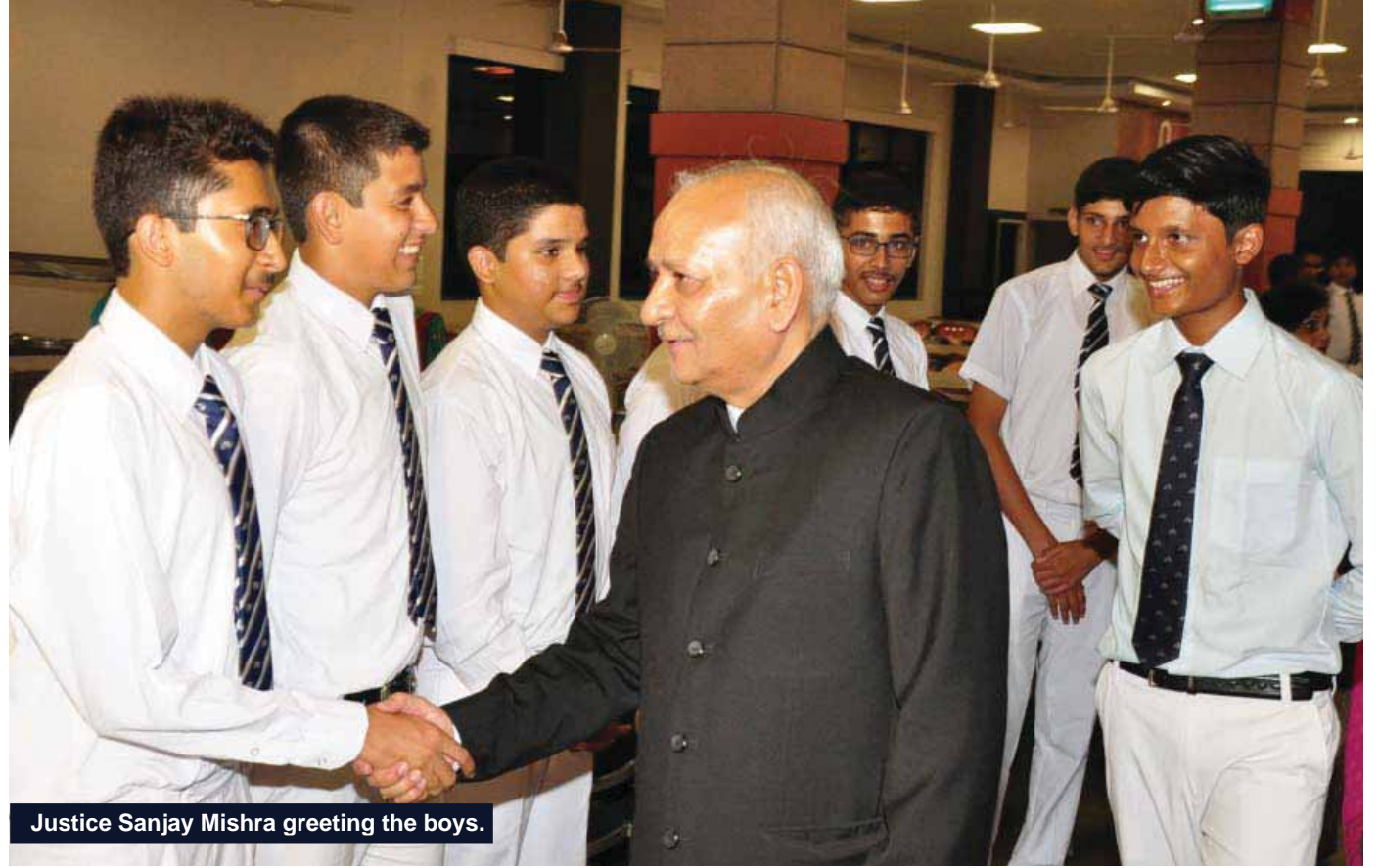
I am the fifth generation in judiciary from my family. From my great-great-grandfather, all the way to my daughters, everybody has been in judiciary. And quite frankly, when we were growing up, we didn't know of any other career and so we didn't really have a choice!

Any thoughts on how the school contributed in your life?

Values instilled in school have helped me all through-out my career. Primarily, I learnt to be independent, disciplined and compassionate.

Would you please share some of your childhood memories?

Every visit of mine to the school is unique as there is always a new discovery. A new memory resurfaces from my childhood days whenever I am on the Fort. I would like to express my gratitude for my teachers who taught me during those days. I think personalised attention was the defining feature of the teachers of my time. I particularly remember Mr S.P. Mukherjee, a Geography teacher who taught me to draw the world-map so accurately that I can still draw one effortlessly. I also remember Mr Agnihotri, a History teacher who always wore a smile on his face and had an endearing personality.



Justice Sanjay Mishra greeting the boys.

Please tell us about your current professional responsibilities?

My responsibility as a Lokayukta includes basically two aspects. Firstly, I look into the allegations and secondly, the grievances made against public servants in the state of U.P. Once a complaint has been received, which can be sent to me by mail or person, I try and determine the validity of the complaint. Once there is a prima facie case, I direct my staff to investigate the matter and collect the evidence.

Any thoughts before returning to Lucknow?

I would like to thank the Principal, Dr M.D. Saraswat, for inviting me to my school. I thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the Scholars' Banquet and the Independence Day celebrations. Last but not least, the nostalgia that gripped me during these two days was wonderful.

Via the Review, I would like to send a message for all the Old Boys around the world. I urge them to keep the Scindian flag flying high and to continue to believe and practise the timeless values taught in the school.

देश मेरा हो ...

बिरेन सुब्बा | 12ए

कश्मीर में बढ़ता दर्द व बहते आँसू रुक जाएँ,
दोनों मुल्कों के जवानों में आपस में दोस्ती हो जाए ।
देश-प्रेम भी आपके साथ जागे जब सवेरा हो,
हर ऊँचाई को छूता हुआ देश मेरा हो ।

सर चाहे आसमाँ छुए, पाव जमीन पर रख सकूँ,
जिन्दगी के धूप-छाँव हर मौसम को समझ सकूँ ।
हर किसान के खेत में फसल लहरा रही हो,
हर ऊँचाई को छूता हुआ देश मेरा हो ।

जब रेगिस्तान हो आपके दिल में,
तो गुलाब कहाँ खिल सकता है ?
दिल में दुष्कर्म के भाव लेकर ईश्वर कहाँ मिलता है ।

हर मन्दिर, हर मस्जिद में प्रवेश तेरा हो,
हर ऊँचाई को छूता हुआ देश मेरा हो ।

सभी के दिल में एकता और प्यार की भावना हो,
धर्म और जात के भेद से चलो आओ दूर भागें ।
ये दीप हमेशा जलता रहे, ना कभी अंधेरा हो,
हर ऊँचाई को छूता हुआ देश मेरा हो ।

अंधेरा रहे उनका संसार, जिनके दिल में हो खोट,
कमल जैसा कोमल व निर्मल रखो अपनी सोच ।
हर किसान के दर्द समझ सकूँ, भाव गहरा हो,
हर ऊँचाई को छूता हुआ देश मेरा हो ।

सफलता

हिमांशु मूर्जोरिया | 9बी

केवल आसमाँ को छू लेना ही
मंजिल नहीं होती ।
कठिनाइयों को पार करना ही
सफलता नहीं होती ।
सफलता के आगे और चुनौतियाँ
आपका इंतजार कर रहीं होती हैं
और उन चुनौतियों के लिए आपका
निरंतर अभ्यास करना ही सफलता है ।

सफलता एक दिन पर नहीं,
हर दिन पर निर्भर करती है ।
इसीलिए आपका हर दिन
मेहनत करना ही सफलता है ।

धावक हवा को चीर कर,
हवा को मात देता है ।
दौड़ में पराजय ही,
इसकी विजय का कारण बनता है ।

पर्वतारोही शिखर पर जोश से चढ़ते हैं ।
राह में कभी भी न वे भटकते हैं ।
वे लक्ष्य की ओर नजरें गढ़ाए निरंतर बढ़ते हैं
और उनका लक्ष्य की ओर नजरें गढ़ाकर
बढ़ना ही सफलता है ।

धूप चाहे कितनी पड़े,
आँधी चाहे कितनी चले ।
तुम चट्टान की भाँति खड़े रहना,
तुम्हारा अविचल खड़ा रहना ही सफलता है ।



43rd Platinum Jubilee Debate and Quiz - A Report

The Scindia School hosted the 43rd Platinum Jubilee Debate and Quiz on 20th August, 2016 and 21st August 2016. Seasoned orators from ten leading schools from different parts of the country participated in this event. The schools which took part this year were, Vasant Valley School- New Delhi, Maharani Gayatri Devi School- Jaipur, Vidya Devi Jindal School- Hissar, Shalom Hills International School- New Delhi, Daly College- Indore, Genesis Global School- Noida, Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya- Gwalior, Mayo College- Ajmer, Welham Boys' school- Dehradun and the host school The Scindia School- Gwalior.

The debate was contested in three rounds. The Preliminary Round was in the Oxford format. It was conducted simultaneously at two venues where students presented their views 'For' and 'Against' the motion - 'There is a deep connection between education and success'. The participants expounded their views on the wider meaning of education and success. Both sides of the motion had the students pull out real life examples to support their stance. Three teams from each venue moved up to the semi finals which was conducted in the Cambridge format.

The Semi Final Round had three debates on three different topics. The debating pairs were formed on the basis of the result of the Preliminary Round.

The First debate was contested between Daly College(Proposition) and The Scindia School (Opposition) on the motion 'Swachh Bharat or Clean India Campaign has become only a photo session'. The Motion of the second debate between Vasant Valley School (Proposition) and Mayo College(Opposition) was 'Popular opinion should overrule expert opinion' and the motion of the third debate between Vidya Devi Jindal School(Proposition) and Genesis Global(Opposition) was 'Morals exist without religion'. It was a keenly contested round with the fiery debaters presenting the pros and cons of the topics with great passion and conviction. It was quite evident that they were out to massacre their opponents so as to secure a place for themselves in the finals.

Four top scoring teams moved into the finals which saw two debates in the Cambridge Format. The first debate was contested between Vasant Valley School (Proposition) and The Scindia School(Opposition). The topic was 'Peer pressure is harmful to individuals'. The second debate was contested between Vidya Devi Jindal School(Proposition) and Daly College (Opposition) on the topic 'If you want peace prepare for war'. This Round was indeed a clash of titans as the speakers on either side were at their fiercest self. They presented cogent arguments using logic, wit, humour, sarcasm and every possible weapon from their verbal arsenal to decimate their opponents.

The Final Round was judged by Ms Nirja Mishra, a Fullbright Scholar and former HOD English Kanoria College- Jaipur, Mr Amanpreet Randhawa an alumnus of the London School of Economics, head of the human resources function at Amity University, Gwalior and the Officer on Special Duty to its Vice Chancellor and Mr Surajit Ray, a technology enthusiast, entrepreneur and explorer. The Chairperson and Chief Guest was Mr Himanshu Tyagi an acclaimed educationist, actor, writer and mediaperson. The judges complimented the speakers on their confidence, body language, reasoning ability and language skill. They were full of praise for the deftness with which the complex topics were handled by the debaters.

The debate was won by Vidya Devi Jindal School, Hissar. Vasant Valley School, New Delhi was the Runner up. The audience enjoyed the stimulating sessions though the home team standing third was somewhat of a dampener for them.

The event received widespread coverage in the local press. The



Chief Guest Mr Himanshu Tyagi and Principal Dr M.D. Saraswat with the The Vidya Devi Jindal School team in their moment of glory

visiting teams went back full of praise for the standard of debate and the superb organisation and warm hospitality extended by the School community.

We are looking to greater participation, more challenging topics and a far more stimulating session next year.

Inter School Quiz

On Sunday, 21st August, Ajay Poonia (Ex-Shivaji, 2006) hosted the Annual Platinum Jubilee Memorial Quiz. Ten teams from across the country participated in the Quiz. The Quiz incorporated the nomenclature of the ongoing Rio Olympics and had 'Heats' as Semifinals and 'Lanes' as teams. The questions ranged from 'the fable behind Ravana's ten heads' to the 'edible nail polish launched by KFC' and also included a question on the popular tongue twister 'she sells, sea shells, on the seashore'. There were 2 Heats; Heat 1 was won by The Scindia School and Heat 2 by Vasant Valley School.

In the final, there were 3 rounds named after the Olympic motto, 'Citius, Altius and Fortius'. Vasant Valley gave some impressive answers and secured their place early in the quiz, while Welham Boys' School and Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya competed for the 2nd place. The Scindia School gave some answers towards the end of the quiz but perhaps it was too little too late. In the end, it was Vasant Valley School that won with a score of 69 points, Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya finished second with 43, Welham Boys' school finished third with 40 points and The Scindia School finished fourth with 35 points. The Quiz had Ajay Poonia's trademark humour and energy that kept everyone on the edge of their seats.



Ajay Poonia (Ex Shivaji- 2006) conducting the quiz.

एक अनोखा मित्र

अभिषेक माहौर | 9वीं

बहुत पुराने समय की बात है। एक लड़का जिसका नाम राहुल था, वह हमेशा चुप-चुप रहता था। वह विद्यालय के हर गतिविधि में हमेशा पीछे रहता था। टीचर्स उसे अपनी कक्षा से बाहर निकाल देते और इस प्रकार विद्यालय में उसका कोई भी अच्छा दोस्त नहीं था। दोस्त ही क्या? कोई भी उसके साथ बेंच पर भी बैठना पसंद नहीं करता था। वह बहुत उदास रहता। कई दिन ऐसे ही बीतते गए। एक दिन उसकी कक्षा में एक नया बच्चा आया, जिसका नाम मोहन था। वह राहुल के साथ उसकी बेंच पर बैठ गया और उसने दोस्ती का हाथ बढ़ाया। अब राहुल अपने नए दोस्त को पाकर खुश हो गया। मोहन की दोस्ती ने राहुल को बहुत ही अच्छा छात्र बना दिया। वह अब शिक्षकों का लाड़ला हो गया। वह पढ़ाई व अन्य गतिविधियों में बहुत अच्छा हो गया। कक्षा में ली गई हर परीक्षा में राहुल और मोहन सबसे अच्छे अंक प्राप्त करते। इन दोनों की जोड़ी विद्यालय में प्रसिद्ध हो गई। जब उनकी वार्षिक परीक्षा हुई तो दोनों ने जमकर पढ़ाई की और परीक्षा परिणाम घोषित होने पर वे दोनों सर्वाधिक प्रतिशत अंक लेकर उत्तीर्ण हुए। राहुल के माता-पिता उसका परिणाम जानकर बहुत प्रसन्न हुए। उन्होंने राहुल से कहा कि वह रात को मोहन को धन्यवाद करने के लिए उसे खाने पर बुलाए। हम उसका आभार प्रकट करना चाहेंगे। राहुल जब दूसरे दिन विद्यालय में मोहन से बात करने गया तो उसने कहा ठीक है, मैं जरूर आऊंगा। यह कहकर वह चला गया।

रात को राहुल और उसके परिवार वाले इंतजार करते रहे पर मोहन नहीं आया। राहुल चिंतित होकर अपनी साइकिल से उसके घर की तरफ चल पड़ा। जब वह पहुँचा तो उसके घर पर ताला लगा हुआ था और घर बहुत वीरान लग रहा था। ताला देखकर उसने पड़ोसियों से पूछा। एक बूढ़ी अम्मा ने बताया कि वह एक बच्चे का घर है जिसके माता-पिता बचपन में ही एक कार एक्सीडेंट में चल बसे और उस बच्चे का पाँच साल पहले ही रोड एक्सीडेंट में देहांत हो गया। यह सुनकर वह भौचक्का रह गया। आस-पास पूछ-ताछ करने पर सबका जवाब एक ही था। विद्यालय में भी सब भौचक्के रह गए। इस घटना को एक सपने की तरह भूलने लगे लेकिन राहुल की आँखों में नींद नहीं थी। रात को जब उसकी थोड़ी नींद लगी तो उसके सपने में मोहन आया। मोहन को देखकर राहुल खुश हो गया और उसको सीने से लगा लिया। राहुल ने पूछा कि मैं यह सब क्या सुन रहा हूँ? तो मोहन ने जवाब दिया कि तुम जो कुछ भी सुन रहे हो वह सब सही है। मैं तो बस तुम्हारी मदद के लिए भेजा गया एक फरिश्ता था। जो बस और बस तुम्हें दुनिया से लड़ने की ताकत सिखाना चाहता था। हर इंसान में कुछ न कुछ हुनर है, बस जरूरत है तो उसे पहचानने की। हमें अपने-आप पर भरोसा रखना चाहिए और कभी-भी दूसरों से खुद को कमजोर नहीं समझना चाहिए। अब मेरा यह संदेश तुम सबको बताना और जो कुछ मैंने सिखाया वह जिंदगी में कभी मत भूलना। इतना कहकर वह मेरे सपने से चला गया। पर आज भी राहुल उसे हर क्षण याद करता है क्योंकि ऐसे मित्र कभी भी अपने सच्चे मित्रों का साथ नहीं छोड़ते।

विज्ञान का चमत्कार

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एक दिन मैंने बैठे बिठाए तय किया कि विज्ञान को खत लिखा जाए। झूठ का झूठ और सच का आईना भी उसे दिखाया जाए।

एक दिन विज्ञान को मैंने खत लिखा, खत पढ़ते ही विज्ञान मेरे घर आया। मैंने विज्ञान को चाय पिलाई और उसे फरमाया।

मैंने कहा विज्ञान तू ऐसे चमत्कार करता है, तेरे चमत्कार से तो भगवान भी डरता है। विज्ञान तेरे आगे ब्रह्मा भी फेल है, आदमी को औरत बनाना तेरे बाँए हाथ का खेल है।

विज्ञान तू वाकई चमत्कारी है तो एक चमत्कार दिखा, भूकंप को संसद भवन में लाके दिखा क्योंकि इन भूकंप के झटकों से केवल गुजरात हैरान है, पर इन नेताओं के झटकों से सारा देश परेशान है।

विज्ञान तूने कम्प्यूटर बना के कई लोगों को बेरोजगार किया, दो हजार लोगों का काम सिर्फ दो लोगों से करवाया। पसीने को महत्व मशीनों में खो गया, तूने बाहर उजाला किया तो भीतर अंधेरा हो गया।

जिस दिन इंसान बेरोजगारी से ऊब जाएगा, तेरा सूरज भी हिंद महासागर में डूब जाएगा। विज्ञान तुझे जब भूख लगती है तो तू बम बनाता है, पल भर में ही करोड़ों को निगल जाता है।

विज्ञान सच बताना क्या तुझे फूलों का हँसना भी नहीं भाता? जो तू मासूम बच्चों पर भी तरस नहीं खाता। अरे! जब इंसान ही नहीं रहेगा तो तू किस पर कहर ढाएगा? तेरी लाश को कंधा देने भी कोई नहीं आएगा।

मैंने सुना है तू इंसान को चाँद पर बसाएगा, धरती की आधी आबादी घटाएगा। अरे! इंसान किसी के काम आया है न आएगा, अभी तो चाँद दुनिया में केवल एक है, अब क्या तू इसके भी बँटवारे करवाएगा?

विज्ञान वाकई में यदि तू चमत्कारी है, तो एक चमत्कार दिखा सकता है, इंसान के दिल से नफरत को मिटा सकता है। विज्ञान ने कहा नहीं, अरे! नफरत ने तो विज्ञान को भी हरा दिया।

आदमी को आदमी का दुश्मन बना दिया। जिस दिन इंसान के दिल से नफरत कम हो गई, उस दिन सबसे बड़ा चमत्कार होगा और वह विज्ञान का नहीं, इंसान का चमत्कार होगा।

OLD BOYS' NEWS

Dhruv Sharma (Ex-Ja, 2007) is a Delhi based musician and has released his first original musical – Vande Mataram. He is a trained musician from the K M Music Conservatory, Chennai, which has Dr. A.R. Rahman as the Principal. Of late, he has given 40-50 live performances. Many congratulations on his first release, we are waiting for more! You can listen to his first release on https://youtu.be/h17n-6Fk5_U

Scindians from across the country gathered in the City of Joy on 20th August 2016, for the Central SOBA Executive Meet.

The two-day event was attended by Central SOBA President and his team members and Mr G.S. Bakshi, Director-Alumni Relationship.

The meet was ably coordinated by Scindians, Mr Arun Kumar Bhagat, Mr Tuhin Singhi, Mr Gopal Agarwal and the entire team of SOBA Kolkata.



The members of the executive committee at the Central SOBA Executive meet.

RIP - Samir Chatterji

Mr A.N. Dar, Former Principal, The Scindia School (1994-2000)

I was taken aback when, in the course of our conversation the other day, Atul Bhatt, a good friend and old colleague of Samir Chatterjee, informed me that Samir Chatterjee was no more. I could not believe it. I had surely read a message from Samir on the SOBA website asking any Scindian to help him out with a cure for his diabetic foot.

I had last met him some years back while he was heading a school in Jammu looking dapper in his suit and tie sitting behind the Principal's desk with a twinkle in his eyes in no way having lessened his sense of humour. Normally, I have seen Principals lacking in sense of humour especially when it comes to laughing at themselves. I used to see him often on FB the same way nattily dressed.

Tragic! He was much younger than me and had enough time to live unlike me who is cruising along with some very happy memories of colleagues like SG. My wife and I feel very sorry for the family and friends and pray for strength to them to bear this deep personal loss.

When I took over the reins of Scindia in '94, I was delighted to meet Samir and his wife Nandita with their two sons. They were, indeed, a very friendly and courteous family. We had the privilege of having a meal with them more than once and enjoyed the same greatly though we did not take any fish, their staple dish. They exuded genuine warmth and generosity. How can I forget the delicious sandwiches brought along by them while travelling with me for an outing more than once. Ever smiling, they made everyone always welcome at their home.

Just before the Centenary I had to send an important confidential message to a Board member for an immediate response. I walked up to SG late evening to request him to go to Delhi by a late night train that reached Delhi early in the morning. To my relief, Samir agreed promptly and returned the very

next evening as required. I knew I could trust Samir.

I had not realized that he was a disciplined cricketer till I played with him in the staff team. He bowled with enthusiasm and turned out properly attired. He surely was conscious of his turn out any time of the day anywhere. When our staff team had gone to Doon, we were suitably entertained by his brother's family in Dehradun. Then only did I come to know that he had also worked in Welham Boys before shifting to Scindia.



Mr S.G. Chatterji.

I have always respected a colleague for the reports from the students about his class management. I was delighted to hear favourable comments from SG's students about how he conducted his history lessons with knowledge and clarity. Even his departmental colleagues spoke warmly about him as their HOD – Helpful and not a cribber!

When he took over from Balbir Dhir as in charge Tennis, I could see that he was a good organizer from the way he conducted the first Inter-House tennis tournament. It was not just the paper work and neat lines on the court but he had also added some colour to the courts with flags, etc. As V.S. Saxena was elevated as the Housemaster, I invited Samir to succeed him as the labour work in charge, a responsibility he again discharged with efficiency and understanding. He was surely not lacking in ideas nor his own effort and team work.

I feel sad when I see my colleagues like Andy and SG taken away prematurely like this. But then this is the way of God!

May his soul rest in peace!

The Freshers' day

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On freshers' day, Scindians showcased their talents through a smorgasbord of activities. The ambience was full of enthusiasm and energy. The evening commenced with the devotional song 'tum hi ho mata' by Parikshita Singh. The sweet start surpassed the expectations of the audience. Then, it was the melodious choir which sang the famous song '500 miles' and 'She will be coming down the mountain' followed by 'I don't want no more of army life' which is a traditional humorous song satirizing the life in the armed forces. The audience enjoyed and sang with the singers. Next was the English play entitled, 'The Prodigal Son'. The simulacrum was very impressive and inspirational. The play engaged the audience completely and they couldn't even move their eyes off the stage. A bit of seriousness also altered the mood. Next was self-composed poem recitation, 'I remember those days' by Prince Kumar. The Scindian fraternity got its Shakespeare in the making! Next was the orchestra which ensured that every Scindian was fully energised. Beatboxing

by Aryan Nagpal received a huge round of applause. The guitarist who played the instrument without even seeing it astonished the audience. It was followed by a solo performance on the keyboard by Anant Garg with the evergreen song 'Papa kehte hain'. It was fascinating for the students and nostalgic for the teachers. Next item was an interesting change and it was time to visit the court for a Hindi play 'Freestyle gawahi'. The audience could not stop laughing and giggling. It was followed by the famous dance song 'Madhuban mein radhika' by Akshat Karwa. Originally a beautiful song by Mohammed Rafi, Akshat did full justice to that. Next was choir again, but this time it was a Hindi one. They sang 'Main wo phool hoon' which stole the hearts of many. Then came two surprise performances, first it was Mr Bhavin Oza, the new Economics teacher who sang the classic 'Chitthi aayi hai'. He sang so well that it felt as if Tansen was performing for the Scindians. Last but not the least, was the poem 'Vigyaan Ka Chamatkaar' recited by Mr Akash Nigam, the new TT coach. This finally brought the curtains to the freshers' evening. The Principal, Dr Saraswat showered the performers with lavish compliments and also raised the pertinent issue of discipline during programmes.

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