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EDITORIAL

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Greetings.

My time is finally here. Before anything else, I would like to thank the previous Editorial team. Under them the Review soared to greater heights especially with the 'Millennial Issue' which generated much hype and then lived up to all expectations. This time however the new Editorial team has something different in their minds for the Review and you'll be seeing many new changes and additions similar to the ones in our school. Like the new infrastructure, new rules, and several new appointments and of course, the most important part, the new students.

With the advent of the new Principal, the school rules, the functioning style and some of the systems are going through a substantial change, of course for the betterment of the community. The new Bursar too seems to be working with a missionary zeal. Everything from the food in the mess to the structures in school is changing. The school's Open-Air Theatre, the Dining Hall, the Oval Field and even the Staff Room are going through renovations.

All these changes affect all of us in some way or the other but the change which affects all of us the most is the ban on Ms Maggi in India (for better or for worse!). The ancient love of Scindians has finally moved on and left all of us in pieces. This divorce has been the most painful indeed. I wonder what we would use our hotplates, pans, kettles and what have you for. Just when the wound was fresh, the House kitchens have been discontinued and junk food banned, although I am told some new alternatives are on the anvil. Also to add to the mix, loads of new cameras have been installed in Houses at different locations to keep a 'technological vigil' and promote discipline.

The blue-blooded, new Prefectorial Board just had their oath taking ceremony. Many congratulations (at least somethings haven't changed) and the new Sports Captains have also been announced, well done guys!

Right now with the A-Group Inter-House English Debate having just got concluded, everyone seems to be a pro at Parliamentary Format of debating. So best of luck guys. The game is on.

Well nowadays we all know which country is in the news. Greece. The Greece debt crisis is worsening every second and the EU is contemplating a future without Greece and the possibility of a "Grexit". They have now become the first developed country to default the World Bank and with unemployment at 50%, the youth are fleeing from the country. No wonder Modi has promulgated Yoga all throughout the world at the most opportune time, perhaps he had the premonition. I am sure Greeks need Yoga the most on the planet, particularly the *asanas* for relaxation like the *Shavasana* and the *Pranayama*.

While closer home in Asia, the people of Nepal are still dealing with the consequences of the earthquake. Our deepest condolences are with the bereaved friends and families of the victims of this natural disaster.

On a bit sporty side, Chile just won over Argentina in an exciting Copa America Final. It went on till penalties and was a real nail-biter. There is more in the offing with the Wimbledon and British GP sports fans going gung-ho at the prospect of watching high speed aces and machines alike.

Till the next time and now that I am in charge, you better read on.



WELCOME ABOARD

The Review Editorial Board on behalf of the entire school welcomes the following members to The Scindia School family:

Col. Sanjiv Kaushal (Retd.)	Bursar
Mr Naman Saraswat	Director Sports
Mr Rohit Sood	Faculty of English & Social Studies
Ms Annie Nongrum	Faculty of English
Mr Devi Singh Arya	Faculty of Geography
Mr Ajay Kumar	Faculty of French
Ms Divya Verma	Coordinator Career Counseling Cell

ADIEU MR GHOSH

Mr Pawan Varma

The first time I saw him six years ago, he appeared, for want of a better word, a touch intimidating with his old school handle bar type moustache, deep green eyes and six feet few inches tall stature. (Most people have to arch their neck to 'look up to him') To add to his physical dimensions, his interest in cricket and resemblance with the 1980's legendary Australian fast bowler Merv Hughes made me jittery thinking of the blazing bouncers I was in for. Last but not the least, the fact that he held the highest office on the Fort made me very uncomfortable during the first few days working as his Executive Secretary.

But it was only a matter of a couple of weeks and my initial impression wore off as I discovered in him my mentor whose friendly disposition, soft voice and inspirational presence that drew the best out of me. Today when he is not around, my heart is filled with pleasant memories of the days I spent under his care, blessings and support.

Virtue appears from good deeds and wisdom from pure and peaceful mind. Mr Ghosh was one such gem who always maintained his cool under all kinds of situations. Having worked with him for six years, all through the school's ups and downs, I can confidently say that he was a leader who had tremendous patience and respect while humanely solving the problems of students, parents and staff alike. We would often refer to him as a gentle giant since we never heard him speak harshly with anyone. Also, whilst he was magnanimous to forgive and overlook others' faults, he would amend them with his gentle ways

THE SHADES OF ATLANTIC

Dr M. Bishnoi

The Scindia School's global connection is ever expanding its wings year after year.

Late His Highness Maharaja Madhavrao Scindia the visionary divine angel sits on his throne in the Heaven's Durbar with a magic wand in his hand, peeping through the luminous clouds happy to see sun shining on his beautiful school; the love child of his ancestors.

This year the global connections took eight boys, namely, Jai Chahar, Kushagra Patwari, Vedansh Bansal, Rohan Khanna, Arya Laddha, Jai Sharma, Vishnudeep Tyagi & Saumya Barjatya escorted by me on a Round Square Junior Cultural Exchange to the Atlantic destination of Miami where St. Andrews is situated.

St. Andrews enjoys the elite reputation of being one of the best schools in North America situated in picturesque Sylvan meadows and lakes, serene and calm with its pristine beauty dedicated to the cause of education.

A rigorous program was chalked out with fun packed outings that gave us an insight into nature and history of Florida. Visits to The Gumbo Limbo (Butterfly Park), The Billy swamps, Walt Disney studios and The Delray Beach affair were mixed with fun and community service including gleaning in the fields. Interaction with small children in a day-care school, coupled with a visit to the famous Financial Park where we got a first-hand feel of the financial functioning of the country were some enriching experiences.

The second shade of Atlantic revealed a mountainous pattern starting from New York. It was the Hotchkiss School in Lakeville Salisbury in Connecticut. The place Lakeville owes its name to the iron ore mines which with passage of time got converted into lakes. Hotchkiss stands for its outstanding contribution of intellectuals to Yale University. Hotchkiss's community of Asian students and locals create a synergy of intellect and cultural diversity thus lending a great environment to the academe.

We also visited The Indian Mountain School which is headed by Mr Pastor, the headmaster with a human touch. With his love and care the school was functioning with zest and energy in spite of the rain and cold outside.

ensuring a lasting impact. His core values of humility, probity, integrity and high morality were omnipresent in his style of functioning and decision making.

What won him friends was his ability to engage in a dialogue on literally any and every topic under the sun. Age, gender and social strata didn't matter, he was truly inclusive. And add to that his amazing sense of humour which made us all laugh every now and then especially during some tense moments when laughter was what was needed to assuage the situation.

As they say, life is a journey and Mr Ghosh has moved on. I am saddened at the thought that I shall never have the privilege to work with him anymore.

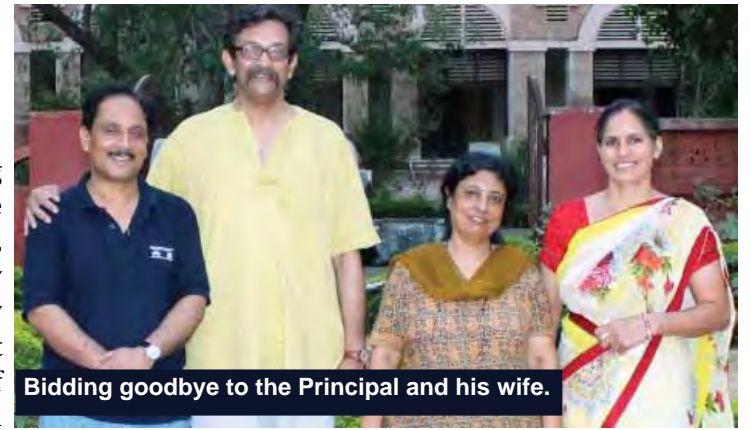
I pray to almighty, 'may the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back, may the sunshine warm upon your face and rain falls softly on your fields'

The third shade of Atlantic opened a historical chapter in Boston. The gas-chamber memorial dedicated to the Jews during the Nazi movement was an eye opener to their insatiable desire to rule over humans. Students got a feel of the World War era buried deep in the structures and atmosphere of Boston. The visit to The Harvard University was a dream come true. It churned up clouds of desire in the hearts of the Scindians to be a student at arguably the best University in the world and carry the Scindian flag high.

Scindians showcased their talents which were much appreciated by the hosts; their repertoire in sports and dance in particular amazed our American friends!

Special thanks are due to Dr Ravi Nabar and his charming wife Monisha Nabar who hosted the eight Scindians along with me in their sprawling mansion in Boston with great love, affection and care.

My personal thanks are also due to Ms Supreet Bakshi and Mr Samik Ghosh for making this trip possible.



Bidding goodbye to the Principal and his wife.



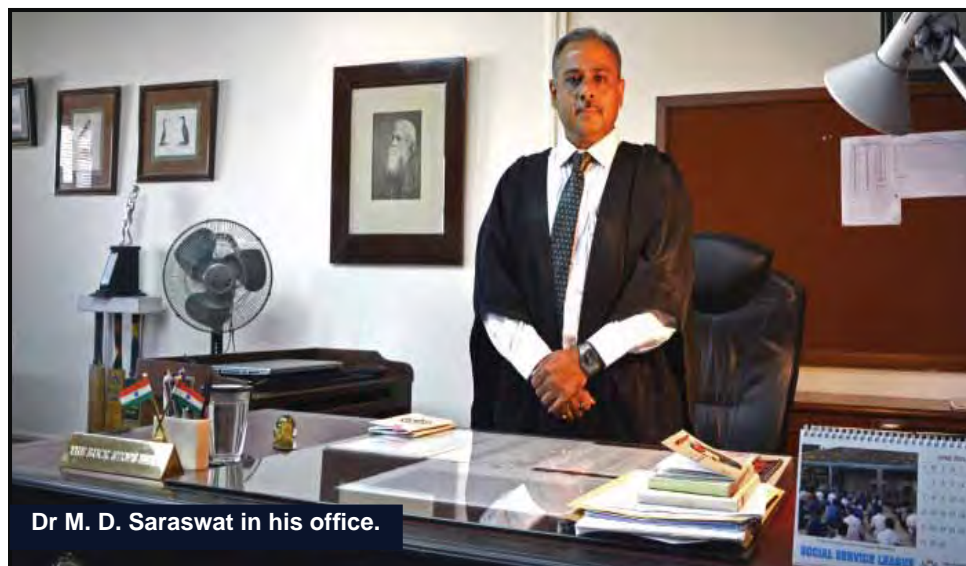
Dr M. Bishnoi with Scindians at Harvard.

RENDEZVOUS WITH DR MADHAV DEO SARASWAT

He is the Principal of The Scindia School. He has been on the Fort for a short while but his influence is palpable in every nook and corner of the school.

A family man at heart, he loves to spend time with his wife, Mrs Kanan Saraswat and his daughter Kaushiki. Not to miss his pet dog, Buddy. He enjoys reading, loves a good laugh, is innately humble and believes in taking quick decisions. Even a fleeting conversation with him will leave most people light-hearted and motivated. When at leisure, he enjoys listening to Ghazals of Jagjit Singh.

As he takes over the reins of the school we wish him all the best for his assignments and hope that he accomplishes his vision for the school. We at the 'Review' thought it would be fascinating for the Scindian fraternity to know the man 'Where the Buck Stops'. We bring before you a tête-à-tête we had with him.



Dr M. D. Saraswat in his office.

Date of Birth : 16 Feb 1967

Married to : Mrs Kanan Saraswat

Wedding Anniversary : 23rd June 1994

Children : I have a daughter, Kaushiki who is 19 years old. She is studying English and Economics from Sophia College.

Education : I was born and brought up in Agra and belong to a family of teachers. There was more learning at home than in school. I did not learn good habits or discipline formally, I just imbibed them whilst growing up at home. I have done post-graduation in English, Hindi and Sanskrit, and subsequently a Doctorate in Hindi Literature. My degree in Sanskrit is entitled 'Acharya' and I received it from Sampurnanda Sanskrit University, Varanasi.

Favourite Book : I like reading in general, but prefer to read books on Philosophy. I also like to read books that challenge my existing schools of thought. I prefer reading in Hindi and Sanskrit but unfortunately most of the high quality contemporary writing is in English. However, I do enjoy reading the latest writings in English.

Favourite Dish : As long as the food is vegetarian, my taste buds are eclectic.

Favourite Singer : My all-time favourite singer is Jagjit Singh however I do like a few other singers of the same genre.

Favourite Movie : Well I don't have any one specific movie, I do watch films purely for their entertainment value. I love a good laugh, hence I prefer watching comedy.

Favourite Sport : As a youngster I used to play soccer, hockey and indulged in wrestling. I also played Kho- Kho for the university and learnt Table-Tennis when I became a teacher at Doon school.

Favourite Sports Person : I prefer to be a fan of sports than any sports person in particular.

Favourite Hobbies : I like sitting alone quietly and reflect on life's mysteries.

What are your likes?

I like Reading, Travelling, Walking, Playing and spending time with children.

What are your dislikes?

I don't have any dislikes per se.

What are the things that anger you?

A lot of things put me off but with experience I have learnt to accept them. I now view them as just differences amongst people. Over a period of time, I have come to appreciate the subtle but powerful difference between responding and reacting.

What are your strengths?

I am ever-ready to learn and grow further in understanding of the world around.

What are your weaknesses?

I have yet to learn to respond to intelligent people. (Jokingly...)

Could you please tell us something about your Career Path?

I taught at the Doon school for 16 years till 2005. Subsequently I was the founder Principal of two schools, and then was appointed the C.E.O of the 'Sapkal Knowledge Hub' in Nasik, a responsibility I held till I joined The Scindia School. But what I am really proud of is my commitment towards Service Projects with the students from all over the world which I have been doing for all these years. I cherish them the most as they have been the most rewarding years. I was privileged to have been invited by Lester Pearson College in Canada to deliver a speech and share my experiences on 'Social Service through Students'.

What is it that you truly appreciate about Scindia?

The simplicity and the Indian ethos of The Scindia School is what I genuinely appreciate.

What would you like to change about Scindia?

I would like children to take ownership of the school in every way possible. It is the student body which has to drive the school with teachers being their facilitators.

What is your vision for the school? How do you plan to achieve it?

I want Scindia to be a school where we are able to help the child in unfolding himself into a strong individual with an equally strong sense of belonging to the community.

I believe in unlimited potential in every being. Only difference is that some realise it and some don't. It is just a matter of 'realisation' at an individual level. People who realise this are successful and never waste opportunities. I would like to see each Scindian understand the purpose of his own life and education via the life experiences on the Fort.

It is only through a shared life of the teachers and students on the Fort that we all can realize our potential. I intend to contribute and enrich this aspect of life. I want every Scindian, to take charge of his own life; the school can only provide resources and facilities.

A Scindian should be able to stand for a cause and shouldn't be persuaded by small gains. All of us have immense potential and we must strive to actualise it.

FORT NEWS

The students returned on Tuesday, 30th June amidst hot and humid conditions. Although there have been a few showers since then providing mild respite. Fort already has started to look green and Surajkund waters are now bejeweled with beautiful lotuses. We are hoping for some heavy downpours in times ahead for it is only in the monsoon when the fort's flora and fauna is in its full splendour.

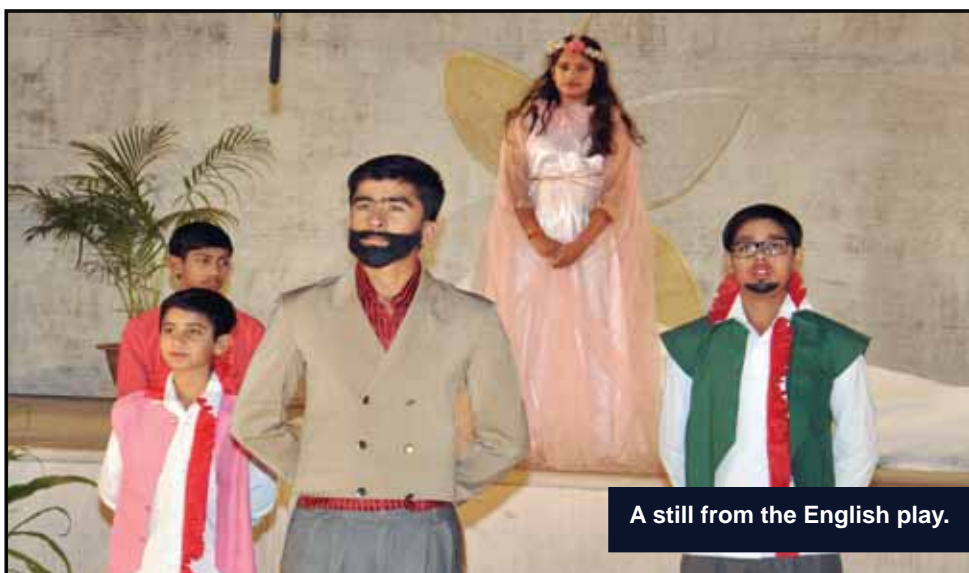
Just before we closed for the summer break in April, touching farewells were given to the former Principal, Mr Samik Ghosh, Vice Principal, Ms Shalini Mehrotra, Bursar, Lt. Col Rakesh Sharma, Middle School Head, Ms Rakhi Sharma, Geography teacher, Mr Amit Kumar and Career Counsellor, Mr Shamik Chakravarty. We wish all of them the very best for their future endeavours.

At Mr Ghosh's farewell, Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat shared that Mr Ghosh left an indelible impact in his heart and mind although they had spent little time together. Dr Saraswat said that he was awestruck by Mr Ghosh's persona and felt that he shouldered his responsibility with aplomb. He spoke highly of Mr Ghosh's patience, humility, knowledge and wisdom. Dr Saraswat urged the entire community to imbibe two major qualities of Mr Ghosh, his honesty and his ability to be a Guru in every sense of the word. Mr Ghosh is now the Principal of Candor International School, Bangalore. His coordinates are : Email - ghoshomik@gmail.com. Mobile - 07760399991.



Dr Saraswat presenting a memento to Mr Ghosh on his farewell.

The Annual English Play 'As You Like It' was staged at SMOAT on Wednesday, 15th April, directed by Ms Rachna Rachel Tripathi. The play is a Pastoral Romantic Comedy by William Shakespeare. It features one of Shakespeare's most famous and oft-quoted speeches, "All the world's a stage", and is the



A still from the English play.

origin of the phrase "too much of a good thing". Prateek Parihar's role as the narrator helped the audience understand the sequence of events. Among the main characters Divyam Anandani portrayed the role of William Shakespeare, Sukanya Shukla acted as Rosalind, Abhijeet Nagpal as Orlando, Sugandha Shukla as Celia, Divyaditya Singh as Oliver and Suvrat Mahendroo as Duke Senior. A few other students too acted and did full justice to their respective roles. The play was appreciated by one and all.

Hindi play entitled "Trishanku" written by Dr Brijmohan Shah was staged at SMOAT on Thursday, 16th April under a star spangled sky. It was directed by Mr Manoj Mishra. There was a play within the play. A playwright is found to be in a state of confusion as to what would satisfy his audience and what the true purpose of theatre is. He picks characters from real life with their own contradictions and hypocrisies. The play revolved around Priyansh Jain as an anxious writer who is looking for a suitable character for his play. People from different walks of life ask the writer to make a play glorifying them. Lakshit Sachdeva as Raja, Yashdeep Rastogi as Rangla, Manya Nagi as Rangli, Tejas Agarwal as Politician, Ayush Jain as an Officer, Sarthak Agarwal as Seth, Katyayani Saraswat as Lady, Harsh Raj Gond as an Intellectual, Atul Korkoo as Saheb and Akshat Kumar as the young man gave commendable performances.

The Junior House Annual Report Evening was held on Friday, 17th April at SMOAT. It was a moment of great pride and honour as selected representatives from each House came forward and read out the annual House report highlighting the achievements of their House whilst recognizing the outstanding contributions made by some members. Later, the Housemistresses gave away the prizes to students who distinguished themselves all throughout the year. In the end the Junior School orchestra presented Raag Bilawal supported by Tritaal in 16 beats along with some western beats.

On Saturday, 18th April, the morning Assembly was something special. IAYP awards and certificates were given away for the year 2014-15 by the then Principal, Mr Samik Ghosh to students who qualified for the same. 10 students received gold, 13 of them silver and 20 got bronze awards. Sukanya Shukla read a detailed report on various adventure activities like mountaineering expedition to *Draupadi Ka Danda* and cycling expedition from Bharatpur to Bikaner covering a formidable distance of over 500 km at an average of about 109 km per day.



Manikya Bansal receiving the award.

Dhananjay Saraf and Manikya Bansal received the prestigious Anirudh Sharma Memorial Trophy for Excellence in Adventure Sports and the Special Blazer respectively. Manas Pant, Sugandha Shukla and Pratul Jain received special recognition for their achievements in adventure sports. The King Constantine Medals were given to Dhananjay Saraf, Shishir Garg and Anirudh Gangwal for their outstanding work in promoting the IDEALS of Round Square. The Hindi magazine 'Uplabdh' was released and Principal congratulated the Staff Editor and his team. Finally to end the special assembly, students presented a fusion of a popular Hindi composition.

The Scindia School Cricket Team comprising 14 players along with the then Dean of Sports, Mr G.S. Bakshi and Cricket Coach, Mohammad Hasrat went to England on a Cricket Tour from Monday, 11th – Thursday, 21st May. The tour was organized by Turf Sports Management. The team was scheduled to play 6 matches, 3 at Bradford and 3 at Birmingham. Unfortunately due to incessant rains two matches were called off. The Scindia School team played 4 matches and won all 4 of them. The team was captained by Sarthak Talwar at Bradford and Harshraj Malik at Birmingham. Following awards were given to The Scindia School players: Man of the Tournament-Sarthak Talwar, Best Batsman- Akshay Bahrgava, Best Bowler-Harshraj Malik and Best fielder-Abhishek Agarwal.



Ampleforth College and The Scindia School exchanging hats after the match.

On the Sunday, 5th June, a group of 8 boys and 1 girl from The Scindia School, accompanied by a teacher escort, Ms Jasman Randhawa started on a journey to Spiti valley as part of their IAYP project. The project included building a greenhouse for a family in a small Spitian village by the name of khwang. The 17 day trip was not all work and no play, as they took a 4 day break to trek some of the most beautiful terrains one could ever see. The greenhouse was successfully completed and inaugurated on the 18th of June by the national director of IAYP Mr Kapil Bhalla.

New students joined the Scindia fraternity on Thursdy, 2nd July. They, along with their parents attended the morning assembly and witnessed the investiture ceremony of the Prefectorial body conducted by the Principal, Dr M.D. Saraswat. Principal also introduced the Bursar, Col. Sanjiv Kaushal, all the Deans and the Housemasters to the new parents by inviting them on the stage one by one.



Arindam Bharadwaj SSP taking oath at the investiture ceremony.

On Friday, 3rd July SIUK Education council along with the India representatives of various UK Universities visited the School Campus. The University representatives who visited the campus were from: Angila Ruskin University, Queen's University, Northumbria University Newcastle, Istituto marangoni and the University of Exeter. The representatives interacted with senior students and informed them about the various courses, colleges, admission processes and scholarships. SKV and DPS Gwalior were the other two schools which participated in the event.

On Saturday, 4th and Sunday, 5th July, the English Debating Society, in the stewardship of Dr M Bishnoi organized a workshop to familiarize the students

with modern debating techniques in the Parliamentary format. Tarang Tripathy (Ex- Je 2010) and Vibhor Mathur founder members of 'Awaaz', a Delhi based NGO were invited by the school to conduct the workshop. Three gruelling sessions were organized and boys were got a flavor of high class debating. It was a great success with almost 80 students and a few teachers participating in it.

All the students of Junior School along with their Housemasters, Matrons and House Attendants went to 'Orchha' on Saturday 4th July and returned the next day. The trip served as an ice breaker for the new students. They freely mixed with their teachers and fellow students and got a first ever, first-hand experience of what 'Scindianness' is all about. The outings included a visit to the Jahangir palace, a few historical monuments and to the light and sound show which encapsulated the history of Orchha. The visit was well organized and there was a professional tour guide who accompanied them as well! The students enjoyed the hospitality in the hotel and will cherish the visit for a long time.



Junior School's Orchha visit..

On Sunday, 5th July, 'Community Service' was organized. Water channels all around the fort were cleaned and cleared so that rain water can flow to various Taals on the fort and we can build a water reservoir during monsoon. These channels were originally designed and built into the architecture of the fort back then for the same reason i.e. Rain water harvesting.



Boys clearing the water channels as part of the community service programme.

On Monday, 6th July, a friendly football match was played between the Teachers and the Boys. It was a very competitive game and was finally won by the Boys' team by 3 goals to 1. Siddhant awasthy, Vivek Singh and Sarthak Talwar scored a goal each from the Boys' team and Mr Siddhartha Rai scored the lone goal from the masters' team. Elaborate arrangements were made by the Bursar which lived up to the festive flavour of the match.



Boys' team Captain Vivek Singh introducing the Principal to his team members.

OLD BOYS' NEWS

A 'SOBiR' meeting was held in school on Friday, 22nd of May 2015. The Meeting was attended by Dr Vikram Mathur (Member BOG), Mr Gopal Bhargava (President SOBA & Member BOG), Mr Sandeep Agarwal (Secretary SOBA), Mr Praveen Bhargava (Treasurer SOBA), Mr Subhash Sharma (Joint Secretary SOBA) along with Dr Madhav. D. Saraswat (Principal), Col Sanjiv Kaushal (Bursar), Mr Dharendra Sharma (Dean of Studies) and Mr Shailesh Agarwal (Commerce Faculty). Dr Vikram Mathur reintroduced 'SOBiR' for all those who were attending the meeting for the first time, particularly the Principal, Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat who was delighted to have got a flavour of SOBiR. Mr Gopal Bhargava volunteered from SOBA and Mr Shailesh Agarwal was nominated from the School to function as the focal points of all communication relevant to this initiative from now on. Mr Dhyranraj Manikchand and Dr Abhimanyu Acharya will be on the Fort for the inaugural SOBiR programme scheduled to take place from 13th - 15th of August 2015.

SOBA Farewell and Welcome - A Report

On Friday evening, 22nd of May 2015, SOBA organized a farewell for Mrs and Mr Samik Ghosh and also welcomed the Principal, Dr M.D. Saraswat along with the Bursar, Col S. Kaushal. The venue for this programme was the SOBA House on the Fort. Mr Gopal Bhargava opened the ceremony and requested fellow scindians to present a bouquet each to the Guests of honour. Thereafter, Dr Vikram Mathur, a masterful orator created a touching ambience befitting the occasion. In his speech, Dr Mathur narrated some of his own personal experiences with Mr Ghosh and drew a vivid sketch of his multi-faceted personality; the highlight of it being Mr Ghosh's unassuming simplicity and patience, both hallmark of great men. He also expressed his gratitude for Mr Samik Ghosh for the support and encouragement that was given to SOBA during his tenure.

Dr Saraswat in his welcome speech thanked SOBA and promised all his

support for an ever evolving, mutually satisfying relationship between the Old Boys and the school in times to come. He also lauded Mr Ghosh for the great achievements and work done in school during his tenure.

Mr Ghosh on his part picked up the thread and gave an impromptu, yet a deeply emotional speech thanking SOBA, staff, and Dr M.D. Saraswat. He spoke at length about all that the Scindia School gave him in the past six years and how his life was much similar to the way he used to live in Shantiniketan decades ago. He expressed his gratitude to the Old Boys who gave their wholehearted support to him in all his endeavours throughout his tenure. He expressed his gratitude for SOBA's endless support during the times when he was taken sick and was hospitalized.

In the end, Mr Sandeep Agarwal, Secretary SOBA gave a vote of thanks and concluded the evening.

We are very proud to report that Arjun Saraswat (Ex- Rn 2010) secured First position in the Delhi International Triathlon held on Sunday, 7th June 2015.



OBITUARIES

Shri Rohit Kapoor (Ex-Shivaji 85) passed away on 29th April 2015 in an unfortunate car accident near Kanpur. He is survived by his wife Mrs Rashmi Kapoor and son Madhur (09886408227). We pray to God for everlasting peace to the kind soul and offer our condolences to the bereaved family and friends.

Dr Jawahar Dar (Ex- Je 58), a renowned Paediatric Neuro-Surgeon, left for his heavenly abode on 12th May 2015. We pray to God for everlasting peace to the kind soul and offer our condolences to the bereaved family and friends.

Shri Vasant Mishra (Ex-Mahadji 1956) passed away in New York recently. We pray to God for everlasting peace to the kind soul and offer our condolences to the bereaved family and friends.

Shri Umesh Vaish (Ex- Jeevaji 1968) passed away on 29th June 2015 in Gwalior. We pray to God for everlasting peace to the kind soul and offer our condolences to the bereaved family and friends. You can convey your condolences to Mr Ankur Vaish - 09425109012

GAMES CAPTAINS 2015-16

1.	Athletics	Ashish Khare	Jayappa
2.	Hockey	Akshat Kumar	Ranoji
3.	Football	Vivek Singh	Jayaji
4.	Basketball	Trinarayan Patwari	Mahadji
5.	Cricket	Rajdeep Singh	Jayaji
6.	Swimming	Tejanveer Singh Boora	Madhav
7.	Shooting	Aman Kumar	Mahadji
8.	Horse Riding	Aadi Nagpal	Jayaji
9.	Skating	HarshRaj Gond	Ranoji
10.	Tennis	Shivansh Kalra	Jayaji
11.	Table Tennis	Devesh Agrawal	Mahadji
12.	Squash	Akash Jaini	Jayaji
13.	Archery	Utkarsha Jain	Jeevaji
14.	Chess	Vikalp Singh	Jeevaji

PREFECTS 2015-16

1	Arindam Bharadwaj	Daulat	Senior School Prefect
2	Akash Jaini	Jayaji	Deputy Senior School Prefect
3	Harsh Raj Gond	Ranoji	Activity Prefect
4	Shantanu Kulshreshtha	Jayaji	Activity Prefect
5	Pulkit Agarwal	Madhav	Academic Prefect
6	Divyaditya Singh	Jayaji	Social Responsibility Prefect
7	Harsh Raj Malik	Jayaji	School Prefect
8	Akshat Kumar	Ranoji	School Prefect
9	Ashish Khare	Jayappa	School Prefect
10	Bharat Kakwani	Daulat	School Prefect
11	Devesh Agarwal	Mahadji	School Prefect
12	Amritpal Singh Virk	Jeevaji	School Prefect
13	Siddhant Awasthi	Shivaji	School Prefect
14	Nishant Atresh	Madhav	School Prefect
15	Sukanya Shukla	Mahadji	School Prefect - girls' representative.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mr Suyash Verma (Ex-Ravindra, Batch of 1977)

Dear Sir,

Congratulations for the 'millennial issue' of the School Review. It took me back to my days as student editor in 1976-77. The Review has evolved a lot during this period but thankfully, the most important columns still remain "the Fort News" and "Old Boys' News".

Here, I would like to specially mention my late father Shri Devendra Narain Verma, who edited and printed the Review from 1957 till 1984. The School used to have a printing press near the wood work shop and he would personally supervise the type-setting between morning and afternoon school hours. On many occasions, when the printing machine would breakdown, immediately after his round of evening Astachal, he would walk down the Gwalior ghati, take a tempo to Patankar Bazaar and get the Review printed till late at night. The printers would deliver the copies before the next day's assembly. Never ever was the Review delayed by even one day!

The preparations for Founder's day edition were even more elaborate. The printing was always done in the city. Instead of sitting in the printing press owner's office, he would sit on a high wooden stool of the machine man and edit the sheets with red ink pen. He would leave the printing press only after reading the final proof. I have very clear memories of going with him after the rehearsals at OAT and climbing up the Gwalior ghati very late at night. The Review use to appear before the arrival of the Chief Guest.

Most of his poems were first published in the School Review and later compiled into books or recited on All India Radio.

Another important contribution of Shri D.N. Verma was in compiling the addresses of the Old Boys and Teachers and sending them the Review on a regular basis. It was a tough task during those days as there were no computers to manage address books. He had a thick light blue register in which he would maintain all addresses. He would correct the change in addresses in his own handwriting.

Thank you. You brought back good memories.

With Warm Regards

Suyansh Verma

Ex- Siddharth & Ravindra- 1969 to 1977

We are grateful to you, Mr Suyash Verma for taking out the time to write to us. We shall continue to delight you in future too!

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Mr G.S. Bakshi, who has recently retired from active service after a long and illustrious career, will now serve as the Director of Alumni Relationship for The Scindia School.

Mr Dharendra Sharma, a Senior Mathematics teacher, will now serve the school as the Dean of Studies.

Mr Dinesh Madhwal, a Senior Social Science teacher, will now serve the school as the Head of Humanities.

Ms Puja Pant, an English teacher, will now serve the school as the Head of the Department of English.

ARIEL'S* VIEW-3

**Dr Abhimanyu Acharya
 (Ex-Jayaji, Batch of 1969)**

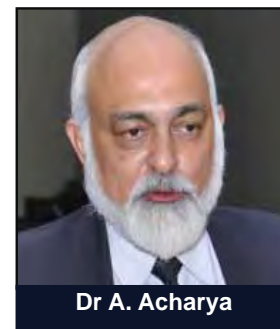
Dr Abhimanyu Acharya is a former student, parent and teacher of The Scindia School and is a much acclaimed educationist. He is currently the 'Lead Associate' for 'AA Associates' based in Hyderabad. This is the third in a sequel of articles that we are honoured to receive from him.

History was and is one of my favourite subjects which was what persuaded the Vice Principal to saddle me with four additional periods a week. As it was I had four free periods, with those filled in with History, my academic plate was full. In the 70s, one didn't complain of stress and being overburdened, one just got on with the job.

It was class 9 and the subject was Early Civilisations. It was the seventh period, and the weather was warm. We were all drowsy. The food that afternoon had been uncharacteristically plentiful and almost palatable. No one in the class cared less what the ancient Mesopotamians did in their towns and how they managed their drains. It was even less interesting to know about their diet and their social life, so I started a debate on what they should have been doing instead of boring us, five thousand years later. We began by spicing up their mundane Mesopotamian lives a bit by inventing candle-powered movies on thin parchment for them, then decided that they should have gambling dens, bars and other such diversions too delicate to mention. Like this we whiled away two periods, one for history and the other for English, at the end of which I decided to set homework for both subjects in one single bit of slogging. The English/History assignment was, for the class to assume that they were around thirteen years of age (i.e. Class 9) and were living in Ur, the capital of the Mesopotamian civilization and they had to report on the people and city around them.

The class was abuzz with the task happy that they had a single assignment for two subjects. Three days later they submitted the fruit of

their toil and it lay on my desk till the end of the period. I noticed that there were three books short. Not surprisingly the three usual villains were to blame. They came one by one and handed it in and I took them home to correct.



Dr A. Acharya

The majority of the assignments were fairly mundane, covering all that we had discussed in class and some additional research from the encyclopaedia upstairs. I dashed through the execrable spelling, the horrendous handwriting and the quaint grammar till I came to the last three. I was in for a surprise. These were written wholly in cuneiform script, all 17 pages of it each, with a key at the end giving me the English alphabet equivalents of the symbols they had used. There were three different keys as each of the young Satan's apprentices had concocted their own individual codes.

I ploughed through all three of them and the next day when I was handing them back I reserved the last three till the end of the class. The suppressed merriment was palpable in class as they were all dying to know my reaction to this mischief. When I handed them back expressionlessly, there was a hush as the three imps checked on my correction. I had duly circled the spelling mistakes and the grammar goof-ups, and at the end given them a failing grade with a notation in their own cuneiform code. They painstakingly deciphered the text and discovered it was a Bad Chit, a device used those days to convey exceptional displeasure, which then had to be countersigned by the housemaster who would then pronounce appropriate punishment which in those days could mean several rounds of the 1600 metre main field or worse. There was a howl of protest and the three demanded to know why the Bad Chit was awarded. I replied, simply, that it was for bad handwriting. The class exploded with laughter. Later the three Housemasters asked me if I had lost my mind. Of course, I said. All good teachers lose their minds sooner if not later!

*From Shakespeare's Tempest, the Eyes and Ears of the magician Prospero

CBSE RESULTS**AN OVERVIEW OF 2015 (CLASS X) RESULTS**

School Result (Excluding IT) : Average CGPA = 8.4; Average Percentage = 79.78%

School Result (English + Best 4) : Average CGPA = 8.66; Average Percentage = 82.31%

No. of Students : 84 CGPA 10 : 05 CGPA 9.8-9 : 29 CGPA 8.8-8 : 35 CGPA 7.8-7 : 10 CGPA 6.8-6 : 05 CGPA 5.8-5 : Nil

CLASS X (2015) TOPPERS LIST – CGPA 10

Akshit Bhandari Astitva Pandey Ayush Barya Priyanshu Jain Shikhar Tewari

CGPA 9 AND ABOVE

Name of the Student	CGPA	Name of the Student	CGPA	Name of the Student	CGPA
Aditya Vikram Banka	9.8	Mriganka Ghosh	9.6	Shray Dawer	9.4
Arbin Das Darjee	9.8	Piyush Dinkar	9.6	Shubham Madhwal	9.4
Kanishk Pratap	9.8	Pulkit Sharma	9.6	Ayush Shukla	9.2
Sambhav Mittal	9.8	Rahul Mahnot	9.6	Harsh Devprakash Gupta	9.2
Satyam Malik	9.8	Sarthak Agarwal	9.6	Aditya Chopra	9
Shashwat Puri	9.8	Abhijeet Nagpal	9.4	Pranjal Garg	9
Aayush Jain	9.6	Aditya Kumar Agarwal	9.4	Sajal Omar	9
Ayush Agarwal	9.6	Arjun Mehrotra	9.4	Satyam Chaturvedi	9
Govind Swaroop Kela	9.6	Biren Subba	9.4	Siddhant Agarwalla	9
Lakshay Garg	9.6	Shailesh Bhagat	9.4		

OVERVIEW OF 2015 (CLASS XII) RESULTS

School Result (Best 4) : Average Percentage = 85.9%

School Result (All Subjects) : Average Percentage = 82.9%

School Topper (All Subjects) : Anustup Garai - 97.2%**Stream Toppers (Best 4 Aggregates)** Science : Shishir Garg (96.0%) Humanities : Manas Pant (98.3%) Commerce : Arihant Baid (94.8%)**CLASS XII (2015) TOPPERS LIST (BEST 4) – 85% AND ABOVE**

Name of the Student	%age	Name of the Student	%age	Name of the Student	%age
Manas Pant	98.25	Ritik Agrawal	93.0	Shivam Agrawal	88.50
Anustup Garai	97.75	Lovedeep Gahlawat	92.75	Jyotiraditya Singh Tada	88.25
Pratul Jain	96.5	Sachindra Kshetrimayum	92.50	Karan Chahar	87.50
Shishir Garg	96.0	Sonakshi Swami	92.50	Srijat Agarwal	87.50
Karanveer Singh	96.0	Harish Kumar	92.25	Archit Mehrotra	87.25
Peter Lairenlakpam	95.5	Harshit Sharma	91.75	Ashutosh Mishra	87.0
Rishav Jain	95.0	Sugandha Shukla	91.5	Manikya Bansal	86.75
Utsav Akhaury	95.0	Kunal Singh	91.25	Harsh Agrawal	85.50
Arihant Baid	94.75	Rahul Pandey	90.75	Yash Dugar	85.25
Ayush Kumar Dubey	94.5	Varun Nepram	90.5	Archit Verma	84.75
Utsav Mehra	94.25	Anirudh Gangwal	90.25	Kalpita Bhagat	84.75
Aditya Bajaj	93.5	Dileep Pateriya	89.75	Akshat Chandra	84.50
Bhavya Chaturvedi	93.5	Mukund Swaroop Kela	89.75	Sansrisht Bhatia	84.5
Utkarsh Bansal	93.25	Dhananjay Saraf	88.75		
Ayush Prakash	93.25	Abhijit Chaturvedi	88.75		

SUMMARY

Number of Students Appeared	:	68
Number of Student's 80% and above	:	55
Number of Student's 85% and above	:	40
Number of Student's 90% and above	:	27

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