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EDITORIAL

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from different walks of life on the Fort, so that they can share their knowledge, experiences and expertise with the boys and teachers in a structured way. The Class of 2000 is due to arrive on the Fort on the 15th of August for a Batch Reunion. We are expecting vibrant Independence Day celebrations coupled with the arrival of the Old Boys.

Greetings readers.

Welcome to the latest issue of the Review. This time, it's me, Kabir Saund, who has the honour of writing this Editorial. It has almost been a month since the new Editorial Board has been appointed, and it seems that everyone has settled down into their roles. So readers prepare for some surprises, particularly in the 'character' of the Review. We intend to print bold and controversial opinions like the one we printed in our previous issue regarding installation of cameras in school.

The whole school has been on the tenterhooks, waiting in anticipation for the "Announcement of the year". Yes readers, it is a million dollar question; whether we will get the laptops or not? If grapevine is to be believed, then the order has already been placed. But no authentic source has verified yet. So the wait continues...

The school campus was abuzz with many delegates from various schools for the Science Fest that we recently hosted. After the success of the Science Fest, the Organizing Committee of the Editors' Conference is working harder, now that the expectations have been raised. One can already see students engaged in hectic parleys, embarking on creative challenges, running around making charts, and researching for this year's conference. Only time will tell if it will have the customary panache or not, although we are sure it will surpass all expectations.

Another annual event, the Independence Day Parade just took place. As always, the Houses could be seen practicing with vigour, hoping to bring the trophy in their Common Room. Many shoes have been torn; several hours of common room have been sacrificed, but will it be enough to win the prestigious trophy? We will get to know soon.

The SOBiR (Scindia Old Boys in Residence) programme was inaugurated with much fervour on the 13th of August. SOBiR aims at bringing eminent Old Boys

The students' *bête noire*, the morning fitness programme has been redesigned to include new ways of torture, sorry exercise, which comprises 10 fitness modules. A few of them are: Motor Abilities, Weight Management, Yoga, Pilates, Swimming, and General Fitness. Jokes apart, quite a few boys have shed weight and are looking in good shape already.

Moving on to a national affair, our country recently plunged into a state of mourning on one hand and a raging debate on the other. This happened because of the death of not one, but two of its citizens. One was an idealist, innovator, social worker and the former President of India, while the other was a chartered accountant turned Terrorist. On one side a billion people paid homage to the deceased Ex- President, Dr Kalam; whereas on the other hand, Yakub Memon's body was silently handed over to his grieving mother. The hanging which took place waged a fierce debate on the capital punishment. The debate actually has been around for many decades in the US where several criminals are executed every year. Early research back in the 1940s suggested that capital punishment had a unique deterrent effect on potential murderers and therefore several states in the US created and continued the capital punishment, with the argument that it will save many innocent lives. Interestingly and controversially some researchers in the 1990s did a meta-analysis on capital punishment and its impact. They found that states without the capital punishment have consistently recorded significantly lower murder rates, and it's a gap that has grown! Yes readers, your eyesight is fine. While the research's back-and-forth continues, so does the debate on capital punishment. I am often tempted to believe that capital punishment is just an act of vengeance by the society at large. How many more punishments will have to be handed out before we finally attain peace? For how much longer will we not face the harsh reality that we don't live in a perfect society and that hanging might not be the solution to our problems?

Anyway, for the time being, we are safer ...



In quest of the God Particle

Ms Gurpreet Gill

It is 8.00 pm in Geneva and I am sitting in restaurant 1 in CERN, having dinner. My mind is wandering in India, where probably my family and friends are fast asleep. Around me, I see people talking and discussing, but not about movies, clothes or new hairstyles. To my utter surprise, they are talking about particle physics, Higgs Boson a.k.a. the God Particle, the new discovery that Large Hadron Collider would make (since it is functional again from 30th June 2015), new possibilities that standard model has opened and also about their research problems. All of a sudden my eyes get fixated on an old Chinese man. I have seen him before, but where? No, I can't place him! I can't resist. I turn around to ask my Serbian friend if he knows this man. He smiles and responds "Come on! He is a Nobel laureate! Of course, you would have definitely seen him in the newspapers".

I am sure, now you can guess, imagine and understand what exactly goes on inside the largest laboratory of physics, in the world. I went to CERN, on an invitation to attend a physics workshop that was programmed with 35 lectures, 40 hours of laboratory visits and 40 hours of work group sessions. In normal circumstances one would have got bored, lost interest and wouldn't have followed a word. But the fact that the lectures were held in the same conference room where CERN made the public announcement for the discovery of Higgs Boson had a mystic effect on the participants. Moreover the lectures by the scientists working in CERN were interesting and enlightening. The occasional coffee and croissants added to the interest.

The large Hadron Collider where the collision of protons takes place is 27 km in diameter, and 150 m below the ground, running through Switzerland and France. A scientist has commented on the enormosity of data CERN has collected; that it can be expressed by a simple analogy- if you place it in a pile of CD racks then these CD racks will cover the distance to the moon and back.

What an experience seeing the LHC tunnel! I feel it is a must for every student who has studied or is studying physics in his or her life. And may I include everyone in this statement as, 'can anyone really afford to ignore physics?' It was only during the visit of CERN, that I realized how beautiful and intimidating the world of physics is! How physics is all around us, all the time. How a subject can be so abstract as well as so concrete, both at the same time!



Ms Gurpreet Gill with other international scholars.

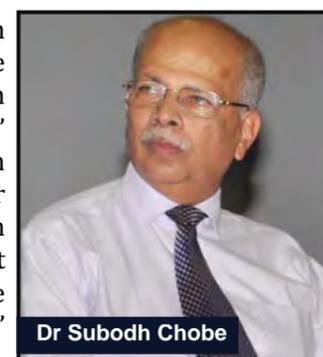
Science Fest 2015

Prabhav Pachauri | XI A

An initiative of the Department of Sciences, The Scindia School hosted the Inter-School Science Fest (8th – 10th August) where schools from various parts of the country participated. The teams were from: The Daly College-Indore, MGD-Jaipur, Step by Step High School-Jaipur, Indian School-New Delhi, SKV-Gwalior, Punjab Public School-Nabha, Morning Star-Gwalior, Woodstock-Gwalior, DPS-Rairu, DPS-Gwalior, St. Teresa- Gwalior, Gwalior Glory-Gwalior, Rishi Galav School- Gwalior and of course The Scindia School.

As a part of the opening ceremony, the entire school paid homage to Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam and a lamp was lit in his memory.

Dr Subodh Chobe, a Chemical Engineer from IIT Bombay and currently working with the Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University as 'Coordinator – Industry Relations' was the Chief Guest. He declared the Fest open at the opening ceremony on 8th morning. After the pleasantries, Dr S. Chobe and Dr Arindam Rana, an Associate Professor of Chemistry at the City College, Kolkata, took over the stage and conducted a 'Chemistry Popularization' workshop. They conducted some amazing on-stage experiments, captivating the students. Later at night, the participants enjoyed a dance followed by a sumptuous dinner at the swimming pool.



Dr Subodh Chobe

Next day, the participants put up their exhibits based on 'Disaster Resistant Buildings' and this was where the ingenuity of the students was visible to all. The exhibition was followed by a 'Treasure Hunt' where the teams were mixed and they chased the clues in hot pursuit. This was followed by dinner which was followed by an interesting 'Memory Game'.

On the last day of the Fest, participants played 'Origami' based on molecular structures and 'Chem-bola' based on the Periodic Table which was a novelty for all. This was followed by the prize distribution and a closing ceremony. The overall winner for this Science Fest was the Daly College, Indore. Dr A.P.S. Chauhan, an eminent professor from Jiwaji University was the chief guest for the closing ceremony.

Results of the events

Memory Game:

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| I Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Gwalior | II Daly College, Indore. |
| III The Scindia School | |

Origami:

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| I Indian School, New Delhi | II Daly College, Indore. |
| III MGD Girls school, Jaipur | |

ChemBola:

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| I Punjab Public School, Nabha | II Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Gwalior |
| III The Scindia School, Gwalior | |

Exhibition:

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| I Daly College, Indore | II MGD Girls School, Jaipur |
| III Indian School, New Delhi. | |

Overall trophy was won by Daly College, Indore.



Dr A.P.S. Chauhan giving away the winner's trophy to Daly College, Indore

FORT NEWS

The Fort has been cooler and pleasanter this fortnight, although a little humid than expected. Like the previous year our *taals* are still waiting for heavy rains. Fort is looking greener with birds adding beauty to it. Greater Coucal could be seen chasing garden lizards, young chicks of crow are ready to leave their nest in front of the Examination Room and we are waiting for the young ones of Scops Owl to emerge from the old Copper pod tree behind the FRC. It is wonderful to see the boys' blue games uniform mixing with the vast greens of the playing fields.

The school shooting team participated in the 9th Maharaja Dr Karni Singh Memorial Shooting competition held at JDA shooting range in Jaipur from Thursday, 23rd- Sunday, 26th July. The scindian shooters bagged medals in various categories. The results are as under:



The triumphant Scindia School shooting team.

- Shashank Kumar - Gold medal in Air pistol men , U-12 category
- Uddhav Sharma - Silver Medal in Air pistol men, handicap category
- Aryan Kapoor - Silver Medal in Air rifle men U-12 category
- Shashank Kumar, Vishvajeet Singh, Akash Agrawal - Team Gold Medal in Air pistol men Sub Jr. category
- Devansh Tandon, Venkat Palepu, Chaitanya Agrawal - Team Bronze in Air Rifle men Sub Jr. category
- Kshitij Bajaj - Air rifle ISSF men Sub Jr. Category Team Silver Medal
- Toshit Goyal - Air Pistol ISSF men Sub Jr. Category Team Gold Medal

The Scindia School participated in the 15th Inter-School Shriram Debate 2015, held from Sunday, 26th – Friday, 31st July in Delhi. The team comprised the following boys: Akash Jaini, Kabir Saund, Hrithik Malhotra and Abhijeet Nagpal. There were 19 other schools which participated in the Debate. The adjudicators were from St. Stephen's college and DU. Akash Jaini was adjudged the second best speaker in the preliminary round in a pool against the Doon School. Dr Bishnoi, who was their escort, was also the adjudicator for two of the Shriram debates.

A team from The Scindia School participated in the Jayshree Periwai High School Model UN (JPHSMUN) held in Jaipur from Monday, 27th – Wednesday, 29th July. Around 230 Delegates from 12 schools participated in the conference, spread over 6 committees. Pavan Jaini from the school was adjudged the Best Delegate in General Assembly I (Disarmament and Security), Sidhant Awasthy and Snehil Tripathi received the joint Special Mention in United Nations Security Council and Sukanya Shukla received the Special Mention award in International Press. Shantanu Kulshreshtha was invited as the Editor-in-Chief for the International Press. The team was escorted by Mrs Niharika Kulshreshtha.

On Wednesday, 29th July, a special Astachal was held in the memory of the late President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. Ayush Jain read an extract from the book India 2020, Aditya Chopra shared some famous quotes of Dr Kalam, Aditi Joshi narrated an incident from his life and Shreyansh Agarwal played "Tu pyaar ka sagar hai" on flute. Finally the Principal, Dr M.D. Saraswat gave a talk on the life and contributions of the 'Missile Man'.

On Thursday, 30th July, the school bid adieu to Mr Pankaj Jain. Although he served the school in many roles, he was essentially a Math teacher who joined school in 2005. The farewell took place during the morning assembly. Mr Pankaj Jain addressed the entire community and expressed his gratitude for the school. And like a true mathematician, humorously related real life with Mathematics.



Dr Saraswat presenting a memento to Mr Pankaj Jain

Two members from the faculty, Ms Preeti Sharma and Ms Sudha Sharma attended the 'International Conference on Teaching History' in Kolkata. This was organized by The Seagull Foundation for the Arts. The conference was a 3 day workshop from Thursday, 30th July – Saturday, 1st August, revolving around innovative teaching methodologies.

On Friday 31st July, a special Astachal was held in the memory of the late legendary Hindi writer Munshi Premchand. Earlier in the day, the Hindi Department also organized a corridor quiz for the boys to raise awareness about the celebrated writer.

Two teams from our school participated in the Curo Quiz 2015 on Saturday, 1st August. This was organized and hosted by the Sagar Public School, Bhopal. The participants were: Drishan Dutt, Ayush Surve, Shreyansh Agrawal, Nimish Batra, Shubham Agarwal and Rohan Khanna. They were escorted by Mr Somnath Ganguly.

Three teams escorted by Mr Manoj Mishra participated in various events held at the Genesis Global School, Noida. These events were held on the Friday, 31st July and Saturday, 1st August. Quiz team was represented by Paras Agarwal, Yashdeep Rastogi and Ayush Shukla; Debate team by Suvrat Mahendroo, Yashvardhan Bansal and Rishabh Goswami; Creative writing team by Shubhamanyu Lahiri and Yohen Thounaojam.

On Saturday, 1st August, Senior Group English Elocution competition was held in the Assembly Hall. The results are as follows:

House Positions:

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

Best Speakers Prose :

I	Abhishek Garg	II	Harsh Raj Malik
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Best Speakers Poetry :

I	Safal Rai	II	Manya Nagi
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The Scindia School participated in the 14th Amidas Goradia National Debate held on Wednesday, 5th August at The Indian School, Delhi. A team of three students comprising Dushyant Kaushal, Amanpreet Singh and Sarthak Arora represented the school. They were escorted by Dr Smita Trivedi. It was an enriching experience for the entire team.

A team of 19 students escorted by Mr Ajay Kumar represented The Scindia School in the Gwalior Chapter of the prestigious Indian International Model United Nations from Friday, 7th- Sunday, 09th August held at Little Angels High School, Gwalior. Scindians put up a remarkable show grabbing prizes in different categories. Eklavya Sampath and Praket Sharma were adjudged the Best Delegates in JCC- CIA and FIFA Committees respectively. Aadi Nagpal received High Commendation for his performance in JCC- KGB committee. Pavan Jaini, Dushyant Kaushal and Snehil Tripathi got Special Mention prize in DISEC and Security Council committees. Abhijit Nagpal chaired the JCC-KGB Committee during the three day event. Overall, the Scindian delegation was declared the second best delegation of the event. By virtue of their second position, they have been invited to participate in all India IIMUN slated to be organised in Mumbai next year.

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कुछ रास्ते हम चलते नहीं थकते,
कुछ पल रुकाये नहीं रुकते,
याद बन गया हर वो लम्हा,
स्कूल के दिन वापस नहीं मिलते ।

वो स्कूल का मैदान,
वो मैस हमारा,
आज भी याद है,
वो क्लास रूम हमारा ।

वो पेन के लिए लड़ना-झगड़ना,
दोस्तों का वो रूठना मनाना,
बर्थ-डे के दिन मैगी बनाना,
हर पल बस खुशियाँ मनाना ।

गृहकार्य पूरा हो तो
क्लास में आना,
वरना सिकरूम का
बहाना बनाना ।

वो बचपन बीत गया,
बहुत सारी प्यारी-प्यारी यादें दे गया,
वो बचपन मेरा,
चुपके-से चला गया ।

मेरी माँ

पुलकित कुमार | कक्षा 10 बी

ऊपर जिसका अंत नहीं,
उसे आसमाँ कहते हैं ।

जहाँ में जिसका अंत नहीं,
उसे माँ कहते हैं ।

भगवान का दूसरा रूप है माँ,
उसके लिए दे देंगे जाँ ।

हमको मिलता जीवन उनसे,
कदमों में है स्वर्ग बसा ।

संस्कार वह हमें सिखलाती,
अच्छा बुरा हमें बतलाती ।

हमारी गलतियों को सुधारती,
प्यार वह हम पर बरसाती ।

अगर कभी हो जाए कुछ अनहोनी,
करती है वह पलक-झपकते हमारी इच्छाएँ पूरी ।

है वह मेरी प्यारी माँ,
प्यार से उसे मैं बुलाता हूँ मम्मी ।

OLD BOYS' NEWS

The Central SOBA Executive Meet was held on 1st August 2015 at the Jehanuma Palace, Bhopal. Several members of the Executive Committee including Mr Gopal Bhargava, President - Central SOBA, Dr Vikram Mathur, Immediate Past President-Central SOBA, Mr Banjul Badil, Vice President - Central SOBA, Mr Sandeep Agrawal, Secretary - Central SOBA and Mr Subhash Sharma, Jt. Secretary - Central SOBA attended the meeting.

SOBA felicitated Mr G.S. Bakshi for having taken over as the Director of Alumni Relationship of the School after his retirement. The meeting was also attended



The Central SOBA Executive Committee meeting in progress.

by several other members who were invited from various cities for this meet. Earlier in the day, Shivendra Agrawal (Ex- SH, 2012) hosted the visiting members for lunch at his restaurant, Cowboy.

The next day, members visited the RPM Go-Karting circuit owned by Sanjay Shinde (Ex- JA, 1974) and enjoyed the various sporting options available there. Mrs Aparna Shinde played the perfect host over lunch.

Vivek Singh Sahariya (Ex- MJ, 2015) has been awarded the SOBA Scholarship. SOBA will fund up to Rs. 1.50 lakh annually for him, for the next 3 years. Vivek studied in School from 2008 to 2015. He was an outstanding athlete, cricketer and represented the School in IPSC and SGFI games. He was also awarded the Sports Blazer for 2013-14. He scored 76% in Class XII and is pursuing his B.A. (Hons.) in Political Science from Shivaji College, Delhi University. He aspires to crack the UPSC thereafter.

Obituary

Mr Chandrapal Singh (Ex- Chaitanya, 1984) passed away on Saturday, 1st August 2015. He was an eminent lawyer and was the Secretary of Indore SOBA. We pray to God for everlasting peace to the kind soul and offer our condolences to the bereaved family and friends.

ERRATUM

Jeevaji House was ranked 3rd in the Inter-House Senior Group Hindi Elocution. We incorrectly printed 4th rank in our previous issue. We apologize for the error.

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